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THE BOARD OF  
**SUPERVISORS**

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BOARD MEETING  
TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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1 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

2 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023, 9:30 AM

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND  
6 WELCOME TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE  
7 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
8 SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023, AND WE TAKE  
9 NOTE THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. THE CHIEF  
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
11 AND THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE WILL BEGIN  
12 TODAY'S MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT. THE  
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND  
14 ORIGINALLY AND STILL INHABITED AND CARED FOR BY THE TONGVA,  
15 THE TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH, AND CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND  
16 PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS AND DESCENDANTS, PAST, PRESENT,  
17 AND EMERGING, AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE  
18 LANDS AND WATERS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION  
19 RESULTED IN LAND SEIZURE, DISEASE, SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY,  
20 RELOCATION, BROKEN PROMISES, GENOCIDE, AND MULTIGENERATIONAL  
21 TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY  
22 AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION AND TO  
23 ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL  
24 INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE  
25 OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE



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1 DEDICATED TO GROWING AND SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE  
2 PEOPLES AND LOCAL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING (IN NO  
3 PARTICULAR ORDER) THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION  
4 INDIANS, THE GABRIELINO TONGVA INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL  
5 COUNCIL, THE GABRIELENO/TONGVA SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION  
6 INDIANS, THE GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, KIZH NATION,  
7 THE SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE SAN FERNANDO BAND  
8 OF MISSION INDIANS. THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY  
9 THE REVEREND MEGAN KATERJIAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DOOR OF  
10 HOPE IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE  
11 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED BY DELISE M. COLEMAN,  
12 FORMER SERGEANT, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, IN THE FIRST  
13 DISTRICT. IF YOU'RE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

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15 **REV. KATERJIAN:** THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR  
16 COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND THANK GOD THAT, AS YOU  
17 CONSIDER THE BIG ITEMS ON TODAY'S AGENDA, WE CAN CALL NOT JUST  
18 ON OUR OWN HUMAN WISDOM BUT ON DIVINE WISDOM. SO, THANK YOU  
19 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THIS PRAYER OF INVOCATION. GOD,  
20 WE COME BEFORE YOU TODAY AND WE SAY THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR  
21 THE FREEDOM AND PEACE TO MEET, TO GOVERN, AND TO DEBATE. THANK  
22 YOU FOR EACH SUPERVISOR HERE TODAY, FOR THEIR TEAMS WORKING  
23 BEHIND THE SCENES, AND FOR THE WISDOM AND PASSION YOU HAVE  
24 GIVEN THEM TO SERVE. GOD, IN THE SCRIPTURES YOU HAVE SAID THAT  
25 YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT AND AUTHORITIES TO PROMOTE



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1 PEACE AND JUSTICE, AND, THEREFORE, I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD GRANT  
2 EACH ELECTED OFFICIAL HERE TODAY THE WISDOM TO GOVERN AMID THE  
3 CONFLICTING INTERESTS AND ISSUES OF OUR TIME, THE ABILITY TO  
4 WORK TOGETHER IN HARMONY, EVEN WHEN THERE IS HONEST  
5 DISAGREEMENT, EMPATHY AND ADVOCACY FOR THE PEOPLE OF L.A.  
6 COUNTY, PERSONAL PEACE IN THEIR LIVES AND JOY IN THEIR WORK,  
7 AND A KEEN THIRST FOR JUSTICE AND RIGHTNESS, ESPECIALLY ON  
8 BEHALF OF OUR BROTHERS FACING POVERTY, INJUSTICE, AND  
9 HOMELESSNESS. AND SO, GOD, FOR ANYONE FEELING DISCOURAGED  
10 TODAY BY THE ENORMITY OF THESE ISSUES BEFORE US, I PRAY THAT  
11 YOU WOULD GIVE US YOUR PERSPECTIVE AND REMIND US OF THE TRUTH  
12 IN MARTIN LUTHER KING'S WORDS THAT THE ARC OF HISTORY IS LONG  
13 BUT IT BENDS TOWARDS JUSTICE. REMIND US OF THE TRUTH IN  
14 REINHOLD NIEBHUR'S WORDS THAT NOTHING WORTH DOING CAN BE  
15 ACCOMPLISHED IN THIS LIFETIME, AND, THEREFORE, WE MUST BE  
16 SAVED BY HOPE. SO GOD OF JUSTICE, I PRAY THE DECISIONS MADE IN  
17 TODAY'S MEETING WOULD HELP BEND THAT ARC TOWARD JUSTICE. AND  
18 GOD OF HOPE, GRANT US YOUR TIMELESS VISION FOR A WORLD IN  
19 WHICH THERE IS NO MORE HUNGER OR HOMELESSNESS OR POVERTY OR  
20 PAIN AND GRANT US THE GRACE TO DO OUR PART TO BRING YOUR  
21 PERFECT, JUST, AND PEACEFUL KINGDOM TO EARTH AS IT IS IN  
22 HEAVEN, AMEN.

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24 **DELISE M. COLMAN:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR THE PLEDGE OF  
25 ALLEGIANCE. VETERANS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO RENDER A SALUTE. ALL



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1    OTHERS, PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. BEGIN. I  
2    PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
3    AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD,  
4    INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

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6    **SUP. BARGER:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING REVEREND MEGAN  
7    KATERJIAN FOR LEADING US IN THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION. SHE IS  
8    AN ALTADENA RESIDENT, WHO CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE CHIEF  
9    EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF DOOR OF HOPE, AN INCREDIBLE NONPROFIT  
10   BASED IN PASADENA. THIS EXCEPTIONAL ORGANIZATION UPLIFTS  
11   FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES  
12   AND SAFE SHELTER SO THEY CAN REBUILD THEIR LIVES AND START ON  
13   A PATH TO SUCCESS AND STABILITY. SHE HOLDS A MASTER OF  
14   DIVINITY AND MASTERS IN CROSS CULTURAL STUDIES FROM FULLER  
15   SEMINAR, A BACHELOR'S IN GOVERNMENT FROM CORNELL UNIVERSITY,  
16   AND A CERTIFICATE IN NONPROFIT ADMINISTRATION FROM THE CENTER  
17   FOR NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT. BEFORE SHE LED DOOR OF HOPE, SHE  
18   WORKED AS AN OUTREACH PASTOR FOR THE LA CANADA PRESBYTERIAN  
19   CHURCH, AND BEFORE SHE BEGAN HER WORK IN MINISTRY, SHE SPENT  
20   SIX YEARS IN FUNDRAISING AND POLICY ADVOCACY FOR NONPROFITS IN  
21   CHICAGO TO HELP UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. PRIOR TO THAT, SHE  
22   SPENT A YEAR VOLUNTEERING FOR TWO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN  
23   SOUTH AFRICA. WITH THE SUPPORT AND LOVE OF HER HUSBAND,  
24   HEDERO, AND CHILDREN, DAVID AND LUCIENNE, BEHIND HER, MEGAN  
25   CONTINUES TO EMPOWER LOW INCOME FAMILIES AND PROVIDE



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1 HOMELESSNESS SERVICES TO PEOPLE FROM ACROSS LOS ANGELES  
2 COUNTY. MEGAN, I CANNOT THANK YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM ENOUGH  
3 FOR WHAT YOU DO IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT FOR YOU LEADING US IN  
4 THE INVOCATION, AND FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE  
5 COMMUNITY. YOU TRULY ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE. SO THANK YOU.  
6 [APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO THE BOARD  
9 MEMBERS. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE DELISE COLEMAN FOR  
10 LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. SERGEANT DELISE M.  
11 COLEMAN A RESIDENT OF WEST COVINA IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. SHE  
12 ATTENDED VICTOR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND CURRENTLY IS PURSUING A  
13 MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY AT AZUSA  
14 PACIFIC UNIVERSITY. SHE'S EXPECTED TO GRADUATE NEXT YEAR IN  
15 SPRING. LET'S GIVE HER A BIG CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]  
16 DELISE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FROM 2004 TO  
17 2015 AND WAS DEPLOYED TO IRAQ FOR OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. WE  
18 KNOW THAT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER THE 10TH, YOUR MARINE CORPS WILL  
19 CELEBRATE ITS 248TH MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY. SO HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
20 TO THE MARINES! OVER HER YEARS OF SERVICE, DELISE RECEIVED THE  
21 MARINE CORPS GOOD CONDUCT, THE IRAQI CAMPAIGN MEDAL, THE NAVY  
22 AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE SEA SERVICE DEPLOYMENT  
23 RIBBON, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SECURE MEDAL, THE NAVY UNIT  
24 COMMENDATION, AND THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM MEDAL. AFTER  
25 SERVING, SHE WAS CONGRESSIONALLY APPOINTED AS A COMMITTEE



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1 MEMBER FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
2 CENTER FOR WOMEN VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THAT DESERVES A  
3 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] SHE WORKED AS A VETERAN PEER  
4 SUPPORT AT VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICAN IN LOS ANGELES HELPING  
5 VETERANS OVERCOME HOMELESSNESS AND CONTINUED HER WORK IN  
6 ASSISTING WOMEN VETERANS IN SKID ROW AS A MEMBER OF THE  
7 DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL. THANK YOU. DELISE  
8 CURRENTLY WORKS FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE AND  
9 IS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 43. IT IS WITH GREAT  
10 HONOR AND PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT DELISE M. COLEMAN WITH A  
11 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR HER TREMENDOUS DEDICATION AND  
12 SERVICE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE ARE SO PLEASED TO HAVE YOU.  
13 [APPLAUSE]

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15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NOW, WE WILL HAVE THE PET PRESENTATION BY  
16 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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18 **SUP. BARGER:** I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE YOU TO PRISCILLA AND  
19 AARON, WHO ARE BOTH THREE MONTHS OLD. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
20 ADOPT EITHER OF THEM, YOU CAN CALL THE DOWNEY ANIMAL CARE  
21 SHELTER CENTER AT 562-940-6898. ALL OF OUR ANIMAL CARE CENTERS  
22 ARE OPEN FOR DROP-INS MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY FROM 11:00 TO  
23 5:00 P.M. AND SO, THIS IS PRISCILLA AND AARON, BOTH THREE  
24 MONTHS OLD. OKAY, I'LL -- IS THIS PRISCILLA? THIS IS  
25 PRISCILLA. YOU CAN ALWAYS TELL FEMALES BECAUSE THEY'RE MORE

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1 THAN TWO COLORS, AND MALES ARE USUALLY ONLY ONE OR TWO COLORS.

2 JUST A LITTLE FACTOID. YEAH, I KNOW, WHO KNEW?

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THOUGHT ONE COULD MULTITASK, AND THE OTHER

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** I KNOW. AND AARON HAS GOT BEAUTIFUL LITTLE SOCKS

8 ON. AND SO, PLEASE, IF YOU WANT TO ADOPT OR EVEN FOSTER, WE

9 HAVE A LOT OF CATS AND KITTENS IN OUR CENTERS THAT ARE LOOKING

10 FOR FOREVER HOMES, AND YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT. AND THEN I'M

11 GOING TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SCREEN TO INTRODUCE YOU

12 TO CALLIE. SHE'S A ONE AND A HALF-YEAR-OLD SIBERIAN HUSKY MIX,

13 AVAILABLE UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. SHE'S LOOKING FOR A

14 FOREVER HOME. AND SO, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU, IF YOU'RE

15 INTERESTED, TO GO ONLINE AND/OR FEEL FREE TO GO UP AND TAKE A

16 LOOK UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. WE HAVE A LOT OF BIG DOGS WITH

17 A LOT OF NEED. UNFORTUNATELY, PEOPLE ABANDON THEIR DOGS IN THE

18 MIDDLE OF THE DESERT. AND SO, WE NEED TO FIND THEM FOREVER

19 HOMES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, WE WILL MOVE ON TO

22 TODAY'S AGENDA. EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF

25 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTER. ON



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1 SET MATTER 1, THIS IS A REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
2 THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
3 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS MISSIONS, INCLUDING EACH  
4 DEPARTMENT'S UTILIZATION OF THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TOOLS  
5 AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR  
6 DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 3, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
7 ITEMS 2-31. ON ITEM 3, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS  
8 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS  
9 ITEM BE HELD. ALSO THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON  
10 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 8, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS  
11 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 10, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL  
12 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 11, THIS INCLUDES A  
13 REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 12,  
14 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
15 15, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON  
16 ITEM 16, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE  
17 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS  
18 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS  
19 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR  
20 MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO THIS INCLUDES A  
21 REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 20,  
22 SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
23 23, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
24 26, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
25 AGENDA. ON ITEM 31, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS



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1 ITEM BE CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 5TH, 2023. ON PAGE 27,  
2 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 32-93. ON ITEM 36, SUPERVISOR  
3 HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO  
4 NOVEMBER 1ST, 2023. ITEM 46, SUPERVISOR BARGER IS RECUSING  
5 HERSELF FROM THE VOTE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION  
6 84308 BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF  
7 MORE THAN \$250 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM ALBERT SANELLA,  
8 WHO IS A PARTY, PARTICIPANT, OR AN AGENT OF A PARTY OR  
9 PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDINGS. ON ITEM 48, SUPERVISOR HORVATH  
10 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 19TH, 2023,  
11 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 58, THE  
12 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED  
13 BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
14 AGENDA. ON PAGE 67, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDICTIONS TO  
15 THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
16 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM  
17 NUMBER 91B, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS BE HELD. ON  
18 PAGE 68, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. ON PAGE 69, SPECIAL  
19 DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
20 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES AND  
21 REFERRED BACK THROUGH 2D ARE BEFORE YOU.  
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23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY  
24 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, AND THAT WILL BE THE  
25 ORDER.



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

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY OUR CODE OF  
6 CONDUCT.

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



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

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14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. TODAY, WE WILL BE BEGIN WITH ITEM 23,  
15 AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 10 AND 3, THEN WE WILL TAKE  
16 UP THE SET MATTER 1 AT 11:00 A.M., AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA.  
17 THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 6, 8, 12, 15, 18, 19, 20, AND  
18 ENDING WITH ITEM 91B, WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AND  
19 FINISHING WITH THE REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD, AND  
20 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE A LONG DAY TODAY, BUT IT'S ALL  
21 GOOD STUFF. BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ  
22 THE CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND  
23 EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES.

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1   **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO  
2   PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL  
3   877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. MEMBERS  
4   OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARDROOM,  
5   YOU'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT  
6   THE MEETING. YOU'LL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON  
7   ITEMS HELD BY SUPERVISORS AND UP TO A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES  
8   ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR A TOTAL  
9   OF SIX MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING. PLEASE MONITOR YOUR TIME AND  
10   THE ITEMS YOU'RE SIGNING UP FOR, AS YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE  
11   CALLED ONCE YOUR TIME OTHER ELAPSED. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
12   JOINING US REMOTELY, WHEN THE MOVES TO THE ITEM YOU WISH TO  
13   ADDRESS, PROMPTLY PRESS 1 AND 0 TO BE ENTERED INTO THE  
14   SPEAKING QUEUE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON  
15   YOUR DEVICE AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU, OR THERE  
16   WILL BE AN ECHO. YOU WILL NEED TO PRESS 1 THEN 0 FOR EACH ITEM  
17   ON WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. TO ENSURE WE HEAR FROM BOTH  
18   IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS, WE WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN  
19   THE TWO SPEAKING QUEUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN  
20   ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OUR SEE YOUR NAME ON THE SCREEN,  
21   PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM, AND STAFF WILL  
22   ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED  
23   TO DO SO. WE WILL BEGIN BY CALLING IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND  
24   WHILE THEY'RE COMING FORWARD, WE'LL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.  
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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL BEGIN WITH ITEM 23, THE  
2   ASSESSOR'S OFFICE CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE IN ASSESSMENT  
3   ADMINISTRATION RECOGNITION, WHICH I HELD BECAUSE IT'S A VERY  
4   SPECIAL RECOGNITION. SO FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE  
5   TELEPHONE, IF YOU PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW YOU CAN COMMENT ON THIS  
6   ITEM. AND WITH US TODAY IS THE HONORABLE JEFFREY PRANG, OUR  
7   ASSESSOR. WE ALSO HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE. YOU HAVE THE MEMBERS  
8   OF THE EXECUTIVE TEAM. LET ME TELL YOU WHO IS HERE TODAY. WE  
9   HAVE GEORGE RENKEI, THE CHIEF DEPUTY ASSESSOR. WE HAVE STEVEN  
10   HERNANDEZ, THE ASSISTANT ASSESSOR ADMINISTRATION. WE HAVE  
11   SCOTT THORNBERRY, THE ASSISTANT ASSESSOR OPERATIONS, BRYAN  
12   DONNELLY, ARE HERE FOR THE PRESENTATION, AND WE ALSO HAVE  
13   DIRECTOR MAJOR APPRAISALS, JENNIFER BUDZAK, DIRECTOR DISTRICT  
14   APPRAISALS, NICOLE WHITE-GAMBLE, DIRECTOR OF ROLL SERVICES,  
15   AND DARA SMITH, DIRECTOR L.E.A.P.S., ARE HERE IN CASE ANYBODY  
16   HAS QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ASSESSMENT. COLLEAGUES, I HELD THIS  
17   TODAY BECAUSE ASSESSOR PRANG REACHED OUT TO MY OFFICE TO SHARE  
18   THE GOOD NEWS THAT HIS OFFICE HAD RECEIVED THE CERTIFICATE OF  
19   EXCELLENCE IN ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL  
20   ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS. IT'S A RECOGNITION THAT  
21   SETS L.A. COUNTY APART, AS WE ARE THE ONLY COUNTY IN  
22   CALIFORNIA, AND AMONG MORE THAN 200200 JURISDICTIONS  
23   NATIONWIDE, TO BE HONORED FOR DEMONSTRATING THE HIGHEST LEVEL  
24   OF PROFICIENCY IN ASSESSMENT AND APPRAISAL DISCIPLINES. THIS  
25   CERTIFICATE IS MORE THAN JUST AN AWARD. IT'S A TESTAMENT TO



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1 YOU, ASSESSOR PRANG, AND YOUR TEAM'S RELENTLESS EFFORTS AND  
2 COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE TO OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
3 RESIDENTS. AND I'M PLEASED, AT THIS POINT, TO PASS THE FLOOR  
4 TO ASSESSOR PRANG TO SHARE A FEW WORDS ON THIS WELL-DESERVED  
5 RECOGNITION. ASSESSOR PRANG.

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7 **ASSESSOR PRANG:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. IT'S  
8 GREAT TO BE WITH YOU. THIS AWARD IS REALLY A BIG DEAL FOR US.  
9 THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS IS  
10 EQUIVALENT, TO ASSESSORS, WHAT M.A.C.O. IS TO THE BOARD. THIS  
11 AWARD IS NOT SOMETHING THAT IS GIVEN -- IT'S NOT A BUNCH OF  
12 PEOPLE SITTING AROUND A ROOM SAYING, "WHO DO WE LIKE?" THIS IS  
13 A YEAR-LONG AUDIT PROCESS, WHERE THEY COME IN. OUR PEERS FROM  
14 AROUND THE COUNTRY, ACADEMICS, AND THEY DO A DEEP DIVE  
15 ANALYSIS INTO OUR POLICIES AND PRACTICES IN ORDER TO DETERMINE  
16 WHETHER WE QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD. IT IS THE HIGHEST AWARD  
17 THAT CAN BE GRANTED TO AN ASSESSMENT AGENCY IN THE UNITED  
18 STATES. AND AS YOU INDICATED, WE'RE THE ONLY CALIFORNIA COUNTY  
19 TO EVER RECEIVE THIS AWARD, AND WE'RE ONE OF ONLY 58 OUT OF  
20 2200 JURISDICTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES TO BE SO DESIGNATED.  
21 IT'S ACTUALLY A CERTIFICATION THAT LASTS FOR FIVE YEARS, AND  
22 THIS IS ACTUALLY A RENEWAL. WE WERE FIRST AWARDED THIS BACK IN  
23 2017. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO OUR OFFICE FOR A COUPLE OF  
24 REASONS. ONE, I THINK WE ALL REMEMBER, IT WASN'T THAT MANY  
25 YEARS AGO, ABOUT A DECADE AGO, WHEN OUR OFFICE HAD A BIT OF A



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1 BREACH IN PUBLIC CONFIDENCE, BUT WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO  
2 BRING THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF PUBLIC SERVICE, COMPETENCE, AND  
3 INTEGRITY TO THIS DEPARTMENT, AND THIS IS DUE IN NO SMALL PART  
4 TO THE PROFESSIONALISM AND COMPETENCE OF THE 1400 EMPLOYEES  
5 WHO WORK FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR. I THINK THIS IS A  
6 GREAT TESTAMENT TO THEIR HARD WORK AND PROFESSIONALISM, AND I  
7 HOPE IT'S A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY THAT THIS IS  
8 A DEPARTMENT THAT OPERATES WITH INTEGRITY AND IN THE BEST  
9 PUBLIC INTEREST AT ALL TIMES. SO, IT'S SOMETHING WE'RE VERY,  
10 VERY PROUD OF. I APPRECIATE YOU RECOGNIZING THAT AND INVITING  
11 US TO BE HERE TODAY TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD. WE ARE  
12 COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE BEST QUALITY OF SERVICE THAT WE CAN  
13 IN THE BEST INTEREST OF L.A. COUNTY AND REALLY APPRECIATE THIS  
14 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM OUR PEERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND FROM ALL  
15 OF YOU.

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17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND AGAIN,  
18 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR TEAM. IT'S ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF  
19 HOW LOS ANGELES COUNTY LEADS THE WAY AND IS THE MODEL ACROSS  
20 THIS COUNTRY. ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A  
21 REMARK?

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23 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, I WOULD LIKE TO JUST THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
24 SERVICE FOR THE MANY, MANY YEARS AND YOUR DILIGENCE. YOU ARE  
25 EVERYWHERE, BY THE WAY. I KNOW I'VE SEEN YOU OUT AND ABOUT AT



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1 MANY, MANY DIFFERENT EVENTS, BUT ALSO YOUR STAFF. AND I WANT  
2 TO REALLY THANK THEM BECAUSE THEY ALSO DO A LOT OF VOLUNTEER  
3 WORK. AND I SEE THEM RIGHT NOW IN FRONT OF ME, AND YOU KNOW  
4 WHO YOU ARE. AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE WORK YOU STAND UP ON  
5 BEHALF OF THE COUNTY AND WAS VERY HAPPY TO HAVE PARTNERED WITH  
6 YOU ON EXTENDING THAT COHORT OF CLASSES AT RIO HONDO. AND I  
7 KNOW THAT'S HELPING YOU TO FURTHER CREATE YOUR LABOR FORCE. SO  
8 WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND TO ALL THE STAFF. MUCHAS  
9 GRACIAS.

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11 **ASSESSOR PRANG:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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15 **SUP. HORVATH:** I'D LIKE TO ECHO CONGRATULATIONS. I'M SO PROUD  
16 TO KNOW THAT THE OFFICE HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECEIVED  
17 THIS DISTINCT HONOR, THE ONLY OFFICE IN THE ENTIRE STATE, AND  
18 AS YOU SAID, THE SECOND TIME THIS OFFICE HAS RECEIVED THIS  
19 DISTINCTION. SO CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXCELLENT  
20 WORK AND YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN SUPPORTING ALL THE GOOD WORK IN  
21 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE APPRECIATE YOU.

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23 **ASSESSOR PRANG:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I ALWAYS WANTED TO ADD TOO,  
2   TO YOU AND YOUR TEAM, WHAT A REALLY A REMARKABLE THING YOU DID  
3   AFTER THOSE HOMEOWNERS IN ROLLING HILLS ESTATES LOST THEIR  
4   HOMES. THEY LOST THE GROUND BENEATH THEIR HOMES. THEY LOST  
5   EVERYTHING. AND WHILE THEY'RE TRYING TO RECOVER AND PROCESS  
6   WHAT HAD HAPPENED, YOU PERSONALLY CAME OUT, ASSESSOR PRANG,  
7   AND SPOKE TO THOSE RESIDENTS AND GAVE THEM THE NEWS THAT YOU  
8   WOULD BE LOOKING TO REASSESS THEIR PROPERTIES SINCE THEY HAD  
9   NO LAND, THEY HAD NO HOME ANYMORE. AND I THINK THAT WAS A  
10   GREAT COMFORT AT A TIME WHEN IT WAS PROBABLY THEIR DARKEST  
11   DAY. SO, THINGS LIKE THAT SET YOU APART, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL  
12   THAT THE VOTERS HAVE CHOSEN TO CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU IN THIS  
13   OFFICE. SO, THANK YOU.

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15   **ASSESSOR PRANG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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17   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND LET'S SEE IF THERE ARE ANY MEMBERS OF  
18   THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO WEIGH IN ON THIS. THIS IS NOT  
19   THE TIME TO COMPLAIN ABOUT YOUR TAXES. HE'S NOT THE TAX  
20   COLLECTOR, BUT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
21   THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 23.

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23   **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON  
24   SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. AS FINAL REMINDER FOR  
25   PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS



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1 ITEM 23, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN  
2 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE OF  
3 THE FIRST SPEAKER.

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5 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY  
6 BEGIN.

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8 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU TO THE BOARD FOR THOSE MOVING COMMENTS  
9 ABOUT MR. PRANG. AND OBVIOUSLY, THANK YOU TO PRANG. YES, IT'S  
10 TRUE. THERE WAS A DEFENSIVE JOHN NOGAS CHAPTER IN WHICH THERE  
11 WAS ABSOLUTE CRIMINALITY AND TONS GOT AWAY. WE JUST GOT A  
12 SMALL AMOUNT. BUT LISTEN, IN THE MEANTIME, THE OFFICE HAS  
13 CLEARLY DISTINGUISHED ITSELF. THEY'RE INTERNATIONAL  
14 CHAMPIONS. AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW BECAUSE HE TELLS EVERYONE  
15 THAT IF A VETERAN, FOR EXAMPLE, IS BLIND IN BOTH EYES AND HAS  
16 THE LOST USE OF TWO OR MORE LIMBS OR IS 100% DISABLED AS A  
17 RESULT OF AN INJURY OR A DISEASE INCURRED IN MILITARY SERVICE,  
18 THEY COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR A DISABLED VETERAN'S PROPERTY TAX  
19 EXEMPTION. AND THEY COULD REACH OUT TO THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.  
20 AND ONE OTHER DETAIL IS THAT THERE ARE MANY OTHER  
21 OPPORTUNITIES THAT MR. PRANG IS ALWAYS MAKING AVAILABLE FOR  
22 PEOPLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WHAT IS LAWFULLY AVAILABLE TO  
23 LOWER THE TAX BURDEN. WITH THAT, WHAT A CASH REGISTER. SO,  
24 KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK.

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN. THANK YOU. NEXT  
2   SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

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7   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ITEM 23, ACKNOWLEDGING THIS IS  
8   BEFORE US RIGHT NOW. I'M GOING TO MOVE IT, SECONDED BY  
9   SUPERVISOR HORVATH TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
10   PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

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14   **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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19   **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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24   **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

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4   **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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8   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

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12   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO  
13   ITEM 10. THIS IS SO SPECIAL, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR  
14   MITCHELL, FOR PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 12TH THROUGH THE 19TH, 2023  
15   AS DIANE E. WATSON WEEK! [APPLAUSE] NOW, IT SAYS WE'RE  
16   PROCLAIMING THAT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BUT I THINK WE SHOULD  
17   GO BEYOND AND CLAIM IT EVERYWHERE. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR  
18   MITCHELL. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE,  
19   PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. AND WE'RE  
20   GOING TO LET SUPERVISOR MITCHELL START THIS OFF.

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22   **SUP. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND  
23   THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COAUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. I'M  
24   SURE MY GRANDMOTHER WOULD TAKE GREAT OFFENSE OVER THE FACT  
25   THAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL -- AND EVERYONE PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE,



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1 YOU KNOW, I WORKED FOR THE CONGRESSWOMAN WHEN SHE WAS IN THE  
2 STATE SENATE. AND SO, I WILL DEFAULT BY CALLING HER THE  
3 SENATOR, SO I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO PEOPLE TO THINK I HAVE  
4 TAKEN A LEAVE OF MY CURRENT MIND, BUT IT IS JUST WHAT WILL  
5 COME OUT, SO I MIGHT AS WELL EXPLAIN IT. THE FACT THAT WE'RE  
6 GOING ACKNOWLEDGE THE SENATOR'S AGE, I THINK WHEN YOU LOOK AS  
7 GOOD AS SHE DOES AND STILL RUNNING THINGS IN MY LIFE AND THE  
8 LIFE OF MANY OTHERS, IT'S A GOOD THING TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT.  
9 THIS NOVEMBER, SHE'LL BE CELEBRATING HER 90TH BIRTHDAY.  
10 [APPLAUSE] AND THAT IS WHY SO MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND  
11 COLLEAGUES HAVE JOINED US TODAY HERE IN THE HEARING ROOM, AND  
12 IT'S ALSO TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, OF THOSE 90 YEARS, 60 YEARS  
13 HAVE BEEN DEVOTED TO PUBLIC SERVICE. AS WE TALK ABOUT KIND OF  
14 THE CHALLENGES WE OFTEN EXPERIENCE TODAY IN ELECTED OFFICE,  
15 THE CHALLENGES THAT WE ARE FINDING IN OUR EFFORTS TO TRY TO  
16 FILL VACANCIES AT THE COUNTY AND EVERY OTHER LEVEL OF  
17 GOVERNMENT, JUST PEOPLE TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC SERVICE, I THINK  
18 IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT WE PAUSE TODAY BRIEFLY AND ACKNOWLEDGE  
19 WHAT 60 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE LOOKS LIKE AND HAS YIELDED TO  
20 THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND THE  
21 NATION. I THINK IT'S PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT WE'VE GOT SO  
22 MANY WHITE COATS HERE TODAY RECOGNIZING WHAT SHE DID IN THE  
23 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES POLICY FRONT IN MANY EARLY YEARS.  
24 JUST VERY QUICKLY, I KNOW THAT FOLKS KNOW THE SENATOR'S  
25 HISTORY. YOU KNOW, SHE'S A LOCAL GIRL, 36TH STREET ELEMENTARY



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1 SCHOOL, FOSHAY JUNIOR HIGH. SHE'S A DORSEY DON, SPENT SOME  
2 TIME AT L.A.C.C., C.S.U. L.A., AND U.C.L.A., AND THEN OF  
3 COURSE CLAREMONT GRADUATE COLLEGE, AND OF COURSE AT KENNEDY  
4 SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AT HARVARD. SHE WAS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
5 TEACHER AND MOVED ON TO BECOME AN ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL. SHE WAS  
6 A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST AND HEALTH EDUCATION SPECIALIST AND  
7 SPENT TIME INTERNATIONALLY TEACHING IN JAPAN AND FRANCE. THEN  
8 SHE WAS CALLED HOME IN 1975 AND RAN FOR THE LOS ANGELES  
9 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD, BECOMING THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN  
10 ELECTED TO THAT SCHOOL BOARD. THAT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF  
11 MANY FIRSTS FOR THE SENATOR. IN 1978, SHE TOOK THE BIG STEP  
12 AND RAN FOR CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE, BECOMING, ONCE AGAIN, THE  
13 FIRST BLACK WOMAN ELECTED TO SERVE IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE  
14 SENATE, WHERE SHE WAS THE FIRST NON-ATTORNEY TO BE APPOINTED  
15 TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, AND AGAIN SERVED AS CHAIR, AN  
16 UNPRECEDENTED, THANKS TO TERM LIMITS NOW, OVER 20 YEARS,  
17 BRINGING FORWARD WHAT WAS THEN INCREDIBLY PROGRESSIVE  
18 LEGISLATION, LIKE ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPACT TOBACCO HAS ON OUR  
19 HEALTH, ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPACT MERCURY HAD IN OUR DENTAL  
20 IMPLANTS, ACKNOWLEDGING BEING A PRACTICING CATHOLIC, PRO-  
21 CHOICE, FEMALE LEGISLATOR AT A TIME WHEN THAT WAS REALLY  
22 UNHEARD OF, AND CONVINCING HER THEN PRO TEM, ANOTHER  
23 PRACTICING CATHOLIC, DAVID RAVERTY, TO STAND DOWN IN MANY  
24 INSTANCES, TO APPOINT HER CHAIR OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
25 AND TO ALLOW HER TO PROTECT THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN.

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1 AGAIN, THIS IS THE EARLY AND MID '70S, UNPRECEDEDENTED. TERM  
2 LIMITS CAME TO BE, AND SHE LEFT THE SENATE AND WAS APPOINTED  
3 BY PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON TO BE THE AMBASSADOR TO THE  
4 FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA. AND ONCE AGAIN, SHE BROUGHT  
5 HER ZEAL AND ZEST FOR LIFE AND HER ENERGY AND TOOK VERY SMALL  
6 BOATS, ROWED BY PEOPLE, TO MULTIPLE ISLANDS WITHIN THE  
7 FEDERATED STATES, WHO HAD NEVER VISITED BY AN AMERICAN, MUCH  
8 LESS THE AMBASSADOR TO THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.  
9 THEY WERE BLOWN AWAY, BUT THAT IS WHO THE SENATOR IS. SHE  
10 TAKES HER SERVICE TO HER PEOPLE SERIOUSLY. AND IT WASN'T GOING  
11 TO STOP HER THE FACT THAT SHE WAS GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE  
12 MULTIPLE VERY SMALL VESSELS TO THOSE VERY TINY ISLANDS TO MEET  
13 THE PEOPLE THAT SHE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR IN THE EYES OF THE  
14 U.S. WELL, ONCE AGAIN, SHE WAS CALLED UPON WITH THE SUDDEN  
15 PASSING OF CONGRESSMAN JULIAN DIXON. HER COMMUNITY STOOD UP  
16 ONCE AGAIN AND ASKED HER TO COME HOME AND TO CONSIDER RUNNING  
17 FOR THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND SHE DID  
18 AND SERVED WITH DISTINCTION FOR A DECADE. SHE SERVED ON THE  
19 COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT  
20 AND GOVERNMENT REFORM, INCLUDING SERVING AS THE CHAIRWOMAN OF  
21 THE GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AND PROCUREMENT  
22 COMMITTEE. I REMEMBER HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH HER. THAT WAS  
23 A TOUGH TIME SERVING IN CONGRESS. HER PARTY WAS NOT THE  
24 MAJORITY. AND SO, YOU KNOW, COMING OUT OF A STINT IN THE  
25 SENATE IN LEADERSHIP, RECOGNIZING THAT -- SHE IS LIKE, "HOLLY,



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1 YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T, AS A DEMOCRAT IN THE MINORITY PARTY, EVEN  
2 INTRODUCE A BILL." SO IT WAS -- I THINK IT WAS A BIT OF A  
3 CULTURE SHOCK TO THE SENATOR. YET SHE, AS ALWAYS, HANDLED HER  
4 BUSINESS AND SERVED WITH DISTINCTION. TO SAY SHE IS A  
5 TRAILBLAZER, I THINK, IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT. SHE WAS AN EARLY  
6 PROPOSER AND ADVOCATE OF SUPPORTING WOMEN RUNNING FOR PUBLIC  
7 OFFICE, SERVED WITH DISTINCTION WITH THE CENTER FOR THE  
8 AMERICAN WOMAN AND POLITICS AT RUTGERS, AND TRAVELED THE  
9 COUNTRY AND HELPED THEM CONDUCT THEIR RESEARCH ABOUT THE  
10 CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH WOMEN RUN, WHY WOMEN RUN, AND HAS BEEN  
11 A MENTOR, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, LIKE NO OTHER TO MANY, A  
12 SELFLESS MENTOR. AS THE CHAIRWOMAN SAYS, POKES NO BONES AT  
13 CALLING US AND TELLING US WHAT TO DO. AND IN THAT SHE IS MY  
14 FIRST AND FOREVER BOSS, I TAKE THOSE CALLS ON THE REGULAR. LET  
15 ME JUST SAY THAT SHE SAW IN ME, AS A 22-YEAR-OLD YOUNG  
16 STAFFER, WHAT I DIDN'T SEE IN MYSELF, NOT AS A FUTURE ELECTED  
17 OFFICIAL, BUT AS A TALL WOMAN, AND SHE MARVELED I COULD WEAR  
18 FLAT SHOES AND STILL BE DRESSED UP BECAUSE, YOU KNOW. SHE  
19 PROBABLY STILL WEARS THOSE HIGH-HEELED SHOES THAT I STILL  
20 CAN'T MANAGE TOO WELL. SHE SHOWED ME WHAT LEADERSHIP AND WHAT  
21 SERVICE LOOKS LIKE. MY TEAM KNOWS THAT WE ARE CONSTITUENT  
22 SERVICES ORIENTED ALWAYS FIRST AND FOREMOST. I LEARNED THAT  
23 FROM THE SENATOR, THAT WE ARE ELECTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE  
24 WHO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITIES WE REPRESENT HAVE THEIR VOICE  
25 HEARD, PARTICULARLY IN ROOMS WHERE THEY ARE ABSENT. I MADE THE



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1 MISTAKE OF COMING TO HER ONCE. I WAS HER STAFFER TO BUDGET  
2 COMMITTEE. SHE WAS CHAIR OF BUDGET SUB THREE, AND I WAS AT A  
3 BUDGET BRIEFING, AND AT THAT TIME, THERE WERE A COUPLE OF GUYS  
4 AT THE STAFF LEVEL WHO KIND OF RAN THE STATE BUDGET PROCESS.  
5 THEY WERE THE BUDGET GUYS. THEY SAID SOMETHING THAT I KNEW  
6 WOULD HARM PEOPLE IN HER DISTRICT. THEY JUST DIDN'T GET IT.  
7 THEY WERE LOOKING AT THE BUDGET THROUGH A LENS OF COLUMNS AND  
8 ROWS AND NUMBERS AND NOT PEOPLE. AND I REALIZED THAT AS A  
9 YOUNG STAFFER COMING FROM HER DISTRICT TO THE CAPITAL THAT I  
10 BROUGHT THAT DIFFERENT LENS OF PERSPECTIVE. SO I MADE A NOTE  
11 AND WENT AND TOLD HER, "THEY'RE GOING TO DO A, B, AND C. AND I  
12 DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA." SHE SAID, "OH, WELL, DID YOU  
13 TELL 'EM?" I SAID, "NO." SHE SAID, "WELL, WHAT DID YOU DO?" I  
14 SAID, "I CAME HERE TO TELL YOU." SHE SAID, "DON'T YOU EVER  
15 WALK OUT OF A ROOM WHEN YOU KNOW THAT SOMETHING HAS BEEN  
16 PROPOSED THAT ISN'T IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CONSTITUENTS  
17 WE SERVE. YOU DIG DEEP AND FIND WHATEVER COURAGE YOU NEED TO  
18 FIND TO FIND YOUR VOICE AND STOP THE ACTION, DO SOMETHING."  
19 AND I TUCKED MY TAIL AND WENT BACK TO THE MEETING AND FOUND  
20 THE COURAGE TO TELL THEM THEY HAD NOT CONSIDERED THE HUMAN  
21 ELEMENT OF THE POLICY THEY WERE PROPOSING. THAT TAUGHT ME A  
22 VALUABLE LESSON THAT I HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN AND WON'T MAKE  
23 THAT MISTAKE AGAIN. SENATOR, IT IS THE COLLECTIVE BOARD'S  
24 HONOR TO RECOGNIZE YOUR 60 YEARS OF SELFLESS COMMITTED SERVICE  
25 TO THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND



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1 OUR NATION. I'M CERTAIN THAT THAT MY CO-CHAIR WOULD LIKE TO  
2 BRING SOME REMARKS. SO MADAM CHAIR, YOU TELL ME. EVERYONE WILL  
3 SPEAK, THEN WE'LL PRESENT THE RESOLUTION ITSELF? YOU HAVE A  
4 FIVE-SIGNATURE THAT WE'LL BE --

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BUT I KNOW SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES ALSO WANT  
7 IT SAY A FEW WORDS, AND I WILL ALSO. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
8 MITCHELL, FIRST OF ALL, FOR LETTING ME COAUTHOR THIS MOTION TO  
9 HONOR MY FRIEND, DIANE WATSON. I FEEL LIKE MY ENTIRE LIFE,  
10 DIANE WATSON HAS BEEN A TOPIC OF CONVERSATION IN OUR HOME AND  
11 REALLY TO THINK ABOUT YOU AS A SENATOR, A CONGRESS MEMBER, AN  
12 AMBASSADOR, REALLY -- AND FIRST FOR MANY OF THOSE OFFICES,  
13 IT'S JUST ALWAYS BEEN AN HONOR FOR ME TO HAVE KNOWN YOU. WE'RE  
14 THRILLED THAT WE'RE CELEBRATING YOUR 90TH BIRTHDAY AND  
15 CELEBRATING ALL YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. WHAT A WONDERFUL THING,  
16 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THAT YOU DID BECAUSE SOMETIMES WE WAIT,  
17 AND WE DON'T TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE HONOR TO WHOM HONOR  
18 IS DUE. AND CERTAINLY SENATOR IS DUE THAT HONOR. AND I HOPE  
19 YOU ARE REVELING IN THIS ALL-WOMEN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
20 [APPLAUSE] IN THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE NATION, BUT WE STAND  
21 ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS LIKE YOU, MADAM AMBASSADOR. WE  
22 STAND ON YOUR SHOULDERS BECAUSE IT WAS THE DOORS THAT YOU  
23 OPENED, IT WAS THE GLASS CEILINGS THAT YOU BROKE THAT ALLOWED  
24 SOMETHING LIKE THIS THAT EVEN MY OWN FATHER PROBABLY NEVER  
25 WOULD HAVE IMAGINED THAT THERE WOULD BE FIVE WOMEN GOVERNING



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1 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE ALWAYS CONSIDERED YOU A DEAR FRIEND,  
2 AND I KNOW THAT THE TWO OF YOU SPOKE ON MANY OCCASIONS AND  
3 GAVE EACH OTHER GOOD ADVICE AND GAVE EACH OTHER THE FRIENDSHIP  
4 AND THE SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, AND I THANK YOU FOR  
5 THAT. YOUR METEORIC RISE IN GOVERNMENT, IT'S BEEN CLEAR THAT  
6 YOU NEVER FORGOT WHO YOU SERVED. YOU NEVER FORGOT YOUR  
7 CONSTITUENTS, YOUR RESIDENTS. YOU, JUST LIKE MY FATHER, WERE  
8 KNOWN FOR TOUCHING THE PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, BEING THERE, SHOWING  
9 UP, GOING TO THE CHURCHES, GOING TO ALL THE PLACES WHERE THE  
10 RESIDENTS WANTED TO SEE YOU. EVEN WHEN YOU'RE IN CONGRESS. AND  
11 I KNOW. I WAS IN CONGRESS, RIGHT? IT'S HARD BEING IN CONGRESS  
12 WHEN YOU LIVE IN CALIFORNIA. I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T  
13 REALIZE THAT MANY WEEKS YOU WOULD FLY ON MONDAY AND FLY HOME  
14 ON THE WEEKENDS SO YOU COULD BE THERE FOR YOUR DISTRICT AND  
15 FOR YOUR CONSTITUENTS, AND THAT'S WHY THEY LOVED YOU, AND  
16 THAT'S WHY THEY KEPT REELECTING YOU. YOU ARE LOVED AND  
17 RESPECTED NOT JUST HERE IN L.A. COUNTY BUT IN SACRAMENTO, IN  
18 WASHINGTON, D.C., IN MICRONESIA, AND ABROAD. AND YOU KNOW,  
19 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TOUCHED ON IT. YOU ALSO NEVER FORGOT TO --  
20 EVEN THOUGH YOU ACHIEVED SUCH HEIGHTS, YOU NEVER FORGOT TO  
21 REACH YOUR HAND BACK AND PULL UP OTHER WOMEN. YOU WERE KNOWN  
22 FOR BEING A MENTOR. I CONSIDER YOU MY MENTOR, AS WELL. AND I  
23 KNOW OUR MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, KAREN BASS, WOULD ABSOLUTELY  
24 SAY THAT IT WAS YOU WHO MENTORED HER. SHE ENDED UP TAKING YOUR  
25 SPOT IN CONGRESS, BUT EVEN AFTER YOU HAD DECIDED TO STEP DOWN



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1 FROM CONGRESS, YOU WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RIGHT PERSON  
2 SUCCEEDED YOU. AND I WAS RUNNING FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR AT THE  
3 SAME TIME SHE WAS RUNNING FOR CONGRESS, AND WE WENT TO THE  
4 CHURCHES TOGETHER. AND YOU MADE SURE THAT YOU INTRODUCED HER  
5 AND MADE SURE SHE HAD A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO CONGRESS. AND I  
6 SEE MICHELLE CHAMBERS IN OUR CHAMBERS TODAY. [APPLAUSE] AND I  
7 KNOW SHE WOULD ALSO CONSIDER YOU A MENTOR TO HER, AND I KNOW  
8 SHE HOPES TO FOLLOW IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS IN OUR STATE SENATE. I  
9 ALSO SEE SWEET ALICE HARRIS IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY. [APPLAUSE]  
10 SWEET ALICE, THERE'S NOT ENOUGH -- WE ALSO NEED A WHOLE DAY, A  
11 WEEK, A YEAR FOR YOU. BUT THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TO HONOR  
12 YOUR FRIEND, DIANE WATSON. SO, I'M PROUD TO COAUTHOR THIS  
13 MOTION AND GIVE YOU, SENATOR, JUST A FRACTION, JUST A  
14 FRACTION, JUST A TOKEN OF THE APPRECIATION AND HONOR AND  
15 RECOGNITION THAT IS DUE YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE MANY  
16 CONTRIBUTIONS, AND THANK YOU FOR BEING THE PERSON YOU ARE,  
17 WHICH IS WHY WE ALL ARE HERE TODAY. TO HONOR YOU.  
18 CONGRATULATIONS. WE WISH YOU THE BEST ON THIS MILESTONE  
19 BIRTHDAY AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR IMMEASURABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
20 THIS COUNTRY, TO OUR STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND CERTAINLY HERE  
21 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND NOW, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO  
22 SUPERVISOR BARGER.  
23  
24 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I'M SO HONORED TO SUPPORT THIS  
25 MOTION. I HAVE TO SAY, WHEN I THINK OF PUBLIC SERVICE, YOU ARE

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1 AN INSPIRATION. YOU ARE. YOU DO IT BECAUSE YOU LOVE YOUR  
2 COMMUNITY. AND I REMEMBER WHEN I WENT ON MY FIRST TRIP TO D.C.  
3 WITH THE BOARD AS A STAFFER AND RAN INTO YOU. AND I WAS IN AWE  
4 OF YOU THEN, AND I'M IN AWE OF YOU NOW. YOU ARE REMARKABLE AND  
5 I REALLY DO BELIEVE AS BEAUTIFUL ON THE INSIDE AS YOU ARE ON  
6 THE OUT. IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO SEE YOU AT DIFFERENT EVENTS.  
7 YOU ARE VERY BUSY. EVEN WHEN I GO TO DIFFERENT COMMUNITY  
8 EVENTS, YOU ARE THERE. AND PEOPLE ARE RUNNING UP TO YOU  
9 BECAUSE THEY WANT TO THANK YOU AND MEET YOU. SO I CANNOT THANK  
10 YOU ENOUGH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, CHAIR HAHN, FOR BRINGING THIS  
11 IN TO CELEBRATE SOMEONE WHO MEANS SO MUCH TO SO MANY. AND I'M  
12 LOOKING AROUND, AND I SEE SWEET ALICE, WHO IS A LEGEND, AS  
13 SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID, IS SOMEONE WHO ALSO HAS BEEN THERE. AND  
14 I KNOW THAT YOU TWO ARE CLOSE, RECOGNIZING HOW IMPORTANT IT IS  
15 FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO GIVE BACK. AND SO, I JUST HAVE TO SAY  
16 HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THANK YOU  
17 FOR PAVING THE WAY FOR SO MANY, WAY AHEAD OF THEIR TIME, WAY  
18 AHEAD OF THEIR TIME. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EQUITY NOW. FOR YOU,  
19 THAT WAS WHAT YOU WERE DOING WAY BACK WHEN, LEADING BY  
20 EXAMPLE. SO, THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS YOU, AND JUST I CAN'T  
21 WAIT CELEBRATE YOUR 91ST, 92ND, 93RD, 95, ALL THE WAY UP. WE  
22 WILL BE HERE TO LIFT YOU UP. THANK YOU.  
23  
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.  
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1   **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,  
2   SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR BEING ABLE  
3   CELEBRATE A VERY GRACIOUS WOMAN THAT I HAVE KNOWN FOR, I WANT  
4   TO SAY, MAYBE 40 YEARS. AND FELIZ COMPLEANOS. HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
5   TO YOU, DIANE. YOU CONTINUE TO AMAZE ME. YOU ARE THE ENERGIZER  
6   BUNNY BECAUSE I SEE YOU EVERYWHERE, INCLUDING CONTINUING TO  
7   MOTIVATE YOUNG PEOPLE AND WOMEN OF COLOR TO GET OUT TO BE  
8   ADVOCATES AND TO SPEAK LOUD AND NOT TO BE ASHAMED OF WHO THEY  
9   ARE. AND I MET YOU MORE CLEARLY AND IN A PERSONAL TIME WHEN I  
10   WAS ELECTED TO THE STATE SENATE. I 'LL NEVER FORGET, AT THAT  
11   TIME, YOU AND SENATOR THERESA HUGHES WERE ASKED BY OUR  
12   LEADERSHIP, AT THAT TIME, TO HELP MENTOR ONE OF THE YOUNGEST  
13   SENATORS, WHO WAS COMING ON WHO WAS THE FIRST LATINA, SO I  
14   STOOD BETWEEN YOU TWO PILLARS, AND ESPECIALLY YOU BECAUSE WE  
15   WENT ON AND WORKED TOGETHER ON THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
16   COMMITTEE, AND I TRAVELED WITH YOU IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE  
17   STATE, AND I 'LL NEVER FORGET ONE MOMENT WHEN WE WENT TO EAST  
18   LAKE JUVENILE HALL. AND AT THE TIME, YOU WERE WORKING ON  
19   ISSUES REGARDING YOUNG GIRLS AND PEOPLE THAT WERE  
20   INCARCERATED. AND WE HAD TO SEE IT -- I HAD TO SEE IT FOR  
21   MYSELF, AND YOU TOOK ME DOWN HERE, WHICH IS NOW A PART OF MY  
22   DISTRICT, AND WE ACTUALLY SAW SOME YOUNG PREGNANT WOMEN, WHO  
23   HAD -- WERE PREGNANT AND WERE IN RESTRAINTS. AND I COULDN'T  
24   BELIEVE MY EYES, BUT I HAD TO SEE IT. AND YOU MADE A POINT TO  
25   TELL ME, "HILDA, YOU NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING BEHIND



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1 THESE CLOSED DOORS BECAUSE THESE ARE OUR COMMUNITY  
2 RESIDENCES." SO I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT MOMENT THAT YOU SHARED  
3 YOUR STRENGTH, YOUR WILLINGNESS, AND YOUR TENACITY. AND YOU  
4 TOOK ON, AS WAS SAID EARLIER BY THE SENATOR, A LOT OF FOLKS  
5 THAT DIDN'T THINK THAT YOU AND I AND OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR  
6 BELONGED IN THOSE POSITIONS OF INFLUENCE. AND WE HAD TO  
7 FIGHT, BUT WE FOUGHT GOOD FIGHTS ON BEHALF OF OUR COMMUNITY,  
8 AND YOU CONTINUE TO INSPIRE ME AND INSPIRE ALSO THE PEOPLE I  
9 KNOW, INCLUDING MY HUSBAND, SAM, WHO I KNOW YOU WERE VERY FOND  
10 OF. AND SO, YOU'RE A TREASURE FOR US, AND YOU HAVE GONE ON TO  
11 ACHIEVE SO MANY FIRSTS, AS WAS ALREADY SAID, BUT ONE OF THE  
12 HIGHEST HONORS I BELIEVE WAS ALSO BEING APPOINTED AS AN  
13 AMBASSADOR UNDER THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION. I'LL NEVER FORGET  
14 THAT MOMENT. AND I REMEMBER ALL THE TIMES WE HAD DISCUSSIONS  
15 ABOUT WHAT YOU WANTED TO DO IN OUR COMMUNITY AND EVEN WANTING  
16 TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD AT ONE TIME, AND I REMEMBER TALKING  
17 ABOUT THAT. NOW YOU HAVE A PROTEGE HERE WHO IS SEATED AND WHO  
18 I REMEMBER AS A STAFFER ON THE HEALTH COMMITTEE. [APPLAUSE] SO  
19 THERE IS A LOT OF THINGS THAT YOU HAVE TOUCHED, PEOPLE, LIVES,  
20 POLICY, AND YOUR LOVE, YOUR LOVE FOR L.A. COUNTY AND FOR ALL  
21 PEOPLE. SO I CONTINUE TO ADMIRE YOU. MAY YOU CONTINUE TO HAVE  
22 MORE YEARS OF SUCCESS AND CONTINUE TO MOVE US ON TO KEEP US  
23 FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND  
24 YOUR STAFF AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS. MUCHAS GRACIAS FOR YOUR  
25 LEADERSHIP, DIANE. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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4 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I VERY DISTINCTLY RECALL  
5 A COUPLE YEARS INTO LIVING IN CALIFORNIA, I WAS ELECTED TO BE  
6 THE YOUNG FEMINIST VICE PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA NATIONAL  
7 ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN AND HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PLANNING  
8 THE STATE CONVENING THAT YEAR AND INVITING ALL THE WOMEN  
9 ELECTED OFFICIALS WE COULD GET TO COME TO OUR EVENT TO  
10 INSPIRE, TO CONVENE, AND TO TALK ABOUT WHAT OUR PRIORITIES  
11 NEEDED TO BE. AND THE CONGRESSWOMAN, AT THE TIME, AGREED TO  
12 COME. AND WE -- SHE WAS THE FIRST CONGRESSWOMAN TO AGREE TO  
13 COME TO THE EVENT, AND WE WERE OVER THE MOON EXCITED THAT SHE  
14 HAD AGREED AND SAID YES. AND BEING A YOUNG FEMINIST VICE  
15 PRESIDENT AND HAVING A LOT OF NEW LEADERSHIP IN THE  
16 ORGANIZATION, WE DIDN'T KNOW THAT THE PROPER ORDER FOR ELECTED  
17 OFFICIALS WAS TO START WITH THE HIGHEST RANKING AND GO ON  
18 ACCORDINGLY. AND SO, WE THOUGHT THAT THE HIGHEST HONOR WAS  
19 HAVING -- WAS SPEAKING LAST. AND THE CONGRESSWOMAN SAT THERE  
20 WITH GRACE, WITH COMPASSION FOR US JUST TRYING TO PUT THIS  
21 TOGETHER, AND EVENTUALLY SOMEBODY SAID, "LET THE  
22 CONGRESSWOMAN SPEAK." AND WHEN SHE DID, WE WERE RAPT WITH  
23 EVERY WORD THAT SHE DELIVERED. WE WERE SO HONORED BY HER  
24 WISDOM, BY HER PARTICIPATION, BY HER WILLINGNESS TO SHOW UP  
25 FOR US. AND WE KNEW, AS YOUNG FEMINISTS IN THE ROOM, THAT WE



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1 HAD THE ABILITY NOW TO LIVE THE FREEDOMS THAT WE EXPERIENCE  
2 BECAUSE WE STAND ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS, AND NOT JUST  
3 BECAUSE YOU'RE A TALL WOMAN, BUT BECAUSE OF ALL THAT YOU  
4 ACCOMPLISHED, THE INCREDIBLE FOUNDATION YOU HAVE LAID FOR SO  
5 MANY GENERATIONS OF WOMEN TO COME. YOU HAVE INSPIRED WOMEN ALL  
6 OVER THIS COUNTRY TO RUN FOR OFFICE, TO PURSUE LEADERSHIP OF  
7 ALL KINDS, AND YOUR EXAMPLE CONTINUES TO LIVE ON. YOU'RE A  
8 LIVING LEGEND FOR ALL OF US. WE THANK YOU. WE CELEBRATE YOU.  
9 HAPPIEST OF HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CONGRESSWOMAN. [APPLAUSE]

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11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR SAYING A LIVING  
12 LEGEND. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT SHE IS. OKAY, I'M GOING TO TRY TO  
13 GET THIS RIGHT. I BELIEVE WE WILL HEAR FROM THE SENATOR, THE  
14 CONGRESSWOMAN, THE AMBASSADOR. AND WE ALSO -- I THINK WE'RE  
15 GOING TO HEAR FROM MICHELLE CHAMBERS AND NATALIE LAWLESS. IS  
16 THAT CORRECT? BUT BEFORE THAT, WE NEED TO CALL THE MEMBERS OF  
17 THE PUBLIC JUST TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THEY'RE ON DECK TO WEIGH  
18 IN ON THIS ITEM AFTER SENATOR WATSON SPEAKS. SO EXECUTIVE  
19 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED  
20 UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL GERARD WHITE PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND  
23 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SO NOW, WE WILL GO -- IS  
2   THAT RIGHT? NOW, WE'RE GOING TO     GO TO SENATOR WATSON? OKAY.  
3   LET'S HAVE THE AMBASSADOR COME UP AND ADDRESS THIS ALL FEMALE  
4   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR. THE FLOOR  
5   IS YOURS.

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7   **DIANE. WATSON:** LET ME SAY WHAT AN OUTSTANDING APPRECIATION TO  
8   BE HERE IN THE BOARDROOM, WHERE I     USED TO COME ALL THE TIME  
9   IN THE COUNTY, AND THERE WAS A YOUNG MAN THAT REPRESENTED MY  
10   AREA. AND HE SAID, "YOU THINK THAT I'M POWERFUL, BUT I HAVE  
11   SOMEONE AT HOME WHO IS MORE POWERFUL. AND ONE DAY --

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13   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT WAS MY MOTHER.

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15   **DIANE WATSON:** WILL BE RIGHT HERE." THAT WAS YOUR FATHER. AND I  
16   WOULD CALL HIM DRIVING DOWN CRENSHAW, AND I SAW SOMETHING. I  
17   CALLED HIM, AND BEFORE I COULD GET TO THE CORNER, HE HAD  
18   CLEARED IT UP. SO I KNEW THEN THAT THE HAHN NAME HAD A MAGICAL  
19   POWER. AND CERTAINLY, HE SAID THE PERSON YOU NEED TO TALK TO  
20   IS MY DAUGHTER, JANICE HAHN. AND I KNEW THIS DAY WAS COMING. I  
21   DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS COMING SO SOON. AND I COULD SAY THAT ALMOST  
22   ABOUT ALL OF YOU. AND OF COURSE, LOOK AT HOLLY OVER THERE. BUT  
23   I SAID, MM-HMM, ONE DAY, YOU'RE GONNA BE IN THIS SEAT. AND I  
24   DON'T KNOW IF SHE LIKED IT OR NOT. AND SHE BROUGHT WITH HER  
25   THAT YOUNG MAN THAT SHE HAD JUST CAPTURED AND TAKEN UP AND ON.



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1 SO, I ALWAYS SAY, ONWARD ALWAYS, BACKWARD NEVER BECAUSE ALL OF  
2 YOU TOOK IT. AND JANICE I KNEW, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU WERE  
3 ELECTED, I SAID YOUR FATHER TOLD US YEARS AGO. YOU LIVED IN  
4 THE COMMUNITY, AND YOU REMEMBER HE DIDN'T WANT TO MOVE OUT OF  
5 THAT HOUSE RIGHT IN THE COMMUNITY. HE WANTED TO BE RIGHT THERE  
6 AROUND THE PEOPLE THAT HE REPRESENTED. AND I KNEW THAT IF HE  
7 SAID THE PERSON AT HOME, JANICE HAHN, WILL KEEP GOING FORWARD.  
8 I COULD JUST ABOUT SAY THAT TO ALL OF YOU THAT I HAD THE GREAT  
9 FORTUNE OF KNOWING BEFORE YOU EVEN KNEW YOURSELF. AND YOU SEE  
10 THEY GAVE MY AGE. BUT YOU SEE, I SAW THEM, SOME OF THEM BEFORE  
11 THEY WERE BORN, AND MOVED IN TO THE PLACES. AND THE FACT THAT  
12 ALL THESE WOMEN, JEFF, I'M SORRY ABOUT YOU HAVING TO SIT  
13 THERE, BUT THE WOMEN HAVE THE POWER. AND AS I AM OUT AMONG,  
14 AND PEOPLE WANT TO TAKE PICTURES, I SAID STAND TALL, PUT YOUR  
15 HEAD UP BECAUSE YOU ARE THE POWER IN THIS COMMUNITY. AND WHEN  
16 I SAY, COMMUNITY, I GO BEYOND THE STATE AND THE SIDE OF THE  
17 COUNTRY AND THE HEAD OF THE COUNTRY. YOU WOMEN ARE RISING TO  
18 THE LEVEL OF REALLY MAKING A DIFFERENCE HERE IN THIS COUNTRY.  
19 SO I AM SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE KNOWN YOU. I AM SO FORTUNATE TO  
20 BE WITH YOU, EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AROUND THIS TABLE. AND  
21 I AM SO HONORED TO THINK THAT I COULD COME -- YOU KNOW, I'M  
22 RETIRED. IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE DEFINITION OF RETIREMENT, I  
23 WILL SEND IT TO YOU IN THE MAIL. I TELL EVERYBODY ALL THE TIME  
24 I AM RETIRED. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS? IF YOU DON'T, I  
25 WILL SEND YOU A LETTER AND DESCRIBE THE DEFINITION OF

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1 RETIREMENT. SO, YOU SEE, I CAN LAY BACK HERE ON THE WEST COAST  
2 IN LOS ANGELES AND SEE ALL OF YOU RISE. AND I KNOW THAT YOU'RE  
3 GOING TO CONTINUE. AND YOU MIGHT NOT LIKE TO HEAR ME SAY THIS,  
4 BUT YOU'RE GOING TO RISE, JANICE, INTO THE FORTUNATE SEATS  
5 THAT CONTROL THIS COUNTRY. SO I BELIEVE IN YOUR POWER, YOUR  
6 INTELLIGENCE, AND THE FACT THAT YOU RECOGNIZE THOSE THAT YOU  
7 SERVE AND ALWAYS SEND THEM FORWARD. I AM SO, SO HONORED TO BE  
8 ABLE TO SPEAK TO ALL OF YOU, AND I'M SAYING THIS ABOUT THE  
9 PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM. HERE ARE THE PEOPLE BEHIND ME AND SIDE BY  
10 SIDE THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO GROW. NOW, YOU UNDERSTAND  
11 THAT, AND I'M LOOKING AT ALL OF YOU. YOU THINK YOU'RE HERE AT  
12 THE COUNTY, UH-UH. YOU'RE GOING TO GO FURTHER. ONWARD FORWARD.  
13 BACKWARD NEVER. AND THE FACT THAT I APPEAR AMONG YOU IS THE  
14 GREATEST HONOR EVER. [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU. I FEEL LIKE  
17 SAYING THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY. SWEET ALICE, WELCOME.

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19 **SWEET ALICE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I THINK IT IS NOON NOW, BUT IT IS  
20 A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE TO BE AMONGST YOU ALL. I LEARNED  
21 YEARS AGO I COULDN'T DO NOTHING IF I DIDN'T HAVE THE RIGHT  
22 PEOPLE, OR KNOW THE RIGHT PEOPLE, TO MAKE THE PHONE CALLS FOR  
23 ME. AND I LEARNED THEM THROUGH -- THE FIRST ONE I LEARNED WAS  
24 THE SUPERVISOR KENNY HAHN. NOW I LEARNED HIM THROUGH HIS  
25 DAUGHTER, WE CALL HER LITTLE GIRL IN THE BACKSEAT OF THE CAR.



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1 [LAUGHTER] WE'D GO TO HER AND TELL HER WHAT WE WANTED AND WHAT  
2 WE NEEDED. SHE'D GO HOME AND TELL HER MAMA, AND WE'D GET IT.  
3 WE GOT THE HOSPITAL. I'D GO TO DIANE HERE, AND I TELL DIANE,  
4 "DIANE, WHAT WE NEED, THIS IS WHAT WE NEED." AND SHE SAID,  
5 "DID YOU TALK TO SUPERVISOR HAHN?" I'D SAY, "I TALKED TO THE  
6 LITTLE GIRL IN THE BACKSEAT OF THE CAR. WE GOING TO GET WHAT  
7 WE NEEDED." WE NEEDED A HOSPITAL. AND ACTUALLY, WE DIDN'T KNOW  
8 WE NEEDED A HOSPITAL, WE KNOW WE NEEDED A DOCTOR THAT WHEN OUR  
9 CHILDREN GET RAN OVER, THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO LAY IN THE STREET  
10 AND BLEED UNTIL THEY DIE. WE NEEDED SOMEONE TO COME IN AND  
11 HELP US, SO WHAT WE DID WAS WE TOLD THE LITTLE GIRL IN THE  
12 BACKSEAT OF THE CAR WE NEEDED SOME BLANKETS TO COVER UP WHEN  
13 THEY GET RUN OVER. BEFORE THEY DIE, LET US COVER THEM UP. AND  
14 SHE WENT HOME AND TOLD HER MOTHER, AND HER FATHER CAME BACK  
15 AND SAID, "Y'ALL GOT TO LET HER ALONE, LET THE LITTLE GIRL IN  
16 THE BACKSEAT OF THE CAR ALONE. YOU'RE GOING TO GET ME PUT  
17 OUTDOORS." SO, WE DIDN'T WANT TO DO THAT, SO WE THOUGHT WE'D  
18 COOL OFF, BUT WE'D ALWAYS GO TO DIANE. AND ONE THING I HAVE  
19 BEEN IN THE BUSINESS NOW 62 YEARS, AND ONE THING I LEARNED, I  
20 HAD TO HAVE SOMEONE IN CHARGE THAT COULD MAKE THE PHONE CALL  
21 FOR THE THING THAT WE NEEDED IN THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE I STAYED  
22 OUT THERE, STAYED IN THE COMMUNITY. THEY DIDN'T STAY IN THE  
23 COMMUNITY, SO THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I KNOW. SO I HAVE TO GET  
24 TO THEM TO TELL THEM WHAT WE NEEDED. AND OF COURSE, WE'VE



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1 GOTTON IT. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR LISTENING TO THE  
2 ONE THAT COME IN AND TELL YOU WHAT WE NEED. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

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7 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISORS, LADIES, WE ARE SO PLEASED TO BE WITH  
8 YOU. I KNOW MY VOICE IS ALWAYS SOFT, BUT I WANTED TO SAY THANK  
9 YOU SO MUCH, HOLLY. WHEN YOU WERE A STAFFER OF MY AUNT'S, I  
10 WAS ALSO A STAFFER OF MY AUNT'S. AND OF COURSE, JANICE, WHO  
11 SUPPORTED US IN OUR EARLY TIMES, WHEN I WAS DOING COMMUNITY  
12 ORGANIZING. MS. SOLIS, ALL OF YOU HAVE GONE BACK WITH OUR  
13 FAMILY AND OUR PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY FAMILY FOR OVER 60  
14 YEARS. AND I JUST WANT TO PROMISE YOU NOW THAT WE WILL  
15 CONTINUE MY AUNT DIANE'S LEGACY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING  
16 THE KICK OFF FOR THIS FABULOUS WEEK AND OUR WALK THROUGH HER  
17 90TH YEAR.

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE] MS.  
20 CHAMBERS. GOOD MORNING.

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22 **MICHELLE CHAMBERS:** GOOD MORNING, GOOD MORNING. AS YOU KNOW, I  
23 DON'T HAVE A VOICE AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THIS  
24 PRESTIGIOUS BODY FOR RECOGNIZING AN ICON, A PILLAR, JUST A  
25 GREAT OVERALL HUMAN THAT I HAVE HAD THE BLESSED FORTUNATE

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1 OPPORTUNITY NOT ONLY TO SHARE THIS SPACE AND EARTH WITH BUT TO  
2 SHARE A CAREER WITH, AND MY POLITICAL JOURNEY. SHE CAME AND  
3 GOT ME FROM HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, AND WORKED IN  
4 WASHINGTON. AND SHE -- I DON'T KNOW A FUN FACT, BUT SHE'S THE  
5 ELECTED OFFICIAL WHO HAD THE MOST ELECTED OFFICIALS TO COME  
6 OUT OF HER OFFICE. THAT IS A TESTAMENT TO LEADERSHIP. THAT IS  
7 A TESTAMENT WHEN YOU BRING FOUR OTHER ELECTEDS OUT OF YOUR  
8 LEADERSHIP. THAT SAYS A LOT ABOUT A PERSON. THAT'S A LEADER.  
9 AND I AM HONORED. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR  
10 BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND MADAM CHAIR, FOR SECONDING, AND YOU  
11 ALL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. IT IS AN HONOR. I HAD THE GREAT  
12 PLEASURE, I'LL SHARE REAL QUICK, OF TRANSITIONING HER INTO  
13 CIVILIAN LIFE. WELL, SHE CALLED IN A PANIC AT LA BREA AND  
14 SLAUSON, CARS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET. "MICHELLE, THE CAR  
15 BROKE DOWN." I GET THERE. I SAID, "YOU KNOW IT RUNS ON GAS. IT  
16 RUNS ON GAS." THAT'S HOW LONG SHE HAS BEEN AN ELECTED. SHE  
17 NEVER HAD TO PUT GAS IN HER OWN CAR. AND SHE LEFT IT RIGHT  
18 THERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET. AND SO, I JUST WANT TO SAY  
19 THANK YOU, MOMMY, FOR HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MICHELLE.  
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23 **MICHELLE CHAMBERS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND THANK YOU ALL SO  
24 MUCH FOR THIS HONOR.

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES TO YOU, NEXT  
2   SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4   **APRIL SUTTON:** SUPERVISORS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS  
5   APRIL SUTTON. B.E.T. HIRED ME YEARS AGO TO COVER EVENTS FOR  
6   THE NETWORK, AND I HAD THE GREAT HONOR TO CHRONICLE THE  
7   FOOTSTEPS OF AMBASSADOR DIANE WATSON. EVEN THOUGH, AT THE  
8   TIME, THEY HAD HIRED ME TO DO ENTERTAINMENT CELEBRITY  
9   INTERVIEWS AND COVER THE OSCARS AND GRAMMYS AND ALL OF THOSE  
10   ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS, I HAD TOLD THE PRODUCERS THERE'S A WOMAN  
11   IN LOS ANGELES THAT OUR TELEVISION VIEWERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT.  
12   AND HER NAME IS CONGRESSWOMAN DIANE WATSON. I HAD TOLD OUR  
13   PRODUCERS THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE  
14   ABLE TO LOOK UP TO A WOMAN LIKE HER. IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR OUR  
15   YOUNG AFRICAN AMERICAN YOUNG FEMALES TO KNOW THERE'S A WOMAN  
16   THAT CAN SOAR IN HER CAREER, THAT SHE CAN HAVE BEEN THE FIRST  
17   OF SO MANY DIFFERENT OFFICES IN HER CAREER, SOMEONE THAT WE  
18   CAN STAND ON HER SHOULDERS. I AM VERY HONORED TO BE HERE. I AM  
19   HONORING THIS WOMAN WHO I HAVE CHRONICLED HER FOOTSTEPS FOR SO  
20   MANY YEARS ON THE B.E.T. TELEVISION NETWORK, AND I AM  
21   SPEAKING, NOT ONLY FOR MYSELF, BUT I KNOW THAT I AM SPEAKING  
22   FOR THE 60 PLUS MILLION TELEVISION VIEWERS THAT WERE ABLE TO  
23   WATCH THIS GREAT WOMAN IN ALL OF THE THINGS THAT SHE WAS ABLE  
24   TO ACHIEVE DURING HER TIME AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL AND



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1     EVERYTHING THAT SHE HAS DONE IN THE COMMUNITY AS WELL. THANK  
2     YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS TIME.

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

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6     **JAMES SMITH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I AM JAMES  
7     SMITH. AND I AM A FORMER STAFF OF SUPERVISOR -- OF SENATOR  
8     DIANE WATSON. AND ONCE YOU WORK FOR SENATOR WATSON, YOU ALWAYS  
9     WORK FOR SENATOR WATSON. SO IF I STARTED OFF LIKE HOLLY, BACK  
10   WHEN SHE WAS A SENATOR, I'M PROUD TO SAY I AM STILL WORKING  
11   WITH HER TODAY IN HER RETIREMENT AGE. I WANT TO THANK THE  
12   SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR  
13   HAHN, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR TAKING ON THIS  
14   CHALLENGE TO BRING OUR LEADER CONGRESSWOMAN DIANE WATSON IN  
15   FRONT OF YOU. SO I AM STANDING HERE ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE  
16   THAT'S BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS TO  
17   MAKE THIS WEEK BE A WEEK OF WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF A  
18   GIANT. I WANT TO THANK JOY ATKINS, ONE OF OUR MEMBERS, MIKE  
19   DAVIS, A MEMBERS OF CELESTINE AND PALMER, AND INGRID PALMER,  
20   ALL OF THOSE, NATALIE AND RYAN LOUIS, ALL THE COMMITTEE WHO  
21   HAVE BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY TO MAKE THIS EVENT HAPPEN. I EVEN  
22   WANT TO THANK KURT ON SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S STAFF.     FOR  
23   OPENING THE DOOR TO MAKE US COME THROUGH THE DOOR SO WE WOULD  
24   BE IN UNITY. I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR ALL THAT THEY HAVE



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1    DONE TO MAKE THIS DAY POSSIBLE FOR OUR ESTEEMED CONGRESSWOMAN  
2    DIANE WATSON. WE THANK YOU.

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4    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE, JIM. THANK YOU.  
5    ARE THERE ANY OTHER IN-PERSON SPEAKERS? NO, ARE THERE ANY ON  
6    THE TELEPHONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK?

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8    **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE  
9    TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 10, IF YOU HAVE  
10   NOT ALREADY DONE, SO PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN  
11   THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER,  
12   PLEASE.

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14   **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS KATHLEEN CROWLEY. YOU MAY  
15   BEGIN.

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17   **KATHLEEN CROWLEY:** HI, THIS IS KATHLEEN CROWLEY, AND I AM  
18   EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RECOVERY INSTITUTE HERE IN LOS ANGELES.  
19   AND MS. WATSON, I HAD THE PROFOUND PRIVILEGE TO FIRST COME TO  
20   KNOW YOU AS MY 6TH GRADE TEACHER. I HAVE NEVER BEEN TREATED BY  
21   A TEACHER WITH SUCH RESPECT, HAVE NEVER MET AN ADULT WHO  
22   MODELS SUCH STRENGTH, AND BRILLIANCE, AND KINDNESS, AND SO  
23   MUCH STYLE. YOU TRULY SAW AND CARED ABOUT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF  
24   US AND IMPRESSED UPON EVERY ONE OF YOUR STUDENTS, YOU HAD VERY  
25   LARGE CLASSES AT SELMA ELEMENTARY. YOU SAW THE POTENTIAL IN



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1 EACH OF US, EVEN WHEN WE DIDN'T SEE ANY POTENTIAL AT ALL. AND  
2 JUST AS YOU DID FOR SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AS SHE SAID EARLIER,  
3 YOU REMINDED EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US THAT YOU COULD SEE  
4 SOMETHING IN US. AND I NOW SEEK TO MODEL THAT IN MY WORK IN  
5 MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND  
6 HOMELESSNESSES TO SEE IN PEOPLE WHAT THEY MIGHT NOT YET SEE IN  
7 THEMSELVES. AND ON A LIGHTER NOTE, WHEN YOU LEFT OUR 6TH GRADE  
8 CLASS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, YOU WROTE EACH ONE OF US A  
9 REMINDER OF OUR POTENTIAL, AND IN THE P.S. OF THE LETTER YOU  
10 WROTE TO ME, YOU WROTE, "KATHY, YOU REALLY DON'T TALK TOO  
11 MUCH." I WANT TO SAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MS. WATSON, I LOVE YOU  
12 AND APPRECIATE YOU. YOU CHANGED COUNTLESS LIVES.

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14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S AMAZING HOW MUCH A  
15 TEACHER'S NOTE ON A CARD CAN STAY WITH SOMEONE FOR THE REST OF  
16 THEIR LIVES. NEXT SPEAKER ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE.

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18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BONITA BURNELL. YOU MAY  
19 BEGIN.

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21 **BONITA BURNELL:** HELLO. I AM CALLING BECAUSE I JUST CAN'T  
22 BELIEVE HOW LONG THIS TOOK TO EVEN GET ON THE PHONE. THIS IS  
23 UTTERLY RIDICULOUS THAT YOU GUYS SPENT THIS MUCH TIME JUST  
24 RUBBING EACH OTHER'S BACKS. THIS IS SOMETHING YOU GUYS SHOULD  
25 DO AT THE END --



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2 **ATTORNEY:** MA'AM, YOU ARE OFF TOPIC. YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO THE  
3 ITEM THAT IS BEING ADDRESSED.

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5 **BONITA BURNELL:** YEAH, WELL YOU GUYS WERE OFF TOPIC TOO. OKAY.  
6 WE HAVE A LOT TO DISCUSS. THERE'S HOMELESSNESSES EVERYWHERE.

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. WE ARE ON ITEM 10. WE'RE ON ITEM  
9 10. PLEASE SPEAK TO ITEM 10.

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11 **BONITA BURNELL:** YES, WELL, YEAH, WELL ITEM 10 WAS LIKE HOW  
12 LONG AGO WAS IT? HOW LONG --

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14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE ARE ON ITEM 10 RIGHT NOW. WE ARE ON ITEM  
15 10 RIGHT NOW.

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17 **BONITA BURNELL:** NO, WE HAVE TO SIT HERE, ALL THE PEOPLE ON THE  
18 PHONE HAD TO SIT HERE, AND THIS HAPPENS ALL THE TIME WITH YOU  
19 GUYS.

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21 **ATTORNEY:** MA'AM, YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED THAT YOU ARE OFF TOPIC.  
22 YOU NEED TO SEEK TO IT, OR WE WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

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24 **BONITA BURNELL:** NO, YOU GUYS WERE OFF TOPIC. YOU GUYS STARTED  
25 OFF TOPIC. YOU GUYS WANT TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS --



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

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5 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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7 **ERIC PREVEN:** HI. THAT WAS A VERY NICE PRESENTATION. YOU KNOW,  
8 I HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT WAS A LENGTHY AND ROBUST, I  
9 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT WHEN YOU HAVE SUCH A LONG CAREER TO GIVE  
10 A RECOGNITION THAT IS COMMENSURATE. AND CERTAINLY I THINK  
11 PEOPLE APPRECIATE THAT PEOPLE WHO KNEW SENATOR WATSON CAME  
12 DOWN TO MAKE THE TROUBLE, AND SO THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN A MINUTE  
13 OR SO. THAT SAID, I THINK THAT THE BOARD COULD WORK ON MEETING  
14 MORE FREQUENTLY AND PUTTING THE CELEBRATIONS THAT WERE  
15 DESCRIBED AS SLAPPING ONE ANOTHER ON THE BACK IN ANOTHER FORUM  
16 BECAUSE IT DOES INHIBIT THE POSSIBILITY OF ACTUALLY HAVING  
17 PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS. AND IT LIMITS REALLY PUBLIC SCRUTINY. YOU  
18 HAVE ALMOST 100 ITEMS ON YOUR AGENDA TODAY, WHICH IS NOT  
19 TENABLE REALLY, BUT YOU DON'T CARE BECAUSE WHO GIVES A [BLEEP]  
20 ABOUT THE PUBLIC, AND THAT'S AWFUL. IT SHOULDN'T BE THAT WAY.  
21 SO, THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THE SENATOR. LET'S MOVE FORWARD.

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

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

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4   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, IN-PERSON, WELCOME.

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6   **GERARD WRIGHT:** NO PROBLEM. GOOD MORNING. GERARD WRIGHT. I AM  
7   JUST SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF BECAUSE JUST THE LEGACY THAT  
8   DIANE HAS PRESENTED AND STILL CONTINUES TO PRESENT. ONE THING  
9   THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT IS THE STEADFAST PATIENCE BECAUSE I  
10   THINK DOING THAT WITH -- AND LEARNING HOW TO DO IT IN ONE  
11   MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT. ONE IMPORTANT PIECE I THINK THAT WASN'T  
12   MENTIONED WAS HER FOUNDATIONAL LEVEL OF HELPING BRING  
13   TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS TO LOS ANGELES. AND THAT'S SO VITALLY  
14   IMPORTANT. THE EXPO LINE, FRIENDS FOR EXPO, ONE OF THE OTHER  
15   ELECTED OFFICIALS OUTSIDE OF HERE, OF SANTA MONICA AT THE  
16   TIME, WAS DIANE WATSON BECAUSE SHE GOT A STATE BOND PASSED 30+  
17   YEARS AGO THAT PURCHASED THE RIGHT OF WAYS TO BUILD THE  
18   TRANSPORTATION NETWORK THAT WE SEE RIGHT NOW. AND THAT AGAIN  
19   CONTINUES THAT GREAT LEGACY THAT SHE HAS PROVIDED TO ALL OF  
20   LOS ANGELES. AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THAT. AND ALSO  
21   JUST A PERSONAL THANK YOU FROM JUST BEING -- COMING FROM AN  
22   ARCHITECTURE BACKGROUND, GOING INTO PUBLIC SERVICE, IT IS ALL  
23   DUE TO YOUR STEADFAST LEADERSHIP, SO THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

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25   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ONE MORE SPEAKER. HI, WELCOME.



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2 **SPEAKER:** HI. HELLO.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HI.

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6 **SPEAKER:** JUST WANTED TO THANK DIANE. I WAS IN THE AUDIENCE FOR  
7 SOMETHING ELSE. AND I COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU WERE -- YOU  
8 TOLD ME YOU WERE 80. [LAUGHTER] JUST THANK YOU FOR THE SERVICE  
9 THAT -- I THINK I HAVE KNOWN YOU FOR ABOUT 45 YEARS.

10 CONGRATULATIONS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT WAS SHORT AND SWEET. NO SUCH  
13 THING AS A BAD SHORT SPEECH. OKAY, WE NOW HAVE ITEM 10 IS NOW  
14 BEFORE US, PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 12TH THROUGH THE 19TH AS DIANE  
15 E. WATSON WEEK IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
16 MITCHELL. I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE  
17 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 10 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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25 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
3 HORVATH.

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5 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY AYE.

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15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

16 [APPLAUSE]

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A QUICK BREAK. [MEETING  
19 IN SHORT RECESS]

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT IS 11:01, AND WE WILL MOVE ON TO  
22 SET MATTER 1, A REPORT ON COUNTY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
23 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESSES MISSIONS. FOR MEMBERS OF  
24 THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO  
25 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. AND WE HAVE WITH US THIS MORNING, CHERI



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1 TODOROFF, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE,  
2 HOMELESS INITIATIVE, DR. LISA WONG, HI, DR. WONG, OUR DIRECTOR  
3 OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND GARY SAI, BUREAU DIRECTOR SUBSTANCE  
4 ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
5 WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION. ALL RIGHT. I HAD ALL THIS TIME TO  
6 PREPARE. THANK YOU ALL OF YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND FOR  
7 YOUR PRESENTATIONS ON OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO ADDRESSING OUR  
8 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. IT'S BEEN NEARLY A YEAR THAT WE JOINED  
9 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IN DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON  
10 HOMELESSNESS, AND I THINK EVERYONE WANTS US TO TREAT THIS  
11 ISSUE WITH THE URGENCY IT DESERVES BECAUSE, LIKE MANY OF OF  
12 OUR RESIDENTS, I WAS ALSO FRUSTRATED AT THE GROWING SCALE OF  
13 THE CRISIS AND WHAT SEEMED TO BE A LACK OF PROGRESS, BUT I AM  
14 GLAD TO SEE PROGRESS NOW, FIRST WITH THE CITY'S INSIDE SAFE  
15 PROGRAM THAT HAS BROUGHT INSIDE OVER 1800 PEOPLE, AND OUR OWN  
16 PATHWAY HOME PROGRAM THAT WAS JUST LAUNCHED, BRINGING IN 114  
17 PEOPLE AND REMOVING 71 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES. I KNOW THAT  
18 LATER THIS MONTH, THERE WILL BE A PATHWAY HOME OPERATION IN MY  
19 DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF LYNWOOD. AND ONE OF THE THINGS,  
20 YOU KNOW, I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS, BUT I THINK I WILL WAIT  
21 UNTIL AFTER YOUR PRESENTATION. SO I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK  
22 YOU FOR BEING HERE. AND I DON'T KNOW IF SOME OTHER SUPERVISORS  
23 WANT TO START OFF WITH SOME COMMENTS AND THEN WAIT FOR  
24 QUESTIONS? OKAY, SO LET'S GO AHEAD AND HAVE THE PRESENTATION.  
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1     **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH AND GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. WE  
2     ARE VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE TODAY TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE  
3     EMERGENCY DECLARATION. SPECIFICALLY, WE WILL TALK ABOUT THE  
4     USE OF THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES AND THE EXPEDITED  
5     ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS AND THE STATUS OF THE FOUR MISSIONS  
6     APPROVED BY THE BOARD FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESSES  
7     UNDER THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION. I AM JOINED HERE BY MY  
8     COLLEAGUES FROM D.M.H., THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND  
9     THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION  
10    AND CONTROL, WHO ARE ALSO GOING TO SPEAK DIRECTLY IN EFFORTS  
11    UNDERWAY IN THEIR DEPARTMENTS WITH A FOCUS ON THE THIRD  
12    MISSION, WHICH IS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE  
13    SERVICES. AS WE GO THROUGH THESE VERBAL REPORTS, WHICH  
14    WE ARE COMING ONCE A MONTH TO THE BOARD TO PROVIDE, WE WILL BE  
15    BRINGING ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS AND DOING DEEPER DIVES IN  
16    DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION IN EACH ONE OF  
17    THOSE VERBAL UPDATES. SO ON OCTOBER 3RD, JUST LAST MONTH, THE  
18    BOARD ADOPTED A MOTION UPDATING THE COUNTY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF  
19    THE HOMELESS EMERGENCY. IN THAT MOTION, THE BOARD DIRECTED ALL  
20    COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WORKING ON THE HOMELESS EMERGENCY  
21    PROCLAMATION TO UTILIZE ALL OF THOSE STREAMLINED HIRING AND  
22    PROCUREMENT PROCESSES AND DELEGATED AUTHORITIES AND ALL OTHER  
23    TOOLS PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE EMERGENCY  
24    DECLARATION. THAT MOTION ALSO DIRECTED THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE  
25    AND THE LEADERSHIP OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE MONTHLY



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1 VERBAL UPDATES TO THE BOARD, INCLUDING ON THOSE FOUR MISSIONS,  
2 AS WELL AS EACH DEPARTMENT'S UTILIZATION OF THE DELEGATED  
3 AUTHORITIES. THIS SLIDE PROVIDES A HIGH LEVEL OVERVIEW OF THE  
4 USE OF THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES TO DATE. THE SLIDE SAYS AS OF  
5 OCTOBER 23RD. IT DID GET UPDATED. IT IS AS OF OCTOBER 31ST, SO  
6 SORRY ABOUT THAT TYPO. TO DATE, 117 DELEGATED AUTHORITY  
7 REQUESTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED ACROSS 14 DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE  
8 IDENTIFIED HERE. THE LARGEST NUMBER OF THOSE REQUESTS ARE  
9 COMING FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND OUR DEPARTMENT  
10 OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND THE LARGEST TYPE OF REQUESTS ARE  
11 RELATED TO HIRING AND CONTRACTING. I DO WANT TO COMMENT ON THE  
12 HIRING DELEGATED AUTHORITY REQUESTS. THERE IS EVEN MORE GOING  
13 ON BEHIND THOSE REQUESTS THAN YOU CAN SEE HERE BECAUSE A  
14 NUMBER OF THOSE REQUESTS FOR HIRING DELEGATED AUTHORITIES  
15 INCLUDE MULTIPLE POSITIONS BEHIND THEM. SO IT ISN'T A ONE FOR  
16 ONE. THERE ARE A GREATER NUMBER OF HIRING ACTIONS HAPPENING  
17 BEHIND EACH OF THOSE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES, OR REQUESTS TO USE  
18 THE HIRING DELEGATING AUTHORITY. AND ALSO D.M.H. AND D.P.H.  
19 WILL PROVIDE US WITH MORE INFORMATION TODAY ON THEIR USE OF  
20 THOSE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES. NOW, WE ARE GOING TO MOVE INTO  
21 TALKING ABOUT THE FOUR MISSIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF  
22 SUPERVISORS UNDER THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION. THESE ARE  
23 ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION, HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE  
24 USE DISORDER SERVICES, AND EVICTION PREVENTION. I AM GOING TO  
25 SPEAK FIRST ABOUT EVICTION PREVENTION. THIS IS THE MOST RECENT



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1 MISSION APPROVED BY THE BOARD. IT WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON  
2 OCTOBER 3RD. AND THROUGH THIS MISSION, WE ARE SEEKING TO STOP  
3 THE IN FLOW OF PEOPLE INTO HOMELESSNESS BY INVESTING IN  
4 INTERVENTIONS THAT HELP TO KEEP THEM IN THEIR HOMES. THESE  
5 ACTIVITIES INCLUDE TENANT PROTECTION SERVICES, LIKE EVICTION  
6 PREVENTION, LEGAL SUPPORT AND REPRESENTATION, RENTAL  
7 ASSISTANCE, AND LINKAGES TO HELP AND HUMAN SUPPORTIVE  
8 SERVICES. WE WILL ALSO, THROUGH THIS WORK, BE ADVANCING MULTI-  
9 JURISDICTIONAL AND SECTORAL PARTNERSHIPS, SUCH AS THE STAY-  
10 HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM TO INCREASE ACCESS TO CRISIS TENET  
11 PROTECTION SERVICES. I PLAN TO SPEND MORE TIME ON THE EVICTION  
12 PREVENTION MISSION DURING OUR NEXT VERBAL UPDATE. WE WILL BE  
13 DOING A MUCH DEEPER DIVE AND INVITING THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
14 THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THAT MISSION TO JOIN US. I DO WANT TO LET  
15 YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE ALREADY STARTED PLANNING AROUND THIS  
16 MISSION. WE HAVE ISSUED GUIDANCE TO ALL OF OUR COUNTY  
17 DEPARTMENTS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FOURTH MISSION AND ALSO HOW  
18 TO USE THAT MISSION -- HOW TO USE THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES TO  
19 SUPPORT THEIR WORK ON EVICTION PREVENTION, AND WE ARE ALSO  
20 MEETING WITH THEM INDIVIDUALLY TO GO OVER HOW TO USE THE  
21 DELEGATED AUTHORITIES FOR THE EVICTION PREVENTION MISSION AND  
22 TO SUPPORT THEIR UTILIZATION OF THAT MISSION. I JUST WANT TO  
23 COMMENT BECAUSE IT IS SO ALIGNED, IN JULY THE BOARD  
24 ESTABLISHED THE PREVENTION AND PROMOTION GOVERNING COMMITTEE.  
25 THAT COMMITTEE HAS FOUR FOCUS AREAS, ONE OF THEM BEING



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1 HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING. AND SO WE WILL ALSO BE ELEVATING AND  
2 USING THAT GOVERNING COMMITTEE TO ADVANCE THE EVICTION  
3 PREVENTION MISSION AS WELL. THE FIRST MEETING OF THAT  
4 GOVERNING COMMITTEE IS TOMORROW. NOW, LET ME SPEAK A BIT ABOUT  
5 THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION MISSION. THROUGH THIS MISSION, THE  
6 COUNTY IS PARTNERING WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO RESOLVE  
7 ENCAMPMENTS AND REDUCE UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS. THESE EFFORTS  
8 INCLUDE OUTREACH TO THOSE RESIDING IN AN ENCAMPMENT,  
9 IDENTIFYING AN OFFERING THOSE CLIENTS INTERIM HOUSING,  
10 MATCHING CLIENTS TO RESOURCES AND PROVIDING HOUSING  
11 NAVIGATIONS TO MOVE THEM INTO PERMANENT HOUSING, AND PROVIDING  
12 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN BOTH INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING.  
13 INSIDE SAFE IS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES'S ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION  
14 PROGRAM. THE NEXT SLIDE WILL SHOW HOW THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
15 ARE SUPPORTING INSIDE SAFE, BUT, FOR A MOMENT, I AM GOING TO  
16 PROVIDE A HIGH LEVEL OVERVIEW ABOUT WHAT COUNTY SUPPORT LOOKS  
17 LIKE DURING AN ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION OPERATION. SO THE COUNTY  
18 HAS BEEN AN INTEGRAL PARTNER TO THE CITY SINCE THE FIRST DAY  
19 OF INSIDE SAFE. WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN PLANNING AND  
20 COORDINATION FOR ALL 29 OPERATIONS THAT HAVE OCCURRED TO DATE,  
21 WHICH HAVE BROUGHT OVER 1800 PEOPLE INSIDE. THE PARTNERSHIP  
22 INCLUDES COUNTY REPRESENTATION DURING MANY OF THE COUNTY'S  
23 PLANNING AND OPERATIONAL MEETINGS, ALIGNING COUNTY OPERATED  
24 AND CONTRACTED RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE CITY, INCLUDING  
25 OUTREACH TEAMS, INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING RESOURCES, AND



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1 COUNTY DEPARTMENT RESOURCES. D.H.S. MULTIDISCIPLINARY OUTREACH  
2 TEAMS HAVE SUPPORTED EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THE CITY'S INSIDE  
3 SAFE OPERATIONS THROUGH DIRECT OUTREACH AND COORDINATION  
4 SUPPORT. THESE M.D.T.S INCLUDE CLINICIANS, SUCH AS HEALTHCARE  
5 PROVIDERS, MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS, AND SUBSTANCE USE  
6 COUNSELORS, IN ADDITION TO CASE MANAGERS AND PEERS. WHEN THE  
7 M.D.T.S DETERMINE THAT SOMEBODY IS GRAVELY DISABLED BECAUSE OF  
8 A SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS, THEY BRING IN OUR FIELD-BASED D.M.H.  
9 HOME TEAMS WITH WHOM THEY WORK VERY CLOSELY. HOME TEAMS HAVE  
10 BEEN BROUGHT IN TO SUPPORT OVER 60% OF THE INSIDE SAFE  
11 OPERATIONS. AND WE WILL BE HEARING MORE ABOUT THAT IN A FEW  
12 MINUTES. S.A.P.C., SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL, IS  
13 ALSO INVOLVED IN ALL OF THOSE OPERATIONS. THEY PROVIDE THE  
14 OUTREACH TEAMS WITH INFORMATION ON NEARBY RESIDENTIAL  
15 TREATMENT OPTIONS SO ENCAMPMENT RESIDENTS ARE ABLE TO GO  
16 IMMEDIATELY INTO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT. THEY ALSO  
17 ARE OUT IN THE FIELD WITH US WHEN WE REQUEST THEM WHEN WE NEED  
18 ADDITIONAL SUPPORT ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT THE M.D.T.S DO. WE  
19 ARE CURRENTLY COLLABORATING WITH THE CITY ON THE NEXT 10  
20 OPERATIONS, ONE OF WHICH IS TAKING PLACE, I BELIEVE,  
21 CONCURRENTLY TODAY. SO LOTS OF ACTIVITY UNDERWAY WITH INSIDE  
22 SAFE. AND WE ARE CONTINUING WITH THAT PARTNERSHIP. THIS IS  
23 JUST AN EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND THE  
24 RESOURCES THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE INSIDE SAFE OPERATIONS.  
25 THIS IS ON THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION PHASE OF IT. SO ALL OF



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1 THESE DEPARTMENTS SUPPORT INSIDE SAFE AND THE PLANNING,  
2 OUTREACH, AND RESOLUTION. WE HAVE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, D.H.S.,  
3 D.M.H., AND D.P.H. ARE INVOLVED IN COORDINATING FOR ALL OF  
4 THESE RESOLUTIONS WITH THE CITY. AND THEN WE DO HAVE SOME  
5 UNIQUE SITUATIONS THAT ARE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL. WE HAVE HAD A  
6 COUPLE OF THOSE THAT INVOLVED BOTH CITY OF L.A. PROPERTY AND  
7 COUNTY PROPERTY. AND THEN WE BRING IN A COUPLE OF OTHER  
8 PARTNERS, INCLUDING OUR SHERIFF H.O.S.T. TEAMS, WHO SUPPORT  
9 WITH THE OUTREACH AND COORDINATION WITH THOSE EVENTS, AND ALSO  
10 OUR PUBLIC WORKS TEAMS, WHO ARE INVOLVED IN RESTORING THE  
11 COUNTY PROPERTY AFTER THE RESOLUTION -- ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION  
12 HAS HAPPENED. NOW, I AM GOING TO TALK BOUT THE COUNTY'S  
13 ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION PROGRAM, WHICH IS CALLED PATHWAY HOME.  
14 SO LEVERAGING THE POWERS UNDER THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY  
15 DECLARATION, WE LAUNCHED PATHWAY HOME. THIS IS AN EFFORT IN  
16 WHICH WE ARE COORDINATING WITH OUR 87 CITIES AND ALSO IN OUR  
17 UNINCORPORATED AREAS TO DO ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION. SO THIS ALSO  
18 INVOLVES OUTREACH IN ENCAMPMENTS, INTERIM HOUSING, PERMANENT  
19 HOUSING, AND ACTUALLY I WANT TO CALL THAT ONE OUT. ONE OF THE  
20 MOST IMPORTANT BULLETS SORT OF GOT CUT OFF OF THIS LIST.  
21 PATHWAY HOME COMES WITH A PERMANENT HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FOR  
22 EVERYBODY. OUR FOCUS IS THROUGHPUT AND MOVING PEOPLE FROM  
23 UNSHELTERED SETTINGS TO INTERIM HOUSING TO PERMANENT HOUSING  
24 AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. SO WE HAVE INTENTIONALLY BUILT INTO  
25 PATHWAY HOME THAT FLOW AND THROUGHPUT, AND IT INCLUDES HOUSING



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1 NAVIGATION SERVICES WITH EVERYBODY AS WELL AS PERMANENT  
2 HOUSING RESOURCES FOR EVERYBODY. SO THAT IS HOW WE ARE MOVING  
3 PEOPLE ALL THE WAY OUT OF HOMELESSNESS, AND MOVING THEM  
4 THROUGH OUR HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM AND INTO PERMANENT  
5 HOUSING. WE LAUNCHED THE FIRST PATHWAY HOME ENCAMPMENT  
6 RESOLUTION IN AUGUST IN AN UNINCORPORATED AREA, IN LENNOX SORT  
7 OF INGLEWOOD, HAWTHORNE AREA. THIS WAS SOON FOLLOWED BY A  
8 SECOND OPERATION, WHICH WAS OUR FIRST RECREATIONAL VEHICLE  
9 ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION LATER IN AUGUST IN UNINCORPORATED EAST  
10 GARDENA. THESE ARE OUR METRICS TO DATE. WE JUST DID A THIRD  
11 RESOLUTION LAST WEEK IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, AND THERE IS A  
12 FOURTH RESOLUTION THAT IS HAPPENING THIS WEEK. IT STARTED  
13 YESTERDAY. AND IT IS CONTINUING TODAY. AND THAT IS ALSO IN THE  
14 UNINCORPORATED AREA, IN EAST GARDENA. THANK YOU. SO WE ARE --  
15 I AM GOING TO TALK A MINUTE ABOUT INTERIM HOUSING AND ABOUT  
16 MOTEL ACQUISITION AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PATHWAY HOME. WE  
17 ARE SCALING UP NOW PATHWAY HOME. WE ARE MOVING INTO A STEADY  
18 CALENDAR OF SCHEDULED ENCAMPMENTS, AND I WILL TELL YOU ABOUT  
19 THAT IN A MINUTE. ALSO VERY, VERY IMPORTANT FOR OUR WORK IS  
20 WHAT WE ARE CALLING PATHWAY HOME SERVICE CONNECTION EVENTS.  
21 THESE ARE HAPPENING WITH BOTH INSIDE SAFE ENCAMPMENT  
22 RESOLUTIONS AND PATHWAY HOME ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS. WE WANT  
23 TO CONNECT EVERYBODY SERVED THROUGH THESE ENCAMPMENT  
24 RESOLUTIONS TO THE RANGE OF COUNTY RESOURCES THAT THEY ARE  
25 ELIGIBLE FOR AS EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE AND AS QUICKLY AS



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1 POSSIBLE. WE INITIALLY PARTNERED WITH THE STATE AND L.A.H.S.A.  
2 AND THE CITY ON FOUR MOBILE CONNECTION EVENTS IN APRIL AND  
3 MAY. SEEING THE VALUE OF THOSE, WE HAVE NOW EMBEDDED THEM INTO  
4 PATHWAY HOME, AND WE ARE DOING SERVICE CONNECTION DAYS FOR ALL  
5 OF OUR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS. THEY TYPICALLY HAPPEN ABOUT ONE  
6 TO TWO WEEKS AFTER THE ENCAMPMENT IS RESOLVED AND THE CLIENTS  
7 ARE IN INTERIM HOUSING, AND THESE ARE SERVICES AND RESOURCES  
8 THAT ARE GOING OUT TO THOSE INTERIM HOUSING LOCATIONS AND  
9 SERVING THE CLIENTS WHERE THEY ARE AT. WE HAVE A FULL RANGE OF  
10 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND A FULL RANGE OF SERVICES THAT ARE BEING  
11 PROVIDED AT THOSE EVENTS. DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS IS VERY  
12 IMPORTANT TO US WITH OUR EMERGENCY DECLARATION. WE ARE  
13 TRACKING ALL OF OUR PROGRESS. WE ARE MEASURING IMPACT, AND WE  
14 ARE USING THIS INFORMATION TO MAKE COURSE CORRECTIONS AS  
15 NEEDED. WE ARE DEVELOPING METRICS THAT MEASURE OUR WORK IN  
16 PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS AND WITH A.R.D.I., AND WE ARE  
17 ENSURING THAT MEASURES OF EQUITY ARE EMBEDDED. WE ARE USING  
18 THESE METRICS -- I WANT TO CALL SOMETHING IN PARTICULAR TO  
19 REPORTING OUT AND UPDATING OUR DASHBOARD, WHICH WILL BECOME  
20 MORE ROBUST. THAT DASHBOARD ON THE PRIOR SLIDE IS ON OUR  
21 WEBSITE. IT WILL BE BUILT OUT WITH ADDITIONAL DATA COMPONENTS  
22 OVER TIME. AS WE MOVE INTO THE HOUSING PHASE, IT WILL INCLUDE  
23 ALL THE HOUSING METRICS AS WELL. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE ARE  
24 DOING A DEEPER ANALYSIS WITH OUR CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICE, AND  
25 WE ARE LOOKING AT OUR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION CLIENTS, BOTH



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1 INSIDE SAFE AND PATHWAY HOME, AND THEIR CONNECTION TO COUNTY  
2 RESOURCES SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION AND SIX  
3 MONTHS AFTER THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION. THIS WILL ALLOW US TO  
4 SEE HOW EFFECTIVELY WE ARE CONNECTING CLIENTS TO COUNTY  
5 RESOURCES AND WHAT THOSE RESOURCES ARE. IT DOES TAKE A LITTLE  
6 BIT OF TIME FOR THE DATA TO MATURE. I DID MENTION WE ARE  
7 LOOKING AT SIX MONTHS BEFORE AND SIX MONTHS AFTER. SO WE ARE  
8 NOW COMPLETING A REPORT THAT LOOKS AT THE FIRST ROUND OF CITY  
9 OF LOS ANGELES ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS WHERE WE CAN LOOK AT  
10 THOSE CONNECTIONS TO COUNTY RESOURCES. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
11 REFRESH THAT REPORT ON AN ON GOING BASIS AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH  
12 AS WE ADD NEW ENCAMPMENTS TO IT. NOW, I AM GOING TO TALK ABOUT  
13 ANOTHER MISSION. THIS IS THE HOUSING MISSION AND FIRST TO  
14 FOCUS ON INTERIM HOUSING. HERE, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THOSE  
15 MOTEL AND HOTEL AGREEMENTS. WE ARE ENTERING INTO MOTEL  
16 AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE INTERIM HOUSING TO SUPPORT PATHWAY HOME.  
17 C.E.O. REAL ESTATE IS SUPPORTING US IN THIS EFFORT. WE  
18 CURRENTLY HAVE FIVE MOTELS UNDER AGREEMENT. THE ABILITY TO  
19 SECURE MOTELS AND TO WORK WITH OUR HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS  
20 TO OPERATE THOSE MOTELS, IN LIGHT OF THE WORKFORCE AND  
21 CAPACITY CHALLENGES THAT THEY ARE FACING, HAS BEEN THE --  
22 THESE ARE THE TWO FACTORS THAT ARE IMPACTING OUR SCALE UP OF  
23 PATHWAY HOME. AND SO, WE ARE NOW DOING A CONCERTED EFFORT TO  
24 ADDRESS THAT. WE ARE WORKING WITH REAL ESTATE, WHO ALSO HAS  
25 BROUGHT IN SOME CONSULTANTS AND REAL ESTATE VENDORS TO SUPPORT



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1 THE WORK. WE ARE SEEKING TO BRING UP 600 UNITS ONLINE THROUGH  
2 MOTELS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY IN OUR  
3 DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. SO WE WILL THEN HOLD ON TO THOSE MOTELS  
4 OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. AND WE WILL USE THEM TO SUPPORT  
5 MULTIPLE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS WITHIN THAT COMMUNITY AND  
6 WITHIN THAT REGION BUT ALWAYS PRIORITIZING SERVING THAT  
7 COMMUNITY IN WHICH THAT HOTEL IS LOCATED TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE  
8 RESPONSIVE TO THAT COMMUNITY'S NEEDS, AS WE HAVE BEEN SO  
9 FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO SITE IN THAT COMMUNITY. BUT AS WE  
10 ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS, WE WILL ALSO LOOK AT THE LARGER REGION  
11 AROUND THOSE MOTELS. SO THIS WILL GIVE US A PORTFOLIO OF  
12 INTERIM HOUSING BEDS TO SUPPORT OUR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION  
13 COUNTY-WIDE. WE ALSO HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LOS  
14 ANGELES FOR THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS  
15 THAT WE DO THAT BRINGS ONLINE INTERIM HOUSING WHEN WE HAVE  
16 ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS WITH INSIDE SAFE THAT HAVE BOTH CITY  
17 PROPERTY AND COUNTY PROPERTY, SO WE CAN ALSO BRING INSIDE  
18 THOSE OCCUPANTS OR THOSE RESIDENTS WHO ARE ON THE COUNTY  
19 PROPERTY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT OTHER THINGS WE ARE  
20 DOING TO INCREASE INTERIM HOUSING AT THE EMERGENCY  
21 DECLARATION. WE ARE PARTNERING WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO  
22 CREATE INTERIM HOUSING. AN EXAMPLE OF THAT IS OUR PARTNERSHIP  
23 WITH LONG BEACH, THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT OF  
24 SUPERVISOR HAHN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SUPPORTING --  
25 COORDINATING THAT EFFORT. BUT THROUGH THIS OPPORTUNITY WITH



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1 LONG BEACH DOING A ONE TO ONE MATCH, WE ARE ABLE TO  
2 STRATEGICALLY USE OUR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS FUND TO BRING ON --  
3 TO SUPPORT THEM WITH THE ACQUISITION AND RENOVATION OF THE  
4 UNION RESCUE MISSION IN LONG BEACH TO USE FOR INTERIM HOUSING.  
5 WE ALSO -- ONE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT CAME OUT LIKE  
6 THROUGH THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES WOULD BE FOR OUR J.C.O.D.  
7 DEPARTMENT AND INTERIM HOUSING THAT THEY ARE BRINGING ONLINE.  
8 WE WILL ALSO BE INVITING J.C.O.D. TO JOIN US IN FUTURE  
9 PRESENTATIONS SO THEY CAN TALK SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE WORK  
10 THEY ARE DOING UNDER THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION. WE WILL HEAR  
11 MORE ABOUT OUR INTERIM HOUSING OUTREACH PROGRAM THAT IS  
12 SUPPORTING OUR INTERIM HOUSING PROVIDERS WITH BEHAVIORAL  
13 HEALTH SUPPORTS AND ACTIVITY OF DAILY LIVING SUPPORTS AND  
14 GOING ON SITE INTO INTERIM HOUSING PROVIDERS TO SUPPORT SOME  
15 OF THOSE MOST COMPLEX CLIENTS. SO WE WILL HEAR MORE ABOUT THAT  
16 WHEN OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS SPEAK. AND WE ALSO HAVE DONE A  
17 REALLY INTENSIVE EFFORT TO TRAIN OUR INTERIM HOUSING PROVIDERS  
18 ON HOW TO ACCESS MAINSTREAM SERVICES AND TRAININGS. WE KNOW  
19 THAT TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS NOT THE ONLY  
20 SOLUTION, BUT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY  
21 ALL OF OUR INTERIM HOUSING PROVIDERS KNOW HOW TO ACCESS COUNTY  
22 RESOURCES, AND WE HAVE TRAINED OVER 700 STAFF OVER A PERIOD OF  
23 A COUPLE OF MONTHS IN THAT REGARD. SO FOR THEM TO BE FULLY  
24 TRAINED AND KNOW HOW TO ACCESS THOSE RESOURCES, COMBINED WITH  
25 THE RESOURCES THAT WE ARE BRINING ON SITE TO THE INTERIM



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1 HOUSING LOCATIONS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO MORE EFFECTIVELY SERVE  
2 PEOPLE. I WILL QUICKLY TALK ABOUT INTERIM HOUSING OR PERMANENT  
3 HOUSING AND THEN HAND IT OFF TO OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. A  
4 COUPLE OF THINGS WE ARE DOING UNDER THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION  
5 OR BEING SUPPORTED BY THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION OR WHERE WE  
6 ARE ABLE TO ACCESS DELEGATED AUTHORITIES TO HELP EXPEDITE  
7 WOULD INCLUDE OUR MASTER LEASING AND UNIT ACQUISITION  
8 STRATEGY. THIS IS WHERE, WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS PREVIOUSLY,  
9 BUT L.A. CARE AND HEALTH NET HAVE SUPPORTED THE COUNTY WITH A  
10 \$54 MILLION INVESTMENT TO BOLSTER OUR UNIT ACQUISITION EFFORTS  
11 THAT WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DEDICATED HOUSING UNITS FOR  
12 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND SUPPORT THE USE OF  
13 TENANT-BASED VOUCHERS. THROUGH THIS OPPORTUNITY, WE ARE GOING  
14 TO BE ABLE TO SECURELY LEASES ON AS MANY AS 1900 MARKET RATE  
15 HOUSING UNITS. AND THESE -- THE FUNDING HERE CAN PAY FOR  
16 VACANCY, COVERAGE, DAMAGE REPAIR, TRASH SERVICES, MAINTENANCE,  
17 ETC., TO HELP MAKE SURE THAT THESE PROPERTIES ARE FINANCIALLY  
18 STABLE AND VIABLE AS CLIENTS COME IN WITH THEIR TENANT-BASED  
19 VOUCHERS. THE LEASING EFFORTS ARE BEING LED BY HOUSING FOR  
20 HEALTH AND L.A.H.S.A. AND OVER 500 UNITS HAVE BEEN SECURED TO  
21 DATE, AND ANOTHER 800 UNITS ARE UNDER REVIEW FOR  
22 CONSIDERATION, SO WE ARE OFF TO A VERY GOOD START WITH THIS  
23 PROGRAM. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT FLOW AND THROUGHPUT AGAIN  
24 BECAUSE THIS IS ANOTHER SPACE WHERE WE ARE SEEKING TO THAT.  
25 THE UNIT ACQUISITION AND MASTER LEASING IS BEING ALIGNED WITH

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1 OUR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION OPERATIONS SO CLIENTS SERVED THROUGH  
2 THESE EFFORTS HAVE A POOL OF UNITS AVAILABLE TO THEM TO  
3 CONSIDER TO LEASE UP IN. AND NOW, I AM GOING TO HAND IT OFF TO  
4 DR. WONG.

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6 **DR. WONG:** THANK YOU, CHERI. THAT'S PRETTY HARD TO FOLLOW UP.  
7 PRETTY IMPRESSIVE. OKAY, I AM GOING TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS BEEN DOING AS PART OF THE  
9 HOMELESS EFFORTS. SO, FIRST OFF, WE ARE GOING TO DISCUSS A  
10 LITTLE OF WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON WITH THE EXPEDITED -- I AM  
11 SORRY. I AM IN A DIFFERENT ORDER. WITH THE EXPEDITED PROCESSES  
12 AND THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES. IT'S BEEN TREMENDOUSLY HELPFUL  
13 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. SO, SO FAR WE HAVE  
14 CONTRACTS THAT HAVE BEEN EXECUTED. WE HAVE FIVE OF THEM FOR  
15 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SUPPORT, OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT,  
16 AND THEN ALSO TO BRING ON SOME CONSULTANTS TO HELP US WITH THE  
17 B.H.B.H., BEHAVIOR HEALTH BRIDGE HOUSING, AND CARE COURT  
18 PROGRAMS. AND THEN WE HAVE THREE CONTRACTS THAT ARE IN PROCESS  
19 THAT MOSTLY SUPPORT HOLLYWOOD 2.0 AND CARE COURT. THEN IN  
20 TERMS OF HIRING, I THINK THIS IS WHERE WE HAVE REALLY SEEN THE  
21 MOST PROGRESS. WE HAVE 299 FULL TIME ITEMS THAT ARE APPROVED  
22 FOR HIRE FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS FAST TRACKING  
23 FOR HIRING. AND THOSE 299 ARE FOR HOME, CARE COURT, OUR FIELD  
24 INTERVENTION TEAMS, HOLLYWOOD 2.0, AND THEN HOUSING AND JOB  
25 DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. AND OUT OF THESE 299 THAT HAVE BEEN



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1 APPROVED FOR HIRE THROUGH THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION, WE HAVE  
2 128 THAT ARE ALREADY ON BOARD AND IN THEIR PROGRAMS WORKING.  
3 WE HAVE 21 THAT ARE PROCESSING RIGHT NOW, AND THEN THE  
4 REMAINDER, WE ARE RECRUITING FOR. OKAY NEXT, INSIDE SAFE  
5 ENGAGEMENT AND LINKAGE. THESE ARE THE DIFFERENT WAYS WE HAVE  
6 BEEN WORKING WITH ALL OF OUR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS. SO YOU  
7 KNOW, BEFORE I START TALKING ABOUT THESE NUMBERS, I JUST WANT  
8 TO ADD, FOR PEOPLE TO KEEP IN MIND THAT FOR OUR POPULATION,  
9 THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS, THEY  
10 ARE TYPICALLY NOT VERY PRONE TO BEING IN ENCAMPMENTS. IT IS  
11 NOT USUALLY THEIR ENVIRONMENT OF CHOICE. SO SOME OF THESE  
12 NUMBERS MAY NOT SEEM LARGE COMPARED TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN  
13 THE ENCAMPMENTS, BUT A LOT OF OUR FOLKS EXPERIENCING SERIOUS  
14 MENTAL ILLNESS, THEY WILL BE THE ONES WHO ARE ALONE ON A BUS  
15 BUNCH OR ALONE BEHIND A GAS STATION OR ALONE UNDER A BRIDGE.  
16 SO WE HAVE BEEN AT ALL THESE DIFFERENT EFFORTS, BUT THE  
17 NUMBERS ARE NOT NEARLY AS HIGH AS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOMELESS  
18 FOLKS THAT WE WORK WITH ON A DAILY BASIS. SO FIRST OFF, FOR  
19 INSIDE SAFE ENGAGEMENT LINKAGE, WE HAVE SUPPORTED 18 EFFORTS,  
20 AND WE WERE NOT INCLUDED INITIALLY WITH INSIDE SAFE BECAUSE  
21 D.H.S. HAS THEIR MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS THAT INCLUDES  
22 SOMEBODY FROM MENTAL HEALTH. SO IF SOMEBODY HAD A VERY SERIOUS  
23 HIGH ACUITY MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE, THEY WOULD CONNECT WITH THE  
24 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. BUT AT A CERTAIN POINT, D.M.H.  
25 WAS BROUGHT IN ALSO, SO WE ARE NOW AT THE INSIDE SAFE



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1 ENGAGEMENTS AS WELL. AND THEN WE HAVE THE PATHWAY HOME  
2 ENGAGEMENT AND LINKAGE. SO HOME SUPPORTS THE PLACEMENT OF  
3 INDIVIDUALS THERE. AND SO FAR THROUGH PATHWAY HOME, WE HAVE  
4 PLACED SEVEN PEOPLE, THEN HOMELESS DEPLOYED AND EVACUATED  
5 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FROM HANSEN DAM AND SANTA FE  
6 DAM, AND WE PARTICIPATE, MOST IMPORTANTLY I THINK, IN THE  
7 DAILY PLANNING AND LOGISTICS CALLS WITH C.E.O. HOMELESS  
8 INITIATIVE. THEN IN TERMS OF OTHER HOUSING SITES, YOU KNOW  
9 ENGAGEMENT AND LINKAGE THERE, WE HAVE PARTICIPATED AT EIGHT  
10 AFTER HOURS INTERIM HOUSING OUTREACH PROGRAMS, OR I.H.O.P.,  
11 EFFORTS. 111 PARTICIPANTS CONNECTED TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
12 THROUGH THOSE AFTER HOUR EFFORTS. AND THEN WE PARTICIPATE IN  
13 ALL SIX OF THE SERVICE CONNECTION EVENTS COORDINATED BY  
14 C.O.H.I., CONNECTED 43 TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND I THINK  
15 AS OF YESTERDAY, THAT WAS SEVEN, AND WE HAVE CONNECTED 54 TO  
16 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. SO FOR HOUSING, THIS IS A VERY BIG  
17 EFFORT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. WE HAVE A REAL  
18 FOCUS ON HOUSING. NOW MORE THAN EVER, OUR INTERIM HOUSING  
19 SITES, SOME NEW ONES THAT HAVE COME ON BOARD ARE THERE'S THE  
20 EXPANSION OF THE C.F.C.I. PROGRAM WITH M.H.S.A. FUNDING, AND  
21 THAT IS IN S.D.2. WE HAVE TWO SITES WITH 55 BEDS. THEN WE HAVE  
22 THE MARK TWAIN, WHICH WE RECENTLY OPENED, WITH 56 BEDS. AND  
23 THEN IN THE HOLLYWOOD AREA, WE HAVE 20 HOTEL BEDS THAT ARE  
24 BEING ADDED THIS MONTH IN JUST ABOUT A WEEK OR SO. AND THEY  
25 WILL BE SPECIFICALLY FOR FOLKS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING



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1 HOMELESSNESS, SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL, AND LIVING IN THE  
2 HOLLYWOOD AREA. NOW, FOR NEW HOUSING RESOURCES, THIS IS WHERE  
3 IT GETS REALLY EXCITING. WE HAVE OUR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BRIDGE  
4 HOUSING, WHICH IS \$259 MILLION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
5 HEALTH OVER FOUR YEARS, AND WHAT THIS DOES IS THIS HELPS US TO  
6 BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH 930 NEW BRIDGE HOUSING BEDS. IT PROVIDES  
7 ENHANCED STAFFING AND SERVICES FOR ABOUT 308 EXISTING INTERIM  
8 HOUSING BEDS. AND IT CREATES ABOUT 100 NEW RENTAL ASSISTANCE  
9 RESOURCES FOR FOLKS. AND WE ARE HIRING 12 F.T.E.S TO SUPPORT  
10 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION. AND THIS IS MONEY  
11 THAT WE HAD APPLIED FOR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COLLEAGUES AT  
12 S.A.P.C. AND I WILL THEN TURN IT OVER TO GARY.

13

14 **GARY:** THANK YOU, DR. WONG. AND SO, I WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THE  
15 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S UPDATES SPECIFIC TO BOTH THE  
16 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION CONTROL BUREAU, AS WELL AS OTHER  
17 AREAS OF D.P.H. AT S.A.P.C., WE FOCUSED ON ENHANCING ACCESS TO  
18 S.U.D. SERVICES ON A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT FRONTS. ONE OF THIS  
19 HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN THE PRIOR PRESENTATIONS AROUND THE  
20 INTERIM HOUSING OUTREACH PROGRAM, WHICH IS REALLY AN UMBRELLA  
21 PROGRAM THAT ENCOMPASSES SERVICES THROUGH ALL THREE OF THE  
22 HEALTH DEPARTMENTS WITHIN S.A.P.C., UNDER I.H.O.P., IT  
23 INCLUDES PARTNERSHIP WITH D.M.H. USING M.H.S.A. INNOVATION  
24 FUNDS TO SUPPORT 28 C.E.N.S.S., OR CLIENT ENGAGEMENT NAVIGATION  
25 SERVICE SUBSTANCE USE COUNSELORS FOR THE M.D.T.S., 25,000



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1    OVERDOSE PREVENTION KITS PER YEAR, 16 CLINICAL STAFF TO  
2    ENHANCE CO-OCCURRING SERVICES IN RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS, AND  
3    ALSO IN EXPANSION OF CO-OCCURRING SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT  
4    BEDS. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE -- AS WAS MENTIONED, AT THE M.L.K.  
5    B.H.C., WE HAVE MADE OUR SOBERING CENTER, WITHDRAWAL  
6    MANAGEMENT, AND RESIDENTIAL BEDS AVAILABLE ON A SAME DAY  
7    BASIS. WE HAVE EXTENDED RESIDENTIAL LENGTHS OF STAY FOR  
8    PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESSES TO AVOID DISCHARGES INTO  
9    UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS. WE'VE ALSO RECENTLY LEVERAGED MEDI-  
10   CAL FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR C.E.N.S. SERVICES IN ORDER THE  
11   SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF THOSE SERVICES. AND HAVE BEEN  
12   REACHING THE 95% OR R. 95 INITIATIVE AS WELL AS A BOARD MOTION  
13   FOCUSED ON THIS IN ORDER FOR US TO BETTER REACH THE 95% OF  
14   PEOPLE WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, WHO ARE NOT ACCESSING  
15   SERVICES BECAUSE THEY SAY THAT THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED. WE  
16   RECOGNIZE THAT WE NEED TO TO A BETTER JOB OF ADDRESSING NOT  
17   JUST THE 5% OF PEOPLE WHO ARE KNOCKING ON OUR DOORS BUT THE  
18   95% WHO NEED TO BE KNOCKING ON THE DOORS BUT AREN'T. AND THERE  
19   ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENT COMPONENTS TO THE R. 95 INITIATIVE.  
20   SOME OF THEM FOCUS ON LOOKING AT THE ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGE  
21   POLICY OF SUBSTANCE USE PROVIDERS IN ORDER TO LOWER BARRIERS  
22   TO CARE, EXPANDING ACCESS TO HARM REDUCTION SERVICES, BETTER  
23   INTEGRATING HARM REDUCTION SERVICES AND TREATMENT SERVICES SO  
24   THERE ARE BIDIRECTIONAL REFERRALS, ENHANCING ACCESS TO THINGS  
25   LIKE MEDICATIONS FOR ADDICTION TREATMENT, AND REALLY HAVING



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1 OUR AGENCIES WALK THROUGH THE PROCESS A CLIENT GOES THROUGH  
2 WHEN THEY ARE ADMITTED FROM A TO Z IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY WAYS  
3 TO MAKE THAT PROCESS EASIER, MORE ENGAGING. AROUND THE  
4 EXPANSION OF RECOVERY-ORIENTED INTERIM HOUSING BEDS, WITH  
5 B.H.B.H. AND THE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE WITH D.M.H., WE ARE  
6 EXPANDING RECOVERY BRIDGE HOUSING BEDS BY 300. UNDER B.H.B.H.,  
7 WE ARE ALSO NEWLY ESTABLISHING RECOVERY HOUSING, WHICH IS A 12  
8 MONTH INTERIM HOUSING OPTION UNDER B.H.B.H. AS WELL.  
9 ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDING THAT WE ARE  
10 USING TO EXPAND BY 150 BEDS, 100 R.B.H. BEDS, 50 RECOVERY  
11 HOUSING BEDS AS WELL. SO THERE IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION  
12 IN RECOVERY-ORIENTED INTERIM HOUSING. AND THEN LASTLY, AROUND  
13 OVERDOSE PREVENTION, A LOT OF EFFORTS AROUND THIS. THERE'S  
14 GOING TO BE A REPORT BACK SHORTLY THAT DESCRIBES EFFORT ACROSS  
15 THE COUNTY, NOT JUST S.A.P.C., BUT I MENTIONED THE OVERDOSE  
16 PREVENTION KITS THAT HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE COUNTY,  
17 VERY SIGNIFICANT EXPANSIONS IN HARM REDUCTION. OUR BUDGET HAS  
18 INCREASED BY 500% OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. OUR TREATMENT  
19 BEDS HAVE ALSO EXPANDED QUITE SIGNIFICANTLY, OVER 200%, SINCE  
20 IS 2017. AND PARTNERING WITH VARIOUS ENTITIES, INCLUDING  
21 AROUND THE RECENT R. 95% INITIATIVE IN ORDER TO FURTHER THOSE  
22 EFFORTS TO REDUCE OVERDOSE DEATHS. AROUND CONTRACT PROCUREMENT  
23 AND HIRING, S.A.P.C. HAVE THREE CONTRACTS RELATED TO THE  
24 SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES IN JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES, OR  
25 ALSO HAD A LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT WAS RECENTLY



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1 APPROVED IN ORDER TO SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN THE FOUNDATION OF  
2 TRAINING ACROSS OUR CONTRACTED PROVIDER STAFF NETWORK. AND  
3 THEN AROUND HIRING, WE HAVE A FOUR EXAMS THROUGH THE HOMELESS  
4 FLEXIBILITIES THAT WILL SUPPORT THE HIRING OF OVER 17 ITEMS,  
5 ALSO A NUMBER OF O.P.A.S FOR ITEMS THAT WOULD HELP TO  
6 EXPEDITE THE HIRING PROCESS. MORE BROADLY ACROSS PUBLIC  
7 HEALTH, THE PUBLIC HEALTH DISEASE CONTROL BUREAU HAS TWO EXAMS  
8 THROUGH THE FLEXIBILITIES THAT WILL SUPPORT THE HIRING OF OVER  
9 SIX ITEMS. COMMUNITY FIELD SERVICES ALSO HAS O.P.A.S FOR OVER  
10 EIGHT ITEMS THAT WILL EXPEDITE HIRING FOR SYSTEM NAVIGATORS  
11 THROUGH THE VARIOUS S.P.A.S ACROSS THE COUNTY. AND SO, WITH  
12 THAT, THANK YOU. OPEN TO ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FOR ANY OF  
13 THE SPEAKERS TODAY.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IT'S NOT THE ORDER ON THE QUEUE,  
16 BUT I THINK, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU WERE THE ONE THAT  
17 BROUGHT THIS TO OUR ATTENTION. SO I'M GOING TO LET YOU START  
18 OFF, AND THEN I HAVE IN THE ORDER SUPERVISOR BARGER,  
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AND THEN I HAVE SOME  
20 QUESTIONS, TOO. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THANK  
23 YOU. GREAT TO HEAR AND SEE THE PRESENTATION BECAUSE I KNOW WE  
24 OFTEN HEAR A LOT OF EXPRESSED CONCERN AND THIS NOTION THAT  
25 WE'RE NOT COLLABORATING WITH THE CITY OF L.A., THAT WE'RE NOT



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1 SHOWING UP IN A MEANINGFUL AT EVERY INSIDE SAFE EXPERIENCE,  
2 FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM, THAT WE ARE NOT CONNECTING PEOPLE  
3 TO THE FULL COMPLEMENT OF COUNTY SERVICES. SO I'M REALLY GLAD  
4 TO ONCE AGAIN HEAR TANGIBLE EXAMPLES OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE  
5 THERE, THAT IT IS COORDINATED. YOU TALKED ABOUT THE SIX MONTH  
6 PRIOR AND POST INTERACTION FOR US TO GET A SENSE OF WHAT  
7 COUNTY SERVICES FOLKS ENGAGED IN. SO THAT DATA COLLECTION I  
8 HOPE WILL HELP US DISPEL THIS NOTION THAT THE COUNTY ISN'T  
9 SHOWING UP BECAUSE IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT WE ARE. SO THANK YOU  
10 FOR THAT. YOU KNOW I HAVE RAISED THE ISSUE OF PROTOCOL  
11 RESOLUTIONS BECAUSE I HEAR ABOUT THAT DAILY, AND I'M  
12 WONDERING, AS I LOOK AT THE COUNTY'S WORK APP, I HAVE  
13 CONSTITUENTS THAT USE THAT, THEN THEY CALL OUR OFFICE. I'M  
14 WONDERING IF THERE IS A WAY AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO CREATE  
15 THE OPPORTUNITY SO THAT THE PATHWAY HOME DASHBOARD THAT WE'VE  
16 JUST SEEN ALSO PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF THE IMPACT FOR PROTOCOL  
17 RESOLUTION. PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS, COLLEAGUES, ARE WHEN WE DO  
18 THE MAJOR TRASH CLEANUP -- MY WORDS -- CORRECT ME IF YOU WOULD  
19 FRAME IT DIFFERENTLY -- A LIGHTER TOUCH IN TERMS OF THE  
20 OUTREACH. IT MAY NOT BE A COMPLETE REMOVAL, BUT IT'S TRASH  
21 REMOVAL, THE OFFER OF SUPPORT. IT MAY BE THE FIRST STEP, AND I  
22 THINK IT'S A WAY IN WHICH OUR CONSTITUENTS CAN MORE READILY  
23 AND QUICKLY SEE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITY. SO WHAT DO  
24 YOU NEED FOR US TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE DASHBOARD  
25 WHERE ALL THE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS



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1 ARE PROVIDING THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE WITH EQUIVALENT DATA  
2 TO THE PATHWAY HOME RESOLUTIONS BECAUSE I'M CLEAR THAT THEY  
3 ARE DIFFERENT? WE WANT THE SAME KIND OF DATA AND TRANSPARENCY  
4 AROUND PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO, WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR  
7 PUBLIC WORKS -- WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HAVE  
8 ALSO ENGAGED SOME OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN LOOKING AT WHAT A  
9 MORE ROBUST COUNTY-FACING, SO INTERNAL FACING, VIEWER WOULD  
10 LOOK LIKE FOR THOSE PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS AND USE THAT TO THEN  
11 DEVELOP AN EXTERNAL FACING ONE THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC  
12 AS WELL. AND I LIKE THE IDEA OF INCORPORATING THAT WITH OUR  
13 PATHWAY HOME DASHBOARD SO WE CAN GET ALL OF THAT INFORMATION  
14 IN ONE PLACE, AND PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO GO DIFFERENT PLACES  
15 SEARCHING FOR IT. SO WE ARE ALREADY WELL UNDERWAY WITH PUBLIC  
16 WORKS ON REFINING WHAT WE'RE CALLING LIKE A VIEWER. IT'S A  
17 DIFFERENT VERSION OF A DASHBOARD, SO I JUST USE THE TERM  
18 DASHBOARD SO WE'RE ALL SPEAKING THE SAME TERMS. SO TO CREATING  
19 AN INTERNAL COUNTY DASHBOARD THAT WE ALL HAVE READY ACCESS TO  
20 TO SEE THE STATUS OF THOSE ENCAMPMENT PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS,  
21 BUT WE ALSO WANT THAT TO BE PUBLIC. SO THAT IS THE NEXT STEP  
22 IS TO GET IT PUBLIC FACING.

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** GIVE ME A SENSE OF THE TIMING OF WHEN THE  
25 PUBLIC CAN EXPECT THIS PUBLIC FACING DASHBOARD



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2 **SPEAKER:** SO WE ARE WORKING ON A TIMELINE THAT IS IN THE FIRST  
3 QUARTER OF THE CALENDAR YEAR.

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. TO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
6 HEALTH, THANK YOU ALSO FOR THE PRESENTATION, VERY HELPFUL FOR  
7 US TO SEE HOW YOU'RE PRIORITIZING, WHAT ACTION IS ALREADY  
8 HAPPENING, WHAT IS COMING NEXT. YOU KNOW, ONE ISSUE WE TALK  
9 ABOUT A LOT, WE HEAR ABOUT A LOT, IS HOW WE NOT ONLY GET  
10 PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS THE SUPPORT SERVICES THEY  
11 NEED, BUT HOW WE ALSO KEEP THEM HOUSED SO THEY DON'T LOSE  
12 THEIR HOUSING AND CONTINUE THIS VICIOUS CYCLE, GET SUPPORT,  
13 GET HOUSING, THAT COLLAPSES. AND SO, GIVEN THE CHART YOU  
14 SHARED WITH US IN TERMS OF THE ACTIONS YOU'RE WORKING ON, WHAT  
15 IS THAT STRATEGY.

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17 **DR. WONG:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BRINGING THAT UP, SUPERVISOR,  
18 BECAUSE I THINK A LOT OF TIMES WHEN WE'RE IN THIS KIND OF  
19 EMERGENCY MINDSET, WE'RE THINKING JUST RESOLVING HOMELESSNESS,  
20 AND WE DON'T PAY ATTENTION ENOUGH TO WHAT PREVENTS PEOPLE FROM  
21 BECOMING HOMELESS AGAIN. AND I THINK IN MENTAL HEALTH, THAT'S  
22 WHERE A LOT OF OUR EFFORTS ARE. WE HAVE SEVERAL PROGRAMS THAT  
23 HELP PEOPLE WITH THIS. I THINK FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE OUR  
24 F.S.P. PROGRAM, WHICH IS OUR FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIP, AND  
25 THAT IS OUR HIGH ACUITY, HIGH INTENSITY, 24/7 MENTAL HEALTH



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1 SERVICE PROGRAM. IT'S ON AN OUTPATIENT BASIS. IT'S VOLUNTARY,  
2 BUT IT'S REALLY MEANT TO WORK WITH PEOPLE FREQUENTLY SO THAT  
3 THEIR MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS ARE ADDRESSED, THEY'RE IN HOUSING.  
4 TYPICALLY, WHEN SOMEBODY COMES INTO THE F.S.P. PROGRAM, WE  
5 HAVE ABOUT 43% WHO ARE HOMELESS UPON ENTERING INTO THE  
6 PROGRAM. AND THEN WE'RE ABLE TO REDUCE THAT NUMBER TO SINGLE  
7 DIGITS WITHIN USUALLY THE FIRST SIX MONTHS. AND SO, THAT IS A  
8 VERY POWERFUL PROGRAM IN TERMS OF GETTING PEOPLE ON THE  
9 TREATMENTS THAT THEY NEED, THE HOUSING SUPPORTS THEY NEED, A  
10 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT WOULD WORK WELL FOR  
11 THEM, BUT YOU KNOW, THAT IS ONLY ONE SEGMENT OF THE  
12 POPULATION. I THINK A LARGER SEGMENT HAVE TO BE MAINTAINED BY  
13 OUR OUTPATIENT SERVICES. AND OUR OUTPATIENT SERVICES, THEY MAY  
14 NOT BE EXCITING OR GROUNDBREAKING OR ANYTHING, BUT THIS IS  
15 WHAT PEOPLE COUNT ON DAY IN AND DAY OUT TO BE ABLE TO STAY  
16 WELL. THEY GET THEIR MEDICATIONS THERE. THEY GET THERAPY, CASE  
17 MANAGEMENT, HOUSING NAVIGATION, SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT, ALL  
18 KINDS OF SERVICES THAT IT TAKES FOR SOMEBODY TO STAY STABLE.  
19 IN FACT, ONE OF THE LAST PROJECTS I WORKED WITH WHEN I WAS IN  
20 SKID ROW WAS WE HOUSED 90 PEOPLE AT A PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE  
21 HOUSING SITE. AND ALMOST NONE OF THEM WERE CONNECTED TO ANY  
22 F.S.P. THEY WERE CONNECTED ALL TO OUTPATIENT, AND THEY HAD  
23 BETTER RETENTION DATA THAN THE NON-SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL  
24 FOLKS IN OTHER SURROUNDING PROJECTS AT THE 3, 6, 9, AND 12  
25 MONTH MARKERS. SO I THINK THAT WE REALLY HAVE TO NOT JUST



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1 CONTINUE OUR OUTPATIENT SERVICES, BUT WE HAVE TO ENHANCE THEM  
2 TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE GET THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF SERVICE TO KEEP  
3 THEM STABLE AND HOUSED. AND THEN WE ALSO HAVE OUR P.H.P.H.  
4 PROGRAM, WHICH IS PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS AND PROMOTING HEALTH  
5 AND OUR HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. AND BOTH OF THESE ARE  
6 FOCUSED ON PEOPLE WHO ARE AT RISK FOR LOSING THEIR HOUSING AND  
7 INTERVENING BEFORE IT GETS TOO CLOSE TO THAT LINE.

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND IS THERE A SIGNIFICANT WAIT TO ACCESS  
10 OUTREACH SERVICES RIGHT NOW WITH THE COUNTY?

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12 **DR. WONG:** THERE'S NOT A SIGNIFICANT WAIT FOR OUTREACH  
13 SERVICES, BUT THERE ARE SOME WAITS FOR F.S.P. PROGRAM IN  
14 CERTAIN AREAS, LARGELY DUE TO STAFFING SHORTAGE, AND THEN WE  
15 HAVE SOME BACKUPS AT OUR OUTPATIENT CLINICS, BUT NO WAITS TO  
16 START SERVICES, NO WAITS TO BE SEEN. IN FACT, WE JUST GOT OUR  
17 ACCESS TO CARE NUMBERS UP TO 98% IN MOST OF OUR CLINICS. SO  
18 WE'RE HAPPY ABOUT THAT, BUT THERE'S A LONG WAY TO GO,  
19 ESPECIALLY PEOPLE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS NEED A CERTAIN LEVEL  
20 OF SERVICE TO MAINTAIN WHERE THEY ARE.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** RIGHT, CONSISTENTLY. YOU MENTIONED A THIRD  
23 PARTY INTERMEDIARY TO RELEASE A SOLICITATION WITHIN THE NEXT  
24 90 DAYS TO AWARD THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BRIDGE HOUSING FUNDS  
25 FOR NEW SITES?

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2 **DR. WONG:** YES.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO ENSURE THAT THE  
5 SITES ARE EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY.

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7 **DR. WONG:** WE ARE USING OUR COUNTY EQUITY TOOL AS WELL AS  
8 LOOKING AT THE DATA ACROSS THE BOARD OF WHERE NEED IS, HOW OUR  
9 FOLKS ARE DISTRIBUTED, AND WHERE THE HIGHEST NEED AND LOWEST  
10 SERVICE RATIOS ARE, AS WELL AS ENGAGING WITH A.R.D.I. WE HAVE  
11 OUR COUNTY A.R.D.I., THAT IS ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND  
12 INCLUSION. WE HAVE OUR COUNTY A.R.D.I. WE HAVE OUR OWN  
13 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH A.R.D.I. AND WE ALSO HAVE  
14 ESTABLISHED A STAFF COUNCIL OF A.R.D.I. SO THAT WE HEAR FROM  
15 OUR FRONTLINES.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I REALLY APPRECIATE THE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU  
18 VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I MAY BE MISSING IT. I WOULD HOPE THAT  
19 THESE REPORTS WOULD ALSO INCLUDE UPDATES ON WHAT IMPACT THE  
20 MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS AND AUTHORITIES ARE HAVING ON THE  
21 REPORTED ENCAMPMENTS IN THE C.E.O. HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES  
22 HEARS SYSTEM. DID I MISS THAT? IS IT ALREADY INCLUDED, OR  
23 SHOULD THAT BE KIND OF ON PARALLEL REPORTING TRACK?

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1   **CHERI TODOROFF:** SO HEARS IS THE SYSTEM THAT HAS HISTORICALLY  
2   BEEN CAPTURING THOSE ENCAMPMENT PROTOCOL ENCAMPMENTS. THIS IS  
3   ALSO WHAT WE'RE WORKING WITH PUBLIC WORKS TO BUILD OUT TO  
4   INCLUDE PATHWAY HOME AS WELL AS OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH CITIES,  
5   INCLUDING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SO HERE AT THE COUNTY WE  
6   WILL HAVE VISIBILITY INTO ALL OF THOSE AND BE ABLE TO CAPTURE  
7   THAT IN ONE SYSTEM AND SEE THE OUTCOMES OF THAT.

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9   **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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11   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I HAVE ON THE QUEUE SUPERVISOR  
12   BARGER, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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14   **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT THANK YOU, CHERI,  
15   FOR PROVIDING THIS IMPORTANT UPDATE TO THE BOARD, AND DR. WONG  
16   AND DR. TSAI, THANK YOU AS WELL. I HAVE SAID THAT I BELIEVE  
17   HOUSING ALONE IS NOT GOING GET US OUT OF THE CRISIS ON THE  
18   STREETS. AND MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE HAVE TO PLAY A  
19   KEY PART. AND NOW THAT I HAVE A ROLE ON L.A.H.S.A., ONE OF THE  
20   ISSUES THAT I'M LOOKING AT IS THE HOUSING FIRST MODEL AND  
21   ENSURING THAT WE HAVE PROVIDERS THAT ARE NOT ONLY PUTTING  
22   PEOPLE IN HOUSING BUT ARE, IN FACT, PROVIDING THE SUPPORTIVE  
23   SERVICES NECESSARY SOONER RATHER THAN LATER BECAUSE I KNOW, I  
24   CAN ONLY SPEAK FOR MY DISTRICT, BUT WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE THAT  
25   IN PLACE, IT DISRUPTS THE COMMUNITY. AND I TELL PEOPLE THAT



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1 WHEN WE HAVE THESE PROGRAMS, THE HOUSING FIRST MODELS WITH  
2 PROGRAMS IN PLACE, THEY'RE BETTER NEIGHBORS THAN THEY WOULD BE  
3 IF THEY WERE LIVING ON THE STREETS, BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE  
4 WE GET THE SERVICES THERE. SO, I DON'T KNOW WHO I WOULD DIRECT  
5 THIS TO, BUT WHO MONITORS TO MAKE SURE THE SERVICES ARE BEING  
6 PROVIDED IN A TIMELY FASHION FOR THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE DOING  
7 THE HOUSING FIRST MODEL?

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9 **CHERI TODOROFF:** I WILL START, AND I'M SURE MY COLLEAGUES CAN  
10 JUMP IN. ONE OF -- SO THERE'S DIFFERENT LEVELS, AND WE TALK  
11 ABOUT HOUSING FIRST. WE HAVE INTERIM HOUSING, AND WE HAVE  
12 PERMANENT HOUSING, AND WE HAVE DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF PERMANENT  
13 HOUSING. AS IT RELATES TO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WHICH  
14 IS HOUSING FOR SOME OF OUR MOST COMPLEX CLIENTS, INCLUDING  
15 THOSE WITH DISABILITIES AND/OR WHO MAY BE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE  
16 HEALTH OR BEHAVIORAL -- MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES  
17 THAT THEY'RE DEALING WITH. EVERY CLIENT IN OUR COUNTY WE HAVE  
18 MADE THE COMMITMENT, THIS IS FUNDED THROUGH MEASURE H, WE WORK  
19 WITH OUR CITIES, WE WORK WITH OUR HOUSING DEVELOPERS, BUT  
20 EVERY CLIENT WHO IS MOVING INTO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING  
21 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS ELIGIBLE TO GET WRAPAROUND  
22 SERVICES THAT ARE FUNDED BY MEASURE H. THAT MODEL INCLUDES  
23 INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE  
24 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES' HOUSING FOR HEALTH, WHERE EVERY  
25 CLIENT GETS A CASE MANAGER THAT IS ASSIGNED TO THEM THAT STAYS



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1 WITH THEM OVER TIME, INCLUDING AFTER THEY GO INTO HOUSING, TO  
2 CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEIR CONNECTIONS TO SERVICES AND  
3 RESOURCES AND TO HELP WITH THEIR HOUSING STABILITY. WE'RE ALSO  
4 -- MEASURE H IS FUNDING, AND THIS IS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR  
5 DEPARTMENTS HERE, TO MAKE SURE THAT FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS  
6 ARE AVAILABLE TO CLIENTS WHO GO INTO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE  
7 HOUSING. AND SO, THIS IS AN AREA IN WHICH THE MEASURE H DOLLAR  
8 IS FUNDING THE LOCAL SHARE OF COSTS TO MATCH THE MEDI-CAL  
9 DOLLAR TO BRING THOSE RESOURCES TO OUR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE  
10 HOUSING CLIENTS, AND THEN WE'RE ALSO FUNDING, THROUGH D.P.H.,  
11 THAT C.E.N.S. WORK, SO THAT SERVICE ASSESSMENT AND NAVIGATION  
12 WORK TO GET PEOPLE CONNECTED TO SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES. SO,  
13 THAT'S AN EXAMPLE OF HOW WE'RE DOING IT IN PERMANENT  
14 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WE HAVE COMPARABLE EFFORTS THAT HAPPEN IN  
15 INTERIM HOUSING. THE I.H.O.P. TEAMS ARE GOING TO EXPAND THAT A  
16 LOT THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. AND WE ALSO HAVE WRAPAROUND  
17 SERVICES FOR CLIENTS WHO ARE GOING INTO THE TIME LIMITED  
18 SUBSIDY PROGRAM AS WELL TO WORK WITH THOSE SERVICE  
19 CONNECTIONS.

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21 **SUP. BARGER:** SO WHAT'S THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT WOULD BE  
22 APPROPRIATE FOR WHEN SOMEONE IS HOUSED FOR THEM TO BE LINKED  
23 UP TO SERVICES, AND THEY MAY NOT TAKE THEM. AND SO, THE CASE  
24 WORKER IS IMPORTANT. IS IT A DAY. IS IT A WEEK? IS IT --  
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1   **CHERI TODOROFF:** YEA. SO, THE EXPECTATION IS THAT THOSE DEEP  
2   ASSESSMENTS WITH THE CLIENTS TO IDENTIFY THEIR INITIAL NEEDS  
3   ARE HAPPENING WITHIN THE FIRST FEW DAYS TO COUPLE OF WEEKS OF  
4   COMING INSIDE, AND THOSE SERVICE CONNECTIONS ARE STARTING  
5   THEN. SOMETIMES, IT'S A PROCESS WITH A CLIENT, AND WE ALSO  
6   KNOW THAT CLIENTS EVOLVE OVER TIME. SO THOSE LIKE IN PERMANENT  
7   SUPPORTIVE HOUSING THOSE REASSESSMENTS ARE HAPPENING ON A  
8   REGULAR BASIS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TIME THAT THEY'RE WORKING  
9   WITH THE CLIENT.

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11   **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. TO DR. WONG AND DR. TSAI, DUAL DIAGNOSIS --  
12   OR WHAT DO THEY CALL IT NOW? CO-OCCURRING DISORDER. WHAT IS  
13   THE PROCESS FOR TRIAGING HOMELESS PATIENTS WHO ARE SUFFERING  
14   FROM CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS?

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16   **DR. WONG:** TYPICALLY, WHAT HAPPENS IS, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF THE  
17   FOLKS THAT WE ENCOUNTER ARE NOT VERY ANXIOUS TO BE FORTHCOMING  
18   WITH SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES. SO IF WE CAN ENGAGE THEM ON MENTAL  
19   HEALTH, AND THEN WE HAVE A GOOD ENGAGEMENT WITH THEM, AND THEN  
20   WE FIND THERE ARE SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES, THEN WE'LL CONNECT  
21   THEM WITH APPROPRIATE TREATMENT, WHETHER THAT'S WITHIN OUR  
22   SYSTEM OR WITH S.A.P.C. BUT THERE TIMES, TOO, WHEN SOMEBODY IS  
23   MORE WILLING TO CONNECT WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT RATHER  
24   THAN ADMIT THEY HAVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. SO REALLY WE HAVE  
25   A NO WRONG DOOR APPROACH. SO, WHEREVER WE CAN GET TO A CLIENT



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1 AND ENGAGE THEM AND GET THEM TO OPEN UP ABOUT WHAT THEIR  
2 ACTUAL NEEDS ARE, WE TREAT WHAT'S PRESENTED BEFORE US, AND  
3 THEN WE WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS RIGHT AWAY. AND WE'VE BEEN  
4 WORKING ON A MORE MACRO LEVEL IN TERMS OF INTEGRATING OUR  
5 SERVICES BETTER AND WORKING OUT HOW WE CAN PROVIDE BETTER  
6 INTEGRATED CARE, WHETHER IT'S PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS OF SUBSTANCE  
7 USE DISORDER OR PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE. IN  
8 FACT, WE'RE STARTING WITH A PILOT, THE CO-OP PROGRAM, THAT'S  
9 LOOKING AT SOME PROVIDERS WE HAVE IN COMMON THAT HAVE BOTH  
10 CONTRACTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND S.A.P.C.

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12 **DR. TSAI:** YEAH, AND JUST TO BUILD ON THAT, WE HAVE MONTHLY  
13 MEETINGS WITH EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP ACROSS S.A.P.C. AS WELL AS  
14 D.M.H. CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS AND HOW WE DO A BETTER JOB  
15 ENGAGING PEOPLE WITH CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS IS ALWAYS A  
16 STANDING TOPIC FOR US. OUR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING  
17 TO BETTER TRAIN OUR WORK FORCES SO THAT OUR S.G. PROVIDERS ARE  
18 MORE COMFORTABLE, FAMILIAR WITH, CARING FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL  
19 HEALTH CONDITIONS AS WELL AS VICE VERSA. DR. WONG HAD  
20 MENTIONED THE CO-OCCURRING OPTIMIZATION PILOT, WHICH IS REALLY  
21 AN ENGAGEMENT THAT WE HAVE WITH CONTRACTED AGENCIES THAT  
22 CONTRACT WITH BOTH OF OUR DEPARTMENTS SO THAT WE CAN IDENTIFY  
23 WHAT ARE SOME OF THE KEY BARRIERS AND HOW DO WE BETTER ADDRESS  
24 THOSE BARRIERS CURRENTLY. AND THEN WE HAD MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY  
25 THAT THROUGH THE M.H.S.A. INNOVATIONS OPPORTUNITY THAT WE ARE



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1 FUNDING CO-OCCURRING STAFF TO LAYER ON TOP OF RESIDENTIAL  
2 SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT PROGRAMS SO THAT WE CAN EXPAND ACCESS  
3 TO CO-OCCURRING SERVICES FOR THOSE POPULATIONS. SO, I THINK  
4 THOSE ARE JUST SOME CONCRETE EXAMPLES OF HOW WE'RE WORKING  
5 TOGETHER.

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I APPRECIATE THERE IS NO WRONG DOOR. I THINK  
8 MY CONCERN IS THAT IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO IS USING AND THEN  
9 THEY GO INTO TREATMENT AND THAT FACILITY IS NOT TRAINED TO  
10 ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH -- I KNOW IN THE PAST THERE HAVEN'T BEEN  
11 A LOT OF BEDS AVAILABLE. AND SO, I HOPE WE'RE BUILDING THAT  
12 CAPACITY AS WELL, WHICH IT SOUNDS LIKE WE ARE. SO THAT IS A  
13 GOOD THING. AND THEN I'M GLAD TO HEAR ABOUT THE EXPANSION OF  
14 RECOVERY ASK HOUSING BEDS BECAUSE I THINK I'VE HEARD FROM MY  
15 PROVIDERS, LIKE IMPACT, THAT ONCE THEY ARE DONE WITH THE  
16 PROGRAM, OR NOT EVEN REALLY DONE BUT ARE FORCED TO GO TO NEXT  
17 LEVEL, IT'S HARD TO FIND BEDS THAT WILL ACCOMMODATE AND  
18 CONTINUE THEIR ROAD TO RECOVERY. AND SO, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU  
19 TO KEEP DOING THAT BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I HEAR FROM OUR  
20 PROVIDERS, MY PROVIDERS, THAT THAT IS A HUGE VOID. AND THEN  
21 TWO MORE QUESTIONS. FIRST TO LAST IS ARE WE -- IF I WERE TO BE  
22 ON OUTREACH RIGHT NOW, AND I CALLED AND NEEDED A BED FOR  
23 SOMEONE WHO HAS NO INSURANCE, IS WHAT WE CALL INDIGENT, HOW  
24 DIFFICULT IS IT GOING TO BE FOR ME TO SECURE A BED TODAY?

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1     **DR. TSAI:** ASSUMING YOU'RE REFERRING TO SUBSTANCE USE --

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3     **SUP. BARGER:** YES, I'M SORRY, THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE --

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5     **DR. TSAI:** THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE HAVE MADE THE  
6     M.L.K. B.H.C. RESIDENTIAL WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS  
7     SOBERING CENTER BEDS AVAILABLE, DEPENDING ON WHAT THE NEED IS.  
8     WE HAVE ALSO WORKED WITH AGENCIES IN SURROUNDING AREAS OF  
9     OPERATIONS TO GIVE THEM A HEADS UP THAT WE MAY HAVE CLIENTS  
10    WHO ARE ENGAGED OR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THESE  
11    EFFORTS WHO MIGHT BE ACCEPTING OF SAME DAY TREATMENT SERVICES  
12    AND WORKED WITH THEM TO TRY TO GET THEM IN AS SOON AS  
13    POSSIBLE. THAT'S A WORK IN PROGRESS. I THINK THAT THERE'S  
14    OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO DO BETTER AT THAT. WE'VE ALSO BUILT  
15    THAT INTO OUR REACHING THE 95% INITIATIVE, BASICALLY, THE GOAL  
16    OF REACHING SAME-DAY ADMISSIONS ON A MORE REGULAR BASIS. THERE  
17    ARE SOME CHALLENGES IN TERMS OF WORKFORCE SHORTAGES THAT OUR  
18    AGENCIES ARE CONFRONTING, BUT I THINK THAT THOSE ARE  
19    SURMOUNTABLE CHALLENGES.

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21     **SUP. BARGER:** I MEAN I GUESS THAT JUST ANECDOTALLY WHAT I HEAR  
22    IS THAT, FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ON THE STREET THAT FINALLY  
23    HAVE THAT MOMENT OF CLARITY THAT WANT HELP, A DAY IS THE  
24    WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY. AND SO, I JUST -- THAT'S WHY I'M  
25    LASER-FOCUSED ON THAT.

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2 **DR. TSAI:** AND THAT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE. AND THE REACHING THE  
3 95% INITIATIVE IS ABOUT CAPTURING EVERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF  
4 PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY AND EVERY  
5 STAGE OF THEIR RECOVERY.

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN MY LAST QUESTION, BUT IT'S A STATEMENT  
8 MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, I HOPE WE'RE GOING TO COLLECT DATA  
9 BECAUSE I WANT TO KNOW, FOR THOSE -- ESPECIALLY THE HOUSING  
10 FIRST, AND THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING ABOUT IT, BECAUSE I HEARD  
11 ANECDOTALLY THAT THE WRAPAROUND SERVICES ARE NOT BEING  
12 PROVIDED IN A TAMELY FASHION, AND THEN THEY FALL OUT OF  
13 HOUSING AND BACK ONTO THE STREET. AND SO, I JUST HOPE THAT  
14 WE'RE KEEPING DATA IN TERMS OF LENGTH OF TIME, AND THEN I'D  
15 LOVE TO KNOW WHAT THE RECIDIVISM RATE IS SO THAT WE CAN DO A  
16 REGROUP AND FIGURE OUT WHAT WE ARE DOING RIGHT, WHAT WE'RE  
17 DOING WRONG MOVING FORWARD BECAUSE THERE IS GOING TO BE  
18 SOMEBODY THAT IS GOING TO FALL OUT OF THE HOUSING. I MEAN I  
19 UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT I REALLY DO BELIEVE, AND MY GOAL HAS  
20 ALWAYS BEEN TO BE FLEXIBLE AND NIMBLE AND LOOK AT DATA, AND  
21 WHAT WE ARE DOING RIGHT, KEEP GOING, WHERE WE NEED TO RETHINK,  
22 RECALIBRATE. AND SO, I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT YOU ALL  
23 ARE DOING. THIS IS NOT A ONE SIZE FITS ALL, AND IT IS NOT AN  
24 EASY TASK, BUT I TRULY DO BELIEVE WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY. SO  
25 THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL  
5 THREE OF YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. THIS IS VERY UPLIFTING. AND  
6 I WANT TO THANK YOU, CHERI, FOR GIVING US SOME REALLY  
7 CONCRETE THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED. AND SOME OF MY CONCERNS I  
8 GUESS ALSO HAVE BEEN RAISED ALREADY BY OTHER MEMBERS BECAUSE I  
9 TOO HAVE HEARD FROM THE MAYOR OF L.A. THAT WE ARE NOT  
10 PROVIDING SUFFICIENT WRAPAROUND SERVICES WHEN THEY ARE OUT ON  
11 THE STREETS IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS, AND THEY PLACE THEM INTO  
12 PERHAPS THEY IDENTIFY A MOTEL OR WHAT HAVE YOU OR HOTEL, BUT  
13 THERE AREN'T THE FOLLOW UP SERVICES. SO I REALLY DO WANT TO  
14 GET TO THAT, AND PERHAPS WHAT WE CAN DO, I WOULD SUGGEST, THIS  
15 PRESENTATION BE MADE TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS WELL AS TO OUR  
16 C.O.G.S BECAUSE I DO THINK THERE IS SOME MEAT HERE THAT WE CAN  
17 SHARE AND THEN HOPEFULLY BRIDGE THOSE GAPS THAT MIGHT BE  
18 PERCEPTION OR REALITY. AND I THINK THAT'S WHERE I WANT TO SEE  
19 A BETTER RELATIONSHIP BECAUSE NOW THAT I HAVE ALL OF SKID ROW  
20 AND A LARGER PART OF THE NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES AREA, I'M  
21 HEARING CONSTANTLY THAT THERE'S NOT ENOUGH -- FIRST OF ALL,  
22 IT'S HARD TO GET INTERIM BEDS, BUT THEN ALSO GET THE  
23 APPROPRIATE DIAGNOSIS AVAILABLE. SO, WHETHER IT'S SUBSTANCE  
24 ABUSE OR MENTAL HEALTH, IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE -- WE CAN DO A  
25 BETTER JOB I THINK OF PROVIDING THE RIGHT KIND OF RESOURCES



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1 AND MAYBE AT THE POINT OF CONTACT WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS, WE  
2 CAN LOOK AT OUR DASHBOARD AND SEE WHAT IS AVAILABLE AT REAL  
3 TIME BECAUSE I DO AGREE, IF PEOPLE NEED THE HELP AND THEY'RE  
4 WILLING TO SAY YES AT THIS MOMENT I WANT TO COME IN, THEN WE  
5 SHOULD DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. BUT I  
6 ALSO WANT IT SAY THAT I'M EXCITED TO SEE THAT THERE ARE GOING  
7 TO BE MONIES OR FUNDS AVAILABLE TO EXTEND LONG TERM RECOVERY,  
8 12 MONTH, WHICH WE'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT A LONG TIME NOW THAT,  
9 WHATEVER IT IS, THREE WEEKS, SIX MONTHS IS NOT ENOUGH, AND  
10 MOVING BEYOND THAT AND SEEING HOW THE COUNTY CAN ACQUIRE SOME  
11 OF THE BOARD -- I KNOW THE CARE AND BOARD FACILITIES THAT WE  
12 KNOW KIND OF POPULATE DOWNTOWN L.A. AND I KNOW EVEN SOME OF  
13 OUR SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREAS, THAT WE COULD PROBABLY ENGAGE  
14 AND MAYBE GET SOME BEDS THERE. THIS IS A REAL ISSUE FOR US I  
15 BELIEVE BECAUSE WE ARE SEEING -- SOME OF THE BACKUP I'M  
16 HEARING ON ANOTHER BOARD THAT I SIT ON, L.A. CARE, WHERE OUR  
17 HOSPITALS ARE REALLY CONCERNED THAT THEY WANT TO -- I DON'T  
18 WANT TO USE THE WORD "DUMP," BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO HAVE THESE  
19 TYPES OF PATIENTS IN THEIR CUSTODY OR UNDER THEIR CARE, AND  
20 THEY WANT TO GET THEM SOMEWHERE. SO WHERE CAN WE HELP EXPAND  
21 THAT SO THEY DO GET THE TYPE OF SERVICE? THAT'S THE ONE THING  
22 I WOULD WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT. AND THEN ONE THING I ALSO  
23 WANTED TO MENTION IS I KNOW WE HAVE HIRED A GENTLEMAN NAMED  
24 ONAY, WHO WORKS WITH CHERI, WORKS WITH YOU, CHERI, OUT AND FOR  
25 THE WHOLE COUNTY HELPING TO BRIDGE, FOR THOSE CITIES THAT



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1 DON'T HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE UP IN PLACE, REFERRALS. BUT I WOULD  
2 HOPE -- I WANTED TO KNOW HOW MANY MORE STAFF CAN WE GET TO  
3 HELP HIM BECAUSE HE'S DOING A GOOD JOB, BUT I ALSO WANT TO SEE  
4 IT BROKEN UP SO THAT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY OR OUR  
5 UNINCORPORATED AREAS HAVE HIM OR SOMEONE LIKE HIM THERE ON THE  
6 GROUND BECAUSE I KNOW HE REPORTS HERE, BUT WE'VE GOT TO  
7 MULTIPLY THIS. I REALLY DO THINK THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT  
8 AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO TRY TO EXPAND MEASURE H AND ALSO GET OUR  
9 CITIES ENGAGED IN THIS SO THEY UNDERSTAND FULLY WHAT'S AT  
10 STAKE AND WHAT WE'RE OFFERING. CHERI?

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12 **CHERI TODOROFF:** YEAH, THANK YOU. YEAH SO, ONAY WILLIAMS IS  
13 LEADING OUR WORK WITH OUR CITIES AND C.O.G.S ACROSS THE COUNTY  
14 AND HAS BEEN DOING AN AMAZING JOB, SOMEHOW CONNECTING WITH I  
15 THINK ALL OF THEM, OUR ONE ONAY IS DOING THAT, AND HE'S DOING  
16 AN AMAZING JOB. SO, I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD BECAUSE YOU  
17 ACTUALLY SUPPORTED US WITH AN EXPANSION OF THE HOMELESSNESS  
18 INITIATIVE UNDER THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION, AND ONE OF THE  
19 BIGGEST INVESTMENTS THAT WENT WITH THE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS  
20 THAT CAME TO THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE IS INTO THAT LOCAL  
21 JURISDICTION COORDINATION AND SUPPORT TEAM. SO THAT TEAM IS  
22 GROWING RAPIDLY. WE ACTUALLY ARE NEAR COMPLETE WITH THE HIRING  
23 THERE. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE WORKED THROUGH THEIR TRAINING  
24 PROCESS, AND THE TRAINING AND DEPLOYMENT WILL CONTINUE. SO,



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1 YOU'LL BE STARTING TO MEET MORE OF THOSE TEAM MEMBERS, AND SO  
2 WILL YOUR CITIES AND C.O.G.S.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** WHAT'S YOUR GOAL? HOW MANY STAFF ARE WE TALKING  
5 ABOUT?

6

7 **CHERI TODOROFF:** ON LOCAL JURISDICTION COORDINATION AND  
8 SUPPORT, I AM SORRY, SUPERVISOR, I WISH I HAD THE NUMBER IN MY  
9 HEAD. I THINK THAT TEAM IS 20 ISH PEOPLE, BUT I'LL GET YOU THE  
10 EXACT NUMBER.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND CAN WE HAVE THEM IDENTIFIED TO CERTAIN  
13 GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS SO WE KNOW, MY STAFF KNOWS, WHO THAT PERSON  
14 IS AND NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT TRYING TO TRACK DOWN SOMEONE  
15 HERE AT H.O. I THINK IT JUST MAKES MORE SENSE, AND IT WOULD  
16 HELP I THINK OUR C.O.G.S AND OUR CITIES TO ALSO HAVE THAT  
17 IDENTIFIED PERSON.

18

19 **CHERI TODOROFF:** YEAH, YEAH. ABSOLUTELY. THE POINT HERE, AND AS  
20 YOU CAN SEE FROM THE WORK THAT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED IS WE ARE  
21 GOING OUT IN THE FIELD. WE ARE MEETING OUR CITY AND C.O.G.S  
22 WHERE THEY ARE AT. WE ARE SHOWING UP AT THEIR MEETINGS, THEIR  
23 CONVENINGS. WE ARE SEEKING TO CONNECT THEM AND BUILD THOSE  
24 BRIDGES INTO THE HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM. WE WANT TO MAKE  
25 SURE THAT THEY KNOW THE RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN THEIR



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1 COMMUNITIES, BUT WE ALSO WANT TO HEAR FROM THEM ABOUT WHAT  
2 THEY NEED SO WE CAN BE RESPONSIVE TO THAT. SO, YES.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO THE OTHER CONCERN I HAVE, TOO, IS, AS WE EXPAND  
5 THIS -- WHICH I THINK IS GREAT IF WE'RE GOING TO ACQUIRE MORE  
6 INTERIM HOUSING AND PERMANENT HOUSING IS TO HELP OUT OUR  
7 PROVIDERS WHO, AS WE KNOW, ARE PROBABLY HELPING THREE OR --  
8 [APPLAUSE] THREE OR FOUR OTHER AREAS, FOR LACK OF A BETTER  
9 WORD, BUT WHO ARE OVERSTRESSED AND DON'T HAVE SUFFICIENT  
10 RESOURCES. SO, I REALLY DO THINK AS WE MOVE THROUGH THIS  
11 PROCESS AND WE WORK TO EXPAND AND LEVERAGE THESE DOLLARS THAT  
12 WE REALLY BE MINDFUL OF THESE PROVIDERS. YOU SAID SOMETHING  
13 VERY IMPORTANT TO ME, TRAINING, AND PROVIDING TRAINING FOR OUR  
14 PROVIDERS BECAUSE I THINK THAT ALSO IS A MISSING LINK OUT IN  
15 THE COMMUNITY, AND I HAVE HEARD IT, AND SOME OF THEM -- I'D  
16 LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THAT -- BECAUSE IT VARIES WHO IS TRAINED TO  
17 DO WHAT? WHAT IS IT THAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO, AND ARE WE  
18 EXPECTING TOO MUCH OF THEM FOR THOSE THAT ARE NOT ADEQUATELY  
19 TRAINED OR PROVIDED WITH THE APPROPRIATE SKILL SET? SO YOU'RE  
20 NODDING HERE, DR. WONG. WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT BECAUSE I KNOW  
21 YOU CONTRACT WITH A LOT OF THESE FOLKS, TOO?

22

23 **DR. WONG:** I THINK THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THAT IS ESSENTIAL  
24 BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE WE'VE ASKED TO STEP UP TO DO  
25 THIS DIFFICULT WORK, AND WE CAN'T ASK THEM TO STEP UP AND GIVE

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1 THEM THE FUNDING, BUT THEN NOT GIVE THEM THE SUPPORT TO BE  
2 SUCCESSFUL. AND I THINK WHAT HAPPENS, GOING BACK TO SUPERVISOR  
3 BARGER'S POINT BEFORE ABOUT WHEN WE HAVE LIKE, LET'S SAY,  
4 HOUSING FIRST MODEL, BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE SUPPORT IN PLACE,  
5 IT DOESN'T JUST BURN OUT THE COMMUNITY, IT BURNS OUT THAT  
6 PROVIDER. IT MEANS OUR CLIENTS ARE IN DANGER. SO I THINK IT'S  
7 VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE FIND OUT FROM THE PROVIDERS LIKE WHAT  
8 IT IS THEY NEED TO DO THE WORK THAT WE NEED FOR THEM.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO THAT WOULD BE A PRIORITY. I WOULD WANT TO HEAR  
11 MUCH MORE ABOUT THAT IN FUTURE PRESENTATIONS THAT YOU PROVIDE.  
12 I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. AND I DID WANT TO ASK YOU, DR. WONG,  
13 ABOUT CARE COURT IMPLEMENTATION. HOW HAVE WE BEEN GOING ABOUT  
14 THAT NOW THAT WE'RE GETTING READY, AND WHAT ARE SOME OF THE  
15 ISSUES THERE THAT YOU SEE COMING ABOUT?

16

17 **DR. WONG:** WELL, WE ARE LESS THAN FOUR WEEKS OUT NOW FROM CARE  
18 COURT. WE'RE READY TO GO WITH THE FIRST WAVE. WE'VE BEEN  
19 TRYING TO LEARN WHAT WE CAN FROM THE FIRST SEVEN COUNTIES WHO  
20 IMPLEMENTED TO SEE IF THERE ARE SOME LESSONS LEARNED THERE,  
21 BUT, AS MOST OF US KNOW, L.A. COUNTY IS SO DIFFERENT FROM ANY  
22 OTHER COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA. IT IS A BIT LIMITED. THEY HAVE  
23 RECEIVED VERY FEW REFERRALS ACTUALLY, FROM 0 TO 40 REFERRALS  
24 ACROSS THOSE SEVEN COUNTIES. I ANTICIPATE THAT IT WILL BE  
25 HIGHER FOR L.A. COUNTY, JUST FROM THE FEEDBACK WE'VE BEEN



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1 HEARING FROM FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONCERNED  
2 CITIZENS. SO WE ARE GEARING UP TO HAVE A MUCH HIGHER KIND OF  
3 FIRST ROUND. WE HAVE, OF COURSE, A LOT OF MEETINGS SET UP WITH  
4 THE COURTS, WITH ALL OUR PARTNERS, TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY IS  
5 READY TO GO. WE HAVE THE STAFFING STARTED BUT NOT ALL IN  
6 PLACE, SO WE ARE RELYING ON SOME EXISTING STAFFING FIRST. AND  
7 ALSO WE WANTED TO DO THIS BECAUSE WE NEED SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE  
8 EXPERIENCED WORKING WITH THE POPULATION, WORKING WITH THE  
9 COURTS. WE DIDN'T WANT TO BRING IN A WHOLE GROUP OF NEW FOLKS  
10 AND EXPECT THEM TO KNOW WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN  
11 THIS WAY, SO WE ARE GOING TO DO A PAIRING OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE A  
12 LOT OF EXPERIENCE AND THEN BRING NEW STAFF ON BOARD ALONG WITH  
13 THAT. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN LOOKING AT INCREASING OUR F.S.P. TEAMS  
14 BECAUSE WE ANTICIPATE THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING THROUGH CARE  
15 COURT ARE GOING TO NEED THAT F.S.P. LEVEL OF SERVICE. WE ARE  
16 BEING VERY CAREFUL ABOUT TRYING TO KEEP THE CASE LOADS AT A  
17 CAP FOR OUR F.S.P. TEAMS SO THAT THEY ACTUALLY HAVE THE  
18 CAPACITY TO DO THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. AND WE'RE ALSO  
19 ROLLING OUT DIFFERENT TRAININGS AND SUPPORTS SO THAT THEY FEEL  
20 WELL EQUIPPED TO WORK WITH THIS POPULATION. THE OTHER THING  
21 WE'RE DOING TO PREPARE IS TRYING TO DO A LOT OF PUBLIC  
22 EDUCATION BECAUSE I THINK NOT ONLY DO PEOPLE HAVE TO KNOW WHAT  
23 CARE COURT IS ABOUT OR WHAT THE PROCESS IS GOING TO BE LIKE,  
24 THEY HAVE TO HAVE, I THINK, THE ACCURATE EXPECTATION OF WHAT  
25 THE PROGRAM IS AND ISN'T OR WHAT IT WILL DO OR WHAT IT CAN'T

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1 DO. I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING IN PUBLIC  
2 PERCEPTION IS THAT THIS IS THE COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY PROGRAM.  
3 IT IS NOT TAKING PEOPLE INTO INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT,  
4 INVOLUNTARY MEDICATION. THIS IS VOLUNTARY. THERE ARE PLUSES  
5 AND MINUSES TO THAT BECAUSE A LOT OF THE FOLKS ARE GOING TO --  
6 PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE PETITIONING ON ARE REALLY, REALLY IN  
7 NEED CARE AND HAVE NOT HAD THE ABILITY TO CARE FOR THEMSELVES.  
8 SO, WE ARE KIND OF TRYING TO HIT IT FROM EVERY ANGLE, WORKING  
9 WITH THE COURTS, WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS, GETTING THE  
10 STAFFING UP AND GOING, GETTING THE TRAINING IN PLACE, AND  
11 WORKING ON WHAT PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS IS GOING TO BE.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** GREAT. JUST TWO MORE QUESTIONS, MADAM CHAIR, FOR  
14 DR. TSAI. I REALLY AM INTERESTED IN HEARING WHAT MORE WE CAN  
15 DO IN AREAS TARGETING SKID ROW AS WELL AS MACARTHUR PARK AND  
16 WESTLAKE. TODAY, IN FACT, THERE IS AN IN-SAFE HOME ACTIVITY  
17 GOING ON IN COORDINATION WITH THE COUNTY AND WITH OUR OFFICE  
18 AND WITH THE CITY. AND I'M WONDERING, WE'RE SEEING, I'M  
19 HEARING FROM MY STAFF, THAT THERE REALLY ARE SOME VERY, VERY  
20 SERIOUS ISSUES THERE. AND SOME OF IT, I JUST WANT TOO HEAR  
21 WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY BECAUSE THIS IS SOMETHING -- THAT IS  
22 KNOWN AS KIND OF THE MEGA CENTER OF WHERE DRUGS ARE CONSUMED,  
23 AND IT'S 24 HOURS, 7/24 DAYS A WEEK. SO, WHAT CAN WE DO, AND  
24 HOW CAN WE EVEN LEVERAGE OUR PROVIDERS TO WORK WITH US BECAUSE  
25 YOU CAN'T BE OUT THERE ALL THE TIME, BUT AT LEAST KNOWING HOW



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1 WE SET UP SOME KIND OF A HUB OR A SYSTEM THERE SO WE CAN  
2 PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE CARE?

3

4 **DR. TSAI:** FROM A SERVICE CONNECTION PERSPECTIVE, WE'VE BEEN  
5 WORKING WITH OUR TREATMENT PROVIDERS IN THE AREA IN ORDER TO  
6 LET THEM KNOW THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TEAMS GOING OUT,  
7 WHETHER IT'S M.D.T.S OR OUR ENGAGEMENT AND OVERDOSE PREVENTION  
8 HUBS, ALSO KNOWN AS OUR HARM REDUCTION AGENCIES, THAT DO  
9 STREET OUTREACH AND THAT THEY MAY COME ACROSS INDIVIDUALS WHO  
10 ARE IN THAT MOMENT OPEN TO SERVICES. AND SO WE'RE TRYING TO  
11 FACILITATE THAT SAME-DAY IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO SERVICES WHENEVER  
12 POSSIBLE. FROM AN OVERDOSE PREVENTION PERSPECTIVE, WHICH IS A  
13 VERY SIGNIFICANT CONCERN OF OURS, WE HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY  
14 EXPANDED E.O.P. HUB SERVICES IN THE AREA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
15 EXPAND. WE'RE REALLY LOOKING TO GET AS MUCH NALOXONE OUT AS  
16 WELL AS FENTANYL TEST STRIPS IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE FATALITIES  
17 RELATED TO OVERDOSES. WE HAVE ALSO HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH CITY  
18 -- L.A. CITY AROUND HOW WE CAN PARTNER TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE  
19 BETTER ADDRESSING THE NEEDS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** JUST THE LAST QUESTION FOR YOUR, DR. TSAI. I KNOW  
22 I THINK IT WAS MENTIONED THAT YOU ARE ALSO GOING TO PROVIDING  
23 RELATED OVERDOSE SERVICES AT THE YOUTH DETENTION FACILITIES,  
24 SO LIKE LOS PADRINOS AND BARRY J. IS THAT HAPPENING NOW AND  
25 HOW SOON AND WHAT STAFFING WILL BE THERE AT THESE SITES?



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2 **DR. TSAI:** WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH PROBATION, D.M.H., AND  
3 OTHERS AROUND EXPANDING SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES AT THE JUVENILE  
4 DETENTION FACILITIES, INCLUDING BARRY J. AS WELL AS THE OTHER  
5 SETTINGS. WE HAVE A TREATMENT AGENCY THAT HAS HIRED 6 OF 8  
6 STAFF. THE SUBSTANCE USE UNIT WITHIN PROBATION IS SCHEDULED TO  
7 BE ONLINE BY THE END OF THE MONTH. WE HAVE WEEKLY MEETINGS TO  
8 COORDINATE AROUND ISSUES SUCH AS SPACE, KEYS, TIMING OF  
9 PROGRAMMING. SO WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE ABOUT THAT.  
12 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU.

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14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

15

16 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FIRST, THANK YOU FOR ALL  
17 THE INFORMATION. I KNOW I REGULARLY GET ASKED FOR METRICS OF  
18 SUCCESS. WHAT ARE WE MEANINGFULLY DOING TO ADDRESS THE  
19 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS AND EMERGENCY. SO YOUR PRESENTATION  
20 PROVIDES A LOT OF DATA. IT'S NOT EVERYTHING THAT PEOPLE ARE  
21 LOOKING, BUT I THINK IT'S STARTING TO HELP US HAVE THAT  
22 CONVERSATION. IF YOU COULD GIVE TODAY'S PRESENTATION A THESIS,  
23 WHAT DO YOU WANT PEOPLE TO WALK AWAY FROM AT A HIGH LEVEL?  
24 WHAT HAS THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY ALLOWED US TO DO AND  
25 ALLOWED YOU TO DO IN COORDINATION WITH ONE ANOTHER?



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2   **CHERI TODOROFF:** I'M SURE EVERYBODY HAS SOMETHING TO SAY IN  
3    RESPONSE THAT, BUT I THINK THERE IS TWO REALLY SIGNIFICANT  
4    AREAS. CERTAINLY VERY MUCH ALIGN WITH THE EMERGENCY  
5    DECLARATION ITSELF IS THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES, THE ABILITY  
6    TO DO EXPEDITED HIRING AND CONTRACTING PROCUREMENT, ACCEPTING  
7    GRANTS, ETC. WE HAVE USED ALL THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES. WE  
8    HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS THAT USING THEM.  
9    WE'RE SEEING THAT PACE PICK UP EVEN MORE, AND WE ARE  
10   CONTINUING TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH DEPARTMENTS TO SHOW THEM  
11   ALL THE OPPORTUNITY WITH THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES. I ALSO  
12   WANT TO MENTION, AND I THINK WE'LL BE PROVIDING MORE  
13   INFORMATION ON THIS LIKE IN A FUTURE PRESENTATION, WHICH IS  
14   THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING A LOT OF WORK ON THE HIRING  
15   FRONT TO REALLY FOCUS ON FILLING VACANT POSITIONS THAT MAY NOT  
16   BE CAPTURED IN THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES HIRING REPORT. THAT'S  
17   BECAUSE THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES ARE VERY USEFUL FOR HIRING  
18   IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS. SOMETIMES WHEN A DEPARTMENT MAY NEED TO  
19   GO A TRADITIONAL ROUTE BECAUSE THEY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER  
20   OF VACANCIES IN A JOB CLASSIFICATION, AND THEY NEED A BIG  
21   ROBUST HIRING LIST TO HIRE OFF OF. SO, I DO KNOW DEPARTMENTS  
22   ARE USE THAT AS WELL. SO WE'LL BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THE LARGE  
23   NUMBER OF JOB CLASSIFICATION THAT HAVE A NEXUS TO THE  
24   EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND HIRING THAT IS HAPPENING USING THE  
25   DELEGATED AUTHORITIES AND HIRING THAT'S HAPPENING WITHOUT



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1 USING THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES JUST TO GIVE THE BIGGER  
2 PICTURE ON THE IMPACT THAT IS HAPPENING. AND THEN THE OTHER  
3 ONE IS THE FOCUS ON THE MISSIONS AND THOSE FOUR MISSIONS AND  
4 REALLY FOCUSING THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE OFFICE BUT ALSO  
5 OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ON DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO SUPPORT  
6 THOSE MISSIONS, BOTH IN COLLABORATION WITH THE HOMELESSNESS  
7 INITIATIVE, BUT ALSO WITHIN THEIR OWN DEPARTMENTS AND THE  
8 RESOURCES THAT THEY HAVE THERE. AND I THINK ALSO A BIG THEME  
9 AS WELL IS OBVIOUSLY THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION WORK AND A  
10 REALLY LARGE BODY OF ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION WORK THAT HAS  
11 HAPPENED WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES THAT WILL CONTINUE. AND  
12 WE'RE MOVING INTO A SIGNIFICANT SCALE-UP OF THE COUNTY'S  
13 ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION WORK, SO WE'LL BE SEEING THE RESULT OF  
14 THOSE EFFORTS AT MANY MORE COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY.

15

16 **DR. WONG:** I THINK THE KEY FOR ME THIS HAS ALLOWED US TO GET  
17 EVERYBODY ROWING IN THE SAME DIRECTION. YOU KNOW, WE ALL CARE  
18 ABOUT HOMELESS. WE ALL CARE ABOUT THESE CLIENTS, BUT WHAT WE  
19 WERE DOING WAS NOT ALWAYS WELL- COORDINATED, AND THIS HAS  
20 HELPED TO REALLY COORDINATE PEOPLE SO WE'RE BEING ABLE TO  
21 LEVERAGE WHAT WE ARE ALL DOING AND GET WHERE WE'RE GOING  
22 FASTER AND IN A LARGER WAY, HOPEFULLY. I THINK WHAT HAS BEEN  
23 KEY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS SORT OF JUST THINGS  
24 GETTING OUT OF THE WAY, YOU KNOW, WHETHER IT'S BUREAUCRACY OR  
25 RED TAPE. OUR FOLKS, OUR PEOPLE, WHO DO THE WORK, THEY KNOW



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1 WHAT TO DO. THEY KNOW WHAT WORKS WITH THIS POPULATION. AND I  
2 THINK THAT IT'S BEEN VERY IMPORTANT THAT IT'S BEEN RECOGNIZED  
3 THAT WE NEED A LOT OF DIFFERENT INITIATIVES, A LOT OF  
4 DIFFERENT MOVEMENTS, TO GET THIS REALLY GOING. IT CAN'T BE  
5 JUST ABOUT ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION. IT CAN'T BE JUST ABOUT  
6 HOUSING. LIKE FOR INSTANCE WITH ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION, I  
7 MENTIONED THAT OUR NUMBERS FOR D.M.H. DON'T LOOK HUGE. 54 FOR  
8 ONE AREA IS NOT INSIGNIFICANT, BUT JUST TO GIVE YOU AN  
9 EXAMPLE, ON A MONTHLY BASIS, OUR HOME TEAM PROVIDES 5500  
10 UNIQUE SERVICES A MONTH. WE WORK WITH 1600 UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS  
11 DURING THE YEAR AND 1100 ON ANY GIVEN DAY. AND WE HAVE DONE  
12 105 OUTPATIENT CONSERVATORSHIPS. WE RESPOND TO 5150'S ON A  
13 CONSTANT BASIS. SO I THINK THAT THIS HOMELESS INITIATIVE HAS  
14 BEEN REALLY GOOD AT RECOGNIZING WE NEED TO TAKE A WELL-  
15 ROUNDED APPROACH. SO, EVERYBODY ROWING IN THE SAME DIRECTION  
16 AND HAVING A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH.

17

18 **DR. TSAI:** I CERTAINLY AGREE WITH WHAT'S BEEN SAID. I THINK  
19 THAT ONE OF THE KEY BENEFITS OF THE FLEXIBILITIES HAS BEEN  
20 REALLY ELEVATING THE FACT THAT, NOT ONLY ARE WE IN A HOMELESS  
21 EMERGENCY, AND I THINK WE HAVE HEARD TODAY HOW WE'RE  
22 RESPONDING TO THAT IN AN URGENT WAY, BUT ALSO WE'RE IN AN  
23 OVERDOSE EMERGENCY. I THINK THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO EXPEDITE  
24 FOCUSES, STRATEGIES, TO BETTER ADDRESS OVERDOSES CONCURRENTLY,  
25 PARTICULARLY PUBLIC HEALTH HAS HAD A REPORT THAT HIGHLIGHTED



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1 THAT THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF DEATH OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING  
2 HOMELESSNESS RIGHT NOW, UNFORTUNATELY, ARE OVERDOSES. AND SO,  
3 I THINK THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF BENEFITS.

4

5 **SUP. HORVATH:** AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE HEARD IN OUR  
6 OFFICE HAS BEEN THAT, BECAUSE OF COMPETING PRIORITIES,  
7 SOMETIMES IT'S BEEN HARD TO USE THIS EMERGENCY TO MOVE AS  
8 QUICKLY AS PEOPLE MIGHT EXPECT. SO, WHAT CAN THIS BOARD DO TO  
9 CLARIFY FOR YOU ALL OUR FOCUS ON THESE PRIORITIES TO MAKE SURE  
10 THAT THERE IS NO CONFUSION THAT WE ARE ABSOLUTELY MOVING WITH  
11 FULL SPEED AND WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION IN RESOLVING THESE  
12 ISSUES? WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM US?

13

14 **CHERI TODOROFF:** I THINK RECOGNIZING THAT THE BOARD IS AND THE  
15 COUNTY IS SERVING THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND HAS MANY  
16 CONSTITUENCIES AND IS DEALING WITH SOME AND RESPONDING TO SOME  
17 VERY SIGNIFICANT ISSUES WITHIN THE COUNTY, HOMELESSNESS BEING  
18 ONE OF THEM, BUT ALSO A VERY LARGE -- AND RELATED BODY OF  
19 WORK, FOR EXAMPLE, RELATED TO THE JAIL POPULATION AND REDUCING  
20 THE NUMBER OF BEDS AND REALLY CREATING COMMUNITY-BASED  
21 RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO COME OUT OF THE JAILS. I  
22 THINK THAT THERE IS A CONNECTION -- THERE'S DEFINITELY A  
23 CONNECTION BETWEEN SOME OF OUR DIFFERENT POPULATIONS THAT THE  
24 COUNTY IS REALLY FOCUSED ON SOLUTIONS FOR. AND ALSO IF THERE'S  
25 THE QUESTION THAT WE COULD ASK OURSELVES, IF OUR PRIORITY IS



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1 HOMELESSNESS, AND IF WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION AROUND  
2 HOMELESSNESS, WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT OUR RESOURCES, AND WHEN  
3 WE'RE HAVING TO MAKE REALLY TOUGH DECISIONS ABOUT OTHERWISE WE  
4 HAVE TWO CLIENTS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS RESOURCE, AND WE  
5 CAN ONLY PLACE ONE TODAY, DO WE PLACE THE PERSON EXPERIENCING  
6 HOMELESSNESS, OR THE PERSON WHO IS NOT EXPERIENCING  
7 HOMELESSNESS BUT MAY ALSO BE DEALING WITH SOME REALLY COMPLEX  
8 URGENT ISSUES. SO THOSE ARE THE TYPES OF THINGS THAT WE'RE  
9 GRAPPLING WITH, I KNOW, CERTAINLY, THAT THE BOARD HAS BEEN  
10 GRAPPLING WITH. BUT THOSE ARE, WHEN IT COMES TO LINKING A  
11 CLIENT TO A RESOURCE IN THE FASTEST POSSIBLE WAY, AND THE NEXT  
12 AVAILABLE RESOURCE, ALL THINGS BEING EQUAL, WHO DOES THAT  
13 RESOURCE GO TO IS THE TYPE OF CONVERSATION WE'RE HAVING.

14

15 **SUP. HORVATH:** SO, IF YOU ARE HAVING LACK OF CLARITY OR THERE  
16 ARE THOSE REMAINING ISSUES, WE NEED YOU TO SURFACE THEM TO US  
17 IF THERE'S LACK OF CHARITY SO WE CAN BE CLEAR FOR YOU AS A  
18 BOARD BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT THERE -- I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE  
19 ALWAYS COMPETING INTERESTS, BUT WHEN WE HEAR THAT THERE ARE  
20 VACANT BEDS BEING HELD WHEN PEOPLE ARE ON THE STREET OR PEOPLE  
21 WHO NEED SERVICE, FROM JAIL OR WHEREVER, THE IDEA THAT WE  
22 WOULD HAVE UNUSED RESOURCES IN THE SHORT OR LONG TERM, GIVEN  
23 THE STATE OF EMERGENCY THAT WE'RE IN AND THOSE NEEDS, I THINK  
24 IS HARD FOR US TO HEAR. SO WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE  
25 WHAT YOU NEED FROM US COLLABORATIVELY SO WE CAN MOVE THAT



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1 FORWARD. A COUPLE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, AND THEN I'LL GIVE IT  
2 BACK TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST ON SLIDE 16, IT'S IDENTIFIED  
3 20 ADDITIONAL HOTEL BEDS IN THE HOLLYWOOD AREA. ARE THOSE ONLY  
4 FOR D.M.H. CLIENTS? ARE THEY P.E.H. -- CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT  
5 THOSE BEDS?

6

7 **DR. WONG:** THOSE BEDS -- THEY DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE A  
8 D.M.H. CLIENT, BUT THEY ARE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING  
9 HOMELESSNESS WITH A SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS LIVING IN  
10 THE HOLLYWOOD AREA.

11

12 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY. YOU HAVE HIGHLIGHTED, DR. WONG, VERY  
13 CLEARLY IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S A LOW NUMBER, BUT THE AMOUNT OF  
14 WORK FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT THAT GOES INTO SERVING THE PEOPLE  
15 THAT YOU'RE SERVING IS A LOT. AND SO, CAN YOU HELP US  
16 UNDERSTAND HOW WE GET PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY SINCE WE HAVE SUCH A  
17 HIGH NUMBER OF THEM SELF-IDENTIFYING AS HAVING SEVERE MENTAL  
18 ILLNESS OR MENTAL HEALTH NEED, WHAT ARE WE DOING? IF IT'S NOT  
19 COMING FROM OUR DEPARTMENT BECAUSE YOU ARE FOCUSED ON A VERY  
20 SPECIFIC SUBSET, HOW ARE WE GETTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO  
21 THE REMAINDER OF THE POPULATION BECAUSE I THINK THE  
22 EXPECTATION IS THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT IS PROVIDING THAT. AND SO  
23 I REALLY WANT US TO BRIDGE THAT DISCONNECT.

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1     **DR. WONG:** WE DO PROVIDE SERVICES OUTSIDE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE  
2     SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL, EVEN THOUGH THAT IS OUR FOCUS. AND HOW  
3     WE HANDLE THIS IS TYPICALLY THE D.H.S. M.D.T. TEAMS WORK WITH  
4     FOLKS WHO ARE MORE MILD TO MODERATE, AND WE WORK WITH FOLKS  
5     WHO ARE MORE MODERATE TO SEVERE, BUT IT'S BACK TO THIS NO  
6     WRONG DOOR APPROACH. IF SOMEBODY SAYS THEY'RE IN DISTRESS,  
7     WE'LL TRY TO CONNECT THEM WITH THE APPROPRIATE SERVICE,  
8     WHATEVER THAT IS, WHETHER IT'S WITHIN OUR DEPARTMENT, MAYBE IT  
9     WILL BE SHORT TERM. MAYBE IT WILL BE A HELP LINE. MAYBE IT  
10    WILL BE PEER SUPPORT, OR MAYBE IT WILL BE A PRIVATE PROVIDER  
11    THROUGH MANAGED CARE. SO WE TRY TO DO THAT. I THINK ONE OF THE  
12    CHALLENGES RIGHT NOW IS FOR THAT MILD TO MODERATE POPULATION,  
13    TYPICALLY THE DEPENDENCE IS ON MANAGED CARE, AND THEY ARE  
14    EXPERIENCING A VERY SERIOUS SHORTAGE IN REFERRALS.

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16     **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY. WHEN WILL WE START TO SEE THE FIRST  
17     BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BRIDGE HOUSING BEDS COME INTO THE SYSTEM?  
18     AND HOW ARE WE USING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY TO MOVE THEM  
19     QUICKLY?

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21     **DR. WONG:** WE ARE USING THE DECLARATION EMERGENCY TO KIND OF  
22     FAST TRACK THE CONTRACTS THAT WE NEED TO PUT IN PLACE, AND  
23     THAT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, ESPECIALLY BY GETTING T.P.I. IN  
24     PLACE SO WE CAN HAVE AN OUTSIDE ENTITY WHO CAN DO THINGS A LOT  
25     MORE QUICKLY, AND WHO CAN BE A LOT MORE NIMBLE THAN TYPICALLY



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1    WHAT WOULD HAVE TO HAPPEN THROUGH THE COUNTY. SO THEY'RE THE  
2    ENTITY THAT'S GOING TO BE WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3    MENTAL HEALTH TO GET THESE B.H.B.H. CONTRACTS OUT. WHAT HAS  
4    HELPED TO MAKE IT GO A LITTLE FASTER WAS WE STARTED DOING A  
5    LOT OF THIS GROUNDWORK BEFORE WE ACTUALLY GOT THE MONEY. WE  
6    DIDN'T PROMISE ANYBODY ANY MONEY, BUT WE GAVE THE COMMUNITY AN  
7    EXPECTATION OF WHAT WAS GOING TO COME, WHAT WE ARE LOOKING  
8    FOR, AND ASKED WE ASKED THEM TO GIVE US WHAT THEY CAN DO, WHAT  
9    THEY'RE WILLING TO DO, AND WHAT THEY WOULD NEED TO DO, WHAT  
10    THEY WANT TO DO, AND THEN WE TO BE IT TO AN EQUITY LENS, AND  
11    THEN KIND OF TOOK A LOOK AT WHAT'S ACTUALLY NEEDED IN EACH  
12    AREA, WHERE ARE THEY LACKING SERVICES. SO, WE'RE MAKING THOSE  
13    MATCHES NOW SO THAT, AS CONTRACTS GO INTO PLACE, WE CAN JUST  
14    ROLL THEM OUT AND GO. I THINK THAT AS SOON AS WE GET THE  
15    CONTRACTS GOING, WE FEEL THAT THE T.P.I. WILL BE IN PLACE IN  
16    JUST A FEW MORE MONTHS, AND THEN WE CAN START GETTING PEOPLE  
17    APPLYING FOR THE CONTRACTS RIGHT AFTER THAT. AND FOLKS ARE  
18    ALREADY ARE GETTING READY. THEY'RE ALREADY IN THE QUEUE TO DO  
19    IT.

20

21    **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY. AND FINALLY, I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE SPOKEN A  
22    LOT ABOUT HOW D.M.H. AND S.A.P.C. ARE WORKING TOGETHER IN THE  
23    HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION PROCESS AND THAT, OVERALL, YOU  
24    NOW HAVE MORE, AS YOU SAID, SORT OF ROWING IN THE SAME  
25    DIRECTION. OUTSIDE OF HOMELESSNESS ENCAMPMENT, HOW ARE YOUR



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1 TWO ENTITIES WORKING TOGETHER BECAUSE I BELIEVE THERE IS A  
2 VERY STRONG SENSE IN THE PUBLIC THAT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND  
3 SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES ARE GOING HAND IN HAND. DR. TSAI, YOU  
4 JUST HIGHLIGHTED THAT IT'S THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE THAT'S KILLING  
5 OUR UNHOUSED PEOPLE. SO, HOW ARE WE ACTIVELY MARRYING THESE  
6 SERVICES OUTSIDE OF THE HOMELESSNESS ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION  
7 PROCESS TO WORK THROUGH GOING FORWARD AND MAKING SURE THAT  
8 THESE SERVICES ARE MARRIED AND EFFECTIVE FOR THE PEOPLE THEY  
9 NEED?

10

11 **CHERI TODOROFF:** SOME OF THE EFFORTS THAT DR. TSAI MENTIONED  
12 EARLIER WERE FOR OUR OVERALL SERVICES TOGETHER AND NOT JUST  
13 FOCUSED ON HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION. AND YOU KNOW, WE  
14 NEED A LOT OF CROSS TRAINING. I THINK WHAT HAS KEPT THE TWO  
15 WORLDS VERY SEPARATE WAS THAT FOLKS IN SUBSTANCE USE WORLD  
16 DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL  
17 ILLNESS. AND PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS FELT THAT  
18 WELL, IF THEY HAVE A PRIMARY SUBSTANCE USE, THEY SHOULD GO TO  
19 THAT SIDE OF THE STREET. SO, WE'RE TRYING TO GET BOTH OF THE  
20 FOLKS PROVIDING THE TREATMENT TO GET THE KIND OF TRAINING THEY  
21 NEED TO SEE THE SEE THE INTERRELATIONSHIP AND SEE WHAT KINDS  
22 OF INTERVENTIONS WE ROLL OUT THAT ADDRESS THIS CLIENT'S NEEDS  
23 LIKE WHERE THEY ARE. I DON'T THINK -- WE LOSE THE POSSIBILITY  
24 OF GETTING SOMEBODY WELL IF WE WELL THEM, OH YOU HAVE GO TO  
25 THIS PLACE TO GET THIS SERVICE INSTEAD. SO, I THINK THE CROSS



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1 TRAINING IS REALLY HELPFUL, BUT I THINK, AT A HIGHER LEVEL,  
2 TALKING WITH LEADERSHIP, WE HAVE PROBABLY NEVER TALKED THIS  
3 MUCH. RIGHT, DR. TSAI? SO, I THINK THAT HAS BEEN HUGELY  
4 HELPFUL TOO. OH NO. I MEAN PROBABLY IN THE LAST YEAR OR SO  
5 WHEN WE STARTED MEETING TOGETHER AS LEADERSHIP TALKING ABOUT  
6 WHAT KINDS OF FUNDING CAN WE BRING TOGETHER, WHAT KINDS OF  
7 SITES, WHAT KINDS OF SERVICES AND REALLY TAKING A LOOK AT HOW  
8 WE APPROACH THIS AS PARTNERS INSTEAD OF NEIGHBORS.

9

10 **DR. TSAI:** I THINK FUNDAMENTALLY ONE OF THE PRIORITIES THAT WE  
11 HAVE IS REALLY BUILDING OUT A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE. I  
12 THINK THAT FOR A LONG TIME NOW, YOU KNOW, MENTAL HEALTH  
13 PROVIDERS MAY SOMETIMES SAY I DON'T DO SUBSTANCE USE.  
14 SUBSTANCE USE PROVIDERS MAY SAY I DON'T DO MENTAL HEALTH. AND  
15 HOW WE BREAK THAT DOWN IS THROUGH THE TRAININGS, AND I THINK  
16 THOSE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP MEETINGS WE HAVE ARE REALLY  
17 IMPORTANT BECAUSE I THINK THAT PART OF CULTURE CHANGE IS JUST  
18 MAKING SURE WE HAVE ALIGNMENT ACROSS OUR RESPECTIVE  
19 ORGANIZATIONS AND HIGHLIGHT, SIMILAR TO THE HOMELESS  
20 DECLARATION, THAT THIS IS A PRIORITY.

21

22 **CHERI TODOROFF:** I THINK IT ALSO HAS TO DO WITH RECRUITING  
23 PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY EXCITED TO DO THIS WORK, WHO CAN SEE THE  
24 POTENTIAL IN IT AND SEE THE NECESSITY OF IT.

25



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1   **SUP. HORVATH:** THAT'S REALLY HELPFUL. I JUST WANT TO  
2   ACKNOWLEDGE, CHERI, I KNOW YOU PARTICIPATED IN OUR LAST  
3   L.A.H.S.A. COMMISSION MEETING, AND IT WAS INCREDIBLY HELPFUL  
4   TO HAVE YOU THERE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE YOU JUMP IN AND RESPOND.  
5   AND SO, I THINK GOING FORWARD BRINGING OUR LEADERSHIP FROM THE  
6   COUNTY INTO THOSE SPACES SO THERE IS AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE  
7   WORK THAT IS BEING DONE BY THE COUNTY, THAT THERE IS  
8   SUBSTANTIAL WORK BEING DONE IN TERMS OF SERVICES. AND MAKING  
9   SURE THAT WE BAKE INTO THE PROCESS HOW WE MARRY SERVICES IN  
10   HOUSING WILL BE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE IN TERMS OF ACHIEVING THE  
11   OUTCOMES THAT WE'RE SEEKING. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE  
12   WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING. WE KNOW IT'S HARD, AND WE'RE IN IT  
13   WITH YOU. MADAM CHAIR, BACK TO YOU.

14

15   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M JUST GOING TO FOLLOW UP ON  
16   THE IDEA OF HIRING THE PEOPLE THAT REALLY WANT TO DO IT  
17   BECAUSE WE KNOW SERVICES HAS REAL PEOPLE BEHIND IT, GOOD  
18   DOCTORS AND ASSISTANTS AND FOLKS WHO, AS MUCH AS I LOVE YOU  
19   APPLAUDING ME, WE DO HAVE A LITTLE CODE OF CONDUCT IN HERE. SO  
20   IF YOU'RE EXCITED ABOUT WHAT SOMEBODY SAYS, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO  
21   RAISE YOUR HANDS, AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE WHAT THEY SAY, JUST  
22   THUMBS DOWN, OKAY? AND I'M WONDERING DOES THIS DECLARATION OF  
23   EMERGENCY, HOW HAS THAT IMPACTED THE ABILITY TO HIRE  
24   PHYSICIANS, MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROVIDERS,  
25   DOCTORS WHO DEAL WITH THE HOMELESS IN HOSPITALS? HOW ARE WE



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1 DOING IN OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS, AND HOW ARE WE DOING WITH  
2 HIRING EXACTLY WHAT YOU SAID, THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE EXCITED  
3 ABOUT DOING THIS THROUGH THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION? IS IT  
4 HELPING?

5

6 **DR. WONG:** I THINK THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION HAS REALLY HELPED  
7 TO KIND OF GREASE THE WHEELS SO THAT EVERYTHING BECOMES A  
8 LITTLE BIT LESS FRICTION. YOU KNOW, WHERE THAT'S HELPFUL IS  
9 THERE WERE TIMES IN THE COUNTY SYSTEM WHERE IT WOULD BE SO  
10 SLOW, PEOPLE WOULD GIVE UP. AND THIS WAY WE CAN GET FOLKS  
11 COMING OUT OF GRADUATE SCHOOL, COMING OUT OF RESIDENCY. WE CAN  
12 GET THEM IN QUICKLY. I THINK WHERE IT'S ALSO HELPED THOUGH IN  
13 UNANTICIPATED WAYS, YOU KNOW, HELPING WITH THE CONTRACTING, WE  
14 WERE ABLE TO BRING ON CONTRACTORS WHO WERE HELPING US DO AN  
15 AMAZING RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN. IT'S CALLED  
16 DOWORTHWHILEWORK.COM. AND IF ANYBODY HASN'T CHECKED IT OUT,  
17 YOU SHOULD BECAUSE, ONCE YOU SEE IT, YOU'LL WANT TO WORK FOR  
18 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH BECAUSE IT SHARES THE KIND OF  
19 WORK THAT'S ACTUALLY BEING DONE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE  
20 PEOPLE WHO DO IT. WE FEATURE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTUALLY IN THOSE  
21 POSITIONS. AND I THINK THERE'S A NEW EXCITEMENT NOW AROUND  
22 DOING THIS KIND OF WORK. FOR INSTANCE, WE HAVE AN AMAZING  
23 DOCTOR, DR. SHIRAB, WHO IS ONE OF OUR BEST STREET  
24 PSYCHIATRISTS, AND HE -- THROUGH HIS EXCITEMENT, THROUGH THE  
25 KIND OF WORK THAT HE DOES, HE NOW HAS NINE RESIDENTS AND



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1 FELLOWS WHO WORK WITH HIM, WHICH HAS BEEN UNHEARD OF FOR US TO  
2 GET THAT MANY WHO ARE INTERESTED IN STREET PSYCHIATRY. AND WE  
3 HAVE ALSO HAD A NUMBER OF PERMANENT PSYCHIATRISTS, WHO HAVE  
4 COME ON BOARD WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO DO  
5 STREET PSYCHIATRY. SO I THINK THAT WHEN WE CAN HELP PEOPLE SEE  
6 THAT THIS IS A GREAT SYSTEM TO BE A PART OF, THAT IT'S A  
7 SYSTEM THAT CAN MOVE AND ACTUALLY DO THINGS, THAT'S VERY  
8 HELPFUL.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF  
11 PHYSICIANS IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY WHO WILL SPEAK ON THIS AND  
12 PROBABLY GIVE US SOME IDEAS ON HOW WE CAN DO IT ANY BETTER.  
13 LET ME -- CHERI, I WAS AT AN INSIDE SAFE ENCAMPMENT WITH THE  
14 CITY BACK IN -- A FEW MONTHS AGO, AND I REALIZED THAT THE  
15 FORMAT -- IT'S PROBABLY OURS TOO, RIGHT? YOU DO A LOT OF WORK  
16 BEFOREHAND. YOU GAIN THE TRUST OF THE PEOPLE. YOU FIGURE OUT  
17 THERE'S 25 PEOPLE THAT ARE PRE-ON THE LIST. THEY'RE THE ONES  
18 THAT ARE READY. WE ARE GOING BRING THEM INSIDE. WE HAVE 25  
19 MOTEL ROOMS. WE'RE BRINGING THEM IN TOGETHER, BUT WHAT WE  
20 FOUND, OF COURSE, AND I KNOW THAT HAPPENS, OTHERS IN THE  
21 SURROUNDING AREA HEAR ABOUT THOSE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION DAYS  
22 AND DECIDE, LIKE SUPERVISOR BARGER SAID, THAT'S THEIR WINDOW.  
23 THEY SAY, YOU KNOW WHAT, I'M READY TOO. AND WHAT WE FOUND OUT  
24 THAT DAY, IT WAS LIKE SORRY, WE WERE ONLY COUNTING ON 25 OF  
25 YOU BEING READY, AND NOW THERE'S MAYBE NOW THERE'S MAYBE 33 OF



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1     YOU. I REMEMBER IVAN AND I, WE GOT ON THE PHONE AND ASKED YOU  
2     WHAT CAN THE COUNTY BRING TO THOSE EXTRA, ARE WE BRINGING  
3     EXTRA ROOMS? HOW DO WE DEAL WITH -- BECAUSE THERE IS A MOMENT  
4     IN TIME WHEN PEOPLE ARE READY TO COME INSIDE, AND YOU REALLY  
5     WANT TO CAPITALIZE ON THAT, BUT THOSE ENCAMPMENT CLEARINGS ARE  
6     REALLY DEPENDENT ON A FINITE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND HOTEL AND  
7     MOTEL ROOMS THAT ARE READY. HOW ARE WE DOING? AND I'LL TAKE  
8     SHORT ANSWERS AT THIS TIME BECAUSE WE'RE LATE IN THE DAY  
9     ALREADY. WHAT ARE WE TO BRING EXTRA RESOURCES BESIDES WHAT WE  
10    COUNTED ON?

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12    **CHERI TODOROFF:** YEAH, THANKS FOR THE QUESTION. I'LL BE BRIEF  
13    WITH THE RESPONSE. WITH PATHWAY HOME, THERE IS A DEDICATED  
14    TEAM AT EACH PATHWAY HOME OPERATION THAT IS HELPING THOSE  
15    CLIENTS WHO ARE COMING THE DAY OF WHO WERE NOT PREVIOUSLY IN  
16    THAT ENCAMPMENT. AND SPECIFICALLY WHAT THEY'RE SEEKING TO DO  
17    IS TO GET THEM INTERN HOUSING PLACEMENT IN THE SAME TIMELINE.  
18    AND INSIDE SAFE HAS THIS EMBEDDED IN THIS PROGRAM NOW, AS  
19    WELL.

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21    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND THEN SO, I WAS THINKING ABOUT A  
22    FEW OF THOSE FOLKS WE GOT TO KNOW PRETTY WELL THAT DAY WHO WE  
23    GOT GOT INSIDE AND ARE INSIDE A MOTEL IN ONE OF OUR  
24    COMMUNITIES, AND WONDERING HOW LONG -- NOT SO MUCH HOW LONG DO  
25    THEY GET TO STAY, BUT HOW LONG ARE OUR AGREEMENTS WITH THOSE

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1 HOTELS? ARE THEY LASTING? ARE THEY UP AT THE END OF THE YEAR?  
2 WHERE ARE WE IN TERMS OF HOW WE MASTER LEASE THESE MOTELS AND  
3 HOTELS?

4

5 **CHERI TODOROFF:** WE ARE SEEKING AGREEMENTS THAT ALLOW US THE  
6 OPTION OF STAYING WITHIN THOSE SITES FOR UP TO A COUPLE OF  
7 YEARS. WE WANT TO HAVE A STABLE -- A SITE OF INTERIM HOUSING  
8 SITES GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTRIBUTED AROUND THE COUNTY THAT WE CAN  
9 USE OVER AND OVER AGAIN FOR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION SO WE KNOW  
10 THAT WE HAVE THE RESOURCE THERE AND DON'T HAVE TO GO SEEKING A  
11 NEW INTERIM HOUSING SITE, WHICH HAS SOMETHING THAT WE KNOW  
12 IMPACTS OUR SEQUENCING AND OUR TIMING BECAUSE WE WANT TO HAVE  
13 THEM READY AND ON LONG TERM AGREEMENTS.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THEN ONE MORE, - I KNOW ALL  
16 THIS DEPENDS, FINDING SOMEBODY A PLACE, DEPENDS ON THESE  
17 PARTNERS THAT WE HAVE WITH MOTELS AND HOTELS. WHAT ARE WE  
18 DOING BETTER OR WHAT CAN WE DO BETTER TO GET MORE MOTEL/HOTEL  
19 PARTNERS TO BE IN OUR SYSTEM?

20

21 **CHERI TODOROFF:** YEAH, THANKS FOR THAT QUESTION. WE HAVE HAD A  
22 BIG PUSH, AND I NEED TO CALL OUT OUR C.E.O. REAL ESTATE TEAM  
23 FOR EVERYTHING THEY HAVE DONE. THEY HAVE BROUGHT ON NEW  
24 RESOURCES. WE HAVE REAL ESTATE CONSULTANTS WORKING WITH US  
25 NOW. THEY'RE DOING WIDE CANVASSING ACROSS THE COUNTY AND



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1 DEEPER ENGAGEMENT AND MARKETING OF THE PROGRAM WITH OUR MOTEL  
2 AND HOTEL OWNERS. AND WE ARE ALSO WORKING OFF OF A VERY  
3 STRUCTURED LIST NOW. SO WE'RE KEEPING VERY GOOD TRACK OF THE -  
4 - WHERE THE LOCATIONS ARE, OUR CONTACT WITH THEM, THE STATUS  
5 OF THAT. AND WE ARE SEEKING TO ENTER INTO A NOTABLE NUMBER OF  
6 AGREEMENTS WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS THROUGH THIS  
7 EFFORT.

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9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S GREAT BECAUSE WE KNOW, I MEAN WE ARE  
10 TRYING TO BUILD MORE PLACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN GET THE SERVICES  
11 THEY NEED AND GET IN OFF THE STREETS. AND WE KNOW THAT  
12 BUILDING FACILITIES FROM THE GROUND UP IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.  
13 TAKING MOTELS AND HOTELS AND TURNING THEM INTO INTERIM HOUSING  
14 IS LIKE A THIRD OF THE COST AND HALF THE TIME, I THINK. SO  
15 IT'S REALLY AN EFFICIENT WAY TO GO. THANK YOU FOR THAT.  
16 KATHRYN BARGER, I SEE YOU ON THE QUEUE AGAIN.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** REALLY QUICKLY.

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20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE.

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22 **SUP. BARGER:** NO, THIS ONE IS. I THINK YOU CAN BE FAST. I JUST  
23 WANT TO GET A CLARIFICATION BECAUSE I THINK I INTERPRETED IT  
24 RIGHT, BUT I WAS JUST TALKING TO MY STAFF. WHEN YOU SAY  
25 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CONNECTED PEOPLE WITH SERVICES,



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1    WHAT DOES CONNECTED MEAN? DOES THAT MEAN THEY LEFT THE SERVICE  
2    EVENT WITH AN ACTION APPOINT? AND ARE YOU TRACKING WHAT  
3    HAPPENS NEXT BECAUSE I TOOK IT TO MEAN THEY ACTUALLY HAVE AN  
4    ACTUAL APPOINTMENT?

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6    **CHERI TODOROFF:** YES, THEY ACTUALLY GET CONNECTED TO A CLINIC  
7    OR AN F.S.P. TEAM OR WHATEVER SERVICE IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE,  
8    AND THEN THEY HAVE THE FOLLOW THROUGH TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY  
9    GET THERE BECAUSE WHAT WE WERE FINDING BEFORE WAS THAT PEOPLE  
10   WOULDN'T SHOW UP. AND WE ARE TRACKING WHAT HAPPENS.

11

12   **SUP. BARGER:** SO, AN ACTUAL APPOINTMENT BECAUSE I KNOW LIKE IN  
13   DISCHARGE FROM SOME OF THE HOSPITALS, THEY GIVE DISCHARGE  
14   PAPERS THAT SAY YOU CAN GO HERE, AND THEY NEVER GO. SO THIS IS  
15   AN ACTUAL -- CONNECTED MEANS THEY ARE ACTUALLY CONNECTED TO AN  
16   APPOINTMENT.

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18   **CHERI TODOROFF:** YES, THEY ACTUALLY GET AN APPOINTMENT, AND WE  
19   ACTUALLY HAVE SET ASIDE A SMALL NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS JUST  
20   FOR THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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22   **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

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24   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND MS. MITCHELL SAID SHE HAD A TEENY-TINY  
25   ITSY-BITSY QUESTION.



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2     **SUP. MITCHELL:** I DO. FOLLOWING UP ON THE COMMENTS YOU MADE IN  
3     TERMS OF HOW LONG PEOPLE CAN STAY IN THE PATHWAY HOMES. AND I  
4     KNOW FOR THE R.V. PILOT, WHICH IS A PART OF PATHWAY HOMES, WE  
5     TALK ABOUT WITHIN THE FIRST 14 DAYS OF BEING IN TEMPORARY  
6     HOUSING THAT THERE'S AT LEAST A HOUSING PLAN SO PEOPLE ARE  
7     CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THE NEXT STEPS CAN BE BECAUSE WHAT'S SO  
8     IMPORTANT IS WE HAVE GOT TO MOVE PEOPLE INTO PERMANENT  
9     SUPPORTIVE TO FREE UP THOSE SLOTS FOR THE NEXT ENCAMPMENT  
10    REMOVAL. SO WE DIDN'T WANT PEOPLE TO FEEL THAT THEY WERE BEING  
11    PUSHED OUT. SO WITHIN THE 14 DAYS, YOU HAVE A PLAN, BUT  
12    THERE'S NO TIMEFRAME WITHIN WHICH THEY HAVE TO LEAVE. WE HAVE  
13    TO HAVE THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE BEDS AND SPACES AVAILABLE TO  
14    THEM.

15

16     **CHERI TODOROFF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

17

18     **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU SOUND A LITTLE -- OKAY, THERE'S A DOCTOR  
19    IN THE HOUSE. OH, OKAY. ANYBODY ELSE? OKAY, GOOD. NOT GOOD  
20    THAT THERE'S ANYBODY -- THIS WAS A REALLY GOOD DISCUSSION.  
21    THANK YOU. A TON OF INFORMATION. I HOPE THE PUBLIC IS  
22    LISTENING AND WATCHING AND REALLY UNDERSTANDS THE DEPTH AND  
23    THE COMPLEXITY OF THIS CRISIS AND HOW WE'RE RESPONDING TO IT.  
24    EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHY DON'T YOU CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE  
25    PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, SET MATTER 1.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE  
3 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM SET MATTER 1, IF  
4 YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE  
5 PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. WILL BARBARA YATES, ELIZA DEBOW,  
6 GARY PINALL, GEORGE SINGER, JENNIFER SMITH, JENNIFER TRIFF,  
7 JOYCE SITAYJA, JULIE WU SAI, CABEAR YADOV, MARINE MCCULLOUGH,  
8 MELISSA G., MICHELE AMACOST, MICHELE SRIWONTONG, MONICA  
9 DESHMOOK, PHYLLIS KIM, PORSCHE TURNER, SALAM ALEM, SKY WANG,  
10 AND STEWART BUSEY, PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST.  
11 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

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16 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING. I THOUGHT THAT WE  
17 WEREN'T GOING TO GET TO TALK. I WANTED TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM  
18 FOR DIANE WATSON. AND WAS NOT ALLOWED TO. BUT ON THIS ONE, ON  
19 THE ISSUE OF THE HOMELESS, THE TEAMS ARE NOT WHAT THEY SHOULD  
20 BE. I'M GETTING MORE CONCERNED BY THE DAY BECAUSE WE ONLY HEAR  
21 POSITIVE THINGS WHEN SOME OF THESE ARE NOT WORKING AND NEVER  
22 BROUGHT UP TO THE BOARD. AND I THINK THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN.  
23 ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, GENEVIEVE. THANK YOU. TALK TO YOU  
2   LATER. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RAQUEL DURFLER. YOU MAY  
5   BEGIN.

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7   **RAQUEL DURFLER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?. I AM GIVING GENERAL PUBLIC  
8   COMMENT, YES?

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10   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO. THIS IS ON THE SET MATTER 1. GENERAL  
11   PUBLIC COMMENT IS NOT UNTIL THE END OF THE MEETING.

12

13   **RAQUEL DURFLER:** YES, SO I WILL HOLD UNTIL THE END. I'M JUST  
14   GOING TO GIVE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU.

15

16   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. YEAH. THAT'S AT THE END. THANK YOU.  
17   NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DANIELLE ELLIOT. YOU MAY  
20   BEGIN. DANIELLE ELLIOT, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

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22   **DANIELLE ELLIOT:** THANK YOU, I WAS ON AGENDA ITEM 19, BUT IN --  
23   I DO HAVE SOME COMMENTS REGARDING THE HOMELESS POPULATION. I  
24   HAVE SPOKEN TO THE POLICE IN MY AREA, AND THEY SAY THAT THEY  
25   ARE ENCOUNTERING PEOPLE FROM, NOT ONLY ALL OVER THE WORLD, BUT



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1 ALL OVER THIS COUNTRY, FROM OREGON. THEY ARE COMING HERE FROM  
2 EVERY SINGLE STATE. AND THEY ARE BEING ATTRACTED BY THE  
3 RESOURCES THAT WE ARE PROVIDING AND THE HOUSING THAT WE ARE  
4 PROVIDING. IS THERE ANY CONTROL THAT YOU ARE IMPOSING SO THAT  
5 LIMITED HOUSING IS PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE AS  
6 OPPOSED TO ANYONE WHO SIMPLY WANTS TO COME HERE? THANK YOU.

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

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10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KATHLEEN CROWLEY. YOU MAY  
11 BEGIN.

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13 **KATHLEEN CROWLEY:** HI, THIS IS KATHLEEN CROWLEY, EXECUTIVE  
14 DIRECTOR OF PROCOVERY INSTITUTE. I WANTED TO SAY THAT I REALLY  
15 APPRECIATE THE PRESENTATIONS AND THE DISCUSSION TODAY, BUT  
16 THERE CONTINUES TO BE A REAL DISCONNECT BETWEEN WHAT IS  
17 CONTINUOUSLY PRESENTED AND WHAT IS TAKING PLACE ON THE GROUND.  
18 I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN COMPLEX SYSTEM OF CHANGE BEFORE, AND I  
19 WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD CONSIDER A FEW THINGS. ONE IS WE ARE  
20 LONG PAST MEASURING SYSTEMIC OUTCOMES BY BUILDING CAPACITY,  
21 BUILDING WORKFORCE, GETTING PEOPLE EXCITED TO WORK IN THE  
22 FIELD, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY, ELIMINATING RED TAPE.  
23 ALL OF THOSE ARE CRITICAL. I HAVE SPENT DECADES PROVIDING THEM  
24 AND ADVOCATING FOR THEM, BUT THEY ARE OUTPUTS. THEY ARE NOT  
25 OUTCOMES. WE NEED TO BE CLEARLY OUTLINING AND CONTRACTUALLY



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1 INCLUDING CLEAR MEASURABLE OUTCOMES AND PROVIDE THE TRAINING,  
2 RESOURCES, SUPPORTS, AND FUNDING TO ACHIEVE THEM, ALONG WITH  
3 INCENTIVES TO DO SO. SECOND, WE DESPERATELY NEED A PLACE FOR A  
4 TIME AND PLACE TO COLLABORATIVELY AND WELCOMING DISCUSSION TO  
5 BRAINSTORM AND TROUBLESHOOT WHAT ISN'T WORKING AND DETERMINE  
6 HOW TO COURSE CORRECT AND CHANGE COURSE --

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROSE DRISCOLL. YOU MAY  
12 BEGIN.

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14 **ROSE DRISCOLL:** I AM SORRY. I MEANT TO SPEAK AT THE END DURING  
15 PUBLIC -- GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

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

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22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL GO IN-PERSON, WELCOME.

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24 **DR. BARBARA YATES:** OKAY, GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME AND DR. BARBARA YATES, AND I HAVE BEEN A



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1 COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR OVER 10 YEARS IN SERVICES, AN  
2 OPHTHALMOLOGIST WHO SPECIALISTS IN NEURO-OPTHALMOLOGY AND  
3 OCULAR PLASTIC SURGERY, AND WE ARE THE FRONTLINE WORKERS  
4 TREATING THE HOMELESS AND TREATING THOSE THAT ARE TEETERING  
5 HOMELESSNESSES BECAUSE OF MEDICAL DISABILITY. IT IS REALLY  
6 IMPORTANT IN ORDER TO SHED LIGHT ON THE HOMELESSNESS PROBLEM  
7 THAT YOU RECOGNIZE PHYSICIANS. WE ARE IN DIRE NEED OF  
8 RETAINING OUR PHYSICIANS AS WELL AS RECRUITING PHYSICIANS.  
9 THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH OF US TO ADDRESS ALL OF THE ISSUES, AND  
10 PART OF IS IT BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE THE MEGAFLEX DESIGNATION.  
11 WE ARE NON-MEGAFLEX, AND WE DO NOT HAVE THE RETIREMENT PLANS,  
12 AND WE DO NOT HAVE BENEFITS THAT WILL RECRUIT PHYSICIANS AND  
13 RETAIN THEM. WE ARE ACTUALLY AT THE POINT WHERE WE ARE URGING  
14 OUR C.E.O. TO HELP NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT BECAUSE WE ARE VOTING  
15 TO GO ON STRIKE.

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

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19 **DR. ALISA DUBOW:** YES, HI MY NAME IS DR. ALISA DUBOW. I WORK AT  
20 OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER, ONE OF THE FOUR INCREDIBLE  
21 HOSPITALS OF L.A. COUNTY. AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT IT  
22 IS NOT ONLY MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE BUT ACUTE MEDICAL  
23 CONDITIONS AND WORSENING CHRONICLE MEDICAL CONDITIONS, SUCH AS  
24 HYPERTENSION, HEART DISEASE, DIABETES, AUTOIMMUNE DISORDERS,  
25 HIGH RISK PREGNANCY THAT CAN LEAD TO LOSS OF WAGES, EXHAUSTION



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1 OF SICK DAYS, AND UNEMPLOYMENT, AND HOMELESSNESSES. WE CARE  
2 FOR 800,000 UNIQUE PATIENTS THAT ARE POOR, THAT ARE THE  
3 HIGHEST RISK FOR HOMELESSNESS. THEY ARE ALREADY SOMETIMES  
4 HOMELESS, AND WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PHYSICIANS TO DO SO.  
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU ASKED DO WE HAVE A HUB OF PROVIDERS. WE  
6 ARE YOUR UNDERUTILIZED HUB OF PROVIDERS. WE ARE THE CONNECTION  
7 TO THE COUNTY SERVICES THAT YOU GUYS ARE DISCUSSING TODAY. WE  
8 SCREEN EVERY PATIENT IN EVERY VISIT FOR HOUSING INSECURITY. WE  
9 NEED MORE OF US. WE NEED A FAIR CONTRACT.

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

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13 **DR. TRUE:** I AM DR. TRUE, FAMILY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN, WORKING  
14 FOR L.A. COUNTY FOR EIGHT YEARS NOW. I WAS WORKING AT ROYBAL  
15 CLINIC. I WORK AT RANCHOS LOS AMIGOS. LIKE MANY OF THE DOCTORS  
16 WORKING FOR L.A. COUNTY, I HAVE A SPECIAL HEART FOR THE  
17 MARGINALIZED AND IMPOVERISHED PATIENT POPULATION WE SERVE,  
18 INCLUDING THE HOMELESS. THIS JOB IS NOT AN EASY ONE, AND NOT  
19 JUST ANY KIND OF DOCTOR WANTS IT. AS YOU VOTE ON THE AGENDAS,  
20 KEEP IN MIND THAT PHYSICIANS NEED A CONTRACT TOO. WE ARE  
21 REQUESTING TO IMPROVE OUR BENEFITS TO INCENTIVIZE OUR  
22 PROVIDERS TO STAY. OUR PATIENTS MAY NOT SPEAK ENGLISH, CAN'T  
23 READ OR WRITE OR SEE OR HEAR. THEY HAVE COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT,  
24 SUFFER FROM DEBILITATING DISEASES, YET WE HAVE LESS THAN 15  
25 MINUTES TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO HELP THEM. OUR INBOXES ARE



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1    OVERRUN WITH OVER 200 MESSAGES AND REQUESTS FOR ACTIONS. WE  
2    ARE GETTING NEWER AND NEWER PATIENTS, HOWEVER LAST YEAR WE  
3    LOST FIVE PROVIDERS IN THE CLINIC. WHEN A PROVIDER LEAVES, HIS  
4    3,000 PATIENTS ARE NOW FLOATING ABOUT AND ADDED TO THE  
5    WORKLOAD OF THE PROVIDERS LEFT BEHIND. IN MY CURRENT CLINIC,  
6    WITHIN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, TWO PROVIDERS QUIT. WE HAVE A  
7    SEVERE PROBLEM RECRUITING NEW DOCTORS.

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9    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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11    **DR. TRUE:** I VOTE TO STRIKE.

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

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15    **DR. JENNIFER SMITH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS DR. JENNIFER  
16    SMITH. I AM A TRAUMA SURGEON AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL  
17    CENTER. I HAVE BEEN A PHYSICIAN IN L.A. COUNTY FOR NEARLY 19  
18    YEARS. I TRAINED HERE, AND I STAYED HERE BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN  
19    PROVIDING CARE TO L.A.'S MOST VULNERABLE, WHICH INCLUDE THE  
20    UNHOUSED. AS A WHOLE, PHYSICIANS ARE NOT A GROUP OF  
21    PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE COMFORTABLE ADVOCATING FOR OURSELVES OR  
22    ASKING FOR WHAT WE DESERVE. BUT AFTER TWO YEARS OF THE COUNTY  
23    BEING UNWILLING TO BARGAIN WITH US IN GOOD FAITH, WE ARE TIRED  
24    OF BEING IGNORED. WITHOUT COMPETITIVE COMPENSATION AND  
25    BENEFITS, WE ARE UNABLE TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN A HIGHLY SKILLED



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1 WORKFORCE. WITH FEWER DOCTORS, THE WORKLOAD WILL NOT LESSEN,  
2 RATHER IT WILL BE REDISTRIBUTED IN A WAY THAT LEADS TO BURN  
3 OUT FOR THOSE PROVIDERS WHO REMAIN. TODAY IN LOS ANGELES  
4 COUNTY, THE VACANCY RATES FOR PHYSICIANS ARE BETWEEN 30% AND  
5 70%. AS A MEMBER OF THE U.A.P.D., I WILL BE VOTING YES FOR A  
6 STRIKE AUTHORIZATION.

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

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10 **GEORGE SINGER:** MY NAME IS GEORGE SINGER, I AM A TRAUMA SURGEON  
11 AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. THE PEOPLE SITTING BEHIND ME ARE THE SAFETY  
12 NET FOR OUR COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE. THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH  
13 PHYSICIANS WHO CARE FOR THE UNHOUSED AND THE MENTALLY ILL.  
14 WHEN I WAS HIRED EIGHT YEARS AGO, I WAS GIVEN CHOICES  
15 BENEFITS. CHOICES LACKS SHORT TERMS DISABILITY FOR PREGNANCY  
16 AND FAMILY LEAVE. OUR PENSION IS CAPPED BY P.E.P.R.A., BUT  
17 CHOICES HAS NO ACCESS TO A 401K TO OFFSET OUR RETIREMENT. WHEN  
18 MY BRILLIANT AND TENACIOUS WIFE, THALIA, WAS HIRED BY THE  
19 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, REPRESENTING THE UNHOUSED AND THE  
20 MENTALLY ILL, I LEARNED THAT ALL JUDGES, D.A.S, AND P.D.S GET  
21 MEGAFLEX. D.H.S. ADMINISTERS GET MEGA- FLEX. WHY DID UNIONIZED  
22 PHYSICIANS HAVE MEGAFLEX TAKEN AWAY? WHY DO THE SAME D.H.S.  
23 ADMINISTRATORS WHO REFUSE US HAVE ACCESS TO A 401K, SHORT TERM  
24 DISABILITY, BETTER MEDICAL AND BETTER MENTAL HEALTH THAN I?  
25 WHY IS MY HEALTH AND MY RETIREMENT LESS IMPORTANT? TODAY, I AM



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1 VOTING YES TO GO ON STRIKE UNTIL THIS INEQUITY IS RIGHTED.

2 THANK YOU.

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

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6 **DR. JOYCE SUTAJIAN:** MY NAME IS DR. JOYCE SUTAJIAN. I AM AN  
7 O.B.G.Y.N. WITH D.H.S. CARING FOR THE UNDERSERVED IS A  
8 CALLING, AND THE UNHOUSED IS A CALLING. THE WORKLOAD IS HEAVY,  
9 BUT WE DO IT BECAUSE WE LOVE OUR PATIENTS, WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND  
10 WITHOUT RESERVE. WE CARE FOR THOSE WHO ARE TURNED AWAY BY  
11 OTHERS, AND WE ARE PROUD TO DO WHAT WE DO. BUT THE COUNTY HAS  
12 ERODED THAT PRIDE. OUR REQUEST FOR SOMETHING AS BASIC AS  
13 MATERNITY LEAVE HAS BEEN LABELED IMPOSSIBLE. MEANWHILE, I  
14 PLACE MY OWN PATIENTS ON MATERNITY LEAVE EVERY DAY THAT I  
15 DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO. THAT IS A CONSTANT INSULT. AS A RESULT,  
16 WE ARE LOSING PHYSICIANS IN OUR WORKFORCE, AND OUR PATIENTS  
17 ARE WAITING MONTHS TO BE SEEN. BY THE TIME THEY COME TO US,  
18 THEY ARE SO SEVERE, AND THEIR DISEASE IS SO ADVANCED, THAT WE  
19 ARE LIMITED IN OUR ABILITY TO CARE FOR THEM, AND WE FEEL LIKE  
20 WE ARE FIGHTING FOR THEM WITH OUR ARMS TIED BEHIND OUR BACKS.  
21 I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT US IN OBTAINING THESE VERY BASIC NEEDS,  
22 DISABILITY INSURANCE, RETIREMENT PLANS, COMPENSATION THAT IS  
23 FAIR. HELP US REGAIN THE PRIDE AND RESPECT THAT WE DESERVE AS  
24 THE PHYSICIANS THAT CARE FOR THE UNDERSERVED.

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

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3   **MAUREEN MCCULLOUGH:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MAUREEN  
4   MCCULLOUGH. I AM EMERGENCY MEDICINE AT OLIVE VIEW. I'VE BEEN  
5   WITH THE COUNTY FOR 30 YEARS. EVERY DAY THE COUNTY E.R.'S SEE  
6   THE PATIENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESSES, THE MOST VULNERABLE,  
7   THE MOST NEEDY. I EVEN STARTED AN ADDICTION PROGRAM IN OUR OWN  
8   E.R. TO START PATIENTS ON MEDICATION. PATIENTS WHO ARE  
9   EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HAVE THIS NEED. THE LACK OF  
10   PHYSICIANS WITHIN THE L.A. COUNTY SYSTEM IS VERY PALPABLE IN  
11   OUR E.R.S. WE NEED TO FIX THE PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT AND  
12   RETENTION PROBLEM. WE ARE UNABLE TO HIRE BECAUSE OF THE POOR  
13   BENEFITS OFFERED TO PHYSICIANS. A REPORT TO THE BOARD IN MARCH  
14   022, FROM CHRISTINA GHALY, REGARDING HEALTHCARE RECRUITMENT  
15   AND RETENTION, HAD BETTER BENEFITS AS THE NUMBER ONE AND  
16   NUMBER TWO SOLUTIONS. PLEASE RETURN MEGAFLEX TO COUNTY  
17   PHYSICIANS. PLEASE HELP US TAKE CARE OF THE MOST VULNERABLE  
18   AND THE MOST DESERVING PATIENT POPULATION, THOSE EXPERIENCING  
19   HOMELESSNESS.

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

22

23   **MICHELLE SRIWONTONG:** GOOD MORNING. I AM MICHELLE SRIWONTONG, A  
24   FAMILY MEDICINE AND SPORTS MEDICINE DOCTOR AT THE ROYBAL  
25   CLINIC IN EAST LOS ANGELES. AND I HAVE BEEN THERE FOR ALMOST



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1    FOUR YEARS. WHEN I STARTED MY JOB BACK IN MARCH OF 2020, THEY  
2    ASKED ME TO GO OUT TO THE HOMELESS SHELTERS, AND I DID BECAUSE  
3    WE SET UP SOME EMERGENCY CLINICS THERE. I WAS PREGNANT. AND I  
4    READ EVERY DAY HOW DANGEROUS IT WAS TO BE OUT THERE, BUT I DID  
5    IT ANYWAY BECAUSE I KNEW THAT THERE WERE NOT OTHER PEOPLE THAT  
6    WERE GOING TO GO. SHORTLY AFTER THAT, WHEN I TOOK MY UNPAID  
7    LEAVE, AND I HAD TO WORK ONE TO TWO DAYS A MONTH JUST TO KEEP  
8    MY INSURANCE FOR ME AND MY BABY, I REALIZED THIS IS WHY PEOPLE  
9    DON'T COME HERE. THIS IS WHY IT IS SO HARD, BUT WHO ELSE GOING  
10   TO DO IT? LOOKING AT OTHER PLACES, THEY PAY 40% MORE. THEY  
11   GIVE PAID MATERNITY LEAVE. EVEN AS A RESIDENT AT U.C.L.A., I  
12   HAD BETTER MATERNITY LEAVE WHICH WAS ANY MATERNITY LEAVE,  
13   WHICH WAS ANY MATERNITY LEAVE THAT IS PAID, AND TWO RETIREMENT  
14   ACCOUNTS, WHICH WE DON'T HAVE HERE. SO FOR THE LAST THREE AND  
15   A HALF YEARS, I WAS THE ONLY DOCTOR THAT THEY HIRED OUT OF  
16   TRAINING, AND ONLY RECENTLY HAVE THEY HIRED SOMEONE NEW. I AM  
17   VOTING YES TO STRIKE BECAUSE I CARE FOR MY PATIENTS. AND I  
18   KNOW WITHOUT BETTER BENEFITS AND PAY, WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE  
19   ABLE TO HIRE MORE. THANK YOU.

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

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23    **DR. GARY PEDNALT:** HI, I AM DR. GARY PEDNALT. AND I TRAINED IN  
24    L.A. COUNTY AT AUGUSTUS HAWKINS THEN MOVED TO HARBOR U.C.L.A.  
25    I HAVE BEEN AT L.A. COUNTY JAIL SINCE THE YEAR 1998 IN SOME



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1 CAPACITY. PRESENTLY, SINCE 2009, I AM WITH THE WOMEN IN  
2 LYNWOOD. AND WE HAVE A 70% VACANCY RATE. MYSELF AND  
3 COLLEAGUES, WE SERVE MANY WITH UNMET PSYCHIATRIC AND MEDICAL  
4 NEEDS. L.A. COUNTY, THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY, WITH  
5 THE LARGEST JAIL IN THE COUNTRY AND PROBABLY THE LARGEST  
6 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY IN THE WORLD, UNDERSTAFFED.  
7 RESPECTFULLY, IT IS TIME TO URGE THE C.E.O. THE PHYSICIANS  
8 NEED BETTER BENEFITS AND COMPETITIVE SALARIES. DURING THIS  
9 TIME OF HIGH NEED, WITH THE TRIFECTA OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE,  
10 HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL ILLNESS, IT IS NOT THE TIME TO CONTINUE  
11 WITH HISTORIC AND UNION BIASES WITH NOT ALLOWING US TO HAVE  
12 MEGAFLEX.

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14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,  
15 PLEASE.  
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17 **DR. PHYLLIS KIM:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS DR. PHYLLIS KIM. I  
18 AM FULL TIME ONCOLOGIST AT OLIVE VIEW. I ALSO REPRESENT MY  
19 ENTIRE DIVISION OF ONCOLOGY, WHICH INCLUDES DR. PHYLLIS WU,  
20 DR. JARED REED, AND DR. DAVID BOLLOS. WE HAVE ALL CHOSEN  
21 EMPLOYMENT AT A COUNTY HOSPITAL. WE ALL STRIVE TO PROVIDE HIGH  
22 QUALITY, TIMELY CANCER CARE TO THE UNDERSERVED OF LOS ANGELES  
23 COUNTY, WHICH INCLUDES HOMELESS CANCER PATIENTS, CANCER  
24 PATIENTS WITH SUBSTANCE ISSUES, AND ALSO CANCER PATIENTS WITH  
25 MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES. OUR DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A



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1    VERY HIGH VOLUME OF MEDICALLY COMPLEX AND EXTREMELY VULNERABLE  
2    PATIENT POPULATION, ALL WHILE OPERATING WITH VERY THIN  
3    STAFFING. WE CANNOT HOLD ON TO OUR ONCOLOGISTS. WE CANNOT  
4    RETAIN OUR GRADUATING TRAINEES. AND WE CANNOT HIRE NEW  
5    ONCOLOGISTS WITH THE SALARY AND BENEFITS PACKAGE BEING  
6    OFFERED. ADDITIONALLY, IT IS MY RIGHT TO PLAN MY FAMILY AS I  
7    CHOOSE. I AM CURRENTLY 20 WEEKS PREGNANT WITH NO MATERNITY  
8    LEAVE BENEFITS. I REJECT THE COUNTY'S SUGGESTION THAT I DELAY  
9    EXPANDING MY FAMILY WHILE I ACCRUE ENOUGH VACATION AND SICK  
10   TIME TO COVER THE TIME THAT I NEED OFF.

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

14

15   **DR. MONICA DESMOOK:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DR. MONICA  
16   DESHMOOK, AND I AM A RADIOLOGIST AT OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER.  
17   WHEN YOU LOOK AROUND AT THIS ROOM BEHIND YOU, ALL THESE FOLKS  
18   IN WHITE COATS, WE ARE NOT JUST DOCTORS. WE ARE WORKERS BEHIND  
19   THE PROGRAMS THAT YOU ARE PROPOSING. WE ARE THE TROOPS. WE ARE  
20   THE WHITE COATS ON THE GROUND. WE ARE THE FRONTLINE. WE ARE  
21   THE ITEMS, FULL TIME ITEMS, I MIGHT ADD, NOT CONTRACTORS. BUT  
22   MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE ARE THE TEACHERS. WE ARE TEACHING THE  
23   NEXT GENERATION OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS. AND AS THE  
24   HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS ON THE PANEL CAN ATTEST, TEACHING THE  
25   INTERSECTION BETWEEN HEALTHCARE AND UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS IS



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1 ESSENTIAL. AND IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM  
2 CAN LEARN ABOUT. IT IS SOMETHING WE DO EVERY DAY. AT L.A.  
3 COUNTY D.H.S., WE WORK WITH THE BRIGHTEST AND THE MOST DIVERSE  
4 GROUP OF MEDICAL STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS IN SOUTHERN  
5 CALIFORNIA, AND POSSIBLY THE COUNTRY, BUT THESE RESIDENTS,  
6 THEY DO NOT STAY. WHY? BECAUSE WE CANNOT RECRUIT THEM. WHY NOT  
7 KEEP THESE BRILLIANT MINDS IN THE COUNTY TO FILL THESE ROLES  
8 THAT THE BOARD IS SO VALIANTLY VOTING ON RIGHT NOW, NOT AS  
9 CONTRACTORS, AS FULL TIME ITEMS? I CHOOSE TO VOTE PLAN FOR A  
10 STRIKE AUTHORIZATION TO STOP THE BRAIN DRAIN IN L.A. COUNTY.

11

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

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14 **JULIE WUSHAY:** I AM JULIE WUSHAY, D.M.H. PSYCHIATRIST, 18 YEARS  
15 OF SERVICE. I WORK HERE BECAUSE I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF OUR  
16 UNDERSERVED, AND THAT INCLUDES THE HOMELESS. HOMELESS EFFORTS  
17 NEED TO ADDRESS THE HUGE VACANCY WE HAVE FOR PHYSICIANS. TO  
18 HIRE AND RETAIN, IMPROVE BENEFITS ARE JUST AS CRUCIAL AS  
19 COMPETITIVE SALARIES. I'VE HEARD IT ASKED OF THE UNION, DIDN'T  
20 U.A.P.D. GIVE UP MEGAFLEX? WE JUST HAVE TO ASK HOW ARE WE  
21 GOING TO HIRE AND RETAIN DOCTORS THAT CARE FOR THE MOST  
22 VULNERABLE IN L.A. COUNTY? WHEN I STARTED, THE CASELOAD FOR  
23 PSYCHIATRISTS AT ARCADIA WAS 300. NOW IT IS 400 TO 450. THAT  
24 DIRECTLY IMPACTS PATIENT WAIT TIMES FOR CARE. MEGAFLEX HAS  
25 BENEFITS THAT DOCTORS NEED LIKE A 401K, SINCE P.E.P.R.A.



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1 ERODED A PHYSICIANS PENSION BY MORE THAN 50%. I NEED YOUR HELP  
2 TO TAKE CARE OF OUR HOMELESS BY GIVING PHYSICIANS MEGAFLEX AND  
3 COMPETITIVE SALARIES. THAT'S WHY I AM VOTING YES TODAY TO  
4 STRIKE. IT IS A YES FOR OUR PATIENTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

5

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

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8 **DR. STEWART BUSSEY:** HELLO, I AM DR. STEWART BUSSEY, AND I AM  
9 PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF AMERICAN PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS.  
10 IT'S QUITE AMAZING THAT MEGAFLEX WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM US TWO  
11 DECADES AGO, BUT TIMES HAVE REALLY CHANGED. THE P.E.P.R.A. LAW  
12 THAT WAS PUT INTO EFFECT IN 2012 REALLY DAMAGED THE ABILITY TO  
13 RECRUIT AND RETAIN DOCTORS. AND AS YOU'VE POINTED OUT, THERE  
14 HAVE BEEN THOUSANDS OF UNHOUSED PEOPLE. MENTAL HEALTH AND  
15 SUBSTANCE ABUSE HAS SKYROCKETED. AND THEREFORE, WE HAVE LOST  
16 MANY OF OUR -- WE NEED MORE OF OUR PHYSICIANS. BECAUSE OF THE  
17 LACK OF MEGAFLEX AND GOOD HEALTH BENEFITS, WE'RE LOSING THEM.  
18 AND WE ARE BESEECHING THE C.E.O. TO COME TO THE TABLE AND  
19 SERIOUSLY ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM, OR ELSE WE ARE GOING TO LOSE  
20 THESE PROVIDERS. WE DON'T WANT TO GO ON STRIKE. WE DON'T WANT  
21 TO HAVE LEGISLATION. WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE A LAWSUIT LIKE WE  
22 DID, BUT WE ARE PREPARED TO DO IT. PLEASE HELP US.

23

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

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1   **MICHELLE ARMACOST:** HI MY NAME IS MICHELLE ARMACOST. I JOINED  
2   THE COUNTY IN 2012, WHEN I BEGAN MY NEUROLOGY RESIDENCY AT  
3   L.A. GENERAL, AND I STAYED ON AS ATTENDING AT RANCHO. AT  
4   RANCHO, WE TAKE CARE OF SOME OF THE MOST DISABLED PATIENTS IN  
5   OUR COUNTY, PATIENTS WITH STROKE, TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY,  
6   DISABLING SEIZURES DISORDERS, AND MANY OF WHOM ARE HOMELESS.  
7   WE WORK HARD TO MAKE SURE THEY GET THE BEST MEDICAL CARE  
8   POSSIBLE, SO THAT EVEN IF YOU ARE UNHOUSED, HAVE NO HOME, NO  
9   FAMILY, YOU STILL GET THE BEST IN TOP NOTCH MEDICAL  
10   REHABILITATION. I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO THE WORDS OF  
11   CONGRESSWOMAN WATSON TODAY AND SAY IF WE ARE GOING TO MOVE  
12   ONWARD IN THIS COUNTY, NOT BACKWARD, WE NEED TO HAVE MORE  
13   DOCTORS TO TAKE CARE OF OUR PATIENTS. WE NEED MORE HIGHLY  
14   SKILLED COMPASSIONATE PHYSICIANS TO COME TO WORK FOR AND STAY  
15   WITHIN THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. END THE  
16   PHYSICIANS SHORTAGE. HELP SUPPORT THE U.A.P.D. IN OUR FIGHT  
17   FOR EQUITY AND BETTER BENEFITS SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO TAKE  
18   CARE OF OUR MOST UNDERSERVED PATIENTS.

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

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22   **SKY WANG:** HI, PRESTIGIOUS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SKY  
23   WANG. I AM A PHYSICIAN WHO HAS BEEN WITH COUNTY FOR EIGHT  
24   YEARS. I WITNESS THE FIRSTHAND OUR HOMELESS EMERGENCY. HOUSING  
25   ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH. I APPRECIATE THAT FROM SUPERVISOR BARGER,



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1 AND AS WELL AS FROM DR. HAHN AND DR. SOLIS. WE NEED TO HEAR  
2 FROM PROVIDERS ON WHAT THEY NEED. AS A PHYSICIAN, I SUPERVISE  
3 AND OVERSEE YOUNG PHYSICIANS AND MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS TO  
4 ENSURE THE QUALITY OF CARE AND SAFETY OUR PATIENT POPULATION  
5 IS MET, INCLUDING THE HOMELESS PATIENT POPULATION. LIKE  
6 EVERYONE ELSE, THEY ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE, BUT AT TIMES THEY  
7 ARE THE TOUGHEST. THEY ARE THE MOST CHALLENGING, BUT CAN BE  
8 THE MOST REWARDING, GRATEFUL INDIVIDUALS YOU EVER MET. SINCE  
9 THE PANDEMIC, I HAVE SEEN NINE PHYSICIAN COLLEAGUES LEFT  
10 RANCHO. THESE PHYSICIANS STOOD WITH US AND DID THEIR  
11 [INDISCERNIBLE] FOR THE COMMUNITIES WITHOUT THE PROPER  
12 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, SO THEY PUT THEMSELVES IN  
13 DANGER FOR THE PATIENTS. NOW IT AS THE REMAINING PHYSICIANS,  
14 WE NEED THE RESOURCES TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN. WE NEED OUR  
15 MEGAFLEX JUST LIKE THE LAWYERS AND THE JUDGES AND THE  
16 PHYSICIAN COLLEAGUES. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO BRIDGE THE GAP  
17 FOR OUR PATIENT POPULATION. WE DON'T WANT TO STRIKE --  
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19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,  
20 PLEASE.  
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22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** TIME. TIME. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.  
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24 **CABEER YADOV:** MY NAME IS CABEER YADOV. I HAVE BEEN AN  
25 EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST AT HARBOR-U.C.L.A. FOR

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1 THE PAST NINE YEARS. I MOVED MY FAMILY FROM THE EAST COAST FOR  
2 A CALLING TO TRAIN THE BRIGHTEST RESIDENTS IN EMERGENCY  
3 MEDICINE AND THE COMPASSIONATE CARE OF A UNDERSERVED COUNTY  
4 POPULATION. AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS HIGHLIGHTED, THE COUNTY E.R.S  
5 AND HOSPITALS ARE A CRITICAL PART OF THE SAFETY NET FOR THE  
6 UNSTABLY HOUSED AND THOSE THAT USE SUBSTANCES. YOUR COUNTY  
7 PHYSICIANS HAVE BEEN WORKING FAITHFULLY TO HELP THEM BUT HAVE  
8 BEEN WITHOUT A CONTRACT FOR TWO YEARS. WHILE THE PANDEMIC  
9 WORSENED HOMELESSNESS, IT ALSO WORSENED AN ONGOING PHYSICIAN  
10 SHORTAGE THAT MY E.R. EXPERIENCES EVERY DAY. PATIENTS WAIT 10  
11 PLUS HOURS FOR EMERGENCY CARE. DUE TO RADIOLOGY SHORTAGES,  
12 EMERGENCY C.T. SCANS TAKE OVER FOUR HOURS. AND WE CAN'T  
13 PROPERLY TREAT LIFE THREATENING CONDITIONS LIKE STROKES.  
14 TRAUMA IS THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR THE UNHOUSED,  
15 BUT SHORTAGES IN SURGICAL SUB-SPECIALTIES AT OUR LEVEL 1  
16 TRAUMA CENTERS, RESULTS IN LOSS OF LIMBS AND LIVELIHOODS.  
17 PLEASE URGE THE COUNTY C.E.O. THAT COUNTY PHYSICIANS NEED  
18 EQUITABLE BENEFITS AND COMPETITIVE SALARIES. SERVICE NOT  
19 SACRIFICE. TODAY, I AM VOTING YES TO GO ON STRIKE. THE L.A.  
20 COUNTY PUBLIC THAT YOU SERVE, NOT ONLY THOSE WITH PRIVATE  
21 INSURANCE AND THOSE STABLY HOUSED, DESERVE EXCELLENT DOCTORS.  
22  
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORDS. NEXT  
24 SPEAKER, PLEASE.  
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1     **SPEAKER:** I AM THE MOTHER OF A CHILD. I AM NOT A PHYSICIAN LIKE  
2     THEM, BUT A MOTHER, WHERE HER CHILD WAS DUMPED ON THE STREETS,  
3     DISCHARGED ON SUNDAY MORNING WITHOUT BEING TREATED. NOW I AM  
4     PAYING HIGH PRICE. NOBODY IS HELPING ME. I AM TAKING CARE OF  
5     HER. THAT'S WHY YOU SEE ME RUNNING OUTSIDE, IN AND OUT. SHE IS  
6     BEING RE-VICTIMIZED AGAIN, WHERE THE POLICE ARE NOT DOING  
7     ANYTHING. SO I HAVE TO RUN TO MY DAUGHTER NOW. HERE IS WHAT  
8     SHE SAID HERSELF, "I DON'T KNOW, I DON'T KNOW. I FEEL LIKE  
9     L.A.P.D. AND [INDISCERNIBLE], NOBODY CARES. THE RAPIST DIDN'T  
10    CARE. PARAMEDICS DON'T CARE. NOBODY CARES." SHE IS RIGHT.  
11    NOBODY CARES. SO PLEASE, HAVE OUTSIDE AGENTS COME AND  
12    INVESTIGATE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. RIGHT NOW.

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

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16    **LORETTA LORRAINE:** I AM MISS LORETTA LORRAINE. HI, MISS SOLIS.  
17    I AM HERE REPRESENTING ME BECAUSE I AM HOMELESS MYSELF NOW. I  
18    NEVER THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO BE GOING THROUGH THAT. I AM 80  
19    YEARS OLD. I AM OVER THERE AT PAT. I AM A TRANSGENDER STARTED  
20    IN 1968. I CAME HERE WHEN KENNEDY GOT KILLED ON 7TH AND  
21    WILSHIRE. I WAS AT THE PRINCE. NOW IT IS CALLED THE DUMP. AND  
22    MANY YEARS AGO -- AND I DON'T WANT NOBODY TO GO THROUGH WHAT I  
23    AM GOING THROUGH NOW. I HAVE NEVER -- THIS IS MY FIRST TIME  
24    GOING THROUGH. I WAS A SHOWGIRL. I DID A LOT OF THINGS BACK IN  
25    THE DAY. NOW I AM OLD. I'VE BEEN STAYING AT PAT. I AM TRYING



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1 TO GET A HOME MYSELF, GET RECOMMENDATION TO BE SOMEWHERE WHERE  
2 I CAN BE COMFORTABLE UNTIL MY LAST DAYS COME. AND I DON'T WISH  
3 NOTHING FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY. ALSO TRANS-LATINA HAS  
4 BEEN THERE FOR ME, VERY SUPPORTIVE, AND IF IT WASN'T FOR THEM,  
5 I THINK I WOULD BE SOMEWHERE ELSE BECAUSE I SAW A LOT OF MY  
6 FRIENDS DIED.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. I WAS  
9 WONDERING IF WE HAVE SOMEBODY HERE TODAY THAT MAYBE CAN OFFER  
10 SOME HELP TO THIS YOUNG 80-YEAR-OLD? IT'S NOT OLD. IT'S NOT  
11 OLD. AGE IS JUST A NUMBER, AND MINE IS UNLISTED. OKAY, NEXT  
12 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I  
15 WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT ON THE COUNTY'S AGENDA, A4, THAT THERE  
16 WAS A LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARED ON JANUARY 10TH OF 2023  
17 RELATED TO THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS CRISIS. WHEN THE HELL DID IT  
18 BECOME HOMELESSNESS? IT IS STILL 2023. YOU ARE JUST STEALING  
19 COUNTY FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC. ALL YOU ARE DOING IS THIEVING.  
20 YOUR BUDGET IS ALMOST \$48 BILLION THIS FISCAL YEAR. YOU JUST  
21 GOT AN INCREASE TO \$3.7 BILLION. I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THERE  
22 IS NO HOSPITAL IN THAT DISTRICT, IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. THERE  
23 IS NO M.L.K. JR. HOSPITAL ANY MORE. WHAT -- AND I LOST 20  
24 SECONDS. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HOSPITAL, JANICE HAHN? THAT WAS  
25 MADE BY JAMES HAHN IN THE '70S? WHAT HAPPENED TO AFFORDABLE



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1 CARE? IT WAS REPEALED. LADY WROTE AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE WAY  
2 MARK RIDLEY THOMAS --

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. DO WE HAVE  
5 OTHER SPEAKERS IN-PERSON?

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

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9 **ATTORNEY:** SIR, YOU ARE BEING DISRUPTIVE. YOUR TIME HAS  
10 EXPIRED.

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHAT ABOUT THE UNIONS, S.E.I.U. --

13

14 **ATTORNEY:** SIR, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

15

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

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, COLLEAGUES, THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED  
21 AND FILED, AND HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DID  
22 YOU -- OKAY, HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.  
23 OKAY, AND THANK YOU FOR ALL THOSE WHO STAYED TO SPEAK ON THAT  
24 ITEM. WE APPRECIATE YOUR WORK, AND WE HEARD YOU LOUD AND  
25 CLEAR. LET'S GO ON TO ITEM 3. I JUST WANT YOU GUYS TO LIKE



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1 FEEL THAT WE ARE ON ITEM 3, AND IT IS LIKE 1:00. JUST SAYING.  
2 OKAY, ITEM 3 IS SUPPORTING THE COUNTY'S APPLICATION TO THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CASE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM,  
4 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
5 ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON ITEM  
6 THREE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS?

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, FOR  
9 RECOGNIZING ME AND ALSO FOR JOINING ME AS COAUTHOR ON THIS  
10 MOTION, WHICH WOULD SUPPORT THE L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF  
11 IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS' APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND  
12 SECURITY'S CASE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM, KNOWN AS C.M.P.P.  
13 THE C.M.P.P. PROVIDES VOLUNTARY CASE MANAGEMENT AND OTHER  
14 SERVICES TO NON-CITIZENS ENROLLED IN THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND  
15 CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION PROGRAMS.  
16 ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL USED BY THE  
17 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES  
18 AS THEY AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THEIR IMMIGRATION PROCEEDINGS.  
19 C.M.P.P. SERVICES INCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, TRAFFICKING  
20 SCREENING, LEGAL ORIENTATION PROGRAMS, CULTURE ORIENTATION  
21 PROGRAMS, CONNECTIONS TO SOCIAL SERVICES, AND REINTEGRATION  
22 SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS RETURNING TO THEIR HOME COUNTRIES.  
23 THESE ARE NAVIGATION SERVICES, QUITE FRANKLY, WHICH HELP TO  
24 ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUALS IN THE PROGRAM CAN CONNECT TO THE  
25 RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED SO THEY CAN THRIVE. THE COUNTY'S



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1 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND OFFICE OF  
2 IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, AS YOU KNOW, HAS APPLIED FOR A \$5 MILLION  
3 C.M.P.P. GRANT TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT FOR MIGRANTS IN THE  
4 IMMIGRATION COURT PROCEEDINGS. IF AWARDED THE FUNDS, O.I.A.  
5 WOULD OVERSEE A CONSORTIUM OF SIX COMMUNITY-BASED  
6 ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING LEGAL, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SOCIAL  
7 SERVICES TO NEW IMMIGRANT ARRIVALS ENROLLED IN THE  
8 ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION, KNOWN AS A.T.D., ELECTRONIC  
9 MONITORING PROGRAMS. SUPPORT FOR ADDITIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT  
10 SERVICES IS SOMETHING THAT MANY OF OUR IMMIGRANT SERVING  
11 ORGANIZATIONS, LIKE C.H.I.R.L.A., CARRESIN, AND OTHERS HAVE  
12 BEEN ADVOCATING FOR. LOS ANGELES, AS YOU KNOW, REMAINS ONE OF  
13 THE TOP FOUR DESTINATIONS IN THE NATION FOR NEW ARRIVALS,  
14 INCLUDING OVER 16,000 IMMIGRATION COURT CASES FILED IN THE  
15 PAST 90 DAYS ALONE, PUSHING THE TOTAL BACKLOG IN LOS ANGELES  
16 IMMIGRATION COURTS TO OVER 100,000. LOS ANGELES IS ALSO THE  
17 LOCATION OF AT LEAST 11,000 ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION  
18 PARTICIPANTS, WHO FIND THEMSELVES IN THE PROGRAM FOR AN  
19 AVERAGE LENGTH OF 519 DAYS. AS THE COUNTY CONTENDS WITH  
20 INCREASED ARRIVALS OF MIGRANTS, DEMAND FOR THESE SERVICES  
21 GREATLY EXCEEDS PROVIDER CAPACITY. AND MANY OF OUR PROVIDERS  
22 ARE PUTTING IN OVERTIME TO EFFECTIVELY SERVE OUR IMMIGRANT  
23 COMMUNITIES. THAT'S WHY THE COUNTY MUST DO EVERYTHING IN ITS  
24 POWER TO AUGMENT RESOURCES FOR O.I.A. AND THE ORGANIZATIONS  
25 CONTRACTED TO SERVE OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. MANY ARE DOING



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1 THAT NOW, BUT THEY COULD CERTAINLY USE AN ADDITIONAL BOOST.  
2 THIS MOTION WILL HELP TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING THE  
3 RESOURCES IMMIGRANTS NEED TO SUCCEED IN THEIR NEW HOME.  
4 COLLEAGUES, I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU,  
5 MADAM CHAIR.

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7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AS THE COAUTHOR OF THIS,  
8 COLLEAGUES AND THE PUBLIC, WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE IS, IF THIS  
9 MOTION PASSES TODAY, WE WILL BE ADDING A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO  
10 OUR DEPARTMENTS OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND THE  
11 OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS AS THEY HAVE APPLIED FOR THE \$5  
12 MILLION GRANT, AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS TALKED ABOUT, AND THIS  
13 FUNDING WILL GO TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, TRAFFICKING  
14 SCREENING, LEGAL AND CULTURAL ORIENTATION PROGRAMS,  
15 CONNECTIONS TO SOCIAL SERVICES, AND REINTEGRATION SERVICES FOR  
16 INDIVIDUALS RETURNING TO THEIR HOME COUNTRIES. L.A. COUNTY IS  
17 ONE OF THE NATION'S TOP FOUR DESTINATIONS FOR NEW ARRIVALS,  
18 AND THIS FUNDING WOULD BE VERY CRITICAL TO THIS DEPARTMENT, AS  
19 WE ARE SEEING MORE AND MORE, YOU KNOW, IMMIGRANTS COMING OUR  
20 WAY. SO WE THINK THAT THIS LETTER OF SUPPORT WILL HAVE A GOOD  
21 OUTCOME IN THEM BEING AWARDED THIS GRANT. SO I PLAN TO SUPPORT  
22 THIS AS WELL. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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1   **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I AM GOING TO SUPPORT THIS AS  
2   WELL. SO THE \$5 MILLION, WHEN RECEIVED, IS GOING TO GO TO  
3   D.C.B.A.? IS THAT THE GOAL?

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5   **SUP. SOLIS:** IT WILL GO TO THE COUNTY OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT  
6   AFFAIRS. THEY'RE APPLYING FOR IT.

7

8   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, UNDER D.C.B.A.

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10   **SUP. BARGER:** SO THAT GIVES ME A LITTLE BIT MORE RELIEF BECAUSE  
11   I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT D.C.B.A. IS TAKING ON ALL THESE  
12   ROLES AND NOT MEETING THE TERMS OF WHAT THEY NEED TO DO. SO  
13   LONG AS IT IS NOT UNDER D.C.B.A. DIRECTLY, I KNOW THAT IT IS A  
14   SUBSECT OF THE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, YOU KNOW, WE  
15   NEED TO DO MORE, BUT GIVEN THE OUTCOMES THAT WE HAVE HAD AS A  
16   BOARD, AND THE TASKS WE HAVE GIVEN THEM, WHICH I AM GOING TO  
17   BE DISCUSSING UNDER THE UNHOUSED, I JUST AM CONCERNED ABOUT  
18   GIVING THEM ANY MORE WORK WHEN I DON'T FEEL THEY CAN KEEP UP  
19   WITH THE WORK THEY'VE GOT.

20

21   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, THE GOAL IS FOR THIS TO GO TO THE OFFICE  
22   OF --

23

24   **SUP. BARGER:** YES, THE GOAL OF THE 40 MILLION WAS FOR IT TO GO  
25   TO MOM AND POP LANDLORDS, SO, I HEAR YOU.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, GOT IT.

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT I SUPPORT THIS. BELIEVE ME, I KNOW HOW  
5 IMPORTANT IT IS, BUT I JUST WANTED TO GO ON RECORD THAT I HAVE  
6 CONCERNS ABOUT THAT.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DULY NOTED. ARE THERE OTHER SUPERVISORS THAT  
9 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? I DON'T SEE ANY. EXECUTIVE  
10 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP  
11 TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 3.

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL BYRON JOSE AND SARA REYES PLEASE COME  
14 FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR  
15 PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS  
16 ITEM 3, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0  
17 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE  
18 THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY  
21 BEGIN. YOUR LINE IS OWN, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MR. PREVEN? ERIC, ARE YOU THERE? WHY DON'T  
24 WE GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER?

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1   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TRAMMEL RATCLIFFE. YOU MAY  
2   BEGIN.

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4   **TRAMMEL RATCLIFFE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TRAMMEL  
5   RATCLIFFE. I AM A [INDISCERNIBLE] FOR JUSTICE FOR YOUTH.  
6   JUSTICE FOR YOUTH IS A [INDISCERNIBLE] RESTORATIVE JUSTICE  
7   NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT SERVES AT PROMISE, NOT AT RISK,  
8   BUT AT PROMISE YOUTH AND THEIR COMMUNITIES TO DEVELOP THEM AS  
9   SCHOLARS, PEOPLE, AND LEADERS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
10   SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO SUPPORT THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION  
11   AFFAIRS' APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S  
12   CASE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM FOR THOSE ENROLLED IN  
13   ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION PROGRAMS. ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION  
14   IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AS  
15   THEY AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF IMMIGRATION PROCEEDINGS. AND THIS  
16   NEW PILOT PROGRAM WILL SUPPLEMENT EXISTING ALTERNATIVES TO  
17   DETENTION PROGRAMS BY PROVIDING IMPORTANT CASE MANAGEMENT  
18   RESOURCES TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR PARTICIPANTS. IF AWARDED  
19   FUNDS, O.I.A. WILL OVERSEE A CONSORTIUM [INDISCERNIBLE]  
20   PROVIDING LEGAL, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO NEW  
21   MIGRANT ARRIVALS ENROLLED IN ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION  
22   PROGRAMS.

23

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

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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DANIEL JEFFERSON. YOU MAY  
3 BEGIN.

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5 **DANIEL JEFFERSON:** HI, MY NAME IS DANIEL JEFFERSON, AND I AM  
6 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE [INDISCERNIBLE] WORKERS CENTER AS  
7 WELL AS A MEMBER OF IMMIGRANTS ARE LOS ANGELES. WE JUST WANT  
8 TO THANK THE AUTHORS FOR THE MOTION. WE REALLY SEE THE NEED,  
9 BOTH IN OUR WORK WITH THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY AND THE LARGER  
10 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY FOR THIS AND HOW HAVING ALTERNATIVE  
11 [INDISCERNIBLE] CAN ACTUALLY MEAN A LOT FOR FAMILIES WAITING  
12 FOR -- THROUGH THEIR PROCESS. SO, WE REALLY ENCOURAGE THE  
13 BOARD TO VOTE YES ON THIS ITEM. AND THAT WILL BE ALL. THANK  
14 YOU.

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VLADIMIR CAROSCO. YOU MAY  
19 BEGIN.

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21 **VLADIMIR CAROSCO:** HELLO. MY NAME IS VLADIMIR CAROSCO. I AM THE  
22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AT C.H.I.R.L.A., THE  
23 COALITION FOR HUMAN IMMIGRANT RIGHTS. WE ARE ALSO A CO-CHAIR  
24 OF THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. CAMPAIGN, A COALITION OF HUNDREDS  
25 OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO ADVOCATE FOR THE



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1    IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY HERE IN L.A. AND WE'D ALSO LIKE TO LEND  
2    OUR SUPPORT AND THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING HER  
3    MOTION TO SUPPORT THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS IN THIS NEW  
4    CASE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM. IN OUR COMMUNITIES, WE HAVE  
5    SEEN AN INCREASE FOLKS THAT NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND  
6    RESOURCES, AND THIS NEW GRANT PROGRAM WOULD ALLOW O.I.A. TO DO  
7    EXACTLY THAT, PROVIDE MORE RESOURCES TO COMMUNITIES, IN  
8    PARTICULAR IMMIGRANT FOLKS AT RISK OF DETENTION. SO WE ASK AND  
9    URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 3. THANK YOU  
10   VERY MUCH.

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

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14   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERNEST MOORE. YOU MAY  
15   BEGIN.

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17   **ERNEST MOORE:** YES. THIS MOTION IS COMPLETELY ILLEGAL. YOU'RE  
18   VIOLATING THE CALIFORNIA STATE CONSTITUTION. YOU ARE VIOLATING  
19   THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, AND YOU ARE VIOLATING FEDERAL  
20   IMMIGRATION LAWS, WHICH IS A FEDERAL FELONY. PLUS IT IS RACIST  
21   AGAINST BLACK AMERICANS. YOU ARE GOING TO FUND ALL OF THESE  
22   FOREIGNERS COMING TO THIS COUNTRY TO GET PREFERENTIAL  
23   TREATMENT OVER BLACK AMERICANS. THEY ARE FLOODING THEM,  
24   PUSHING THEM THROUGH OUR UNIVERSITIES, AND LETTING THEM GET  
25   HIRED AND DISCRIMINATE IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE PUBLIC AND THE



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1 PRIVATE SECTOR. A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST  
2 BLACK AMERICANS ARE ALL THOSE DOCTORS YOU HAVE SITTING THERE.  
3 I WENT TO MEDICAL SCHOOL BACK IN THE '80S BECAUSE I COULDN'T  
4 GET -- I HAD TO GO TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY. I HAD TO GO TO MEXICO  
5 TO STUDY MEDICINE BECAUSE I COULDN'T GET INTO AMERICAN MEDICAL  
6 SCHOOLS. THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS ARE NOT LETTING BLACKS COME  
7 THROUGH OR, EVEN IF THEY GET A DEGREE, M.D. DEGREE, THEY FLUNK  
8 THEM. THEY DON'T LET THEM PASS THE BOARD EXAMS.

9

10 **ATTORNEY:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

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

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14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS INGRID SALAZAR. YOU MAY  
15 BEGIN. INGRID SALAZAR, GO AHEAD PLEASE.

16

17 **INGRID SALAZAR:** HI, MY NAME IS INGRID SALAZAR. I AM CALLING  
18 FROM THE POMONA ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY CENTER, WHICH IS A DAY  
19 LABOR CENTER IN POMONA THAT ADVOCATES FOR OUR IMMIGRANT  
20 COMMUNITIES. AND I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S  
21 MOTION TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO FUND A  
22 CASE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM. AND I URGE THE BOARD OF  
23 SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 3. THANK YOU.

24

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



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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TRAMEL CARTER. YOU MAY  
3 BEGIN.

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5 **TRAMEL CARTER:** YES. I AM CALLING REGARDING ITEM NUMBER 3. I  
6 FIRST WANTED TO SAY THAT I FEEL THAT MRS. HAHN WAS VERY RUDE  
7 TO THE VERY NICE MRS. BARGER WHEN MRS. BARGER MADE AN  
8 ADMONISHMENT ABOUT SOMETHING SHE SAW IN ITEM NUMBER 3. I FEEL  
9 MRS. HAHN WAS VERY, VERY RUDE TO HER, AS SHE IS TO MANY OTHER  
10 PEOPLE, BUT I FIND THAT THIS IS VERY DISCRIMINATORY TO AFRICAN  
11 AMERICANS AS MRS. MITCHELL SITS THERE AND CONTINUES TO NOT BE  
12 A VOICE FOR THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE THAT  
13 HAVE THE SAME SKIN COLOR THAT SHE POSSESSES. YOU WOULD THINK  
14 SHE WOULD SPEAK UP AND SPEAK ABOUT THE DISPARITY OF THIS ITEM  
15 NUMBER 3. AGAIN, MRS. BARGER, YOUR COMMENTS ARE VALID, AND I  
16 DO FIND THAT ITEM NUMBER 3 IS IN PART DISCRIMINATORY BECAUSE  
17 THERE ARE OTHER GROUPS THAT HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR THINGS AND  
18 HAVE NOT GOTTEN ANYTHING YET. SO, IF THERE'S MONEY TO BE  
19 ALLOTTED, IT SHOULD BE A FIRST IN LINE FIRST, NOT SKIP OVER  
20 OTHER GROUPS OF PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MATT INOUE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1   **MATT INOUYE:** HI THERE. MY NAME IS MATT INOUYE. I'M WITH THE  
2   TRANS-LATINA COALITION. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS  
3   FOR HER MOTION TO SUPPORT THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS'  
4   APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S CASE  
5   MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM. THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT PROGRAM  
6   THAT WILL HELP SO MANY PEOPLE. THIS IS LIFE CHANGING, AND I  
7   WORK WITH MANY IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, MANY T.G.I. COMMUNITIES,  
8   AND THIS IS DEFINITELY NEEDED. SO WE URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE  
9   YES ON ITEM 3. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

10

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

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

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16   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, LET'S GO IN-PERSON, WELCOME.

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18   **SARA:** HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS SARA, AND I AM A CONSTITUENT  
19   OF THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND I'M WITH THE TRANS-LATINA  
20   COALITION, AS WELL, DEDICATED TO UPLIFTING THE NEEDS AND  
21   VOICES OF THE T.G.I., TRANSGENDER, EXPANSIVE, AND INTERSEX  
22   COMMUNITIES. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR  
23   SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO SUPPORT THE OFFICE OF  
24   IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS' APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND  
25   SECURITY CASE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS



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1 ENROLLED IN ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION PROGRAMS. SO THESE  
2 ALTERNATIVES WILL PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR  
3 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHILE THEY AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THEIR  
4 PROCEEDINGS. IF AWARDED FUNDS, THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS  
5 WILL OVERSEE A CONSORTIUM OF SIX COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS  
6 THAT WILL PROVIDE LEGAL, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO  
7 NEWLY ARRIVED MIGRANTS ENROLLED ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION  
8 PROGRAMS. SO GIVEN THE INCREASING IMMIGRATION IN LOS ANGELES,  
9 IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS TO HAVE  
10 THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY EFFECTIVELY.

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

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15 **BYRON JOSE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. I AM BYRON JOSE,  
16 WITH THE TRANS-LATINA COALITION. AS CO-CHAIRS OF IMMIGRANTS  
17 ARE L.A., WE WANT TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH ALL OF YOUR  
18 OFFICES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THIS MOTION. AGAIN,  
19 TO CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR OTHER FUNDING SOURCES AS WE CONTINUE  
20 TO BUILD TO A TRUE CARE FIRST/ JAILS NEVER BUDGET. AND AGAIN,  
21 WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE WORKING WITH ALL THE OFFICES AND  
22 ALL THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, WHETHER IT IS O.I.A. OR OTHER  
23 DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS THAT CAN BE BEST ALIGNED FOR SOME OF  
24 THIS WORK. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, AS WE LOOK AND SEEK AND FIND  
25 THOSE FUNDING SOURCES, I HAVE BEEN -- I HAVE LIVED IN L.A.



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1 COUNTY SINCE 1997, WHEN I HAD MIGRATED WHEN I WAS EIGHT. AND  
2 AGAIN, AS WE SAW A LOT OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE AGING  
3 POPULATIONS, OLDER TRANSWOMEN, SO AS WE LOOK AT THE WAY THAT  
4 ALL OUR LIVED EXPERIENCES AND ALL THE DIFFERENT ISSUES THAT  
5 IMPACT COMMUNITIES, THE COUNTY HAS A BUDGET. THERE ARE FUNDING  
6 SOURCES TO BE ABLE TO CARE FOR ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THERE'S  
7 NO NEED TO BE PITTING COMMUNITIES AGAINST EACH OTHER. SO WE  
8 LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND EVERY ONE OF YOUR OFFICES  
9 FOR THAT WORK. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

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13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. I'D LIKE TO  
14 POINT OUT THAT THE ERICKA D. SMITH WROTE AN ARTICLE IN THE  
15 L.A. TIMES A COUPLE WEEKS AGO ABOUT MARK RIDLEY THOMAS SPENT  
16 DECADES IN ELECTED OFFICE ADVOCATING FOR NEGLECTED  
17 COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING FUNDING FOR HEALTHCARE, BUT  
18 UNFORTUNATELY, ACCORDING TO YOUR AGENDA ITEM, A6, MARK RIDLEY  
19 THOMAS --

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE ARE ON ITEM 3. WE ARE ON 3. WE ARE ON  
22 ITEM 3.

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT -- OH, OKAY, SO I AM  
2   WONDERING, WHEN IS THE NEXT COUNTY'S FIVE YEAR PLAN COMING  
3   OUT? THIS FIVE YEAR PLAN EXPIRED IN 2021.

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5   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU ARE STILL OFF TOPIC.

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7   **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHEN IS THE COUNTY COMING OUT WITH A NEW FIVE  
8   YEAR PLAN?

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10   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S NO WHAT ITEM 3 IS.

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12   **ARNOLD SACHS:** MA'AM, IT IS A FIVE YEAR PLAN.

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14   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S NOT WHAT ITEM 3 IS. THANK YOU.

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16   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU HAVE AN ITEM HERE ABOUT --

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18   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO.

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20   **ARNOLD SACHS:** ABOUT A LOCAL EMERGENCY ABOUT IMMIGRATION, BUT  
21   YOU'RE GETTING --

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23   **ATTORNEY:** IT IS THE WRONG ITEM, SIR.

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25   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU ARE [EXPLETIVE]



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

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4 **ATTORNEY:** YOU'RE BEING DISRUPTIVE.

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. ARE THERE ANY OTHER  
7 SPEAKERS?

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

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11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SEEING NO OTHER SUPERVISORS ON THE  
12 QUEUE, THE ITEM 3 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.  
13 I WILL SECOND IT TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
14 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 3 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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18 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
21 MITCHELL.

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23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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4   **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

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

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11   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

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15   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM 6, EXPANDING AND  
16   IMPROVING COORDINATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY  
17   TO JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR  
18   SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE  
19   PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON ITEM 6. I BELIEVE WE WILL  
20   HAVE JAMES ZENNER, OUR DIRECTOR OF MILITARY AND VETERANS  
21   AFFAIRS IS HERE FOR -- TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR  
22   SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS, AND THEN I WILL CALL ON  
23   THE COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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1   **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND ALSO  
2   THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR AGREEING TO JOIN ME AS A  
3   COAUTHOR. I THINK THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS THAT  
4   WE REALLY DO NEED TO HUNKER DOWN AND TALK ABOUT BECAUSE IT, IN  
5   MANY WAYS, IS A POPULATION THAT WE HAVE NOT ALWAYS  
6   ACKNOWLEDGED IN THIS CERTAIN CAPACITY THAT WE ARE TALKING  
7   ABOUT TODAY. AND I AM HAPPY THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PARTNER  
8   WITH THE OFFICE OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, WITH YOU,  
9   JIM, AND ALSO WITH OTHER CARE, JUSTICE, AND OPPORTUNITIES  
10   DEPARTMENT, J.C.O.D., THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND THE L.A.  
11   SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ALL COLLABORATING TO HELP TO PULL THIS  
12   MOTION TOGETHER. THIS MONTH, AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE HONORING  
13   MILLIONS OF VETERANS WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY AND PROTECTED OUR  
14   COMMUNITIES. IN FACT, CHAIR HAHN YOU HAVE A MOTION TO  
15   RECOGNIZE NOVEMBER 11TH AS VETERANS DAY, WHICH I AM HONORED TO  
16   SUPPORT TODAY. I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE, THROUGH THIS MOTION,  
17   THAT 250,000 VETERANS THAT WE HAVE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE  
18   HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER, WE KNOW, THAT MAY HAVE ALSO BEEN  
19   RELUCTANT TO COME FORTH TO RECEIVE SERVICES, MANY OF THEM  
20   RECENTLY INCARCERATED OR MAYBE EVEN AT THIS POINT  
21   INCARCERATED. MANY ARE HOMELESS, AND MANY ARE SEEKING  
22   ASSISTANCE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF VETERANS  
23   WHO ARE INCARCERATED IS A TREND THAT WE ARE SEEING ACROSS THIS  
24   COUNTRY. AND SADLY, IT IS NOT UNIQUE TO THIS COUNTY. ABOUT 30%  
25   OF VETERANS WHO ARE INCARCERATED HAVE EXPERIENCED



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1 HOMELESSNESSES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, DEPENDENCIES, UNRESOLVED  
2 MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, SUCH AS P.T.S.D., THAT MAY HAVE  
3 CONTRIBUTED OR COMPOUNDED BY STRUGGLES THAT ENGAGEMENT WITH  
4 THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT VETERANS STRUGGLE  
5 WITH TRYING TO FIND HEALTHCARE OVERALL. JUST LIKE OUR OTHER  
6 REENTRY POPULATIONS, THEY MAY NOT BE EVEN ELIGIBLE FOR VETERAN  
7 AFFAIRS HEALTHCARE. WE HAVE HEARD THAT TIME AND TIME AGAIN. IN  
8 FACT, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 1500 TO 2,000 VETERANS WHO  
9 WERE FORMALLY INCARCERATED ARE CHALLENGED BY THE LACK OF  
10 RESOURCES AND THE MANY BARRIERS THAT EXIST BEFORE THEM.  
11 THROUGH THE COLLABORATIVE MINDSET OF THE COUNTY'S MILITARY AND  
12 VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR JUSTICE  
13 PARTNERS, THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED, NOT ONLY AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT,  
14 BUT WAYS IN WHICH OUR JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS CAN ACCESS  
15 MUCH NEEDED SERVICES AND SUPPORT. SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND  
16 COMING BACK HOME CAN BE A VERY CHALLENGING AND DIFFICULT TIME.  
17 THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT. AND WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE  
18 COUNTY TAKES THE CARE FIRST APPROACH FOR OUR JUSTICE-INVOLVED  
19 VETERANS. THEY DESERVE IT. THIS MOTION WILL START WITH  
20 BRINGING ON A CONSULTANT, WHOSE SOLE FOCUS WILL BE ON HOW TO  
21 ENHANCE SERVICES FOR THIS POPULATION, WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE  
22 FOLLOWING: DATA SHARING SO THAT WE AREN'T DOING THIS WORK IN  
23 SILOS, CREATING BETTER JAIL INTAKE QUESTIONS SO THAT WE  
24 UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF THIS POPULATION AND HOW TO MAKE THEM  
25 SUCCESSFUL, AND HELPING THEM IDENTIFY HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT



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1 WHILE THEY ARE STILL IN OUR CARE, EXPANDING HOW WE IDENTIFY  
2 VETERANS IN OUR JAILS, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO MIGHT BE  
3 ASHAMED OR FEEL SOME GUILT AND NOT WANT TO COME FORWARD AND BE  
4 FORTHCOMING, TRAINING OUR STAFF AND OUR CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE  
5 TAILORED CARE THROUGH A TRAUMA- INFORMED APPROACH, AS MANY  
6 VETERANS MAY HAVE GONE THROUGH MULTIPLE TRAUMATIC EVENTS, NOT  
7 JUST IN THE MILITARY, BUT ALSO THE TRAUMA OF COMING BACK HOME  
8 AND ADAPTING TO OUR SOCIETY, PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
9 EXPUNGEMENT AND RECORD CLEARING SERVICES, EXPANDING OUR  
10 CURRENT PRETRIAL RELEASE INITIATIVES FOR INCARCERATED  
11 VETERANS, AND TO CONTINUE ENGAGING AND WORKING AND PARTNERING  
12 WITH OUR MANY STAKEHOLDERS SUCH AS THE L.A. SHERIFF'S  
13 DEPARTMENT AND OUR COURT AND OUR COURT SYSTEM. I KNOW I HAVE  
14 SPOKEN A LOT ABOUT THE MOTION, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE, AFTER  
15 WE HEAR FROM MY COAUTHOR, JIM ZENNER TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS  
16 BECAUSE I KNOW HE HAS BEEN VERY MUCH INVOLVED BEHIND THE  
17 SCENES AND IN FRONT OF ALL OF US TO HELP THIS MOTION COME  
18 BEFORE US TODAY. SO WITH THAT, I WANT TO THANK YOU, AND I WILL  
19 TURN IT OVER TO OUR COAUTHOR.

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21 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU FOR INVITING  
22 ME TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU. AS WE KNOW, MEMBERS OF  
23 OUR NATION'S MILITARY MAKE A TREMENDOUS SACRIFICE TO SERVE OUR  
24 COUNTRY AT A GREAT RISK TO THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY, AND  
25 PROTECTING OUR FREEDOM IS ALWAYS ON THEIR MINDS. WE MUST

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1 RECOGNIZE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT VETERANS EXPERIENCE MULTIPLE,  
2 OFTEN SIMULTANEOUS, ISSUES RELATED TO THEIR SERVICE, INCLUDING  
3 HOMELESSNESSES, UNIQUE HEALTH PROBLEMS, UNTREATED TRAUMA, AND  
4 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, AMONG OTHER  
5 CHALLENGES. ALL OF THESE MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO ACCESS  
6 SERVICES, SUPPORTS, AND MAINTAIN CRITICAL BENEFITS. WHEN A  
7 VETERAN IS JUSTICE-INVOLVED, THESE PROBLEMS ARE EVEN MORE  
8 COMPLICATED, AND BARRIERS TO SERVICES AND TREATMENT BECOME  
9 HIGHER. CURRENTLY, THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO SERVE THIS  
10 POPULATION CONSIST OF A PATCHWORK OF SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH  
11 NETWORK OF AGENCIES, AND WE KNOW THE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING  
12 HARD TO BRING ALL OF THAT TOGETHER. THIS MOTION WILL ENHANCE  
13 THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE, OFFERING DIFFERENT PROGRAMS,  
14 DIFFERENT RESOURCES, DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGIES, AND DIFFERENT  
15 MEANS OF ENGAGING WITH THE JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERAN  
16 POPULATION. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THESE SERVICES  
17 ARE TALKING TO EACH OTHER, THAT WE ARE MORE COORDINATED SO THE  
18 COUNTY CAN PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES AND BETTER SERVE THOSE WHO  
19 HAVE SERVED US. WE KNOW THE COUNTY IS FULLY COMMITTED TO  
20 HONORING THE SACRIFICES OUR VETERANS HAVE MADE FOR OUR  
21 COUNTRY, AND WE ARE EQUALLY COMMITTED TO LOWERING THE BARRIERS  
22 OF ENTRY FOR VETERANS SO THEY CAN GET THE SERVICES AND  
23 TREATMENT THEY NEED. AND I AM GLAD THAT WE ARE ALSO LOOKING TO  
24 ENSURE THAT THE CONSULTANTS WE WILL BRING ON TO PARTNER WITH  
25 US IN THESE EFFORTS PRIORITIZE THE COUNTY'S CARE FIRST AGENDA,



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1 MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE WE ARE BRINGING INTO THIS WORK ARE  
2 ALIGNED WITH THIS BOARD AND OUR COUNTY AS A WHOLE IN ACHIEVING  
3 THE GOALS THAT WE HAVE SET FORTH IN PRIORITIZING CARE. THANK  
4 YOU.

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD YOU LIKE TO LET MR. ZENNER  
7 SPEAK NEXT? OKAY, GO AHEAD. JIM.

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9 **JIM ZENNER:** HI, I WANT TO START --

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

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13 **JIM ZENNER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. VERY EXCITING TO BE HERE  
14 AND TO WORK ON THIS MOTION. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU SO  
15 MUCH FOR MOVING THIS MOTION FORWARD. THE FIRST MEETING WHERE  
16 WE BROUGHT ALL THE DIFFERENT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TOGETHER IN  
17 THE V.A., IT WAS INSPIRING. EVERYBODY SHOWED UP AND WANTED TO  
18 DO BETTER FOR OUR JUSTICE-IMPACTED VETERANS. THE V.A. SHOWED  
19 UP AND SAID WE WANT TO DO BETTER. WE ALREADY PUT IN A REQUEST  
20 TO HIRE MORE STAFF TO WORK IN THE JAILS AND TO DO THIS WORK.  
21 THE LEADERSHIP OVER AT L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN  
22 SECOND TO NONE. COMMANDER GANNON HAS BEEN ALREADY BEEN DOING  
23 THE WORK BEFORE I EVEN REACHED OUT TO HIM. AND SO, THERE'S A  
24 LOT OF SYNERGY, AND THERE WILL BE A LOT OF GREAT WORK THAT  
25 COMES FROM THIS WORK. I THINK IT IS ALSO A LOT OF EXCITEMENT



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1 FROM THE PHILANTHROPIC SECTOR. PHILANTHROPIC SECTOR IS SEEING  
2 THIS AS A HUGE OPPORTUNITY IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH DIFFERENT  
3 FOUNDATIONS. I THINK THERE'S JUST A LOT OF GREAT ENERGY AROUND  
4 DOING GREAT WORK AND REALLY TYING IT IN, AS SUPERVISOR HORVATH  
5 SAID, TO THE EXISTING WORK WITH L.A. COUNTY. EVERY TIME WE GET  
6 TOGETHER, WE LEARN SOMETHING FROM EACH OTHER, WHETHER IT IS  
7 THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT'S LEARNING FROM THE V.A. AND M.V.A.  
8 AROUND VETERAN- SPECIFIC ISSUES, WHETHER IT IS CULTURAL OR  
9 BENEFITS RELATED, AND THAT WE LEARN FROM J.C.O.D., PUBLIC  
10 DEFENDER, ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND PROBATION, AND L.A.  
11 SHERIFFS AROUND SOME OF STUFF THAT IS GOING ON IN THE COUNTY.  
12 AND SO, IT'S BEEN A GREAT COLLABORATION UP TO THIS POINT. AND  
13 I REALLY APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP FROM THIS BOARD TO DO THIS  
14 WORK AND DO BETTER FOR OUR VETERANS THAT ARE IMPACTED BY OUR  
15 JUSTICE SYSTEM.

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17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ZENNER. MS. BARGER.

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION  
20 FORWARD. YOU KNOW, I AM ALWAYS AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND WHY  
21 THERE'S NOT A BETTER COORDINATION WITHIN THE V.A. AND WITHIN  
22 THE COUNTY AND WITHIN THE -- JUST ACROSS THE BOARD. AND WHEN I  
23 -- YOU KNOW, OUT IN OUR EAST SAN GABRIEL OFFICE, WE EMBED A  
24 V.S.O. TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO COME IN AND SEE IF THEY HAVE  
25 QUALIFIED FOR SERVICES. AND NINE TIMES OUT OF TEN THEY HAD NO



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1 IDEA. SO WHEN I HEAR ABOUT VETERANS THAT ARE -- AND I ALWAYS  
2 HATE SAYING HOMELESS AND VETERAN IN THE SAME SENTENCE, BUT  
3 WHEN I HEAR THAT THERE ARE THOSE THAT ARE SUBSTANCE ABUSE,  
4 THEY WOULD QUALIFY FOR V.A. BENEFITS. I AM SURE. HOMELESS OR  
5 FACING HOMELESSNESSES, PROBABLY SOMETHING THERE. THERE IS NO  
6 COORDINATION OF SERVICES. AND I AM WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN SUPPORT  
7 OF THIS BECAUSE WHEN I HEARD THAT THE FACT THAT V.A. DATA  
8 SHOWS THAT MALE VETERANS WITH MULTIPLE INCARCERATIONS ARE 3.5  
9 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESSES, AND ACCORDING  
10 TO THE RAND CORPORATION, UP TO TWO-THIRDS OF THE JUSTICE-  
11 INVOLVED VETERANS ARE ESTIMATED TO HAVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
12 DISORDERS AND MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES, INCLUDING DEPRESSION  
13 AND PSYCHOTIC DISORDERS, WHICH IS ARE COMMON. WE CAN AND WE  
14 HAVE TO DO BETTER. AND I KNOW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, YOU  
15 KNOW, IT IS LIKE REINVENTING THE WHEEL. WHEN A MENTALLY ILL  
16 GENTLEMEN WAS HIT BY A TRAIN AFTER BEING RELEASED FROM MEN'S  
17 CENTRAL, THIS WAS YEARS AGO, FOUND OUT THAT THEY RELEASED HIM,  
18 AND HE HAD NOWHERE TO GO. AND HE WOULD HAVE QUALIFIED FOR  
19 S.S.I. SO WE BEGAN A PROGRAM WHERE WE EMBEDDED SOMEONE FROM  
20 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE JAIL BECAUSE,  
21 LITERALLY, YOU HAVE ALL THE EXPERTS THERE TO FILL OUT THE  
22 APPLICATION FOR S.S.I. SO THE MINUTE THEY ARE RELEASED, THEY  
23 HAVE S.S.I. COMING TO THEM. WE SHOULD BE DOING SIMILAR THINGS  
24 FOR THOSE THAT ARE IN OUR JAILS BECAUSE THERE IS NO QUESTION  
25 IN MY MIND THAT TO NAVIGATE THE SYSTEM AND TO -- YOU KNOW



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1 BETTER THAN I, IT CAN BE ALL CONSUMING, ALL CONSUMING. SO I  
2 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS, BUT I GET FRUSTRATED THAT IT EVEN  
3 CAME TO THE POINT WHERE WE HAVE TO -- WHEN I SEE THOSE STATS,  
4 IT IS DEPRESSING. I MEAN I REALLY HOLD VETERANS IN SUCH HIGH  
5 REGARD THAT I FEEL AS THOUGH WE ARE LETTING THEM DOWN. AND I  
6 AM NOT -- BECAUSE YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT, YOU HAVE  
7 COME TO MY OFFICE. AND YOU KNOW MY STAFF, ROBERTO ALVAREZ, WHO  
8 SERVED, THIS IS SOMETHING NEAR AND DEAR TO HIM FOR THE PEER TO  
9 PEER AND WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH THE V PAN, BUT I SUPPORT THIS,  
10 AND I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU ALL ARE DOING, AND I WOULD EVEN  
11 ARGUE THAT PEER TO PEER, EVEN WITHIN THE JAILS, AND I HAD THE  
12 HONOR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, OF GOING OUT AND GOING TO THE  
13 GRADUATION FOR THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HOUSED THAT ARE  
14 HELPING THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES AT TWIN TOWERS. I  
15 WOULD ARGUE THAT MAYBE WE NEED TO DO A MORE ROBUST OUTREACH IN  
16 THAT BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE ARE THOSE IN THERE  
17 THAT DO NOT DISCLOSE THAT THEY ARE VETERANS. AND SO, WHO  
18 BETTER TO DISCLOSE IT TO THAN A VETERAN. ONCE AGAIN, PEER TO  
19 PEER. SO I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS, BUT IT COMES WITH A HEAVY  
20 HEART BECAUSE I FEEL THAT, NOT JUST L.A. COUNTY, STATE,  
21 FEDERAL, WE ALL NEED TO DO BETTER. AND WE HAVE INDIVIDUALS  
22 COMING BACK WHO NEED -- WHO WENT OVER FINE AND CAME BACK  
23 BROKEN. SO I AM ALL IN. THANKS.

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25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.



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2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. FIRST A QUICK QUESTION, BASED ON  
3 YOUR COMMENT ABOUT S.S.I. I REMEMBER YEARS AGO, I WAS IN THE  
4 STATE LEGISLATURE, AND THE COUNTY HAD FUNDED A NAVIGATOR  
5 PROGRAM TO HELP PEOPLE APPLY FOR S.S.I., AND I THINK -- THE  
6 COUNTY WAS COMING TO THE STATE FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING. AND I  
7 WONDER IF THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE STILL DO. APPLYING FOR  
8 S.S.I. CAN BE SUCH AN ONEROUS PROCESS, GETTING FOLKS TO  
9 QUALIFY, AND HELP -- IS THAT SOMETHING -- DO WE STILL HAVE  
10 THAT PROGRAM? I WANT TO SAY IT WAS A PILOT AT THE TIME, BUT I  
11 WONDER IF IT'S STILL HAPPENING.

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13 **SUP. BARGER:** I UNDERSTAND IN THE JAILS IT STILL IS. THAT'S  
14 WHY I AM TOLD. I GUESS WE SHOULD CONFIRM BECAUSE I ACTUALLY  
15 HELPED PUT IT TOGETHER. SO I AM -- MY UNDERSTANDING IS IT IS  
16 STILL THERE. AND THEN WITH THAT, THERE COMES GENERAL RELIEF,  
17 SO WHEN THEY GET OUT OF JAIL, GENERAL RELIEF KICKS IN, AND  
18 THEN WHEN THE S.S.I. IS APPROVED, WE GET REIMBURSED FOR THE  
19 GENERAL RELIEF. SO THERE WAS A COLLABORATION ACROSS THE BOARD.

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21 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SUPERVISORS, THERE IS ONE PROGRAM  
22 THAT I THINK -- I THINK IT MAY BE THE ONE YOU'RE TALKING  
23 ABOUT. IT WAS A PROGRAM CALLED JAIL IN REACH. AND IT WAS A  
24 PROGRAM WITH D.H.S. AND IT INVOLVED DISCHARGE PLANNING,  
25 COORDINATION OF HEALTHCARE POST DISCHARGE, AND IT MAY HAVE



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1 INCLUDED COORDINATION -- APPLICATION AND COORDINATION OF  
2 BENEFITS ONCE THE PERSON LEFT, ONCE THE PERSON IS DISCHARGED.  
3 THAT MAY HAVE BEEN THE PROGRAM.

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** OKAY BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME, GIVEN OUR EARLIER  
6 PRESENTATION, THAT THAT IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD BE DOING IT  
7 ACROSS OUR BOARD, OUR NUMBER OF UNHOUSED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND  
8 NEIGHBORS WHO VERY LIKELY QUALIFY FOR S.S.I. BUT CAN'T  
9 NAVIGATE THE APPLICATION PROCESS. SO I'LL BRING THAT BACK UP  
10 TO TALK ABOUT THOSE OTHER PROGRAMS. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU. I  
11 APPRECIATE IT. I WAS TALKING TO A MEMBER OF L.A. CITY COUNCIL  
12 RECENTLY WHO SHARED INTERESTING DATA, AND I WANT TO KNOW IF IT  
13 IS PART OF YOUR EXPERIENCE TOO. I'LL GET YOU THE CITATION  
14 AFTER TODAY'S MEETING THAT TALKED ABOUT PEOPLE WHO SELF-  
15 IDENTIFY AS VETERANS, AND THERE ARE SUBPOPULATIONS THAT DON'T.  
16 MANY VETERANS POST- VIETNAM WAR DON'T. SOME OF OUR MORE RECENT  
17 VETERANS OF OUR MOST RECENT WARS DON'T. AND LARGELY, AFRICAN  
18 AMERICAN VETERANS DON'T SELF-IDENTIFY. AND AS I RECALL, THIS  
19 WAS BROUGHT TO THE COUNCILMAN'S ATTENTION BY SOME OF OUR  
20 OUTREACH TEAMS, WHO AFTER A THIRD OR FOURTH OR FIFTH  
21 INTERACTION, FOUND OUT THEY ACTUALLY WERE VETERANS. IS THAT  
22 PART WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN TOO BECAUSE I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT  
23 THAT TO IMPACT THIS PROGRAM? ARE YOU FINDING THAT THERE ARE  
24 POPULATIONS THAT DON'T SELF-IDENTIFY?

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1   **JIM ZENNER:** YES THAT'S CORRECT. SUPERVISOR. THAT HAS BEEN A  
2   BIG PART OF OUR CONVERSATIONS IS HOW DO WE FIND OUR VETERANS  
3   AND HOW DO WE GET THEM TO IDENTIFY. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
4   HAS DONE GREAT WORK AROUND PUTTING OUT POSTERS AND EMPOWERING  
5   VETERANS INSIDE THE JAIL TO CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER. WE FIND  
6   THAT OUR WOMEN VETERANS, IN PARTICULAR. DON'T IDENTIFY AS  
7   VETERANS. AND SO REALLY WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT  
8   THE QUESTION THAT WE SHOULD ASK TO IDENTIFY VETERANS. AND SO,  
9   ALL THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WITH THE ADVISEMENT OF THE V.A., WE  
10   LANDED ON, "HAVE YOU SERVED IN THE U.S. MILITARY," BECAUSE, IN  
11   ADDITION TO THE POPULATIONS THAT YOU MENTIONED, OUR WOMEN  
12   VETERANS AND ALSO WE HAVE A LOT OF RESERVE AND NATIONAL  
13   GUARDSMEN AND WOMAN, WHO ARE SERVING MILITARY ON THE WEEKENDS  
14   AND THEN PUTTING THEIR SUIT BACK ON THE NEXT DAY AND SHOWING  
15   UP FOR WORK, DEPLOYING FOR 12-15 MONTHS TO SUPPORT COMBAT  
16   OPERATIONS, AND THEY COME BACK, AND THEY DON'T ALWAYS SEE  
17   THEMSELVES AS A VETERAN BECAUSE THEY'RE STILL IN THE RESERVE  
18   AND NATIONAL GUARD, AND THEY NEED THAT SUPPORT AS WELL. AND  
19   SO, A LOT OF THAT CONVERSATION HAS COME UP BETWEEN OUR  
20   DEPARTMENTS AND THE V.A. AND WE LANDED ON, "HAVE YOU SERVED IN  
21   THE U.S. MILITARY," SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT REASON.

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23   **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. THAT'S HELPFUL TO KNOW. AND  
24   THANK YOU FOR THE MOTION. I WAS REALLY PLEASED TO SEE THE  
25   SPECIFIC LANGUAGE AROUND THE COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST. AND I



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1 LOOK FORWARD TO THE OUTCOMES OF THE REPORT BACK AND SEEING HOW  
2 WE, AS A COUNTY, CAN CONTINUE TO ENHANCE THE WAY AND IMPROVE  
3 OUR LANGUAGE AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE DOING ALL THAT WE CAN  
4 TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OUR VETERANS AND ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO  
5 DON'T SELF-IDENTIFY TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE SURE THEY DO SO  
6 BECAUSE THEY'RE CERTAINLY ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, JIM, FOR BEING  
9 HERE, AND WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE YOUR WORK AS OUR DEPARTMENT  
10 HEAD AND YOUR SERVICE AS WELL AS THE LIFE YOU'VE LIVED. YOU  
11 BRING IN A PRETTY AMAZING LIFE EXPERIENCE AND PERSPECTIVE TO  
12 THIS TABLE OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND WE REALLY  
13 APPRECIATE THAT. I THINK THIS IS A GREAT IDEA. I JUST HAVE A  
14 COUPLE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FUNDING FOR THIS. THE MOTION SAYS  
15 IT DIRECTS OUR C.E.O. TO IDENTIFY ONE-TIME FUNDING, INCLUDING  
16 THE USE OF A.B.109 FUNDS, TO PAY FOR THE CONSULTANT. I HAD  
17 HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE THAT MAYBE THERE WAS ANOTHER  
18 SOURCE OF FUNDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD ALREADY IDENTIFIED  
19 THROUGH A FOUNDATION BECAUSE WE DO KNOW THAT OUR A.B.8109  
20 FUNDS GO THROUGH A WHOLE PROCESS THAT INCLUDES OUR PUBLIC  
21 SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM, MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS AT THEIR  
22 PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND WE DON'T USUALLY AUTOMATICALLY DIRECT THE  
23 C.E.O. TO USE A.B.109 FUNDS. SO I'M WONDERING HAVE WE  
24 IDENTIFIED ANOTHER REVENUE SOURCE?

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1   **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. SUPERVISOR.  
2   C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAS NOT IDENTIFIED ANOTHER REVENUE SOURCE, BUT  
3   WE WILL BE CERTAINLY BE WORKING WITH MILITARY AND VETERAN  
4   AFFAIRS.

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6   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THOUGHT THERE WAS A FOUNDATION THAT  
7   SOMEONE HAD IDENTIFIED THAT WAS GOING TO HELP PAY FOR THIS  
8   CONSULTANT.

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10   **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** I DO NOT OF CONFIRMATION OF THAT. BUT  
11   IN OUR WORK, IF THIS MOTION IS ADOPTED, WE WILL CERTAINLY  
12   EXPLORE THAT. THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE THE PREFERRED METHOD,  
13   DEPENDING ON WHAT CONDITIONS --

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15   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BECAUSE USUALLY A.B.109 RECOMMENDATIONS COME  
16   TO US AFTER THERE'S BEEN A PUBLIC PROCESS AND THEY HAVE PUBLIC  
17   MEETINGS, AND THEN THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS COME TO US, SO I  
18   WOULD PREFER THAT IT WOULD BE ANOTHER REVENUE STREAM.

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20   **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SUPERVISOR, WE WILL EXPLORE ALL THE  
21   OPTIONS, BUT LET ME SPEAK TO -- YOU ARE CORRECT. THERE IS A  
22   PROCESS FOR -- THERE'S THE COMMITTEE THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED  
23   BY THE BOARD, AND THEY ALLOCATE THE GROWTH ON YOUR A.B.109  
24   FUNDS THAT COME TO THE COUNTY, ONGOING GROWTH FUNDS AND ONE-  
25   TIME GROWTH FUNDS. WHAT I'M SUGGESTING IS, IF THERE IS AN



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1 ALTERNATIVE METHOD TO GET THIS DONE, WE WOULD LOOK AT THAT  
2 VERY CAREFULLY BECAUSE THE P.S.R.T. PROCESS -- ALSO WE DON'T  
3 CONTROL THE TIMING OF THEIR MEETINGS AND WHEN THEY VOTE ON  
4 PLANS OR WHATEVER.

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT. THE PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM.  
7 THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE USUALLY, AGAIN, GIVE US THE  
8 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A.B.109. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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10 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, "USUALLY" IS A GOOD WORD BECAUSE WE  
11 DO HAVE THE AUTHORITY, AS A BOARD, TO MOVE THESE FUNDS. AND IT  
12 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE BECAUSE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT INDIVIDUALS  
13 WHO ARE INCARCERATED OR HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN INCARCERATED. SO  
14 IT'S THE WORK OF TRYING TO PROVIDE THAT ASSISTANCE SO THERE'S  
15 A BRIDGE, AND I THINK A.B.109 FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED IN THAT  
16 MANNER. SO, I WOULDN'T BE -- I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD JUST NOT  
17 ALLOW FOR A.B.109 TO BE USED. I THINK WE SHOULD, BUT I HEARD  
18 FROM OUR DIRECTOR THAT HE WAS ALSO LOOKING AT PHILANTHROPIC  
19 INVOLVEMENT, AND IT SEEMS LIKE THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF  
20 INTEREST. CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THAT?

21

22 **JIM ZENNER:** YES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SO, I DID HAVE  
23 CONVERSATIONS WITH SEVERAL FOUNDATIONS. THERE IS A COMMITMENT  
24 TO FUND A CONSULTANT FROM A FOUNDATION THAT IS PART OF THE  
25 VETERAN FUNDERS GROUP WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GRANT MAKERS. I



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1 TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOT REACHING OUT TO THE C.E.O. TO HAVE  
2 THAT CONVERSATION. THAT'S ON MY DEPARTMENT AND MYSELF, BUT,  
3 YEAH, WE DO -- THEY'RE JUST WAITING FOR A VOTE FROM THIS BOARD  
4 BEFORE THEY MOVE THE FUNDING OVER TO AN INTERMEDIARY, WHO WILL  
5 WORK WITH DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS TO  
6 DEVELOP A STATEMENT OF WORK AND START THE WORK AHEAD. I JUST  
7 WANTED TO MAKE SURE I HAD FUNDING ON MY END TO MOVE THIS WORK  
8 FORWARD BEFORE.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WOULD ADD TO THAT, AS FORMER SECRETARY OF LABOR,  
11 WE HAD A MILITARY VETERANS HOMELESSNESS DIVISION, AND THEY  
12 GIVE FUNDING FOR THESE KINDS OF EFFORTS TOO. SO THAT'S ANOTHER  
13 WAY --

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** COULD WE PUT IN THIS THE CONCERNED -- OR  
16 DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO, AGAIN, I THINK IT WOULD BE THE WILL OF  
17 THE BOARD TO USE THESE. I JUST LIKE TO NOT CIRCUMVENT THAT  
18 PARTICULAR PROCESS. COULD WE ADD LANGUAGE --

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20 **SUP. BARGER:** HAVE A MEETING AND ACTUALLY --

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22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE COULD DO THAT OR JUST DIRECT THE C.E.O.  
23 TO, AGAIN, WORK ON LOOKING FOR -- IT'S NOT SAYING WE'RE NOT  
24 USING 109, BUT IF WE CAN FIND OTHER FUNDS, I THINK THAT WOULD  
25 ALSO BE APPROPRIATE.

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2 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SUPERVISOR, NOT SPECIFIC TO THIS  
3 ISSUE, MY PREFERENCE WOULD ALWAYS BE TO USE FUNDING THAT IS  
4 OUTSIDE THE COUNTY'S COFFERS, SO WE WOULD ALWAYS LOOK FOR  
5 OTHER RESOURCES FIRST.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BUT THIS MOTION SPECIFICALLY DIRECTS YOU TO  
8 USE 109. SO, I'M JUST SAYING CAN WE ADD --

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10 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND OTHER PHILANTHROPIC AND OTHER FEDERAL OR  
11 WHATEVER.

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13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IT SAYS THAT. OKAY.

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15 **SUP. BARGER:** THESE ARE A.B.109 -- I MEAN IT'S NOT LIKE WE ARE  
16 --

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I'M NOT SAYING THAT. I'M NOT SAYING THAT.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AND SO, I ACTUALLY LOVE THE PHILANTHROPIC -- I  
21 HAVE A FEELING EVEN THE A.B.109 MONEY IS NOT GOING TO BE  
22 SUFFICIENT. I WOULD ARGUE THAT MAYBE WE NEED TO ASK THE GROUP  
23 TO GET TOGETHER AND LOOK AT THE STATS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
24 AND ACTUALLY HAVE THEM WEIGH IN, BUT I ACTUALLY AM READY TO  
25 MOVE. WHEN I SAW THIS AND I HAD MY STAFF PROVIDE ME WITH THE



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1 INFORMATION, I'M ACTUALLY APPALLED AT THE LACK OF WHAT WE  
2 SHOULD BE DOING AND COULD BE DOING.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, THE LANGUAGE IN THE MOTION DOESN'T  
5 PRECLUDE LOOKING FOR OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING.

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7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, WELL THAT WOULD BE MY WISH. GOOD.  
8 SUPERVISOR BARGER, ARE YOU BACK ON?

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10 **SUP. BARGER:** NO.

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT  
13 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE  
16 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 6, IF YOU HAVE  
17 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN  
18 THE SPEAKING QUEUE. WILL ASAIN ROBLERO, CORRINE NATISHOCK,  
19 JANET ASANTE, JOSE VASQUEZ, MANUEL GOMEZ, MANUEL LOPEZ, AND  
20 MARIO MIRAMONTES PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST  
21 YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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23 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS ROY HUMPHREYS. PLEASE GO  
24 AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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1   **ROY HUMPHREYS:** THANK YOU, AND I'M A LATE ARRIVAL TO THE  
2   SITUATION, AND I KNOW YOU'VE MISSED ME IN THE PAST FEW  
3   MEETINGS THERE, BUT I'M IN AWE, AND I'M GOING TO PUT THIS OUT  
4   FOR THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS BUZZ AND SO FORTH. I CAN'T BELIEVE  
5   YOUR PREDECESSORS DIDN'T HAVE A COORDINATION OF ALL THESE  
6   ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PERSONS GETTING OUT OF JAIL. IT'S -- IT  
7   JUST DEFINES THE WORD STUPID, AND THE PERSON SHOULD HAVE GONE  
8   TO THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AND SO FORTH ALONG WITH OUR  
9   PREVIOUS LEROY BACA AND OTHERS ON THIS COUNTY BOARD OF  
10   SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR ABJECT NEGLIGENCE WITH DEALING WITH THE  
11   CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND HOPE WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO SOME  
12   RIGHTEOUS JUSTICE TO GET THIS DONE, AND PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN  
13   NEGLIGENT HAVE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS IS JUST APPALLING. AND THE  
14   COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT YOU NEED TO BACK UP ALL THIS AND  
15   INCLUDING THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE OUT HERE WITH THE  
16   HOMELESSNESS -- THE WHOLE DAMN THING. IT IS JUST PATHETIC.  
17   THANK YOU.

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

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21   **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE GO TO KATHLEEN CROWLEY. PLEASE GO AHEAD.  
22   YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

23

24   **KATHLEEN CROWLEY:** HI. I'VE HAD THE HONOR OF WORKING WITH  
25   THOUSANDS OF VETERANS OVER THE PAST FEW DECADES AND THEIR



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1 FAMILIES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS, PEOPLE WHO CAME HOME CARRYING  
2 TRAUMA THAT THEY DIDN'T LEAVE WITH AND CAME HOME VERY  
3 DIFFERENT PEOPLE THAN WHEN THEY LEFT, OFTEN LEAVING THEM  
4 COMPLETELY DISCONNECTED FROM THEIR SUPPORT SYSTEMS THAT THEY  
5 DESPERATELY NEEDED. I'M HUGELY IN SUPPORT OF THIS, BUT I WOULD  
6 LAKE TO SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDED. I THINK, ALL TOO  
7 OFTEN, CONSULTANTS ARE HIRED, AND EVEN WHEN THE REPORTS ARE  
8 GREAT AND THE INFORMATION IS GREAT, NOTHING BECOMES OF IT.  
9 SOMETIMES, IT'S BECAUSE OF FUNDING, SO I APPRECIATE THE  
10 FUNDING DISCUSSION. I THINK FUNDING SHOULD BE BAKED IN FROM  
11 THE VERY BEGINNING, THOUGH I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE MEAT  
12 SURROUNDING THIS REGARDING THE FUNDING, REGARDING WHAT THE  
13 DELIVERABLES WILL BE AND THE PROMISE THAT THE COUNTY WILL THEN  
14 FOLLOW UP AND MAKE SURE THAT, IF THERE IS SOMETHING THAT  
15 HAPPENS HERE, IT'S ENACTED. THANK YOU.

16

17 **ATTORNEY:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **MODERATOR:** AND THAT WILL BE TRAMEL CARTER. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

20

21 **TRAMEL CARTER:** I'M CALLING IN ITEM NUMBER 6. TO START, THIS  
22 PROGRAM WAS IMPLEMENTED SOME TIME AGO WITH ALL THESE  
23 CONSULTANTS THAT WERE PAID, AND THERE WAS NO OVERSIGHT THE  
24 LAST TIME IT WAS IMPLEMENTED. AND PEOPLE THAT ARE GETTING OUT  
25 OF L.A. COUNTY JAIL NOW, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL TELL



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1 THEM THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE TO IMPLEMENT THAT PROGRAM. SO  
2 THERE'S NO OVERSIGHT OVER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REGARDING  
3 THIS MATTER. THERE'S NO OVERSIGHT OVER THE LAST CONSULTANT  
4 OVER THIS MATTER. AND ALSO MS. MITCHELL SEEMS TO BE SHOCKED  
5 ABOUT THIS MATTER WHEN MANY OF HER CONSTITUENTS HAVE CALLED  
6 ON THE SAME ISSUE OVER SIX MONTHS AGO, AND HER OFFICE HAS NOT  
7 RETURNED THEIR TELEPHONE CALLS. SO, SHE SAID SHE IS SHOCKED  
8 TODAY, WHEN MANY OF HER MEMBERS OF HER CONSTITUENTS HAVE  
9 CALLED REGARDING THIS. SHE SHOULD BE SAYING THAT HAS HAD CALLS  
10 ABOUT THIS, BUT SHE IS SAYING LIKE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME  
11 SHE'S HEARD THIS. ONCE AGAIN, SHE IGNORES MANY AFRICAN  
12 AMERICAN PEOPLE IN HER DISTRICT, AND I WOULD ALSO ADVISE THEY  
13 DO NOT NEED GET A CONSULTANT, THAT THEY SHOULD ALSO JUST GET  
14 SOMEONE TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM, AND IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE  
15 IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE GUIDELINES THAT THE SHERIFF DEPUTIES  
16 ARE SUPPOSED TO FOLLOW --

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. ARE WE  
19 COMING IN-PERSON? OKAY, GO AHEAD.

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21 **MANUEL GOMEZ:** MY NAME IS MANUEL GOMEZ. FIRST OF ALL,  
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT. IT MEANS  
23 A LOT. MY NAME IS MANUEL GOMEZ. I PROUDLY SERVED MY NATION  
24 WITH HONOR, COMPLETING THREE DEPLOYMENTS IN SIX YEARS UNTIL  
25 AND UNFORESEEN TUBERCULOSIS DIAGNOSIS ABRUPTLY ENDED MY



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1 CAREER. AS A DEVOTED FAMILY MAN, THE LOSS OF MY MILITARY  
2 SERVICE WEIGHED HEAVILY ON ME, AND I FOUND MYSELF TURNING TO  
3 DRUGS AS A WAY TO COPE WITH THE PROFOUND SCARS OF WAR. THROUGH  
4 MY ENCOUNTERS WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, I WAS  
5 OBLIVIOUS OF THE LEGISLATIVE RELIEF OPTIONS THAT EXISTED FOR  
6 ME. THERE WAS NO COORDINATION OF SERVICES. I DISCOVERED RELIEF  
7 FIVE YEARS INTO MY PRISON TERM, AND LUCKILY, I AM HOME IN  
8 FRONT OF YOU. BUT HONESTLY, MY RELEASE DATE FROM PRISON WAS  
9 JUNE 19TH OF 2024. IT SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN FIVE YEARS FOR ME  
10 TO SEEK THAT LEGISLATIVE RELIEF. ITEM 6 HOLDS IMMENSE  
11 SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS A PIVOTAL SHIFT IN OUR  
12 APPROACH. OUR VETERANS HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH TO THAT NATION. WE  
13 HAVE THE LARGEST VETERAN POPULATION. AND IT IS OUR DUTY OF  
14 THIS COUNTY TO SUPPORT OUR OWN CONSTITUENTS AND OUR OWN  
15 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR THE SUPPORT.

16

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

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19 **MANUEL LOPEZ:** MY NAME IS MANUEL LOPEZ. I WAS A U.S. NAVY  
20 VETERAN. AND THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR LISTENING TO  
21 US IN THIS MEASURE. AND HILDA SOLIS, I APPRECIATE YOU GUYS  
22 LOOKING OUT FOR THE VETERANS. SO I WAS AN INCARCERATED  
23 VETERAN. I GOT OUT OF THE MILITARY, AND I STARTED DRINKING. I  
24 HAD P.T.S.D. ISSUES. DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING. AND I GOT ARRESTED  
25 BACK IN 2005. I WANTED TO BE A SHERIFF. IN 2005, I GOT



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1 ARRESTED FOR DRINKING, AND THEN I'M LIKE OH, THERE GOES MY  
2 CAREER. I GOT A D.U.I. I ENDED UP IN JAIL, AND THEN AFTER  
3 THAT, JUST AN AVALANCHE OF NEGATIVE STUFF HAPPENING TO ME. MY  
4 P.T.S.D. WAS KICKING IN, AND I DIDN'T HAVE ANY SUPPORT FROM  
5 V.A., ANY -- NO ONE CAME IN. SO, I STARTED -- I WENT TO DRUGS,  
6 WENT TO JAIL. I ENDED UP GOING TO JAIL. NO ONE CAME UP TO ME.  
7 I WAS IN JAIL FOR LIKE FIVE YEARS, AND NO ONE CAME UP TO ME. I  
8 ONLY FOUND OUT ABOUT THE V.A. THROUGH ANOTHER VETERAN THAT WAS  
9 IN JAIL, AND HE TOLD ME GO TO THE -- GIVE ME YOUR BOOKING  
10 NUMBER. I'M GOING TO GO SEE THE LIAISON. MY TIME'S UP. THANK  
11 YOU.

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

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15 **CORRINE NATASHACK:** HI, MY NAME IS CORRINE NATASHACK. I'M THE  
16 PROGRAM DEVELOPER FOR THE NONPROFIT, THE COMMUNITY VETERAN  
17 JUSTICE PROJECT, AND PENDING BAR RESULTS ON THURSDAY, MAYBE  
18 THE LEGAL DIRECTOR. HI, SUPERVISORS. KATHRYN BARGER, YOU  
19 MENTIONED THAT SOME STATS WOULD BE HELPFUL. THERE ARE ABOUT  
20 6,000 INCARCERATED VETERANS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND THERE ARE  
21 ABOUT THREE FORMAL VETERAN JUSTICE OFFICERS WHO OVERSEE ALL OF  
22 THEM AT THE MOMENT. AS YOU WELL KNOW, IT TAKES A LOT OF EFFORT  
23 TO KEEP UP WITH THE MANY RESOURCES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT.  
24 OUR NONPROFIT OUTREACH TEAMS AT C.V.J.P. SUPPORT THE V.A. AND  
25 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS LIKE M.V.A. BY BRINGING INFORMATION ABOUT



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1 AVAILABLE RESOURCES DIRECTLY TO THE VETERANS AND THEIR  
2 FAMILIES AND ALSO TO THE L.A. COURTS. THIS NONPROFIT HAS  
3 TRAINED PUBLIC DEFENDERS AND JUDGES ABOUT CALIFORNIA'S  
4 DIVERSION STATUTES, SOME OF WHICH ARE UNIQUE TO VETERANS. SO  
5 THE VETERAN TREATMENT COURTS ARE GOOD, BUT THEY'RE NOT  
6 NECESSARILY AVAILABLE TO MANY VETERANS IN THE COMMUNITY. BUT  
7 THESE EXISTING STATUTES HAVE THE ABILITY TO TURN EVERY COURT  
8 INTO A VETERAN TREATMENT COURT. AND THE COURTS JUST NEED TO  
9 KNOW THAT THEY EXIST. SO THAT'S WHAT WE ARE THERE FOR. WHEN  
10 YOU'RE TRAINED TO FIGHT, IT CAN BE COMPLICATED, AND WE'RE HERE  
11 TO HELP.

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

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15 **SUP. HORVATH:** GOOD LUCK ON YOUR BAR RESULTS.

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

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19 **RUFIO VASQUEZ:** HELLO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MY NAME IS  
20 RUFIO VASQUEZ. I'M AN OUTREACH FOR COMMUNITY VETERAN JUSTICE  
21 PROJECT, HELPING VETERANS WITH LEGAL ISSUES IN L.A. COUNTY.  
22 I'M ALSO A JUSTICE-INVOLVED L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT AND HAVE BEEN  
23 SINCE 2011. WHEN I GOT OUT OF THE MARINES, AFTER TWO TOURS IN  
24 IRAQ, I WAS HOMELESS. I LIVED ON THE STREETS SURROUNDING THIS  
25 VERY BUILDING. IT'S VERY HARD TO OBTAIN SERVICES WHEN YOU'RE



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1 HAVING THESE MULTIPLE COMPLEX ISSUES COLLAPSING ALL OVER YOUR  
2 LIFE. I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT, AFTER TREATMENT, I WAS ABLE TO  
3 GET MASTER'S AND MY BACHELOR'S HERE AT U.C.L.A., A LOCAL BOY  
4 DONE GOOD, AND JUST GOT MY FIRST GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT SINCE I  
5 GOT OUT IN 2011 BECAUSE I FOUND OUT JUST RECENTLY I'M BEING  
6 BROUGHT ON FULL TIME WITH MY ORGANIZATION. IT SHOULDN'T TAKE  
7 THAT LONG.

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

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11 **JANET ASANTE:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JANET ASANTE. I'M WITH THE  
12 JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. I'M ALSO HERE IN SUPPORT OF AN  
13 IMPACTED PERSON WHO, UNFORTUNATELY, HAD TO LEAVE BECAUSE THEY  
14 HAVE A JOB AND COULDN'T AFFORD TO WAIT FOR AS LONG AS THIS  
15 ITEM TOOK. I WANT TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THIS ITEM BECAUSE, AS A  
16 COMMUNITY, WE DESERVE MENTAL HEALTH CARE EVEN WHEN YOU ARE  
17 JUSTICE-INVOLVED, AND I APPRECIATE THOSE OF YOU ON THE BOARD  
18 WHO BROUGHT THIS MOTION FORWARD. I ALSO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT  
19 SOMETHING IMPORTANT THAT SUPERVISOR HORVATH MENTIONED, WHICH  
20 WAS THAT THESE ARE CONSULTANTS THAT HAVE IMPACTED PEOPLE IN  
21 MIND. WE KNOW THE JUSTICE, CARE, AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT  
22 ISN'T ALWAYS THE BEST ABOUT THAT. I ALSO WANT TO NAME THAT WE  
23 STILL DO NOT HAVE A TIMELINE AND BENCHMARKS FOR JAIL CLOSURE,  
24 ALTHOUGH THE TIMELINE AND BENCHMARKS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN  
25 THIS MOTION FOR THIS PILOT PROGRAM. WE NEED TIMELINE AND



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1 BENCHMARKS IN EVERY SINGLE MOTION THAT YOU PUT FORTH. THE  
2 IMPACTED PERSON IS IN YOUR DISTRICT, HILDA SOLIS, JUST SO YOU  
3 KNOW. THANK YOU.

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

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7 **MARIO MIRAMONTES:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARIO  
8 MIRAMONTES. I'M A UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS VETERAN. I WOULD  
9 LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS  
10 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. JOINING THE MILITARY WAS THE BEST  
11 DECISION I EVER MADE FOR MY LIFE. WHEN I GOT RELEASED, OR WHEN  
12 I DISCHARGED, I STRUGGLED TO REINTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY. I  
13 CAME ACROSS MANY CHALLENGES, MANY BARRIERS. I TURNED TO DRUGS  
14 AND ALCOHOL TO SELF-MEDICATE. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, I GOT A  
15 D.U.I. THAT WENT WRONG AND, BECAUSE OF THAT, I HAD NO  
16 EXPERIENCE WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. I WAS TOLD NOT TO SELF-  
17 IDENTIFY BY THE GANG MEMBERS IN THERE, AND I WAS DYING, AND I  
18 WAS REALLY THIRSTY FOR ATTENTION TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING  
19 BIGGER THAN ME. I MISSED MY MARINE CORPS. EITHER WAY, SO I DID  
20 MY FIVE YEARS. I ENDED UP LOSING MY WIFE AND KIDS BEHIND THAT.  
21 I GOT OUT, AND I STILL WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH MYSELF, SO THEN I  
22 GOT IN TROUBLE AGAIN. AND THEN I WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY AS A  
23 VETERAN, AND I WAS ABLE TO CONNECT TO MY V.A. SERVICES, AND  
24 NOW YOU SEE ME OVERCOME MY CHALLENGES, AND EVERYTHING IS  
25 DIFFERENT NOW. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.



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

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. I WEAR A WRIST-  
5 BAND, ONE WRISTBAND. I'M A HUGE SUPPORTER OF VETERANS. I THINK  
6 THERE SHOULD BE MORE DONE, BUT THE PROBLEM IS YOUR PROGRAM  
7 ADDRESSES VETERANS AFFAIRS, BUT IT'S ACTUALLY THE VETERANS  
8 ADMINISTRATION. THAT'S THE ADMINISTRATION THAT LOOKS AFTER THE  
9 VETERAN THAT SERVED THE COUNTRY. VETERANS AFFAIRS DOESN'T DO  
10 ANYTHING FOR THE VETERANS. IT JUST WASTES MONEY. YOU'RE JUST  
11 STEALING MORE MONEY FROM THE PUBLIC. YOU TALK ABOUT SILOS. YOU  
12 TALK ABOUT NAVIGATING. NAVIGATING WAS THE NAME OF THE COMPANY  
13 THAT RAN M.L.K. JR. HOSPITAL. YOU'VE BEEN DEALING WITH SILOS  
14 FOR OVER 50 YEARS. YOU'RE INVESTING IN BUBBLE CAMERAS INSTEAD  
15 OF INVESTING IN THE VETERANS. YOU SHOULD INVEST IN MORE  
16 INTERNS. WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE INTERNS? MILITARY AND  
17 VETERANS AFFAIR, YOU'RE NAVIGATING F.T.A.S, FAILURE TO  
18 APPEARS. YOU HAVE PEOPLE WHO GO INTO COURT; THEY HAVE NO HELP.  
19 IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CARE. IT'S ALL ABOUT THE OBAMACARE.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE ANOTHER SPEAKER?

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE HAVE ONE MORE ON THE TELEPHONE.

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET'S GO TO THE TELEPHONE. NEXT  
2   SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4   **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE GO TO THE LINE OF NANOOK GREGORIAN. PLEASE  
5   GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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7   **NANOOK GREGORIAN:** YES. THANK YOU FOR DOING STUFF FOR OUR  
8   HOMELESS AND OUR VETERANS. I APPRECIATE IT. AND I HEARD  
9   LINDSEY HORVATH TALK ABOUT HOW THERE'S DISRUPTING, AND IT'S  
10   NOT SAFE FOR THE COMMUNITY. I JUST WANT TO SAY DRAG STORY  
11   HOURS FOR CHILDREN IS NOT VERY HEALTHY --

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13   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU'RE OFF TOPIC. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ITEM  
14   6. YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

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16   **NANOOK GREGORIAN:** I'M IN LINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

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18   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, THIS IS ABOUT L.A. COUNTY SERVICE  
19   DELIVERY TO JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS. OH, YOU WANT TO TALK  
20   ABOUT 91B. OKAY, YOU WILL HAVE TO HANG ON. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER,  
21   PLEASE FOR ITEM 6.

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

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NO OTHER SPEAKERS. ITEM 6 IS NOW  
2   BEFORE US --

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4   **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, BEFORE WE TAKE A VOTE, I WANT TO  
5   THANK OUR DIRECTOR, MR. ZENNER, FOR BEING HERE AND FOR WORKING  
6   COLLABORATIVELY WITH OUR JUSTICE-INVOLVED PARTNERS AND FOR  
7   HAVING THE FORESIGHT TO REALLY BE COMMITTED TO SOMETHING LIKE  
8   THIS. AND I KNOW IT'S GOING TO SET A PRECEDENT BECAUSE WE'RE  
9   THE LARGEST COUNTY, AND THERE'S NO DOUBT WE'LL BE ABLE TO  
10   ATTRACT ATTENTION FROM OTHER ENTITIES, I BELIEVE, THE FEDERAL  
11   GOVERNMENT. I THINK THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION WOULD ALSO  
12   WANT TO KNOW WHAT WE ARE DOING IN THIS AREA AS WELL AS  
13   DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING. AND I'M  
14   COMMITTED TO HELPING YOU WITH PHILANTHROPIC OUTREACH AND  
15   WHATEVER NEEDS TO BE DONE. BUT I WANT TO THANK THOSE WITNESSES  
16   THAT CAME IN AND SPOKE. WE KNOW YOU DESERVE MUCH MORE, AND WE  
17   KNOW THAT THERE'S A SERIOUS PROBLEM BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY  
18   VETERANS THAT HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED, WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE  
19   BECAUSE OF A DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE, BUT THEY'RE STILL  
20   ELIGIBLE FOR COUNTY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. SO THE WHOLE POINT  
21   HERE IS TO CAPTURE ALL OF THEM AND LET THEM KNOW THAT THERE  
22   ARE OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THEM. THAT'S WHAT THE INTENT  
23   IS. AND I WANT TO THANK MY STAFF, ESTHER LIM AND TONY CHAPPA,  
24   WHO IS ALSO A FORMER MARINE AND WAS HOMELESS AND SERVES



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1 PROUDLY HIS COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR  
2 SUPPORT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, ITEM 6 IS NOW BEFORE US.  
5 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH TO  
6 APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 6 AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE OTHER FUNDS  
9 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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21 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

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1    **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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5    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

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9    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, LET'S GO TO ITEM 8, PROCLAIMING  
10   NOVEMBER 2023 AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AND INVESTING  
11   IN AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE COMMUNITIES.

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13   **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS MY LAST MOTION FOR  
14   THE DAY.

15

16   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LET ME JUST SAY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON  
17   THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS  
18   ITEM, ITEM 8. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TAKE IT AWAY.

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20   **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR RECOGNIZING ME, AND I'M  
21   HONORED TO LEAD ON THIS MOTION. EACH NOVEMBER, WE RECOGNIZE  
22   AND CELEBRATE THE CULTURES AND VAST CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE  
23   NATIVE AMERICAN POPULATION, THE ORIGINAL STEWARDS OF THE LAND  
24   AND THE HEART OF BOTH OUR COUNTRY AND OUR COUNTY OF LOS  
25   ANGELES. IT'S ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE



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1 FIRST PEOPLES OF WHAT IS KNOWN AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE  
2 TONGVA, THE TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH, THE CHUMASH, AS WELL AS  
3 THE REGION'S AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE POPULATION,  
4 COMPRISED OF MEMBERS MORE THAN 200 TRIBES. EVERY YEAR, THE LOS  
5 ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION,  
6 KNOWN AS L.A.N.A.I.C., SELECTS A THEME OF NATIVE AMERICAN  
7 HERITAGE MONTH. THIS YEAR, THEY CHOSE THE TITLE OF COMMUNITY  
8 EMBRACING THE FUTURE. EACH YEAR, L.A.N.A.I.C. SELECTS  
9 OUTSTANDING AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO  
10 RECOGNIZE AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH. THE FOLLOWING  
11 NOMINEES WERE NOMINATED: SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY, SPIRIT OF  
12 TRADITION, AND SPIRIT OF CREATIVITY. I'M PROUD TO RECOGNIZE  
13 ROBERTA JAVIER AS A SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY HONOREE. SHE'S FROM  
14 THE SAC, FOX, AND CHEROKEE NATIONS AND IS A LONGTIME ANGELENO.  
15 FOR OVER A DECADE, ROBERTA DEDICATED HER CAREER TO PUBLIC  
16 SERVICE. SHE WORKED FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
17 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AMERICAN INDIAN UNIT, SUPPORTING  
18 NATIVE AMERICAN FOSTER CHILDREN. ROBERTA RETIRED IN 2018 BUT  
19 CONTINUES TO GIVE BACK AND BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HER  
20 COMMUNITY. SHE IS CURRENTLY THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN  
21 INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND AN AVID VOLUNTEER, WHO DEDICATES  
22 HER TIME TO HELPING NATIVE FOSTER CHILDREN. NEXT, I WANT TO  
23 ALSO RECOGNIZE, POSTHUMOUSLY HONOR, JIMI CASTILLO, AS A SPIRIT  
24 OF TRADITION HONOREE. JIMI WAS FROM THE TONGVA AND ACJACHEMEN  
25 NATION. HE WAS A WELL-KNOWN PIPE CARRIER AND SUN DANCER. HE



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1 WAS A MARINE CORPS VETERAN, WHO SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR,  
2 EARNING THE WARRIOR MEDAL OF VALOR. FOR DECADES HE SERVED AS A  
3 NATIVE AMERICAN SPIRITUAL LEADER HELPING NATIVE YOUTH IN  
4 CALIFORNIA PRISONS. JIMMY AND HIS WIFE, JEANETTE CASTILLO,  
5 WERE WELL-KNOWN ON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA POWWOW TRAIL.  
6 TOGETHER, THEY RECEIVED COUNTLESS AWARDS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT  
7 OBAMA'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. WE  
8 REMEMBER JIMMY FOR HIS PHENOMENAL CONTRIBUTIONS. AND LASTLY. I  
9 WANT TO POSTHUMOUSLY HONOR CHRIS "SPANTO" PRINTUP AS A SPIRIT  
10 OF CREATIVITY HONOREE. CHRIS WAS OF SENECA AND WHITE MOUNTAINS  
11 APACHE ANCESTRY. HE BORN AND RAISED IN VENICE. DESPITE LIVING  
12 AN EARLY LIFE ENGULFED BY ECONOMIC HARDSHIP AND INCARCERATION,  
13 CHRIS OVERCAME EVERY OBSTACLE AND SUCCESSFULLY CO-FOUNDED THE  
14 ICONIC LOS ANGELES BASED STREET WEAR BRAND KNOWN AS BORN AND  
15 RAISED. HE USED HIS PLATFORM TO ADVOCATE FOR ISSUES AFFECTING  
16 THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND BRIDGE COMMUNITIES TOGETHER  
17 THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION. HE PARTNERS WITH LOS ANGELES  
18 DODGERS, THE KINGS, THE LAKERS, AND RAMS, AMONG OTHER  
19 NOTEWORTHY ENTERPRISES AND COLLABORATED WITH DIVERSE NATIVE  
20 GROUPS TO CURATE COLLECTION PIECES FOR NAVAJO ELDERS. HOWEVER,  
21 CHRIS IS MOST RECOGNIZED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
22 COMMUNITY. HE SHARED HIS LIGHT AND LOVE WITH EVERYONE, PAYING  
23 RESPECTS TO HIS ANCESTORS AND ELDERS. HE LEFT A LONG-LASTING  
24 IMPACT ON EVERYONE, AND HIS LEGACY WILL FOREVER LIVE ON.  
25 COLLEAGUES, AS I SHARED, THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS NOT ONLY A



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1 TIME CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN LEGACY AND CULTURE BUT ALSO AN  
2 OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE MEANINGFUL ACTION TOWARD BETTER SUPPORTING  
3 LOCAL TRIBES AND AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE COMMUNITY  
4 MEMBERS. IN 1976, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IN PARTNERSHIP  
5 WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ESTABLISHED L.A.N.A.I.C., DUE IN  
6 GREAT PART BECAUSE OF ADVOCACY BECAUSE OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN  
7 AND ALASKAN COMMUNITY. FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS, L.A.N.A.I.C. HAS  
8 PROVIDED A CRITICAL PLATFORM TO ELEVATE THE NEEDS AND CONCERNS  
9 OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE COMMUNITIES IN THE  
10 COUNTY AND CITY. AND ON MAY 18, 2021, L.A.N.A.I.C. ACTED ON ON  
11 RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AFFIRM AND  
12 STRENGTHEN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKAN  
13 NATIVE POPULATIONS THROUGH THE CREATION OF A TRIBAL RELATIONS  
14 OFFICE OR INITIATIVE. L.A.N.A.I.C. SHARED THIS TYPE OF  
15 DEDICATED OFFICE WOULD HELP TO PROMOTE CULTURAL-GROUNDED, LONG  
16 TERM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES  
17 THROUGH GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION WITH TRIBAL  
18 GOVERNMENTS AND ENGAGEMENT WITH THE URBAN AMERICAN INDIAN AND  
19 ALASKAN NATIVE COMMUNITY AND DEVELOP FOCUS AND LONG TERM  
20 STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR ALL AMERICAN  
21 INDIAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE COUNTY. THIS  
22 NEED HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN MULTIPLE REPORTS FILED TO THE BOARD,  
23 INCLUDING A REPORT BACK ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IN 2020, THE  
24 REPORT BACK ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AND THE  
25 REPORT ON PAST AND PRESENT ONGOING HARMS AGAINST LOCAL TRIBES.



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1 TO THAT END, IT IS LONG OVERDUE THAT WE EXPLORE THE CREATION  
2 OF AN OFFICE OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
3 AS THE COMMISSION NEARS ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY, IT IS CRITICAL  
4 THAT WE ASSESS THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES SHARED BY THE  
5 COUNTY AND THE CITY. DESPITE HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY  
6 INJUSTICES, NATIVE PEOPLES HAVE RESISTED, PERSISTED, AND  
7 SURVIVED. AND TO THOSE HERE WITH US IN- PERSON AND LISTENING  
8 IN, YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT MANY OF US HERE ON THE BOARD SEE  
9 YOU, HEAR YOU, AND FEEL YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK  
14 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD TODAY.  
15 AND I LOOK FORWARD TO DEPARTMENTS WORKING WITH THE COMMISSION  
16 TO DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF URBAN NATIVE AMERICAN NEEDS  
17 AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO CREATE A SPACE FOR THINKING THROUGH  
18 POLICY THAT PUTS THE SENTIMENTS INCLUDED IN OUR LAND  
19 MANAGEMENT INTO ACTUAL DIRECT POLICY AND ACTION. AND CLEARLY,  
20 AN OFFICE OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS IS ONE IMPORTANT PIECE OF THAT.  
21 WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO BRIEFLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE SECOND  
22 DISTRICT'S HONOREES FOR NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH THAT  
23 WE'RE PROUD TO ELEVATE AND LIFT UP. I FIRST WANT TO RECOGNIZE  
24 CHERI THOMAS, WHO WAS THE CHAIR OF THE L.A. CITY-COUNTY NATIVE  
25 AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION AND IS SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT.



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1 SHE'S AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE QUINAULT NATION WITH YUROK  
2 DESCENT. CHAIR THOMAS HAS A LONG CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE.  
3 I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT IT WAS UNDER HER CHAIRWOMANSHIP THAT THE  
4 LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT ACTUALLY CAME INTO FRUITION FOR THE  
5 COUNTY. WE KNOW THAT THAT WAS A LONG TERM PROCESS. SO I'M GLAD  
6 TO SEE THAT IT CAME INTO FRUITION. AND WE NOW INCLUDE IT AT  
7 THE TOP OF OUR MEETING AS WELL AS THE TOP OF THE LA CASA  
8 MEETING AS WELL. I'D ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE UNITED  
9 AMERICAN INDIAN INVOLVEMENT, U.A.I.I., WHICH IS A NONPROFIT  
10 THAT PROVIDES HOUSING, HEALTH, AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO AMERICAN  
11 INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVES IN ACROSS L.A.. RECENTLY, THEY  
12 OPENED THEIR FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING SITE, WHICH I'M  
13 PROUD TO SAY IS LOCATED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. SO, AGAIN, I'D  
14 LIKE TO CONTINUE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ONCE  
15 INHABITED AND CARED FOR THE LAND THAT NOW COMPRISES THE SECOND  
16 DISTRICT OF L.A. AND HAVE BEEN SINCE DISPLACED. I'LL BE PROUD  
17 TO SUPPORT TODAY'S MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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21 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO ECHO THE COMMENTS  
22 OF MY COLLEAGUES AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT  
23 RECOGNITION. WE NEED TO BUILD ON THE EFFORTS OF THE COMMISSION  
24 THAT HAVE BEEN ONGOING FOR MANY YEARS WHILE ALSO CREATING A  
25 NEW TRIBAL RELATIONS OFFICE, WHICH WILL BE AN IMPORTANT



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1 OPPORTUNITY TO REVISIT THE GOALS OF THE COMMISSION SINCE ITS  
2 CREATION BACK IN 1976 AND CONTINUE TO LIFTING UP INDIGENOUS  
3 PEOPLE HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M EXCITED TO SEE THE WORK  
4 AHEAD AND BE PART OF IT. AND I THANK MY COLLEAGUE FOR BRINGING  
5 THIS MOTION FORWARD.

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7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT  
8 THIS IS GREAT AND THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING  
9 THIS FORWARD. IT IS THE START OF OUR NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE  
10 MONTH, WHICH MARKS A TIME TO CELEBRATE THE RICH AND DIVERSE  
11 CULTURES, TRADITIONS, HISTORIES, AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
12 IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF NATIVE PEOPLE. AND WE DO WANT  
13 CELEBRATE THIS YEAR'S NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH HONOREES,  
14 JIMMY CASTILLO, ROBERTA JAVIER, AND CHRIS "SPANTO" PRINTUP,  
15 AND I WANTED TO ECHO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL RECOGNIZING THAT WE  
16 DO NOW HAVE A PERMANENTLY ESTABLISHED LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
17 STATEMENT THAT WE READ BEFORE EVERY BOARD MEETING, AS YOU  
18 MENTIONED, ALSO LA CASA. AND I THINK IT RESPECTS THE NATIVE  
19 PEOPLE AND THE TRADITIONAL STEWARDS OF THIS LAND AND THE  
20 ENDURING RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS IN THEIR TRADITIONAL  
21 TERRITORIES, AND THE STATEMENT EMBODIES OUR COUNTY'S CONTINUED  
22 COMMITMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE LAND AS AN EXPRESSION OF HONOR,  
23 GRATITUDE, AND APPRECIATION TO THE NATIVE PEOPLE, WHO HAVE A  
24 LONGSTANDING HISTORY OF LIVING, WORKING, AND RESIDING IN THIS  
25 REGION. AND WITH THIS MOTION, I'M GLAD TO SEE L.A. COUNTY IS



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1 TAKING ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN AND DEVELOP AN  
2 AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, GROUPS, AND  
3 NATIVE PEOPLE THROUGH A POTENTIAL OFFICE OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS.  
4 SUPERVISOR BARGER, I SEE YOU'RE BACK ON.

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS  
7 MOTION, AND I JUST WANT TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE JIMMY CASTILLO,  
8 ROBERTA JAVIER, WHO ACTUALLY IS A FIFTH DISTRICT RESIDENT  
9 LIVING IN ONE OF MY CITIES, BUT DID A REMARKABLE JOB AT  
10 D.C.F.S. A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT D.C.F.S. HAS AN  
11 AMERICAN INDIAN UNIT. AND YOU'D BE SURPRISED BECAUSE THE LAWS  
12 AND THE PROTECTION GIVEN TO THOSE FOSTER YOUTH, IT'S IMPORTANT  
13 TO PRESERVE THEIR CULTURE AND PLACEMENT WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT  
14 THE FOSTER YOUTH. AND SHE DID A REMARKABLE JOB. AND ALSO CHRIS  
15 "SPANTO" PRINTUP. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY AMERICAN  
16 INDIAN COMMISSION, NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSIONER,  
17 RICHARD TOYON, WHO IS SOMEONE WHO IS ALSO DEDICATED TO THIS.  
18 AND IN CLOSING, I'LL JUST SAY WE'VE BEEN MEETING WITH -- IN MY  
19 DISTRICT, WITH DIFFERENT REPRESENTATIVES LOOKING TO HAVE LAND  
20 GIVEN BACK TO THEM. AND WE ARE ACTIVELY WORKING TOWARD THAT  
21 END WITH SOME PROPERTY UP IN THE MOUNTAINS THAT IS NO LONGER  
22 USED BY THE COUNTY FIRE. AND I DON'T THINK IT'S A BIG ASK. I  
23 THINK IT'S ACTUALLY THE HONORABLE AND RIGHT THING TO DO. AND  
24 SO, I LOOK FORWARD -- AND THIS WOULD BE AN IDEAL VEHICLE TO  
25 WORK ON THOSE TYPE OF THINGS BECAUSE IT'S NOT UNIQUE TO THE



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1 FIFTH DISTRICT. IN MY DISTRICT THERE, BUT I'M SURE IT'S IN  
2 EVERYBODY'S DISTRICT. SO I THINK THAT WOULD BE AN IDEAL THING  
3 TO BEGIN TO DISCUSS AS IT RELATES TO SPACE AND LAND THAT  
4 RIGHTLY BELONGS TO THEM. WITH THAT, I'LL BE SUPPORTING IT.

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
7 WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 8?

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9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS  
10 THAT HAVE SIGNED UP FOR ITEM 8. AS FINAL REMINDER FOR  
11 PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS  
12 ITEM 8 ONLY, AND IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS  
13 1 AND THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE.  
14 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER PLEASE.

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16 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS STEPHANIE GARDON. PLEASE GO  
17 AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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19 **STEPHANIE GARDON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS STEPHANIE GARDON.  
20 I'M A DESCENDANT OF THE PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE. I'M SPEAKING ON  
21 THE BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE [INDISCERNIBLE]  
22 SISTER PROJECT, A NONPROFIT THAT OFFERS SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMMING  
23 TO THE NATIVE COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES. I'D LIKE TO THANK  
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR AUTHORIZING ITEM 8. MOST RECENTLY, CURING  
25 THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PROCESS, THE BOARD APPROVED FUNDING TO



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1 HIRE A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A TRIBAL CONSENT  
2 AND CONSULTATION POLICY. AND WHILE THESE ACTIONS ARE LAUDABLE,  
3 THE COUNTY MUST GO FURTHER IN IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND  
4 WELLBEING OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN POPULATION IN OUR COUNTY.  
5 THIS COULD BE DONE MORE EFFECTIVELY BY ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE  
6 OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS. AN OFFICE OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS IS THE VERY  
7 LEAST THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CAN DO TO IMPROVE  
8 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR ALL AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKAN  
9 NATIVE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE COUNTY. TO THAT END, I  
10 RESPECTIVELY REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

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14 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER IS JAYLENE DAVIDSON. PLEASE GO AHEAD.  
15 YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

16

17 **JAYLENE DAVIDSON:** THIS IS FOR 91A?

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. WE'RE ON ITEM 8. SO HANG ON.  
20 WE'RE NOT THERE YET.

21

22 **JAYLENE DAVIDSON:** NO, I'M SORRY. I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M HERE FOR  
23 THIS.

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



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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THEN ITEM 8 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY  
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE  
6 THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM IS 8 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

19

20 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

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25 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.



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

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

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

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 12, L.A. COUNTY  
9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S COVID-19 MASKING POLICY DURING  
10 THE 2023/ '24 RESPIRATORY VIRUS SEASON, WHICH WAS HELD BY  
11 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, WE'LL HEAR  
12 THE REPORT, FOLLOWED BY ANY REMARKS BY SUPERVISORS, AND THEN  
13 PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, IF  
14 YOU PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW, YOU CAN COMMENT ON ITEM 12. OKAY. WE  
15 HAVE DR. MUNTU DAVIS, OUR COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER FROM THE  
16 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WILL MAKE THE PRESENTATION. DR.  
17 DAVIS, WELCOME.

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19 **DR. DAVIS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR HAHN AND THE  
20 ENTIRE BOARD. I DO WANT TO START BY THANKING ALL OF YOU FOR  
21 YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND OUR RESPONSE TO COVID OVER THIS  
22 TIME. IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME, AND WE'RE IN A DIFFERENT PLACE,  
23 AND I'LL HIGHLIGHT THAT TODAY. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THANK YOU  
24 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME FORTH AND TALK ABOUT WHERE WE ARE  
25 WITH COVID, WHERE WE ARE WITH MASKING IN PARTICULAR RELATED TO



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1     HEALTHCARE. AND I'LL GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF UPDATE IN TERMS OF  
2     WHERE WE ARE WITH R.S.V. AND INFLUENZA BEFORE WE GET INTO OUR  
3     RESPIRATORY VIRUS SEASON. SO, LET ME START WITH WHERE WE ARE  
4     WITH MASKING. CURRENTLY, AT THIS POINT, WITH RELATIVELY LOW  
5     HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS, THEY'VE BEEN PRETTY STABLE OVER  
6     THE LAST FEW MONTHS, AND EVEN COMING DOWN IN SOME INSTANCES,  
7     AND WITH A LOT OF TOOLS AVAILABLE IN TERMS OF TREATMENT, WITH  
8     VACCINE BEING WIDELY AVAILABLE AS WELL, WE DON'T HAVE A  
9     MASKING REQUIREMENT FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. WE DO STILL  
10    STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY WHEN IN INDOOR,  
11    CROWDED SETTINGS, ESPECIALLY IF THEY'RE AT HIGHER RISK OF  
12    SEVERE ILLNESS FROM GETTING INFECTED, THAT THEY DO WHERE A  
13    MASK, A WELL-FITTING MASK IN THOSE SETTINGS. WE ALSO DO  
14    RECOMMEND IT INSIDE OF HEALTHCARE, GIVEN PEOPLE COMING INTO  
15    HEALTHCARE CAN HAVE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT THINGS AS WELL, AS  
16    WELL AS WHEN ON TRANSIT AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION HUBS, JUST  
17    GIVEN THE MIXING OF PEOPLE FROM VERY DIFFERENT PLACES. I WANT  
18    TO --

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20    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BUT JUST TO CLARIFY, YOU'RE SAYING YOU  
21    RECOMMEND THAT.

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23    **DR. DAVIS:** THAT'S A STRONG RECOMMENDATION, YES.  
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25    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** STRONG RECOMMENDATION.

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2 **DR. DAVIS:** YES, THAT'S FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. NOW, WHEN WE'RE  
3 TALKING ABOUT WITHIN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, WE HAVE BOTH  
4 STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL AS A REQUIREMENT. SO, IN  
5 GENERAL, HEALTHCARE FACILITIES CAN ON THEIR OWN, WITHOUT AN  
6 ORDER, REQUIRE MASKING OF EVERYBODY AS A GENERAL BOTH PATIENT  
7 SAFETY AS WELL AS WORKER SAFETY REQUIREMENT, AND SOME HAVE IN  
8 SOME INSTANCES. AND AS AN ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURE DURING  
9 THIS SEASON, SINCE 2013, WE HAD A REQUIREMENT FOR HEALTHCARE  
10 WORKERS TO GET VACCINATED AGAINST INFLUENZA OR MASK DURING THE  
11 WINTER RESPIRATORY VIRUS SEASON. TYPICALLY, IT WAS INFLUENZA.  
12 NOW, WE SEE R.S.V. AS WELL, AND WE HAD COVID. SO WE HAVE THAT  
13 IN PLACE AS WELL, BUT WE ALSO ADDED A REQUIREMENT TO GET THE  
14 UPDATED COVID-19 VACCINATION. AND IF HEALTHCARE WORKERS DON'T  
15 GET ONE OR BOTH OF THOSE, THEN THEY'RE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK  
16 WHEN INTERACTING WITH PATIENTS AND IN PATIENT CARE AREAS. NOW,  
17 WE DO HAVE A STRONG RECOMMENDATION TO FACILITIES TO ALSO  
18 REQUIRE IT OF VISITORS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMING IN, BUT  
19 AGAIN IT'S UP TO THEM TO DETERMINE IF THEY WANT TO DO THAT. AS  
20 WE MOVE FORWARD, WE'LL CONTINUE TO SORT OF WATCH WHAT HAPPENS,  
21 BUT, IN GENERAL, THAT'S WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW, GIVEN WHAT WE  
22 ARE SEEING IN TERMS OF OUR STATS. NOW, IN TERMS OF OUR  
23 STATS, WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEING A 7-DAY AVERAGE. AND THIS IS  
24 FROM NOVEMBER 1ST, OF ABOUT 220 CASES, OR ACTUALLY 198. IT'S  
25 COME DOWN A LITTLE BIT. WE'VE BEEN HOVERING AROUND 200 CASES



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1 FOR A 7-DAY AVERAGE EACH WEEK FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS,  
2 THE LAST FOUR WEEKS IN PARTICULAR. THESE NUMBERS DON'T INCLUDE  
3 LONG BEACH OR PASADENA. AND THIS DOESN'T INCLUDE HOME TESTS,  
4 WHICH THERE ARE PROBABLY MORE CASES OUT THERE. WE JUST DON'T  
5 GET THOSE REPORTS, SO WE CAN'T TALK ABOUT THOSE BUT ANTICIPATE  
6 THAT WHATEVER WE ARE SEEING IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF CASES IS  
7 HIGHER. FOR THE PAST WEEK, WE HAVE HAD AVERAGE OF 319 HOSPITAL  
8 ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 PEOPLE PER DAY. THAT'S SLIGHTLY DOWN  
9 FROM THE A WEEK PRIOR AT ABOUT 345, AND AGAIN STILL RELATIVELY  
10 STABLE. AND THEN IN TERMS OF DEATHS, WE'RE AT A 7- DAY AVERAGE  
11 OF THREE DEATHS, AND THIS DOES INCLUDE LONG BEACH AND  
12 PASADENA. AND AGAIN, THIS NUMBER IS STABLE COMPARED TO ABOUT  
13 FOUR DEATHS THE WEEK PRIOR. SO, WE'RE IN A VERY DIFFERENT  
14 PLACE FROM WHERE WE WERE IN THE PAST. AND SO, BASED ON THIS  
15 INFORMATION AND THIS DATA, WE HAVE BEEN KEEPING THINGS AS IS  
16 AT THE MOMENT WITH OUR STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT JUST THAT  
17 REQUIREMENT INSIDE OF HEALTHCARE FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND  
18 VACCINATION OR MASK REQUIREMENT. NOW, WHEN WE LOOK AT  
19 NATIONALLY THE DATA THAT THE C.D.C. REPORTS IN TERMS OF OUR  
20 HOSPITAL ADMISSION LEVEL, THIS MEASURE IS DESIGNED TO TALK  
21 ABOUT THE IMPACT OF COVID DISEASE IN TERMS OF SEVERITY OF  
22 ILLNESS WITHIN A COMMUNITY, IN PARTICULAR OUR COUNTY. AT THIS  
23 POINT, WE'RE AT 4.2 NEW ADMISSIONS PER 100,000, AND THAT IS  
24 CONSIDERED LOW. IF WE WERE AT 10, BELOW 20, IT WOULD BE  
25 MEDIUM, AND IF WE'RE ABOVE 20, THEN THAT WOULD BE HIGH. NOW,



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1 THIS DATA IS PUT OUT EVERY WEEK, AND THIS NUMBER HAS BEEN USED  
2 AS A MEANS TO SORT OF SAY TO A COMMUNITY YOU MAY THINK ABOUT  
3 DIFFERENT PROTECTIVE MEASURES GIVEN THE LEVEL OF IMPACT THAT  
4 YOU'RE SEEING RELATED TO COVID. AND WE ALSO USE OUR LOCAL DATA  
5 TO MAKE DECISIONS AS WELL. AND SO, AT THIS POINT, WE DO  
6 INCORPORATE THAT ON OUR WEBSITE. WE DO HAVE OUR RESPONSE PLAN  
7 IN TERMS OF WHAT WE DO AT THESE VARIOUS LEVELS. AND THAT'S  
8 READILY AVAILABLE. AND AGAIN, IT DOES INCORPORATE C.D.C.  
9 RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL AS INCORPORATE LOOKING AT OUR LOCAL  
10 DATA IN ORDER TO SAY WHERE WE WOULD BE. NOW, INSIDE OF  
11 HEALTHCARE, ONE THING TO NOTE IS IF WE DID TO GET A LEVEL  
12 WHERE WE WERE SEEING A HIGH LEVEL OF IMPACT, MEANING MUCH MORE  
13 SEVERE DISEASE, OVER 20 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 ON A  
14 7-DAY AVERAGE, AT THAT POINT, WE WOULD BE LOOKING HAVING  
15 MASKING REQUIRED OF ALL HEALTHCARE WORKERS INSIDE OF THE  
16 FACILITY AS WELL AS VISITORS. AGAIN NOTING AT THAT POINT,  
17 WE'RE SEEING LOTS OF SEVERE ILLNESS, REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE  
18 CASES ARE, BUT THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WOULD TAX OUR  
19 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. AND THAT IS, AGAIN, IN LINE WITH WHERE THE  
20 C.D.C. RECOMMENDS WHEN YOU START TO SEE THAT LEVEL AS WELL.  
21 SO, WE WILL CONTINUE MONITORING THIS DATA AS WE CONTINUE TO  
22 MOVE FORWARD AND MAKE DECISIONS AS WE LOOK AT THE DATA, BUT I  
23 ALSO, AGAIN, WANT TO TOUCH ON A LITTLE BIT OF WHAT'S HAPPENING  
24 RELATED TO R.S.V. AND INFLUENZA. SO, FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF  
25 WINTERS, WE'VE SEEN THE THREE VIRUSES SPREAD AT VARYING PEAKS.

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1 EACH YEAR HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT. SO I DON'T HAVE ANY  
2 PREDICTIONS JUST YET IN TERMS OF WHAT IT IS GOING TO BE. WHAT  
3 I WILL NOTE IS THAT, FOR R.S.V., IT IS STARTING TO INCREASE.  
4 IT IS AT ABOUT 8%. IT WAS ABOUT 5% THE WEEK BEFORE. SO, THAT  
5 MAY BE THE FIRST THING WE START TO SEE. INFLUENZA TYPICALLY  
6 WHEN WE GET TO A LEVEL OF 5% OF THE PERCENTAGE OF SPECIMENS  
7 THAT ARE TESTED FOR INFLUENZA, THAT'S THE START OF THE FLU  
8 SEASON, BUT WE'RE CURRENTLY BELOW 2% AT THIS POINT. IT'S GONE  
9 UP A LITTLE BIT, BUT WE'RE NOT QUITE AT THAT 5% YET. I WILL  
10 NOTE THAT BOTH FOR INFLUENZA AND R.S.V., THERE'S A DIFFERENT  
11 REPORTING MECHANISM. IT'S NOT ON CASES. IT'S JUST ON LAB TESTS  
12 TESTED AT OUR HOSPITALS. SO IT'S DIFFERENT FROM COVID IN TERMS  
13 OF HOW IT'S REPORTED, BUT THAT'S CURRENTLY WHERE WE ARE. WE'LL  
14 CONTINUE MONITORING THESE AND CONSIDER WHAT THINGS MIGHT NEED  
15 TO BE DONE AS WE ASSESS THE SITUATION MOVING FORWARD. AND SO,  
16 WITH THAT, I'LL STOP, AND I'LL SEE IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS.  
17 I'M TRYING TO KEEP IT BRIEF BUT THOROUGH.

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD. THANK YOU. MS. MITCHELL.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU,  
22 DR. DAVIS, AS I'M SITTING HERE IN THE MEETING WITH MY ANNUAL  
23 SINUS ATTACK VOICE. ANYWAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING. I  
24 THINK WE ARE HEARING LOTS OF PUBLIC INQUIRY, BOTH PUBLIC  
25 COMMENT HERE THAT ARGUE BOTH SIDES OF THE COIN. WE HEAR A LOT



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1 IN MY OFFICE. AND SO, I REALLY WANTED TO GIVE YOU THE  
2 OPPORTUNITY TO COME AND PUT ON PUBLIC RECORD THE RATIONALE AND  
3 THINKING FROM THE DEPARTMENT. SO, IF YOU COULD JUST, ONE MORE  
4 TIME, EXPLAIN TO US THE RATIONALE FOR NOT REQUIRING MASKING IN  
5 ALL LICENSED HEALTH FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE I  
6 UNDERSTAND THAT NOT ONLY HAVE SOME PUBLIC HEALTH JURISDICTIONS  
7 DONE SO, THERE HAVE SOME HOSPITALS RIGHT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY  
8 THAT HAVE DONE SO ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. AND SO, I'M CURIOUS  
9 ABOUT IF YOU WHY THEY CHOSE TO DO THAT, BUT AGAIN WHY YOU'RE  
10 NOT REQUIRING IT IN ALL LICENSED HEALTH FACILITIES.

11

12 **DR. DAVIS:** YEAH, I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION. SO, TO CLARIFY, SO  
13 THERE ARE JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE CHOSEN, AND MANY OF THESE  
14 JURISDICTIONS DON'T HAVE WHAT WE HAVE IN PLACE IN TERMS OF  
15 INFLUENZA AND COVID OR MASK REQUIREMENT FOR HEALTHCARE  
16 WORKERS. WE, IN TALKING WITH OUR HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, IN  
17 TALKING WITH OUR HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, SORT OF LOOKED AT WHAT  
18 WOULD BE THE BEST THING TO DO, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE STATUS OF  
19 WHAT WE ARE SEEING RIGHT NOW WITH COVID SPREAD. AND WE FELT  
20 THE BEST THING TO DO AT THIS MOMENT WAS TO HAVE OUR HEALTHCARE  
21 WORKERS WHO ARE FRONTLINE WORKERS, ARE INTERACTING WITH PEOPLE  
22 WITH LOTS OF DIFFERENT INFECTIONS POTENTIALLY, THAT THEY GET  
23 VACCINATED IN ORDER TO PREVENT SEVERE OUTCOMES SHOULD THEY GET  
24 INFECTED OR TO PREVENT INFLECTION. AND THEN, AS WELL, DURING  
25 THIS TIME WHILE WE'RE LOW, RELATIVELY LOWER AND STABLE,



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1 RELATED TO COVID INFECTIONS AND THE IMPACT THAT WE'RE SEEING  
2 IN TERMS OF HOSPITALIZATIONS, AGAIN, THAT COULD CHANGE IF WE  
3 GET TO SEEING MORE SEVERE IMPACTS OR HIGH IMPACTS IN TERMS OF  
4 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, BUT, AT THIS POINT, OUR CHOICE WAS TO,  
5 AGAIN WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR HOSPITALS, HAVING THAT CHOICE OF  
6 GETTING VACCINATED. THEY REALLY WANTED TO PUSH HE THAT. FOR  
7 THEM TO GET VACCINATED, AND IT COULD CHANGE AT SOME POINT, BUT  
8 WE DON'T KNOW AT THIS MOMENT. NOW, THOSE OTHER JURISDICTIONS  
9 THAT I'M AWARE OF THAT HAVE A MASKING REQUIREMENT DON'T HAVE  
10 THAT. SO, THEY CHOSE JUST MASKING. THEY DIDN'T DEAL WITH  
11 WORKERS BEING VACCINATED. AND I WILL SAY THAT EVEN SOME OF THE  
12 FACILITIES HERE THAT HAVE REQUIRED MASKING, IT MAY NOT BE IN  
13 THE WHOLE FACILITY. IT MAY BE JUST WHEN YOU'RE IN THAT PATIENT  
14 CARE AREA OR VISITING A PATIENT AS A VISITOR, BUT NOT WHEN  
15 YOU'RE NECESSARILY IN THE CAFETERIA OR IN THE LOBBY. SO THERE  
16 ARE SOME NUANCES TO THAT IN TERMS OF THOSE REQUIREMENTS. SOME  
17 HAVE ALSO JUST REQUIRED THAT THEIR STAFF WEAR MASKS IN PATIENT  
18 CARE AREAS AND STILL DO HAVE A VACCINATION REQUIREMENT AS  
19 WELL. SO THERE IS A LITTLE BIT OF A MIX IN TERMS OF IT, BUT,  
20 IN GENERAL, OUR RATIONALE WAS TO REALLY ENCOURAGE OUR  
21 FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND HEALTHCARE STAFF INSIDE OF  
22 THESE FACILITIES, WHO ARE ALWAYS SEEING PEOPLE AND ARE A  
23 CRITICAL COMPONENT OF OUR SOCIETY, TO GET THE BEST PROTECTION  
24 THEY CAN GET IN THIS TIME PERIOD, WHILE WE HAD A LOWER IMPACT  
25 AND LOWER TRANSMISSION OF COVID.



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2     **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. AND JUST FINALLY, I THINK YOU  
3     INCLUDED IN YOUR PRESENTATION THAT THERE ARE SPECIFIC DATA  
4     INDICATORS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY RESULT IN A MASKING POLICY  
5     CHANGE FOR THE COUNTY, AND THEY'RE REFLECTED ON THE  
6     DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

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8     **DR. DAVIS:** YES, THEY ARE REFLECTED.

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10    **SUP. MITCHELL:** ONCE WE HIT THOSE INDICATORS AND THOSE NUMBERS  
11    IN TERMS OF DAILY HOSPITALIZATIONS, DAILY DEATHS, ALL THAT,  
12    THAT COULD THEN TRIGGER A POLICY SHIFT.

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14    **DR. DAVIS:** YEAH. THAT VERY WELL COULD. AND I WILL SAY, IN ALL  
15    OF THIS, WE'VE SEEN DIFFERENT VARIANTS OF COVID. IF WE HAD  
16    SOMETHING THAT WAS REALLY DIFFERENT AND REALLY CAUSING, WE'LL  
17    SEE IT REFLECTED IN OUR HOSPITALIZATIONS, THAT WOULD BE  
18    SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD BE WATCHING AS WE MOVE FORWARD AS  
19    WELL.

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21    **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU,  
22    MADAM CHAIR.

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

4

5   **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME  
6   FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. ARNOLD SACHS, IAN JAMISON,  
7   AND JOAQUIN BELTRAN. PLEASE COME FORWARD. MODERATOR, MAY WE  
8   HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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10   **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS SUSAN ASHLEY. PLEASE GO AHEAD.  
11   YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

12

13   **SUSAN ASHLEY:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR TAKING MY  
14   PHONE CALL. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO DR. DAVIS, I DON'T  
15   UNDERSTAND WHY WE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL WE'RE IN A CRISIS  
16   SITUATION BEFORE INITIATING A MANDATORY MASKING POLICY IN  
17   HEALTHCARE SETTINGS. I'M IMMUNOCOMPROMISED. I'M NOT A  
18   CANDIDATE FOR ANY OF THE VACCINES AT THE CURRENT TIME. I'M  
19   WAITING FOR SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT SAFER DUE TO A HEART  
20   SITUATION. SO I CANNOT ACCESS SAFE MEDICAL CARE. IT'S RUSSIAN  
21   ROULETTE EVERY DAY. DO I GO TO THE DOCTOR AND RISK GETTING A  
22   COVID INFECTION. 1 IN 10 PEOPLE GET LONG TERM COVID, OR JUST  
23   SIMPLY STAY HOME LIKE I HAVE FOR THE PAST 3.5 YEARS AND HOPE  
24   THAT I DON'T DIE FROM ANYTHING IN MY HOME. I JUST CAN'T  
25   BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE L.A. COUNTY'S HEALTH MANDATE. IT'S



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1 JUST YOU DO YOU. ONE WAY MASKING IS 40% EFFECTIVE. TWO WAY  
2 MASKING IS 80% EFFECTIVE. SO, I DON'T SEE WHY ASKING PEOPLE TO  
3 MASK IS SUCH A BIG DEAL. L.A. COUNTY IS THE ONLY COUNTY HEALTH  
4 DEPARTMENT THAT IS NOT REQUIRING THIS OF ITS THREE MAJOR  
5 HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY. LONG BEACH AND PASADENA ARE  
6 REQUIRING MASKING PATIENTS AROUND PATIENTS AND FOR THE STAFF.  
7 AND I DON'T KNOW WHY --

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

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12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS HEATHER DETWEILER. GO AHEAD.  
13 YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

14

15 **HEATHER DETWEILER:** MASKS SHOULD BE IN HEALTHCARE AT ALL TIMES,  
16 NOT JUST DURING RESPIRATORY VIRUS SEASON, NOT JUST FOR THE  
17 UNVACCINATED, AND NOT JUST IN SOME AREAS OF A BUILDING. SARS-  
18 2 IS AROUND ALL YEAR LONG. VACCINATION DOESN'T PREVENT YOU  
19 FROM GETTING IT OR SPREADING IT. IT'S AIRBORNE, AND IT SPREADS  
20 LIKE SMOKE. GOOD MASKS ARE EFFECTIVE IN PROTECTING AGAINST  
21 AIRBORNE TRANSMISSION. KEEPING MASKS IN HEALTHCARE WILL NOT  
22 ONLY PROTECT AGAINST COVID BUT ALSO WITH FLU, R.S.V., T.B.,  
23 AND OTHER AIRBORNE PATHOGENS. THE U.S. INFANT MORTALITY RATE  
24 JUST HAD THE LARGEST INCREASE IN TWO DECADES. HOSPITAL SYSTEMS  
25 ARE STRAINED, AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS ARE DWINDLING. MASK



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1 MANDATES WOULD WOULD HELP ALLEVIATE ALL THAT. WE DON'T HAVE  
2 THE TOOLS. VACCINES WANE QUICKLY, AND PAXLOVID IS EXPENSIVE,  
3 PLUS NEITHER DO ANYTHING FOR PREVENTING LONG COVID. BABIES  
4 CANNOT GET VACCINATED, WEAR MASKS, OR TAKE PAXLOVID. THE REAL  
5 TOOLS AREN'T BEING USED, N95S, VENTILATION, AND FILTRATION.  
6 MASKS MUST BE MANDATED AND NOT RECOMMENDED. PEOPLE WON'T DO  
7 THE RIGHT THING. WHY WAIT UNTIL LEVELS ARE HIGH? WHY NOT JUST  
8 REQUIRE IT ALL THE TIME? THAT IS THE BEST THING TO DO. COME  
9 ON. PLEASE.

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

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13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS TAJE MIRAKAWA. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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15 **TAJE MIRAKAWA:** THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR REVISITING  
16 THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. I JUST WANT TO STATE, SINCE IT HASN'T  
17 BEEN STATED, THAT NO MATTER HOW MANY COVID-19 VACCINATION  
18 BOOSTERS ONE HAS HAD, THESE VACCINES DO NOT PREVENT INFECTION  
19 FROM COVID-19 NOR DO THEY PREVENT ASYMPTOMATIC OR SYMPTOMATIC  
20 TRANSMISSION OF THIS VIRUS FROM ONE PERSON TO OTHERS. A  
21 VACCINES ONLY POLICY TO ADDRESS A VIRUS WHICH IS TRANSMITTED  
22 BY AIR OF AIRBORNE PARTICULATES PROMOTES NOT ONLY TRANSMISSION  
23 OF THE VIRUS BUT FURTHER MUTATIONS OF THAT VIRUS. IN THE  
24 INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WE MUST ADDRESS THE MITIGATION OF  
25 AIRBORNE TRANSMISSION. THIS PERTAINS AS THE SPEAKER BEFORE ME



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1 SAID TO NOT ONLY TO COVID-19 BUT OTHER DANGEROUS DISEASES THAT  
2 ARE TRANSMITTED VIA THE AIR. THESE INCLUDE R.S.V., THE FLU,  
3 MEASLES, STREP, TUBERCULOSIS, CHICKEN POX, AND OTHER DISEASE.  
4 WITH RESPECT TO COVID-19, NEW DATA SHOWS THAT WASTEWATER  
5 CONCENTRATIONS OF THE VIRUS CONTINUE TO TREND UPWARDS AS DO  
6 THE DEATHS AND NUMBERS NATIONALLY. FALLING VICTIM TO LONG  
7 COVID MEANS THAT --

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

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12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KELLY BIKE. PLEASE GO AHEAD.  
13 YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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15 **KELLY BIKE:** THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR GIVING TIME  
16 TO THIS CRITICAL ISSUE. I'M CALLING IN TO URGENTLY DEMAND THAT  
17 MASK REQUIREMENTS BE REQUIRED IN ALL HEALTHCARE FACILITIES  
18 YEAR ROUND. WE KNOW THAT VACCINATIONS ALONE DO NOT PREVENT  
19 COVID TRANSMISSION OR ANY OF THE SERIOUS RISKS, FROM DAMAGE TO  
20 THE IMMUNE SYSTEM, BRAINS, HEARTS, VASCULAR SYSTEM, LUNGS, AND  
21 MORE. VULNERABLE AND HIGH RISK POPULATIONS SHOULD BE ABLE TO  
22 RECEIVE HEALTHCARE SAFELY YEAR ROUND AND WITHOUT THE RISK OF  
23 CATCHING AN AIRBORNE PATHOGEN THAT WE KNOW NOW DAMAGES THE  
24 IMMUNE SYSTEM AND INCREASES THE RISK OF SERIOUS DISEASE AND  
25 LONG COVID, WHICH THE C.D.C. HAS REPORTED IS AFFECTING 1 OUT



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1 OF EVERY 10 PEOPLE. THIS IS ALSO CREATING A GREATER ECONOMIC  
2 BURDEN FOR THE COMMUNITY, WHO HAVE GREATER HEALTHCARE COSTS  
3 AND AFFECTS THEIR ABILITY TO WORK AND AFFORD HOUSING. I, ALONG  
4 WITH FAMILY MEMBERS AND MANY OTHER RESIDENTS, ARE HIGH RISK  
5 WITH UNDERLYING HEALTH ISSUES AND DISABILITIES AND HAVE HAD TO  
6 MAKE REALLY DIFFICULT DECISIONS THROUGHOUT THIS PANDEMIC ABOUT  
7 WHETHER OR NOT IMPORTANT MEDICAL CARE CAN BE RECEIVED SAFELY  
8 AND HOW LONG I CAN GO WITHOUT. VULNERABLE ANGELENOS ARE BEING  
9 COMPLETELY ABANDONED. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY IN REINSTATING  
10 AIRBORNE PROTECTIONS --

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

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15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS PAUL HENNESSEY. PLEASE GO  
16 AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

17

18 **PAUL HENNESSEY:** HI, I'M BEGGING THE BOARD TO UPDATE ITEM 12 TO  
19 REQUIRE RESPIRATORS IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS FOR EVERYONE,  
20 REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS. TWO WAY MASKING REDUCES ALL  
21 MICRO-AEROSOL TRANSMISSION OF NOT JUST COVID BUT ALL AIRBORNE  
22 ILLNESSES. EXTEND THIS BEYOND RESPIRATORY VIRUS SEASON, AS  
23 WELL. IN L.A., THERE WERE THREE WAVES OF COVID IN 2023 WITH  
24 ANOTHER ON THE WAY. REQUIRE REQUIRE N95S OR [INDISCERNIBLE]  
25 RESPIRATORS INSTEAD OF JUST MASKS, AS THEY ARE MUCH MORE



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1 EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING TRANSMISSION. AND RECOMMENDATION ONLY  
2 FALLS SHORT BECAUSE SELFISH PEOPLE AND DOCTORS WILL CONTINUE  
3 IGNORE RECOMMENDATIONS AND PUT VULNERABLE PEOPLE AT RISK.  
4 RECENT STUDIES SHOW THAT VACCINES AND PAXLOVID DO LITTLE TO  
5 PROTECT AGAINST LONG COVID. HEALTHCARE MUST BE PREVENTATIVE  
6 AND UTILIZE MASKING AND CLEAN AIR TACTICS. HOSPITAL ACQUIRED  
7 INFECTIONS ARE FAR TOO COMMON, AND YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO  
8 PLAY RISK ASSESSMENT JUST BECAUSE CASES ARE LOW. A MULTILAYER  
9 APPROACH KEEPS EVERYONE SAFER. THERE ARE OVER 85 WRITTEN  
10 COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM SUPPORTING MASKS IN HEALTHCARE. READ THE  
11 ROOM. ANGELENOS WANT SAFER HEALTHCARE AND FEWER RISKS. REQUIRE  
12 MASKS FOR ALL.

13

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

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16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS THERESA PRICE. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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18 **THERESA PRICE:** LAST YEAR, I NEEDED AN M.R.I. IT WAS  
19 RESCHEDULED THREE SEPARATE TIMES AT DIFFERENT FACILITIES  
20 BECAUSE THE TECHNICIANS KEPT GETTING COVID. THIS IS ABOUT  
21 PROTECTING PATIENTS AND WORKERS FROM VIRAL INFECTIONS BUT ALSO  
22 ABOUT MAINTAINING SOME SEMBLANCE OF A FUNCTIONING HEALTHCARE  
23 SYSTEM FOR ANYTHING. EARLIER AT THIS MEETING, YOU HEARD FROM  
24 NUMEROUS DOCTORS. THE COUNTY FACILITY HAS ALREADY FACED SEVERE  
25 STAFFING PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THEIR INSULTINGLY POOR CONTRACT



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1 TERMS. THE COUNTY ESPECIALLY CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE MORE  
2 PHYSICIANS AND CANNOT AFFORD TO HAVE PHYSICIANS FALLING SICK  
3 LEFT AND RIGHT. WE KNOW MASKING WORKS. YOU'RE RECOMMENDING IT  
4 BECAUSE YOU KNOW IT WORKS. IT'S CHEAP AND EASY. IT SAVES  
5 LIVES. BASIC SANITATION STANDARDS CANNOT JUST BE  
6 RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK YOU.

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

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10 **MODERATOR:** AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE  
11 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 12 ONLY, AND IF  
12 YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO, PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE  
13 SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,  
14 PLEASE.

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JULEP THOMAS. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

17

18 **JULEP THOMAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ESTEEMED BOARD. THIS AGENDA  
19 ITEMS IS A NECESSARY CONVERSATION, AND OUR ACTIONS TODAY HERE  
20 ARE AN INADEQUATE MEASURE TO PREVENT THE NEEDLESS SUFFERING.  
21 COVID VACCINES WE HAVE AVAILABLE ARE NOT -- VACCINATED  
22 INDIVIDUALS CAN BE INFECTED AND PASS ALONG THE VIRUS, OFTEN  
23 AS ASYMPTOMATIC INFECTIONS, TO VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING  
24 CARE. HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATORS LOOK TO THE COUNTY FOR  
25 GUIDANCE FOR MASKING. RECOMMENDATIONS ARE DISREGARDED IN MANY



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1 CASES, BUT REQUIREMENTS GET THINGS DONE. WE NEED THE COUNTY TO  
2 STEP UP AND LEAD. HOW CAN PATIENTS EVEN BE AWARE OF THEIR  
3 CAREGIVER'S VACCINATION STATUS? IN MY CIRCLES, FRIENDS ARE  
4 HAVING TROUBLE ACCESSING P.C.R. TESTING. AND IF OUR TESTING  
5 PROTOCOLS ARE FALLING BEHIND, ARE WE ACTUALLY GETTING AN  
6 ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE TRUE THREATS FACING OUR RESIDENTS? WE  
7 NEED A UNIVERSAL MASKING REQUIREMENT THAT MANDATES HIGH  
8 QUALITY RESPIRATORS FOR EVERYONE IN HEALTHCARE SPACES. THIS  
9 PROVIDES EQUITABLE ACCESS TO CARE FOR ALL RESIDENTS --

10

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

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14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS RICHARD HERNANDEZ. PLEASE GO  
15 AHEAD.

16

17 **RICHARD HERNANDEZ:** HELLO, THIS IS RICHARD HERNANDEZ. CAN YOU  
18 HEAR ME?

19

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

21

22 **RICHARD HERNANDEZ:** OH, I'M SORRY. LET ME SEE IF I CAN GET THIS  
23 UP A BIT HIGHER. MY NAME IS RICHARD HERNANDEZ. I'M CALLING  
24 BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN --

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I HOPE YOU AREN'T DRIVING AND SPEAKING AT  
2   THE SAME TIME. RICHARD, ARE YOU STILL THERE? I THINK WE LOST  
3   HIM. ARE YOU STILL THERE? RICHARD? OKAY. SORRY. CALL BACK IF  
4   YOU GET TO A BETTER PLACE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS NANOOK GREGORIAN. PLEASE GO  
7   AHEAD.

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9   **NANOOK GREGORIAN:** HELLO. I AM CALLING AND ASKING THE CITY  
10   COUNTY NOT TO PASS THE MASK MANDATE BECAUSE THE MASK HAS  
11   PROVEN IS NOT HELPING. THE VACCINE WAS NOT HELPING. THE  
12   VACCINATED PEOPLE CAN GET THE VIRUS AND CAN SPREAD THE VIRUS.  
13   THE MASK ONLY SUFFOCATES PEOPLE AND DOESN'T LET THEM BREATHE,  
14   AND MAKING THE MASKS MANDATORY IS NOT SAFE FOR US TO CARRY  
15   MASKS AND BREATHE OUR OWN GERMS. SO PLEASE DON'T PASS THE  
16   MANDATORY MASKING. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JULIA TAYLOR. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

21

22   **JULIA TAYLOR:** HI THERE. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING COMMENTS. MY  
23   ELDERLY MOTHER HAS CANCER, AND PART OF HER LUNG WAS REMOVED  
24   BECAUSE OF IT. HER DOCTOR TOLD US IF SHE GETS COVID, SHE WILL  
25   DIE. WHILE SOME OF HER HEALTHCARE APPOINTMENTS CAN BE DONE



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1    OVER THE PHONE, OTHERS, LIKE GETTING P.E.T. SCANS, BRAIN  
2    SCANS, AND BLOOD WORK, HAVE TO BE DONE IN A HEALTHCARE  
3    FACILITY. EVERY TIME WE GO TO ONE OF HER APPOINTMENTS, SHE IS  
4    AT RISK OF GETTING COVID AND DYING. AND I AM AT RISK OF  
5    GETTING COVID TOO, AND I HAVE IMMUNE ISSUES. WE ARE ALSO AT  
6    RISK OF GETTING OTHER AIRBORNE DISEASES, AND SO IS EVERYONE  
7    ELSE IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, INCLUDING HEALTHCARE WORKERS,  
8    STAFF, AND VISITORS. IT IS A SCIENTIFIC FACT THAT COVID IS  
9    AIRBORNE, AS ARE OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES. THEREFORE,  
10   RESPIRATORS WITH AT LEAST N95 OR HIGHER FILTRATION SHOULD BE  
11   REQUIRED IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, ALONG WITH AIR FILTERS AND  
12   VENTILATION. UNDER CURRENT CONDITIONS, PEOPLE ARE PUTTING  
13   THEIR HEALTH AT RISK SIMPLY BY GOING TO GET HEALTHCARE. PLEASE  
14   REQUIRE THESE SAFETY MEASURES. AT THE VERY AT LEAST, PLEASE  
15   ALLOW PATIENTS TO SPECIFY AND BE GRANTED THAT HEALTHCARE  
16   WORKERS WEAR AN N95 MASK WITHOUT PUSH BACK OR PROTEST. AS  
17   SOMEONE SAID A LOT EARLIER IN THIS MEETING, ONWARD ALWAYS,  
18   BACKWARDS NEVER. THANK YOU.

19  
20   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SENATOR WATSON JUST KEEPS GETTING  
21   QUOTED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22  
23   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JAYLENE DAVIDSON. PLEASE GO  
24   AHEAD.

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1   **JAYLENE DAVIDSON:** HI. IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT MASKS AND  
2   VACCINES DO NOT PROTECT YOU. THE OTHER THING IS -- SO PLEASE  
3   DO NOT DO THIS MANDATE. SECOND OF ALL, IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THE  
4   MASKS ACTUALLY PROTECTS YOU, THEN IF SOMEBODY IS NOT WEARING A  
5   MASK, THEN YOU ARE ALREADY PROTECTED. THE ONLY PERSON AT RISK  
6   IS THE PERSON NOT WEARING A MASK, AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO  
7   CANNOT WEAR MASKS FOR HEALTH CONDITIONS. AND TO DENY THEM  
8   HEALTHCARE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T WEAR IT IS WRONG. YOU DON'T HAVE  
9   THAT RIGHT. PLEASE DO NOT MANDATE THIS. THE FACTS HAVE ALREADY  
10   BEEN PROVEN. THANK YOU.

11

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

13

14   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MARK THOMAS. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

15

16   **MARK THOMAS:** YOU CAN TELL THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE CALLING IN  
17   TALKING ABOUT TO REINSTATE THE MASK MANDATE TO TAKE THAT STUFF  
18   AND SHOVE IT UP BIDEN'S RECTUM. A VIRUS, DO YOU KNOW THE SIZE  
19   OF A VIRUS? MASKS DO NOT STOP -- PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE  
20   VIRUS. IT IS TOO SMALL. THE WHOLE THING WAS A SHAM. THE  
21   PROBLEM IS LETTING THE CHINESE OVER HERE WITH THE DISEASE. HOW  
22   COME CHINA DOES HAVEN'T TO PAY FOR IT? WHAT ABOUT ALL THE  
23   OTHER ILLEGAL ALIENS YOU ARE LETTING FLOOD OVER.

24



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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE. GO AHEAD. GO  
2   AHEAD.

3

4   **MARK THOMAS:** WHO IS GOING TO BE GOING FOR ANOTHER PANDEMIC  
5   DISEASE COMING ACROSS THE BORDER FROM ALL THESE ILLEGAL ALIENS  
6   YOU ARE LETTING IN HERE. IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.

7

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

10

11   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SHANNON DEGAN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.  
12   YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

13

14   **SHANNON DEGAN:** MY NAME IS SHANNON DEGAN, AND I AM ASKING YOU  
15   TO URGENTLY BRING BACK MASKING IN HEALTHCARE. 30% OF COVID  
16   CASES ARE ASYMPTOMATIC, AND MORE THAN HALF OF INFECTIONS ARE  
17   SPREAD BY ASYMPTOMATIC AND PRE-SYMPOTOMATIC PEOPLE. I DON'T  
18   UNDERSTAND WHY L.A. COUNTY, THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY,  
19   WITH MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, IS NOT MANDATING A VERY, VERY SIMPLE  
20   THING IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES THAT SIX COUNTIES IN NORTHERN  
21   CALIFORNIA HAVE ALREADY DONE WITHOUT WAITING FOR NUMBERS TO BE  
22   CATASTROPHIC. WE KNOW WHAT IS COMING. WE ALL KNOW WHAT IS  
23   COMING. TRIPLE-DEMIC LAST YEAR, THIS IS NOT GETTING ANY  
24   BETTER. PEOPLE ARE NOT VACCINATING. EVEN IF THEY ARE  
25   VACCINATING, IT DOES NOT PREVENT SPREAD. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY



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1   HEALTHCARE WORKERS NEED TO BE SACRIFICED TO HOLD THIS LINE. I  
2   DON'T KNOW WHY WE NEED TO WAIT UNTIL PEOPLE ARE DYING IN HUGE  
3   NUMBERS, WHEN THIS CAN BE PREVENTED BY MASKING. ALL WE ARE  
4   ASKING FOR IS WE JUST WANT TO ACCESS HEALTHCARE AND PREVENT  
5   UNNECESSARY DEATH AND DISEASE.

6

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

9

10   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JEROME JACKSON. PLEASE GO  
11   AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

12

13   **JEROME JACKSON:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

14

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

16

17   **JEROME JACKSON:** OKAY, THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME IS JEROME. I  
18   AM A SPECIAL EDUCATION PROVIDER. I DO WANT TO BRIEFLY CONDEMN  
19   THOSE ANTI-ASIAN AND ANTI-SCIENCE COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE, BUT  
20   I AM HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR MASKING IN HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS AND  
21   MORE BROADLY TO INSTITUTE CLEAN AIR PROTECTIONS. DR. DAVIS,  
22   YOU DID NOT MENTION THAT SARS CORONAVIRUS 2 IS AN AIRBORNE  
23   VIRUS THAT TRAVELS LIKE SMOKE AND LINGERS IN THE AIR FOR HOURS  
24   AT A TIME IN POORLY VENTILATED SPACES. IT WAS ALSO NOT NOTED  
25   THAT WE ARE STILL IN THIS ONGOING MASS-DEATHS/MASS-DISABLING



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1 EVENT AND THAT INEQUITABLE POLICIES FROM OUR LEADERS ARE TO  
2 BLAME. AND THAT, AS HAVING THE MOST ACUTE INDOOR AIR QUALITY  
3 CRISIS IN OVER A CENTURY, IT COULD BE ADDRESSED WITH IMPROVED  
4 BUILDING VENTILATION, FILTRATION SYSTEMS, ULTRA VIOLET  
5 GERMICIDAL LIGHTS, MONITORING OF THE AIR, SO ON AND SO FORTH.  
6 OUR LEADERS, THE C.D.C. HEADQUARTERS, AT THE WHITE HOUSE, AND  
7 THE CAPITOL ARE --

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SORRY, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,  
10 PLEASE.

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12 **JEROME JACKSON:** WHILE LONG COVID --

13

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS TOM LANDRY. PLEASE GO AHEAD.  
17 YOU LINE IS OPEN.

18

19 **TOM LANDRY:** PLEASE BRING BACK MASKS IN HEALTHCARE. THAT'S IT.  
20 THANKS.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WOW. OKAY, LET'S GO TO IN-PERSON.

23

24 **IAN JAMISON:** IAN JAMISON, CALIFORNIA LEFTISTS FOR FREEDOM. A  
25 STUDY PUBLISHED IN CURIOUS IN APRIL 19TH, 2022, WHICH ANALYZED



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1 DATA FROM 35 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, 35 COUNTRIES, FOUND "THE  
2 POSITIVE CORRELATION BETWEEN MASK USAGE AND CASES WAS NOT  
3 STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT, WHILE THE CORRELATION BETWEEN MASK  
4 USAGE AND DEATHS WAS POSITIVE AND SIGNIFICANT, " " I.E., MORE  
5 MASK USAGE IS ASSOCIATED, ACCORDING TO DATA FROM 35 EUROPEAN  
6 COUNTRIES, WITH HIGHER COVID DEATH RATES. ADDITIONALLY, I WILL  
7 QUOTE FROM A STUDY RELEASED BY THE COCHRANE COLLABORATION ON  
8 JANUARY 30TH OF 2023, ANALYZING 78 CONTROLLED RANDOMIZED  
9 TRIALS FINDING THAT "WEARING MASKS IN THE COMMUNITY PROBABLY  
10 MAKES LITTLE TO NO DIFFERENCE IN THE OUTCOME OF LABORATORY  
11 CONFIRMED INFLUENZA/SARS-COV2 COMPARED TO NOT WEARING MASKS.  
12 THE USE OF N95 P2 RESPIRATORS COMPARED TO MEDICAL SURGICAL  
13 MASKS PROBABLY MAKES LITTLE TO NO DIFFERENCE FOR THE OBJECTIVE  
14 AND MORE PRECISE OUTCOME OF LABORATORY CONFIRMED INFLUENZA  
15 INFECTION." WE ARE NOT COMPLYING WITH PSEUDOSCIENCE. FUCK YOUR  
16 MANDATES.

17

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

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I  
21 HAVE COLLECTED A LOT OF -- FROM FULGEN, THIS IS A COUNTY  
22 AGENCY THAT IS GIVING OUT NASAL SWABBING TESTS. THIS IS FLUENT  
23 COVID MOBILE. THIS IS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS 2019, MINUS N C.O.V.  
24 THIS IS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS IN YELLOW WITH A PUBLIC HEALTH  
25 SERVICE THAT'S IN BLACK. THIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE



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1 THAT'S IN WHITE. WHY HAVE TWO DIFFERENT PUBLIC HEALTH  
2 SERVICES, ONE IN BLACK AND ONE IN WHITE? THAT'S [EXPLETIVE]  
3 UP. THIS IS COVID-19 WORKPLACE BUBBLES. THIS IS COVID-19  
4 SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE. THIS IS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS.  
5 THIS IS THE MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF MONKEYPOX. WHAT THE  
6 [EXPLETIVE] ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT. THIS IS [EXPLETIVE]. WHAT  
7 ABOUT LEARNING AN ORCHARD. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS? THAT'S  
8 EVERYBODY'S MEDICAL HISTORY. YOU ARE JUST [EXPLETIVE] PUBLIC  
9 OVER.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER,  
12 PLEASE. GO AHEAD. GO AHEAD. IF YOU CAN. IF YOU CAN, GO AHEAD.  
13 WE ARE LISTENING. WE ARE LISTENING TO YOU. GO AHEAD.

14

15 **JOAQUIN BELTRAN:** FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU SO MUCH TO SUPERVISOR  
16 MITCHELL FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. MY NAME IS JOAQUIN  
17 BELTRAN. I WAS BORN IN EAST L.A. COUNTY HOSPITALS. I AM A  
18 LIFELONG RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY. I AM URGING THE L.A. COUNTY  
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH TO BRING BACK  
20 MASKS IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.  
21 THERE'S BEEN OVER 13,000 LETTERS OF SUPPORT. AND LONG BEACH  
22 AND PASADENA THAT, BOTH IN L.A. COUNTY AS WELL, HAVE MASK  
23 REQUIREMENTS. WHY DOESN'T L.A. COUNTY HAVE A MASK REQUIREMENT  
24 DR. DAVIS? AND IN THE BAY AREA, NINE COUNTIES HAVE IMPLEMENTED  
25 MASK REQUIREMENTS. THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON HERE, RIGHT? ARE



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1 THESE OTHER COUNTIES WRONG, OR ARE WE JUST BEHIND? WE SHOULD  
2 BE LEADING ON PROTECTING OUR PEOPLE. 1 IN 7 AMERICANS HAVE  
3 LONG COVID. THAT NUMBER IS 46 MILLION. SO HERE IN L.A. COUNTY,  
4 THAT'S ABOUT HALF A MILLION. WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR PATIENTS,  
5 OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS, PREVENT A HEALTHCARE COLLAPSE. I'M  
6 URGING THE COUNTY TO BRING BACK MASK REQUIREMENTS IN  
7 HEALTHCARE SETTINGS. DR. DAVIS, I HOPE --

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** TIME. THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS?  
10 OH, OKAY. HELLO, GO AHEAD.

11

12 **JOAQUIN BELTRAN:** I'M SUBMITTING THIS FOR THE RECORD.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD, THANK YOU. WE WILL GET IT.  
15 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** I AM FOR MASK USE BECAUSE IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT. I  
18 NEVER TOOK MY MASK OFF, SO IT PROTECT US, YES.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS IN-  
21 PERSON? NO. ARE THERE ANY MORE ON THE PHONE? NO. SO THIS  
22 REPORT, COLLEAGUES, IS RECEIVED AND FILED, AND HEARING NO  
23 OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU, DR. DAVIS, FOR  
24 BEING WITH US. LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 15, L.A. COUNTY AWARENESS  
25 CAMPAIGN AND VOLUNTEER AID TO THE DISPLACED REFUGEES IN

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1 ARMENIA, RESULTING FROM THE AZERBAIJAN ARTSAKH WAR, WHICH WAS  
2 HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE  
3 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM,  
4 ITEM 15. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS.

5

6 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ON SEPTEMBER 19TH,  
7 AZERBAIJAN LAUNCHED A LARGE SCALE MILITARY OFFENSIVE AGAINST  
8 ARTSAKH, A MOVE THAT VIOLATED THE SEPTEMBER 2020 CEASEFIRE  
9 AGREEMENT, ONE OF MANY WITHIN THE LAST THREE YEARS, INCLUDING  
10 A BLOCKADE OF LACHIN CORRIDOR IN DECEMBER OF 2022. AS A RESULT  
11 OF A LONG PATTERN OF AGGRESSION, MULTIPLE CEASEFIRE  
12 VIOLATIONS, AND A SYSTEMATIC ETHNIC CLEANSING OF ARMENIANS IN  
13 ARTSAKH BY THE GOVERNMENT OF AZERBAIJAN, THERE ARE CURRENTLY  
14 120,000 ARMENIAN REFUGEES IN YEREVAN, ARMENIA. FOR THE FIRST  
15 TIME SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND CENTURY B.C., THERE ARE  
16 NO MORE ARMENIANS LEFT IN ARTSAKH. ARMENIA'S MINISTRY OF  
17 HEALTH HAS REPORTED ABOUT 300 INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM  
18 SEVERE BURNS AND WOUNDS FROM A FUEL DEPOT EXPLOSION DURING THE  
19 EXODUS LAST MONTH. WITH ONLY ONE BURN SPECIALIST IN THE ENTIRE  
20 COUNTRY, TREATING PATIENTS AT YEREVAN'S NATIONAL CENTER OF  
21 BURNS AND DERMATOLOGY AND NEIGHBORING HOSPITALS, TRAVELING  
22 DOCTORS, AN INTERNATIONAL NONPROFIT PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE AND  
23 EDUCATION TO COMMUNITIES IN NEED, IS CALLING ON GOVERNMENTS  
24 AND PARTNERS WORLDWIDE TO SEND SUPPORT. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS  
25 HOME TO A LARGE ARMENIAN AMERICAN DIASPORA, AND TODAY'S MOTION



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1 MAKES CLEAR THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY STANDS FIRMLY IN  
2 SOLIDARITY WITH THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY. IT IS OUR DUTY TO  
3 RAISE AWARENESS OF THE ONGOING ATROCITIES TO HELP PREVENT  
4 ANOTHER GENOCIDE OF THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE. THIS MOTION IS  
5 INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE HUMANITARIAN AID BY DIRECTING THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO COLLABORATE WITH TRAVELING  
7 DOCTORS IN PROVIDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATIONAL  
8 MATERIALS, INCLUDING PARTICIPATING IN TELEHEALTH SERVICES  
9 SPECIFIC TO TREATING BURN WOUNDS AND SKIN GRAFTING TECHNIQUES  
10 FOR CURRENT VICTIMS. PLEASE JOIN ME IN RAISING AWARENESS OF  
11 THESE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND SUPPORTING THE HUMANITARIAN  
12 AID EFFORTS PROPOSED IN THIS MOTION. I THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER  
13 FOR COAUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME AND WANT TO ESPECIALLY  
14 THANK NADIA SIMON, IN MY OFFICE, WHO STEPPED UP TO HELP  
15 COORDINATE THE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR THIS MOTION.  
16 THESE ISSUES ARE PERSONAL FOR MANY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND  
17 I AM PROUD TO BRING FORWARD THIS MOTION SO WE ARE ALL CALLED  
18 ON TO DO OUR PART AND PUT CARE INTO ACTION. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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22 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR  
23 ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU. I STAND IN FULL  
24 SOLIDARITY WITH THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY. AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE,  
25 L.A. COUNTY MUST USE ITS POWERFUL VOICE TO CONDEMN THE



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1 HORRIFIC ACTS OF VIOLENCE BY AZERBAIJAN AGAINST ARTSAKH AND  
2 THE ETHNIC ARMENIANS. OVER 120,000 ARMENIANS HAVE BEEN  
3 FORCIBLY DISPLACED FROM THEIR HOMELAND AND ARE IN GREAT NEED  
4 OF BASIC HUMANITARIAN AID. THIS COMES, AS YOU HAVE SAID, AFTER  
5 A LONG BLOCKADE AT THE LACHIN CORRIDOR WHICH CUT OFF INNOCENT  
6 CIVILIANS, FAMILIES. AND CHILDREN FROM FOOD, MEDICAL AID, AND  
7 BASIC SUPPLIES. THIS BOARD, I AM PROUD TO SAY, HAS TAKEN  
8 SEVERAL ACTIONS TO CONDEMN AZERBAIJAN FOR THEIR ACTIONS, AND  
9 WE MUST CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO HELP THOSE  
10 THAT ARE SUFFERING IN ARTSAKH. EARLIER THIS MONTH, OVER 170  
11 PEOPLE TRAGICALLY DIED FROM A MASSIVE EXPLOSION AT A FUEL  
12 DEPOT IN ARTSAKH AND MANY WERE LEFT WITH UNTREATED BURN  
13 INJURIES. ORGANIZATIONS LIKE TRAVELING DOCTORS HAVE STEPPED UP  
14 TO ASSIST THOSE AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE SUFFERING WITH SEVERE  
15 SHORTAGES OF MEDICAL SERVICES. TRAVELING DOCTORS PROVIDES MUCH  
16 NEEDED MEDICAL CARE, EDUCATION, AND BASIC SERVICES TO ARMENIA,  
17 ARTSAKH, AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD. THE  
18 MOST MOBILE CLINICS MAKE UP COMPASSIONATE TEAMS OF DOCTORS AND  
19 MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS THAT TRAVEL TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES,  
20 INCLUDING WOMENS HEALTH, PEDIATRICS, CARDIOLOGY, FIRST AID,  
21 AND MORE. AND I AM SURE WE CAN ALL IMAGINE THEY ARE VERY, VERY  
22 BUSY AS WE SPEAK. THERE HAVE BEEN 15 VILLAGES AND COMMUNITIES  
23 THROUGHOUT ARMENIA AND ARTSAKH THAT HAVE BEEN -- THAT HAVE THE  
24 TRAVELING DOCTORS HAVE TREATED WITHIN, AND THEY HAVE TREATED  
25 CLOSE TO 1,000 PATIENTS. THEY HAVE ALSO PROVIDED EDUCATIONAL



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1 CLINICS THAT INCLUDE TRAINING IN FIRST AID AND C.P.R.,  
2 HOSPITAL DEFIBRILLATORS, CHOKING EMERGENCIES, AND MORE, IN  
3 ORDER TO TRAIN AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. TRAVELING DOCTORS  
4 ARE PROVIDING CRITICAL LIFESAVING SERVICES FOR THOSE. AND THIS  
5 IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO DO OUR PART AND BE A PART OF THE  
6 EFFORT TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID TO ARTSAKH. WE MUST DO  
7 EVERYTHING WE CAN TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR THIS CRISIS AND  
8 PROMOTE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OUR BROTHERS AND  
9 SISTERS IN ARTSAKH. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE TRAVELING  
10 DOCTORS AND THE SELFLESS TEAMS OF VOLUNTEERS, WHO DONATE THEIR  
11 TIME AND SERVICES TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. AND I PERSONALLY LOOK  
12 FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH YOU AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT WAYS  
13 THAT WE, AS A BOARD, BUT ALSO WE, AS A COMMUNITY, CAN PROVIDE  
14 HUMANITARIAN AID AND ULTIMATELY END THIS CRISIS. AND I KNOW  
15 THAT WE HAVE SENT A FIVE- SIGNATURE LETTER TO PRESIDENT BIDEN  
16 ASKING FOR SOMETHING TO BE DONE. AND THAT WAS BEFORE PEOPLE  
17 WERE MOVED OUT OF ARTSAKH, OR THROWN OUT OF ARTSAKH, OR HAD TO  
18 FLEE ARTSAKH FOR FEAR OF LIFE FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND FOR  
19 THEMSELVES. SO I WILL CONTINUE TO USE MY VOICE, AND I KNOW I  
20 AM SO GRATEFUL TO THIS BOARD BECAUSE, IF YOU LOOK AT OUR  
21 POPULATION, AND WE HAVE THE LARGEST DIASPORA OUTSIDE ARMENIA  
22 RESIDING IN L.A. COUNTY. AND WHEN I DO THE ARMENIAN HISTORY  
23 MONTH, WE RECOGNIZE THE INCREDIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE  
24 ARMENIAN PEOPLE, NOT ONLY TO L.A. COUNTY, BUT TO THE STATE,  
25 AND QUITE FRANKLY THE NATION. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR

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1 HORVATH, FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE A COAUTHOR. THANK YOU, MADAM  
2 CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU TOO TO SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND  
5 BARGER FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS  
6 BOARD CONTINUE TO CONDEMN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, WAR CRIMES,  
7 AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY CARRIED OUT BY THE AZERBAIJAN  
8 GOVERNMENT AGAINST ETHNIC ARMENIAN CIVILIANS. L.A. COUNTY WILL  
9 CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ARMENIANS WHO ARE DISPLACED AND INJURED IN  
10 THE ONGOING WAR ATROCITIES SINCE THE START OF THE WAR IN  
11 SEPTEMBER OF 2020 BY ENCOURAGING ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN AID  
12 FROM THE MEDICAL EXPERTS IN OUR HEALTH SERVICES SYSTEM. THIS  
13 PUTS L.A. COUNTY -- THIS MOTION PUTS L.A. COUNTY INTO ACTION  
14 PARTNERING WITH THE TRAVELING DOCTORS THAT WILL PROVOKED  
15 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS TO AID OVER  
16 120,000 REFUGEES AND AT LEAST 300 REPORTED INDIVIDUALS  
17 SUFFERING FROM SEVERE BURN WOUNDS FROM THAT MASSIVE FUEL DEPOT  
18 EXPLOSION. I AM HOPEFUL THAT THIS MOTION WILL ALSO BRING  
19 INCREASED AWARENESS AND ENGAGEMENT TO THE FURTHER AND -- TO  
20 THE FURTHER AND FUTURE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR THE  
21 ARMENIAN PEOPLE, WHO ARE BEING FORCIBLY EXILED FROM THEIR  
22 ANCIENT HOMELAND. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT OUR U.S. GOVERNMENT  
23 TAKE FIRM ACTION NOW TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL  
24 ACCOUNTABILITY EFFORTS AND CONDEMN AZERBAIJAN ACTIONS BEFORE



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1 ANY FURTHER ATTACKS ON ARMENIA. THANK YOU. I SEE SUPERVISOR  
2 MITCHELL ON THE QUEUE.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO THANK  
5 THING SUPERVISORS WHO BROUGHT THE MOTION FORWARD AND JUST SAY  
6 THAT, ONCE AGAIN, THAT WE FIND OURSELVES HAVING TO GO ON  
7 RECORD CONDEMNING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAIN, AND AGAIN,  
8 AND AGAIN. AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE, ONCE AGAIN, THAT INTERNATIONAL  
9 LAW DICTATES THAT HUMANITARIAN AID MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE AND  
10 ACCESSIBLE TO VICTIMS. AND SO, I WANT TO JUST THANK THE  
11 TRAVELING DOCTORS FOR THE WORK THEY ARE DOING. AND AGAIN,  
12 THANK YOU FOR THE MOTION. IT IS TRAGIC AND MIND BOGLING THAT  
13 WE CONTINUE TO HAVE A VERY SIMILAR CONVERSATION AROUND BASIC  
14 HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND THE VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW  
15 WITH REGARD TO ACCESSING HUMANITARIAN AID. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
18 THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? PLEASE CALL THOSE  
19 MEMBERS.

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WILL THE FOLLOWING  
22 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.  
23 EDWARD BARSOMAN, REUBEN CARAPETIAN, PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND  
24 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE  
25 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS ANI GREGORIAN. PLEASE GO  
3 AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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5 **ANI GREGORIAN:** HI, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT  
6 IN THIS GRAVE MATTER. PLEASE PROPOSE FOR GREATER GOVERNMENT TO  
7 CUT MILITARY AID TO AZERBAIJAN, SANCTION AZERBAIJAN FOR WAR  
8 CRIMES, AND INCREASE CONTROLLED AID IN FUNDS TO OUR COUNTRY,  
9 SO THE MONEY MAY GO TO THE CORRECT PLACE AVOIDING ANY POSSIBLE  
10 EMBEZZLEMENT. PLEASE PROPOSE TO PROTECT CULTURAL HERITAGE AS  
11 WELL AS ARMENIAN MONUMENTS, GRAVES, TOMBSTONES. HOMES ARE  
12 BEING DESECREDATED AND DESTROYED. AND HISTORICALLY RELEVANT  
13 CHRISTIAN CHURCHES ARE CONVERTED INTO MOSQUES. THANK YOU VERY  
14 MUCH.

15

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

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18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IN NANOOK GRERGORIAN. PLEASE GO  
19 AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HELLO, ANYBODY THERE?

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23 **MODERATOR:** NANOOK, POSSIBLY DO YOU HAVE YOUR LINE MUTED?

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WHAT DO YOU THINK, SHOULD WE GO TO THE NEXT  
2   SPEAKER? LET'S GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

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4   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS TRAMEL CARTER. PLEASE GO AHEAD.  
5   YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

6

7   **TRAMEL CARTER:** HI, I AM CALLING ON ITEM NUMBER 15. MRS.  
8   BARGER, THANK YOU FOR STEPPING UP WHEN IT'S TIME TO STEP UP ON  
9   SPEAKING ON ISSUES, BUT CERTAIN GROUPS SEEM TO BE OVERLOOKED,  
10   AND NOT COMING FROM YOU, MS. BARGER, LIKE MRS. MITCHELL'S  
11   CONSTITUENTS. THERE ARE MUSLIMS IN HER AREA. THERE ARE  
12   HAITIANS IN HER AREA. SHE HAS NEVER PROPOSED ANYTHING LIKE  
13   THIS REGARDING THE DISPARITIES THAT THEY WENT THROUGH. AND  
14   THEN DURING THE TIME WHEN THE WAR CRIMES WENT OF BETWEEN HAMAS  
15   AND ISRAEL, MRS. MITCHELL.

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17   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** PLEASE STAY ON THE TOPIC. THIS IS ITEM 15.

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19   **TRAMEL CARTER:** I AM ON THE TOPIC.

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21   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** VOLUNTEER AID TO DISPLACED REFUGEES IN  
22   ARMENIA.

23

24   **TRAMEL CARTER:** I AM ON THE TOPIC. I'M MAKING A COMPARISON.

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1    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, THAT'S --

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3    **TRAMEL CARTER:** SO, YOU JUST TOOK TIME AWAY FROM ME. SO WHAT AM  
4    I AT NOW? I AM ON THE TOPIC. I AM SPEAKING ABOUT A COMPARISON  
5    OF DISPARITIES. SO HOW IS THAT NOT ON TOPIC?

6

7    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THIS IS ABOUT AID TO DISPLACED REFUGEES IN  
8    ARMENIA. PLEASE STICK TO THE TOPIC.

9

10    **TRAMEL CARTER:** AND I'M SPEAKING ABOUT DISPLACED MUSLIMS. I AM  
11    GIVING A COMPARISON HOW CERTAIN THINGS ARE NOT --

12

13    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. LET'S GO  
14    IN- PERSON. THANK YOU, WELCOME.

15

16    **EDWARD BARSUMIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SPEAKERS. SUPERVISORS, MY  
17    NAME IS EDWARD BARSUMIAN, A.S.C. WESTERN REGION. I AM HERE TO  
18    SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE. I WOULD LIKE TO START BY  
19    THANKING SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND BARGER FOR CHAMPIONING THIS  
20    URGENT MOTION AT A PALPABLE TIME OF CRISIS FOR THE ARMENIAN  
21    PEOPLE. BUT, AS YOU ARE AWARE, AZERBAIJAN HAS IMPOSED AN  
22    EXPLICITLY GENOCIDAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE AS  
23    OFFICIAL STATE POLICY, EXTENDING ITS HATRED IN A FOMENTATION  
24    OF VIOLENCE INTO EVERY ASPECT OF AZERBAIJANI PUBLIC LIFE,  
25    INCLUDING PRIMARY SCHOOLS, POLITICAL DISCOURSE, AND MORE. THIS



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1 GENOCIDAL AGGRESSION LEFT BEHIND ONLY DEVASTATION AND  
2 DESTRUCTION FOR THE 120,000 ARMENIANS OF ARTSAKH, WHO SURVIVED  
3 THE 2020 INVASION, MORE THAN NINE MONTHS OF ILLEGAL BLOCKADE,  
4 AND THEN AGAIN, THE INVASION OF ARTSAKH ON SEPTEMBER 19TH.  
5 THIS FORCED A MASS EXODUS OF ARTSAKH ARMENIANS FROM THEIR  
6 HOMES, THEIR HISTORIES, AND THEIR LIVELIHOODS. AND IN THE DIN  
7 OF THIS CATASTROPHE, AN EXPLOSION AT THE [INDISCERNIBLE] FUEL  
8 DEPOT LEFT MORE THAN 500 INJURED OR DEAD. THIS MOTION IS A  
9 GOOD FIRST STEP TO ADDRESS THE URGENT NEEDS OF THESE VICTIMS  
10 AND OPENS THE DOOR FOR SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT IN THE ARMENIAN  
11 PEOPLE.

12

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

14

15 **EDWARD BARSUMIAN:** THEIR TIME IN GREATEST NEED.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE. NEXT  
18 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **RUBEN CARAPETIAN:** RUBEN CARAPETIAN, A.N.C.A. WESTERN REGION.  
21 THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND  
22 BARGER, FOR BRINGING LIGHT TO THIS ISSUE. ON SEPTEMBER 25TH,  
23 DURING THE EXODUS OF ARTSAKH'S NATIVE ARMENIAN POPULATION,  
24 WHICH SAW THE FORCED DISPLACEMENT OF 100,000 PEOPLE, DUE TO  
25 AZERBAIJAN'S PROLONGED BLOCKADE AND SUBSEQUENT ASSAULT, A



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1 TRAGICS EXPLOSION OCCURRED KILLING -- CLAIMING OVER 220 LIVES  
2 AND INJURING 300 OTHERS. MANY OF THE VICTIMS NOW IN ARMENIA  
3 REQUIRE URGENT MEDICAL ATTENTION AND REHABILITATION. ARMENIA,  
4 THOUGH, FACES A SHORTAGE OF ESSENTIAL RESOURCES AND SKILLED  
5 PERSONNEL NECESSARY TO OFFER ADEQUATE ASSISTANCE TO BURN  
6 VICTIMS, RESULTING IN MANY OF THE BURN VICTIMS BEING UNABLE TO  
7 ACCESS CRITICAL CARE THEY REQUIRE. THIS MOTION IS A VITAL STEP  
8 IN DIRECTING MUCH NEEDED HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE VICTIMS OF  
9 THE TRAGIC [INDISCERNIBLE] FUEL EXPLOSION AND ADDRESSING THE  
10 ONGOING CRISIS IN ARMENIAN ARTSAKH. WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE THIS  
11 BODY'S CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FOR THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY AND  
12 COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE AND HUMANITY. THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **DAVID GEISHAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
17 GEISHAN. THE GENTLEMAN BEFORE THAT SPOKE TO ME KIND OF ROUGHLY  
18 SUMMED UP EVERYTHING THAT IS GOING ON, SO I AM NOT GOING TO  
19 ECHO WHATEVER THEY WERE SAYING, BUT I DO WANT TO COME FORWARD  
20 AND SAY THAT WE NEED TO DO MORE. THERE'S ALREADY A CRISIS  
21 GOING ON, AND IT HAS HAPPENED IN 2020. IT HAS HAPPENED A FEW  
22 MONTHS AGO. AND I THINK WE ARE NOT ADDRESSING THE ROOT ISSUE  
23 AT CAUSE, WHICH IS THE AZERBAIJANI GENOCIDAL REGIME, WHICH IS  
24 ACTIVELY CLEANSING ARTSAKH AND CONTINUING TO PUT PRESSURE ON  
25 ARMENIA AS WE SPEAK RIGHT NOW. ARMENIA, ARTSAKH, WHATEVER THEY



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1 DID, NOW THEY ARE TRYING TO DO THE SAME TO ARMENIA. THEY ARE  
2 WANTING TO OCCUPY VILLAGES THAT ARE ALREADY OCCUPIED BY  
3 ARMENIANS IN ARMENIAN LAND, AND I URGE YOU GUYS TO POTENTIALLY  
4 TRY AND DO MORE FOR THE COUNTRY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS  
7 EITHER ON THE PHONE OR HERE? OKAY, THEN ITEM 15 IS NOW BEFORE  
8 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER  
9 TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ITEM 15 IS BEFORE  
12 US. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
21 HORVATH.

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23 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER.



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2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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

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8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION PASSES 5-0.

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10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM 18, PROTECTING L.A.  
11 COUNTY'S BEACHES FROM COASTAL EROSION THROUGH THE BENEFICIAL  
12 REUSE OF SEDIMENT AND BY DEPLOYING LIVING SHORELINES, WHICH  
13 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON  
14 THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS  
15 ITEM, ITEM 18. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

16

17 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO  
18 THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR COAUTHORING THIS MOTION AND YOU,  
19 MADAM CHAIR, FOR YOUR STAFF'S ENGAGEMENT AS WELL IN INFORMING  
20 THIS REPORT. WE KNOW L.A. COUNTY'S BEACHES ARE ICONIC. THEY  
21 DEFINE OUR REGION AND OUR IDENTITY AND ARE IMMORTALIZED IN  
22 FILM AND TELEVISION. THE TOURISM INDUSTRY ASSOCIATED WITH 70  
23 MILLION ANNUAL VISITORS REPRESENTS TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LOCAL  
24 JOBS AND ANNUALLY CONTRIBUTES \$2.2 BILLION TO OUR ECONOMY. AND  
25 OUR 18 COUNTY- OPERATED BEACHES, FROM MALIBU TO A DONE DOE



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1 BEACH TO SAN PEDRO, ARE A CRITICAL RESOURCE FOR ALL ANGELENO<sup>S</sup>  
2 AS OUR REGION GETS HOTTER. IF WE DON'T ACT SOON, THE PUBLIC  
3 MAY LOSE ACCESS TO THESE BEACHES FOREVER, OR THEY WILL BECOME  
4 RESOURCES ONLY FOR THE PRIVILEGED FEW, WHO LIVE NEAR THE  
5 COAST. TWO OF THE COUNTY'S MOST POPULAR BEACHES, ZUMA AND  
6 REDONDO BEACH, HAVE NARROWED YEAR ON YEAR AS WINTER STORMS  
7 WASH AWAY OUR GOLDEN SANDS. AND LAST WINTER, STORMS WASHED OUT  
8 WESTWARD BEACH ROAD AT THE ICONIC POINT DUME. THE SCIENTIFIC  
9 CONSENSUS IS THAT SEA LEVEL RISE WILL ACCELERATE IN THE COMING  
10 DECADES, AND WE NEED TO PLAN, WORKING WITH NATURE, TO CONFRONT  
11 THIS REALITY. THE COUNTY HAS SPENT MORE THAN A YEAR WORKING  
12 WITH TECHNICAL EXPERTS ON A COASTAL RESILIENCY STRATEGY  
13 PROVIDING A ROAD MAP TO SAVE OUR BEACHES. THE STRATEGY WILL  
14 LARGE<sup>L</sup>Y RELY ON MOTHER NATURE TO PROVIDE SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT  
15 COASTAL EROSION, PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE CREATION OF LIVING  
16 SHORELINES. LIVING SHORELINES INVOLVE BUILDING SAND DUNES WITH  
17 NATIVE PLANTS, WHOSE ROOTS PROVIDE AN ANCHOR, KEEPING SEDIMENT  
18 ON THE SAND, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDING HABITAT ON THE  
19 BEACH FOR WILDLIFE. AN EXCITING LIVING SHORELINE PILOT PROJECT  
20 IS UNDERWAY IN SANTA MONICA, LED BY THE BAY FOUNDATION, WHICH  
21 PROVIDES A MODEL FOR THIS NATURE- BASED RESILIENCY SOLUTION.  
22 AND WHILE OUR ERODING BEACHES FACE A SEDIMENT DEFICIT, OUR  
23 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FACES THE OPPOSITE PROBLEM DUE TO  
24 CLIMATE INDUCED WILDFIRES. THIS BOARD HAS ALREADY APPROVED AN  
25 EMERGENCY SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT AT THE DISTRICT'S DEBRIS



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1 BASINS AND RESERVOIRS, WHICH, OVER THE NEXT DECADE, IS  
2 EXPECTED TO REMOVE 15 MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF SEDIMENT AT AN  
3 ESTIMATED COST OF \$570 MILLION. WITH THIS MOTION, WE ARE  
4 ASKING THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S PROBLEM TO BE PART OF OUR  
5 COASTAL RESILIENCY SOLUTION. THIS MOTION INSTRUCTS DEPARTMENTS  
6 TO PRESENT A STRATEGY FOR THE BENEFICIAL REUSE OF ITS REMOVED  
7 SEDIMENT, SEDIMENT WHICH DECADES AGO WOULD HAVE NATURALLY  
8 TRAVELED THROUGH WATERWAYS TO RENEW OUR COASTLINE. IT ALSO  
9 DIRECTS DEPARTMENTS TO PARTNER IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A  
10 FUNDRAISING STRATEGY FOR THIS WORK. AND WE MUST AGGRESSIVELY  
11 PURSUE FEDERAL, STATE, AND PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT TO REALIZE  
12 THIS GOAL. I AM ASKING DEPARTMENTS TO BEGIN CONVENING  
13 TECHNICAL EXPERTS, BOTH OUR FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL  
14 REGULATORS, AND OUR WORLD CLASS LOCAL RESEARCHERS AND TRIBAL  
15 PARTNERS TO BRING THE STRATEGY TO LIFE. AND I WANT TO THANK  
16 OUR EARLY PARTNERS IN THIS EFFORT WHO HAVE ENGAGED IN THIS  
17 WORK, INCLUDING THE CITIES OF LOS ANGELES, MALIBU, AND REDONDO  
18 BEACH, THE GABRIELENO-SHOSHONE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN  
19 CALIFORNIA, THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION,  
20 U.S.C. SEA GRANT, THE BAY FOUNDATION, THE SACRED PLACES  
21 INSTITUTE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, HEAL THE BAY, AND N.R.D.C.  
22 AND IMPORE OTHERS TO ENGAGE IN THIS CRITICAL WORK WITH US. WE  
23 WANT TO INVITE EXPERTS INTO THE WORK OF THE COUNTY TO TURN  
24 BEST PRACTICES INTO EARTH-SAVING INTERVENTIONS. THE BEACHES WE  
25 KNOW AND LOVE CAME TO EXIST DUE TO DELIBERATE PLANNING,



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1 CONSERVATION, AND INVESTMENT, WHICH BEGAN NEARLY 100 YEARS  
2 AGO. WE OWE IT ALL TO ANGELENOS AND THE WILDLIFE THAT WE SHARE  
3 THE COASTLINE WITH TO ENSURE THAT OUR BEACHES REMAIN RESILIENT  
4 AND ACCESSIBLE IN THE NEXT CENTURY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO MY  
5 COLLEAGUES AND TO MY COAUTHOR, AND I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
6 IN THIS WORK.

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,  
11 SUPERVISOR HORVATH. YOU KNOW, WITH A COUNTY THAT HAS 75 MILES  
12 OF COASTLINE, YOU MENTIONED THE 70 MILLION BEACH VISITORS  
13 ANNUALLY. I AM CLEAR THAT, OF THOSE 70 MILLION, SO MANY ARE  
14 NATIVE ANGELENOS. AND EVEN BEFORE REDISTRICTING, WE WERE  
15 WORKING HARD IN THE SECOND DISTRICT TO REALLY BUILD A BRIDGE  
16 BETWEEN OUR COASTAL COMMUNITIES AND OUR COASTLINE AND EVERY  
17 ANGELENO TO BE ABLE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF MOTHER NATURE  
18 AND WHAT WE HAVE ACCESS TO, PARTICULARLY FOR COMMUNITIES THAT  
19 RESEARCH IS ALWAYS ALREADY SHOWING US ARE SUFFERING FROM  
20 CLIMATE CHANGE, ARE ALREADY SHOWING MARKED HOTTER  
21 TEMPERATURES, AND HAVE LESS TREE CANOPY. THOSE ARE THE  
22 COMMUNITIES THAT WE ARE INTENTIONALLY BUILDING BRIDGES TO OUR  
23 COASTAL COMMUNITY. THAT'S -- GIVEN THAT, TWO OF THE TOP THREE  
24 MOST VULNERABLE BEACHES IDENTIFIED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
25 BEACHES AND HARBOR'S 2022 COASTAL RESILIENCE STUDY ARE IN THE



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1     SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. AND SO, I THINK THIS MOTION  
2     ALLOWS US TO ADVANCE BOTH PRIORITIES IN A WAY THAT CENTERS  
3     DIVERSE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY, AND SUSTAINABILITY IN  
4     OUR COASTAL RESILIENCE EFFORTS. AND SO, I AM LOOKING FORWARD  
5     TO SEEING THE FRUIT OF OUR COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP AND OUR  
6     DEEPPENED PARTNERSHIPS IN THIS ARENA SO THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO  
7     STEWARD AND SHARE OUR COASTAL RESOURCES FOR GENERATIONS TO  
8     COME. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR BRINGING THE MOTION  
9     FORWARD, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING IT AND LOOKING AT  
10    THE OUTCOME OF THE WORK THAT IT WILL INITIATE.

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12    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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14    **SUP. SOLIS:** JUST BRIEFLY, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH  
15    AND ALSO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. CLIMATE CRISIS, AS YOU KNOW, IS  
16    AN ISSUE OF EQUITY, AS YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. IT  
17    REALLY DOES MATTER THAT WE HELP TO PRESERVE ACCESS TO OUR  
18    BEACHES AND TO MANY OF OUR SHORELINES BECAUSE MANY, AS YOU  
19    SAID, DON'T HAVE ACCESS. IN FACT, MANY RESIDENTS IN MY OWN  
20    DISTRICT, MANY CHILDREN, HAVE NEVER EVEN BEEN TO THE BEACH. IT  
21    IS INCREDIBLE THAT IN 2023 THAT THAT'S WHAT THE STORY IS. AND  
22    EVERYTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP PRESERVE THAT SHORELINE AND  
23    ACCESS TO OUR PUBLIC AND ESPECIALLY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IS OF  
24    PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE. SO ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP PRESERVE,  
25    CONSERVE, CLEAN, AND MAKE THAT AVAILABLE, I AM 100% BEHIND. SO



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1 THANK YOU FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO  
2 WORKING WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS AND OUR PUBLIC. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I SEE MARK PESTRELLA'S HERE. ARE  
5 YOU HERE JUST TO ANSWER QUESTIONS? OKAY. THANK YOU. I SEE NO  
6 OTHER SUPERVISORS ON THE QUEUE. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL  
7 THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK IN THIS  
8 ITEM.

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10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOW INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME  
11 FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. ARNOLD SACHS, COREY  
12 SCHMIDT, AND LORI NEWMAN, PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL  
13 ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR THE PARTICIPANTS ON THE  
14 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 18 ONLY, AND IF  
15 YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE  
16 PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST  
17 REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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19 **MODERATOR:** PARTICIPANT, LUKE GINGER. PLEASE GO AHEAD. LUKE  
20 GINGER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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22 **LUKE GINGER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS LUKE GINGER, AND I AM  
23 ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION  
24 COMMISSION. I FIRST WANT THANK CHAIR HAHN AND THE BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. THE SANTA

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1 MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION IS COMPOSED OF LOCAL  
2 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, NONPROFITS, PRIVATE PARTNERS, AND THE  
3 GENERAL PUBLIC. OUR MISSION IS TO RESTORE AND ENHANCE SANTA  
4 MONICA BAY'S ACTIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS AND IMPROVE WATER  
5 QUALITY, CONSERVE AND REHABILITATE NATURAL RESOURCES, MITIGATE  
6 THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEA LEVEL RISE, AND PROTECT  
7 THE BAY'S BENEFITS AND VALUES. THE COASTAL RESILIENCY PROJECT  
8 PROPOSED BY L.A. COUNTY BEACHES AND HARBORS IS ALIGNED WITH  
9 OUR MISSION, AND, IF IMPLEMENTED, WOULD ADVANCE THE  
10 COMMISSION'S GOAL OF RESTORING DUNE HABITAT IN SANTA MONICA  
11 BAY. DUNE RESTORATION IS CRUCIAL FOR PRESERVING OUR  
12 COASTLINE'S BIODIVERSITY AND FOR MITIGATING THE IMPACTS OF SEA  
13 LEVEL RISE. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** GOING TO PARTICIPANT ANNALISA MUNG. PLEASE GO  
18 AHEAD.

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20 **ANNALISA MUNG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
21 ANNALISA MUNG, WHICH SHIELD THE BAY. WE ARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL  
22 NONPROFIT BASED IN SANTA MONICA DEDICATED TO MAKING THE  
23 COASTAL WATERS AND WATERSHEDS OF GREATER L.A. SAFE, HEALTHY,  
24 AND CLEAN. AND WE WERE FOUNDED WITH A FOCUS ON ECOLOGICAL  
25 HEALTH OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY AND ITS COASTLINE, AS WELL AS



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1 PROTECTING SAFE PUBLIC ACCESS TO ITS ICONIC BEACHES.  
2 UNFORTUNATELY, THE COMBINATION OF SEA LEVEL RISE STRIPPING  
3 SAND AWAY, HUMAN ACTIVITY OBSTRUCTING NATURAL SEDIMENT  
4 DEPOSITION, AND COASTAL DEVELOPMENT HINDERING NATURAL BEACH  
5 MOVEMENT PUTS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BEACHES AT RISK OF SHRINKING  
6 AND EVEN DISAPPEARING. THIS MOTION PRIORITIZES A NATURE-BASED  
7 APPROACH TO CLIMATE RESILIENCY BY FOCUSING ON LIVING  
8 SHORELINES AND ON THE BENEFICIAL REUSE OF SEDIMENTS FROM  
9 VARIOUS DREDGING ACTIVITIES ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY,  
10 INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF NATURAL SEDIMENT TRANSPORT, WHICH  
11 IS HUGE. SO WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR  
12 HORVATH'S MOTION. THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** GO ON TO PARTICIPANT KATHLEEN CROWLEY. PLEASE GO  
17 AHEAD.

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19 **KATHLEEN CROWLEY:** HI, I AM GOING TO KEEP THIS SHORT. I WANT TO  
20 THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR THIS MOTION, AND I'LL KEEP IT,  
21 LIKE I SAID, SHORT. I AM 100% IN SUPPORT OF AN VERY EXCITED BY  
22 THIS. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT WAS SHORT. PEOPLE SAY THAT  
2   ALL THE TIME, AND THEN IT NEVER IS. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER,  
3   PLEASE.

4

5   **MODERATOR:** GO ON TO PARTICIPANT JOAN PENASHETSKIN. PLEASE GO  
6   AHEAD.

7

8   **JOAN PENASHETSKIN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO  
9   APPLAUD SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S MOTION WITH A SUCCINCT FOCUS ON  
10   CONSERVATION FOR OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACHES. AS A RESIDENT  
11   OF REDONDO BEACH THAT WAS RAISED THERE MY ENTIRE LIFE, I LOVE  
12   SEEING THAT THE COUNTY IS ABLE TO TAKE A SUCCINCT MOTION TO  
13   ACTUALLY PROTECT OUR BEACHES AND FOCUS ON NOT ONLY OUR  
14   CONSERVATION BUT OUR FUTURE PRESERVATION, COLLABORATING WITH  
15   ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS HEAL THE BAY, WHICH HAS SUCH A HUGE AND  
16   MOMENTOUS REPUTATION WITHIN THE SOUTH BAY ALL THE WAY UP TO  
17   SANTA MONICA. SO I REALLY DO APPRECIATE THE EFFORT THAT ALL  
18   THE SUPERVISORS HAVE BEEN TAKING IN MAKING SURE THAT OUR  
19   BEACHES ARE CONSERVED. THANK YOU.

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

22

23   **MODERATOR:** GOING TO PARTICIPANT NEAL NARHEEM. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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1   **NEAL NARHEEM:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M CITY  
2   COUNCILMEMBER NEAL NARHEEM FOR REDONDO BEACH. I WANT TO THANK  
3   YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME ON THIS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
4   HORVATH FOR MOVING THIS MOTION FORWARD. I'M ALSO A LIFEGUARD,  
5   WORK FOR YOU GUYS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND I CAN TELL YOU  
6   LIVING DOWN HERE IN SOUTH REDONDO, I VISIT THE BEACH NEARLY  
7   EVERY SINGLE DAY, THIS IS A DRAMATIC NEED THAT WE NEED HERE IN  
8   REDONDO BEACH, AMONGST MANY OTHER PLACES HERE IN -- L.A.  
9   COUNTY COASTLINE. AND REDONDO BEACH SPECIFICALLY THAT ARE  
10   [INDISCERNIBLE] THE DRAMATIC LOSS OF SAND HAS BECOME SO  
11   NOTICEABLE THAT THERE'S BEEN MASSIVE POSTS ON NEXTDOOR AND  
12   FACEBOOK ABOUT THE LOSS OF SAND AND BEACH. MANY YEARS AGO,  
13   ROUGHLY 10 YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A DREDGING PROJECT IN MARINA  
14   DEL REY THAT BROUGHT DOWN EXTRA SAND TO THE BEACH SO THAT  
15   PEOPLE CAN USE THE BEACH DOWN IN AINSWORTH COURT. I WANT TO  
16   JUST LET EVERYONE KNOW SINCE COVID, THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN  
17   BEACH LEVELS HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT. PEOPLE HAVE FOUND A FREE  
18   PLACE TO SWIM AND GO OUTSIDE AND ENJOY SAFE TIME OUTSIDE. SO  
19   THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20  
21   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU TO OUR L.A. COUNTY LIFEGUARDS. THE  
22   SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THOSE 70 MILLION VISITORS TO OUR  
23   BEACHES IS PARAMOUNT, AND OUR LIFEGUARDS ARE A HUGE PART OF  
24   THE EXPERIENCE, THE SAFE EXPERIENCE, THAT VISITORS TO OUR



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1 BEACHES HAVE. THANK YOU AND TO ALL YOUR FELLOW LIFEGUARDS.

2 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **MODERATOR:** GOING TO PARTICIPANT TREVOR SOSH. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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6 **TREVOR SOSH:** HI THERE, THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I  
7 AM GOING TO ECHO WHAT THE LAST SPEAKER SAID. I AM JUST A  
8 PRIVATE RESIDENT IN MANHATTAN BEACH, AND I WANT TO DRAW SOME  
9 ATTENTION TO, AGAIN, THE LOSS OF SAND THAT HAS HAPPENED IN MY  
10 AREA. IT IS HAVING A DRASIC EFFECT ON WHAT HAPPENS IN THE  
11 WATER. MY NEIGHBOR BROKE HIS NECK VERY RECENTLY ON THE SHORE  
12 BREAK THAT'S HAPPENING BASICALLY FROM PALOS VERDES TO SANTA  
13 MONICA. WE NEED TO REPLACE THE SAND THAT WAS LOST DURING THE  
14 BIG STORMS. IT WAS PULLED OUT TOO FAR. AND SOME OTHERS HAVE  
15 REFERENCED THE DREDGING PROJECT. WE COULD USE THE DREDGERS  
16 FROM LONG BEACH AND JUST MOVE THE SAND CLOSER TO THE SHORE,  
17 REPLACE IT, AND THE WAVES WOULDN'T BE AS DANGEROUS. I  
18 APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OH. WE ARE  
21 GOING IN-PERSON. YES, GO AHEAD.

22

23 **LORI NEWMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS.

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25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.



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2 **LORI NEWMAN:** IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE. MY NAME IS LORI  
3 NEWMAN, AND I AM A CONSTITUENT OF SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AS WELL  
4 AS I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BAY FOUNDATION, AS WELL I WORKED  
5 FOR THEN SENATOR SHEILA KUEHL AND STAFFED HER ON THE  
6 LEGISLATION THAT CREATED THE BAY COMMISSION. AND I JUST -- I  
7 AM HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THESE PROJECTS ARE VERY  
8 FAMILIAR. I KNOW ABOUT THEM. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THEM  
9 MANY, MANY YEARS. AND GETTING THE COUNTY TO DO THIS STUDY  
10 THAT'S BEFORE YOU WILL DEFINITELY HELP US MOVE THESE PROJECTS  
11 ALONG. AND SO, I THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH FOR THE WORK YOU  
12 ARE DOING IN THIS AREA.

13

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

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16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR THIS UPLIFTING  
17 REPORT. YOUR LASER-LIKE FOCUS IS AMAZING, ABSOLUTELY AMAZING.  
18 I AM ASTONISHED THAT THE DASHBOARD YOU ARE USING IS SO OUT OF  
19 DATE YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE TALKING ABOUT THE 1930S. YOU STILL  
20 HAVEN'T PROVIDED FUNDING FOR THE TSUNAMI WARNING SYSTEM THAT  
21 YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE ABOUT EIGHT YEARS AGO. WHERE DID  
22 THAT MONEY GO? AND HOW ABOUT RE-DREDGING THE BEACHES TO  
23 PROTECT THE ESPLANADE AT REDONDO BEACH, MADAM CHAIR? YOU WERE  
24 SUPPOSED TO GET MONEY FOR THE REDONDO BEACH ESPLANADE BECAUSE  
25 IT IS FALLING APART BECAUSE OF THE THE RECENT WIND STORMS.



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1 THIS ROBUST DISCUSSION IS [EXPLETIVE], BUT THAT'S TO BE  
2 EXPECTED. FOR 15 YEARS, YOU HAVEN'T DONE A DAMN THING. THIS  
3 TIME AND ATTENTION IS LOST ON THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU FOR  
4 WASTING OUR TIME FOR ONE MINUTE ON A 90 ITEM AGENDA AGAIN.  
5 THANK YOU AGAIN.

6

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

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

10

11 **COREY SCHMIDT:** IS THAT ME?

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13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, GO AHEAD.

14

15 **COREY SCHMIDT:** OKAY. COREY SCHMIDT, FOR THE RECORD. OKAY SO --  
16 WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE? WE ARE TALKING ABOUT EROSION.  
17 EROSION. WHAT IS EROSION? I THINK THE COUNTY IS AFRAID OF  
18 EROSION, RIGHT? THAT'S WHEN THE EARTH BENEATH YOU CRUMBLES AND  
19 FALLS OUT BENEATH YOU, RIGHT? I THINK THAT'S WHAT EROSION IS,  
20 RIGHT. SO, THE COUNTY IS AFRAID OF THAT, AND I WAS CURIOUS, I  
21 WONDER WHAT THAT FEELS LIKE BECAUSE I THINK WE WOULD BE  
22 CONCERNED ABOUT PEOPLE IN THE HILLS, RIGHT? IN THE HILLS. I'M  
23 JUST SAYING I WONDER WHAT THAT FEELS LIKE FOR THE EARTH TO  
24 COME OUT FROM UNDERNEATH YOU. YOU KNOW. IT IS INTERESTING.

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1    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?

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

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5    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD. OKAY, SO ITEM 18 IS NOW BEFORE US.

6    MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL

7    TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

8

9    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 18 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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11    **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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13    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR

14    MITCHELL.

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16    **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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18    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR

19    HORVATH.

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21    **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

24    BARGER.

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1    **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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5    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

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9    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 19, EXTENSION OF  
10    RENTAL INCREASE LIMITS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.  
11    FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1  
12    THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 19. AND I BELIEVE WE  
13    HAVE, THERE HE IS, RAFAEL CARBAJAL, WHO IS OUR DIRECTOR OF  
14    CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, WHO WILL BE HERE AVAILABLE FOR  
15    QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO START US  
16    OFF?

17

18    **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. I WILL, MADAM CHAIR, AND THEN I HAVE  
19    SOME PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, AND I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR SOLIS DOES  
20    TOO. SO WE WILL FIGURE OUT HOW WE GET BOTH OF THOSE CONCEPTS  
21    ON THE TABLE. FIRST OF ALL --

22

23    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK SHE SAID SHE DOESN'T ANYMORE. SO --

24

25    **SUP. MITCHELL:** OKAY.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT, GO AHEAD. MS. MITCHELL, YOU  
3 HAVE THE FLOOR.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I WON'T READ YOU SECTION IN. I'LL JUST LET YOU  
6 READ IT. OKAY, GREAT. COLLEAGUES, AS WE KNOW, L.A. CONTINUES  
7 TO TOP THE LIST IN THE U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT AS ONE OF  
8 THE MOST EXPENSE PLACES TO LIVE IN THE U.S. WE CAME IN AT  
9 NUMBER TWO FOR THE '23-'24 YEAR. AND THE ISSUE BEFORE US  
10 CONTINUES TO BE REALLY MORE OF A BAND AID SOLUTION FOR KEEPING  
11 PEOPLE HOUSED WHILE WE WORK TOWARDS ALIGNMENT AND SCALE, THE  
12 3PS, WHICH IS WE HAVE TO FOCUS ON, WHICH IS PROTECTION,  
13 PROTECTION FOR TENANTS, PRESERVATION, PRESERVATION OF  
14 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND PRODUCTION, TO REALLY ACHIEVE A TRUE  
15 HOUSING SYSTEM THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE. AND I BELIEVE WE MUST  
16 MAINTAIN A CO-PRIORITY CONCEPT OF KEEPING PEOPLE WHO ARE  
17 HOUSED IN THEIR HOMES AND SUPPORTING PROPERTY OWNERS,  
18 PARTICULARLY SMALLER B.I.P.O.C. PROPERTY OWNERS, WHO HAVE  
19 HISTORICALLY BEEN INTENTIONALLY LOCKED OUT OF ACCESS TO  
20 CAPITAL AND WEALTH BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES. MANY OF THEM OWN  
21 PROPERTIES THAT MAY BE OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE BUT ARE CASH POOR  
22 THEMSELVES. AND THESE TWO THINGS ARE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE.  
23 THE COUNTY IMPLEMENTED A RENT FREEZE FOR TWO YEARS, AND THE  
24 CURRENT 3% ALLOWABLE RENTAL INCREASE FOR UNINCORPORATED L.A.  
25 COUNTY RENT STABILIZED UNITS HAS BEEN IN PLACE SINCE JANUARY



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1 OF 2023. THIS BOARD TOOK ACTION TO HAVE THE 3% RENT CAP  
2 EXTENDED FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR. WE TOOK ACTION  
3 TO EXTEND IT FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR. I AM FULLY  
4 SUPPORTIVE OF THE ANALYSIS AND REPORT BACK TO HAVE  
5 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE RENTAL  
6 INCREASE FORMULA. HOWEVER, I AM CONCERNED WITH CONTINUING THE  
7 3% CAP WHEN PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE SEEN SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN  
8 EXPENSES, FROM INSURANCE TO REPAIRS TO HISTORIC ENERGY COSTS  
9 THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT IN THIS BODY. WE KNOW THAT INFLATION  
10 ROSE 7% IN 2021 AND NEARLY 8% IN 2022, COMPARED TO RATES OF  
11 LESS THAN 2.5% FOR EACH YEAR SINCE 2012. THIS RAPID RISE IN  
12 THE COST OF GOODS AND SERVICES IN THE ECONOMY WAS FELT BY  
13 EVERYBODY, TENANTS, HOMEOWNERS, AND PROPERTY OWNERS ALIKE. IN  
14 JANUARY THIS YEAR, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND I AUTHORED A MOTION  
15 FOR A NEW RENT RELIEF PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR BOTH  
16 TENANTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE COVID-19 RENTAL DEBT, AND  
17 THAT STILL HAS YET TO REACH THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT THE MOST.  
18 SO I HAVE SAID IT BEFORE, AND I WILL CONTINUE TO SAY, IT STILL  
19 REMAINS AT ISSUE. WE NEED TO HAVE INFORMED CONVERSATIONS ABOUT  
20 UPDATING OUR PERMANENT TENANT PROTECTIONS AND NOT BE RELIANT  
21 ON EMERGENCY PROTECTIONS, WHETHER IT BE FOR COVID OR  
22 HOMELESSNESS. IT'S BEEN ABOUT SIX MONTHS SINCE THAT  
23 CONVERSATION, AND THERE ISN'T ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, A  
24 TRUE ANALYSIS THAT CAN HELP US MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION ON  
25 WHETHER WE SHOULD UPDATE THE RENTAL INCREASE CAP AND TO WHAT



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1 LEVEL. SO I HAVE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS FOR US TO CONSIDER.  
2 AND I APPRECIATE THE AUTHORS HEARING THEM AND BEING  
3 SUPPORTIVE. THE AMENDMENT I AM BRINGING FORWARD WOULD DIRECT  
4 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, TO REPORT BACK IN  
6 90 DAYS WITH ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CURRENT  
7 FORMULA FOR RENTAL INCREASES IN THE RENT STABILIZATION AND  
8 TENANT PROTECTION ORDINANCE, AND THE REPORT AND ANALYSIS  
9 SHOULD INCLUDE, SUB A) AN ASSESSMENT OF RECENTLY ENACTED RENT  
10 INCREASE FORMULAS FROM JURISDICTIONS IN THE COUNTY OF L.A., B)  
11 THE POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF RENTAL INCREASES FOR TENANTS  
12 IN RENT STABILIZED UNITS AND COST INCREASES FOR RENTAL  
13 PROPERTY OWNERS OF RENT STABILIZED UNITS IN UNINCORPORATED LOS  
14 ANGELES COUNTY. I AM GOING TO SKIP MY SUB C BECAUSE I BELIEVE  
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS A SUB C AND GO TO SUB D) AND A CUMULATIVE  
16 ANALYSIS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID-19 EMERGENCY TENANT  
17 PROTECTION RENT FREEZE, COVID-19 RENT COLLECTION PROHIBITIONS,  
18 AND UNCOLLECTED BAD DEBT AND THE RESULTING COURT DELAY COSTS,  
19 AS WELL AS CORRELATING REFINANCING ISSUES, E) IMPACTS FROM  
20 PROPERTY INSURANCE INCREASES, CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 721,  
21 BALCONY INSPECTION AND RETROFIT COMPLIANCE COSTS, EARTHQUAKE  
22 RETROFIT COMPLIANCE COSTS, INCREASES IN OTHER OPERATING COSTS,  
23 INCLUDING MANAGEMENT COSTS AND MANDATORY MINIMUM WAGE  
24 INCREASES, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COSTS, AND CHANGES TO REAL  
25 ESTATE TAXES, SUB F) COLLABORATION AND CONSULTATION WITH



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1 PROPERTY OWNERS OF RENT STABILIZED UNITS ALONG WITH FEEDBACK  
2 FROM THE ONGOING TENANT AND PROPERTY OWNER ROUND TABLE  
3 DISCUSSIONS TO UNDERSTAND ECONOMIC IMPACTS AND PRESSURES  
4 FACING SMALL LANDLORDS AS WELL AS LARGER PROPERTY OWNERS. 2 )  
5 TO AUTHORIZE C.E.O. TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH A CONSULTANT  
6 UTILIZING THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY IN THE HOMELESSNESS  
7 EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TO BE FUNDED BY ONE-TIME FUNDS IN THE  
8 C.E.O.'S EXISTING '23/'24 BUDGET FOR DIRECTIVE 1 ABOVE. 3 ) TO  
9 IMPOSE A 4% RENTAL INCREASE CAP THROUGH JUNE 30TH, 2024 FOR  
10 RENT STABILIZED UNITS AND MOBILE HOMEOWNERS AND MOBILE HOME  
11 SPACES IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY INSTITUTED BY THE BOARD  
12 OF SUPERVISORS ON NOVEMBER 1, 2022, AND 4 ) DIRECT COUNTY  
13 COUNSEL, IN CONSULTATION WITH D.C.B.A., TO INCLUDE WITH THE  
14 TENANT PROTECTIONS ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED  
15 BY THE BOARD ON JULY 11TH, 2023, AMENDMENTS TO L.A. COUNTY  
16 CODE CHAPTERS 8.5.2 AND 8.5.7 REFLECTED IN THE EXTENSION OF  
17 THE 4% RENTAL INCREASE CAP THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. I HAD ASKED  
18 FOR AND TRIED TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL 2% FOR OWNER PAID  
19 UTILITIES. I UNDERSTAND THERE WAS NOT AN APPETITE FOR THAT  
20 FROM MY COLLEAGUES, BUT I DO THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO  
21 ACKNOWLEDGE THE OVERWHELMING INCREASED COSTS THAT WE ALL  
22 EXPERIENCED WITH UTILITIES LAST WINTER. SO I AM SORRY WE ARE  
23 NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET THAT IN BECAUSE I THINK IT WAS AN  
24 IMPORTANT ELEMENT, BUT THOSE ARE THE AMENDMENTS THAT I AM



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1 BRINGING FORWARD AND WOULD ASK FOR YOUR FAVORABLE  
2 CONSIDERATION.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. A LOT OF DISCUSSION. I THINK WE ARE  
5 WORKING THIS OUT NOW. SUPERVISOR BARGER, DID YOU --

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** I WILL SECOND IF YOU NEED A SECOND ON THAT FOR  
8 DISCUSSION, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED.

9

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

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12 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY AND THEN WHEN YOU ARE READY TO CALL --

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14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE ARE READY TO CALL.

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16 **SUP. BARGER:** YOU KNOW --

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU CAN SECOND AND SPEAK AT THE SAME TIME.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** I KNOW. YEAH. IT FEELS LIKE DEJA VU. THIS IS  
21 SOMETHING, AND ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, ABOUT A YEAR AGO,  
22 WE TOOK IT UP, SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S ITEM, AND AFTER A ROBUST  
23 DISCUSSION, I THINK WE ALL REMEMBER, IT WAS A LONG DAY, THIS  
24 BOARD COMMITTED TO A RENTAL CAP OF 3% FOR ONLY ONE YEAR.  
25 SINCE THEN, WE HAVE ADDRESSED SOME OF THE PROBLEMS SURROUNDING



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1 HOUSING SECURITY, INCLUDING THE PASSAGE OF MOTIONS AIMED AT  
2 PROTECTING TENANTS ONCE THE MORATORIUM EXPIRED IN MARCH. THE  
3 CURRENT PROBLEMS PLAGUING L.A. COUNTY'S HOUSING MARKET ARE A  
4 SUPPLY AND DEMAND PROBLEM. DEMAND IS FAR OUTPACING SUPPLY. AND  
5 AS SUCH, WE HAVE A SHORTAGE OF HOUSING AND A CORRESPONDING  
6 AFFORDABILITY CRISIS. INSTEAD OF CONTINUALLY FREEZING RENT  
7 WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION FOR OUR EXISTING HOUSING STOCK, THE  
8 COUNTY SHOULD FOCUS ON BUILDING NEW HOUSING, SOMETHING I KNOW  
9 WE ALL AGREE ON BECAUSE WE VOTED ON THE R.H.N.A. NUMBERS, THE  
10 REGIONAL HOUSING NEED ASSESSMENT NUMBERS. OVER THE PAST SIX  
11 YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL  
12 BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED, BUT WE ARE NOWHERE CLOSE TO THE  
13 NUMBERS WE NEED TO HIT. WE ARE AVERAGING A LITTLE OVER 600  
14 BUILDING PERMITS FINALIZED PER YEAR. IN THE LAST REGIONAL  
15 HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT, THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION  
16 OF GOVERNMENTS INDICATED UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY, JUST  
17 UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY, NEEDS TO PLAN FOR 90,000 HOUSING  
18 UNITS BEYOND ALL CURRENTLY ENTITLED PROJECTS. AND THAT'S JUST  
19 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. I THINK L.A. CITY WAS AT 400,000.  
20 CONTINUAL RENT FREEZE WILL NOT SOLVE OUR AFFORDABILITY  
21 PROBLEMS. WE NEED TO REMOVE UNNECESSARY REGULATORY HURDLES AND  
22 STREAMLINE OUR SYSTEMS TO ENSURE WE CAN EFFICIENTLY DELIVER  
23 NEW HOUSING TO THE REGION. WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON LONG TERM  
24 SOLUTIONS NOT STOP GAP POLICIES THAT TRANSFER THE BURDEN TO  
25 MOM AND POP LANDLORDS. AND SPEAKING OF MOM AND POP LANDLORDS,



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1 MY OFFICE RECEIVED AT LEAST A FEW DOZEN CALLS FROM THOSE WHO  
2 ARE STRUGGLING RIGHT NOW TO KEEP UP WITH THE PROPERTY  
3 INSURANCE, WHICH HAS GONE UP. I THINK WE ALL KNOW, IF WE OWN  
4 PROPERTY, OR EVEN IF YOU RENT, INSURANCE CONTINUES TO GO UP IF  
5 YOU CAN GET IT WRITTEN -- INFLATION, WHICH AGAIN I THINK WE  
6 ALL FEEL, AND THEN MAINTENANCE COSTS. TO ADDRESS SOME OF THESE  
7 CONCERNS, THE BOARD APPROVED \$40 MILLION FOR A RENT RELIEF  
8 PROGRAM TO ASSIST MOM AND POP LANDLORDS BACK IN JANUARY. AND  
9 IT IS UNFORTUNATE WE ARE HAVING THIS DISCUSSION TODAY, WHEN  
10 THE \$40 MILLION WE ALLOCATED STILL HAS NOT GOTTEN INTO THE  
11 POCKETS OF PEOPLE. AND BY THE WAY, IT WAS INTENDED TO PROTECT  
12 THE TENANTS, AS WELL. UNFORTUNATELY, IT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO BE  
13 LAUNCHED, AND WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING AN AUDIT TO FIGURE OUT  
14 WHAT HAPPENED. AND I APPRECIATE, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU  
15 JOINING ME IN REQUESTING THAT BECAUSE BUREAUCRACY IS GOING TO  
16 KILL US. WE ARE PUSHING FOR A RENT FREEZE, BUT WE ARE NOT  
17 WALKING IT. WE SURE TALK IT, BUT WE ARE NOT WALKING IT. I AM  
18 EMBARRASSED THAT IT HAS TAKEN US A YEAR TO GET \$40 MILLION  
19 THAT WAS APPROVED, UNANIMOUSLY. YOU SHOULD BE EMBARRASSED. WE  
20 SHOULD ALL BE EMBARRASSED. I LOOK AT THE EDITORIAL BY THE L.A.  
21 TIMES, WHO SAYS IT IS TIME TO END L.A.'S RENT FREEZE BECAUSE  
22 THEY NOTE THAT, IN FACT, WE ARE PUTTING THIS BURDEN ON  
23 LANDLORDS AND MOM AND POPS. AND WHEN I READ THIS EDITORIAL, A  
24 LOT OF IT RESONATED WITH ME. A LOT OF IT RESONATED WITH ME  
25 BECAUSE, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS IS NOT GOING TO FIX WHAT



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1 AILS US. IT IS GOING TO BUY US TIME. AND EVEN THEN, YOU WANT  
2 TO KNOW WHAT GENTRIFICATION LOOKS LIKE, KEEP DOING WHAT WE ARE  
3 DOING. WHEN YOU TURN ON THE ADS ON WEEKENDS AND YOU SEE THE  
4 COMMERCIALS WHERE HE SAYS I WILL BUY YOUR HOME, THAT'S NOT A  
5 PERSON. THAT IS A CORPORATION. AND WHEN I TALK TO MY MOM AND  
6 POPS, THIS IS THEIR INCOME. THIS IS THEIR RETIREMENT. AND IT  
7 IS NOT SUSTAINABLE BECAUSE, WHILE WE CAN SAY WE'LL PUT YOU --  
8 YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAINTAIN -- HAVE MAINTENANCE, MANY OF THEM  
9 HAVE PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP AND WANT TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR  
10 BUILDINGS AND WANT THEIR TENANTS TO FEEL PROUD OF THEIR  
11 BUILDING THAT THEY ARE RENTING FROM. SO, YOU KNOW, I SUPPORT  
12 EVERYTHING IN THESE MOTIONS BUT THE CAP BECAUSE I FEEL THAT  
13 THAT IS NOT GOING TO FIX WHAT AILS US, AND, IN FACT, I THINK  
14 IT IS GOING TO EXACERBATE WHAT IS ALREADY AT A TIPPING POINT  
15 WHEN IT COMES TO THE SMALLER MOM AND POPS THAT ARE FIGHTING  
16 EACH AND EVERY DAY WITH INCREASED COSTS, WHICH ARE NOT BEING -  
17 - WHICH THEY ARE BEARING THE BRUNT OF. AND I JUST FEEL IT IS  
18 VERY UNFAIR. WHEN I LOOK TO THE CITY AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING,  
19 I THINK THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS A TIPPING POINT. AND I  
20 JUST HOPE THAT, AT SOME POINT, THIS BOARD, WE CAN SET AN ITEM  
21 AND DISCUSS WAYS THAT WE CAN BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION AS IT  
22 RELATES TO SUPPLY AND DEMAND. BUT I WILL TELL YOU COME  
23 JANUARY, IF THAT MONEY IS NOT OUT, YOU WILL BE BACK BEFORE  
24 THIS BOARD TO EXPLAIN, AND I DON'T WANT IT TO BE BLAMED ON  
25 CONTRACTORS. I DON'T WANT IT TO BE BLAMED ON IT TOOK TOO LONG



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1 TO GET THE CONTRACTOR ONLINE, OR I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY  
2 EXCUSES. I WILL ASK THE C.E.O. TO FIGURE IT OUT AND WORK  
3 AROUND YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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7 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I AM PROUD TO BRING  
8 THIS MOTION FORWARD TODAY TO EXTEND THE RENTAL INCREASE LIMITS  
9 AND I THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BEING THE COAUTHOR ON THIS  
10 MOTION WITH ME. I AGREE THAT, ESPECIALLY AT LA CASA, WE TALK A  
11 LOT ABOUT PROTECTION, PRESERVATION, AND PRODUCTION AS OUR  
12 PATHS FORWARD TO ADDRESSING THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS AND THE  
13 AFFORDABILITY CRISIS THAT WE SEE, BUT WE ALSO HAVE A FOURTH P,  
14 WHICH IS PREVENTION. AND WE RECENTLY UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO  
15 INCLUDE EVICTION PREVENTION AS PART OF OUR EMERGENCY  
16 DECLARATION ON HOMELESSNESS, EXPRESSING A COLLECTIVE  
17 UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WILL NOT MAKE AN IMPACT ON HOMELESSNESS  
18 IF WE CANNOT STOP PEOPLE FROM BECOMING HOMELESS IN THE FIRST  
19 PLACE. WE GAVE HOPE TO PEOPLE WHO ARE ONE RENT HIKE AWAY FROM  
20 LIVING ON THE STREETS. THIS YEAR ALONE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,  
21 MORE THAN 30,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN EVICTED TO DATE, AND THAT  
22 NUMBER CONTINUES TO INCREASE. THAT'S WHY THIS MOTION IS  
23 IMPORTANT. WE HAVE TO PROTECT RENTERS FROM LARGE ANNUAL RENTAL  
24 INCREASES THAT COULD DRIVE THEM INTO HOMELESSNESS. WE'RE NOT  
25 SAYING DON'T INCREASE RENTS. WE'RE SAYING TO KEEP IT



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1 MANAGEABLE BECAUSE WE'RE HEARING LOUDLY AND CLEARLY FROM  
2 RENTERS THE RENT IS ALREADY TOO DAMN HIGH, AND IF WE CAN'T  
3 PROTECT RENTERS IN THE HOUSING THAT THEY'RE ALREADY IN, THIS  
4 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IS ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE. WE MUST ALSO  
5 BE ON PAR WITH NEIGHBORING CITIES SO THAT UNINCORPORATED  
6 RESIDENTS DON'T END UP IN HOMELESSNESS AT GREATER NUMBERS DUE  
7 TO LARGE RENTAL INCREASES. WE ASKED OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
8 PARTNERS TO ENGAGE IN THE EFFORTS TO PROTECT PEOPLE IN THE  
9 HOUSING THEY'RE ALREADY IN, AND MANY CITIES HAVE BROUGHT  
10 FORWARD RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCES, SOME MODELED AFTER THIS  
11 COUNTY'S ORDINANCE, IN THEIR OWN CITIES, CITIES IN THE  
12 SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES AREA, MANY COMMUNITIES THAT PROUDLY  
13 SHARED THEIR PLANS WITH US AT OUR LAST LA CASA COMMISSION  
14 MEETING TO SHARE WITH US THE PROGRESS THAT THEY'RE MAKING TO  
15 PROTECT PEOPLE IN THE HOUSING THAT THEY'RE ALREADY IN, WORKING  
16 WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS LIKE THE UNITED WAY TO CAMPAIGN IN  
17 THESE COMMUNITIES TO HAVE THESE COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS AND  
18 HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING PEOPLE IN  
19 HOUSING THAT THEY CAN AFFORD. IT'S IMPORTANT WE PUT PERMANENT  
20 PROTECTIONS IN PLACE, BUT WHILE WE WORK ON THE MEASURES, WE  
21 MUST EXTEND THE TEMPORARY RENTAL INCREASE CAP, WHICH IS WHY WE  
22 BROUGHT THIS MOTION FORWARD. KEEPING PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES BY  
23 STABILIZING RENT IS THE FOUNDATION OF PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS.  
24 ALLOWING LANDLORDS TO RAISE RENTS BY AN ARBITRARY ADDITIONAL  
25 PERCENTAGE BECAUSE THEY PROVIDE UTILITIES, WITHOUT CONSIDERING



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1 THE ACTUAL COST OF THOSE UTILITIES, WHETHER THEY ARE PROVIDED  
2 INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY, IS NOT A STRATEGIC APPROACH AND  
3 WILL DISPROPORTIONATELY FINANCIALLY BURDEN TENANTS. ALLOWING  
4 RENT INCREASES BASED ON UTILITIES WILL ALSO MAKE THE POLICY  
5 DIFFICULT TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE AND MAKE THE VITAL WORK OF  
6 THE STAY HOUSED L.A. COALITION EVEN MORE DIFFICULT WHEN WE  
7 SIMPLY NEED TO KEEP PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES. WE DON'T HAVE A  
8 CADRE OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO CALL ON, SO WE ALREADY KNOW  
9 THAT WHEN PEOPLE DON'T OF HELP AT ALL, THAT MEANS PEOPLE WILL  
10 LOSE THEIR HOUSING. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TAKEN THE STEPS TO  
11 INITIATE A RIGHT TO COUNSEL TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE  
12 PROTECTIONS AND HAVE THE COUNSEL THEY NEED TO KEEP THE HOUSING  
13 THAT THEY'RE ALREADY IN. IF WE ARE ALLOWING RENT INCREASES  
14 BASED ON THE PROVISION OF UTILITIES, WE ARE MAKING MORE WORK  
15 FOR OURSELVES AND INCREASING THE COST THAT WE ARE SUBSIDIZING  
16 AS WELL. D.C.B.A. WILL PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT BACK IN  
17 90 DAYS. WE SHOULD WAIT TO HEAR WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT THE  
18 IMPACT OF RENT STABILIZATION EFFORTS ON BOTH TENANTS AND  
19 PROPERTY OWNERS. THE BOARD CAN THEN GATHER ALL THE INFORMATION  
20 WE NEED TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION. WITHOUT THAT DATA, WE  
21 SHOULD NOT INTRODUCE A METRIC TO COMPLICATE OUR CAREFULLY  
22 CRAFTED RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE, WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY  
23 HEARD IS PROTECTING RENTERS THROUGHOUT THE UNINCORPORATED  
24 AREAS. AS I SAID, WE ASKED CITIES TO IMPLEMENT RENTER  
25 PROTECTIONS, AND THEY HEARD US. WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO BE

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1 PARTNERS WITH THEM IN THIS EFFORT. THIS MOTION ALLOWS FOR A  
2 REASONABLE RENT INCREASE THAT HELPS OWNERS KEEP UP WITH RISING  
3 COSTS WHILE ALSO KEEPING HOUSING AFFORDABLE. SO OUR ROLE TODAY  
4 IS NOT TO PICK WINNERS AND LOSERS, ESPECIALLY IN THE MIDST OF  
5 OUR CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS, BUT TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD AND  
6 TO HELP THE MOST VULNERABLE. SO, I'M VERY WILLING, SHOULD MY  
7 COAUTHOR AGREE, TO, IN THE SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE, TO LOOK AT A  
8 POTENTIAL 4% INSTEAD OF 3% TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER AS WELL AS  
9 THE STUDY THAT WAS PROPOSED IN THE AMENDMENT, BUT I DO NOT  
10 THINK WE SHOULD BE MAKING PROVISIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RENTAL  
11 INCREASES BASED ON THINGS WE CANNOT MEASURE OR ENFORCE. WE  
12 HAVE TO INSTITUTE THESE PROTECTIONS TO KEEP PEOPLE IN HOUSING  
13 THEY CAN ALREADY AFFORD.

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15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO SAY SOMETHING, AND  
16 THEN I'LL CALL ON YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, BUT I CERTAINLY  
17 APPRECIATE WHAT YOU JUST SAID. AND HAVING TALKED TO SUPERVISOR  
18 SOLIS EARLIER AS WELL, I BELIEVE SHE WAS GOING TO BE AMENABLE  
19 TO 4% BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S A CHANGE THAT WILL BRING US ALL  
20 TOGETHER, AND I WILL SUPPORT THAT. AND AGAIN, DURING THE  
21 PANDEMIC, WE IMPLEMENTED THE RENT FREEZE BECAUSE THOSE EXTREME  
22 CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANTED IT, BUT I DO AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR  
23 BARGER THAT IT HAS BEEN TO THE DETRIMENT OF LOCAL SMALL MOM  
24 AND POP LANDLORDS. AND LAST YEAR, WITH THE WORST OF THE  
25 PANDEMIC BEHIND US, WE REPLACED THAT RENT FREEZE WITH A 3% CAP



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1 AS A WAY TO TRY TO BALANCE THE NEEDS BETWEEN BOTH OUR  
2 LANDLORDS AND THE TENANTS WHO ARE STILL STRUGGLING, WHICH IS  
3 EQUATION THAT WE HAVE GOT TO CONTINUE GOING FORWARD. WE CAN'T  
4 HAVE RENTERS WITHOUT LANDLORDS. LANDLORDS NEED THEIR RENTERS,  
5 BUT WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO BALANCE BOTH OF THE NEEDS.  
6 A YEAR LATER, WHILE CERTAINLY WE STILL HAVE MANY OF OUR  
7 RENTERS STILL HURTING, STILL STRUGGLING, I DO THINK IT MAKES  
8 SENSE TO ADJUST THE CAP AGAIN TO THE 4%. I THINK THAT'S A GOOD  
9 COMPROMISE, AND I THINK IT MIRRORS THE COMPROMISE THAT OUR  
10 CITY RIGHT UP THE STREET, CITY HALL IN LOS ANGELES, ALSO IS  
11 CONSIDERING THE 4%. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE GET  
12 THIS REPORT BACK SO WE CAN, AMONG OTHER THINGS, I DO THINK WE  
13 SHOULD REALLY UNDERSTAND THE TRUE COST AND PRESSURES THAT ARE  
14 FACING OUR MOM AND POP LANDLORDS. WE DO NEED TO UNDERSTAND  
15 THEIR INSURANCE COSTS, THEIR MAINTENANCE COSTS, THEIR TAXES  
16 AND REALLY UNDERSTAND THE BURDEN THAT WE HAVE BEEN PLACING ON  
17 THEM. I MEAN I HEAR ANECDOTALLY FROM MY NEIGHBOR ACROSS THE  
18 STREET WHO IS A LANDLORD, HE BANGS ON MY DOOR IN THE MIDDLE OF  
19 THE NIGHT WHEN WE VOTE A WAY THAT HE DOESN'T AGREE WITH, SO  
20 HEAR HIS SO, I HEAR HIS SIDE OF IT, BUT I DO THINK IT  
21 WOULD BE BENEFICIAL AS WE CONTINUE TO FORMULATE POLICIES GOING  
22 FORWARD TO REALLY GET A SENSE OF THE TRUE COST OF OUR  
23 LANDLORDS, AND I REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THAT IN THE  
24 REPORT BACK. SO THANK YOU. I THINK WE'RE ON THE SAME PAGE. I  
25 THINK, MS. MITCHELL WAS FIRST, AND THEN I'LL CALL ON -- WELL,



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1 DO YOU YIELD YOUR TIME TO MS. SOLIS? THE GENTLE LADY FROM EAST  
2 L.A.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** THE COAUTHOR, NOT FROM EAST L.A., FROM THE FIRST  
5 DISTRICT, BUT I REPRESENT THEM PROUDLY. AND I WANT TO THANK  
6 SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN HER ON THIS MOTION  
7 BECAUSE IT IS REALLY, FOR ME, VERY PERSONAL BECAUSE I'VE SEEN,  
8 THROUGH THE PANDEMIC AND UP UNTIL THIS POINT, THE AMOUNT OF  
9 SUFFERING THAT I SEE ON THE FACES OF MY RESIDENTS, AND THEY'VE  
10 COME HERE REPEATEDLY, TIME AND TIME AGAIN. YOU'VE SEEN THEM  
11 AND MANY MORE THAT I'VE SEEN OUT IN THE DISTRICT WHEN I HAVE  
12 ATTENDED DIFFERENT EVENTS. AND I'M VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF  
13 TRYING TO GET SOME UNANIMITY HERE AND WOULD HOPE THAT THE 4%  
14 I THINK WOULD DO THE TRICK BECAUSE AT LEAST WE ARE LOOKING AND  
15 LINING UP WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, BUT IN ADDITION TO THE  
16 TO THE MOTION THAT I HAVE, YOU CAN SEE SOME OF THE CITIES  
17 LISTED THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY PASSED THEIR ORDINANCES. AND  
18 CUDAHY HAS 3%. BELL GARDEN HAS 4. POMONA HAS 4. SANTA MONICA  
19 HAS 3% OR \$70. WEST HOLLYWOOD, 3%, BALDWIN PARK 5, PASADENA  
20 2.75, SO IT VARIES, BUT 4 I THINK IS IN THE RANGE OF WHAT IS  
21 ACCEPTABLE, AND I WANT TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT I'M  
22 SENSING. SO FOR -- IF WE DON'T DO ANYTHING TODAY, THE CAP WILL  
23 BE LIFTED, AND IT CAN GO AS HIGH AS 8%. FOR A FAMILY THAT  
24 MAKES MAYBE -- OR PAYS \$2,000 IN RENT FOR THEIR UNIT,  
25 THAT'S AN ADDITIONAL \$160 THAT THEY HAVE TO PAY. MANY OF THE



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1 RESIDENTS IN MY DISTRICT WOULD BE UNABLE TO ABSORB THAT RENT  
2 INCREASE. AND I'LL TELL YOU WHY, SOME FACTS: A RECENT STUDY BY  
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT SHOWED THAT A  
4 MEDIAN RENT INCREASE OF JUST \$100 A MONTH WAS ASSOCIATED WITH  
5 9% INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS. SO SUPERVISOR HORVATH, YOU HAD  
6 HIT IT RIGHT -- THE NAIL RIGHT ON THE HEAD BECAUSE THAT'S  
7 WHAT WE DON'T WANT DO. WE WANT TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM FALLING  
8 INTO BEING UNHOUSED, BUT ALSO I DO HAVE A SENSITIVITY TO HEAR  
9 FOR MOM AND POP LANDLORDS, AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT OUR  
10 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN. AND WE NEED TO  
11 EXPEDITE THAT. I THINK THAT'S LOUD AND CLEAR, AND WE'LL DO  
12 EVERYTHING WE CAN IN OUR POWER. I DO WANT TO -- I DO WANT TO  
13 READ IN THE PART THAT I THINK IS IMPORTANT HERE. AND I WOULD  
14 LIKE TO FIRST OF ALL ADD THE REVISION THAT THE FIRST DIRECTIVE  
15 TO THE REPORT BACK INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: AN ASSESSMENT OF THE  
16 IMPACTS OF THE FOLLOWING: RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS CREATED  
17 AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL, ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR  
18 LANDLORDS, INCLUDING TAX PENALTY RELIEF, FORECLOSURE  
19 PREVENTION, AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE, DEFERRED MAINTENANCE  
20 DURING COVID PANDEMIC, COST OF EVICTIONS FOR THE COUNTY, AND  
21 MOVING COSTS FOR THE TENANTS, AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS TO  
22 HOUSEHOLDS FROM THE COVID PANDEMIC. AND THEN FINALLY ON ITEM  
23 2, STRIKE THE 3% TO REFLECT THE 4%. AND WITH THAT, I WOULD PUT  
24 THIS FORWARD AND ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MS. MITCHELL.

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3   **SUP. MITCHELL:** SO I WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT THE AMENDMENT THAT  
4   I READ IN THAT WAS ON THE TABLE THAT WAS SECONDED INCLUDED THE  
5   4%, SO WE HAVE ALL AGREED TO THAT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SO THE  
6   CHAIR WILL HAVE TO HELP US FIGURE OUT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS WAS  
7   COAUTHOR ON THE HORVATH MOTION. SHE'S ADDING THE 4% PLUS HER  
8   LANGUAGE. I THINK THAT MIRRORS WHAT I READ.

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10   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK IT DOES TOO. I THINK ONCE SHE'S  
11   CHANGED THE 4%, I THINK WE CAN MERGE THEM BECAUSE I COULDN'T  
12   FIGURE OUT HOW WE WERE MERGING THEM BEFORE THAT POINT, BUT I  
13   THINK WE CAN NOW. IS THAT RIGHT? YEAH.

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15   **SUP. MITCHELL:** ALL RIGHT, SO THE PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO REPORT  
16   OUT AND MAKE SURE EVERYBODY IS CLEAR. SO I THANK EVERYONE FOR  
17   YOUR AGREEMENT WITH THE 4% THAT I BROUGHT FORWARD. YOU KNOW,  
18   FRANKLY, ALL THESE NUMBERS ARE ARBITRARY. AND SO, THE ANALYSIS  
19   IS WHAT'S GOING TO BE CRITICAL, AND A TIMELY ANALYSIS, WHICH  
20   WE HAVEN'T DONE. I APPRECIATE THAT MANY CITIES HAVE COME ON  
21   BOARD. IT'S TAKEN THEM A WHILE. IT'S TAKEN US A WHILE TO  
22   PROVIDE THEM WITH THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THEY SAID THEY NEED  
23   TO GET WITH THE PROGRAM, BUT WE CAN'T KICK THIS CAN DOWN THE  
24   ROAD ANY LONGER. WE HAVE PICKED WINNERS AND LOSERS. AND,  
25   FRANKLY, EVERYBODY'S LOSING. GENTRIFICATION IS A WORD THAT'S



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1 KIND OF BOUNTIED ABOUT. EARTHQUAKE RETROFITTING IS THE LAW,  
2 AND THAT IS AN ASTRONOMICAL COST TO PEOPLE. FOLKS HAVE BEEN  
3 SAYING, SOME ADVOCATES, SOME STAFF HERE IN THE BUILDING  
4 QUESTIONED MY NO VOTE ON EXTENDING IT LAST SPRING, AND I  
5 INVITE ALL THOSE PEOPLE TO COME TO THE SECOND DISTRICT AND  
6 WALK THROUGH THE JUNGLE, WALK THROUGH THE LEIMERT PARK, WALK  
7 THROUGH HYDE PARK, SOME OF THE REMAINING MOST AFFORDABLE AREAS  
8 TO LIVE IN THIS ENTIRE COUNTY AND LOOK AND SEE WHO OWNS THOSE  
9 PROPERTIES. THOSE ARE B.I.P.O.C. PEOPLE WHO EITHER BOUGHT THEM  
10 YEARS AGO OR INHERITED THEM, SO THEY'RE PROPERTY RICH AND CASH  
11 POOR. AND STUDY AFTER STUDY VALIDATES THAT. SO, THIS NOTION  
12 THAT ALL PROPERTY OWNERS ARE EQUAL IS NOT TRUE. AND SO, IF  
13 THOSE PEOPLE LOSE THOSE PROPERTIES, WE WILL CONTINUE TO NOT BE  
14 ABLE TO BUILD OUR WAY OUT OF THIS. I AM TRYING TO PROTECT SOME  
15 OF THE MOST AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING STOCK IN THIS COUNTY  
16 OWNED BY B.I.P.O.C. FOLKS WHO HISTORICALLY HAVE BEEN LEFT  
17 OUT OF BANK LOANS AND WAYS IN WHICH THEY CAN IMPROVE THEIR  
18 PROPERTY. WE TALK ABOUT DEFERRED MAINTENANCE. THOSE ARE ALSO  
19 MANY SECTION 8 PROPERTY OWNERS, WHO DON'T HAVE THE PRIVILEGE  
20 OF DEFERRING THEIR MAINTENANCE BECAUSE THEY GET INSPECTED  
21 ANNUALLY. AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE WINDOWS THAT OPEN AND CLOSE,  
22 IF YOUR ROOF IS COMPROMISED, IF YOU DON'T MAINTAIN YOUR  
23 EARTHQUAKE RETROFIT, AND THEN YOU LOSE YOUR EARTHQUAKE  
24 INSURANCE, THESE ARE ALL VERY REAL ISSUES THAT ARE VERY  
25 EXPENSIVE THAT PEOPLE SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD. AGAIN, THEY MAY BE



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1 PROPERTY OWNERS, BUT THEY ARE CASH POOR. AND THERE ARE STUDIES  
2 THAT VALIDATE THAT. SO AGAIN, I INVITE YOU, COME WALK THE  
3 JUNGLE WITH ME, LEIMERT PARK, HYDE PARK, AND SO MANY OTHER  
4 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE THE REMAINING COMMUNITIES OF AFFORDABLE  
5 HOUSING. THEY HAVE GOT TO BE MAINTAINED BECAUSE, IF WE LOSE  
6 THEM, WE WILL BE FURTHER SCREWED. WE HAVE TO PICK WINNERS AND  
7 WINNERS. WE HAVE TO HELP ALL IMPACTED PEOPLE WHO DESERVE AND  
8 SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO A PLACE TO LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY THAT THEY  
9 CAN AFFORD. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THAT. SO THANK YOU FOR  
10 ACCEPTING THE 4%.

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I SEE -- I'LL CALL ON YOU IN JUST  
13 A SECOND, MS. BARGER, BUT I SEE ALL THE FOLKS PORING OVER  
14 THESE TWO AMENDED AND REVISED MOTIONS, AND YOU'RE GOING TO  
15 TELL US IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE CAN MERGE. IS THERE ANY  
16 OUTSTANDING LANGUAGE IN EITHER ONE THAT NEEDS -- THAT IS IN  
17 CONFLICT WITH THE OTHER ONE?

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** EVERYTHING I READ IN. I SKIPPED MY SECTION C TO  
20 INCLUDE SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S SECTION C. SO THE TWO OF THEM,  
21 THEY'RE NOT --

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23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOT IT.

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25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WILL BE AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR --



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2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THEY'RE NOT IN CONFLICT AT ALL.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, GREAT. OKAY. MS. BARGER.

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** I WANT TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING. I GOT A  
7 CLARIFICATION IN TERMS OF WHAT THE ALLOWABLE WOULD BE THIS  
8 YEAR, AND IT'S 7.423, CORRECT? SOMEONE SAID 10. SOMEONE SAID  
9 8. IT'S 7.423 WOULD BE THE CAP IF WE DID NOT TAKE ACTION  
10 TODAY, CORRECT? AND TO YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR  
11 SOLIS, YOU'RE SAYING GET A REPORT BACK BY 90 DAYS. DO YOU  
12 THINK YOU CAN DO THAT FOR THE RECORD?

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14 **SPEAKER:** YES. WE'LL WORK WITH C.E.O. BASED ON THE AMENDED  
15 MOTION TO PROVIDE A REPORT BACK WITHIN 90 DAYS.

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17 **SUP. BARGER:** AND SO, IN THAT REPORT BACK THAT'S DUE IN 90  
18 DAYS, THAT'S JUNE 30TH IS WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, SUPERVISOR  
19 HORVATH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'RE EXTENDING THIS --

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** EXTENDING THE 3% RENTAL --

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1    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BUT NOW IT'S GOING TO BE 4% -- THROUGH JUNE  
2    30, 2024.

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4    **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN WE'LL REVISIT THIS IN ISSUE IN JUNE?

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6    **SUP. HORVATH:** WITH THE BENEFIT OF THAT STUDY.

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8    **SUP. BARGER:** WITH THE BENEFIT OF THAT STUDY. SO, THE 4% WOULD  
9    BE ALMOST HALF OF WHAT IS ALMOST CURRENTLY ALLOWED, RIGHT, IF  
10   YOU LOOK AT THE GLASS HALF FULL. AND ASSUMING THAT D.C.B.A.  
11   CAN GET THAT REPORT TO US AND HAVE IT BE SOMETHING THAT  
12   ACTUALLY HAS RECOMMENDATIONS INTRIGUES ME. AND I GUESS I WOULD  
13   ASK, JUST SO I CAN GET A CLARIFICATION, BECAUSE I DON'T GET  
14   CONSISTENT ANSWERS FROM THE D.C.B.A., WHO ARE YOU WORKING WITH  
15   WHEN YOU'RE COLLECTING FEEDBACK ON THE R.S. POLICIES?

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17   **SPEAKER:** BOTH THE ADVOCATES AND THE REPRESENTATIVES FOR  
18   LANDLORDS.

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20   **SUP. BARGER:** WHICH REPRESENTATIVES?

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22   **SPEAKER:** A.G.L.A., THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION, AND THOSE THAT  
23   ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION --

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1   **SUP. BARGER:** I'M GOING TO HAVE SOMEONE REACH OUT TO YOU  
2   BECAUSE THEY'RE TELLING ME THAT, IN FACT, THEY WERE NOT  
3   CONSULTED.

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5   **SPEAKER:** WE OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE.

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7   **SUP. BARGER:** YOU OFFER, OR YOU ENGAGE?

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9   **SPEAKER:** WHEN THEY DO ACCEPT THE OPPORTUNITY, ENGAGE. A LOT OF  
10   TIMES WE JUST RECEIVE THEIR LETTERS, THE SAME LETTERS THAT YOU  
11   RECEIVE.

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13   **SUP. BARGER:** I'M BEING TOLD THE OPPOSITE, AND I THINK THAT'S  
14   UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE TRUST HAS TO BE GAINED BY ALL. SO HAVING  
15   SAID THAT, AND KNOWING THAT THIS IS FOR SIX MONTHS, CORRECT?

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17   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CORRECT.

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19   **SUP. BARGER:** AND 4% IS HALF -- IS OVER HALF OF WHAT IS  
20   CURRENTLY ALLOWED, WHICH YOU CAN GUARANTEE THAT EVERY MOM AND  
21   POP OWNER IS GOING TO INCREASE THEIR RENT BY 4%. IF THEY  
22   DON'T, THEY'D BE FOOLISH.

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24   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NOT EVERYBODY, BUT --

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1   **SUP. BARGER:** GIVEN THE COST OF INSURANCE AND ALL, I MEAN  
2   SERIOUSLY. BUT MY POINT IS --

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4   **SUP. HORVATH:** THEY WILL, AND IT WILL PUT SOME PEOPLE AT RISK,  
5   BUT AT LEAST WE CAN PROTECT SOME.

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7   **SUP. BARGER:** I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE IF WE WOULD SHARE SOME OF THE  
8   PAIN AND ACTUALLY WAIVE -- MAYBE WE COVER THE COST OF TRASH  
9   IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THINGS LIKE THAT -- I'M BEING VERY  
10   SARCASTIC, BUT I MEAN THE POINT BEING --

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12   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU HAD OUR C.E.O. GOING WHAT?

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14   **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, WELL, I GUESS WHAT I'M ASKING, AND I'M  
15   TRYING TO FIGURE THIS OUT BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO BE A TEAM  
16   PLAYER BECAUSE I WAS NOT HAPPY WITH 3%. I WANTED THE UTILITIES  
17   BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THAT THAT COST IS A HEAVY BURDEN. I  
18   THOUGHT IT ACTUALLY ALIGNS WITH THE CITY. I AGREE WITH THE --  
19   I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M GOING TO SAY THIS, BUT THE EDITORIAL THAT,  
20   IN FACT, WE ARE SHIFTING THE BURDEN TO THE ONE POPULATION THAT  
21   CAN'T AFFORD IT. BUT RECOGNIZING THAT 4% IS OVER HALF OF WHAT  
22   IS CURRENTLY ALLOWED, AND THIS IS IN PLACE FOR SIX MONTHS, I'M  
23   GONNA HAVE TO THINK ABOUT --

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25   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU'RE ALMOST THERE.



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2 **SUP. BARGER:** BECAUSE I FEEL THERE IS A COMPROMISE. AND I THINK  
3 WHAT FRUSTRATES ME THE MOST RIGHT NOW IS THAT PEOPLE DON'T  
4 COMPROMISE. NO, WE DO. I'M NOT SAYING YOU. I'M SAYING IN LIFE.  
5 I MEAN IF YOU LOOK AT WASHINGTON, SACRAMENTO --

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7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LET'S NOT BRING UP WASHINGTON.

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** I KNOW BUT THE POINT BEING BECAUSE I'M CONCERNED  
10 ABOUT THE MOM AND POPS.

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I AM, TOO.

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14 **SUP. BARGER:** I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOU'RE GONNA  
15 HAVE THOSE THAT DON'T HAVE ANYTHING RIGHT NOW THAT ARE GOING  
16 TO START INCREASING RENT AS FAST AS THEY CAN FOR FEAR THAT  
17 WE'RE GOING TO A COUNTY-WIDE NEXT STEP. AND SO, YOU KNOW, I'M  
18 GOING TO THINK ABOUT IT.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BEFORE I CALL ON YOU, THE ONLY THING I WOULD  
21 SEE AS A PROBLEM IS EXTENDING THE CURRENT 3%, AND WE'RE  
22 CHANGING IT TO 4, SO YOU CAN'T EXTEND 4%.

23

24 **SUP. HORVATH:** I HAVE LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS THAT IF YOU'D LIKE ME  
25 TO READ IT.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONE THING THAT I DON'T  
3 THINK WE CAN SAY.

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5 **SUP. HORVATH:** YEAH, SO INSTEAD OF -- TO ADDRESS THE VERY  
6 CONCERN YOU'RE RAISING, MADAM CHAIR, THE LANGUAGE IN DIRECTIVE  
7 2 WOULD READ: BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, INCREASE THE CURRENT  
8 3% RENTAL INCREASE CAP INSTITUTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
9 ON NOVEMBER 1, 2022 TO 4% AND EXTEND IT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024  
10 FOR RENT STABILIZED UNITS AND MOBILE OWNERS IN MOBILE HOME  
11 SPACES IN UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD. THAT TAKES CARE OF THAT. DID YOU ALL  
14 GET THAT? BUT THAT'S RIGHT BECAUSE WE CAN'T EXTEND SOMETHING  
15 THAT WE DON'T HAVE YET.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT, MADAM CHAIR, IF IT -- IF THE REPORT COMES  
18 BACK IN THREE MONTHS AS PROMISED, WOULD WE REVISIT THIS IN  
19 THREE MONTHS? ARE WE GOING TO WAIT UNTIL JUNE?

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I'M READING THE WILL OF THE BOARD --

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** I'M JUST ASKING.

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I'M JUST SAYING I'M READING THE WILL OF THE  
2   BOARD IS THIS GOES UNTIL JUNE 30TH. WE'LL TAKE THE REPORT BACK  
3   AND WHAT WE HEAR FOR ANYTHING BEYOND JUNE TO SHAPE OUR  
4   POLICIES. THAT'S HOW I'M READING THE BOARDS. I DON'T SEE US  
5   COMING BACK IN THREE MONTHS AND DOING ANYTHING. I THINK WE  
6   NEED CONSISTENCY OUT THERE FOR OUR RENTERS AND OUR LANDLORDS  
7   THAT WE'RE GIVING THEM A 4% CAP THROUGH JUNE. THAT'S HOW I  
8   READ THE WILL OF THE BOARD. IF I'M WRONG, LET ME KNOW. MS.  
9   MITCHELL.

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11   **SUP. MITCHELL:** OKAY. I DIDN'T FOLLOW YOUR LAST THING. SO, WE  
12   EXTEND THE 4% THROUGH JUNE, AND THEN WHAT?

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14   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK THEN WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY --

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16   **SUP. MITCHELL:** TO LOOK AT THE REPORT AND MAKE A DECISION.

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18   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK SO. I THINK SUPERVISOR BARGER WANTED  
19   TO KNOW WHERE WE ARE GOING TO RE-LOOK AT THIS CAP IN THREE  
20   MONTHS.

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22   **SUP. MITCHELL:** WE'LL LOOK AT THE ANALYSIS --

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24   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BUT I THINK WE WON'T BE MAKING CHANGES UNTIL  
25   JUNE. THAT'S HOW I THINK.



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2 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT MAKES SENSE THAT IN THREE MONTHS WE'RE GOING  
3 TO START LOOKING AT --

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

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT MAKES SENSE THAT IN THREE MONTHS, WHEN WE  
8 GET THE REPORT BACK, IF -- MR. SACHS. IF IN THREE MONTHS, WE  
9 GET THE REPORT BACK, AND IT HAS TANGIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT  
10 CAN BE ENACTED, WE'LL BEGIN THE PROCESS OF DISCUSSING THAT  
11 WITH THE INTENT THAT, COME JUNE, THERE MAY BE SOMETHING ELSE  
12 IN PLACE, CORRECT? IS THAT --

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT'S HOW I READ THE WILL OF THE  
15 BOARD.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** IS THAT WHAT YOU --

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'RE NOT SAYING ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. WE'RE  
20 JUST SAYING WE THINK WE WANT THE STABILITY TO GO THROUGH JUNE  
21 OF THIS 4% AND ALL -- YEAH, OKAY, MS. MITCHELL

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND AT THAT POINT HAVE SOME DATA UPON WHICH TO  
24 OPINE FROM I THINK IS IMPORTANT. TO LAYER ON TOP OF I WAS  
25 PROUD TO CARRY THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL MOTION TO LAYER ON TOP OF



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1 THE ACTIONS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN. JUST TO GET BACK TO  
2 THE POINT YOU MADE, SUPERVISOR BARGER, THE AMENDMENTS ALSO  
3 INCLUDE, YOU KNOW A CONSULTANT TO AID AND ABET IN THIS  
4 ANALYSIS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT OVERBURDENING A  
5 DEPARTMENT THAT WE ALREADY HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF AND THAT  
6 WE WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL HUMAN RESOURCES IN ORDER TO CONDUCT  
7 THIS ANALYSIS. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE AWARE OF  
8 THAT.

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10 **SUP. SOLIS:** ONE CLARIFICATION FROM D.C.B.A. DID THIS BOARD NOT  
11 APPROVE ASSISTANCE FOR LANDLORDS, MOM AND POP, FOR GRANTS?

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13 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, WE CURRENTLY HAVE GRANTS FOR THOSE THAT HAVE  
14 MORTGAGE-RELATED COSTS THAT OWN THEIR PROPERTY AND NON  
15 MORTGAGE-RELATED, AND THEN THROUGH OUR STAY HOUSED PROGRAM,  
16 WE DO OFFER RENTAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THERE, AS WELL.

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18 **SUP. SOLIS:** HOW MUCH HAS ALREADY GONE OUT? HOW MUCH HAS GONE  
19 OUT?

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21 **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY?

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23 **SUP. SOLIS:** HOW MUCH HAS GONE OUT ALREADY?

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1    **SPEAKER:** I DON'T HAVE THAT READILY WITH ME BUT I COULD BRING  
2    THAT BACK TO YOU.

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4    **SUP. SOLIS:** CAN YOU PROVIDE IT FOR US?

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6    **SUP. BARGER:** AND I THINK OURS WAS FOR RENT -- YEAH, FOR THE  
7    PERSON RENTING.

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9    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, IT WAS JUST FOR THE RENTER. IT WASN'T -  
10   -

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12   **SUP. BARGER:** YOU'RE CORRECT. DURING COVID FOR MORTGAGES, BUT  
13   THE \$40 MILLION WAS FOR THE INDIVIDUALS.

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15   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT, BUT THE OTHER WAS WE FELT WOULD HELP  
16   THE LANDLORDS --

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18   **SUP. BARGER:** AND BY THE WAY, THANK YOU FOR FOLLOWING THAT  
19   DIRECTIVE. THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT. NOW, I HOPE YOU WILL  
20   FOLLOW THIS ONE.

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22   **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SHOULD WE GET TO THE PUBLIC? ALL  
2   RIGHT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE  
3   PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

4

5   **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME  
6   FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: DAVID CASASHIAN, JARED  
7   WRIGHT, MATT BUCK, PAMELA AUGUSTIN, SASHA HARDEEN, AND VICTOR  
8   DELASCO. PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A  
9   FINAL REMINDER, FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU LIKE  
10   TO ADDRESS ITEM 19 ONLY, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO PRESS  
11   1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR,  
12   MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER PLEASE.

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14   **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS LUKE BERNANKE. PLEASE GO  
15   AHEAD.

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17   **LUKE BERNANKE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M LUKE. I'M SPEAKING TODAY ON  
18   BEHALF OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP. WE DO  
19   RESPECTFULLY URGE THE BOARD TO NOT EXTEND THE TEMPORARY CAP ON  
20   RENT CONTROLLED PROPERTIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY,  
21   YOUR CONSIDERATION, AND WORKING WITH HOUSING PARTNERS IN OUR  
22   COUNTY. THAT'S ALL.

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

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1   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JUNE PANUSHKIN. PLEASE GO  
2   AHEAD.

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4   **JUNE PANUSHKIN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. WHILE I UNDERSTAND THE  
5   CONCERN FOR OUR MOM AND POP LANDLORDS TO RETAIN LONG TERM  
6   RENT, SO THAT THEY BURST MARKET SUPPLY RATE, I WOULD RAISE  
7   CONCERN THAT WE ARE NO LONGER IN A WORLD RECOVERING FROM THE  
8   HOUSING CRASH IN 2006 AND 2008. TO BE UNFORTUNATELY BLEAK, ANY  
9   MOM AND POP LANDLORDS WILL NO LONGER BE OWNERS OF THEIR  
10   PROPERTIES AS THE NEXT GENERATION GAINS OWNERSHIP AND CREATES  
11   GENERATIONAL WEALTH THAT BLOCKS OUT GENERATION Z ANGELENOS  
12   FROM AFFORDABLY LIVING THIS CITY. A COMPROMISE OF 4% CAN PUSH  
13   A LARGE COHORT OF RENTERS TO BE UNABLE TO EVEN AFFORD  
14   APARTMENTS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, WHICH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL  
15   BRINGS UP AS A CAUSE OF CONCERN. ADDITIONALLY, AS GENERATIONS  
16   Z DEALS WITH THE RAPID RISE IN THE COST OF LIVING, MORE AND  
17   AND MORE INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS      EXPECT TO BE UPLIFTED IN  
18   OUR COUNTY'S ECONOMY TO LIVE FURTHER FROM OUR CITY CENTER AND  
19   BY DERIVED DEMAND END UP PAYING MORE TO LIVE IN A BLIGHTED  
20   SUBURB AND IN URBAN COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF LOWER  
21   COST IN THE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS FIVE AND TWO. I URGE THE  
22   BOARD TO FOLLOW THE WISHES OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION IN  
23   PROVIDING RENT STABILIZATION AT 3% AS OUR ECONOMY RECOVERS TO  
24   PROVIDE US JOBS TO CONTINUE LIVING HERE IN OUR HOMES. THANK  
25   YOU.



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

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DANIELLE ELLIOT. PLEASE GO  
5 AHEAD.

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7 **DANIELLE ELLIOT:** DANIELLE ELLIOT, VOTE NO ON ITEM 19,  
8 EXTENDING THE RENT CAP. I'M A PROUD SMALL MOM AND POP HOUSING  
9 PROVIDER FOR A PROPERTY, WHICH I HAVE I MANAGED FOR OVER 43  
10 YEARS. DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS, I HAVE ENDURED THE COVID  
11 SHUTDOWN POLICIES, INCLUDING CLOSING THE EVICTION COURTS,  
12 RENT FREEZE, AND RENT ELIMINATION. I BELIEVE THIS ITEM IS  
13 INTENDED TO IMPOSE YET ANOTHER BLOW ON HOUSING PROVIDERS AND  
14 SEEKS TO ELIMINATE PRIVATELY OWNED HOUSING. "WE SEEK TO  
15 DECOMMODIFY HOUSING AND LAND. THIS CAN BE DONE THROUGH  
16 CANCELING HOUSING, CANCELING RENT, CLOSING EVICTION COURTS,  
17 AND, AS LANDLORDS EXIT THE MARKET, USING STATE ACTION TO  
18 REQUIRE PRIVATE PROPERTY AND TRANSFORM INTO PUBLIC CONTROLLED  
19 HOUSING." THIS IS ON THE 2023 DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PLATFORM.  
20 IT IS A FACT THAT PUBLIC HOUSING HASN'T WORKED IN L.A. OR  
21 ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD. IT RESULTS IN LESSER HOUSING AND  
22 HIGHER TAXES FOR RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS ALIKE. 4% IN A 12% --  
23

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



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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS TRAMEL CARTER. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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4 **TRAMEL CARTER:** HI, I'M CALLING REGARDING ITEM NUMBER 19. IN  
5 REGARDS TO WHAT MS. BARGER -- ONE OF THE ONES WITH MUCH COMMON  
6 SENSE HERE ON THE PANEL, WHAT SHE HAD TO SAY AS FAR AS A  
7 REVOLVING DOOR. AND IN SPEAKING ABOUT THAT, WHILE IMPLEMENTING  
8 MONEY FOR PROGRAMS, THERE IS A MONEY MISMANAGEMENT PROBLEM. IN  
9 THE FIRST DISTRICT, THE STUART HOTEL HAS NOT HAD AN INSPECTION  
10 SINCE 2006, AND THEY'RE GETTING PAID \$200 A NIGHT FROM  
11 L.A.H.S.A., SINCE 2016. WHEN I WENT BY, THEY TOLD ME THAT  
12 THEIR LAWYER, THOSE PEOPLE ON THE BOARD, AND THEY'RE NEVER,  
13 EVER GOING TO REALLY GET A FULL INSPECTION. AS WELL AS  
14 ADMINISTERING MONEY FOR PROGRAMS, THERE IS A MISMANAGEMENT OF  
15 PROGRAMS. AGAIN, THE STUART HOTEL, DISTRICT NUMBER ONE, HILDA  
16 SOLIS, WHEN WE CALLED YOUR OFFICE TO LET THEM KNOW, THEY SAID  
17 WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU. SO THERE IS A MONEY MISMANAGEMENT. IT'S  
18 THE STUART HOTEL. THEY GET PAID BY L.A.H.S.A. \$200 A NIGHT,  
19 HAVE HAD NOT HAD AN INSPECTION SINCE 2016, AND IF YOU WALKED  
20 THROUGH, YOU WOULD FEEL LIKE YOU'RE NOT EVEN IN THE SECOND  
21 DISTRICT, THE JUNGLE, YOU WOULD THINK YOU'RE IN A THIRD WORLD  
22 COUNTRY. SO, MONEY MISMANAGEMENT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED.

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24 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. YOU'RE TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT  
25 SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KNOLL IBARRA. PLEASE GO AHEAD.  
3 YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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5 **KNOLL IBARRA:** THIS IS NOT WHERE I WANTED TO SPEAK ON, SO SORRY  
6 ABOUT THAT.

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8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE DENNIS MOORE. PLEASE GO  
9 AHEAD.

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11 **DENNIS MOORE:** WELL, THIS TIME I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT I AGREE  
12 WITH MOST OF WHAT THE BOARD MEMBERS SAID ABOUT THIS RENT  
13 INCREASE, EVEN THOUGH I FEEL THAT YOU ARE LOOKING AT THIS  
14 HOMELESS PROBLEM WITH BLINDERS ON. YOU'RE NOT ADDRESSING ALL  
15 OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE CAUSING THIS OUT OF CONTROL INFLATION.  
16 AND I AM A MOM AND POP PROPERTY OWNER OF RESIDENTIAL INCOME.  
17 AND I'M A BLACK AMERICAN. AND YOU HAVEN'T ADDRESSED THE ISSUES  
18 OF WHY THERE IS SO MUCH INFLATION. FOR EXAMPLE, PROPERTY TAXES  
19 ARE SO HIGH FOR A CORRUPT GOVERNMENT. BUILDING COSTS ARE SO  
20 HIGH, EVEN THOUGH MOST OF THE CONSTRUCTION IS GOING TO ILLEGAL  
21 ALIENS. YOU'RE NOT LOOKING AT CREATING JOB PROTECTIONS SO THAT  
22 PEOPLE --

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



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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KATHLEEN CROWLEY. PLEASE GO  
3 AHEAD.

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5 **KATHLEEN CROWLEY:** YES. HI, I'M ASKING FOR A YES VOTE ON THIS.  
6 I'M CURRENTLY WORKING WITH PEOPLE WHO WILL, QUITE HONESTLY, BE  
7 AT RISK OF LOSING HOUSING WITH EVEN A 2% RENT HIKE. I THINK  
8 THAT THE COUNTY CONSISTENTLY ADDRESSES CRISES FIRST, AND I  
9 LOVE THAT THIS ADDRESSES PREVENTION. I'VE SERVED ON A NUMBER  
10 OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS OVER THE YEARS, AND THERE IS  
11 USUALLY THREE COMMITTEES ADDRESSING CRISES: PREVENTION, EARLY  
12 INTERVENTION, AND CRISIS, AND EVERY SINGLE TIME THE FUNDING  
13 AND THE ATTENTION GOES TO THE CRISES. AND DESPITE THE FACT  
14 THAT IS PROFOUNDLY WONDERFUL THINGS THAT CAN BE DONE FOR  
15 PREVENTION, THEY AREN'T DONE. THEY HAVE THE COMMITTEE. THEY  
16 GET THE INFORMATION, BUT SPEND ALL THE TIME AND THE FOCUS ON  
17 CRISIS. SO, AGAIN, I'M IN HUGE FAVOR OF THIS AND APPRECIATE  
18 THIS BEING BROUGHT FORTH. THANK YOU.

19

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

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22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CHRIS WILSON. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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24 **CHRIS WILSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHRIS  
25 WILSON WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION. WE



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1 APPRECIATE THE DIALOGUE AND THE AMENDMENTS TO THIS ITEM.  
2 HOWEVER, OUR CONCERNS REMAIN THAT WE CONTINUE TO KICK THE CAN  
3 DOWN THE ROAD AND PROVIDE UNCERTAINTY TO OUR HOUSING  
4 PROVIDERS. MOM AND POP LANDLORDS IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. ARE  
5 STILL REELING FROM STIFLING GOVERNMENT AND PANDEMIC-RELATED  
6 ORDERS, PROHIBITIONS ON RENT COLLECTIONS,, AND SKYROCKETING  
7 MAINTENANCE COST. IT IS ONLY APPROPRIATE THAT THE BOARD ENSURE  
8 THE STUDY IS COMPREHENSIVE, THOUGHTFUL, AND EQUITABLE TO ALL  
9 STAKEHOLDERS, WHO ARE PART OF PROVIDING HOUSING IN OUR COUNTY.  
10 WE ASK THAT YOU YOU CONSIDER THE VIEWS ABOVE, MOVE FORWARD AND  
11 VOTE NO ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW GO TO SPEAKERS IN-  
14 PERSON. GO AHEAD.

15

16 **MATT BUCK:** THANK YOU. MATT BUCK PUBLIC OF AFFAIRS FOR THE  
17 CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION. OUR MEMBERS TOUCH ON THE  
18 EVERY DAY LIVES OF MANY ANGELENO'S AND HAVE A KEEN THE PURSUIT  
19 OF FAIR AND EQUITABLE HOUSING POLICIES. DURING THE DISCUSSION,  
20 PLEASE KNOW THAT THE ALLOWABLE INCREASE OF RENT TO BEGIN IN  
21 2024 IS CRITICAL FOR HOUSING PROVIDERS, ENSURING THEY DO NOT  
22 FALL VICTIM TO ALL THE INCREASED COSTS AND LOST RENT FROM THE  
23 PREVIOUS FOUR YEARS. REGARDING THE STUDY, THE ANNUAL RENT  
24 ADJUSTMENT STUDY SHOULD INCLUDE AND BE COMPREHENSIVE,  
25 INCLUDING ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF OPERATING COSTS AND



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1 CIRCUMSTANCES. THE IMPACT OF COVID ON TENANTS AND HOUSING  
2 PROVIDERS ALIKE HAS BEEN DEVASTATING. A STUDY SHOULD ALSO  
3 INCLUDE THE ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY INSURANCE INCREASES,  
4 EARTHQUAKE RETROFIT, INCREASES IN GAS COSTS AND UTILITIES,  
5 PAYROLL INCREASES, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COSTS, REAL ESTATE  
6 TAXES, AND THE RENT REGISTRY DATA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
7 CONSIDERATION.

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9 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

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11 **DAVID GEISHAN:** GOOD EVENING ALL. MY NAME IS DAVID GEISHAN, AND  
12 I REPRESENT THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES.  
13 OUR ASSOCIATION REPRESENTS MORE THAN 10,000 RENTAL HOUSING  
14 PROVIDERS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES, VENTURA AND SAN BERNARDINO  
15 COUNTIES. MOST OF OUR MEMBERS ARE MOM AND POP OWNERS WITH 20  
16 OR FEWER UNITS. MANY ARE RETIREES AND NEW IMMIGRANTS, RELYING  
17 ON THEIR PROPERTY FOR THEIR LIVELIHOOD, INCLUDING MEDICAL  
18 COSTS AND OTHER EXPENSES. THEY HAVE CHOSEN TO INVEST IN THEIR  
19 COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING MUCH NEEDED RENTAL HOUSING. THE  
20 EXTENSION OF THIS CAP WOULD BE AN OUTRIGHT FAILURE BY THE  
21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO HONOR THEIR PROMISE TO MOM AND POP  
22 RENTAL HOUSING PROVIDERS MADE OVER A YEAR AGO TO END THIS  
23 ARTIFICIAL REDUCTION IN REVENUES THAT WAS CREATED WITHOUT ANY  
24 CONSIDERATION OF ACTUAL COSTS INCURRED BY OWNERS OR CONCRETE  
25 DATA. MOM AND POP OWNERS HAVE ALREADY GREATLY FINANCIALLY



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1    SUFFERED DUE TO THE SUPERVISORS SINGLING THEM OUT AMONGST ALL  
2    BUSINESSES TO SUFFER FORCE DRASTICALLY REDUCE REVENUES FOR  
3    ALMOST FOUR YEARS AND FAR BEYOND THE OFFICIAL END OF THE  
4    COVID-19 EMERGENCY. THIS IS A SECOND TIME A WRONGFUL ATTEMPT  
5    HAS BEEN MADE BY INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISORS TO ACCEPT THESE  
6    EXTREMELY DAMAGING POLICIES AGAINST MOM AND POP RENTAL  
7    PROVIDERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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11    **PAMELA GOOSTIEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
12    PAMELA GOOSSTIEN, AND I'M WITH THE EAST SIDE LEADS AND THE  
13    KEEP L.A. HOUSED COALITIONS. I AM ALSO A TENANT IN DISTRICT  
14    FIVE. I AM HERE TO URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF ITEM 19, WHICH  
15    INCLUDES THIS TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF THE COUNTY'S CURRENT RENT  
16    INCREASE LIMIT OF THE 3% AND ALLOW FOR US -- THIS GIVES YOU  
17    ALL TIME TO STUDY THE COUNTY'S R.S.O. NOW, I GET THAT YOU HAVE  
18    BEEN DISCUSSING A 4% INSTEAD, BUT AS AN ORGANIZER AND A  
19    TENANT, A 3% LIMIT IS MORE IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE CURRENT  
20    INCOME POSSIBILITIES OF THE RESIDENTS THAT I ORGANIZE WITH  
21    UNDER THE STAY HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM. ALSO, WHILE YOU'RE NOT  
22    DISCUSSING THIS TODAY, I DO HOPE THAT THE ECONOMIC  
23    DISPLACEMENT ASSISTANCE STUDY, WHICH D.C.B.A. COMPLETED SOME  
24    MONTHS BACK, IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT THE PUBLIC CAN GET AS A  
25    BENEFIT SOON FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP. WE REALLY NEED TO KEEP ALL



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1 RESIDENTS IN THEIR HOME BUT ALSO IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS IF  
2 THEY'RE FACING A HIGH RENT INCREASE.

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

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6 **VICTOR VELASCO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS VICTOR VELASCO, AND  
7 I'M AN EVICTION DEFENSE PARALEGAL AT PUBLIC COUNSEL. I'M HERE  
8 TODAY TO URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF  
9 ITEM 19. WITHOUT THIS EXTENSION, THOUSANDS OF TENANTS ACROSS  
10 THE COUNTY ARE IN JEOPARDY OF EXPERIENCING A MASSIVE RENT  
11 INCREASE AT THE END THIS HAVE YEAR. THE POTENTIAL RENT  
12 INCREASE WOULD IMPACT LOW INCOME TENANTS THE MOST. AS AN  
13 EVICTION DEFENSE PARALEGAL, I HAVE GAINED AN INTIMATE  
14 UNDERSTANDING OF THE DIFFICULT DECISIONS THAT OUR CLIENTS AND  
15 THEIR FAMILIES MUST MAKE BETWEEN FOOD OR RENT, UTILITIES OR  
16 RENT, A DOCTOR'S VISIT OR RENT. AND THE LIST GOES ON. AMONG  
17 TENANTS WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO PAY THEIR BILLS RIGHT NOW, THEIR  
18 LARGEST BILL IS EASILY RENT. THE BOARD HAS THE ABILITY TO  
19 PREVENT A LARGE INCREASE IN RENT AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF  
20 EVICTION FILINGS THAT WILL RESULT FROM THE EXPIRATION OF THE  
21 BOARD'S POLICY LIMITING RENT INCREASES TO 3%. THANK YOU TO  
22 SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND SOLIS FOR YOUR SUBMISSION, AND I URGE  
23 ALL SUPERVISORS TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 19.

24

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



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2 **SASHA HARNEM:** GOOD AFTERNOON. SASHA HARNEM WITH THE INNER CITY  
3 LAW CENTER AND THE KEEP L.A. HOUSED COALITION. WE HEARD WISE  
4 WORDS INVOKED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL THIS MORNING. DON'T EVER  
5 WALK OUT OF A ROOM WHERE SOMETHING IS BEING PROPOSED THAT  
6 WOULD HARM THE PEOPLE YOU SERVE. WE SHOULD ALSO NEVER WALK  
7 AWAY FROM AN OPPORTUNITY TO PREVENT PREDICTABLE HARM TO THE  
8 COUNTY'S CONSTITUENTS. 54% OF COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE RENTERS,  
9 AND MANY CITIES HAVE ANSWERED YOUR CALL TO PASS TENANT  
10 PROTECTIONS WITH SEVERAL ENACTING CAPS ON RENT INCREASES  
11 AROUND 3% OR LESS, BUT RENTERS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS ONLY  
12 HAVE YOU TO LOOK TO PREVENT A WAVE OF MASSIVE RENT INCREASES,  
13 WHICH COULD BE AS HIGH AS 8%. THIS LEVEL OF INCREASE IS CLOSE  
14 TO WHAT IS CONSIDERED PRICE GOUGING IN AN EMERGENCY AND IS FAR  
15 ABOVE WHAT IS NEEDED TO GIVE LANDLORDS A HEALTHY RETURN. WE  
16 APPLAUD THE CONSISTENT LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND  
17 SOLIS AND THE DILIGENT WORK OF THEIR STAFF AND URGE YOU ALL TO  
18 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. ONE MORE SPEAKER? NO, THAT'S END.  
21 MADAM CHAIR, BACK TO YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELL DONE. YOU'RE GOING TO GET  
24 ALL OF THIS IN A FEW WEEKS. AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE SO READY.  
25 OKAY. NO MORE SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE, IN-PERSON. ITEM 19 IS NOW

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1 BEFORE US AS AMENDED, BUT WE'RE GOING TO BIFURCATE TWO  
2 NUMBERS, THE 3 AND THE 4 OFF OF SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S -- WHICH  
3 IS THE CAP BECAUSE ONE MEMBER DOESN'T WANT TO VOTE ON ANY CAP,  
4 BUT WANTS TO VOTE ON THE REMAINING PART OF THESE -- YES, THERE  
5 WILL BE TWO VOTES. OKAY SO, WE WILL NOW VOTE ON -- YOU WANT TO  
6 GO AHEAD AND TELL US WHAT WE'RE VOTING ON?

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO, THE FIRST VOTE WILL BE DIRECTIVES 3  
9 AND 4 AS AMENDED ON SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION IS BEFORE  
10 YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

13

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

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
20 HORVATH.

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22 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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



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2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER -- THIS IS THE 3 AND 4.

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** NO.

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8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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

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12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4-1.

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14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NOW WE VOTE ON --

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NOW WE'RE VOTING ON THE REMAINING  
17 DIRECTIVES ITEMS 1 AND 2 WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S C ADDED TO  
18 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION IS BEFORE YOU.

19

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

21

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

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

25



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

2   MITCHELL?

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4   **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

7   HORVATH.

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9   **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

12   BARGER?

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14   **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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18   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

19

20   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-1 -

21   - 5-0, I'M SORRY.

22

23   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. OKAY. ITEM 20 REIMAGINING  
24   WHITEMAN AIRPORT, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR  
25   MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0



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1 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 20. AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE  
2 MARK PESTRELLA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, IS AVAILABLE FOR  
3 QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, I DON'T SEE HIM, BUT LET'S KEEP MOVING.  
4 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

5

6 **SUP. HORVATH:** YES, PLEASE, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU TO  
7 EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM AND WHO HAS BEEN  
8 HERE ALL DAY. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE. LAST MONTH, THE  
9 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICIALLY FOUND WHAT WE ALL  
10 KNOW TO BE TRUE, LEADED AVIATION FUEL IS HARMFUL. WE NEED TO  
11 PHASE OUT ITS USE TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR PLANET.  
12 THIS MOTION SETS US ON A PATH TO ELIMINATE LEADED FUEL AT THE  
13 COUNTY OPERATED WHITEMAN AIRPORT IN PACOIMA AND CALLS FOR  
14 SHORT TERM CHANGES THAT CAN IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES FOR  
15 THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGH A CURFEW, WHILE ALSO  
16 CONDUCTING NECESSARY LONGER TERM WORK. THIS MOTION ALSO CALLS  
17 ON OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO STUDY AND GATHER DATA ON  
18 THE REAL HEALTH IMPACTS OF THE AIRPORT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY  
19 AND CHILDREN IN PARTICULAR. D.P.H. WILL ENGAGE THE CALIFORNIA  
20 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THIS WORK TO FULLY UNDERSTAND  
21 WHERE WE ARE TODAY SO WE CAN MAKE A STRONG CASE FOR WHAT NEEDS  
22 TO CHANGE IN THE FUTURE TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH. TODAY'S  
23 MOTION IS REALLY ONE EARLY STEP RELATED TO A COMMUNITY VISION  
24 FOR WHITEMAN AIRPORT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO ENGAGING THE  
25 PACOIMA COMMUNITY IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK AND TO BRINGING



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1 FUTURE POLICY DECISIONS TO THE BOARD AS WELL, BUILDING ON THE  
2 WORK OF MY PREDECESSOR. MY OFFICE IS COMMITTED TO WORKING HAND  
3 IN HAND WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND EXPERTS TO BE SURE THAT, AS WE  
4 REIMAGINE WHITEMAN AIRPORT, WE DO SO IN WAY THAT IS INCLUSIVE  
5 AND ROBUST SO THAT THE PLAN WE CRAFT IS SUCCESSFUL. THE  
6 PACOIMA COMMUNITY DESERVES NO LESS. I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF  
7 THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE THUS FAR TO PROTECT  
8 PUBLIC HEALTH SURROUNDING WHITEMAN AIRPORT TODAY AND THE  
9 IMPORTANT WORK THAT WE WILL ENGAGE IN THROUGH THE WORK OF THIS  
10 MOTION. I'M GRATEFUL TO ALL OF THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS, WHO  
11 HAVE ENGAGED WITH ME IN DIALOGUE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE  
12 PATH WE HAVE IN WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP AHEAD AS WE DEVELOP A  
13 COMMUNITY-CENTERED VISION FOR ITS FUTURE. THANK YOU, MADAM  
14 CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS? OH NO. YOU'RE  
17 STILL UP THERE FROM LAST TIME. OKAY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE  
18 CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON  
19 THIS ITEM, ITEM 20, REIMAGINING WHITEMAN AIRPORT.

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOW INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME  
22 FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: BENITO ROBLES, CATALINO  
23 PEREZ, CLAUDIA VASQUEZ, CRYSTAL REYES, DANIELLE MOLINA, DAVID  
24 LUNDT, FIDEL VASQUEZ, GISELLE SAYHA, JAMES A., JAMES MILLER,  
25 JOSE LEWIS SALAS ALONEZO, MARIA CABRERA, MARIA GUZMAN, MARIA

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1 SALVADERA MELISSA WOK, MIGUEL MIGUEL, MICHAEL GORMAN, ROSIO  
2 HERNANDEZ, TORADORA REYES, AND VERONICA PADILLA, AND MONICA  
3 RODRIGUEZ. PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS  
4 A FINAL REMIND FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU LIKE  
5 TO ADDRESS ITEM 20, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PRESS 1  
6 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, CAN  
7 WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS MARIA SALGADO. PLEASE GO  
10 AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

11

12 **MARIA SALGADO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA SALGADO, AND  
13 I'M A PACOIMA RESIDENT WHO LIVES LESS THAN A MILE FROM THE  
14 AIRPORT. EVER SINCE MOVING TO PACOIMA, I HAVE REALIZED THAT  
15 THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S BIGGEST THREAT IS NOT CRIME OR UNHOUSED  
16 PEOPLE, BUT THE LEAD- BASED FUEL THAT CONTINUALLY POLLUTES OUR  
17 ENVIRONMENT. AS MENTIONED, THE RECENT FINDINGS BY THE  
18 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CONFIRM WHAT WE KNOW. LEADED  
19 FUEL THAT IS USED AT WHITEMAN AIRPORT IS CAUSING AIR POLLUTION  
20 AND ENDANGERING ALL OF OUR HEALTH AND ALL OF OUR LIVES. THE  
21 CONTINUED THREAT OF STORAGE AND SALES OF LEADED AVIATION FUEL  
22 CAN BE DIRECTLY CORRELATED WITH BLOOD ELEVATED LEVELS. ANOTHER  
23 IS THE NOISE POLLUTION IT GENERATES. THERE'S NO CURFEW. NO  
24 BASIC HUMAN REGARD FOR PACOIMA RESIDENTS WHO LIVE NEXT DOOR TO  
25 THE AIRPORT. AIR TRAFFIC IS ALLOWED TO RUN 24 HOURS A DAY, 7



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1 DAYS A WEEK. A 187-ACRE PLOT OF LAND SHOULD NOT JUST GENERATE  
2 246 JOBS IN A COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY A HISTORICALLY  
3 UNREPRESENTED COMMUNITY LIKE PACOIMA. IT NEEDS HAVE MORE  
4 ACCESS TO JOBS AND EQUITY ACROSS THE LAND AND ACROSS THE  
5 BOARD. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE MONEY IS BEING SPENT ON, BUT IT'S  
6 NOT BEING INVESTED BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY.

7

8 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEAS. THANK YOU. YOUR  
9 TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KNOLL IBARRA. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

12

13 **KNOLL IBARRA:** I JUST WANTED TO MENTION ABOUT THE  
14 [INDISCERNIBLE]. FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE, THERE'S A CONCERN. THEY  
15 DON'T KNOW THAT THE AIRPORT IS BAD FOR THE COMMUNITY, BUT I  
16 JUST WANTED TO SAY WHAT WE ALWAYS FORGET TO MENTION IS THAT  
17 THE A.Q.M.D. EVEN ADMITTED THAT AMOUNT OF LEAD PRESENT WITHIN  
18 THE AREA IS 10 TIMES LESS THAN WHAT THE U.S. E.P.A. NATIONAL  
19 STANDARD IS FOR LEAD. I ALSO WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WILL THE  
20 PEOPLE FOCUS ON AFTER THE AIRPORT IS, HYPOTHETICALLY, REMOVED  
21 AS THEY WANT DO? WILL THEY DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE RENT SPIKES?  
22 WILL THEY DO ANYTHING ABOUT COST OF LIVING AND EXTRA TAXATION  
23 ON LOCALS OF THE COMMUNITY? WHAT WILL THEY DO TO SOLVE THE  
24 PROBLEM WHEN A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE ONE RENT SPIKE AWAY FROM  
25 MOVING OUT OF PACOIMA AND ONLY GETTING THIS OUT WILL CAUSE



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1 INCREASE IN HOUSING JUST AS WELL OPENING A BIGGER SPACE FOR  
2 HOMELESSNESS AND CRIME WITHIN THE AREA THAT IS ALREADY RAMPANT  
3 AND CAN'T BE STOPPED.

4

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JAMES ARIES. PLEASE GO AHEAD.  
8 YOU'RE LINE IS OPEN.

9

10 **JAMES ARIES:** YEAH, I'M AGAINST THE NIGHT TIME HOURS. I THINK  
11 THE AIRPORT SHOULD BE OPENED 24 HOURS, AND I ALSO -- I'M KIND  
12 OF SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THE LEAD THAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT  
13 BECAUSE THE LEAD SEEMS TO BE IN EVERYTHING. THEY JUST CAME OUT  
14 AND SAID THAT THE LEAD IS IN CHILDREN'S FRUIT POUCHES. LEAD IS  
15 IN THE X-RAY SHIELDS. THE AIRPORT IS A POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN  
16 OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S DOING NOTHING BUT GOOD. IT'S VERY CLEAN.  
17 PEOPLE WALK THROUGH THERE. THEY USE IT AS A RECREATIONAL  
18 FACILITY. AND I SUPPORT THE AIRPORT. IT'S A VERY, VERY GOOD  
19 INFLUENCE ON THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. -

22

23 **MODERATOR:** AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE  
24 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 20, IF YOU HAVE  
25 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN



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1 THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, COULD WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,  
2 PLEASE.

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS NORMA CHAVEZ. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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6 **NORMA CHAVEZ:** HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

7

8 **SUP. HORVATH:** YES, WE CAN. GO AHEAD.

9

10 **NORMA CHAVEZ:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS NORMA CHAVEZ, AND I AM  
11 FROM [INDISCERNIBLE]. I'M HERE TO SHOW MY SUPPORT TO THE  
12 WHITE MAN AIRPORT. THE PROGRAM THEY OFFER FOR FREE TO THE YOUTH  
13 INTERESTED IN THE AVIATION FIELD AND THE EMERGENCY SUPPORT WE  
14 RECEIVE FROM FIRST RESPONDERS WHO UTILIZE THE AIRPORT. MY  
15 ACADEMIC BACKGROUND GROUND IS IN MATHEMATICS AND EDUCATION,  
16 AND I CAN TELL YOU FROM EXPERIENCE THAT S.T.E.A.M. EDUCATION  
17 LEARNED WHILE HANDS ON CANNOT COMPARE TO READING TONS OF  
18 BOOKS. DURING MY COLLEGE YEARS, I STRUGGLED WITH PHYSICS AND  
19 THE LABS DUE TO MY LACK OF EXPERIENCE WITH EQUIPMENT. MY TEAM  
20 WAS MADE UP OF FIVE GIRLS, WHO LACKED THE SAME EXPERIENCE. WE  
21 SHOULD -- WE USED TO TAKE THREE HOURS TO DO THE LABS, WHILE  
22 THE GUYS, WHO HAD MORE EXPERIENCE WITH EQUIPMENT, WOULD TAKE  
23 30 MINUTES TO SET UP, TAKE THE DATA, AND PUT EVERYTHING AWAY.  
24 SHUTTING THE AIRPORT WILL TAKE AWAY THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE  
25 YOUTH TO LEARN WHILE HANDS ON. WE MUST STOP REDUCING ONLY



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1 OPPORTUNITIES TO REMAIN BEING AN ESSENTIAL WORKERS FOR THE  
2 FUTURE GENERATIONS. KEEP THE WHITEMAN, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS THOMAS HENDRIX. PLEASE GO  
7 AHEAD.

8

9 **THOMAS HENDRIX:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
10 SPEAK TO YOU TODAY. I'M A PRIVATE PILOT, WHO OBTAINED HIS  
11 LICENSE AT WHITEMAN AIRPORT. THE BASIC PREMISE IS WHITEMAN  
12 AIRPORT IS AN IRREPLACEABLE BENEFIT FOR BOTH PACOIMA AND THE  
13 ENTIRE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. I COMPLIMENT SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S  
14 PORTION OF HER MOTION INTRODUCING UNLEADED FUEL AT WHITEMAN AS  
15 SOON AS IT BECOMES COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE. EVERYBODY AGREES ON  
16 THAT. THE WORK IS ALREADY IN PROGRESS BY THE L.A. COUNTY  
17 AIRPORT COMMISSION TO OBTAIN THE UNLEADED FUELS. I ALSO NOTE  
18 THAT RELOCATING THE RUN-UP AREA AT THE PEER STREET INTO THE  
19 RUNWAY WOULD BENEFIT THE FOUR HOMES ON SUTTER STREET. YOU  
20 ALREADY KNOW THE GENERAL BENEFITS OF AIRPORTS. YOU CAN READ  
21 THE AIRPORT COMMISSION WEBSITE AND SEE ABOUT THE ECONOMIC  
22 BENEFITS AND SO FORTH. HOWEVER, THE PURPOSE OF THIS CALL IS TO  
23 DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE APPROXIMATELY 10 YOUTH PROGRAMS AT  
24 WHITEMAN AIRPORT. I DID AN ONLINE SUBMITTAL FOR YOUR  
25 INFORMATION, A PICTURE SIGN ON THE WHITEMAN AIRPORT DRIVEWAY



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1 SHOWING YOUTH GROUPS AT WHITEMAN AIRPORT, A LIST OF  
2 APPROXIMATELY 10 YOUTH GROUPS INCLUDING CONTACT INFORMATION  
3 FOR THEM --

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MATTHEW STONE. PLEASE GO AHEAD.  
9 YOU'RE LINE IS OPEN.

10

11 **MATTHEW STONE:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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13 **SUP. HORVATH:** YES, WE CAN.

14

15 **MATTHEW STONE:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

16

17 **SUP. HORVATH:** YES.

18

19 **MATTHEW STONE:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I CALL ON  
20 YOU TODAY TO REJECT THE FLAWED MOTION 20. TESTING HAS PROVEN  
21 THAT INTERSTATE 5 IS THE WORST EMITTER OF AIRBORNE LEAD IN THE  
22 PACOIMA AREA, NOT WHITEMAN AIRPORT. WHITEMAN AIRPORT IS A KEY  
23 PUBLIC SAFETY ASSET, AND IT IS RETIRING ITS LEADED FUELS UNDER  
24 EXISTING POLICY ALREADY. ANOTHER STUDY ON THIS IS A POINTLESS  
25 WASTE, AND THE CLOSURE TALKS IS ABSURD. THE MOTION CURFEW



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1    WOULD REQUIRE YEARS OF STUDIES AND MILLIONS OF TAXPAYER  
2    DOLLARS SPENT TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING, AND IT'S A WASTE FOR  
3    THAT. RESIDENTS HAVE ALREADY SAID THAT RAILROAD NOISE IS THE  
4    PROBLEM, NOT WHITEMAN AIRPORT. TO BE EFFECTIVE, THE LEAD  
5    TESTING THAT THE MOTION TALKS ABOUT REQUIRES LOOKING AT ALL  
6    SOURCES, INTERSTATE 5, LEADED HOUSE PAINTED, CANDY, ALL SORTS  
7    OF THINGS, AND IF YOU DO NOT DO THAT, THE SCIENCE WILL BE  
8    JUNK, AND THERE WILL BE NOTHING TO IT. SO, THE BOARD OF  
9    SUPERVISORS MUST PUT ANGELENOS FIRST --

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11    **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. YOU'RE TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.  
12    WE'RE GOING TO SPEAKERS IN-PERSON.

13

14    **FIDEL VASQUEZ:** [SPEAKING SPANISH] HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY  
15    NAME IS FIDEL VASQUEZ, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF SYLMAR. I'M HERE  
16    TO PLEASE ASK THAT YOU CLOSE THE WHITEMAN AIRPORT. WHEN THEY  
17    FLY, YOU CAN SEE THE GAS, THE OILS THAT ARE COMING DOWN. EVERY  
18    TIME THAT THEY'RE GOING UP, YOU CAN SEE IT. IT JUST ALL FALLS,  
19    AND IT'S AFFECTING ALL OF OUR HEALTH. AND I HAVE BEEN OPERATED  
20    WITH OPEN HEART SURGERY. THEY HAVE ALREADY FOUND FOUR ARTERIES  
21    THAT ARE THERE. I'M STRESSED OUT. I HAVE DEPRESSION, AND ALSO  
22    WE'RE FEARFUL THERE IS SOMETIMES WHEN THE ENGINES -- THE  
23    PLANES ARE FLYING UP, AND THE ENGINES JUST STOP. SO, WHEN WE  
24    GO WALK, I HAVE TROUBLE BREATHING. WHY SUFFER FROM ASTHMA OR  
25    CANCER? PEOPLE TELL ME THAT THE HEART CONDITION IS NOT FROM



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1 THAT, BUT HOW CAN IT BE? IT'S FROM THAT AND THE GAS AND THE  
2 FUMES, AND I JUST ASK, PLEASE.

3

4 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M SO SORRY. YOU'RE TIME  
5 HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

6

7 **CLAUDIA VASQUEZ:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CLAUDIA  
8 VASQUEZ. I LIVE DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM WHITEMAN AIRPORT, WHICH  
9 HAS BEEN AFFECTING COMMUNITY AND EVEN MYSELF DUE TO THE LEAD  
10 FUEL, GASOLINE, USES BY THE PLANES. AND IT HAS BEEN AFFECTING  
11 MY HEALTH WITH HAVING TO TAKE MEDICATION FOR HIGH BLOOD  
12 PRESSURE ON A DAILY BASIS AND ALWAYS DEALING WITH HEADACHES.  
13 BUT NOT ONLY BUT MY LITTLE COUSINS HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH  
14 CONSTIPATION AND HEADACHES DUE TO LEAD FUEL AND GASOLINE, BUT  
15 NOT ONLY THAT, BUT WE HAVE BEEN HAVING ANXIETY OF NOT BEING  
16 ABLE TO SLEEP AT TIMES BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER  
17 ACCIDENT NEAR MY HOME. SO I ASK THE BOARD TO SUPPORT A MOTION  
18 ITEM 20 AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD CLOSING WHITEMAN AIRPORT.

19

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

21

22 **BENITO ROBLES:** [SPEAKING SPANISH] GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS  
23 BENITO ROBLES. AND THERE WAS A STUDY THAT SHOWS THAT  
24 COMMUNITIES WHERE CHILDREN LIVE NEAR AIRPORTS HAVE A LEVEL OF  
25 LEAD IN THEIR BLOOD SYSTEM. THIS IS THE REASON WHY WE ASK FOR

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1 YOU TO CLOSE WHITEMAN AIRPORT IN PACOIMA, AND WE DO HOPE FOR  
2 YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

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

5

6 **GISELLE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GISELLE, AND I LIVE IN  
7 PACOIMA. I'M HERE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE  
8 FIRST STEPS TO MAKING CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, I  
9 WOULD STILL LIKE TO SHARE MY THOUGHTS ON THE AIRPORT AND  
10 EXPLAIN WHY WE WANT AND NEED TO SHUT DOWN THE AIRPORT. I'M  
11 CURRENTLY LIVING NEXT TO THE AIRPORT WITH MY SISTER AND TWO  
12 NIECES ONLY THREE YEARS OLD. THEY LOVE PLAYING OUTSIDE, BUT  
13 LIVING NEXT TO THE AIRPORT DOESN'T GIVE US MUCH COMFORT TO  
14 STEP OUT OF OUR OWN HOUSE WITHOUT THE FEAR OF A PLANE FALLING  
15 ON OUR HOUSE, WHICH HAS ALREADY HAPPENED TO A COMMUNITY  
16 MEMBER, OR BEING CONTAMINATED WITH LEAD, SINCE THE PRIVATE  
17 PLANES BEING OPERATED OUT OF WHITEMAN AIRPORT USE LEAD  
18 AVIATION FUEL. I DON'T WANT MY NIECES' HEALTH OR I.Q. TO BE  
19 AFFECTED BECAUSE OF THESE LEAD CONTAMINATED PLANES. NO ONE  
20 DESERVES TO LIVE IN FEAR, ESPECIALLY IF THE FEAR THAT IS BEING  
21 CAUSED CAN BE REMOVED. SO I ASK THE BOARD TO SUPPORT MOTION  
22 ITEM 20 AS A STEPPING STONE, WHICH IS A MUCH NEEDED CLOSURE OF  
23 WHITEMAN AIRPORT. THANK YOU.

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



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2 **ESALI SALAS:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ESALI SALAS,  
3 AND I HAVE LIVED NEAR THE AIRPORT NOW FOR 42 YEARS. THAT'S A  
4 MILE AWAY FROM WHITEMAN AIRPORT, WHERE I HAVE SUFFERED WITH MY  
5 FAMILY THE NOISE, CONTAMINATION, AS WELL AS FEAR OF ACCIDENTS  
6 THAT HAVE HAPPENED, AERIAL ACCIDENTS. WHITEMAN AIRPORT IS A  
7 PLACE THAT CONTAMINATES ALL OF THE AREAS IN PACOIMA AND ITS  
8 SURROUNDING AREAS. A LOT OF THE RESIDENTS ARE EXPOSED TO MANY  
9 ILLNESSES THAT ARE CAUSED BY THE CONTAMINATED AIR. THE AIRPORT  
10 BENEFITS MOST THE INVESTORS RATHER THAN THE COMMUNITY.  
11 THEREFORE, I AM NOT ASKING THAT YOU STOP THE OPERATIONS BUT  
12 THAT YOU CANCEL THEM COMPLETELY. THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WELCOME, MADAM  
15 COUNCILMEMBER.

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17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU SO  
18 MUCH, SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. I WANT TO THANK  
19 SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR THE INTRODUCTION OVER THIS MOTION TO  
20 HELP US BEGIN COURSE CORRECTING WHAT HAS BEEN A GENERATIONAL  
21 IMPACT FOR THE COMMUNITY OF PACOIMA, A PLACE I HAVE HAD THE  
22 PRIVILEGE OF CALLING HOME MY WHOLE LIFE. AND I AM PROUD TO  
23 JOIN SO MANY MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT ARE HERE SEEKING  
24 THE JUSTICE THAT WE HAVE BEEN LONG DENIED. THE OPERATIONS AT  
25 WHITEMAN AIRPORT HAVE BEEN COMPOUNDING TO AN AREA THAT HAS



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1 LONG HAD TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF A LOT OF DIRTY MANUFACTURING, AS  
2 I LIKE TO SAY, PLANES, TRAINS, AND AUTOMOBILES. THIS IS AN  
3 AREA THAT IS DISSECTED BY FREEWAYS AND JUST A HISTORIC  
4 COMPOUNDING OF A LOT OF OPERATIONS THAT HAVE HAD DETRIMENTAL  
5 HEALTH IMPACTS TO OUR COMMUNITY. THE EXACERBATED IMPACT BY THE  
6 OPERATION OF WHITEMAN AIRPORT, WHICH HAS GONE UNMITIGATED WITH  
7 NO PROTECTIONS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD FROM NOISE ABATEMENT, THE  
8 NOISE POLLUTION, TO THE AIR QUALITY CONCERNs, AND THE EXPOSURE  
9 TO THE LEADED FUEL OPERATING AT THIS FACILITY. WE ARE SEEKING  
10 YOUR SUPPORT FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFORT THAT BEGINS THE PROGRESS  
11 OF WHAT THE COMMUNITY HAS SOUGHT, WHICH IS THE CLOSURE OF  
12 WHITEMAN AIRPORT, BUT I APPRECIATE THE INCLUSION OF THE  
13 IMMEDIATE INTRODUCTION OF CURFEWS THAT WILL HELP TO PROTECT  
14 AND BEGIN FULFILLING A LONG OVERDUE ASK THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS  
15 SOUGHT. AND SO, AGAIN, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, FOR  
16 YOUR PARTNERSHIP, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, IN HELPING US GET US TO  
17 THIS POINT. THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN WAITING MANY, MANY YEARS.  
18 AND I APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO BE OPEN TO THE  
19 CONVERSATION AND ENGAGE IN THIS PARTNERSHIP WITH US TO SEEK  
20 THE JUSTICE THAT WE DESERVE.

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22 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND  
23 YOUR WORK IN THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1   **MARIA CABRERA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH] HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY  
2   NAME IS MARIA CABRERA. AND I AM THANKFUL FOR THE MOTION 20. I  
3   LIVE IN THE AREA, IN PACOIMA AREA, AND IT WORRIES ME THAT  
4   THOSE PRIVATE PLANES, WHO OPERATE WITHIN THE WHITEMAN AIRPORT,  
5   USE THIS GASOLINE, THIS CONTAMINATED GASOLINE WITH LEAD, AND  
6   WHICH IS ALSO CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE MAJOR PART OF THE  
7   RESIDENTS THAT LIVE THERE, THE CHILDREN MOST OF ALL, WHO HAVE  
8   ALSO HAD HEALTH ISSUES. AND IT AFFECTS THEM WITH THEIR  
9   LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT, CREATING MANY HEALTH ISSUES AND ALSO  
10   -- MANY SERIOUS HEALTH ISSUES. AND WE ASK OF YOU TO HELP US  
11   CLOSE THAT AIRPORT THAT DOES NOT BENEFIT ANYONE IN THE  
12   COMMUNITY IN PACOIMA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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16   **DR. DAVID LUNDT:** YES, MY NAME IS DR. DAVID LUNDT. I LIVE IN  
17   SANTA CLARITA. I AM A PILOT, AND MY BUSINESS IS IN THE AREA  
18   NEAR PACOIMA. I USE GENERAL AVIATION TO FURTHER MY BUSINESS,  
19   GOING TO OTHER STATES. AND I THINK ALL OF THE AVIATION  
20   COMMUNITY IS FOR REMOVING THE LEAD FROM FUEL, BUT I AM OPPOSED  
21   TO THE IDEA OF A CURFEW. THE REASON I USE AVIATION IS SO I CAN  
22   DO BUSINESS OVER STATE LINES AND GET BACK WITHOUT HAVING TO  
23   SPEND AN EXTRA NIGHT ON THE FRONT END OR THE BACK END. AND  
24   OFTEN AIRLINE -- COMMERCIAL AIRLINES WON'T GET ME TO THE  
25   DESTINATIONS I NEED. SO I USE WHITEMAN AIRPORT AS MY BASE TO



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1 CONDUCT BUSINESS. ADDITIONALLY, I ALSO VOLUNTEER AND GO TO  
2 HEALTH MISSIONS DOWN IN MEXICO, AND I USE WHITEMAN AIRPORT AS  
3 A LAUNCHING POINT TO TAKE DOCTORS, MYSELF, I AM A DOCTOR, DOWN  
4 TO MEXICO. SO ANYWAY, CURFEW, I AM OPPOSED.

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

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8 **MARIE SAVEDRA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH] HELLO. MY NAME IS MARIE  
9 SAVEDRA, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF PACOIMA. I LIVE TWO BLOCKS  
10 FROM THE AIRPORT. IT'S BEEN DIFFICULT TO TALK TO THE  
11 COMMUNITY. I VOLUNTEER THE PACOIMA BEAUTIFUL, AND IT HAS BEEN  
12 TERRIBLE AND DIFFICULT TO TALK TO THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE  
13 HARMS OF THIS AIRPORT. AND FOR ME, PERSONALLY, IT AFFECTED ME  
14 WITH CANCER. MY HUSBAND CAN'T BREATHE. I TOOK CARE OF MY  
15 GRANDSON FOR 10 YEARS, AND HE HAS DEVELOPED ASTHMA. HE CAN'T  
16 PLAY FOOTBALL. IT IS HARD TO SEE THAT. AND ALSO THE PLANES  
17 LAND IN PEOPLE'S HOMES. THERE'S A PERSON WHERE A PLANE LANDED  
18 IN THEIR HOME, AND THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO RECUPERATE FROM  
19 THAT. SHE IS SUFFERING FROM STRESS DUE TO THAT. SHE HASN'T  
20 GOTTEN OVER IT. WE PLEASE ASK AND WE BEG THAT YOU PLEASE CLOSE  
21 THE AIRPORT. WE ARE HUMANS TOO. HAVE A CONSCIENCE. WE NEED  
22 YOUR SUPPORT TO SEE THE CHILDREN OF OUR CHILDREN AND WATCH FOR  
23 THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY, THANK YOU.

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



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2     **JAMES MILLER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAMES  
3     MILLER. I AM THE CHAIR OF THE FRIENDS OF WHITEMAN. IT IS A  
4     CONSORTIUM OF 400 TENANTS, BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT  
5     ORGANIZATIONS, USERS OF THE AIRPORT, AND RESIDENTS FROM  
6     THROUGHOUT THE AREA, WHO ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING WHITEMAN  
7     AIRPORT A MORE VALUABLE ASSET THAN IT ALREADY IS. AND WE WORK  
8     VERY HARD AT THIS. THIS MOTION HAS FOUR PARTS TO IT. THE FIRST  
9     PART BEING ALREADY BEING WORKED ON AND SUPPORTED HEAVILY BY  
10    PILOTS. THE SECOND ONE IS A CURFEW THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH  
11    LEAD POLLUTION, AND IT SHOULDN'T BE PART OF THE MOTION. THE  
12    THIRD IS TO DO A REVIEW OF THE STUDIES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN  
13    DONE ABOUT THE LEAD, AND I THINK ONCE THAT'S DONE, YOU WILL  
14    REMOVE THE FOURTH, WHICH REQUIRES STICKING NEEDLES IN YOUNG  
15    CHILDREN TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH LEAD IS IN THEIR BLOOD. I THINK  
16    YOU WILL FIND FROM THE THIRD PHASE, WHEN THEY REVIEW IT, THAT  
17    THE LEAD IS NOT THE CAUSE OF LED IN THE KIDS' BLOOD. THANK  
18    YOU.

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

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22    **CATALINO PEREZ:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
23    CATALINO PEREZ, AND I COME FROM THE CITY OF PACOIMA. I LIVED  
24    IN PACOIMA 50 YEARS. THEREFORE, I KNOW EVERYTHING AND ALL THE  
25    PROBLEMS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN PACOIMA. OKAY. SO WHITEMAN



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1 AIRPORT IN PACOIMA GENERATES \$60.8 MILLION IN DIRECT FLIGHTS  
2 OUT. NONE OF THAT REALLY BENEFITS OUR COMMUNITY IN PACOIMA. ON  
3 THE CONTRARY, IT ONLY JEOPARDIZES OUR HEALTH ON A DAILY BASIS.  
4 AND WE WOULD LIKE FOR THIS AIRPORT TO CLOSE NOW THAT IT  
5 JEOPARDIZES US, AND IT JEOPARDIZES US AND ALSO THINK ABOUT THE  
6 FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN, THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU  
7 VERY MUCH, AND MAY YOU HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.

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

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11 **MICHAEL GOURMAND:** MICHAEL GOURMAND SPEAKING FOR WHITEMAN  
12 AIRPORT. I WOULD URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO REVIEW ALL OF THE  
13 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT ARE AT THE AIRPORT AIMED DIRECTLY  
14 AT THE YOUTH OF THE COMMUNITY. AND IT IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THE  
15 AIRPORT STRIVES TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR. AND AS A GOOD NEIGHBOR,  
16 WE ARE ALL IN FAVOR OF THE UNLEADED FUELS. AND EVEN THOUGH IT  
17 WILL COST -- IT WILL IMPOSE AN EXTRA EXPENSE UPON THE USERS,  
18 YOU WON'T FIND ANY OBJECTIONS ARE AS WHITEMAN AIRPORT TO  
19 SWITCHING OVER. WHAT I WOULD ASK THE SUPERVISORS TO DO IS TO  
20 DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE  
21 ABLE TO USE THE NEW FUELS, TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THEM, AS  
22 SOON AS THE F.A.A. APPROVES THEM AND THE MANUFACTURERS ARE  
23 ABLE TO DELIVER THEM AT ALL POSSIBLE SPEED. THANK YOU.

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



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2 **MARIA GUZMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA GUZMAN. I WORK  
3 IN PACOIMA. THERE IS NO CURFEW AT THE WHITEMAN AIRPORT. AIR  
4 TRAFFIC IS ALLOWED TO RUN 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK. WE,  
5 THE RESIDENTS, DESERVE A PEACEFUL NIGHT, ESPECIALLY OUR  
6 CHILDREN. PLEASE, SUPPORT SHUT DOWN WHITEMAN CAMPAIGN. THANK  
7 YOU.

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

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11 **CRYSTAL REYES:** HI MY NAME IS CRYSTAL REYES. I AM A COMMUNITY  
12 MEMBER. I LIVE IN PACOIMA, AND I AM ALSO A BUSINESS OWNER IN  
13 THE COMMUNITY OF PACOIMA. AND THE -- I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF  
14 THE CURFEW AS WELL AS THE SHUT DOWN OF THE AIRPORT. WORKING  
15 AND LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS HAS HAD A  
16 HUGE IMPACT ON MY MENTAL HEALTH, ON MY SLEEP, AND JUST  
17 EVERYTHING THAT I DO IN GENERAL. THERE'S ALWAYS AIRPLANES  
18 ABOVE ME. I HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE OF MY COMMUNITY TO BE ABLE TO  
19 TAKE BUSINESS CALLS TO BE ABLE TO WORK. I AM RAISING KIDS IN  
20 THE COMMUNITY. WE MOVED BACK AT THE PEAK OF THE PANDEMIC WHERE  
21 MY KIDS WERE INTRODUCED TO GOING TO SCHOOL THROUGH ZOOM, AND  
22 THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO TAKE THEIR CLASSES BECAUSE THE AIRPORT  
23 WAS CONSTANTLY INTERRUPTING THE CLASSROOM WITH LOUD NOISE. AND  
24 THEY -- EVEN THOUGH NOW THEY ARE IN CLASS, THEY ARE STILL



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1 EXPERIENCING THIS NOISE IN THEIR CLASSROOMS ABOVE THEIR  
2 SCHOOLS.

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

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6 **DANIEL MOLINA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS DANIEL MOLINA. I AM  
7 HERE IN SUPPORT OF SHUT DOWN OF WHITEMAN AIRPORT. I AM A  
8 RESIDENT OF GRANADA HILLS, A NEIGHBORING CITY OF PACOIMA IN  
9 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. THE REASON WHY I AM HERE IS BECAUSE I  
10 GREW UP AROUND NO AIRPORT. I GREW UP AROUND NO DANGER, AS  
11 SUCH, AND HAVING FRIENDS THAT LIVE IN THE AREA HAS REALLY  
12 OPENED MY EYES BECAUSE IT AFFECTS MANY CITIES, SYLMAR, SAN  
13 FERNANDO, PACOIMA. IT HAS MANY DAYCARES, CHILDREN NEARBY THAT  
14 DO GET AFFECTED BY THIS. IT IS FOR RECREATIONAL USE,  
15 GENERATING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, BUT NONE OF THOSE DOLLARS GO  
16 TO PACOIMA, AND PACOIMA DESERVES MORE THAN THAT, AND WE ALL  
17 KNOW THAT. I ASK YOU THIS, TRAVEL IS NECESSARY. I HAVE A SHIRT  
18 WITH PLANES ON IT. TRAVEL IS NECESSARY. WE HAVE L.A.X., VAN  
19 NUYS, BURBANK, BUT LET ME ASK YOU THIS, CARS ARE NECESSARY FOR  
20 TRAVEL AS WELL. HOW WOULD ALL THESE PILOTS LIKE IT IF I WENT  
21 OUTSIDE THEIR HOUSE AND DID DONUTS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT  
22 FOR MY PLEASURE? THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

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1   **DELIA RODRIGUEZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DELIA RODRIGUEZ. I AM A  
2   PROUD COMMUNITY MEMBER AND PRODUCT OF PACOIMA. I STAND FIRMLY  
3   BEHIND THE SHUT DOWN WHITEMAN AIRPORT CAMPAIGN. I AM HERE  
4   TODAY TO THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR HER COURAGE TO STAND FOR  
5   THE PACOIMA COMMUNITY, WHO HAS BEEN ASKING FOR THIS ULTIMATE  
6   CLOSURE. WE ARE A WORKING CLASS COMMUNITY THAT DOESN'T HAVE  
7   THE LEISURE TIME TO FLY RECREATIONALLY, NOR ARE WE A COMMUNITY  
8   THAT WOULD WANT TO PLACE THOSE LIVING IN PACOIMA UNDER A  
9   PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT FOR A HOBBY. PACOIMA DESERVES A FUTURE  
10   FILLED WITH GENERATIONAL HEALTH VERSUS GENERATIONAL HARM. THIS  
11   IS NOT JUST ABOUT POLLUTION. IT IS ABOUT PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST.  
12   OUR COMMUNITY HAS ALREADY FACED MULTIPLE SOURCES OF POLLUTION,  
13   AND WE CANNOT AFFORD TO ENDURE ANY MORE. WE CANNOT WAIT  
14   ANOTHER DAY FOR THERE TO BE AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL. WE NEED THERE  
15   TO BE A BAN. LIKE SUPERVISOR BARGER SAID BUREAUCRACY IS GOING  
16   TO KILL US. OUR CHILDREN, LIKE MY NIECE AND NEPHEW, ARE THE  
17   MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A  
18   FUTURE WHERE I CAN RAISE MY FUTURE KIDS WITHOUT THE RISK OF  
19   AIRPLANE ACCIDENTS AND LEAD POLLUTION. IT IS YOUR AND OUR  
20   RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THEM. SO LET'S COME TOGETHER, FIND  
21   SOLUTIONS, AND LET'S SHUT DOWN THIS AIRPORT, BUT MOST  
22   IMPORTANTLY, LET'S BUILD THE STEPPING STONES, THANK YOU.  
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24   **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.  
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1   **MIGUEL MIGUEL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MIGUEL  
2   MIGUEL A POLICY ASSISTANT WITH PACOIMA BEAUTIFUL AND A  
3   LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. I AM HERE TO  
4   ADVOCATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR ITEM 20, AS THEY PROVIDE A TEMPORARY  
5   RELIEF FOR THE COMMUNITY OF PACOIMA AND THE NORTHEAST SAN  
6   FERNANDO VALLEY. HOWEVER, WE NEED TO ASSURE THAT THE  
7   ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM CREATED BY THIS LAND USE IS ERADICATED  
8   THROUGH THE CLOSURE OF THE WHITEMAN AIRPORT. REPORTS STATE  
9   THAT LEAD ALREADY EXISTS IN OUR AIR AND THAT WE HAVE TO BE  
10   OKAY WITH THOSE LEVELS THAT EXIST. UNFORTUNATELY, LEAD AT ANY  
11   LEVEL IS NOT OKAY. I STATED EARLIER THE E.P.A. ALREADY FOUND  
12   THAT LEADED AVIATION IS AN ENDANGERMENT TO OUR COMMUNITIES  
13   LIVING NEXT TO THESE TYPES AIRPORTS. THIS IS CHANCE TO STEP  
14   AWAY FROM A NICHE FORM OF TRANSPORTATION THAT IS ONLY SERVING  
15   A FEW AND FINALLY LISTEN TO THE MAJORITY LATINO POPULATION OF  
16   THIS COMMUNITY AND SHUT DOWN THIS AIRPORT. THANK YOU.

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

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20   **VERONICA PADILLA CAMPOS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS VERONICA  
21   PADILLA CAMPOS. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PACOIMA  
22   BEAUTIFUL. REALLY HAPPY TO BE HERE WITH YOU AND WITH OUR  
23   COMMUNITY MEMBERS. I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 20,  
24   SPECIFICALLY THE CURFEW THAT WE ARE PROPOSING. MY HOPE IS THAT  
25   NOT ONLY THE OWNERS AND THE USERS OF THE AIRPORT RESPECT THIS,



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1 SINCE IT IS VOLUNTARY, I HOPE THEY CAN RESPECT IT AND BE  
2 BETTER NEIGHBORS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE HISTORY  
3 OF LEAD THAT IS GOING TO BE OBSERVED AND STUDIED, BUT MY HOPE  
4 IS THAT EVENTUALLY WE CAN ALSO DO SOME CURRENT LEAD TESTING OF  
5 THE CHILDREN AND RESIDENTS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WE  
6 RECENTLY READ THAT THE E.P.A. PUT OUT AN ENDANGERMENT WARNING  
7 REGARDING THE FUELS USED AT THIS AIRPORT. I AM VERY CONCERNED.  
8 I THINK WE SHOULD ALL BE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS. AND THIS IS WHY  
9 I AM REALLY HAPPY WE ARE BANNING THE LEAD FUEL, BUT I HOPE WE  
10 CAN DO IT SOONER THAN LATER. IT'S BEEN OPERATING FOR WAY TOO  
11 LONG, DISRESPECTING THE COMMUNITY FOR WAY TOO LONG. AND I HOPE  
12 THAT WE CAN PUT GENERATIONAL HEALTH BEFORE GENERATIONAL HARM.  
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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15 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY MORE SPEAKERS? I JUST  
16 ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE CONGRESSMAN CARDENAS HAS BEEN A GOOD  
17 COLLABORATOR AND PARTNER WITH US IN THIS EFFORT, AND HIS  
18 OFFICE HAS BEEN IN CLOSE COMMUNICATION WITH MINE AS WE TAKE  
19 THESE NEXT STEPS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE  
22 TAKING THE TIME AND STAYING THROUGH THE WHOLE MEETING TO SPEAK  
23 ON THIS ITEM. WE KNOW THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU. SO ITEM 20  
24 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY



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1 SUPERVISOR BARGER -- SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE  
2 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 20 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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16 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
19 BARGER.

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21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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



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

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM 91B, WHICH  
5 IS THE RESPONSE TO INCREASE IN ANTI-L.G.B.T.Q.+ HATE INCIDENTS  
6 ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR  
7 HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE  
8 PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR  
9 HORVATH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS?

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11 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. OUR L.G.B.T. COMMUNITIES  
12 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE HURTING. THEY ARE EXPERIENCING A  
13 PAINFUL AND DISTURBING RISE IN HATE AND VIOLENCE TARGETING  
14 THEM, THEIR PUBLIC SPACES, AND THEIR LIVES. AND I WANT TO  
15 ESPECIALLY ACKNOWLEDGE MY FAMILY FROM TRANS-LATINA COALITION,  
16 WHO HAVE HUNG WITH US ALL DAY TO BE HERE FOR THIS MOMENT. SO  
17 THANK YOU. AS PART OF L.A. COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO COMBAT HATE AND  
18 PROMOTE EQUITY AND JUSTICE, WE MUST TAKE CONCRETE STEPS TO  
19 PROTECT L.G.B.T. COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND ALLIES THROUGHOUT L.A.  
20 COUNTY. THIS MOTION IS OVERDUE. AND ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER  
21 25TH, HATE MANIFESTED IN YET ANOTHER DANGEROUS WAY AT A DRAG  
22 STORY TIME EVENT AT OUR SAN FERNANDO BRANCH LIBRARY, FEATURING  
23 PICKLE THE DRAG QUEEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD DRAG'S LAUREATE. AS THE  
24 EVENT WAS PLANNED TO BEGIN, DESPITE THE PRESENCE OF LOCAL LAW  
25 ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, PROTESTERS BLOCKED AND POUNDED ON



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1   DOORS, INTIMIDATED WOULD BE ATTENDEES, AND SHOUTED OBSCENITIES  
2   AND SLURS. EVEN AS COUNTY OFFICIALS AND STAFF DEPARTED, THE  
3   PROTESTERS WERE ABLE TO PHYSICALLY INTIMIDATE INDIVIDUALS AND  
4   SURROUND VEHICLES, EVEN PLACING A BABY STROLLER IN THE WAY OF  
5   VEHICLES ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE THE PREMISES. L.G.B.T.Q. PEOPLE  
6   HAVE A RIGHT TO FREE EXPRESSION, TO ASSEMBLY, TO EXIST, TO BE  
7   WHO THEY ARE. AND THE BEHAVIOR THAT WAS DEMONSTRATED THAT DAY  
8   IS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE. THIS SAME WEEK, AT U.C.L.A., A  
9   STUDENT WAS TARGETED AND PHYSICALLY INJURED WHEN A WHITE SEDAN  
10   APPROACHED AND AN OCCUPANT YELLED A HOMOPHOBIC SLUR AND SHOT  
11   THE STUDENT IN THE FACE WITH A B.B. GUN, STRIKING HIM BELOW  
12   THE EYE. THESE TWO INCIDENTS ARE TWO OF MANY, FAR TOO MANY. I  
13   KNOW THIS BOARD IS SERIOUS ABOUT COMBATING HATE. PUBLIC  
14   PROGRAMS AND PUBLIC SPACES WITH L.G.B.T.Q. PEOPLE MUST BE ABLE  
15   TO TAKE PLACE, AND THEY MUST BE ABLE TO TAKE PLACE WITHOUT  
16   VIOLENCE OR THREATS OF VIOLENCE. THIS MOTION TODAY ASKS OUR  
17   C.E.O. TO WORK WITH MY STAFF, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,  
18   A.R.D.I., THE LIBRARY, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR HUMAN RELATIONS  
19   COMMISSION, AND MANY OF OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ LED COMMUNITY PARTNERS  
20   TO CREATE A REPORT ON ANTI-L.G.B.T.Q.+ INCIDENTS AND MEASURES  
21   THAT THE COUNTY HAS AND COULD TAKE TO BETTER ENSURE THE SAFETY  
22   OF THE COMMUNITY. THIS MOTION, MOST CONSEQUENTLY, WILL CREATE  
23   A COMMUNITY SENSITIVE SITE SAFETY BLUEPRINT, TO INCLUDE BEST  
24   PRACTICES FOR SECURING SENSITIVE SITES TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC  
25   PROGRAMMING AND/OR SERVICES ARE NOT HALTED BY VIOLENCE OR

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1    THREATS OF VIOLENCE TARGETING L.G.B.T.Q.+ PEOPLE. THOUGH NOT  
2    HELD TOGETHER, I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR  
3    SUPPORT OF ITEMS 91A, PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 13TH THROUGH 19TH  
4    AS TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK, AND NOVEMBER 20TH AS  
5    TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE. A DAY WHERE WE REMEMBER THE  
6    COUNTLESS TRANS LIVES LOST TO SENSELESS VIOLENCE. I KNOW MANY  
7    IN OUR T.G.I. COMMUNITIES ARE ESPECIALLY HURTING, AND I WANT  
8    YOU TO KNOW I SEE YOU. I HEAR YOU. AND I JOIN IN YOUR GRIEF,  
9    AND WE MOURN TOGETHER, BUT WE ALSO HAVE POWER. POWER TO  
10   COLLECTIVELY TURN OUR GRIEF INTO ACTION, AND THAT'S WHAT THIS  
11   MOTION AND ALL OF OUR COMBINED MOTIONS DO TODAY. I ASK MY  
12   COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT, AND I APPRECIATE THEIR STEADFAST  
13   COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY. AS WE JUST  
14   HEARD THIS WEEK, OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FROM THE CITY OF WEST  
15   HOLLYWOOD TO SAN FERNANDO, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT THIS  
16   WORK, AND WE WILL KEEP ON FIGHTING TO ROOT OUT HATE FROM LOS  
17   ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

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21   **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR  
22   BRINGING THIS CRITICAL MOTION FORWARD TODAY. I AM SO SORRY TO  
23   HEAR THAT YOUR STAFF AND OUR COUNTY LIBRARY STAFF AND THE  
24   FAMILIES HAD TO GO THROUGH THAT HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE IN SAN  
25   FERNANDO LIBRARY. NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO EXPERIENCE ANYTHING



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1 LIKE THAT. IN MY DISTRICT, WE HAVE ALSO SEEN INCREASES IN  
2 HOMOPHOBIC AND TRANSPHOBIC INCIDENTS. IN FACT, SEVERAL OF OUR  
3 PRIDE FLAGS AT L.A. COUNTY PARKS WERE VANDALIZED AND STOLEN.  
4 AND EVEN MY STAFF AT COUNTY PARKS FACED OPPOSITION AT ONE OF  
5 OUR PRIDE EVENTS IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS BACK IN JUNE. AND AS WE  
6 CONTINUE TO UPLIFT OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITIES AND PROMOTE  
7 EQUALITY AND DIGNITY AND RESPECT FOR EVERYONE, WE CAN  
8 ANTICIPATE MORE OF THESE HATEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS AND HARASSMENT  
9 AT OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ EVENTS. SO WE MUST TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE  
10 THE SAFETY OF OUR STAFF AND OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS. AND I AM  
11 HAPPY TO SUPPORT THE MOTION SO THAT THE COUNTY WORKS ON A PLAN  
12 TO PROTECT OUR STAFF, OUR RESIDENTS, AND THOSE AMONGST US TO  
13 FIGHT ANTI-L.G.B.T.Q.+ INCIDENTS AS THEY OCCUR. AND HAVING A  
14 LIAISON AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO CAN FOCUS ON  
15 DEVELOPING SECURITY PLANS AND PROTOCOLS WILL HELP US, AND  
16 ESPECIALLY IN AREAS THAT ARE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. THANK  
17 YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AND I PLAN TO SUPPORT THIS.  
18 THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I FULLY SUPPORT THE  
23 MOTION, AND WOULD JUST ASK THAT, AS YOU FIGURE OUT COMMUNITY  
24 PARTNERS THAT WILL PARTICIPATE, THAT WE NOT FORGET SEGMENTS OF  
25 THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY THAT AREN'T ALWAYS OVERREPRESENTED



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1 IN TRADITIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. Bambi Sausito and I have had  
2 THIS CONVERSATION FOR MANY YEARS. SO, I AM THINKING OF BLANK  
3 TRANSWOMEN, WHO HAVE A DISPROPORTIONATE RATE OF VIOLENCE  
4 EXPRESSED TOWARDS THEM, AND TRANS YOUTH. JUST HOPING THAT WE  
5 ARE REALLY BROAD IN OUR SCOPE IN TERMS OF WHO WILL BE A PART  
6 OF BUILDING THIS COMMUNITY SENSITIVE SITE SAFETY BLUEPRINT. I  
7 THINK FOR SOME OF THOSE COMMUNITIES, OUR IDEAS OF WHO UPHOLDS  
8 SAFETY ARE NOT WHO THEY NECESSARILY FEEL SAFEST WITH. SO  
9 HOPING THAT THEIR VOICES WILL NOT BE LOST IN THIS  
10 CONVERSATION. HAPPY TO SUPPORT THE MOTION.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
13 HORVATH, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I PLAN ON SUPPORTING IT AS  
14 WELL. THE RISE IN THESE ANTI-DRAG PROTESTS AND VIOLENCE TOWARD  
15 THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS IS DEEPLY  
16 TROUBLING. AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS TAKEN SEVERAL STANDS TO  
17 SAY THAT WE DO NOT TOLERATE ANY FORM OF HATE. AND I, TOO,  
18 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AM SO SORRY -- WAS HORRIFIED TO HEAR OF  
19 YOUR EXPERIENCE THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAD AT THE RECENT DRAG  
20 STORY TIME EVENT IN YOUR DISTRICT. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THIS  
21 EXPERIENCE IS BECOMING TOO COMMON FOR OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+\n  
22 NEIGHBORS. AND EVEN EVENTS LIKE DRAG STORY TIME, THAT ARE  
23 SUPPOSED TO BE BEAUTIFUL, COMMUNITY-CENTERED EVENTS TO BRING  
24 PEOPLE TOGETHER, ARE BECOMING THE TARGET OF HATEFUL AND  
25 VIOLENT ATTACKS. I THINK THE IDEA OF CREATING COMMUNITY



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1 SENSITIVE SITES AS PLACES WITH ADDED LAYERS OF PROTECTION FOR  
2 OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY IS AN INTERESTING IDEA. I REALLY  
3 LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT THAT MEANS AND THE DETAILS THAT  
4 WILL HELP US SHAPE WHAT THAT CAN BE THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. I,  
5 IN MY DISTRICT IN WHITTIER, WE ARE OPENING THE FIRST EVER  
6 L.G.B.T.Q.+ CENTER. IT WILL BE OPEN IN FEBRUARY, AND I THINK  
7 IF WE CREATE THESE SENSITIVE COMMUNITY SITES, MAYBE THAT COULD  
8 BE A POTENTIAL DESIGNATION AS WELL BECAUSE WE ARE ALREADY  
9 FEELING SOME NOT TOO WELCOMING RESPONSES TO THAT CENTER. SO  
10 THANK YOU FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION, AND I PLAN TO SUPPORT  
11 IT AS WELL. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE  
12 PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME  
15 FORWARD: BEA CURELL, BYRON JOSE, AND SARAH REYES. PLEASE COME  
16 FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR  
17 PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS  
18 ITEM 91B ONLY, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1  
19 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY  
20 WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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22 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS KATHRYN GARDNER. PLEASE GO  
23 AHEAD.

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1   **KATHRYN GARDNER:** HI. THANK YOU FOR INTRODUCING 91B. A SHAMEFUL  
2   INCIDENT IN OCTOBER AT THE SAN FERNANDO LIBRARY SAW DRAG QUEEN  
3   PICKLES AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH CHASED TO THEIR CARS WHILE THE  
4   HATE GROUP, LEAVE OUR KIDS ALONE, OR L.O.K.A., WAS ALLOWED BY  
5   POLICE TO REMAIN AND CLAIM VICTORY FOR THEIR CAUSE. THIS IS  
6   ONLY THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF EVENTS THAT ALLOWED THIS  
7   PARTICULAR HATE GROUP TO CLAIM PUBLIC SPACE WHILE DISPLACING  
8   L.A.'S QUEER FOLKS. THE OTHER EVENTS WERE SEQUOIA ELEMENTARY,  
9   JUNE 2ND, WHERE AN UNHOUSED L.G.B.T.Q. ALLY WAS BEATEN TO THE  
10   POINT OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS. IN GLENDALE ON 6/6 AND 6/20,  
11   L.O.K.A. WAS ALLOWED TO ENCIRCLE L.G.B.T.Q. FOLKS. VIOLENCE  
12   ENSUED. AND IN DOWNTOWN L.A. ON 8/22, POLICE TARGETED QUEER  
13   FOLKS RATHER THAN THE HATE GROUP MENACING THEM. THESE EVENTS,  
14   TAKEN AS A WHOLE, FORM A PATTERN OF SYSTEMIC DISCRIMINATION.  
15   IT IS THE SAME PEOPLE ATTACKING QUEER PEOPLE AGAIN AND AGAIN,  
16   MAKING PUBLIC LIFE UNSAFE FOR ONE GROUP. OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
17   MUST HOLD OUR POLICE DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR FAILURE  
18   TO PROTECT OUR L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY. OTHERWISE THEIR SILENCE  
19   AMOUNTS TO TACIT APPROVAL FOR GOVERNMENT SANCTIONED QUEER  
20   BASHING. THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION.

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

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24   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JUNE PANUSHKIN. PLEASE GO  
25   AHEAD.



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2 **JUNE PANUSHKIN:** THANK YOU, MODERATOR. AND THANK YOU TO  
3 SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR, FIRST OF ALL, HOSTING THAT EVENT IN  
4 SAN FERNANDO AND MAKING SURE THAT THE QUEER COMMUNITY HAS  
5 VISIBILITY WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS A TRANSGENDER  
6 INDIVIDUAL AND A U.C.L.A. STUDENT, THESE ISSUES HAVE STARTED  
7 TO HIT HOME. VERY RECENTLY, I KNOW THAT INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS HIT  
8 WITH A B.B. GUN WALKING RIGHT NEXT TO MY DORM ON CAMPUS AT  
9 U.C.L.A. AND IT CREATED AN ENVIRONMENT OF FEAR FOR QUEER  
10 PEOPLE TO BE EXISTING ON CAMPUS IN LOS ANGELES. SCHOOL BOARDS  
11 HAVE BECOME BREEDING GROUNDS FOR HOMOPHOBIC AND TRANSPHOBIC  
12 POLICIES ONCE AGAIN, AND IT IS UP TO THE COUNTY TO MAKE SURE  
13 THAT OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE  
14 COUNTY ARE TAKING THE RIGHT STEPS TO, FIRST OF ALL, NOT  
15 EMBOLDEN HOMOPHOBIA TO TAKE ROOT, NOT TO IMPRESS UPON CHILDREN  
16 AND TEACHERS THE IDEA THAT L.G.B.T.Q. IDENTITIES SHOULD BE  
17 SILENCED, AND TO MAKE SURE THAT CHILDREN ARE TAUGHT OF THE  
18 VISIBILITY THAT QUEER COMMUNITIES NEED TO BECAUSE TO REMOVE  
19 THE VISIBILITY OF QUEER PEOPLE AND CULTURE IS TO REMOVE THEIR  
20 NORMALCY FROM SOCIETY. MANY OF THE OPPOSING SIDES TO THIS  
21 MOTION --

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

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1   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ANGELA JAVONT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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3   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HELLO?

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5   **MODERATOR:** ANGELA, POSSIBLY YOU HAVE YOUR MUTE BUTTON ON?

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7   **ANGELA JAVONT:** OH, I AM SO SORRY. THANK YOU. I SUPPORT THE  
8   ACTIONS CALLED FOR IN 91B AND HOPE THE BOARD, CITY, AND  
9   EVERYONE LISTENING WILL TAKE SERIOUSLY THE THREAT POSED BY THE  
10   GROUP CALLING THEMSELVES LEAVE OUR KIDS ALONG AND THEIR  
11   ALLIES, MANY WHO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING  
12   THE CALIFORNIA POLICY CENTER, CALIFORNIA FAMILY COUNCIL, AND  
13   OTHER RIGHT WING GROUPS. AS A LOCAL PARENT, I HAVE WITNESSED  
14   AS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE FACED THREATS, HARASSMENT, AND  
15   VIOLENT OUTBREAKS AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS FROM PEOPLE USING  
16   THE FALSE RHETORIC OF PARENTAL RIGHTS. I HAVE WATCHED THESE  
17   SAME PEOPLE CALL TEACHERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS GROOMERS AND  
18   PEDOPHILES AND WORSE, WHILE L.G.B.T.Q.+ INDIVIDUALS IN OUR  
19   COMMUNITY FACE RELENTLESS HARASSMENT, VIOLENCE, THREATS, AND  
20   HAVE HAD HOMES AND BUSINESSES VANDALIZED. THE RECENT CLOSURE  
21   OF THE SAN FERNANDO LIBRARY BY THESE AGITATORS SHOULD BE A  
22   WAKEUP CALL FOR ALL OF US. EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO PROTEST AND  
23   VOICE THEIR OPINIONS. HOWEVER, THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE PART OF  
24   ORGANIZED EFFORTS TO BRING VIOLENCE AND BIGOTRY EVERYWHERE  
25   THEY GO. WE CANNOT ALLOW THEM TO CONTINUE TO HARM OUR QUEER



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1 COMMUNITY OR ROB US OF OUR PUBLIC RESOURCES, WHETHER THOSE ARE  
2 HOSPITALS, LIBRARIES, OR SCHOOLS.

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS STEVEN MARTIN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.  
7 YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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9 **STEVEN MARTIN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR  
10 BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. YOU KNOW, I THINK RIGHT NOW THE  
11 MOST IMPORTANT THING WE NEED TO DO IN THIS DEMOCRACY IS BUILD  
12 TRUST IN INSTITUTIONS, AND I HOPE THE BODY FINDS CREATIVE AND  
13 AMBITIOUS EXAMPLES TO COUNTER THESE DISORGANIZED PROTESTS THAT  
14 ARE BECOMING LETHAL. MORE IMPORTANTLY, I HOPE THIS BOARD TAKES  
15 THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS SERIOUSLY AND USES THE POWER OF THEIR  
16 BUDGETS TO FUND THEM TO THE FULLEST EXTENT. IT IS NOT SAFE TO  
17 BE QUEER IN EVERY PART OF LOS ANGELES, AND IT IS TIME FOR  
18 ORGANIZED INSTITUTIONS TO CORRECT THIS COURSE AND SET EXAMPLES  
19 FOR THE QUEER COMMUNITY WHO ARE LIVING IN PLACES WHERE THEY  
20 ARE NOT SAFE IN NUMBERS TO SPEAK OUT FOR THEIR SAFETY. THANK  
21 YOU.

22

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MARIA MARDIAZ. PLEASE GO AHEAD.



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2 **MARIA MARDIAZ:** HELLO.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HELLO.

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6 **MARIA MARDIAZ:** HELLO.

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HELLO.

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10 **MARIA MARDIAZ:** YES. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

13

14 **MARIA MARDIAZ:** OKAY. SO THIS IS IN REGARD TO 91B. DIVERSITY  
15 AND INCLUSIVENESS ARE THE OVERUSED TERMS THAT ARE MAKING  
16 PERVERSE EVENTS [INDISERNIBLE] TO SEXUALIZE CHILDREN. IT IS  
17 NOT A HIDDEN AGENDA THAT IS HAPPENING ALL OVER THE U.S. AND  
18 WHY ARE CONCERNED PARENTS THAT ARE STANDING TO PROTECT MINORS  
19 ARE BEING DEFAMED AS A HATEFUL GROUP. EARLIER IN THE MEETING,  
20 YOU LADIES WERE SUPER PROUD OF BEING WOMEN ALL ON THE BOARD. I  
21 SAY THAT YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED TO WRITE ONE-SIDED RESPONSES  
22 ONLY SIDING WITH A GROUP OF CONFUSED PEOPLE THAT ARE  
23 EXPERIMENTING ON CHILDREN AND ADDING TO THE DEMOCRATIC AGENDA  
24 OF EMASCULATING MEN. THIS RECOMMENDATION ONLY VALIDATES THE  
25 COMMUNIST, [INDISCERNIBLE] AMERICA, HAMAS, RACIST SUPPORTERS



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1 AND SATANIC WORSHIPERS THAT SHOW UP TO SCHOOL BOARDS AND OTHER  
2 LOCATIONS MENTIONED, EVEN THE SCHOOL. AND ANTIFA IS HITTING  
3 AND SCREAMING AT PARENTS.

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

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8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ANNETTE PANTOYA. PLEASE GO  
9 AHEAD.

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11 **ANNETTE PANTOYA:** I AM A MOTHER OF THREE. I'M COMPLETELY  
12 OPPOSED OF ALLOWING GROWN ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY MEN, WHO ARE  
13 KNOWINGLY LIVING OUT A FORM OF PERVERSION, BY BEING INVOLVED  
14 WITH INNOCENT CHILDREN. THIS IS MORE THAN READING BOOKS, AND  
15 WE ALL KNOW THIS. HOW FAR HAS THIS WORLD GONE FROM OUR LORD  
16 JESUS THAT LAWMAKERS TURN AWAY AND COVER THEIR EYES AND HIDE  
17 AND SAVE THEIR JOB OR GAIN A HIGHER POSITION? WHERE ARE THE  
18 PROTECTORS OF THE CHILDREN?

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ANI GREGORIAN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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24 **ANI GREGORIAN:** HI. I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT THE OCTOBER 25TH  
25 MEETING WAS ABSOLUTELY JUSTIFIED. MEN WHO CLAIM TO HAVE FEMALE



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1 IDENTITIES WITH BOWS AROUND THEIR GENITAL AREA SHOULD NOT BE  
2 TEACHING CHILDREN ABOUT GENDER IDENTITY DISORDERS. I THINK  
3 THAT LINDSEY IS ALSO VERY BIASED IN THE FACT THAT SHE IS ALSO  
4 LYING. PARENTS DID NOT BLOCK HER CAR. THERE ARE MULTIPLE  
5 VIDEOS PROVING THAT. PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS COLLUDED TO  
6 GIVE SPACE FOR HER CAR TO LEAVE. SHE IS NOT MENTIONING THAT  
7 THE ONLY VIOLENT PEOPLE THERE WERE TWO PEOPLE. ONE OF THEM  
8 WHICH WAS AN ANTIFA PHOTOGRAPHER, WHO IS A CRIMINAL. SHE  
9 ASSAULTED ONE OF THE PARENTS, PHYSICALLY. SHE HAS NOT  
10 MENTIONED THIS, VERY INTERESTING. AND THEN THE SECOND ONE WAS  
11 ANOTHER GIRL, WHO THREW A CHAIR AT A DISABLED, ELDERLY MAN,  
12 WHO HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OUR GROUP. SHE CLAIMED TO BE A  
13 BUSINESS OWNER THERE. THAT'S NOT VERIFIED. SO PLEASE STOP  
14 PAINTING US IN A VIOLENT LIGHT. THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH  
15 L.G.B.T. PARENTS KEEP TELLING YOU THAT.

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

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20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER JAYLENE DAVIDSON. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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22 **JAYLENE DAVIDSON:** OKAY. AND LIKE THEY STATED THERE'S MUCH TO  
23 SHOW YOU THAT THE STUFF THAT HORVATH IS SAYING IS UNTRUE. THIS  
24 IS NOT ABOUT HATE FOR L.G.B.T.Q.+. WHAT YOU DO AS AN ADULT IS  
25 UP TO YOU. THAT'S BETWEEN YOU AND GOD, BUT YOU DON'T GET TO



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1 COME AFTER OUR KIDS. AND BY THE WAY, PICKLES AND EVERYBODY  
2 ELSE SAID THEY ARE COMING FOR OUR KIDS, AND YOU WENT FOR  
3 PRESCHOOL KIDS. THAT IS AN UNGODLY THING. I WOULD REMIND YOU  
4 TO READ MATTHEW 18:6. ANYONE WHO HURTS THESE CHILDREN, IT  
5 WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU TO PUT A NOOSE AROUND YOU NECK AND  
6 THROW YOURSELF INTO THE SEA. THESE ARE CHILDREN. WHY ARE YOU  
7 NOT PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN? WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AS AN ADULT  
8 IS FINE. I DON'T CARE. I DO CARE THAT YOU COME AFTER PRESCHOOL  
9 AND CHILDREN AND TRY AND SEXUALIZE THEM. THAT'S WRONG. IT IS  
10 EVIL. AND IF YOU SUPPORT THIS, YOU WILL ALL BE HELD  
11 ACCOUNTABLE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, BUT YOU ARE NOT GOING TO GET  
12 PARENTS TO STOP --

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS TRAMEL CARTER. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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19 **TRAMEL CARTER:** HI, I AM CALLING IN REGARDS TO THIS AMENDMENT  
20 THAT WAS OPPOSED. I AM IN AGREEMENT WITH EVERYONE HAVING THEIR  
21 RIGHTS. I DON'T BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE MISTREATED. BUT ONCE  
22 AGAIN, THE DISPARITY OF CERTAIN GROUPS. AN EXAMPLE, WE ARE  
23 BEING TOLD THAT THE L.G.B.T. COMMUNITY THERE, THEY HAVE ALL  
24 THESE DISPARITIES, BUT IF YOU GO TO THE BUS STOP IN L.G.B.T.Q.  
25 AREA, THEY HAVE PHONE CHARGERS. IF YOU GO IN HOLLY MITCHELL'S



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1 AREA, WHICH HER CONSTITUENTS TOLD HER ABOUT, THEY DON'T HAVE  
2 PHONE CHARGERS. SO AS THOUGH THE L.G.B.T.Q., IF THEY WANT  
3 EQUALITY, THEY HAVE TO BE UNDERSTANDING THAT OTHER GROUPS OF  
4 PEOPLE WANT THE SAME THING THEY HAVE ALREADY GOT. THE BOARD OF  
5 SUPERVISORS HAS CONTINUED TO ALLOW CERTAIN GROUPS OF PEOPLE TO  
6 GET MORE THINGS THAN OTHERS. GO IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, THERE  
7 ARE NO CHARGES AT THE BUS STOPS. GO IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, THE  
8 L.G.B.T.Q., THEY HAVE THAT. SO WHEN ARE THE BOARD OF  
9 SUPERVISORS GOING TO DO UNBIASED THINGS AND BE FAIR TO ALL  
10 GROUPS OF PEOPLE? MRS. MITCHELL, YOUR CONSTITUENTS THAT YOU  
11 HAVEN'T RESPONDED TO ABOUT THIS, AND THEY HAVE PRESENTED THIS  
12 TO YOUR OFFICE, YOU CONTINUOUSLY DO NOT PROTECT BLACK PEOPLE,  
13 MS. MITCHELL. SO GO THROUGH WEST HOLLYWOOD, AS YOU SAID, MS.  
14 MITCHELL, TO MEET YOU IN YOUR AREA, WHAT --

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

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19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE GO  
20 AHEAD.

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22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM GLAD TO SEE  
23 THAT YOU ARE PUTTING SOME EFFORT TO PREVENT MORE ATTACKS OF  
24 THE L.G.B.T.Q. SOCIETY. WHAT IT IS REALLY SAD RIGHT NOW IS  
25 EACH GROUP FIGHTING AGAINST EACH OTHER. THAT NEEDS TO STOP. WE



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1 ARE IN A VERY SAD PERIOD OF TIME, SO I AM GLAD TO SEE YOU ARE  
2 PUTTING SOME EFFORT ON SOLVING SOME OF THOSE PROBLEMS. THANK  
3 YOU VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LET'S GO TO IN-PERSON. HELLO.

6

7 **BYRON JOSE:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
8 IS BYRON JOSE WITH THE TRANS-LATINA COALITION. THANK YOU,  
9 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR INTRODUCING -- FOR AUTHORIZING AND  
10 INTRODUCING THESE MOTIONS AS WELL AS 91A. I -- AGAIN, WE  
11 CONTINUE TO SEE THE HATE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES CONTINUE TO  
12 FACE. AS I MENTIONED RIGHT WHEN I -- I LIVED IN L.A. COUNTY  
13 SINCE 1997, AND THIS MORNING, I WAS JOINED BY OUR AGING  
14 POPULATION, TRANSWOMEN SPECIFICALLY, BUT ALSO FOLKS THAT  
15 IDENTIFY AS GENDER EXPANSIVE, WHO PERFORM AS DRAG QUEENS. SO  
16 IT WOULD BE REALLY POWERFUL FOR THEM TO SEE. UNFORTUNATELY,  
17 THEY HAD TO, RIGHT? BUT THANK YOU FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION.  
18 WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE WORKING AND FOLLOWING THE LEAD.  
19 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR BEING A CHAMPION AND  
20 INCLUSIVE OF NOT JUST THE L.G.B.T. COMMUNITY, BUT SPECIFICALLY  
21 TRANS, GENDER-EXPANSIVE, AND INTERSEX COMMUNITIES. AND WE'RE  
22 SEEING THE PEOPLE BEING IMPACTED BY THESE LAWS, AND WE  
23 CONTINUE -- AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO OTHER FUNDING SOURCES,  
24 WHETHER THAT'S DIRECTING THE C.E.O., A.R.D.I., OR OTHER



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1 DEPARTMENTS TO BE ABLE TO INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK  
2 YOU.

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

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6 **SARA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SARA, AND I AM A  
7 CONSTITUENT OF S.D.3, AND I AM ALSO WITH THE TRANS-LATINA  
8 COALITION. TODAY, I STAND BEFORE YOU DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT  
9 THE RISING TIDE OF ANTI-L.G.B.T.Q.I.A.+ COMMUNITIES IN HATE  
10 INCIDENTS IN OUR COUNTY. OUR COMMUNITY, LIKE OUR COUNTY, IS  
11 DIVERSE AND VIBRANT AS WELL. HOWEVER WE FACE AN ALARMING  
12 INCREASE IN HATE, OFTEN FUELED BY POLITICAL ACTS AND HARMFUL  
13 STEREOTYPES, AS WELL. WE MUST COUNTER IT WITH LOVE,  
14 UNDERSTANDING, AND UNITY AS WELL. I SUPPORT THE MOTION TO  
15 ADDRESS THIS ISSUE HEAD ON, REQUESTING A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT  
16 WITH OUR COMMUNITY SENSITIVE SITE SAFETY BLUEPRINT AS WELL.  
17 HATE HAS NO PLACE HERE. LET'S STAND TOGETHER AGAINST IT AND  
18 PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THANK  
19 YOU.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I SEE NO OTHER SPEAKERS HERE. SO  
22 ITEM 91B IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. I WILL  
23 SECOND IT TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL  
24 THE ROLL.

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1    **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** 91B IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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3    **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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5    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
6    MITCHELL.

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8    **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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10    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.R:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
11    HORVATH.

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13    **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

14

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

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18    **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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22    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE  
2   TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA TO  
3   BE REPRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE  
4   AGENDA. AND I WOULD LIKE TO READ AN URGENCY MOTION. I MOVE  
5   THAT THE BOARD MAKE A FINDING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE  
6   SECTION 54954.2B2 THAT THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE  
7   ACTION, AND THAT THE NEED FOR ACTION CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF  
8   THE BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA AND PLACE ON  
9   THIS AGENDA THE FOLLOWING ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION. AND I AM  
10   GOING TO READ THIS IN. ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023, A  
11   YOUTH BEING INCARCERATED AT LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL MANAGED  
12   TO ESCAPE BRIEFLY FROM THE FACILITY BY ASSAULTING A STAFF  
13   MEMBER, OBTAINING KEYS, AND THEN CLIMBING OVER A FENCE.  
14   THANKFULLY THE YOUTH WAS APPREHENDED BY POLICE AND PROBATION  
15   DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WITHIN 10 MINUTES OF THE ESCAPE. THE  
16   PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS LAUNCHED AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION  
17   INTO THIS INCIDENT, AS THERE ARE MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW THE  
18   YOUTH MANAGED TO ESCAPE WITHOUT BEING STOPPED WITHIN THE  
19   FACILITY. AFTER BEING CLOSED FOR ALMOST FOUR YEARS, LOS  
20   PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL WAS REOPENED IN JULY 2023, AFTER THE  
21   CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ORDERED  
22   THE COUNTY'S OTHER TWO JUVENILE HALLS TO BE CLOSED FOR FAILING  
23   TO MEET SUITABLE STANDARDS. NOVEMBER'S BRIEF ESCAPE IS THE  
24   SECOND TIME SINCE THE FACILITY OPENED THAT A YOUTH HAS MANAGED  
25   TO FLEE FROM LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL. THE FIRST TIME



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1 OCCURRED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THAT FACILITY REOPENING, AND THE  
2 YOUTH WAS APPREHENDED SHORTLY AFTER FLEEING THE FACILITY. THE  
3 SAFETY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITIES IS OF UTMOST  
4 IMPORTANCE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT IS UNACCEPTABLE  
5 THAT TWO YOUTH HAVE MANAGED TO ESCAPE FROM LOS PADRINOS  
6 JUVENILE HALL IN THE LAST FOUR MONTHS. LUCKILY, THEY WERE BOTH  
7 APPREHENDED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEIR ESCAPE, BUT THIS  
8 CANNOT HAPPEN AGAIN. THERE ARE A LOT OF GOOD QUESTIONS ABOUT  
9 THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO THIS MOST RECENT ESCAPE AND  
10 ABOUT HOW EVENTS LIKE THIS CAN BE PREVENTED IN THE FUTURE.  
11 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR NEW CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, THE  
12 PROBATION DEPARTMENT MUST ANALYZE THE INCIDENT, DETERMINE WHAT  
13 NEW SECURITY MEASURES NEED TO BE IMPLEMENTED TO PREVENT THIS  
14 FROM HAPPENING AGAIN, AND IMPLEMENT THOSE ENHANCEMENTS  
15 IMMEDIATELY. I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
16 MAKE A FINDING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2B2  
17 THAT THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION, AND THE NEED TO  
18 TAKE THIS ACTION CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD OF  
19 SUPERVISORS SUBSEQUENT TO POSTING OF THE AGENDA FOR TODAY'S  
20 MEETING. AND I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
21 DIRECT THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO DO THE FOLLOWING: ORALLY  
22 PRESENT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
23 RELATED TO THE NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023 YOUTH ESCAPE FROM LOS  
24 PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS DURING THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING ON NOVEMBER 21ST,



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1 2023. THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE DESCRIPTIONS  
2 OF ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES AND POLICIES BEING IMPLEMENTED  
3 BY THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO PREVENT ANY FUTURE ESCAPE FROM  
4 THE FACILITY. AND NUMBER 2, MEET WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE CITY  
5 OF DOWNEY AND THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL  
6 SAFETY MEASURES BEING IMPLEMENTED AT LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE  
7 HALL TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. AND  
8 I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE OFFICE  
9 OF INSPECTOR GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE THE NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023  
10 ESCAPE FROM LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL AND PROVIDE A WRITTEN  
11 REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN 120 DAYS. THE REPORT  
12 BACK SHOULD INCLUDE A OVERVIEW, AN ANALYSIS OF THE EVENTS THAT  
13 LED TO THE ESCAPE AND RECAPTURE OF A JUVENILE ON NOVEMBER 4TH  
14 AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES AND  
15 POLICIES TO PREVENT FUTURE INCIDENTS. SO WE WILL NOW VOTE ON  
16 THE FIRST -- ON THE NEED TO PLACE THIS URGENCY MOTION ON  
17 TODAY'S AGENDA, AND THEN WE WILL VOTE ON THE MOTION THAT I  
18 JUST READ IN AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT. SO BEFORE US NOW IS THE  
19 NEED TO PLACE THIS ON THE URGENCY. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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23 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

2   MITCHELL.

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4   **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

7   HORVATH.

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9   **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE, AND I AM HAPPY TO SECOND IT IF IT WAS A  
10 MOTION, IF YOU NEEDED A SECOND.

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12   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, THANK YOU.

13

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

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17   **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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21   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

22

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

24



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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, BUT THEN WE WILL WAIT UNTIL AFTER  
2   PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRECT? SO NOW WE WILL HAVE -- WE WILL HEAR  
3   FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL  
4   REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS AND GENERAL PUBLIC  
5   COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE  
6   PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. YOU MUST  
7   INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS,  
8   INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, IN ORDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE  
9   THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL  
10   THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE  
11   REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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13   **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME  
14   FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: JOAQUIN BELTRAN, ARNOLD  
15   SACHS, BYRON JOSE, SARA REYES, HARRIET ELLIOT, GUADALUPE  
16   REYES, AND COREY SCHMIDT. PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL  
17   ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE  
18   TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE NON-HELD ITEMS FOR  
19   PUBLIC COMMENT, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS  
20   1 THEN 0 ZERO TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR,  
21   MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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23   **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS PAUL HENNESSEY. PLEASE GO  
24   AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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1   **PAUL HENNESSEY:** HI, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I URGE THE BOARD  
2   TO BRING BACK MASKS FOR EVERYONE IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS  
3   REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS. PEOPLE I LOVE HAVE BEEN  
4   INFECTED WITH COVID AND R.S.V. WHILE SEEKING ROUTINE MEDICAL  
5   CARE. FOR EXAMPLE, MY GRANDMA WAS DISABLED BECAUSE HER DOCTORS  
6   AND NURSES DIDN'T WEAR A MASK. WE HAVE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED  
7   DISEASE, DISEASES SPREAD BY CONTACT, AND AIRBORNE DISEASES. AS  
8   MANY OF YOU HAVE EXPRESSED, RESPIRATORS, CLEAN AIR  
9   REQUIREMENTS REDUCE THE RISK OF THE LATTER. WOULD YOU TRUST A  
10   DOCTOR THAT DOESN'T FOLLOW THE SCIENCE AND SKIPS WASHING THEIR  
11   HANDS? THE SAME QUESTION SHOULD BE ASKED FOR MASKS, WHICH,  
12   DESPITE WHAT EARLIER COMMENTERS FALSELY CLAIMED, DO, IN FACT,  
13   STOP MICRO- AEROSOLS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INFORM THE BOARD  
14   THERE WAS A RECENT TUBERCULOSIS OUTBREAK AT A CASINO IN  
15   CALIFORNIA. GUESS WHAT? RESPIRATORS WORK AGAINST THE SPREAD OF  
16   TUBERCULOSIS, AS WELL. BUT AS IT STANDS, ANYONE FROM THAT  
17   OUTBREAK CAN FREELY WALK INTO OUR HOSPITALS WITHOUT A MASK AND  
18   EVEN END UP SHARING A ROOM WITH YOU. WE ARE DOING THIS NOT  
19   JUST FOR OUR SAFETY BUT FOR YOU AS WELL. NO ONE PLANS TO GO TO  
20   THE E.R. DURING THE SCARIEST AND MOST VULNERABLE MOMENTS OF  
21   LIFE, WE ALL DESERVE LAYERS OF PROTECTION TO KEEP US SAFE.  
22   THANK YOU.  
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24   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.  
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1   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ELIZABETH JOHNSON. PLEASE GO  
2   AHEAD.

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4   **ELIZABETH JOHNSON:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME.

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

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8   **ELIZABETH JOHNSON:** YES. I AM CALLING ON YOU TO IMMEDIATELY  
9   REINSTATE MASKING IN HEALTHCARE THROUGHOUT L.A., UNIVERSAL  
10   MASKING FOR EVERYONE, FOR DOCTORS, FOR PATIENTS, FOR VISITORS.  
11   WE REALLY NEED TO HAVE MASKS BROUGHT BACK IN HEALTHCARE.  
12   HEALTHCARE SETTINGS ARE NOT SAFE RIGHT NOW. THEY ARE VERY  
13   DANGEROUS, ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED OR ELDERLY,  
14   REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS. PEOPLE ARE STILL DYING.  
15   PEOPLE ARE STILL GETTING LONG COVID. AND PEOPLE ARE STILL  
16   GETTING SICK. NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO RISK A POTENTIALLY LETHAL  
17   OR POTENTIALLY DISABLING INFECTION IN ORDER TO GET WELL. THERE  
18   ARE MANY COUNTIES AROUND CALIFORNIA THAT ARE REINSTATING MASKS  
19   IN HEALTHCARE RIGHT NOW. THERE'S MANY AROUND THE BAY AREA.  
20   PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND REINSTATE MASKS IN HEALTHCARE.

21   THANK YOU.

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

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1   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ANTIGONE ROBINSON. PLEASE GO  
2   AHEAD.

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4   **ANTIGONE ROBINSON:** GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS ANTIGONE ROBINSON  
5   FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, AND I WILL BE SPEAKING ON  
6   ITEM 48 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THE RATE OF S.T.I.S IN  
7   L.A. COUNTY HAS WORSENCED, AND THE TRAJECTORY OF ACTIONS TAKEN  
8   ON S.T.I.S HAS BEEN INSUFFICIENT, INCLUDING THE TWO TIME  
9   POSTPONEMENT OF ITEM 48 ON TODAY'S AGENDA AND THE DEPARTMENT  
10   OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S DECISION TO CUT ACCESS TO THEIR LABORATORY  
11   FOR PROCESSING S.T.I. RESULTS FROM C.B.O.S. ASKING PRIVATE  
12   INSURANCE COMPANIES PAY FOR THE PROCESSING OF LABS IS  
13   UNDERSTANDABLE, AT LEAST WE COULD BE EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS  
14   [INDISCERNIBLE] HARD TO REACH COMMUNITIES FROM SEEKING CARE. A  
15   RECENT L.A. TIMES ARTICLE CLOSE UP STUDY FOUND THAT, AMONG  
16   4,000 PATIENTS VISITING 26 S.T.I. CLINICS ACROSS THE U.S.,  
17   ONLY AROUND HALF HAVE INSURANCE, AND ONLY 57% OF THOSE  
18   INDIVIDUALS WERE WILLING TO USE IT. THAT MEANS ABOUT 1,000  
19   INDIVIDUALS OF THE STUDY POPULATION MAY NOT HAVE SOUGHT CARE.  
20   A 25% DROP OFF IN S.T.I. SERVICES IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, AND IT  
21   HAS REAL WORLD CONSEQUENCES. WE ASK L.A. D.P.H. TO CONSIDER  
22   ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO TAP INTO THE PRIVATE INSURANCE REVENUE  
23   STREAM. THANK YOU.

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



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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JAYLENE DAVIDSON. PLEASE GO  
3 AHEAD.

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5 **JAYLENE DAVIDSON:** YES. I WOULD CALL FOR THIS BOARD TO START  
6 PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN. YOU SEEM TO WANT TO PROTECT EVERY  
7 GROUP THERE IS EXCEPT FOR OUR CHILDREN. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO  
8 STEP UP FOR OUR CHILDREN AND BE PART OF THE SOLUTION AND NOT  
9 PART OF THE PROBLEM BECAUSE OUR CHILDREN ARE ACTUALLY OUR  
10 FUTURE? THEY ARE OUR NEXT GENERATION. AND YOU SEEM TO BE  
11 ADDING TO COMING AFTER THEM AND DESTROYING THEM AND NOT  
12 UPLIFTING THEM. THIS IS EVIL AT ITS BEST. I HAVE WRITTEN IN,  
13 AND I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT ALL OF YOU PASSED THIS AGENDA TODAY.  
14 EVEN THOUGH YOU PASSED IT, YOU ARE NOT GOING TO STOP PARENTS  
15 FROM PROTECTING THEIR CHILDREN, AND YOU WILL STILL BE  
16 ACCOUNTABLE LATER DOWN THE LINE FOR EVERY DECISION YOU MAKE.  
17 WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN BECAUSE YOU DON'T  
18 SEEM TO BE DOING THAT AT ALL?

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

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23 **JAYLENE DAVIDSON:** I AM ASHAMED --

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1   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE GO  
2   AHEAD.

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4   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. [AUDIO ECHOING]

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6   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. GENEVIEVE, IS THAT YOU.

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8   **SPEAKER:** YES, CAN YOU HEAR ME.

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

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12   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. I'M GRATEFUL (INAUDIBLE).

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14   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK YOU ARE ECHOING. YOU NEED TO MAYBE  
15   TURN OFF A DEVICE.

16

17   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** OKAY.

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19   **MODERATOR:** WE LOST HER LINE.

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21   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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23   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MIDO ALVAREZ. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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1   **MIDO ALVAREZ:** HI, GOOD EVENING SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MIDO  
2   ALVAREZ. I AM PART -- I LIVE IN -- SORRY, SUPERVISORIAL  
3   DISTRICT THREE. I'M WITH THE TRANS-LATINA COALITION, AND I AM  
4   HERE TO SUPPORT ITEM 91A AS WELL AS CONGRATULATE THE  
5   SUPERVISORS FOR STANDING TOGETHER IN 91B. AND I WANTED TO GO  
6   AHEAD AND EXPRESS JUST THE WHAT NEEDS TO BE PASSED AND WHAT  
7   NEEDS TO BE DONE JUST FOR THE SAKE OF HOW T.G.I. COMMUNITY IS  
8   UNDER ATTACK AND THAT THEIR REPRESENTATION, EACH AND EVERY  
9   DAY, TRANSBLACK WOMEN, TRANSWOMEN OF COLOR, TRANS YOUTH,  
10   EVERYONE WITHIN THE T.G.I. UMBRELLA. SO I ASK AND URGE THAT WE  
11   LEAVE A LEGACY FOR L.A. COUNTY THAT IS SOMETHING TO BE PROUD  
12   OF BY GIVING AID AND SUPPORT TO THE T.G.I. COMMUNITY. THANK  
13   YOU.

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

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17   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ADAM POLARSKI. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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19   **ADAM POLARSKI:** HEY. I AM JUST HERE TO ECHO WHAT JOAQUIN SAID  
20   EARLIER ABOUT KEEPING MASKS IN HEALTHCARE. YOU KNOW, I THINK  
21   IT IS CRITICAL, ESPECIALLY AS WE HEAD INTO THE RESPIRATORY  
22   ILLNESS SEASON THAT WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PROTECT THE  
23   MOST VULNERABLE ANGELENOS, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO  
24   SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS GOING TO THE DOCTOR. THAT'S ALL I HAVE  
25   TO SAY. THANK YOU.



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

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GABRIEL FANTONE. PLEASE GO  
5 AHEAD.

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7 **GABRIEL FANTONE:** HELLO. MY NAME IS GABRIEL FANTONE. I LIVE IN  
8 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND I AM SPEAKING ON KEEPING MASKS IN  
9 HEALTHCARE. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT HIGH QUALITY MASKS ARE  
10 REQUIRED IN HEALTHCARE IN ORDER TO CREATE A SAFER ENVIRONMENT  
11 BOTH FOR THE WORKERS AND THE PATIENTS. IT'S BEEN WELL-  
12 ESTABLISHED THAT COVID SPREADS VIA AIRBORNE PARTICLES, AND  
13 HIGH QUALITY MASKS HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE  
14 AIRBORNE TRANSMISSION OF COVID. THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF  
15 EVERYONE IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES MUST BE A PRIORITY. LACK OF  
16 MASKS CREATES A HUGE BARRIER OF ACCESS TO THOSE WHO ARE  
17 DISABLED, TO THE ELDERLY, AND TO ANYONE WITH PREEXISTING  
18 CONDITIONS THAT PUT THEM AT HIGHER RISK OF SEVERE INFECTIONS.  
19 I HAD SYMPTOMATIC COVID LAST SUMMER, AND IT WAS THE WORST  
20 SICKNESS I HAVE EVER HAD. I AVOIDED GOING INTO ANY UNMASKED  
21 FACILITIES FOR FEAR OF BEING INFECTED AGAIN. MY MOTHER IS A  
22 NURSE WORKING IN A HOSPITAL, AND SHE GOT COVID AT WORK FROM AN  
23 INFECTIOUS UNMASKED COWORKER AFTER THE MASK REQUIREMENTS THERE  
24 WERE RELAXED. THIS TOOK MY MOM OUT FROM THE WORKFORCE FOR  
25 WEEKS, LEADING TO LEANER STAFFING FOR HER UNIT.



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

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5 **GABRIEL FANTONE:** THANK YOU.

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7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JULEP THOMAS. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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9 **JULEP THOMAS:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

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13 **JULEP THOMAS:** MY --

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15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

16

17 **JULEP THOMAS:** MY NAME IS JULEP THOMAS. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON  
18 ITEMS 10A, 12, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES  
19 COUNTY. I AM A LIFETIME RESIDENT, AND I BELIEVE THAT COVID IS  
20 PART OF OUR NEW REALITY. WE NEED TO ACT AS SUCH LOOKING  
21 FORWARD NOT TRYING TO REGAIN SOME SENSE OF THE PAST FOR  
22 COMFORT'S SAKE. WE NEED TO BE BOLD AND FACE THIS NEW REALITY.  
23 VACCINES ARE NOT 100% EFFECTIVE, AND, AS SUCH, WE MUST LAYER  
24 OUR PROTECTION. THE MOST EFFECTIVE MITIGATION IS UNIVERSAL  
25 MASKING WITH N95 AND HIGHER QUALITY AND IMPROVED VENTILATION



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1 AND FILTRATION. OUR HEALTHCARE APPROACH NEEDS TO BE PREVENTIVE  
2 RATHER THAN RESPONSIVE. WHY SHOULD WE WAIT UNTIL MORE PEOPLE  
3 ARE SICK OR DISABLED, MISS WORK? WHY SHOULD WE CHOOSE TO  
4 INFECT OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS UNTIL WE FURTHER THE CRISIS OF  
5 STAFFING? WE NEED TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO KEEP L.A. COUNTY  
6 RESIDENTS SAFE, SO THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE TO GO TO WORK, NOT  
7 PUT THEMSELVES AT RISK OF LOSS OF INCOME, PUTTING THEMSELVES  
8 AT RISK OF LOSING THEIR RENT, BECOMING THE PEOPLE THAT YOU ARE  
9 SEEKING TO HELP ON THE STREETS. WE CAN HELP THEM NOW, BEFORE  
10 THEY REACH A CRISIS STATE. LET'S LET OUR APPROACH BE  
11 PREVENTATIVE RATHER THAN RESPONDING TO A CRISIS WHEN IT HAS  
12 ALREADY DONE A LOT OF DAMAGE. PLEASE, BRING MASKS BACK TO  
13 HEALTHCARE IMMEDIATELY.

14

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

16

17 **JULEP THOMAS:** UNIVERSAL MASKING REGARDLESS OVER VACCINATION  
18 STATUS.

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MATTHEW STONE. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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24 **MATTHEW STONE:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

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3   **MATTHEW STONE:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

6

7   **MATTHEW STONE:** HI. REGARDING THE MOTION 20 EARLIER, I JUST  
8   HAVE TO EXPRESS THE GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT MYSELF AND  
9   UNDoubtedly THOUSANDS OF OTHERS ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO  
10   VOTE AS THEY DID. THE WHITEMAN AIRPORT IS A PUBLIC ASSET OWNED  
11   BY THE 10 MILLION ANGELENOS OF L.A. COUNTY, AS WELL AS  
12   EVERYONE IN THE U.S. BECAUSE, FINANCIALLY, FEDERAL TAX DOLLARS  
13   PAY FOR IT. VERY UNFORTUNATE TO SEE THE SUPERVISORS VOTE AS  
14   THEY DID ON THAT MOTION. THE PACOIMA COMMUNITY SUPPORTS  
15   WHITEMAN AIRPORT, KEEPING IT OPEN, AND IMPROVING ITS  
16   OPERATIONS, AND ALL THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES AND EMPLOYMENT  
17   OPPORTUNITIES IT BRINGS. THE ONLY OPPOSITION THERE IS, THE  
18   ONLY SUPPORT TO -- THE ONLY OPPOSITION TO THE AIRPORT IS  
19   COMING FROM PACOIMA BEAUTIFUL, AND THAT'S ABOUT IT. IT IS AN  
20   ASTRO-TURFING EFFORT, AND ANYONE WHO HAS EYES CAN SEE IT. IT  
21   IS DEVELOPERS DOING THIS, NOT THE COMMUNITY. SO LET'S SET THE  
22   RECORD STRAIGHT ON THAT ONE.

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

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1   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS RAQUEL DURFLER. PLEASE GO  
2   AHEAD.

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4   **RAQUEL DURFLER:** HI, YES. THIS IS RAQUEL DURFLER WITH CANCEL  
5   THE CONTRACT, OUT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
6   MAKE A GENERAL COMMENT AND WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF  
7   SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES IN OUR SCHOOLS. SO WE KNOW THEIR  
8   PRESENCE HERE ON CAMPUSES IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HARMS OUR  
9   BLACK STUDENTS AND STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES BY THE  
10   CRIMINALIZATION OF NORMAL ADOLESCENT BEHAVIOR AND BEHAVIORS  
11   THAT ARE A MANIFESTATION OF A STUDENT'S DISABILITY. SO  
12   CURRENTLY, IF A STUDENT OR PARENT WISHES TO LODGE A COMPLAINT  
13   AGAINST AN S.R.D., THEY HAVE TO DO THIS THROUGH THE SHERIFF'S  
14   DEPARTMENT. IT IS ABSURD TO BELIEVE THAT THE SHERIFF'S  
15   DEPARTMENT CAN BE TRUSTED TO INVESTIGATE THEMSELVES IN A FAIR  
16   AND IMPARTIAL MANNER OR THAT A YOUTH WOULD BE COMFORTABLE  
17   SPEAKING OUT AGAINST A SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTY WITHOUT FEAR OF  
18   RETALIATION. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE BOARD DOES ALL IT CAN  
19   TO PROTECT THESE VULNERABLE STUDENTS. THIS CAN BE DONE BY THE  
20   CREATION OF A CONFIDENTIAL COMPLAINT SYSTEM THAT IS  
21   INDEPENDENT AND SEPARATE FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SO  
22   THAT STUDENTS CAN FEEL SAFE AND SECURE SPEAKING UP WHEN THEY  
23   HAVE BEEN HARMED BY A RESOURCE DEPUTY. THANK YOU.

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



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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JULIA MARTINEZ. PLEASE GO  
3 AHEAD.

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5 **JULIA MARTINEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 24. I  
6 WANTED TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR BRINGING FORTH THE  
7 OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE OFFICE OF FOOD EQUITY. AS YOU KNOW,  
8 NUTRITION INSECURITY CONTINUES TO BE AN ISSUE IN LOS ANGELES  
9 AND HAVING THE OFFICE OF FOOD EQUITY WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY  
10 FOR US TO CONVENE RESOURCES, TOOLS, AND MUCH NEEDED ALIGNMENT  
11 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO ADDRESS NUTRITION SECURITY IN UNDER-  
12 RESOURCED COMMUNITIES. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE  
13 OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY.

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

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17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MEL BAILEY. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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19 **MEL BAILEY:** YES, THANK YOU AND GOOD EVENING. MY COMMENT IS IN  
20 RESPONSE TO THE LAST AGENDA ITEM THAT WAS ADDED TO THE AGENDA.  
21 IT WAS RELATED TO JUVENILE HALLS. WHILE I UNDERSTAND THE NEED  
22 FOR THE MOTION'S REQUEST, IT MAY LACK -- I AM SORRY, IT MAY  
23 LACK THE NEED TO DISCUSS THE COURT'S INVOLVEMENTS. AND I'M  
24 HOPING THAT MAYBE WE CAN ASK THEM TO ENCOURAGE THE JUVENILES  
25 TO NOT ATTACK OFFICERS AND NOT TRY TO ESCAPE FROM THE



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1 FACILITIES AS ORDERED BY THE COURT AND REMINDED, THUS CREATING  
2 A HARM AND A THREAT. SECONDLY -- OR SEPARATELY AND SECONDLY, I  
3 WOULD ASK IF THERE COULD BE SOME TYPE OF SURVEY DONE TO VERIFY  
4 THE LEVELS OF ASBESTOS IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR COUNTY  
5 EMPLOYEES BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THAT HAVING BUILDINGS WITH 2%  
6 ASBESTOS SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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

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10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KATHLEEN CROWLEY. PLEASE GO  
11 AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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13 **KATHLEEN CROWLEY:** HI, THIS IS GENERAL COMMENT RELATED TO THE  
14 PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I THINK MOST PEOPLE AGREE THAT WE NEED A  
15 MAJOR CHANGE OF CULTURE DEPARTMENT-WIDE, AND THERE IS A  
16 SEEMINGLY ENDLESS OF CHANGES THAT WE NEED TO SEE, BUT THERE  
17 ARE SOME BASIC, SIMPLE PLACES TO START, THINGS THAT HAVE  
18 ALREADY BEEN DECIDED FOR WHICH THERE WAS BROAD SUPPORT. THE  
19 L.A. TIMES HAS WRITTEN ABOUT THEM. PREVIOUS CHIEFS HAVE TALKED  
20 ABOUT DOING IT. AND THEY WOULD HELP. NUMBER ONE, STAFF ARE  
21 INCREASINGLY STRUGGLING, FRUSTRATED THAT THEY FEEL TOOLS AND  
22 METHODS ARE BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM, BUT THEY ARE NOT  
23 REPLACED WITH ALTERNATIVES THAT WORK. AND YOUTH ARE EXPRESSING  
24 THE NEED FOR PROGRAMMING. AND THE L.A. MODEL, WHICH HAS BEEN  
25 TALKED ABOUT FOR YEARS, WOULD ADDRESS BOTH. IT WOULD BE PRETTY



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1 EASY TO IMPLEMENT, AND I'M ASKING THAT YOU ASK THE NEW CHIEF  
2 OF PROBATION TO SEE WHERE THEY STAND ON IMPLEMENTING THE L.A.  
3 MODEL. THANK YOU.

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

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7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ROY HUMPHREYS. PLEASE GO AHEAD.  
8 YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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10 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** THANK YOU. THIS IS ROY HUMPHREYS. SOMETHING I'M  
11 VERY SURPRISED ABOUT THAT ITEM, 48 ABOUT SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED  
12 DISEASES, WHICH IS A CRISIS, PER YOUR OWN ITEM THERE, AND YET  
13 YOU PUT THAT ASIDE AND GO FOR THE L.G.B.T.Q. WHATEVER, AND  
14 SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AFFECTS EVERYBODY, INCLUDING  
15 YOUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ AND ALL THAT SORT OF BUSINESS. AND YOUR  
16 FAILURE TO WANT TO DECRIMINALIZE THE SEX TRADE, AND THE LATEST  
17 STATISTICS ARE THAT GONORRHEA GOES DOWN 40% IF IT'S  
18 DECRIMINALIZED, AND ALSO RAPES GO DOWN 30%, AND H.I.V. AND  
19 IT'S IN A WHOLE NEW WORLD. DECRIMINALIZE THE SEX TRADE, SO WE  
20 CAN GET A HANDLE ON THIS AND GET IT OUT OF THE CRISIS REALM ON  
21 THAT. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHEN YOU SEND  
22 SOMEBODY TO THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COORDINATING  
23 COUNCIL, THERE IS TWO TYPES OF LYING. ONE, YOU MAKE A  
24 STATEMENT THAT --

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

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4   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LAUREN NATOLI. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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6   **LAUREN NATOLI:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M LAUREN NATOLI FROM  
7   A.I.D.S HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I'M SPEAKING ON 48 AND GENERAL  
8   PUBLIC. IN 2022, THERE WERE OVER 10,000 CASES OF SYPHILIS AND  
9   OVER 26,000 CASES OF GONORRHEA IN L.A. COUNTY. THESE COULD BE  
10   100% AVOIDED WITH A DIRECT LINE OF ACTION FROM L.A. COUNTY  
11   THAT FOCUSES ON FUNDING, EYE CATCHING PUBLIC MESSAGING, AND  
12   COLLABORATION AND TRANSPARENCY WITH COMMUNITY- BASED  
13   ORGANIZATIONS AROUND SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES. I APPRECIATE THAT  
14   THE S.T.I. PROGRAM IS AN AGENDIZED. SEXUAL HEALTH IS NOT AN  
15   EASY TOPIC FOR EVERYONE, AND THE MORE WE DISCUSS IT, THE MORE  
16   THE NEED IS REALIZED, AND THE MORE WE NORMALIZE THE  
17   CONVERSATION. I'M DISAPPOINTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS ITEM HAS  
18   BEEN POSTPONED AGAIN. IF WE AREN'T TALKING ABOUT IT, THEN WE  
19   AREN'T MOVING THE NEEDLE, AND WE DON'T HAVE TIME WAIT. THE  
20   C.D.C. RELEASED DATA TODAY THAT THERE 3,761 CASES OF  
21   CONGENITAL SYPHILIS IN 2022. THIS PARTICULAR S.T.I., WHICH IS  
22   PASSED TO A FETUS FROM A PREGNANT PARENT HAS BEEN ON A VIOLENT  
23   RISE IN THE LAST 10 YEARS, AND THIS IS ALL DUE TO BUDGET CUTS  
24   THROUGHOUT PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS. OUTREACH IS VITAL.  
25   CONGENITAL SYPHILIS CAN LEAD TO DEATH OF THE NEWBORN. THERE



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1 WERE 87 CASES IN L.A. COUNTY IN 2022, AND 74 SO FAR THIS YEAR.

2 WE NEED A BETTER STRATEGY TO ADDRESS S.T.I.S NOW. THANK YOU.

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SUSAN ASHLEY. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

7 YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

8

9 **SUSAN ASHLEY:** GREAT. HI. I'VE JUST GOT PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM

10 12. I WANTED TO SAY IT'S REALLY IMPERATIVE THAT WE KEEP

11 MASKING IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS. WITHOUT A MANDATORY MASKING

12 POLICY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IT'S FORCING IMMUNOCOMPROMISED

13 AND DISABLED COMMUNITY TO NO LONGER SEEK TREATMENT AT THE

14 DOCTOR'S OFFICE AS IT IS ONE OF THE MOST LIKELY PLACES TO

15 CONTRACT COVID RIGHT NOW, THEREBY FORCING IMMUNOCOMPROMISED

16 AND DISABLED TO ONLY ACCESS EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE, SO THEY

17 ENTER ALREADY OVERCROWDED AND OVER- TAXED EMERGENCY ROOMS.

18 IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT THAT MASKS REDUCE THE SPREAD OF AIRBORNE

19 AND AEROSOL DISEASES SUCH AS THE FLU, COVID, AND R.S.V.

20 INFECTIONS, THE MAYO CLINIC ADVISES MASK WEARING. AND "60

21 MINUTES" DID A PIECE LAST WEEK WHERE LINDSEY MAR, A VIRGINIA

22 TECH UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR SPECIALIZING IN AEROSOL SCIENCE,

23 EXPLAINS WHAT SCIENTISTS HAVE LEARNED SINCE THE PANDEMIC

24 BEGAN, THAT COVID LINGERS IN THE AIR LIKE SMOKE FOR HOURS, AND

25 MASKS DO HELP PREVENT THE VIRUSES AND CAN REDUCE THE RISK OF



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1    GETTING SICK. THE STORY ALSO WENT ON THE SAY, WITH COVID-19  
2    AND FLU CASES ON THE RISE, IT'S RECOMMENDED YOU WEAR A MASK  
3    INDOORS WHERE PHYSICAL DISTANCES IS IMPOSSIBLE. AND IF WE NEED  
4    ANYMORE PROOF AS TO THE EFFICACY OF MASKS IN THE PREVENTION OF  
5    THE SPREAD OF DISEASES, REMEMBER BACK IN THE FALL OF 2020 WHEN  
6    WE HAD MASK MANDATES IN PLACE, THERE WAS BASICALLY NO FLU  
7    SEASON. HOW MANY MORE PEOPLE HAVE TO DIE BEFORE WE START  
8    IMPLEMENTING SOME COMMON SENSE PREVENTATIVE MEASURES TO STOP  
9    THE SPREAD OF COVID? THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME, AND  
10    IMPLORE YOU TO PLEASE ACT ON THIS. WE CAN'T JUST FILE IT AWAY.  
11    WE NEED SOME ACTION ON THIS, BEFORE MORE PEOPLE DIE. THANK YOU  
12    SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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16    **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DENNIS MOORE. PLEASE GO AHEAD.  
17    YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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19    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HELLO, DENNIS. ARE YOU THERE? HELLO? DENNIS,  
20    GO AHEAD. DENNIS?

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22    **DENNIS MOORE:** OH, OKAY. I WANTED TO COMMENT ON PUBLIC COMMENT  
23    ON ALL THE AGENDA ITEMS FOR TODAY.

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25    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.



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2 **DENNIS MOORE:** HOW MUCH TIME DO I HAVE?

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE 2:45 -- 43, 42.

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6 **DENNIS MOORE:** TWO MINUTES.

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

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10 **DENNIS MOORE:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANTED TO SAY THAT I WANT TO  
11 START OFF ON THE RENT INCREASE CONTROL THAT WAS PUT FORTH TO  
12 THE BOARD TODAY. HOLLY MITCHELL MENTIONED LEIMERT PARK AREA  
13 AND THE MOM AND POPS THAT ARE HARDEST HIT. I BELIEVE THE FACT  
14 IS THAT MOST OF THE LEIMERT PARK AREA NOW IS NOT OWNED BY  
15 BLACK AMERICANS. MAYBE BLACK AMERICANS ARE OPERATING STORES  
16 THERE WITHIN LEIMERT PARK ITSELF, BUT THAT'S VERY FEW. I COULD  
17 BE WRONG. I'D LIKE TO SEE THE EVIDENCE OF THAT AREA THROUGH  
18 HOLLY MITCHELL. SHE MENTIONED WALKING THROUGH THAT AREA. I'M  
19 WILLING TO WALK THROUGH THERE MYSELF WITH HER. I ACTUALLY GREW  
20 UP IN THAT AREA. I KNOW IT VERY WELL. I STILL GO DOWN TO  
21 LEIMERT PARK TO PLAY THE JAM SESSIONS. AND WE NEED MORE MORE  
22 REPRESENTATION. NOW, THE THING I NOTICED ABOUT HOLLY MITCHELL,  
23 SHE DID NOT MENTION ANYTHING. SHE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY SAY  
24 BLACK AMERICANS. AND I'VE NOTICED THAT ABOUT HER SINCE SHE'S  
25 BEEN IN OFFICE THERE. THE REALITY IS THERE ARE NO BLACK



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1    AMERICAN COMMUNITIES LEFT IN LOS ANGELES BECAUSE OF FOREIGN  
2    GENTRIFICATION. WE'VE BEEN WIPED OUT. AND THAT'S DUE IN PART  
3    TO YOUR IMMIGRATION POLICY, WHICH ACTUALLY FEEDS INTO THIS  
4    COULD COVID STUFF, WHERE THE CHINESE BROUGHT IT OVER HERE, BUT  
5    THEY DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR THAT. AND AGAIN, YOU'RE OPENING UP  
6    ANOTHER POSSIBLE SITUATION WHERE ANOTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASE  
7    IS BROUGHT OVER BY ILLEGAL ALIENS, AND YOU ARE PREVENTING THE  
8    SHERIFF FROM COOPERATING WITH I.C.E. THIS BOARD SHOULD BE  
9    LIABLE IF WE GET ANOTHER TYPE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE THAT'S  
10   BROUGHT UP HERE. AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, I STUDIED MEDICINE IN  
11   THE '80S. MASKS DO NOT STOP VIRUSES. THEY'RE TOO SMALL.  
12   THEY'RE IN THE MICRONS. THE OTHER ISSUE ABOUT THE RENT CONTROL  
13   IS THAT YOU ARE CHANGING --

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15   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M SORRY. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.  
16   THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN. LET'S GO TO IN-PERSON. GO AHEAD.

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18   **GUADALUPE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ALL OF YOU GUYS. MY NAME IS  
19   GUADALUPE, AND I AM MY SISTER'S CONSERVATOR, WHO IS A CLIENT  
20   AT TRICITY MENTAL HEALTH IN POMONA. MY SISTER'S MENTAL HEALTH  
21   HAS BEEN GOING DOWN DUE TO TREATMENT TEAMS NEGLIGENCE. I HAVE  
22   BEEN REPORTING MY SISTER'S MENTAL SYMPTOMS TO THE TREATMENT  
23   TEAM, AND THEY DO NOT RESPOND TO MY CONCERNs. INSTEAD TRICITY  
24   HAS MADE CONFERENCE CALL ADULT PROTECTION SERVICES, FILING  
25   CASES AGAINST ME. TRICITY HAS MADE FOUR SEPARATE CALLS TO



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1 ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORTING I AM HARMING MY SISTER.  
2 EACH TIME, AFTER INVESTIGATING, THESE CASES HAS BEEN CLOSED  
3 DUE TO FINDING NO WRONGDOING. AS A FAMILY MEMBER AND  
4 CONSERVATOR TRYING TO ADVOCATE FOR MY SISTER --

5

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

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I ASK? MA'AM, CAN YOU TELL ME  
9 WHAT CITY YOU LIVE IN?

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11 **GUADALUPE:** YES, IN POMONA. YES, I NEED HELP, PLEASE.

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13 **SUP. SOLIS:** WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE --

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15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOMEONE HELP YOU.

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17 **GUADALUPE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

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22 **HARRIET ELLIOT:** I'M HARRIET ELLIOT. I'M IN HOLLY MITCHELL'S  
23 DISTRICT. I DON'T HAVE A VOICE. I DON'T HAVE THE DEMOCRATIC  
24 RIGHTS THAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS TO A PHONE AND SPECTRUM. WHEN I  
25 -- THE LAST PHONE I HAD, THE THIRD CARRIER WAS A.T.&T., AND

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1 THE YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE A.T.&T. OFFICE SAID YOU'RE NOT  
2 SWIPIING. YOU'RE NOT SWIPIING LIGHT ENOUGH. I HAVE A BACHELOR'S  
3 DEGREE, OKAY? AND THAT SHOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM AT ALL. OKAY?  
4 THAT'S A LIE THAT I'M NOT SWIPIING ENOUGH. SOMEBODY IS NOT  
5 GIVING ME A VOICE. I HAVE AORTIC STENOSIS, VERY SEVERE, AND  
6 THE TWO THINGS THAT CORRECT AORTIC STENOSIS, ONE, OPEN HEART  
7 SURGERY, THE OTHER PARTIAL PROCEDURE, WHERE THEY GO UP THE  
8 VEIN IN YOUR THIGH. I CAN'T GO THROUGH EITHER. WHY? BECAUSE I  
9 HAVE AN INTERNAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM THAT'S PUT THERE BY THE  
10 C.I.A. THIS IS A WOMAN RIGHT HERE, A BLACK LADY, WHO WRITES --  
11 SHE'S A TARGET LIKE ME.

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

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16 **BYRON JOSE:** BYRON JOSE, 91A AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. IT  
17 HAS BEEN A LONG MEETING. THANK YOU, ALL FIVE OF YOUR, FOR  
18 YOUR TIME FOR ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE EXECUTIVE  
19 OFFICE FOR HELPING US DO PUBLIC COMMENT. REALLY QUICKLY, I HAD  
20 SOME REMARKS FROM THIS MORNING, SO I WANT TO SHARE THEM AROUND  
21 91A AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. IT HAS BEEN A LONG YEAR OF  
22 COUNTY POLICIES, COUNTY INITIATIVES, AND BUDGET ADVOCACY  
23 TOWARD A TRUE CARE FIRST BUDGET. WE ARE NOW IN NOVEMBER, AND  
24 AGAIN, IN ADDITION TO COMMEMORATING TRANS AWARENESS WEEK OR  
25 TRANS AWARENESS MONTH, WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE BUILDING



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1    WITH EACH ONE OF YOUR OFFICES TOWARD AN EQUITABLE INVESTMENT  
2    IN T.G.I. COMMUNITIES BY ESTABLISHING THE TRANS, GENDER-  
3    EXPANSIVE, AND INTERSEX WELLNESS AND EQUITY FUND IN 2023.  
4    THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND YOUR TEAM, FOR COAUTHORING  
5    THIS MOTION 91A, 91B, AND ENGAGING TRANS-LED AND T.G.I.  
6    COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO INFORM AND DESIGN POLICIES THAT CAN BEST  
7    SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS MONTH ALSO MARKS THE ONE YEAR  
8    ANNIVERSARY OF THE T.G.I. NEEDS ASSESSMENT MOTION. THANK YOU,  
9    SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP LAST YEAR AND YOUR  
10   CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITIES. WE WANT TO CONTINUE  
11   WORKING WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THANK YOU FOR COAUTHORING THESE  
12   MOTIONS. AND TO SUPERVISOR HAHN, WE MET WITH YOUR TEAM,  
13   LETTING THEM KNOW ABOUT SOME OF OUR PRIORITIES AND BUDGET  
14   ADVOCACY EFFORTS. AND WE'LL BE MEETING WITH SUPERVISOR  
15   BARGER'S TEAM ON MONDAY. AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WE'LL BE  
16   LOOPING BACK TO YOUR OFFICE AS WELL SO WE CAN CONTINUE  
17   BUILDING OFF OF THESE MOTIONS AND CONTINUE THIS WORK TOWARD A  
18   TRUE AND EQUITABLE INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU  
19   ALL.

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

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23    **SARAH REYES:** HI AGAIN. SARAH REYES. I AM A LAWYER, AND I AM  
24    ALSO A CONSTITUENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT. I SUPPORT THE TRANS-  
25    LATINA COALITION. THIS IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT [INDISCERNIBLE]



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1 TO UPLIFT THE NEEDS AND VOICES OF OUR T.G.I. COMMUNITIES. I  
2 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF -- I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM  
3 91A AND ALSO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO URGE THE  
4 BOARD AS WELL TO APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF  
5 TRANSGENDER REMEMBRANCE DAY AS A STEP TOWARDS A T.G.I.  
6 WELLNESS AND EQUITY FUND FOR 2023 AS WELL. OUR COMMUNITY HAS  
7 LONG FACED CHALLENGES AND DISCRIMINATION. AND NOW, MORE THAN  
8 EVER, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE RAISE AWARENESS AND STAND IN  
9 SOLIDARITY AT THE LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL LEVELS. OUR  
10 COMMUNITY AND OUR T.G.I. INDIVIDUALS CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE  
11 DISCRIMINATION, HOMELESSNESS, VIOLENCE, AND LACK OF ACCESS TO  
12 ESSENTIAL SERVICES AS WELL. FINDINGS FROM THE UNITED STATES  
13 TRANSGENDER SURVEY AND THE NATIONAL CENTER OF TRANSGENDER  
14 EQUALITY REVEAL HOMELESSNESS, HOUSING DISCRIMINATION, ECONOMIC  
15 HARDSHIP, AND NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES AMONG T.G.I. FOLKS.  
16 WITH T.G.I. YOUTH BEING PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO HARASSMENT  
17 AND EXCLUSION LEADING TO NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES AND  
18 INVOLVEMENT TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. BY PROCLAIMING  
19 THIS AWARENESS WEEK IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE  
20 THE STRUGGLES AND HARDSHIPS THAT THE T.G.I. COMMUNITY FACES,  
21 AND WE REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION AND EQUALITY. THIS  
22 PROCLAMATION WILL NOT ONLY RAISE AWARENESS BUT ALSO FOSTER  
23 DIALOGUE, UNDERSTANDING, AND PROGRESS TOWARDS FAIR AND  
24 EQUITABLE INVESTMENT. WE THANK YOU AS WELL FOR ALL YOUR EFFORT  
25 AND SUPPORT THAT'S IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

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

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4 **JOAQUIN BELTRAN:** HELLO I'M SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,  
5 ITEM 10, AND ITEM A10. THAT'S THREE MINUTES, PLEASE. MY NAME  
6 IS JOAQUIN BELTRAN. I'M WITH ACTIONCAREEQUITY.ORG. I, AGAIN,  
7 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION  
8 EARLIER ON MASKING IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS. HOW ARE YOU GUYS  
9 FEELING? ARE YOU TIRED BECAUSE I'M TIRED? I WOKE UP AT 5:30 TO  
10 HELP OPEN UP A POLLING LOCATION WE'RE HOSTING IN DOWNEY. AND I  
11 SHOULD PROBABLY BE WORKING, BUT I'M HERE BECAUSE THIS IS SO  
12 IMPORTANT. THAT'S WHY WE'VE BEEN COMING FOR THE LAST SIX  
13 MONTHS. AND SO, THAT'S WHY I'M GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL  
14 FOR INTRODUCING THAT MOTION BECAUSE THAT SHOWS THAT OUR  
15 EFFORTS ARE WORKING AND THAT YOU'RE LISTENING. WE'RE VERY  
16 GRATEFUL FOR THAT. I GREW UP AND WAS BORN IN EAST L.A. COUNTY  
17 HOSPITAL. AND I'M A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY. OUR  
18 EFFORTS HAVE BEEN TO BRING MASK REQUIREMENTS BACK IN  
19 HEALTHCARE SETTINGS FOR VISITORS, FOR PATIENTS, FOR STAFF.  
20 WITH OVER 13,000 LETTERS SENT, WITH THOUSANDS OF PHONE CALLS,  
21 AND EVIDENCE IN LONG BEACH PUBLIC HEALTH, PASADENA PUBLIC  
22 HEALTH, THAT IT CAN BE DONE, THAT WITHIN L.A. COUNTY, THERE  
23 ARE MASKS REQUIREMENTS. UNFORTUNATELY, SOMETHING IS GOING ON  
24 IN L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH THAT IS PREVENTING THAT. I REALLY  
25 RESONATED WITH THE RECOGNITION FOR DIANE WATSON, WHICH WAS



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1 BEAUTIFUL. AND ONE COMMENT WAS ABOUT HER LEADING ON PREVENTING  
2 HARMS FROM TOBACCO SMOKE. AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW BUT  
3 FOR COVID. WE'RE LEADING ON PREVENTING HARMS ON ACUTE AND LONG  
4 COVID. AND JUST LIKE TOBACCO SMOKE WAS NORMALIZED BACK THEN,  
5 AND IT HAD HARMS. RIGHT NOW, UNFORTUNATELY, COVID IS BEING  
6 NORMALIZED, AND IT IS MUCH MORE DANGEROUS THAN TOBACCO SMOKE.  
7 UNFORTUNATELY, THE VACCINE DOES NOT PREVENT TRANSMISSION. AND  
8 A NEW STUDY SHOWS THAT PAXLOVID DOESN'T PREVENT LONG COVID.  
9 WITH 1 IN 7 AMERICANS HAVING LONG COVID, THAT'S 46 MILLION  
10 INDIVIDUALS. AND IT KEEPS INCREASING WITH EACH REINFECTION.  
11 AND PEOPLE ARE FALLING BY THE WAYSIDE, AS DR. FAUCI SAID. MY  
12 GRANDMA WENT TO A VASCULAR SPECIALIST. THE VASCULAR SPECIALIST  
13 REFUSED TO WEAR A MASK BECAUSE IT'S NOT REQUIRED. ANOTHER  
14 FRIEND OF MINE, HER MOTHER GOT COVID IN THE HOSPITAL AND DIED  
15 FROM THAT VERY INFECTION. THAT SHOULD NOT BE HAPPENING. SO,  
16 I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO COLLABORATING WITH THE SUPERVISORS,  
17 WITH L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH AND ACTUALLY HELPING TO PROTECT OUR  
18 FAMILIES, OUR COMMUNITIES. IT IS SO IMPORTANT. THANK YOU  
19 AGAIN. AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CALLED. YOUR EFFORTS ARE  
20 MAKING A DIFFERENCE. LET'S KEEP GOING.

21

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

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. SO, LET'S GO  
25 THROUGH THIS. SUPERVISORS, HAVE YOU BEEN VACCINATED? IT WOULD



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1 BE GREAT IF YOU SHOWED THE PUBLIC THAT YOU GOT VACCINATED, SO  
2 THAT WE WOULD KNOW YOU ARE STANDING UP TO SHOW THAT YOU'RE  
3 VACCINATED AGAINST COVID OR CORONA NOVEL VIRUS OR THE  
4 MONKEYPOX, WHICHEVER DISEASE IS RIGHT NOW THE FLAVOR OF THE  
5 MONTH. WE HAVE THE DIRTIES AIR IN THE COUNTRY. METRO IS  
6 SUPPOSED TO HAVE CLEAN AIR BUSES, BUT THEY'RE BURNING --  
7 THEY'RE NOT BURNING C.N.G. THEY'RE BURNING REGULAR GAS. THEY  
8 HAVE EXHAUST COMING OUT OF THE TOPS OF THE BUSES. WHAT THE  
9 [EXPLETIVE] ARE YOU DOING ABOUT THAT, MADAM CHAIR? AREN'T YOU  
10 ON THE BOARD AT METRO? YOU [EXPLETIVE].

11

12 **ATTORNEY:** THAT IS DISRUPTIVE LANGUAGE. PLEASE MIND YOUR TONE.

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14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** LANDFILL IS THE D.B.A. OF MONSANTO. BY THE WAY,  
15 MS. HORVATH, YOU'RE NOT EVEN ON THE BOARD ANYMORE. DID YOU  
16 KNOW THAT? DID YOU CHECK A LOOK AT THE BOARD BOOK? YOU'RE NOT  
17 ON IT. BY THE WAY, WHERE IS FLOYD MAYWEATHER. I THOUGHT HE WAS  
18 GOING TO BE HERE?

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. OUR FINAL SPEAKER. GO  
21 AHEAD.

22

23 **SUP. HORVATH:** UNACCEPTABLE. THAT IS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE.

24

25 **ATTORNEY:** YOU ARE BEING DISRUPTIVE.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. YOUR TIME IS STARTING.

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4 **COREY SCHMIDT:** COREY SCHMIDT, FOR THE RECORD. I HAVE THREE  
5 MINUTES. I HAVE ALL ITEMS. GREETINGS, FRIENDS. SO LET'S TALK  
6 ABOUT SOME MORE PSYCHIC [EXPLETIVE]. WE KNOW THAT I USED TO BE  
7 TRAINING TO BE A DANCE INSTRUCTOR, RIGHT? SO, WE HAVE A DANCE  
8 INSTRUCTOR WHO LOSES HIS [EXPLETIVE] --

9

10 **ATTORNEY:** SIR, YOU'RE BEING DISRUPTIVE. YOU ARE INTERRUPTING  
11 HIS TIME.

12

13 **COREY SCHMIDT:** MONTEREY PARK, REMEMBER, HILDA, LET'S KEEP IT  
14 OUT OF MY DISTRICT FOR PLAUSIBLE DENIABILITY. REMEMBER WHAT I  
15 SAID THE WHOLE THING ABOUT WITH MIND [EXPLETIVE] PEOPLE --

16

17 **ATTORNEY:** SIR, YOU NEED TO BE SPEAKING ON ITEMS WITHIN THE  
18 JURISDICTION OF THE BODY.

19

20 **COREY SCHMIDT:** I CAN SAY WHATEVER I WANT. THIS IS GENERAL  
21 PUBLIC COMMENT.

22

23 **ATTORNEY:** NO, YOU CANNOT. YOU NEED TO SPEAK ON ITEMS --

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1   **COREY SCHMIDT:** DON'T ARGUE WITH ME. REMEMBER, WHAT I SAID THE  
2   WHOLE THING WITH MIND [EXPLETIVE] PEOPLE? SO THEY MIND  
3   [EXPLETIVE] THIS ASIAN --

4

5   **ATTORNEY:** SIR, YOU ARE OFF TOPIC. YOU ARE NOT DISCUSSING  
6   ANYTHING WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS BODY.--

7

8   **COREY SCHMIDT:** AND THEN HE TAKES OFF, AND SURPRISE, SURPRISE,  
9   WINDS UP IN JANICE HAHN'S DISTRICT. WOW. EVEN MORE CONCERNING  
10   THOUGH IS THAT THAT [EXPLETIVE] ENDED UP JUST ABOUT A BLOCK  
11   AWAY FROM ME.

12

13   **ATTORNEY:** SIR, YOU ARE NOT DISCUSSING ANYTHING WITHIN THE  
14   JURISDICTION OF THIS BODY.

15

16   **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I OFFER A SUGGESTION THAT, WHEN  
17   THAT LANGUAGE IS USED, JUST TURN OFF THE MIC?

18

19   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. YES.

20

21   **ATTORNEY:** HE'S BEEN WARNED NUMEROUS TIMES THAT HE'S OFF TOPIC.

22

23   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THE NEW POLICY IS IF THEY USE BAD LANGUAGE,  
24   WE'LL SHUT THEIR MIC OFF.

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1   **ATTORNEY:** HE'S OFF TOPIC, AND HE'S BEEN REMINDED NUMEROUS  
2   TIMES.

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4   **COREY SCHMIDT:** THEY'RE TRYING TO TAKE MY TIME TO SPEAK.

5

6   **ATTORNEY:** SIR, YOU'VE BEEN WARNED NUMEROUS TIMES THAT YOU ARE  
7   OFF TOPIC.

8

9   **COREY SCHMIDT:** ANOTHER MINUTE THAT YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO ME.

10

11   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, WE DON'T.

12

13   **COREY SCHMIDT:** CAN HEAR ME SINCE I'M NOT ON THE MIC. SO, WHAT  
14   HAPPENED? THEY [EXPLETIVE] THIS GUY --

15

16   **ATTORNEY:** SIR, YOU ARE BEING DISRUPTIVE.

17

18   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. YOU'RE TIME HAS EXPIRED. OKAY,  
19   EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON  
20   WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

21

22   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. 2, 4  
23   AND 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 AND 14, 16 AND 17, 21 AND 22, 24-30, 32-  
24   35, 37-45, 46 WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE  
25   VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308, 47, 49-57, 59-



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1 90, 91A, 91C THROUGH 91E, 92A, THIS IS SUPERVISOR HAHN'S READ-  
2 IN URGENCY MOTION, 94, 1D AND 2D.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY  
5 HORVATH TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY  
6 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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10 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

14

15 **SUP. HORVATH:** SHE'S IN THE BATHROOM.

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17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, ABSENT. SUPERVISOR  
18 HORVATH.

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20 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

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25 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.



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

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IS AN AYE.

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

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

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

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE  
14 TO HEAR ADJUSTMENTS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU CAN BEGIN.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. I HAVE ONE ADJUSTMENT, MADAM  
17 CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE  
18 MEMORY OF SALVADOR GOMEZ, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF  
19 LOS ANGELES. SALVADOR WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 27, 1926 IN EL  
20 TEUL, ZACATECAS, MEXICO AND PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 23RD,  
21 2023 AT THE AGE OF 96. HE WAS A CARPENTER BY TRADE. HE  
22 CHERISHED SPENDING ALL HIS TIME WITH HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
23 LOVED TRAVELING TO HIS HOMETOWN. SALVADOR IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
24 BELOVED WIFE, ROSA GOMEZ, BROTHER, ENRIQUE GOMEZ, DAUGHTER,  
25 PATRICIA, AND SON, MAURICIO. HE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY HIS



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1 FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FELLOW UNION MEMBERS OF THE CARPENTERS.

2 MAY HE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. NOW, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,

7 I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DR. MICHAEL "MIKE"

8 WATANABE. MICHAEL WATANABE WAS BORN ON AUGUST 23RD, 1946 IN

9 HAWAII AND PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 13TH HERE IN L.A. AT THE

10 AGE OF 77. HE GRADUATED FROM VENICE HIGH SCHOOL AND WAS

11 DRAFTED INTO THE U.S. ARMY, WHERE HE SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR

12 AS A HELICOPTER CREW CHIEF. AFTER HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY,

13 HE EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM CAL STATE UNIVERSITY

14 NORTHRIDGE A MASTER'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK FROM U.C.L.A. IN

15 1975, HE BEGAN WORKING AS A COUNSELOR FOR THE RESIDENTIAL

16 TREATMENT PROGRAM AT THE ASIAN AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM,

17 ALSO KNOWN AS A.D.A.P., A NONPROFIT AGENCY BEST KNOWN FOR

18 PROVIDING DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT SERVICES IN SOUTH LOS

19 ANGELES. IN 1982, HE WAS PROMOTED TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND

20 IN 2004 HE BECAME THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O., SERVING FAITHFULLY

21 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT JUST TWO YEARS AGO IN 2021. AS C.E.O., HE

22 LED A.D.A.P. FROM A GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION OF 20 STAFF

23 MEMBERS TO A COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE AGENCY WITH MORE THAN 120

24 STAFF AT 10 SERVICE SITES, SERVING MORE THAN 20,000 PEOPLE

25 EACH YEAR. HE NURTURED A.D.A.P. INTO A PLACE OF HEALING AND



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1 GROWTH, A SAFE HAVEN FOR THOSE IN NEED. DR. WATANABE WAS  
2 PASSIONATE ABOUT CHANGING LIVES AND SAVING FAMILIES THROUGH  
3 POWERFUL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS AND SOCIAL SERVICES. HE TOOK  
4 ON MANY LEADERSHIP ROLES TO HELP TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF  
5 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IMPACTED BY DRUG USE, INCLUDING  
6 SERVING AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC POLICY AND PLANNING  
7 COUNCIL, WHERE HE CHAIRED ITS DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO  
8 COMMITTEE OVER 12 YEARS, REPRESENTING THE SECOND DISTRICT AS A  
9 COMMISSIONER ON THE NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS COMMISSION  
10 FOR 16 YEARS, AND ADVISING THE CALIFORNIA ALCOHOLIC DRUG  
11 PROGRAMS AS A CHAIR OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER  
12 CONSTITUENT COMMITTEE FOR EIGHT YEARS. HE WAS ALSO A FOUNDING  
13 BOARD MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC FAMILIES AGAINST  
14 SUBSTANCE ABUSE. DR. WATANABE RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS,  
15 CERTIFICATES, AND GOVERNMENT RESOLUTIONS ACKNOWLEDGING HIS  
16 WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY, MANY FROM THE L.A.  
17 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS WELL. IN 2017, HIS ALMA MATER,  
18 CAL STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE, AND THE TRUSTEES OF THE CAL  
19 STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AWARDED HIM AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF  
20 HUMANE LETTERS DEGREE IN RECOGNITION OF HIS LIFELONG WORK IN  
21 THE SOCIAL SERVICE DELIVERY FIELD. DR. WATANABE EXEMPLIFIED  
22 THE VALUES OF ADVOCATING FOR WHAT IS RIGHT AND SERVING THE  
23 COMMUNITY UNWAVERINGLY. HE LEAVES BEHIND TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY  
24 HIS DEVOTED WIFE, SUZY, AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND  
25 FELLOW SECOND DISTRICT SERVICE PROVIDERS, WHO WILL MISS HIM



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1 DEARLY. MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
2 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CEDRIC BEASTIE JONES. CEDRIC WAS BORN  
3 ON SEPTEMBER 14TH, 1977 IN MACON, GEORGIA AND PASSED AWAY  
4 UNEXPECTEDLY, LIKE WHILE LITERALLY WALKING HIS DOG IN HIS  
5 NEIGHBORHOOD, OCTOBER 16TH AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 46. HE  
6 GRADUATED FROM FORT STEWART MILITARY SCHOOL IN 1995 AND  
7 ATTENDED MIDDLE GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY. AFTER ATTENDING A  
8 PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY IN ATLANTA AND GETTING HIS ASSOCIATES  
9 DEGREE IN DANCE, CEDRIC MOVED TO L.A. WITH JUST \$5,000 IN HIS  
10 POCKET. HE STARTED THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, BE MOVED  
11 FOUNDATION, WHERE HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO MENTORING AND  
12 HELPING YOUTH FROM SOUTH LOS ANGELES GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL  
13 AND BECOME FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS. HE ACTIVELY  
14 EXTENDED HIS SUPPORT TO THOSE IN NEED BY VISITING DETENTION  
15 CENTERS, SHELTERS, AND REACHING OUT TO INDIVIDUALS  
16 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. HE CHANGED THE LIFE COURSE OF  
17 COUNTLESS YOUNG MEN, HELPING THEM EARN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS  
18 TO PEPPERDINE, TO TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITIES. HE WAS ALSO THE OWNER  
19 AND FOUNDER OF BEASTIE BOXING GYM IN MANHATTAN BEACH, WHERE HE  
20 INSPIRED HIS CLIENTS TO BECOME THE BEST VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES  
21 BY DREAMING, OVERCOMING OBSTACLES, AND DELETING THE WORD QUIT  
22 FROM THEIR VOCABULARY. HE WAS A S.A.G. A.F.T.R.A. ACTOR AND  
23 DANCER, STARRING IN MANY FILMS, INCLUDING "EMANCIPATION" IN  
24 2022, STARRING WILL SMITH. IN A 2019 ARTICLE, HE SHARED AND I  
25 QUOTE, "MY STORY IS NOT OVER. I WANT TO LEAVE A MARK. WHEN



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1 PEOPLE SPEAK MY NAME, I WANT THEM TO RELATE IT TO HOPE,  
2 INSPIRATION, BEING ABLE TO THRIVE, AND TO GO GET IT." HE  
3 ATTENDED MANY OF OUR SECOND DISTRICT RACIAL JUSTICE LEARNING  
4 EXCHANGE EVENTS AND WAS WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH MY OFFICE  
5 ON BRINGING ANOTHER SURFING EVENT TO THE YOUTH HE MENTORED,  
6 WHICH WE ARE GOING TO DO IN HIS HONOR. I FIRST MET HIM AT AN  
7 R.J. L.A. EVENT THAT WE HOSTED IN THE MANHATTAN BEACH COUNTY  
8 LIBRARY, WHERE WE ENGAGED IN AN ACTIVITY CALLED CIRCLE OF  
9 CHAIRS, WHERE PEOPLE ARE PUT IN A CIRCLE OF 10, AND TWO  
10 QUESTIONS ARE POSED. WHEN AND IF THEY WITNESSED OR  
11 PARTICIPATED IN WHITE FRAGILITY, AND THE SECOND QUESTION WAS  
12 WHEN AND IF THEY EXPERIENCED OR PROVIDED SUPPORT TO AN ALLY.  
13 HIS COMMENTS DURING THAT EXERCISE WERE RIVETING. HE HAD US ALL  
14 SPELLBOUND, AND HE RESTATED HIS COMMITMENT TO BUILDING AN  
15 EQUITY-FOCUSED MANHATTAN BEACH THAT HE WAS COMMITTED TO. TO  
16 HONOR HIS LIFE AND LEGACY, THERE WAS A MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD  
17 AT HIS GYM, FOLLOWED BY A TWO MILE RUN IN MANHATTAN BEACH ON  
18 THE 22ND OF OCTOBER, AND A MEMORIAL BEACH WORKOUT ON THE 28TH.  
19 COUNTLESS PEOPLE CAME AND SPOKE ABOUT HIS INFECTIOUS ENERGY,  
20 TENACIOUS SPIRIT, AND IMMEASURABLE IMPACT. HE WILL BE  
21 REMEMBERED AS A LOVING FATHER, DEVOTED HUSBAND, CARING SON,  
22 BROTHER, COMMUNITY LEADER, AND INCREDIBLE FRIEND, WHO  
23 INSPIRED OTHERS. HE LEAVES BACK TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS  
24 BEAUTIFUL WIFE, HER NICKNAME IS BARBIE, AND THREE CHILDREN, A



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1 HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE'LL BE MISSED. THANK  
2 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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6 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST, TONIGHT, I MOVE  
7 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NIAMH ROLSTON,  
8 PEYTON STEWART, ASHA WEIR, AND DESLYN WILLIAMS, ALL SENIORS AT  
9 PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY AND MEMBERS OF THE MALIBU COMMUNITY, WHO  
10 WERE VICTIMS OF A DEADLY CAR CRASH ALONG THE P.C.H. ON OCTOBER  
11 17TH, A TRAGEDY THAT HAS SHAKEN OUR COUNTY AND BROKEN ALL OF  
12 OUR HEARTS. THESE FOUR YOUNG WOMEN WERE SORORITY SISTERS ABOUT  
13 TO EMBARK ON A JOURNEY INTO ADULTHOOD, ENJOYING THEIR SENIOR  
14 YEAR, AND WORKING HARD TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER. EACH  
15 HAD A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD AND LEFT A PERMANENT IMPACT ON THEIR  
16 FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COMMUNITY. LET US ALL CARRY FORWARD A  
17 PIECE OF THEIR MEMORY. FIRST, NIAMH ROLSTON OF LOS ANGELES WAS  
18 A BUSINESS MAJOR, WHO LOVED READING, TELEVISION, AND YOGA.  
19 FROM A YOUNG AGE, SHE TRAINED AS A GYMNAST AND INSPIRED  
20 SEVERAL OTHER GIRLS THROUGH HER HARD WORK AND DETERMINATION.  
21 SHE WAS DESCRIBED BY HER FRIENDS AS A SILLY AND HAPPY PERSON,  
22 THE KIND THAT ALWAYS PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE. PEYTON STEWART  
23 OF TIERRA VERDE, FLORIDA WAS ALSO A BUSINESS MAJOR INTERESTED  
24 IN A CAREER IN FINANCE. SHE LOVED FOLLOWING FASHION, SKINCARE,  
25 AND EXERCISE TRENDS. SHE WAS DESCRIBED BY FRIENDS AS A GREAT



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1 LISTENER AND A SELFLESS PERSON. HER SORORITY SISTERS DESCRIBED  
2 HER AS SOMEONE WITH BIG DREAMS AND AN INCOMPARABLE DRIVE TO  
3 ACCOMPLISH THEM. ASHA WEIR OF HARLEYSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA WAS  
4 AN ENGLISH MAJOR WITH INTERESTS IN FASHION AND MUSIC. SHE  
5 LOVED TO TRAVEL AND ALWAYS DREAMED OF GOING TO A SCHOOL BY THE  
6 OCEAN. DESLYN WILLIAMS OF SMYRNA, GEORGIA WAS A BIOLOGY MAJOR  
7 ON A PRE-VETERINARIAN TRACK. SHE WAS EVEN THE VICE PRESIDENT  
8 OF THE SCHOOL'S PRE-VETERINARY CLUB. SHE HAD A HUGE LOVE AND  
9 COMPASSION FOR ANIMALS, AND HER DREAM OF BECOMING A  
10 VETERINARIAN BROUGHT HER TO PEPPERDINE. THESE FOUR FRIENDS  
11 WERE KNOWN FOR THE KINDNESS AND SPIRIT THEY RADIATED. THERE  
12 WILL FOREVER BE A PIECE OF OUR COMMUNITY MISSING WITH THEM  
13 GONE. THEY ARE SURVIVED BY LOVING FAMILIES, WHO WE JOIN WITH  
14 IN THEIR UNFATHOMABLE GRIEF, AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO SEE A  
15 SAFER FUTURE FOR P.C.H. AND THE MALIBU COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

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17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN YOU ON THAT AND ALSO SEND  
18 OUR BEST LOVE AND WISHES TO THE WHOLE SCHOOL OF PEPPERDINE,  
19 WHO IS GRIEVING, AND IT WAS ONLY FIVE YEARS AGO THAT THE  
20 INCIDENT HAPPENED AT BORDER GRILL, WHERE THERE WERE SOME OTHER  
21 PEPPERDINE STUDENTS THAT WERE KILLED THAT NIGHT. SO, THAT  
22 SCHOOL IS GRIEVING. SO THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS.

23

24 **SUP. HORVATH:** ABSOLUTELY. ABSOLUTELY. NEXT, I MOVE THAT WHEN  
25 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE CINDY



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1 MONTANEZ. SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, FORMER  
2 ASSEMBLYMEMBER, ACTIVIST, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PIONEER,  
3 CINDY MONTANEZ PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 21ST AFTER A LONG BATTLE  
4 WITH A TERMINAL FORM OF CANCER AT THE AGE OF 49. A SAN  
5 FERNANDO VALLEY NATIVE, MONTANEZ WAS THE FOURTH OF SIX  
6 CHILDREN BORN TO MANUEL AND MARGARITA MONTANEZ, BOTH  
7 IMMIGRANTS FROM MEXICO. SHE ATTENDED MORNINGSIDE ELEMENTARY  
8 AND FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL IN SAN FERNANDO. MONTANEZ ATTENDED  
9 HIGH SCHOOL AT RAMONA CONVENT SECONDARY SCHOOL IN ALHAMBRA  
10 WITH A MEMBER OF MY STAFF. HER PARENTS DROVE AND HER SISTER  
11 DAILY FROM SAN FERNANDO TO ALHAMBRA TO ATTEND SCHOOL AT RAMONA  
12 SO THEY COULD RECEIVE A BETTER EDUCATION. MONTANEZ WAS SO  
13 ADVANCED IN MATH SHE TOOK COLLEGE LEVEL CALCULUS CLASSES AT  
14 NEARBY CAL STATE L.A. WHILE SHE WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL. AS A YOUNG  
15 PERSON, MONTANEZ WAS A COMPETITIVE SWIMMER AND A MEMBER OF THE  
16 GLENDALE Y.M.C.A. SWIM TEAM. MONTANEZ'S ADVOCACY AND  
17 LEADERSHIP DATED TO HER DAYS AT U.C.L.A., WHERE AS A FRESHMAN  
18 SHE JOIN A 14 DAY HUNGER STRIKE TO DEMAND THE UNIVERSITY START  
19 A CHICANO STUDIES DEPARTMENT, PAVING THE WAY FOR THE CESAR A.  
20 CHAVEZ DEPARTMENT OF CHICANA/CHICANO AND CENTRAL AMERICAN  
21 STUDIES. MONTANEZ WAS THE YOUNGEST PERSON EVER ELECTED TO THE  
22 SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL AT THE AGE OF 25 IN 1999. SHE  
23 CONTINUED SHATTERING RECORDS WHEN IN 2002, AT THE YOUNG AGE OF  
24 28, SHE BECAME THE YOUNGEST WOMAN EVER ELECTED TO THE STATE  
25 LEGISLATURE. TWO YEARS LATER, AT 30, MONTANEZ WAS TAPPED TO



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1 CHAIR THE POWERFUL ASSEMBLY RULES COMMITTEE BECOMING ONCE  
2 AGAIN THE YOUNGEST PERSON, FIRST LATINA, AND FIRST DEMOCRATIC  
3 WOMAN TO HOLD THAT POSITION. FOLLOWING THE ASSEMBLY, SHE WAS  
4 TAPPED TO ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER AT THE LOS ANGELES  
5 DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER, WHERE SHE WAS A CORE PART OF  
6 THE TEAM TRANSITIONING THE NATION'S LARGEST PUBLICLY OWNED  
7 UTILITY TO CLEANER ENERGY AND A MORE SUSTAINABLE LOCAL WATER  
8 SUPPLY. IN 2016, SHE BECAME THE C.E.O. OF TREE PEOPLE, A  
9 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WHICH PROVIDES TRAINING AND SUPPORT TO  
10 COMMUNITIES TO PLANT AND CARE FOR TREES, MAKING HER THE FIRST  
11 LATINA C.E.O. OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION IN U.S.  
12 HISTORY. MONTANEZ IS SURVIVED BY HER PARENTS, MARGARITA AND  
13 MANUEL MONTANEZ, AND SIBLINGS, EZEQUIEL, MARIBEL, MIGUEL,  
14 ROBERT, AND NORMA. HER REMARKABLE LEGACY LIVES ON THROUGH THE  
15 PEOPLE SHE HAS INSPIRED AND THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY TO WHICH SHE  
16 DEDICATED HER ENTIRE LIFE.

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I'D ALSO LIKE TO JOIN YOU ON THAT ONE.

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20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I, AS WELL, PLEASE.

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22 **SUP. HORVATH:** OF COURSE. NEXT, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
23 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MATTHEW PERRY, WHO PASSED AWAY  
24 ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH AT HIS PACIFIC PALISADES HOME AT THE  
25 AGE OF 54. PERRY WAS LOVED BY MANY, BOTH THOSE WHO KNEW HIM



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1 PERSONALLY, AND THOSE WHO FELL IN LOVE WITH THE CHARACTERS HE  
2 PORTRAYED. PERRY GAINED STARDOM AS CHANDLER BING ON THE  
3 "FRIENDS" SERIES. PERRY WAS BORN IN WILLIAMSTOWN,  
4 MASSACHUSETTS, AND HIS MOTHER WORKED AS A PRESS SECRETARY FOR  
5 THEN CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER, PIERRE TRUDEAU. THIS ROLE LED  
6 HIM TO BECOME CLASSMATES WITH NOW PRIME MINISTER, JUSTIN  
7 TRUDEAU. PERRY GREW UP PRIMARILY IN OTTAWA, CANADA BUT MOVED  
8 TO LOS ANGELES AT 15 TO LIVE WITH HIS FATHER AND FURTHER HIS  
9 BUDDING TENNIS CAREER. HE QUICKLY LEARNED THAT HIS DREAM WAS  
10 TO BECOME A FAMOUS ACTOR, AND AT THE AGE OF 24, HE WAS CAST IN  
11 "FRIENDS." "FRIENDS" RAN FROM 1994 TO 2004 FOR A TOTAL OF 10  
12 SEASONS. PERRY'S CHARACTER WAS KNOWN FOR HIS WIT AND HUMOR,  
13 AND HE BROUGHT A BIT OF HIMSELF TO THE CHARACTER, ELEVATING  
14 CHANDLER TO A NEW LEVEL EVEN IMPACTING THE CONVERSATIONAL  
15 STYLE OF AMERICANS DURING THAT TIME. MATTHEW PERRY HELPED MAKE  
16 "FRIENDS" THE HIT THAT IT WAS AND CONTINUES TO BE TODAY. HE  
17 HAD VERY PUBLIC STRUGGLES WITH SUBSTANCE USE AND SHARED HIS  
18 STORY TO HELP OTHERS. THOUGH MANY REMEMBER HIM FROM HIS  
19 ACTING, HIS STRENGTH AND VULNERABILITY HAS MEMORIALIZED HIM IN  
20 THE HEARTS OF HIS FANS. PERRY IS SURVIVED BY HIS FATHER, JOHN  
21 BENNETT PERRY, HIS MOTHER, SUZANNE PERRY, AND HER HUSBAND,  
22 KEITH MORRISON. IT'S BEEN MADE CLEAR OVER THE LAST WEEK JUST  
23 HOW BELOVED PERRY WAS AND THAT HIS WORK ON T.V. AND THROUGH  
24 HIS WRITING WILL CONTINUE TO TOUCH THE LIVES OF MANY FOR YEARS  
25 TO COME. AND FINALLY, TODAY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE



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1 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DONNA SAUR, LONGTIME WEST HOLLYWOOD  
2 RESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH AT THE AGE OF 77.  
3 CELEBRATED FOR HER WARMTH AND AFFECTION, DONNA WAS A  
4 CORNERSTONE OF THE EARLY DAYS OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CITYHOOD.  
5 ALONGSIDE HER HUSBAND, GENE, THEY RAISED THEIR DAUGHTER, DENA,  
6 IN THE CITY. DONNA'S EXTENSIVE CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDED FOUNDED  
7 THE FIRST NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP, SERVING AS THE EASTSIDE  
8 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP'S CAPTAIN, AND BEING HONORED AS  
9 CRIMEFIGHTER OF THE YEAR BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
10 DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD. SHE PLAYED PIVOTAL  
11 ROLES IN THE CITY'S DEVELOPMENT, AND IN 1999, SHE WAS  
12 APPOINTED AS DEPUTY LIAISON TO WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY  
13 COUNCILMEMBER, SAL GUARIELLO. HER EXPERTISE AND  
14 RESPONSIVENESS EARNED HER THE ENDEARING TITLE "THE PEOPLE'S  
15 DEPUTY." DONNA WAS ESPECIALLY FOCUSED ON PUBLIC SAFETY,  
16 SERVING AS PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER AND PROPOSING CREATIVE  
17 INITIATIVES, SUCH AS THE DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE NAPKIN CAMPAIGN  
18 AND THE CRASHED CAR DISPLAY OUTSIDE THE WEST HOLLYWOOD SHERIFF  
19 HEADQUARTERS TO BRING AWARENESS TO ROAD SAFETY AND TO COMBAT  
20 DRUNK DRIVING. DONNA ALSO SERVED AS MY DEPUTY WHEN I WAS FIRST  
21 APPOINTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLAYED A SPECIAL ROLE IN  
22 HELPING TO WELCOME ME INTO WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL AND  
23 REMAINED A FRIEND UNTIL THE VERY END. SHE'S PRECEDED IN DEATH  
24 BY HER DAUGHTER, DENA, AND IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, GENE.  
25 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
3 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CHAN YOUNG KIM, WHO SERVED  
4 THE CITY OF CERRITOS FOR EVER 20 YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE  
5 PROPERTY PRESERVATION COMMISSION, WHERE HE OFFERED HIS  
6 GUIDANCE TO HELPED MAINTAIN THE CITY'S AESTHETICS AND IMPROVE  
7 RESIDENT'S QUALITY OF LIFE. CHAN YOUNG WAS LOVINGLY KNOWN BY  
8 MANY AS GRANDMASTER KIM. FOR OVER 50 YEARS, HE TAUGHT MARTIAL  
9 ARTS AND HAD A WORLDWIDE REPUTATION AS A PREMIERE INSTRUCTOR,  
10 COACH, AND MENTOR. HE EARNED A RARE 9TH DEGREE BLACK BELT IN  
11 JUDO AND TAEKWONDO AND COACHED THE UNITED STATES IN THE  
12 OLYMPICS. HE WAS BORN IN KOREA IN 1936 AND IMMIGRATED TO THE  
13 UNITED STATES IN 1971. AND UPON COMING TO THE UNITED STATES,  
14 HE QUICKLY BEGAN TEACHING MARTIAL ARTS AND LATER ESTABLISHED A  
15 SUCCESSFUL MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL IN CERRITOS. ALTHOUGH HE WAS A  
16 RECIPIENT OF MANY TITLES AND AWARDS, GRANDMASTER KIM'S  
17 GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE THE THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS HE  
18 FAITHFULLY TAUGHT AND MENTORED OVER THE YEARS. HE IS SURVIVED  
19 BY HIS WIFE, WAN JA KIM, AND DAUGHTERS, JENNY AND SUSAN. HE  
20 WAS PREDECASED BY HIS SON, GRANDMASTER JIMMY KIM. I ALSO MOVE  
21 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF IRVING  
22 ALVAREZ, WHO WAS A REMARKABLE PERSON WHO TRANSFERRED ADVERSITY  
23 INTO AN UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE AND EQUITY. BORN IN  
24 NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, AS A FIRST GENERATION IMMIGRANT FROM  
25 GUATEMALA, IRVING EMBRACED HIS INDIGENOUS HERITAGE, FACING THE



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1 CHALLENGES A UNIQUE NAME AND SKIN TONE. DESPITE DROPPING OUT  
2 OF HIGH SCHOOL AT 16 AND ENTERING THE SCHOOL TO PRISON  
3 PIPELINE, HE EMERGED WITH RESILIENCE AND DETERMINATION. AFTER  
4 RETURNING HOME IN 2018, IRVING'S ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGNS ACROSS  
5 CALIFORNIA AND LOS ANGELES MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.  
6 RECOGNIZED FOR HIS WORK IN 2021, HE BELIEVED EXPERIENCE WAS  
7 LIFE'S GREATEST TEACHER AND BECAME A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM  
8 CONSULTANT AND ADVOCATE FOR FINDING SOLUTIONS OVER ISOLATION.  
9 HIS DREAM OF BECOMING A PH.D. CANDIDATE AND HIS COMMITMENT TO  
10 EMPOWERING OTHERS WILL BE REMEMBERED, AS WILL HIS DEDICATION  
11 TO SERVING HIS COMMUNITY THROUGH VARIOUS ROLES FROM EXECUTIVE  
12 DIRECTOR OF SUNFLOWER FOSTER YOUTH INVESTMENT TO FELLOWSHIP  
13 COORDINATOR OF BROTHERS, SONS, AND SELVES, REENTRY NAVIGATOR  
14 FOR THE JUSTICE SCHOLARS PROGRAM, AND MOST RECENTLY, HE WAS  
15 THE AT LARGE APPOINTEE APPOINTED TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
16 YOUTH COMMISSION FROM MY DISTRICT. IRVING'S LEGACY IS A  
17 TESTAMENT TO THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF COMPASSION AND  
18 RESILIENCE. IRVING IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, JOSE AND  
19 CYNTIA, TWO SISTERS, AND A BELOVED DOG, GOTTI. I ALSO MOVE  
20 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JERRY  
21 LOVAROV, WHO WAS BORN IN SAN PEDRO A SHORT TIME AFTER HIS  
22 PARENTS IMMIGRATED FROM WHAT WAS THEN YUGOSLAVIA. HE GRADUATED  
23 FROM SAN PEDRO HIGH AS AN ALL-STAR ATHLETE, PLAYING BOTH  
24 BASEBALL AND BASKETBALL. AFTER COLLEGE, JERRY WENT TO WORK FOR  
25 THE LOS ANGELES CITY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS AS A



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1 CHIEF DIRECTOR UNTIL A TEACHING POSITION OPENED UP AT SAN  
2 PEDRO HIGH. HE TAUGHT MANY SUBJECTS, BUT WAS WIDELY  
3 RECOGNIZED FOR HIS DECADES OF TEACHING DRIVER'S ED. IN  
4 ADDITION TO TEACHING, HE ALSO COACHED BASKETBALL, SWIMMING,  
5 AND BASEBALL. THESE SPORTS WERE HIS PASSION, AND HE POURED HIS  
6 HEART AND SOUL INTO EVERY ASPECT OF COACHING. AS VARSITY  
7 BASEBALL COACH, HIS TEAM ADVANCED TWICE TO THE CITY FINALS. IN  
8 1992, HIS TEAM WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP, WHICH WAS PLAYED AT  
9 DODGER STADIUM. JERRY RETIRED IN 1999 BUT WAS ASKED BACK TO  
10 COACH J.V. BASKETBALL UNTIL 2003, GIVING HIM A 49 YEAR CAREER  
11 AT SAN PEDRO HIGH. FOR ALL HIS SUCCESSES, JERRY HAS RECEIVED  
12 MANY HONORS, INCLUDING CITY COACH OF THE YEAR, SOUTH BAY COACH  
13 OF THE YEAR, BOYS CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR. JERRY WAS INDUCTED  
14 INTO THE SAN PEDRO SPORTS WALK IN 1997 AND THE SAN PEDRO HIGH  
15 SCHOOL HALL OF FAME IN 2014. JERRY WAS A LIFETIME MEMBER OF  
16 THE ELKS LODGE 966, DALMATIAN AMERICAN CLUB, CROATIAN AMERICAN  
17 CLUB, AND THE SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS CLUB, IN WHICH HE  
18 SERVED AS PRESIDENT AND THEN TREASURER UNTIL HIS DEATH. HE IS  
19 WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS AND BROTHER. HE IS  
20 SURVIVED BY MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
21 ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF KEVIN MCCONNELL. KEVIN, A  
22 NATIVE RESIDENT OF PALOS VERDES WAS A DEVOTED MAN OF FAITH, A  
23 LOVING HUSBAND, FATHER, AND GRANDFATHER. HE AND HIS WIFE OF 39  
24 YEARS, EVELYN, RAISED THEIR TWO CHILDREN IN LAKEWOOD, AND HE  
25 PASSED ON SEPTEMBER 22ND AT THE AGE OF 62, JUST TWO DAYS



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1 BEFORE HIS DAUGHTER'S WEDDING. KEVIN WAS OUTGOING AND FRIENDLY  
2 TOWARDS THOSE AROUND HIM AND LEAVES BEHIND A LEGACY OF PUTTING  
3 HIS FAMILY FIRST. KEVIN GRADUATED FROM SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL  
4 IN 1979 AND WENT ON TO GRADUATE WITH HONORS FROM SAN DIEGO  
5 STATE UNIVERSITY WITH A DEGREE IN MARKETING. HE ENJOYED A 36  
6 YEAR LONG CAREER IN THE SIGNAGE INDUSTRY AND WAS ABLE TO WORK  
7 WITH SOME OF THE LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE WORLD. AND DESPITE  
8 THIS TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCE, HIS FAMILY CONTINUED WITH HIS  
9 DAUGHTER'S WEDDING CEREMONY AND DELIVERED HIS SPEECH THAT HE  
10 WORKED SO HARD ON TO PREPARE FOR HIS DAUGHTER. HE IS SURVIVED  
11 BY HIS WIFE, EVELYN, HIS CHILDREN, JENNIFER AND KEVIN JR., AND  
12 GRANDSON, KEVIN III. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
13 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARYANNE LOVERICH, WHO PASSED AWAY AT  
14 THE AGE OF 85. MARYANNE WAS BELOVED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY OF  
15 SAN PEDRO. SHE WAS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL BANK OF  
16 AMERICA FOR MANY YEARS AND HAD MANY LOYAL CUSTOMERS. IN HER  
17 FREE TIME, SHE LOVED TRAVELING TO CATALINA, PALM SPRINGS, AND  
18 CROATIA TO VISIT FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN MANY  
19 ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE BILICKI GOSHBAY SOCIETY, THE BETTER  
20 HALF GROUP, THE PRESIDENT OF AVE MARIA, PRESIDENT OF THE SAN  
21 PEDRO WOMEN'S CLUB, AND A MEMBER OF THE SAN PEDRO CHAPTER OF  
22 THE RED HAT SOCIETY. MARYANNE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER  
23 HUSBAND, WALTER, AND SON, NICK. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER  
24 CHILDREN, JOHN, CHRISTIE, MARIE, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, AND THREE  
25 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,



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1 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF NICHOLAS AQUINO, AFFECTIONATELY  
2 KNOWN AS NICK TO HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES AS A  
3 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND A RESIDENT --  
4 HE SERVED ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. NICK GREW UP AND  
5 RESIDED IN HIS BELOVED UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF LOS NIETOS.  
6 HE ATTENDED RIO HONDO COLLEGE AND CAL STATE FULLERTON, THEN  
7 BEGAN HIS LOS ANGELES COUNTY SERVICE IN MARCH OF 1988 WITH THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AS AID IN THE CONSUMER SERVICES  
9 UNIT. TWO YEARS LATER, HIS TALENT, ADVOCACY, AND RESULTS  
10 EARNED HIM A PROMOTION TO CONSUMER AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE, AND  
11 SHORTLY THEREAFTER, A SECOND PROMOTION THANKS TO HIS EXPERTISE  
12 IN COMPLEX REAL ESTATE CASES. IN 1998, HE WAS APPOINTED AS  
13 SUPERVISOR OF THE REAL ESTATE FRAUD UNIT. HE LATER SPENT MORE  
14 THAN A DECADE SUPERVISING THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT ADVISORY  
15 UNIT, DURING WHICH HE HELPED TO MENTOR SCORES OF FUTURE LAW  
16 PROFESSIONALS AS PART OF THE AMERICORPS JUSTICE CORPS PROGRAM.  
17 THROUGH HIS 35 YEARS, NICK AQUINO MADE AN EVERLASTING MARK IN  
18 THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, IN OUR  
19 COUNTY, THE REGION, AND WITH EVERYONE HE SERVED. HIS  
20 COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY REACHED BEYOND HIS  
21 CAREER WITH L.A. COUNTY. HE WAS A LONGTIME BOARD MEMBER FOR  
22 HIS HOMETOWN LOS NIETOS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
23 AND UNDER HIS PRESIDENCY, WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE OPENING OF  
24 THE NEW LOS NIETOS COUNTY LIBRARY IN 2017. NICK WAS A FOUNDING  
25 MEMBER OF SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION.



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1 HE HELPED RAISE FUNDS FOR STUDENT TRIPS TO WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
2 GRANTS FOR TEACHERS TO STRENGTHEN LESSON PLAN DELIVERY, AND  
3 FOOD BASKETS FOR FAMILIES DURING CHRISTMAS. NICK PASSED AWAY  
4 IN OCTOBER AT THE AGE OF 68, AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS AND IS  
5 SURVIVED BY MANY FAMILY MEMBERS, INCLUDING HIS TWO DAUGHTERS,  
6 ASHLEY AND ALLISON. AND IT'S OUR POLICY THAT WHEN IT'S A  
7 COUNTY EMPLOYEE, WE'LL HAVE ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ONE. MAY HE  
8 REST IN PEACE. JUST A FEW MORE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
9 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF NICK MARTISECH, JR., WHO  
10 WAS A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO AND WAS ONLY 70 WHEN HE  
11 PASSED AWAY. NICK WORKED IN THE FAMILY SEAFOOD BUSINESS AT  
12 BOTH AMERICAN FISHERIES AND STAR FISHERIES, BEFORE BECOMING A  
13 BARTENDER AT MULES, WHERE HE WAS EVERYONE'S BEST FRIEND. HE  
14 WAS AN AVID DODGER FAN WHO LOVED CHEERING ON THE BOYS IN BLUE.  
15 NICK LOVED HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND THEY BROUGHT SO MUCH  
16 JOY TO HIS LIFE. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS FATHER, NICK,  
17 AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DEVOTED AND LOVING MOTHER, MY GOOD  
18 FRIEND, ANITA, CHILDREN NICOLE, NICK, AND KRISTEN, AND THREE  
19 GRANDCHILDREN. AND MY FINAL ADJOURNMENT TODAY, AND THANK YOU,  
20 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU SAID IT WAS ALL RIGHT IF I DID THIS.  
21 HE IS A RESIDENT OF HERMOSA BEACH. I HAVE KNOWN HIM FOR SUCH A  
22 LONG TIME. SO THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME DO THAT. I WOULD LIKE  
23 US TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RAYMOND "RAY" WATERS, WHO  
24 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. HE WAS BORN IN LONG BEACH. HE  
25 GRADUATED FROM U.C.L.A. WITH A B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE IN



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1 1958. HE TAUGHT U.S. HISTORY TO 8TH GRADERS WHILE ENROLLED IN  
2 GRADUATE SCHOOL AT U.S.C. STUDYING ECONOMICS. AS A FULBRIGHT  
3 SCHOLAR, HE SPENT ONE YEAR WITH HIS YOUNG FAMILY IN LIBERIA,  
4 AFRICA, TEACHING AND DOING RESEARCH. IN 1978, RAY LEFT  
5 TEACHING TO JOIN HIS MOTHER AT HER REAL ESTATE OFFICE IN  
6 CARSON, WHERE HE BECAME THE BROKER WHEN SHE RETIRED. IN 1991,  
7 HE RETURNED TO TEACHING. HE FOUND SPECIAL EDUCATION TO BE  
8 PERSONALLY REWARDING AND RETURNED TO C.S. DOMINGUEZ HILLS FOR  
9 A SPECIAL ED CREDENTIAL, AFTER WHICH HE CONTINUED TEACHING  
10 SPECIAL ED IN L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT UNTIL HIS  
11 RETIREMENT IN 2001. HE WAS A TIRELESS SUPPORTER, AND THIS IS  
12 WHERE I GOT TO KNOW HIM WELL, OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, ITS  
13 CANDIDATES AND COMMUNITY. HE SPENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE BEACH  
14 CITY DEMS, WAS ELECTED TO THE L.A. DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND SERVED  
15 AS A DELEGATE TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. RAY  
16 AND HIS WIFE, CAROLYN, COULD BE COUNTED ON TO SUPPORT HERMOSA  
17 BEACH DEMOCRATS AND ALL L.A. COUNTY DEMOCRATS AND REGULARLY  
18 OPENED THEIR HOME, WHICH I HAD BEEN TO MANY TIMES, TO HOST  
19 POLITICAL EVENTS. YOU KNOW, THERE'S JUST ALWAYS THOSE GREAT  
20 POLITICAL ACTIVISTS. I THINK WE ALL KNOW THEM. THEY ALWAYS  
21 SHOW UP. THEY ARE TO DO THE PHONE BANKING. THEY ARE THERE TO  
22 WALK PRECINCTS. AND THEY, MOST IMPORTANTLY, ARE JUST CONTINUE  
23 TO GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE CANDIDATES, WHO ARE SEEKING  
24 OFFICE. AND RAY WAS THAT PERSON. HE WAS ALSO A BIG SUPPORTER  
25 OF NUMEROUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS,



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1   ESPECIALLY THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, WHERE HE SERVED AS AN  
2   ADVISER. RAY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CAROLYN, HIS SONS, JEFF  
3   AND DAVID, AND GRANDCHILDREN, ROBIN, CAITLYN, LILY, ZANE, AND  
4   JENNIFER, AND ALL OF THE CANDIDATES WHO EVENTUALLY WERE  
5   ELECTED TO OFFICE BECAUSE OF HIS SUPPORT. THANK YOU.  
6   SUPERVISOR.

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8   **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
9   ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF LOUIS, BETTER KNOWN AS  
10   LOU, V. AGUILAR, WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED IN EAST L.A. HE  
11   ATTENDED GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, AND UPON GRADUATION, WAS  
12   DRAFTED INTO THE UNITED STATES ARMY. WHILE STATIONED IN  
13   WASHINGTON, D.C., LOU MET A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN, WHO WORKED  
14   FOR THE C.I.A., NAMED ELLA LYNCH. ELLA LYNCH BECAME ELLA  
15   AGUILAR IN 1964. AFTER THE ARMY, LOU AND ELLA SETTLED IN LOS  
16   ANGELES, WHERE LOU ATTENDED U.S.C., GRADUATING WITH A DEGREE  
17   IN ENGLISH LITERATURE. IN 1968, LOU BECAME A MEMBER OF THE  
18   COUNTY FAMILY BY JOINING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MARSHAL'S  
19   OFFICE, BUT WHILE WORKING FOR THE MARSHAL'S OFFICE, HE  
20   ENROLLED IN LAW SCHOOL AT SOUTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW AND  
21   GRADUATED IN 1973. THAT SAME YEAR, LOU BECAME A MEMBER OF THE  
22   COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE. LOU WAS BELOVED AND WELL-RESPECTED.  
23   AND FROM 1973 TO 1993, HE WAS ONE OF THE OFFICE'S HEAVY  
24   HITTING LITIGATORS. HE ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS OF THE COUNTY  
25   COUNSEL'S OFFICE, EVENTUALLY BECOMING THE DIVISION CHIEF OF



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1 THE WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION DIVISION AND LATER GENERAL  
2 LITIGATION DIVISION. LOU RETIRED AS SENIOR ASSISTANT COUNTY  
3 COUNSEL IN 2003. LOU WILL BE MISSED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
4 DAUGHTERS, LARISSA AND ANNE, WHO IS A SENIOR DEPUTY COUNTY  
5 COUNSEL. AND THAT WILL BE ALL MEMBERS. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN  
6 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAVID BROWN, A  
7 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
8 78 ON OCTOBER 13TH. DAVID WAS BORN IN MAINE AND RAISED IN  
9 CONNECTICUT, WHERE HE EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT DARTMOUTH  
10 COLLEGE AND MASTER'S DEGREE FROM TRINITY COLLEGE. HE THEN THEN  
11 LEFT THE EAST COAST FOR ART CENTER IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA.  
12 UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, HE WAS ABLE TO ALLOCATE SIGNIFICANT  
13 DONATIONS FOR ART CENTER AND OPENED A SECOND CAMPUS IN EUROPE.  
14 TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION OF  
15 THE INSTITUTION, THE DAVID AND JUDITH BROWN ENDOWED  
16 SCHOLARSHIP WAS ESTABLISHED. THIS PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT  
17 FOR TEEN STUDENTS IN THE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND  
18 CONTINUING STUDENTS IN ANY OF THE ART CENTER'S DEGREE  
19 PROGRAMS. AFTER LEAVING ART CENTER, BROWN WENT ON TO BECOME  
20 DESCANSO GARDEN'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. DAVID WILL BE REMEMBERED  
21 AS A VISIONARY LEADER HAVING A GREAT IMPACT ON STUDENTS. HE  
22 WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY MANY IN THE COMMUNITY. AND HIS  
23 COMMITTED SUPPORT FOR CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION WILL BE  
24 REMEMBERED BY ALL. DAVID IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, THREE  
25 CHILDREN, AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN



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1 MEMORY OF JOE HOPKINS, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ALTADENA, WHO  
2 PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 31ST. JOE MOVED TO ALTADENA IN 1969 AND  
3 EARNED HIS JURIS DOCTORATE FROM GLENDALE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF  
4 LAW. IN 1982, HE BEGAN HIS LEGAL PRACTICE, WHICH HE THEN MOVED  
5 TO PASADENA IN 1986. HE CO- OWNED AND PUBLISHED THE AREA'S  
6 ONLY BLACK-OWNED NEWSPAPER WITH HIS WIFE, RUTHIE. THE JOURNAL  
7 WAS NOT ONLY VITAL TO THE BLACK COMMUNITY BUT THE ENTIRE CITY  
8 OF PASADENA AS WELL. THE NEWSPAPER ADDRESSED SERIOUS ISSUES,  
9 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, HIRING PRACTICES, DIVERSITY,  
10 RACISM, AND MUCH MORE. JOE'S ADVOCACY FOR THE BLACK COMMUNITY  
11 DID NOT STOP THERE. IN 2003, HIS BOOK WAS PUBLISHED CALLED "I  
12 WILL NOT APOLOGIZE: UNCOMPROMISING SOLUTIONS TO BLACK  
13 AMERICA'S DILEMMA IN THE 21ST CENTURY." JOE ONCE HELD THE  
14 POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE WEST COAST BLACK PUBLISHERS  
15 ASSOCIATION. HE WAS THE PRESIDENT EMERITUS -- I CAN NEVER SAY  
16 IT, EMERITUS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BLACK BUSINESS  
17 ASSOCIATION AND FOUNDED THE PASADENA/ALTADENA BLACK LAWYERS  
18 ASSOCIATION. JOE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED  
19 NUMEROUS TIMES. HE RECEIVED THE APPRECIATION FOR OUTSTANDING  
20 CONTRIBUTIONS IN BUSINESS FROM THE ALTADENA N.A.A.C.P. BRANCH  
21 IN 1990, THE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM OMEGA PSI PHI  
22 FRATERNITY IN 1992, AND SERVED AS A COMMUNITY GRAND MARSHAL OF  
23 THE PASADENA BLACK HISTORY PARADE IN 2000. IN 2006, HE WAS  
24 AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION  
25 FROM CONGRESSMAN ADAM B. SCHIFF. IN 2018, HOPKINS AND HIS WIFE

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1 WERE HONORED AS CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEERS AND UNSUNG HEROES BY THE  
2 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS. ADDITIONALLY, HE WAS  
3 HONORED WITH NUMEROUS SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS FROM VARIOUS CITY,  
4 STATE, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED  
5 BY MANY IN THE COMMUNITY. AND HIS ADVOCACY FOR TRANSPARENCY,  
6 INCLUSIVITY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY WILL BE REMEMBERED. JOE IS  
7 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, RUTHIE, THREE SONS, YUSEF, OMAR, AND  
8 JAMAL, AS WELL AS SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, AND ONE GREAT  
9 GRANDCHILD. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY --

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SUPERVISOR, WOULD YOU MIND ADDING ME ON THAT  
12 ONE, AS WELL. I WAS THERE WHEN THEY WERE RECOGNIZED IN 2018.  
13 I'D APPRECIATE BEING ADDED.

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15 **SUP. BARGER:** ABSOLUTELY. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
16 OF DR. G.V. MATHAI, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY,  
17 WHO PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 2ND AT THE AGE OF 92. DR. MATHAI  
18 WAS THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE INDIA EVANGELICAL  
19 MISSION, BETTER KNOWN AS I.E.M., FOUNDED IN 1966. HE AND HIS  
20 WIFE, MARIAMMA, BEGAN INDIA EVANGELICAL WITH A VISION TO CARE  
21 FOR THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN INDIA. 57  
22 YEARS LATER, I.E.M. IS A WELL ESTABLISHED MINISTRY IN INDIA,  
23 WHICH PROVIDES FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS, A HOME FOR  
24 CHILDREN, FAITHFUL CHURCH PLANNERS, A LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE,  
25 AND A FULL TIME BIBLE SEMINARY. IT ALSO EMPLOYED HUNDREDS OF



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1 PEOPLE. HE AND HIS WIFE WERE KNOWN FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY TO  
2 NEWLY IMMIGRATED INDIANS TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. DR. MATHAI IS  
3 SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR CHILDREN, HELEN, MICHELLE, DIANE, AND  
4 SHEILA, WHO IS A LONGTIME COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE,  
5 SIX GRANDSONS, THREE SIBLINGS, AND DOZENS OF NIECES AND  
6 NEPHEWS. AND LAST, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JEANNE  
7 REGISTER, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ALTADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT  
8 86 ON OCTOBER 3RD. JEANNE WAS BORN ON AUGUST 17TH, 1937 IN  
9 WELLESLEY HILLS, MASSACHUSETTS. ONE OF JEANNE'S PASSIONS WAS  
10 EDUCATION. SHE EARNED HER M.A. IN TEACHING FROM U-MASS,  
11 BOSTON, AND STARTED TEACHING IN MASSACHUSETTS. SOON AFTER  
12 MOVING TO CALIFORNIA IN 1991, SHE WAS CHOSEN AS THE 12TH  
13 HEADMISTRESS OF MAYFIELD SENIOR SCHOOL IN PASADENA. SHE THEN  
14 BECAME A DEDICATED PARISHIONER AT SAINT ELIZABETH CHURCH IN  
15 ALTADENA FOR DECADES AND SERVED ON THE BOARD OF THE PARISH  
16 SCHOOL. AFTER RETIRING, JEANNE RESEARCHED AND WROTE A BOOK  
17 ABOUT HER FAMILY'S HISTORY CALLED "THE ARCADIAN PASSAGE." SHE  
18 WAS COMMITTED TO BEING AN ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN, ESPECIALLY FOR  
19 THOSE IN POLITICS. FOR THIS SERVICE, SHE RECEIVED A LIFETIME  
20 SERVICE AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS,  
21 GREATER PASADENA. SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY MANY IN THE  
22 COMMUNITY, AND FOR HER KINDNESS, SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED BY  
23 ALL. JEANNE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, FRED, HER CHILDREN,  
24 DELIA, VASHTI, AND ALICIA, HER SISTER, JOYCE, AND THREE  
25 GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU, AND WE WILL TAKE ALL THE  
3 MOTIONS AS SECONDED. AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A  
4 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. AND IT IS HARD TO  
5 BELIEVE, BUT THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. IT WENT BY SO  
6 FAST. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COLLEAGUES, WE WILL BE SHOWING  
7 VIDEO PRESENTATIONS AT THIS POINT. I HAVE A VIDEO PRESENTATION  
8 RECOGNIZING THE 36TH ANNUAL PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY AWARDS  
9 AND THE CITY OF ARTESIA'S VETERANS DAY EVENT. SUPERVISOR  
10 BARGER HAS A VIDEO PRESENTATION HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY  
11 OF THE ARBORETUM, AND FINALLY, A VIDEO PRESENTATION BY THE  
12 BOARD RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOS ANGELES  
13 COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. I HAVE LOST  
14 CONTROL OF THE ROOM. EVERYBODY IS ALREADY LEAVING. THE NEXT  
15 MEETING, IN CASE ANYBODY IS INTERESTED, WILL BE A CLOSED  
16 SESSION MEETING TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 14TH AT 9:30: A.M. AND  
17 A REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 21ST, 2023 AT  
18 9:30 A.M. EVERYBODY TAKE THE REST OF THE DAY OFF.

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20 **SPEAKER:** TODAY IS THE DAY WE HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR. IT IS  
21 TIME AGAIN TO CELEBRATE YOU AND ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK. THANK  
22 YOU FOR JOINING US FOR THE 36TH ANNUAL PRODUCTIVITY AND  
23 QUALITY AWARD CEREMONY. [MUSIC]

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1   **SUP. SOLIS:** WE ARE HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE THE MOST VALUABLE  
2   ASSET WE HAVE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE 10  
3   BILLION PEOPLE. I AM TALKING ABOUT THE EMPLOYEES, L.A. COUNTY  
4   EMPLOYEES. SO GIVE YOURSELVES A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE,  
5   PLEASE, BECAUSE YOU DESERVE IT.

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7   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S WINNERS. YOU  
8   REPRESENT THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY TO CARRY OUT OUR ROLES WITH  
9   INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY. THANK YOU.

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11   **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** I OFTEN SAY THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS  
12   ANGELES, WE ARE LIKE THE CARETAKER, THE RELATIVE CAREGIVER. WE  
13   TAKE CARE OF EVERYBODY ELSE, BUT WE DON'T TAKE CARE OF  
14   OURSELVES. SO WE SHOULD CONSIDER THIS A SELF-CARE.

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16   **SPEAKER:** WE ARE IN THE BEAUTIFUL DOROTHY CHANDLER MUSIC  
17   PAVILION. WE ARE EXPECTING, I BELIEVE, ABOUT 350 GUESTS. THIS  
18   IS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ACADEMY AWARDS. THIS EVENT IS  
19   IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT HIGHLIGHTS THE BEST OF THE BEST IN OUR 37  
20   L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENTS.

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22   **SPEAKER:** THIS YEAR'S CHAIR LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER IS MARSHA  
23   IATA.

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1   **SPEAKER:** CONGRATULATING THE 2023 PRODUCTIVITY MANAGER OF THE  
2   YEAR, INA SARAK.

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4   **SPEAKER:** THE BRONZE EAGLE GOES TO CLAIM YOUR CASH, INCREASE  
5   TAX CREDIT UPTAKE. [APPLAUSE] SILVER EAGLE WINNER GOES TO THE  
6   CHOICE STORY, HEALTHCARE NAVIGATION FOR FAMILIES. THE  
7   PRESTIGIOUS GOLD EAGLE AWARD GOES TO YOUTH AT WORK IN PARKS BY  
8   THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR PARKS AND RECREATION.

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10   **SPEAKER:** GUESS WHAT I AM HOLDING? WE'RE GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD.  
11   VERY EXCITED. THERE'S SO MANY WONDERFUL PROGRAMS. ALL THE  
12   DEPARTMENTS, DEPENDENT HEADS, WORK SO MUCH AND ARE DOING SUCH  
13   INCREDIBLE WORK THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE HONOR JUST TO BE CHOSEN  
14   AS THE TOP AWARD.

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16   **SPEAKER:** WE ARE SO EXCITED THAT AFTER OUR VERY FIRST YEAR TO  
17   BE RECOGNIZED LIKE THIS BY THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY  
18   COMMISSION, OUR COLLEAGUES, OUR BOARD, WE ARE JUST GETTING  
19   STARTED.

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21   **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FACING DEPARTMENTS, AND  
22   THEY DON'T GET THE ACCOLADES THEY DESERVE. AND THEY DO SOME  
23   OUTSTANDING WORK. AND THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT  
24   THEM AND HIGHLIGHT THE WORK THAT THEY ARE DOING.

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I AM LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR JANICE  
2    HAHN, AND I, TOO, WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR, MONICA MANALO, FOR  
3    HOSTING THIS GREAT EVENT IN THE GREAT CITY ARTESIA. TO THE  
4    SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN THAT WE'RE HERE CELEBRATING TODAY, THANK  
5    YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR BRAVERY. AND THANK  
6    YOU TO THE FAMILIES THAT ALSO SACRIFICED AS YOU SERVED. I TOO,  
7    MONICA, WAS RAISED IN A FAMILY TO HONOR AND GIVE RESPECT TO  
8    VETERANS, NOT JUST ONE DAY A YEAR, BUT MANY TIMES THROUGHOUT  
9    THE YEAR. SO ONE OF THE THINGS I FEEL LIKE NONE OF US CAN BE  
10   PROUD OF IS THE NUMBER OF VETERANS THAT ARE SLEEPING ON OUR  
11   STREETS ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND IT IS ONE OF MY TOP  
12   PRIORITIES. THE EXPERIENCES OF OUR VETERANS ARE NOT ONLY ABOUT  
13   STORIES FROM THEIR TIME IN THE SERVICE. STRONG ACTIVE VETERAN  
14   COMMUNITIES THROUGH ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN  
15   WARS AND THE NORTHWESTERN LEGION ARE ALIVE AND WELL IN L.A.  
16   COUNTY, AND THAT'S HOW I MET OUR GUEST SPEAKER, ANGELO GANDALF  
17   MALDONADO. ANGELO IS A NORWALK NATIVE, WHO ATTENDED THE RANK  
18   OF SERGEANT FIRST CLASS, SERVING AS AN INFANTRYMAN IN THE U.S.  
19   ARMY AND CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD IN NUMEROUS  
20   ASSIGNMENTS AND DEPLOYMENTS AROUND THE WORLD. AND BEFORE I  
21   INVITE HIM UP TO SPEAK, I HAVE TWO SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS, ONE  
22   FOR THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY OF  
23   ARTESIA, AND ALSO FOR HIM FROM THE 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN LOS  
24   ANGELES COUNTY. IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE TO  
25   THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMMUNITY AND FOR THE CIVIC PRIDE



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1 DEMONSTRATED BY THE NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BENEFITS OF  
2 ALL RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SPEAKER:** IT IS OUR VETERANS WHO SERVE AS A UNIFYING FORCE.  
5 THEY COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, REPRESENTING THE RICH  
6 TAPESTRY OF OUR NATION. YET, WHEN THEY PUT ON THE UNIFORM,  
7 THEY BECOME AN EVEN GREATER POWER, THE EMBODIMENT OF THE  
8 AMERICAN SPIRIT. OUR DEBT TO THESE HEROES CAN NEVER BE REPAYED,  
9 BUT OUR GRATITUDE AND RESPECT MUST LAST FOREVER. THANK YOU FOR  
10 BEING HERE. GOD BLESS AMERICA. [MUSIC] THIS IS ONLY OUR  
11 SECOND POST PANDEMIC GALA. IT IS MY FIRST AS C.E.O. IT IS  
12 AMAZING WHAT THIS PLACE HAS DONE OVER SEVEN DECADES. THE  
13 COLLECTION HERE IS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE WORLD. THIS IS A  
14 CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF HOW A PUBLIC GARDEN CAN POSITIVELY BENEFIT  
15 LIVES AND NOURISH NATURE. WE ARE ENRICHING LIVES YOUNG AND OLD  
16 OF ALL BACKGROUNDS EVERY DAY.

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18 **SPEAKER:** IT IS SUCH AN HONOR TO BE HERE AND CELEBRATE THE 75TH  
19 ANNIVERSARY OF THIS BEAUTIFUL GARDEN ARBORETUM. EVERY ASPECT  
20 OF THE ARBORETUM HAS HAD YOUR IMPRINT, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND  
21 WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IS YOU'VE GIFTED THAT TO ALL OF US. BUT THE  
22 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT COME TO THIS MAGICAL  
23 PLACE WILL THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND WE ARE EXCITED TO CELEBRATE  
24 75 YEARS AND TO HONOR YOU AS PART OF SUCH AN IMPORTANT DATE.

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1   **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, WE UNDERSTAND YOU LOVE TO HIKE. WE  
2   UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE CONSTITUENTS. SO WE THOUGHT WE WOULD GIVE  
3   YOU A GIFT THAT YOU CAN TAKE WITH ALONG YOU. YOU WILL BE  
4   TAKING THE ARBORETUM ON ALL OF THESE HIKES, AND THIS -- THIS  
5   WALKING STICK IS HANDCRAFTED FROM WOOD FROM TWO FALLEN TREES  
6   FROM THE ARBORETUM. THANK YOU -- [APPLAUSE]

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8   **SUP. BARGER:** FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR THIS INCREDIBLE  
9   HONOR. I CANNOT THINK OF A BETTER PLACE TO CELEBRATE NOT ONLY  
10   THE FIFTH DISTRICT BUT REALLY THE COMMUNITY. THE ARBORETUM IS  
11   ABOUT BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER. AND WE ARE SEEING THAT  
12   HERE TONIGHT. I LOVE THE ARBORETUM BECAUSE OF THE MEMORIES  
13   THAT I HAVE MADE OVER THE YEARS. IT IS HUMBLING FOR ME TO GET  
14   THIS AWARD BECAUSE, I TELL PEOPLE, THIS IS MY JOB. MY JOB IS  
15   TO GIVE BACK. MY JOB IS TO BE A PUBLIC SERVANT. MY JOB IS TO  
16   RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF MY DISTRICT. AND DURING COVID, I THINK  
17   WE ALL WOULD AGREE THAT IT SHED LIGHT ON THE NEED FOR OPEN  
18   SPACE. IT SHED LIGHT ON THE NEED TO REALLY INVEST IN THE  
19   THINGS THAT REALLY DO MATTER. AND, FOR ME, WHAT MATTERS IS  
20   COMMUNITY AND WHAT MATTERS IS WORKING TOGETHER TO LEAVE THIS,  
21   AS YOU SAID, FOR GENERATIONS TO COME AND LEAVE A FOOTPRINT  
22   THAT REALLY WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU ALL VERY, VERY  
23   MUCH FOR PUTTING THIS TOGETHER. I KNOW IT TAKES A LOT OF WORK,  
24   AND THEN TO EVERYONE HERE FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU. I LOOK  
25   FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS TO DO



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1 SOME AMAZING PROJECTS. I KNOW MICHAEL HAS GOT SOME IDEAS,  
2 DON'T YOU? YEAH. SO WITH THAT, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS  
3 AWARD. I AM REALLY HONORED. [APPLAUSE] [MUSIC]

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5 **SPEAKER:** PROPOSITION A WAS APPROVED 30 YEARS AGO, ESTABLISHING  
6 R.P.O.S.D. AS ADVOCATES AND STEWARDS FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES  
7 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WITH THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE A  
8 IN 2016, ANGELENOS SECURED PERMANENT FUNDING THAT WILL PROTECT  
9 AND PRESERVE PARK SPACE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY NOW AND FOREVER.

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11 **SPEAKER:** IN THE LAST 30 YEARS, R.P.O.S.D. HAS ALLOCATED \$1.6  
12 BILLION IN FUNDING FOR PARKS, OPEN SPACE, NATURAL AREAS,  
13 TRAILS, BEACHES, AND FURTHER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE. OVER  
14 2500 GRANTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO CITIES AND AGENCIES, AND THEY  
15 HAVE ACQUIRED TOGETHER OVER 19,600 ACRES THROUGHOUT LOS  
16 ANGELES COUNTY.

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND THANKS TO THE WORK OF THE LOS ANGELES  
19 COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT OVER THE LAST 30  
20 YEARS, OUR 10 MILLION RESIDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO SOME OF THE  
21 BEST PARK SPACES IN THE NATION.

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23 **SUP. HORVATH:** THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN  
24 SPACE DISTRICT HAS REACHED AN INCREDIBLE MILESTONE IN  
25 CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF GRANT MAKING.



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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN THE VALUE  
3 OF PARKS AND GREEN SPACES AND ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE ROLE THAT  
4 THE DISTRICT HAS PLAYED IN INVESTING IN OUR PARKLANDS.

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YOUR TIRELESS WORK TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO QUALITY  
7 PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES HAVE HELPED FURTHER OUR  
8 PROGRESS TOWARD AS HEALTHIER AND MORE VIBRANT LOS ANGELES.

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10 **SUP. BARGER:** IN OUR COUNTY, WE BELIEVE PEOPLE IN EVERY  
11 NEIGHBORHOOD, OF EVERY AGE, AND FROM EVERY BACKGROUND DESERVE  
12 A SAFE, CLEAN, AND CONVENIENT PLACE FOR RECREATION.

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14 **SPEAKER:** R.P.O.S.D. HAS HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH OVER  
15 220 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING CITIES, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, STATE  
16 AND LOCAL AGENCIES, AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, ALL  
17 WITH THE SAME MISSION OF PROVIDING ACCESS TO GREEN SPACES,  
18 ESPECIALLY THOSE IN HIGH AND VERY HIGH PARK NEED  
19 NEIGHBORHOODS.

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21 **SPEAKER:** THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE MADE, IT ALSO HAS AN IMPACT  
22 ON COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY AT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL.  
23 AND THEY ARE ABLE TO SEE THAT CHANGES ARE BEING MADE ARE TO  
24 THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY IN ITSELF.

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1   **SPEAKER:** IRWIN MAGIC JOHNSON PARK HAS BENEFITED FROM COUNTLESS  
2   IMPROVEMENTS, SUCH AS PARKING LOTS, PLAYGROUNDS, A DOG PARK,  
3   WALKING TRAILS, AND SO MUCH, MUCH MORE THANKS TO PROPOSITION A  
4   AND MEASURE A FUNDING.

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6   **SPEAKER:** THE FUNDING WE HAVE AWARDED HAS HELPED TO ENRICH THE  
7   LIVES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS BY BUILDING STRONGER AND  
8   SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS, IMPROVING RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES,  
9   PROVIDING MUCH NEEDED ACCESS TO PARK SPACES, AND PRESERVING  
10   OUR NATURAL LANDS FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

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12   **SPEAKER:** AND WHEN THE VOTERS APPROVED MEASURE A, WE MADE A  
13   COMMITMENT TOGETHER TO INVEST 30% OF ITS FUNDING TO THE  
14   HIGHEST PARK NEED COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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16   **SPEAKER:** R.P.O.S.D. HAS COME ALONGSIDE REIGNITE HOPE AND  
17   HELPED US REACH INTO THE COMMUNITIES TO FIND THOSE WHO ARE  
18   STRUGGLING WITH HOPE IN THEIR LIFE, AND WE ARE TAKING THOSE  
19   INDIVIDUALS AND GIVING THEM A CAREER.

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21   **SPEAKER:** WHEN WE RECEIVED THE \$2.1 MILLION FROM R.P.O.S.D. FOR  
22   FUNDING OF THE NEW PICO PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, IT WAS A HUGE  
23   RELIEF FOR OUR ADMINISTRATION AND OUR COUNCIL AND FOR THE  
24   RESIDENTS. AND THERE WAS SUCH A HUGE BUZZ WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY  
25   IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS, PEOPLE WOULD COME BY AND SAY WHEN IS THE

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1 GYMNASIUM OPEN, WHEN IS BASKETBALL STARTING, WHEN IS IT  
2 HAPPENING. THERE WAS SUCH A CAMARADERIE AROUND TOWN ABOUT WHEN  
3 THIS WAS GOING TO BE HAPPENING, AND IT IS ALL BECAUSE OF  
4 R.P.O.S.D.

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6 **SPEAKER:** WE RECEIVED THIS MEASURE A GRANT BACK IN 2020, DURING  
7 THE PANDEMIC. SO IT WAS A TIME WHEN IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT FOR  
8 THE DEPARTMENT TO INVEST IN ITS PARK ASSETS, AND THANKS TO  
9 THAT EFFORT, TODAY WE HAVE THIS BRAND NEW PARK REPLACEMENT  
10 WITH ALL THESE NEW AMENITIES FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

11 [MUSIC]

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13 **SPEAKER:** R.P.O.S.D. AND THE FUNDING IT HAS PROVIDED, NOT ONLY  
14 THIS TRAIL WAS FUNDED, BUT ALSO OUR DOG PARK. THAT'S AT THE  
15 END OF OUR TRAIL. SO IT HAS REALLY ENHANCED OUR COMMUNITY.  
16 IT'S FOSTERED NATURE AND ACTIVE LEARNING FOR KIDS.

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18 **SPEAKER:** THIS PROJECT EMPOWERS RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY  
19 BECAUSE IT CREATES OUR SPACE. IT CREATES PUBLIC OWNERSHIP. IT  
20 CREATES SOMETHING WE CAN BE PROUD OF WHEN WE DRIVE AROUND  
21 HERE, WHEN WALK AROUND HERE.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THE PROP A AND MEASURE A GRANTS THAT SOUTH COAST  
24 BOTANIC GARDEN RECEIVED HAVE MEANT THE WORLD TO THIS PLACE. WE  
25 HAVE SOLIDIFIED OUR VISION OF THE FUTURE FOR THIS PLACE, WHERE



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1 GUESTS WILL EXPLORE NATURE AND CONNECT WITH THE PLANT WORLD IN  
2 COMPLETELY SURPRISING WAYS.

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4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ALL THE  
5 ADVOCATES, PARTNERS, CITIES, AND PAST AND PRESENT R.P.O.S.D.  
6 STAFF. UNITED LOS ANGELES COUNTY CREATED A PARK EQUITY  
7 MOVEMENT.

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MAY YOU CONTINUE TO POSITIVELY IMPACT OUR  
10 COUNTY IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF MY DISTRICT, I  
13 THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. BARGER:** CHEERS TO 30 YEARS, AND HERE'S TO MANY MORE.

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17 **SUP. SOLIS:** CHEERS TO 30 YEARS OF GRANT MAKING.

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19 **SUP. HORVATH:** CHEERS, R.P.O.S.D.

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21 **SPEAKER:** HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY, R.P.O.S.D. [MUSIC]

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number  
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3 hereby certify:

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

8           That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
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10   the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11   me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
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14 interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
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