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BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024, 9:30 AM

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR REGULARLY-SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2024. WE TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, THE EXPECTATIVE OFFICER AND THE SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE'LL BEGIN TODAY'S BOARD MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND ORIGINALLY AND STILL INHABITED AND CARED FOR BY THE TONGVA, TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH, AND CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS AND DESCENDANTS PAST, PRESENT, AND EMERGING, AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION RESULTED IN LAND SEIZURE, DISEASE, SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY, RELOCATION, BROKEN PROMISES, GENOCIDE, AND MULTIGENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION AND TO ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO

GROWING AND SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE PEOPLES AND LOCAL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING (IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER) THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, GABRIELINO TONGVA INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COUNCIL, GABRIELENO/TONGVA SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS KIZH NATION, SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, SAN FERNANDO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FIRST PEOPLES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THE INVOCATION TODAY WILL BE LED BY JOSH WHALEN LEAD PASTOR OF THE HARBOR CHURCH IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WHICH WILL BE HELD BY RICKY VALENZUELA, FORMER E-5 UNITED STATES ARMY IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

PASTOR JOSH WHALEN: HEAVENLY FATHER, CREATOR OF ALL, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS NEW YEAR. WE THANK YOU FOR THIS NEW DAY. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR AS YOU CONTINUE TO LEAD IN YOUR FAITHFULNESS FOR 2024. I ALSO THANK YOU FOR THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THEIR STAFF THAT SERVE OUR COMMUNITY. YOUR FIRST WORD SAYS TIMOTHY I, 1-2 THAT I URGE YOU THEN FIRST OF ALL, PETITIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING BE MADE FOR ALL PEOPLE, FOR KINGS AND ALL THOSE IN AUTHORITY, THAT WE MAY LIVE PEACEFUL AND QUIET LIVES IN ALL

GODLINESS AND HOLINESS. SO FATHER, TODAY IN AGREEMENT WITH YOUR WORD AND WITH GREAT HONOR WE LIFT UP AND PRAY FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MAY THE BURDEN THEY CARRY FOR THIS CITY BE LIGHT AS THEY LEAD. MAY THEY BE DIRECTED BY YOUR SPIRIT IN THE WAYS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. FATHER, THE ISSUES THAT PLAGUE THIS COUNTY ARE GREAT, LORD, BUT WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE GREATER AND WE PRAY FOR YOUR WISDOM TO GUIDE THEM AS THEY LOOK TO HELP THOSE FACING HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND DRUG ADDICTION. WE REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE CURRENT REALITY AND BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE BETTER THINGS IN STORE. SO HELP US AND OUR COUNTY'S SUPERVISORS TO HEAR FROM YOU AND TO FOLLOW YOUR LEADING AS THEY SEEK TO APPOINT INDIVIDUALS TODAY TO SPECIAL COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, SPECIAL DISTRICTS. HELP THEM APPOINT THOSE THAT YOU HAVE SET IN PLACE, THOSE WHO HAVE HONOR, INTEGRITY AND COMMITMENT TO THOSE THEY SERVE. JUST AS YOUR SON DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE, MAY THOSE IN AUTHORITY AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN THIS COUNTY SHARE THAT SAME MINDSET. SO LORD, TODAY WE PRAY FOR SUPERVISORS SOLIS, MITCHELL, HORVATH, HAHN, BARGER AND THEIR STAFF AS WELL AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND THEIR STAFF FOR STRENGTH, WISDOM AND COURAGE TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT. IN THE NAME OF YOUR SON JESUS WE PRAY, AMEN.

RICKY VALENZUELA: I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT

STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY ASK JUSTICE FOR ALL.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. I'M VERY PLEASED TO INTRODUCE TO ALL OF US PASTOR JOSH WHALEN, THE LEAD PASTOR AT THE HARBOR CHURCH IN LOMITA. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT LOVELY PRAYER WHERE YOU REALLY COVERED EVERYTHING FOR US. IT WAS VERY MEANINGFUL. JOSH IS A NATIVE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BORN AND RAISED IN HARBOR CITY. HE'S ATTENDED THE HARBOR CHURCH SINCE THE AGE OF 3 GROWING UP THROUGH ITS MINISTRY AND BECOMING A YOUTH INTERN AT THE AGE OF 13. FOLLOWING A FEW JOBS OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH, HE JOINED THE HARBOR CHURCH AS THE FULL-TIME YOUTH PASTOR IN 2010. PASTOR JOSH HAS SERVED IN MANY DIFFERENT ROLES AT THE CHURCH BEFORE BECOMING LEAD PASTOR IN 2022. THE HARBOR CHURCH IS COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, HOSTING FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND PARTNERING WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND NON-PROFITS TO HELP PROVIDE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED. HE CURRENTLY LIVES IN LOMITA WITH HIS WIFE ANDREA AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN. PASTOR JOSH, THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING AND FOR YOUR DEDICATION IN HELPING OTHERS. IT'S MY HONOR TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS CERTIFICATE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AND NOW WOULD YOU PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING SERGEANT RICKY VALENZUELA FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. SERGEANT VALENZUELA SERVED

IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 2005 TO 2012. DURING HIS SERVICE HE RECEIVED THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL, THE ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICES MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL, IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH CAMPAIGN STAR, NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RIBBON, ARMY SERVICE AND OVERSEAS RIBBONS AND COMBAT INFANTRY DRIVER MECHANIC BADGES. HE HAS CONTINUED HIS SERVICE AS A VETERAN CLAIMS ASSISTANT 3 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, SOMETHING THAT IS AN INCREDIBLY VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR OUR VETERANS LIVING IN LA COUNTY. SO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK YOU DO. HE NOW LIVES IN THE CITY OF PALMDALE WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER. SERGEANT VALENZUELA, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION AND FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, I'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE'LL NOW HAVE THE PET PRESENTATION BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: ALL RIGHT. SO WHAT I SAY IS IF YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WAS TO OPEN YOUR HEART, HOME, TO A NEW PET, THERE'S SOMEONE I WOULD LIKE YOU TO MEET. THIS IS JAZZY. OH MY GOODNESS. A 9-WEEK-OLD PIT BULL PUPPY. SHE IS CURRENTLY STAYING AT THE DOWNEY ANIMAL CARE CENTER AND IS LOOKING FOR A

FOREVER HOME. HI, BABY. IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADOPT JAZZY, CALL (562)940-6898 BUT YOU CAN ALSO DROP BY THE DOWNEY ANIMAL CARE CENTER MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY FROM 11 TO 5:00 P.M. I'M GOING TO HOLD -- THIS IS JAZZY. AND I HAVE TO SAY, PIT BULLS ARE INCREDIBLE PETS WHEN PROPERLY TRAINED. AND SO I WOULD TELL YOU THAT THIS IS A PUPPY THAT WAS UP IN OUR OFFICE AND IS VERY LOVING AND IS LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME. AND NOW I'D LIKE TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SCREEN TO INTRODUCE A DOG FROM OUR PALMDALE SHELTER. AS I'VE SAID, OUR PALMDALE AND LANCASTER SHELTER ARE VERY MUCH IN NEED OF PEOPLE TO COME AND EITHER ADOPT OR FOSTER. I WANT YOU TO MEET TANYA, A 5-YEAR-OLD PIT BULL MIX. THE ANIMAL CARE CENTERS ARE VERY CROWDED, AS I'VE SAID, IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND THERE IS AN INCREDIBLE NEED FOR LOVING FAMILIES. SO IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING TANYA, YOU CAN CALL THE PALMDALE CARE CENTER AT (661)575-2888. AND AGAIN, THIS IS JAZZY, FOR ANYONE OUT IN THE AUDIENCE THAT WOULD LIKE TO TAKE HER HOME AND GIVE HER A FOREVER HOME. WITH THAT, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT, WE'LL MOVE ON TO TODAY'S AGENDA. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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

SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 13, 2024, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON PAGE 3, CONSENT CALENDAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 2-12. ON ITEM 2 THIS INCLUDES AN ADDITION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 3 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THIS BE HELD. ON ITEM 4, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 6 THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 9, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 10, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 11, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 13, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 13-58. ON ITEM 14, SUPERVISOR BARGER IS RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308 BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN $250 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM ERNESTO CAMACHO WHO IS A PARTY PARTICIPANT OR AN AGENT OF A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING. ON ITEM 16, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 19 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 23 THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR THE REPORT. ON ITEM 24 THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 23,

2024. ON ITEM 34, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 41, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 56A, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 56B, SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO REVISE HER MOTION TO ADD SUPERVISOR HAHN AS A CO-AUTHOR. ON PAGE 42, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 45, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES AND REFER BACKS THROUGH 1P ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. THAT WILL BE OFFER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

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

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: TODAY WE'LL BEGIN WITH ITEM 3, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 4, 7, 9, 11, 19, 23, 34 AND FINISHING WITH ITEM 56A FOLLOWED BY THE REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD

AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL (877)226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARDROOM, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS HELD BY THE SUPERVISORS AND UP TO A TOTAL OF 3 MINUTES ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR A TOTAL OF 6 MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING. PLEASE NOTE, ONCE YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED WE WILL IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE MONITOR YOUR TIME AND THE ITEMS YOU'RE SIGNING UP FOR AS YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE CALLED ONCE YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, WHEN THE BOARD MOVES TO THE ITEM YOU WISH TO ADDRESS PROMPTLY PUSH 1 THEN 0 TO BE ENTERED INTO THE SPEAKING QUEUE. REMEMBER TO . TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON YOUR DEVICE AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU OR THERE WILL BE ECHO. YOU WILL NEED TO PRESS 1 THEN 0 FOR EACH ITEM ON WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. TO ENSURE WE HEAR FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS WE WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING QUEUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM 3, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO SUPPORT THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CENTER FOR TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY EXCELLENCE, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR BARGER, I TURN IT TO YOU

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. OUR BOARD HAS ACTED PREVIOUSLY TO SUPPORT AND PRIORITIZE THE CENTER OF TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY EXCELLENCE AND ADVERTISE TO WORK WITH METRO TO ADVANCE THIS DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO THE ENTIRE COUNTY. LAST APRIL AT THE BOARD MEETING AT METRO, METRO'S PROJECT TEAM PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THEIR WORK AND ANNOUNCED THAT A SITE ON THE LAWA PROPERTY IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WAS IDEAL AND A SUITABLE LOCATION. IN RESPONSE TO THAT UPDATE, THE METRO BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED MY MOTION TO PURSUE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTNER1 AGENCIES TO ENSURE THE PROJECTS CONTINUED MOMENTUM. BEFORE US TODAY AS A RESULT OF THAT DIRECTION, AN

MOU BETWEEN THE COUNTY, LA METRO AND THE CITY OF PALMDALE THAT OUTLINES THE SHARED OBJECTIVES BETWEEN PARTIES TO LEAD THIS EFFORT INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUITABLE GOVERNANCE MODEL, ADVANCEMENT OF A LAND USE STRATEGY, INCLUSIVE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCES AND ENTITLEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF A FINANCIAL PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT. THIS IS A TRULY TRANSFORMATIONAL PROJECT OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE THAT COULD SERVE TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN UNITED STATES. THE PROJECT PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES ARE INCREDIBLE. IT'S ESTIMATED IT'S GOING TO BRING $11.5 BILLION IN TOTAL ECONOMIC RETURN INCLUDING $6.7 BILLION IN RETAIL AND HOTEL SALES OVER THE FIRST 10 YEARS AND THE CREATION OF 114,000 DIRECT AND INDIRECT JOBS. WHILE WE ARE STILL VERY MUCH IN THE EARLY STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROJECT, THE OPPORTUNITY IN FRONT OF US IS TREMENDOUS. THIS PROJECT WILL POTENTIALLY BE TRANSFORMATIVE FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY BUT I SAY FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BRING NOT ONLY JOBS BUT ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO THE COUNTY. COLLABORATION WILL BE CRUCIAL TO THIS PROJECT'S SUCCESS AND THIS MOU IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN SOLIDIFYING THAT. I WANT TO COMMEND OUR COUNTY STAFF, METRO AND THE CITY OF PALMDALE FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS AND THE OTHER MEMBERS WHO SIGNED UP TO BE A PART OF THE PROJECTS CONSORTIUM AND WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THIS EFFORT FROM SECTORS INCLUDING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, OUR LABOR PARTNERS AND UNIONS, EDUCATION, NON-PROFIT AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. AND I WOULD

BE REMISS IF I DID NOT ACKNOWLEDGE MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS BOARD'S STAFF WHO HAVE ALSO PLAYED AN INSTRUMENTAL ROLE AS WE'VE MOVED FORWARD WIHT THIS AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU AS WELL AS YOUR STAFF FOR THE COLLABORATION IN MAKING THIS HAPPEN. SO WITH THAT I WOULD ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE, AGAIN, WHILE IT'S GOING TO REPRESENT THE NORTH COUNTY, IT'S GOING TO BENEFIT THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS GREAT. WE ARE BRINGING MANUFACTURING BACK TO LA COUNTY. IT'S FANTASTIC. AND THE CENTER FOR TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY EXCELLENCE WHEN COMPLETE REALLY WILL MAKE LA COUNTY THE LEADER IN THE NATION FOR BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF BUSES AND TRAINS. RIGHT NOW, FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW, WHEN METRO WANTS TO BUY NEW RAIL VEHICLES FOR OUR GROWING RAIL NETWORK, THEY HAVE TO GIVE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF OUR HARD EARNED TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO COMPANIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A RAIL VEHICLE MANUFACTURER HERE IN LA TO COMPETE FOR THESE CONTRACTS. AND THIS WILL CHANGE THAT. AND WHAT BETTER PLACE TO STAND UP A MAJOR BUS MANUFACTURING FACILITY THAN RIGHT HERE IN LA COUNTY? WE KNOW IT'S OUT THERE IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, BUT AS YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR BARGER, THIS REALLY WILL BENEFIT ALL OF LA COUNTY. AND BECAUSE YOU KNOW, METRO OPERATES ONE OF THE

NATION'S LARGEST BUS NETWORKS, SO AGAIN, THIS IS SO GREAT. AND THIS REALLY EMBODIES THE BUILT IN AMERICA CONCEPT, PHILOSOPHY THAT I KNOW OUR NATION -- AND I THINK THIS WILL ALSO BRING MORE FEDERAL DOLLARS OUR WAY BECAUSE THAT IS A BUILT-IN CRITERIA FOR MANY OF THE PROJECTS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WANTS TO FUND. IT'S ALL ABOUT BEING BUILT IN AMERICA. SO I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS, SUPERVISOR BARGER. WE WANT TO BE RIGHT THERE WITH YOU ALONGSIDE OF YOU AS WE TAKE EACH STEP TO SEE THIS COME TO FRUITION. IT'S A GREAT VISION FOR US. IT'S A GREAT PROJECT AND YOU HAVE MY FULL SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YES, I ALSO WANT TO JOIN IN AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR YOUR WORK, YOUR LEADERSHIP. THIS HAS BEEN AN ONGOING EFFORT I THINK ON BEHALF OF METRO AND LA COUNTY TO CREATE MORE JOBS. AND I'M A LITTLE SELFISH BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE, GEE, YOU KNOW, I KNOW THAT THERE WAS A THOROUGH STUDY AND FEASIBILITY TO FIGURE OUT WHERE TO DO IT BUT LAND AND PROPERTY IS ALWAYS A BIG ISSUE. AND SO I'M HAPPY THAT IT'S IN LA COUNTY AND THAT IT'S GOING TO HELP CREATE MORE JOBS. AND I KNOW THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I HOPE THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE WITH THIS JOB CREATION CENTER IS THAT WE REALLY LOOK AT CONTINUING TO HAVE LOCAL HIRE REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS ENSURING

THAT WE PROVIDED ADEQUATE JOB TRAINING AND SECOND CHANGE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. BECAUSE AS WE ATTRACT PEOPLE TO THE PORTION OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY'S INCLUDED. AND I KNOW YOU KNOW THAT. AND PART OF IT MEANS ALSO EMPHASIZING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FOR WOMEN AND FOR GIRLS IN THESE NON-TRADITIONAL SPACES. SO I KNOW IT CAN HAPPEN. IT'S ACHIEVABLE AND I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS AND WANT TO WORK TO HELP TO SEE THAT WE REALLY DO REACH OUR EQUITY AND EQUITABLE GOALS ON THE PROJECTS. SO THANK YOU MUCH AND I SUPPORT THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND THANKS TO SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO THIS PROJECT AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM'S DEDICATION TO BRINGING IT TO LIFE. LA METRO TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN UNITED STATES AND MANUFACTURERS HAVE BEEN SENDING THEIR VEHICLES TO PUEBLO, COLORADO FOR YEARS, ADDING SIGNIFICANT TIME AND COST TO OUR PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS. SO STANDING UP A CENTER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY MAKES FINANCIAL SENSE. IT'S PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS AND WOULD BE A BOON FOR THE REGION IN TERMS OF JOBS AND WILL PLACE LOS ANGELES AT THE FOREFRONT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR. SO I'M EXCITED FOR ALL THE POSSIBILITIES. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS COME FORWARD: ALYSSA DIAZ, ARNOLD SACHS AND DONALD HARLAN, PLEASE COME FORWARD. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 3, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALEADY DONE SO, PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKERING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ARTHUR SOHIKIAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ARTHUR SOHIKIAN. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COALITON JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AND I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 3 TODAY. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. ON BEHALF OF THE NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COALITION MEMBER AGENCIES, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIFTH DISTRICT, THE CITIES OF LANCASTER, PALMDALE AND SANTA CLARITA LOCATED IN NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE ARE PLEASED TO STRONGLY, STRONGLY SUPPORT THE ITEM BEFORE YOU TODAY. WE ECHO THE COMMENTS MADE BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AND WE APPRECIATE HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE WORKING WITH BOARD DIRECTOR ARA NAJARIAN AND OTHERS AT METRO. WE TRULY APPRECIATE

THIS EFFORT IN BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD TODAY. WE ALSO ECHO THE COMMENTS MADE EARLIER JUST NOW BY SUPERVISORS HAHN, SOLIS AND HORVATH, ALL OF WHOM ARE PARTICIPATING AND SUPPORTING THE PROJECT AT METRO. THIS TRULY, THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE TRULY --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MODERATOR, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ERIC PREVIN: THANK YOU. VERY INTERESTING JOINT VENTURES HERE DEVELOPING AND I THINK THAT THE IDEA OF BRINGING JOBS TO NORTH VALLEY IS SOMETHING THAT'S COME UP A LOT AND HOPEFULLY THIS WILL WORK. I ALSO NOTICE THAT METRO IS HAVING TREMENDOUS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES RIGHT NOW AND I'M JUST ANXIOUS THAT WE DON'T GIVE AWAY TOO MUCH WITH THE PARTNERING UP. AND I NOTICE THAT WE HAD A BIG DEAL WITH ACOM LAST WEEK. ON JANUARY 4, THEY ANNOUNCED THAT THERE IS A HUGE JOINT PARTNERSHIP FOR THE VERMONT CORRIDOR. I WAS WONDERING IF SOME OF THE JOBS AND WORK ON THAT COULD BE FACILITATED FOR FOLKS UP IN THE -- BECAUSE TRAINING UP IN THE NORTH IS, YOU KNOW, IT'S LIKE A FANTASY. AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN DO IT. BUT REMEMBER, IT'S THE NORTH AND THE FIFTH DISTRICT THAT'S BEEN BUYING ALL THE CHINESE STUFF. SO, TO GET IT ALL NOW REVERSE ENGINEERED TO THE FIFTH DISTRICT

WOULD BE A GREAT VICTORY. BUT LET'S CELEBRATE THAT MAYOR GARCETTI'S ACOM AND THE FOLKS WHO TRIED TO BRING US THAT BIG JAIL HAVE FINALLY LANDED A BIG CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ANOTHER ONE --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARIO BERRIGAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MARIO BERRIGAN: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARIO BERRIGAN. I AM WITH IBW LOCAL 11 WHO REPRESENTS OVER 12,000 MEMBERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ON BEHALF OF THOSE 12,000 MEMBERS WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS MOTION. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR HER TIRELESS EFFORTS IN BRINGING THIS PROJECT FORWARD. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RAFFI HAMPARIAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS RAFFI HAMPARIAN. I'M WITH LA METRO'S FEDERAL AFFAIRS TEAM. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 3. METRO IS GRATEFUL FOR SUPERVISOR

BARGER'S LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AND THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY AND CITY OF PALMDALE. THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF MEASURE RNM BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS, METRO HAS AN AMBITIOUS SLATE OF RAIL AND BUS CAPITAL PROJECTS TO TRANSFORM MOBILITY IN LA COUNTY. RAIL CAR MANUFACTURING IS LARGELY NONEXIST IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IN FACT, VERY LIMITED WITHIN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. METRO FACES SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES WHEN ORDERING RAIL CARS AND BUSES WITH LIMITED ACCESS TO VEHICLE SYSTEM LEVEL TESTING, TRAINED AND SKILLED WORKFORCE, VENDORS, R&D FACILITIES. METRO LOOKS FORWARD TO COLLABORATING ON THIS PROJECT WHERE THERE IS SHARED INTEREST AND STRONG ALIGNMENT BETWEEN THE PARTNERS TO IMPROVE MOBILITY IN THE REGION, INCREASE JOB CREATION --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU YOUR TIME HAS AND EXPIRED. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: YES, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO COMPLIMENT SUPERVISOR BARGER TO BRING THAT ISSUE. IT'S A GREAT NEED FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND SO ON, SO BRAVO ON THAT AND KEEP DOING THE GOOD WORK. THANK YOU.

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS [AUDIO DIFFICULTY]

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE COULDN'T HEAR THAT. YOUR CONNECTION -- YOUR CONNECTION IS BREAKING UP. CAN WE TRY TO ADJUST THAT. CAN WE TRY THAT AGAIN? MODERATOR, ARE YOU WITH US? OKAY, WHILE WE'RE FIGURING OUT OUR CALLERS DO WE HAVE ANY IN-PERSON SPEAKERS? LET'S GO TO OUR IN-PERSON SPEAKERS WHILE WE GIVE OR MODERATE TIME TO FIGURE OUT THE CONNECTION. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

ALYSSA DIAZ: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: I'M SO SORRY. CAN WE MUTE OUR MODERATOR AND THE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS WHILE WE GO TO OUR IN-PERSON. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

ALYSSA DIAZ: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ALYSSA DIAZ SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTING OVER 1400 MEMBERS INCLUDING SMALL BUSINESSES. THE CHAMBER'S MISSION IS TO DESIGN AND ADVANCE OPPORTUNITIES AND SOLUTIONS FOR A THRIVING REGIONAL ECONOMY THAT IS INCLUSIVE AND GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE. THE CHAMBER STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS MOTION OF AN MOU TO ADVANCE METRO CENTER FOR TRANSPORTATION

TECHNOLOGY EXCELLENCE AS IT IS ALIGNED WITH OUR MISSION AND OUR GOALS FOR SYSTEM WIDE AND REGIONAL SOLUTIONS THAT PROMOTE EQUITY THROUGH TRANSPORTATION. THIS PROJECT WILL MEET A CRITICAL INDUSTRY GAP AND IMPROVE THE AVAILABILITY OF TRANSIT VEHICLE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING AND MAINTENANCE AS WELL AS TO TRAIN THE NEXT GENERATION OF OPERATORS AND MAINTENANCE EXPERTS ON NEW TRANSIT TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES AND ADVANCED VEHICLES THAT WILL HELP MEET REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS. WE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING THE MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY FOUNDATION THAT SUPPORTS LA'S INFRASTRUCTURE. AS SUCH, THE LA CHAMBER SUPPORTS TRANSPORTATION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THAT INCREASE MOBILITY AND EXPAND ALTERNATIVE COMMUTE OPTIONS AS WELL AS IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVING SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR REGION'S TRANSPORTATION NETWORK. THE LA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS PLEASED TO SUPPORT THIS MISSION. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,

DONALD HARLAN: HI, I'M DONALD HARLAN. IT'S CONCERNING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3, THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE TECHNOLOGY CENTER. THERE IS NO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ME AND THE COUNTY ABOUT THIS. YOU SEE, THE PROPERTY IS NOT OWNED BY LAWA, THE WORLD AIRPORTS. WHAT WE HAVE GOING ON IN ANTELOUPE VALLEY IS A LOT OF ILLEGAL REAL ESTATE

DEVELOPMENT. THE REGIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY DEPARTMENT DOESN'T EXIST. THE LA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DOESN'T EXIST. THEY'RE NOT REAL COUNTY AGENCIES AND THEY SHOULDN'T BE RECOGNIZED BY YOUR SUPERVISOR BOARD. THERE'S -- THERE WAS A BUS MANUFACTURING CENTER HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND YOUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS PUT IT OUT OF BUSINESS SO YOU COULD PUT YOUR OWN BUS BUILDING PLACE THERE TO PUT YOUR OWN BUS COMPANY. THAT'S WHAT IS GOING ON.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. SOMEBODY MENTIONED THERE WAS NO MANUFACTURING FOR RAIL CARS. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CONTRACT THAT METRO HAD WITH ALSTOM BERETTA [PH?] TO BUILD THE LIGHTRAIL CARS FOR THE GOLD LINE AND THE BLUE LINE AND THE RED AND THE CRENSHAW LINE AND THE AQUA LINE, OR WHATEVER? IT'S ALL THIS [EXPLETIVE]. WE NEED MORE EQUALITY IN THIS COUNTY. AND WHY ISN'T B.Y.D. INVOLVED IN BUILDING ANY OF THESE BUSES? WE STILL HAVE THE WORLD'S DIRTIEST AIR IN THE COUNTY. IT'S, THE BUSSES SAY "AMERICA'S LARGEST CLEAN AIR FLEET," BUT IT'S NOT CLEAN AIR BECAUSE THEY'RE BURNING PRO -- THEY'RE NOT BURNING CLEAN AIR. THEY'RE NOT BURNING -- THEY'RE USING GASOLINE. THEY HAVE EXHAUST COMING OUT OF THE TOP OF THE BUSES. THE AIR IS THE DIRTIEST

AIR IN THE COUNTRY. IT'S BEEN DIRTY FOR OVER 45 YEARS, OVER 60 YEARS. WHAT THE [EXPLETIVE] ARE YOU DOING? YOU'RE WASTING TAXPAYER MONEY. YOU'RE --

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

DONNA PIRAMAN: MY NAME IS DONNA PIRAMAN. I REALLY DON'T WANT TO SEE THE MONEY SPENT ON ELECTRIC. I THINK THE BUSES THAT WE HAVE ARE FINE. I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT YOU'RE NOT SENDING THEM OVER TO CHINA OR OTHER COUNTRIES, THAT YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP THEM IN LOS ANGELES AND THAT I SURPRISINGLY AM HAPPY ABOUT. BUT WE NEED TO FIX UP THE NORMAL REGULAR BUSES THAT ONLY RUN ONCE AN HOUR, THAT THEY RUN IN THE VALLEY, AND WE ALSO NEED BETTER BUSES FOR GOING FROM LOS ANGELES TO PALMDALE BECAUSE YOU PRETTY MUCH DON'T HAVE ANYTHING REALLY GOING OVER FROM LOS ANGELES -- THE VALLEY TO LANCASTER OR PALMDALE. BUT THE REST OF IT, I THINK THAT MIGHT BE PRETTY GOOD THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO KEEP IT OVER HERE AND BRING JOBS OVER IN LOS ANGELES. AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET OUR VOTING MACHINES WORKING JUST AS WELL. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS IN PERSON?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. AND HAVE WE WORKED OUT THE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WE'LL TRY IT.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. GO AHEAD, MODERATOR. MODERATOR, ARE YOU THERE? WE CAN'T HEAR THE MODERATOR IF YOU ARE SPEAKING. OKAY. COUNTY COUNSEL, MAY WE PROCEED WITH THE ITEM EVEN THOUGH --

COUNTY COUNSEL: YES, WE MAY PROCEED.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. SO IF WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK ON THAT ISSUE TO SEE IF PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, OTHERWISE RIGHT NOW WE'LL FOCUS ON OUR IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ITEM 3 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ITEM 3 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE WITH A THANK YOU TO DAVE PERRY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND NOW WE'LL MOVE TO ITEM 4, URGING FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ARMENIAN HOSTAGES HELD CAPTIVE BY AZERBAIJAN, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. FOR MEMBERS OF HTE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

INDICATED ON THE WE WILL TRY TO ONCE AGAIN OPERATE OUR TELEPHONIC OPTION. SUPERVISOR BARGER, WE'LL TURN TO YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION WITH ME. THE BOARD HAS PASSED SEVERAL MOTIONS RELATED TO ONGOING HUMANITARIAN VIOLATIONS AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE COMMITTED BY THE AZERBAIJANI GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE ETHNIC ARMENIAN PEOPLE OF ARTSAKH. AND I KNOW EACH AND EVERY ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES IF THEY COULD WOULD HAVE PUT THEIR NAME ON THIS MOTION. FOLLOWING A 10-MONTH BLOCKADE OF THE LACHIN CORRIDOR, WHICH CUT OFF 120,000 ARMENIANS FROM FOOD, MEDICINE AND CRITICAL SUPPLIES, AZERBAIJAN LAUNCHED A FULL SCALE MILITARY ASSAULT ON ARTSAKH RESULTING IN THE FORCED EXODUS OF THE ENTIRE INDIGENOUS ARMENIAN POPULATION FROM THAT REGION. NOW AZERBAIJAN CONTINUES TO COMMIT HORRIFIC HUMANITARIAN VIOLATIONS AND ACTS OF GENOCIDE AGAINST THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE. ON DECEMBER 7TH, AZERBAIJAN AGREED TO RELEASE 32 PRISONERS OF WAR, SOME WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED SINCE 2020, WHICH SIGNALED A STEP TOWARDS PEACE BETWEEN ARMENIA AND AZERBAIJAN. FOLLOWING THIS ACCTION, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE RELEASED A STATEMENT PUBLICLY WELCOMING THE RELEASE OF THE DETAINEES AND SUPPORT OF PEACE AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, AT LEAST 36 ARMENIAN PRISONERS REMAIN UNDER AZERBAIJANI CUSTODY AND OVER 80 CIVILIANS AND SOLDIERS ARE

STILL MISSING AND UNACCOUNTED FOR. IN ADDITION, 8 FORMER POLITICAL LEADERS OF ARTSAKH REMAIN CAPTIVE AS POLITICAL PRISONERS INCLUDING THE FORMER ARTSAKH FOREIGN MINISTER, DAVID BABAYAN, WHO HAD -- I HAD THE HONOR OF MEETING LAST YEAR WHEN HE WAS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THE ONLY CRIME -- SO-CALLED CRIME COMMITTED BY THESE INDIVIDUALS WAS THE PEACEFUL EXERCISE OF THEIR POLITICAL RIGHTS. BUT THEY ARE BEING HELD UNDER FALSE AND QUITE FRANKLY FABRICATED CHARGES. THEY WERE ILLEGALLY DETAINED, HUMILIATED IN PUBLIC AND TORTURED BY AZERBAIJANI OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO A RECENT REPORT BY THE CENTER OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE, ARMENIAN CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN A TARGET OF ILLEGAL ARREST BY AZERBAIJAN OFFICIALS WITH NO BASIS OR EVIDENCE SINCE THE LACHIN CORRIDOR BLOCKADE AND 2023 WAR. IN ONE INSTANCE, A 68-YEAR-OLD MAN WAS KIDNAPPED WHILE BEING TRANSFERRED BY THE RED CROSS TO RECEIVE MEDICAL ATTENTION AND HAS BEEN FORCIBLY SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON. IT IS CLEAR THAT AZERBAIJAN CONTINUES TO IGNORE THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL OBLIGATIONS AND THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT'S CALLS ON AMNESTY AND GOOD FAITH PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS BOARD AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE NATION DEMAND FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE ARMENIAN HOSTAGES AND HOLD AZERBAIJAN ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR CONTINUED WAR CRIMES AND ETHNIC CLEANSING OF ARMENIANS FROM THEIR INDIGENOUS LANDS. I'D LIKE TO PUBLICLY THANK CONGRESSMAN ADAM SCHIFF FOR INTRODUCING HOUSE RESOLUTION 861 AND FOR HIS CONTINUED LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. WE MUST CONTINUE TO

CONDEMN AZERBAIJAN FOR THEIR HEINOUS ACTIONS AND HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR VIOLATIONS OF HUMANITARIAN LAW. I AM PROUD TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY. WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ARMENIANS OUTSIDE OF ARMENIA ITSELF, LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUST USE ITS POWERFUL VOICE TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THESE ATROCITIES AND DEMAND THAT AZERBAIJAN BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THIS ETHNIC CLEANSING. COLLEAGUES, I WOULD ASK FOR YOUR FULL SUPPORT ON THIS ITEM AND I THANK YOU FOR THE TIME. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT WE'RE CELEBRATING A NEW YEAR, 2024, AND WHAT THAT MEANS AND TO IMAGINE THAT WE ARE CONTINUING TO HAVE TO FOCUS ON AND THINK ABOUT ISSUES LIKE ANTI-HATE AND GENOCIDE AND ETHNIC CLEANSING AND YET IT CONTINUES TO BE A PAINFUL REALITY WORLDWIDE, IT IS DEEPLY CONCERNING FROM A HUMANISTIC CIVILITY KIND OF PERSPECTIVE THAT INNOCENT CAPTIVES AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE BEING HELD AS PRISONERS OF WAR AND WHAT THEY'RE GOING THROUGH. THESE KINDS OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY INCLUDING THE REFUSAL TO UPHOLD THE FREEDOM ACTS AND AGREEMENTS OF CEASE FIRE AND THE ILLEGAL DETENTION AND TORTURE OF CIVILIANS CANNOT BE TOLERATED BY OUR GOVERNMENT OR ANY FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN ANY

INDUSTRIALIZED NATION FROM MY PERSPECTIVE. SO, I AM GLAD TO JOIN YOU AND I KNOW MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD AS WE SUPPORT OUR PARTNERS IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN INSISTING THAT THE AZERBAIJANI GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY RETURN ALL ARMENIAN PRISONERS ARE OF WAR AND WORK TOWARD A SOLUTION OF LASTING PEACE IN THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REGION. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS WITH YOU AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING THE MOTION TODAY.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND I APPRECIATE THE RECOGNITION AND ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR INTRODUCING ONE OF MANY MOTIONS THAT SHE HAS PUT FORWARD AND THIS BOARD HAS. I APPRECIATE THAT THE BOARD CONTINUES TO TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT ARMENIANS IMPACTED BY THIS CRISIS. AZERBAIJAN HAS COMMITTED SERIOUS WAR CRIMES THROUGHOUT THE CONFLICT AND THE CONTINUED ILLEGAL DETENTION OF ARMENIANS DESPITE A CEASE FIRE SHOWS THE COUNTRY'S DISREGARD FOR THE PEOPLE OF ARMENIA. AZERBAIJAN'S TREATMNT OF THESE PRISONERS, INCLUDING TORTURE AND KILLINGS, ARE HEARTBREAKING AND A DIRECT THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORDER. AZERBAIJAN MUST RELEASE ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILLEGALLY IN DETENTION TO COMPLY WITH ITS OWN OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE ARMENIAN DIASPORA IN LOS ANGELES IS LARGE. MANY ARMENIANS CAME TO THIS COUNTRY

FLEEING POLITICAL CRISIS AT HOME AND I'M SURE OUR ARMENIAN ANGLO NEIGHBORS ARE DISHEARTENED TO SEE CONTINUED TURMOIL IN THEIR HOME COUNTRY. THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THIS BOARD CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR THE MANY ARMENIAN RESIDENTS LIVING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT IN MONTEBELLO, LITTLE ARMENIA AND EAST HOLLYWOOD. DURING THE COLD WAR LITTLE ARMENIA BECAME A SORT OF PORT OF ENTRY FOR ARMENIANS FLEEING THE SOVIET UNION. THEY ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES, HOMES AND SCHOOLS ADDING TO THE RICH TAPESTRY OF CULTURES IN LOS ANGELES. MONTEBELLO IN MY DISTRICT IS ANOTHER AREA WITH A LONG ARMENIAN HISTORY. IN FACT, MONTEBELLO IS HOME TO THE ARMENIAN HOLY CROSS CATHEDRAL WHICH IS OVER A HUNDRED-YEARS-OLD AND I'M PROUD TO REPRESENT THE VIBRANT AND RESILIENT COMMUNITY. THE MOTION SHOWS ARMENIANS THAT WE STAND HAND IN HAND WITH THEM AGAINST OPRESSION AND WAR IN THEIR HOME COUNTRY. WE MUST CONTINUE TO STAND WITH THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES IN OPPOSITION TO THIS GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION BEING PERPETRATED AGAINST THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY BY AZERBAIJAN. I HAVE, YES, AN AYE VOTE ON THE MATTER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING FORWARD

THIS MOTION. OVER THE YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN CONTINUED MILITARY AGGRESSION BY AZERBAIJAN PERPETRATED AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF ARMENIA. ARMENIA AND AZERBAIJAN HAVE BEEN AT ODDS FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES OVER NAGORNO-KARABAKH AND THERE ARE 36 ARMENIA PRISONERS WHO REMAIN IN AZERBAIJANI CUSTODY WITH OVER 80 ARMENIAN SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS STILL MISSING. ADDITIONALLY, AZERBAIJAN HOLDS 8 FORMER MILITARY AND POLITICAL LEADERS OF ARTSAKH CAPTIVE AS POLITICAL PRISONERS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2023. THIS REGION HAS BEEN TORN APART BY DECADES OF CONFLICT, A TERRIFYING EXODUS AND MONTHS- LONG BLOCKADE. THIS BOARD HAS CONSISTENTLY EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO CONDEMN THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, WAR CRIMES AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY CARRIED OUT BY THE AZERBAIJAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST ETHNIC ARMENIAN CIVILIANS. THIS PAST SATURDAY WAS ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1,723 YEARS THERE WAS NO CELEBRATION IN THE ARTSAKH REGION. IT'S SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS PUT AZERBAIJAN ON A RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WATCH, MEANING IT WILL JOIN THE BLACKLIST WHICH CARRIES POTENTIAL SANCTIONS. WE URGE OUR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO TAKE FIRM ACTION NOW TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY EFFORTS AND CONDEMN AZERBAIJAN'S ACTIONS BEFORE ANY FURTHER ATTACKS ON ARMENIA TAKE PLACE. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR BARGER AND MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. AND FOR -- AND TO SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR CO-AUTHORING THE MOTION WE INTRODUCED LAST MONTH CONDEMNING AZERBAIJAN AND ENCOURAGING HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE DISPLACED BURN VICTIMS IN ARMENIA. AS SUPERVISOR HAHN JUST SAID, ARMENIANS ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY GATHER TO CELEBRATE ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS AND OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO BE WITH THEIR LOVED ONES AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN YOU ARE REUNITED. AS THE HOME FOR SO MUCH OF THE ARMENIAN DIASPORA SINCE SEPTEMBER 2020, WE IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAVE WATCHED WITH DISBELIEF AS AZARI AGGRESSION HAS FORCED ARMENIANS OUT OF THEIR BELOVED ARTSAKH. THOUGH MANY OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR WERE RELEASED, WE CANNOT REST UNTIL ALL OF THOSE WHO ARE HELD BACK ARE WITH THEIR FAMILIES. AND WITH SO MANY STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR, THE RELEASE OF ALL HOSTAGES IS NECESSARY FOR THE FULL ACCOUNTING OF THOSE LOST IN THE FIGHTING. TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES, OUR HEARTS ARE WITH YOU. AND TO THOSE WHO ARE STILL WAITING TO HEAR, WE STAND WITH YOU IN THE FIGHT TO SEE YOU REUNITED WITH YOUR LOVED ONES. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. WE WILL START WITH SPEAKERS IN PERSON AND THEN ATTEMPT TO GO TO OUR TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD. ANDRE DIONYSIAN, ANN NAHABEDIAN, ARUTYUN TOPCHYAN, DELIA SHAFAZIAN, EDWARD BARSUMIAN, KEVORK KASHKIRIAN, MARGARET MGRUBLIAN, ROMIK HAKOBIAN, RUBEN KARAPETIAN, SEVAN BENLIAN AND DONALD HARLAN, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

ANDRE DIONYSIAN: GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANDRE DIONYSIAN AND I AM A BIT OUT OF MY DEPTH. I LIVE IN BURBANK AND I'VE GOTTEN PRETTY COMFORTABLE SPEAKING TO MY LOCAL CITY COUNCIL. THIS IS A MUCH BIGGER ROOM. AND I WAS UP LATE LAST NIGHT AGONIZING OVER WHAT I COULD POSSIBLY SAY TO SWAY YOUR VOTES AND THE ONLY WORDS THAT CAME TO MIND ARE NOT MINE, BUT I'LL BORROW FROM RENOWNED SCREENWRITER AARON SORKIN. "THERE ARE VERY FEW DAYS WITH AN ABSOLUTE RIGHT AND AN ABSOLUTE WRONG AND THOSE DAYS ALMOST ALWAYS INCLUDE A BODY COUNT." THIS IS ONE OF THOSE DAYS. SO I ASK YOU TO VOTE YOUR CONSCIENCE. I ASK YOU TO VOTE FOR WHAT IS RIGHT. THANK YOU.

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

ARUTYUN TOPCHYAN: DEAR BOARD AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, MY NAME IS ARTUN TOPCHIN. I'M ONE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CENTER OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE, C.F.T.J. OUR TEAM IS -- C.F.T.J. WAS FOUNDED BY A GROUP OF ATTORNEYS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WITH ONE MISSION: TO DOCUMENT WAR CRIMES AND BRING

PERPETRATORS TO JUSTICE. OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS WE'VE TAKEN TESTIMONY OF OVER 500 INDIVIDUALS. OF THOSE ARE REPATRIATED P.O.W.S DESCRIBING JUST THE INHUMANE TREATMENT, THE TORTURE AND THE VARIOUS WAR CRIMES THEY'VE EXPERIENCED. I'VE HAD THE PRESSURE OF MEETING THOSE IN ARMENIA A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO WHEN WE HELD OUR FIRST CONFERENCE. THIS MOTION IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT SHOWS THAT THERE'S A CONSTANT ATTENTION, CONSTANT RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE IN LEADERSHIP AND THOSE THAT HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE CHANGE. IT'S GOT TO BE CONSISTENT AND THE PRESSURE MUST REMAIN UNTIL THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED AND UNIDENTIFIED ARE RETURNED. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

ANN NAHABEDIAN: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M A BOARD MEMBER OF THE A.N.C.A. BURBANK. MY NAME IS ANN NAHABEDIAN AND I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY WITH A HEAVY HEART. SUPERVISOR BARGER'S MOTION DEMANDING FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ARMENIAN HOSTAGES HELD CAPTIVE BY AZERBAIJAN SPEAKS TO A CAUSE THAT RESONATES WITH ME ON A PERSONAL LEVEL. AS AN AMERICAN ARMENIAN I MUST CONFESS THAT I HAVE FELT A PROFOUND SENSE OF HELPLESSNESS IN THE FACE OF THIS CALAMITY. THIS PAIN IS NOT ONLY FELT BY THOSE DIRECTLY AFFECTED, BUT REVERBERATES WITHIN THE HEARTS OF ARMENIANS WORLDWIDE. I SHARE WITH YOU A PERSONAL DECISION THAT ECHOS THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION. SINCE

AZERBAIJAN LAUNCHED ITS MILITARY ASSAULT ON THE INDIGENOUS ARMENIANS OF ARTSAKH ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2020, I HAVE CHOSEN TO STOP CELEBRATING ALL HOLIDAYS. THERE IS NO JOY AND FESTIVITY LEFT IN ME. IT'S BEEN OVERSHADOWED BY THE WEIGHT OF KNOWING THAT FOR THOUSANDS OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THESE ARE TIMES OF MOURNING AND UNCERTAINTY. THIS MOTION IS AN ADAMANT DEMAND FOR HUMANITY AND THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE. NOT JUST 7 MONTHS AGO, ARMED AZERBAIJANI'S CROSSED INTO SOVEREIGN ARMENIAN TERRITORY, NOT ARTSAKH, ARMENIA, ABDUCTED --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS AND EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER.

DELILAH SHAFAZIAN: GOOD MORNING EVERYONE MY NAME IS DELILAH SHAFAZIAN. ON BEHALF OF THE ARMENIA ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA, I STAND HERE ALONGSIDE MY COLLEAGUES IN APPRECIATION TO THE OUTSTANDING WORK AND RESPECT BROUGHT FORWARD BY OUR DEAR HONORABLE SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER, WHO WE PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGE AS AN ADOPTED DAUGHTER OF THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY. TODAY'S MOTION IS IMPERATIVE FOR IT STANDS AS A CALL FOR JUSTICE, JUSTICE FOR THE HUNDRED THOUSAND ARMENIAN MEN, WOMEN, SENIORS AND CHILDREN WHO WERE VICIOUSLY EXILED FROM THEIR PRECIOUS HOME, NAGORNO-KARABAKH. TODAY OUR ARMENIAN PRISONERS OF WAR, THE MULTIPLE HOSTAGES AND DETAINED INDIVIDUALS UNDER AZERBAIJAN'S AGGRESSION, DEMAND AND DESERVE OUR IMMEDIATE

ATTENTION TO THE MATTER. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT EVERY EFFORT WE TAKE FROM THIS POINT FORWARD IS IN THE MINDSET OF BRINGING NEW LIFE AND JUSTICE FOR ARMENIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS. AS RESIDENTS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, HOME TO THE LARGEST ARMENIAN COMMUNITY, WE STAND HERE SHARING THE SIMPLE TESTIMONY THAT BY ADOPTING THIS MOTION, IT REIGNITES THE CONTINUED MISSION TO FIGHT FOR THE SILENT VOICES THAT ARE HELD CAPTIVE.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING.

KEVORK KASHKIRIAN: MY NAME IS KEVORK KASHKIRIAN AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS REPRESENTING DISTRICT 5. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ARMENIAN HOSTAGES HELD CAPTIVE BY AZERBAIJAN. THE ARMENIANS IN AZERBAIJAN CAPTIVITY INCLUDE THE DEMOCRATICALLY-ELECTED DEMOCRATICALLY-ELECTEDC THREE FORMER PRESIDENTS OF NAGORNO-KARABAKH, THE PARLIAMENTARY SPEAKERS AND SEVERAL FORMER GOVERNMENT MINISTERS. IN 2020, AZERBAIJAN SUPPORTED BY TURKEY, ARMENIA CENTURY'S OLD

ARCHENEMY, LAUNCHED A MILITARY ASSAULT AGAINST THE ARMENIANS IN NAGORNO-KARABAKH. THIS RESULTED IN A 44-DAY CONFLICT IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF AZERBAIJAN INVADED AND EVENTUALLY OCCUPIED A BIG PORTION OF ARTSAKH, INCLUDING NAGORNO-KARABAKH'S SECOND LARGEST CITY, SHUSHA. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE WAR, 4,000 YOUNG ARMENIAN SOLDIERS GAVE THEIR LIVES AND MANY OTHERS WERE WOUNDED. IN 2023, AZERBAIJAN LAUNCHED ANOTHER FULL SCALE MILITARY ASSAULT ON NAGORNO-KARABAKH --

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS EDWARD BARSUMIAN, A.N.C.A. WESTERN REGION AND I'M HERE TO EXPRESS OUR STEADFAST SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I'D ALSO LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR LENDING YOUR SUPPORT. AT A TIME IN WHICH ARMENIANS CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN ILLEGAL DETENTION, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE ARTSAKH GOVERNMENT INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER DAVID BABAYAN, WHO HAD A CHANCE TO MEET WITH ONLY NOT ONLY SUPERVISOR BARGER BUT PUBLIC OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO DO PLEAD THE CASE OF HIS COMMUNITY AT THE HANDS OF AZERBAIJAN WHICH HAD AT THE TIME EXPRESSED ITS INTENT TO COMMIT GENOCIDE AND ETHNICALLY CLEANSE AN INDIGENOUS PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOME LANDS. NOW, YEARS LATER FROM THE 2020 CONFLICT

AND MERE MONTHS SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 19TH ATTACKS, DAVID BABAYAN, AS WELL AS ALL OF ARMENIAN'S -- ARTSAKH PUBLIC OFFICIALS, REMAIN IN ILLEGAL DETENTION AS POLITICAL HOSTAGES. THIS MOTION STANDS AS A TESTAMENT THAT THEIR STRUGGLE IS HEARD AND THAT WE STAND UNITED CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE END. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING HONORABLE SUPERVISORS AND STAFF. MY NAME IS RUMICA COPIAN AND I'M PROUD TO REPRESENT THE ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA AND I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY NOT ONLY AS A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BUT AS AN ARMENIAN DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF NAGORNO-KARABAKH, ALSO KNOWN AS ARTSAKH. THE RIGHT OF RETURN AND THE FREEDOM TO LIVE SAFELY IN OUR CENTRAL HOMELAND HAS ALWAYS BEEN PARAMOUNT TO ARMENIANS. THE RECENT EVENTS IN NAGORNO-KARABAKH HAS SENT SHOCKWAVES THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY. AND AS OVER 100,000 ARMENIANS WERE FORCED TO FLEE IN 2023 DUE TO AZERBAIJAN'S GENOCIDAL POLICIES AND ETHNIC CLEANSING. THIS IS NOT JUST A STATISTIC. IT REPRESENTS OUR FRIENDS, FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES OF LA COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO WERE UP ROOTED FROM THEIR HOMES. IF SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER'S MOTION CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE ARMENIAN HOSTAGES HELD CAPTIVE BY AZERBAIJAN WERE ADOPTED AND ACTION WERE TAKEN, IT WOULD MEAN MORE THAN JUST A POLITICAL

VICTORY. IT WOULD MEAN THAT OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS STAND FIRMLY WITH US UPHOLDING THE PRINCIPALS OF DEMOCRACY, SELF-DETERMINATION AND UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS. HONORABLE SUPERVISOR BARGER, I WANT TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO YOU FOR AUTHORING THIS MOTION AND I WILL BE ASKING OUR MAYOR NICK SCHULTZ IN BURBANK TO CONSIDER A SIMILAR MOTION. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK ALEJANDRO LOPEZ --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

SEVAN BENLIAN: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SEVAN BENLIAN. I'M THE CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. WE GATHER HERE TODAY TO ECHO THE URGENT CALL FOR JUSTICE AND COMPASSION. THE SITUATION REGARDING THE ARMENIAN HOSTAGES HELD CAPTIVE BY AZERBAIJAN DEMANDS OUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND ACTION. AS A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, A HOME TO A VIBRANT ARMENIAN COMMUNITY, IT IS OUR MORAL OBLIGATION TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE. LET US UNITE AND URGE OUR GOVERNMENT TO ACT SWIFTLY AND DECISIVELY. WE IMPLORE THE ADMINISTRATION TO DEMAND THE RELEASE OF ARMENIAN PRISONERS, IMPOSE NECESSARY SANCTIONS AND SEIZE ALL ASSISTANCE TO AZERBAIJAN UNTIL JUSTICE PREVAILS. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE MOTION TO DIRECT OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADVOCATE FOR THESE ACTIONS. LET US JOIN FORCES

IN SUPPORT OF H RESOLUTION 861 AND ENSURE JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS PREVAILS IN THIS CRITICAL --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MARGARET MGRUBLIAN: MY NAME IS MARGARET MGRUBLIAN. I AM HERE TODAY REPRESENTING THE ARMENIAN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION. I'D LIKE TO THANK OF COURSE SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THIS TO THE FLOOR. WE STAUNCHLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. ON A DIFFERENT NOTE, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH, YOU'RE WELCOME TO ATTEND AN ECUMENICAL EVENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ACROSS THE STREET AT THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS KNOWN AS ONE CAUSE, MANY FAITHS UNITING VOICES FOR ARMENIANS IN CAPTIVITY, WHICH IS A CALL FOR THE RELEASE OF THESE ARMENIAN PRISONERS HELD UNLAWFULLY. IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY, A.W.A. INVITES THE COMMUNITY OF ALL RELIGIOUS GROUPS AND DENOMINATIONS TO COME TOGETHER TO BRIDGE FAITHS AND CULTURES TO UNDERSCORE OUR SHARED HUMANITY WHILE UPHOLDING THE RIGHTS OF THESE HELD UNLAWFULLY CAPTIVE. THANK YOU ALL AND THANK YOU --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

RUBEN KARAPETIAN: RUBEN KARPETIAN, THE A.N.C.A. WESTERN REGION. THANK YOU SUPERVISORS AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND MITCHELL FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS MOTION. THE FACTS ARE CLEAR. AZERBAIJAN IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION AND THE 2020 CEASE FIRE CONTINUES TO DETAIN DOZENS OF ARMENIANS AND IS HOLDING THE REPUBLIC OF ARTSAKH'S POLITICAL LEADERS HOSTAGE, ONE OF WHICH BEING FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER DAVID BABAYAN, WHO WAS HONORED BY THIS VERY BOARD. EVERY DAY THEY ENDURE IS AN AFFRONT TO BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW. FOLLOWING AZERBAIJAN'S BRUTAL 10-MONTH-LONG BLOCKADE OF ARTSAKH AND THE SUBSEQUENT FORCED DISPLACEMENT OF MORE THAN 100,000 ARMENIANS, ALIYEV CONTINUES TO DEHUMANIZE AND TORTURE ARMENIANS. THESE ARE NOT ISOLATED INCIDENTS. THEY ARE PART OF A SYSTEMIC PATTERN OF AZERBAIJI AGGRESSION, STATE-SPONSORED ARMENIPHOBIA. 861 IS OUR CHANCE TO SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. THIS RESOLUTION DEMANDS ACTION. RELEASE OF CAP -- THE RELEASE OF THE CAPTIVES, ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ABUSES AND JUSTICE FOR THE VICTIMS. AND WE MUST CALL --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

ALICE PETROSIAN: GOOD DAY. MY NAME IS ALICE PETROSIAN. SUPERVISOR BARGER, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE RESOLUTION AND ALL THE OTHERS. HOW DOES ONE SAY THANK YOU TO HILDA SOLIS, JANICE HAHN, LINDSEY HORVATH AND HOLLY MITCHELL? I'VE HAD THE

PLEASURE OF WORKING ON A NUMBER OF COMMISSIONS IN THIS COUNTY AND AS AN AREMENIAN, I'VE JUST RETURNED FROM ARMENIA YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHERE I MET WITH THE REFUGEES -- I'M SORRY, I'LL TRY TO HOLD IT TOGETHER. I'M WEARING ONE OF THEIR NEWLY CREATED PAINFUL MEMORIES OF THEIR HOMELAND AND MY HOMELAND. MY FAMILY'S FROM ARTSAKH. THIS MEANS A GREAT DEAL. I'M ALSO VERY CLOSE FRIENDS WITH 7 OUT OF THE 8 OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS AND REPRESENT THEIR THOUGHTS TO YOU TODAY. AS I MET WITH THEIR FAMILIES, THE PAIN THEY WENT THROUGH THIS HOLIDAY, MAY NO ONE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THESE PAINS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

ELIAN: I'M ELIAN ON BEHALF OF THE CENTER FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE. I'M A CURRENT BOARD MEMBER AND A CO-FOUNDER. FIRST OF ALL, I DO WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER FOR REALLY INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. THE CENTER, I DO WANT TO MENTION ONE FACT, THAT THESE ARE NOT JUST ALLEGATIONS. EVERYTHING THAT YOU READ, THE STORIES OF THE P.O.W.S, THE HOSTAGES, THE POLITICAL PRISONERS, THESE ARE NOT JUST ALLEGATIONS MADE BY ARMENIANS. THESE ARE HARD FACTS AND THIS IS WHY THE CENTER FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE TRULY EXISTS AS WE COLLECTED FIRSTHAND TESTIMONIAL EVIDENCE OF P.O.W.S WHO HAVE BEEN TORTURED WHILE BEING HELD IN CAPTIVITY IN

AZERBAIJAN. AND QUITE FRANKLY, WE STILL HAVE THOSE P.O.W.S WERE HELD IN AZERBAIJAN SINCE 2020 SO IT'S BEEN MORE THAN THREE YEARS AND AS MY COLLEAGUES STATED, WE DO HAVE TO KEEP ON THE PRESSURE WHETHER THAT'S WITHIN THE LA COUNTY OR WITHIN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR JUST INTERNATIONALLY IN GENERAL. SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

DONALD HARLAN: HI I'M DONALD HARLAN. THIS IS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4, THE DEMANDING OF THE RELEASE OF THE ARMENIAN HOSTAGES HELD CAPTIVE IN AZERBAIJAN. I WANT TO SAY I LIKE THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE. THEY'RE REALLY FRIENDLY, EASY TO GET ALONG WITH. I'M NOT AGAINST THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE BUT I UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED WAS THEY HAD TO -- THEY TRIED TO HOLD UNWANTED DEMOCRATIC ELECTION IN SOME OLIGARCH'S HOMELAND, WHICH IS REAL BAD. DON'T EVER DO THAT. AND THEN THEY TRIED TO LAY DOWN IN FRONT OF THE GAS PIPELINES ON SOMEBODY ELSE'S PROPERTY AND CLAIMED THEY'RE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WHEN THEY'RE NOT. AND SORRY, YOU KNOW, THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A POLICE ACTION AND WHAT'S GOING ON. I'M SORRY FOR THE PEOPLE. IF THERE'S REALLY HOSTAGES THERE, THAT'S REALLY GOING ON, THEN THEY SHOULD RELEASE THEM. BUT SORRY THAT ALL THAT'S HAPPENING.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

DONNA PARAMAN: MY NAME IS DONNA PARAMAN. WHILE I FIND IT ODD THAT TECHNICALLY YOU DON'T HAVE ANY JURISDICTION OVER THERE IN ARMENIA, I DOUBT THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CAN ACTUALLY DO ANYTHING ABOUT ARMENIA, I'M REALLY FEELING SORRY FOR ARMENIA AND ITS PEOPLE AND THE ATROCITIES BUT WE HAVE TO REMEMBER, THERE'S ALSO ATROCITIES IN THE UNITED STATES, ONES DONE AGAINST THE JEWS AND AGAINST THE ISRAEL AND AGAINST ZIONISM AND THEN WE HAVE TO ALWAYS REMEMBER OUR BORDER AND THE CHILD SEX SLAVERY THAT JOE BIDEN HAS ALLOWED AND HAS ALLOWED PEOPLE COMING AND SWARMING IN WITHOUT ANY PEOPLE COMING OVER THE BORDER WITHOUT --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: IF WE CAN FOCUS OUR COMMENTS TO THIS ITEM, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. THANK YOU.

DONNA PARAMAN: ANYWAY, IT'S OKAY IF YOU CAN ACTUALLY DO ARMENIA, BUT I REALLY DON'T THINK IT'S IN YOUR JURISDICTION TO TAKE CARE OF THAT. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS IN PERSON? SEEING NONE, CAN WE TRY REACHING OUR TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS? GO AHEAD, MODERATOR. [AUDIO DIFFICULTY] SOUNDS LIKE THAT'S A NO. WE'LL CONTINUE WORKING ON THE ISSUE. ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR

MITCHELL. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ITEM 4 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITHCELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL THE SPEAKERS WHO CAME TO SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY, YOUR VERY PERSONAL MOVING STORIES. OUR HEARTS ARE WITH YOU. THANK YOU AND CONTINUE THE FIGHT. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 7, STABILIZING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM RESPONSE WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. WE WILL TRY ONCE AGAIN AFTER WE HEAR OUR IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. RICHARD TADEO, EMS DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IS AVAILABLE IF WE HAVE QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I'LL TURN IT TO YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR JOINING ME ON THE MOTION. SUPERVISOR BARGER, I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK YOU AND YOUR TEAM FOR WORKING WITH MY STAFF AND WITH THE DEPARTMENTS AND PROVIDERS TO HELP MAKE THIS MOTION POSSIBLE. COLLEAGUES, AS YOU RECALL, LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS HOME TO 13 SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAMS, KNOWN AS S.A.R.T. CENTERS. D.H.S. OPERATES 4 OF THESE FACILITIES DIRECTLY WHILE 9 ARE PRIVATELY OPERATED. AND THESE PROVIDERS, AS YOU KNOW, PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE IN CONDUCTING CRITICAL EXAMINATIONS TO ENSURE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT RECEIVE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL OF CARE. THE WORK THAT THESE PROVIDERS DO CAN'T BE

UNDERSTATED. ONE OUT OF EVERY 6 AMERICAN WOMEN HAVE BEEN VICTIM OF AN ATTEMPTED SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THEIR LIFETIME. S.A.R.T. CENTERS PROVIDE SPECIALLY TRAINED NURSES AND PHYSICIANS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH CARE AND TO COLLECT THE EVIDENCE CRUCIAL TO THE CONVICTION OF PERPETRATORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT. THEIR WORK IS ALSO IMPORTANT IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS AND FORENSIC NURSES ARE OFTEN CALLED UPON TO PROVIDE CRITICAL EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY IN COURT. SADLY, HOWEVER, THE COUNTY HAS ONE OF THE LOWEST REIMBURSEMENT RATES TO PROVIDERS ADMINISTERING SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMS. THE RATE IN FACT HAS NOT CHANGED MEANINGFULLY OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS AND UNFORTUNATELY, I HEARD DIRECTLY FROM PROVIDERS IN MY DISTRICT AND ACROSS THE COUNTY THAT THE FUNDING THAT THEY WERE GETTING WAS NOT SUFFICIENT AND MANY FACE THE PROSPECT OF LOSING ESSENTIAL STAFF OR CLOSING THEIR DOORS. THAT IS WHY IN JUNE OF 2022, I WAS PROUD TO SEE THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVE MY ORIGINAL MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER TO ASSESS OUR EXISTING RATE AND SEE IF IT WAS SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF THESE PIVOTAL CENTERS. I WANT TO THANK OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, ESPECIALLY OUR C.E.O., D.H.S. AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO WORKED DIRECTLY WITH S.A.R.T. PROVIDERS OVER THIS PAST YEAR TO HELP DETERMINE A NEW RATE. I WOULD LIKE TO ESPECIALLY RECOGNIZE THE WORK OF ERICA BONEA AND THE C.E.O. AND CHRISTIAN CLARE WITH D.H.S. FOR ALL OF THEIR EFFORTS. AND I WANT TO THANK OUR

PROVIDERS, MANY OF WHOM WE'LL HEAR FROM TODAY OR ON THE PHONE FOR THEIR PATIENCE AND FOR WORKING WITH US THROUGH THIS VERY HARD PROCESS. BECAUSE OF YOUR EFFORTS WE CAN INCREASE THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR OUR COMPLETED EXAMS FROM $1,112 TO $1,890 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY THE FIRST. AND FOR IN COMPLETE EXAMS, THE RATE WILL ALSO INCREASE FROM $328 TO $911. FURTHERMORE, THIS RATE WILL AUTOMATICALLY INCREASE EACH YEAR BASED ON THE COST RELATED TO MEDICAL CARE. WITH THIS NEW RATE, WE'RE SENDING A VERY CLEAR MESSAGE TO PROVIDERS THAT THESE SERVICES THAT THEY WORK ON ARE VERY IMPORTANT. AND THAT THE COUNTY IS STANDING WITH SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS TO ENSURE THAT THEY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE CRITICAL SERVICES THEY NEED TO SEEK JUSTICE FOLLOWING AN ASSAULT. COLLEAGUES, I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. AND AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR BARGER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUPERVISOR BARGER: THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, NOT ONLY FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP BUT YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. IT IS CRITICAL, AND I DON'T THINK PEOPLE REALIZE THE IMPACT THAT IT HAS ON OUR COMMUNITIES. OUR S.A.R.T. CENTERS ARE ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE SETTINGS THAT ENSURE VICTIMS NOT ONLY GET THE APPROPRIATE AND TIMELY CARE THEY NEED, BUT ALSO THAT EVIDENCE IS PROPERLY RECORDED AND

REPORTED. HAVING HEALTHCARE-BASED SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT ARE CRITICAL TO HAVE AND IT'S CRITICAL TO HAVE OUR COMMUNITIES AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THAT WE HAVE PARTNERED IN SUPPORTING THESE EFFORTS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL IS ALSO ONE OF OUR S.A.R.T. CENTERS AND WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THEM, TO ENSURE THESE CRITICAL POINTS OF SERVICE CAN CONTINUE AND GROW. I AM EXCITED THAT WE ARE ABLE TO SECURE THE FUNDING TO INCREASE REIMBURSEMENTS AND WANT TO EXTEND MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO THE HEALTHCARE WORKERS AT THE CENTERS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR VICTIMS. THEY SERVE WITH COMPASSION AND EMPATHY AT A TIME OF NEED. AND I ALSO DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AS WELL, THE C.E.O. STAFF AND D.H.S. STAFF WHO WORKED, BUT ALSO YOUR STAFF, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AS WELL AS MINE WHO WORKED TO PUT THIS TOGETHER AND BRING IT FORWARD. WE ARE GOING TO BE THE VOICE FOR THOSE THAT FEEL THAT THEY HAVE NO VOICE. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: THANK YOU, SO MUCH. AND I, TOO, WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND BARGER FOR BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT CRITICAL ISSUE TO OUR ATTENTION. YOU KNOW, AS WE WORK TO EXPAND ACCESS TO SERVICES, WE DON'T TRULY EXPAND ACCESS IF REIMBURSEMENT RATES LAG, AND THAT'S OFTEN THE CASE IN DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES AND THIS IS CERTAINLY A PERFECT

EXAMPLE. AND I AM HAPPY TO SUPPORT THE ITEM. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE CHALLENGES IN LOOKING AT THE DATA ON RAPE IS THAT ONLY COMPLETED ASSESSMENTS REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE INCLUDED IN THE DATA REPORTED TO THE L. A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE, THE L.A.P.D. AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. AND WHEN I LOOK ACROSS THE COUNTY, YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY IS DIVIDED INTO EIGHT SPAS. WE HEARD SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAY THAT WE'VE GOT 13 S.A.R.T. TEAMS. WELL, IT IS TROUBLING TO ME THAT WE HAVE A SPA THAT DOESN'T HAVE ONE AT ALL. SPA 6. AND IT IS A SPA THAT HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES OF REPORTED RAPE. SO JUST PLEASE KNOW I AM GLAD WE ARE GOING TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION TODAY, TO INCREASE THE REIMBURSEMEENT RATE, AND I WILL BE COMING WITH A MOTION LATER IN THE YEAR TO MAKE SURE THAT SPA 6 HAS A S.A.R.T. TEAM. IT IS SOMETHING WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON. YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE TO BE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM. THAT IN AND OF ITSELF IS A CHALLENGE FOR SPA 6, TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN FIND SPACE CLOSE TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM IS IMPORTANT. BUT HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION TODAY. BECAUSE REIMBURSEMENT RATES ARE CRITICAL IF WE ARE EARNEST IN MAKING SURE THAT THE SERVICES ARE TRULY PROVIDED. SO THANK YOU BOTH AGAIN.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND LET ME ALSO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. IT'S CLEAR FROM OUR DISCUSSION THAT WE ALL KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SEXUAL RESPONSE TEAM CENTERS. THEY ARE A HUGE HELP TO NOT ONLY THE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, BUT IT IS A HUGE HELP TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN DOING THEIR INVESTIGATIONS AND THEN HOPEFULLY ARRESTING AND BRINGING TO JUSTICE THESE PERPETRATORS. BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT THE REIMBURSEMENT HAS LAGGED IN TERMS OF WHAT IS SORT OF THE GOING RATE. AND A LOT OF PEOPLE PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL THEY HEARD US TALKING ABOUT IT, BUT IT IS ACTUALLY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT REIMBURSES THESE CENTERS. AND I WANT TO THANK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR IDENTIFYING THESE EXTRA, I GUESS IT IS AN EXTRA $600,000 PER YEAR, WHICH IF WE APPROVE THIS TODAY, WILL BE THE REIMBURSEMENT EXTRA ON TOP OF WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY HAD AS OUR RATE. SO I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT -- AND I SEE YOU SHAKING YOUR HEAD. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS IDENTIFIED THESE FUNDS.

SPEAKER: I AM FROM D.H.S., THOUGH, BUT --

SUP. JANICE HAHN: YOU'RE D.H.S.?

SPEAKER: YEAH.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: OKAY. DO WE KNOW --?

SPEAKER: I THINK THE FUNDING FROM THE SHERIFF'S, THEY BILL CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY SERVICES AND THAT'S WHERE THE FUNDING ACTUALLY COMES FROM.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE C.E.O. IDENTIFIED THE FUNDING AND THERE IS SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO COVER THE RATE INCREASE.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: GOOD. THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO HEAR BECAUSE --

SPEAKER: WITHIN THEIR BUDGET.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: WITHIN THEIR BUDGET. GOOD, THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO HEAR. BECAUSE WHEN WE SUPPORT SOMETHING LIKE THIS, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT DOESN'T GET BOGGED DOWN IN UH-OH, WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE FUNDING. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. I AM HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION TODAY.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND BARGER FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS TIMELY MOTION. AS WE HAVE HEARD, OUR S.A.R.T. TEAMS HELP SURVIVORS NAVIGATE THE MAZE OF LEGAL, GOVERNMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THEM. THESE TEAMS ARE GROUPS OF PEOPLE

SPECIALLY TRAINED IN HEALTHCARE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTION AND ADVOCACY, WHO WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS, WHILE ALSO INVESTIGATING SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES FOR PROSECUTION AND CENTERING THEM IN THE WORK THAT WE DO. THE TEAMS WERE CREATED TO CHANGE HOW SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS ARE TREATED, EVIDENCE IS COLLECTED AND CASES ARE MANAGED. THE TEAM CENTERS PROVIDE SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS WITH CRITICAL SERVICES INCLUDING FORENSIC EXAMS, COLLECTING D.N.A. EVIDENCE AND RESOURCES. THIS MOTION IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, FROM HAVING ONE OF THE LOWEST REIMBURSEMENT RATES IN THE STATE, TO ALIGNING WITH CURRENT CALL O.E.S. RATES. WE NEED TO DO MORE, AND WE WILL, BY CREATING THE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION POLICY DEPUTIES WORK GROUP IN DECEMBER, WHICH WILL CONDUCT ITS FIRST MEETING AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR FOCUS ON THESE ISSUES. THE STATISTICS SHOW THE PROBLEM AND WE KNOW WHAT THE SOLUTIONS ARE, WE JUST NEED TO PRIORITIZE AND FUND THEM. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LONG HISTORY AND DILIGENT WORK ON THIS ISSUE, AND ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES. IT SOUNDS LIKE WE ARE GOING TO UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORT IT. I WILL NOW TURN TO OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. WE WILL ONCE AGAIN, ATTEMPT TO ACCESS OUR VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD. GINA TEQUILA. MELINDA WHEELER. TOYETTA BEUKES, AND DONALD HARLAN, PLEASE COME FORWARD. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 7, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS CATLIN HIMOSHAY, YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YEAH, CAN YOU HEAR ME? YES WE CAN GO, AHEAD.

SPEAKER: YEAH, MY NAME IS CATLIN HIMOSHAY. I AM THE MANAGER OF THE FORENSIC SERVICES UNIT AT ANTELOPE VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER`. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND BARGER, FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS ITEM. A LITTLE BACKGROUND. OUR MEDICAL CENTER SERVES OVER 540,000 RESIDENTS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND WE ARE THE ONLY UNIT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AVAILABLE FOR THESE EXAMS. AND WE SEE AT OUR OFFICE, CLOSE TO 300 PATIENTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT ANNUALLY. THAT'S ADULTS, ADOLESCENTS, CHILDREN, INFANTS, AND DUE TO FINANCIAL RESOURCES WE ARE AT HIGH RISK OF SHUTTING OUR DOORS. AND THIS WOULD BE DEVASTATING FOR OUR COMMUNITY. AND THIS INCREASE IN

REIMBURSEMENT FOR THESE EXAMS WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN PREVENTING THAT CLOSURE. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ERIC PREVIN: THANK YOU. REGARDLESS OF HAVING SOME TELEPHONE PROBLEMS IT WAS VERY FRUSTRATING EARLIERM BUT THANK YOU. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND IT RAISES A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION. WHY IS THE COUNTY PAYING SO LITTLE WHEN, IN FACT, THE COSTS HAVE ESCALATED SO MUCH, WHILE STILL BRAGGING ABOUT THE AAA BOND RATING? I DO THINK THAT WE NEED TO CLOSE THIS GAP QUICKLY, AND I APPRECIATE THE SUPERVISOR RECOGNIZING THAT IT IS THE SHERIFF WHO HANDLES IT. I WANT TO JUST MENTION THAT PEACE OVER VIOLENCE, AND SOME OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE THESE KINDS OF SERVICES WHICH ARE SO IMPORTANT ALSO HAVE HAD CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNTY. AND ONE THING THAT'S COME UP IS THE CITY ATTORNEY OF LOS ANGELES WANTS TO SORT OF BLOCK THE HOTELS THAT PUT SOME OF THESE FOLKS INTO RESIDENCE TEMPORARILY FROM BEING DISCLOSED PUBLICLY AS RECORDS. NOW THAT IS A MISSTEP, BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE NOT DOING P.R.A.S TO GO GET

VICTIMS. THAT'S A FICTION TO CREATE A MURKINESS WHICH WE DON'T NEED. WE NEED CLARITY SO THAT WE CAN MANAGE APPROPRIATELY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MODERATOR, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DEANNA STANLEY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DEANNA STANLEY: HI, MY NAME IS DEANNA STANLEY, AND I AM WITH AN ORGANIZATION CALLED JUSTICE FOR YOUTH. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS BARGER AND SOLIS FOR AUTHORING THIS ITEM. WE KNOW THAT THIS SERVICE IS CRUCIAL TO MAINTAIN INTEGRITY FOR THE SURVIVORS, AND WE WOULD -- WE KNOW THAT IN THE CENTERS THAT CONDUCT THESE EXAMINATIONS, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE STAFFS, WE NEED TO MAKE THIS MOTION PASS SO WE CAN REIMBURSEMENT AND IT'S -- IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE GREATEST COUNTY IN THE NATION IS ABLE TO MAKE REIMBURSEMENTS AT A RATE THAT'S GOING TO KEEP THESE DOORS OPEN. AND WE APPLAUD THE SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING A STEP TO MAKE THIS WRONG A RIGHT, AND DO WHAT IS HELPFUL AND CRITICAL FOR THESE SURVIVORS. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TRAMEL RADCLIFFE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

TRAMEL RADCLIFFE: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND SUPERVISOR BARGER AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND BARGER FOR AUTHORING THIS ITEM NUMBER 7 TO STABLIZE THE COUNTY'S CRITICAL SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM CENTERS. THAT IS WHY I ASK THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION TO INCREASE THE RATES THAT S.A.R.T. PROVIDERS RECEIVE SO THEY CAN CONTINUE OFFERING THESE CRUCIAL SERVICES. WE MUST SHOW SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT THAT WE STAND WITH THEM, AND THAT THE COUNTY SUPPORTS THE SERVICES THEY DEPEND ON. I WANT TO END MY COMMENTS THERE. THANK YOU SO MUCH AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO AN AMAZING 2024.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU, TOO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RYAN ALEXANDER. YOU MAY BEGIN. RYAN ALEXANDER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN, YOU MAY BEGIN. YOU MIGHT NEED TO UNMUTE YOUR PHONE ON YOUR END AS WELL.

RYAN ALEXANDER: HELLO.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. GO AHEAD.

RYAN ALEXANDER: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YES, WE CAN. GO AHEAD.

RYAN ALEXANDER: HI. I WAS CALLING IN REGARDING ITEM NUMBER 4, BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE PHONE IN RESPONSE AND TO THE BIASES OF MRS. MITCHELL AND HOW SHE JUST DOES NOT AGREE TO AMENDMENTS REGARDING MEMBERS --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SO WE'VE -- WE ARE NOW ON TO ITEM 7. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OFFER COMMENTS ON ITEM 4, YOU CAN DO SO AT THE END OF THE MEETING UNDER GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

RYAN ALEXANDER: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS, MODERATOR?

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: GREAT. WE WILL GO IN PERSON. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

MELINDA WHEELER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S MELINDA WHEELER AND FIRST AND FOREMOST, I AM A SURVIVOR OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND ALSO A SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER. THIRTY YEARS AGO I FORMED A COMPANY TO ASSIST AND ENCOURAGE VICTIMS THROUGH THIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS CALLED FORENSIC NURSE SPECIALISTS. WE HAVE PROVIDED FORENSIC EXAMS IN LA COUNTY FOR OVER 26,000 VICTIMS. I AM ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINERS ASSOCIATION, AND REPRESENT THE 48 EXAM TEAMS IN CALIFORNIA. ALL ACROSS CALIFORNIA, TEAMS HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY RECRUITING AND RETAINING NURSES TO DO THIS VITALLY IMPORTANT WORK. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR AUTHORING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION TO STABILIZE OUR S.A.R.T. CENTERS. I RESPECTFULLY URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ACCEPT THIS MOTION TO INCREASE THE RATES FOR S.A.R.T. PROVIDERS SO THEY CAN CONTINUE TO OFFER CRITICAL SERVICES 24/7 FOR IN-PERSON PROFESSIONALS. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. GO AHEAD.

GINA DIAPILLA: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GINA DIAPILLA. AND I MANAGE THE CENTER FOR ASSAULT TREATMENT SERVICES AND I AM ALSO A FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINER. C.A.T.S., THE CENTER FOR ASSAULT TREATMENT SERVICES, HAS PROVIDED EXAMS IN SAN FERNANDO AND

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY FOR OVER 22 YEARS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR AUTHORIZING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION TO HELP US CONTINUING OFFERING THESE ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE. DUE TO THE LACK OF RESOURCES AND FUNDING, S.A.R.T.S HAVE STRUGGLED TO PROVIDE 24-HOUR IN-PERSON EXAMINATIONS. LACK OF FUNDING HAS LED TO CLOSURES OF S.A.R.T.S, DECREASED AVAILABILITY AND RETENTION OF FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINERS AND EVEN DO IT YOURSELF KITS. THESE ARE ALL IN VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE. NO SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM SHOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS ALONE, AND BE ASKED TO COLLECT THEIR OWN D.N.A. SWABS. SO I APPRECIATE THE TIME TO SPEAK TODAY, AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

TOYETTA BEUKES: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TOYETTA BEUKES AND I AM THE DIRECTOR OF THE SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM AT SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS -- HAS 13 S.A.R.T. CENTERS WHICH ARE DEDICATED SPACES WHERE SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT RECEIVE ESSENTIAL CARE AND SERVICES. THE DEDICATED NURSES AND PHYSICIANS AT THESE CENTERS PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE CONDUCTING DETAILED FORENSIC EXAMS. HOWEVER, THERE IS PRESSING ISSUE WITH THE DEMANDS OF OUR -- WHICH

DEMANDS OUR ATTENTION. THIS CURRENT REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE S.A.R.T. CENTERS AND OUR COUNTY ARE WOEFULLY INADEQATE. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE ADDRESS THIS CONCERN PROPERLY. IN CONCLUSION, FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, ALONG WITH ANTHONY SIPEDAS AND ALL THE STAFF. WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO THIS WITHOUT YOU AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO BE ABLE TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

DONALD HARLAN: HI, I AM DONALD HARLAN. I AM SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7, STABILIZING THE COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM. I WILL APPROVE THE INCREASE. I WOULD ENDORSE THAT. I DO BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD GO AHEAD IN PAYING THE COST OF THAT AND THAT THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT. BUT THERE WAS SOME PROBLEMS. IT SEEMS THAT IT WAS THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS SPONSORING OF THIS TRAINING FOR SEXUAL RESPONSE TEAMS THAT LED TO THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROBLEM THAT, YOU KNOW, YOU ARE HELPING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS, BUT THEY END UP DOING ANOTHER JOB INSTEAD BY THE TIME THEY ARE DONE. AND THAT THIS TRAINING WAS THE SEED FOR THAT PROBLEM. BUT I APPROVE OF WHAT YOU GUYING ARE DOING. IT JUST SEEMS THAT YOU'RE, THIS COUNTY SUPERVISOR BOARD IS NOT THE RIGHT PEOPLE TO BE DOING THAT KIND

OF STUFF. AND WOMEN ARE AFRAID TO REPORT THEY'VE BEEN RAPED BECAUSE --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

SPEAKER: HI, AGAIN. YOU DON'T CARE, HOLLY MITCHELL. YOU DON'T CARE, DO YOU? YOU HAVE PEOPLE WORKING FOR YOU, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE NO ISSUE. MY DAUGHTER WAS RAPED.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: LET'S FOCUS OUR COMMENTS TO THIS ITEM. I'M SORRY.

SPEAKER: MY DAUGHTER WAS RAPED.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: I AM SORRY TO HEAR.

SPEAKER: YEAH. YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YES.

SPEAKER: MEET ME. MEET ME. LISTEN WHERE THE SYSTEM IS FAILING. THE PEOPLE WHO GET HURT. WHERE ARE YOU? WHERE ARE YOU? IT'S A JOKE. YOU'RE ELECTED OFFICIALS. YOU'RE NOT DOING ENOUGH. HOW MANY TIMES I CAME HERE? AND THEN, LINDSEY, YOU KNOW YOU PUT THE PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE END. MY DAUGHTER IS IN THE HOSPITAL.

WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT? WHY DON'T YOU CARE ABOUT THE PUBLIC? SO MANY PEOPLE TOLD YOU, LET US TALK. LISTEN TO US. DON'T DENY US ACCESS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON -- GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. I AM WONDERING, THESE SEXUAL ASSAULT TEAMS, WHEN THE VICTIMS ARE TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL, THEY SHOW UP AT THE HOSPITAL, WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY GO TO MLK JR. HOSPITAL? SINCE THAT IS NO LONGER PART OF THE COUNTY-RUN SYSTEM, IT IS NOT PART OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM ANY MORE. BECAUSE IT'S NOT LISTED IN YOUR GUIDE BOOK. SO WHO GOES TO MLK JR. HOSPITAL? DO THEY HAVE A SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THAT DISTRICT? OR THEY DON'T HAVE ANY SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN THAT DISTRICT? BECAUSE THERE'S NO HOSPITAL IN THAT DISTRICT. SINCE THERE'S NO HOSPITAL, THEN THEY CAN'T SEND ASSAULT TEAMS THERE. SO YOU'RE JUST STEALING PUBLIC MONEY AGAIN. THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE EVER DONE FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS, YOU'VE STOLEN PUBLIC MONEY. YOUR BUDGET HAS GONE FROM $18 BILLION TO OVER $48 BILLION A YEAR. THAT'S $4 BILLION A MONTH. THAT'S $1 BILLION A WEEK. YOU ARE STEALING PUBLIC FUNDS. YOU HAVE MORE SEXUAL ASSAULTS, YOU HAVE MORE TRAFFICKING --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS IN PERSON? OKAY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: NO OTHER SPEAKERS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THEN WE WILL TURN IT TO OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER. ITEM 7 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ITEM SEVEN IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISE SOLIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 9, ADVANCING HIGH ROAD JOBS BY HARNESSING THE COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT POWER AS A MARKET PARTICIPANT, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I TURN IT TO YOU.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TODAY'S MOTION IS AN EXTENSION OF THE WORK THAT WE HAVE EMBARKED ON SINCE 2021 TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR COUNTY CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT PROCESS IS MORE EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR CONTINUING THIS WORK WITH ME. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I KNOW THAT SHE IS GOING TO BRING FORTH AMENDMENTS WHICH I SUPPORT. AND THE AMENDMENTS WILL FURTHER CLARIFY THAT WE ARE TARGETING ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT FOR JOBS ON COUNTY CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES BY HIGHLIGHTING THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE. AND SO, THAT IS BUT ONE EXAMPLE OF THIS CHALLENGE THAT WE SEE IN HIRING COUNTY-WIDE. SO I WILL BE ACCEPTING THE AMENDMENTS

SUPERVISOR SOLIS BRINGS FORWARD, AND THANK YOU. OUR BOARD UNDERSTANDS THAT THE COUNTY SPENDS BETWEEN $6 BILLION TO $9 BILLION ANNUALLY TO PURCHASE GOODS AND SERVICES AND MANY OF THESE GOODS AND OUR SERVICES ARE COMPETITIVELY PROCURED. PART OF AN EQUITABLE PROCUREMENT PROCESS IS NOT JUST DIVERSIFYING WHO WE AS A COUNTY DO BUSINESS WITH, BUT ALSO CONSIDERING WHO BENEFITS FROM THIS MULTIBILLION DOLLAR SPENDING. SO THIS MOTION WILL ALLOW US TO DO THE FOLLOWING. EXPAND OUR EQUITY AND COUNTY CONTRACTING WORK, ESTABLISH TARGETED HIRING AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS ON MORE COUNTY CONTRACTS, CENTRALIZE INFORMATION FOR ALL COUNTY SPONSORED HIGH ROAD TRAINING PROGRAMS, PREAPPRENTICESHIP, OR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND EXPAND AND MAKE PERMANENT OUR PIPELINE PROGRAM INTO COUNTY JOBS REFERRED TO AS P.L.A.C.E., PREPARING LA FOR COUNTY EMPLOYMENT. PRIOR TO TODAY, THE BOARD HAS FOCUSED OUR EQUITY IN COUNTY CONTRACTING WORK ON MAKING THE COUNTY CONTRACTING PROCESS MORE ACCESSIBLE AND EQUITABLE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND THAT WAS A REALLY IMPORTANT FIRST STEP. PREVIOUSLY, THE BOARD ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY LOCAL AND TARGETED WORK REQUIREMENTS ONLY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRACTS. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY HAS MANY TRAINING PROGRAMS, BOTH IN OUR DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND ACROSS OUR 38 OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT PREPARE COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR JOBS WITH GOOD BENEFITS AND FAMILY-SUSTAINING WAGES ACROSS HIGH GROWTH INDUSTRIES. SO TODAY'S MOTION STRIVES TO INCREASE POSITIVE, EQUITY-DRIVEN

IMPACT BY ADDING COMMUNITY BENEFITS TO OUR LARGEST CONTRACTS OUTSIDE OF CONSTRUCTION. THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO LEVERAGE OUR LARGEST CONTRACTS, TO CONNECT THOSE WE ARE TRAINING IN THE COMMUNITY TO JOB OPPORTUNITIES CREATED BY THE COUNTY'S SPENDING. ADDITIONALLY, THIS MOTION PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A CENTRALIZED LIST OF ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE COUNTY'S HIGH ROAD TRAINING PROGRAM, BOTH THE PREAPPRENTICESHIP AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS. AND SO THAT WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR COMPANIES TO SOURCE AND HIRE THESE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES THAT THE COUNTY HAS INVESTED IN AND TRAINED. THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO EQUITY IN COUNTY CONTRACTING NOT ONLY PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO DIVERSITY THE BUSINESSES WE HAVE WORKED WITH, BUT ALSO PROVIDES THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH ACCESS TO FAMILY SUSTAINING WAGE CAREERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO BOARD SUPPORT.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR INCLUDING ME AS A CO-AUTHOR, AND FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DID TO BRING THIS FORWARD. THIS MOTION FURTHERS AND COMPLEMENTS THE EQUITY IN COUNTY CONTRACTING WORK, WHICH SEEKS TO USE THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POWER TO ENSURE GREATER EQUITY AND INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS. IT IS A NATURAL EVOLUTION THAT FURTHER LEVERAGES THE COUNTY'S $6 BILLION DOLLAR PROCUREMENT POWER, TO MAXIMIZE IMPACT BY INCREASING COMMUNITY BENEFITS. IT POTENTIALLY

EXPANDS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE THE HARD WORK OF PARTICIPATING AND COMPLETING COUNTY JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS. THROUGH THIS MOTION, WE ARE CONNECTING THE COUNTY'S SIGNIFICANT PURCHASING POWER TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE TRAINED THROUGH COUNTY PROGRAMS, AND PREPARED FOR EMPLOYMENT. IT IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIVATE CONTRACTORS TO CONNECT WITH EMPLOYEES WHO ARE READY FOR THEIR POSITIONS. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT BACK, SO WE CAN INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS. THIS WILL HELP SUPPORT OUR LOCAL ECONOMY, SUPPORT OUR BUSINESSES, SUPPORT OUR WORKERS, AND I AM EXCITED TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND CHAIR HORVATH FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF WAGES, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR A LONG TIME. AND OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY IN LAUNCHING SEVERAL HIGH ROAD TRAINING INITIATIVES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LABOR, ACADEMIA, AND THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. THE COUNTY'S PREAPPRENTICESHIP AND APPRENTICESHIP EFFORTS MUST FOCUS ON HIGH GROWTH SECTORS, SUCH AS HEALTH CARE, MANUFACTURING, TRADE, AND LOGISTICS, LEISURE, HOSPITALITY, AMONG ADDITIONAL COUNTY PRIORITIZED HIGH GROWTH AREAS. THE EFFORTS SHOULD ALSO FOCUS ON THOSE INDUSTRIES WITH THE

SHORTAGE OF HUMAN CAPITOL, WHICH WE HAVE HEARD TIME AND TIME AGAIN BEFORE THIS BOARD, SUCH AS AN EDUCATION, EARLY EDUCATION, CHILD CARE, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. IN ADDITION AS THE COUNTY MOVES TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY GOALS, EFFORTS SHOULD FOCUS ALSO ON GREEN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY. AND WE HAVE ESTABLISHED OUR OWN MODEL IN THE COUNTY THROUGH THE P.L.A.C.E. PROGRAM. WITH THIS PROGRAM, WE ARE SETTING A STANDARD OF HIGH ROAD TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR. AND I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO UTILIZE AND EXPAND THESE PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT OUR MOST VULNERABLE ANGELENOS. WHILE THE ECONOMY HAS BEEN EXPANDING SINCE THE END OF THE GREAT RECESSION, THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO FACE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES. RISING HOUSING COSTS, DECLINING WAGES PREVENT MANY INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES FROM ACHIEVING ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND MOBILITY. IN LA COUNTY, 15% OF WORKING ADULTS LIVE IN POVERTY AND NEARLY 51% OF WORKING POOR ADULTS ARE EMPLOYED FULL-TIME. LOW WAGES MEANS THAT DESPITE HAVING EMPLOYMENT, MANY RESIDENTS ARE AT RINK OF HOMELESSNESS, OR ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THEMSELVES. LOW WAGES AS YOU KNOW MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO CLIMB OUT AND TO ACHIEVE SOME SUCCESS. WITH NEARLY 76,000 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO BRING OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS INDOORS. AND THAT INCLUDES CONNECTING THEM TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR GOOD PAYING JOBS. SO MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THE MOTION, AND I KNOW THAT THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE

AUTHOR AND CO-AUTHOR, AND IT IS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, AND IT WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: IN DIRECTIVE 2A I WOULD LIKE TO ADD, THE C.E.O. HOMELESS INITIATIVE AND THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY TO THE LIST OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPORT BACK. AND IN DIRECTIVE 3 I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THE FIRST AND SECOND SENTENCES TO READ THE FOLLOWING, "DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF I.S.D. AND DIRECTOR OF D.E.O., IN COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, THE C.E.O. AND THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER TO REPORT BACK IN WRITING IN 180 DAYS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNTY SOLICITATION PILOT PROGRAM, THAT REQUIRES A DEFINED SUBSET OF COUNTY CONTRACTORS TO CONSIDER HIRING QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES WITH BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT INCLUDING FORMERLY HOMELESS, FORMERLY INCARCERATED AND THOSE LIVING BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL. FROM THE COUNTY'S H.R.T.P. AND OTHER RELEVANT PREAPPRENTICESHIP AND JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS, INCLUDING COUNTY PIPELINE PROGRAMS LIKE PREPARING LOS ANGELES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYMENT, KNOWN AS P.L.A.C.E. AND DELETE THE DIVIDE INTERNSHIP. THIS REPORT BACK SHOULD INCLUDE SOLICITATION IN CONTRACTING STRATEGIES SUCH AS THE POTENTIAL FOR HIRING SET ASIDES AND PREFERENCES DURING THE SOLICITATION PROCESS, FOR FIRMS THAT AGREE TO HIRE TARGETED EMPLOYEES WITH BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT. FROM COUNTY APPROVED WORK FORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS AS WELL AS RECOMMENDATIONS ON TYPES OF CONTRACTS TO FOCUS ON IN THE PILOT PROGRAM." THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I THANK THE AUTHOR, AND THE CO-AUTHOR, AND

LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK, AND SEEING THIS PROGRAM SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. DONALD HARLAN. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM NO. 9, IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER IS RYAN ALEXANDER. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE CANNOT HEAR YOU, SPEAKER.

TRAMEL CARTER: HELLO.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: GO AHEAD, RYAN.

TRAMEL CARTER: HELLO.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

TRAMEL CARTER: HI. THE NAME IS -- THE NAME IS TRAMEL CARDIN, SO THAT'S WHY I WASN'T RESPONDING.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OH, I SEE.

TRAMEL CARTER: I THINK THEY HAVE THE NAME WRONG. SO I AM CALLING IN REGARDS TO AGENDA NUMBER 9 THAT'S PROPOSED BY MRS. MITCHELL, AND I AM CALLING BECAUSE I STILL -- IT'S A LITTLE BIASED BY MRS. MITCHELL WHEN SHE MENTIONED IN HER AGENDA, THE WORD DIVERSITY, AND EXPANDING EQUITY, WHEN I HAVE APPROACHED HER OFFICE MANY TIMES AND PROVIDED PROOF THAT MRS. SAVALAS, IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, AND HER TWO STAFF MEMBERS, BETTY AND STEPHANIE, DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ME.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THIS ITEM IS ABOUT ADVANCING HIGH ROAD JOBS. IF WE CAN FOCUS YOUR COMMENTS THERE. IF THESE ARE -- IF YOU HAVE GENERAL COMMENTS ABOUT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, OR SERVICE IN THE COUNTY, YOU CAN --

TRAMEL CARTER: NO. IT'S --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: DIRECT THEM IN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

TRAMEL CARTER: MY COMMENTS ARE ABOUT WHAT SHE IS PROPOSING AND THE BIASES IN HER -- WHAT SHE IS PROPOSING BECAUSE SHE IS SPEAKING ABOUT DIVERSITY, AND SHE IS SPEAKING ABOUT TRAINING. AND WITHIN HER OWN PROPOSAL, IT DOES NOT SPEAK ABOUT IF YOU ARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, WHAT CAN HAPPEN AND TOO, WHAT CAN BE PREVENTING THOSE THINGS TO HAPPEN. SO IN THIS PROPOSAL, WHAT I AM STATING IS --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

TRAVEL CARTER: SHE IS BEING BIASED.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER.

TRAMEL CARTER: SHE'S VERY BIASED.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ERIC PREVIN: THANK YOU. WELL, WHAT A REFRESHING IDEA, THE IDEA OF HIGHER ROAD JOBS. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, FINDING A WAY TO LINK WITH PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND THE COUNTY'S POWER, AND HOW WE

WIELD IT WITH A VELVET GLOVE. WE'RE NOT, YOU KNOW, ONEROUS ENTITY THAT'S NEGLECTFUL ALL OVER THE PLACE, AND ENGAGING ATTORNEYS WHO ARE FIGHTING THESE BATTLES ENDLESSLY IN SCORCHED EARTH POLICIES. WHAT WE ARE IS A COMPASSIONATE ORGANIZATION, WHO IS DOING BUSINESS WITH FOLKS LIKE A.E.C.O.M., WHO ARE NOW METRO. THERE'S A LOT TO CELEBRATE ABOUT THE GUYS WHO SCREWED UP THE JAIL PLAN THAT WE ARE STILL KICKING AROUND TRYING TO SHUT. BUT LISTEN, THESE ARE FOLKS WHO CAN PROVIDE UPPER ECHELON ACCESS FOR LOCAL ANGELENOS, WHO CAN THEN WORK IN THE SERVICE OF TAKING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM THE COUNTY, AND GETTING THE JOB DONE EVENTUALLY DECADES, SOMETIMES MULTIPLE DECADES LATER, BUT WE ARE --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER PLEASE.

MODERATOR: THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS AT THIS TIME.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE WILL TURN TO SPEAKERS IN PERSON. GO AHEAD, SPEAKER.

SPEAKER: YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT HOW TO DECREASE HOMELESSNESS, AND YOU DON'T HAVE NO IDEA. WHY DID YOU ALLOW -- WHY DID YOU ALLOW AND CONTINUE TO ALLOW HOSPITAL TO DISCHARGE PATIENTS ON THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: I AM SO SORRY, THIS ITEM IS ABOUT ADVANCING HIGH ROAD JOBS BY HARNESSING THE COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT POWER.

SPEAKER: WELL GUESS WHAT? GUESS WHAT?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: IT'S NOT ABOUT HOMELESS.

SPEAKER: NO. NO, NO. YOU MENTIONED HOMELESSNESS EARLIER IN YOUR DISCUSSION. YOU DID MENTION IT.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THIS ITEM IS ABOUT --

SPEAKER: YES. NO. DON'T TAKE MY TIME, PLEASE.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THE COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT POWER.

SPEAKER: YOU SEE HOW YOU MAKE ME? I WAS NEVER LIKE THIS DISRESPECTFUL TO YOU. I SAID OF YOU, BUT YOU ARE MAKING ME LIKE THIS. YOU KNOW WHY? MY DAUGHTER IS IN THE HOSPITAL.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE NEED YOU TO FOCUS YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM. I'M SO SORRY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK

ABOUT THAT YOU CAN TALK ABOUT IT AT THE END OF THE MEETING UNDER GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS.

SPEAKER: WELL, MAKE IT IN THE BEGINNING, THEN. DON'T DENY US ACCESS. YOU DID IT.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

DONALD HARLAN: HI, I AM DONALD HARLAN. IT'S CONCERNING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9, HARNESSING THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT POWER, AND MARKET PARTICIPANT. I THINK THIS IS A POLITICAL MOVE, THAT YOU SHOULDN'T BE MAKING A JOB MARKET HERE IN THE COUNTY. THAT THERE WILL BE AN ATTEMPT TO PAY THEMSELVES FOR SOMETHING THAT IS NOT THE JOB. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO CREATE WORK BONDS, AND MUNICIPAL BONDS. IT IS NOT ABOUT JOBS. THERE'S ALREADY A SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY FOR GIVING PEOPLE JOBS. AND THEY DON'T NEED ANOTHER OVERLAY. I THINK IT IS A REALLY BAD IDEA FOR THE COUNTY TO BE INVOLVED IN SOME KIND OF JOB MARKET, THAT THERE MAY BE A POLITICAL MOVE TO CLAIM OWNERSHIP OF THE WORK, OR THE MONEY. AND THAT YOU GUYS SHOULD PROBABLY STOP SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: ITEM 9 IS NOW BEFORE US, AS AMENDED, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ITEM 9 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM L1, SUPPORT THE LOCAL 988 RESPONSE ACT OF 2023, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I TURN IT TO YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN:, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. 988 HAS ALREADY BECOME SUCH A GAME CHANGER FOR MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS. IT'S GIVEN US AN EASY TO REMEMBER 3 DIGIT NUMBER TO CALL WHEN YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. BUT WHEN CONGRESS CREATED 988, THEY SET IT UP SO THAT CALLS ARE ROUTED TO CALL CENTERS BASED ON THE PERSON'S AREA CODE, THE CALLER'S AREA CODE. THAT MEANS IF YOU ARE IN LA COUNTY, BUT HAVE A CELL PHONE NUMBER WITH A DIFFERENT AREA CODE, WHICH MANY PEOPLE DO, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ACCESS LA COUNTY'S CALL CENTER WHEN YOU DIAL 988. THIS HAS BEEN A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR US BECAUSE HERE IN LA COUNTY, WE HAVE CONNECTED 988 TO OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS FOR SOMEONE WHO NEEDS AN IN-PERSON RESPONSE. AND WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO EXPAND THE NUMBER AND SCOPE OF OUR TEAMS SPECIFICALLY TO BE ABLE TO CONNECT WITH 988. SO IT CAN BECOME A TRUE ALTERNATIVE TO 911. WHEN 988 WAS LAUNCHED, WE ONLY HAD 30 COUNTY-WIDE PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS, OPERATING DURING LIMITED HOURS. TODAY WE HAVE A TOTAL OF 47 TEAMS AVAILABLE TO RESPOND ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND THEY NOW OPERATE 24/7. BUT THESE TEAMS CAN ONLY BE

ACCESSED THROUGH THE LA COUNTY'S 988 CALL CENTER. I WENT TO WASHINGTON, D.C. LAST YEAR, ALONG WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE ADVOCATED FOR WAS TO IMPLEMENT GEOROUTING FOR 988 WHICH WOULD SEND 988 CALLS TO THE CALL CENTER THAT IS GEOGRAPHICALLY CLOSEST TO THE CALLER, NOT TO THE LOCATION OF THEIR AREA CODE. I WAS TOLD IT WOULD TAKE AN ACT OF CONGRESS TO MAKE GEOROUTING HAPPEN. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU AND I KNOW ABOUT ACTS OF CONGRESS. BUT THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE BEEN PURSUING. AND LAST YEAR, OUR FRIEND, CONGRESS MEMBER TONY CARDENAS, INTRODUCED H.R. 4974 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT WOULD MAKE THIS CHANGE. AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED A MOTION TO SUPPORT THAT BILL. AND NOW SENATOR PADILLA INTRODUCED A COMPANION BILL IN THE SENATE, S. 3444, THAT WILL ALSO IMPLEMENT GEOROUTING FOR 988. THIS IS A BIPARTISAN BILL WITH SENATOR TILLIS FROM NORTH CAROLINA AS SENATOR PADILLA'S CO-SPONSOR. SENATOR PADILLA WORKED WITH THE CELL PHONE'S CARRIERS ON THIS BILL, AND SO HE INCLUDED SOME MINOR CONCESSIONS LIKE GIVING THEM MORE TIME TO IMPLEMENT THE CHANGES BUT ULTIMATELY, THE BILL WILL STILL IMPLEMENT GEOROUTING FOR 988. THE BILL WILL ALSO DO THINGS LIKE MAKE 988 ON PAR WITH 911, LIKE MAKING SURE THAT 988 CAN BE DIALED FROM CELL PHONES EVEN IF THE BILLS HAVEN'T BEEN PAID OR CARRIERS ARE EXPERIENCING INTERRUPTIONS IN SERVICE, WHICH CURRENTLY HAPPENS WITH 911. WHEN SOMEONE IS HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, MINUTES MATTER. SO MAKING SURE THAT WHEN THEY DIAL 988

THEY GET SENT TO THE RIGHT CALL CENTER CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE. THIS MOTION TODAY WILL THROW OUR SUPPORT BEHIND SENATOR PADILLA'S BILL, S. 3444 AND DIRECT OUR COUNTY ADVOCATES TO DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO MOVE THIS BILL THROUGH CONGRESS. SUPERVISOR BARGER, THANK YOU FOR BEING MY CO-AUTHOR AND I AM SURE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW REMARKS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU. I KNOW THAT 988 GEOROUTING ISSUE IS SOMETHING THAT OUR OFFICES AND D.M.H. HAVE STRONGLY BEEN ADVOCATING FOR. AND WHEN I EXPLAIN TO PEOPLE, THEY THINK IT IS SUCH A SIMPLE FIX, BUT IT IS NOT. IT IS GOING TO TAKE FEDERAL LEGISLATION WORKING FORWARD TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. GIVEN THE DIVERSITY AND THE TRANSIENT NATURE OF OUR COUNTY, IT IS NO SURPRISE THAT AROUND 15% OF THE CALLS INTO OUR HELPLINE COME FROM OUTSIDE COUNTY NUMBERS. THE GOAL OF 988 IS RAPID RESPONSE TO CRISIS AND THIS CANNOT BE REACHED BY ALL RESIDENTS UNTIL THEY ARE ABLE TO REACH A CALL CENTER IN THEIR COMMUNITY. SOMETHING AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU HAVE BEEN VERY VOCAL ABOUT, THE FACT THAT IT WILL IN REAL TIME, WITH A REAL PERSON RESPONDING TO PEOPLE IN CRISIS. AND WE KNOW THAT THAT WILL SAVE LIVES, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE THAT DON'T FEEL THEY HAVE ANY HOPE. I AM GRATEFUL THAT SENATOR PADILLA HAS SHARED OUR CONCERN FOR THIS AND FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN BRINGING THE LEGISLATION THAT WILL HAVE REAL ON THE GROUND

IMPACTS. I ALSO WANT TO THANK CONGRESSMAN CARDENAS FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN BRINGING FORWARD SIMILAR LEGISLATION. 988 WAS A TOP PRIORITY OF MINE, AND I KNOW THAT N.A.C.O. WHEN WE MEET AT -- MET AT THE WHITE HOUSE LAST YEAR TO DISCUSS OUR MOST PRESSING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, THIS WAS BROUGHT UP. SO I KNOW, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE WHITE HOUSE WILL HAVE -- WEIGH IN ON THIS, BECAUSE THEY RECOGNIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS. IT IS PROBABLY A DETAIL THAT NO ONE THOUGHT OF, BUT IT NEEDS TO BE FIXED. NEXT MONTH AT N.A.C.O.'S LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, I PLAN TO BE ON THE GROUND ADVOCATING FOR BOTH THIS BILL AS WELL AS THE I.M.D. WAIVER THAT THE STATE SUBMITTED. SOMETHING THAT THIS BOARD TOOK ACTION ON TODAY AS WELL. BUT I THINK IT IS VITAL, AND I DO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS GOING TO BE INVOLVED WITH N.A.C.O., THAT WE'RE GOIGN TO BE ABLE TO USE OUR VOICES, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, TO REALLY ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. BECAUSE AS A COUNTY THAT REPRESENTS 10 MILLION PEOPLE, WE HAVE A STRONG VOICE. AND WE ARE RESPECTED. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO ADVOCATE AND PUSH HARD FOR THIS FOR YOU. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS IMPORTANT MOTION. THE 988 LIFELINE HAS RECEIVED OVER 20 MILLION CALLS FROM PEOPLE IN DISTRESS LOOKING FOR SUPPORT IN THEIR DARKEST HOUR. HERE IN LA COUNTY WE HAVE OVER 10 MILLION RESIDENTS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE

COME FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, AND THEY KEEP THEIR HOME AREA CODE ON THEIR CELL PHONE. IT IS GREAT THAT WE CAN KEEP OUR HOME PHONE NUMBERS, REGARDLESS OF WHERE WE MOVE OR WHAT PROVIDER WE USE, BUT THERE ARE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES LIKE THIS ONE, WHICH THE MOTION SEEKS TO ADDRESS. CAN YOU IMAGINE NEEDING LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND THEN BEING REFERRED TO A CRISIS OPERATOR FROM YOUR HOMETOWN HUNDREDS OF MILES FROM LA COUNTY? IN FACT, A FRIEND OF MINE TRIED TO HELP SOMEONE IN HER NEIGHBORHOOD, AND WHEN SHE CALLED 988 ON THEIR BEHALF, SHE WAS REFERRED TO A SERVICE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. THIS BILL WORKS TO SOLVE THAT PROBLEM AND OUR MOTION WILL SUPPORT THE BILL. I WAS PROUD TO SUPPORT OUR MOTION ON THE HOUSE COMPANION BILL TO THIS LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY CONGRESSMAN CARDENAS AND I AM GRATEFUL THAT SENATOR PADILLA HAS TAKEN IT UP ON THE SENATE SIDE. THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT THIS LEGISLATION CAN MOVE QUICKLY AS THOSE IN CRISIS NOW CANNOT WAIT. I KNOW IT TAKES AN ACT OF CONGRESS, AS OUR SUPERVISOR SAYS, BUT WE NEED THIS ACTION NOW. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD. STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MIA LEVAS-PORTER. RICK POLETO. AND TROT WINTERS. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF

YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER L1, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS VICTOR MANALO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

VICTOR MANALO: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. MY NAME IS VICTOR MANALO AND I AM A SOCIAL WORKER AND FACULTY MEMBER AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES AND I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THIS MOTION, AND FOR BEING A CHAMPION OF MENTAL HEALTHCARE AND ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE. MADAM CHAIR, AS SUPERVISOR HAHN INDICATED, THERE IS A FLAW IN THE 988 SYSTEM THAT NEEDS TO BE FIXED. IF I HAVE A PERSON THAT IS CALLING FROM MY CITY OF ARTESIA, AND THEY CALL 988 FROM A CELL PHONE THAT HAS A 619 AREA CODE, THAT'S 988 CALL IS GOING TO GO TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, AND AS YOU HAVE INDICATED, THIS CAN HAVE DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES, FOR SOMEONE EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. THEREFORE, MADAM CHAIR, I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE THIS MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOHN CHAMBLIS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JOHN CHAMBLIS: HI, GOOD MORNING. AS YOU MENTIONED MY NAME IS JOHN. I AM SENATOR PADILLA'S HEALTH POLICY ADVISOR. I AM CALLING IN TODAY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 11. TO START, I JUST WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SENATOR'S NEW LOCAL 988 RESPONSE ACT. THE 988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LINE HAS JUST BEEN A CRITICAL RESOURCE FOR SUPPORTING AMERICANS IN CRISIS, AND SINCE ITS LAUNCH IN JULY OF 2021, MILLIONS HAVE CALLS AND TEXTED 988 TO GET ACCESS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT THEY NEED. BUT OUR WORK IN CONGRESS DIDN'T STOP THE DAY 988 WENT LIVE. AND THERE'S AN ABSOLUTE NEED TO SUPPORT AND IMPROVE THE LIFELINE. AND ONE OF THE BEST WAYS IS TO ROUTE CALLS VIA THE NEAREST CALL CENTER AND NOT BY AREA CODE. IT'S A CRITICAL FIX TO ENSURE THAT CALLERS CAN RECEIVE THE SUPPORT FROM MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AS QUICKLY AND SAFELY AS POSSIBLE, AND IMPORTANTLY WHILE PROTECTING USER PRIVACY. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS CRITICAL LEGISLATION. I AM GLAD TO BE WORKING TOGETHER IN THE FIGHT AND MAKE SURE THAT NO ONE IN CRISIS IS SUFFERING ALONE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRITTNEY WEISSMAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

BRITTNEY WEISSMAN: HI. I AM BRITTNEY WEISSMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOLLYWOOD FORWARD, THE HOMELESS COALITION, IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 11, AND THANKING SUPERVISORS BARGER AND HAHN. I WANT TO SAY DITTO TO YOUR OPENING REMARKS BOTH OF YOU. 988 SHOULD OBVIOUSLY WORK WITHOUT REQUIRING A CALLER TO UNDERSTAND THE LOGISTICS IN THE CROSS JURISDICTIONAL COLLABORATION REQUIRED BEHIND THE SCENE. IN HOLLYWOOD, IT'S A GLOBAL TOURIST ATTRACTION. SOMEONE CALLS AT THE CORNER OF SUNSET AND VINE, THEY COULD BE ROUTED ACROSS THE COUNTRY WHILE EXPERIENCING THEIR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. I JUST WANT TO FINISH BY SAYING THAT THE LAST THING SOMEONE CALLING 988 NEEDS IS ANOTHER BARRIER TO SERVICES. THANKS SO MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SHARI SINWELSKI. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS SHARI SINWELSKY, VICE PRESIDENT OF CRISIS CARE FOR DIDI HIRSCH, HOME TO THE NATION'S FIRST AND LARGEST SUICIDE PREVENTION CENTER. DIDI

HIRSCH HAS RESPONDED MORE THAN 100,000 CALLS, CHATS AND TEXTS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF 988. GEOROUTING IS CRUCIAL FOR GETTING 988 USERS CONNECTED TO THEIR LOCAL CRISIS CENTER TO FACILITATE TIMELY ACCESS TO SERVICES. THE CURRENT TECHNOLOGY IS ACTUALLY BUILT ON A LEGACY SYSTEM, WHERE GEOROUTING WASN'T EVEN A TECHNOLOGICAL POSSIBILITY, BUT IT IS CRUCIAL NOW. WHILE 95% OF CONTACTS ARE DEESCALATED WITH NO FURTHER INTERVENTION BEING NEEDED, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR CALLERS THAT REQUIRE AN IN PERSON RESPONSE. THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF ROUTING BY AREA CODE IS FLAWED AND CAN LEAD TO A DELAY IN CARE DURING A LIFE OR DEATH SITUATION. GEOROUTING WOULD ALLOW CALLERS TO BE ROUTED TO A CRISIS CENTER BASED ON THE LOCATION OF THEIR NEAREST CELL PHONE TOWER, ENSURING THAT THEY GET THE CARE THEY NEED, WHILE STILL MAINTAINING THEIR PRIVACY. I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE YES FOR ITEM 11 AND THANKS, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR ALWAYS CHAMPIONING 988.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MIKE MOLINA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MIKE MOLINA: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS IS MIKE MOLINA, AND I AM CURRENTLY THE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY'S MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION. IN FULL

SUPPORT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND BARGER, AGAIN, FOR YOUR LEADER SHIP, AS ALWAYS, ON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES HERE IN THE COUNTY. 988 HAS THE POTENTIAL OF BEING THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT INNOVATION FOR THE RESIDENTS, OUR RESIDENTS, EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. THE GOAL, CALL 988 AND WE'LL DISPATCH A MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM. HOWEVER, CALLING 988 ON SOME MOBILE PHONES IS CURRENTLY PROBLEMATIC IF THE AREA CODE IS NOT IN THE COUNTY. THIS LEADS TO CONFUSION AND FRUSTRATION AT A MOMENT OF CRISIS. GEOROUTING IS VITAL. SENATOR PADILLA'S LEADERSHIP IN INTRODUCING S.3444 IS JUST WHAT WE NEED. THANK YOU TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF TODAY'S MOTION. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ERIC PREVIN: THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVIN FROM STUDIO CITY, AND THIS IS A VERY INTERESTING ITEM AND I HAVE LEARNED A LOT LISTENING TO THE GREAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS EXPLAINING THAT THE CELL PHONE HAS TO BE TIED TO THE LOCAL PROVIDER, NOT TO THE HOME NUMBER, BECAUSE SOMEONE IN MINNESOTA IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO HELP SOMEONE WHO IS HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE MANN'S CHINESE. NOW, WHY SENATOR PADILLA IS INVOLVED IS OF COURSE BECAUSE WE HAVE TO HAVE THE FEDERAL

GUIDANCE TO PUSH THROUGH THE AT&T AND SUCH WHO HAVE MANAGED TO SCREW UP THIS CALL, I WILL ADD. BUT THEY'RE GOING TO GET IT RIGHT WHEN IT COMES TO THE GEOCODING, AND WE'RE GOING TO GET A WAY FORWARD THAT WILL BOTH EMBOLDEN THE AFFECTION FOR THE SENATOR WHEN HE RUNS FOR OFFICE IN THE FUTURE, BUT ALSO SET THE RIGHT TONE FOR HELPING THE 20 MILLION PEOPLE WHO CALL IN, ONLY A SMALL FRACTION OF WHICH ACTUALLY NEED MENTAL HEALTHCARE IN PERSON DELIVERED TO THEIR CURBSIDE. BUT THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND BARGER, FOR RECOGNIZING THAT FROM TIME TO TIME WE DO HAVE DO THE RIGHT THING, AND 988 IS EASY TO REMEMBER, SO THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DEBBIE BRASIL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DEBBIE BRASIL: HI, THIS IS DEBBIE BRASIL FROM N.A.M.I. WEST SIDE LOS ANGELES, THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 11, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND BARGER FOR BEING ADVOCATES FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND CRISIS RESPONSE. I DO WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS STILL, THIS GEOROUTING IS GREAT BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO GET YOU TO THE RIGHT PLACE, BUT MY UNDERSTANDING CURRENTLY IS IT DOES NOT DISPATCH A MOBILE CRISIS TEAM, AND IN ESSENCE IS A SUICIDE

HOTLINE. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT FURTHER DEVELOPED TO REALLY PROVIDE THAT SUPPORT, BUT I AM IN SUPPORT OF FIRST GETTING THE CALL ROUTED TO THE CORRECT PLACE. BUT CURRENTLY, IT DOES NOT DISPATCH A MOBILE CRISIS TEAM. I WORKING FOR N.A.M.I. NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS, I TAKE WARMLINE CALLS ALL THE TIME FROM PEOPLE IN CRISIS, AND THAT NUMBER DOESN'T PROVIDE THAT. IT DOES PROVIDE SUPPORT AND IT IS A GOOD START, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT MORE FULLY DEVELOPED. AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE ON THIS CALL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PPARTICIPANT IS ELLIOT DENICIO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ELLIOTT DENICIO: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ELLIOTT DENICIO.I LIVE IN SANTA MONICA, DISTRICT 3. I AM AM CALLING TO URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT ITEM 11, THE LOCAL 988 RESPONSE ACT. YOU KNOW, NEWS ABOUT THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISES EFFECTING INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS IN OUR COUNTRY TODAY FEELS ALMOST CONSTANT, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT DIRECTLY TOUCHES OUR LIVES. I WORK AT A LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL AMONG TEENAGERS, A GROUP THAT THE BOARD MAY KNOW FACES UNIQUE CHALLENGES OF SADNESS AND HOPELESSNESS TODAY. I HAVE FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO HAVE ENDURED

SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH STRUGGLES, IN SOME CASES ACROSS DECADES, INCLUDING DURING A TIME WHEN GEOLOCATING WASN'T A THING. AND THIS MOTION IS AT THE CORE ABOUT ALLOWING OUR FRIENDS, OUR FAMILIES, AND EVEN OURSELVES, TO ACCESS IN-PERSON CARE WHEN CRITICALLY NEEDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE TECHNOLOGICAL ABILITY WE HAVE TO ACTUALLY SET THE SYSTEM UP IS A TRUE BLESSING, SO PLEASE SUPPORT THE ACT. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHAD COSTELLO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

CHAD COSTELLO: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS CHAD COSTELLO AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES OR C.A.S.R.A. I'M CALLING TO SUPPORT ITEM NUMBER 11. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. C.A.S.R.A. MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE CRITICAL CRISIS SERVICES THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND ARE AND WILL BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN RESPONDING WITH THE SERVICES NEEDED BY SOME OF THOSE THAT UTILIZE THEM EVERY DAY. IT IS RARE TO COME ACROSS SOMETHING SO OBVIOUSLY NEEDED AS SENATE BILL 3444. FOR SOME OF

THE 5% OF THE PEOPLE THAT CALL 988, WHOSE ISSUES CAN'T BE RESOLVED OVER THE PHONE, GEOROUTING CAN LITERALLY MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH. C.A.S.R.A. ASKS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE ARE NOW GOING TO GO TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND WE WILL COME BACK TO OUR TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

TROUTY WINTERS: GOOD MORNING. HI, I AM TROUTY WINTERS. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS GREATER LA COUNTY AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN FOR CHAMPIONING 988 IN LA COUNTY, AND ALSO SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR CO-SPONSORING MOTION 11 AND ASK THAT ALL SUPERVISORS SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND DIRECT THE C.E.O.'S LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS BRANCH TO ADVOCATE FOR THIS LEGISLATION. IN LA COUNTY, AS MENTIONED, WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. AND IT IS SO IMPORTANT AND TIME SENSITIVE THAT WHEN SOMEONE IS IN CRISIS, THAT THEY ARE ROUTED TO THEIR NEAREST CALL CENTER, SO THAT IF CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS NEED TO BE DEPLOYED, THAT THEY ARE ROUTED TO THAT CALL CENTER SO THAT THEY CAN GET THE MOST TIMELY RESPONSE. IF SOMEONE'S CALL IS ROUTED TO ANOTHER PART OF THE COUNTRY, THEY MAY NOT GET THAT

RESPONSE NEEDED, AND TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE WHEN SOMEONE IS IN CRISIS. SO THIS BILL WILL SAVE LIVES, AND --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

RICK POLITO: GOOD MORNING. BUENOS DIAS. BON GIORNO. HONORABLE -- TO ALL OF OUR SUPERVISORS HERE, ESPECIALLY JANICE HAHN, HILDA, AND BARGER AND LINDSEY, NICE TO MEET YOU, TOO, AND TO HOLLY MITCHELL, MY SUPERVISOR. SO AGAIN, RICK POLITO FROM N.A.M.I. LA COUNTY SOUTH BAY CHAPTER. REAL QUICKLY, WE TOTALLY SUPPORT AND HEAVILY ENDORSE THIS MEASURE. WE BELIEVE THIS WILL BE THE NEW WAVE FOR THE 911. THE 988 WILL BE FOR THIS CENTURY, THE NEW NUMBER FOR MENTAL HEALTH FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY OUR LOVED ONES WHO ARE IN DIRE NEED. WE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GEOROUTING AND FOR BRINGING THAT CODING SYSTEM HERE DOWN TO LA COUNTY. AND IT IS GOING TO BE FROM THE WEST COAST ALL THE WAY TO THE EAST COAST, MARK MY WORDS, FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP. YOU FIVE STRONG WOMEN, LADIES, ARE WHAT WE NEED IN THE COUNTRY. MAYBE IN THE GOVERNSHIP AND MAYBE A PRESIDENT VERY SHORTLY. WHO KNOWS? BUT SERIOUSLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH THE HONORABLE SENATOR PADILLA AND WITH ALL OF OUR TEAM THAT IS WORKING ON THIS FROM THE GRASS ROOTS. WE APPRECIATE IT AND GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK. AND THANK YOU AGAIN, HAHN.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MIA LEVIS PORTER: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MIA LEVIS PORTER. I AM A MOMS DEMAND ACTION VOLUNTEER AND A SURVIVOR. MY BROTHER DIED BY GUN SUICIDE. OVER THE PAST YEAR, I HAVE LED A STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN TO RAISE AWARENESS OF 988 AS A TOOL TO CURB GUN SUICIDES WHICH I ALSO TAUGHT NATIONALLY. AS SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID, WHEN IT COMES TO SUICIDE, MINUTES COUNT. DATA SHOWS THAT THE WINDOW OF A PEEK SUICIDAL IDEATION IS 15 TO 20 MINUTES. IN ABOUT 90% OF CALLS TO 988, NO FURTHER SUPPORT IS NEEDED. HOWEVER, FOR THAT 10%, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THEY ARE CONNECTED TO LOCAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES. GEOROUTING 988 CALLS WILL SAVE LIVES BY CONNECTING STRUGGLING CALLERS WITH LOCAL SERVICES AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE NOT BASED ON THEIR AREA CODE. SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, THANK YOU FOR AUTHORING THIS MOTION AND ALL OF YOUR WORK ON 988. I ASK THE BOARD TO PLEASE VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR SENATOR PADILLA'S BILL.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR STRONG LEADERSHIP, MIA. IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

RACHEL STANKUS: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RACHEL STANKUS. I AM A SHIFT SUPERVISOR AT DIDI HIRSCH IN THEIR SUICIDE PREVENTION CENTER. I AM HERE TO SHARE MY EXPERIENCE COUNSELLING

INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS THROUGH 988 AND THE BENEFITS THAT GEOROUTING COULD PROVIDE. DUE TO THE FLAWED SYSTEM OF ROUTING BY AREA CODE, WE RECEIVE COUNTLESS CALLS THAT ARE INACCURATELY ROUTED TO US. ONE EXAMPLE THAT COMES TO MIND IS A CALLER WHO WAS ALREADY EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OF OVERDOSE. THE CALLER HAD TAKEN PRESCRIPTION PILLS AND WAS CONSIDERING TAKING MORE AS OUR CALL PROGRESSED. UNFORTUNATELY, THE CALLER'S AREA CODE NO LONGER MATCHED WHERE HE WAS CURRENTLY LIVING, SO HE WAS ROUTED TO OUR CALL CENTER. WE LOST VALUABLE TIME TRYING TO DETERMINE HIS LOCATION, VERSUS BEING ABLE TO JUST DIRECTLY ROUTE HIM TO HIS LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND BEING ABLE TO ENGAGE DIRECTLY WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT RIGHT AWAY. EVERY MOMENT COUNTS WHEN A CALLER IS IN CRISIS, AND ITEM 11 HAS THE POWER TO CONNECT HELPSEEKERS TO THE LIFE SAVING SERVICES THAT THEY REALLY NEED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

GABRIELLA TORRES: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GABRIELLA TORRES AND I AM A PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR AT DIDI HIRSCH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. I AM HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ITEM 11, WHICH WOULD AUTOMATICALLY GEOROUTE 988 CALLS TO THEIR LOCAL CRISIS CENTER. AS SOMEONE WHO HAS PERSONALLY ANSWERED 988 CALLS I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR CRISIS COUNSELORS TO HAVE

RESOURCES AT THEIR FINGERTIPS. EVERY TIME OUR CRISIS COUNSELORS PICK UP THE PHONE, THEY ARE THROWN INTO AN UNKNOWN AND RAPIDLY EVOLVING SITUATION, WHERE SOMETIMES LIVES ARE LITERALLY ON THE LINE. EXPECTING THEM TO BE EXPERTS ON THEIR LOCAL RESOURCES IS ALREADY A BIG ASK. EXPECTING THEM TO BE EXPERTS ON RESOURCES NATIONWIDE IS IMPOSSIBLE. THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF ROUTING CALLERS BY THEIR AREA CODE DOES NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ANYONE WHO HAS MOVED OR IS TRAVELING. IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR OUR CRISIS COUNSELORS TO GET CALLS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, MAKING IT VERY DIFFICULT TO CONNECT THEM WITH THEIR LOCAL RESOURCES. ITEM 11 WOULD SOLVE THIS PROBLEM WHILE MAINTAINING OUR CALLER'S PRIVACY. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HAVE OUR LAST SPEAKER IN PERSON, AND THEN GO BACK TO TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: WHEN MY DAUGHTER WAS IN CRISIS, MY CALLS WERE ROUTED EAST COAST. I DIDN'T GET THE HELP I NEEDED. SO, YEAH, THE SYSTEM FAILED US, TIME AFTER TIME. I DIDN'T GET THE HELP. EAST COAST, I LIVE HERE. AND THEN THEY KEPT HANGING UP THE PHONE. SO THE SYSTEM, 988, IT WAS A BAD EXPERIENCE FOR ME. AND I DID CALL IT, AND I DID COMPLAIN ABOUT IT. SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE

OTHER PEOPLE EXPERIENCE IS, BUT IT DIDN'T HELP FOR MY DAUGHTER'S SITUATION. THAT'S WHERE MY FRUSTRATION COMES. YOU KEEP TALKING ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS, BUT YOU NEED TO LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE. THE PARENTS, WHO ARE GOING THROUGH IT, ONE MINUTE, TWO MINUTES, FIVE MINUTES, IT DOESN'T HELP YOU. YOU WILL NEVER SOLVE IT, I KNOW THAT. YOU WILL HAVE CRISIS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO BACK TO SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE.

MODERATOR: AND OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRIAN GAVIDIA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

BRIAN GAVIDIA: THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR SUBMITTING THIS MOTION. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE LAUNCH OF THE 988 SUICIDES AND CRISIS LIFELINE REPRESENTS A TRANSFORMATION OF HOW WE VIEW AND RESPOND TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING MENTAL ILLNESS. AS YOU KNOW, THIS CRISIS CARE CONTINUUM MUST CONSIST OF MORE THAN JUST SOMEONE TO CALL, SO A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL TO RESPOND URGENTLY AND A SAFE PLACE TO GO TO RECOVER IS NECESSARY. WE CANNOT SUCCESSFULLY PROVIDE TIMELY MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE TO THOSE IN NEED IF WE DO NOT CONNECT THOSE INDIVIDUALS THEM TO LOCAL CALL CENTERS. BECAUSE CALLS TO 988 ARE CURRENTLY ROUTED BASED ON AREA CODE, OFTEN CALLERS REACH A CENTER THAT ARE IN A DIFFERENT STATE AND ARE NOT ABLE

TO DISPATCH MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE TEAM. IN A CITY LIKE LA, WHERE MANY RESIDENTS MOVE FROM ELSEWHERE, AREA CODES AND ZIP CODES OFTEN DO NOT ALIGN. THIS MAKES CREATING A TIMELY MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE ALL THE MORE CHALLENGING. THIS BILL WOULD REQUIRE ROUTING OUTREACH TO 988 BASED ON PROXIMITY, WHILE STILL PROTECTING USERS' PRIVACY BY LIMITING THAT LOCATION INFORMATION. WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT 988 CALLERS ARE CONNECTED TO THE CRISIS CENTER --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MODERATOR, MAY I HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ADRIENNE SHILTON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ADRIENNE SHILTON: GOOD MORNING. THIS IS ADRIENNE SHILTON WITH THE CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES. WE REPRESENT 167 NONPROFIT COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS ACROSS CALIFORNIA WHO ARE SUPPORTING CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN OUR SAFETY NET. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR HER CO-AUTHORSHIP. THE CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE IS IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL 988 RESPONSE ACT OF 2023. CALIFORNIA IS FACING A DEVASTATING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS AND OUR MEMBER AGENCIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTIES AND THE STATE ARE ON THE

FRONT LINES OF TAKING ON THIS GROWING CRISIS. GEOROUTING FOR 988 IS NEEDED SO WE CAN TRULY TRANSFORM OUR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM. THIS ACT WOULD IMPLEMENT GEOROUTING FOR 988 CALLS SO THAT A CALL WOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE CALLER'S CLOSEST 988 CALL CENTER, WHICH RESULTS IN A QUICKER RESPONSE BY A PROFESSIONAL WHEN THAT PERSON NEEDS THAT THE MOST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARIKA COLLINS YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING THIS IS MARIKA COLLINS. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY AND ADVOCACY WITH DIDI HIRSCH. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND BARGER FOR BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY. AS ALREADY NOTED, THE 988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE PROVIDES A SIMPLE EASY TO REMEMBER EASY THREE DIGIT DIALLING CODE FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CALLING OR TEXTING CHATTING WITH TRAINED CRISIS COUNSELLORS. HOWEVER, AS OUR TWO 988 CRISIS COUNSELORS JUST NOTED IN THEIR PUBLIC TESTIMONY, MANY WIRELESS CALLERS TO 988 ARE UNABLE TO ACCESS THOSE CRITICAL LOCAL RESOURCES IN A TIMELY MANNER DUE TO THE CURRENT CALL ROUTING SYSTEM. BY SWITCHING FROM THAT AREA CODE-BASED SYSTEM TO GEOROUTING, HELP SEEKERS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE CONNECTED TO

THEIR LOCAL CRISIS CENTER WHICH IS BEST POSITIONED TO PROVIDE THEM WITH TIME-SENSITIVE SUPPORT. THIS IS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL HERE IN LA COUNTY AS THE COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WORK DILIGENTLY TO EXPAND CAPACITY OF OUR MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS. BY SUPPORTING ITEM 11 YOU WILL HELP US DELIVER ON THE PROMISE OF 988 --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER?

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JASON ENWRIGHT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JASON ENWRIGHT: HI. MY NAME IS JASON ENWRIGHT AND I'M A COMMUNITY MEMBER ORGANIZING WITH LA FORWARD. I AM A RESIDENT OF NORTH HOLLYWOOD IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 3. I'M HERE IT SUPPORT ITEM 11 AND I WANTED TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS, HAHN AND BARGER, FOR SUBMITTING THIS AND THANK SENATOR PADILLA AND CONGRESSMAN CARDENAS FOR CHAMPIONING THIS IN CONGRESS. WE REALLY NEED TO GET THIS GEOROUTING PASSED. 988 IS A GREAT SERVICE BUT FOR IT TO WORK AS WELL AS WE NEED IT TO FOR US TO BE ABLE TO GET HELP DIRECTLY TO PEOPLE WHO NEED IT WE NEED TO FIX THIS GEOROUTING ISSUE. I URGE YOU STRONGLY TO PASS ITEM 11 AND ENSURE THAT THE 988 GEOROUTING PASSES CONGRESS AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SAMANTHA RUZON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU TODAY. MY NAME IS SAMANTHA RUZON AND I'M THE MENTAL HEALTH POLICY ASSOCIATE AT THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES ALSO KNOWN AS A.C.H.S.A. A.C.H.S.A. REPRESENTS 85 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING A WIDE AWAY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE SINCERE APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR HAHN AND BARGER FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RESPONDING TO THE NEED FOR 988 GEOROUTING. A.C.H.S.A. IS IN FAVOR OF SUPPORTING THE LOCAL 90-DAY RESPONSE ACT OF 2023 AND YOUR EFFORTS TO BUILD THIS LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. BASIC GEOROUTING TO ADD A 988 CALL TO THE CALL CENTER CLOSEST TO THE CALLER RATHER THAN THE AREA CODE OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER IS IMPERATIVE TO ENSURE THAT THE NEAREST TEAMS OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ARE ABLE TO ANSWER THE CALL AND REACH THOSE EXPERIENCING CRISIS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TEAM AND THE PRIVACY OF THE CALLER'S EXACT LOCATION. THANK YOU FOR ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF LA COUNTY.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GOTTFRIED PALAPA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

GOTTFRIED PALAPA: HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GOTTFRIED PALAPA. I AM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR AT LA FORWARD AND A RESIDENT OF KOREA TOWN IN SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S DISTRICT. I'M JOINING THE CHORUS OF VOICES CALLING TO SUPPORT ITEM 11. SUPERVISOR HAHN'S OFFICE IN PARTICULAR, AS WELL AS D.M.H. HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLE PARTNERS IN SUPPORTING OUR ORGANIZING WORK TOWARD ENSURING UNARMED ALTERNATIVES FOR ALL LA COUNTY RESIDENTS AND TO ALIGN THEM SPECIFICALLY WITH LA CITY'S EVOLVING SERVICES. EVOLVING SERVICES. 988 IS A VERY KEY PART OF THIS EQUATION FOR US TO TO BE ABLE TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF ACCESS TO ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS WITH THE LARGER PUBLIC, WE HAVE TO BUILD CONFIDENCE, WE HAVE TO BUILD RELIABILITY. WE CAN'T DO THAT WHEN OUR PHONE NUMBERS DO NOT ROUTE TO LA SERVICES. SO PLEASE PASS THIS GEOROUTING BILL AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL AND AS A LOCAL ORGANIZATION, WE NEED YOUR POWER AND SUPPORT TO ENSURE OUR SENATORS CO-SPONSOR THIS AND LEAD THIS EFFORT. AND WE USE ALL OUR MUSCLE AND POLITICAL NETWORK TO ENSURE THIS PASSES CONGRESS AND GETS IMPLEMENTED HERE AT HOME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. PASS ITEM 11.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS COURTNEY THOMAS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

COURTNEY THOMAS: GOOD MORNING. I'M COURTNEY THOMAS REPRESENTING THE CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCIES. C.B.H.A. WISHES TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR ITEM 11 AND OUR APPRECIATION TO THE AUTHORS. C.B.H.A. REPRESENTS DIVERSE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS ACROSS THE STATE INCLUDING 1/3 OF THE 988 CALL CENTERS. WE COMMEND THE CENTERS FOR THEIR HISTORY OF FULLY ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF CALLERS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA FOR DECADES, YET ALSO RECOGNIZE THE INFLUX IN NEED FOR EMERGENCY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN. WE BELIEVE THIS MEASURE WOULD ALLEVIATE THE GROWING BURDEN IN OUR CALL CENTERS WHICH EMPLOY A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS. WE ASK YOU FOR YOUR FAVORABLE VOTE ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MYRA SALAZAR. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MYRA SALAZAR: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MYRA SALAZAR AND I SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY AND POLICY FOR HILLSIDE. HILLSIDE HAS BEEN SUPPORTING YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR OVER 100 YEARS, MANY OF WHOM ARE DEALING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. AND TODAY I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION WHICH WOULD IMPLEMENT THE GEOROUTING FOR 988 CALLS SO THAT A CALL WOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE CALLER'S CLOSEST 988 CALL CENTER. AS I STATED, HILLSIDE SUPPORTS MANY OF OUR CLIENTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND MANY OF THEM ARE ALSO TRANSIENTS SO THEIR AREA CODE OF THE PHONE NUMBER DOESN'T ALWAYS MATCH WHERE THEY'RE LOCATED. SO IF ANY OF OUR CLIENTS MAKE A CALL TO 988 FOR SUPPORT, WE WANT THEM TO BE ROUTED TO THE CLOSEST MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT CENTER SO THAT THEIR ISSUE CAN BE REMEDIED SINCE MANY OF THEIR ISSUES ARE TIME SENSITIVE. AND SO FOR THIS REASON, WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER MOTION AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR HER CO-AUTHORSHIP AND WE ASK THAT YOU ALL SUPPORT IT AS WELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EVA TERAZZAS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

EVA TERAZZAS: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. EVA TERAZZAS, CHIEF PUBLIC OFFICER OF PACIFIC CLINICS. I WANT TO START BY THANKING

SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. THIS IS A COMMON SENSE CHANGE TO THE 988 CALL CENTER BY ENSURING THE CONNECTION TO THE LOCAL CALL CENTER WHILE ALSO MAINTAINING THE PRIVACY OF THE CALLER'S EXACT LOCATION AND ADDRESS. THE BILL PROVIDES A WIN-WIN SOLUTION WITH NO DOWN SIDES EITHER TO THE CALLER OR TO A PERSON EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. IN ADVANCE, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS CHANGE TO THIS LIFE SAVING MEASURE. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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

TRAMEL CARTER: HI I'M CALLING ON AGENDA NUMBER 11. I SAW SUPERVISOR BARGER'S NAME ON HERE AND SHE IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE SUPERVISORS, THOUGH I DO NOT HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO LIVE IN HER AREA. I HAVE MRS. MITCHELL, GO FIGURE. BUT I'M CALLING TO SUPPORT THIS AGENDA NUMBER 11 BUT I ALSO WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT THE BORD IS ALSO INTERESTED IN ITS OWN STAFF MEMBERS'S MENTAL STATE OF MIND. BECAUSE ME BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY MS. ZAVALAS AND HER TWO STAFF MEMBERS AND IT BEING IGNORED, IT'S NOT HEALTHY FOR THE BOARD TO IGNORE THINGS LIKE THIS BECAUSE THAT ALSO AFFECTS OTHER PEOPLE IN OTHER DEMOGRAPHICS OF PEOPLE, TO IGNORE THINGS LIKE THAT. BUT

THIS AGENDA NUMBER 11, I DO THINK WILL HELP PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE, BUT ALSO PEOPLE'S MENTAL STATE OF MIND WORKING UNDER MS. ZAVALAS IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, TO BE IGNORED, THAT'S NOT A GOOD THING ALSO TO IGNORE AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEOPLE'S COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION ALSO. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER. MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: YES, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF THAT ITEM 11. THIS IS A GREAT JOB THAT SUPERVISOR BARGER AND HAHN ARE DOING ON THE MENTAL HEALTH AND SO ON. SO 100% FOR THAT ITEM. TAKE CARE.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM 11 IS BEFORE US NOW. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ITEM 11 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 19, ANNUAL ABATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS VEGETATION, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. WE HAVE WITH US FIRE CHIEF ANTHONY MARRONE AND ALBERT YANAGISAWA. SORRY. I KNOW THAT WASN'T RIGHT. SO YOU'LL HELP ME GET IT RIGHT THE NEXT TIME, DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF AND MAXIMILLIANO REGIS, CHIEF DEPUTY AND ADRIAN ZAVALA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, WHO ARE ALL AVAILABLE FOR A QUESTION. SUPERVISOR BARGER, I'LL TURN IT TO YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO HOLD THIS ITEM JUST TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS AND PUT ON THE RECORD, THE ANNUAL BRUSH CLEARANCE NOTICES CAUSED MULTIPLE ISSUES IN MANY AREAS OF MY DISTRICT LAST YEAR. THE CONCERNS I HEARD FROM MANY OF THE RESIDENTS WHO CALLED MY OFFICES RANGE FROM CONFUSION OVER WHY THEY RECEIVED A BRUSH CLEARANCE LETTER FOR THE FIRST TIME, WHY THE FEE, WHY THE 2007 MAPS WERE BEING USED AND THE PURPOSE OF THE PROTEST HEARINGS, JUST TO NAME A FEW. AND WE TALKED ABOUT IT AND I REALLY DO APPRECIATE THE COMMUNICATION AS WELL AS YOUR STAFF, CHIEF. I WANT TO AVOID RUNNING INTO THE SAME PROBLEMS THIS GO AROUND SO I JUST HOPE THAT THERE WERE LESSONS LEARNED FROM LAST YEAR AND WE ARE BETTER PREPARED FOR THE PROCESS THIS YEAR. SO I JUST HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS. AND THE FIRST IS, CHIEF MARRONE, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT 6300 NEW PROPERTIES IN MY DISTRICT WERE RECEIVING A NOTICE FOR THEIR VERY FIRST TIME. HOW WERE THESE PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED AND WHY WEREN'T THEY INCLUDED LAST YEAR? AND ACTUALLY I THINK IT'S GOING TO APPLY TO I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN HAS AN INCREASE AS WELL. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY THIS INCREASE AND IT'S NOT ARBITRARY.

ANTHONY MARRONE: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, GOOD MORNING. YOU'RE CORRECT. SO THIS YEAR WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL 17,400 PARCELS THAT ARE ADDED. THOSE PARCELS REPRESENT DWELLINGS THAT HAVE UP TO 4 UNITS ON A SINGLE PARCEL. THIS BRINGS US INTO ALIGNMENT WITH CAL FIRE. CAL FIRE ALSO DOES ANNUAL DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS, BRUSH INSPECTIONS ON PROPERTIES THAT HAVE 1-4 UNITS. SO WE DID THE SAME. EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IS GETTING AN INCREASE. SD2 ONLY HAS ONE ADDITION TO THE DECK LIST WHEREAS SD5 HAS THE GREATEST NUMBER BEING ADDED.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: LUCKY US. THESE MAPS USED TO DETERMINE WHICH PROPERTIES ARE SUBJECT TO A BRUSH INSPECTION CAUSED A LOT OF CONFUSION. [INAUDIBLE] LAST YEAR. I'D ALSO LIKE FOR YOU TO EXPLAIN WHY THE 2007 CAL FIRE MAPS ARE STILL BEING USED TO DETERMINE WHICH PROPERTIES FALL UNDER THESE SEVERE FIRE ZONES?

ANTHONY MARRONE: SO, CURRENTLY THERE ARE TWO MAPS IN USE BY CAL FIRE. THERE IS A STATE RESPONSIBILITY MAP CALLED THE SRA MAP AND THEN THERE'S A LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY MAP WHICH IS AN LRA MAP. THAT IS NOT A STATE LAND. SO CURRENTLY, THE 2007 LRA MAP IS BEING USED FOR PROPERTIES THAT FALL IN THE LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA. THE STATE RECENTLY UPDATED THE SRA MAP, WHICH CAUSED US TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: SO THAT WOULD BE, FOR EXAMPLE, LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE NOW IS ENTIRELY HIGH FIRE WHEREAS BEFORE IT WAS NOT. WOULD THAT HAVE BEEN AN UPDATE THAT THIS MAP CREATED?

ANTHONY MARRONE: SO THE UPDATE TO THE SRA MAP, I'M NOT SURE IF THAT PARTICULAR CITY. I BELIEVE THAT WOULD BE IN THE LRA. IT'S A LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA. THAT MAP HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED SINCE 2007. THEY'RE GOING TO START THE UPDATE PROCESS, CAL FIRE, TO THE LRA MAP IN 2025 AND WE EXPECT THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT IN 2027-28.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: RIGHT. AND THEN I APPRECIATE THE ADDITION OF PROTEST HEARINGS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN MY DISTRICT, SANTA CLARITA AND LANCASTER, WHICH THE INCREASE HAS BEEN LARGE. CAN YOU CLARIFY WHAT HAPPENS AT THESE HEARINGS OF PROTEST?

ANTHONY MARRONE: YES. SO THE PROTEST HEARING IS GOING TO BE IDENTIFIED IN THE LETTER THAT'S SENT OUT ON FEBRUARY 1ST. WE EXPECT THAT RESIDENTS WILL BE RECEIVING IT ON FEBRUARY 3RD, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD. IT CLEARLY IDENTIFIES THE PROTEST PROCESS, WHERE IF YOU BELIEVE YOUR PARCEL SHOULD NOT FALL UNDER A DEFENSIBLE SPACE BRUSH INSPECTION, YOU CAN COME OUT AND MEET WITH OUR FORESTRY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE THE MAPS AND HAVE ALL THE PARCEL INFORMATION. SO THEY CAN GO OVER WITH THE

HOMEOWNER IN PRISON. PERSON. WE ALSO ALLOW THAT PROCESS TO BE DONE OVER THE TELEPHONE AND ALSO VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS OR ZOOM.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: GREAT. SO IF DURING THE PROTEST HEARING, PROPERTIES ARE FOUND TO BE ON THE LIST BY MISTAKE, WHAT ASSURANCES DO PROPERTY OWNERS THAT THEY WILL BE IN FACT REMOVED FROM OTHE LIST AND WILL NOT BE ASSESSED A FEE?

ANTHONY MARRONE: OTHER THAN MY PROMISE --

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THAT'S ALL I NEED.

ANTHONY MARRONE: WE DO HAVE A PROCESS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THAT'S ALL I NEED, CHIEF.

ANTHONY MARRONE: WE DO HAVE A PROCESS AT OUR FORESTRY DIVISION WHEREBY WHEN WE CREATE THE REFEREE LIST, AND THAT REFEREE LIST THEN GETS AN UPDATE THROUGH AGRICULTURE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES TO THE DEC LIST, REMEMBER, WE'LL BE BACK OUT ON MARCH 12TH BEFORE YOUR HONORABLE BOARD TO FINALIZE THAT FINAL DECLARATION LIST. WE DO HAVE A PROCESS TO MAKE SURE IF WE IDENTIFY YOU DO NOT BELONG ON THE INSPECTION LIST WE DO TAKE YOU OFF AND YOU DO NOT GET CHARGED.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: GREAT. AND THEN SO WHAT IS THE STAUS OF AB 3074, KNOWN AS THE ZONE ZERO? WILL YOU BE ENFORCING THE REQUIREMENTS THIS YEAR?

ANTHONY MARRONE: WE WILL NOT AND AB 3074 ZONE ZERO IS A VERY CONTENTIOUS ASSEMBLY BILL WHEREBY THE BOARD OF FORESTRY IS STILL LOOKING AT WHAT THE IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS ARE GOING TO BE. REMEMBER THAT THAT ASSEMBLY BILL WAS APPROVED IN 2020. HERE WE ARE APPROACHING 4 YEARS LATER, THEY STILL DO NOT KNOW.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AND FOR MY COLLEAGUES, THAT ASSEMBLY BILL REQUIRES SPECIFIC MATERIALS, CORRECT?

ANTHONY MARRONE: CORRECT. ANY FLAMMABLE OR COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL THAT'S WITHIN 5 FEET OF A HABITABLE STRUCTURE MUST BE REMOVED. NOW THERE ARE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS. IT DOES NOT MAKE ANY SENSE TO ME. I WAS NOT CONSULTED REGARDING AB 3074. THERE IS AN EXEMPTION FOR WOOD DECKS, SO YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR WOOD DECK, BUT THE ROSE BUSHES NEXT TO YOUR HOUSE MUST BE REMOVED. THAT'S COUNTER INTUITIVE. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO DIALOGUE WITH THE STATE TO FIND OUT HOW WE CAN HAVE SOME INPUT REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF 3074.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: GREAT. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THAT, CHIEF MARRONE. I UNDERSTAND TWO LETTERS WILL BE MAILED OUT THIS YEAR. WHEN SHOULD WE EXPECT THESE LETTERS TO BE MAILED TO PROPERTY OWNERS? BECAUSE I WANT TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE GIVING THE OWNERS SUFFICIENT NOTICE BEFORE THE HEARING.

ANTHONY MARRONE:

SO FOR THE 17,400 NEW ADDITIONS TO THE DECK LIST FOR INSPECTION, WE'RE SENDING THEM A LETTER RIGHT NOW. THEY SHOULD GET IT ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH, THAT SAYS THAT EXPLAINS TO THE HOMEOWNER WHY THEY'RE GOING TO BE GETTING AN INSPECTION THIS YEAR. AND THEN ON FEBRUARY 3RD EVERYBODY WILL BE GETTING A LETTER EXPLAINING THE BRUSH CLEARANCE, DEFENSIBLE SPACE PROCESS. THAT ALSO IDENTIFIES THE REFEREE HEARINGS. AND WE DID ADD ONE MORE HEARING TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S DISTRICT, SD2, AT FIRE STATION 58. SO EVERY DISTRICT IS GOING TO GET AT LEAST ONE. YOUR DISTRICT WILL HAVE TWO REFEREE HEARINGS. AND THAT'S ALSO AT THE END OF THE REFEREE HEARING, WE TRANSITION INTO A PUBLIC EDUCATION PRESENTATION REGARDING DEFENSIBLE SPACE.

>>SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: FANTASTIC. THANK YOU AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR TEAM IN AG AND WEIGHTS FOR THE WORK THAT YOU ALL ARE DOING. I KNOW THAT THIS IS -- WE SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS YEARS AGO, BUT I CAN'T LOOK BACK. WE CAN ONLY LOOK

FORWARD. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN TERMS OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE KNOW THAT FIRE SEASON IS NOT A SEASON ANYMORE, IT'S QUITE FRANKLY YEAR ROUND. AND THIS MORNING ON THE NEWS WHEN I TURNED ON THE NEWS AND THEY INTERVIEWED A HOMELESS MAN UP IN SANTA CLARITA WHO WAS EXPLAINING WHY HE WANTS TO LIGHT A FIRE, WITH THE HIGH WIND CONDITIONS UP THERE, BECAUSE HE'S COLD, IN HIS DEFENSE. I MEAN, HE WAS COLD. BUT THAT'S WHY WE HAVE COLD WEATHER SHELTERS. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR USU TO GET OUT THERE. BUT HE WAS TRYING TO RATIONALIZE THE FACT THAT WE'RE COLD AND WE NEED TO LIGHT A FIRE. AND WITH THE HIGH WIND AND ALL, WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING A LOT OF OUTREACH UP THERE BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE CAN AND HAVE TO DO MOVING FORWARD TO ADDRESS THE FACT THAT WE ARE LIVING WITH THE REALITY OF JUST FIRE SEASON IS YEAR ROUND. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ANTHONY MARRONE: YOU'RE WELCOME. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BRAGER, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. THANK YOU, CHIEF FOR YOUR ANSWERS. MOST OF WHAT I WAS GOING TO ASK HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT. BUT JUST TO HIGHLIGHT IT IT'S WHEN THOSE BRUSH

CLEARANCE LETTERS WENT OUT LAST YEAR MY OFFICE WAS INUNDATED WITH PEOPLE WHO WERE PANICKED MAINLY ABOUT THE LAW THAT TALKED ABOUT THE 5 FOOT BUFFER ZONE. THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE THEIR PATIOS DOWN, THEIR FENCES DOWN, THEIR TREES DOWN, THEIR ROSE BUSHES. SO I THINK THAT WAS THE PANIC THAT SET IN LAST YEAR. IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE DOING A BETTER JOB OF COMMUNICATING -- BECAUSE REALLY IT IS ALL ABOUT HOW WE COMMUNICATE AND SOMETIMES THOSE -- SOMETIMES ANY LETTER THAT COMES OUT FROM A COUNTY DEPARTMENT CAN BE HARD TO UNDERSTAND AND BE A LITTLE BUREAUCRATIC SO THAT THE AVERAGE HOMEOWNER JUST LUCKILY WE HAVE ALL OF OUR OFFICES AND THAT'S WHAT SUPERVISORS DO, RIGHT. IT'S OUR OFFICES THAT FIELD THE CALLS. AND THEN OUR WELL TRAINED STAFF ARE ABLE TO CALM PEOPLE DOWN. SO WE CLEARLY WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF BRUSH CLEARANCE AND THAT BEING ONE OF THE NUMBER ONE PREVENTIVE TOOLS THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT RELIES ON TO PREVENT MAJOR FIRES FROM SPREADING. BUT WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE WE BRING ALONG OUR RESIDENTS AND CONSTITUENTS IN A WAY THAT THEY ARE EDUCATED, THAT THEY UNDERSTAND IT, AND THEY DON'T FEEL THREATENED IN TERMS OF WHAT THEY BELIEVE ARE IMPORTANT PARTS OF THEIR HOME. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR CLEARING UP SOME OF THE CONFUSION TODAY. WE SUPPORT THIS. BUT AS THE CALLS THAT CAME INTO MY OFFICE LAST YEAR PROVED, PEOPLE WERE NOT WELL-INFORMED ABOUT HOW WE WERE GOING TO GO FORWARD WITH THIS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM OUR DISTINGUISHED PANEL?

ANTHONY MARRONE: I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THE ONE COMMENT THAT WHEN THE BOARD OF FORESTRY DOES COME UP WITH THE FINAL IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS OF REQUIREMENTS OF AB 3074 WE'RE GOING TO FIND OURSELVES BACK AT THE BOARD BECAUSE AS IT SITS NOW, IT DOESN'T MAKE A LOT OF SENSE THAT A WOOD DECK CAN REMAIN BUT A ROSE BUSH MUST BE REMOVED. FENCES ARE STILL ON THE LIST OF ITEMS THAT MUST BE REMOVED WITHIN 5 FEET AND WE KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF HOMEOWNERS THAT CAN'T AFFORD TO REMOVE THOSE FENCES. AND WE REALLY NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE SOME DIALOGUE WITH CAL FIRE AND THE BOARD OF FORESTRY TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER THEY ASK US TO IMPLEMENT THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY DO IT EQUITABLY AND FAIRLY ACROSS THE COUNTY.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR BEING CHECKED INTO THAT AND WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO THAT CONTINUED CONVERSATION. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THIS ITEM. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS TRAMEL CARTER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

TRAMEL CARTER: IN RESPONSE TO WHAT JANICE HAHN MADE COMMENTS ABOUT, JANICE HAHN MADE A COMMENT STATING THAT CONSTITUENTS SHOULD FEEL INCLUDED AND THE CONSTITUENTS SHOULD NOT FEEL THREATENED AND THAT CALLS INTO THE OFFICE IS WHAT SUPERVISORS ARE THERE FOR. WELL JANICE HAHN, THE SAME IMPLEMENTATION THAT YOU'RE GIVING FOR THIS AGENDA, YOU AND HOLLY MITCHELL, I FEEL THESE SAME IMPLEMENTS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ALL FORMS OF AGENDAS. AND WHEN PEOPLE ARE EXPLAINING TO YOU THAT MRS. ZAVALAS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST THEM --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE ANNUAL ABATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS VEGETATION. IF YOU COULD DIRECT YOUR COMMENTS TO THE CONTENT OF THAT ITEM, THAT WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL.

TRAMEL CARTER: YOU'RE STATING TO, THE COMMENTS TO WHAT SHE STATED. SO WHAT I'M STATING IS WHEN SHE SPEAKS ABOUT INCLUSIVENESS OF CONSTITUENTS AND PEOPLE NOT FEELING THREATENED, WHAT I'M STATING IS THE REFERENCE, THAT SAME REFERENCE SHOULD BE UTILIZED IN ALL FORMS OF AGENDAS. THIS IS

WHAT I'M STATING. SO SHE WAS ALLOWED TO MAKE THAT REFERENCE. SHE WAS OFF-TOPIC ALSO. I'M RESPONDING TO WHAT SHE --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THE CONTENT OF THIS ITEM IS ABOUT HAZARDOUS VEGETATION.

TRAMEL CARTER: YES. AND I'M APPROVING THAT. I FEEL THAT IT SHOULD BE APPROVED, BUT WHAT I'M STATING IS WHAT SHE STATED ABOUT BEING INCLUSIVE --

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

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THEN ITEM 19 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ITEM 19 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 23, REPORT ON THE COMMUNITY SERVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM AND RELATED PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. MARK PESTRELLA, OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, ART VANDER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND KELLY LOBIANCO, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY WILL MAKE A

PRESENTATION AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL HAS REMARKS. WE'LL GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PRESENTATION FIRST.

KELLY LOBIONCO: APOLOGIES, CHAIR.

HI, EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KELLY LOBIANCO AND I'M DIRECTOR OF THE LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. I'M HERE WITH MARK PESTRELLA TO REPORT BACK ON THE JULY 11TH, 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SOLIS TO CREATE A COMMUNITY SERVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM. THIS MOTION DIRECTED COUNTY DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, US AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE, FIRE AND COUNTY COUNSEL AS WELL AS THE EPIC-LA WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP AND LAUNCH THE CUSTOMER SERVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM WITHIN 120 DAYS. THIS PROGRAM ENSURES THAT SMALL TARGETED BUSINESSES APPLY AND ACCESS SUPPORT AND EXPEDITED PERMITS AND ENTITLEMENTS IN LA COUNTY. THIS BUILDS ON THE GOALS OF EPIC-LA. D.E.O. SEES THIS KIND OF GOVERNMENT NAVIGATION SERVICE INCLUDING THE CUSTOMER SERVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM AS A WAY TO HELP OUR MOST DIVERSE AND QUALIFIED VENDORS TO HAVE INFORMATION, ACCESS AND SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED TO DEVELOP ON IMPORTANT PROJECTS AND SERVICES FOR LA COUNTY, INCLUDING HOUSING AND OTHER COMMUNITY SERVING

PROJECTS. D.E.O. IS PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM AND OTHER GOVERNMENT NAVIGATION AND SUPPORT BROADLY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I APPRECIATE THAT. SORRY, SUPERVISORS. Y'ALL CAUGHT MY NERVES TODAY AND I APPRECIATE YOUR GRACIOUSNESS. ALL RIGHT, SO, SOME OF THE GOALS FOR OUR PROGRAM, WE ARE LOOKING TO INCREASE -- SOME OF OUR GOALS FOR THE PROGRAM ARE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SMALL AND TARGETED BUSINESSES ON COUNTY HOUSING AND OTHER COMMUNITY SERVING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS AND RECOGNIZING THE BARRIERS THAT THESE SMALL AND TARGETED BUSINESSES OFTEN FACE IN TERMS OF CAPITAL AND CAPACITY AND INFORMATION MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE IMPROVING THEIR CUSTOMERS' EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS SATISFACTION AND TRUST WITH THE COUNTY. SO WHAT IS D.E.O. DOING AS PARTED OF THIS CUSTOMER SERVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM AS WELL AS DEVELOPING OUR BROADER GOVERNMENT NAVIGATION SERVICES? WE ARE FOCUSED ON OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT, SO D.E.O. WILL BE LEADING TARGETED AND CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE MARKETING EFFORTS ABOUT WORKING WITH THE COUNTY AND OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THIS ONE TO EXPEDITE ENTITLEMENTS, INSPECTIONS AND PERMITTING SERVICES WITH THE FOCUS ON SMALL BUSINESSES AND DIVESTED -- DIS- INVESTED COMMUNITIES PROVIDING A WELCOMING FRONT DOOR CONCIERGE SERVICES. D.E.O. WILL SERVE AS THE INITIAL POINT OF CONTACT FOR SMALL AND OTHER PRIORITY BUSINESSES NAVIGATING EPIC-LA, ENSURING ACCESS TO EXPEDITED SERVICES AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. THIS INCLUDES VETTING

BUSINESSES WHO APPLY FOR THE CUSTOMER SERVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, TRACKING THEIR BUSINESS CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE, WORKING WITH VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO EXPEDITE AND/OR TRIAGE ISSUES AND ENSURING THE FULL PACKAGE OF COUNTYWIDE NEEDS ARE MET FOR EACH CLIENT. WE'RE ALSO GOING TO BE PROVIDING ONGOING SMALL BUSINESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT. D.E.O. WILL BE PROVIDING CONTINUOUS ASSISTANCE THROUGHOUT THE PERMITTING PROCESS AS WELL AS SUPPORTING THE COMMITMENT OF OUR FELLOW AGENCIES IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THEIR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS MAKING SURE FOLKS HAVE ACCESS TO CAPITAL LEGAL SERVICES AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. AND FINALLY WE'LL BE MONITORING THE IMPACT OVER TIME. I'M GOING TO PASS IT TO MARK QUICKLY TO TALK ABOUT WHAT APPLICANTS TO THE CUSTOMER SERVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM CAN EXPECT WHEN THEY ARE ACCEPTED AS ELIGIBLE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND BEGINNING ENGAGING WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT.

>>MARK PASSANTE: THANK YOU, KELLY. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT WILL SUBMIT THEIR PROJECT THROUGH EPIC-LA, THE COUNTY'S PERMITTING SOFTWARE SYSTEM, AND IT IS ASSIGNED A CONCIERGE THAT ACTIONS AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE APPLICANT AND THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS1. THE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED ARE PUBLIC WORKS, D.E.O., FIRE, HEALTH AND REGIONAL PLANNING. THE CONCIERGE COORDINATES AN INITIAL MEETING WITHIN

2 WEEKS WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, CONTACTS THE APPLICANT REGULARLY TO PROVIDE UPDATES AND ANSWER QUESTIONS AND ENSURES COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE MOVING FORWARD EXPEDITIOUSLY. UP UNTIL THIS POINT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE COMMITMENT BY ALL THE DEPARTMENTS TO PARTICIPATE TOGETHER UNDER THIS CONCIERGE SERVICE AND WE HAVE GOTTEN THE COMMITMENT OF ALL THE AGENCIES LISTED. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS ALSO PROVIDED IN THE FORM OF STANDARD PLANS, GUIDELINES TO PREPARE PLANS, REPORTS AND STUDIES AND APPLICANTS CAN EXPECT A THREE WEEK TURN AROUND ON PLAN REVIEWS FROM ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED. KELLY, DO YOU WANT TO TELL THE SUPERVISORS THE NEXT STEPS?

KELLY LOBIONCO: YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH. SO, YOU HEARD ABOUT SOME OF THE BENEFITS THAT OUR SMALL AND TARGETED BUSINESSES WILL BENEFIT FROM BY PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM. WE HAD SOME PRELIMINARY ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM DEVELOPED IN NOVEMBER AND IN DECEMBER, SO INITIAL APPLICATION DOCUMENTS AND WEBSITES, BUT WE ARE NOT OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED BUT WE'LL BE PLANNING FOR OUR OFFICIAL LAUNCH IN LATE FEBRUARY AND MARCH AND THAT IS WHEN WE WILL ACCOMPANY A LAUNCH WITH A LARGE MARKETING AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGN. AND WE WILL ALIGN THAT CAMPAIGN FOR THE CUSTOMER SERVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM WITH OUR OUTDOOR DINING OUTREACH AND CAMPAIGN AS WELL. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO BUILD PROGRAMS LIKE THIS THAT SUPPORT ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES AND THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN

HISTORICALLY DIS- INVESTED AND ARE REALLY HAPPY ABOUT SOME OF THE PROGRESS THAT WE'VE MADE TO DATE AND LOOK FORWARD TO LAUNCH IN THE COMING MONTH.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: DOES THAT COMPLETE YOUR PRESENTATION?

KELLY LOBIONCO: THAT DOES. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. THEN I'LL TURN IT TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION. I'M GLAD THAT YOU WERE HERE TO PREVENTS BECAUSE I HEARD SOME THINGS TODAY THAT I DIDN'T SEE IN THE REPORT, LIKE YOU ARE GOING TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THAT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS A CLEAR, DIRECT AND EQUITY-FOCUSED OUTREACH PLAN TO HIGHLIGHT ALL OF THE SERVICES, GIVEN THE FACT THAT IT WAS OUR DESIRE WHEN WE BROUGHT THE MOTION FORWARD TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR SMALL BUSINESSES REALLY HAVE ACCESS AND HAVE THIS SUPPORT. SO, YOU SAID YOU'RE GOING TO FULLY LAUNCH IN FEBRUARY. WHAT'S THE PLAN TO MAKE SURE THAT NOT ONLY WE WORK ACROSS ALL DEPARTMENTS BUT THAT IT REALLY IS AN EQUITY-FOCUSSED OUTREACH PLAN?

KELLY LOBIONCO: THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SO A COUPLE OF THINGS. AS YOU CAN SEE IN THE ORIGINAL MOTION AND THE REPORT BACK, THE BUSINESSES THAT ARE GOING TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CUSTOMER SERVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM ARE THOSE WHO ARE SMALL BUT ALSO SUPPORT CLIMATE RESILIENCE, SUPPORT WEALTH BUILDING, SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL EQUALITY, SUPPORT PROJECTS IN OUR HIGHEST NEEDS CENSUS TRACKS AND ALLOW FOR EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP AS A START. SO WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF DEFINING THE ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES THAT WILL INFORM OUR TARGETING FOR OUR OUTREACH CAMPAIGN. WE ARE GOING TO BE BUILDING A ROBUST MARKETING AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGN,THOUGH, THAT INCLUDES A WHOLE RANGE OF THINGS. IT INCLUDES BRANDING THAT IS SORT OF ACCESSIBLE. WE'RE GOING TO LAUNCH IT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT IN SUPPORT OF OUR FELLOW DEPARTMENTS. WE WILL BE DOING -- BUILDING A FULL, YOU KNOW, A DIGITAL -- A WEBSITE FIXING THE APPLICATION SO IT MATCHES THE BRANDING, A FULL ARSENAL OF COLLATERAL, AND WE WILL BE DOING TRAINING FOR OUR BOARD OFFICES AND FELLOW COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SO THAT THEY KNOW ABOUT THE PROGRAM, THE BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM AND HOW TO ACCESS IT. THESE MEETINGS AND THESE OUTREACH TACTICS WILL BE IN LANGUAGE TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR COLLATERAL WILL BE AS WELL. WE WILL ALSO SUPPORT A PRESS CAMPAIGN AROUND THIS AND DO STREET-LEVEL OUTREACH. THAT'S WHAT WE DO FOR ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS AND MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE

TARGETING HIGHEST AND HIGHEST NEED CORRIDORS SO THAT THEY LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAM.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU TO BOTH OF YOU. AND I REALLY WANT TO FIRST OF ALL SAY THANK YOU FOR LEADING US DOWN THIS PATH. IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S REALLY PROVOCATIVE FOR THE COUNTY AND SOME OF US HAVE BEEN WANTING TO DO FOR SOME TIME NOW. MY QUESTION IS MORE ABOUT THE SELECTION. YOU'RE GOING TO SELECT I UNDERSTAND 25 APPLICANTS TO BEGIN WITH, TO START WITH? I MEAN, DID YOU --? I DIDN'T HEAR --

KELLY LOBIONCO: YEAH. I CAN TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT WE'RE -- WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING IS DEFINING THE FULL ELIGIBILITY AS YOU SAW IN THE MOTION AND IN THE REPORT BACK WE HAVE SOME TARGETED AREAS OF FOCUS. BETWEEN NOW AND OUR FULL LAUNCH END OF FEBRUARY, WE WILL BE MAKING SURE WE DEFINE AND DEVELOP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA THAT MAKES SURE THAT WE LIFT UP OUR SMALL BUSINESSES AND THOSE. SO THAT'S THE FIRST PROCESS. AND THEN WHEN WE LAUNCH THE PROGRAM, ANYONE WHO IS ELIGIBLE BASED ON THOSE CRITERIA CAN APPLY AND BE VETTED AND ACCEPTED

BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY INTO THE CUSTOMER SERVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FOR THIS EXPEDITED SERVICE THROUGH PUBLIC WORKS AND OUR FELLOW DEPARTMENTS. SO IT'S NOT LIMITED OR CAPPED IN ANY WAY BUT WILL -- WE WILL BE DOING SOME PLANNING IN OUR PILOT YEAR TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW TO TARGET AND WHAT THE UTILIZATION ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET AT I GUESS IS THE CRITERIA THAT YOU DO ESTABLISH AND THAT IT REALLY IS UNBIASED. SO I REALLY WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT EVEN OUTSIDE OF EPIC OR YOUR TWO DEPARTMENTS, WHAT ELSE ARE -- WHAT OTHER TOOLS ARE WE LOOKING AT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE REALLY MAKING IT EQUITABLE? AND I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO LEARN FROM THIS, BUT I THINK AT THE START, 25 IS SMALL AND I HOPE THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET BACK WITH OUR STAFFS ON THAT. SO, WE CAN ALSO PROVIDE ANY INPUT THAT WE HEAR ABOUT OR KNOW OUR BARRIERS, EVEN AS PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO APPLY FOR THIS. BECAUSE IT'S LIMITED, I'M SURE IT'S GOING TO BE COMPETITIVE.

KELLY LOBIANCO: YEAH. SO WE WILL -- AS WE FURTHER DEFINE THE ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES AND HOW WE WILL VERIFY THEM, WE WILL BRING THAT TO YOUR COLLEAGUES AND YOUR STAFF TO MAKE SURE THAT FOLKS UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT IN TERMS OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. IT WILL BE REALLY IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US AND OUR COMMUNITY TO UNDERSTAND WHO CAN BE ACCEPTED INTO THE CUSTOMER

SERVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM. BUT IT ISN'T A CAP RIGHT NOW, BUT I THINK THE BIGGER ISSUE IS UNDERSTANDING WHAT OUR OUTREACH IS, WHAT UTILIZATION IS POSSIBLE AND HOW WE CAN SUPPORT OUR FELLOW DEPARTMENTS IN BEING ABLE TO OFFER THE LEVEL OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THAT WE THINK IS MEANINGFUL TO HELP FOLKS GET THE PROJECTS AND GET THE PERMITS THAT THEY NEED FOR THOSE PROJECTS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: SO KELLY, YOU'VE HAD A LOT OF EXPERIENCE NOW WORKING WITH OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS TARGETING SMALL BUSINESSES, MICRO AS WELL AS HEAVILY IMMIGRANT GROUPS AND OTHERS. AND I'M WONDERING IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE UTILIZING THEM. AND ONE THAT COMES TO MIND THAT YOU KNOW VERY WELL IS PACE. BECAUSE SOMETIMES I THINK OUR DEPARTMENTS MAY NOT HAVE THAT ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND FULLY WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THAT GRASSROOTS LEVEL. AND THE LANGUAGE BARRIER THAT WE MAY HAVE WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS IS CONSTANT. IT'S SOMETIMES THERE, IT DEPENDS ON WHAT STAFFER IS TALKING TO THAT BUSINESS. AND I'M WONDERING IF WE'RE GOING TO BE ENTERTAINING THAT IN SOME WAY? AND NOT JUST THEM BUT OTHERS THAT HAVE THAT ABILITY TO BREAK THROUGH THAT GLASS CEILING OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT.

KELLY LOBIANCO: YEAH. I APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THAT UP. WE CERTAINLY WILL BE LEVERAGING ALL AVENUES OF OUTREACH AND

ENGAGEMENT. SO WHEN I MENTIONED EARLIER THAT WE WOULD BE PROVIDING SOME OF OUR MARKETING AND OUTREACH IN LANGUAGES APPROPRIATE TO OUR COMMUNITIES, THAT INCLUDES TRANSLATING ALL OUR COLLATERAL ON OUR WEBSITES AND THAT SORT OF ASPECT OF PROVIDING LANGUAGE BUT IT ALSO MEANS LEVERAGING OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, OUR HYPER-LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE THE TRUST OF COMMUNITIES THAT CAN HELP US GET THE WORD OUT, BE AN EXTENT OF OUR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CONCIERGE AND GET FOLKS TO THE POINT OF APPLICATION. SO CERTAINLY, THAT WILL BE PART OF THIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YEAH. AND JUST LOOKING AT THE APPLICATION, IT IS IN SOME AREAS VERY TECHNICAL, SO I'M -- WHEN YOU SAY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IT'S REALLY ABOUT EXPLAINING WHAT THIS MEANS LINE BY LINE ALMOST, BECAUSE I MEAN IT'S VERY DETAILED. THERE'S A LOT OF QUESTIONS HERE AND I JUST WONDER IF IT REALLY COVERS -- IF IT'S REALLY DOING WHAT WE WANT IT TO DO. SO I WOULD REALLY WANT TO GET FEEDBACK ON THAT.

MARK PESTRELLA: I THINK, SUPERVISOR, ONE OF THE THINGS IS THAT AS YOU KNOW, THE SYSTEM FOR BUILDING PERMITTING AND UPSTARTING BUSINESS CAN BE TECHNICAL. THERE IS A LOT OF PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THAT. CAN'T REALLY ELIMINATE THAT. BUT WHAT WE PROPOSE TO DO IS HAVE A PLAIN LANGUAGE CONCIERGE WALK THE APPLICANT THROUGH WHAT THAT APPLICATION IS ASKING FOR AND ALSO

GUIDING THEIR OWN PROFESSIONALS THAT THEY MAY BE BRINGING IN TO PERFORM THE WORK FOR THEM SO THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY NEED TO HIRE A GUIDE. THAT DOES HAPPEN TO QUITE A FEW PEOPLE. THEY ACTUALLY GET A PERMIT GUIDE, AND A PERMIT RUNNER AND THAT PERSON SUPPOSEDLY WALKS THEM THROUGH IT. THIS IS A SITUATION WHERE A SELECT GROUP IS GOING TO BE GIVEN THAT HANDS-ON TREATMENT AND UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS, NOT ACTUALLY DESIGN IT THEMSELVES PROBABLY, BECAUSE IT IS TECHNICAL IN SOME SENSES, BUT ACTUALLY BE GUIDED BY TECHNICAL STAFF WITHIN OUR OWN DEPARTMENT. AND THAT'S A COMMITMENT BY THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF D.E.O. WHO IS GIVING US WHO THE ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE IS BUT ALSO THE OUTREACH PIECE THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT, WHICH PUBLIC WORKS IS INVESTING HEAVILY IN THIS STRUCTURE SEEING THE BENEFIT THAT YOU MENTIONED TO HAVE D.E.O. BE THAT FACE AND PROVIDE THAT AWARENESS AND CULTURAL COMPETENCY THAT SOMETIMES IS MISSING WHEN WE BRING IN TECHNICAL STAFF TO ACTUALLY INTERACT WITH COMMUNITY.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: I WOULD VENTURE TO SAY THAT EVEN THIS APPLICATION IS GOING TO RAISE QUESTIONS FOR SOME SMALL BUSINESSES WHO WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING BUT DON'T HAVE THE FINANCIAL CAPACITY. SO IT COULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ALSO ALLOW FOR THEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE LOANS AND GRANTS AVAILABLE SO THAT THEY CAN THEN IN ANOTHER CYCLE BE READY TO APPLY. BECAUSE MANY -- THIS IS PERSONAL -- NOT

PERSONAL BUT STRUCTURAL INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS. DO YOU HAVE A SEPTIC TANK? WHAT IS YOUR DRAINAGE SYSTEM? I MEAN, THERE ARE GOING TO BE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO SAY WELL, I LEASE MY SPACE AND I PAY A LANDLORD. SO I MEAN, THERE ARE A LOT OF QUESTIONS, SO I'M JUST SAYING, I MEAN, I'M ANTICIPATING WHAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO ASK.

KELLY LOBIANCO: THANK YOU FOR THAT. I WOULD JUST ADD TO EMPHASIZE THAT POINT THAT YOU'RE MAKING, IT'S A GOOD ONE. AND I'LL REITERATE MARK'S POINT. THAT'S WHY WE THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT, I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY FOR THIS PROGRAM, THE CUSTOMER SERVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM AND EPIC-LA GENERALLY, FOLKS CAN FIND -- WILL BE ABLE TO FIND THEIR WAY TO THAT PORTAL AND APPLICATION BUT WE'RE GOING TO BE ENCOURAGING FOLKS TO START WITH D.E.O. BECAUSE THAT MEANS ONE, WE'LL BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THE APPLICATION WITH FOLKS, PROVIDE THAT SUPPORT, TRIAGE WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND ALSO HELP THEM ALONG THEIR FULL CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE. THAT'S IMPORTANT TO US THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO GET OUT OUT OF THEIR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE COUNTY IN THE END. AND SO WHETHER IT'S GOING TO PUBLIC WORKS OR REGIONAL PLANNING OR ANY OTHER COUNTY NEEDS THAT WE'RE WATCHING THEM THROUGHOUT THEIR JOURNEY AND MAKING SURE THAT, YOU KNOW, FOR OUR MISSION AND VISION THEY START AND GROW. AND ALSO BECAUSE THE APPLICATION RIGHT NOW IS IT'S SORT OF IN WORKING FORM, BEFORE PRELAUNCH WE'LL WORK WITH

EACH OF YOUR DEPARTMENTS TOO, TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY FEEDBACK THAT WE CAN IMPLEMENT PRIOR TO THE FORMAL FORM THE LAUNCH AS WELL.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AND WE ARE REACHING OUT TO OUR AMERICAN JOB CENTERS AND ALL THAT. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY THEY CAN BE A FEEDER AND HAVE SOME OF THIS WORK ALREADY DONE. SO NATURALLY CONNECTING WITH ALL OF THEM.

KELLY LOBIANCO: ABSOLUTELY.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. OKAY, GREAT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR HOLDING THIS ITEM. I THINK IT MADE US ALL DIG A LITTLE DEEPER INTO WHAT EXACTLY THIS REPORT IS SAYING, WHAT THIS REPORT IS OFFERING. THANK YOU TO OUR NEW OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY -- NOT SO NEW ANYMORE BUT STILL. PROBABLY NEW -- I KNOW I MENTION EVERY TIME I GIVE A SPEECH IN SOME OF MY CITIES I ALWAYS TALK ABOUT YOUR DEPARTMENT AND WHAT IT CAN DO REALLY TO HELP STRENGTHEN OUR ECONOMY. AND WE KNOW THAT OUR SMALL BUSINESSES CLEARLY ARE AN

IMPORTANT PART. THEY'RE THE ECONOMIC ENGINE OF L.A. COUNTY. THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE CREATING THE JOBS. THEY CREATE COMMUNITY IDENTITY. THEY REALLY HELP US INCREASE OUR LOCAL ECONOMIC GROWTH. MANY OF THEM STRUGGLED DURING THE DARK YEARS OF THE PANDEMIC, BUT WE HAVE BEEN THERE TO TRY TO HELP THEM AND STRENGTHEN THEM. BUT SOMETIMES IT'S TRUE. OUR BUREAUCRACY SOMETIMES MAKES IT A LITTLE DIFFICULT FOR LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS TO MAKE THEIR DREAMS A REALITY. I THINK THIS IS A GREAT PILOT PROGRAM. I LOVE IT THAT WE'RE CALLING IT THE COMMUNITY SERVING SMALL BUSINESS CONCIERGE PILOT PROGRAM. I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE IDENTIFY WITH THE WORD "CONCIERGE" AS SORT OF THAT EXTRA HELP, THAT SPECIAL HELP, THAT CERTAIN JE NE SAIS QUOI OF AN EXPERIENCE.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: UNACCEPTABLE. SECOND WARNING.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: UNACCEPTABLE THAT I USED THAT WORD, JE NE SAIS QUOI? OH. OH.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: NO. UNACCEPTABLE TO OUR COMMENTER FROM THE AUDIENCE.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: BUT IT IS. AND THE CONCIERGE IS THAT SPECIAL SOMETHING AND I LOVE THAT WE'RE CALLING IT THAT. YOU SAID IN THE REPORT THAT THE DEPARTMENTS WILL GIVE A WRITTEN RESPONSE

TO ALL THE SUBMITTALS WITHIN THREE WEEKS. I'M NOT CLEAR ON HOW LONG IT'S GOING TO TAKE FOR THE REVIEW. SO IN OTHER WORDS, THAT FIRST RESPONSE JUST SAYS WE GOT YOUR APPLICATION. BUT I'M NOT REALLY SURE -- I HAVEN'T HEARD HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE TO REVIEW IT AND THEN ISSUE THE PERMITS. I DID -- WAS HAPPY TO SEE A SHOUTOUT IN YOUR REPORT FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE AND THEIR 30-DAY REVIEW PERIOD FOR ALL THEIR PERMITS. SO WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL BE THE AVERAGE TIME? AND I KNOW YOU'LL BE LOOKING AT IT, BUT I KNOW FOR ME I WOULD REALLY WANT TO SEE ANY WAY WE COULD SHORTEN THE REVIEW TO GET TO THE FINAL ISSUANCE OF PERMITS BECAUSE TIME IS MONEY AND SOMETIMES THAT'S ALSO STYMIED PEOPLE COMING THROUGH THE COUNTY BUREAUCRACIES. SOME THINGS ARE JUST TAKING TOO LONG AND THEY KIND OF GIVE UP. SO THAT WAS MY QUESTION.

MARK PESTRELLA: SUPERVISOR, THE TWO WEEK TURN AROUND FOR DETERMINATION IF YOU'RE INELIGIBLE BY THE D.E.O. AND THEN REVIEWS AS I STATED WOULD BE DONE WITHIN THREE WEEKS, WHICH IS ACTUALLY FASTER THAN IN SOUTH GATE. AND THE TIME IT TAKES FOR FULL PERMIT, OF COURSE, YOU HAVE THIS BACK AND FORTH. YOU KNOW, THE REVIEW OF YOUR APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT DONE BY ALL THE DEPARTMENTS TOGETHER SO YOU'RE NOT HAVING A LINEAR APPROACH. SO THAT'S THREE WEEKS TO GET A RESPONSE BACK FROM THE TEAM FROM THE COUNTY AND FIRE AND HEALTH, REGIONAL PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS. AND THEN THEY RECEIVE THOSE

COMMENTS AND THEN IT'S THEIR -- THEY ACT ON THOSE COMMENTS AND THEN WHEN IT COMES BACK TO US WE GUARANTEE NO MORE THAN THREE WEEKS AGAIN ON THAT SECOND REVIEW. SO YOU GOT A PERFECT PLAN. THREE WEEKS LATER, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE ELIGIBLE FOR A BUILDING PERMIT.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: SO THE FIRST RESPONSE IN 3 WEEKS YOU'VE ACTUALLY REVIEWED THEIR ENTIRE --

MARK PESTRELLA: WE'VE REVIEWED THEIR APPLICATION AND WE MADE A DETERMINATION ON ITS COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW. WE GIVE THEM THE CORRECTIONS THAT THEY NEED TO MAKE TO MAKE THE PLAN COMPLIANT WITH ALL THE APPLICABLE LAWS TO THE BUSINESS THEY'RE PROPOSING. THEY TAKE THAT BACK AND THEY HAVE THEIR TIME IN MAKING THOSE CHANGES. IT COMES BACK TO US FOR THE NEXT REVIEW. AGAIN, NO MORE THAN THREE WEEKS. AND TYPICALLY A PLAN CHECK IN MY EXPERIENCE, I USED TO RUN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, IT'S A TWO TIMES AROUND BEFORE YOU GET YOUR PERMIT TYPICALLY. BECAUSE YOU GET YOUR CORRECTIONS AND YOU MAKE YOUR CORRECTIONS AND YOU COME BACK AND WE'RE READY TO ISSUE PERMITS. ON THE OUTSIDE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO TAKE LONGER. IT DEPENDS ON WHETHER THEY'RE GETTING WHAT THE LAW REQUIRES. SO WHAT'S NICE ABOUT THIS, THE "CONCIERGE" WITHIN OUR BUILDING GROUP IS ACTUALLY EXPLAINING TO THEM, "HERE'S YOUR CRITICAL PATH AND HERE'S THE EXACT THING THAT'S PROBLEMATIC IF YOU HAVE THAT SEPTIC SYSTEM

YOU HAVE TO APPROACH THAT A DIFFERENT WAY THAN IF YOU HOOKED UP TO OTHE SEWER," THOSE KIND OF TECHNICAL QUESTIONS THAT HAVE TO BE ASKED THAT ARE VERY SPECIFIC TO THE PROPERTY THAT'S BEING APPLIED FOR. WHETHER THE ZONING IS CORRECT OR NOT AND THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. SO THIS IS WHERE THE TECHNICALITY COMES IN FROM THE LAW, APPLYING THE LAW. WHAT WE'RE BASICALLY DOING IS EXPLAINING THE LAW TO THEM, THE CURRENT LAW TO THEM AND HELPING THEM GET THROUGH THE MAZE OF THE LAW THAT IS REQUIRED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND LA COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO BUILDING PERMITS.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AND ARE WE SPECIFICALLY DOING OUTREACH ADN MARKETING THIS TO ENTREPRENEURS? OR WILL THEY GET THIS AUTOMATICALLY JUST BY SUBMITTING A REQUEST FOR A LICENSE?

KELLY LOBIANCO: YEAH, WE'RE STILL WORKING OUT SOME OF THE DETAILS OF THAT. BUT WE ARE IMAGING THAT YOU CAN -- YOU'LL GET IT -- YOU'LL LEARN ABOUT IT THROUGH OUTREACH AND ENENGAGEMENT AND YOU'LL KNOW TO APPLY FOR THE CUSTOMER SERVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY BUT WE WILL WORK ON THE APPLICATION SO THAT THERE'S A TRIGGER FOR ELIGIBILITY IF YOU GO STRAIGHT TO THE APPLICATION PAGE. SO THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE WORKING OUT ON OUR END.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU.

MARK PESTRELLA: YEAH, THE OTHER THING I SEE ON THAT IS THERE'S DIFFERENT POINTS OF ENTRY. SO PUBLIC WORKS, OUR BUILDING DEPARTMENT, WOULD HAVE, YOU KNOW, SOMEONE THERE WOULD ACTUALLY ANALYZE, "OH, YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM." WELL, GETTING IT BEYOND OUR COUNTERS. IF YOU'RE IN THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO ARE APPLYING, HERE'S THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, MAY WANT TO CONSIDER USING THIS CONCIERGE SERVICE RATHER THAN GOING THE NORMAL ROUTE THAT TAKES LONGER AND IS NOT AS DIRECT.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: SO, I MEAN, THAT'S GOOD BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TO ACTUALLY CHOOSE THIS PATHWAY HAVE TO CHOOSE THIS PATHWAY AS OPPOSED TO JUST PUTTING THEM IN THIS LINE.

KELLY LOBIANCO: YEAH. I DO THINK THAT WE CAN BUILD IT INTO THE APPLICATION WHERE WE'RE CHECKING ELIGIBILITY OR AT LEAST DOING A CURSORY LOOK SO THAT D.E.O. CAN REACH OUT TO VET AND VALIDATE SOMEONE. SO I THINK THERE CAN BE A -- THERE'S CERTAINLY GOING TO BE THE MANUAL SOLUTION THROUGH D.E.O. THROUGH THE PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS OWN CONCIERGE WITHIN THEIR DEPARTMENTS AND THEN A TECHNICAL SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE AS WELL.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. AND ACTUALLY, I THINK THAT THE QUESTION THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS ASKED ABOUT THE ELIGIBILITY AND THE FACT THAT YOU'RE STILL PUTTING THAT TOGETHER. SO YOU ANSWERED THAT QUSTION. BUT MARK, JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, YOU KNOW, BECUASE WE TALKED ABOUT THE 3 WEEK TURNAROUND. THE BOARD NOTES THAT ALL APPLICABLE IT WAS BOARD REPORT NOTES SAID ALL APPLICABLE DEPARTMENTS WILL -- THAT DO NOT CURRENTLY USE EPIC-LA WILL BE ADDED TO THE WORKFLOW. HOW CAN WE ENSURE TO MEET THE 3 WEEK TURNAROUND TIMES IF THE DEPARTMENTS ARE NOT INTEGRATED INTO THE EPIC-LA? BECAUSE I THINK THAT WAS THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF EPIC-LA.

MARK PESTRELLA: YEAH. THAT'S A GOOD POINT. AND AS YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR, WE'VE BEEN ENCOURAGING, MAYBE EVEN MORE THAN ENCOURAGING, ALL DEPARTMENTS TO GET ON EPIC-LA AND THE BOARD HAS DIRECTED ALL THE DEPARTMENTS TO GET ON EPIC-LA, SO WE'RE MIGRATING TO THAT. OF COURSE, PUBLIC WORKS HAS BEEN ON IT FOREVER AND REGIONAL PLANNING, FIRE. SO WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN THIS MEETING THAT'S BEEN DIRECTED IN LEADERSHIP WITH D.E.O. IS GOT THE COMMITMENTS, SPECIFIC COMMITMENT FROM THE LEADERS OF THOSE AGENCIES THAT WE ARE GOING TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THIS

SPECIFIC SECTOR AND DO A THREE WEEK TURN AROUND. SO WE HAVE THAT COMMITMENT AMONGST EACH OTHER THAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AND THEY KNOW THAT THE BOARD IS GOING TO BE CLOSELY MONITORING THAT THREE WEEK TURN AROUND.

MARK PESTRELLA: WELL, THE QUESTION OF METRICS IS YES, IS THAT WE WILL BE REPORTING ON METRICS ON TURN AROUND AND YOU KNOW, PUBLIC WORKS WILL TAKE THE THE LEAD IN COLLECTING THAT DATA AND TURNING IT INTO THE BOARD.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: BECAUSE THREE WEEKS IN OUR WORLD IS MANAGEABLE. THREE WEEKS IN SOME OF THESE SMALL BUSINESSES IS MAKE OR BREAK.

MARK PESTRELLA: YEAH.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS REALLY A PUBLIC SERVICE FOR BUSINESSES THAT TRULY DO NEED NOT A HANDOUT BUT A HAND UP.

KELLY LOBIANCO: YES. I AGREE. IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE TRY TO REDUCE THOSE TIMELINES AND, YOU KNOW, AS PART OF EPIC-LA'S GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE, WE HAVE A CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE SUBCOMMITTEE AS WELL THAT'S GOING BE MONITORING THE PROGRESS

OF THIS PILOT BUT ALSO MORE BROADLY SOME OF OUR METRICS AS PART OF EPIC-LA. SO THAT'S OF GRAVE AND CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO US.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: EXCELLENT. I JUST, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE ANSWERS, BOTH MARK AND KELLY. AND I REALLY DO APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION ON THIS ISSUE I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR HOLDING THIS. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THIS BOARD IS SUPPORTIVE OF MANY EFFORTS TO MAKE GOVERNMENT MORE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AND OUR SMALL BUSINESSES AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US. WE TALK IT, BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO WALK IT, AND THAT'S WHAT THIS IS GOING TO DO. I DO HAVE CONCERNS THAT WE ARE NOT MOVING FAST ENOUGH TO FIX EPIC-LA, BUT I'M CONFIDENT, MARK, THAT THIS MAY BE THE PUSH THAT SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS NEED TO RECOGNIZE THE BENEFIT BEYOND THE COST. AND SO I THINK THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY. THE CONCIERGE SYSTEM WILL ADDRESS THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE SYSTEM BY PROVIDING A LIAISON BUT IT WILL NOT FIX THE INHERENT GAPS IN THE COUNTY'S PERMITTING SYSTEM. SO I THINK WE CONTINUE TO ALSO TO NEED TO CONTINUE TO CLOSELY MONITOR AND ADDRESS THAT ISSUE. WE CAN AND SHOULD DO BOTH AND I HOPE THIS PROGRAM IS SUCCESSFUL AND WE FIND RESOURCES TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE EPIC-LA EXPANSION AND INTEGRATION FOR ENTITLEMENT DEPARTMENTS. BECAUSE GOING LONG-TERM, IT WILL BENEFIT BECAUSE AS YOU SAID, IT'S 25 BUSINESSES RIGHT NOW THAT

WE'RE TARGETING. BUT AS WE OPEN UP AND REALLY DO MORE OF A ROBUST, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A MORE OF A NEED TO ACCELERATE THE EPIC-LA. BUT THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH FOR THE WORK THAT YOU ALL DO. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I WHOLE-HEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE MOTION AND BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD BE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO HELP OUR SMALL BUSINESSES ACCESS OUR SYSTEM. AND I KNOW THE GOAL OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO DELEGATE A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT TO HELP PEOPLE THROUGH THIS PROCESS. I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS THAT THEY'VE HIGHLIGHTED WHERE WE CAN CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE PROGRAM. I KNOW BOTH OF YOU WITH YOUR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS WILL CONTINUE DO THAT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: DONALD HARLAN AND ARNOLD SACHS. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE ITEM NUMBER 23, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE? MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS TRAMEL CARTER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

TRAMEL CARTER: I AM SPEAKING ON THIS ITEM NUMBER 23 THAT MRS. MITCHELL VERY STRANGELY BROUGHT UPON, BECAUSE IN HER OWN DISTRICT THERE IS DISCRIMINATION GOING ON WITH SMALL BUSINESSES. ONE LOCATION AT SLAUSON AND CRENSHAW, NIPSY HUSSELL, THE FAMOUS RAPPER, HIS STORE WAS CLOSED BECAUSE THE COUNTY SAID THAT THERE WAS GANG AREA OR GANG PEOPLE COMING UP TO THE AREA. BUT OTHER ASIAN AND CAUCASIAN STORE OWNERS, THEIR STORES AREN'T GETTING CLOSED. SO ONCE AGAIN, THE BOARD CONTINUES TO IGNORE MATTERS OF DISCRIMINATION BUT THEY1 CONTINUE TO PROPOSE MANY AGENDAS. MANY PEOPLE CONTACTED MRS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE ABOUT THIS, FILED DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS. IT WAS IGNORED BY HER BUT SHE CONTINUES TO IGNORE MATTERS OF DISCRIMINATION THE SAME WAY SHE IGNORED MY MATTER WITH MRS. ZABALAZ OUT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE. BUT SHE'S MY SUPERVISOR AND I'M STUCK IN HER AREA AND IT'S BIAS THAT THIS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, NOT MRS. BARGER, KEEP IGNORING MATTERS OF DISCRIMINATION. YOU YOU KEEP PROMOTING AGENDAS BUT YOU CLOSED NIPSY HUSTLE'S STORE, MAKE FALSE ACCUSATIONS, BUT OTHER ASIAN AND CAUCASIAN --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MODERATOR, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ERIC PREVIN: THANK YOU. I DO APPRECIATE THIS ONE. YOU GOT PESTRELLA IN THERE FROM PUBLIC WORKS AND HE'S TRYING TO SET UP THE CONCIERGE PROGRAM TO MAKE IT A LITTLE MORE -- HELP PEOPLE COMPLY WITH THE LAW IN A WAY THAT LETS THEM ADVANCE THE TIMING. NOW BARGER WILL REMEMBER BECAUSE MIKE ANTONOVIC TROTTED THIS OUT IN 2012. WE GOT TO GET THIS THING CRACKING ALREADY, OKAY? AND 25 OUT OF THE 244,000 BUSINESSES IS A SMALL SAMPLE. FIVE DELIGHTFUL LITTLE BUSINESSES PER DISTRICT, AND I THINK IF WE CAN GET THEM TO CUT THE LINE AND GET THINGS CRACKING, YOU KNOW, 4141 WITSIT LLC. PESTRELLA WILL REMEMBER. THIS ISN'T HARVARD WESTLAKE. IT'S A SMALL BUSINESS BUT THEY'RE A NOT-FOR-PROFIT. AND WHAT THEY'RE DOING IS THEY'RE GETTING A PIECE OF COUNTY FLOOD DISTRICT LAND DESPITE MY REALLY LOOKING FOR SOME TRANSPARENCE AND A LITTLE CONCIERGE HELP AT GETTING TRANSPARENCY ON THAT PARTICULAR TRANSACTION. BECAUSE IT'S BIG FINGER IN THE FACE OF THE PEOPLE IN STUDIO CITY, WHICH IS REPRESENTED BY THE CD3, BUT PART OF US IS ARE REPRESENTED BY BARGER AND WE HAVE TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY ABOUT EVERYTHING --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

ERIC PREVIN: BUT EPIC-LA, LET'S SHOVE IT DOWN THE THROATS OF THESE DEPARTMENTS ALREADY.

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE'LL GO IN PERSON. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

DONALD HARLAN: HI I'M DONALD HARLAN. THIS IS REFERRING TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 23, THE REPORT ON COMMUNITY SERVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM AND RELATED PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS. I WANT THE COUNTY TO RECORD A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND REASONS. THE DIRECT OF PUBLIC WORKS IS NOT OFFICIAL ENTITY. THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IS NOT AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY. THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING IS NOT A GOVERNMENT ENTITY. EPIC-LA IS NOT A GOVERNMENT ENTITY. THE ECONOMIC -- THE COMMUNITY SERVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM ISN'T A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM. THOSE PEOPLE WHO ENDORSED AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 23 AND WHO ARE SERVED BY AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 23 OR SIGN UP FOR IT ARE TO BE FOREVER BANNED FROM OWNING ANY OF MY PROPERTY ANYWHERE AND ANY OF MY ESTATES, CITIES, COUNTIES, CITIES --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER.

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. WAS THERE A CHANGE IN THIS PROGRAM? BECAUSE YOU HAVE GIVEN OUT THESE CARDS. FIRST OF ALL, IT IS A LAW PROGRAM. IT IS NOT AN L.A. PROGRAM. THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LA AND L PERIOD, A PERIOD. L PERIOD, A PERIOD IS LA COUNTY. LA PROGRAM IS LALA LAND. YOU SEEM TO FORGET ABOUT FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE. AND YOUR FRENCH IS MAGNIFICENT. MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRY SOME BLEU CHEESE. THE FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE. WE NEED MORE EQUALITY. THIS PROGRAM IS AN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM. DID YOU CHANGE IT? YOU ELIMINATED THE GRANT. YOU ARE GIVING OUT GRANTS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. BUT IT IS A LAW GRANT. LAW GRANTS ARE NOT FEDERAL DOLLARS. THEY ARE NOT STATE OF CALIFORNIA DOLLARS. YOU SHOULD LOOK AT THESE CARDS THAT YOU HANDED OUT. THE EFFICACY OF YOUR MEETINGS SUCKS. YOU ARE STEALING PUBLIC FUNDS. IT IS ALL ABOUT --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: NO OTHER SPEAKERS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. THEN THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM 34, REPORT BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ON REFORMS AND OVERSIGHT EFFORTS, WHICH WAS HELD BY

SUPERVISOR HAHN. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. WE HAVE SEVERAL FOLKS JOINING US FOR THIS ONE, SO I WILL FIRST TURN IT TO SUPERVISOR HAHN TO MAKE HER REMARKS.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: WELL, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IT WASN'T SO MUCH REMARKS NECESSARILY, I JUST, YOU KNOW, THERE WERE SOME THINGS IN THIS REPORT THAT I'VE WANTED TO MAYBE TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT. AND ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THAT THE REPORT MENTIONS WAS THAT OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONVERTED TO GUNS A FEW YEARS AGO, WHERE THE GUN TRIGGER IS VERY CLOSE TO THE FLASHLIGHT SWITCH AND THAT'S LED TO AN INCREASE IN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES. I DIDN'T KNOW, MAX, IF YOU WANTED TO -- FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE DESIGN OF THIS NEW GUN, MAYBE WHY WE THINK WE SWITCH TO THAT, AND WHAT'S CAUSING THESE ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES?

MAX HUNTSMAN: THE GUN IN QUESTION INCORPORATES A FLASHLIGHT INTO THE GUN. SO INSTEAD OF HAVING TO HOLD THE FLASHLIGHT SEPARATE, YOU TRIGGER SOMETHING ON THE GUN, IN THIS CASE, THE ONE THAT WE REPORTED ON, NOT RECENTLY, IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO WHEN MY OFFICE WAS FIRST CREATED, WAS A SQUEEZE OF THE HANDLE. THEY CAN BE DESIGNED DIFFERENT WAYS. BUT AS WE REPORTED THEN, IT IS A VERY RISKY PIECE OF EQUIPMENT, IF YOU DON'T HAVE VERY INTENSE TRAINING. BECAUSE YOU CAN HAVE AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE

AS A RESULT OF A MISTAKE ON THE PART OF THE PERSON USING IT THINKING THEY'RE DOING ONE THING WHEN THEY'RE DOING SOMETHING ELSE. AND WE'VE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, YOU HAVE THAT PROBLEM WITH TASERS WHERE PEOPLE WILL FIRE WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE A TASER WHEN IT IS A GUN. THE SAME PROBLEM HERE. IF YOU USE YOUR GUN AS A FLASHLIGHT, YOU CREATE A MUCH GREATER CHANCE THAT THE PERSON YOU ARE ILLUMINATING IS GOING TO END UP DEAD, NOT JUST ILLUMINATED. AND SO IT IS A SERIOUS CONCERN, AND THE REASON IT IS IN THIS REPORT IS BECAUSE IT POPPED UP IN A RECENT SHOOTING, WHERE IT SEEMS THAT THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. I AM GOING TO ASK ASSISTANT SHERIFF JOHNSON IF YOU'RE CONCERNED AS WELL THAT THIS NEW DESIGN HAS LED TO MORE ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES, AND WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT --?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: EXCUSE ME, MADAM SUPERVISOR. YOU ARE INTERRUPTING THE MEETING. THIS IS NOW YOUR SECOND WARNING. THIS IS NOW YOUR SECOND WARNING. YOU ARE DISRUPTING THE MEETING. WE NEED YOU TO STOP COMMENTING WHILE WE ARE CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSION. WE WILL TURN TO PUBLIC COMMENT SOON. SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: ASSISTANT SHERIFF JOHNSON, ARE YOU ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THIS NEW DESIGN, AND MAYBE TELL US WHAT THE

DEPARTMENT IS DOING AS WAS MENTIONED JUST IN TERMS OF BETTER TRAINING, OR WHAT'S -- I'D JUST LIKE TO HEAR YOUR COMMENTS ON THAT.

ASSISTANT SHERIFF JOHNSON: YEAH, THANK YOU FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS. AND YES, WE ARE CONCERNED. THE ISSUE THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IS REFERRING TO IS CALLED THE D.D. SWITCH. IT IS A SWITCH THAT RUNS ALONG THE FRAME OF THE WEAPON, ALLOWS THE DEPUTY TO MANIPULATE THE LIGHT FEATURE ON. OUR WEAPONS TRAINING UNIT. CURRENTLY TRAINS TO ACTIVATE THE LIGHT ON THE WEAPON WITH THEIR SUPPORT HAND AND NOT THEIR FIRING HAND, OR STRONG HAND I SHOULD SAY. AND WE ARE DOING SOME TRAINING TO MAKE SURE OUR FOLKS UNDERSTAND THAT. ALSO JUST FOR STATISTICAL INFORMATION, THERE WERE 26 UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGES IN 2023 AND 12 OF THOSE INVOLVED THE DD SWITCH THAT WE ARE REFERRING TO HERE. AND OTHERS INCLUDED DEPUTIES THAT, YOU KNOW, MAY BE SEARCHING A LOCATION, TRIPPING AND FALLING, ETC., WHERE UNFORTUNATELY THEIR HAND OR FINGER WAS ON THE TRIGGER, AND FIRED THE WEAPON. WE ARE DOING TRAINING LIKE I MENTIONED, EVERY UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE IS INVESTIGATED. IF A PERSON IS STRUCK, UNFORTUNATELY, OUR HOMICIDE BUREAU RESPONDS AND TAKES THE INVESTIGATION OVER. AS WELL AS DISCIPLINE THAT MAY BE ATTACHED TO UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGES IF IT IS FOUND THAT THE EMPLOYEE WAS NEGLIGENT IN HANDLING THE WEAPON.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: DOES A DEPUTY'S SIZE OF THEIR HAND PLAY A PART IN PULLING THE WRONG TRIGGER?

ASSISTANT SHERIFF JOHNSON: IT MAY. I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY INCIDENCES DURING THIS RATING PERIOD THAT WE REVIEWED WHERE THE SIZE OF THE HAND WAS A FACTOR. BUT IT COULD BE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE WAYS TO GET SMALLER GUNS FOR FOLKS WITH SMALLER HANDS. SINCE OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE A LARGE POPULATION OF DEPUTIES ON THE DEPARTMENT WITH DIFFERENT SIZES, AND SHAPES, ETC., AND WE TRY TO MAKE THOSE ACCOMMODATIONS WHEN SOMEONE HAS A SMALLER HAND THAT WE GIVE THEM A SMALLER FRAMED GUN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: OR A LARGER HAND, DO THEY GET A --?

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: A STANDARD ISSUE GUN

SUP. JANICE HAHN: YEAH. OH, THEY GET STANDARD.

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: YES.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: OKAY, THANK YOU FOR THAT. MY NEXT QUESTION IS FOR COMMANDER MACIAS. KNOW, THIS BOARD HAS TIME AND TIME AGAIN BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE HIGH NUMBER OF OVERDOSE DEATHS IN OUR JAILS. AND THIS REPORT TALKS SOME ABOUT THAT. AND WE REALLY KNOW THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO TAKE EVERY POSSIBLE

MEASURE TO PREVENT THE INFLOW OF DRUGS INTO OUR FACILITIES. WE ARE FACED WITH THAT IN OUR JUVENILE FACILITIES, WE ARE FACED WITH THAT IN OUR JAILS. IT IS JUST SUCH A PROBLEM. THIS REPORT TALKS ABOUT THE BODY SCANNERS BEING USED FOR INCARCERATED PEOPLE ENTERING THE JAIL, BUT JUST WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE STAFF. NOT JUST THE SHERIFF STAFF, BUT ALL THE DEPARTMENT STAFF. ARE THEY REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH THE BODY SCANNERS AS WELL?

HUGO MACIAS: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. NO. THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED. HOWEVER, IT IS TECHNOLOGY THAT WE HAVE SUPPORTED AND WOULD ENTERTAIN. WHAT YOU NEED IS A ROBUST NETWORK SYSTEM THAT SUPPORTS IT. AND THANK YOU FOR THE BOARD. IT WILL BE PRESENTED THIS MONTH. WORKED WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, AND THE D.O.J. COMPLIANCE TEAM IN SUPPORT FOR THE NETWORK SYSTEM, WHICH WILL BE SUPPORTING A NEW TECHNOLOGY, WHICH SCANNERS LIKE YOU SEE IN THE AIRPLANES, WOULD BE COMPATIBLE, AND WE WOULD DEFINITELY ENCOURAGE YOUR SUPPORT IN ACQUIRING SUCH TECHNOLOGY.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AND I THINK, AND I KNOW PERSONALLY, I WOULD BE -- WHATEVER TECHNOLOGY WE COME UP WITH, I FEEL LIKE I HAVE THIS EXPERIENCE IN OUR JUVENILE FACILITIES. WE ARE REQUIRING EVERYBODY TO GO THROUGH THEM. WE JUST ARE TRYING TO STOP. SO IT IS VISITORS, STAFF, PROBATION STAFF, WE KIND OF BELIEVE THAT EVERYBODY JUST LIKE AT THE AIRPORT, WE ALL -- YOU DON'T

GET VIP TREATMENT AT THE AIRPORT. EVERYBODY HAS TO GO THROUGH THE SCANNERS. ARE THERE DOGS OUTSIDE OF OUR ENTRANCES TO -- YOU KNOW, THE DRUG-SNIFFING DOGS? NOT NECESSARILY THE HUMAN-SNIFFING DOGS, BUT THE DRUG- SNIFFING DOGS, ARE THEY AT THE ENTRANCE OF OUR FACILITIES?

HUGO MACIAS: SO YES, WE USED TO HAVE 5 AND IF YOU RECALL IN 2023 WE WORKED ON A BOARD MOTION TO MITIGATE ILLEGAL CONTRABAND FROM COMING IN. WE REQUESTED TEN DOG HANDLERS AND WE ACQUIRED FIVE THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT. WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO SEEK ADDITIONAL 5. BUT YES, THE 10 WE HAVE ASSIGNED TODAY, NOT ONLY ARE UTILIZED FOR STATION JAILS THROUGH ALL 24, 39 OF OUR COURTHOUSES HAVE DETENTION FACILITIES AND THEREFORE, THEY ARE UTILIZED THERE ALONG AS THE 7 FACILITIES THAT EXIST. AND SO THEY DO EXTERIOR PERIMETERS. THEY STAND BY SOMETIMES WHERE EMPLOYEES ENTER THE FACILITIES, AS WELL AS HOUSING DORMS THROUGHOUT THE FACILITIES. IT IS TO MITIGATE AND DETECT DRUGS.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: SO YOU DON'T HAVE THE AMOUNT YOU WANT OR YOU DO HAVE THE AMOUNT? YOU WANT --?

HUGO MACIAS: WE NEED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. TO YOUR EARLIER POINT, IT IS ALL HANDS ON DECK, ALL RESOURCES. IT IS NOT JUST BODY SCANNERS, IT'S ANY --

SUP. JANICE HAHN: RIGHT. WILL THAT BE SOMETHING THAT YOU BRING FORWARD TO THE C.E.O., THAT --?

HUGO MACIAS: ABSOLUTELY. WE WOULD ADVOCATE FOR THE BOARD MOTION, TO REVISIT THAT, SO WE CAN GIVE YOU 2024 NEEDS WHEN IT COMES TO TECHNOLOGY. ESPECIALLY IF THESE SUPPORT SYSTEMS FROM THE TECHNOLOGICAL IS COMING ONBOARD.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. AND THE OTHER THING I WAS FRUSTRATED ABOUT, COMMANDER MACIAS, WAS THAT IT SEEMS LIKE WE ARE STILL NOT MAKING ANY PROGRESS WITH THE IPADS ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT. SO AND THIS IS, OF COURSE, SO PEOPLE CAN FILE GRIEVANCES EFFICIENTLY. AND THIS REPORT SAYS THAT IT IS FEWER THAN 25% OF THE IPADS IN OUR JAILS WORK, AND THERE ARE 288 JUST SITTING AND WAITING TO BE INSTALLED. SO, YOU KNOW, CAN YOU ENLIGHTEN US ON WHAT THE HOLD UP IS, AND IS OUR INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS ISD IN ON THIS PROJECT, AND IS THAT SOMETHING THAT THEY COULD HELP GET THESE IPADS INSTALLED?

HUGO MACIAS: SO, MA'AM, SO I WON'T BORE YOU WITH THE DETAILS.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: OH, GO AHEAD.

HUGO MACIAS: THIS WAS A PILOT THAT WE BEGAN IN 2013, AND WE ACQUIRED ADDITIONAL TABLETS, UP TO ABOUT 400. THEY'RE IPADS. SO AS YOU KNOW, IT IS PROPRIETARY TECHNOLOGY. I DON'T THINK ANY OF US HAVE 2013 IPHONES. AND SO THEY ARE LIMITED IN THEIR CAPACITY. THEY BECOME ANTIQUATED. YOU CANNOT REPLACE A BATTERY ON AN IPHONE PRODUCT, AND THEREFORE, THEY ARE HEATING UP. THERE'S A LOT OF ISSUES THAT OCCUR WITH THEM. AND SO THE ONES WE HAVE IN RESERVE, ARE THE ONES THAT ARE BEING UTILIZED TO REPLACE THE EXISTING IPADS THAT WE HAVE. BUT TO YOUR POINT, YES, NOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN I.T. INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE FOR TWO SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY, WE ARE SEEKING PARTNERS WITH C.H.S., WHO MAY HAVE SOME MONEY FOR TABLETS THAT WE CAN UTILIZE. WE ARE ALSO HOPING TO ENTERTAIN A PHONE CONTRACT THAT MAY HAVE A TABLET SOLUTION THAT WE CAN REALLY LEVERAGE A VENDOR PROVIDED NETWORK, THAT WOULD THEN BE CONDUCIVE TO PROVIDING MEDICAL REQUESTS.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: SO JUST TO BE CLEAR, THE 25%, FEWER THAN 25% OF THE IPADS IN OUR JAIL, THOSE ARE THE OLD ONES.

HUGO MACIAS: CORRECT. YEAH, THOSE --

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AND YOU ARE SAYING THE 288 SITTING THERE ARE THE NEW AND IMPROVED ONES.

HUGO MACIAS: YES. SO WE ARE LIMITED IN EVEN RESOURCES -- NO, NO, THEY ARE ALL 2015.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THEY ARE ALL OLD. OKAY.

HUGO MACIAS: THAT WERE ACQUIRED.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: SO YOU DON'T EVEN WANT TO INSTALL THOSE 288 THAT ARE JUST SITTING THERE?

HUGO MACIAS: WE WILL INSTALL EVERYTHING WE CAN, BECAUSE THEY HAVE PROVEN TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE IN STREAMLINING AND GETTING RESULTS. AND SO WHILE WE ENTERTAIN A FINAL SOLUTION, THIS IS KIND OF LIKE A BAND-AID IN THE MEANTIME.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: OKAY. AND AGAIN, WHAT WAS YOUR ANSWER ABOUT I.S.D.?

HUGO MACIAS: SO I.S.D. HAS NO CONNECTION TO THIS. IT IS ALL INTERNAL. WE HAVE FACILITIES SERVICES BUREAU THAT DOES ALL THE CONNECTIONS, BUT WE WOULD LEVERAGE IF THEY HAVE RESOURCES THAT ARE WILLING TO COME IN AND ASSIST, WE DON'T SAY NO TO ANY OPPORTUNITY.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: DON'T SAY NO. I MEAN, WE JUST HAVE FOUND, I KNOW, PARTICULARLY, IN MY RECENT EXPERIENCE AT LOS PADRINOS, WE JUST FOUND, LIKE, I.S.D., YOU KNOW, WAS -- IT IS SO HELPFUL, IN COMING IN AS KIND OF AN ALL HANDS ON DECK. I MEAN, IT IS ONE OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT FEELS LIKE A LITTLE BIT OF A SILO. YOU ARE STRUGGLING, AND YET WE DO HAVE AN INTERNAL DEPARTMENT THAT KIND OF DOES THIS.

HUGO MACIAS: YEAH, WE WOULD WELCOME LEVERAGING ANY EXISTING RESOURCES..

SUP. JANICE HAHN: OKAY. MADAM C.E.O., YOU LOOK LIKE YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING.

C.E.O. SPEAKER: YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON IS THEIR I.T. INFRASTRUCTURE. SO WHEN THEY UPGRADE THE IPADS AND ALL THE OTHER TECHNOLOGY THEY NEED, THEIR EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE, SO THEIR NETWORK, AND THEIR ABILITY TO SEND EMAIL, AND INTERNET, NEEDS TO BE UPGRADED. THEY RECENTLY PRESENTED TO THE INVESTMENT TECHNOLOGY BOARD FOR A GRANT THAT WAS APPROVED. AND WE WILL BE BRINGING THAT FORWARD IN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO ON A BOARD LETTER. ONCE THAT FUNDING IS IMPROVED FOR THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES, THEN WHEN THEY PURCHASE THINGS LIKE

IPADS AND UPGRADED TECHNOLOGY DEVICES, THEY CAN ACTUALLY WORK, OR WORK WELL, AND WORK BETTER.

HUGO MACIAS: THANK YOU FOR THAT. SO IT'S CONNECTIVITY AND JUST TRYING TO BRING MODERN TECHNOLOGY IN AN OLD INFRASTRUCTURE. BUT, YES, THANK YOU. THE CEO'S OFFICE HAS BEEN VERY GREAT WORKING WITH OUR DEPARTMENT.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, COMMANDER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO IN CUSTODY DEATHS FROM THE REPORT. I WILL START WITH THE SHERIFF'S REPRESENTATIVES. IN SOME OF THE CASES LISTED IN THE REPORT, AND IN OTHER INSTANCES THERE WAS MENTION OF INDIVIDUALS POTENTIALLY BEING PLACED IN THE WRONG HOUSING UNITS. I AM CURIOUS HOW THAT HAS BEEN RECTIFIED?

FESIA DAVENPORT: SO THANK YOU. I DON'T NECESSARILY -- I THINK I AM VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE CASE THAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO. IT IS NOT NECESSARILY THE WRONG HOUSING UNIT. AS YOU KNOW, WE AFTER EACH DEATH, WE HAVE DEATH REVIEWS. AND DURING THAT

INMATE DEATH REVIEW, IT WAS FOUND OUT THAT WE DIDN'T ADHERE TO OUR UNIT ORDERS AS IT RELATES TO MATCHING PARTICULAR INMATES WITHIN A CELL. AND WE REFER TO THAT AS OUR, I-MATCH SYSTEM. SO WITH THIS PARTICULAR CASE, THEY WEREN'T MATCHED ACCORDING TO POLICY, OR UNIT ORDER, AND AFTER THAT, THERE WERE CONVERSATIONS THAT WERE HAD AMONGST CUSTODY PERSONNEL AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND AS A RESULT OF THAT, WE ARE LOOKING OUT TO DIFFERENT COUNTY AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES TO SEE IF, IN FACT, WHAT WE HAVE IN PLACE IS THE BEST PRACTICE. IN THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION, THE DEPUTY VEERED FROM THAT PRACTICE, ONLY BECAUSE THERE THEY WERE FAMILIAR WITH THE INMATES, AND THEY HAD BEEN PROGRAMMING TOGETHER, AND THEY SAW THAT THEY WERE PROGRAMMING TOGETHER EFFECTIVELY OR HARMONIOUSLY, AND KNOWING THAT THAT WAS WHEN THE DECISION WAS MADE TO SAY, "HEY, LET'S ADDRESS THIS HOUSING CRUNCH AND PLACE THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS TOGETHER." AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO MENTION THAT WHILE THEY WERE -- THEY VEERED FROM THE STANDARD QUESTIONS THAT WERE IN PLACE, WE DIDN'T VEER AWAY FROM THE SAFETY AND THE SECURITY OF THE INMATES. SO THEY WERE HOUSED WITHIN THEIR CORRECT SAFETY OR SECURITY LEVELS.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: GOT IT. SO THAT'S HOW YOU DIFFERENTIATE. OKAY, MR. HUNTSMAN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMENT ON THAT?

MAX HUNTSMAN: WELL, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU HEARD WAS HOUSING CRUNCH. THAT'S WHAT CAUSED THIS. OUR JAILS ARE OVERCROWDED AND THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THE RESULTS WE DO.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: SO SPEAKING OF HOUSING CRUNCH, AGAIN, BACK TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WHAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO REDUCE THE POPULATION IN THE JAILS?

HUGO MACIAS: SO WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ALL OUR JUSTICE PARTNERS TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE SUITABLE FOR DIVERSION AND REPLACEMENT. DEPARTMENTS. WE ALSO HAVE EXPANDED OUR M.O.H. HOUSING TO NORTH FACILITIES TO CREATE A HIGHER VACANCY RATE OF BEDS IN THE BASIN, SO NORTH FACILITY NOW HAS FOUR MODULES THAT BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK WILL BE ALL EQUIPPED WITH APPROXIMATELY 900 M.O.H. INMATES, WHICH NORMALLY WERE IN THE BASIN AND ARE THE ONES THAT TEND TO CREATE MORE HOUSING NEEDS, BECAUSE ALL THE SPECIALIZED SERVICES ARE LOCATED.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: SO THOSE EXAMPLES ARE -- WHAT YOU'VE SAID, THOSE ARE EXAMPLES OF INSTANCES IN IN WHICH YOU HAVE TRANSFERRED. I AM CURIOUS, EITHER TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, I THINK I HAVE ASKED THIS QUESTION PRETTY CONSISTENTLY, ABOUT THE DISCRETION THE SHERIFF HAS TO RELEASE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CHARGED BUT NOT CONVICTED OF

CERTAIN CRIMES. ARE WE MAKING ANY PROGRESS IN TERMS OF THE RELEASE OF PEOPLE WHO MEET THAT?

HUGO MACIAS: CRITERIA?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: CRITERIA, THANK YOU.

HUGO MACIAS: SO, YES. NOW, WE CONTINUALLY WORK WITH OUR COURTS AND O.D.R., AND OUR JUSTICE PARTNERS TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE CURRENTLY WE ARE INSTITUTING A 10% AND SO WITH OUR SURVEY, AND SO WE HAVE DISCRETION WHEN IT COMES TO TIME TH AT THEY SPEND IN OUR CORRECTIONS, BUT WE CONTINUE. WE HAVE NOT TAKEN AWAY ANY OF OUR EFFORTS POST-C.O.V.I.D. THAT WE IMPLEMENTED AND THAT'S BEEN KEEPING OUR NUMBERS CLOSE TO B.S.S.E. RATING.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: THANK YOU. MR. HUNTSMAN, ANY COMMENT ON THAT QUESTION?

MAX HUNTSMAN: AS YOU HEARD, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES HAVE DISCRETION. THEY HAVE DENIED IT IN THE PAST BUT I THINK THEY HAVE GOTTEN OVER THAT. AND SO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE HAVE IN OUR JAILS IS OUR CHOICE AND NEEDS TO CORRESPOND TO THE AMOUNT OF STAFF THAT WE HAVE ASSIGNED AND THE OTHERS RESOURCES WE HAVE IN ORDER TO PROTECT PEOPLE WITHIN OUR JAILS WHICH IT IS

NOT. THE B.S.E.C. CAP IS A MAXIMUM AMOUNT YOU CAN HAVE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. PEOPLE DIED RECENTLY, WHILE IN FULL VIEW OF VIDEO CAMERAS, IN WHICH THERE COULD HAVE BEEN AN INTERVENTION AND THERE WASN'T BECAUSE NOBODY WAS WATCHING THE VIDEO CAMERA. WE HAVE TOO MANY PRISONERS IN OUR JAIL FOR THE AMOUNT OF STAFF, BOTH MEDICAL AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT WE HAVE DEPLOYED. AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MAKES A CHOICE IN TERMS OF HOW MUCH TIME THEY GIVE PEOPLE TO MAINTAIN THAT RATIO.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: AND AGAIN, THE B.S.E.C. GUIDANCE, IT IS A CAP, IT'S NOT BEST PRACTICE.

MAX HUNTSMAN: IT IS THE AMOUNT WHICH YOU SHOULD NOT EXCEED, IT IS NOT A GUARANTEE THAT IF YOU DON'T EXCEED THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE WONDERFUL.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: RIGHT. AGAIN, NOT BEST PRACTICE. LAST QUESTION FROM ME, MADAM CHAIR. AND IT MAY BE THE SAME CASE THAT WE WERE REFERENCING EARLIER, BUT THERE IS A MENTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL DETERIORATING IN THE JAIL, WITHOUT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR CORRECTIONAL HEALTH NOTICING, I AM CURIOUS HOW THAT HAPPENED. MAYBE IT GOES BACK TO WHAT MR. HUNTSMAN JUST REFERENCED IN TERMS OF THE STAFFING RATIOS NOT BEING IDEAL. BUT WHAT IS BEING DONE TO ENSURE IT DOESN'T OCCUR AGAIN?

HUGO MACIAS: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ACTUALLY, THAT IS A DIFFERENCE CASE FROM WHAT WAS REFERRED TO. THE INDIVIDUAL THAT YOU ARE REFERRING TO FROM THAT DEATH HAD MEDICAL ISSUES AND WAS IN A FORM OF MEDICAL HOUSING. BEING SEEN SOMEWHAT REGULARLY BUT NOT FREQUENTLY ENOUGH. THROUGH OUR DEATH REVIEW PROCESS, WE DECIDED TO TAKE THE INDIVIDUALS WHICH ARE ABOUT 350 INDIVIDUALS IN THAT TYPE OF HOUSING, WE DIVERTED THREE PHYSICIANS FROM OTHER AREAS. WHO ARE ROUNDING ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS, SO THAT EVERYBODY AT THAT LEVEL OF CARE IS SEEN AT LEAST ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS BY A PHYSICIAN AT THIS TIME. IN THE PAST I HAVE SPOKEN WITH YOUR OFFICES ABOUT A PRIMARY CARE MODEL THAT WE HAVE WANTED TO INTRODUCE INTO THE JAIL SO THAT INDIVIDUALS CAN BE SEEN CONSISTENTLY BY A CARE TEAM. THIS IS A FORM OF THAT. BY THAT DIVERTING OF THOSE PHYSICIANS TO DO THIS TASK, WE WILL BE SEEKING AGAIN, APPROVAL FOR POSITIONS IN FUNDING TO INSTITUTE A PRIMARY CARE MODEL. WHICH IS -- WHICH MEANS THE SAME STAFF WILL SEE YOU ON A REGULAR BASIS, INSTEAD OF DR. BELAVICH SEES YOU THIS WEEK, AND DR. JONES NEXT THIS WEEK, AND DR. SMITH THE WEEK AFTER SO THERE'S NO --

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: WHO WOULD THEN NOTICE A PROGRESSION OF DETERIORATING HEALTH?

HUGO MACIAS: EXACTLY. EXACTLTLY. SO IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE INSTITUTED IN RESPONSE TO THAT. BUT WE ARE LOOKING TO

SUPPORT IT BY ACTUALLY OBTAINING THE STAFFING AND THE FUNDING TO HIRE POSITIONS TO DO THIS.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: THANK YOU FOR THAT. MR. HUNTSMAN, ANY COMMENT ON THAT QUESTION AT ALL?

MAX HUNTSMAN: NO, MA'AM. THANK YOU.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: OKAY, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HOLDING THIS ITEM. I THINK IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE HAVE CHECK-INS WITH YOU ALL ON A QUARTERLY BASIS AND IT IS HELPFUL BECAUSE SOME OF US DO GET A CHANCE TO VISIT SOME OF OUR JAILS AND WE SEE THINGS, AND IT'S NOT ALWAYS WELL DESCRIBED AT THESE MEETINGS SOMETIMES, BUT WHEN YOU ARE ACTUALLY OUT THERE AND YOU SEE THINGS, THEY ARE DIFFERENT, AND YOUR TAKE AWAYS ARE A BIT MORE INFORMED. I THINK FOR ME IT'S BEEN HELPFUL TO GO WITH MY STAFF, AND OBVIOUSLY VIEW SOME OF THE IMPROVEMENTS BUT ALSO THE NEED TO MAKE MORE IMPROVEMENTS. BUT I WANT TO START OUT BY -- THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS I WANT TO RAISE. AND ONE HAS TO DO WITH THE O.I.G. REPORTING IN YOUR REPORT, SPECIFICALLY THAT THERE WAS 81 ADMINISTRATIVE CASES

REVIEWED BY YOU, O.I.G., THAT CHARGED DEPUTIES WITH VARIOUS POLICY VIOLATIONS. ONE OF WHICH WAS BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL WITH A FIREARM IN REACH. AND THERE WERE AT LEAST SEVEN THAT OCCURRED IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. WE ALL KNOW THE DANGERS OF MIXING SUBSTANCES AND HAVING FIREARMS IN THE SAME VICINITY BUT I WANTED -- I UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WERE SIX RECOMMENDATIONS THAT CAME OUT OF YOUR REPORT, THE O.I.G. ONE WAS LOWERING THE STANDARD FROM .08 BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL TO .02. ENSURING THE POLICY PROHIBITS THE CARRYING OF FIREARMS WHEN ALCOHOL IS BEING CONSUMED. OR IF A DEPUTY ENTERS AN ESTABLISHMENT WHERE ALCOHOL IS SERVED, AND TESTING DEPUTIES IF THEY HAVE AN ODOR OF ALCOHOL OR IF THERE IS REASONABLE SUSPICION TO BELIEVE THEY ARE UNDER THE INFLUENCE. SO MY QUESTION IS FOR THE I.G., CAN YOU GIVE US A UPDATE ON WHETHER L.A.S.D. ACCEPTED ANY OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS?

MAX HUNTSMAN: THEY DID NOT.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: NONE OF THEM? THE ONES THAT I JUST --

MAX HUNTSMAN: NONE.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: NONE. OKAY, THEN, L.A.S.D., I'M NOT SURE WHO TO DIRECT THIS TO, IF YOU COULD PLEASE RESPOND, AND WHY NOT, AND WHAT HAVE WE DONE IF ANYTHING. WHAT MEASURES ARE BEING

TAKEN? IS THIS NOT A SERIOUS PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE? AND WHAT ARE WE DOING TO PREVENT IT?

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND WE TAKE THIS MATTER VERY SERIOUS. I WILL SAY THAT UPFRONT. AND REVIEWING THE REPORT, WE FOUND THAT MANY, ARGUABLY A LOT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN CALIFORNIA, AND WE LOOKED AT VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S POLICY, SANTA BARBARA, AND SANTA ANA P.D.'S POLICY, THEY DON'T HAVE A SPECIFIC BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT LEVEL LISTED IN THEIR POLICIES. INSTEAD THEY HAVE LANGUAGE SIMILAR TO WORDS TO THE EFFECT THAT BEHAVIOR THAT WOULD TEND TO AFFECT A MEMBER'S SENSE OF PERCEPTION, OR JUDGMENT. IN THE O.I.G. REPORT, --

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: CAN I STOP YOU THERE, THOUGH? WHY ARE WE EVEN COMPARING OURSELVES TO THOSE TWO P.D.S OR PUBLIC SAFETY AUTHORITIES? WHY CAN'T WE SET UP OUR OWN STANDARDS IF THEY ARE BEING RECOMMENDED, AND WHAT IS THE HESITATION, IF ANY?

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: WHEN REFERENCING THE O.I.G. REPORT, THE COMPARISON IS BASED ON THE ASSERTION THAT A .02 BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT IS THE BEST PRACTICE. SO WE WANTED TO TAKE A LOOK AT BEST PRACTICES ACROSS THE NATION, IN TERMS OF OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE A

B.A.C., AND THEN EVALUATE THE EXISTING POLICY, TO SEE IF IT IS WORTH IMPLEMENTATION.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: HOW LONG IS THAT GOING TO TAKE?

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: YOU KNOW, I UNDERSTAND WE HAVE HAD THIS RECOMMENDATION SINCE 2019. AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF TREMENDOUS WORK DONE BY THIS ORGANIZATION, BY THIS ADMINISTRATION. I CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION. THERE CONTINUES TO BE A LOT OF GOOD WORK BEING DONE IN TERMS OF REVIEW, UPDATING, IMPLEMENTING POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND TRAINING, IMPLEMENTING SOME OF THE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE O.I.G. IN THE PAST. AND QUITE FRANKLY, THE BOARD'S DIRECTIVE, NOT TO MENTION THE NEW LEGISLATION THAT'S COME ACROSS IS CHANGING LAW ENFORCEMENT WHERE WE HAVE TO ADAPT POLICIES. SO IT IS GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME. WE REALLY WANT TO GET THIS RIGHT, AND EVALUATE BEST PRACTICES AND MAKE A MORE INFORMED DECISION ABOUT THEM ALSO.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: BUT I DO THINK THAT THERE'S AN URGENCY. IF THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS BROUGHT UP BACK IN 2017. AND I GET IT THAT WE HAVE A NEW SHERIFF, AND I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE NEW, POSSIBLY REVAMPED, POLICIES, BUT I WOULD ENCOURAGE HIM, AS WELL AS YOU TO TAKE THAT MESSAGE BACK THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS VERY SERIOUS. I MEAN, CERTAINLY THERE ARE NEGATIVE

IMPACTS THAT RESULT IN TERMS OF LAWSUITS, FOR ONE. BUT ALSO DETRIMENTAL TO OUR ABILITY TO COME IN CONFORMITY WITH THE REST OF THE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES THAT ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING. SO WE ARE THE LARGEST. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE HAVE TO BE THE LAST. AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN SET AN EXAMPLE. SO I WOULD JUST -- I JUST WANT TO URGE US TO DO THAT, AND IF THERE'S SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO DO AS A BOARD, PLEASE RELAY THAT TO US SO THAT WE CAN HELP IN THAT MANNER. THAT'S WHAT I AM TRYING TO GET AT HERE. YOU KNOW, IF YOU --

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: I UNDERSTAND YOUR POSITION, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND YOU KNOW, I AM NEW IN THE ROLE, TWO WEEKS. AND I AM REALLY EVALUATING.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YOU ARE THE MESSENGER.

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: ALL OF THE O.I.G.'S RECOMMENDATIONS, REQUESTING UPDATES ON PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAKE A MORE INFORMED DECISION ABOUT POLICY AND OUR DIRECTION.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: DO YOU MEET WITH MAX, WITH THE O.I.G. REGULARLY?

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: I HAVE NOT.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: ARE YOU -- YOU HAVE NOT. SO I WOULD URGE YOU TO DO THAT AS WELL. MAX, YOU KNOW.

MAX HUNTSMAN: THE SHERIFF GAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE, THE NEW SHERIFF, ABOUT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENTING THEM IF THERE WASN'T A REASON NOT TO. BUT WE HAVE HAD ALMOST ZERO CONTACT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ALONG THE LINES OF WHAT YOU ARE DESCRIBING. AND WE WOULD WELCOME IT.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU. MOVING ON, I WANTED TO ALSO TOUCH ON SOMETHING THAT WAS RAISED EARLIER BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND THAT HAS TO DO WITH OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATHS IN THE JAILS. AND I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH THE EXAMPLE THAT'S POINTED OUT IN THE O.I.G. REPORT, ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL, ONE INDIVIDUAL, WHO LOST 100 POUNDS IN FOUR MONTHS. THEY WERE IN OUR CUSTODY, AND YET, THE SHERIFF AND D.H.S. STAFF DID NOT DETECT OR IT IS UNCLEAR, IF THE WEIGHT LOSS WAS EVEN DOCUMENTED. AND LOSING THAT AMOUNT OF WEIGHT, OBVIOUSLY, IS PUZZLING BECAUSE IT COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO SOMEONE'S HEALTH IF THEY ARE NOT ALREADY IN GOOD CONDITION, SO TO SPEAK. SO I AM WONDERING IF THIS IS SOMETHING MORE OF A D.H.S. ISSUE, OR OF A SHERIFF'S ISSUE. IS SOMEONE NOT RELAYING INFORMATION, IS SOMEONE NOT TAKING THIS INDIVIDUAL, OR TAKEN THAT INDIVIDUAL TO THEIR APPROPRIATE

APPOINTMENTS, OR THERE WAS SOME NEGLECT SOMEWHERE? I WOULD LIKE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THAT, SO.

DR. TIM BELAVICH: THANK YOU FOR THAT, SUPERVISOR. THE INDIVIDUAL WAS REFUSING CERTAIN APPOINTMENTS. AND SO IT WAS THE STAFF WERE ALLOWING THE REFUSALS. WE HAVE CHANGED.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YOUR STAFF?

DR. TIM BELAVICH: YES, YES.

SUP. HILDY SOLIS: NOT THE SHERIFF'S.

DR. TIM BELAVICH: AND PEOPLE HAVE THE ABILITY TO REFUSE TO COME TO THEIR MEDICAL APPOINTMENT. BUT THE ACTUAL PROCESS IS THAT THE PERSON NEEDS TO COME TO THE APPOINTMENT AND REFUSE AT THE APPOINTMENT. BECAUSE WE FIND OFTEN THAT IF WE CAN GET THE PERSON TO COME TO THE APPOINTMENT, THEY WILL THEN ACCEPT AND FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE APPOINTMENT. IN THE PLACE THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS HOUSED, BOTH MEDICAL AND CUSTODY STAFF WERE ALLOWING REFUSALS TO OCCUR AT THE DOOR. AND SO IT WAS NOT ACCORDING TO POLICY. SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE CHANGED --

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: IT WAS NOT ACCORDING TO POLICY.

DR. TIM BELAVICH: YEAH. SO, YES. CORRECT. ONE THING WE CHANGED WAS BY ASSIGNING THESE THREE PHYSICIANS WHO SEE EVERYONE EVERY TWO WEEKS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY FREE, THEY NEED TO COME OUT OF THEIR HOUSING UNIT, AND MEET WITH THE MEDICAL STAFF TO BE AT LEAST VISUALLY EVALUATED FOR CHANGES.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: SO MOVING FORWARD NOW, YOU'VE MADE THAT ADJUSTMENT?

DR. TIM BELAVICH: WE MADE ADJUSTMENT IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: LAST YEAR.

DR. TIM BELAVICH: THROUGH THE DEATH REVIEW PROCESS, WHEN WE IDENTIFIED THIS ISSUE, THAT'S WHEN WE MADE THAT CHANGE.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: OKAY. AND I.G., DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT THAT? ANY COMMENT?

MAX HUNTSMAN: WELL, AND IT'S THE SAME THING I HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ALL THESE. EVERY TIME THERE'S A PROBLEM, YOU HEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEES DOING THEIR BEST TO TRY TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM. THAT IS GENUINE AND HONEST. C.H.S., L.A.S.D. ARE ALL TRYING TO GET THE BEST RESULTS. BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE RESULTS WE DO, AS LONG AS WE OVERCROWD OUR JAILS. THESE MISTAKES OR ONES

ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THEM WILL BE MADE OVER AND OVER AND PEOPLE WILL DIE.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: OKAY. THAT'S THE GREATER QUESTION, THAT I THINK WE'RE ALL GOING TO HAVE TO ADDRESS EVENTUALLY. MOVING ON, I HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING IN THE REPORT THAT YOU ISSUED, O.I.G., THERE WERE 165 GRIEVANCES, AND 77 OR 46% WERE RELATED TO MEDICAL IN YOUR REPORT. AND I WANTED TO ASK YOU, DID YOU KNOW THE 77 AND HOW MANY WERE DUE TO L.A.S.D.'S NEGLECT, OR HOW MANY BECAUSE OF D.H.S.?

MAX HUNTSMAN: I AM NOT SURE THEY ALL ARE EITHER OF THOSE THINGS. I WOULD HAVE TO TALK TO MY STAFF TO GET A LITTLE MORE ANALYSIS. THE COMPLAINT SYSTEM ISN'T REALLY A GOOD MEASURE OF WHAT IS WORKING OR NOT WORKING. MANY COMPLAINTS ARE TRIGGERED SIMPLY BY A DESIRE FOR SOMETHING, A DESIRE FOR MEDICAL CARE, AND THERE MAY NOT REALLY BE SOMETHING WRONG. THEY'RE A PROCESS. SO I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK WITH MY STAFF. WE'D HAVE TO DISSECT THOSE INDIVIDUAL CASES. I THINK WHAT THAT STATISTIC SHOWS YOU IS THAT MEDICAL CARE IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE PROCESS AND FAILURE OF PEOPLE TO GET MEDICAL CARE, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM INSIDE OUR JAILS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: SO DOCTOR, YOU WANTED TO MAYBE RESPOND OR YOU HAD A COMMENT?

DR. TIM BELAVICH: I AGREE WITH WHAT MR. HUNTSMAN'S SAYING IN TERMS OF GRIEVANCES AREN'T NECESSARILY THE THE BEST VIEW OF THE NEEDS OF OUR PATIENT POPULATION. OUR PATIENT POPULATION IS VERY HIGH UTILIZERS. THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO DID NOT UTILIZE -- MANY DO NOT UTILIZE ANY HEALTHCARE ON THE OUTSIDE, AND WHEN THEY COME TO US THAT'S WHEN THEY ARE USING -- THEY CHOOSE TO SEEK HEALTHCARE TREATMENT. AND SO GRIEVANCES I DON'T THINK ARE A GOOD MARKER, BUT I THINK THAT --

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: SO MAYBE IT IS NOT CLASSIFIED CORRECTLY. I MEAN, THAT'S KIND OF WHAT YOU ARE SAYING HERE.

DR. TIM BELAVICH: WE ALSO HAVE A -- SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION. WE ALSO HAVE SOMETHING BESIDES GRIEVANCES WHICH ARE REQUESTS FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES, AND WE RECEIVE UP TO 10,000 PER MONTH THAT COMING FROM OUR PATIENT POPULATION. AND SO THOSE ARE AS MR. HUNTSMAN'S SAYING, A REFLECTION OF PEOPLE WANTING SOMETHING, EITHER A CHANGE IN MEDICATION, OR TO BE SEEN, OR TO BE REFERRED. SO THERE'S A VERY HIGH NEED FOR MEDICAL CARE IN THIS -- THROUGH THIS POPULATION.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: I UNDERSTAND THAT FULLY, AND AGAIN, I THINK IT GOES BACK TO NOT JUST OVERCROWDING BUT THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO HAVE MORE MEDICAL STAFF AVAILABLE. AND I THINK THAT, I

MEAN, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I PERSONALLY OBSERVED VISITING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AS WELL AS TWIN TOWERS. AND I KNOW WE ARE TRYING TO ADDRESS THAT THROUGH OUR C.E.O. AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT OUR -- THE COURT HAS ASKED US TO DO AS WELL. BUT OBVIOUSLY, THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE DONE. AND SO JUST LISTENING AND HEARING MORE ABOUT WHAT KINDS OF THINGS WE AS A BOARD CAN DO, I THINK WILL BE HELPFUL, YOU KNOW, SO THAT WE CAN HELP MITIGATE THAT. AND I AM CONCERNED. BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME PATIENTS OR FOLKS, INMATES THAT ARE THERE, THAT DON'T KNOW HOW TO ARTICULATE WHETHER THEY ARE HAVING A MEDICAL CRISIS OR MENTAL, OR ANYTHING ELSE. AND I WORRY ABOUT THAT BECAUSE MAYBE NOT ALL MEDICAL STAFF CAN SPEAK TO THEIR LANGUAGES OR LACK OF. AND NOTHING NEGATIVE AGAINST ANYONE, BUT I THINK THAT'S ALSO A REALITY AND WE HAVE TO SOMEHOW FIGURE OUT HOW TO ADDRESS THAT. AND THAT'S WHY I THINK SOMETIMES HAVING OTHER INMATES THAT ARE WORKING ALONGSIDE WITH THE SHERIFF IN THOSE PARTICULAR PODS WHERE WE HAVE MENTAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED CAN BE VERY HELPFUL AND USEFUL FOR OTHER TEAMS. YOU KNOW, KIND OF CROSS I DON'T WANT TO SAY POLINATING, BUT CROSS, YOU KNOW, PROVIDING SERVICES IN THAT WAY, OVERLAPPING SO THAT WE REALLY ARE TRYING TO GET TO THE BEST TREATMENT FOR THOSE PARTICULAR PATIENTS. YEAH, MAX?

MAX HUNTSMAN: SUPERVISOR, I JUST WANTED TO SAY, A WHILE BACK THIS BOARD HAD TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SORT YOU ARE TALKING

ABOUT. OR THREE, ACTUALLY, WHO WORKED WITHIN THE F.I.T. PROGRAM COME AND SPEAK REMOTELY.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YES.

MAX HUNTSMAN: AND I JUST WANT TO SAY, ON BEHALF OF THEM ON BEHALF OF MY STAFF, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR DOING THAT. BECAUSE YOU MENTIONED GOING TO THE JAILS. I KNOW YOU ALL DO THAT. BUT IT'S SO HARD TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENS IN THAT JAIL, AND BY BRINGING THEM HERE EVEN VIRTUALLY, THAT MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE TO THEM, AND I THINK IT REALLY ALLOWED THE PUBLIC AND YOU TO HAVE A LITTLE MORE UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS IN OUR JAILS. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR DOING THAT.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: I WAS VERY IMPRESSED AND I KNOW THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH THE SHERIFFS NOW TO SEE HOW WE CAN INCREASE THE POTENTIAL NUMBER OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT COULD BE A PART OF THAT PROGRAM AND HELPING TO GIVE THEM INCENTIVE TO EVEN GET EDUCATION AND TRAINING SO THAT ONCE EVENTUALLY THEY ARE RELEASED OR ALLOWED TO WHEN THEY MEET THEIR TIME COMMITMENTS, THAT THEY CAN ENTER INTO A CAREER, A PROFESSION, AND MANY OF THEM I UNDERSTAND HAVE BECOME VERY MUCH ENGAGED AND WANT TO STAY, EVEN WANT TO STAY IN COUNTY, AND NOT GO TO STATE BECAUSE THEY FEEL THAT THEY ARE -- THERE'S A SENSE OF WORTH, AND THAT THERE'S GRATIFICATION. AND I KNOW I SAW THAT FIRST HAND WITH

THE JUDGE THAT WAS WITH US ALONGSIDE THE FIRST VISIT THAT WE TOOK. SO I WANT TO UNDERCORE THAT. BECAUSE I DO THINK THERE'S POTENTIAL THERE, AND USEFULNESS NOT JUST IN THAT FACILITY, BUT PERHAPS EVEN WITH OUR PROBATION CAMPS WITH OUR YOUTH. BECAUSE IT'S NOT THAT DIFFERENT IN SOME WAYS. THOSE ARE ALL MY QUESTIONS FOR NOW, AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU COMING, AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AS WE TRY TO UNTANGLE AS MUCH AS WE CAN. AND I, YOU KNOW, SUPPORT THE SHERIFF. BUT I ALSO THINK THAT HE NEEDS TO HEAR WHAT OUR DISCUSSION HAS BEEN HERE TODAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO FOLLOW UP. I WAS ACTUALLY -- I APPRECIATE THE REPORT. I LOVE SEEING YOU ALL HERE. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE THIS DIALOG. SO THANK YOU FOR HOLDING IT, SUPERVISOR HAHN. BUT DR. BELAVICH, YOU HAVE MENTIONED, WHEN SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WAS TALKING ABOUT THE PRIMARY CARE, AND CONTINUUM OF CARE, AND MY RECOLLECTION IS WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE FACT THAT NOW WITH PREADJUDICATION WE CAN ACTUALLY BILL FOR SERVICES, BUT STAFFING ALONE IS NOT THE ISSUE. SPACE IS AN ISSSUE, CORRECT? SO I GUESS MY QUESTION WOULD BE BASED ON WHAT MAX HAS TALKED ABOUT IN TERMS OF OVERCROWDING, AND THE FACT THAT WITH C.O.V.I.D., WE HAVE RELEASED, A GOOD AMOUNT THAT CAN BE

RELEASED AND YET WE STILL HAVE OVERCROWDING. I GUESS MY QUESTION IS A, WHAT DO YOU SEE AS AN END GAME TO ADDRESS THE PHYSICAL SHORTAGE AS IT RESULTS TO SPACE? AND THEN B, TO THE SHERIFF, WHAT ARE YOU DOING, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT SHERIFF LUNA TALKED ABOUT HIS FIRST 100 -- I WAS GOING TO SAY 100 YEARS. IT PROBABLY FEELS LIKE 100 YEARS. 100 HUNDRED DAYS THAT THE ISSUE OF SECURING ADDITIONAL BEDS IS A NECESSITY. SO HOW IS THAT GOING TO PLAY INTO THIS ISSUE? BECAUSE THIS BOARD AS A WHOLE, SUPPORTS DIVERSION, AND BELIEVES THAT WE NEED TO DO THAT WHEN POSSIBLE BUT WHAT I AM HEARING IS THAT WE HAVE, IN FACT, RELEASED -- I AM NOT GOING TO SAY ALL, BECAUSE I BET YOU THAT THERE ARE SOME IN THERE THAT CAN FALL INTO THAT CATEGORY. BUT FOR THE MOST PART, WE HAVE. AND WE SAW WE COULD DO AND IT WE HAVE DONE IT. SO WHAT IS OUR PATH FORWARD BASED ON WHAT MAX HUNTSMAN TALKED ABOUT, IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING MORE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DIE? BECAUSE THAT JUST PUT THE WHOLE BOARD ON NOTICE BOTH FROM A LIABILITY STANDPOINT, BUT ON A LOT OF DIFFERENT LEVELS. SO I JUST WANT TO KNOW.

DR. TIM BELAVICH: I WILL START BY TALKING A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE SPACE IN THE PHYSICAL PLANT. QUITE SIMPLY, WE CAN'T PROVIDE IN THE SPACE WE HAVE ADEQUATE HEALTHCARE. WE ARE PROVIDING HEALTHCARE IN HALLWAYS, AROUND CORNERS. CHAPELS WORK WELL. AND NONE OF US WANT TO BE TREATED OR RECEIVE HEALTHCARE IN THOSE TYPE OF AREAS. AND SO WE DON'T HAVE ADEQUATE SPACE.

AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS PLAY TOGETHER, BECAUSE IT IS HARD TO HIRE STAFF AND SHOW THEM A BEAT UP CLOSET WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO BE WORKING. OR TO TELL THEM THAT WE HOPE THEY WILL FIND PARKING. ALL OF THOSE THINGS PLAY TOGETHER. WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL ON A POSITIVE IN HIRING OVER THE PAST FIVE TO SIX MONTHS, ESPECIALLY WITH SOME OF THE JAIL-BASED BONUSES THAT HAVE BEEN HELPFUL, AND THAT'S GREAT. ONE OF THE CONCERNS IS THAT I'M GETTING HEALTHCARE STAFF, BUT I DON'T HAVE THE PEOPLE TO GET MY PATIENTS TO ME. AND SO HAVING HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS WHO ARE IN A PLACE BUT NOT ABLE TO ACCESS THEIR PATIENTS IS JUST AS FRUSTRATING. AND SO OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SHERIFF, I THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT, AND IT'S NOT FOR LACK OF TRYING. IT'S JUST THERE AREN'T ENOUGH, GOING BACK TO MR. HUNTSMAN, THERE AREN'T ENOUGH WORKERS TO GET THE PATIENTS TO THE APPOINTMENTS SO THEY CAN BE SEEN, AND SEEN TIMELY.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. NOW ON THE FRONT OF SPACE -- ARE YOU GOING TO ASK THAT? OKAY.

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: SO I'LL JUST AS THE DOCTOR HAS ALLUDED TO, WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH J.C.O.T. IN SECURE BEDS IN THE COMMUNITY. BUT WE ARE ALSO WORKING WITH THE C.E.O.D.O.J. COMPLIANCE TEAM AND IDENTIFYING SPACE. AS I INDICATED EARLIER, MOVING INDIVIDUALS FROM THE BASIN UP TO P.D.C. AND CREATING OFFICE SPACE AND TREATMENT AREAS. BUT AS DR. BELAVICH HAS

INDICATED, IT WAS NEVER DESIGNED FOR THAT. SO WE, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ARE ALWAYS GOING TO BE IN FAVOR OF DESIGNING ADEQUATE SPACES, WHETHER IT IS A NEW FACILITY THAT IS DESIGNED FOR REHABILITATIVE AND BEST PRACTICES.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: SO IS THAT WHAT THE SHERIFF TALKED ABOUT WITH HIS FIRST 100 DAYS, ABOUT CREATING A CAMPUS? IS THAT WHAT HIS REFERENCE WAS?

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: A CARE-FIRST CAMPUS WOULD BE IDEAL, THAT'S DEDICATED WITH CONSOLIDATION OF RESOURCES.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: SO IS THAT BEING WORKED ON WITHIN YOUR DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW TO BRING SOMETHING FORWARD?

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: SO INTERNALLY, WE ARE ENTERTAINING THROUGH THE C.E.O.D.O.J. COMPLIANCE TEAM, THE REFURBISHMENT OF EXISTING FACILITIES AS A POSSIBILITY, REVISITING OLD PLANS. BUT WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WORKING TOWARDS THE CREATION OF A DEDICATED FACILITY TO SERVICE THIS POPULATION.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: I AM LOOKING OVER TO FESIA, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THERE WAS MONEY SET ASIDE THROUGH BONDING AND ALL. I MEAN, WHERE ARE WE ON THAT AND ARE THEY COORDINATING WITH YOU?

FESIA DAVENPORT: YES. SUPERVISOR, SO WE ARE DEFINITELY COORDINATING WITH THE SHERIFF, AND THE INVOLVED DEPARTMENTS. I HAVE MAGGIE CARTER HERE, WHO IS HEADING OUR D.O.J. COMPLIANCE UNIT, AND I THINK SHE COULD TELL YOU SOME SPECIFICS ABOUT A NEW SPACE THAT WE HAVE OPENED UP, OR THAT WE ARE OPENING UP THAT WILL CREATE BETTER FACILITIES TO TREAT THE MEMBERS OF THIS POPULATION, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH HIGH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS.

MAGGIE CARTER: AS I THINK FESIA JUST ALLUDED TO AND AS YOU HEARD SOME OF THE PANELISTS ALLUDE TO, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING ON IN PARALLEL, INCLUDING CONTINUED EFFORTS TO TRY TO REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION THAT WE HAVE, BECAUSE WITH A LOWER JAIL POMLATION, WE FIND ALL OF THESE PROBLEMS CAN BE A LITTLE BIT EASIER. BUT ALSO ALIGNING OUR EXISTING FACILITIES TO AGAIN, BETTER SERVE THE POPULATION THAT WE HAVE, WHICH WHILE IT IS DECLINING, STILL HAS VERY HIGH PERCENTAGE OF FOLKS WHO HAVE -- WHO NEED SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING. SO ONE OF THE THINGS THIS BOARD APPROVED PREVIOUSLY THAT IS COMING TO FRUITION RIGHT NOW IS THE FULL CONVERSION OF THE P.D.C. NORTH FACILITY, TO MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND C.H.S. HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD ON OVER THE PAST YEAR. AND THAT WILL BE COMPLETE WE BELIEVE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT COMMANDER MACIAS

JUST REFERRED TO. NOT ONLY ARE WE FOCUSING ON THE ACTUAL CLINICAL SPACES AND THE MOVEMENT OF PATIENTS, FROM MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL UP TO P.D.C. NORTH THIS MONTH, BUT ALSO WE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO MAKE THAT FACILITY MORE APPROPRIATE TO THAT NEW POPULATION, INCLUDING BY EXPANDING CLINICAL OFFICE SPACE THERE. A TEMPORARY TRAILER JUST WENT DOWN AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING OUTFITTED. SO THAT ALL THOSE CLINICIANS WHO ARE BEING BROUGHT IN TO WORK WITH THAT POPULATION, HAVE A PLACE TO WORK, A PLACE TO CHART. THEY DON'T LEAVE US AS SOON AS WE -- THEY ARRIVE AFTER WE'VE WORKED SO HARD TO ONBOARD THEM, BECAUSE THEY HAVE WHAT THEY NEED TO DO THEIR JOB. SO THAT -- WHEN WE FULLY CONVERT THAT LAST MODULE AT P.D.C. NORTH, WE'LL HAVE A TOTAL OF FOUR MODULES UP THERE WITH APPROXIMATELY 360 M.O.H. PATIENTS IN EACH MODULE. AND THAT WILL BE SORT OF WHAT THE FULL CONVERSION LOOKS LIKE. THAT, HOWEVER, WILL STILL LEAVE SOME MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WHICH IS ANOTHER BIG PRIORITY OF THE COUNTY TO TRY TO ADDRESS. INCLUDING AGAIN THROUGH THAT COMBINATION OF SOLUTIONS, REDUCING THE POPULATION IN THE JAILS, AND LOOKING AT OUR OTHER EXISTING FACILITIES TO SEE HOW WE COULD -- WHAT OTHER OPTIONS WE HAVE TO FURTHER ALIGN. AND AS THIS BOARD KNOWS VERY WELL, ALL OF THESE OPTIONS ARE COMPLICATED. THEY REQUIRE A LOT OF TRADEOFFS. AND THERE ARE A LOT OF MOVING PIECES. BUT THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT THE DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING ON AND THAT WE ARE TRYING TO SUPPORT.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. AND JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, DOCTOR, AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF YOU CAN ANSWER THIS, OR MAYBE YOU ALREADY SAID IT AND I DIDN'T HEAR IT. HOW MANY PATIENTS FOR EXAMPLE, THE PATIENT THAT WAS REFERENCED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS THAT LOST 100 POUNDS IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, HOW MANY PATIENTS WOULD FALL UNDER THAT TYPE OF CRITERIA, ARE CURRENTLY BEING SEEN BY YOU? AND YOU TALK ABOUT WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU ARE KIND OF IN A NO-WIN SITUATION BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, BUT GIVEN THE CONSTRAINTS ON STAFFING, BUT SPACE, IT SEEMS LIKE IT IS DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE. AND I AM JUST TRYING TO BETTER UNDERSTAND, FIRST OF ALL THE NUMBER, AND THEN MOVING FORWARD, IS THERE A PLAN B? FOR EXAMPLE, MAGGIE TALKED ABOUT THE MOVEMENT UP OUT OF MEN'S CENTRAL. WOULD IT BE SMART TO RETROFIT MAYBE ONE OF THE SPACES UP THERE AS JUST MEDICAL? I DON'T KNOW. BUT I AM JUST TRYING TO THINK IN TERMS OF QUALITY HEALTH CARE, BECAUSE YOU AND I BOTH KNOW, AND I THINK YOU SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE OF SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO PROVIDE QUALITY HEALTHCARE. YOU WOULDN'T BE DOING WHAT YOU ARE DOING IF YOU DIDN'T. AND I AM SURE THAT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE HIRED FALL UNDER THAT SAME CATEGORY. TO MAX HUNTSMAN'S POINT, EVERYONE HAS THE HEART TO SERVE. SO HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING THE NECESSARY RESOURCES BUT EVEN THE ENVIRONMENT TO

MAKE SURE WE DO THAT? BECAUSE IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF IF THEY GET OUT, IT IS WHEN.

DR. TIM BELAVICH: YEAH. CORRECT. AND EXACTLY AS WE HAVE BEEN TALKING, ALL OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE GREAT. WE'RE MOVING PATIENTS UP TO NORTH FACILITY, WHICH IS A NEWER FACILITY. I THINK WHAT WE ARE REALLY TALKING ABOUT IS MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND THE PROBLEMS WITH MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND THERE ARE ABOUT 350 INDIVIDUALS WHO FIT IN THAT CLASSIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WE ARE SEEING ON THAT BIWEEKLY BASIS. THAT'S IN ADDITION TO THE 200 INDIVIDUALS WHO WE HAVE IN OUR LICENSED INPATIENT UNIT. SO WE ARE LOOKING AT ROUGHLY 500 TO 550 INDIVIDUALS WITH MEDICAL ISSUES.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: SERIOUS THAT ARE CHRONIC THAT NEED --

DR. TIM BELAVICH: THAT HAVE A REGULAR NEED TO BE SEEN. YEAH.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: ALL RIGHT. WELL, I DON'T WANT TO GET OFF ON THE WHOLE ISSUE OF MEN'S CENTRAL AND PLACEMENT AND ALL THAT, SO I WILL JUST LEAVE IT WITH I THINK THAT THE GOOD NEWS IS IS THAT YOU ALL ARE WORKING TOWARD A SOLUTION. AND MAX, THANK YOU. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE SHERIFF TO COORDINATE AND MEET WITH MAX HUNTSMAN, ESPECIALLY IF HE IS OFFERING. AND I KNOW THAT IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT HIS ROLE IS

NOT TO BE YOUR BEST FRIEND, BUT TO WORK WITH YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ALL GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND BASED ON MY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SHERIFF, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS. I KNOW THAT'S WHY YOU WERE PLACED IN THIS POSITION, AND CONGRATULATIONS. THREE WEEKS. IT SEEMS LIKE THREE YEARS, I AM SURE. BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO MOVE TOWARD SOLUTIONS. ESPECIALLY SUPPORTING THE SHERIFF ON HIS COMMENTS AND ACTIONS AS IT RELATES TO A CAMPUS. AND I AM ALL IN TO WORK WITH HIM ON THAT. THANK YOU, MANAGER.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR MITCHELEL.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: THANK YOU, MADAM. SO JUST A QUICK FOLLOW UP. IT STRUCK ME WHEN I HEARD IN RESPONSE TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S INQUIRY AROUND THE REPORT AND THE SPECIFIED BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL, AND THE COMMENT ABOUT OTHER EXAMPLES WHERE AS I UNDERSTOOD YOU TO SAY THE OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES LOOK MORE AT KIND OF OBSERVATIONS OF BEHAVIOR, VERSUS A SPECIFIED BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL. IT JUST STRUCK ME THAT NONSWORN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE GOVERNED BY LAW IN EVERY ASPECT, IN TERMS OF OPERATING VEHICLES, OPERATING LARGE MACHINERY. THERE IS A SPECIFIED BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL THAT IMPACTS THE REST OF US IN THE GENERAL PUBLIC. AND SO GIVEN THE FACT THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE -- TAKE AN OATH AND ARE LICENSED BY LAW TO CARRY A FIREARM, I AM NOT SURE HOW -- WHY AN OBSERVATION OF

BEHAVIOR WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE. PARTICULARLY FOR CARRYING A FIREARM, IN THE LINE OF DUTY, OR OTHERWISE, IS MORE APPROPRIATE THAN WHAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAS TO DO IN MANAGING LESS LETHAL ITEMS LIKE VEHICLES AND LARGE MACHINERY. SO IT JUST STRUCK ME THAT WHILE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MAY NOT AGREE WITH THE SPECIFIED BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL, I DO THINK IT WHOLLY INAPPROPRIATE THAT MERE OBSERVATION OF BEHAVIOR IS DEEMED AS MORE APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: ABSOLUTELY. I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE O.I.G.'S REPORTING ON MULTIPLE INCIDENTS. I UNDERSTAND THAT OUR ROLE HERE IS TO MAKE SURE WE UNDERSTAND WHAT IS -- WHAT EXISTS IN THE REPORT, THE CONTENT OF THE REPORT, AND DO OUR BEST TO WORK WITH EACH OF YOU TO EFFECTUATE CHANGE. BUT SOME OF THE TOPICS WE HAVE HAD HERE TODAY, ESPECIALLY TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, I THINK HAVE TO SEEM A LITTLE OUTRAGEOUS. THE IDEA THERE MIGHT BE A BLOOD ALCOHOL LIMIT FOR SOMEONE WHO IS ON DUTY IS CONCERNING. THAT THERE WAS -- THAT THERE ARE INCIDENTS -- AND I AM GOING TO ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS TO THIS, BUT THAT ARE INCIDENTS RELATED TO SOME OF THE PREVENTABLE SITUATIONS THAT HAVE LED TO AN UNACCEPTABLE NUMBER OF DEATHS IN THE JAILS. I THINK -- ARE JUST VERY CONCERNING TO ME. AND I JUST WANT TO STATE THAT BEFORE GETTING INTO QUESTIONS, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO SORT OF MISS THE

MAGNITUDE OF THE IMPACT OF THIS REPORT. WHY IS THERE A BLOOD ALCOHOL LIMIT WHILE ON DUTY AT ALL?

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: WELL TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, WE DO HAVE .08 AS A BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT LIMIT, AND I GUESS THAT'S MORE IN REFERENCE TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S CONCERN. THAT IS IN PLACE, AND THAT IS ENFORCEABLE UNDER OUR FIREARM SAFETY POLICY. HOWEVER, THAT POLICY IS ALSO WRITTEN THAT REGARDLESS OF THE BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT, IF BEHAVIOR IS EXHIBITED WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL CONSUMES ALCOHOL ENOUGH THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO CARE FOR THEIR WEAPON PROPERLY, IT BECOMES A POLICY VIOLATION FOR OUR SAFETY FIREARMS SECTION. SO IT IS ENFORCEABLE. IN TERMS OF HAVING A BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT, IT IS A VERY STRESSFUL PROFESSION, AND OUR PERSONNEL SOMETIMES JUST LIKE THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WILL FIND A WAY TO ALEVIATE THAT STRESS BY DRINKING ALCOHOL, CONSUMING ALCOHOL.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: ON DUTY?

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: ON AND, WELL, OFF DUTY, MORE SO, BUT WE HAVE HAD INSTANCES WHERE PERSONNEL HAVE RESPONDED INTO WORK THAT WERE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL. AND THE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, ONCE THOSE SYMPTOMS WERE EXHIBITED BY THEIR SUPERVISORS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: IS IT A REQUIREMENT THAT PEOPLE -- - THAT PEOPLE IN YOUR DEPARTMENT NOT DRINK ALCOHOL OR NOT USE OTHER SUBSTANCES WHILE THEY ARE ON DUTY?

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: WELL, I MEAN, WE HAVE POLICIES IN PLACE THAT RESTRICT THAT TYPE OF BEHAVIOR. AND IN NO WAY DO WE CONDONE CONSUMING ALCOHOL OFF DUTY WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR FIREARM, AND OBVIOUSLY ON DUTY.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: I UNDERSTAND THAT THINGS HAPPEN. BUT WHEN WE ARE CODIFYING AN ACCEPTABLE USE, TO ME, THAT COMMUNICATES THAT THERE IS AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL, AND SO I AM TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THAT WOULD BE THE CASE. HAS THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED THE O.I.G.'S RECOMMENDATION TO STRICTLY PROHIBIT FIREARMS, CARRYING OF FIREARMS IF YOU HAVE CONSUMED ALCOHOL?

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: AGAIN, WE DISCOURAGE THAT. IT IS IN POLICY THAT IT'S NOT RECOMMENDED AND SHOULDN'T BE DONE. WE ARE EVALUATING THE O.I.G.'S RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL AS EXISTING POLICY. AND AFTER THE DATA IS GATHERED I WILL BE SURE TO1 GET BACK TO YOU WITH THE DIRECTION THE DEPARTMENT IS TAKING. BUT WE ARE CONSIDERING THAT, TO MAKE THAT RECOMMENDATION STRONGLY IN POLICY.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. WITH REGARD TO THE PREVIOUS TOPIC OF THE MATCHING SYSTEM, THE I-MATCH SYSTEM, HAS THE DEPARTMENT MADE ANY CHANGES TO IT TO ENSURE POTENTIAL CELL MATES ARE COMPATIBLE BEFORE PLACING THEM IN A CELL TOGETHER? WHAT I HEARD WAS THAT YOUR PERSONNEL OBSERVED BEHAVIOR THAT MAY HAVE SUGGESTED TO THEM, THAT THEY COULD COEXIST IN THAT SPACE, BUT THEY AREN'T NECESSARILY THE MEDICAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WHO COME IN AND EVALUATE THESE FOLKS. SO HOW ARE WE CHANGING THE MATCHING SYSTEM TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT SORT OF OBSERVATIONAL APPROACH DOESN'T HAPPEN?

FESIA DAVENPORT: SO, THANK YOU. TO SPEAK TO THAT, YOU ARE CORRECT. THEY MADE THE DECISION TO MATCH THE TWO JUST BASED UPON THEIR OBSERVATIONS AND HOW THEY PROGRAMMED TOGETHER. WITH THAT, THEY STILL MET THE SAME CRITERIA FOR THEIR P LEVEL STATUS WERE THE SAME. THEY WERE COMPATIBLE AND THEIR SECURITY LEVELS WERE, INDICATED THEY'RE COMPATIBLE. WHEN WE LOOK AT AND REFER TO THE, I-MATCH SYSTEM, THOSE TWO ARE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION AS WELL AS THE HEIGHT, WEIGHT OF THE PARTICULAR INMATE. AND SO USING THAT CRITERIA IS WHERE THEY COME UP WITH THE SUGGESTION OR THE I SHOULD SAY OPTION. BECAUSE NOT ALL, EVEN THOUGH WE LOOK AT THE, I- MATCH, AND AT TIMES THEY MAY MATCH ACCORDING TO PAPER AND SEEM TO BE APPROPRIATELY ABLE TO HOUSE TOGETHER, THAT DOESN'T ALWAYS SINK IN WITH THEIR OBSERVATIONS. SO WHEN THEY MADE THE MATCHES, IT WAS BASED UPON

THEIR OBSERVATIONS. SO WE ARE NOT SO MUCH GOING TO CHANGE ANYTHING IN RELATION TO THE HEIGHT-WEIGHT SECURITY, BUT WHERE THE VERDICT IS STILL OUT BECAUSE WE ARE STILL LOOKING AT OTHER AGENCIES AND WHAT THEY USE TO MATCH INMATES IN THE SAME CELL.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: I JUST HOPE THAT WHEN THAT SYSTEM -- WHEN THAT SYSTEM PROVIDES INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE VITAL AS TO WHY SOMEBODY MIGHT NOT BE MATCHED TOGETHER, THAT WE DON'T RELY ON WHAT I HEARD YOU SAY WERE OBSERVATIONS OF COMPATIBLE BEHAVIOR. ON ANOTHER TOPIC, IT APPEARS THERE WAS AT LEAST ONE DEATH WHERE NARCAN WASN'T DEPLOYED AND I BELIEVE IT'S BEEN THIS BOARD'S IMPRESSION THAT ALL CUSTODY AND NURSING STAFF HAVE ACCESS TO NARCAN. IS THAT NOT THE CASE? ARE YOU SEEING GAPS IN THE AVAILABILITY OF NARCAN?

DR. TIM BELAVICH: NO, SUPERVISOR, YOU ARE CORRECT. NARCAN IS WIDELY AVAILABLE. THAT WAS AN ISSUE DISCOVERED DURING A DEATH REVIEW, AND STEPS WERE TAKEN ON WORKING WITH THOSE INDIVIDUALS ABOUT THAT. IT IS A RARITY THAT NARCAN IS NOT DEPLOYED IN ANY DEATH WE HAVE. BUT OVERALL, ON A DAILY BASIS, NARCAN IS DEPLOYED MULTIPLE TIMES THROUGHOUT OUR SYSTEM. SO THIS WAS -- IT WAS HIGHLIGHTED ALSO BECAUSE IT WAS NOTED AS AN ANOMALY.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: OKAY. IN TERMS OF THE DEATH INVOLVING A MEDICAL EMERGENCY DURING A COURT TRANSPORT, WHICH CORRECTIVE

ACTIONS WERE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO INMATES ASAP?

FESIA DAVENPORT: SO AS A RESULT OF THAT, WE LOOKED AT OUR UNIT ORDERS AND POLICIES THAT ARE IN PLACE IN DEALING WITH MEDICAL EMERGENCIES ON THE TRANSPORTATION BUS, AND SIMILAR TO THE, I-MATCH SYSTEM, WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS ADEQUATE. WE'RE NOT NECESSARILY CONVINCED AT THIS POINT, SO THEREFORE, WE ARE REACHING OUT TO OTHER CUSTODIAL FACILITIES OR EXCUSE ME, AGENCIES TO SEE WHAT THEIR BEST PRACTICE IS BEFORE THAT MODIFICATION TO OUR POLICY IS MADE.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. I UNDERSTAND THESE QUESTIONS ARE CHALLENGING. THIS DYNAMIC IS DIFFICULT. THESE ARE NOT CHOICES EACH OF YOU HAS PERSONALLY MADE IN THE COURSE OF YOUR SERVICE. SO I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. BUT THEY ARE DIFFICULT AT LEAST FOR ME, AND I WOULD GUESS MY COLLEAGUES TO DEFEND, WHEN WE'RE HEARING OF INCIDENCES OF SOMEBODY USING THEIR GUN FLASHLIGHT, AND THAT CAUSES, YOU KNOW, HARM WHEN WE ARE DRINKING ON OR OFF DUTY AND USING A FIREARM, AND NOT USING THE TOOLS THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE. SO I KNOW THAT THIS IS ABOUT HOW WE TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION. BUT MY HOPE IS THAT WE ARE ALSO IMPLEMENTING POLICY THAT MAKES CLEAR WHAT OUR POSITIONS ON THESE THINGS ARE, AND THEN PEOPLE ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE ACCORDINGLY.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SEEING NO OTHER SPEAKERS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL ARNOLD SACHS, DONALD HARLAN, DONNA PEARMAN AND COREY SMITH PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 34 IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS TRAMEL CARTER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

TRAMEL CARTER: HI. I'M SPEAKING IN REGARDS TO WHAT THE INTERNAL -- INSPECTOR GENERAL MAX HAS TO SAY. MAX HAS IGNORED MY MATTER IN REGARDS TO MY COMPLAINT I FILED. AND I ALSO TOLD MS. MITCHELL AND MY RESPONSE FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS UNRESOLVED. I ASKED MAX TO SEND THIS OVER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ANOTHER REVIEW. HE HAS NOT DONE SO. IT'S DATED FROM SEPTEMBER OF 2023. BUT MAX TELLS ME HE'S DONE WITH MY MATTER. MY COMPLAINT STATED I LOST 10 POUNDS WITHIN 12 DAYS. IT'S DOCUMENTED. AND ALSO, I WAS PLACED IN THE INCORRECT

DEPARTMENT OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH LEGAL WAIST RESTRAINT LOCKED IN AN INSIDE JAIL CELL. MS. MITCHELL HAS IGNORED MY MATTER. I ASKED FOR THIS REPORT TO BE GIVEN TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS. NO ONE HAS RESPONDED TO ME. BUT MAX'S OFFICE HUNG UP THE TELEPHONE AND TOLD ME, "WE'VE ALREADY LOOKED INTO YOUR MATTER." I ASKED MAX TO GIVE THIS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE REPORT NUMBER INCIDENT NUMBER IS 22-0020. MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE ONCE AGAIN DOES NOT CARE THAT AFRICAN-AMERICANS --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MODERATOR, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: GENEVIEVE, GO AHEAD. GENEVIEVE, ARE YOU THERE? WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MODERATOR: THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVIN FROM STUDIO CITY. AND YOU KNOW, THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT REPORT IS A HALLMARK OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND I WAS THINKING WE COULD POSSIBLY ADD TO IT INSTALLATION OF A SPHYGMOMANOMETER THAT COULD BE APPLIED TO

EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS SO THAT DURING THE REPORT WE COULD MEASURE THE BLOOD PRESSURE OF THE SUPERVISORS. BECAUSE CERTAINLY AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAS WATCHED THE IPAD INVENTORY HOVER AROUND 280 FOR NEARLY 5 YEARS, I'M INFURIATED THAT ANGELENOS WHO ARE BEHIND BARS CAN'T ACCESS AN IPAD TO MAKE THE PROPER COMPLAINT. AND THE IDEA THAT WE HAVE EVOLVED FROM A FLASHLIGHT ON THE WEAPON TO A FLASHLIGHT ON THE WEAPON FROM, I DON'T WANT TO UPSET ANYONE, THE PRIOR REPORT ABOUT WHAT THE FLASHLIGHT WAS USED FOR, IT IS GREAT PROGRESS. AND I WOULD LIKE SINCE WE'RE DATA DRIVEN, HOW MANY BLOODY NARCAN ADMINISTRATIONS ARE HAPPENING DAILY? BECAUSE I SAW THAT THE OVERALL COMPLAINTS ARE LIKE, THEY'RE SO MODEST YOU CAN'T BELIEVE IT. THERE IS ONLY THREE COMPLAINTS --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MODERATOR, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ROY HUMPHREYS: OKAY. JAILS HAVE BEEN A CRIMINAL FUNCTION SINCE INCEPTION. ALL SUPERVISORS PRESENT AND PAST ARE UNINDICTED FELONS AS TO COUNTY JAILS. THE BOARD MUST IMMEDIATELY PETITION THE STATE TO CHANGE THE CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE TO ALLOW THE COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT CORRECTIONS FACILITIES FOR THE COUNTIES. ALL SUPERVISORS AND SENIOR STAFF MUST SPEND ONE DAY IN A COUNTY JAIL UNTIL THESE PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED AND

RYAN SERRANO'S -- HILDA SOLIS'S OFFICE WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO START US OFF. YOU NEED A 10 BILLION TAX FUNCTION TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS IN A TIMELY MATTER. SUPERVISORS ARE THE PROBLEM. ALL BUT SUPERVISOR BARGER TRASHED THE $1.5 BILLION DOLLAR MEN'S JAIL ENHANCEMENT. SUPERVISORS CONTINUE THEIR CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR. RESTRUCTURING IS ESSENTIAL AND THANK GOD SHEILA KUEHL IS GONE. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER.

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL NOW GO IN PERSON. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. WITHIN THIS INTERESTING ITEM. REPORT BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ON REFORMS AND OVERSIGHT EFFORTS, REPORT BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ON REFORMS AND OVERSIGHT EFFORTS. YOU'RE REPEATING YOURSELF. YOU MENTION LOWERING THE D.U.I. FROM .08 TO .02, MADAM SOLIS. WHAT ABOUT F.T.A.S? IS THERE A WAIVER ON THE NUMBER OF F.T.A.S YOU CAN GET IF YOU HAVE A D.U.I. AND YOU FAIL TO GO TO COURT? CAN ANYBODY BE ARRESTED FOR AN F.T.A.? DO YOU HAVE TO BE IN A CAR? I MEAN, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HAVING USAGE OF ALCOHOL. WHAT IF

YOU'RE ON THE STREET AND YOU GET STOPPED AND YOU HAVE OUTSTANDING F.T.A.'S, LIKE MAYBE 50 OR 60 F.T.A.S? CAN ANY POLICE OFFICER, SWORN POLICE OFFICER, TAKE THAT PERSON TO COURT? CAN THEY HAVE TO -- DO THEY HAVE TO APPEAR FOR COURT? THIS BLACK APPLE COMPUTER, MAYBE YOU SHOULD USE A BLACK APPLE COMPUTER TO BREAK THROUGH THE PAPER CEILING.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

SUZETTE SHAW: SUZETTE SHAW, KID ROW RESIDENT. SO THEY OFTEN SAY COMMON SENSE IS NOT COMMON, AND WE SEE THAT THIS IS A VERY GOOD CASE OF WHY COMMON SENSE IS NOT COMMON. AS A SKID ROW RESIDENT, I CAN SAY THAT THIS IS -- THIS SHOWS US SYSTEMIC INEQUALITY IN THE ISSUES OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITY, OF HOW PEOPLE ARE BEING HOUSED IN JAILS WHERE THERE'S SUCH CHRONIC SITUATIONS GOING ON AND THEN THEY'RE BEING BROUGHT INTO THE COMMUNITIES TO LIVE IN THE SAME BUILDINGS AS ME A TRAUMA SURVIVOR. BECAUSE YOU HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE RUNNING THE SYSTEM -- IN WHAT WORLD DOES SOMEONE GET TO GO TO WORK AND BE DRUNK? THIS IS INTOLERABLE. HOW DARE YOU EVEN MAKE THIS OUT TO BE LIKE IT'S JUST OH, IT'S JUST ANOTHER DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE? WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE? THIS IS NOT RIGHT. THIS IS PART OF THE PROBLEM. YOU'RE KILLING PEOPLE AND NOW YOU'RE REACT --

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

DONNA PEARMAN: HELLO. THIS IS DONNA PEARMAN. IT SEEMS TO ME YOU'RE ALL WAY OVERUSING -- FIRST OF ALL, YOU SEEM TO BE ANTI-GUN. YOU SEEM TO BE GOING FOR A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF GUNS PROBABLY WITH FLASHLIGHT. PROBABLY HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE MOST PEOPLE DOING WELL WITH THAT GUN AND MOST PEOPLE PROBABLY I THINK SHE'S OVERDOING IT WITH THE ALCOHOL LEVEL. MOST PEOPLE PROBABLY DO WELL WITH WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO, THEY HAVE ONE GLASS OF WHISKEY AND ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU TAKE AWAY THE GUN. AND I THINK YOU'RE OVERSPENDING MONEY BECAUSE YOU'RE DOING THESE DOG SNIFFING AND THEN WERE DOING -- LET'S SPEND ALL THAT MONEY ON THIS DOG SNIFFERS. LET'S SPEND ALL THIS MONEY ON GOING THROUGH SCANNERS SO THE EMPLOYEES ALL HAVE TO GO THROUGH AND DELAY THEIR TIME BY WALKING THROUGH SCANNERS. IT SEEMS TO ME LIKE WE'RE NOT SPENDING OUR MONEY WELL, JUST LIKE WE'RE NOT DOING IT WITH THE VOTING MACHINES. YOU'RE OVERSPENDING ON THE VOTING MACHINES. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: NO OTHER SPEAKERS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: YEAH. I JUST WANTED -- I SIDE BARRED BECAUSE I WANTED TO GET A CLARIFICATION BECAUSE I'M STILL BLOWN BY THE FACT THAT SOMEONE CAN COME TO WORK DRINKING. AND SO I WANT YOU TO CLARIFY YOUR COMMENT, PLEASE.

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: YEAH AND I APOLOGIZE FOR THE MISCONCEPTION. BUT YES, THERE IS A POLICY THAT RESTRICTS EMPLOYEES FROM COMING TO WORK DRUNK. DISCIPLINE --

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: UNDER .08? EVEN IF IT'S LIKE .04?

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: ABSOLUTELY.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: OKAY.

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: WHATEVER THE BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT IS, THERE IS A RESTRICTION THAT SAYS YOU WILL NOT COME TO WORK DRUNK. AND VIOLATION OF THAT POLICY LEADS TO DISCHARGE. THERE'S ALSO POLICY VIOLATIONS FOR OPERATING A COUNTY VEHICLE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL. SO WE DO HAVE POLICIES IN PLACE THAT PREVENT EMPLOYEES FROM COMING TO WORK DRUNK. AND I APOLOGIZE --

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: I WOULD SAY UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND NOT DRUNK.

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: ALCOHOL, DRUGS, WHATEVER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: BECAUSE ALCOHOL COULD MEAN A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SO WHY --

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: NO, I JUST -- I'M DONE. GO AHEAD.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SO WHY IS THERE AN ACCEPTABLE BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT LEVEL, THAT WAS MY QUESTION, FOR ANYONE ON DUTY?

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: WELL, AGAIN, .02 IS THE ACCEPTABLE RANGE ONLY BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN STUDIES TO PROVE THAT MOUTH WASH, CERTAIN COUGH MEDICATION WILL CAUSE YOU TO HAVE A BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT LEVEL. THERE ARE STUDIES OUT THERE THAT PROVE THAT. HOWEVER, IF THE PERSON IS IMPAIRED AND NOT ABLE TO OPERATE A VEHICLE, THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY IN VIOLATION OF THE POLICY.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AND WHAT BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT LEVEL WOULD SOMEONE HAVE WHEN USING MOUTH WASH?

ASST. SHERIFF JOHNSON: I DON'T KNOW. BUT IT IS A FACTOR IN PERHAPS ADJUSTING YOUR BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT LEVEL WHEN MEASURED.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: UNDERSTOOD. AND THERE'S ALSO AN ACCEPTABLE BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT LEVEL FOR SOMEONE WHO IS OFF DUTY. AND AGAIN, I THINK REALLY, THE SPIRIT OF MY QUESTIONS IS WHY THERE'S A LIMIT AT ALL BECAUSE I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WOULD EXPECT THAT SOMEONE WHO IS OPERATING A FIREARM ON OR OFF DUTY WOULDN'T BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL. AND I THINK IT OPENS US UP TO LIABILITY. IT CAN CREATE CONCERNING SITUATIONS AND CERTAINLY REDUCE PUBLIC TRUST IF WE'RE ALLOWING PEOPLE TO BE OPERATING FIREARMS WHILE THEY'RE -- WHILE THEY'VE CONSUMED ALCOHOL, ESPECIALLY WHEN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WOULD BE HELD TO A DIFFERENT STANDARD.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: MADAM CHAIR?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: THEN I JUST NEED CLARIFICATION. SO WHAT IS IT IN THE O.I.G. REPORT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS REFUSED TO ADOPT? THAT'S -- SO THAT'S OFF DUTY? IS THAT WHAT THE O.I.G. REPORT FOCUSES ON?

MAX HUNTSMAN: THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF OUR REPORT HAS DO WITH OFF-DUTY BEHAVIOR. THIS QUESTION REGARDING ON-DUTY BEHAVIOR, WHICH I THINK IS CORRECTLY BEING DISCUSSED, ISN'T THE FOCUS. HOWEVER, ONE OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS HAS TO DO WITH THE CRITERIA WHEREBY YOU START ASKING OR TAKING A TEST. AND ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE THAT YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE ON DUTY WHILE YOU HAVE A GUN THERE ISN'T A POLICY THAT TRIGGERS AN INQUIRY WHEN THERE IS AN APPROPRIATE QUESTION LEVEL. AND THAT'S ONE OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE HAVE NOT HAD A RESPONSE TO. THAT'S WHY I THINK IT'S COME INTO OUR DISCUSSION. PRIMARILY THE REPORT IS ABOUT OFF DUTY BEHAVIOR. IT IS DEEPLY TROUBLING TO BE HAVING A CONVERSATION ABOUT ALCOHOL, INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL WHILE ON DUTY.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: THAT, IT IS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. SO THE REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 56A, ESTABLISHING THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WATER PLAN WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY FOR

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. FOR MEMBERS ON THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR BARGER, I'LL TURN IT TO YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. AS WE HEARD EARLIER TODAY WHEN WE DISCUSSED MY MOTION ON THE CENTER FOR TRASNPORTATION TECHNOLOGY EXCELLENCE, THE FUTURE OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS QUITE BRIGHT. A NUMBER OF NEW AND EXISTING INDUSTRIES ARE HOPING TO OPEN NEW BUSINESSES, DEVELOP NEW HOUSING AND INVEST IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY. COLLECTIVELY WORKING WITH THE CITIES OF LANCASTER AND PALMDALE I'M EAGER TO SUPPORT THIS GROWTH. SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT THAT SUPPORTS ALL RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY LOWER INCOME IN DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, IS CRUCIAL TO ENSURE A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ALL. THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS HOME TO MAJOR INDUSTRIES INCLUDING AEROSPACE, LOGISTICS HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION, ALONG WITH A GROWING SERVICE SECTOR. FORECAST FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH ENTERPRISE, ALSO KNOWN AS A.V. EDGE, NOTED A NEED TO FOCUS ON JOB CREATION WITH LIVING WAGES. THESE NEW JOBS AND INDUSTRIES ARE GOING TO ALLOW RESIDENTS DZ OF THE VALLEY TO WORK WHERE THEY LIVE AND PROMISES SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE. THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN THE LAST BASTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN L.A. COUNTY. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING SHORTAGE OF HOUSING, HOUSING SCARCITY IS IMPACTING THE REGION. I I SPOKE

WITH LEADERS FROM BOEING AND RAYTHEON WHO HAVE EXTENSIVE FOOTPRINTS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND THEY NOTED THE SINGLE BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO FILLING HIGH PAYING JOBS IS A LACK OF HOUSING. HOWEVER, THE HIDDEN CONCERN WITH ALL OF THIS IS THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE SERVICE THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. SO I WOULD ASK THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION BECAUSE THIS MOTION WILL DIRECT PUBLIC WORKS TO START ON PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM MASTER PLAN FOR DISTRICT 40 WHICH PROVIDES THE WATER UP IN THAT AREA AND THIS EFFORT WILL ESTABLISH LONG-TERM PLACEMENT PLAN AS WELL AS THAT THE DISTRICT WILL NEED TO WORK WITH A.V.A.C. WHICH IS IS WATER AGENCY THAT PURCHASES WATER FROM THE STATE, AND OTHERS TO IMPLEMENT. WITH THAT, MARK, I THINK I COVERED IT BUT I WOULD ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE ON THIS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: DID YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS? OKAY. SEEING NO OTHER COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL DONALD HARLAN AND COREY SCHMIDT PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 56A IF YOU NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1

THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS MATTHEW KNUDSON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MATTHEW KNUDSON: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS IS MATTHEW KNUDSON. I'M THE GENERAL MANAGER FOR ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY, ALSO KNOWN AS A.V.A.C. AND AS YOU KNOW, A.V.A.C. IS THE REGIONAL IMPORTED WATER SUPPLIER FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY REGION AND WE WORK CLOSELY WITH LA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT 40 AS ONE OF OUR PRIMARY CUSTOMERS. I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF A.V.A.C. THIS AFTERNOON TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THIS MOTION AND IF APPROVED, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE STAFF OF DISTRICT 40, RUSS BRIGHTON AND DIRECTOR MARK PESTRELLA. SO, THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RAY BARKER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

RAY BARKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS IS RAY BARKER. I'M THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR UNITED CONTRACTORS REPRESENTING OVER 500 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. AS EVERYONE KNOWS, CALIFORNIA CONTINUES TO BE IN A WATER CRISIS SITUATON AND MEASURES SUCH AS WHAT IS

BEING PROPOSED HERE HELP US TO ACHIEVE LONG TERM RELIABILITY AND AVAILABILITY OF WATER FOR THE REGION. ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE IN SUPPORT.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DREW MERCY. YOU MAY BEGIN. DREW MERCY: HI, I'M DREW MERCY, EXECUTIVE FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ECOMOMIC DEVELEOPMENT AND GROWTH ENTERPRISE, THE REGIONAL E.D.O. FOR NORTH LA COUNTY. THIS MOTION IS VITAL TO THE CONTINUED PROSPERITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS AMONG THE LAST REGIONS IN THE COUNTY WITH ROOM TO GROW SAFELY AND SMARTLY. BY COORDINATING WITH OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, WE CAN BETTER ENSURE THAT GROWTH OCCURS IN A SUSTAINABLE WAY. LOCAL AGENCIES HAVE DRAMATICALLY INCREASED THE STABILITY AND RELIABILITY OF OUR WATER SUPPLIES THROUGH WATER BASING AND NEW ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES. BY WORKING MORE CLOSELY WITH WATERWORKS 40 WE CAN IMPROVE NOT ONLY OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS, BUT ALSO THE ECONOMIC GROWTH CONTINUES TO BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS AND THEIR ABILITY TO WORK LOCALLY. NEARLY 100,000 A.V. RESIDENTS COMMUTE OUT OF THE REGION FOR WORK DAILY. THIS MOTION WILL HELP REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS BY ALLOWING RESIDENTS TO LIVE AND WORK CLOSER TOGETHER. THE ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC AND QUALITY OF

LIFE IMPROVEMENTS FOR OUR RESIDENTS WILL BE CREDIBLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MICHAEL HUGHES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MICHAEL HUGHES: GOOD AFTERNOON TO GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M CALLING TO VOICE MY SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION TO ESTABLISH A MASTER PLAN AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR WATERWORKS DISTRICT 40 AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE PALMDALE AND LANCASTER AREAS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THIS WORK WILL ALLOW FOR RESPONSIBLE AND MEASURED PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BASED ON SUSTAINABLE AND RELIABLE WATER RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE NOT ONLY FOR THE PALMDALE AND LANCASTER AREAS BUT ALSO THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ALLOW ME TO VOICE MY SUPPORT AND I HOPE THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WILL ALSO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE TOO. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANDY ELIOPOULOS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ANDY ELIOPOULOS: IS THAT ELIOPOULOS, YOU MEAN?

MODERATOR: MY APOLOGY, SIR, ON PRONUNCIATION. YES, SIR. THAT'S IT.

ANDY ELIOPOULOS: IT'S OKAY. IT TOOK ME TO THE 8TH GRADE TO SPELL MY NAME, SO THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE IT. GOOD AFTERNOON ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WOULD LIKE TO APPLAUD THE SUPERVISOR FOR HER ABILITY TO SEE THE NEED FOR SOMETHING THAT IS SO CRITICAL HERE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AS A BUILDER-DEVELOPER, SECOND GENERATION BUILDER-DEVELOPER IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, ONE THING THAT WE'VE NEEDED IS SOME TYPE OF A ROAD MAP THAT WE CAN BE ABLE TO ADDRESS ALL THE VARIOUS WATER NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY AND STILL CONTINUE TO SEE GROWTH OCCUR. THAT BRINGS JOBS AND SO I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY I APPLAUD THIS MEASURE AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HUGH CYPHER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

HUGH CYPHER: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M REACHING OUT IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 56A. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR INITIATING THIS PROPOSAL. THIS ENDEAVOR IS INSTRUMENTAL IN

PROMOTING LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND VITALITY IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY REGION. HOWEVER IT'S IMPERATIVE TO ENSURE THAT THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE IS IN PLACE TO FACILITATE THIS GROWTH. THEREFORE I WOULD URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JEFF GARLAND. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JEFF GARLAND: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK FOR YOU. I CALLED TO SUPPORT ITEM 56A AND APPLAUD KATHRYN BARGER'S MOTION TO DEVELOP A LONG TERM INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN FOR LA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT 40. THIS FORWARD-THINKING EFFORT IS CRITICAL IN SUPPORTING THE LONG TERM HEALTH AND GROWTH OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND WILL CREATE SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LONG TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY REDUCING THE COMPLEXITY, RISK, COST AND TIME ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS OF RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES IN THE REGION. ANTELOPE VALLEY IS ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN LA THAT CAN ACCOMMODATE NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND SUPPORTING COMMERCIAL USES. THIS WILL LEAD TO SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES LOCALLY AND HELP ELIMINATE THE LENGTHY COMMUTES TO THE BASIN.

APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION AND WE URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT MOTION.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KEN MANN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

KEN MANN: THANK YOU. I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MOTION TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. BOTH LANCASTER AND PALMDALE ARE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING A DEVELOPMENT BOOM. THIS IS PARTICULARLY STRONG WITH THE INDUSTRIAL SECTION WHERE COLLECTIVELY BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES WE HAVE OVER 20 MILLION SQUARE FEET BEING PROCESSED THROUGH THE CITIES. THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE A HIGH PRIORITY FOR THE REGION AND THEY CREATE THOUSANDS OF MORTGAGE PAYING JOBS. THIS WILL ALSO ELEVATE THE ECONOMY OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND GET MANY OF THE 100,000 PLUS DAILY COMMUTERS OFF OF THE SR 14 GIVING OUR RESIDENTS MORE TIME WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND CREATE A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY. ONE OF THE MAIN HURDLES DEVELOPERS ARE CRRENTLY FACING IS THE LACK OF AN ORGANIZED PLAN BY WATERWORKS DISTRICT 40 TO COLLECT FEES, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECTS. THIS IS AN IMPACT THAT THE SPEED --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS HERE IN THE ROOM ON THIS ITEM. AND SO WE WILL MOVE TO ITEM 56A WHICH IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ITEM 56A IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS A READ-IN MOTION. I WILL TURN IT TO HER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES. I HAVE BEFORE YOU A READ-IN MOTION. SINCE MARCH 2023, THERE HAVE BEEN APPROXIMATELY 34 INCIDENTS OF COPPER THEFT RESULTING IN THE DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY AND LEADING TO COSTLY DAMAGES TO THE CITY OF PASADENA. THEFTS SURGED IN NOVEMBER. IT IS ESTIMATED THESE THEFTS SINCE MARCH HAVE RESULTED IN A TOTAL OF 25,900 LINEAR FEET OF STOLEN WIRE EQUIVALENT TO 4.9 MILES OF COPPER WIRE AND DAMAGED 280 CITY LIGHTS. THE COST ALONE IN LABOR MATERIALS TO REPAIR THESE COSTLY INCIDENTS WILL BE

APPROXIMATELY $35,000 NOT INCLUDING COSTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE. INVESTIGATORS ARE ACTIVELY WORKING ON THIS CASE. THIS BOARD IS TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CONTACT THE INVESTIGATORS WITH ANY AND ALL INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP BRING JUSTICE TO THIS CASE. THE CITY OF PASADENA IS ALSO PLANNING TO OFFER ITS OWN REWARD IN HOPES IT WILL INCENTIVIZE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO COME FORWARD WITH INFORMATION. ANY INDIVIDUALS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CRIME ARE URGED TO CONTACT THE PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND/OR LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS HOTLINE. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISH A REWARD OF THE AMOUNT OF $10,000 IN EXCHANGE FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE APPREHENSION AND CONVICTION OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, FOR COPPER THEFTS OCCURRING IN THE CITY OF PASADENA IN 2023. AND WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LIGHT FIXTURES THERE'S ALSO TAKING PLACE ON METRO LINK ON THE LINES AND ALL WHICH IS A HAZARD AND COULD CAUSE DEATH. SO I REALLY HOPE THAT WE CAN ADDRESS THIS ISSUE NOT ONLY IN PASADENA BUT ACROSS THE BOARD BECAUSE IT'S HAPPENING MORE AND MORE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I ALSO HAVE A READ-IN MOTION TODAY ENTITLED, INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF PROBATION'S INTERNAL AFFAIR OFFICE. WE CAN'T ROOT OUT CORRUPTION WITHOUT HOLDING PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE WHICH IS WHY I'M CALLING FOR AN

IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE. THE GOAL OF ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE IS TO ENSURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S INTEGRITY IS MAINTAINED THROUGH A SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES AN OBJECTIVE AND FAIR INVESTIGATION AND REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES. GIVEN THE MYRIAD OF ISSUES COMING FROM OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT, ISSUES THAT HAVE SPANNED MANY YEARS AND PERSISTED THROUGH THE TERMS OF SEVERAL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS, WE CANNOT RELY ON STATUS QUO SYSTEMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY TO DELIVER CHANGE. AN INDEPENDENT OUTSIDE EVALUATION IS NECESSARY AND UNTIL THAT EVALUATION IS COMPLETE, WE WILL LIKELY NEED TO BRING IN TEMPORARY OUTSIDE INVESTIGATORS TO HANDLE I.A. FUNCTIONS. THIS MOTION DIRECTS COUNTY COUNSEL IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER AND THE C.E.O. TO DETERMINE THE LEGAL FEASIBILITY OF THESE OPTIONS AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 30 DAYS. IF WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT CHANGING THIS DEPARTMENT, ALL OPTIONS MUST BE ON THE TABLE TO EMPOWER OUR CHIEF AND TO PROTECT THOSE ENTRUSTED TO LA COUNTY'S PROBATION DEPARTMENT CUSTODY. THE MOTION READS: THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PLAGUED WITH A NUMBER OF SERIOUS ISSUES THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. HORRIFIC CONDITIONS IN JUVENILE HALLS, ALLEGATIONS OF RAMPANT SEX ABUSE, OVERDOSE DEATHS CAUSED BY ILLEGAL DRUGS BROUGHT INTO PROBATION FACILITIES, PERSISTENT STAFFING ISSUES, A LACK OF PROGRAMMING AT HALLS AND CAMPS AND OVERUSE OF SOLITARY

CONFINEMENT ARE BUT A FEW OF THE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE CREATED A CRISIS IN THE DEPARTMENT CAUSING THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TO TAKE ACTION WHICH INCLUDED THE CLOSURE OF TWO HALLS UNSUITABLE FOR OPERATION IN 2023. WHOLESALE REFORM IS CRUCIAL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED MUST BE MORE THAN SIMPLY A GOAL. WE MUST ACTIVELY WORK ON REFORMS TO ADDRESS THE INTRACTABLE ISSUES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. TO DO SO WE MUST ENSURE THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE, WHICH IS CALLED I.A., IS HOLDING TRUE TO ITS MISSION OF UPHOLDING THE BEST INTEREST AND CONFIDENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND TO ENHANCE AND MAINTAIN THE PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND ITS EMPLOYEES. WHILE REFORM AND SIGNIFICANT CHANGES ARE WELL UNDERWAY AT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, QUESTIONS REMAIN REGARDING WHETHER I.A. IS CURRENTLY ABLE TO FULFILL THIS IMPORTANT TASK. AS SUCH, AN OUTSIDE AND UNBIASED EVALUATION OF I.A. AND ITS PROCESS AND PROCEDURES ACCOMPANIED BY DETAILED AND MEANINGFUL RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT HOW I.A. CAN FULFILL ITS CRITICAL ROLE IN PROBATION'S ECOSYSTEM IS A VITAL FIRST STEP TO RESTORING PUBLIC TRUST AND INSTITUTING CHANGES NECESSARY TO PREVENT THE ISSUES OF THE PAST AND PRESENT FROM REOCCURRING. ONCE THE EVALUATION IS COMPLETED AND RECOOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE, WHOLESALE CHANGE IN I.A. MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CHIEF PROBATION

OFFICER AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN WRITING WITHIN 30 DAYS WITH AN EXAMINATION OF THE LEGAL FEASIBILITY OF THE FOLLOWING: THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER'S ABILITY TO EXECUTE TEMPORARY CONTRACTS WITH SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS TO COMPLETE AN EVALUATION OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE INCLUDING ANY RECOMMENDED CHANGES. TWO, THE PROBATION -- THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER'S ABILITY TO CONTRACT WITH EXTERNAL INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATORS TO TEMPORARILY OVERSEE AND HANDLE SOME INTERNAL AFFAIRS MATTERS INCLUDING INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGATIONS OF EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT WHILE THE EVALUATION OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE IS BEING COMPLETED. AND THREE, CREATING A SEPARATE INVESTIGATIVE CLASSIFICATION FOR STAFF ASSIGNED TO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THESE SPECIALS WILL BOTH BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF OUR AGENDA AFTER WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. SEEING THAT THERE ARE NO OTHER SPECIALS, WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. YOU MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IN ORDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE

SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE REMAINING ITEMS AS WELL AS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO THREE MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS IN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE ITEM, TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE ITEMS AND ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND CLEARLY INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING. YOU MAY ONLY ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. WE WILL NOW CALL IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WASAKIVU HUTCHISON, JESSICA ROBINSON, TAMARI COOK, SUZETTE SHAW, DONNA PEARMAN, CORIE SCHMIDT, ESTHER OPTIONAL AND JOAQUIN BELTRAN, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER PLEASE. MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS PAUL HENNESSEY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

PAUL HENNESSEY: HI, I'M SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. LA PUBLIC RECENTLY REINSTATED ITS MASK MANDATE IN MEDICAL SETTINGS DUE TO A RISE IN C.O.V.I.D. CASES. FOR THE PAST 6 MONTHS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE CALLED IN AND BEGGED FOR THIS TO HAPPEN BEFORE THE SURGESES. INSTEAD OF BEING

PROACTIVE, THOUGH, LA PUBLIC HEALTH ACTED TOO LATE TO IMPLEMENT PROTECTIONS CAUSING NEEDLESS INFECTIONS AND1 CONFUSION. HOW MANY INFECTIONS DID THIS CAUSE IN THE THE PAST 6 MONTHS? AND THESE TEMPORARY MEASURES WILL PUT US RIGHT BACK IN THIS SPOT LATER THIS YEAR IF THE MASK MANDATE IS EVER LISTED. SO I URGE THE BOARD TO KEEP RESPIRATORS IN HEALTHCARE PERMANENT IN THE SAME WAY THAT GLOVES ARE PERMANENT. FURTHERMORE, I URGE THE BOARD TO LOOK INTO CLEAN AIR IMPLEMENTATIONS IN PUBLIC SPACES AND PUBLIC TRANSIT. FOR EXAMPLE, B.A.R.T. TRAINS IN SAN FRANCISCO INSTALLED M.E.R.V. 14 FILTERS WITH AIR CHANGES EVERY 70 SECONDS WHICH REDUCES POLLUTION AND THE SPREAD OF ALL AIRBORNE ILLNESSES. SO METRO AND METROLINK COULD EASILY DO THE SAME. RESPIRATORY ILLNESS SEASON DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS BAD EVERY YEAR. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTOINE ROBINSON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ANTIGONE ROBINSON: MY NAME IS ANTIGONE ROBINSON FROM THE A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION AND TODAY I'D LIKE IT SPEAK ON PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENT. FROM 2017 TO 2021 SYPHILIS HAS INCREASED BY 31% IN CALIFORNIA AND 72% IN THE NATION. YET THERE IS STILL A SHORTAGE OF THE RECOMMENDED TREATMENT FOR

SYPHILIS, BICILIN-L.A. ACCORDING TO A SURVEY IMPLEMENTED BY N.C.S.D. AMONG 151 SEXUAL HEALTH CLINICS AND 136 HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN AT LEAST 39 STATES, 46% WERE UNABLE TO ORDER BICILIN. AND THE SHORTAGE IS NOT ONLY AFFECTING PROVIDERS' ABILITY TO TREAT SYPHILIS BUT THE PRICE OF BICILIN ALSO STANDS AS A BARRIER, HAVING INCREASED 275% SINCE 2013. THE MAJORITY OF THE N.C.S.D. SURVEY RESPONDENTS SUGGEST THAT MORE FUNDING FOR D.I.S. WOULD HELP MITIGATE THE SHORTAGE BECAUSE DISEASE INTERVENTIONS FOR SYPHILIS HAVE BEEN COACHING PATIENTS THROUGH THE ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT, A MULTI-WEEK COURSE OF DOXYCYCLINE. OTHER RESPONDENTS PROPOSED DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. PLEASE WORK WITH N.C.S.D. TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE BICILIN SHORTAGE IN LA COUNTY. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MATT SANTOS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MATT SANTOS: GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS MATT SANTOS AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF A.H.F. SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE ARE FACING AN S.T.I. CRISIS IN LA COUNTY. RATES CONTINUE TO RISE DESPITE INNOVATIONS IN TESTING AND TREATMENT. RECENTLY, THE F.D.A. APPROVED THE FIRST-EVER AT HOME TEST FOR CHLAMYDIA AND GONORRHEA. IT HAS A SAMPLE COLLECTION KIT THAT IS MAILED TO A LAB TO PROCESS. OTHER ADVANCES IN S.T.I. PREVENTION

INCLUDE BIOMEDICAL INTERVENTION SUCH AS DOCYCYLINE AND PREP. DESPITE THESE INNOVATIONS, S.T.I.S CONTINUE TO RISE. HOW? WELL, ACCORDING TO DR. LEANDRO MENA, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE C.D.C.'S DIVISION OF S.T.D. PREVENTION, A LARGE CONTRIBUTOR IS LITTLE ACCESS TO CARE. TO REACH THE MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, PUBLIC HEALTH MUST CONTINUE TO WORK WITH C.B.O.S LIKE A.H.F. WHO ARE WELL-POSITIONED TO BRING THESE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO THE TABLE. LET'S GO BEYOND STREET MEDICINE AND CREATE NEW ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THESE COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS YANCY GRENADOS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

YANCY GRENADOS: HELLO. SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS YANCY. I AM HERE REPRESENTING A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. NEW S.T.I.'S LIKE MYCOPLASMA GENITALIUM IN ADDITION TO TREATMENT RESISTANT STRAINS OF H.I.V. AND GONORRHEA COULD CAUSE THE S.T.I. CRISIS TO BECOME MUCH WORSE IF WE DON'T PREPARE. FOR INSTANCE, M.GEN PREVALENCE IS SLOWLY INCREASING BUT WAS NEARLY UNDIAGNOSED UNTIL 2019 WHEN THE F.D.A. APPROVED THE FIRST DIAGNOSTIC TEST. THIS BACTERIA IS CAPABLE OF FENDING OFF TYPICAL ANTIBIOTICS AND CAN LEAD TO CERVICAL INFLAMMATION AND SEEMINGLY PERMANENT INFERTILITY IN BOTH MEN AND WOMEN. NEW STRAINS OF GONORROHEA HAVE ALSO BEEN

FOUND WHICH ALSO ARE RESISTENT TO MOST ANTIBIOTICS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE C.B.O.'S TO DEVELOP A MULTIFACETED IT S.T.I. STRATEGY THAT EDUCATES ANGELENOS ABOUT THE RISING RISKS OF S.T.I.S AND INCREASES THEIR HEALTH SEEKING BEHAVIORS. THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LEA ALBATA YOU MAY BEGIN.

LEA ALBATA: HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. GO AHEAD.

LEA ALBATA: GREAT. THIS IS FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LEA ALBATA AND I AM A POLICY AND RESEARCH ANALYST AT BETTER NEIGHBORS LA, A COALITION OF HOST-TENANT HOUSING ADVOCATES, HOTEL WORKERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WORKING TO SUPPORT BETTER ENFORCEMENT FOR SHORT TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS TO PRESERVE HOUSING FOR RESIDENTS RATHER THAN TOURISTS. I'M HERE TO URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO HEAR THE SHORT-TERM RENTALS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE AT THE SOONEST POSSIBLE HEARING. SINCE APRIL 2019 THE NUMBER OF UNHOSTED SHORT-TERM RENTALS HAS GROWN 95%. IN NUMERIC TERMS THAT MEANS THAT THERE ARE NOW MORE THAN 1600 ENTIRE HOMES THAT ARE BEING USED AS DE FACTO HOTELS FOR TOURISTS INSTEAD OF HOUSING LONG-TERM RESIDENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO ARE DESPERATE FOR HOUSING RIGHT NOW. AND EVERY DAY THAT GOES BY WITHOUT

REGULATION IS MORE HOUSING OFF THE LONG-TERM MARKET. WE SUPPORT THE ORDINANCE BECAUSE IT WILL PRESEVE HOUSING FOR OUR NEIGHBORS AND PROVIDE HOSTS WITH A PATHWAY TO CONTINUE MAKING ENDS MEET. CITIES LIKE LOS ANGELES AND WEST HOLLYWOOD ALREADY HAVE STRONG REGULATIONS --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HELEN EIGENBERG. YOU MAY BEGIN.

HELEN EIGENBERG: HIGH, MY NAME IS HELEN EIGENBERG, AS HE JUST STATED, AND I'M CALLING INTO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S SPECIAL MOTION REGARDING THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. FOREVER, OUR COUNTY HAS BEEN PLAGUED WITH A NUMBER OF SERIOUS ISSUES GOING ON IN OUR JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS AND IT'S TIME THAT WE MAKE A CHANGE. WE OWE ALL THESE JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTHS A FAIR CHANCE AND A CHANCE TO GET THEIR LIFE BACK ON TRACK AND IT'S JUST REALLY BEEN -- IT'S BEEN JUST ENDLESS, YOU KNOW, REALLY JUST HUGE DISAPPOINTMENT THAT NOTHING HAS CHANGED OVER THESE DECADES. SO I REALLY I SUPPORT THIS MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR

HORVATH HAS PUT FORWARD AND I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. I LIVE IN HER DISTRICT AND THIS IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU MAY BEGIN. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: GENEVIEVE?

MODERATOR: DR. CLAVREUL, GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE CAN HEAR YOU NOW.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: CAN YOU HEAR ME? COULD YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YES, WE CAN.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: SO YOU DO HEAR ME?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YES, WE CAN.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: YES. IT'S ABOUT, YOU KNOW, LIKE TODAY, WE HAD IN OUR SET ITEM 411. SUCH AN ITEM WILL BE PUSHED BACK, YOU KNOW, TIME AFTER AFTER TIME AFTER TIME. IT'S A USELESS TIME TO WASTE, PEOPLE. YOU KNOW, IF YOU GO TO EVERY SET ITEM, IT SHOULD HAPPEN. AND TO SEND THEM BACK ALL THE TIME DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. AND I THINK IT'S TIME YOU CHANGE WHAT'S GOING ON BECAUSE IT'S TOO MUCH OF THOSE REPOSTED OR -- WE ARE WASTING A LOT OF MONEY FOR NOTHING. ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. WE'LL GO TO SPEAKERS IN PERSON. GO AHEAD.

SEKEGU HUTCHINSON: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. I'M SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS SEKEGU HUTCHINSON. I'M THE FOUNDER OF THE SOUTH LA BASED WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROJECT. AND I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE STANDING FOR BLACK GIRLS COALITION. I'M HERE AS A DOMESTIC AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE SURVIVOR WITH THE COALITION TO EXPRESS MY OUTRAGE ABOUT THE MURDER OF NYANI FINLAYSON BY L.A.S.D. DEPUTY TY SHELTON ON DECEMBER 4TH

AND TO CALL ON YOU TO STEP UP TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF BLACK WOMEN AND GIRL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS BY IMPLEMENTING MORE MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM INITIATIVES FOR BLACK WOMEN AND GIRLS WHO HAVE DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH RATES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND POLICE VIOLENCE. AS YOU ARE AWARE, BUT I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, NYANI WAS KILLED IN FRONT OF HER CHILDREN WHEN SHE WAS TRYING TO DEFEND HERSELF AFTER CALLING 911. CALLING FOR HELP DURING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION SHOULD NOT AMOUNT TO A DEATH SENTENCE. YOU HAVE A DUTY AND AN OBLIGATION TO ENSURE THAT THIS ATROCITY NEVER HAPPENS TO ANOTHER BLACK FAMILY OR BLACK MOTHER AGAIN. STEP UP AND PROTECT THE LIVES OF BLACK WOMEN AND GIRLS UNAPOLOGETICALLY.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

SUZETTE SHAW: SUZETTE SHAW HERE FOR STANDING FOR BLACK WOMEN AND GIRLS AND WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROJECT. HERE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IN LA COUNTY, GENDER VIOLENCE HAS BECOME COMMONPLACE. BLACK WOMEN ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY MORE LIKELY TO DIE FROM INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE AND POLICE VIOLENCE THAN ARE WHITE WOMEN. THE MURDER OF NYANI FINLAYSON AMPLIFIES THE NEXUS OF THE BRUTAL REALITY AND NIGHTMARE. I WONDER IF THE OFFICER WHO SHOT HER WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND IS THEREFORE BEING CODIFIED RATHER THAN HELD ACCOUNTABLE. WE'RE ASKING WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT -- TO PROTECT THE NEED OF

US AS BLACK WOMEN AND GIRLS HERE IN LA COUNTY? THE NEED -- AND ADDRESS THE NEED OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN ALL AREAS, INCLUDING PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AS I AM, AS A BLACK WOMAN LIVING IN SKID ROW. BY THE WAY, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU ALL PUT PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE BEGINNING AND THE MIDDLE AND THE END. WE'VE BEEN HERE SINCE 9:00 A.M. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER.

JESSICA ROBINSON: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JESSICA ROBINSON AND I'M THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR THE THE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROJECT AND A MEMBER OF THE STANDING FOR BLACK GIRLS COALITION. IN MARCH OF 2023, THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUITY REPORTED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE IS A DECLINING VIOLENCE, THERE IS A DECLINING RATE AGAINST VIOLENCE IN OTHER RACIAL GROUPS, VIOLENCE AGAINST BLACK WOMEN HAS SKYROCKETED. BLACK WOMEN MAKE UP 4.3% OF LA CITY'S POPULATION, YET ACCOUNT FOR 25 TO 33% OF ALL FEMALE VIOLENCE VICTIMS IN LOS ANGELES. ON DECEMBER 4TH, THE MURDER OF NYANI FINLAYSON IN FRONT OF HER CHILDREN BY OFFICER TY SHELTON IS AN ATROCITY. SO WE ARE HERE ASKING, WHERE IS THE FUNDING FOR CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMMING AND RESOURCES FOR BLACK WOMEN, BLACK GIRLS AND LGBTQ+ YOUTH, DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SURVIVORS INCLUDING COLLEGE AND

CAREER READINESS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING AND SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP. STAND WITH THE --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

TAMARI COOK: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TAMARI COOK

AND I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF THE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROJECT STANDING FOR BLACK GIRLS COALITION. I STAND BEFORE YOU AS A SADDENED AND OUTRAGED CITIZEN OF LOS ANGELES. WE ARE HERE TO HOLD SPACE FOR AND CALL THE NAME OF NYANI FINLAYSON WHO WAS KILLED BY SHERIFF DEPUTY TY SHELTON ON DECEMBER 4TH. NOW, I WONDER IF HE HAD SOME WHISKEY BEFORE HE HANDLED HIS GUN? SHE WAS SHOT DEAD IN FRONT OF AT LEAST ONE OF HER CHILDREN AFTER SHE HAD CALLED 911 FOR HELP DEALING WITH A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION. SHE WAS KILLED JUST SECONDS AFTER OFFICERS ARRIVED TO SUPPOSEDLY ASSIST HER AND WAS THE SECOND BLACK PERSON THAT DEPUTY SHELTON HAD KILLED IN 3 YEARS. WHILE WE DON'T HAVE THE HARD STATS ON LA COUNTY, BLACK WOMEN IN LA CITY MAKE UP ONLY 4% OF THE POPULATION BUT AS MY CO-WORKER SAID WE MAKE UP 25-33% OF VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AND WE'RE 2.5 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE KILLED BY POLICE AND NEALRY 1.5 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE KILLED BY POLICE. MS. FINLAYSON'S DEATH WAS 100% AVOIDABLE. THE PAIN CAUSED TO HER CHILDREN AND FAMILY WAS AVOIDABLE.

>>SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

DONNA PEARMAN: YEAH, MY NAME IS DONNA PEARMAN. SHASTA COUNTY GOT RID OF ITS MASSIVE EXPENSIVE VOTING MACHINES. I THINK LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHOULD FOLLOW AND DO THE SAME. IT COSTS A LOT MORE MONEY TO BE ABLE TO USE THE MACHINES THAN IT IS TO HAVE THE PEOPLE GO ON IN AND VOTE IN PERSON. AND WE DON'T KNOW WITH ALL THE VOTER FRAUD AND TOO MANY -- WHO IS ELECTED? WE DON'T KNOW IF EITHER OF YOU WERE EVER ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE OR WHETHER THE MACHINES ELECTED YOU. SO IT'S ACTUALLY TO YOUR ADVANTAGE TO GET RID OF THE MACHINES SO THAT WHEN YOU PEOPLE, YOU'LL KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ACTUALLY VOTED FOR YOU. SO WE NEED TO GET RID OF THE MACHINES AND LET'S HAVE PEOPLE VOTE IN PERSON. IT'S JUST TOO DARNED EXPENSIVE WITH THESE VOTING MACHINES. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

ESTHER: ESTHER. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IF -- TO BE PUT ON THE CALENDAR, FOR THE VOTING MACHINES TO BE PUT ON THE CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION SINCE WE HAVE EVIDENCE OF MANY ANOMALIES. THANK YOU.

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

COREY SCHMIDT: ALL RIGHT. COREY SCHMIDT FOR THE RECORD. ALL ITEMS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS. SO I HAVE THREE MINUTES. THERE YOU GO. OKAY. LET'S SEE. SO, WELL, WELL, WELL. HERE I AM AGAIN. I'M SURPRISED I DIDN'T GET ARRESTED AGAIN TRYING TO COME TO THIS MEETING. YEAH, SO WHAT WERE WE TALKING ABOUT AGAIN? OH YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT. YEAH, JANNIE OVER HERE WANTED SO BAD FOR HER LITTLE JIMMIE TO BE THE BIG SHERIFF BECAUSE AGAIN UNDER HER BECAUSE HE DID JUST SUCH A SWELL JOB OF CLEANING UP THE JAILS. THAT'S THE REAL REASON FOR THE MALIBU FIRE. YOU KNOW, NO -- I DIDN'T ALMOST GET SHANKED IN THERE. NOPE. I DIDN'T GET JUMPED BY DEPUTIES UNTIL I THOUGHT MY FINGERS AND TOES AND WRISTS WERE GOING TO BREAK OFF. NOPE. THEY DIDN'T FORCIBLY INJECT ME WITH MEDICINE THAT STERILIZED ME, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE I'M JUST SUCH A TERRIBLE PERSON. RIGHT? CALLING JANET OUT OVER HER [EXPLETIVE]. YEAH. I'M THE ONE IN THE WRONG, RIGHT? [EXPLETIVE]. SPEAKING OF [EXPLETIVE] --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YOUR LANGUAGE IS VIOLATING OUR CODE OF CONDUCT. THAT'S OUR SECOND WARNING.

MODERATOR: SIR, PLEASE KEEP YOUR COMMENTS TO THE AGENDA ITEMS, PLEASE. [SPEAKER IS OFF MICROPHONE]

MODERATOR: SIR, THIS IS YOUR THIRD WARNING. YOU ARE NOT ON TOPIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEM ON THIS AGENDA. PLEASE STICK TO THE AGENDA ITEMS OR YOU'LL BE REMOVED FROM THE PODIUM.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YOU'VE RECEIVED YOUR FINAL WARNING. WE'LL NOW ASK TO YOU TO LEAVE THE MEETING BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT FOLLOWING OUR CODE OF CONDUCT AND YOU ARE DISRUPTING THE MEETING.

MODERATOR: NO SIR. YOU CANNOT SAY ANYTHING YOU WANT. YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO THE AGENDA. [SPEAKER OFF MICROPHONE]

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE'LL NOW ASK OUR SARGEANT-AT-ARMS TO REMOVE THE SPEAKER WHO HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH SEVERAL WARNINGS, IS OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND IS OFF TOPIC AND DISRUPTING THE MEETING.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE'LL NOW GO TO OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

JOAQUIN BELTRAN: SO SORRY YOU HAVE TO EXPERIENCE THAT VULGARITY AND PERSONAL ATTACKS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU.

JOAQUIN BELTRAN: I'M SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON 810 AND NUMBER 18, SO THAT'S THREE MINUTES, PLEASE. MY NAME IS JOAQUIN BELTRAN. I AM RUNNING FOR CONGRESS IN SOUTHEAST LA. I AM THE FOUNDER FOR ACTION CARE EQUITY.ORG. I WAS BORN IN EAST LOS ANGELES, PROUD SON OF IMMIGRANT PARENTS FROM MEXICO AND A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF LA COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE COUNTY IN BRINGING BACK MASKS IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AND EVERY RESIDENT WHO CALLED, WHO SENT THOUSANDS OF LETTERS, WHO MADE THOUSANDS OF PHONE CALLS, WHO CAME TO PUBLIC COMMENT AND CALLED IN, WHO MADE THIS HAPPEN. AND SO THAT'S A TESTAMENT TO COMMUNITY ACTION AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL. TODAY I AM URGING FOR THE KEEPING OF THE MASK REQUIREMENT AND AS WELL AS EXPANDING IT TO OUTPATIENT HEALTHCARE FACILITIES. WHILE THE RECENT CHANGE IS GOOD NEWS, IT'S TOO LITTLE TOO LATE. LA COUNTY CAN DO BETTER. IT'S TOO LITTLE IN THAT RESIDENTS VISITING PRIMARY CARE OR ONCOLOGIST'S OFFICES, THE HEALTHCARE WORKERS THERE ARE NOT REQUIRED TO MASK. IT'S TOO LATE IN THAT LA PUBLIC HEALTH HAS REPORTED ACTIVE OUTBREAKS OF 115 HEALTHCARE FACILITIES; WITH EVERY COUNTY FACILITY, IT'S 160. WE CAME FOR 9 MONTHS ADVOCATING, SHARING DATA, SHARING STORIES. PEOPLE WHO ARE IMMUNO-COMPROMISED, PEOPLE WITH LONG C.O.V.I.D. WE GOT RESPONSE. WE CAN'T KEEP DOING THIS. JUST LIKE INACTION LED TO THE A.I.D.S. CRISIS, THE INCREASED DISABILITY AND THE INACTION IS LEADING TO A LONG C.O.V.I.D. RECKONING. WE NEED MASS DISTRIBUTION IN

ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, UPGRADES TO CLEAN INDOOR AIR IN BUILDINGS AND EDUCATION ON AIRBORNE SPREAD. PLEASE VISIT JOAQUINBELTRAN.COM AND FREE PALESTEIN. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER.

ARNOLD SACHS: ARNOLD SACHS. SO, I'D LIKE TO READ THIS LETTER HERE. THIS IS A LETTER FROM THE LA TIMES. IT'S REGARDING HEALTHCARE. LIKE L.A. CARE, L, PERIOD, A, PERIOD, CARE. THAT'S THE FOURTH L PERIOD, A, PERIOD CARE THAT YOU HAVE IN THE COUNTY. HOW COME YOU HAVE FOUR DIFFERENT L, PERIOD, A, PERIOD CARE? IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CARE. I REMEMBER WHEN IT WAS CARE LA. THAT WAS A NONPROFIT. NOW IT'S L.A. CARE. THERE IS A BUILDING OVER HERE AT 700 WEST -- EAST 7TH STREET CALLED L, PERIOD, A, PERIOD CARE. THERE'S AN OFFICE ON THE 9TH FLOOR CALLED L, PERIOD, A, PERIOD CARE. THEY HAVE 2 MILLION PEOPLE SIGNED UP. SO THIS LETTER SAYS THAT MARK WILLIE THOMAS WAS AN ICON OF BLACK L, PERIOD, A, PERIOD LOS ANGELES. THAT'S L, PERIOD, A, PERIOD. THAT'S LA, NOT LALA LAND. HE WAS SUPPOSED TO --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER.

ARNOLD SACHS: WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT I HAD TWO MINUTES.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YOU SAID GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, SO YOU ONLY HAD ONE MINUTE AND YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS? I'M SORRY? WE HAVE TO BACK TO THE PHONES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MODERATOR, WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. WELL, HOLD ON ONE SECOND. WE'RE HAVING A DISRUPTION. THIS IS YOUR THIRD WARNING. THIS IS YOUR THIRD WARNING, SIR. YOU'RE CONTINUING TO DISRUPT THE MEETING. YOU'VE NOW HAD YOUR FINAL WARNING. I CAN HAVE YOU REMOVED FROM THE MEETING IF YOU CANNOT COMPLY. YOU'RE DISRUPTING THE MEETING AND YOU'RE OFF TOPIC. I'LL NOW TURN IT TO OUR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS TO REMOVE THE SPEAKER. MODERATOR, WE WILL NOW GO TO OUR NEXT TELEPHONIC SPEAKER. THANK YOU.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JENNIFER LEVIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JENNIFER LEVIN: HI. THIS IS FOR GENERAL COMMENT. I LIVE IN HOLLY MITCHELL'S DISTRICT, BUT I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S SPECIAL MOTION ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I AM PART OF A COMMUNITY GROUP CALLED HANG OUT DO GOOD. IT IS A PRETTY LARGE GROUP IN THE COUNTY, AND OUR WHOLE GROUP IS SO SADDENED AND EMBARRASSED BY HOW OUR COUNTY HAS KICKED OUR HORRIBLE YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM DOWN THE ROAD. THE STORIES WE HAVE BEEN READING ARE JUST APPALLING. AND WE CAN AND MUST DO BETTER AND PART OF DOING BETTER IS MAKING

SURE THAT INTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS ACTUALLY DOING ITS JOB. I AM SO APPRECIATIVE OF SUPERVIOR HORVATH FOR PUTTING FORTH THIS MOTION AND FOR CARING ABOUT THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS STACY BURNS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

STACY BURNS: THANK YOU. I, TOO, AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S SPECIAL MOTION REGARDING INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. FOR ALL THE REASONS SET OUT IN THE MOTION, THIS IS A CRITICAL STEP IN ADDRESSING THE DISTURBING ADDITIONS IN OUR JUVENILE HALLS THAT ARE SO LONG-LASTING. SO I THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR ENGAGING ON THIS ISSUE AND ENCOURAGE THE PASSAGE OF THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ZOE CORWIN, YOU MAY BEGIN.

ZOE CORWIN: HI THERE. MY NAME IS ZOE CORWIN. I AM A PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY, AND I HAVE DONE QUITE A BIT OF WORK WITH YOUTH IN THE1 FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. I AM ALSO CALLING IN SUPPORT

OF SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S MOTION AND REALLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO CONSIDER HOW WE CAN BEST SUPPORT OUR JUSTICE INVOLVED YOUTH, AND REALLY RALLY AROUND THEM AS A COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: ONE MOMENT, PLEASE. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JESSE JACOBS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JESSE JACOBS: HI. YEAH, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A GENERAL COMMENT. IT IS ABOUT MASKS IN HEALTHCARE AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR BRINGING MASKS BACK TO HEALTHCARE, BUT I REALLY BELIEVE THAT THEY SHOULD BE MADE PERMANENT. WE ARE BASICALLY IN THE BIGGEST -- THE SECOND LARGEST SURGE OF THE ENTIRE PANDEMIC, BUT YOU WOULDN'T KNOW THAT. AND WE CAN AVOID THESE SITUATIONS BY KEEPING MASKS IN HEALTHCARE AND EXPANDING THEM OUT TO PHARMACIES AND ALL MEDICAL FACILITIES. MEDICAL FACILITIES SHOULD BE A PLACE DEVOTED TO WELLNESS AND WE SHOULD ALL WANT TO TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER. AND THIS VIRUS HAS LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS FOR EVERYONE AND WE NEED TO REALIZE THAT SOONER THAN LATER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS, MODERATOR?

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING TODAY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 2, 5 AND 6, 8, 10, 12 AND 13, 14, WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308, 15, 17 AND 18, 20-22, 25-33, 35-55, 56B AS REVISED, 56C, 57A, SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S READ IN MOTION, 58A, SUPERVISOR BARGER'S READ IN MOTION, 1D-4D, 1P.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, I WILL SECOND, TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR BARGER WILL BEGIN.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF JERRY CAMPBELL SR., A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF GLENDALE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 99 ON DECEMBER 20TH. BORN IN WOODWARD, OKLAHOMA, HE WAS THE THIRD OF SEVEN CHILDREN RAISED ON A FARM OUTSIDE OF WOODWARD. IN 1943, JERRY ENLISTED IN THE U.S. NAVY AND WAS LATER RECOMMENDED FOR

OFFICER TRAINING AND WAS SENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING. HE MET PHYLLIS CLEMENT IN A FRESHMAN ENGLISH CLASS, AND COUNTLESS NOTES WERE PASSED BETWEEN THE PAIR. JERRY GRADUATED IN 1946 AND MARRIED PHYLLIS IN 1947 AFTER SHE GRADUATED. THE CAMPBELLS PERMANENTLY SETTLED IN GLENDALE IN 1953 WITH THEIR DAUGHTER JANICE AND THEIR SON JERRY JR. IN 1954, AFTER JANICE WAS DENIED ACCESS TO SCHOOL DUE TO HER DISABILITY, JERRY AND PHYLLIS STARTED WHAT IS NOW THE CAMPBELL CENTER TO SUPPORT AND PROVIDE RESOURCES TO CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. THE CAMPBELLS WERE ALSO ACTIVE IN THE GLENDALE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. JERRY WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES CITY WATER AND POWER IN THE MECHANICAL DESIGN SECTION UNTIL 1980, AND REMAINED ACTIVE IN THE NAVAL RESERVE UNTIL 1975. HE AND PHYLLIS TRAVELED THE WORLD TOGETHER AFTER HE RETIRED. HIS DAUGHTER JANICE PASSED AWAY IN 2016. PHYLLIS PASSED AWAY IN 2017 AFTER 70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE. JERRY WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS LIFE OF SERVICE AND COMPASSION. JERRY IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON, JERRY CAMPBELL JR. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DANILO "DANNY" CASTANEDA JR., LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF SERGENAT, UNEXPECTEDLY PASSED AWAY AT HOME ON JANUARY 2ND. HE WAS 46 YEARS OLD. SERGEANT CASTANEDA HAS BEEN WITH THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT FOR MORE THAN 23 YEARS. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE NORWALK STATION AFTER BEING PROMOTED IN JANUARY 2023. HIS PAST ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDE THE CARSON STATION

AND THE TRAINING BUREAU. HE WAS A WELL RESPECTED MENTOR AND TRAINER. HE TOUCHED MANY COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS WITH HIS PROFESSIONALISM, COMMITMENT TO SERVICE, AND HIS KINDNESS. HE WILL BE GREATLY AND DEARLY MISSED BY ALL THAT KNEW HIM. SERGEANT CASTANEDA IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: I'D LIKE TO JOIN YOU ON THAT.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: OKAY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARILYN COMMODORE, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84 ON DECEMBER 11TH. ON DECEMBER 11TH. MARILYN GREW UP IN MIDDLETON, OHIO WHERE SHE MARRIED WILLIAM D. COMMODORE. THEY RELOCATED WITH THEIR CHILDREN TO PASADENA IN 1969 AND LIVED THERE FOR 54 YEARS. SHE STARTED HER CAREER IN BANKING AT SECURITY PACIFIC BANK WHILE ATTENDING U.C.L.A. BANK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, AND SHE GRADUATED IN 1983. HER SERVICE IN HELPING OTHERS ACHIEVE THEIR FINANCIAL GOALS CONTINUED FOR 33 YEARS. WHEN SHE RETIRED SHE SPENT HER TIME VOLUNTEERING AT THE ALTADENA SENIOR CENTER FOR 15 YEARS, WHERE SHE BECAME BOARD PRESIDENT. SHE ALSO SERVED AS A PASADENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT IN 1985, AN ALTADENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT IN 2018. SHE RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS AND RECOGNITION OF HER GENEROUS SERVICE INCLUDING WOMAN OF THE YEAR BUSINESS AWARD IN 1997, OUTSTANDING SERVICE FROM ALTADENA N.A.A.C.P. IN 1985, OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, PASADENA,

IN 1985, AND PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR IN 2018. MARILYN'S PASSION FOR SERVICE, INTEGRITY, AND CONFIDENCE WILL BE REMEMBERED BY ALL IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SISTER, FOUR CHILDREN, 13 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 22 GREAT GRAND CHILDREN. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT ALLEN GOOLD WESTGATE, LIFE-LONG RESIDENT OF TEMPLE CITY, WHO PASSED AWAY DECEMBER 21ST AT THE AGE OF 50. ROBERT WHO WENT BY BOB, WAS BORN ON MARCH 22ND, 1973 IN TEMPLE CITY. HE WAS THE YOUNGEST OF THREE CHILDREN AND WAS ALWAYS WELL-LIKED BY HIS PEERS. SCOUTING BECAME A CRUCIAL PART OF HIS LIFE AS HE MOVED THROUGH THE RANKS OF TROOP 161. HE ACHIEVED THE PRESTIGIOIUS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT AND CONTINUED HIS INVOLVEMENT AS A SCOUT MASTER WHEN HIS SON JOINED THE GROUP. HE EARNED HIS BACHELOR IN BIO CHEMISTRY FROM U.C.L.A.. HE LATER ATTAINED HIS TEACHING CREDENTIALS AND A MASTER'S IN ADMINISTRATION WHILE ALSO PURSUING A DOCTORAL CANDIDACY IN CLERMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY. HE WAS A DEDICATED TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATED FOR MULTIPLE SCHOOLS IN THE TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. KNOWN FOR HIS CAPTIVATING, HUMOROUS AND HEARTFELT STORY TELLING, HE BECAME AN INTEGRAL PART OF HIS COMMUNITY. HIS UNWAVERING LOVE OF TEMPLE CITY LED TO THE AFFECTIONATE NICKNAME OF "MR. T.C." HE MARRIED THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, JESSICA, AT TEMPLE CITY PARK. BOB ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE COMUNITY AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE TEMPLE CITY WOMEN'S CLUB AND SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE TEMPLE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY. HE HAS LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK

ON THE COMMUNITY AND HE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY EVERYONE. HE WAS SOMEONE THAT JUST EVERYBODY LOVED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JESSICA AND THEIR CHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JUNKO "ELLEN" HANAFUSA, AND I AM GOING TO ASK THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN JOIN ME IN THIS, BECAUSE SHE WAS ACTUALLY A RESIDENT OF YOUR DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND WORKED FOR MANY YEARS IN CULVER CITY. MS. HANAFUSA WAS BORN JUNE 1958, AND PASSED AWAY ON CHRISTMAS MORNING AT THE AGE OF 65, VICTIM OF A HEINOUS CRIME THAT TOOK PLACE ON A COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS NEAR HER HOME. IN JANUARY 1985, MS. HANAFUSA BEGAN WORKING AS A STAFF ACCOUNTING MANAGER AT GOLDRICH KEST, A PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY IN CULVER CITY. SHE DEDICATED 39 YEARS OF SERVICE ADVOCATING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AT THE TIME OF HER PASSING SHE WAS PREPARING TO RETIRE. IN A RECENT INTERVIEW, MS. HANAFUSA'S EMPLOYER SPOKE HIGHLY OF HER, STATING, "HER EFFORTS CONTRIBUTED TO US EARNING COUNTLESS AFFORDABLE HOUSING INDUSTRY AWARDS BOTH IN CALIFORNIA AND NATIONWIDE. AND HER STAUNCH DEDICATION TO HER WORK WAS ONLY MATCHED BY HER UNPARALLELED KINDNESS TOWARDS OTHERS." SHE WAS ALSO A BELOVED

RESIDENT OF THE MCMASTER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD IN TORRANCE, WHERE SHE LIVED FOR OVER 20 YEARS. IN SEVERAL INTERVIEWS, NEIGHBORS REMEMBERED HER AS THOUGHTFUL AND GENEROUS. IN ADDITION, SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A GREAT LEADER AND FRIEND, AND FOR HER SENSE OF HUMOR. SHE IS SURVIVED BY AND WILL BE MISSED BY HER CHILDREN, TWO SISTERS, HER BELOVED DOG, CHERRY, COWORKERS WHO BECAME HER SECOND FAMILY AND AS A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I ASK WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALAN NISHIO. HE WAS BORN ON AUGUST 9, 1945 AT THE MANZANOR CONCENTRATION CAMP, WHICH WAS ONE OF THE TEN AMERICAN CONCENTRATION CAMPS THAT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JAPANESE-AMERICANS WERE INCARCERATED IN DURING THE SECOND WAR. MR. NISHIO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 27TH IN THE CITY OF GARDENA AT THE AGE OF 78. SHORTLY AFTER HIS BIRTH, HIS FAMILY MOVED TO CULVER CITY AND IN 1976, MR. NISHIO GRADUATED FROM U.C. BERKELEY WITH A BACHELORS DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND IN 1979, HE HAD GRADUATED FROM U.S.C. WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. MR. NISHIO WAS ENGAGED FOR MANY YEARS AS A MENTOR TO YOUNGER COMMUNITY LEADERS, TEACHING SEMINARS IN ASIAN- AMERICAN STUDIES AND ADVISING THE ASIAN-AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION AT CAL STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH WHERE HE SERVED AS AN ADMINISTRATOR IN 1972 AND ULTIMATELY RETIRED AS ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SERVICES IN 2006. MR. NISHIO WAS A PROMINENT LEADER IN THE JAPANESE- AMERICAN COMMUNITY, DEDICATING HIS EFFORTS TO

THE COMMUNITY'S WELFARE AND RECOGNITION IN OUR SOCIETY. AS A FOUNDER AND COCHAIR OF THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR REDRESS REPARATIONS, MR. NISHIO PLAYED AN INSTRUMENTAL ROLE IN THE FIGHT FOR JAPANESE-AMERICANS TO ATTAIN REDRESS AND AN APOLOGY FROM THE GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR WARTIME INCARCERATION. HIS LEADERSHIP FROM 1980 THROUGH 1990 ASSISTED IN THE ENACTMENT OF THE CIVIL LIBERTIES ACT OF 1988 AND GREATLY ENHANCED THE PUBLIC'S UNDERSTANDING OF JAPANESE- AMERICANS AND THEIR UNIQUE HISTORY, CHALLENGES, AND TRIUMPHS IN THIS COUNTRY. MR. NISHIO SERVED AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR THE LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER, WITH HE LED EFFORTS TO DEVELOP EXTENSIVE SERVICES FOR JAPANESE LANGUAGE SPEAKERS, THE ONLY LINGUISTICALLY ACCESSIBLE SERVICE OF ITS KIND IN THE REGION. HE ALSO PROPELLED EFFORTS TO BRING A COMMUNITY "SPORTS CENTER" TO LITTLE TOKYO. AND IN 2022, THE CENTER OPENED, ADVANCING THE PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY TRADITIONS THROUGH SPORTS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. MR. NISHIO RECEIVED SEVERAL AWARDS FOR HIS WORK INCLUDING THE MANZANAR COMMITTEE'S SUE KUNITUMI EMBREY LEGACY AWARD AND THE ORDER OF THE RISING SUN AWARD FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, A RECOGNITION OF HIS WORK IN THE NIKE COMMUNITY AND HIS EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. IN HIS SPARE TIME, HE LOVED PLAYING TENNIS AND RIDING BIKES. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A HIGHLY DEDICATED AND RESPECTED TRAIL BLAZER WHO PAVED AWAY FOR JAPANESE-AMERICAN AND A.A.P.I. ACTIVISM ACROSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE

HAS SPENT MORE THAN FIVE DECADES WORKING WITH MULTIPLE GENERATIONS IN SOCIAL AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS. HE BATTLED CANCER FOR THE LAST 17 YEARS, YET HE WAS FULL OF PURPOSE AND POSITIVITY. HE IS SURVIVED BY AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HIS WIFE OF 55 YEARS, YVONNE, THEIR TWO CHILDREN, ANGELA AND MIA, SIX GRAND CHILDREN, AND AS A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND MADAM CHAIR, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ISADORE HALL JR. MR. HALL WAS BORN ON MAY 11, 1942 IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA AND PASSED AWAY DECEMBER 28TH HERE IN LA AT THE AGE OF 81. HE WAS A FATHER TO FOUR BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN, WHICH INCLUDE MY FORMER COLLEAGUE, CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR ISADORE HALL III AND A STEPPARENT TO SEVEN AND A NURTURER TO NUMEROUS GRAND CHILDREN. RENOWNED IN HIS COMMUNITY, MR. HALL WAS CELEBRATED FOR HIS GENEROSITY WITH BOTH TIME AND RESOURCES. HE WAS ALWAYS READY TO LEND A HAND TO NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS. HIS OUTGOING NATURE AND RADIANT SMILE WERE HIS TRADEMARKS, MUCH LIKE HIS SON. HE EMBRACED EVERYONE HE MET AND WAS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE GODFATHER FOR THOSE LACKING PARENTAL GUIDANCE. HE IS SURVIVED BY AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HIS CHILDREN AND ALL THOSE WHO LIVE -- WHOSE LIVES HE POSITIVELY IMPACTED.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN YOU ON THAT ONE AS WELL, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HAPPY TO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF AUSTIN CRONKITE, WHO SADLY LOST HIS BATTLE WITH A RARE FORM OF CANCER AND DIED AT THE YOUNGE AGE OF 29. AUSTIN WAS A BELOVED SON, BROTHER, GRANDSON, AND FRIEND. HE FOLLOWED HIS GRANDFATHER, GREAT UNCLE AND UNCLES' FOOTSTEPS TO BECOME A PEACE OFFICER WITH THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT. IN HIS SPARE TIME, HE RESTORED OLD CARS AND LOVED TO SNOWBOARD WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AUSTIN IS SURVIVED BY HIS GRANDMOTHER, CONNIE, HIS FATHER, MARK, HIS MOTHER, JACKIE, BROTHER, ZACK, AND SISTER, COURTNEY. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DARLEEN DAMERON, WHO WAS A LONG SERVING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AND LONG BEACH NATIVE WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 64. DARLENE WAS AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY LEADER IN LONG BEACH, SERVING ON THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF LONG BEACH'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR OVER 30 YEARS. ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF HER TIME AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF LONG BEACH WAS WHEN SHE CREATED THE YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD. HER DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY EXTENDED FURTHER. SHE ALSO SPENT MORE THAN A DECADE OF HER TIME VOLUNTEERING WITH THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF LONG BEACH.

DARLENE WAS ALSO AN AVID MEMBER OF THE LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB, WHERE SHE VOLUNTEERED ANNUALLY ABOARD THE CONGRESSIONAL CUPS SPONSOR AND VIP YACHT. SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY HER COMMUNITY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER PARTNER, GARY TAYLOR, HER CHILDREN MEGHAN, SAMUEL AND JESSICA. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FILOMENA DIBERNARDO WHO WAS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. SHE WAS 102 YEARS OLD WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS BORN IN A SMALL FARMING VILLAGE NEAR NAPLES, ITALY AND MOVED TO THE UNITED STATES AT THE ABLE OF 40. AND NOT LONG AFTER SHE ARRIVED IN SAN PEDRO, SHE WAS INTRODUCED TO AND MARRIED FERNANDO DIBERNARDO AND BECAME THE STEPMOTHER TO HIS NINE CHILDREN, INCLUDING MY FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR, LIBBY DIBERNARDO. SHE CARED FOR ALL NINE KIDS AS IF THEY WERE HER OWN. SHE TOOK PRIDE IN HER HOME AND HOSTED MANY WONDERFUL PARTIES, SPECIAL EVENTS THERE AND SHE WAS AN EXCELLENT COOK OF ALL THE TRADITIONAL ITALIAN DISHES AND MADE WONDERFUL BREAD AND DESERTS. FILOMENA IS SURVIVED BY HER SISTER MARIA, HER STEPCHILDREN LIBBY, CARMEN, FRED AND JOSEPHINE, MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS, GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN AND COUSINS IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN ITALY. I ALSO MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF LETICIA MELENDEZ WHO PASSED AWAY ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST. ALTHOUGH SHE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THE VALLEY, SHE AND HER HUSBAND MOVED TO WILMINGTON IN 1994. SHE ATTENDED SCHOOL AT LOS ANGELES HARBOR COLLEGE AND GRADUATED FROM THE NURSING

PROGRAM AS AN R.N.. BECOMING A NURSE WAS HER CHILDHOOD DREAM, AND IN 1989, SHE STARTED WORKING AT THE TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. SHE LATER LEFT TORRANCE IN 1999 AND GOT A JOB AT THE SOUTH BAY KAISER HOSPITAL, WHERE SHE STAYED UNTIL HER RETIREMENT IN 2019. LETICIA LOVED EVERYONE SHE WORKED WITH. SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE ENGAGED AND INVOLVED MEMBERS OF THEIR BELOVED WILMINGTON COMMUNITY AND TOGETHER THEY TOOK PART IN MANY CIVIC ENGAGEMENTS. I HAD MANY GOOD INTERACTIONS WITH LETICIA AND HER HUSBAND, KEN, OVER THE YEARS THAT I HAVE REPRESENTED WILMINGTON SINCE I WAS ON THE CITY COUNCIL IN EARLY 2000. TOGETHER, THEY WERE A POWER COUPLE IN THE GOOD SENSE OF THE WORD, IN TERMS OF WHAT THEY BROUGHT TO THEIR BELOVED COMMUNITY OF WILMINGTON. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND KEN, HER SON KENNETH M. MELENDEZ, AND HER DAUGHTER ALISSA ANN MELENDEZ. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LISA ANN RAPP WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 66. LISA HELD A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AND CIVIL ENGINEERING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AFTER OVER 42 YEARS IN MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS, LISA OFFICIALLY RETIRED AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AT THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. AT HER RETIREMENT DINNER ON APRIL 14TH, 2022, THE CITY COUNCIL GRACIOUSLY NAMED HER PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EMERITUS, ALONG WITH THE ENGRAVED HARD HAT, HAMMER AND SAFETY VEST. LISA WAS A FOUNDING GATEWAY COG PUBLIC WORKS OFFICERS ORGANIZATION MEMBER, AND LISA SERVED ON THE TACK OF

LA METRO, THE REGIONAL TRANSFORMATION PLANNING AGENCY. LISA CHAIRED THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, AND I APPOINTED HER TO THE LOWER SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED AREA STEERING COMMITTEE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, RICHARD, AND HER TWO SONS, RUSTY AND RICKY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN PLEDGE OF MEMORY OF JACQUELINE "JACKIE" WHITE, A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. JACKIE WHITE PASSED AWAY IN LATE DECEMBER AFTER A FOUR YEAR BATTLE WITH CANCER. JACKIE WAS A LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR 41 YEARS. SHE BEGAN AS A TYPIST CLERK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES IN 1973. SHE WENT ON TO WORK FOR THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. DURING HER COUNTY CAREER, SHE EARNED 17 PROMOTIONS AND SERVED AS DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN 2009. SHE HELPED IMPLEMENT SEVERAL HIGH PROFILE INITIATIVES THAT CREATED MEANINGFUL CHANGE, FAR BEYOND HER TIME WITH US. THOUGH JACKIE STARTED WORKING AT THE COUNTY AT THE AGE OF 19, SHE EARNED HER BACHELOR OF ARTS, HER MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, AND HER PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE WHILE WORKING AS A FULL- TIME EMPLOYEE. INCREDIBLE FRIEND, FAMILY MEMBER, AND COLLEAGUE, JACKIE'S IMPACT WAS FELT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY FAMILY. SHE RETIRED IN 2014. JACKIE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, JETHRO, HER DAUGHTERS SABRA AND CANDACE AND HER

GRANDDAUGHTERS, CHARLOTTE AND VICTORIA AND HER SEVEN SIBLINGS. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANDREW CAMPBELL WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 19TH AFTER AN 18 MONTH BATTLE WITH A.L.S. AT THE AGE OF 71. HE WAS MY NEIGHBOR AND A A RESIDENT OF WEST HOLLYWOOD. HE WAS ALSO THE CITY'S ARTS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR AND EVENTUALLY DIRECTOR. ANDREW WAS A PLAYWRIGHT, CULTURAL LEADER AND WORLD TRAVELER. HE LIVED IN WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS WHERE HE WAS THE CITY'S FIRST FULL-TIME ARTS ADMINISTRATOR AND BUILT THE CITY'S ART DIVISION. PRIOR TO THAT, HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION. THOUGH ANDREW RETIRED IN MARCH OF 2020, HE WAS STILL HIGHLY INVOLVED IN HIS COMMUNITY, CONDUCTING WALKING TOURS WHERE HE WOULD POINT OUT THE CITY'S BEST ART, ARCHITECTURE, AND HISTORICAL FACTS. AS AN ARTIST, ARTS ADMINISTRATOR AND FRIEND, ANDREW WAS ALWAYS SUPPORTIVE OF ARTISTS. HE WAS A MEMBER OF PLAYWRIGHTS, INC. FOR MORE THAN 35 YEARS, GUIDING OTHER PLAYWRIGHTS ON THEIR JOURNEYS BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE. ANDREW LEAVES BEHIND A LEGACY OF KINDNESS THAT LIVES ON THROUGH HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. HE IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS, HIS SISTER ARLENE, AND HIS LIFE PARTNER, DONALD SHELL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTERS MARGARET AND JOY, BROTHERS RICK AND ALVIN, SEVEN NEPHEWS, AND FIVE NIECES. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GLYNIS JOHNS, THE ACTRESS, PASSED AWAY

ON THURSDAY JANUARY 4TH AT THE AGE OF 100 AND WAS A RESIDENT OF SANTA MONICA. SHE WAS BORN IN SOUTH AFRICA TO BRITISH PARENTS AND STARTED PERFORMING AT THE AGE OF 5 AND PURSUED ACTING AT THE AGE OF 12. SHE WORKED ON THE LONDON STAGE UNTIL SHE LANDED HER FIRST FILM ROLE IN 1938. FROM THERE ON, SHE STARRED IN SEVERAL PRODUCTIONS INCLUDING A 1963 COMEDY SERIES NAMED AFTER HER, WHERE SHE PLAYED A MYSTERY FICTION WRITER WHO SOLVED MYSTERIES ALONGSIDE HER HUSBAND. GLYNIS WAS AN OSCAR NOMINATED ACTOR, TONY WINNING ACTOR, DANCER AND SINGER AND WAS A SHINING LIGHT DURING THE GOLDEN AGE OF HOLLYWOOD. IN 1964 SHE PLAYED MRS. BANKS IN DISNEY'S MARY POPPINS AND GRACED THE BROADWAY STAGE AND OUR HOME TELEVISIONS FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER GRANDSON THOMAS, AND HER THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND WE EXTENDED OUR CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY. AND FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM "BILL" MCNEELY, WHO PASSED AWAY IN DECEMBER AT THE AGE OF 80 FROM CANCER. HE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND A LEADER IN THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY. WILLIAM REFERRED TO BY HIS FRIENDS AS BILL, WAS AN INTEGRAL MEMBER OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY. MOST RECENTLY, HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD OLDER ADULTS ADVISORY BOARD. THE ADVISORY BOARD IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY AND BILL ENJOYED HIS PARTICIPATION THERE WHERE HE OVERSAW THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION FOR SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS. BILL'S ROLE ON THE

BOARD WAS INSTRUMENTAL TO HELPING TO CREATE A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THOSE IN NEED OF SERVICE. BILL WAS ALSO DEDICATED TO THE SOBER AND RECOVERY COMMUNITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, A COMMUNITY HE NEVER STOPPED FIGHTING FOR. HE HELPED MANY MEMBERS OF THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY OVER THE YEARS AND HIS IMPACT WILL LIVE ON WITH EACH OF THEM. THOSE WHO KNEW HIM, MOURN HIS LOSS -- MOURN HIS LOSS OF A FRIEND, A CONFIDANT AND A MENTOR, SOMEONE WHO BROUGHT IMMENSE JOY INTO THEIR LIVES AND DEDICATED HIS TO THE JOY OF OTHERS. THANK YOU, WE WILL TAKE THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. AND THAT COLLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COLLEAGUES, WE WILL BE SHOWING A VIDEO PRESENTATION. I HAVE A VIDEO PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S FREE C.O.V.I.D. 19 AND FLU VACCINES. AND THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE A REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 23RD, 2024, AT 9:30:00 A.M. WE ARE ADJOURNED.

VIDEO SPEAKER: WE ARE HERE TODAY IN PLUMBER PARK IN WEST HOLLYWOOD AT ONE OF OUR MOBILE VACCINE EVENTS. WE HAVE THE COVID 19 AND FLU VACCINES FOR ANYONE IN LA COUNTY WHO WANTS TO COME AND GET THEM.

VIDEO SPEAKER: SERIOUSLY.

VIDEO SPEAKER: LET'S GET A BAND AID ON YOU.

VIDEO SPEAKER: GO WITH HIM. YOU NEED TO GET YOUR SHOT FROM THIS GUY.

VIDEO SPEAKER: WE HAD A SPECIAL GUEST TODAY. WE HAD SUPERVISOR LINDSEY HORVATH.

VIDEO SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: I GOT MY C.O.V.I.D. VACCINE TODAY THANKS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. I EVEN RECRUITED THE MAYOR OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TO JOIN ME.

VIDEO SPEAKER: THE VACCINE IS AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WITHOUT COST. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU HAVE INSURANCE OR YOU DON'T HAVE INSURANCE.

VIDEO SPEAKER: OKAY, BUD, YOU READY FOR ME?

VIDEO SPEAKER: EVERYBODY OVER THE AGE OF SIX MONTHS IS RECOMMENDED TO GET THE UPDATED C.O.V.I.D. VACCINE AND THE ANNUAL FLU VACCINE. SO IT ACTUALLY DOESN'T REALLY MATTER HOW MANY SHOTS YOU HAD IN THE PAST, IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD A VACCINE SINCE BEFORE SEPTEMBER, YOU NEED TO GET THIS ONE. THIS ONE IS

THE BEST MATCH FOR THE VARIANTS WE HAVE CIRCULATING IN THE COUNTY RIGHT NOW.

VIDEO SPEAKER: THAT WAS IT?

VIDEO SPEAKER: YEAH, THAT'S IT.

VIDEO SPEAKER: YEAH. OKAY.

VIDEO SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AND WE JUST WANT EVERYONE TO HAVE A WONDERFUL, HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON. LET'S STAY HEALTHY TOGETHER, LA COUNTY.

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

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I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor related to any party to the said action; nor in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of January 2024, for the County records to be used only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as on file of the office of the reporter.

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