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## BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, AND WELCOME, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING. TODAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, 2023. AND PLEASE NOTE THAT SUPERVISOR HORVATH WILL BE ABSENT FROM OUR MEETING TODAY, BUT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. AND WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S MEETING WITH OUR COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

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



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

10  
11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING  
12 WILL BE LED BY LEAD PASTOR ANTHONY POWELL, FROM THE REDEEMED  
13 LIFE CHURCH IN THE FIRST DISTRICT; AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED  
14 BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED BY JIMMIE REED,  
15 FORMER E-6 FIRST CLASS PETTY OFFICER, FROM THE SECOND  
16 DISTRICT. AND IF YOU'RE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

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18 **PASTOR ANTHONY POWELL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
19 COMMUNITY. THANKS FOR HAVING ME. I INVITE YOU TO JOIN ME IN  
20 PRAYER. FATHER, I THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL WHO ARE GATHERED  
21 HERE TODAY. IN THIS TIME OF YEAR WHERE WE FOCUS ON GRATITUDE,  
22 AS WE LEAD UP TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, WE SAY THANK YOU  
23 FOR THE MANY AND ABUNDANT BLESSINGS IN OUR LIVES. THANK YOU  
24 FOR LIFE ITSELF, FOR THE MEASURE OF HEALTH. WE NEED TO FULFILL  
25 OUR CALLINGS. WE THANK YOU FOR THE ABILITY TO BE INVOLVED IN



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1 SUCH MEANINGFUL WORK, AND FOR THE HONOR OF PARTNERING WITH ONE  
2 ANOTHER IN THE CARE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, OUR HOME. WE  
3 PRAY FOR WISDOM TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT PROMOTE THE WELFARE AND  
4 WELLBEING OF ALL WHO RESIDE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. GIVE  
5 US A KEEN THIRST FOR JUSTICE, LIBERTY, AND RIGHTNESS. GIVE US  
6 CONFIDENCE IN ADVOCATING FOR WHAT IS GOOD AND FITTING. GIVE US  
7 THE ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER IN HARMONY, EVEN WHEN WE FIND IT  
8 DIFFICULT TO COME TO A CONSENSUS ON THE BEST WAY FORWARD. AND  
9 I PRAY FOR THE PERSONAL PEACE IN THE LIVES OF OUR LEADERS HERE  
10 TODAY. GOVERNING CAN BE A DIFFICULT, YET NOBLE, TASK. MAY THEY  
11 FIND FULFILLMENT IN THE WORK PERFORMED HERE TODAY. I PRAY FOR  
12 THE AGENDA SET BEFORE US TODAY. MAY IT PLEASE YOU AND BENEFIT  
13 THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN AND AROUND OUR BELOVED COUNTY OF  
14 LOS ANGELES. AND THANK YOU, GOD, FOR YOUR GOODNESS, YOUR LOVE,  
15 AND YOUR MERCY. MAY IT OVERWHELM THIS GATHERING TODAY, AND  
16 CONTINUE TO RESIDE IN US THROUGHOUT ALL OUR DAYS. IN THE MOST  
17 HIGH BLESSED NAME OF JESUS CHRIST I PRAY. AMEN.

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19 **AUDIENCE:** AMEN.

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21 **JIMMIE REED:** I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED  
22 STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS:  
23 ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE  
24 FOR ALL.



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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3 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, PASTOR POWELL, FOR JOINING US  
4 TODAY. WHAT AN HONOR TO HAVE YOU LEAD OUR INVOCATION ON THE  
5 EVE OF THANKSGIVING. AND WITH ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON  
6 AROUND THE WORLD, WE'RE VERY PLEASED AND HAPPY THAT YOU CAME  
7 OUT HERE TO BLESS US. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS TO  
8 YOU AND TO THE PUBLIC. YOU ARE A FOUNDING PASTOR OF REDEEMED  
9 LIFE CHURCH IN THE CITY OF AZUSA, IN THE FIRST DISTRICT.

10 YOU'RE A NATIVE TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, BUT SPENT THE MAJORITY  
11 OF YOUR CHILDHOOD TRAVELING THE WORLD WHEN YOUR FATHER SERVED  
12 IN THE MILITARY. YOU'RE A GRADUATE OF CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY,  
13 WHERE YOU RECEIVED YOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN THEATER AND  
14 DANCE, WITH AN EMPHASIS IN MEDIA PERFORMANCE. AND YOU  
15 GRADUATED FROM AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY WITH A MASTER'S IN  
16 PASTORAL STUDIES, AND YOU'RE CURRENTLY COMPLETING YOUR  
17 DOCTORATE DEGREE. SO, WONDERFUL. PASTOR POWELL AND YOUR WIFE,  
18 BONNIE, LEAD THE AZUSA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION WITH PARTNER  
19 CHURCHES AND LOCAL FAITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WITH  
20 THE CITY OF AZUSA, TO BRING POSITIVE CHANGE. BUT DURING THE  
21 PANDEMIC, WE PARTNERED WITH YOU AND MY OFFICE TO HOST FOOD  
22 DISTRIBUTIONS IN FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY MEETINGS AT REDEEMED  
23 LIFE CHURCH, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THAT. FOR MORE THAN 15  
24 YEARS, PASTOR POWELL HAS LED INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK  
25 YOUTH, MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE EAST SAN GABRIEL



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1 VALLEY, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY PROGRAMS IN DOWNTOWN L.A.  
2 PRIOR TO HIS CALL TO MINISTRY, PASTOR POWELL WORKED IN THE  
3 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AS AN AWARD-WINNING ACTOR, DANCER, AND  
4 THEATER PRODUCER. HE WAS DIRECTOR OF THE MAIN STREET  
5 PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, A MEMBER OF THE MILLENNIUM DANCE  
6 COMPLEX, AND A RESIDENT DANCER FOR THE WORLD-RENOWNED  
7 CHOREOGRAPHER'S CARNIVAL, NOT TO MENTION A NUMBER OF T.V. SHOW  
8 APPEARANCES, STAGE TOURS, AND LIVE SHOWS. HE WAS ALSO A  
9 PROFESSOR OF HIP-HOP, AFRICAN JAZZ, AND COMMERCIAL DANCE AT  
10 COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS IN SANTA CLARITA, AND PIERCE COLLEGE IN  
11 WOODLAND HILLS. HIS LOVE OF THE ARTS AND THE ENTERTAINMENT  
12 INDUSTRY IS A DRIVING FORCE IN HIS LIFE, IN ADDITION TO BEING  
13 A DYNAMIC COMMUNICATOR OF GOD'S WORD. MY OFFICE IS GRATEFUL,  
14 AS WELL AS OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, AND WE  
15 ARE HONORED TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO  
16 YOU, PASTOR ANTHONY POWELL. [APPLAUSE]

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND FELLOW ANGELENOS,  
19 AND THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S MY HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU ALL--  
20 AND THANK HIM FOR JOINING US-- JIMMIE REED. MR. REED JOINED  
21 THE U.S. NAVY IN 1967, AND PROUDLY SERVED UNTIL 1975. HE WAS  
22 AN ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN WHO ATTAINED THE RANK OF FIRST CLASS  
23 PETTY OFFICER. MR. REED RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR HIS  
24 SERVICE, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL, THE FIRST GOOD  
25 CONDUCT AWARD, AND THE SECOND GOOD CONDUCT AWARD. HE ALSO



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1 PROUDLY RECEIVED AN AWARD FOR DESIGNING A MECHANICAL SHIELD TO  
2 PROTECT ELECTRONIC CONNECTIONS ON BALLISTIC SUBMARINES. MR.  
3 REED ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN ALABAMA. HE WORKED AS  
4 AN ENGINEERING MANAGER FOR XEROX CORPORATION UNTIL HIS  
5 RETIREMENT. IN HIS FREE TIME-- HERE WE GO-- HE LOVES TO GOLF--  
6 AS DO I-- AND BOWL. HE'S LIVED IN REDONDO BEACH FOR THE PAST  
7 29 YEARS. HE'S HAPPILY MARRIED TO HIS WIFE, REGINA, AND IS THE  
8 PROUD FATHER OF TWO CHILDREN. MR. REED, WE WANT TO THANK YOU  
9 FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS FOR YOUR SERVICE TO YOUR  
10 COUNTRY, YOUR COMMUNITY, AND OF COURSE TO OUR COUNTY OF LOS  
11 ANGELES. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US TODAY. APPRECIATE  
12 YOU. HERE'S A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. [APPLAUSE]

13  
14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND NOW WE WILL HAVE OUR PET PRESENTATION--

15  
16 **SUP. BARGER:** I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU--

17  
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** -- BY THE TEACHER'S PET.

19  
20 **SUP. BARGER:** THERE YOU GO. THIS IS FAITH, AND FAITH IS A 2-  
21 MONTH-OLD FEMALE TORTIE KITTEN, AND SHE IS AVAILABLE AT THE  
22 DOWNEY SHELTER BY CALLING 562-940-6898. AND VERY LOVING, VERY  
23 CALM, VERY SWEET KITTEN, AND THERE'S MANY MORE THAT ARE  
24 AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO ONLINE OR  
25 GO TO ONE OF THEM IN PERSON. YOU CAN MEET FAITH OR DROP BY THE



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1 DOWNEY ANIMAL CARE SHELTER MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 11:00 A.M.  
2 TO 5:00 P.M., AND IF YOU DON'T WANT TO ADOPT, AND YOU WANT TO  
3 FOSTER, I KNOW THAT WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR HOMES. BUT THIS  
4 IS FAITH, AND THERE ARE MANY MORE FAITHS. ALL RIGHT. AND NOW,  
5 THIS ONE MAY BE MINE, BUT I DON'T KNOW. I'VE GOT TO HAVE FAITH  
6 AND PRAY ABOUT IT, SO HOLD ON. THIS IS GRINCH. COME HERE,  
7 GRINCH. THIS IS GRINCH, AND GRINCH IS A ONE-YEAR-OLD TERRIER  
8 MIX, AND IS A PERFECT PRESENT FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON. YEAH,  
9 THIS IS THE SWEETEST DOG, AND LOOK AT HIS TAIL. IT'S A  
10 CORKSCREW TAIL. AND, AGAIN-- I KNOW, GRINCH. GRINCH IS  
11 AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION, MAYBE, AT THE DOWNEY ANIMAL CARE  
12 CENTER, ALSO 562-940-6898. SAY HI. I KNOW. LOOK AT THAT FACE.

13  
14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LOOK AT THAT FACE.

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16 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. AND AGAIN--

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND THE DOG'S FACE.

19  
20 **SUP. BARGER:** I KNOW. THERE ARE MANY MORE. THIS IS A ONE-YEAR-  
21 OLD. WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE PUPPIES. WE HAVE OLDER DOGS THAT ARE  
22 ALSO AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU, AGAIN, TO  
23 GO ONLINE OR GO TO ANY ONE OF OUR SHELTERS, AND I GUARANTEE  
24 YOU FOREVER LOVE, UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, PRECIOUS.

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3 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. SO, THIS IS GRINCH, ALTHOUGH HE'S NOT A  
4 GRINCH.

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, NO.

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8 **SPEAKER:** "THE GRINCH THAT STOLE OUR HEARTS."

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10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** REALLY. NEW MOVIE. LOOK AT THAT. JUST  
11 ADORABLE. AND THE DOG, TOO. OKAY, WITH THAT, WE WILL MOVE ON  
12 TO TODAY'S AGENDA. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF  
15 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, CONSENT  
16 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12. ON ITEM 1,  
17 THIS INCLUDES AN ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
18 AGENDA. ON ITEM 4, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
19 HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE  
20 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 6, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS  
21 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 10, SUPERVISOR  
22 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A  
23 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 10,  
24 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 13 THROUGH 62. ON ITEM 16, THE  
25 DIRECTOR OF ARTS AND CULTURE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE



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1 CONTINUED TO JANUARY 23RD, 2024. ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR BARGER  
2 WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM 20, THE DIRECTOR  
3 OF INTERNAL SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK  
4 TO THE DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 26, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL 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 KARA MCKINNEY,  
8 ANGELA MCMENIFIELD, AND PAULA MADISON, WHO ARE PARTIES,  
9 PARTICIPANTS, OR AGENTS OF A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE  
10 PROCEEDINGS. ON ITEM 36, SUPERVISOR BARGER IS RECUSING HERSELF  
11 FROM THE VOTE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308,  
12 BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE  
13 THAN \$250 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM AL BARKULI, WHO IS A  
14 PARTY, PARTICIPANT, OR AGENT OF A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE  
15 PROCEEDINGS. ON ITEM 40, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS  
16 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 41, THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS  
17 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 19, 2023. ON ITEM 45,  
18 THE SHERIFF REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO DECEMBER  
19 5TH, 2023. ON PAGE 40, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS  
20 TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE  
21 OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON  
22 PAGE 41, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 63 THROUGH 66. ON  
23 ITEMS 63 AND 64, SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM  
24 THE VOTE. ON PAGE 43, SEPARATE MATTERS. ITEM 67 IS A  
25 RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF SHORT-TERM BOND



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1 ANTICIPATION NOTES, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO  
2 EXCEED \$36 MILLION, TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS  
3 EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAPITAL ASSET LEASING  
4 CORPORATION. ON PAGE 44, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE  
5 AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON  
6 PAGE 45, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN  
7 SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE 46, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON ITEM  
8 CS-1, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
9 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER 28TH, 2023. THE REQUESTS FOR  
10 CONTINUANCES AND REFER-BACKS, THROUGH CS-1, ARE BEFORE YOU.

11  
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED  
13 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, AND THAT WILL BE  
14 THE ORDER.

15  
16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA,  
17 MADAM CHAIR.

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NOW PLEASE PLAY OUR CODE  
20 OF CONDUCT.

21  
22 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR  
23 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
24 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW  
25 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE



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



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1 THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
2 COOPERATION.

3  
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO, TODAY WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM 4,  
5 AND WE WILL FOLLOW THAT WITH ITEM 10, AND ENDING WITH ITEM 40,  
6 WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AND FINISHING WITH THE  
7 REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD, AND GENERAL PUBLIC  
8 COMMENT. AND BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ  
9 THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA,  
10 AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TODAY.

11  
12 **SPEAKER:** FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE  
13 REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL 877-226-  
14 8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. MEMBERS OF THE  
15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARDROOM, YOU WILL  
16 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE  
17 MEETING. YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON  
18 ITEMS HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AND UP TO A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES  
19 ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, FOR A TOTAL  
20 OF 6 MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING. PLEASE MONITOR YOUR TIME AND  
21 THE ITEMS YOU'RE SIGNING UP FOR, AS YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE  
22 CALLED ONCE YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
23 JOINING US REMOTELY, WHEN THE BOARD MOVES ON TO THE ITEM YOU  
24 WISH TO ADDRESS, PROMPTLY PRESS 1 THEN 0 TO BE ENTERED INTO  
25 THE SPEAKING QUEUE. REMEMBER TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON YOUR



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1 DEVICE AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU, OR THERE WILL BE  
2 AN ECHO. YOU WILL NEED TO PRESS 1 THEN 0 FOR EACH ITEM ON  
3 WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. TO ENSURE THAT WE HEAR FROM  
4 BOTH IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS, WE WILL ALTERNATE  
5 BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING QUEUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE  
6 IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE  
7 SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM, AND  
8 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL  
9 DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL BEGIN BY CALLING IN-PERSON  
10 SPEAKERS, AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE  
11 TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

12  
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM 4,  
14 WHICH IS PROVIDING FREE GUN LOCKS AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
15 HOSPITALS, WHICH I HELD. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE  
16 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.  
17 COLLEAGUES, THIS MOTION DIRECTS OUR OFFICE OF VIOLENCE  
18 PREVENTION TO EXPLORE THE IDEA OF GIVING AWAY GUN LOCKS AT  
19 COUNTY-OPERATED HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CAMPUSES, FOR PEOPLE TO  
20 TAKE AND USE IN THEIR HOMES. FOR PEOPLE WHO CHOOSE TO OWN  
21 GUNS, IT'S CRUCIAL THAT THEY BE STORED SECURELY AT HOME,  
22 ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE IS A CHILD IN THE HOUSE, AND THAT'S WHY  
23 IT'S CALIFORNIA STATE LAW THAT IF A CHILD IS PRESENT IN A HOME  
24 WHERE THERE IS A FIREARM, THAT FIREARM MUST BE SECURELY  
25 STORED, AND GUN LOCKS ARE A WAY TO SECURE FIREARMS. THEY'RE



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1 LITTLE CABLES THAT CAN BE THREADED THROUGH THE CHAMBER OF A  
2 GUN TO PREVENT IT FROM FIRING WITHOUT FIRST UNLOCKING THE  
3 CABLE. I HAVE ONE TODAY. IT'S JUST A LITTLE CABLE. IT COMES  
4 WITH KEYS. AND WE HAVE GIVEN THESE OUT AT OUR GUN BUY-BACK  
5 EVENTS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND THEY'RE VERY EASY TO USE, THEY'RE  
6 VERY SECURE, AND THEY MAKE A LOT OF SENSE IF YOU OWN A FIREARM  
7 WITH A CHILD AT HOME, OR EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CHILD AT  
8 HOME. AND USING GUN LOCKS CAN PREVENT TRAGEDIES IN THE HOME,  
9 ESPECIALLY WITH CHILDREN. EARLIER THIS YEAR, SADLY, A THREE-  
10 YEAR-OLD IN SAN DIEGO GOT A HOLD OF HER PARENTS' GUN AND  
11 ACCIDENTALLY SHOT AND KILLED HER ONE-YEAR-OLD SIBLING, AND  
12 THIS IS THE TYPE OF TRAGEDY THAT I THINK NO FAMILY SHOULD HAVE  
13 TO EXPERIENCE. THE IDEA TO GIVE AWAY GUN LOCKS FOR FREE IN  
14 COUNTY HOSPITALS WAS BROUGHT TO MY OFFICE BY MEMBERS OF WOMEN  
15 AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE. THEY POINTED OUT THAT OTHER HOSPITALS  
16 AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE DOING THIS AS HARM REDUCTION STRATEGY.  
17 WHY DO IT IN A HOSPITAL? WELL, BECAUSE THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF  
18 PEDIATRICS HAS PUBLISHED RESEARCH ON GUN VIOLENCE AND  
19 GUIDELINES ON GUN SAFETY FOR CHILDREN, AND ONE OF THEIR  
20 GUIDELINES STATES THAT FIREARMS SHOULD BE KEPT LOCKED,  
21 UNLOADED, AND WITH AMMUNITION STORED SEPARATELY. DOCTOR'S  
22 ORDERS. AND SOME STUDIES HAVE FOUND THAT PEOPLE ARE MORE  
23 LIKELY TO USE GUN LOCKS TO SECURE THEIR FIREARMS IF THEY'RE  
24 GIVEN TO THEM BY A DOCTOR, OR IN A MEDICAL SETTING, TO TAKE  
25 HOME AND USE LATER. SO THIS MOTION, AGAIN, IS DIRECTING OUR



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1 OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION TO EXPLORE THE IDEA AND REPORT  
2 BACK TO US WITH POSSIBLE OPTIONS TO START DOING THIS HERE IN  
3 L.A. COUNTY AT COUNTY-OPERATED HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CAMPUSES.  
4 AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN AGAINST  
5 GUN VIOLENCE, WHO WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE YEARS BE SO MISSION-  
6 DRIVEN TO FIND WAYS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE, AND I  
7 THANK THEM FOR THIS IDEA. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR  
8 CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION, AND WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME  
9 REMARKS, TOO? THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I AM TOTALLY IN  
12 SUPPORT OF THE MOTION, AND EXCITED THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE  
13 UNDERTAKEN BY THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION. I KNOW THAT  
14 THIS IS, AS YOU CLEARLY NOTED, A BIG CRISIS THAT'S OCCURRING  
15 WITH OUR FAMILIES, AND ESPECIALLY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT I  
16 ALSO WOULD SAY THAT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I HAVE SEEN IN MY  
17 OWN DISTRICT-- AN EXAMPLE WAS AT POMONA HOSPITAL, IN OUR  
18 TRAUMA CENTER THERE, BECAUSE IT'S A TRAUMA HOSPITAL NOW, WHERE  
19 THERE WERE SOME SHOOTING VICTIMS. AND WE HAVE A TEAM COMING  
20 OUT OF O.V.P., WORKING WITH A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, TALKING  
21 TO FAMILIES ABOUT VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE, BUT ALSO PREVENTION.  
22 AND THIS IS RIGHT UP THEIR ALLEY. SO THIS IS SOMETHING THAT  
23 CAN ALSO BE SHARED WITH THE FAMILIES AND PEOPLE THAT HAVE SOME  
24 AVAILABILITY OF ARMS AT THEIR HOME. WHETHER THEY'RE LEGAL OR  
25 ILLEGAL, WE STILL NEED TO PROMOTE THIS, AND I DO BELIEVE THAT



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1 SAFETY AND PROTECTION AND EDUCATION IS REALLY THE WAY TO GO.  
2 SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS, AND HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN ABLE  
3 TO CO-AUTHOR AND PUT FORWARD MOTIONS ON GUN SAFETY FOR THE  
4 LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. SO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK, AND LET'S  
5 CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE FOR OUR CHILDREN. THANK  
6 YOU.

7

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

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10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I LOOK  
11 FORWARD TO VOTING IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION, AND I APPRECIATE  
12 YOU EXPANDING THE LANGUAGE TO INCLUDE COUNTY-OPERATED  
13 HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CAMPUSES, SO IT COULD INCLUDE A VERY  
14 IMPORTANT MEDICAL CAMPUS IN SOUTH L.A., IN THE SECOND  
15 DISTRICT. I JUST HAD AN AHA RECOLLECTION, LISTENING TO YOU  
16 PRESENT THE MOTION. WHEN I WAS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE, I  
17 REMEMBER BEING STRUCK WHEN A COLLEAGUE IN THE SENATE  
18 INTRODUCED A BILL LIMITING ACCESS TO PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS  
19 TO PEOPLE IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. AND I WAS LIKE, "HOW  
20 DOES THAT HAPPEN?" AND YOU MOVE MOM OR DAD INTO THE SKILLED  
21 NURSING FACILITY. THEY KIND OF TAKE THEIR PERSONAL BELONGINGS,  
22 AND SOMETIMES THERE WERE OLD FIREARMS IN A BOX. AND SO YOU  
23 LOOK UP AND YOU'VE GOT, UNINTENTIONALLY, FIREARMS IN SKILLED  
24 NURSING FACILITIES. SO I DON'T KNOW IF, AS A PART OF THE  
25 REPORT BACK, IF WE NEED TO LOOK AT KIND OF ALL OF THE COUNTY-



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1 OPERATED MEDICAL FACILITIES TO-- AND THAT BILL PASSED, AND I  
2 DON'T REMEMBER KIND OF THE ABSOLUTE SCOPE OF IT. I JUST  
3 REMEMBER BEING SHOCKED AND NOT THINKING THROUGH HOW THAT COULD  
4 POTENTIALLY HAPPEN. SO JUST AN AHA MOMENT AS I LISTENED TO YOU  
5 PRESENT, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE REALLY CAPTURING EVERY HEALTH  
6 FACILITY AND MEDICAL CAMPUS WITHIN THE COUNTY.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT, AND WE COULD START WITH THIS ONE, OR  
9 WE COULD ALSO ALERT THOSE WHO ARE DOING THE REPORT BACK THAT  
10 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE CONCERNED AT. BUT ONE OF THE  
11 THINGS I WANTED TO CLARIFY, BECAUSE WE GOT SOME CALLS FROM  
12 PEOPLE WHO THOUGHT THEY HAD TO BRING THEIR GUN TO THE HOSPITAL  
13 TO GET THE LOCK, AND WE'RE LIKE, "NO, NO, NO. DO NOT BRING  
14 YOUR GUN. LEAVE IT AT HOME." AND YOU DON'T NEED YOUR GUN. YOU  
15 DON'T NEED TO PROVE YOU HAVE A GUN. THIS IS A SEPARATE DEVICE  
16 THAT YOU TAKE HOME WITH YOU, AND THEN YOU SECURE YOUR FIREARM  
17 AT HOME. BUT WE HAD A COUPLE OF CALLS FROM PEOPLE THAT  
18 MISUNDERSTOOD, A LITTLE BIT, WHAT WE WERE DOING. BUT THANK  
19 YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, I PLAN ON SUPPORTING THIS, AND I WANT TO  
22 THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT IN. I WAS TOLD THAT, ACTUALLY, THE  
23 V.A. IS USING THIS AND IS PROVIDING THEM TO THE VETERAN  
24 COMMUNITY, SO I THINK IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO TAKE ONE  
25 MORE STEP, BECAUSE WE DO KNOW, ESPECIALLY AT OUR HOSPITALS,



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1 THAT ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF GUNS IS REAL. AND SO I PLAN ON  
2 SUPPORTING IT, AND I REALLY DO THINK THIS IS A GOOD  
3 OPPORTUNITY FOR US, ALSO, TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC. BECAUSE MANY  
4 OF THEM-- I DIDN'T EVEN-- I HAD NEVER HEARD OF THIS BEFORE.  
5 WHEN I HEARD "GUN LOCK," I THOUGHT YOU MEANT, LITERALLY,  
6 LOCKERS. AND SO, YEAH, SO I'M ALL IN, AND I APPRECIATE THE  
7 FACT THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE WORKING TOWARD SOMETHING SIMILAR  
8 TO WHAT THE VETERANS ARE DOING.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, I AGREE. I FOUND THIS TO BE INTERESTING  
11 THAT IN A-- YOU KNOW, WHY IN A MEDICAL FACILITY? BUT TO FIND  
12 THE REPORT FROM THE ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICIANS THAT THAT'S  
13 ACTUALLY ONE OF THEIR THINGS THAT THEY TALK ABOUT: KEEPING  
14 KIDS SAFE AT HOME. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE  
15 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS THAT  
18 HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THIS ITEM. AND AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR  
19 PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS  
20 ITEM NUMBER 4, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1  
21 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY  
22 WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS MARGOT BENNETT. YOU MAY  
25 BEGIN.



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2 **MARGOT BENNETT:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MARGOT BENNETT. I'M THE  
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WOMEN AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE. SO, ONE OF  
4 THE EASIEST WAYS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IS TO LOCK UP  
5 FIREARMS SECURELY, AND UNLOADED. DOING SO HELPS PREVENT  
6 SUICIDE, SCHOOL SHOOTINGS, AND UNINTENTIONAL SHOOTINGS. THANK  
7 YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND ALL THE  
8 L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS, FOR PROPOSING THIS, FOR MAKING THIS  
9 MOTION TO MAKE GUN LOCKS EASILY ACCESSIBLE, AND TO HELP  
10 PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN ALL OUR COMMUNITIES. WE ARE VERY  
11 GRATEFUL.

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LOREN LIEB. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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17 **LOREN LIEB:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LOREN LIEB.  
18 I'M THE BOARD CHAIR OF WOMEN AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE. ACCORDING  
19 TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE  
20 OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, 11.4% OF COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS REPORT  
21 KEEPING FIREARMS IN OR AROUND THE HOME, AND MORE THAN 40% OF  
22 THOSE HOUSEHOLDS REPORT STORING THEIR FIREARMS UNSAFELY. SO,  
23 ONE OF THE EASIEST THINGS WE CAN DO IS TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO  
24 STORE THEIR FIREARMS UNLOADED AND SECURELY LOCKED, WITH THE  
25 AMMUNITION LOCKED SEPARATELY. THIS WILL GO A LONG WAY IN



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1 PREVENTING SUICIDES, SCHOOL SHOOTINGS, AND UNINTENTIONAL  
2 SHOOTINGS, AND IS IN KEEPING WITH THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE  
3 PREVENTION'S MISSION TO REDUCE VIOLENCE THROUGH A FOCUS ON  
4 PREVENTION. AND OF COURSE, AS YOU HAVE MENTIONED, HAVING THE  
5 MESSAGE COME FROM A CREDIBLE MESSENGER, LIKE A PHYSICIAN-- A  
6 TRUSTED, CREDIBLE MESSENGER LIKE A PHYSICIAN-- WILL GO A LONG  
7 WAY IN CONVINCING PEOPLE TO LOCK THEIR GUNS, TO PROTECT THEIR  
8 FAMILY AND THEIR COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PROPOSING  
9 THIS APPROACH, AND ANGELENOS WILL BE SAFER AS A RESULT OF IT.  
10 THANK YOU.

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

13  
14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15  
16 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU FOR  
17 LOOKING AT THIS. I'LL JUST GIVE THE ULTIMATE VIEW. MITCH KASS,  
18 WHO WAS THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, WAS CONFRONTED  
19 WITH, "SHOULD WE PUT SCANNERS AT THE HOSPITAL TO MAKE SURE  
20 PEOPLE DON'T BRING WEAPONS IN IT?" HE JUST SAID, "WE NEED A  
21 VERY HARD LINE ON THIS." AND I UNDERSTAND THAT MEDICAL  
22 PROFESSIONALS, WHO HAVE CREDIBILITY WITH FOLKS WHO MAY NOT BE  
23 LOOKING FOR A GUN LOCK, BUT WHY WE HAVE TO DO IT AT A HOSPITAL  
24 DOES KIND OF BAFFLE ME, I HAVE TO ADMIT. AND THESE ARE ABOUT  
25 \$3.50 A POP ON AMAZON, SO I DON'T KNOW. HOW MANY ARE WE



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1 BUYING, AND WHAT ARE WE DOING? I MEAN, IS THIS REALLY-- WE  
2 WANT TO STOP. I LOVE THE MOTHERS AGAINST VIOLENCE, AND GUN  
3 VIOLENCE, AND ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE, I GUESS, INCREMENTAL,  
4 BUT I JUST-- MAYBE WE COULD DO, LIKE, WHEN WE HAVE THE GUN  
5 BUY-BACKS, HAND THEM OUT.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HE WASN'T LISTENING.

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** THAT'S THE IDEAL SPOT FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE GUNS TO  
10 GET GUN STUFF. I WAS LISTENING. OF COURSE I WAS LISTENING.  
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN, BUT YOU CLEARLY  
14 WEREN'T LISTENING. I TALK ABOUT GIVING THEM OUT AT THE GUN  
15 BUY-BACK, AND I TALK WHY WE'RE DOING IT IN THE HOSPITAL. BUT  
16 OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, I KNOW, BUT I DON'T LOVE IT. I DON'T LOVE  
19 THE HOSPITAL.

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EVELYN FISHER. YOU MAY  
22 BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE. MY NAME IS  
25 EVELYN FISHER, AND I'M A RETIRED NURSE, AND I'M REALLY HAPPY



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1 THAT THERE IS A PROGRAM IN THE JAIL FACILITY FOR THOSE THAT  
2 HAVE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. THEY'RE NOT JUST THROWN ABOUT AND  
3 IGNORED THERE. THEY HAVE PROGRAMS WHERE THEY CAN HAVE  
4 MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS. THEY CAN ASSIST THEM, SO THAT THEY  
5 CAN - -

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. I THINK MAYBE YOU'RE CALLING IN  
8 FOR ITEM 10, SO IF YOU COULD--

9

10 **SPEAKER:** I AM. I'M SO SORRY.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ITEM 4 RIGHT NOW,  
13 SO IF YOU CAN HANG ON, WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** OH, I APOLOGIZE.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO PROBLEM.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** YES, MA'AM.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER FOR ITEM 4.

22

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

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, ITEM 4 IS NOW BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE  
2 IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. TO APPROVE THE ITEM,  
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 4 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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7 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, 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, 4-0.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, GREAT. NOW LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 10,  
2 SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE IN FURTHERING THE  
3 SUSTAINABILITY AND SUCCESS OF THE FORENSIC IN-PATIENT STEPDOWN  
4 UNIT PROGRAM, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. MEMBERS OF  
5 THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO  
6 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, AND I HOPE WE GOT BACK THAT WOMAN WHO  
7 WAS ON THE LINE FOR 10. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
8 OPEN IT UP?

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK  
11 YOU, ALSO, FOR AGREEING TO BE MY CO-AUTHOR ON THIS MOTION.  
12 MEMBERS, I KNOW BY NOW WE'RE FAMILIAR WITH THE GREAT WORK OF  
13 THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS IN IMPROVING THE LIVES OF SO MANY  
14 INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY JAILS WITH MENTAL  
15 HEALTH NEEDS. IN JULY OF THIS YEAR, I BROUGHT FORWARD A MOTION  
16 THAT RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FROM THIS BOARD TO EXPAND THE  
17 FORENSIC IN-PATIENT STEPDOWN UNITS, AND I'M PROUD TO SAY,  
18 BECAUSE OF THE MOTION, THE PROGRAM EXPANDED FROM 6 UNITS, AT  
19 TWIN TOWERS, TO 15 UNITS; AND 4 UNITS, AT C.R.D.F., TO 5  
20 UNITS. THE WORK CONTINUES, AND I'M PROUD THAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN  
21 ABLE TO SUPPORT THAT. BEHIND THE SUCCESS, AS WE KNOW, ARE  
22 INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME, AND UNDERGO  
23 MONTHS-LONG TRAINING TO BECOME MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS. IN  
24 FACT, A MONTH AGO, THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS HELD A SECOND  
25 GRADUATION WHERE MORE THAN 40 PATIENTS GRADUATED FROM THE



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1 PROGRAM, LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE WORK OF THE MENTAL HEALTH  
2 ASSISTANTS, BUT ALSO WITH THE CONTINUOUS SUPPORT OF THE  
3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE O.I.G., C.H.S., COMMUNITY  
4 VOLUNTEERS, AND SO MANY OTHERS. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT  
5 SUPERVISOR BARGER EVEN VISITED THAT GRADUATION CEREMONY.  
6 DURING THE GRADUATION, I LEARNED THAT PATIENTS SHARED HOW  
7 IMPORTANT THE PROGRAM HELPED THEM BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR  
8 MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, AND IT WAS ALSO OKAY TO NOT ONLY ASK FOR  
9 HELP, BUT TO RECEIVE HELP. IN JULY, WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE  
10 IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS AS THEY  
11 DO THEIR WORK, BECAUSE WE UNDERSTOOD THE STRESSFUL AND ARDUOUS  
12 NATURE OF THAT WORK. AND THERE ARE CURRENTLY 13 MENTAL HEALTH  
13 ASSISTANTS, AS WE KNOW. THEY WORK 24/7, AND THEY LIVE IN THE  
14 SAME POD AS THEIR PATIENTS, WHILE ALSO PROVIDING SUPPORTS AND  
15 SERVICES FOR A PATIENT POPULATION THAT CAN BE COMPLICATED AND  
16 REQUIRE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF ATTENTION AND ENERGY AND  
17 COMPASSION. EARLIER THIS MONTH, WE WERE ABLE TO SPEAK TO THE  
18 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS DIRECTLY, AND HEAR OUT WHAT KIND OF  
19 SUPPORT THEY WOULD NEED TO HELP LIMIT THE RISK OF BURNOUT, AND  
20 TO ALSO PROVIDE THEM WITH RESOURCES AND INCENTIVES THEY WOULD  
21 NEED TO CONTINUE TO SUSTAIN THIS VITAL WORK. THIS MOTION  
22 BEFORE US IS THE FIRST STEP IN HOW WE CAN HELP THEM GET  
23 RESOURCES AND SUPPORT THEY NEED FOR THEIR SUCCESS; BECAUSE  
24 WHEN THEY'RE SUCCESSFUL, SO ARE WE. THE MOTION IS ASKING FOR A  
25 REPORT BACK, AND TO LOOK INTO INCENTIVES SUCH AS WAGES, FOOD,



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1 TIME CREDITS FOR MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS, PARTNERSHIP WITH AN  
2 ACADEMIC INSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A CERTIFICATE TO BE  
3 USED FOR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT OR ACADEMIC PURSUITS, AND WELLNESS  
4 SUPPORT FOR THEM, INCLUDING ROTATIONAL SCHEDULING TO ALLOW  
5 THEM TO TAKE BREAKS. THE OTHER PIECE IS FOR THE COUNTY TO  
6 BETTER PARTNER WITH C.D.C.R., TO SEE HOW WE CAN ALLOW MENTAL  
7 HEALTH ASSISTANTS TO COMPLETE THEIR SENTENCES AT THE COUNTY  
8 JAILS, AND CONTINUE TO WORK AS THESE ASSISTANTS, INSTEAD OF  
9 HAVING TO GO STRAIGHT TO STATE PRISON. IF THIS CAN HAPPEN, IT  
10 WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THESE MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS TO  
11 BE ABLE TO RECEIVE C.D.C.R. CREDITS FOR EARLY RELEASE. WHAT  
12 WAS SURPRISING TO ME WAS LEARNING THAT WE HAD THESE ASSISTANTS  
13 WHO ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE THEIR CREDITS FOR EARLY RELEASE,  
14 JUST TO CONTINUE HELPING THEIR PATIENTS. CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT?  
15 JUST AS I DID IN JULY, I ASKED THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS TO  
16 COME BEFORE THE BOARD, VIRTUALLY, AND SHARE THEIR OWN WORDS.  
17 SO BEFORE I WELCOME THEM, I'D LIKE TO THANK, FIRST OF ALL, THE  
18 SHERIFF, THE STAFF OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHO HAVE BEEN  
19 SUPPORTING THE ASSISTANTS AND THE EXPANSION OF THE STEPDOWN  
20 PROGRAM, AND FOR ASSISTING AND ENSURING THAT THE ASSISTANTS  
21 COULD BE AT THE BOARD MEETING TODAY, VIRTUALLY. MEMBERS, I  
22 WOULD LIKE TO NOW TURN TO THE SCREEN AND WELCOME, IF I MIGHT,  
23 IF WE CAN KIND OF GEAR THIS UP. AND I WANT TO WELCOME CRAIGEN  
24 ARMSTRONG, DWAYNE RAMIREZ, AND RICO REED TO THE MEETING. GOOD  
25 AFTERNOON TO YOU, OR GOOD MORNING. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR



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1 COMING OUT IN JULY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF OUR MOTION THAT WE  
2 HAD BEFORE: THE F.I.P. STEPDOWN UNITS. AND I WANTED TO START  
3 BY ASKING YOU TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF, AND TO ALSO TALK A LITTLE  
4 BIT ABOUT-- IF YOU COULD SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS MOTION,  
5 AND HOW IT CAME ABOUT, AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT. SO, I'D LIKE TO  
6 BEGIN WITH CRAIGEN. I'D LIKE YOU TO BRIEFLY SHARE WHY THE  
7 INCENTIVES LAID OUT IN THE MOTION ARE IMPORTANT TO THE MENTAL  
8 HEALTH ASSISTANTS. GO AHEAD, CRAIGEN.

9

10 **CRAIGEN ARMSTRONG:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS  
11 CRAIGEN ARMSTRONG. FIRST OF ALL, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU  
12 TO ALL THE SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. WE WERE  
13 HERE SOME MONTHS BACK, LIKE SOLIS SAID, FOR EXPANSION, AND  
14 THAT'S GOING GREAT, AND IT'S REALLY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY FOR  
15 INDIVIDUALS LIKE OURSELVES TO BE IN A SPACE TO GROW, AND HAVE  
16 OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP SKILLS. IT'S ALSO HELPING OUR PATIENTS  
17 ENTER THEIR COMMUNITY IN A BETTER SPACE, BUT IT'S ALSO  
18 CONTRIBUTING TO AND ENHANCING THE CUSTODY STAFF HERE, AND  
19 HELPING THEIR PERCEPTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE JUST AS  
20 IMPACTED. SO IT'S AFFECTING EVERYONE. IT'S GOING GREAT, SO WE  
21 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO  
22 SOLIS AND JANICE HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. IT'S  
23 AMAZING TO BE TALKING ABOUT INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS FOR US, SO  
24 WE THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK KATHRYN BARGER  
25 FOR COMING TO OUR GRADUATION. THAT MEANT A LOT, APPEARING AND



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1 SPEAKING, SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THAT. WE ALSO  
2 WANT TO THANK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, CORRECTIONAL HEALTH  
3 SERVICES, BECAUSE IT TAKES A TEAM TO DO WHAT WE ARE DOING  
4 HERE. WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE. I KNOW WE DO A LOT OF THE WORK,  
5 BUT WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO IT WITHOUT EVERYONE HANDS-ON-  
6 DECK, SO WE'RE JUST GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL FOR ALL THE HELP.  
7 THIS MOTION IS HUGE. AS MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS, WE STEP INTO  
8 THIS ROLE. WE HAD NO EXPECTATIONS OF RECEIVING ANYTHING. ALL  
9 WE WANTED TO DO WAS REALLY BE IN A SPACE WHERE WE CAN GROW AND  
10 CONTRIBUTE AND KIND OF GET OUR VALUE BACK. INCARCERATION IS  
11 VERY GOOD AT STRIPPING ONE OF THEIR VALUE AND THEIR WORTH, AND  
12 BEING IN THIS SPACE WHERE WE CAN SHOW THAT WE CAN CONTRIBUTE  
13 AND HAVE A PURPOSEFUL ROLE, THAT'S ALL WE WERE ASKING FOR. SO  
14 THIS MOTION REALLY VALIDATES WHAT WE ARE DOING, BUT IT ALSO  
15 SOLIDIFIES A TREATMENT MODEL IN THESE FACILITIES THAT IS  
16 REALLY GOING TO HELP A LOT OF INDIVIDUALS: INDIVIDUALS LIKE  
17 OURSELVES, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY OUR PATIENTS, WHO ARE  
18 SUFFERING FROM SEVERE MENTAL DISORDERS, AND THEY WILL ENTER  
19 THE COMMUNITY IN A BETTER SHAPE FROM THIS WORK. AND IT'S  
20 REWARDING TO KNOW THAT WE'RE BEING RECOGNIZED IN THIS WAY. AND  
21 IT'S ALSO A TESTAMENT TO LEADERSHIP, TO OUR SUPERVISORS, WHO  
22 ARE RECOGNIZING US IN THIS WAY. WE CAN GET UP EVERY DAY AND DO  
23 THIS, AND TRY TO MAKE CHANGE AND DO THE WORK, BUT IT ALSO  
24 TAKES THOSE THAT ARE IN POSITIONS-- ELECTED OFFICIALS-- TO  
25 RECOGNIZE IT IN A WAY, TO ADD TO WHAT WE ARE DOING. AND,



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1 REALLY, IT IS; IT'S LEADERSHIP. SO WE COMMEND OUR LEADERSHIP  
2 AND OUR SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING IT'S GOING TO CREATE A  
3 MODEL, GOING FORWARD. THIS IS THE FUTURE, AND WE BELIEVE THIS  
4 IS HOW INCARCERATION SHOULD LOOK. AND THIS MOTION REALLY  
5 PROVIDES A MODEL AND AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW  
6 THROUGHOUT NOT ONLY THE STATE, BUT THROUGH THIS COUNTRY. SO  
7 WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL, AND THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. WOW, CRAIGEN, THANK YOU. I THINK YOU  
10 SAID IT ALL. YOU HIT IT RIGHT ON POINT, THERE, ABOUT "THIS IS  
11 WHAT INCARCERATION SHOULD LOOK LIKE." AND BLESS YOU AND YOUR  
12 PARTNERS, THERE. AND WE DO APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND  
13 WE'LL WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK TO EXPAND, IN ANY WAY WE CAN,  
14 THE PROGRAM. NEXT, I'D LIKE TO ASK DWAYNE, IF YOU COULD SHARE  
15 SOME OF THOSE BENEFITS, AS WELL, AND HOW YOU COULD EXPLAIN  
16 YOUR SITUATION, BUT ALSO HOW THIS HAS HELPED YOU TO HELP  
17 OTHERS.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. SO, JUST TO GET A  
20 LITTLE BIT ABOUT MYSELF, I'VE BEEN A MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANT  
21 FOR TWO YEARS, AND PRETTY MUCH WHAT I'VE DONE, I WAS SENTENCED  
22 IN 2021 TO STATE PRISON, AND I PRETTY MUCH SACRIFICED MY STATE  
23 PRISON SENTENCE, MY EARLY RELEASE CREDITS, TO STAY HERE AS A  
24 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANT IN L.A. COUNTY JAIL. I COULD HAVE  
25 LEFT, BUT I DIDN'T. I'VE SEEN WHERE THE NEED WAS GREATER. I'VE



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1 SEEN THE INDIVIDUALS WHO DEAL WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS. THEY  
2 DEPENDED ON ME. THEY NEEDED ME. THEY NEEDED MY HELP. AND THE  
3 IMPACT THAT I LEFT ON THEM JUST COULDN'T HELP ME RESIST BUT TO  
4 HELP. AND SO I STAYED JUST TO BE AN INFLUENCE, JUST TO BE  
5 THERE FOR THEM, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THEY TRULY NEED, AS I  
6 LEARNED ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS, AND I TRULY REALIZED THEN, I AM  
7 A MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANT. AND NOT ONLY THAT, THOUGH; I FELT  
8 LIKE IT WAS A GOOD IMPROVEMENT OF MYSELF TO ACTUALLY GROW, AND  
9 TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW, AND TO ACTUALLY TAKE THIS OUT THERE  
10 WHEN I DO GET RELEASED AND HELP OUT THE COMMUNITY. SO TAKING  
11 ON THIS CHALLENGING ROLE IS WHY I STAYED, AND I FELT LIKE IT  
12 WAS THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE THAT I WOULD HAVE TO MAKE FOR THEM,  
13 WHO NEED ME, AND AS WELL AS MYSELF. ALSO, WITH PRISON BENEFITS  
14 IN PLACE, THOUGH, SUCH AS EARLY RELEASE, WILL HELP US IN WAYS  
15 THAT WE CAN STAY IN A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT. WE CAN STAY DOING  
16 OUR JOB. WE CAN ACTUALLY THINK ABOUT THE GOALS THAT WE  
17 ACTUALLY DO HAVE, AS FAR AS CONTINUED EDUCATION. AND IT WOULD  
18 ACTUALLY HELP OURSELVES OUT, AND IT WOULD HELP THEM OUT,  
19 BECAUSE NOW, WITH EARLY RELEASE CREDITS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO  
20 LEAVE RIGHT IN THE COMMUNITY: RIGHT INTO THE COMMUNITY, TO  
21 SOCIETY, WITH OUR FAMILIES, WITH A GOOD HEAD ON OUR SHOULDERS;  
22 AND TWO, ALSO, WITH EARLY RELEASE CREDITS. ONE OF THE FREQUENT  
23 QUESTIONS ASKED FROM OUR APPLICANTS THAT WANT TO BECOME A  
24 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANT IS, "WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS, AS FAR AS  
25 EARLY RELEASE?" WE DON'T HAVE ANY TO PROVIDE AT THE MOMENT,



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1 BUT WE DO KNOW THAT IN THIS SETTING, IT'S THE FUTURE; NOT ONLY  
2 THE FUTURE OF THE PROGRAM, BUT THE FUTURE OF OPPORTUNITY AND  
3 CHANGE. FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO REACH IT AS MENTAL HEALTH  
4 ASSISTANTS, IN THE SAME WAY, WE CAN GUIDE THE PATIENTS  
5 ALONGSIDE THE WAY. BECAUSE ONE OF OUR ROLES AS A MENTAL HEALTH  
6 ASSISTANT IS TO HELP REDUCE RECIDIVISM IN WAYS WHERE WE TEACH  
7 THEM LIFESTYLE HABITS, WHERE WE CAN ACTUALLY SHOW QUALITIES IN  
8 THEM THAT THEY DON'T EVER SEE, BUT WE COULD POINT IT OUT TO  
9 THEM, SO THEY CAN REALLY SEE A BETTER SIDE OF THEMSELVES, AND  
10 IT WOULD ACTUALLY HELP THEM, AT LEAST TO COME FROM THIS  
11 ENVIRONMENT, AND TO ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF  
12 THEMSELF AND HOW MUCH THEY CAN GROW.

13  
14 **SUP. SOLIS:** WOW. THAT'S VERY POWERFUL, DWAYNE, AND I THANK  
15 YOU, AND I KNOW YOU SACRIFICED A LOT JUST TO BE ABLE TO STAY  
16 IN THE PROGRAM. THAT'S HOW MEANINGFUL IT IS. AND JUST YOUR OWN  
17 SPIRIT, AND WHAT YOU'RE RELAYING TO US AND THE PUBLIC, IS  
18 EMPOWERING. BECAUSE I CAN TELL YOU, I'VE HEARD FROM MANY OF MY  
19 CONSTITUENTS WHO HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT ARE IN JAIL RIGHT  
20 NOW, AND THEY ASK, "SUPERVISOR, HOW CAN WE TRY TO GET MENTAL  
21 HEALTH ASSISTANTS TO MY SON, OR TO MY DAUGHTER?" I'VE HEARD IT  
22 REPEATEDLY, AND THIS IS ONE WAY THAT WE CAN HELP EXPAND OUR  
23 REACH. AND IT NOT ONLY HEALS THEM, BUT IT HEALS YOU, AND IT  
24 GIVES YOU OPPORTUNITY, THEN, TO DO MORE, ONCE YOU ARE RELEASED  
25 AND READY TO GO OUT INTO SOCIETY AND BE EMPOWERED. SO I WANT



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1 TO THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORY WITH US, DWAYNE. VERY  
2 POWERFUL. NEXT, I'D LIKE TO ASK RICO, IF YOU COULD PLEASE ALSO  
3 SHARE WHY THE PROGRAM IS HELPING YOU, AND HOW IT CAN HELP  
4 OTHERS, AS WELL.

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6 **SPEAKER:** WELL, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FELLOW  
7 ANGELENOS. MY NAME IS RICO REED. BEEN A MENTAL HEALTH  
8 ASSISTANT FOR A LITTLE OVER A YEAR, AND IT'S MADE SO MUCH OF  
9 AN IMPACT ON MY LIFE. BUT RECENTLY, I DO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY  
10 FOR PAROLE, SO HAVING THE CERTIFICATION, OR HAVING SOMETHING  
11 THAT I CAN FALL BACK ON, OR AT LEAST TAKE WITH ME WHEN I DO  
12 PAROLE, IS SO IMPORTANT, AND IT'S SO VITAL; BUT NOT ONLY FOR  
13 ME, BUT FOR THE COMMUNITY, LIKE WHEN I'M RELEASED, OR GUYS  
14 THAT'S COMING BEHIND ME. AND WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO FURTHER  
15 THAT WITH EDUCATION, WITH CERTIFICATION, WITH FURTHER  
16 KNOWLEDGE, AND JUST BEING A PART OF SOMETHING THAT'S EXTRA  
17 SPECIAL THAT WE CAN KIND OF RELY ON, AND NOT JUST HAVE "I  
18 WONDER IF I CAN DO THIS?" AND IT GAVE ME A LEG UP, AS FAR AS  
19 GOING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY WITH A CERTIFICATION, SO I DON'T  
20 HAVE TO START FROM SCRATCH. I'VE BEEN INCARCERATED A LONG  
21 TIME, BUT HAVING THAT CERTIFICATION, OR THAT EDUCATION, THAT  
22 TRAINING, WON'T LET ME START FROM THE BOTTOM. SO THAT'S HOW  
23 IMPORTANT YOU GUYS HAVING THIS MOTION FOR US IS, AND WE  
24 APPRECIATE YOU GUYS BRINGING THIS UP, AND WE THANK YOU GUYS  
25 FOR EVERYTHING YOU GUYS CAN DO FOR US.



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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, RICO. YOU SAID IT ALL, AS WELL.  
3 YOU CAPTURED THE ESSENCE OF WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO EMPOWER YOU  
4 TO BE READY WHEN YOU ARE RELEASED, SO YOU CAN COME OUT-- AND  
5 YOU SAID IT-- NOT HAVING TO START FROM SQUARE ONE, BECAUSE  
6 YOU'LL ALREADY HAVE SOME OF THOSE ESSENTIAL TOOLS TO BE ABLE  
7 TO GET A JOB AND HELP TO SERVE OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND I  
8 KNOW THAT ALL THREE OF YOU ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO SO MUCH  
9 WHILE YOU'RE THERE, BUT ALSO WHEN YOU COME HOME. SO I WANT TO  
10 THANK ALL THREE OF YOU-- CRAIGEN, DWAYNE, AND RICO-- AND I  
11 WANT TO THANK OUR STAFFS THAT WORKED WITH YOU, AS WELL AS THE  
12 SHERIFF, TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. AND I JUST CAN'T BEGIN TO  
13 THANK YOU, HOW IMPORTANT AND REVEALING THIS INFORMATION IS FOR  
14 OTHER JUSTICE PROGRAMS TO UNDERSTAND THE CHANGE THAT'S  
15 HAPPENING RIGHT NOW. WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT; WE CAN MAKE IT  
16 HAPPEN. SO THANK YOU, ALL THREE OF YOU, AND TO YOUR OTHER  
17 COLLEAGUES THAT ARE THERE, SPENDING YOUR HOURS DOING THIS  
18 VERY, VERY HARD WORK. IT'S VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. THANK YOU  
19 VERY MUCH FOR JOINING US.

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21 **CRAIGEN ARMSTRONG:** HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

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23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU, TOO. THANK YOU. THANK  
2 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELL, LET ME ALSO THANK MR.  
5 ARMSTRONG AND MR. REED AND MR. RAMIREZ FOR THAT INCREDIBLE  
6 MOMENT THAT WE HAD HERE IN THE BOARD: THREE VERY ARTICULATE  
7 AND ON-POINT SPEAKERS THAT REALLY FOCUSED US, IN TERMS OF WHAT  
8 THIS PROGRAM LOOKS LIKE. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SO  
9 MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. THANKS FOR THE  
10 OPPORTUNITY TO CO-AUTHOR IT WITH YOU. THIS FORENSIC IN-PATIENT  
11 STEPDOWN IS A SPECIAL AND UNIQUE MODEL PROGRAM, BECAUSE IT  
12 ALLOWS FOLKS WHO ARE INCARCERATED TO BECOME MENTAL HEALTH  
13 ASSISTANTS WHILE THEY'RE STILL IN JAIL. AND AS MENTAL HEALTH  
14 ASSISTANTS, THEY PROVIDE GUIDANCE, THEY PROVIDE LIFE SKILLS,  
15 TRAINING FOR THEIR INCARCERATED PEERS, WHO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH  
16 CHALLENGES. AND THESE INCARCERATED MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS ARE  
17 TRUE EXAMPLES OF REDEMPTION, OF COMPASSION, OF COMMUNITY CARE,  
18 AND THEY SHOW US WHAT A SECOND CHANCE CAN LOOK LIKE. SO I'M  
19 INSPIRED BY HOW THEY ARE SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH SEVERE MENTAL  
20 ILLNESS IN OUR JAILS, AND HOW THAT EXPERIENCE IS ALSO HELPING  
21 THEM IN THEIR OWN JOURNEY WHILE THEY'RE INCARCERATED, BUT  
22 CLEARLY WHEN THEY ARE RELEASED, AND THEIR JOURNEY ON THE  
23 OUTSIDE. AS A COUNTY, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TO GET MENTAL  
24 HEALTH EMPLOYEES TO JOIN THE COUNTY WORKFORCE, AND STAY IN THE  
25 COUNTY WORKFORCE, THROUGH DIFFERENT INCENTIVES AND BONUSES. SO



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1 THE INCARCERATED PEOPLE WHO CHOOSE TO BECOME THESE MENTAL  
2 HEALTH ASSISTANTS WHILE IN JAIL ARE ALSO PROVIDING A CRITICAL  
3 CARE TO A VERY VULNERABLE POPULATION, AND I THINK IT MAKES  
4 SENSE THAT WE PROVIDE THEM, AS WELL, WITH SOME INCENTIVES TO  
5 TAKE THESE POSITIONS, AND THEN TO STAY IN THEM WHILE THEY CAN.  
6 REALLY FEELS LIKE A NO-BRAINER. AT THIS TIME, I THINK WE ONLY  
7 HAVE 21 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS, BUT EVEN IF THAT NUMBER  
8 INCREASED, IT SHOULD NOT BE MUCH OF A FINANCIAL BURDEN FOR US  
9 TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE INCENTIVES THAT THEY DESERVE. SO I  
10 FULLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT  
11 FORWARD. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

12  
13 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK CRAIGEN,  
14 RICO, AND DWAYNE FOR PROVIDING US WITH THEIR PERSPECTIVE AND  
15 THEIR STORY. MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT IS CHALLENGING IN ANY  
16 SETTING, AS WE KNOW, BUT IT CAN BECOME EVEN MORE CHALLENGING  
17 TO TREAT WHILE IN CUSTODY. AND WE ARE SERVING A LARGER  
18 POPULATION OF INMATES WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES TODAY THAN  
19 IN PAST YEARS, AND WE'VE HEARD THAT FROM PEOPLE WORKING IN OUR  
20 JAILS. WE ALSO HAVE A CONSENT DECREE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 JUSTICE, WHICH INCLUDES PROVISIONS ON HOW WE PROVIDE TREATMENT  
22 TO THE MOST SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL INMATES. THE FORENSIC IN-  
23 PATIENT PROGRAM CHANGES THE WAY WE TREAT AND STABILIZE, WHICH  
24 IS WHY THIS BOARD HAS SUPPORTED THE EXPANSION. WHEN I ATTENDED  
25 THE LAST GRADUATION, I SAW AND HEARD FIRSTHAND THE BENEFITS OF



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1 THIS PROGRAM, AND THE CRITICAL ROLE THAT MENTAL HEALTH  
2 ASSISTANTS HAVE ON THE SUCCESS OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S  
3 REHABILITATION. I ALSO HEARD A LOT OF PRAISE FROM THE NURSES  
4 WHO, BEFORE THIS PROGRAM, WERE STRUGGLING TO PROVIDE THE LEVEL  
5 OF CARE THAT THEY FELT WAS NECESSARY, AND EVEN FROM THE  
6 DEPUTIES. THE RESPECT THAT DEPUTIES HAVE FOR THIS PROGRAM IS  
7 TRULY A TESTAMENT TO THE WORK THAT IS BEING DONE. I REALLY DO  
8 BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT I KNOW IS BEING LOOKED AT  
9 AT OTHER FACILITIES, BECAUSE IT IS TRANSFORMATIONAL AS IT  
10 RELATES TO GETTING PEOPLE TO COMPLY WITH TAKING THEIR  
11 MEDICATION, AND EVEN JUST LIFE SKILLS AND SURVIVING WITHIN  
12 INCARCERATION. I HOPE THAT ONE DAY WE CAN EXPAND THIS AND EVEN  
13 LOOK AT IT FOR THOSE THAT ARE VETERANS IN OUR JAILS RIGHT NOW,  
14 WHO, AS WE HEARD TWO WEEKS AGO, DO NOT SELF-DECLARE THAT THEY  
15 ARE VETERANS, AND THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO HELP THEM  
16 ONCE THEY ARE RELEASED, AS WELL. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT  
17 THIS. I WAS SO IMPRESSED WHEN I WENT TO THE GRADUATION. I  
18 WALKED AWAY WITH A SENSE OF HOPE: A SENSE OF HOPE FOR THOSE  
19 THAT ARE PART OF THE UNIT, BUT ALSO FOR THOSE THAT ARE THE  
20 ASSISTANTS THAT ARE TRULY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S  
21 LIVES. SO I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS, AND I HOPE, AGAIN, WE CAN  
22 EXPAND THIS AND LOOK AT THIS NOT JUST FOR THOSE THAT ARE  
23 SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, BUT ALSO FOR VETERANS THAT ARE  
24 SUFFERING FROM P.T.S.D., THAT ARE INCARCERATED. IT'S AN



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1 OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO TAKE WHAT IS A NEGATIVE, AND MAKE IT A  
2 POSITIVE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3  
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, THAT'S A REALLY  
5 INTERESTING POINT YOU BROUGHT UP ABOUT OUR VETERANS, BECAUSE  
6 WE JUST DID A MOTION A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, RIGHT, TALKING ABOUT,  
7 "HOW DO WE CONNECT OUR VETERANS WHO ARE INCARCERATED WITH THE  
8 SERVICES THEY NEED?" BUT I THINK THIS WOULD BE AN EXAMPLE OF  
9 MAYBE LOOKING AT THAT PEER-TO-PEER WORK INSIDE THE JAILS.  
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE  
11 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

12  
13 **SPEAKER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD,  
14 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: ALLEN BURNETT, MONERAS MARTINEZ,  
15 BOBBY KIMBROUGH, CINDY SHORTT, KRISTIN WORTHE, RAYMOND  
16 SHEPPARD, AND SAM LEWIS. AS A FINAL REMINDER, FOR THE  
17 PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS  
18 ITEM 10, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN  
19 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE  
20 HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

21  
22 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS EVELYN FISHER. YOU MAY  
23 BEGIN.



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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. AS I SAID EARLIER-- I'M SO SORRY-- MY NAME  
2 IS EVELYN FISHER, AND I'M A RETIRED NURSE, AND THIS IS THE  
3 FIRST I'VE HEARD OF THIS PROGRAM THIS YEAR. I THINK IT'S AN  
4 EXCELLENT PROGRAM. I THINK IT TAKES A SPECIAL KIND OF PERSON  
5 TO WANT TO BE INVOLVED WITH PEOPLE THAT HAVE MENTAL HEALTH  
6 ISSUES, AND THE FACT THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS THAT JUST SPOKE--  
7 CRAIGEN, I THINK, DWAYNE, AND RICO-- I COULD HEAR THE  
8 COMMITMENT IN THEIR VOICES, AND I WANT TO COMMEND THEM FOR  
9 THAT WONDERFUL WORK THAT THEY DO. AND YES, I AGREE THAT THEY  
10 CAN GET BURNED OUT, AND THEY WOULD NEED SOME ASSISTANCE, AND I  
11 THINK IT'S WONDERFUL THAT IT'S RECOGNIZED THAT PEOPLE THAT ARE  
12 IN JAIL NEED TO HAVE SPECIAL CARE, AND TO HELP THEM, BECAUSE  
13 WHEN THEY ARE-- I KNOW THEY'RE IN A STEPDOWN. WHEN THEY ARE  
14 RELEASED TO THE COMMUNITY, THEY ARE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE A  
15 CERTAIN WAY. AND SO WE DON'T WANT TO CONSIDER THEM AS  
16 THROWAWAYS. WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT THEY NEED HELP, AND WE  
17 DON'T WANT TO RESPOND IN A NEGATIVE WAY, BECAUSE THERE'S HELP  
18 AVAILABLE. I SURE APPRECIATE THAT THE BOARD IS TAKING--

19  
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN. YOUR  
21 TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22  
23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. I LIKE THIS A LOT. THIS IS A VERY--  
2 THESE ARE GREAT GUYS, WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE INSIDE AS  
3 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS. I WAS A MENTAL HEALTH WORKER AS A  
4 YOUNGER MAN, BY THE WAY, IN A PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY, IN-  
5 PATIENT, AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT WORK, AND THE FACT THAT  
6 THEY'RE-- THIS IS A VERY GOOD SYNERGY. IT'S VERY HARD TO FILL  
7 THESE POSITIONS. AS WE KNOW, WE HAVE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS  
8 OF UNFILLED POSITIONS IN THE COUNTY. AND I THINK INCENTIVES TO  
9 KEEP THEM THERE IS A GREAT IDEA. I THINK THEY COULD GET ONE  
10 THING, PUBLIC SPEAKING, GOING. THESE GUYS ARE GREAT, AND THEY  
11 CAN BE BROUGHT OUT TO GET MORE ENTHUSIASM. WAGES, OF COURSE.  
12 FOOD? WHY NOT. TIME CREDITS. AND, SUPERVISOR HAHN, WE COULD  
13 CERTAINLY THROW IN A GUN LOCK OR SIX DOZEN, BECAUSE I THINK  
14 THIS GETS AT WHAT WE NEED. LET'S DOUBLE FROM 21 MENTAL HEALTH  
15 ASSISTANTS TO 42, BY 2024, IF WE CAN. AND THANK YOU FOR THIS  
16 GREAT MOTION, SUPERVISORS.

17  
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GLAD YOU LIKED THIS. NEXT  
19 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20  
21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TRAMEL CARTER. YOU MAY  
22 BEGIN.

23  
24 **SPEAKER:** HI. I'M CALLING IN REGARDING THIS MOTION TO BE PASSED  
25 IN ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO WORK IN THE FIELD



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1 ASSISTING WITH MENTAL PATIENTS. THERE IS NOTHING STATED IN  
2 HERE INVOLVING SHERIFF OVERSIGHT. WHO IS GOING TO BE LOOKING  
3 AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHEN THEY DO NOT FOLLOW THESE  
4 GUIDELINES? THERE HAVE BEEN MANY TIMES THINGS LIKE THIS GET  
5 PASSED, BUT THERE IS NO OVERSIGHT. SO IN A YEAR FROM NOW,  
6 WE'RE GOING TO BE COMING BACK, SPEAKING ABOUT WHY THE  
7 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS NOT FOLLOWING SUIT IN THE GUIDELINES.  
8 SO, SOMETHING TO BE PUT IN HERE IS THEM FOLLOWING GUIDELINES,  
9 SO THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CAN FOLLOW ORDERS. THAT WILL  
10 HELP OUT IN THE FUTURE, BECAUSE OTHERWISE, IT'S GOING TO BE A  
11 REVOLVING DOOR. THANK YOU.

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

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

17  
18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THERE'S ONE MORE REMOTE SPEAKER.

19  
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE-- OH, IN PERSON.  
21 WELCOME.

22  
23 **ALLEN BURNETT:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALLEN BURNETT. I AM  
24 THE CO-FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PRISM WAY PROGRAM  
25 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I WANTED TO COMMEND THE BOARD FOR



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1 SUPPORTING THIS MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS PROGRAM. I BELIEVE  
2 IT'S PIONEERING. I LOVE WHAT YOU'RE DOING, AND IT'S A STEP IN  
3 THE RIGHT DIRECTION WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN ITS GOALS  
4 TOWARDS A REHABILITATIVE PROGRAM IN THE CALIFORNIA MODEL. AS A  
5 FORMALLY INCARCERATED PERSON, I HAD LIFE WITHOUT THE  
6 POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE. I UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF HIGHER  
7 EDUCATION, POSITIVE PROGRAMMING, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, MENTAL  
8 HEALTH PROGRAMS, SO I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

9

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

11

12 **BOBBY KIMBROUGH:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
13 IS BOBBY KIMBROUGH. I AM AN EMPLOYEE WITH PRISM WAY. I AM A  
14 SUPPORTER OF ITEM 10. AND JUST TO SPEAK ON IT, I SERVED 25 AND  
15 A HALF YEARS IN PRISON. I REALLY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND MENTAL  
16 HEALTH UNTIL I WAS FORCED TO UNDERSTAND IT. A LOT OF TIMES,  
17 IT'S SWEEPED UP UNDER THE RUG. TODAY, I AM SUCCESSFUL IN MY  
18 CHANGE AND TRANSITION INTO SOCIETY, BECAUSE OF MY MENTAL  
19 HEALTH ASSISTANCE THAT'S BEEN ADDRESSED OVER THE PAST 8 YEARS.  
20 AND WITH THE CONTINUING OF MY PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST IN  
21 ASSISTING OTHERS IN MENTAL HEALTH, TODAY IT'S NOT REALLY--  
22 LIGHT ISN'T REALLY SHINED UPON MENTAL HEALTH IN A GOOD WAY IN  
23 CERTAIN COMMUNITIES, AND I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE  
24 CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY AS PEER SUPPORT  
25 SPECIALISTS IN ASSISTING.



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

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4 **BOBBY KIMBROUGH:** THANK YOU.

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

7

8 **RAYMOND SHEPPARD:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
9 IS RAYMOND SHEPPARD. I AM A PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST FOR THE  
10 PRISM WAY, AND I AM HERE TO SUPPORT ITEM NUMBER 10. I WOULD  
11 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER MOTION AND LEADERSHIP  
12 ON SUPPORTING THE M.H.A.S, MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS, AT THE  
13 L.A. COUNTY JAILS. I, TOO, AM A FORMER LIFER. I SERVED 23  
14 YEARS ON A 17-TO-LIFE SENTENCE, AND IT WASN'T UNTIL I EDUCATED  
15 MYSELF, AS WELL AS GOT MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE, THAT I WAS  
16 ABLE TO BE PUT IN A POSITION TO ACTUALLY CHANGE MY WAYS, MY  
17 THINKING, AND TO DEAL WITH THE TRAUMA THAT I ONCE SUFFERED AS  
18 A CHILD, RIGHT, AS WELL AS THE TRAUMA IN PRISON. SO THIS  
19 PROGRAM IS VERY INSTRUMENTAL, AND I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU HAVE  
20 BROUGHT TO THE TABLE, BECAUSE I WOULDN'T BE IN THE POSITION I  
21 AM TODAY TO HELP OTHERS. AND SO I THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION.

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND  
2 ALL STAFF AND OFFICERS. MY NAME IS MONERAS MARTINEZ, AND I  
3 REPRESENT THE PRISM WAY. I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 10, AND I  
4 WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN THE  
5 COUNTY JAILS, AND WITH THE M.H.A. PROGRAM. I'M A FORMERLY  
6 INCARCERATED, AS WELL, AND WHILE I WAS IN PRISON, I UNDERSTOOD  
7 THE VALUE OF HAVING VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF, AND ALSO OTHER  
8 INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS, WHO TOOK TIME TO HELP ME THROUGH MY  
9 TRAUMA, ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, AND ALSO HAVING OTHER  
10 INCARCERATED MEN TO HELP ME BE ACCOUNTABLE, AND HELPING ME IN  
11 ADDRESSING MY CHARACTER DEFECTS THAT LED ME TO COMMIT CRIMES,  
12 HARM PEOPLE, AND DESTROY MY COMMUNITY. HAVING THESE PROGRAMS  
13 WERE VITAL TO MY REHABILITATION, AND I NOW TAKE FULL  
14 RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL MY ACTIONS-- PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.  
15 AS A PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST, I VALUE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF  
16 LISTENING, AND I THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TODAY.

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

19  
20 **KRISTIN WORTH:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
21 KRISTIN WORTHE, AND I AM FROM THE PRISM WAY-- THANK YOU SO  
22 MUCH-- AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 10. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER MOTION AND LEADERSHIP IN SUPPORTING  
24 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS. I WITNESSED  
25 FIRSTHAND THE INSPIRATIONAL COLLABORATION WITH CUSTODY AND



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1 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS IN BOTH THE WOMEN'S AND MEN'S COUNTY  
2 JAILS, WHICH PROVIDED CARE WITH SUCH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. IT  
3 IS CLEAR THAT REHABILITATION IS HAPPENING IN THESE SPACES, AND  
4 I COMMEND THIS BOARD AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR  
5 SUPPORT IN THIS VISION. THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND  
6 I ASK THAT THE BOARD VOTE IN FAVOR OF ITEM 10.

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

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10 **CINDY SHORTT:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CINDY SHORTT, AND I AM THE  
11 CLINICAL DIRECTOR OF THE PRISM WAY, AND I WANT TO START BY  
12 HONORING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE LEADERSHIP AND VISION OF THIS  
13 BOARD, AND COMMEND YOU ALL FOR THIS PROPOSAL IN ITEM 10, AS IT  
14 IS AN INNOVATIVE AND HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PILOT PROGRAM THAT HAS  
15 THE POTENTIAL TO BE REPLICATED THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA JAILS AND  
16 PRISONS. CURRENTLY, I AM PROVIDING THE M.H.A.S AT TWIN TOWERS  
17 AND C.R.D.F. WITH A PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST TRAINING PROGRAM.  
18 THIS TRAINING PROGRAM HAS BEEN FULLY FUNDED BY AN OUTSIDE  
19 AGENCY. AND EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE NO CREDITS BEING OFFERED,  
20 THE M.H.A.S WILLINGLY PARTICIPATE AND ASKED FOR THIS  
21 EDUCATION, DEMONSTRATING THEIR INNER MOTIVATION AND COMMITMENT  
22 TO DELIVER EXTRAORDINARY CARE TO THEIR FELLOW PEERS. THEY  
23 POSSESS AN INNER MOTIVATION TO GIVE BACK AND POSITIVELY  
24 CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY. I FURTHER COMMEND YOU ON PROVIDING THE  
25 POSSIBILITY OF THE M.H.A.S TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE C.D.C.R.



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1 CREDITS FOR EARLY RELEASE, AND EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF  
2 EDUCATION AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT. ANYTHING THAT I CAN DO TO  
3 SUPPORT THIS, WE ARE HERE TO DO THAT, AND I JUST ONCE AGAIN  
4 COMMEND YOU ALL SO MUCH, AND THANK YOU.

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

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8 **SAM LEWIS:** GOOD MORNING TO OUR INCREDIBLE BOARD OF  
9 SUPERVISORS. YOU DON'T CEASE TO AMAZE ME. I WANT TO THANK YOU.  
10 MY NAME IS SAM LEWIS. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A.R.C.,  
11 THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
12 SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. THIS IS  
13 AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAM THAT'S BEEN LONG NEEDED. I AM 100% IN  
14 SUPPORT OF THIS. OUR ORGANIZATION IS 100% IN SUPPORT OF IT.  
15 OUR MEMBERS ARE 100% IN SUPPORT OF IT. PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW  
16 WE CAN SUPPORT IN CONTINUING TO TRANSFORM THIS SYSTEM INTO ONE  
17 THAT IS TRULY OF CARE AND COMPASSION AND TRANSFORMATION. THANK  
18 YOU.

19

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

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22 **SPEAKER:** YES, MA'AM. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KENDRA HARDIN. I  
23 HAVE AN AUTISTIC SON, AND HE WAS IN THE TWIN TOURS, FOURTH  
24 FLOOR, WHERE HE RECEIVED A LOT OF HELP FROM ARMSTRONG, AND I  
25 AM FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR ARMSTRONG AND WHAT HE DID FOR MY SON.



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1 IF IT WASN'T FOR HIM HELPING MY SON TO MAKE PHONE CALLS,  
2 HELPING MY SON WITH HIS BEHAVIOR, MY SON WOULD PROBABLY STILL  
3 BE IN JAIL, SO I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR ARMSTRONG AND ALL THE  
4 HELP HE PUT INTO HELPING MY SON. AND FROM TALKING TO  
5 ARMSTRONG, I GOT A CHANCE TO GET TO KNOW HIM. HE WORKS FROM  
6 SUNUP TO SUNDOWN, WORKING WITH THE INMATES. AND I AM, ONCE  
7 AGAIN, VERY GRATEFUL FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR MY SON. THANK  
8 YOU.

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10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY MORE SPEAKERS THAT  
11 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

12

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

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15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. ITEM 10 IS NOW BEFORE US, MOVED BY  
16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WILL SECOND IT. TO APPROVE THE ITEM,  
17 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

18

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

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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1   **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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6   **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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8   **CELIA ZAVALA:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. 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, 4-0.

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14   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 40,  
15   WHICH IS A REPORT ON THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN RELATED TO THE  
16   YOUTH ESCAPE FROM LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL, WHICH I HELD.  
17   FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1  
18   THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE OUR  
19   CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA, HERE, WHO WILL  
20   MAKE A PRESENTATION. HE'S COMING? OKAY, I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD  
21   AND HAVE MY REMARKS. COLLEAGUES, AT OUR LAST BOARD MEETING, WE  
22   VOTED ON MY READ-IN MOTION THAT CALLED FOR OUR CHIEF PROBATION  
23   OFFICER, GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA, TO COME IN FRONT OF THE BOARD  
24   TODAY AND SPEAK ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN,  
25   AFTER ONE OF OUR DETAINED YOUTH ESCAPED FROM LOS PADRINOS



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1 JUVENILE HALL EARLIER THIS MONTH. LUCKILY, THAT YOUTH WAS  
2 APPREHENDED WITHIN TEN MINUTES OF ESCAPING THE FACILITY, WITH  
3 THE HELP OF OFFICERS FROM THE DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT, AS  
4 WELL AS THE SOUTH GATE POLICE DEPARTMENT. BUT I FELT THAT IT  
5 WAS IMPORTANT FOR THIS BOARD, AND ESPECIALLY FOR THE PUBLIC,  
6 TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM CHIEF VIERA-ROSA ABOUT WHAT MEASURES  
7 HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN, AND WILL BE TAKEN IN THE FUTURE, TO  
8 ENSURE THAT THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. AND I FELT IT WAS  
9 URGENT THAT OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT ALSO MEET WITH BOTH THE  
10 CITIES OF DOWNEY AND SOUTH GATE, AND EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED.  
11 AND FOR PEOPLE WHO AREN'T FAMILIAR WITH THE LOCATION OF THIS  
12 LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE FACILITY, IT IS RIGHT IN THE BORDER  
13 BETWEEN SOUTH GATE AND DOWNEY. IT IS IN A RESIDENTIAL  
14 NEIGHBORHOOD, AND THIS IS THE SECOND TIME A YOUNG PERSON HAS  
15 MANAGED TO ESCAPE, AND IT DOESN'T GIVE A LOT OF COMFORT TO THE  
16 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. AND IF NOTHING, WE NEED, OF COURSE,  
17 ALL OF OUR FACILITIES TO BE SAFE FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN OUR  
18 CARE, AS WELL AS THE PROBATION OFFICERS AND STAFF MEMBERS. BUT  
19 FOR THIS TO HAPPEN TWICE, I FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE GET  
20 A PUBLIC PRESENTATION ON THIS. BY THE WAY, OUR LOS PADRINOS IS  
21 OUR ONLY JUVENILE HALL THAT IS UP AND RUNNING, AND THERE'S A  
22 LOT RIDING ON THE SUCCESS OF THAT FACILITY. I STILL DON'T SEE  
23 CHIEF VIERA-ROSA. MY SCRIPT SAYS I "TURN IT OVER TO YOU FOR  
24 YOUR PRESENTATION." I SAW HIM IN THE BACK, EARLIER, TOO. HE  
25 ESCAPED. TOO SOON? TOO SOON? SORRY, COULDN'T HELP IT. SORRY,



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1 COULDN'T HELP IT. I SAW THE CHIEF, EARLIER, BACK THERE. YEAH,  
2 CALL HIM, MS. MITCHELL. LET'S SEE IF HE ANSWERS. WELL, LET'S  
3 GO ON TO-- THAT WAS KIND OF EMBARRASSING, BUT-- OKAY, LET'S  
4 MOVE ON TO... AS OPPOSED TO THE SPECIALS? YEAH, OKAY. LET'S GO  
5 TO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I SEE A LOT OF MEMBERS OF THE  
6 PUBLIC ARE HERE. WHY DON'T WE DO THAT BEFORE THEY ALSO SNEAK  
7 AWAY? OKAY, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE, I AM TRYING TO  
8 THINK WHERE WE-- OKAY, WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE  
9 PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL THE REMAINING ITEMS  
10 NOT HELD BY THE SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS ALL THE REST OF THEM,  
11 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE  
12 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE  
13 ITEMS. YOU MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH  
14 TO ADDRESS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, IN ORDER FOR US  
15 TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
16 PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO  
17 SPEAK ON THE REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

18  
19 **SPEAKER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO THREE  
20 MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE REMAINING ITEMS AND  
21 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE ITEM,  
22 TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE ITEMS, AND ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE  
23 FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND CLEARLY  
24 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING. YOU  
25 MAY ONLY ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. WE WILL NOW CALL



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1 IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL  
2 TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS. THANK YOU.

3  
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER?

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6 **SPEAKER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD,  
7 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: BLANCA MARTINEZ, DAVID HUERTA,  
8 MARIA BLANCO, AMPARO DIAZ, DARREN ARCHER, BERNARDINA ROSAS,  
9 STEVEN PAGE, TONY GALES, JOHN SCHULTZ, CHRISTINE REDLIN, RYAN  
10 NOWICKI, RICHIE ZINGER, EMILY FULLER, CHRISTOPHER BARWICK,  
11 DOMINIC CUMMINS, D.D.R.R.D., JESSE J. MORALES, SANDRA BELL,  
12 SASHA HARDIN, ROSA MARTINEZ, TRACEY SHIPP, DOTUN OGUNYEMI,  
13 JULIO LAMBANDER, STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ, JESSE ANGUIANO,  
14 CHRISTOPHER BARWICK, LAQUOYA PEW, TRACEY LATSON, BRIAN  
15 SABALLOS, CARISSA PEREZ, JASMINE RAMIREZ, BEATRICE AVENA,  
16 RICHARD PERALTA, JOSEPHINE BUENDIA, KEVIN MORAY, AND ESMERALDA  
17 FUENTES. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR THE PARTICIPANTS ON THE  
18 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS PUBLIC COMMENT, IF YOU HAVE  
19 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN  
20 THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER,  
21 PLEASE?

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23 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS LENA MALLETT. PLEASE GO  
24 AHEAD.



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1 **LENA MALLET:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** LENA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

6

7 **LENA MALLET:** YEAH, I WAS WAITING FOR ITEM 40, SO YOU CAN PUSH  
8 ME BACK UNTIL THE REPORT BACK.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER ON GENERAL PUBLIC  
11 COMMENT.

12

13 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ERIC PREVEN. YOU  
14 MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

17

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

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY. IT IS ERIC PREVEN. THANK YOU. OKAY, VERY  
21 GOOD. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. YOU KNOW, BIG, VERY EXPANSIVE  
22 AGENDA. THE BUDGET OF THE SHERIFF IS \$3.782 BILLION. SO, I  
23 DIDN'T REALIZE THAT. I JUST NOTICED THAT ON THE EQUITABLE  
24 SHARING, WHERE WE ARE SKIMMING OFF ABOUT \$1 MILLION IN ASSET  
25 FORFEITURE STUFF THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET FROM FOLKS WHO



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1 STOLE, OR WHATEVER. THE ONE I THOUGHT NEEDED-- FIRST OF ALL,  
2 THERE ARE TOO MANY SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTS. WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT  
3 OF THAT BUSINESS. IT IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC. AND  
4 THE WAIVERS, THOUGH VERY ROBUST-- YOU KNOW, WE SPENT ABOUT  
5 \$50,000 IN PARKING OVER THE HOLIDAYS, WITH ALL THIS SECRET  
6 GOOD STUFF. BUT ITEM 65 IS THE ONE I WANT TO JUST ADDRESS  
7 QUICKLY, WHICH IS THE IDEA OF REGULATING PARKS FOR VARIOUS  
8 ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING "EXPRESSIVE" ACTIVITIES. THIS IS A BAD  
9 AREA. OKAY, I THINK THAT-- I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DO,  
10 BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE ARE GOING TO THE TROUBLE TO  
11 DEFINE WHAT AN EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY IS, AND PUT KIND OF LIKE  
12 WEIRD, CONTENT-NEUTRAL PERMITTING ON GROUPS THAT GET TOGETHER  
13 IN OUR PARKS. I FEEL LIKE THEY'RE BUSY SKIMMING THE GOLF  
14 COURSE REVENUE. THEY DON'T NEED TO BE BOGGING DOWN IN  
15 LICENSING PEOPLE TO BE AT THE PARK. SO, I DON'T KNOW. I KNOW  
16 THAT OTHER JURISDICTIONS--

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

20  
21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LENA MIRA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22  
23 **SPEAKER:** HELLO? CAN YOU ALL HEAR ME?

24  
25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. GO AHEAD.



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2 **SPEAKER:** OH, EXCELLENT. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. MY  
3 NAME IS LENA MIRA, AND I AM A HOMEOWNER IN L.A. COUNTY, AND I  
4 AM CALLING FROM THE CITY OF POMONA. I SUPPORT ITEM 9 ON THE  
5 AGENDA, WHICH WOULD BENEFIT LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS WITH  
6 ASSISTANCE TO KEEP THEIR HOMES. FOR MANY LOW-INCOME FAMILIES  
7 AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, HOME OWNERSHIP IS SOMETHING WE ARE  
8 VERY PROUD OF, IN SPITE OF THE CHALLENGES AND STRUGGLES THAT  
9 COME WITH IT, INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, WHICH MAKE  
10 REPAIRS AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY A CHALLENGE. I STRONGLY SUPPORT  
11 THE COUNTY ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE, SO THAT  
12 WE CAN APPLY FOR THE STATE'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. I  
13 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HELPING HOMEOWNERS LIKE ME  
14 STAY IN THEIR HOMES. I AM CALLING ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY  
15 MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN P.A.C.E., AND THE MEMBERS OF THE  
16 LATINO/LATINA ROUNDTABLE WHO ARE AFFECTED. IF THE COUNTY  
17 ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THESE FAMILIES, THEY CAN GET  
18 SUPPORT WITH PAYMENT ASSISTANCE. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING HOME  
19 OWNERSHIP OF LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND HELPING US STAY IN OUR  
20 HOMES. THANK YOU.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTIGONE ROBINSON. YOU MAY  
2 BEGIN.

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4 **ANTIGONE ROBINSON:** GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE  
5 A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, TO TALK ABOUT S.T.D.S. EVERY  
6 YEAR, THE NUMBER OF S.T.I.S INCREASES, WHILE THE FUNDING  
7 DECREASES. THIS HAS BEEN THE TREND SINCE THE EARLY 2000'S, AND  
8 WE NEED TO CHANGE THIS. YOU, THE LEADERS OF L.A. COUNTY AND  
9 THE BOARD THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONDS TO,  
10 NEED TO COMMIT FUNDING AND RESOURCES TO THIS CRISIS. EVERY  
11 OTHER MONTH THIS YEAR, A NEW LOCALITY IN THE U.S. HAS REPORTED  
12 ON SKYROCKETING CONGENITAL SYPHILIS CASES; AND TWO WEEKS AGO,  
13 THE C.D.C. IDENTIFIED THAT ALMOST 90% OF ALL THESE CASES  
14 COULD'VE BEEN PREVENTED WITH ADEQUATE OUTREACH AND FOLLOW-UP.  
15 THE RAPID SPREAD OF CONGENITAL SYPHILIS IS A FAILING OF PUBLIC  
16 HEALTH PROGRAMS, AND IT REVEALS HOW [INAUDIBLE] OUR PROGRAMS  
17 REALLY ARE. THERE'S NO DENYING C.D.C. STATS. WE AREN'T DOING  
18 ENOUGH TO REACH PEOPLE, WHO DON'T REALIZE THEY HAVE S.T.I.S,  
19 AND WE ARE NOT ADEQUATELY SCREENING PREGNANT PATIENTS. INFANT  
20 MORTALITY RATES ARE A KEY INDICATOR OF THE HEALTH OF A NATION,  
21 AND THE U.S. HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST INFANT MORTALITY RATES OF  
22 ALL DEVELOPED NATIONS.

23  
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT  
25 SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.



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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS REGINALD NIMURA. YOU MAY  
3 BEGIN.

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5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME'S REGINALD NIMURA,  
6 AND I AM A P.A.C.E. HOMEOWNER MYSELF, AND I SUPPORT ITEM 9.  
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I ENCOURAGE THEM TO ALLOW HOMEOWNERS LIKE  
8 MYSELF TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,  
9 BECAUSE I GOT INTO A LOAN WITH P.A.C.E. THAT I ACTUALLY  
10 COULDN'T AFFORD, AND NOW I COULD LOSE MY HOME BEHIND IT ALL,  
11 AND I DEEPLY WOULD APPRECIATE SUPPORT FROM THE COUNTY, IF WE  
12 WOULD BE ALLOWED TO APPLY FOR THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. AND I  
13 THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR HEARING ME OUT TODAY.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LAUREN NATOLI. YOU MAY  
18 BEGIN.

19

20 **LAUREN NATOLI:** GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE  
21 A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. IN THE EARLY 2000'S, THE U.S.  
22 HAD NEARLY ERADICATED SYPHILIS. NOW, IT IS A MASSIVE BURDEN ON  
23 OUR PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM. IN 2023, EVERY SINGLE HEALTH  
24 DISTRICT IN L.A. COUNTY HAD AT LEAST 100 CASES, AND NEARLY  
25 EVERY SINGLE L.A. COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT HAD AN INCREASE IN



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1 CASES FROM THE YEAR PRIOR. WE HAVE A HUGE SYPHILIS PROBLEM,  
2 AND OUR PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM IS COMPLETELY UNEQUIPPED TO  
3 HANDLE IT. WE'RE SHORT ON DOLLARS, SHORT ON STAFF, AND WE  
4 DON'T TALK ABOUT IT. THE COUNTY HAS QUARTERLY REPORT-BACKS,  
5 BUT WHEN THE RESULTS ARE PUT ON THE AGENDA, THE DISCUSSION IS  
6 THEN DELAYED FOR THREE MONTHS. YOU HAVE TO START MEANINGFULLY  
7 ADDRESSING S.T.I.S. THERE WAS IN AN ARTICLE IN THE L.A. TIMES  
8 THIS WEEK ABOUT A CASEWORKER WHOSE ROLE IS TO TRACK DOWN WOMEN  
9 OF CHILDBEARING AGE WHO TESTED POSITIVE FOR SYPHILIS, AND NOW  
10 SHE IS ESSENTIALLY DOOR-KNOCKING IN ENCAMPMENTS IN AN AREA  
11 WHERE PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO SPEAK TO AUTHORITY. THEY AVOID  
12 D.H.S. CASEWORKERS. THEY DON'T GET TREATED. THEY PASS ON  
13 SYPHILIS TO THEIR CHILDREN. IT IS AN INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT  
14 TASK, AND WITHOUT THE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THAT WORK, PEOPLE  
15 SLIP THROUGH THE CRACKS. THE BOARD NEEDS TO TAKE  
16 RESPONSIBILITY AND DEDICATE REAL DOLLARS TO S.T.I.S. THANK  
17 YOU.

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

20  
21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BYRON JOSE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22  
23 **BYRON JOSE:** HELLO?

24  
25 **SPEAKER:** GO AHEAD, PLEASE.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

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4 **BYRON JOSE:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF  
5 SUPERVISORS. THIS IS BYRON JOSE, WITH THE TRANSLATINA  
6 COALITION. OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, WE HAVE CONTINUED TO  
7 ENGAGE COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN DIFFERENT COUNTY INITIATIVES TO  
8 OUR MOST INEQUITABLE AND [INAUDIBLE]. SO, ON THIS TRANS DAY OF  
9 REMEMBRANCE, WE WANTED TO HONOR ALL THE LIVES THAT WE LOST TO  
10 SYSTEMIC VIOLENCE AND DIFFERENT VIOLENCE ON THE STREETS, BY  
11 [INAUDIBLE]. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NEED TO ESTABLISH A  
12 TRANS, GENDER-EXPANSIVE, AND INTERSEX WELLNESS INEQUITY FUND.  
13 AS WE CAN CONTINUE TO SEE, WHETHER IT IS THROUGH MOTIONS,  
14 REPORT-BACKS, OR INITIATIVES, OUR COMMUNITIES CONTINUE TO BE  
15 LEFT BEHIND. SO THIS IS A MOMENT FOR THE BOARD TO TRULY SHOW  
16 LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND STAND IN CHAMPION WITH  
17 OUR COMMUNITIES BY ESTABLISHING THIS FUND. THANK YOU.

18

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

20

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

22

23 **MATT INOUE:** HI, EVERYONE, THE BOARD. MY NAME IS MATT INOUE.  
24 I AM WITH THE TRANSLATINA COALITION. I AM A RESIDENT OF S.D.  
25 1, AND WORK IN S.D. 2. I ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO



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1 ESTABLISH A TRANS WELLNESS INEQUITY FUND. THE TIME TO INVEST  
2 IS T.G.I. LIVES IS NOW. THE T.G.I. COMMUNITY IS IN A STATE OF  
3 EMERGENCY, AND HAS BEEN FOR THE LONGEST TIME. YOU ALL KNOW  
4 THAT THERE ARE INCREASED RATES OF VIOLENCE AND MURDERS GOING  
5 ON IN THE COMMUNITY, AND WE ASK THAT YOU ALL TREAT THIS WITH A  
6 STATE OF URGENCY. THERE ARE HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES, T.G.I.  
7 YOUTH BEING ATTACKED AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND THEY'RE ALL  
8 COMING TO L.A. COUNTY, SO PLEASE SUPPORT T.G.I. LIVES. THANK  
9 YOU.

10

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

12

13 **CHRISTINE REDLIN:** HI. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M CHRISTINE REDLIN,  
14 REPRESENTING FEED MY POOR, AND WE ARE A HUMANITARIAN 501(C)(3)  
15 NONPROFIT. WE ARE BASED IN BEVERLY HILLS. I'M THE MAJOR GIFTS  
16 OFFICER, AND I OVERSEE FUNDING, AND ALSO THE BRAND AWARENESS.  
17 SO I JUST WANTED TO SAY, "HEY," AND THANK YOU FOR THE  
18 PRODUCTIVITY, FOR POSITIVITY, AND LEVITY, MADAM CHAIR. I LIKE  
19 IT. IT'S GREAT. THIS THANKSGIVING WEEK, WE ARE ALL SO BLESSED.  
20 SO, FEED MY POOR WAS STARTED BY MY PASTOR, FATHER ED BENIOFF,  
21 AT CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD IN BEVERLY HILLS, IN THE THIRD,  
22 WITH SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AND IT WAS STARTED AT MARCH 2020 OF  
23 THE PANDEMIC. AND IT WAS SANDWICHES-- HEALTHY SANDWICHES AND  
24 WATER-- BEING DISTRIBUTED. AND WE STILL DO THAT TODAY: 400 A  
25 DAY, ABOUT 365 DAYS A YEAR. WE HAVE A MOBILE FOOD TRUCK THAT



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1 FEEDS 300 EVERY DAY, 365 DAYS A YEAR. WE FEED IN SKID ROW, IN  
2 MACARTHUR PARK, AND WE WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU FOLKS MORE, AND  
3 LET YOU KNOW ABOUT THE PROGRAM. AND WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH  
4 YOUR OFFICES TO HAVE YOU ALL COME OUT AND SEE THIS BEAUTIFUL  
5 WORK IN PROGRESS, TO MEET THEM WHERE THEY ARE.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO.

8

9 **CHRISTINE REDLIN:** HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

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11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HAPPY THANKSGIVING. NEXT SPEAKER. HI, DAVID.

12

13 **DAVID HUERTA:** HI, PRESIDENT HAHN. HOW ARE YOU? MY NAME'S DAVID  
14 HUERTA, PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U.-U.S.W.W. AND FIRST OF ALL, I  
15 JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AS WELL AS  
16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE BOARD OF  
17 SUPERVISORS, FOR DOING THE COURAGEOUS THING IN APRIL AND  
18 EXTENDING HEALTHCARE TO SUBCONTRACTED WORKERS THAT WORK IN  
19 E.V.S., SECURITY, AS WELL AS FOOD SERVICE. UNFORTUNATELY, AS  
20 WE CELEBRATED THAT VICTORY THAT DAY, RIGHT NOW WE ARE HERE  
21 BECAUSE WE STILL DON'T KNOW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT  
22 HEALTHCARE THAT IS SO NEEDED BY THESE WORKERS. WE WERE TOLD  
23 THEN THAT, BY DECEMBER 31ST, WE WOULD HAVE A SOLUTION TO THE  
24 HEALTHCARE QUESTION, AND WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR THAT  
25 SOLUTION NOW. AND SO WE ARE HERE TODAY-- E.V.S. WORKERS, FOOD



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1 SERVICE WORKERS, SECURITY OFFICERS-- SAYING, "WHAT IS  
2 HAPPENING, AND HOW CAN WE MAKE SURE THAT THIS HAPPENS SOON?"  
3 BECAUSE THE URGENCY IS NOW. UNFORTUNATELY, YOU'RE GOING TO  
4 HEAR FROM SOME FOLKS WHO HAVE HAD HEALTHCARE ISSUES BETWEEN  
5 NOW AND THEN. THEY HAVE BEEN PAYING OUT OF POCKET, AND THAT'S  
6 GOING TO ONLY GET WORSE AS WE GO INTO THE FLU SEASON. SO,  
7 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL THE SUPPORT AROUND HEALTHCARE FOR  
8 THESE WORKERS.

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

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12 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS BLANCA MARTINEZ, AND I WORK IN  
13 [INAUDIBLE] CENTER. I WANT TO START OFF BY THANKING PRESIDENT  
14 HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR WORKING WITH US TO COME TO AN  
15 AGREEMENT FOR OUR DEMANDS FOR ACCESSIBLE HEALTHCARE. EARLY  
16 THIS APRIL, THE SUPERVISORS MET AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A  
17 MOTION TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE HEALTH INSURANCE WE HAVE BEEN  
18 FIGHTING FOR. HOWEVER, NOW D.H.S. ISN'T FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH  
19 THIS IMPLEMENTATION. TO SAY THIS IS CRITICAL IS AN  
20 UNDERSTATEMENT OF QUALITY OF LIFE, AND OF PATIENT [INAUDIBLE]  
21 ABILITY TO ACCESS QUALITY CARE. WE DESERVE BETTER. OUR  
22 PATIENTS DESERVE BETTER. LOS ANGELES COUNTY DESERVES BETTER.  
23 WE DEMAND TO BE TREATED WITH THE RESPECT AND DIGNITY THAT  
24 EVERY WORKER DESERVES. WE KNOW THAT WE CAN CALL ON YOU TO



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1 ENSURE THAT WE ARE NOT FORGOTTEN, AND OUR DEMANDS ARE MET.

2 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR [INAUDIBLE].

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

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

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8 **TRANSLATOR:** MY NAME IS MARIA BLANCO, AND I WORK NOW FOR 14  
9 YEARS IN GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
10 DEPENDS ON OUR WORK. WE ARE ESSENTIAL WORKERS, AND WE PROVIDE  
11 THESE PUBLIC HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY. WE WOULD LIKE  
12 TO THANK PRESIDENT HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THE WORK THAT  
13 YOU HAVE DONE, SO THAT WE CAN COME TO THE SOLUTION OF WHAT WE  
14 ARE ASKING FOR, WHICH IS ACCESSIBLE HEALTHCARE. IN APRIL, THE  
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED, UNANIMOUSLY, A MOTION TO ENSURE  
16 THAT WE WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO INSURANCE HEALTHCARE, WHICH IS  
17 WHAT WE NEED, AND WE FOUGHT REALLY HARD, BUT NOW D.H.S. IS  
18 TAKING ADVANTAGE OF US, AND THEY'RE NOT IMPLEMENTING THAT  
19 MOTION. IT IS CRITICAL THAT THIS MOTION BE IMPLEMENTED. I AM  
20 DIABETIC, AND COVERED CALIFORNIA IS TOO EXPENSIVE; AND ALSO,  
21 IT'S JUST TOO MUCH FOR MY PARENTS TO ALSO GET COVERAGE, OR  
22 THEY MAY GET SICK.

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS DARREN ARCHER. I WORK AT LOS ANGELES  
2 GENERAL HOSPITAL AS AN E.V.S. SORRY ABOUT THE MASK.  
3 IRONICALLY, I HAVE A COLD RIGHT NOW. THE SECURITY, JANITORIAL,  
4 AND ENVIRONMENTAL FOOD SERVICE WORKERS ARE CRITICAL TO KEEP  
5 HOSPITALS AND OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES RUNNING. WE WANT TO  
6 THANK CHAIR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR WORKING WITH US TO  
7 FIND A DIGNIFIED SOLUTION TO OUR JUST DEMANDS. IN APRIL, THE  
8 BOARD UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A MOTION DIRECTING WORKERS CONTRACTED  
9 TO WORK FOR D.H.S. TO RECEIVE QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE  
10 THAT WE'VE LONG FOUGHT FOR. D.H.S. IS EXPLOITING A LOOPHOLE  
11 AND DENYING US OUR RIGHT TO THAT INSURANCE RIGHT NOW. IF THE  
12 D.H.S. DOES NOT COMPLY, WE ARE WILLING AND READY TO GO ON  
13 STRIKE FOR OUR RIGHT TO THAT INSURANCE.

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

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17 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH].  
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19 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS AMPARO DIAZ, AND I WORK  
20 IN THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. HOSPITAL IN TORRANCE. I AM IN  
21 HOUSEKEEPING, IN THE MATERNITY SECTION, AND I AM THE ONLY  
22 WORKER IN THAT AREA. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO DEMAND THAT THE  
23 COUNTY PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE MOTION THAT WAS APPROVED IN APRIL  
24 FOR THE WORKERS, SO THAT WE CAN HAVE MEDICAL INSURANCE. IT IS  
25 IMPORTANT FOR ME TO HAVE MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR THE WELLBEING



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1 OF MY CHILDREN. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER, AND THEY DEPEND ON ME.  
2 THE WAGES THAT WE EARN ARE BARELY ENOUGH TO PAY FOR MEDICAL  
3 ATTENTION. EVERYTHING IS VERY EXPENSIVE, AND I PREFER TO PAY  
4 RENT AND FOOD, AS, FOR ME, THAT'S ESSENTIAL. AND WITH THE  
5 PANDEMIC, THE LACK OF PERSONNEL IN THE HOSPITAL HAS DOUBLED  
6 THE WORKLOAD. SO RIGHT NOW, WE ARE DOING DOUBLE THE WORKLOAD,  
7 AND THE EXCESSIVE WORK HAS CAUSED US TO ALSO INJURE OURSELVES  
8 AND OUR COLLEAGUES, AND SODEXO COMPANY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO  
9 IMPLEMENT OR ADD PERSONNEL TO HELP US.

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

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13 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST ASK IN RESPONSE: CAN  
14 FESIA GET US AN UPDATE IN WRITING ON THE STATUS OF THE MOTION,  
15 AND WHERE WE ARE ON THE R.F.P.S AND ROLLING IT OUT?

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, I WAS GOING TO ASK THAT, TOO, BUT  
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, JUST BECAUSE WE'VE HAD A LOT OF PEOPLE, AND  
21 I THINK I WANT TO GET A CLARIFICATION. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK WE ALL DO. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER,  
24 PLEASE.

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1 **STEVEN PAGE:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE BOARD, ITEM  
2 NUMBER 5. MY NAME IS STEVEN PAGE, AND I AM THE FIRE FOUNDATION  
3 TREASURER. I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR  
4 FIVE YEARS, AND ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SERVING AS  
5 TREASURER FOR ONE YEAR. THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IS  
6 PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE IT PROVIDES ADDITIONAL  
7 RESOURCES TO OUR FIREFIGHTERS AND STAFF TO HELP WITH THEIR  
8 HEALTH AND WELLBEING, IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR  
9 AN IMPROVED WORKING ENVIRONMENT, WHICH ALSO HELPS WITH OVERALL  
10 WELLNESS. WITH BOTH ME AND MY FAMILY MEMBERS HAVING RECEIVED  
11 SERVICES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE SOUTHLAND, IT  
12 BECAME IMPORTANT TO ME TO GIVE BACK IN ANY WAY I COULD. I WANT  
13 YOU TO KNOW THAT WE HIRED A TOP-NOTCH NONPROFIT ACCOUNTANT TO  
14 DILIGENTLY PROCESS OUR FEDERAL TAXES AND SEND OUR R.R.F.-1 TO  
15 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. LIKE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, WE  
16 OCCASIONALLY HAVE PROBLEMS, AND WE WERE SENT NOTICE OF THE  
17 FORM ISSUE. WE RECEIVED THE MARCH 10TH LETTER IN OCTOBER, AND  
18 WE QUICKLY E-MAILED THE OFFICE TO NOTICE THEM OF OUR DESIRE TO  
19 COMPLY, ATTACHING THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION. WE HAVE SINCE  
20 HEARD BACK FROM THE STATE, AND WE NOTE THAT THIS ADDITIONAL  
21 MAIL COULD TAKE UP TO 90 DAYS TO BE PROCESSED.

22  
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

24  
25 **STEVEN PAGE:** THANK YOU.



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

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

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6 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BERNARDINA ROSAS, AND I  
7 WORK FOR U.C.L.A. HOSPITAL. WE ARE WORKERS, AND WE WORK IN--

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CAN I JUST STOP FOR A MINUTE? HOLD HER TIME.  
10 THE GENTLEMAN THAT JUST SPOKE, ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES WOULD LIKE  
11 TO ACTUALLY HEAR THE REST OF YOUR-- NOT HEAR IT; SUBMIT YOUR  
12 TESTIMONY IN WRITING, SO THAT WE CAN READ THE ENTIRETY OF IT.  
13 THANK YOU. OKAY, GO AHEAD.

14

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

16

17 **TRANSLATOR:** THANK YOU TO PRESIDENT HAHN, AND ALSO TO  
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR HELPING US TO FIND A JUSTIFIED COST AS  
19 TO REACHING WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR, WHICH IS ACCESSIBLE  
20 HEALTHCARE. IN APRIL, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED,  
21 UNANIMOUSLY, A MOTION TO BE ABLE TO ENSURE THAT WE HAD  
22 HEALTHCARE ACCESS AND MEDICAL CARE, WHICH WE HAVE ALSO FOUGHT  
23 VERY HARD FOR, BUT NOW D.H.S. IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF US AND IS  
24 NOT IMPLEMENTING THAT MOTION. IT IS CRITICAL THAT THIS MOTION  
25 BE IMPLEMENTED. OUR LIFE, AND THE WAY THAT WE TAKE CARE OF THE



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1 PATIENTS, DEPENDS ON OUR ABILITY TO ALSO HAVE MEDICAL  
2 INSURANCE. WE DEMAND THAT WE BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND  
3 DIGNITY, WHICH THE WORKERS DO DESERVE, AND WE DO KNOW THAT WE  
4 COUNT ON YOU.

5  
6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GRACIAS. GRACIAS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7  
8 **TONY GALES:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND THE REST OF THE  
9 BOARD. MY NAME IS TONY GALES. I AM A C.P.A. WITH THE FIRM  
10 B.P.M. L.L.P., AND WE WERE ENGAGED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
11 FIRE DEPARTMENT FOUNDATION TO PREPARE THEIR FEDERAL AND STATE  
12 TAX RETURNS FOR THE 2021 AND '22 TAX YEARS. THAT INCLUDES THE  
13 R.R.F.-1, WHICH IS IN QUESTION IN ITEM NUMBER 5. THOSE RETURNS  
14 WERE PREPARED AND MAILED TIMELY TO EACH OF THE RESPECTIVE  
15 AGENCIES; HOWEVER, THE R.R.F.-1 WAS RETURNED IN OCTOBER OF  
16 THIS YEAR, AND, WORKING WITH THE FOUNDATION, THAT INFORMATION  
17 HAS BEEN RESUBMITTED. AND I DO BELIEVE A COPY OF THE PAYMENT  
18 AND THE FORM HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF.  
19 SHOULD THE MOTION PASS, WE'D BE HAPPY TO ASSIST WITH ANY  
20 REVIEW OR AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, BUT WE DO  
21 CONSIDER IT UNNECESSARY AT THIS POINT IN TIME. THANK YOU.

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



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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR  
2 TIME AND CONSIDERATION. I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE  
3 WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE, REGARDING ITEM 5. AS A MEMBER OF THE LOS  
4 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, IT IS AN HONOR TO REPRESENT  
5 AND SERVE COMMUNITIES UNDER AN ALL-WOMEN'S BOARD. ALONG WITH  
6 BEING AN OCEAN LIFEGUARD SPECIALIST, I AM ON THE EXECUTIVE  
7 BOARD FOR THE WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, AND  
8 IN THOSE SHORT YEARS, THE FIRE FOUNDATION HAS SUPPORTED AND  
9 GROWN THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE WOMEN'S  
10 FIRE PREP ACADEMY, THE WOMEN'S LIFEGUARD PREP ACADEMY, THE  
11 GIRLS' FIRE CAMP, AND THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM. THE JUNIOR  
12 LIFEGUARD PROGRAM IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THE INTEGRAL ROLE THAT  
13 THE FIRE FOUNDATION PROVIDES THROUGH PARTICIPANT SCHOLARSHIPS,  
14 INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION OF YOUTH FROM INNER-CITY COMMUNITIES,  
15 TO PRODUCING UNIFORM ITEMS FOR OVER 4,000 JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS.  
16 THE SAME STORE WHICH IS SUBJECT TO THE CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER,  
17 DUE TO THE MISUNDERSTANDING OUTLINED IN ITEM 5, IT IS THE ONLY  
18 STORE IN THE COUNTRY ACCOMPLISHING THE FIRST--

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

22  
23 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JOHN SCHULTZ. I  
24 LIVE IN YOUR FOURTH DISTRICT AND OWN AN E-COMMERCE BUSINESS. I  
25 AM ALSO AN APPROVED L.A. COUNTY VENDOR WITH A SMALL-BUSINESS



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1 DESIGNATION. IN FEBRUARY OF 2022, I WAS CONTACTED BY THE FIRE  
2 FOUNDATION AND THE LIFEGUARD DIVISION, AND ASKED IF I COULD  
3 MAIL 5,000 PACKAGES. IT TURNED OUT TO BE UNIFORMS FOR JUNIOR  
4 LIFEGUARDS. WE SOON ADDED A WAREHOUSE AND A GROWING INVENTORY,  
5 AND FULFILLMENT COULD TAKE PLACE THERE. ALL MERCHANDISE AND  
6 ALL SALES WERE MADE, NOT ONLY WITH PERMISSION FROM, BUT IN  
7 PARTNERSHIP WITH, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. A SMALL MARK-UP HELPS  
8 FUND FOR A DIVERSE AND DISADVANTAGED YOUTH, AS WELL AS  
9 TRANSPORTATION TO GET THEM TO THE BEACH. WE ARE ALSO ASKED TO  
10 SUPPORT THE FIRE EXPLORER PROGRAM. WE AGAIN PARTNERED WITH THE  
11 DEPARTMENT, WORKING CLOSELY TO UPDATE THEIR ENTIRE UNIFORM  
12 PROGRAM. I'M AN EXPLORER DAD, AND MY SON GOES ON HIS THIRD  
13 RIDE-ALONG TOMORROW. I CARE DEEPLY FOR BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AND  
14 THE FOUNDATION. I AM NOT SURE WHY WE ARE GETTING A CEASE-AND-  
15 DESIST. WE ARE JUST HERE TO HELP. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND  
16 THE OPPORTUNITIES I HAVE HAD IN PARTNERING WITH L.A. COUNTY  
17 AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

20  
21 **RYAN NOWICKI:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RYAN  
22 NOWICKI. I'M A PARTNER AT THE LAW FIRM OF JEFFER MANGELS  
23 BUTLER & MITCHELL. WE ARE OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE L.A.  
24 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOUNDATION. I AM HERE TO RESPECTFULLY  
25 OPPOSE THE MOTION IN ITEM NUMBER 5. THE FOUNDATION RECEIVED



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1 THIS DELINQUENT STATUS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
2 JUSTICE SIMPLY BECAUSE IT MADE A MISTAKE IN FILING A ONE-PAGE  
3 FORM. EACH YEAR, NONPROFITS MUST REPORT TO FOUR GOVERNMENT  
4 AGENCIES. I WILL NOTE THAT, AS OF THIS MORNING, THE FOUNDATION  
5 IS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE I.R.S., THE CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE  
6 TAX BOARD, AND WITH THE CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE. ITS  
7 DELINQUENT STATUS WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS  
8 JUST TEMPORARY BECAUSE, AS YOU HAVE HEARD, ITS FILING HAS BEEN  
9 CORRECTED; IT IS NOW JUST BEING PROCESSED WITH THE D.O.J. I  
10 WOULD LIKE TO ALSO NOTE THAT MY FIRM WAS HIRED TWO YEARS AGO  
11 BY THE FOUNDATION TO CONDUCT A LEGAL AUDIT OF THE FOUNDATION,  
12 AND IT PASSED. WE MADE A COUPLE OF UPDATES TO THE LEGAL  
13 DOCUMENTS, BUT EVERYTHING WAS ALL IN ORDER. MY FEELING IS AS  
14 THOUGH THIS MOTION, IF IT PASSED, WOULD BE AN UNNECESSARY  
15 DRAIN ON COUNTY RESOURCES, AND ALSO FOUNDATION RESOURCES.

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

18  
19 **SPEAKER:** I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO READ A STATEMENT FROM A FIRE  
20 DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, FOR ITEM NUMBER FIVE. "THE FIRE  
21 FOUNDATION PURCHASES IPADS AND CELLULAR DATA PLANS SO THE FIRE  
22 DEPARTMENT CAN DOCUMENT THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF E.M.S.  
23 CALLS IT RESPONDS TO EVERY YEAR. WITHOUT THE FIRE FOUNDATION'S  
24 SUPPORT, RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WOULD BE TRANSPORTED  
25 TO HOSPITALS WITHOUT THEIR MEDICAL REPORTS GIVEN TO NURSES AND



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1 DOCTORS. ALSO, THE FIRE FOUNDATION FINANCIALLY SUPPORTS THE  
2 FIRE DEPARTMENT'S AFFINITY GROUPS THAT HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY  
3 UNDERREPRESENTED IN THE FIRE SERVICE. THIS INCLUDES THE  
4 WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE, THE STENTORIANS, AND THE FIRE L.G.B.T.Q.+  
5 COMMUNITY. THEY ALSO SUPPORT OUR K-9 PROGRAMS. THIS PROPOSED  
6 CANCELLATION OF THE FIRE FOUNDATION IS ILL CONCEIVED,  
7 RETALIATORY, AND HARMFUL; NOT TO THE FIRE FOUNDATION OR TO ITS  
8 EXECUTIVE BOARD, BUT TO THE RESIDENTS AND VOTERS OF LOS  
9 ANGELES COUNTY. THIS INQUIRY IS A WASTE OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY,  
10 AND ULTIMATELY WILL CAUSE HARM TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE  
11 COUNTY." THANK YOU.

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

14  
15 **DOMINIC CUMMINS:** MY NAME IS DOMINIC CUMMINS, AND THIS IS IN  
16 REGARD TO ITEM NUMBER 5. ALONG WITH MY BUSINESS PARTNER,  
17 LAKESHIA, I HAVE HAD THE HONOR OF BEING ONE OF THE LEADERSHIP  
18 AND INCLUSION INSTRUCTORS ASSISTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
19 FIRE DEPARTMENT. FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, WE HAVE WORKED WITH  
20 HUNDREDS OF LEADERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO FURTHER SOME OF THE  
21 CRITICAL INITIATIVES ADVOCATED FOR BY THIS VERY BODY, SUCH AS  
22 DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION, AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN IN THE FIRE  
23 SERVICE. WE HAVE TRAINED LEADERS ON HOW TO BRIDGE CULTURAL  
24 DIVIDES WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY  
25 SERVE. WE LED THE FIRST LEADERSHIP AND INCLUSION ACADEMY,



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1 WHICH WAS A SIX-MONTH PROGRAM, FOR APPROXIMATELY 70 BADGED AND  
2 NON-BADGED LEADERS. WE HAVE LED EVENTS TO PROVIDE TOOLS AND  
3 RESOURCES TO MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF WOMEN IN THE FIRE  
4 SERVICE. BUT THIS WORK WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT  
5 THE SUPPORT OF THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE FOUNDATION. THE FOUNDATION  
6 HAS BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT  
7 DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION WORK, DESPITE BUDGET CONSTRAINTS. SO  
8 IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE MATTER BEFORE THE BOARD CAN BE RESOLVED  
9 QUICKLY, SO THAT WE CAN CAPITALIZE ON THE MOMENTUM, AND KEEP  
10 THESE IMPORTANT INITIATIVES MOVING FORWARD.

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

13  
14 **DOTUN OGUNYEMI:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DOTUN OGUNYEMI. I AM  
15 CURRENTLY THE ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION,  
16 AS WELL AS THE D.I.O., AT CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY. I WANT TO  
17 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR SUPPORTING CHARLES DREW  
18 UNIVERSITY IN IMPROVING THE HEALTHCARE TO S.P.A. 6. THIS IS IN  
19 SUPPORT OF ITEM 26, WHICH RELATES TO THE BOARD SUPPORTING THE  
20 DEVELOPMENT OF PATHWAY PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS [INAUDIBLE]  
21 TRAINING PROGRAM IN S.P.A. 6. THESE ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO US  
22 BECAUSE, IN S.P.A. 6, WHICH IS RELATIVELY A HEALTH DESERT,  
23 THERE'S HIGH HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THAT AREA, AND STUDIES SHOW  
24 VERY CLEARLY THAT FOR US TO REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES, WE HAVE  
25 TO IMPROVE THE NUMBER OF CULTURALLY SENSITIVE AND CULTURALLY



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1 CONCORDANT PHYSICIANS THAT THE POPULATION CAN TRUST, AND IT  
2 WILL HELP TO IMPROVE THE CARE. SO, AGAIN, WE THANK THE BOARD  
3 OF SUPERVISORS FOR SUPPORTING THE ROLE OF CHARLES DREW  
4 UNIVERSITY IN TRYING TO IMPROVE THE CARE TO THE COMMUNITY THAT  
5 LIVES IN S.P.A. 6. THANK YOU.

6

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

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9 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS SANDRA BELL, AND I SUPPORT ITEM 9.  
10 AND THANKS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR HELPING HOMEOWNERS LIKE ME  
11 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM, AND WITH VERY STRICT  
12 OVERSIGHT. I HAD NEVER HEARD OF THE H.E.R.O./P.A.C.E. PROGRAM  
13 A FEW YEARS AGO, WHEN, AS A RECENT WIDOW, I WAS TALKED INTO A  
14 DOZEN SOLAR PANELS BY AN UNSCRUPULOUS SALESMAN. HE NEVER TOLD  
15 ME THAT IT WOULD BE ATTACHED TO MY PROPERTY TAXES, AND THERE  
16 WOULD BE A LIEN ON MY HOME. IN ADDITION, HE SOMEHOW CHARGED ME  
17 \$52,000 INSTEAD OF \$22,000, THAT WE HAD DECIDED AND AGREED  
18 UPON. I AM NOT HOLDING UP, FINANCIALLY. I HAVE ALREADY PAID  
19 THIS OFF, BUT I KEEP GETTING MY ANNUAL TAX BILL FOR A HUGE  
20 AMOUNT, AND I AM NOT ABLE TO LIVE IN THE HOUSE THAT I HAVE  
21 BEEN IN FOR 60 YEARS WITH MY HUSBAND, WHO IS GONE NOW, AND I  
22 KIND OF NEED HELP WITH THIS, AND I AM FOR EVERYBODY GETTING  
23 HELP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24

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



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2 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
3 COMMENT ON ITEM NUMBER 65. MY NAME IS STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ, AND  
4 I WORK AS A BUILT-ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR WITH  
5 NATIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION. I'M A PROUD MEMBER OF PARK EQUITY  
6 ALLIANCE. I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE COMMENT TO THE PROPOSED  
7 TITLE 17 PARK ORDINANCE. THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC  
8 HAVE INCREASED FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND HOPELESSNESS THROUGHOUT  
9 L.A. COUNTY. AS A RESULT, MANY PEOPLE EXPERIENCING  
10 HOMELESSNESS USE PARKS AS A SAFE HAVEN. OUR CONCERN IS, WITH  
11 THIS ORDINANCE, DISENFRANCHISED INDIVIDUALS WILL BE  
12 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED. WE URGE YOU TO WRITE THE  
13 ORDINANCE WITH MORE CLARITY ABOUT VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND  
14 RESOURCE EXPANSION PRIOR TO ITS ADOPTION. THANK YOU.

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

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18 **TYRIQUE SHIPP:** GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR. I'M TYRIQUE SHIPP.  
19 I'M WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN  
20 SUPPORT OF ITEM 42, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR PUSHING  
21 FORWARD JUST THE FREE PHONE CALLS IN THE COUNTY. I KNOW, FOR  
22 MY FAMILY, IT'S BEEN SOMETHING THAT HAS DONE ALL BUT BROKEN  
23 US, AND WE REALLY NEEDED THOSE FREE PHONE CALLS, ESPECIALLY  
24 WITH THE HOLIDAY COMING UP. AND SO I JUST WANTED TO PUSH  
25 FORWARD ITEM 42. THANK YOU.



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

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4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JULIO.  
5 I AM WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, AND I AM HERE TO  
6 SPEAK ON ITEM 42. I JUST WANT TO EXTEND MY PROFOUND GRATITUDE  
7 TO YOU ALL FOR HELPING US OUT WITH PASSING ITEM 42. I KNOW,  
8 FROM MY EXPERIENCE BEING IN COUNTY JAIL, WHEN I COULDN'T TALK  
9 TO MY FAMILY, IT WAS VERY HARD AND SOMETHING TOUGH TO GO  
10 THROUGH, AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, ALL. WE REALLY  
11 APPRECIATE IT. IF WE COULD HAVE FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH US  
12 AND THE FORMALLY INCARCERATED, THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL TO HELP  
13 EACH OTHER OUT, AND THAT IS HOW WE BUILD COMMUNITIES, AND THAT  
14 IS HOW WE COULD HELP ONE ANOTHER OUT. THANK YOU.

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

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18 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BEATRICE AVENA, AND I AM A  
19 GROUND MAINTENANCE WORKER AT [INAUDIBLE] NATURE CENTER. I AM  
20 SPEAKING ON ITEM 66, AND ON PUBLIC COMMENT. ON APRIL 2ND,  
21 2023, JUST BEFORE 8:00 P.M., I WAS DOING MY CLOSING TASKS. I  
22 NOTICED A MAN FOLLOWING ME WHEN HE WENT TO A TRASH CAN NEARBY  
23 THE MUSEUM, AND GRABBED A PAIR OF LATEX GLOVES AND PUT THEM  
24 ON. AS I WAS WALKING TO THE MUSEUM DOOR, I SAW HIM FOLLOWING  
25 ME. I CLOSED THE DOOR-- OH, SORRY. AS I WAS WALKING TO THE



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1 MAINTENANCE ROOM, I SAW HIM FOLLOWING ME. I CLOSED THE DOOR. I  
2 DID NOT THINK HE WOULD GO IN, SINCE THE DOOR WAS CLOSED. I  
3 FELT FEARFUL, AND I FELT AN OVERWHELMING FEELING THAT HE WOULD  
4 COME IN. IN A PANIC, I LOOKED AROUND TO SEE WHAT I COULD USE  
5 TO DEFEND MYSELF. WHAT I GRABBED NEAR ME WAS A SMALL HAND  
6 TOOL. THE DOORKNOB TURNED. HE OPENED THE DOOR, AND HE WAS  
7 STANDING THERE, STARING AT ME WITH A STRANGE STARE. AS HE  
8 BEGAN TO ENTER THE ROOM, I TOLD HIM HE DID NOT BELONG THERE.  
9 HE NOT STOP, AND HE GOT VERY CLOSE TO ME, SO THAT I COULD FEEL  
10 HIS BREATH. I HAD TO POKE HIM WITH THE SHOVEL. I WAS FINALLY  
11 ABLE TO PUSH HIM BACK WITH IT AND LOCK THE DOOR. I CALLED MY  
12 CO-WORKER, WHO WAS IN THE MUSEUM, AND ASKED HIM TO LOCK  
13 HIMSELF IN. WE WERE THE ONLY ONES ON STAFF ON THE SITE. I  
14 CALLED PARK [INAUDIBLE] AND A FORMER CO-WORKER FROM THE  
15 REGIONAL PARK. LUCKILY, HE WAS WORKING NEARBY AND ARRIVED  
16 BEFORE SHERIFF'S. WHEN MY FORMER CO-WORKER GOT THERE, THEY  
17 FOUND THE MAN IN THE PARKING LOT AND TOOK THE PICTURE. HE HAD  
18 CHANGED HIS CLOTHES. THIS ENCOUNTER HAS CHANGED ME, AND I AM  
19 CONSTANTLY ON GUARD. I DO NOT WANT THIS TO HAPPEN TO ANYONE.  
20 PLEASE VOTE YES.

21  
22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR BRAVERY IN COMING BEFORE  
23 US TO TELL US YOUR STORY. WE STAND WITH YOU.

24  
25 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.



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

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4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 66 AND  
5 PUBLIC COMMENTS. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

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7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING.

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9 **TRACEY LATSON:** MY NAME IS TRACEY LATSON. I'M A RECREATION  
10 SERVICE SUPERVISOR AT EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ PARK. I HAVE BEEN  
11 WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR 36 YEARS. DURING THE PAST YEARS, PARKS  
12 HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH. I HAVE BEEN VERBALLY ASSAULTED AND  
13 WITNESSED NUMEROUS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES; FOR EXAMPLE, PEOPLE  
14 SMOKING ILLEGAL DRUGS THROUGHOUT THE PARK, THE BATHROOMS;  
15 INDIVIDUALS ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY IN THE RESTROOMS AND  
16 IN OTHER PARK AREAS, AT TIMES VIEWED BY CHILDREN; PUBLIC  
17 URINATION; COMMUNITY EVENTS BEING DISTURBED; FIRES STARTED IN  
18 ALL AREAS, AND PROPERTY DAMAGED. COMMUNITY MEMBERS, INCLUDING  
19 CHILDREN AND STAFF, CONSTANTLY FACE VERBAL AND PHYSICAL  
20 AGGRESSIONS. I SEE A HIGH LEVEL OF ADDICTION AND MENTAL  
21 ILLNESS. ON THE 14TH OF NOVEMBER, THERE WAS A SHOOTING IN THE  
22 PARK, WHILE ADULTS AND CHILDREN WERE IN THE PLAYGROUND. 13  
23 SHOTS WERE FIRED. I FEARED FOR MY LIFE. ALL I COULD DO WAS  
24 DUCK AND PRAY THAT NO ONE GOT HURT. I BELIEVE, AT THIS TIME,  
25 NO ONE GOT HURT. THAT'S STILL HARD FOR ME JUST TO READ WHAT I



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1 WROTE, BECAUSE TO BE THERE, AND BE OUTSIDE THE FACILITY, AND  
2 SHOTS ARE BEING FIRED, AND THEY'RE COMING YOUR WAY. AND IF I'M  
3 NOT SAFE, I CAN'T HELP ANYBODY ELSE IN THE PARKS, BUT IT'S  
4 JUST-- IT'S HARD. IT'S VERY TRAUMATIZING. DON'T GET ME WRONG:  
5 PARKS AND RECREATION ARE NOT ALWAYS LIKE THIS, BUT 90% OF WHAT  
6 I DO IN MY JOB IS I'M DEALING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, HOMELESS  
7 PEOPLE, DRUG ADDICTS, AND SO FORTH, AND WE REALLY NEED THIS TO  
8 PASS. SO I THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO HEAR ME OUT, AND I  
9 URGE YOU TO PASS THE SAFETY ORDINANCE TO HELP MAKE PARKS  
10 BETTER. THANK YOU.

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

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14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS  
15 LAQUOYA PEW. I AM A RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER, AND I HAVE  
16 WORKED FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FOR 17 YEARS. IN RECENT YEARS,  
17 I HAVE WITNESSED AN UPRISE IN VIOLENCE IN PARKS. SOME  
18 INCIDENTS HAVE INVOLVED MYSELF, OTHER CO-WORKERS, AND ME. FOR  
19 EXAMPLE, I HAVE BEEN CHASED BY A MAN THAT WAS BEATING HIS  
20 GIRLFRIEND, AFTER I'VE TRIED TO HELP HER. I HAVE HAD A KNIFE  
21 PULLED ON ME WHEN A GUY WAS TRYING TO USE A KNIFE TO PULL  
22 ELECTRICAL WIRES OUT OF THE BUILDING, AND ALL I WAS TRYING TO  
23 DO WAS MAKE SURE HE DIDN'T GET ELECTROCUTED. WE HAVE HAD  
24 INDIVIDUALS UNDER DRUG INFLUENCE THAT HAVE BEEN AGGRESSIVE  
25 TOWARDS STAFF AND OTHER MEMBERS. PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY



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1 THESE FREQUENT OFFENDERS KEEPS INCREASING. WE NEED EMPLOYEES  
2 TO BE ABLE TO COME TO WORK WITH A CLEAR HEAD, AND NOT HAVE TO  
3 WORRY ABOUT THAT OFFENDER COMING BACK TO THEM AGAIN THE NEXT  
4 DAY. BY THE WAY, THAT PERSON THAT PULLED A KNIFE ON ME, THE  
5 SHERIFFS DID ARRIVE, AND THEN ABOUT THREE HOURS LATER, HE WAS  
6 RIGHT BACK AT THE PARK. THE SAFETY OF--

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR SPEAKING TO US.  
9 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ESMERALDA FUENTES. I AM A  
12 RECREATION SERVICES SUPERVISOR WITH 16 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH  
13 THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, AND A MEMBER OF LOCAL  
14 721. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 66 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. OVER THIS  
15 PERIOD, I HAVE WITNESSED HOW OUR PARKS HAVE GONE FROM A PLACE  
16 WHERE YOU WOULD BRING YOUR FAMILY FOR A DAY TO CREATE  
17 BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES, TO A PLACE THAT ISN'T ALWAYS SAFE. NOW  
18 THERE'S DRUG DEALINGS GOING ON IN OUR PARKING LOTS,  
19 INDIVIDUALS TAKING OVER OUR PICNIC AREAS, SOME WHILE UNDER THE  
20 INFLUENCE OF DRUGS, THAT DO BECOME IRATE. I, MYSELF, HAVE  
21 WITNESSED ALL OF THESE SITUATIONS. JUST THIS PAST SUMMER,  
22 THREE OF MY YOUNG STAFF, AGES 14 TO 17, AND I WITNESSED A MAN  
23 ON DRUGS COMPLETELY BREAK DOWN A BATHROOM STALL WITH HIS BARE  
24 HANDS, CAUSING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN REPAIRS. TERRIFIED, WE  
25 WERE FORCED TO LOCK OURSELVES IN THE OFFICE UNTIL HELP



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1 ARRIVED. HE WAS ASKED TO LEAVE BY SHERIFFS, BUT MINUTES LATER  
2 CAME BACK. WE FACED THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR MONTHS AS HE KEPT  
3 COMING BACK, EACH TIME WREAKING NEW HAVOC AND MAKING STAFF  
4 MEMBERS AND OTHER PARK USERS FEEL UNSAFE. THIS IS WHY WE URGE  
5 YOU TO PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR PARKS SAFE, AND OUR CHILDREN SAFE,  
6 AND PLEASE VOTE YES, AND HELP US PASS THIS SAFETY ORDINANCE.

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

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10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CARISSA PEREZ, AND I AM A  
11 RECREATION SERVICES SUPERVISOR FOR THE EAST AGENCY,  
12 SPECIFICALLY SUNSHINE PARK IN LA PUENTE. I HAVE BEEN WITHIN  
13 THE COUNTY FOR TEN YEARS NOW, AND I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 66 AND  
14 PUBLIC COMMENTS, AND I AM ALSO REPRESENTING S.E.I.U. 721. I  
15 VOLUNTEERED AT THIS PARK AS A YOUNG GIRL. IT WAS A SAFE PLACE  
16 WHERE CHILDREN PLAYED, UP UNTIL LATE HOURS OF THE NIGHT. WELL,  
17 THIS FEBRUARY, I ENDURED A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE WHEN CLOSING  
18 THE PARK AT 9:00 P.M. AT ABOUT 8:40 P.M., WHEN LOCKING THE  
19 RESTROOMS, A MAN ON A BIKE ASKED IF HE COULD USE THEM. I SAID  
20 YES, AND TOLD HIM THAT I NEEDED TO LEAVE AT 9:00 P.M. I ALWAYS  
21 CLOSE THE RESTROOMS AND PARK BY MYSELF AT THIS TIME. TWENTY  
22 MINUTES PAST, HE WAS STILL THERE. I WENT TO KNOCK ON THE DOOR.  
23 HIS VOICE SOUNDED DIFFERENT, AND HE SAID HE WAS STILL THERE.  
24 AT 9:00 P.M., HE WALKED OUT. I WAS THERE, LOCKED IN MY OFFICE.  
25 I FELT SCARED. THE PARK WAS COMPLETELY EMPTY. ONLY MY VEHICLE



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1 WAS THERE. I PHONED MY FRIEND AND ASKED TO STAY ON THE LINE,  
2 IN CASE SOMETHING HAPPENED TO ME. HE WALKED PAST MY OFFICE AND  
3 STARED RIGHT AT ME. I WAS NERVOUS TO LEAVE THE OFFICE. WHEN I  
4 WENT TO LOCK THE RESTROOMS, HIS BIKE WAS STILL AGAINST THE  
5 SODA MACHINE, BLOCKING THE WOMEN'S RESTROOM. I COULD NOT HEAR  
6 OR SEE HIM. I MOVED HIS BIKE TO LOCK UP. I WAS SHAKING. MY KEY  
7 GOT STUCK. ADJACENT TO THE RESTROOMS ARE TWO SODA MACHINES,  
8 WITH SPACE BETWEEN ONE MACHINE AND THE COMMUNITY ROOM. I WAS  
9 TERRIFIED. HE KNEW I WAS ALONE. HE WAS HIDING ON THE SIDE OF  
10 THE SECOND MACHINE, AS IF WAITING FOR ME. HE LOOKED AT ME, AND  
11 I FELT THAT HE WAS GOING TO ATTACK ME. I RAN TO MY CAR. I  
12 LOCKED MYSELF IN AND CRIED. I HAD AN ANXIETY ATTACK, AND DROVE  
13 OFF AS SOON AS I COULD. THIS WAS TRAUMATIC. NEITHER THE STAFF  
14 NOR I SHOULD FEEL UNSAFE; NEITHER SHOULD THE CHILDREN AT OUR  
15 PARK. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M REALLY SORRY THAT YOU  
18 EXPERIENCED THAT. WE MIGHT LOOK AT POLICIES ABOUT HAVING ONE  
19 PERSON LOCKING UP THE PARKS BY THEMSELVES AT 9:00 P.M. THAT  
20 SEEMS LIKE... YEAH, MALE OR FEMALE. IT SHOULDN'T BE ONE PERSON  
21 AT 9:00 P.M., BY THEMSELVES. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. EVERYONE. MY NAME IS JASMINE RAMIREZ,  
24 AND I AM A RECREATIONAL SERVICE LEADER PERMANENT, SPECIFICALLY  
25 RIGHT NOW AT PAMELA PARK, IN THE CITY OF DUARTE. I HAVE BEEN



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1 WITH THE COUNTY FOR OVER 12 YEARS, AND I HAVE WORKED AT MANY  
2 DIFFERENT PARKS, AND I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 66 AND PUBLIC  
3 COMMENT. DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, THE YEAR 2022, MY  
4 LOCATION OF WORK WAS AT VALLEYDALE PARK, IN THE CITY OF AZUSA.  
5 I PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED A TRAUMATIC ENCOUNTER THAT HAS  
6 CHANGED MY LIFE, MENTALLY AND EMOTIONALLY. ON THIS DAY, I WAS  
7 THE ONLY ONE WORKING AT THIS PARK. I WAS WORKING MY PROGRAM  
8 WHEN A PEDESTRIAN INFORMED ME THAT THERE WAS A MALE DOING  
9 DRUGS IN THE RESTROOM, AND NOT ALLOWING OTHERS TO USE THEM.  
10 WHILE DOING A WALK-THROUGH OF THE PARK, I SAW THE MALE IN THE  
11 RESTROOM DOING DRUGS AND HAVING HIS DRUG POSSESSIONS ALL  
12 AROUND HIM. WITHIN MINUTES OF WALKING AROUND THE PARK, I HAD  
13 THE SAME PEDESTRIAN COME RUNNING TO INFORM ME THAT THERE WAS A  
14 FIRE IN THAT RESTROOM. I QUICKLY WALKED BACK AND SAW THE MALE  
15 USING LIQUIDS OF HIS WEED BONG TO TAKE OUT THE FIRE. ONCE HE  
16 SAW ME, HE RAN UP AND ATTACKED ME. WITH THE STRENGTH THAT I  
17 HAD, WHICH FELT LIKE FOREVER, HE GRABBED MY LEFT ARM, AND I  
18 WAS ABLE TO PULL FREE. WHILE LOOKING OVER MY SHOULDER AND  
19 RUNNING BACK TO THE ENTRANCE OF MY PARK, MAKING IT INSIDE, I  
20 IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED PARKS BUREAU, MY SUPERVISOR, AND MY  
21 REGIONAL ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. WHILE SPEAKING TO PARKS BUREAU OF  
22 THE INCIDENT AND SHOWING THEM THE MARKINGS ON MY ARM, THEY  
23 INFORMED ME THAT THE MALE I WAS DESCRIBING WAS NO LONGER AT  
24 THE PARK. THE FINAL WORDS HE SPOKE TO ME, AND NOW THE WORDS  
25 THAT I ALWAYS KEEP IN THE BACK OF MY HEAD WERE, AND I QUOTE,



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1 "BECAUSE THE MAN YOU ARE DESCRIBING IS NO LONGER AT YOUR PARK,  
2 YOUR INCIDENT ISN'T A CRIME, AND THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO FOR  
3 YOU." NOT A CRIME, I ASK? HOW ARE WE EXPECTED TO COME TO WORK  
4 EVERY DAY, NOT KNOWING IF WE WILL BE SAFE? WHAT WOULD THEY  
5 HAVE TOLD MY HUSBAND AND MY TWO KIDS AT HOME? "WHAT HAPPENED  
6 TO YOUR WIFE, AND WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR MOTHER, ISN'T A  
7 CRIME"? NO ONE SHOULD EVER BE PUT IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, OR  
8 FEEL UNSAFE. PLEASE PASS THE SAFETY ORDINANCE TO ALLOW US TO  
9 COME HOME.

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

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13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JESS [INAUDIBLE]. I AM A  
14 RECREATION SERVICE LEADER WITH FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE. I AM  
15 SPEAKING ON ITEM 66 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. IN RECENT YEARS, I  
16 HAVE WITNESSED AN INCREASE IN VIOLENCE AT PARKS, PUTTING OUR  
17 SAFETY AT RISK. OUR PARK COMMUNITY, CO-WORKERS, AND I HAVE  
18 EXPERIENCED DANGEROUS INCIDENTS. ALTHOUGH I HAVE EXPERIENCED  
19 COUNTLESS DANGEROUS INCIDENTS, LIKE DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE ALL  
20 OVER THE PREMISES, SHOWERING AND NUDITY IN THE RESTROOMS,  
21 INDIVIDUALS BEING AGGRESSIVE TOWARD STAFF WHEN BEING REMINDED  
22 OF PROTOCOL, VERBAL AND PHYSICAL AGGRESSION FOR NO REASON, A  
23 FEW WEEKS AGO, MY CO-WORKER AND I HAD TO RELOCATE PARKS, DUE  
24 TO OUR SAFETY BEING AT RISK. TWO AGGRESSIVE INDIVIDUALS WITH  
25 WEAPONS NOT ONLY THREATENED EACH OTHER, BUT ALSO PARK STAFF.



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1 UNFORTUNATELY, THINGS ESCALATED. MY CO-WORKER AND I HAD TO GO  
2 TESTIFY IN COURT ON THEIR ONGOING CASE. DUE TO UNSAFETY THAT  
3 HAS BEEN OCCURRING AT PARKS, OUR COMMUNITY NO LONGER FEELS  
4 SAFE, AND NO LONGER FEELS SAFE TO COME AND ENJOY A DAY AT THE  
5 PARK. THIS IS WHY WE URGE YOU TO PASS THE SAFETY ORDINANCE, TO  
6 HELP KEEP OUR STAFF AND COMMUNITY SAFE AT ALL PARKS. THANK  
7 YOU.

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

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11 **RICHARD PERALTA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS RICHARD PERALTA. I HAVE  
12 BEEN A RECREATION SERVICES LEADER FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS WITH L.A.  
13 COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION. TODAY I AM SPEAKING ON PUBLIC  
14 COMMENT FOR ITEM 66. IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, I HAVE BEEN  
15 VERBALLY, PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED. I HAVE WITNESSED MULTIPLE  
16 ACTIONS OF PEOPLE DOING UNRULY STUFF. I HAVE A FEW EXAMPLES.  
17 PEOPLE WERE DOING SEXUAL ACTS DURING EVENTS, PEOPLE BEING  
18 PHYSICALLY AND VERBALLY AGGRESSIVE TOWARDS COMMUNITY MEMBERS,  
19 STAFF MEMBERS, AND DAMAGING PROPERTY. PEOPLE USED TO BE REALLY  
20 SAFE IN PARKS. THEY USED TO GO TO PARKS FOR EXERCISE, TO SPEND  
21 TIME WITH THEIR LOVED ONES. BUT CURRENTLY, WE ARE REALLY IN A  
22 HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT, AND I REALLY FEEL LIKE IT IS BECAUSE  
23 PEOPLE NEED TO BE ACCOUNTABLE. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, I  
24 REALLY HOPE YOU PASS THE SAFETY ORDINANCE AND HOLD PEOPLE  
25 ACCOUNTABLE TO THE ACTIONS THAT THEY DO.



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

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4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BRIAN SABALLOS. I AM AN  
5 ASSISTANT REGIONAL RECREATION DIRECTOR WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6 PARKS AND RECREATION, AND TODAY I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM  
7 66 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I HAVE RECEIVED 14 PARK LOCATIONS, AND  
8 ABOUT 34 PARK EMPLOYEES, AND IT'S BEEN MY EXPERIENCE OVER THE  
9 LAST FEW YEARS THAT WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN CRIME RATE AT  
10 OUR PARK LOCATIONS. NOW, OUR PARKS AREN'T DANGEROUS ALL THE  
11 TIME, BUT WE DO HAVE INSTANCES OF DANGEROUS CRIMES BEING  
12 COMMITTED BY REPEAT OFFENDERS. AND SO TODAY, I AM URGING THE  
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT THE SAFETY ORDINANCE, NOT ONLY  
14 FOR THE SAFETY OF THE EMPLOYEES, OUR PARK PROGRAM  
15 PARTICIPANTS, BUT ALSO OUR EVERYDAY PARK-GOERS. LIKE MENTIONED  
16 BY MY COLLEAGUES HERE TODAY, THESE OCCURRENCES ARE HAPPENING  
17 THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT, THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AT  
18 MULTIPLE PARK LOCATIONS, WHERE STAFF ARE FIRSTHAND  
19 EXPERIENCING PHYSICAL ASSAULT, VERBAL THREATS, SEXUAL  
20 HARASSMENT, INCLUDING OUR PARK-GOERS. THEY HAVE BEEN VICTIMS  
21 OF VERBAL ABUSE, RACIAL SLURS, PHYSICAL ASSAULT, AND THREATS  
22 OF VIOLENCE, BURGLARY, VANDALISM TO THEIR PERSONAL PROPERTY.  
23 IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO SUPPORT OUR PARK-GOERS AND OUR  
24 EMPLOYEES WHEN WE OURSELVES FEEL POWERLESS, WHEN WE SEE THESE  
25 INDIVIDUALS RETURN TO A PARK JUST A MERE FEW HOURS LATER. I



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1 HAVE HAD EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED, AND THE  
2 PERPETRATORS WERE RETURNED TO THE PARK 48 HOURS LATER. I HAVE  
3 HAD TO COUNSEL THEM, HAD TO TRANSFER THEM TO OTHER PARKS, AND  
4 WE REALLY URGE THE BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THIS SAFETY  
5 ORDINANCE. THANK YOU.

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

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9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KEVIN MURRAY. I'M A  
10 RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER IN THE SOUTH AGENCY. I'M HERE TO  
11 SPEAK ON THE PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM 66, AND I'M ALSO WITH  
12 S.E.I.U. 721. CAN EVERYONE HEAR ME?

13

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

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16 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I'M HERE FOR THE SAFETY ORDINANCE TO  
17 BE PASSED. I OVERSEE TED WATKINS PARK, LADERA PARK, YVONNE  
18 BRATHWAITE BURKE SENIOR CENTER, AND ALSO INGOLD PARK, AND ALSO  
19 MONTEITH PARK. MY STAFF AND MYSELF HAVE HAD SEVERAL INCIDENTS  
20 WHERE WE'VE HAD CONFRONTATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY, IN REGARDS  
21 WITH PATRONS THAT SIMPLY JUST DIDN'T WANT TO FOLLOW OUR  
22 DIRECTIVES AND RESPECT THE ORDINANCE OF SAFETY AT OUR  
23 FACILITIES. IT IS VERY FRUSTRATING WHEN MY STAFF IS ON THE  
24 FRONT LINE, AND THEY'RE TRYING TO DO THEIR JOB TO THE BEST OF  
25 THEIR ABILITY, BUT AT TIMES WE HAVE REPEAT OFFENDERS THAT ARE



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1   CONSTANTLY DISRESPECTING THEM. MYSELF, I HAVE BEEN THREATENED  
2   SEVERAL TIMES AT MY PARKS, BUT WE STILL NEED TO MAINTAIN OUR  
3   PROFESSIONALISM AND OUR INTEGRITY AS COUNTY EMPLOYEES. BUT WE  
4   SHOULDN'T FEEL TO BE IN FEAR TO DO OUR JOB PROPERLY. OUR MAIN  
5   OBJECTIVE IS SAFETY, AND OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE IS CUSTOMER  
6   SERVICE. AND MY STAFF CONTINUOUSLY DOES THAT, AND I DO IT, AS  
7   WELL. BUT I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO URGE, PLEASE, TAKE IN  
8   CONSIDERATION OF THE SAFETY ORDINANCE TO BE PASSED.

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10   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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12   **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU.

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

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16   **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS JESSE JOSEPH ANGUIANO, AND I HAVE A  
17   D.P.S.S. COMPLAINT. IT'S BEEN GOING ON NOW FOR 17 MONTHS. IT'S  
18   MY FOURTH TIME BEING ACCUSED OF DOING SOMETHING THAT I NEVER  
19   DID. MY BIGGEST ONE IS FRAUD AND EMBEZZLEMENT. I PROVED THAT  
20   BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT. THAT WAS MY LAST CASE, AND NOW I  
21   GET SHUNNED BY GOING OVER THERE, TRYING TO SETTLE THIS OVER  
22   THE MONTHS. I'VE BEEN HERE. THE REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEM HAS  
23   EVEN LIED. THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE, THEY SAID YOU HAVE MY  
24   CASE NOW, AND IT NEVER GOT HERE BECAUSE THEY NEVER SENT IT. SO  
25   WHAT I'M UP AGAINST HERE IS HONESTY AND DISHONESTY. AND I'M



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1 HONEST, BECAUSE NOW IT TURNS OUT TO BE THE MISTAKE WAS MADE BY  
2 A COMPUTER THAT WAS WITHHELD FROM THE INVESTIGATION OF ME, FOR  
3 10 MONTHS.

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CAN I ASK YOU WHERE YOU LIVE? WHERE DO YOU  
6 LIVE? WHICH SUPERVISOR?

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8 **SPEAKER:** I WAS JUST HOMELESS, MA'AM, AND THEY JUST PUT ME IN  
9 PEOPLE'S CONCERN, ON THE WILCOX APARTMENTS ON HENDERSON AND  
10 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD. I'VE BEEN THERE TWO WEEKS.

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE COULD HAVE ANOTHER PERSON TRY TO HELP YOU  
13 THIS MORNING, FROM D.P.S.S., IS WHAT WE CAN OFFER.

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15 **SPEAKER:** WELL, THIS FOCUS ON THE WORD "TRY." THEY'VE HAD FOUR  
16 AMPLE PROFESSIONAL TIMES HERE, AND THEY HAVE EVEN LIED ABOUT  
17 YOU.

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELL, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED FOR PUBLIC  
20 SPEAKING, SO WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET WITH SOMEBODY?

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22 **SPEAKER:** SURE, IF WE CAN ACCOMPLISH. THANK YOU.

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

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3 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU TOO, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS JESSE J.  
6 MORALES. IT'S BEEN ALMOST 20 YEARS SINCE I STOOD HERE AND  
7 ADDRESSED THE BOARD, THE THEN-ELECTED BOARD, BUT I AM HERE  
8 TODAY TO OFFICIALLY PLACE INTO LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDS THE  
9 FOLLOWING REQUEST: THAT YOU, AS OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS,  
10 COMMENCE THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING NATIONAL LANDMARK STATUS FOR  
11 BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL, THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
12 OF INTERIOR NATIONAL LANDMARKS COMMISSION. NEXT NOVEMBER, NEXT  
13 YEAR, THIS HISTORIC STRUCTURE, A COUNTY CULTURAL LANDMARK,  
14 WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY AS THE OLDEST AND  
15 LAST REMAINING VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL IN THE NATION, AS  
16 DEFINED BY OUR UNITED STATES VETERANS CODE.

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU, SIR, AND THANK  
19 YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

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21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, JANICE.

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23 **SUP. SOLIS:** SIR, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET WITH MY STAFF? THE  
24 PATRIOTIC HALL IS IN MY DISTRICT. ESTHER LIM CAN ADDRESS YOUR  
25 CONCERNS, AND WE'LL PUT YOU IN CONTACT WITH THE DIRECTOR.



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2 **SPEAKER:** I WILL. A COMPLETE, WRITTEN PRESENTATION AND PACKAGE  
3 DEFINING THIS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

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

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7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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

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11 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.

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13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING.

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15 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS CARRIE GREER. I'M A DAUGHTER, CAREGIVER,  
16 ADVOCATE FOR MY PARENT THAT IS ALSO A VETERAN. MY FATHER,  
17 MYSELF, AND MY SISTER, WHICH IS NOT HERE IN CALIFORNIA, BUT I  
18 AM, WE ARE AFRAID THAT, PERTAINING TO OUR FATHER, HE IS  
19 CURRENTLY RESIDING AT WEST L.A. V.A., AND AS OF FRIDAY,  
20 NOVEMBER 17TH, MY DAD WAS PUT ON A PSYCHIATRIC HOLD; HAVE NOT  
21 HEARD FROM ANYONE. AND I WENT TO VISIT MY FATHER THIS PAST  
22 SUNDAY. HE SLIPPED ME THIS FORM. NOW, WE WERE ORIGINALLY TOLD  
23 BY A LISA GRACE, N.P., OF LAST WEEK-- AND THERE WAS A DR.  
24 LORETTA MALOCUST, THE GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY, BECAUSE MY FATHER  
25 WAS IN THE 2 NORTH. HE IS NOW IN 2 SOUTH.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M WONDERING IF THERE'S ANYONE  
3 FROM OUR OWN DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THAT  
4 MIGHT AT LEAST REACH OUT TO HER, TO SEE IF THERE MIGHT BE SOME  
5 HELP. OKAY. MA'AM, BACK THERE IN THAT CORNER OF THIS ROOM,  
6 WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO SEE IF AT LEAST OUR-- BECAUSE WE HAVE  
7 OUR OWN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS  
8 THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,  
9 PLEASE.

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11 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
12 RAYMOND MESA. I'M THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL  
13 721. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 60-A AND PUBLIC COMMENT. AFTER  
14 SEEING RECENT MEDIA REPORTS HIGHLIGHTING M.L.K. COMMUNITY  
15 HOSPITAL'S PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL SITUATION, S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721  
16 IS DEEPLY CONCERNED, BUT ULTIMATELY NOT SURPRISED BY THESE  
17 DEVELOPMENTS. THE UNION'S POSITION HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT  
18 M.L.K.C.H. SHOULD BE DIRECTLY OPERATED BY THE COUNTY, AND THAT  
19 PUBLIC DOLLARS SHOULD BE LEVERAGED TO DELIVER THE HIGHEST  
20 QUALITY CARE TO THE MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS-- BLACK, BROWN,  
21 A.P.I., AND WHITE RESIDENTS-- IN OUR COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, IT  
22 APPEARS THAT THE FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL STRUCTURES IMPLEMENTED  
23 SINCE THE HOSPITAL'S REOPENING HAVE ONLY EXACERBATED PROBLEMS  
24 AROUND ACCESS, QUALITY, AND SHORT-STAFFING THAT WE'RE SEEING  
25 ACROSS THE COUNTY'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. BY GRANTING OVERSIGHT



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1 AUTHORITY TO A THIRD PARTY AND PRIVATIZING M.L.K.C.H., THE  
2 COUNTY HAS CREATED A DISASTROUS SITUATION THAT STANDS TO  
3 NEGATIVELY IMPACT THOSE WHO PROVIDE, AND THOSE WHO MOST  
4 DESPERATELY SEEK VITAL SERVICES IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. BEFORE  
5 DIVERTING ADDITIONAL PUBLIC FUNDING TO A PRIVATE NONPROFIT,  
6 THE COUNTY NEEDS TO IMMEDIATELY PRIORITIZE FILLING THE  
7 THOUSANDS OF VACANCIES AT DIRECTLY OPERATED FACILITIES ACROSS  
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,  
9 AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

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

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

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16 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ELENA MORILLO, AND I AM A  
17 HOMEOWNER FROM THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM, AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT  
18 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS ON PROPOSAL NUMBER 9. THANK YOU,  
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IN SUPPORTING US, THE HOMEOWNERS AND OUR  
20 RESIDENCES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM. INSTEAD  
21 OF BENEFITING US, IT DID AFFECT US IN A NEGATIVE WAY. THE  
22 COUNTY SHOULD COME INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF  
23 CALIFORNIA TO BE ABLE TO APPLY THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
24 PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

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

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3 **SAM LEWIS:** GOOD MORNING. I'LL BE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM  
4 42, PROVIDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, AS YOU KNOW, MY NAME  
5 IS SAM LEWIS. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A.R.C., AND I WANT  
6 TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THIS BOARD FOR CONTINUING TO  
7 CHAMPION IN PROVIDING FREE PHONE CALLS FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE IN  
8 OUR COUNTY FACILITY, IN THE COUNTY JAILS. AS YOU KNOW, I WAS  
9 INCARCERATED FOR A TOTAL OF 24 YEARS. THE MOST IMPORTANT  
10 LIFELINE I HAD WHEN I WAS FAR AWAY FROM HOME, OR EVEN WHEN I  
11 WAS IN THE COUNTY JAIL, WAS THAT OF THE PHONE. PHONE CALLS  
12 ALLOWED ME TO STAY CONNECTED TO MY FAMILY. THOSE SHORT CALLS  
13 GAVE ME HOPE AND ALLOWED ME A FEW MOMENTS OF MENTAL AND  
14 EMOTIONAL CONNECTION TO MY FAMILY, WHICH IS MY FOUNDATION  
15 TODAY, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THEM.  
16 ONE OTHER THING I WANT TO ADD: WHEN I'M HERE, AND I SEE YOU  
17 JUST PROVIDE SUPPORT IMMEDIATELY TO PEOPLE THAT COME UP HERE,  
18 IT MAKES ME TEAR UP. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. YOU'RE ALL  
19 INCREDIBLE. HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND SAME TO YOU, SIR. NEXT  
22 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

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1 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GUILLERMO LASALMA, AND I  
2 AM A HOMEOWNER FROM THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM. TODAY, I'M HERE TO  
3 SUPPORT SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS IN PROPOSAL NUMBER 9. THANK  
4 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR SUPPORTING US, THE HOMEOWNERS WHO  
5 PARTICIPATED IN THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM, IN WHICH, INSTEAD OF  
6 BENEFITING US, IT AFFECTED US IN A NEGATIVE WAY. THE COUNTY  
7 SHOULD GO INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SO  
8 THAT THEY CAN NOW IMPLEMENT A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.  
9 THANK YOU.

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

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13 **SPEAKER:** HI. I'M DONALD HARLAN. I'D LIKE MORE THAN A MINUTE,  
14 PLEASE. I HAVE SEVERAL AGENDA ITEMS AND GENERAL COMMENT,  
15 PLEASE. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO MENTION ABOUT EVENT FEE  
16 WAIVERS. THERE'S NO MORE EVENT FEE WAIVERS, ESPECIALLY AT THE  
17 MUSIC CENTER OVER HERE, FOR ANYBODY. YOUR NATIVE AMERICAN  
18 ACKNOWLEDGMENT IS TO BE STRUCK FROM RECORD. YOU GUYS AREN'T TO  
19 BE DOING THAT ANYMORE. YOUR CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
20 ACT IS TO BE COMPLETELY STRUCK FROM THE RECORD OF L.A. COUNTY.  
21 THAT'S TO BE COMPLETELY REMOVED. YOU DON'T HAVE NO BUSINESS  
22 WITH THAT. THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH L.A. COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
23 DISTRICT TRYING TO LEVY TAXES. THEY HAVE MONEY. THEY GET PAID.  
24 THEY'RE NOT JUST SUPPOSED TO BE OVER HERE ASKING FOR MORE  
25 MONEY. THERE IS NO LEVYING OF TAXES FROM YOU GUYS, ESPECIALLY



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1 FOR L.A. COMMUNITY COLLEGES. THERE IS A BIG PROBLEM AT L.A.  
2 COMMUNITY COLLEGES RIGHT NOW. IT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT.  
3 SPENDING ON MEDICARE IN L.A. COUNTY: NO, AND THERE'S NOBODY IN  
4 L.A. COUNTY AUTHORIZED TO SPEND MONEY FOR MEDICARE. YOU  
5 ABSOLUTELY CANNOT LEGALLY SPEND FOR MEDICARE WITH A MEMORANDUM  
6 OF UNDERSTANDING. YOU HAVE TO HAVE YOUR OWN ACCOUNT, WITH YOUR  
7 OWN MONEY COMING OUT. NOBODY HAS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
8 FOR MEDICARE. IT DOESN'T EXIST. I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
9 ABUSE OF EMERGENCY POWERS, BY EXTENDING EMERGENCIES. PROPERTY  
10 TAX EXCHANGES: NO, THERE'S TO BE NO PROPERTY TAX EXCHANGES,  
11 BECAUSE YOU CAN'T PROVE ANY OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE HOMEOWNERS.  
12 IT'S COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT THERE'S A LOT OF AGENDA ITEMS  
13 TO HELP HOMEOWNERS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND ALL THOSE PEOPLE  
14 YOU ARE HELPING ARE YOUR PARTNERS, WHO DON'T ACTUALLY OWN A  
15 HOME, THAT YOU'RE PAYING-- YOU'RE DIVERTING MONEY, AND THAT'S  
16 NOT RIGHT. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2, THE EVENT FEE WAIVERS: NO,  
17 EVERYBODY HAS GOT TO PAY. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3, VICTIMS OF  
18 CRIME AND ABUSE: THAT MONEY IS BEING DIVERTED AND ABUSED AND  
19 STOLEN; NO VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT MONEY. SO, THERE'S A BIG  
20 PROBLEM WITH PLANNING AND REZONING. NO PLANNING AND REZONING;  
21 NOT FOR DEVELOPMENTS, NONE OF THOSE. AGENDA 18, 19, 37-- OH,  
22 EXCUSE ME. CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT. \$135 MILLION FOR  
23 CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT: NO. IF YOU NEED A CONSTRUCTION  
24 MANAGER, YOU JUST HIRE A COUNTY EMPLOYEE. THERE'S NO MAKING UP  
25 \$135 MILLION FOR THEM TO SPEND. ABSOLUTELY NO, AND I DON'T



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1 BELIEVE THAT'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. LET'S SEE.  
2 MENTAL HEALTH CENTER FOR CULVER CITY, NUMBER 14, A LEASE: NO.  
3 NO MENTAL HEALTH. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 13, JUSTICE, CARE AND  
4 OPPORTUNITIES--

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

7

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

9

10 **TRANSLATOR:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS RUDY  
11 MORILLO. I AM A HOMEOWNER FROM THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM, AND TODAY  
12 I'M HERE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS IN PROPOSAL NUMBER  
13 9. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR SUPPORTING HOMEOWNERS LIKE  
14 MYSELF, THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM THAT,  
15 INSTEAD OF BENEFITING US, IT AFFECTED US IN A NEGATIVE WAY.  
16 THE COUNTY SHOULD GO INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF  
17 CALIFORNIA, TO BE ABLE TO APPLY THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
18 PROGRAM. THANK YOU SO MUCH. APPRECIATE IT.

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

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22 **KENT MENDOZA:** I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 10, 41-- I  
23 THINK, 40 AND 42. SO, HOPEFULLY, I GET MORE TIME FOR THAT. SO,  
24 GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KENT MENDOZA. I'M THE ASSOCIATE  
25 DIRECTOR OF LOCAL POLICY AT THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. FOR



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1 ITEM NUMBER 10, I REALLY THANK THE BOARD FOR REALLY EXPANDING  
2 THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES THAT IS CRUCIALLY NEEDED IN  
3 ONE OF THE, TO BE HONEST, WORST COUNTIES IN THE WHOLE WORLD.  
4 I'VE BEEN IN THIS PLACE, SO I KNOW HOW BAD IT CAN BE. AND I  
5 THINK ANOTHER THING THAT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE  
6 UNDERSTAND IS THAT A LOT OF TIMES, WHEN WE HAVE MENTAL HEALTH  
7 ISSUES OR THINGS THAT FALL UNDER THAT CATEGORY, SOMETIMES WE  
8 DON'T REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT OR HELP, BECAUSE WHEN WE DO, WE  
9 ARE STIGMATIZED AND DIAGNOSED FOR THINGS THAT WE'RE NOT REALLY  
10 SUPPOSED TO BE DIAGNOSED WITH. SO, THAT CAN PUSH AWAY PEOPLE  
11 THAT REALLY NEED THAT SUPPORT FOR REACHING OUT TO GETTING  
12 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT. SO, THERE IS A STIGMA AROUND IT, SO I  
13 JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU GUYS DON'T FORGET THAT THERE  
14 IS PEOPLE THAT WANT THAT SUPPORT, BUT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY  
15 NEED TO BE DIAGNOSED WITH MENTAL HEALTH STUFF, BUT THEY DO  
16 NEED THAT SERVICE. SO THANKS FOR THAT, AND CONTINUE TO EXPAND  
17 THAT, BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT IS NEEDED. AS FAR AS FOR ITEM  
18 NUMBER 42, WHICH IS THE JAIL PHONE CALLS-- I THINK THAT'S THE  
19 ONE, RIGHT? THE CONTRACT WITH MAKING PHONE CALLS FREE IN L.A.  
20 COUNTY, THAT'S ANOTHER ONE THAT I REALLY APPLAUD THE BOARD. I  
21 THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT-- I MEAN, I DON'T NEED TO SPEAK  
22 MUCH ABOUT IT, BUT WHEN I WAS IN THE COUNTY JAIL, BEING IN  
23 COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR FAMILIES IS ONE OF THE MOST CRUCIAL  
24 THINGS YOU CAN HAVE AT THAT TIME, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'VE NEVER  
25 BEEN CONVICTED OF ANYTHING AND YOU'RE JUST SITTING IN THE



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1 COUNTY JAIL, MONTHS AFTER MONTHS, AND YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR  
2 THOSE PHONE CALLS ON TOP OF THE COMMISSARY AND EVERYTHING THAT  
3 YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR. SO, THANKS AGAIN. I APPLAUD THIS BOARD  
4 FOR MAKING PHONE CALLS FREE, AND LET'S CONTINUE TO FIGURE OUT  
5 WAYS WHERE WE CANNOT DISENFRANCHISE PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY  
6 BEING DISENFRANCHISED. LET'S CONTINUE TO FIND SOLUTIONS. SO  
7 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THAT, AND FOR THE CORRECTION ACTION PLAN  
8 FOR THE LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL. I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO HEAR  
9 WHAT THE PRESENTATION WAS BEFORE SPEAKING, BUT I WILL SAY THAT  
10 I AM WORKING WITH THE GUY WHO ESCAPED THE FIRST TIME: XAVIER.  
11 HE'S 18 YEARS OF AGE. HE'S SITTING IN THE COUNTY JAIL. HE'S A  
12 GOOD KID. HE SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN KICKED OUT OF JUVENILE  
13 HALL AND SENT TO MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, BECAUSE NOW HE'S  
14 SURROUNDED WITH GROWN MEN. THEY ARE NOT THE SAME AS AN 18-  
15 YEAR-OLD KID. SO JUST NOTE THAT I'M WORKING WITH HIM. HE'S NOT  
16 A BAD PERSON. HE'S NOT AN EVIL KID. I THINK THAT A LOT OF  
17 PEOPLE, WHEN THEY HEAR THE WORD "ESCAPE" AND "YOUTH" AND  
18 "LOCKED UP," YOU AUTOMATICALLY THINK THE WORST, BUT THIS KID  
19 IS JUST A KID. KEEP IN MIND, OUR BRAINS DON'T FULLY DEVELOP  
20 UNTIL WE'RE 25. EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM, YOUR BRAIN DOESN'T  
21 FULLY DEVELOP UNTIL YOU'RE 25, SO WE NEED TO BE TREATING THESE  
22 KIDS AS KIDS. SO I JUST WANTED TO SAY, LET'S FIND A SOLUTION  
23 TO THIS CORRECTION ACTION PLAN. LET'S NOT RELY ON PUNITIVE  
24 MEASURES. THERE IS SOLUTIONS. THERE IS CREDIBLE MESSENGERS.  
25 THERE IS SKILLS THAT ONLY CERTAIN PEOPLE CAN ACTUALLY HAVE,



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1 AND ACTUALLY WORK WITH THIS POPULATION. SO LET'S FIND  
2 SOLUTIONS. AND AGAIN, THANKS, EVERYBODY, FOR EVERYTHING, AND I  
3 APPRECIATE EVERYBODY THAT'S SPEAKING IN PUBLIC COMMENTS.  
4 THANKS. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

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

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8 **DR. GRACIE DINKINS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DR.  
9 GRACIE DINKINS. I AM A GENERAL AND ACUTE CARE SURGEON. I'M  
10 ALSO A PRODUCT OF L.A. COUNTY. I WAS TRAINED AT THE MARTIN  
11 LUTHER KING OLD HOSPITAL. I CURRENTLY WORK AT YOUR MARTIN  
12 LUTHER KING AMBULATORY SURGERY CLINICS-- I JUST LEFT CLINIC  
13 TO COME HERE TODAY-- AND ALSO AT MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY  
14 HOSPITAL. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 26. I'M HERE TO  
15 REPRESENT CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY, AND TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
16 AND PARTNERSHIP WITH US AS WE PREPARE TO DEVELOP A RESIDENCY  
17 TRAINING PROGRAM IN GENERAL SURGERY. RIGHT NOW, S.P.A. 6 IS  
18 BEING SERVED BY A GROUP OF SURGEONS THAT WERE TRAINED AT THE  
19 OLD HOSPITAL, AND AS MUCH AS WE LOVE AND ARE COMMITTED TO OUR  
20 PATIENTS, WE ARE GETTING OLDER. WE WANT TO RE-ESTABLISH THAT  
21 PIPELINE AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SURGEONS WHO WILL BE THERE,  
22 CARING, COMPASSIONATE, AND COMPETENT, AND ABLE TO PROVIDE  
23 FURTHER SERVICE TO S.P.A. 6. I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR  
24 TIME.



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

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3 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT. CORY SCHMIDT, FOR THE RECORD. ALL ITEMS,  
4 SO 3 MINUTES. OKAY, SO WE'RE TALKING OVER L.A.P.D. THIS  
5 MORNING, ABOUT-- I SAID THREE MINUTES. OKAY, SO I SAW-- NICE.  
6 THANK YOU. OKAY, SO--

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HOLD YOUR TIME FOR A MINUTE. HOLD YOUR TIME.  
9 DOES HE HAVE TO INDICATE THE ITEM, OR CAN HE JUST--

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WELL, HE'S INCLUDING ALL MINUTES, BUT HE  
12 DIDN'T INCLUDE PUBLIC COMMENT, SO ALL ITEMS IS TWO MINUTES. HE  
13 DIDN'T SAY "PUBLIC COMMENT."

14

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

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17 **SPEAKER:** HILARIOUS. OKAY, SO LET'S SEE. SO, WE'RE TALKING  
18 ABOUT L.A.P.D. OVER THERE. IT'S SOMETHING ABOUT NOT HELPING  
19 PEOPLE. THE GOAL IS NOT HELPING PEOPLE, NOT FIXING PROBLEMS. I  
20 AGREE. I AGREE. I THINK MY TIME GOT CUT AGAIN. I AGREE. JAN IS  
21 NOT INTERESTED. JANET. JANET IS NOT INTERESTED. LOOK WHAT  
22 SHE'S DONE. HAVEN'T YOU WONDERED WHERE I'VE BEEN? SO, AFTER I  
23 GOT OUT OF JAIL, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER IS DEAD. THAT WAS GNARLY.  
24 SO I THINK SOMEONE'S PISSED. LET'S SEE, WHAT ELSE? SPEAKING OF



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1 MURDER, YOU GUYS THINK LITTLE JANNIE OVER HERE IS AFRAID OF  
2 ME, PLAYING WITH THE MIC AND TALKING OVER ME?

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4 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC. SIR, YOU NEED TO SPEAK  
5 AT LEAST ON ONE OF THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

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7 **SPEAKER:** HE'S A [EXPLETIVE] YOU DON'T WANT TO MESS WITH.

8

9 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU'VE BEEN WARNED. THIS IS YOUR SECOND  
10 WARNING. YOU NEED TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM THAT'S ACTUALLY ON THE  
11 AGENDA.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WHAT DID I SAY? 54 SECONDS LEFT? OKAY, SO DID YOU  
14 KNOW THAT THE FIRE IN MALIBU WAS JUST A COVER-UP FOR THE 2018  
15 ELECTION? THAT'S RIGHT. I MEAN, LAST WEEK OR WHENEVER IT WAS,  
16 SHE CANCELED THE MEETING, RIGHT? SO, BUT I WAS TRYING TO SPEAK  
17 ON IT BEFORE, BUT THEY ERASED IT FROM THE RECORD. LET'S SEE. I  
18 MEAN, THAT WAS THE DAY I WAS TRYING TO TALK ABOUT IT. IT WAS  
19 EXACTLY A YEAR FROM THE DAY. 11/7, RIGHT? YEAH, THAT WAS THE  
20 DAY. OKAY, SO GO FIGURE. I MEAN, I FEEL LIKE WE OUGHT TO TALK  
21 ABOUT IT, RIGHT? IT WAS THE ANNIVERSARY. IT WAS EXACTLY, WHAT,  
22 4 YEARS AGO? OR WAS IT 5? I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T THINK IT WAS  
23 5. YEAH, JANNIE OVER HERE WANTED SO BAD FOR HER LITTLE JIMMIE  
24 TO BE THE BIG SHERIFF AGAIN, BECAUSE HE DID SUCH A SWELL JOB  
25 CLEANING UP THE JAILS, RIGHT?



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2 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THANK YOU, SIR. YOUR TIME'S EXPIRED.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY MORE PUBLIC SPEAKERS?

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

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE ON THE PHONE?

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO.

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THAT WILL CONCLUDE THE GENERAL PUBLIC  
13 COMMENT, AND NOW WE WILL GO BACK TO ITEM--

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** CAN WE TAKE A VOTE ON THIS?

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, SORRY. YES. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL, OR  
18 TELL US WHAT WE ARE VOTING ON. TELL US THE AGEN-- OKAY, SO DID  
19 YOU WANT TO READ THE REMAINING--

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO, LET ME-- I'M SORRY.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, AND PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM  
24 NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 1  
2 THROUGH 3, 5 THROUGH 9, 11 THROUGH 15, 17, 18, WITH SUPERVISOR  
3 BARGER ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE, 19, 21 THROUGH 25, 26, WITH  
4 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE, PURSUANT  
5 TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308, 27 THROUGH 35, 36, WITH  
6 SUPERVISOR BARGER RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE, PURSUANT TO  
7 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308, 37 THROUGH 39, 42 THROUGH 44,  
8 46 THROUGH 59, 60-A THROUGH 60-E, 63 AND 64, WITH SUPERVISOR  
9 BARGER ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE, 65 THROUGH 67, 1-D, 1-P, AND  
10 2-P.

11  
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED  
13 BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, WITH THE  
14 EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
15 NOW PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

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19 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.



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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, 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, 4-0.

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO ITEM  
13 40, THE REPORT ON THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN RELATED TO YOUTH  
14 ESCAPE FROM LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL, WHICH I HELD. AND FOR  
15 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0  
16 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. AND WE DO HAVE WITH US GUILLERMO  
17 VIERA-ROSA, OUR CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, TO MAKE A  
18 PRESENTATION. I ALREADY MADE SOME EARLIER REMARKS AND KIND OF  
19 SET THE STAGE FOR WHY WE'RE DOING THIS, SO I WILL-- ARE THERE  
20 ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WHO WANT TO MAKE REMARKS, OR DO YOU WANT  
21 TO HEAR HIS PRESENTATION FIRST? YEAH, OKAY. GO AHEAD, CHIEF  
22 VIERA-ROSA, AND MAKE YOUR PRESENTATION.

23

24 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** GOOD MORNING.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING.

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3 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** THIS WILL BE A BRIEF PRESENTATION ON THE  
4 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN, WITH RESPECT TO THE ESCAPE AT LOS  
5 PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER THE 4TH. AND FOR  
6 CONTEXT, THERE WAS THE ESCAPE OF A SINGLE YOUTH UNDER  
7 PROBATION CUSTODY, WHO WAS BROUGHT BACK INTO CUSTODY WITHIN 4  
8 TO 6 MINUTES OF HAVING ESCAPED THE FACILITY. THERE ARE FOUR  
9 ITEMS OF CORRECTIVE ACTION THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED,  
10 AND I'LL GO THROUGH THOSE FOUR FIRST. ONE OF THEM IS, AFTER  
11 TAKING A LOOK AT THE INCIDENT, I DETERMINED IT PRUDENT TO  
12 INSTALL RAZOR WIRE ON THE WALLS OF THE FACILITY, AND SO THERE  
13 IS NOW RAZOR WIRE AROUND THE FACILITY THAT WOULD PREVENT  
14 SOMEONE FROM SCALING THOSE WALLS AND BEING ABLE TO ACCESS THE  
15 EXTERIOR. THE SECOND ITEM IS THERE HAS BEEN AN EXTERNAL  
16 SECURITY POST ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE FACILITY. WHAT THAT MEANS  
17 IS THAT WE'RE USING CONTRACT SECURITY OFFICERS, SPECIFICALLY,  
18 TO BE PRESENT AT THAT POST, IN THE EVENT THAT SOMEONE WOULD  
19 COME UP TO THE WALL, OR THAT FOR UNKNOWN REASONS SOMEONE COULD  
20 SCALE THE WALL, GO THROUGH THE RAZOR WIRE. THEY WOULD NOW BE  
21 CONFRONTED WITH AN ARMED SECURITY GUARD ON THE EXTERIOR, AND  
22 THAT'S A PERMANENT POST. THE THIRD ITEM THAT HAS BEEN  
23 IMPLEMENTED IS A CHANGE IN THE ASSIGNMENT ON THE INTERIOR OF  
24 THE FACILITY. FOR A LITTLE BIT OF CONTEXT, WHEN THIS OCCURRED,  
25 THERE WERE IN FACT TWO INTERIOR POSTS WHERE WE HAD PROBATION



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1 OFFICERS STATIONED TO PREVENT AN ESCAPE. AFTER ASSESSING THE  
2 INCIDENT, THERE WAS A CHANGE IN WHO IS ASSIGNED TO THOSE TWO  
3 POSTS, MEANING THAT NOW IT IS A FULL-DUTY PEACE OFFICER,  
4 MEANING THEY HAVE NO PHYSICAL RESTRICTIONS, AND THAT THEY HAVE  
5 [INAUDIBLE] SPRAY WITH THEM. SO THEY HAVE PEPPER SPRAY. THAT  
6 WAS A CHANGE. THE FOURTH ITEM IS THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN  
7 THE ROUNDS BY THIRD-LINE SUPERVISORS. ASSESSMENT OF THE  
8 INCIDENT INDICATES IT PRUDENT TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL SUPERVISOR  
9 MOVING THROUGHOUT THE UNITS, TO ANTICIPATE ANY POTENTIAL  
10 COLLECTION OF INTELLIGENCE BY THE YOUTH, OR TO SORT OF GIVE AN  
11 ADDITIONAL LAYER OF SECURITY, MOVING FORWARD. THOSE ARE THE  
12 FOUR ITEMS THAT I DETERMINED PRUDENT TO ENSURE THAT THERE  
13 ISN'T ANOTHER INCIDENT. THE NEXT THREE ITEMS ARE ONGOING. IT  
14 IS A REVIEW OF THE TRAINING PROVIDED TO ALL OF OUR PEACE  
15 OFFICERS. THE 6TH ITEM IS A REVIEW OF POTENTIAL NECESSARY  
16 ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT. THOSE ITEMS ARE ONGOING AND HAVEN'T BEEN  
17 FINALIZED, TO ALLOW THE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO CONCLUDE THEIR  
18 INVESTIGATION AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND RECOMMENDATIONS. AT  
19 THAT POINT, I'D BE PREPARED TO MAKE A FINAL DETERMINATION IF  
20 ADDITIONAL SECURITY OR TRAINING WOULD BE REQUIRED. AND THEN  
21 THE 7TH ITEM IS IN PROGRESS, WHICH IS CONTINUED COMMUNITY  
22 OUTREACH WITH THE ADJACENT CITIES. AND SO WE'VE COMMUNICATED  
23 WITH BOTH THE CHIEFS OF POLICE AND THE MAYORS OF THOSE  
24 FACILITIES, BUT THAT WILL BE ONGOING, TO BE SENSITIVE TO WHAT  
25 INFORMATION THEY MAY NEED, OR EVEN PROVIDE US FEEDBACK ON WHAT



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1 WE SHOULD BE DOING SO THAT THE COMMUNITY FEELS SAFE, ALREADY  
2 HAVING HAD TWO INCIDENTS. THAT WILL CONCLUDE MY VERY BRIEF  
3 PRESENTATION, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELL, I'M GOING TO START OFF. I'M  
6 JUST GOING TO FOLLOW UP ON YOUR REACHING OUT TO THE CITIES OF  
7 SOUTH GATE AND DOWNEY. DID YOU PERSONALLY MEET WITH THE MAYOR,  
8 FOR INSTANCE, OF SOUTH GATE, AND THE MAYOR OF DOWNEY?

9

10 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** NO. MY CHIEF OF STAFF PHYSICALLY  
11 ATTENDED AND MET WITH THEM. I'M ON CALENDAR TO MEET. THAT  
12 HASN'T OCCURRED BEFORE THIS MEETING, DUE TO SCHEDULES.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND SO DID YOUR CHIEF DEPUTY ALREADY GET  
15 FEEDBACK FROM THOSE MAYORS?

16

17 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** THEY HAVE. THEY'VE HAD MULTIPLE  
18 MEETINGS, ALREADY. THERE HAVE BEEN A COUPLE OF ASKS THAT  
19 REALLY ARE MORE INFORMATIONAL, AND SO THAT THEY REALLY  
20 UNDERSTAND WHAT TYPE OF SECURITY MEASURES WE'VE IMPLEMENTED. I  
21 THINK THERE HAS JUST BEEN A SORT OF LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF,  
22 REALLY, THE RISK THAT THEY MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE; POSITIVE  
23 INTERACTIONS, IN THE SENSE THAT THERE IS A LOT MORE THAT THE  
24 COUNTY IS DOING THAT THEY'RE JUST NOT AWARE OF, AND IT'S  
25 INCUMBENT UPON US, MOVING FORWARD, TO ENSURE THAT THEY



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1 UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE EXTERNAL PATROL, THAT WE HAVE ARMED  
2 OFFICERS, THAT IN FACT, SINCE THE PREVIOUS INCIDENT, WE HAVE  
3 THE ADDITION OF A SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT THAT IS ACTUALLY ON  
4 GROUNDS SEVEN TIMES A WEEK. AND SO THAT INFORMATION JUST  
5 WASN'T CLEAR TO THEM; THAT, IN FACT, ALL OF THAT IS ALREADY IN  
6 PLACE.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LET ME ASK WHAT CHANGES YOU MADE AFTER THE  
9 FIRST YOUTH ESCAPED OVER THE VERY SAME WALL. WHAT DID YOU PUT  
10 IN PLACE THAT MAYBE COULD HAVE PREVENTED THE SECOND ONE?

11

12 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** WELL, THE SECOND INCIDENT IS... I DON'T  
13 EVEN HAVE THE WORDS. IT'S EXTRAORDINARILY TROUBLING FOR ME  
14 THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SECOND INCIDENT. I WILL SAY THAT THE  
15 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS THAT TOOK PLACE THE FIRST TIME AROUND WERE  
16 BENEFICIAL IN REDUCING THE EXPOSURE THIS TIME. FOR EXAMPLE,  
17 THE POSTS OF HAVING PEACE OFFICERS DEDICATED TO THE WALL IN  
18 QUESTION, IN FACT, IS HOW WE WERE ABLE TO ALERT THE FACT THAT  
19 THERE WAS AN ESCAPE IN MOTION, AND WERE ABLE TO ALERT THE  
20 LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST. ADDITIONALLY, AFTER THE  
21 FIRST INCIDENT, I HAD DEPLOYED THE SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM TO  
22 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ROAMING SECURITY AT THE FACILITY. THAT, IN  
23 FACT, IS THE TEAM THAT, WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURRED, ULTIMATELY  
24 WERE ABLE TO APPREHEND THE ESCAPEE WITHIN MINUTES OF HAVING



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1    SCALED THE WALL. SO, HAD THOSE TWO ELEMENTS NOT BEEN IN PLACE,  
2    WE COULD HAVE HAD A VERY DIFFERENT OUTCOME.

3  
4    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'VE PUT THE RAZOR WIRE  
5    IN NOW. WAS THERE ANY THINKING THAT THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PUT  
6    UP AFTER THE FIRST INCIDENT?

7  
8    **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** IT'S AN IMPORTANT QUESTION, AND IT'S  
9    TOUGH IN TRYING TO BALANCE ALL OF THE SECURITY MEASURES THAT A  
10   DETENTION FACILITY WOULD HAVE WITH, AT THE SAME TIME, THE  
11   DIRECTION THAT WE'RE TRYING TO TAKE TO PROVIDE A  
12   REHABILITATIVE ENVIRONMENT. AND SO I WOULD SAY THAT, 6 MONTHS  
13   AGO, THE IDEA OF HAVING RAZOR WIRE ON A JUVENILE FACILITY  
14   WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, AND  
15   IT'S BUT FOR THIS INCIDENT THAT WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE  
16   SOPHISTICATION AND THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THE YOUTH THAT WE  
17   HAVE IN OUR CUSTODY REALLY REQUIRES THIS. AND SO BALANCING  
18   THESE TWO INTERESTS HAS BEEN EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT IN  
19   FINDING THE RIGHT SECURITY MEASURES.

20  
21   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELL, WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO DO IT THIS  
22   TIME, THEN, WITH BALANCING, AS YOU SAY, MAYBE THE NEW  
23   THINKING, PARTICULARLY OF THIS BOARD, ABOUT REHABILITATION  
24   WITH THOSE WHO ARE IN OUR CARE?



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1 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** WELL, THE FACT THAT THERE'S A SECOND  
2 INCIDENT IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME REALLY LEFT NO  
3 QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT THERE IS NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO DO  
4 THIS, AT LEAST IN TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT. NOW, THAT DOESN'T MEAN  
5 THAT, A YEAR FROM NOW, I WOULDN'T REVISIT AND SAY THERE ARE  
6 ADDITIONAL MECHANISMS OF SECURITY, OR THAT THE TEMPERATURE IN  
7 THE FACILITY HAS CHANGED, OR THAT WE HAVE SOME OTHER APPROACH.  
8 BUT TODAY, I JUST DON'T SEE ANY ALTERNATIVE.

9  
10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT. BECAUSE, YEAH, WE WERE PUSHING YOU TO  
11 REMOVE THE RAZOR WIRE AT BARRY J. FOR A WHILE, BUT I THINK LOS  
12 PADRINOS DOES PRESENT A PRECARIOUS POSITION, REALLY,  
13 PARTICULARLY FOR SOUTH GATE AND DOWNEY. I DON'T NEED TO REMIND  
14 EVERYBODY WE HAD CLOSED THAT FACILITY IN 2019. WE WERE NOT  
15 GOING TO REOPEN THAT FACILITY. WE TOLD BOTH THOSE CITIES THAT  
16 THERE WOULD NEVER BE A CHANCE THAT WE WOULD REOPEN THOSE AS A  
17 JUVENILE FACILITY. AND THEN, ALL OF A SUDDEN, WE WERE FORCED  
18 TO HAVE OVER 270 YOUNG PEOPLE THERE. AND WHEN YOU HAVE THE  
19 FIRST ESCAPE, WHERE IT REQUIRED HELICOPTERS, LITERALLY, WITH  
20 THE MICROPHONE BLASTING AND TELLING RESIDENTS, "SHELTER IN  
21 PLACE," I THINK THAT FEELING IS VERY DIFFERENT, I THINK, THAN  
22 OUR OTHER FACILITIES. SO I DO FEEL LIKE THERE IS A PRIORITY TO  
23 MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE SAFE: THOSE WHO ARE IN OUR CARE ARE  
24 SAFE, OUR STAFF IS SAFE, BUT ALSO TO PREVENT ANY OF THE-- EVEN  
25 IF THEY'RE APPREHENDED IN 10 MINUTES, STILL, I THINK, THE



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1 EFFECT ON THE COMMUNITY IS LASTING, AND THEY PERCEIVE IT  
2 DIFFERENTLY. SO LET ME JUST ASK YOU, CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT  
3 ABOUT THE NETTING PROJECT THAT YOU'RE CONTEMPLATING, AND WHAT  
4 EXACTLY WOULD THAT ACHIEVE?

5  
6 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** YES, THERE ARE TWO NETTING PROJECTS AT  
7 BOTH FACILITIES, BOTH THE S.Y.T.F. NYDORF AND LOS PADRINOS,  
8 WHICH IS THE PREDISPOSITION YOUTH JUVENILE HALL. THAT IS A  
9 PROJECT TO RAISE NETTING OF A SIGNIFICANT HEIGHT, POSSIBLY UP  
10 TO 50 FEET, AND THE PRIMARY NECESSITY FOR THAT IS TO PREVENT  
11 CONTRABAND FROM COMING OVER THE WALL. BUT ADDITIONALLY, IT  
12 DOES PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY AND MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO  
13 BE ABLE TO SCALE AND GO ONTO THE OTHER SIDE. IT ALSO ENHANCES  
14 PRIVACY, MEANING BEING ABLE TO LOOK INTO THE FACILITY, WHETHER  
15 IT'S DRONE OR FROM AN ELEVATED POSITION. THOSE ARE BOTH  
16 ONGOING PROJECTS. WE THINK IT'S A NECESSARY COMPONENT. IT'S A  
17 MUCH MORE COMPLICATED PROJECT, IN TERMS OF PERMITS AND HAVING  
18 TO DIG THESE SORT OF VERY DEEP HOLES, AND SO THAT'S ONGOING.  
19 THE RAZOR WIRE ESSENTIALLY SOLVES THE PROBLEM OF THE SCALING,  
20 IN THE INTERIM.

21  
22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DID YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH  
23 THE CITIES ABOUT THE NETTING PROJECT, THE VISUAL IMPACT?



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1 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** THE NETTING IS VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU  
2 WOULD SEE AT A GOLF COURSE.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I MEAN, I KNOW WHAT IT IS. I SAID, HAVE YOU  
5 HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE CITIES OF SOUTH GATE AND  
6 DOWNEY ABOUT IT?

7  
8 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** DOWNEY, IN PARTICULAR, YES. SOUTH GATE,  
9 I'D HAVE TO SEE IF THAT WAS ON THE AGENDA ITEM. BUT YES, WITH  
10 DOWNEY, YES.

11  
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE. AND THE REACTION WAS-- BECAUSE,  
13 AGAIN, I HAVE A COMMUNITY THAT DOESN'T WANT TO SEE THE NETTING  
14 GO UP FOR A GOLF COURSE, BECAUSE OF THE VISUAL IMPACT IT HAS.  
15 I THINK, WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITIES, YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO SORT  
16 OF BRING THEM ALONG WHEN YOU HAVE A PROJECT THAT YOU'RE  
17 UNDERTAKING.

18  
19 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** YEAH, NO. AND AGAIN, IT'S NOT A ONE-AND-  
20 DONE. THESE ARE ONGOING CONVERSATIONS, AND THEY'LL HAVE  
21 ADDITIONAL DEMANDS. BUT I THINK THERE IS AN UNDERSTANDING OF  
22 THE IMPORTANCE OF IT, AND THE FACT THAT IT DOES NOT REALLY  
23 DETRACT. ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IT'S NEAR A GOLF COURSE, IT REALLY  
24 LOOKS IN SYNC WITH WHAT'S ALREADY UP.



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE OTHER QUESTION-- AND I KNOW YOU  
2 AND I SPOKE ABOUT THIS-- THE IDEA THAT, IN THIS SECOND ESCAPE,  
3 THEY OVERTOOK A STAFF MEMBER WHO ACTUALLY HAD PHYSICAL KEYS,  
4 AND THAT'S PART OF HOW THEY WERE ABLE TO GET OUT OF WHERE THEY  
5 WERE. IT DOES SEEM A LITTLE... VERY OLD-FASHIONED TO ACTUALLY  
6 HAVE REAL KEYS THAT CAN, AT ANY MOMENT, BE TAKEN OR STOLEN OR  
7 USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES. WHAT'S OUR LONG-TERM PROJECTION OR  
8 PLANS TO REPLACE OLD-FASHIONED KEYS WITH SOMETHING MAYBE MORE  
9 SECURE, MAYBE SOMETHING THAT COULD NOT BE SO READILY JUST  
10 PHYSICALLY TAKEN FROM A STAFF MEMBER?

11  
12 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** HAD THIS BEEN A 2023 BUILD OF A  
13 DETENTION FACILITY, WE WOULD HAVE HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING,  
14 FOR EXAMPLE, CONTROL CENTERS IN WHICH YOU COULD BUZZ DOORS  
15 OPEN AND CLOSED. THAT'S JUST NOT FEASIBLE WITHIN THIS  
16 FACILITY, AND ESPECIALLY IN THE TIME THAT WE NEEDED TO MOVE  
17 THE YOUTH FROM CENTRAL AND THE OTHER LOCATION. HOWEVER, WE  
18 HAVE ALREADY MADE SOME CHANGES IN TERMS OF CHANGING LOCKS  
19 THROUGHOUT JUVENILE HALL, AND THAT PROJECT IS ONGOING. TO YOUR  
20 POINT, WE MAY NOT COMPLETELY GET AWAY FROM SOME KEYS FROM SOME  
21 DOORS, BUT ENSURING THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENT ENTRY AND EXIT  
22 POINTS THAT REQUIRE DIFFERENT KEYS, OR DIFFERENT TYPES OF  
23 KEYS, SO THAT EVEN IF YOU WERE TO GET A HOLD OF ONE PAIR OF  
24 KEYS, THAT COULDN'T LEAD YOU THROUGH ALL OF THE SECURITY  
25 DOORS. THAT PROJECT IS IN THE WORKS, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE



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1 USING DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGY; FOR EXAMPLE, A KEY CARD FOR THE  
2 EXTERIOR DOOR, THEN A PHYSICAL KEY FOR THE NEXT DOOR. AND SO--  
3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND WHAT'S THE TIMELINE, DO YOU THINK, ON  
5 THAT? I MEAN, I THINK ONCE A YOUNG PERSON HAS MADE IT TO THE  
6 WALL AND IS STOPPED BY RAZOR WIRE, I FEEL LIKE THE SYSTEM HAS  
7 FAILED.

8

9 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** SO, THAT PROJECT IS IN PROCUREMENT,  
10 CURRENTLY, IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO DO THE MULTISOURCE. I DO  
11 LOOK FORWARD TO SOME FORMAL FEEDBACK FROM THE INSPECTOR  
12 GENERAL, IN TERMS OF WHAT THE-- I DON'T WANT TO JUMP TO A  
13 CONCLUSION THAT TECHNOLOGY IS WHAT FAILED US HERE. WE MAY FIND  
14 THAT THERE IS A TRAINING COMPONENT. WE MAY FIND THAT THERE'S  
15 A--

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. I HOPE WE GET TO THE  
18 BOTTOM OF THIS BECAUSE, AS I SAY, ONCE SOMEONE HAS MADE IT TO  
19 THE WALL, AND IS SCALING OVER THE WALL, AND IT'S ONLY THE  
20 RAZOR WIRE THAT STOPPED HIM, WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM. WE HAVE A  
21 REAL FAILURE. AND SO, AGAIN, I HOPE WE GET TO THE BOTTOM OF  
22 THIS. AND I'M LOOKING AT FESIA, TOO, BECAUSE I JUST WANT TO  
23 MAKE SURE THAT, JUST LIKE WE DID 24/7 TO GET LOS PADRINOS  
24 READY TO OPEN, I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT ANY OF THE  
25 RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO MAKE THIS FACILITY SAFER, WHETHER



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1 IT'S TRAINING, WHETHER IT'S KEY CARD, WHETHER IT'S NETTING,  
2 THAT IN ANY WAY-- I WAS GIVEN AN ESTIMATE OF MAYBE 18 MONTHS  
3 FOR NETTING, BECAUSE OF OUR PROCUREMENT AND OUR BUREAUCRACY.  
4 SO I'M JUST LOOKING TO YOU, BECAUSE I KNOW WE KNOW HOW TO DO  
5 THINGS BETTER THAN THAT, AND THIS, TO ME, SEEMS A BIT OF AN  
6 ALREADY, IN MY OPINION, A BIT OF A CRISIS, AND A BIT OF-- YOU  
7 KNOW, A LOT OF FAILURES. AGAIN, I REALLY ENTERED INTO A  
8 COVENANT WITH DOWNEY AND SOUTH GATE, THAT THIS FACILITY WOULD  
9 BE SAFE, IT WOULD BE SECURE; THEY WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WE WERE  
10 THERE. SO I'M JUST MAKING SURE THAT IF OUR NEW CHIEF PROBATION  
11 OFFICER HAS SOME RECOMMENDATION, HAS WHAT HE BELIEVES WILL  
12 CORRECT SOME OF THESE FAILURES, THAT CERTAINLY WE'RE ALL  
13 STANDING WITH HIM AND WOULD MOVE THINGS AS QUICKLY AS  
14 POSSIBLE. IS THAT CORRECT?

15  
16 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** ABSOLUTELY, SUPERVISOR.

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

19  
20 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** FESIA, I WANT TO GIVE YOU A FULL REPORT,  
21 BUT I'LL CAVEAT WITH MY INITIAL IMPRESSION OF THE FIRST, BUT  
22 ESPECIALLY THE SECOND AND LAST INCIDENT, IS THE FACT THAT,  
23 INTERNALLY, HAVE TO CONFRONT THE FACT THAT THE HUMAN RESOURCES  
24 COMPONENT, THE STAFFING THAT WE HAVE BEEN SELECTING AND  
25 TRAINING, WE'VE BEEN SELECTING TO PERFORM THE FUNCTION OF



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1 REHABILITATION AND COUNSELING; AND WE HAVE, MIDFLIGHT, BEEN  
2 CONFRONTED WITH HAVING TO STEER IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION, AND  
3 CONFRONT THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE AND SOPHISTICATION THAT IS  
4 BEING PRESENTED TO US. AND SO WE WERE HEADED IN ONE DIRECTION,  
5 AND NOW HAVE HAD TO SAY, WITHOUT ABANDONING OUR COMMITMENT TO  
6 PROVIDING AN ENVIRONMENT FOR REHABILITATIVE PURPOSES, THAT IN  
7 FACT WE HAVE TO BE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER AND SAY, "WE HAVE TO  
8 GEAR UP TO BE ABLE TO MEET THE VIOLENCE OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE  
9 HEAD ON, AND PREVENT ESCAPES." AND DOING THAT MIDFLIGHT HAS  
10 CAUSED SORT OF THESE ERRORS, BUT THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT  
11 THERE IS NO ROOM FOR ANOTHER ONE.

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

14  
15 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, GUILLERMO AND YOUR STAFF, FOR  
16 BEING HERE, AND WE'VE HAD EXTENSIVE CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW TO  
17 IMPROVE SAFETY, SECURITY, AND THAT. AND I KNOW THAT WE HAD  
18 TALKED A LONG TIME AGO ABOUT THE NETTING, AND I THOUGHT THAT  
19 WAS APPROPRIATE BECAUSE, IN MY DISTRICT, WE HAVE A GOLF  
20 COURSE-- DIAMOND BAR-- THAT HAS NETTING THAT IS 40 FEET HIGH.  
21 NONETHELESS, IT WORKS, I GUESS. SO I KNOW IT'S GOING TO TAKE  
22 TIME, BUT I'M ABSOLUTELY SUPPORTIVE OF THAT, AND WANT TO KNOW  
23 IF WE'RE ALSO GOING TO BE ADDING SENSORY LIGHTING AND THINGS  
24 OF THAT NATURE, JUST ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT, AS YOU MOVE ALONG.  
25 YOU SAID YOU HAVE THAT AS ANOTHER POTENTIAL, YOU KNOW, ITEMS



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1 THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE REQUESTING. SO I THINK THOSE KINDS OF  
2 TOOLS WOULD BE READILY ACCESSIBLE TO YOU, TO GET THOSE IN  
3 PLACE. ANY COMMENTS ABOUT ANY OF THE EQUIPMENT NEEDS?

4  
5 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** THANK YOU. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT  
6 THAT THINGS LIKE CAMERAS, LIGHTING, WHILE THERE HAVE ALREADY  
7 BEEN IMPROVEMENTS, THERE IS ROOM FOR MORE, BUT I WANT TO  
8 ENSURE EVERYONE THAT THE FIRST FOUR CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKE  
9 THE PLACE OF SOME OF THOSE. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVING AN ARMED  
10 SECURITY GUARD PHYSICALLY PRESENT 24/7, 365, ON THE EXTERIOR  
11 OF THAT WALL WOULD COMPENSATE FOR ANY LIGHT OR ANYTHING ELSE,  
12 AND SO THAT WE MAY COME BACK AND SAY WE'RE IN A POSITION WHERE  
13 THAT'S NO LONGER NEEDED, BECAUSE WE HAVE THE CAMERAS AND THE  
14 LIGHTING AND THESE OTHER. BUT FOR NOW, WE HAVE THE ACTUAL  
15 PRESENCE OF A POST AT THOSE LOCATIONS.

16  
17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BUT IT'S ON THE EXTERIOR.

18  
19 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** BOTH INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR. SO, THE  
20 EXTERIOR HAS ARMED CONTRACT SECURITY; THE INTERIOR HAS TWO  
21 PEACE OFFICERS WITH O.C.

22  
23 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, JUST A COUPLE OF MORE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE  
24 STAFF RATIO, AND I THINK YOU DESCRIBED-- OR WE UNDERSTAND WHAT  
25 HAPPENED IN THIS LAST ESCAPE, AND THERE WAS A FEMALE. I THINK



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1 SHE WAS THE ONE WHERE THE KEYS WERE TAKEN FROM HER. AND I  
2 UNDERSTAND THAT SHE MAY HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY NEW, AND MAY NOT  
3 HAVE ALL THE TRAINING, BUT I DO WORRY ABOUT THE PHYSICAL SIZE  
4 OF SOME OF THE STAFF THAT ARE THERE, AND MAY NOT HAVE ENOUGH  
5 OTHER STAFF TO HELP OUT, ESPECIALLY FEMALE STAFF, BECAUSE  
6 SOME OF THE FOLKS THERE ARE A LOT-- LET'S JUST FACE IT:  
7 THEY'RE A LOT BIGGER, TALLER, AND PROBABLY VERY IMPOSING, AND  
8 I KNOW THAT I WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE A RELATIVE OF MINE IN THAT  
9 PREDICAMENT. SO I JUST THINK, WHEN YOU DO GET THIS-- WE GET IT  
10 STRAIGHT, I GUESS, WITH THE STAFF, THAT WE REALLY TRY TO DO  
11 EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MATCH UP PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IF IT'S  
12 EVENING OR THOSE KINDS OF SCHEDULES, BECAUSE IT SEEMS THAT  
13 THAT'S WHEN THINGS HAPPEN. THAT'S JUST MY OWN OBSERVATION. I  
14 DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S CORRECT OR NOT, BUT CAN YOU TALK ABOUT  
15 THAT?

16  
17 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** YEAH, THIS IS A DELICATE MATTER, BECAUSE  
18 WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING HAVING APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF STAFF. IN  
19 THIS CASE, WE HAD THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF STAFF. WE HAD A  
20 MIX OF MALE AND FEMALE STAFF. WE HAD EXPERIENCED STAFF WITH  
21 NEWER STAFF. WE HAD SENIOR AND SUPERVISORY STAFF PRESENT.  
22 WHAT WASN'T MATCHED WERE THE PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES OF THE  
23 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE WILLING TO BE VIOLENT. AND WHAT I WILL  
24 SAY IS THAT THIS IS A VERY TOUGH CONVERSATION FOR US TO HAVE  
25 WITH THE COUNTY, BECAUSE I THINK WE HAVE INTENTIONALLY BEEN



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1 SELECTING EMPLOYEES TO BE PROBATION OFFICERS THAT HAVE A WHOLE  
2 SET OF SKILLS TO ENGAGE THE POPULATION, BUT WE HAVE NOT  
3 FOCUSED ON WHETHER THEY'RE ABLE TO PHYSICALLY RESTRAIN FOLKS  
4 THAT ARE WILLING TO CONFRONT THEM WITH VIOLENCE. AND SO THAT'S  
5 SORT OF A LONG WAY TO SAY THAT WE HAVE TO BE HONEST AND  
6 TRANSPARENT WITH EACH OTHER THAT WE HAVE YOUNG MEN WILLING TO  
7 IMPOSE VIOLENCE UPON OUR STAFF, AND HAVE WE SELECTED STAFF  
8 THAT CAN OVERCOME THEIR EFFORTS? AND I WOULD SAY THAT IS AN  
9 OPEN QUESTION FOR ME, AND IT'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING TO REALLY  
10 TAKE A LOOK AT WHO WE'RE HIRING, AND THE TRAINING THAT WE'RE  
11 PROVIDING THEM, AND PART OF THAT IS ENGAGING THE UNION AND  
12 THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT A PROBATION OFFICER SELECTION  
13 PERIOD AND TRAINING SHOULD BE.

14  
15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND JUST THE LAST QUESTION: HOW IS PROGRAMMING  
16 COMING ALONG THERE AT L.P.?

17  
18 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** THIS IS A PROMISING AREA. WE HAVE A  
19 WHOLE LIST OF NEW PROGRAMMING COMING ONLINE. AND IT'S TOUGH  
20 BECAUSE, EVERY TIME, ONE STEP FORWARD, AND THEN WE HAVE AN  
21 INCIDENT LIKE THIS, WHICH JUST TAKES US A STEP BACK. BUT WE  
22 HAVE A DIRECTOR SOLELY IN CHARGE OF PROGRAMMING, WHO HAS NOW  
23 PRESENTED A SERIES OF NEW PROGRAMS FOR US TO BRING ON. I'VE  
24 SIGNED A NUMBER OF THOSE CONTRACTS THAT WE HOPE ARE ONLINE



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1 VERY SOON, SO THAT'S MOVING FORWARD. INCIDENTS LIKE THIS  
2 CERTAINLY DON'T HELP.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND I THINK WITH THE HOLIDAYS COMING, I WOULD JUST  
5 URGE YOU TO CONSIDER DOING MORE FOR THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN,  
6 BECAUSE IT IS A TIME THAT'S HARD FOR THEM, AND IF THEY HAVEN'T  
7 HAD PROGRAMMING OR EVEN THE ABILITY TO SEE THEIR FAMILY  
8 MEMBERS, I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. AND I KNOW I WENT OUT  
9 THERE, AND I'LL WANT TO GO AGAIN.

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11 **GUILLERMO VIERA-ROSA:** YOU'RE RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR THAT.

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13 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS  
16 WANTING TO COMMENT ON THIS. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
17 THAT WOULD LIKE TO WEIGH IN ON THIS ITEM 40?

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19 **SPEAKER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD,  
20 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: WAYNE SPINDLER AND KENT MENDOZA. AS  
21 A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU  
22 WISH TO ADDRESS ITEM 40, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO,  
23 PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE.  
24 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS LENA MALLET. YOU MAY  
2 BEGIN.

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4 **LENA MALLET:** LENA MALLET, WITH THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND.  
5 TODAY'S CONVERSATION [INAUDIBLE] THE EMERGENCY THAT LAYS AT  
6 THE CORE OF THE CHAOS INSIDE LOS PADRINOS. VIOLENCE, SUBSTANCE  
7 ABUSE, AND DESPERATION ARE INEVITABLE-- AND QUITE FRANKLY,  
8 JUSTIFIED-- REACTIONS TO THE CONDITIONS THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE  
9 SUBJECTED TO EACH AND EVERY DAY. TIGHTENED SECURITY ONLY  
10 FURTHER CRIMINALIZES THEIR TRAUMA RESPONSES. THESE BEHAVIORS  
11 ARE ATTEMPTS AT SOFTENING THE EDGES OF SURVIVAL IN A FACILITY  
12 WHERE IT'S MORE LIKELY THAT YOU'LL BE HOSED DOWN WITH O.C.  
13 SPRAY THAN TALK TO A THERAPIST WHEN YOU'RE IN CRISIS; WHERE,  
14 DUE TO INSTITUTIONAL NEGLIGENCE AND INEPTITUDE, THE CERTAINTY  
15 OF A PHONE CALL WITH YOUR ATTORNEY IS AS FRAGILE AS THE  
16 LIKELIHOOD OF A VISIT WITH YOUR MOTHER, DESPITE HER WAITING  
17 OUTSIDE RAZOR-WIRED GATES FOR HOURS; WHERE YOUR EDUCATION,  
18 PRIVACY, CREATIVITY, DIGNITY, AND FIRST NAME ARE HELD HOSTAGE.  
19 WHAT TYPES OF EXPECTATIONS CAN WE EXPECT FOR CHILDREN LIVING  
20 IN THIS TYPE OF CAPTIVITY? THE CHOICE TO APPROVE AN INVESTMENT  
21 OF \$4.14 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL ARMED SECURITY PERSONNEL  
22 REMINDS US THAT THE MONEY IS THERE.

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



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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BYRON GEORGE. YOU MAY  
3 BEGIN. BYRON, GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE'S OPEN.

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HELLO? ANYBODY THERE? OKAY, SHALL WE GO TO  
6 THE NEXT SPEAKER?

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8 **MODERATOR:** SIR, YOU MIGHT HAVE MUTED ON YOUR PHONE. OKAY,  
9 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRYAN  
10 ALEXANDER. YOU MAY BEGIN, SIR.

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12 **SPEAKER:** HI. I'M SUPPOSED TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 5, NUMBER 8,  
13 AND FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

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15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'RE ACTUALLY ON ITEM 40. WE HAVE ALREADY  
16 DONE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE'RE ON ITEM 40 RIGHT NOW.

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18 **SPEAKER:** I WAS IN QUEUE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, AND YOU GUYS  
19 DIDN'T CALL MY NAME. I WAS IN QUEUE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU  
20 GUYS DID NOT CALL MY NAME.

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22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, I'M SORRY. ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. NEXT  
23 SPEAKER FOR ITEM 40.

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1 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL REMOTE SPEAKERS  
2 IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SEEING NO OTHER SPEAKERS ON THE QUEUE,  
5 THIS IS JUST A REPORT THAT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. SO, HEARING  
6 NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU, CHIEF VIERA-  
7 ROSA.

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9 **SUP. SOLIS:** HAPPY THANKSGIVING, CHIEF.

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11 **SPEAKER:** IT'S AN AYE.

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13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, WE WERE NOT VOTING, BUT THAT WAS GOOD.  
14 WE'LL KEEP IT FOR ANOTHER TIME. WE'LL PUT THAT AYE IN OUR  
15 POCKET, AND WE'LL USE IT WHEN WE NEED TO. OKAY, AT THIS TIME,  
16 IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT  
17 POSTED ON THE AGENDA, OR PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF, OR  
18 PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT,  
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU HAVE A SPECIAL.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, I DO, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR  
22 RECOGNIZING ME. THIS RELATES TO THE I-10 FREEWAY FIRE  
23 EMERGENCY RECOVERY, AND THE MOTION-- I'LL JUST READ THE  
24 DIRECTIVES. I THINK THERE HAS BEEN ENOUGH COVERAGE, I THINK,  
25 IN THE PRESS TO TELL FOLKS THAT, OBVIOUSLY, WE'RE VERY PLEASED



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1 THAT IT'S OPEN, AND THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE TO WAIT 3 TO 6 WEEKS,  
2 AND THAT THAT TIME COLLAPSED IN 8 DAYS. WE WERE ABLE TO GET IT  
3 UP AND GOING, AND THERE WAS MUCH COLLABORATION WITH THE  
4 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, AND HE CAME DOWN SEVERAL TIMES TO HELP  
5 DIRECT THAT AND WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE BIDEN  
6 ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS THE MAYOR. I REALLY WANT TO GIVE  
7 KUDOS TO THE MAYOR, BECAUSE SHE WAS ON THE GROUND MANY, MANY  
8 TIMES, AND IT'S JUST KIND OF AMAZING TO HAVE SOMEBODY WHO  
9 REALLY HAS PASSION TO BE ABLE TO HELP SOLVE PROBLEMS,  
10 IMMEDIATELY. SO, I THINK THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES. BUT I'D LIKE TO  
11 READ IN JUST THE DIRECTIVES FOR THE MOTION, AND WE CAN VOTE ON  
12 IT, I THINK, AT THE NEXT MEETING: "WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE  
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
14 TO COORDINATE WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE NECESSARY  
15 ACTIONS TO SUPPORT THE RECOVERY PHASE OF THE COMMUNITIES  
16 IMPACTED BY THE I-10 FREEWAY FIRE. WE FURTHER MOVE THAT THE  
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE THE  
18 FOLLOWING ACTIONS IN COORDINATION WITH CALTRANS, THE CITY OF  
19 LOS ANGELES, AND ANY OTHER SPECIFIC ACTIONS NECESSARY TO  
20 RECOVERY: 1) DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE OF  
21 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO WORK WITH JURISDICTIONAL LEADS,  
22 CALTRANS, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY  
23 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO ASSESS EXPOSURE TO FIRE DEBRIS,  
24 HAZARDOUS WASTE, EMISSIONS RELATED TO THE FIRE, AND INCREASED  
25 CONGESTION RESULTING FROM THE I-10 FREEWAY CLOSURE AND/OR



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1 DETOUR ROUTES, AND IDENTIFY STRATEGIES TO EFFECTIVELY MITIGATE  
2 THEIR NEGATIVE HEALTH EFFECTS; 2) DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, D.C.B.A., IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND PERTINENT AGENCIES  
5 AND OFFICES RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVANCING EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN  
6 THE COUNTY SERVICES, INCLUDING D.C.B.A., OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT  
7 AFFAIRS, THE ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE,  
8 IN COORDINATION WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, CITY  
9 OF LOS ANGELES, AND LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS, INCLUDING BUT NOT  
10 LIMITED TO THE DOWNTOWN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, BUSINESS  
11 IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, TO CONDUCT OUTREACH TO BUSINESS OWNERS  
12 AND WORKERS IMPACTED BY THE FIRE, AND PROVIDE BUSINESS  
13 RECOVERY RESOURCES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CASE  
14 MANAGEMENT, LEGAL REPRESENTATION, SMALL-BUSINESS RECOVERY  
15 SUPPORT IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES, AND WITH AN AIM TO REDUCE  
16 ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS TO MITIGATE LOST EXPERIENCE DUE TO THE  
17 FIRE, ESPECIALLY BY SMALL BUSINESSES; AND 3) AUTHORIZE THE  
18 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR HIS DESIGNEE ON BEHALF OF THE  
19 COUNTY IN ACTING AS THE ROAD COMMISSIONER, THE CHIEF ENGINEER  
20 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, AND THE COUNTY  
21 ENGINEER, TO CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND  
22 RECOVERY ACTIVITIES: WORK WITH CALTRANS AND PERTINENT AGENCIES  
23 TO ENSURE STORMWATER AND RUNOFF POLLUTION CONTROL PRACTICES  
24 ARE IMPLEMENTED DURING FIRE DEBRIS CLEAN-UP AND REPAIR WORK,  
25 DUE TO THE POLLUTANTS CONTAINED IN THE DISCHARGES TO THE



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1 DISTRICT STORM DRAIN AND/OR RECEIVING WATERS; B) DEVELOP A  
2 STRATEGY TO PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT INTEGRATED CORRIDOR  
3 MANAGEMENT-- I.C.M.-- PLANS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CALTRANS AND  
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY--  
5 METRO-- FOR MAJOR FREEWAY CORRIDORS TRANSVERSING  
6 UNINCORPORATED AREAS TO PROACTIVELY INTEGRATE EXISTING AND  
7 FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE, AND STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION ON  
8 OPERATIONS AND INCIDENT RESPONSE; AND 4) INSTRUCT THE CHIEF  
9 EXECUTIVE OFFICE-- C.E.O.-- TO WORK WITH INTERNAL SERVICES  
10 DEPARTMENT, REGIONAL PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS, AND OTHER  
11 RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS TO PREPARE A MAP-BASED INVENTORY OF  
12 CALTRANS-OWNED PROPERTIES LEASED BY ANY OR ALL COUNTY  
13 DEPARTMENTS, ASSESS COMPLIANCE WITH THE LEASE AND TERMS, AND  
14 RECOMMEND CORRECTIVE ACTION IF NEEDED, IF ANY; AND 5) DIRECT  
15 THE C.E.O. TO SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR,  
16 GAVIN NEWSOM, THANKING HIM FOR PROCLAIMING A STATE OF  
17 EMERGENCY FOR THE I-10 FREEWAY FIRE, TO EXPEDITE WORK TO  
18 REPAIR AND REOPEN THE CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION LINK AS SOON AS  
19 POSSIBLE, AND REQUEST HIS CONTINUED SUPPORT WITH FINANCIAL  
20 ASSISTANCE FOR THE RECOVERY PHASE OF THE COMMUNITIES IMPACTED  
21 BY THE FIRE; AND THEN LASTLY, NUMBER 6) DIRECT THE OFFICE OF  
22 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC  
23 WORKS, PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, CONSUMER AND BUSINESS  
24 AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND PERTINENT AGENCIES TO  
25 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN WRITING IN TWO WEEKS ON WHAT



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1 ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND OUTCOMES THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED  
2 TO SUPPORT THE RECOVERY PHASE." JUST BRIEFLY, MEMBERS,  
3 YESTERDAY I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO VISIT THE FACILITY THAT  
4 HAS BEEN PUT IN PLACE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, AND I'M HAPPY TO  
5 REPORT THAT THEY HAD ABOUT, I THINK, OVER 30 SMALL BUSINESSES  
6 THAT ACTUALLY CAME OUT AND SOUGHT SUPPORT. AND THEY HAD  
7 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY BOTH THE COUNTY, AS WELL AS  
8 THE CITY AND S.B.A., AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT, ORIGINALLY, I  
9 THINK WAS ONLY GOING TO BE OPEN FOR YESTERDAY AND TODAY. AND  
10 FOR ME, THAT WAS-- TO ME, THAT'S NOT SUFFICIENT. WE REALLY  
11 HAVE TO HAVE MORE OFFICE HOURS AND ABILITY TO REACH THE  
12 PEOPLE. AND THROUGH COUNCILMEMBER DE LEON, HE ACTUALLY PAID  
13 OUT OF HIS DISCRETIONARY FUND TO RENT THE SPACE FOR A MONTH,  
14 SO WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT AND HAVE OUR  
15 COUNTY RESOURCES THERE. AND SOME OF OUR STAFF TODAY WENT OUT  
16 AND PROVIDED VEGETABLES AND FRUITS, BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE JUST  
17 CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE ANYTHING, AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT ISN'T  
18 REALLY BEING PICKED UP BY THE PRESS, AND PEOPLE ARE  
19 TRAUMATIZED. SO, NOT EVERYONE'S GOING TO HAVE A HAPPY  
20 THANKSGIVING. SOME PEOPLE WILL BE HAPPY THAT THEY GET TO RUN  
21 ON THE HIGHWAY AND GET TO "A" AND "B," BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF  
22 PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED: SMALL BUSINESSES, KOREAN-OWNED  
23 BUSINESSES, IMMIGRANT-OWNED, AND JUST A WHOLE PLETHORA OF  
24 FOLKS. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT WE CAN TAKE THIS UP AT OUR NEXT  
25 MEETING, MADAM CHAIR.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. THAT MOTION WILL BE PLACED ON OUR  
3 DECEMBER 5TH, 2023, AGENDA. THANK YOU FOR THAT, SUPERVISOR  
4 SOLIS. THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS CARING ABOUT THOSE THAT SOMETIMES  
5 AREN'T THE MAIN PART OF THAT STORY. BUT ALSO, KUDOS TO  
6 CALTRANS, WHO REALLY-- THOSE WORKERS WERE AMAZING, AND A LOT  
7 OF OUR UNION WORKERS WERE OUT THERE FIXING THAT SECTION  
8 QUICKLY. I WAS ALSO-- I THOUGHT METRO-- I'M SURE WE'LL TALK  
9 ABOUT IT AT OUR METRO MEETING, BUT I THOUGHT METRO REALLY  
10 STEPPED UP. BUT I'M SURE THERE'S A LOT IN THE PUBLIC THAT  
11 WOULD PICK UP ON THE "WHY DID THOSE BUSES RUN FASTER, AND WHY  
12 WERE THEY CLEANED MORE, JUST FOR THIS? WHY DON'T THEY ALWAYS  
13 RUN FASTER, AND WHY AREN'T THEY ALWAYS CLEANED MORE?" BUT,  
14 HOPEFULLY, WE GOT SOME NEW CUSTOMERS FOR METRO, WHO FOUND IT  
15 TO BE CONVENIENT AND EASY. OKAY... LET'S SEE. WHERE ARE WE  
16 NOW? ARE WE TO ADJOURNMENTS? OKAY. SO, AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD  
17 BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I  
18 BELIEVE YOU WILL START US OFF.

19  
20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, I BELIEVE I  
21 AM. AND WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
22 OF SADIE MAE PORTER. SADIE MAE PORTER WAS BORN ON JANUARY  
23 31ST, 1928, IN CENTERVILLE, ALABAMA, AND PASSED AWAY NOVEMBER  
24 4TH, HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AT THE AGE OF 95. IN 1951, SHE  
25 RELOCATED TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN, TO LIVE WITH HER SISTER. WHILE



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1 IN DETROIT, SHE MET HOWARD R. PORTER, WHOM SHE MARRIED ON JULY  
2 23RD, 1953, AFTER ONLY THREE MONTHS OF DATING. IN 1959, THE  
3 HAPPY COUPLE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES, AND TWO YEARS LATER  
4 THEY WELCOMED THEIR SON, HOWARD, FOLLOWED BY THEIR DAUGHTER,  
5 DYLAN, IN 1964. MS. PORTER WORKED FOR THEODORE HAND  
6 CORPORATION FOR 21 YEARS, BEFORE RETIRING IN 1980. IN 1989,  
7 SHE ADDED TO HER FAMILY BY ADOPTING A DAUGHTER, DEBORAH. MS.  
8 PORTER LIVED ON 101ST AND NORMANDIE IN THE WEST ATHENS-  
9 WESTMONT COMMUNITY FOR 51 YEARS, IN THE HOME SHE PURCHASED  
10 WITH HER HUSBAND. SHE LOVED HER COMMUNITY, AND CONSIDERED HER  
11 NEIGHBORS AS PART OF HER EXTENDED FAMILY. SHE CHECKED IN ON  
12 THEM OFTEN. MS. PORTER WAS A WOMAN OF STRENGTH, STRUCTURE, AND  
13 HARD WORK. SHE LOVED SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY. SHE WILL  
14 BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HER THREE CHILDREN: HOWARD, DYLAN, AND  
15 DEBORAH; FIVE GRANDCHILDREN: ANDRE, DANIELLE, RYAN, SHANAY,  
16 AND XAVIER; AND 8 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN; AND HER SISTER, LOTTIE,  
17 AS WELL AS A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS.  
18 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19  
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. NOW I WOULD ASK THAT WHEN  
21 WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CREIG MICHAELIS, WHO  
22 WAS THE PROUD OWNER OF THE CHEVRON STATION IN SOUTH SHORES, IN  
23 SAN PEDRO, FOR 25 YEARS, WHERE HE TREATED HIS CUSTOMERS LIKE  
24 FAMILY. HE WAS A PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY, AND DEDICATED HIS  
25 TIME TO HELPING THOSE IN NEED. HE SHOWED OTHERS GENEROSITY,



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1 WARMTH, KINDNESS, AND WAS COMMITTED TO MAKING THE WORLD A  
2 BETTER PLACE. LATER IN LIFE, HE PURSUED A CAREER AS A  
3 LONGSHOREMAN, DEMONSTRATING HIS STRONG WORK ETHIC AND  
4 DEDICATION TO HIS FAMILY. HE LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK ON THE  
5 HEARTS OF THOSE WHO WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO KNOW HIM, AND HE  
6 WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS UNWAVERING LOVE AND HIS DEDICATION  
7 TO SERVING OTHERS. CREIG IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE KATHY,  
8 AND THEIR CHERISHED SONS MCCREIGAN, IAN, JORDAN, DESIREE, AND  
9 HIS GRANDKIDS KYLEE, DUPREE, TRINITEE, AND HIS SIBLINGS BILL,  
10 LORNA, KATHY, ROBERTA, AND JOHN. THAT CHEVRON STATION WAS ONE  
11 RIGHT IN THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY, THAT MOST OF US WENT TO.  
12 I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE  
13 MEMORY OF EDDIE NUNEZ. EDDIE WAS A LONGTIME SAN PEDRO RESIDENT  
14 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. HE WAS KIND. HE WAS  
15 GENEROUS. HE WAS A LOVING MAN. HE WAS SO PROUD OF HIS  
16 GRANDCHILDREN, AND WAS THEIR BIGGEST FAN AT EVERY SPORTING  
17 EVENT HE ATTENDED. HE WAS THE HUSBAND, FATHER, PAPA, AND  
18 FRIEND YOU HOPED WOULD STAY IN YOUR LIFE FOREVER. HE WILL BE  
19 DEEPLY MISSED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE OF 62 YEARS,  
20 DOLORES; THREE CHILDREN: EDDIE, RONNIE, AND DEBBIE; FIVE  
21 GRANDCHILDREN; AND FOUR GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. AND I ALSO MOVE  
22 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LARRY  
23 DOWLING, WHO WAS BORN IN LONG BEACH, BUT RAISED IN WILMINGTON.  
24 HE WAS ALSO A LOVING HUSBAND, FATHER, BROTHER, UNCLE, AND  
25 GRANDFATHER. HE LEAVES BEHIND A LEGACY OF ENDURING LOVE AND



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1 FRIENDSHIP. HE WAS A MAN OF MANY TALENTS AND INTERESTS, FROM  
2 TRAVELING THE WORLD, TO CHEERING ON HIS FAVORITE SPORTS TEAMS,  
3 TO INTENDING TIME IN HIS GARDEN. LARRY HAD AN INSATIABLE  
4 APPETITE FOR LEARNING THAT HE PASSED DOWN TO HIS CHILDREN  
5 THROUGH MANY YEARS OF SCIENCE FAIRS AND TRIPS TO THE PUBLIC  
6 LIBRARY. LARRY'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE TERRIE, SONS MATTHEW,  
7 MICHAEL, BRANDON, AND ANDREW, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, NUMEROUS  
8 NIECES AND NEPHEWS, AND SIBLINGS JERRY AND LINDA. AND I ALSO  
9 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LILIAN  
10 FELANDO, WHO WAS 94 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS BORN IN SAN  
11 PEDRO. SHE ATTENDED MARY STAR AND SAN PEDRO HIGH. SHE WORKED  
12 FOR THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MANY YEARS, BUT ONCE SHE  
13 RETIRED, SHE HELPED OUT AT THE SAN PEDRO CAFE, THE SAN PEDRO  
14 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. SHE LOVED BEING  
15 A MEMBER OF THE DALMATIAN AMERICAN CLUB WOMEN'S AUXILIARY, AND  
16 NEVER MISSED THE ANNUAL "SLAV NIGHT" AT THE ELKS. LILIAN WAS  
17 ALWAYS THERE FOR SOMEONE IF SHE KNEW THEY NEEDED HELP. SHE WAS  
18 WELL LOVED AND WILL BE MISSED TREMENDOUSLY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
19 HER THREE SONS, JOSEPH, JESS, AND JOHN; HER SISTER,  
20 ANTOINETTE; AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS: JOHN, RONNIE, MIKE, EVA,  
21 AND NUMEROUS NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS, AND FRIENDS. AND I  
22 KNOW, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHEN YOU ADJOURN FOR FIRST LADY  
23 ROSALYNN CARTER, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THAT,  
24 TOO. OKAY, SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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1   **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
2   DO SO IN MEMORY OF ERIC HARRISON, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF  
3   BURBANK, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97, ON OCTOBER 11TH.  
4   BORN IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, HE WAS THE SECOND CHILD OF IRISH  
5   IMMIGRANTS ROBERT HARRISON AND JESSE MURPHY. AT 17, ERIC  
6   JOINED THE U.S. NAVY TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY DURING WORLD WAR II.  
7   HE ATTENDED NAVAL SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. DURING  
8   THE NORMANDY INVASION, HIS SHIP HIT A MINE THAT RESULTED IN  
9   MANY CASUALTIES. SOON AFTER THAT INCIDENT, ERIC BECAME A  
10   SUBMARINER. AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II, HE WORKED FOR THE U.S.  
11   MERCHANT MARINES. WHEN THE KOREAN WAR BROKE OUT, HE REJOINED  
12   THE NAVY AND SERVED THROUGH THE END OF THE WAR. IN 1953, ERIC  
13   VISITED CALIFORNIA AND DECIDED TO STAY. HE BEGAN A 37-YEAR  
14   CAREER AT THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, AS PRESSMAN. IN 1955, HE MET  
15   AND MARRIED JOY DAVIS. THEY SETTLED IN BURBANK, AND BUILT A  
16   FAMILY CONSISTING OF FIVE CHILDREN. HE LOVED HIS FAMILY, AND  
17   TOOK IMMENSE PRIDE IN BEING A FATHER. ERIC PARTICIPATED AS A  
18   MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER IN MANY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING  
19   CLIFFHANGERS, JOSLYN SENIOR CENTER, THE ELKS, MOOSE LODGE,  
20   I.O.O.B., ROVING ANTLERS, L.A. SPORTS BROADCAST CLUB, LOS  
21   ANGELES TIMES 20 YEAR CLUB, BURBANK R.S.V.P., AND AMERICAN  
22   LUTHERAN CHURCH. ERIC WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LOVING HUSBAND  
23   AND FATHER, AN ADVENTUROUS WORLD TRAVELER, AND DEDICATED  
24   COMMUNITY SERVANT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN MOLLIE,  
25   JEANNE, KARI, ERIC, AND ROBERT, AS WELL AS HIS GRANDCHILDREN



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1 AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
2 ANTHONY "TONY" RALUY, WHO PASSED AWAY OCTOBER 23RD, 2023, AT  
3 THE AGE OF 80. TONY SERVED IN THE U.S. MARINES, AND LIVED BY  
4 THE MANTRA, "ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE." HE AND HIS  
5 BROTHER GEORGE PICKED UP THE MANTLE OF "TONY'S EXPRESS," THE  
6 SMALL TRUCKING COMPANY THEIR FATHER STARTED, AFTER HIS SUDDEN  
7 PASSING. THROUGH THEIR PERSEVERANCE AND HARD WORK, THEY  
8 WATCHED THEIR COMPANY FLOURISH OVER THE 55 YEARS. HE WAS  
9 GROUNDED IN FAITH, FAMILY, AND HARD WORK. HE WAS AN UNASSUMING  
10 MAN WHO LIVED A FULL AND RICH LIFE. TONY WAS IMMENSELY PROUD  
11 OF HIS FAMILY, HIS WIFE KRISTINE AND THREE CHILDREN-- ANTHONY,  
12 LISA, AND MICHELLE-- WHO THEY PUT THROUGH COLLEGE. HE LOVED  
13 THAT HIS SON WAS A LAWYER, AND THAT HIS DAUGHTERS KNEW HOW TO  
14 COOK AND THROW A PARTY. HE WAS VERY OLD-FASHIONED. HE LOVED  
15 WATCHING HIS FAMILY GROW TO INCLUDE SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, AND  
16 FOUND GREAT JOY AS "JIDO" (GRANDFATHER). HE WOULD TAKE HIS  
17 GRANDCHILDREN ON ENDLESS ICE-CREAM RUNS, RIDES IN HIS PICKUP,  
18 AND HAIRCUTS, TO NAME A FEW. HE SHOWED HIS UNWAVERING LOVE OF  
19 HIS FAMILY IN SPECIAL WAYS. HE CLIPPED "LOVE IS" NEWSPAPER  
20 CARTOONS FOR HIS WIFE, KRISTINE, WHICH HE TAPED UP IN THE  
21 KITCHEN BEFORE LEAVING FOR WORK. HE NEVER MISSED AN IMPORTANT  
22 EVENT, EVEN IF IT MEANT PLANE TRIPS, LONG DRIVES, COLD  
23 BLEACHERS, AND CAMPOUTS. HIS HAPPIEST MOMENTS WITH LOVED ONES  
24 WERE TRAVELING, AND HE VISITED MORE THAN 30 COUNTRIES, AND  
25 ROAD-TRIPPED ACROSS 50 STATES. TONY, A LIFELONG TRUCKER, WAS A



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1 MAN'S MAN FILLED WITH STREET SMARTS. TONY WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER  
2 OF BOTH OUR LADY OF MT. LEBANON AND ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE. HE  
3 WAS A GREAT MAN, AND LEAVES BEHIND A GREAT LEGACY. TONY WILL  
4 BE SORELY MISSED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE KRISTINE, HIS  
5 CHILDREN ANTHONY, LISA, AND MICHELLE, WHO IS MY BUDGET AND  
6 ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY, ALONG WITH HIS SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN,  
7 HIS BROTHER GEORGE, AND HIS SISTER CLAUDETTE. ALSO, I MOVE  
8 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT H. PHILIBOSIAN, AN ICONIC  
9 FIGURE IN CALIFORNIA'S LEGAL AND POLITICAL SCENE, WHO PASSED  
10 AWAY ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2023, AT THE AGE OF 83. ROBERT  
11 EARNED HIS B.A. IN HISTORY FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY, AND LATER  
12 A LAW DEGREE FROM SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL. AFTER OBTAINING HIS  
13 LAW DEGREE IN 1967, HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A CORPORATE  
14 HEADHUNTER, AND LATER BECAME A PRACTICING LAWYER, PIVOTING  
15 TOWARD THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. IN 1968, HE EMBARKED ON  
16 HIS JOURNEY WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
17 OFFICE, BECOMING HEAD DEPUTY IN CHARGE OF THE VAN NUYS BRANCH  
18 IN 1979. HE WAS APPOINTED CHIEF ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR  
19 CRIMINAL LAW DIVISION FROM 1979 TO 1982. HE THEN SERVED AS  
20 CALIFORNIA'S CHIEF DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL IN 1982. IN 1982,  
21 ROBERT WAS APPOINTED LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
22 SHAPING THE LEGAL LANDSCAPE OF LOS ANGELES BY CHAMPIONING  
23 CAUSES LIKE TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, CONSUMER  
24 LAW, AND ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT. AFTER LEAVING THE DISTRICT  
25 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, HE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY



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1 ECONOMIC AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION, THE CALIFORNIA COMMISSION  
2 ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AND THE CALIFORNIA WORLD TRADE  
3 COMMISSION. ROBERT JOINED THE FIRM OF MACDONALD, HALSTEAD &  
4 LAYBOURNE, WHICH LATER MERGED WITH BAKER & MCKENZIE. AFTER THE  
5 CLOSURE OF BAKER & MCKENZIE, HE JOINED SHEPPARD MULLIN, A  
6 PRESTIGIOUS GLOBAL FIRM, FIRST AS A PARTNER, THEN AS COUNSEL,  
7 WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL HIS DEATH. HE WAS ALSO FOUNDER OF  
8 CHAPTER 58 OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTPRINT ASSOCIATION,  
9 COMPRISED PRIMARILY OF LAWYERS AND JUDGES. HE WAS A DECADES-  
10 LONG MEMBER OF THE PEACE OFFICERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND  
11 HE SERVED ON ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.  
12 HE WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI EVENTS,  
13 RELIGIOUSLY ATTENDING MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS, AND EMCEEING AT  
14 DINNERS. HE WAS INVOLVED AT THE ARMENIAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND  
15 IN THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY. ROBERT WAS GENEROUS WITH HIS TIME,  
16 MEETING POLITICAL AND JUDICIAL CANDIDATES, PROVIDING ADVICE  
17 AND ENDORSEMENT IF HE WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED. BEYOND HIS  
18 CAREER, ROBERT CHERISHED HIS FAMILY. HE WAS A DEVOTED HUSBAND  
19 TO NANCY PHILIBOSIAN. HIS ENDURING LEGACY SPANS SERVICE,  
20 EDUCATION, AND DEDICATION TO THE LEGAL COMMUNITY. HE WAS A  
21 REMARKABLE FIGURE, MENTOR, AND FRIEND, AND I KNOW HE WILL BE  
22 DEEPLY MISSED BY MANY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE NANCY, THEIR  
23 DAUGHTER JANET, THEIR SON ROBERT, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, AND HIS  
24 SIBLINGS DIANE PHILIBOSIAN-- WHO IS JUST AN INCREDIBLE PERSON



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1 AND VERY INVOLVED WITH THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS--  
2 AND RICHARD PHILIBOSIAN, HIS BROTHER.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** YEAH, I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT.

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. YOU GOT THAT? AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I  
7 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE  
8 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS  
9 BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND WERE  
10 SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE  
11 NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH: THEODORE AB AIR, ARMY;  
12 VICTOR CARUSO ALLEN, ARMY; JACK BERGSTEIN, NAVY; MARILIE  
13 MAUREEN BUEHLER, ARMY; CRAIG CONER, AIR FORCE; JOHN WILLIAM  
14 DUNCAN, MARINE CORPS; STEVEN CHESTER ECKROTH, AIR FORCE; TOMMY  
15 BLYTHAM EVANS, ARMY; WILLIAM GLADNEY, MARINE CORPS; KENNETH  
16 ALLEN HANSEN, ARMY; KERMIT ROOSEVELT HAYES, AIR FORCE; MATTHEW  
17 DOUGLAS HICKMAN, AIR FORCE; JOHN DAVID HICKS, MARINE CORPS;  
18 ROBERT MICHAEL JOSEPH HOGAN, MARINE CORPS; GILBERT GREGORY  
19 JONES III, ARMY; JOHN HENRY STEVEN JUMELET, ARMY; ROBERT JAMES  
20 MAKI, NAVY; BRIAN JAMES MOONEY, NAVY; SCOTT ASSHETON MORGAN,  
21 MARINE CORPS; DARRELL PITTS, ARMY; MICHAEL FREDERICK SAVICZ,  
22 MARINE CORPS; JOHN GREGORY SHAWN, ARMY; MARVIN WILLIAM SWESEY,  
23 ARMY; DEAN CHARLES THOMAS, AIR FORCE; BERTRAND LEON THOMPSON,  
24 AIR FORCE; ERIC JAMES WALLACE, ARMY; NELSON EARL WASHINGTON  
25 II, NAVY; AND BRUCE WITTKIN, ARMY. THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND



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1 SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

2 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:**, YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
7 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MAGDALENA BECERRA.  
8 MY DEAREST AUNT, MAGDALENA BECERRA, ALSO KNOWN AS TIA MAYA,  
9 PASSED AWAY ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, IN THE CITY OF MEXICO  
10 CITY, AT THE AGE OF 96. MY AUNT TAUGHT ME MANY THINGS: HARD  
11 WORK, THE VALUE OF EDUCATION, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY THE NEED TO  
12 HAVE COMPASSION, AND LASTLY, TO LAUGH. LAUGHTER WAS ONE OF HER  
13 BIG, I THINK, AREAS THAT REALLY BROUGHT JOY TO EVERYBODY. SHE  
14 WAS A DEVOUT ROMAN CATHOLIC WHO INSTILLED IN HER FAMILY THE  
15 VALUES OF SERVICE TO OTHERS, AND WHEN OUR FAMILY WOULD GO ON  
16 ROAD TRIPS WITH HER, THE FIRST THING SHE WOULD DO WAS HAVE US  
17 DO A PRAYER, SO THAT WE WOULD HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY. SHE ALWAYS  
18 LOOKED OUT FOR HER LOVED ONES IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE WAS A  
19 GREAT SUPPORT SYSTEM THROUGHOUT MY LIFE AND MY SIBLINGS', AND  
20 ESPECIALLY DURING THE TIME THAT I HAVE SERVED IN ELECTED  
21 OFFICE. I RECALL, DURING MY FIRST SWEARING-IN CEREMONY HERE AT  
22 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SHE CAME FROM MEXICO CITY WITH HER  
23 FAMILY, AND SAT RIGHT IN THE FRONT ROW, ALONGSIDE MY MOTHER.  
24 DESPITE HER AGE, SHE ALWAYS WAS ENTHUSIASTIC TO TRAVEL TO  
25 WHERE I WAS, WHICH WAS VERY INTERESTING. SHE VISITED ME IN



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1 WASHINGTON, D.C., WHEN I WAS IN THE CONGRESS SEVERAL TIMES,  
2 DESPITE THE FREEZING COLD. AND WHEN I WAS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3 LABOR, I RECALL WE HAD A VISIT TO MEXICO CITY, AND UPON HER  
4 LEARNING, SHE SAID, "WELL, LET'S MEET YOU AT THE HOTEL WHERE  
5 YOU'RE GOING TO BE AT." AND SO WE DID, AND IT WAS A VERY  
6 OPPORTUNE TIME, BECAUSE SHE GOT TO MEET THEN-VICE PRESIDENT  
7 BIDEN. AND THIS VERY TOWERING MAN, OVER SIX FEET-- AND SHE IS  
8 ABOUT 4'8"-- LOOKS IMMEDIATE DOWN AT HER AND SEES THIS BIG  
9 GOLD MEDALLION, AND IT IS THE MEDALLION OF THE VIRGIN OF  
10 GUADALUPE. SO THEY CAN'T TALK TO EACH OTHER, BECAUSE HE  
11 DOESN'T SPEAK SPANISH, SHE DIDN'T SPEAK ENGLISH. AND HE POINTS  
12 TO THAT, AND SAYS, "OH, THAT'S NICE. I, TOO, AM VERY DEVOUT  
13 AND A FOLLOWER OF HER." AND HE BEGINS TO PULL OUT OF HIS  
14 POCKET A SMALL ROSARY, AND SHARES IT WITH HER, AND THEN THEY  
15 BOTH-- HE GIVES HER HIS TRADITIONAL KISS ON THE HEAD, TO MY  
16 AUNT, AND YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST SEEN MY AUNT. SHE WAS JUST--  
17 YOU KNOW, SHE WENT TO HEAVEN THAT DAY. BUT TIA MAYA WAS  
18 SOMEBODY WHO WAS VERY SPECIAL, ALSO, TO MY FAMILY, PERSONALLY,  
19 AND SHE WAS SOMEONE WHO, AT A YOUNG AGE, WAS STUDYING TO BE AN  
20 OPERA SINGER; HOWEVER, SHE NEVER WAS ABLE TO FOLLOW THAT LINE.  
21 IN THOSE DAYS, IT WAS VERY HARD FOR WOMEN TO LEAVE AND GO  
22 STUDY ABROAD. IT WAS SOMETHING THAT JUST DIDN'T HAPPEN. BUT  
23 SHE HAD THAT VOICE, AND I WILL NEVER FORGET, WHEN MY FATHER  
24 WAS PASSING, SHE CAME TO KAISER, AND AS HE WAS LAYING THERE--  
25 HE COULDN'T SPEAK-- SHE STARTED SINGING TO HIM, AND MY FATHER



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1    STARTED NODDING. SO THAT WAS LIKE AN ANGEL; JUST, "HERE IS MY  
2    PRAYER, AND GOD BLESS YOU, RAUL SOLIS." SO WE ALL REMEMBER  
3    THAT. SHE TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES IN A SPECIAL WAY, AND LEFT A  
4    LARGE FAMILY AND MANY GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.  
5    SHE HAS JUST FILLED OUR HEARTS WITH SO MUCH, AND WE MISS HER.  
6    THANK YOU. MY LAST ADJOURNMENT, MADAM CHAIR, IS ANOTHER ONE  
7    THAT I THINK IS VERY CLOSE FOR SOME OF US. I WANT TO ADJOURN  
8    IN THE MEMORY OF ELEANOR ROSALYNN SMITH CARTER. FORMER FIRST  
9    LADY ROSALYNN CARTER WAS BORN IN PLAINS, GEORGIA, ON AUGUST  
10    THE 18TH, 1927, THE ELDEST OF FOUR CHILDREN AND LIFETIME  
11    PARTNER TO PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER. SHE PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER  
12    19TH AT THE AGE OF 96. THE LONG-LIVED NATION'S FIRST LADY,  
13    ROSALYNN INSPIRED THE NATION. SHE WAS A CHAMPION FOR EQUAL  
14    RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS, AN ADVOCATE FOR  
15    MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND WELLNESS, AND A  
16    SUPPORTER OF CAREGIVERS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. SHE  
17    HELPED EXPAND THE ROLE OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S WIFE, AS SHE  
18    SAT IN ON WHITE HOUSE CABINET MEETINGS, SPOKE FREELY, AND  
19    PUSHED FOR MENTAL HEALTH REFORM. IN 1977, ONLY MONTHS INTO HER  
20    HUSBAND'S TERM, SHE JOINED A DELEGATION OF LATIN AMERICA TO  
21    SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS. THAT'S WHEN I LEARNED SHE WAS FLUENT IN  
22    SPANISH. I KNEW WHO WAS THE SECRET WEAPON, AT THAT TIME. IN  
23    THE FOLLOWING YEAR, FIRST LADY ROSALYNN CARTER ALSO VISITED A  
24    NEW DELHI BOARDING SCHOOL TO PROMOTE ACCESS TO EDUCATION IN  
25    RURAL COMMUNITIES. HER POLITICAL INSTINCTS AND HER IRON WILL,



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1 CONTRASTED WITH HER OUTWARDLY SHY DEMEANOR, INSPIRED HER  
2 NICKNAME IN THE WHITE HOUSE AS "CO-PRESIDENT," AND TO THE  
3 PRESS AS "STEEL MAGNOLIA." DURING MY INTERNSHIP IN THE CARTER  
4 ADMINISTRATION IN 1978, I HAD THE HONOR TO WORK ALONGSIDE WITH  
5 HER OFFICE AND HER ON ADDRESSING MANY, MANY ISSUES. AS  
6 HONORARY CHAIRWOMAN OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON MENTAL  
7 HEALTH, I ALSO HAD THE HONOR TO JOIN HER WHEN SHE TESTIFIED  
8 BEFORE THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH, TO EXPAND MENTAL  
9 HEALTH. HER WORK RESULTED IN THE PASSAGE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH  
10 SYSTEMS ACT, BACK IN 1980. AND IN 2007, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY  
11 TO WITNESS HER TESTIMONY DURING MY CONGRESSIONAL YEARS, WHEN  
12 SHE SPOKE ON THE NEED TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE.  
13 THROUGHOUT PRESIDENT CARTER'S TIME IN OFFICE, I RECALL HE  
14 OFTEN CONSULTED WITH ROSALYNN ON HER INPUT, FREQUENTLY QUOTING  
15 HER IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ADVISORS, AND BOMBARDED HER WITH MEMOS  
16 TO GET HER FEEDBACK. AFTER PRESIDENT CARTER'S TERM ENDED,  
17 ROSALYNN REMAINED STEADFASTLY COMMITTED TO PUBLIC SERVICE. SHE  
18 CO-FOUNDED THE CARTER CENTER IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, TO CONTINUE  
19 HER WORK ALONGSIDE PRESIDENT CARTER. SHE CHAIRED THE CENTER'S  
20 ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, AND RAISED FUNDS FOR  
21 EFFORTS TO AID PEOPLE, AND SHE WAS RELENTLESS. I CAN'T TELL  
22 YOU HOW MANY TIMES SHE CALLED ME AT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,  
23 PERSONALLY, WANTING TO SPEAK TO ME, AND ALMOST SCOLDING ME,  
24 LIKE, "YOU NEED TO DO THIS, SECRETARY SOLIS." SHE ALSO LED  
25 MANY HUMANITARIAN MISSIONS, BUILDING HOUSES FOR HABITAT FOR



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1 HUMANITY AND PROMOTING PUBLIC HEALTH. SHE OFTEN EXPANDED HER  
2 ROLE IN DEMOCRACY BY CAMPAIGNING, SOMETIMES SEPARATELY, TO  
3 ENCOURAGE VOTERS TO GET OUT THE VOTE, AND SHE DID THAT TO  
4 PROMOTE LATINO VOTER PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA,  
5 WHICH WAS QUITE AMAZING. MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES GO TO HER  
6 CHILDREN: JACK, CHIP, JEFF, AND AMY; 11 GRANDCHILDREN; AND 14  
7 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. FORMER FIRST LADY ROSALYNN CARTER'S  
8 DEDICATION TO THE NATION, AND HUMBLE LEADERSHIP, WILL ALWAYS  
9 BE REMEMBERED. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR DOING THAT. I  
12 KNOW YOU REACHED OUT TO ME RIGHT AWAY, AS SOON AS YOU HEARD OF  
13 HER PASSING, THAT YOU WANTED TO ADJOURN OUR MEETING IN HER  
14 HONOR. AND SHE AND PRESIDENT CARTER WERE JUST SUCH A POWER  
15 COUPLE, IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD, AND SHE REALLY DID  
16 REDEFINE WHAT IT MEANT TO BE A FIRST LADY. SHE WAS ALWAYS A  
17 SOUTHERN LADY, WITH HER VOICE, AND SHE JUST HAD SO MUCH  
18 HOSPITALITY, YOU COULD SEE, IN EVERYTHING SHE DID, AND HOW SHE  
19 TREATED PEOPLE. AND YOU DID MENTION IT, BRIEFLY. I CERTAINLY  
20 WAS NEVER IN A CABINET MEETING WITH HER, OR NEVER IN A HIGH-  
21 PROFILE MEETING WITH HER, BUT I DID WORK WITH HER, SIDE-BY-  
22 SIDE, ON SEVERAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SITES HERE IN LOS  
23 ANGELES. THE JIMMY CARTER WORK PROJECT CHOOSES A PROJECT IN  
24 CITIES, INTERNATIONALLY, AND SEVERAL HAVE BEEN-- ONE OF THEM  
25 WAS IN WATTS, AND ONE OF THEM WAS IN SAN PEDRO. AND, YEAH, AND



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1 SO SHE WORKED ON THE PROJECT, JUST LIKE JIMMY CARTER DID.  
2 EVERY DAY, THEY WOULD SHOW UP IN THEIR LEVIS. AND SHE HAD A  
3 LITTLE RED HANDKERCHIEF AROUND HER NECK, AS HE DID, AND SHE  
4 WIELDED THE TOOLBELT, AND ACTUALLY HAMMERED AND SAWED AND  
5 NAILED AT EACH AND EVERY PROJECT, AND I HAD THE PLEASURE OF  
6 WORKING ALONGSIDE BOTH OF THEM AT SEVERAL PROJECTS HERE IN  
7 L.A. COUNTY. SO SHE WAS A TRUE PATRIOT, A GREAT AMERICAN, AND  
8 EVERY FIRST LADY THAT GOES BEHIND HER OWES HER A HUGE DEBT OF  
9 GRATITUDE FOR SHOWING WHAT THAT POSITION ACTUALLY CAN BE. SO,  
10 THANK YOU. OKAY, THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE ALL THOSE MOTIONS AS  
11 SECONDED, AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE,  
12 THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. I JUST WANTED TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY  
13 HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING. LET'S ALWAYS REMEMBER THOSE  
14 WHO, YOU KNOW, DON'T HAVE ALL THE BLESSINGS THAT SOMETIMES WE  
15 TAKE FOR GRANTED. I KNOW MY OFFICE, AND I AM SURE YOURS, HAVE  
16 BEEN INVOLVED IN SEVERAL TURKEY GIVEAWAYS. WE HAVE MADE SURE  
17 THAT MANY MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY ARE GOING TO HAVE SOMETHING  
18 THAT THEY MIGHT NOT HAVE HAD, OTHERWISE. AND SO, JUST WANT TO  
19 WISH EVERYBODY A BLESSED THANKSGIVING. THIS IS GOING TO BE--  
20 AS CHAIR, WELL, IT IS THE LAST FULL BOARD MEETING THAT I WILL  
21 BE PRESIDING ON AS YOUR ILLUSTRIOUS CHAIR. WE HAVE ONE MORE  
22 PUBLIC HEARING NEXT WEEK, BUT I DON'T CONSIDER THAT A FULL-ON  
23 BOARD MEETING, SO THIS IS THE LAST ONE. CELIA THINKS IT'S GONE  
24 BY FAST; I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN SAY THAT. BUT ANYWAY, IT'S  
25 WINDING DOWN, SO-- I KNOW. SO LET'S, AGAIN, HAVE A GREAT



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1    THANKSGIVING, AND THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. THE NEXT  
2    MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING  
3    AND CLOSED SESSION, TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 28TH AT 9:30 A.M.,  
4    AND THEN A REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 5TH,  
5    2023. AND THE LORD WILLING, DISTRICT 3, LINDSEY HORVATH, WILL  
6    TAKE THIS GAVEL. TAKE THIS CUP FROM ME, DEAR LORD. SO, HAPPY  
7    THANKSGIVING. GOODBYE. [BANGS GAVEL] HAVE A NICE LIFE.

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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

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5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors November 21, 2023, were  
6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and  
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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
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10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
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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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