


# THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

# BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024, 9:30 PM**

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WELCOME TO YOU OUR POLICY PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 2024. WE TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE WILL 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:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO SCROLL PRESENTATIONS, RETURNING TO A TRADITION THAT WAS ONCE AT THE BOARD BEFORE COVID AND BRINGING IT BACK. SUPERVISOR SOLIS WILL BEGIN THIS MORNING.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I WANT TO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR RECOGNIZING ME. TODAY I HAVE A VERY, I THINK, VERY UNIQUE PRESENTATION TO MAKE, BUT ONE THAT WE HAVE BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO HERE IN THIS HALL. WE'RE CELEBRATING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WHICH FOR MANY OF YOU WHO MAY NOT KNOW, IS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT HOLIDAYS IN  THE MANY ASIAN AND ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER CULTURES. WITH 2024 BEING CELEBRATED AS THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON, YOU THINK DRAGON? IT SYMBOLIZES STRENGTH. THIS TRADITION HAS BEEN OBSERVED FOR CENTURIES THROUGHOUT OUR DIFFERENT A.A.P.I. COMMUNITIES AND AS SUCH, WE NEED TO

RECOGNIZE ALL THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE MANY DIFFERENT A.A.P.I. CULTURES THAT ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S FABRIC OF DIVERSITY. TWO SUCH INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE MADE A PROFOUND IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF A.A.P.I. COMMUNITIES ARE CHESTER CHONG AND DAISY MA, TWO SUCH INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DONE OUTSTANDING WORK HERE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. LET ME BEGIN BY SAYING CHESTER CHONG CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND HAS A HISTORY WITH THE CHAMBER DATING BACK SINCE 1988. OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS, HE HAS SPEARHEADED THE ANNUAL GOLDEN DRAGON PARADE IN DOWNTOWN CHINATOWN WHERE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF VISITORS GATHER TO CELEBRATE UNITY, COURAGE AND PROSPERITY EVERY YEAR. CHESTER HAS PROMOTED CULTURAL AWARENESS FOR THE CHINESE HERITAGE AND HISTORY, ENSURING THESE RICH TRADITIONS ARE PASSED DOWN TO FUTURE GENERATIONS AND INTER-ETHNIC RELATIONS CONTINUE IN THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION, HE HAS SERVED AS A CONNECTION POINT FOR THE CHINESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY BY PROMOTING NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES. CHESTER IS AN EXEMPLARY CITIZEN OF OUR LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY. AND WE APPLAUD YOUR LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU, CHESTER. NEXT, I'D LIKE TO ALSO RECOGNIZE A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, DAISY MA. WE HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER I THINK FOR OVER 35 YEARS. DAISY CURRENTLY SERVES AS CHIEF GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER FOR THE CHINATOWN SERVICE CENTER WHICH IS A COMMUNITY FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CLINIC. HER ORGANIZATION, CHINATOWN SERVICE

CENTER, WAS ONE OF THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDED SERVICES AND SUPPORT EVEN TO THIS VERY DAY TO THE SURVIVORS OF THE MONTEREY PARK MASS SHOOTING THAT HAPPENED A YEAR AGO. IN HER ROLE SHE HELPS LEAD VITAL EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES TO YOUNG PEOPLE, SERVICES TO ADDRESS THE HEALTH NEEDS OF LOW INCOME, AT RISK AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES AND THE GROWING CULTURAL COMPETENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ACROSS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. DAISY ALSO WORKED AT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ON HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT AND HELPED LEAD THE FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS' PROGRAM FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS A FIRST DISTRICT COMMISSIONER SHE ALSO SERVES MY DISTRICT AS A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON INSURANCE. BOTH DAISY AND CHESTER'S UNIQUE VOICES ON A.A.P.I. MATTERS HAVE BEEN AN ASSET TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF THEM, CHESTER AND DAISY, FOR ALL THAT YOU DO AND I'M SO PROUD TO PRESENT THESE SCROLLS TO HONOR BOTH OF YOU AND THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU REPRESENT. [APPLAUSE]

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** AND WE'LL SEE YOU ALL AT THE CHINESE NEW YEARS PARADE IN DOWNTOWN CHINATOWN. THANK YOU.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING, LOS ANGELES. GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. I HAD TO WAIT FOR DIRECTION BECAUSE THIS IS MY FIRST -- YOU KNOW, I'M A POST-COVID SUPERVISOR, SO WE HAVEN'T DONE THIS SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE SO IT'S GREAT TO SEE EVERYBODY TODAY. AND TODAY, COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS, WE ARE JOINED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUR STATE- WIDE AFFINITY GROUP, THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES. WE'RE JOINED BY GRAHAM KNAUS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, JACQUELINE WONG-HERNANDEZ, CHIEF POLICY OFFICER AND CHASITY BENSON, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR JOINING US. IT'S NOT THAT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE COMPETITIVE, BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT THERE ARE 58 COUNTIES THAT CONSTITUTE THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND C.S.A.C. IS OUR AFFINITY GROUP WHERE WE GO HAVE WONDERFUL CONFERENCES, EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND DIALOGUE WITH OUR COLLEAGUES ACROSS THE STATE. AND SO FIRST OF ALL ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD LET ME PRESENT C.S.A.C. WITH A SCROLL SO YOU COULD HANG IT IN THE OFFICE AND MAKE THE OTHERS JEALOUS. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY HIGHLY COMMENDS THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR ITS ADVOCACY OF CALIFORNIA'S 58 COUNTIES AND FOR HONORING THE COUNTY OF LA WITH THREE 2023 CHALLENGE AWARDS. LET ME PRESENT THIS TO YOU AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE THAT. LET ME TELL YOU ALL WHAT THE CHALLENGE AWARDS ARE. THE CHALLENGE AWARDS IS THE OPPORTUNITY THAT C.S.A.C. TAKES TO RECOGNIZE THE INNOVATIVE, EFFECTIVE AND COST-SAVING WAYS THAT CALIFORNIA COUNTIES PROVIDE PROGRAMS AND

SERVICES TO OUR CONSTITUENTS. AND SO WE GOT THREE CHALLENGE AWARDS THIS YEAR, SO WE WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS FOR THEIR INNOVATION AND THEIR CREATIVITY. FIRST UP, COUNTY LIBRARY. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO CONGRATULATE OUR LA COUNTY LIBRARY ON WINNING A C.S.A.C. CHALLENGE AWARD FOR ITS EQUITY-FOCUSSED VIRTUAL LIBRARIES PROGRAM. I SEE SKYE'S NOT WITH US, OUR COUNTY LIBRARIAN, BUT JESSICA LEE, MARKETING DIRECTOR, WILL BE HERE TO ACCEPT ON BEHALF OF THE LIBRARY. THE LIBRARY WAS RECOGNIZED FOR DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS THAT ENGAGE RESIDENTS IN MEANINGFUL AND CIVIL DISCOURSE ON TOPICS RELATED TO JUSTICE, RACISM, EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION. IT FULFILLS A CRITICAL PART OF THEIR MISSION TO BREAK DOWN BARRIERS, INCREASE ACESS TO INFORMATION AND ENCOURAGE CONVERSATION. PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY. [APPLAUSE] I LIKE TO SAY THAT OUR LA COUNTY LIBRARIES, IT'S NOT YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S LIBRARY. IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO AN LA COUNTY LIBRARY RECENTLY, YOU SHOULD GO. WE HAVE AMAZING PROGRAMS. UP NEXT, S.T.A.X.. I LIKE THAT ACRONYM. THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IS BEING RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR WORK ON THE FOSTER YOUTH TAX PILOT PROGRAM AND THE ACRONYM IS S.T.A.X. AND TODAY'S AWARD WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF D.C.F.S., BRANDON NICHOLS. [APPLAUSE]

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** AS, YEAH. AS ALL THE ADULTS IN THE ROOM ACKNOWLEDGE, FILING TAXES CAN BE AN ONEROUS, COMPLICATED PROCESS. BUT ESPECIALLY FOR YOUTH WHO ARE OFTEN ELIGIBLE FOR EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS, STIMULUS PAYMENTS, CHILD INDEPENDENT CARE CREDITS OR THOSE WHO DIDN'T MEET THE INCOME THRESHOLDS REQUIRED TO FILE, WHICH OFTEN RESULTS IN LEAVING MONEY ON THE TABLE AND IN SOME INSTANCES, THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. SO IT REALLY BEHOOVES THEM TO FILE TAXES. D.C.F.S. CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE OUTREACH INCLUDING PRESENTATIONS, VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON TAX FILING EVENTS, ALONG WITH DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF YOUTH FRIENDLY MARKETING MATERIALS. THE RESULTS OF THE PROJECT WERE INCREDIBLY IMPACTFUL. IN THE FIRST YEAR, THEY WERE ABLE TO FILE 101 RETURNS, AND GET THIS, WHICH RESULTED IN $256,000 IN REFUNDS. IN 2023, THEY FILED 309 RETURNS, WHICH RESULTED IN $562,000 IN REFUNDS. THAT'S REFUNDS TO FOSTER YOUTH WHO OTHERWISE MIGHT NOT HAVE HAD ACCESS TO THOSE RESOURCES. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO D.C.F.S. AND ALL THE PARTNERS WHO WORKED ON THIS PROJECT. WE APPRECIATE YOU ON THEIR BEHALF AND JOB WELL DONE. [APPLAUSE]

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** THE THIRD AND FINAL CHALLENGE AWARD THIS YEAR, THE OFFICES ISN'T REPRESENT, BUT WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE GOOD WORK THEY DID ANYWAY. AND I'LL ASK SUPERVISOR BARGER TO ACCEPT IT ON THEIR BEHALF, LIKE THE ACADEMY AWARDS. YOU KNOW HOW THAT WORKS. LAST BUT NOT LEAST IS THE REGISTRAR-

RECORDER COUNTY CLERK WHO IS BEING RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR INNOVATIVE AND ANALYTICAL PROCESS TO OPTIMIZE THE LOCATION OF VOTING CENTERS. AS A BOARD WE'VE MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE'D LIKE DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE DECISIONS AND USE RESOURCES IN A WAY THAT IS RESPONSIVE AND IN TOUCH WITH THE CHALLENGES OUR CONSTITUENTS FACE EVERY DAY. AND WE'VE BEEN PUSHING FOR DEPARTMENTS TO STRATEGICALLY USE DATA TO ENSURE THEIR SERVICES REACH PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE. AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER COUNTY CLERK DID WITH THE CREATION OF THE VOTER CENTER G.I.S. SUITABILITY PLACEMENT PROJECT. TO IDENTIFY OPTIMAL PLACEMENT FOR VOTING CENTERS, THE DEPARTMENT USED A FORMULA THAT INTEGRATED VARIOUS FACTORS SUCH AS POPULATION CLUSTER, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED AREAS AND LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES. HOW INGENIOUS AS WELL AS EQUITABLE. THIS ALLOWED FOR MORE ACCESS TO VOTING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WHAT'S MORE, THIS MODEL IS ONE THAT OTHER COUNTIES CAN AND SHOULD REPLICATE AND WE CERTAINLY HOPE THEY DO. SO, TO DIRECTOR LOGAN, WE THANK YOU AND YOUR TEAM, AND CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN FOR THIS WELL RECEIVED, WELL DESERVED AWARD. AND SO WE DON'T HAVE THEIR AWARD. SUPERVISOR BARGER, WE'RE JUST GONNA STAND AND TAKE A PICTURE AND SEND IT TO DEAN LOGAN. PLEASE GIVE ALL THREE OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEIR C.S.A.C. CHALLENGE AWARDS 2023.

[APPLAUSE]

**SPEAKER:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE INCREDIBLE WORK AND LEADERSHIP OF THIS BOARD AND THIS COUNTY. INNOVATION ULTIMATELY IS ABOUT IMPROVING COMMUNITIES AND IT IS ABOUT DEDICATION TO ENSURING THAT EVERY CITIZEN, EVERY RESIDENT OF THIS COUNTY IS UPLIFTED TO THE GREATIST DEGREE POSSIBLE. AND THIS BOARD HAS SET A CULTURE OF INNOVATION ACROSS THIS COUNTY WHICH IS WHAT HAS TRANSLATED INTO THESE THREE AWARDS. AND SO C.S.A.C. IS HONORED TO BE A STRONG VOICE FOR LA COUNTY AND FOR OUR ENTIRE EXECUTIVE TEAM TO JOIN YOU TODAY IN HONORING THE INCREDIBLE WORK THAT IS OCCURRING IN THIS COUNTY. SO HUGE THANKS TO THIS BOARD AND THE ENTIRE COUNTY FAMILY HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE]

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I HAVE THE NEXT PRESENTATION. THIS MORNING, I HAVE THE DISTINCT HONOR AND PLEASURE AS WE EMBARK ON BLACK HISTORY MONTH THIS FEBRUARY TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE A DEAR FRIEND, PHIL WILSON, ONE OF THE MOST CONSEQUENTIAL LEADERS  IN VARIOUS SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENTS. HE IS AN H.I.V. A.I.D.S. ACTIVIST WHO FOUNDED THE BLACK A.I.D.S. INSTITUTE IN 1999 TO PROMOTE AWARENESS AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF H.I.V. A.I.D.S. IN BLACK COMMUNITIES IN PARTICULAR. AS PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. FOR 20 YEARS, BLACK A.I.D.S. INSTITUTE LAUNCHED THE BLACK TREATMENT ADVOCATE'S NETWORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN 20 STATES. WILSON'S COMMITMENT TO FIGHTING THE H.I.V. A.I.D.S.

CRISIS IS PERSONAL. AFTER ATTENDING WESELEYAN UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY, WILSON MOVED TO LOS ANGELES WITH HIS PARTNER, CHRIS BROWNLIE. HE AND CHRIS WERE BOTH DIAGNOSED WITH THE DISEASE IN THE 1980'S AND CHRIS TRAGICALLY DIED OF H.I.V.-RELATED ILLNESSES IN 1989. DURING HIS CAREER, WILSON HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH SCORES OF ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE BLACK, GAY AND LESBIAN LEADERSHIP FORUM, THE A.I.D.S. HOSPICE FOUNDATION, THE NATIONAL MINORITY A.I.D.S. COUNCIL, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK AND WHITE MEN TOGETHER, THE NATIONAL TASK FORCE ON A.I.D.S. PREVENTION, THE CHRIS BROWNLIE HOSPICE, C.E.A.E.R. COALITION, THE A.I.D.S. PREVENTION TEAM AND HE ALSO WAS A TRUSTEE FOR A.M.F.A.R, THE FOUNDATION FOR A.I.D.S. RESEARCH. HE IS ALSO THE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF THE DANCE FOR LIFE FESTIVAL FOR HEALTH EQUITY AND IT IS INCREDIBLE, A NATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL TO RAISE FUNDS TO FIGHT HEALTH DISPARITIES IN BLACK AND OTHER MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. HE WAS ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN MOBILIZING CRITICAL INSTITUTIONS IN BLACK COMMUNITIES INCLUDING THE N.A.A.C.P. AND THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE, AMONG OTHERS, TO TAKE THE H.I.V.-A.I.D.S. CRISIS SERIOUSLY. AND IN 2002, WILSON CONVINCED EVERY MAJOR NATIONAL BLACK MAGAZINE IN AMERICA TO RUN A COVER STORY ON H.I.V. A.I.D.S.. MORE RECENTLY, BECAUSE OF HIS TIRELESS COMMITMENT AND FIGHT FOR JUSTICE, WE WORKED TOGETHER TO CHANGE CONTENT ON THE NATIONAL-- THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S WEBSITE. I WAS GIVING REMARKS AT THE A.I.D.S. MONUMENT PRESENTATION IN

WEST HOLLYWOOD AND SHARED INFORMATION THAT I HAD GOTTEN FROM OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT WAS ACTUALLY WRONG AND ERACED THE EXPERIENCE OF AND THE HISTORY OF BLACK GAY MEN WHO WAS FIRST DIAGNOSED WITH A.I.D.S. AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF PHIL I WAS ABLE TO BE EDUCATED AND WE WORKED TOGETHER TO CHANGE THAT IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WILSON HAS SAID THAT WHEN HE DIES, HE HOPES PEOPLE WILL REMEMBER HIM FOR NOT GIVING UP. AND WE KNOW THAT HIS EFFORTS TO FIGHT H.I.V. A.I.D.S. AND RAISE AWARENESS OF THE DISEASE HAVE NOT GONE UNNOTICED. WHEN I CAME INTO OFFICE YOU WERE SO KIND AND OPEN AND WILLING TO WORK WITH ME AND TO WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE A MORE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY AND I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR THAT. PHIL, YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY AMAZING AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL LIFE-SAVING CONTRIBUTIONS. THIS BLACK HISTORY MONTH, LET US UPLIFT OUR COMMUNITIES AND UPLIFT YOU FOR THE AMAZING PERSON YOU ARE. AND I AM PERSONALLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MENTORSHIP, YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND I AM IN AWE OF YOUR LEADERSHIP AND EXAMPLE. AND I KNOW YOU'RE JOINED HERE TODAY BY LINDA JONES. WE THANK YOU  FOR BEING HERE AND FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND CONTINUE TO DO. [APPLAUSE]

**PHIL WILSON**: THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH. IT IS SO GREAT TO BE HERE, PARTICULARLY WITH THIS PARTICULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I FEEL LIKE I'M AMONG FRIENDS. WE HAVE BEEN IN THIS BATTLE FOR A LONG TIME. PEOPLE THINK THAT THE H.I.V. A.I.D.S. PANDEMI IS OVER. NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. NOW WE'RE

ENTERING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND NEXT WEEK IS NATIONAL BLACK H.I.V. A.I.D.S. AWARENESS DAY TO REMIND US THAT WE STILL HAVE WORK TO DO. SO THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR AND I APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE]

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** NEXT UP, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WELL, GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO THE CERRITOS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM, [APPLAUSE] WHO ARE HERE WITH US TODAY ALONG WITH THEIR COACHES, THEIR PARENTS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE A.B.C. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT INCLUDING SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT SOPHIA TSE. HOW ARE YOU? AND VICE PRESIDENT ERNIE NISHII. THERE'S ERNIE. HI. THANKS FOR COMING DOWN. I ALSO WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL SHOUTOUT TO COUNSEL MEMBER RENE TREVINO FROM THE CITY OF ARTESIA. HE IS A HUGE SUPPORTER OF CERRITOS HIGH SCHOOL AND SERVES AS THE TEAM'S ANNOUNCE AND THE BOOSTER PRESIDENT. RENE, THANK YOU FOR BUYING HERE. TODAY WE FORMALLY RECOGNIZE THE CERRITOS DONS FOR EARNING THE TITLE OF C.I.F. SOUTHERN DIVISION 12 CHAMPIONS. [APPLAUSE] THIS IS THE TEAM'S FIRST C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP IN BOTH CERRITOS HIGH SCHOOL AND THE A.B.C. UNIFIED HISTORY. THE TEAM WON BY DEFEATING YUCCA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL 19-13 IN OVERTIME. THAT MUST HAVE BEEN A GAME. A BIG SHOUTOUT TO THE DON'S QUARTERBACK, JUSTIN SAGUN, WHO THREW THE GAME WINNING TOUCHDOWN PASS TO JEREMIAH BAGAYGAY. AND YOU

KNOW WHAT, ALL THESE PLAYERS NEVER GAVE UP. AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR INCREDIBLE DETERMINATION AND HARD WORK AS STUDENT ATHLETES. AND I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE FIRST TIME HEAD COACH FRANKLIN. [APPLAUSE] LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE COACH. AND THROUGHOUT THE SEASON, COACH FRANKLIN AND HIS COACHING STAFF CAREFULLY GUIDED AND SUPPORTED EACH AND EVERY PLAYER. COACH FRANKLIN, ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF LA COUNTY, I WANT TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE THE CERITTOS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 12 CHAMPIONSHIP. [APPLAUSE] AND NOW BEFORE I HAVE YOU SAY A FEW WORDS, I WANTED TO PRESENT TO YOU, AND I SEE ALL THE TEAM PLAYERS HAVE THEIR OWN CERTIFICATE, BUT I WANTED TO GIVE YOU, COACH, THE BIG ONE, AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY. YOU GIVE US GREAT BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR WINNING THIS. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO WORKED SO HARD FOR SEVERAL SEASONS AND PARTICULARLY THIS LAST ONE. CONGRATULATIONS. OKAY. THANK YOU. COACH FRANKLIN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

**COACH FRANKLIN:** I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SOPHIA TSE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ERNIE NISHII. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. WALKER, WHO'S HERE. ALL OUR PARENTS THAT SUPPORTED US THE WHOLE SEASON. OUR BOOSTER CLUB. JUST THE PARENTS, THE FACULTY, OUR CITY, SCOREBOARD, EVERYTHING. THIS IS AMAZING. I MEAN, THIS IS A DREAM SEASON THAT COULDN'T HAVE WENT ANY BETTER.

THANK YOU, JANICE HAHN. THIS IS AMAZING. YOU'VE BEEN A SUPPORTER OF US A FEW YEARS. I'M GLAD WE COULD FINALLY GET A RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT, YOU KNOW.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT. SHOW SOMETHING FOR IT.

**COACH FRANKLIN:** YOU KNOW, WE STARTED OUT IN COVID. THIS IS OUR COVID TEAM, AND THAT'S WHEN WE STARTED OUT TOGETHER. WE HAD TO FIGHT JUST TO GET A FOOTBALL SEASON. AND WE FOUGHT FOR FOUR YEARS AND THIS IS HOW IT ENDED. THANK YOU, LA COUNTY. THIS IS AMAZING. JUST TO BE IN THIS BUILDING AND TO STAND UP HERE WITH THIS MICROPHONE WITH THESE AMAZING PEOPLE. THANK YOU AGAIN. THIS IS TERRIFIC. THANK YOU.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND LET'S HERE IT AGAIN FOR THE CERRITOS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM CHAMPIONS! [APPLAUSE]

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. WOW. OKAY, GOOD JOB, EVERYBODY.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** NEXT, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** --

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, WE CAN'T HEAR YOU. SO WE NEED THAT MIC TO WORK BEFORE YOU GET STARTED.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** BETTER? THERE. NOW YOU CAN HEAR ME. TODAY I'M PROUD TO CELEBRATE THE REMARKABLE IMPACT THE KOREAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAS HAD IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS YEAR MARKS THE 121ST ANNIVERSARY OF KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY HONORING ALL THE WAYS KOREAN-AMERICANS MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES AND OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER. THERE ARE NEARLY 2 MILLION KOREAN-AMERICANS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES AND WE'RE PROUD TO BE HOME OF THE HIGHIST CONCENTRATION HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AMERICA AND SOUTH KOREA FORMED A RELATIONSHIP IN 1882, WHEN THE TWO NATIONS SIGNED A TREATY EMPHASIZING PEACE, FRIENDSHIP AND COMMERCE. DECADES LATER, KOREANS MADE THEIR WAY TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS MONTH, WE CELEBRATE THE 121 YEARS SINCE THE FIRST PEOPLE IMMIGRATED FROM KOREA TO HAWAII IN JANUARY OF 1903. FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, KOREAN-AMERICANS HAVE HAD A MEANINGFUL IMPACT. THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOOD AND MUSIC ARE DEEPLY IMBEDDED IN OUR DAILY CULTURE THROUGH KOREAN BARBECUE AND K-POP. KOREAN-AMERICANS HAVE ALSO MADE COUNTLESS CONTRIBUTIONS THAT HAVE LED TO INNOVATION AND YES, PROGRESS. A KOREAN-AMERICAN WAS THE FIRST TO PERFORM A BEATING HEART OPERATION FOR CORONARY ARTERY HEART DISEASE AND A KOREAN-AMERICAN INVENTED THE NECTARINE. THANK YOU TO THE KOREAN-AMERICANS PAST AND PRESENT FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE TO SERVE AND STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS MORNING I'M JOINED BY THE KOREAN-AMERICAN FOUNDATION OF LOS

ANGELES WHO ARE INCREDIBLY ACTIVE AND AN INCREDIBLE WORK TO COMMEMORATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY. AS A TOKEN OF MY APPRECIATION, I'M PRESENTING THIS PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF 10 MILLION RESIDENTS TO PRESIDENT YONG MAN LEE, VICE PRESIDENT KIM LIM AND JONG JUNG OF THE KOREAN-AMERICAN FOUNDATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO REPRESENT THE KOREAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY ACROSS THE ENTIRE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WITH THAT, I WOULD INVITE PRESIDENT YONG MAN LEE TO SAY A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE]

**YONG MAN LEE:** HI. MY NAME IS YONG MAN LEE. YONG MAN LEE IS MY CORORECT NAME AND SHE DID A PRETTY GOOD PRONUNCIATION OF MY NAME. OKAY, THIS YEAR, JANUARY 13TH WAS OUR KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY. IT WAS 121 YEARS THAT DAY. WE HAVE SUCH A-- START IMMIGRANT TO HAWAII, 120 YEARS AGO AS FARMER WORKER. NOW, PASS 121 YEARS, OUR KOREAN COMMUNITY GREW UP AS FAST AS POSSIBLE AND WE ARE WORKING HARD WITH AMERICA. SO I ALSO APPRECIATE TO OUR SUPERVISORS, KATHRYN BARGER, ALSO ALL THE OTHER SUPERVISORS IN THE COUNTY HALL. EVERY YEAR WE ARE DOING THIS AS CELEBRATION WITH OUR RESOLUTION. I APPRECIATE IT SO MUCH AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP CONTINUALLY GROW UP AND WORKING COUNTY OF LA AND THE UNITED STATES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** IT'S SO NICE TO BRING THOSE BACK. THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR PARTICIPATING. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WE WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3, SET MATTER 1. SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO TWO WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 13, 2024. ON PAGE 4, PUBLIC HEARINGS ITEMS 2-9. ON ITEM 3, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 6, THIS ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 13TH, 2024. ON ITEM 8, THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MARCH 12, 2024. THE REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 11, POLICY PRESENTATIONS, ITEMS 10-12, THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR REPORT. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. MADAM CHAIR, THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES ARE BEFORE YOU.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. 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 WILL BEGIN WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 2, THEN ITEMS 3 AND 4, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 5, 7 AND 9 THEN ITEMS 10 AND 11, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER, FINISHING WITH ITEM 12 AND FOLLOWED BY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE FIRST AND THEN OUR PRESENTATIONS WILL FOLLOW. BEFORE WE BEGIN WITH OUR PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL (877)692-8955 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 4433663. 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 UP TO 1 MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON EACH OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS EACH HELD ITEM AND ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE NOTE, ONCE YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED WE WILL IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, WHEN THE BOARD MOVES TO THE ITEM YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, PROMPTLY PRESS 1  THEN 0 TO BE ENTERED

INTO THE SPEAKING QUEUE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON YOUR DEVICE AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU OR THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. YOU WILL NEED TO PRESS 1 THEN 0 FOR EACH ITEM ON WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. TO ENSURE THAT 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:** EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE SWEAR IN THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD?

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM 2. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0

NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ IN THE SHORT TITLE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 2 IS A HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF PETITION NUMBER 56-1017 WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF AZUSA TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE, A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS COMMITTED AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ARE ANY SUPERVISORS WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS? SEEING NONE. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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

**MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ERIC PREVIN:** YEAH. THANK YOU. THAT'S A LITTLE DISAPPOINTING THAT NOT A SINGLE PERSON CAME DOWN TO THE NEW KIND OF MEETING. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT THAT? I HAD ONE IDEA. HOW ABOUT

IF WE TAKE ALL THE PRESENTATIONS AND INSTEAD OF HAVING THEM AT THE VERY FRONT WHICH BOGS EVERYTHING DOWN, WE PUT THEM KIND OF AT THE END SO THAT YOU HAVE THE MEETING, YOU TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT IN--

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS A HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS. IF YOU COULD FOCUS YOUR COMMENTS ON THAT ITEM, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. THANK YOU.

**ERIC PREVIN:** SURE. IT'S JUST THAT THE ASSESSMENTS ARE WHERE THE COUNTY CREATES A PAYMENT PROCESS AND THE PUBLIC HAS A CHANCE, BUT IT'S VERY HARD TO WEIGH IN IN THE WAY YOU STRUCTURE THE MEETING. SO JUST LET ME FINISH THE THOUGHT. THEN AT THE END PEOPLE COULD COME BY, AND THIS IS PERK, FOR THE PRESENTATION PART, WHICH COULD RUN ON INTO THE EVENING WITH COCKTAILS. AND THE PUBLIC DOESN'T HAVE TO NECESSARILY -- THEY COULD STAY. BUT I THINK THAT'S A GREAT WAY TO GET THE LIGHTING ASSESSMENTS RIGHT ON TRACK. THANK YOU.

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

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

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE THEN TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECT THE TABULATION OF THE BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AS WELL AS ACTION BY OUR BOARD. SO THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 3, WHICH WILL ALSO BE TAKEN UP WITH ITEM 4. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES TO COMMENT ON BOTH ITEMS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ IN THE SHORT TITLES.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 3 IS A HEARING ON ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION, BUSINESS WAGE REGULATIONS, TO ESTABLISH NEW AND UPDATED PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT PLAN CHECK AND SERVICE FEES RELATED TO REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPACT MOBILE FOOD OPERATIONS AND MOBILE FOOD FACILITIES. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 4 IS A HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION, BUSINESS AND WAGE REGULATIONS, TO REGULATE SIDEWALK VENDORS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS RECEIVED AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 3, DR. BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION. IS DR. FERRER WITH US? AND ON ITEM 4, KELLY LOBIANCO, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC1 OPPORTUNITY, WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION. WE'LL WELCOME YOU BOTH UP. DR. FERRER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO FIRST? VERY GOOD. YOUR MIC IS NOT ON. THERE YOU GO. OH, STILL NOT ON. I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN MAKE SURE HER MIC IS WORKING, PLEASE.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THERE WE GO. THIRD TIME'S A CHARM.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** AND WE HAVE -- WE DO HAVE A SHORT SLIDE DECK, SO HOPEFULLY THAT CAN GO UP. PERFECT. THE ORDINANCE THAT WE HAVE BEFORE YOU ALIGNS WITH THE PASSAGE OF SB-972, WHICH ESTABLISHES A NEW CHAPTER IN THE CALIFORNIA RETAIL CODE FOR COMPACT MOBILE FOOD OPERATIONS, ALSO KNOWN AS C.M.F.O., WITH THE GOAL OF MAKING IT EASIER FOR SIDEWALK FOOD VENDORS TO ENTER INTO THE FORMAL ECONOMY. WHILE MOBILE FOOD FACILITIES HAVE BEEN PERMITTED BY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS STATE-WIDE, THIS NEW CLAPTER REVISED REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-MOTORIZED CONVEYANCES, MAKING IT EASIER TO MEET REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND FOR US TO GO AHEAD AND SUPPORT SIDEWALK FOOD VENDORS TO OBTAIN THEIR PUBLIC HEALTH PERMITS. NEXT SLIDE. IN THE

ORDINANCE BEFORE YOU, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS PROPOSING TO ESTABLISH A NEW ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH SET OF PERMIT FEES AND MODIFY EXISTING MOBILE FOOD FACILITY ANNUAL PERMITS. AS A RESULT, THERE ARE PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT, PLAN CHECK AND SERVICE FEES FOR MOBILE FOOD FACILITIES. IT ALSO INCLUDES ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL AND NON-SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS TO TITLE 8. THESE CHANGES WOULD APPLY COUNTY-WIDE. NEXT SLIDE. THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AS NOTED IN THE PREVIOUS SLIDE ALLOWS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SB-972, WHICH ESTABLISHED A NEW TYPE OF MOBILE FOOD FACILITY, THAT COMPACT FOOD OPERATION. A COMPACT MOBILE FOOD OPERATION, OPERATES FROM AN INDIVIDUAL, A STAND, A DISPLAY OR A CART, LIMITED TO EITHER SALES OF PREPACKAGED NONPOTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOODS OR FOOD CARTS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR LIMITED FOOD PREPARATION. SB-972 AND THE ORDINANCE BEFORE YOU TODAY DO NOT APPLY TO UNPERMITABLE POP-UP SIDEWALK RESTAURANTS, THE KINDS OF SET-UPS WE HAVE SEEN WITH ALMOST FULL RESTAURANT-TYPE GRILLS AND COOKING EQUIPMENT. THESE ARE NOT PERMITABLE UNDER STATE LAW UNLESS THEY'RE APPROVED ONLY AS A TEMPORARY FOOD FACILITY WHEN OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPROVED COMMUNITY EVENT. NEXT SLIDE. HERE ARE THE AREAS WHERE CLARIFICATIONS WERE MADE TO THE ORDINANCE FROM THE INITIAL DRAFT BASED ON OUR MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS. WE MADE CLARIFICATIONS TO LANGUAGE AROUND PENALTIES. THE FEES THAT ARE OUTLINED IN STATE LAW ARE MAXIMUM FINES AND PUBLIC HEALTH WILL

WORK CLOSELY WITH D.E.O. TO OUTLINE THE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PROCESS, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO PAY PROCESS. THE PENALTIES FOR THE C.M.F.O. WERE ALSO CHANGED DURING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS TO ALIGN WITH SIDEWALK FOOD VENDING. AND PENALTIES FOR MOBILE FOOD FACILITIES, AND THESE ARE OUR FOOD TRUCKS AND THE COMMISSARIES, CONTINUE TO REMAIN AS MISDEMEANORS WITHIN THE CALIFORNIA RETAIL FOOD CODE. NEXT SLIDE. I'M JUST GOING TO GO THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEALTH FEES. I WANT TO NOTE, THESE ARE AIMED AT FULL COST RECOVERY AND WHILE EXISTING FEES COULD BE USED TO PERMIT THESE NEW COMPACTED FOOD OPERATIONS, WE DID TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT HOW TO ADJUST EXISTING PERMIT AND SERVICE FEES BY TAKING A TIERED APPROACH TO PERMITTING BASED ON OPERATIONAL RISK. NEXT SLIDE. SO I'M GOIGN TO START WITH THE C.M.F.O.S. ON THIS SLIDE, YOU COULD SEE THE PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT FEES FOR THE COMPACT MOBILE FOOD OPERATIONS WILL NOW BE BASED UPON LOW, MODERATE OR HIGH RISK ALLOWING THE FEES TO BE REDUCED AS YOU SEE HERE IN MOST CASES. THE FOLLOWING SLIDES WILL KEEP JUST GOING WITH THE OTHER FEE CHANGES. THE NEXT SLIDE. THIS IS THE C.M.F.O., THE FOOD CART PLAN SUBMITTAL FEES. THESE ARE JUST FOR THE FOOD CARTS, WHICH HAVE AGAIN BEEN LOWERED FROM THE EXISTING FEE. THESE ARE FOR A MANUFACTURING OF A NEW FOOD CART. NEXT SLIDE. IF YOU HAVE A FOOD CART THAT ACTUALLY HAS AN APPROVED MODEL PLAN, YOU CAN SEE HERE THAT THE SUBMITTAL AND SERVICE FEES ARE LESS FOR THOSE PLAN CHECKS. NEXT SLIDE. WE ALSO ARE PROPOSING IN THE ORDINANCE TO REDUCE

FOR THE MOST PART MOBILE FOOD FACILITY FEES AND AGAIN, DO THIS, THESE ARE M.F.F.S, THESE ARE REALLY MOTORIZED VEHICLES AS OPPOSED TO NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLES, AND THESE REALLY AGAIN, WE WENT TO A TIERED APPROACH FOR PERMITTING. SO YOU CAN SEE THAT THERE WERE REDUCTIONS REALLY ACROSS THE BOARD IN THESE FEES. NEXT SLIDE. SO THERE ARE ALSO PLAN SUBMITTAL FEES FOR THE FOOD TRUCKS AND THE FOOD VEHICLES. AND HERE, AGAIN, WE WENT TO A TIERED APPROACH AND IN GENERAL YOU'LL SEE FEE REDUCTIONS ACROSS THE BOARD. NEXT SLIDE. THESE ARE OUR COMMISSARY FEES. YOU KNOW,  JUST TO REMEMBER, COMMISSARY IS ANY STRUCTURE OR A PORTION OF A STRUCTURE THAT'S USED FOR THE STORAGE, CLEANING AND/OR SERVICING OF A MOBILE FOOD FACILITY, THOSE ARE MOSTLY THE TRUCKS, A C.M.F.O., MOBILE SUPPORT UNITS OR VENDING MACHINES. THESE ARE ALSO REQUIRED BY STATE LAW FOR THERE TO BE COMMISSARIES. AND YOU CAN SEE HERE, WE HAVE ALSO TRIED TO MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS TO THESE FEES. IN SOME CASES YOU'LL NOTE HERE THE FEES WENT UP AND OTHER CASES, THE FEES WERE REDUCED. THESE PERMIT FEES I WANT TO NOTE ARE PAID BY THE COMMISSARY OPERATOR. THEY'RE NOT PAID BY THE VENDORS. SO NEITHER THE STREET VENDORS THAT ARE USING NONMOTORIZED VEHICLES OR THE VENDORS THAT ARE USING MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE PAYING THE COMMISSARY FEES. NEXT SLIDE. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF ADDITIONAL FOOD FACILITY SUPPORTS, AND HERE AGAIN, THESE ARE THEIR SUPPORT FEES. WE'RE JUST LAYING THESE OUT. THESE DEPENDANT FOOD OPERATORS, MOBILE SUPPORT UNITS, COMPACT MOBILE

FOOD OPERATION, AUXILIARY CONVEYANCE OPERATORS, THIS IS A VERY SMALL GROUP OF FOLKS WHO COME IN FOR PERMITS. BUT WE ACTUALLY, AGAIN, WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WITH THE CHANGES TO SB-972, WE MAKE IT EASIER TO HAVE THESE ALTERNATIVE FOOD FACILITIES AND WE CREATE A PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THOSE. THE NEXT SLIDE. I JUST WANTED TO GIVE THE EXAMPLES, PARTICULARLY FOR THE COMPACT MOBILE FOOD OPERATOR, SORT OF WHAT WOULD TOTAL COST LOOK LIKE. SO YOU COULD SEE HERE FOR LOW RISK, THERE IS AN ANNUAL FEE WHICH IS THE PERMITTING FEE AND THEN THERE'S THE CART APPROVAL FEE WHICH IS A ONE TIME FEE. THE TOTAL START-UP COST WOULD BE $309 IF YOU WERE LOW RISK. THAT'S REALLY LIKE YOUR PALETA CARTS. THE MODERATE RISK C.M.F.O., THESE ARE LIKE PREPACKAGED MEATS. THIS WOULD BE THE TOAL COST WOULD BE $545, WITH THE ANNUAL FEE BEING $299. AND THEN FOR THE HIGHER RISK, WHICH IS, YOU KNOW, REALLY THOSE CARTS THAT ARE GRILLING FOODS, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE IS A HIGHER FEE. AGAIN, THERE'S MORE RISKS, THERE ARE MORE INSPECTIONS AS WELL THAT ALONG WITH THAT. IF THERE IS A C.M.F.O. THAT WANTS TO STORE THEIR CARTS AT HOME AS OPPOSED TO AT A COMMISSARY, THERE IS A ONE- TIME FEE. WE NEED TO GO OUT AND MAKE SURE THAT THAT STORAGE IS UP TO CODE. AND THE SAME THING FOR THESE DEPENDANT FOOD OPERATORS. IF A C.M.F.O. WANTS TO SHARE A PERMITTED FACILITY AND USE IT AS THEIR COMMISSARY, THERE AGAIN IS AN ADDITIONAL FEE BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE TO GO AHEAD AND DO THAT EXTRA INSPECTION. WITH THAT, YOU KNOW, I WANT TO JUST NOTE ON THE NEXT SLIDE, THE

TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION. YOU KNOW, IT'S TODAY BEING HEARD. IF IT GETS RATIFIED THERE WOULD BE A RATIFICATION DATE ON FEBRUARY 6TH. AND THEN THIS WOULD GO IN EFFECT MARCH 6TH. AND I JUST WANT TO REMIND US ALL WE STARTED THESE CONVERSATIONS BACK IN MAY OF LAST YEAR, SO, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH PARTNERS, BOTH AT THE COUNTY LEVEL AND IN THE COMMUNITY TO GET TO A PLACE WHERE THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS BEFORE YOU TODAY. THAT'S IT FOR MY PRESENTATION.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DIRECTOR LOBIANCO.

**DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I HAVE A PRESENTATION AS WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS KELLY LOBIANCO, DIRECTOR OF THE LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. OUR DEPARTMENT OVERSEES PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR WORKERS AND BUSINESSES  IN THE PROMOTION OF INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN THE REGION AND THAT INCLUDES THE NEW SIDEWALK VENDING ORDINANCE BEING INTRODUCED TODAY. I JUST WANT TO TAKE TWO OR THREE MINUTES TO PROVIDE SOME FRAMING ON THE TOPIC BEFORE US IN THE NEW ORDINANCE BEFORE QUESTIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT. AS WE ALL KNOW AND LIVE, AND I REALLY LIKE THIS PHRASE, LA COUNTY IS ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S BIGGEST SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIES. WE HAVE 250,000 SMALL BUSINESSES, 1.1 MILLION SOLE PROPRIETORS.

OUR SMALL BUSINESSES EMPLOY 43% OF OUR WORKFORCE AND WE DRIVE BILLIONS IN ECONOMIC OUTPUT, ACCORDING TO CAL MATTERS. LA COUNTY ALSO  HAS A LONG AND VIBRANT HISTORY AND CULTURE OF SIDEWALK VENDING WITH 10,000 ESTIMATED VENDORS HERE LOCALLY. UNTIL RECENTLY WITH THE PASSAGE OF SB-946 AND 972, RESPECTIVELY, WHAT YOU JUST HEARD ABOUT, SIDEWALK VENDORS OPERATED IN AN INFORMAL ECONOMY THAT WAS OFTEN CRIMINALIZED AND PERPETUATED DISPROPRTIONALITY AND LIMITED ECONOMIC MOBILITY FOR SO MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORS. ADDITIONALLY, WITHOUT FORMAL REGULATION, WE LACK THE CLARITY, SUPPORT AND PATHWAYS TO COMPLIANCE THAT WOULD IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR VENDORS, BRICK AND MORTAR BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS ALIKE. THIS SIDEWALK VENDING ORDINANCE AFFORDS US A BALANCED OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO BETTER SUPPORT OUR WORKERS AND BUSINESSES. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. IT'S IMPORTANT QUICKLY TO START WITH WHAT THIS ORDINANCE WILL COVER BY DEFINITION FOR THE ROOM. A SIDEWALK VENDOR IS A PERSON WHO POSSESSES A VALID SIDEWALK VENDING REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT BRIEFLY, TO VEND FOOD OR MERCHANDISE FROM A PUSHCART, STAND, DISPLAY, TABLE, POP-UP, CANOPY, PEDAL-DRIVEN CART, WAGON, SHOWCASE RACK OR ANY NON-MOTORIZED CONVEYANCE OR FROM ONE'S PERSON UPON A PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR PEDESTRIAN PATH. A SIDEWALK VENDOR MAY BE ROAMING-- A ROAMING SIDEWALK VENDOR OR OR A STATIONARY SIDEWALK VENDOR. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THIS IS ONLY FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. ALL RIGHT, SO THE

ORDINANCE BEFORE US TODAY DOES A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS: ONE, IT CODIFIES STATE LAW AS I MENTIONED. IT CREATES A SIDEWALK VENDING PROGRAM WITH D.E.O. FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT ESTABLISHES A SIDEWALK VENDING REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE. WHILE THIS IS ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT $600 IN COST RECOVERY, D.E.O. AND THE COUNTY HAVE SET THE YEAR ONE RATE AT $0 FOR REGISTRATION TO ENCOURAGE FIRST-TIME COMPLIANCE AND $100 IN YEARS 2-5. THE ORDINANCE ALSO IMPLEMENTS OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES INCLUDING DISTANCING, HOURS OF OPERATIONS, CART AND EQUIPMENT, RESTRICTIONS, SALES PROHIBITIONS AND WASTE DISPOSAL REQUIREMENTS. IT ALSO PROVIDES D.E.O., OUR DEPARTMENT THE AUTHORITY FOR COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT AND ALIGNS WITH AUTHORITY OF OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT REGULATE SIDEWALK VENDING INCLUDING PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHERS. AND FINALLY, IT SETS AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR 6  MONTHS POST-ADOPTION. THIS ORDINANCE AS A CHAPTER, 8.42 TO TITLE 8 OF THE COUNTY CODE AND WAS DEVELOPED AFTER EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS, AS WELL AS WITH PUBLIC FEEDBACK WITH OVER 30 COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS THAT WE'VE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND TODAY. WE'VE HAD OVER 200 PUBLIC COMMENTS THAT WE'VE WORKED WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ANY LAW IN AND OF ITSELF NEEDS TO SUPPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION, D.E.O. WILL ROLL A FULL SIDEWALK VENDING PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE AIMS OF THE ORDINANCE

AND OUR DEPARTMENT. THIS INCLUDES ONE, OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO SUPPORT COMPLIANCE AND FIRST-TIME REGISTRATION AND ONGOING REGISTRATION; REDUCTION TO BARRIERS -- IN BARRIERS TO COMPLIANCE THROUGH NO COST AND LOW COST FEES; AND PLANNED SUPPORT FOR EQUIPMENT LIKE CARTS AND CAPITAL; CONNECTIONS FOR VENDORS AND BRICK AND MORTAR BUSINESSES TO THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS AND OUR SMALL BUSINESS CONCIERGE; AND A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO EXPRESS NEEDS AND CONCERNS RELATED TO SIDEWALK VENDING THAT WILL INSPIRE ACTION BY RELEVANT COUNTY AGENCIES AND RESOLUTION FOR THOSE CHALLENGES. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AND FINALLY, TIMELINE, WE ARE INTRODUCING THE ORDINANCE TODAY AS STATED HERE. AND WE WILL BE BACK FOR A SUBSEQUENT HEARING IN FEBRUARY OR WHEN SCHEDULED. AND WE WILL LAUNCH -- IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW WE'LL BE LAUNCHING A FULL MARKETING AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGN IN ADVANCE OF OUR EFFECTIVE DATE TO PREPARE FOR FIRST- TIME COMPLIANCE; AND WE WILL BE CONTINUING THAT FAR BEYOND AS WELL. THE EFFECTIVE DATE WILL BE 180 DAYS AFTER BOARD ADOPTION. AND WE'RE HERE TO MAKE SURE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND THAT THIS ORDINANCE WORKS FOR ALL OF LA COUNTY AND ITS UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THANK YOU.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU BOTH FOR THOSE PRESENTATIONS. I THOUGHT IT WAS BEST SINCE WE ARE ON ON THE SAME TOPIC TO HOLD THEM TOGETHER. AND I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES

WILL HAVE COMMENTS ON BOTH ITEMS, AND WE WILL ALSO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC IN THAT WAY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK OUR DEPARTMENTS, DR. FERRER AND PUBLIC HEALTH, AND KELLY LOBIANCO FOR D.E.O. BECAUSE -- AND YOUR STAFFS, QUITE FRANKLY. YOU ALL HAVE BEEN AT THIS1 FOR A LONG TIME. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR WORKING WITH US ON THIS. THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, AND I KNOW THAT TODAY WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE THAT WANT TO ALSO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD, WHICH WE WELCOME. BUT I REALLY WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU, BECAUSE I THINK THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES OF THE DAY, THAT IMPACTS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. AND AS WE ALL KNOW, SIDEWALK VENDING REALLY REPRESENTS, IN MY OPINION, AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR CULTURE AND CIVIC FABRIC, THAT HAS EXISTED FOR A LONG, LONG TIME HERE IN LA COUNTY. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE, EVEN IN MY DISTRICT, AND I KNOW IN OTHER BOARD MEMBERS' DISTRICTS AS WELL, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS LIKE EAST LOS ANGELES, AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT I REPRESENT IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. FOR MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE COMING FROM LOW INCOME AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, FOOD VENDING REPRESENTS FOR THEM ONE OF THE FEW ECONOMIC PATHWAYS TO ATTAIN FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE AND STABILITY. WE KNOW THAT. IN FACT, THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 10,000 VENDORS IN THE COUNTY

WHO SELL AND SUSTAIN ABOUT 5,200 JOBS, PROBABLY MORE. THESE VENDORS OVERWHELMINGLY COME FROM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND ESPECIALLY LATINO AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. BUT FOR TOO LONG, STATE REGULATIONS HAVE INSTITUTED A DE FACTO BAN ON VENDING. AND THAT OF COURSE, CHANGED WITH THE PASSAGE OF AS YOU NOTED S.B.- 946, AND S.B.-972 WHICH ESTABLISHED PARAMETERS FOR LOCAL REGULATION OF SIDEWALK VENDORS AND MODERNIZED THE CALIFORNIA RETAIL FOOD CODE TO REDUCE BARRIERS FOR VENDING. WITH THE STATE TAKING THAT ACTION, NOW THE COUNTY MUST DO ITS PART TO IMPLEMENT THE NECESSARY ORDINANCES TO CREATE A FORMAL MARKETPLACE SO THAT THESE MICRO ENTREPRENEURS CAN PARTICIPATE LEGALLY IN THAT PROCESS. THAT'S WHAT THE TOO LONG AWAITED ORDINANCES WILL DO, I BELIEVE,  TODAY THAT ARE BEFORE US. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE MAKES NEEDED CHANGES TO OUR COUNTY CODE TO REFLECT THE STATE'S CHANGES. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES ORDINANCE ESTABLISHES THE PARAMETERS OF WHERE, WHEN, AND HOW TO VEND IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOU WORK AND YOUR STAFF, AS WELL AS MANY OF OUR BOARD OFFICES THAT WERE ENGAGED IN MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND I WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO THANK AND RECOGNIZE OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR VENDORS THAT ARE OUT HERE TODAY, THE ADVOCATES AND THE IMPACTED INDUSTRIES, MANY OF WHOM, WHO I ALSO SEE IN THE AUDIENCE, FOR LENDING THEIR PERSPECTIVE AND PROVIDING FEEDBACK. I RECOGNIZE THAT THIS WAS NOT AN EASY

TASK. NOTHING IS WHEN IT'S SO MONUMENTAL AS THESE TWO ORDINANCES. AND I KNOW THAT THIS WILL DEFINITELY BE A WORK IN PROGRESS WHERE WE CAN ALSO LEARN AND MAKE MODIFICATIONS AS WE GO THROUGH THIS. BUT WITH THE CHANGES COMING DOWN FROM THE STATE, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELP TO CHART THAT PATH FORWARD FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT IS. AND THAT WHILE WE DO SO, WE CONTINUE OUR IMPORTANT DUTY OF SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH AND THE WELLNESS OF OUR PUBLIC. AS I SAID BEFORE, FOOD VENDING IS ALREADY HAPPENING, AND IT IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR COUNTY'S CULTURE. BUT WE ALSO NEED TO ENCOURAGE OUR VENDORS, AND THE COMMUNITY, TO THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS, TO REGISTER AND COME INTO THE FORMAL ECONOMY. THAT INCLUDES REMOVING MANY FINANCIAL BARRIERS AS POSSIBLE THAT WOULD HINDER THEIR PARTICIPATION. AND BOTH OF YOU HAVE OUTLINED THE KINDS OF ASSISTANCE THAT YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE AVAILABLE. THE TWO ORDINANCES BEFORE US CARRY NEEDED FEES IN ORDER FOR THE COUNTY TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES AS WELL, BECAUSE NOTHING COMES FREE. WE HAVE TO HAVE STAFF TO IMPLEMENT THESE ORDINANCES AND TO CARRY ON THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING IS COMPLIANT WITH STATE LAW. BUT WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT MANY OF THESE VENDORS ARE MICRO ENTREPRENEURS, MOM AND POPS, REALLY MOM AND POPS IN MANY WAYS IN THE TRUE SENSE, AND THEIR NET REVENUES MAY BE SUCH, THAT EVEN A FEE OF A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT BURDEN FOR MANY OF

THESE INDIVIDUALS. FOR THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE D.E.O.'S ORDINANCE, I AM GRATEFUL THAT THE C.E.O. AND THE D.E.O. WERE ABLE TO FIND A WAIVER THAT WILL HELP PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS AND PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THIS VENTURE. BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO ADDRESS THE D.P.H., DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FEES TO OBTAIN A FOOD PERMIT, WHICH DEPENDING ON THE VENDOR, COULD CLIMB AS HIGH AS $1,100 ANNUALLY. THIS IS WHY I WILL BE INTRODUCING A MOTION AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING, CO-AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, TO SUBSIDIZED THESE FEES. THIS WILL FOLLOW UP ON OUR MOTION FROM LAST OCTOBER, TO CREATE A FEE SUBSIDY PROGRAM. WITH THIS MOTION, LOW INCOME VENDORS LIVING OR SELLING IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR 75% SUBSIDY TOWARDS THEIR PUBLIC HEALTH FEE. AS LONG AS THEY MAKE LESS THAN $50,000 A YEAR ANNUALLY IN NET REVENUE, AND ARE FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS AND COMPLETE A D.E.O.- LED WORKSHOP THAT WILL BE HELD BIMONTHLY IN EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, THEY WILL SEE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS OFF OF THEIR REGISTRATION FEE WAIVED. I WANT TO UNDERSCORE THAT. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THIS ACTION WILL ENCOURAGE MORE VENDORS TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDINANCES AND TAKE PART AGAIN IN THE FORMAL ECONOMY WHICH IS ALSO GOING TO HELP PROTECT FOOD SAFETY AND OUR PUBLIC HEALTH. HOWEVER, I DO FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT THE WORK IS NOT DONE. AND NOW, AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THESE ORDINANCES, WE KNOW THAT THIS WILL HAVE A MASSIVE IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND ESPECIALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK

BOTH D.E.O. AND PUBLIC HEALTH A FEW QUESTIONS RELATED TO ENFORCEMENT, SO IF I MIGHT, I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN. WHAT IS YOUR STRATEGY FOR ENFORCEMENT, ONCE THESE ORDINANCES ARE IN PLACE, AND WILL THERE BE AN EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION BEFORE ANY PENALTIES ARE LEVIED? THAT'S MY FIRST QUESTION. SO TO BOTH OF YOU.

**DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THAT AND FOR THE QUESTION. SO ONCE THE -- I WANT TO START WITH THERE WOULD BE A CARE-FIRST APPROACH. D.E.O. WILL FOCUS ON ENGAGEMENT FIRST. THIS IS A NEWLY REGULATED ECONOMY, AND SO WE WERE GOING TO BE WORKING TO SUPPORT FIRST-TIME COMPLIANCE FOR VENDORS WHO REGISTER WITH D.E.O. IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND GAIN A SIDEWALK VENDING REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE. SO A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT ENFORCEMENT WILL LOOK LIKE. UNDER THE ORDINANCE WE DESCRIBE THAT D.E.O. WILL HAVE SOME-- WILL HAVE SOME AUTHORITIES, BUT SIDEWALK VENDING IS REGULATED BY MANY PUBLIC AGENCIES. SO IT IS IMPORTANT THAT D.E.O. PROVIDES THAT FIRST POINT OF CONTACT FOR FOLKS WHO EITHER HAVE A COMPLAINT OR NOTICE NONCOMPLIANCE. SO D.E.O. WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM FOLKS AROUND NONCOMPLIANCE, AS WELL AS BE OUT WITH OUR OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS AND OUR PARTNERS IDENTIFYING ISSUES OF NONCOMPLIANCE AS WE'RE SUPPORTING OUTREACH AND BRINGING FOLKS INTO COMPLIANCE AND GETTING THEM REGISTERED. WHERE WE NOTICE AN ISSUE OF NONCOMPLIANCE, WE WILL WORK WITH OUR COUNTY

INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORK GROUP. THERE'S MANY AGENCIES LIKE I MENTIONED THAT WORK WITH SIDEWALK VENDORS FROM PUBLIC HEALTH TO PUBLIC WORKS TO TREASURY TAX COLLECTOR, AND BEYOND. WE WILL IDENTIFY THE ISSUES OF NONCOMPLIANCE, AND GO OUT TO INVESTIGATE. WHEN WE UNDERSTAND THOSE ISSUES WE WILL CREATE AN ACTION PLAN, AND A TIMELINE. WE WILL WORK DIRECTLY WITH THOSE VENDORS TO TRY TO BRING THEM INTO COMPLIANCE, BOTH WITH EDUCATION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND RESOURCES WHERE POSSIBLE. AND IF WE ARE UNABLE TO BRING FOLKS INTO COMPLIANCE, IF THERE'S A RESISTENCE TO THAT, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY TO EVOKE ENFORCEMENT MEASURES WILL DO SO. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, THAT INCLUDES A FEW THINGS. IF YOU HAVE A REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, AND YOU ARE OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, IF YOU ARE VENDING OUTSIDE OF THE HOURS THAT ARE SET OR YOU'RE NOT MEETING DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS, THERE'S PROGRESSIVE FINES THAT CAN BE APPLIED AND ALSO SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF YOUR CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, REQUIREMENT, THERE'S A SLIGHTLY HIGHER PROGRESSION OF FINES. BUT IN AN EXAMPLE WHERE YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT, OR YOU ARE OPERATING ON A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY, WE WILL LEVERAGE OUR PARTNERS AT PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC WORKS WHO HAVE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY IN THOSE AREAS.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** AND BARBARA, I KNOW THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR YOU, BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN ALSO ISSUES REGARDING THE SAFETY CONCERNS OF YOUR STAFF, AND HOW WOULD YOU HANDLE THE ENFORCEMENT.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, AND THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU AND THE REST OF THE BOARD FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. YOU KNOW, WE AGREE THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ECONOMIC OPPORUTNITY. I THINK FOR THOSE VENDORS THAT ARE SELLING FOOD, THERE'S ADDITIONAL CONCERNS AROUND MAKING SURE THAT THERE'S SAFETY, AND THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA RETAIL FOOD CODE. SO THERE'S A FAIRLY STRINGENT STANDARD THAT'S SET ACROSS THE STATE FOR HANDLING AND SELLING FOOD, AND I THINK THAT'S WITH GOOD REASON. I DON'T THINK THERE'S AN ARGUMENT ABOUT THE RATIONALE FOR THAT. BUT IT DOES MAKE THIS MORE COMPLICATED. WE DO ALSO SIMILAR TO THE D.E.O., WE ALWAYS START WITH EDUCATION, AND MAKING SURE THAT FOLKS HAVE EASY ACCESS TO BOTH INFORMATION, WHICH MEANS MULTILINGUAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION. AND WE'RE REALLY PROUD TO PARTNER WITH D.E.O. ON TRYING TO ADDRESS ISSUES AROUND RESOURCES THAT ARE NEEDED TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE. I'VE SAID ALL ALONG THAT  THE CALIFORNIA RETAIL CODE HAS VERY STRINGENT STANDARDS THAT ARE SET FOR MANY OF THE CARTS. WE WERE PLEASED TO SEE THE ABILITY TO MOVE TO A STANDARDIZED CART PLAN. YET IT STILL COSTS A FAIR AMOUNT OF

MONEY TO BE ABLE TO VEND WHAT WE CALL MORE PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS THAT REQUIRE SAFE HANDLING IN THE COUNTY. BUT WE DO START WITH EDUCATION. IT IS A COMPLAINT=- BASED SYSTEM IN TERMS OF ENFORCEMENT. PEOPLE DO CALL US AND THAT COULD BE INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS, THAT COULD BE BUSINESSES, THAT COULD BE ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO CALL US TO ADDRESS CONCERNS AROUND ENFORCEMENT OF WHAT THEY CONSIDER UNSAFE STREET VENDING. OUR STRATEGIES ARE THAT WE WILL NEED TO WHEN WE GO OUT TO THESE SITES, WE WILL DO A LOT OF EDUCATION ALL THE TIME. WE RARELY START WITH ANY KIND OF CITATION, BUT WE DO CONFISCATE ANY PREPARED FOODS AND POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOODS. AND WE DO DISPOSE OF THOSE FOODS, BECAUSE THEY ARE ESSENTIALLY NOT SAFE. THEY HAVEN'T BEEN HANDLED IN A MANNER THAT WE CAN CERTIFY AS SAFE BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE NECESSARILY WITH OUR REGULATIONS AND THEY ARE NOT PERMITTED. WE DO, AS FOLKS KNOW, WE HAVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH SOME CITIES WHERE WE DO JOINT ENFORCEMENT PROCESSES WITH THOSE CITIES AT THEIR REQUEST. WE HAVE M.O.U.S WITH SOME OF OUR LARGE VENUES WHERE WE ALSO SUPPORT SOME ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES THERE. AND WE, OF COURSE, RESPOND TO INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS. STARTING WITH EDUCATION, BUT ALWAYS CONFISCATING ADULTERATED FOOD PRODUCTS.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I JUST HAVE A FEW OTHER QUESTIONS. ONE IS THAT WHILE S.B.-972 AND THE ORDINANCE BEFORE US TODAY ADDRESSES THE SMALLER CARTS, IT DOESN'T ANSWER THE

QUESTION OF LARGER POP-UPS. WHAT IS THE STRATEGY OF BOTH OF YOUR DEPARTMENTS IN ADDRESSING THIS AS WE MOVE FORWARD?

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I MEAN, IT IS SUCH A COMPLICATED ISSUE. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR RAISING IT, BECAUSE THERE IS NO WAY BY THE STATE CODE, FOR THOSE, LIKE, WE CALL THEM POP-UP RESTAURANTS. YOU KNOW, WE ALL KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. THEY HAVE TABLES. THEY HAVE CHAIRS. THEY ARE SERVING A FULL RANGE OF FOODS. THEY ARE PREPARING FOODS THERE. AND IN MANY CASES THEY ARE ALMOST PERMANENT IN NATURE. YOU KNOW, YOU SEE THEM ON A REGULAR SCHEDULE IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS. WHAT WE TRY TO DO, AND DID INITIALLY, WAS OFFER AN ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY TO FOLKS WHO WANT TO DO MORE RESTAURANT TYPE VENDING BY ATTACHING THOSE OPPORTUNITIES TO A COMMUNITY EVENT. AND YOU CAN ACTUALLY HAVE A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR MULTIPLE DAYS. BUT IN THAT COMMUNITY EVENT, YOU HAVE ONE ENTITY THAT TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEETING THE CODE REQUIREMENTS TO VEND FOOD AT A COMMUNITY EVENT. AND IT IS REALLY ABOUT HAND WASHING AND ACCESS TO BATHROOMS. AND SO WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT PATHWAY. FOLKS COULD, IN FACT, PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY EVENT, AND GO AHEAD ON A MORE REGULAR BASIS BE ABLE TO VEND FOOD IN A SIMILAR LOCATION. BUT VERY FEW POP-UP RESTAURANTS HAVE COME IN TO TRY TO USE THAT SORT OF COMMUNITY EVENT STRATEGY. THERE ARE SOME COSTS BUT THEY ARE REALLY NOMINAL COSTS TO SETTING UP COMMUNITY EVENTS. AND YOU ALL KNOW WELL ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

EVENTS. THERE ARE TONS OF THEM. THEY HAPPEN ALMOST EVERY WEEKEND IN EVERYBODY'S DISTRICTS AND THERE'S LOTS OF FOOD SOLD AT THOSE EVENTS. IT IS ALL DONE IN A WAY THAT IS RELATIVELY LOW COST, BUT PERMITTED. OUR INSPECTORS ARE OUT THERE. WE ARE MAKE SURE THERE'S SAFE HANDLING OF FOODS, AND THAT THE ACCESS TO THE GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS ARE THERE. IF THERE'S NOT A WILLINGNESS TO GO INTO A MORE FORMALIZED COMMUNITY EVENTS STRUCTURE, THERE IS NO WAY BY STATE CODE TO MAKE THOSE SETUPS PERMITABLE. YOU WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE THE STATE LEGISLATION, AND SET FORTH THE STANDARDS FOR HAVING THOSE KINDS OF OPERATIONS SO THAT THEY COULD BE PERMITTED. RIGHT NOW WE CANNOT PERMIT THEM.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** SO THEY WON'T BE IN COMPLIANCE AND THAT WILL TRIGGER OTHER THINGS THAT WILL GO ON.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THEY'LL BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE. I MEAN WE, AS WE DO NOW, WE WILL CONFISCATE ALL THE FOOD WORKING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** RIGHT. AND KELLY? DIRCTOR KELLY LOBIANCO: YEAH. WHAT I WOULD JUST ADD IS THAT THE SIDEWALK AND THE ORDINANCE BEFORE YOU TODAY DOES REGULATE STATIONARY FOOD VENDORS FOR ANY VENDOR WHO APPLIES FOR A SIDEWALK VENDING REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WITH D.E.O. AND THE COUNTY TO VEND

FOOD. THEY FIRST HAVE TO OBTAIN THEIR RELEVANT PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT. SO THEY WOULD HAVE TO OPERATE A FOOD VENDING OPERATION THAT COULD BE PERMITABLE BY PUBLIC HEALTH. SO SOME OF THE LARGE OPERATIONS THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT WOULD HAVE TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH A TYPE OF PUBLIC HEALTH PERMITABLE OPTION. AND THEN IF THEY WERE A C.M.F.O. LIKE THAT ON THE STREET, THEY WOULD HAVE TO ADHERE TO THE SIDEWALK VENDING ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS AROUND DISTANCING AND HOURS OF OPERATIONS AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** AND I THINK JUST LASTLY, I KNOW THAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM SOME OF THE VENDORS THEMSELVES AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONS THAT THE COST FOR THE CARTS CAN BE PROHIBITIVE, AND THAT'S WHY WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN TRY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THESE UP AND COMING VENDORS THAT REALLY WANT TO LEGITIMIZE THEIR OPERATION. AND HOW DO YOU SEE THAT MOVING FORWARD, KELLY? BECAUSE WE ARE OBVIOUSLY GOING TO NEED SOME ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IN TERMS OF FUNDING TO DO THAT.

**DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. ONE THING I WANTED TO ADD ON THE LAST COMMENT BEFORE I ANSWER THIS ONE ON CARTS IS WE ARE WORKING WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AS PART OF OUR SIDEWALK VENDING PROGRAM TO HELP PROMOTE COMMUNITY EVENTS AS WELL. WE THINK THAT'S A GOOD OPTION FOR FOLKS AND WE WANT TO BE SUPPORTIVE IN HELPING FOLKS WITH THAT PROCESS. WE DO

KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF EXPENSES BEYOND YOUR FEE FOR A REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, OR A PERMIT TO OPERATE COMPLIANTLY WITH THE NEW ORDINANCES AS THEY ARE BEFORE YOU. SO WITH AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS, D.E.O. WILL BE FUNDING 200 CODE COMPLIANT CARTS IN THE COMING YEAR. AND WE ALSO ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO STAND UP GRANT AND LOAN FUNDS AS PART OF OUR DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS AND CAPITAL ACCESS PORTFOLIO, AND CERTAINLY MAKE THAT KNOWN AND TARGET OUTREACH TO OUR SIDEWALK VENDING AND OTHER BRICK AND MORTAR COMMUNITIES TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE OPTIONS. WHETHER IT IS EQUIPMENT OR CARTS OR OTHER THINGS THAT MIGHT IMPACT THEM FROM COMING INTO FULL COMPLIANCE.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. AND I KNOW JUST LASTLY, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION, IS THE FACT THAT SO MANY THAT ARE WORKING IN THIS INDUSTRY HAVE ALSO BEEN TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF. AND WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS WAGE THEFT, EXPLOITATION, THINGS OF THAT NATURE. AND I KNOW THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT ALL OF US HERE ARE CONCERNED WITH AND DON'T WANT TO SEE HAPPENING. SO I BELIEVE OUR EDUCATION CAMPAIGN SHOULD ALSO ENTAIL ALL OF THAT INFORMATION AS WELL AS OUR COLLABORATIVE AGENCIES THAT HAVE DIRECT ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES. SO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OR D.O.L., FEDERAL LEVEL, WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE, JUST TO CONTINUE TO INFORM THE COMMUNITY WHEN THEY SEE THINGS ALSO TO REPORT

THEM. BECAUSE THAT'S SOMETHING THAT OBVIOUSLY WE DON'T WANT TO SEE OCCURRING. BUT I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU YOU AGAIN FOR THE HARD WORK, OUR STAFFS, AND FOR ALL, OUR C.E.O. AND OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, ALL OF OUR TEAMS WORKING SO VIGOROUSLY TO SEE THIS COME TO THIS POINT. WE STILL HAVE A WAYS TO GO, BUT I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU VERY DEEPLY, BECAUSE THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR OUR RESIDENTS. AND OBVIOUSLY, THE VENDORS THAT WE REPRESENT. SO THANK YOU AGAIN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO GO TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL NEXT. I KNOW THAT THE TWO OF YOU REALLY LED THIS EFFORT, SO I'M GOING TO GO TO YOU NEXT.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THE QUESTIONS YOU POSED. LET ME START WITH MY QUESTIONS AND THEN I WILL MAKE MY STATEMENT. THANK YOU. YOU TALKED ABOUT OUTREACH, AND MAKING SURE IT IS COMPREHENSIVE. AND I REALLY JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE CLEAR THAT OUTREACH HAS GOT TO BE LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT TO BE RELEVANT. VERY QUICKLY, DR. FERRER, WHAT'S THE PLAN TO REACH OUR VENDORS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY SUBSCRIBED TO THE GO DELIVERY LISTSERV? BECAUSE THIS, YOU KNOW, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND TO MAKE SURE THAT WE TOUCH EVERYONE WHO IS GOING TO BE  IMPACTED BY THESE ORDINANCES WHO

HAVE ALREADY BEEN ENGAGED IN THE WORK, WHO NOW HAVE TO GET INTO COMPLIANCE. SO WHAT IS THAT PLAN.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. WE AS ALWAYS, HAVE STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH SOME OF THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE SUPPORTING STREET VENDORS. YOU KNOW, WE KNOW THAT SOMETIMES IT CAN LOOK LIKE WE ARE AT ODDS WITH, YOU KNOW, AND HAVE DIFFERENT GOALS. BUT I DON'T THINK WE DO. I MEAN, I THINK EVERYONE'S GOAL IS TO REALLY PROVIDE SAFE NUTRITIOUS FOOD. AND, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE OF THAT WE VALUE OUR COLLABORATION WITH MANY OF THOSE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. AND YOU KNOW, I WANT TO REITERATE OUR COMMITMENT, OUR DEEP COMMITMENT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS AS THEY EXPRESS THEM ABOUT HOW WE CAN BEST DO THAT EDUCATION AND OUTREACH. BECAUSE WE REALLY WILL NEED TO RELY HEAVILY ON SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO ARE MUCH MORE EASILY ABLE TO, IN FACT, BE IN TOUCH WITH FOLKS AND OFFER THEM OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO GET GOOD INFORMATION. WE ALSO, THOUGH, HAVE AN OBLIGATION AS WE ARE GOING OUT, TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE PEOPLE WITH THAT EDUCATION. SO BECAUSE MOST STREET VENDORS ARE IN FACT OUT EVERY DAY VENDING, THAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY AS I SAID TO DO THAT EDUCATION AND TO REALLY MAKE SURE THAT FOLKS UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE HERE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THEM TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE. WHICH AGAIN, IS WHY WHILE WE HAVE TO CONFISCATE

THE FOOD, BECAUSE IT COULD BE DANGEROUS, WE DON'T CONFISCATE ANYTHING ELSE. YOU KNOW, WE'RE NOT -- WE REALLY WANT FOLKS TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE, TO BE SAFE AND TO HAVE SOME SHARED GOALS.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** CAN YOU TELL ME HOW MANY HEALTH PERMITS YOU HAVE ISSUED OVER THE PAST YEAR FOR THE COMPACT MOBILE FOOD OPERATIONS PROGRAM?

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I CAN'T, BUT I HAVE LISA FRIAS HERE. IF YOU DON'T MIND, SHE CAN COME UP.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** SURE. SURE. THAT'D BE HELPFUL.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** SHE PROBABLY HAS THAT DETAIL. LISA FRIAS IS THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

**LISA FRIAS:** SO AS OF JANUARY, WE HAVE ISSUED 120 PERMITS TO COMPACT MOBILE FOOD OPERATIONS.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** PERFECT. THANK YOU FOR THAT. I APPRECIATE YOU. MS. LOBIANCO, TO GET TO THE COMPLAINTS, AND SOME OF THE COMPLAINTS THAT YOU PROBABLY HAVE OR MAY RECEIVE DON'T FALL UNDER YOUR PURVIEW. HOW WILL THEY BE ROUTED TO THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS AND TRACKED AND ULTIMATELY RESOLVED? BECAUSE

THERE'S NOTHING MORE FRUSTRATING TO GET TO THE POINT WHERE YOU ARE WILLING TO CALL A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY TO COMPLAIN AND THEN FEEL LIKE YOU GOT LOST IN THE BUREAUCRACY. AND SO IF IT IS TRULY NOT WITHIN YOUR PURVIEW, WHAT HAPPENS?

**DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THERE'S A LOT OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. YOU'VE GOT TWO RIGHT UP HERE, THAT INTERACT WITH SIDEWALK VENDORS. WE KNOW IT CAN BE FRUSTRATING FOR OUR VENDORS TO REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT. WE KNOW IT CAN BE FRUSTRATING FOR BRICK AND MORTAR BUSINESSES, RESIDENTS, ANYONE IN LA COUNTY WHO HAS A CONCERN AROUND SIDEWALK VENDING TO FIGURE OUT WHO THE RIGHT PERSON IS TO TALK TO. SO WE HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY ACROSS THE COUNTY. I MENTIONED AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORK GROUP. BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THIS IS AN ISSUE. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WHERE THERE'S A COMPLAINT ABOUT ONE ISSUE THAT WE ARE OFFERING EDUCATION ON THAT ISSUE FOR FOLKS TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE, BUT ALSO IDENTIFYING OTHER ISSUES THAT MIGHT BE THERE, AND RESOURCES THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO THEM. SO I WILL, RIGHT NOW, THE WAY IT WORKS IS FOLKS CAN REACH OUT TO THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS. OUR OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS WILL TAKE ANY COMPLAINT AROUND VENDING OR ISSUE FROM A VENDOR DIRECTLY, AND THEY WILL LOG IT AND GO OUT AND VISIT THAT VENDING AREA, EITHER AS THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS, OR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ANOTHER COUNTY AGENCY, IF THERE'S AN ISSUE THAT IS WELL KNOWN.

THEY WILL IDENTIFY THE ISSUES OF COMPLIANCE THERE, BRING IT BACK TO THE GROUP TO MAKE THIS ACTION PLAN THAT HAS A TIMELINE AND A SERIES OF STEPS. THERE MAY BE FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED DEPENDING ON THE ISSUE AT HAND. AND, AGAIN, EDUCATION BEFORE ENFORCEMENT, BUT ULTIMATELY, THE FINAL ENFORCEMENT WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF THE AGENCY WITH THE AUTHORITY ON THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE. THAT SAID, WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT SORT OF COMPLIANT RECEIPT UNDERSTANDING OF THE ACTIONS THAT ARE GOING TO HAPPEN, AND SORT OF THAT RESOLUTION IS COMMUNICATED TO THE BOARD, TO THE PUBLIC. SO, YOU KNOW, WE'RE COMMITTED AS THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN THE 180 DAYS UP INTO THE EFFECTIVE DATE WHEN WE ARE ISSUING REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES THAT WE ARE BUILDING OUR HOTLINE, THAT WE ARE BUILDING A WEB PORTAL AND THAT WE ARE ACCOMPANYING A VERY HOLISTIC MARKETING AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGN, SO PEOPLE UNDERSTAND COMPLIANCE AND THE METHODS TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND OTHER PARTNERS. WE DO WANT TO SAY EVEN NOW, YOU KNOW, WHETHER IT IS A FOOD TRUCK OR ANOTHER ISSUE WHERE PUBLIC HEALTH AND TREASURY TAX COLLECTOR HAVE AUTHORITY, FOLKS CAN STILL CONTACT OUR OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS FOR THE PURPOSES OF TRIAGE. WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** AND THEN THE EXPECTATION FOR THE PERSON FILING THE COMPLAINT WOULD BE THAT THEY WOULD HEAR BACK FROM YOU OR THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY DEPARTMENT? PEOPLE JUST FEEL

THEY CALL AND IT FALLS INTO A HOLE, THAT THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENS. SO IS THERE ANY LOOP BACK, EVEN, "WE RECEIVED IT. IT WASN'T WHO YOU CALLED. WE HAVE IT." OR RESOLUTION, BUT PEOPLE CAN EXPECT SOME KIND OF LOOP BACK?

**DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO:** YES, THEY CAN. AND THERE'S DEFINITELY A LOT OF FRUSTRATION, AND THAT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN CLEAR OR HAPPENING FOR EVERYONE. AND BUT WE ARE MAKING THAT COMMITMENT, THAT FOLKS WILL HEAR BACK FROM OUR DEPARTMENT AND WE'LL COORDINATE WITH OUR FELLOW DEPARTMENTS. AND AS WE BUILD THE SIDEWALK VENDING PROGRAM, WE TALKED ABOUT HERE THERE'S A WAYS TO GO, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S A MUCH MORE FORMAL AND CLEAR AND TRANSPARENT PROCESS FOR THE COMMUNITY.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE IT. THIS HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING. WE TALKED ABOUT WHEN THE STATE BILL PASSED. IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS. I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENTS, EVERYONE WHO HAS WORKED TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. I THINK IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT WE AS A BOARD ARE LOOKING TO FACILITATE A JUST AND EQUITABLE RECOVERY FROM THIS GLOBAL AND ECONOMIC PANDEMIC. AND WE ARE CLEAR WHAT ROLE SIDEWALK VENDING REALLY PLAYS IN OUR ECOSYSTEM ACROSS LA COUNTY AND DOING WHAT WE CAN TO FACILITATE AN ENTREPRENEURSHIP PATHWAY I THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT. IN ADDITION TO ONE, I THINK, DATA POINT I HAVEN'T HEARD TODAY. WHILE WE KNOW THERE ARE TENS OF THOUSANDS

OF VENDORS ACROSS LA COUNTY, ONE REPORT I READ SUGGESTED THAT 80% OF THEM ARE WOMEN. AND SO WHEN WE LOOK AT HOW WE SUPPORT ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN, LARGELY WOMEN OF COLOR, IN UNINCORPORATED LA COUNTY, I THINK IT IS REALLY, IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT. AGAIN, WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT ACCESSIBLE PATHWAYS TO COMPLIANCE AND I AM CLEAR THAT THIS IS A DELICATE BALANCING ACT. WE HAVE BRICKS AND MORTAR WHO FEEL THAT THEIR TOES HAVE BEEN STEPPED ON. WE HAVE VENDORS WHO RIGHTLY SAY, "WE'RE OUT HERE. WE ARE MICRO ENTERPRISES. GOVERNMENT HAS VALIDATED US. WE WANT TO BE USHERED IN." SO HOW KIND OF DELICATELY MEET EVERYBODY'S NEEDS I THINK IS GOING TO BE REALLY CRITICAL. AND WE CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER IN TERMS OF IMPLEMENTING THIS ORDINANCE. AND IN IMPLEMENTATION FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IT HAS GOT TO BE LED WITH AN EQUITY-MINDED APPROACH THAT SUPPORTS VENDORS, BRICKS AND MORTAR AND RESIDENTS. AGAIN, AS WE TALK ABOUT EDUCATION AND OUTREACH, WHICH IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY, AND WE HAVE GOT TO ENFORCE THE ORDINANCE. A, WE'VE GOT TO ENFORCE IT, AND IT MUST BE ENFORCED FROM MY PERSPECTIVE IN AN EQUITABLE AND CULTURALLY COMPETENT WAY. SO I REALLY WANT TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC HEALTH TO CONSIDER HOW THE COUNTY CAN CONTINUE TO MEET THE COMMUNITY AND VENDORS WHERE THEY ARE, AS WE WORK REALLY AGAIN TO FORMALIZE THIS SECTOR THAT'S REALLY VERY IMPORTANT. AND AS YOU SAID, MS. LOBIANCA, I AM GLAD TO HEAR, THAT YOU'VE GOT THIS MULTIPLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT WORK GROUP BECAUSE IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT ALL OF THESE DEPARTMENTS

ARE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER WHEN IT COMES TO ENFORCEMENT. THE DRAFT ORDINANCE GRANTED THE E.O. THE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE UNDER ITEM 4, BUT IT IS ALSO MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF SIDEWALK VENDING THAT ARE GOVERNED BY OTHER ORDINANCES AND SO THAT COORDINATION IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT. EACH DEPARTMENT THAT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF VENDING MUST WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT ALL COMPLIANTS ARE BEING ADDRESSED IN A TIMELY, EFFICIENT, FAIR MANNER TO BOTH REDUCE HARM AND THAT IN MANY INSTANCES REDUCE THE HARM THAT OVERENFORCEMENT HAS PERPETUATED IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR HISTORICALLY. SO I AM HAPPY TO SEE THIS ORDINANCE AND THE ACCOMPANYING PROGRAM FOR IMPLEMENTATION COME BEFORE US TODAY. AND I WANT TO UNDERSCORE, I THINK AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID, OUR WORK ISN'T FINISHED. SO AGAIN, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, HOPING THAT YOU CONTINUE TO DEVELOP YOUR CODE COMPLIANT CRAT PROGRAM, AND CONTINUE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW WE WILL MAKE THESE CARTS LOW COST AND ACCESSIBLE TO ALL VENDORS WHO DO BUSINESS IN OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. I'M CLEAR THAT PURCHASING A CODE COMPLIANT CART WILL BE PERHAPS THE MOST EXPENSIVE PART OF A SIDEWALK VENDOR START UP COST, AND SO THINKING CREATIVELY AROUND HOW WE ENSURE REAL  HONEST PATHWAYS TO SIDEWALK VENDING INTO THE FORMAL ECONOMY IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US ALL TO DO. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THE PARTNERSHIP ON THIS. WE WILL CERTAINLY BE AIDING AND ABETTING THE RECOVERY, A

HEALTHY RECOVERY OF OUR COUNTY ECONOMY AT ALL LEVELS, SMALL BUSINESSES AS WELL AS MICRO ENTERPRISES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND A LOT OF MY QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED, BUT I JUST, CAN I GET A CLARIFICATION, DR. FERRER? WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE POP-UPS, THEY STILL HAVE TO GET A PUBLIC HEALTH LICENSE, CORRECT?

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THERE IS NO WAY, LIKE THOSE RESTAURANT POP-UPS, THERE IS NO WAY FOR US TO PERMIT THAT ACTIVITY. IT IS NOT A PERMITBLE ACTIVITY.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO THE FOOD PREPARATION DOESN'T TRIGGER PUBLIC HEALTH COMING IN? BECAUSE I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT I AM HEARING FROM MY RESTAURANTS IN MY DISTRICT, IS THE FRUSTRATION THEY'RE SETTING UP RIGHT IN FRONT.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND THEY HAVE TO GET A PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT, BECAUSE THEY ARE HANDLING FOOD. I I UNDERSTAND THE LAW REGARDING PLACEMENT ON THE SIDEWALK AND ALL, WHERE THEY-- BUT

I WOULD THINK JUST PURE PUBLIC HEALTH BECAUSE YOU ALL ARE GOING OUT AND ACTUALLY CONFISCATING FOOD RIGHT NOW.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** RIGHT, WE ARE. I MEAN, THEY ARE AN ILLEGAL OPERATION. RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO PATH WAY TO MAKE THAT A LEGAL OPERATION BY US.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO WITH THE APPROVAL TODAY, THEN YOU WON'T CONTINUE TO GO OUT AND CONFISCATE FOOD THEN?

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE WOULD CONTINUE TO GO OUT AND CONFISCATE FOOD AT THOSE OPERATIONS AND URGE THOSE FOLKS TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE. I MEAN, THERE'S TWO DIFFERENT WAYS YOU CAN COME INTO COMPLIANCE THAT I SEE. THE FIRST IS YOU CAN GET -- YOU CAN BECOME PART OF AN ORGANIZED COMMUNITY EVENT.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** RIGHT.

**DR. BARBARA FERRAR:** WE HAVE CREATED A SPECIAL PATHWAY. WE ACTUALLY SPENT A LOT OF TIME DESIGNING SOMETHING TO TRY TO BRING THOSE FOLKS IN AND GIVE THEM AN OPTION. OR YOU CAN BECOME, YOU CAN GO AND GET PERMITTED TO BE A MOBILE FOOD VENDOR. SO YOU COULD EITHER SET YOURSELF UP AS A LICENSED CART OR A LICENSED FOOD TRUCK. I MEAN, WE HAVE A WAY TO MAKE VENDING IN THAT EXACT LOCATION LEGAL.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** RIGHT.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** BUT IT IS NOT A POP-UP RESTAURANT.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO KNOWING THAT, I MEAN, I'M JUST, WITH THE CITY OF PASADENA FOR EXAMPLE, I KNOW THAT THEY HAVE AN ESCALATING WHERE IF THEY DON'T COME INTO COMPLIANCE, THEY CONFISCATE THE FOOD, AND THEN EVENTUALLY CONFISCATE THE EQUIPMENT PENDING THEM COMING INTO COMPLIANCE. IS THAT SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE OPEN TO DOINNG? I MEAN, I'M NOT SAYING TAKING THE EQUIPMENT AWAY AND NOT GIVING IT BACK. I AM SAYING PENDING THEM COMING INTO COMPLIANCE. BECAUSE WHAT IS THE INCENTIVE FOR THEM TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE?

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WELL, I MEAN, ONE THING IS AND I WILL BE HONEST, I MEAN, WE CONFISCATE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS -- I MEAN, SOME OF THESE OPERATORS ARE VERY BIG, AND THEY ARE MAKING A FAIR AMOUNT OF MONEY. AND WHEN WE CONFISCATE, WE CLOSE THEM DOWN. WE HAVE ALSO CLOSED DOWN SOME OF THEIR WAREHOUSES, WHICH ARE ALSO UNPERMITTED, UNREGULATED ACTIVITIES WHICH THEN GETS RID OF THE SOURCE OF THE FOOD THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO VEND. SO WE HAVE BEEN FAIRLY AGGRESSIVE ABOUT SORT OF THE CONFISCATION SIDE. BUT WE ARE HAPPY TO SIT AND TALK MORE WITH YOUR OFFICE

ABOUT WHAT PASADENA IS DOING. WE ARE HAPPY TO GO MEET WITH PASADENA.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND YOU ALL, NO, YOU ALL HAVE BEEN GREAT. I MEAN, YOU, I MEAN, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, YOU'VE GOT ONE OF THE BEST DEPARTMENTS I THINK IN THE NATION.

**DR. BARBARA FERRERA:** I AGREE. AND LISA HEADS IT UP, BUT. ALMOST WHAT COULD BE A THANKING STOP.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NO. LISA'S GREAT. BUT AND I I APPRECIATE THAT CLARIFICATION. AND MY NEXT QUESTION IS FOR ACTUALLY KELLY AND THEN RAFAEL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER BUSINESS AFFAIRS. AND THIS RELATES TO BOTH 3 AND 4, ACTUALLY. HOW ARE WE MAKING SURE THAT THE COUNTY IS PROTECT THING RIGHTS OF THESE WORKERS? I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS TOUCHED ON IT, AND THAT THESE WORKERS ARE RECEIVING A MINIMUM WAGE, ARE NOT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. FOR EXAMPLE, I KNOW IN ALTADENA, WHICH HAS BEEN A PROBLEM WHERE YOU HAVE GONE SUBSTITUTE AND YOU CONFISCATE THE FOOD. AN HOUR LATER, A VAN ROLLS UP, REPLENISHES IT AND THE WOMAN THAT RUNS IT HAD THE AUDACITY TO COME INTO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND COMPLAIN ABOUT THE FACT THAT ENFORCEMENT WAS TAKING PLACE AND SHE GOT IN HER BENTLEY AND DROVE AWAY. AND SO MY QUESTION TO YOU IS, HOW ARE WE MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE -- ARE YOU GOING TO GO IN AND MAKE

SURE THAT WE ARE PROTECTNG THOSE THAT WITH WORKING THERE AND MAKING SURE THAT THEY'RE NOT -- WHEN THE FOOD IS CONFISCATED THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR IT, OR THAT THEY ARE NOT BEING PENALIZED AND THAT THEY ARE MAKING A MINIMUM WAGE?

**DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. SO WHEN SOMEONE APPLIES FOR A SIDEWALK VENDING REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, THEY DO HAVE TO ATTEST UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THEY WILL COMPLY WITH STATE AND OTHER LAWS. SO THAT INCLUDES MINIMUM WAGE REQUIREMENTS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. SO FOLKS KNOW WHEN THEY ARE GETTING THEIR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE THAT THEY ARE SUBJECT TO OTHER EXISTING LAWS ON THE BOOKS.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** WHAT'S THE ENFORCEMENT, THOUGH? HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PROTECT THAT?

**DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO:** EXACTLY. YES, THANK YOU. AND SO THAT INCLUDES WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS ON THOSE ISSUES SPECIFICALLY, WHETHER IT IS THROUGH OFFICE OF LABOR EQUITY AND IMMIGRATION AFFAIRS, BUT I WILL LET RAFAEL TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW THEY WOULD PLAY INTO THAT IMPROVEMENT.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU.

**RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTIONS, SUPERVISOR BARGER, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. APPRECIATE BEING PART OF THIS CONVERSATION. RAFAEL CARBAJAL, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS WHERE WE PROUDLY HOUSE THE OFFICE OF LABOR EQUITY WHERE WE ENFORCE THE COUNTY'S WORKER PROTECTIONS INCLUDING MINIMUM WAGE AND OUR HUMAN TRAFFICKING. SO ABSOLUTELY, WE CONTINUE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE WORK GROUP TRYING TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. BUT MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR US, IT'S BUSINESS AS USUAL. NOTHING HAS CHANGED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENFORCE ALL OF OUR WORKER PROTECTIONS AS WE WOULD ANY OTHER BUSINESS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. WE WILL DEFINITELY WORK WITH THE COLLABORATIVE TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR INFORMATION AND RESOURCES ARE INCLUDED IN ALL OF THE WORKSHOPS AND ALL OF THE ENGAGEMENT THAT HAPPENS WITH THOSE THAT ARE LOOKING TO COME INTO THE STREET VENDING ECONOMY UNDER THE NEW ORDINANCES. AS PART OF OUR REGULAR DAY-TO-DAY, WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO OUR PROACTIVE VISITS AND AS WE GO OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY AND ENGAGE WITH BUSINESSES, WE WILL START INCORPORATING ENGAGEMENT WITH STREET VENDORS AS WELL TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES BOTH AS AN EMPLOYER, IF THEY ARE HIRING AND HAVE EMPLOYEES, AND OR AS A WORKER IF THEY ARE A WORKER. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENSURE OUR OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS IS INVOLVED IN ALL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION. AND IN

PARTICULAR, WHEN WE SEE A LOT OF THE ISSUES THAT DO ARISE WITH STREET VENDING WHEN WE SEE BAD ACTORS, WOMAN ARE OVERLY IMPACTED AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES ARE OVERLY IMPACTED. SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE STAY INVOLVED AND DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO SUPPORT THIS.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT AND I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU BECAUSE ALTADENA IN PARTICULAR HAS BEEN HIT VERY HARD. AND IT IS AN OPERATION, IT IS NOT MOM AND POPS. AND MY LAST QUESTION FOR YOU, DR. FERRER, AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC HEALTH, IS IF I HAVE A RESTAURANT, AND A POP-UP IS SETTING UP IN FRONT, COULD I TAKE MY HEALTH PERMIT AS A RESTAURANT AND PUT A POP-UP IN THE FRONT?

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YOU CAN'T JUST DO A POP-UP. SO THERE'S NO PERMITTING OF LIKE A POP-UP. WE COULD PERMIT A CART, LIKE YOU COULD DO A CART IN THE FRONT. WE COULD PERMIT YOU WANT TO HAVE A FOOD TRUCK ALIGNED WITH YOUR RESTAURANT, WE CAN PERMIT YOUR FOOD TRUCK. BUT WE CAN'T PERMIT THAT KIND OF A POP-UP.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** BUT IF I PUT A POP -- YOU SAID THAT POP-UPS WE CAN'T REGULATE, WE CAN PUT IT ON THE FOOD SIDE.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** RIGHT.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO NOTHING WOULD STOP ME IF I OWNED A RESTAURANT FROM PUTTING A POP- UP OUT THERE, BECUASE WE CAN'T REGULATE THAT. I WAS JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW IF THERE ARE HEALTH PERMITS --

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE WOULD CONFISCATE THE FOOD FROM YOUR POP-UP, I MEAN --

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH. BUT I MEAN, THAT WOULD -- I AM JUST HEARING FROM RESTAURANTS THEY ARE FRUSTRATED. THEY PAY THE BUSINESS LICENSE FEE, WHICH BY THE WAY, TREASURY TAX COLLECTOR SAYS HAS GONE DOWN QUITE A BIT. THEY PAY PUBLIC HEALTH. THEY GET INSPECTED. THEY HAVE OVERHEAD. THEY PAY THEIR EMPLOYEES. AND SOMEONE SETS UP RIGHT IN THE FRONT, AND THEY FEEL LIKE IT IS DISPROPORTIONATE IN TERMS OF IT IS AN INEQUITY IS WHAT THEY FEEL.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, AND WE'RE SYMPATHETIC. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, IT'S A -- SELLING FOOD IS HIGHLY REGULATED, AS IT OUGHT TO BE. AND FOLKS WHO, YOU KNOW, SORT OF SKIRT AROUND THE EDGES OF THAT REGULATION PUT OTHER PEOPLE AT RISK. AND WE DO APPRECIATE, ESPECIALLY THE SMALL RESTAURANTS, WHO ARE REALLY HANGING ON BY A THREAD, WHO ARE PLAYING BY THE RULES. WHO ARE, IN FACT, COMPLYING WITH A REGULATORY SYSTEM AROUND SAFETY. AND THAT THERE THEN CAN BE RIGHT NEXT TO THEM, FOLKS WHO ARE NOT,

IN FACT, COMPLIANT OR SELLING SAFELY. I MEAN, I WILL SAY I AM VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE PARTNERSHIP WITH D.C.B.A., WITH KELLY AND HER TEAM, AND WITH PUBLIC WORKS BECAUSE THERE ARE ALSO OFTEN OTHER REGULATIONS THAT FOLKS CAN BE IN VIOLATION OF THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR OTHER KINDS OF ENFORCEMENT. YOU CAN'T JUST POP-UP EVERYWHERE. THERE ARE RIGHT OF WAY RULES. THERE ARE HANDICAP ACCESS RULES. I MEAN, YOU HAVE ALL HEARD THIS FROM EVERYONE.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** RIGHT. SO WOULD YOU SAY THIS IS -- I MEAN, I KNOW THAT THERE'S AN ORDINANCE BEFORE US TODAY, BUT WOULD YOU SAY THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS WITH LESSONS LEARNED THAT MAY HAVE TO BE MODIFIED AS WE GO THROUGH?

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I MEAN, ABSOLUTELY. I THINK WE TRY TO PUT A FRAME WORK IN PLACE THAT WILL GET US FURTHER ALONG ON A PATH THAT REALLY SUPPORTS THE MICRO ENTERPRISE BUSINESS OWNERS. BUT WE DO HAVE TO BALANCE THAT WITH BOTH THE PUBLIC SAFETY SIDE OF IT, WHICH FOR US IS THE FOOD SAFETY SIDE, AS WELL AS THE ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF BRICK AND MORTAR.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO AND THEN, I -- WE ALL RECEIVED A LETTER THAT LISTED A LOT OF ISSUES THAT THEY HAVE REGARDING THE SIDEWALK VENDING, LACK OF INCLUSIVE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES. ONE THING I JUST DIDN'T UNDERSTAND, IT SAYS THE

D.E.O. OFFICE AND LEGAL COUNSEL NEED TO CLARIFY CHILD PROTECTION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SIDEWALK VENDING INCLUDING THE AGE LIMIT FOR MINORS WORKING WITH ADULTS OTHER 18. CAN YOU EXPAND ON THAT? WHAT ARE THEY REFERRING TO?

**DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO:** I THINK THAT THEY ARE, AND I MIGHT REFER TO COUNSEL ON THIS ONE TOO, BUT FOLKS HAVE TO ABIDE BY LABOR LAWS JUST LIKE IN CHILD PROTECTION LAWS, JUST LIKE ANY OTHER. YEAH.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY, SO IT'S JUST AN EXISTING LAW, AND IT -- I MEAN, THAT'S ALMOST LIKE A GIVEN.

**DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO:** EXACTLY. SO THERE'S LAWS ON THE BOOKS THAT YOU HAVE TO COMPLY WITH IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE REGISTERED FOR A CERTIFICATE WITH THE SIDEWALK VENDING ORDINANCE IN UNINCORPORATED LA COUNTY.

**RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** THAT'S CORRECT. AND SUPERVISOR, THERE'S ALSO IN THIS PARTICULAR ORDINANCE, IF ANYBODY IS VENDING WHO IS UNDER 18, THEY HAVE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. AND IT IS TO PREVENT CHILDHOOD VENDORS OR A CHILD BEING EXPLOITED AS A VENDOR.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO HOW DO WE DO THAT? I MEAN, THERE'S A LOT OF DEPARTMENTS. I'M JUST CURIOUS, THIS ENFORCEMENT IS GOING TO BE -- I MEAN, I AM GOING TO ACTUALLY ASK FOR AT LEAST FROM MY OFFICE TO GET A REPORT BACK IN SIX AND 12 MONTHS JUST ON THE ENFORCEMENT SIDE. I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO SEE HOW THIS IS GOING TO ROLL OUT. BECAUSE IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE'S A LOT OF MOVING PARTS AND ENFORCEMENT. IT'S GOING TO BE PUBLIC HEALTH. IT'S GOING TO BE, RAFAEL, YOUR DIVISION. IT'S GOING TO BE KELLY -- I MEAN, IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE'S A LOT GOING ON HERE.

**RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** THERE IS MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS, YES, SUPERVISOR.

**DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO:** AND WHAT I WOULD ADD IS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO COMING BACK TO THE BOARD AND WORKING WITH YOU ALL. WE DO HAVE UPON ADOPTION, YOU KNOW, AT 6 MONTHS TO EFFECTIVE DATE, AND IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR US TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THAT TRIAGE THAT WE TALKED ABOUT EARLIER, LIKE, HIGHLY ORGANIZED. WE ARE ALREADY WORKING TOGETHER, AS YOU HAVE SEEN HERE TODAY, BUT, YOU KNOW, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR COLLECTIVE GOAL IS BRINGING FOLKS INTO COMPLIANCE. IT'S GOOD FOR OUR VENDORS, BRICK AND MORTAR AND RESIDENTS.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, IN CLOSING I WILL JUST SAY THAT I AM GRATEFUL THAT THE ORDINANCES HAVE FINALLY COME BACK. I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A LOT OF WORK. THE STATE PUT LEGISLATION IN THAT WE BASICALLY HAD TO MAKE A SILK PURSE OUT OF A SOW'S EAR. AND SO I COMMEND YOU ALL FOR THE WORK YOU DID TO TRY TO HAVE A BALANCED APPROACH. MY CONCERN IS ON THE ENFORCEMENT SIDE. I FEEL THAT WE HAVE NOT GONE FAR ENOUGH. I AM ALL ABOUT CARE-FIRST, ABOUT EDUCATION. I HAVE BEEN DOING THIS, I MEAN, THIS WAS ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS I DID WORKING WITH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IN COMMISARIES ON HOT DOG CARTS, OF ALL THINGS, WHEN THE HOT DOG VENDORS FELT THEY WERE BEING UNFAIRLY TARGETED. SO I AM VERY FAMILIAR WITH THIS, SO I KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF EDUCATION, ESPECIALLY WORKING WITH THE COMMISSARIES, TO GET PEOPLE IN COMPLIANCE. BUT I FEEL AS THOUGH THAT NON-COMPLIANCE REALLY IS NOT -- THE PENALTIES DON'T MEET WHAT WE ARE REQUIRING FOR RESTAURANTS AND OTHERS WHO CAN GET SHUT DOWN AND LOSE A DAY'S BUSINESS THEN THEY GET REINSPECTED. EVEN THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS, I THINK WE DO HAVE TO HAVE AN ORGANIZED SYSTEM FOR INDIVIDUALS TO BE PERMITTED AND LEGITIMATELY OPERATE AND GROW THEIR BUSINESSES. I AM ALL FOR THAT. I COMMEND YOU ON THE CARTS BECAUSE THAT'S VERY EXPENSIVE, AS YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, IN TERMS OF JUST GETTING A CART IN COMPLIANCE. IT IS NOT AS SIMPLE AS JUST BUYING A CART. THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS THAT HAVE TO GO ON IN TERMS OF THE SURFACES BEING SMOOTH AND HOW THE TEMPERATURE IS HELD. I REALLY DO FEEL

THAT, YOU KNOW, MY FRUSTRATION IS THAT I AM HEARING FROM THE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT THAT THERE IS NO PENALTY FOR THOSE THAT ARE SETTING UP IN FRONT. I HAVE ARGUED, THOUGH, THAT THE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO SIT DOWN IN A RESTAURANT ARE NOT GOING TO BE BUYING FROM A FOOD VENDOR. THEY ARE GOING TO COME IN AND SIT DOWN. BUT THEY DON'T SEE IT THAT WAY. AND, YOU KNOW, I FEEL LIKE THEY DON'T FEEL AS THOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN HEARD. I TRY TO BE BALANCED ON MY APPROACH, RECOGNIZING THAT CLEARLY THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES. LIKE YOU LOOK AT 626 THAT OPERATES AT SANTA ANITA IN THE PARKING LOT, TO YOUR POINT, DR. FERRER, WHERE IT IS AN ORGANIZED EVENT WHERE VENDORS CAN ALL COME. WE HAVE OFFERED THAT IN OUR DISTRICT IN ALTADENA AND THEY DON'T WANT IT BECAUSE THEY HAVE GOT THEIR CORNERS THAT THEY WANT TO STAY AT. I'M GOING TO CONTINUE TO PUSH THAT. BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE IT A WIN-WIN FOR THOSE THAT WANT TO BUY FROM THAT VENDOR ON THE CORNER, AND HAVE IT BE SOMETHING THAT ENHANCES THE COMMUNITY. SO I AM NOT GOING TO GIVE UP HOPE ON THAT. I TALKED ABOUT THE CONCERNS I HAVE ABOUT WAGE THEFT. I AM VERY CONCERNED AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS JUST IN ALTADENA OR IF IT'S IN OTHER DISTRICTS WHERE THIS ORGANIZATION IS VERY WELL ORGANIZED. AND YOU CAN SPOT THEM A MILE AWAY, BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALL PRETTY MUCH THE SAME SET UP. AND NO SOONER, DO YOUR PEOPLE GO OUT WE SAID, THEN AN HOUR LATER, A VAN DRIVES UP AND REPLENISHES EVERYTHING AND THEY ARE OPERATING AGAIN.

AND THAT IS PROBLEMATIC AND SOMETHING THAT I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT. I KNOW PASADENA IS LOOKING AT IT. SO I WANT TO SUPPORT THIS INDUSTRY BECAUSE I DO RECOGNIZE WHY THE STATE DID IT. BUT I ALSO WANT TO HAVE A BALANCED APPROACH. SO I AM HAPPY TO KNOW THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE A FLUID, THAT IF WE HAVE TO TWEAK IT WE'RE GOING TO TWEAK IT, TO MAKE SURE THAT IT ADDRESSES SOME OF THE LESSONS LEARNED. BECAUSE THIS IS NEW TERRITORY, NO QUESTION ABOUT IT. I'M GOING TO LISTEN TO SUPERVISOR HAHN'S QUESTIONS AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AND THEN I WILL FIGURE OUT WHAT I AM GOING TO DO. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

**SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN:** PRESSURE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WELL, THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT DISCUSSION, AND THANK YOU TO THE OFFICES THAT HAVE REALLY BEEN INVOLVED AND, LIKE, FOR FIVE YEARS, REALLY TRYING TO WORK ON THESE ORDINANCES. I THINK THIS IS A HUGE STEP FORWARD THAT WE ACTUALLY ARE DOING THIS TODAY. AND JUST TO BE CLEAR, SOMETIMES IT IS CONFUSING FOR THOSE LISTENING, RIGHT. WE HAVE GOT TWO ORDINANCES BEFORE US. DR. FERRER, YOU STARTED OFF AND YOUR ORDINANCE IS TO AMEND OUR COUNTY CODE TO TALK ABOUT THOSE SMALL FOOD COURTS. AND SO YOU ARE GOING TO FIGURE OUT -- YOU'VE GOT HEALTH PERMITS AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SMALL FOOD COURTS, AND BASED ON THEIR RISK, LIKE, LOW RISK IS LIKE SELLING CHIPS AND PREPACKAGED

FOOD. HIGHER RISK WOULD BE, WHERE WOULD THE FRUIT CARTS BE IN THAT?

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** MODERATE RISK.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** MODERATE RISK. OKAY. SO THAT'S OUR ITEM THREE. AND THEN KELLY, YOU PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE THAT WILL BASICALLY GIVE CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION, A BUSINESS LICENSE. WHAT ARE WE CALLING IT?

**DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO:** YOU ARE RIGHT. IT'S A REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH. IT'S A REGISTARTION CERTIFICATE. AND WE ARE SAYING IT IS $600 JUST TO REGISTER. WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO WAIVE THOSE FEES IN THE BEGINNING, AND THEN I THINK I HEARD FROM MY COLLEAGUES THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO FIND MONEY GOING FORWARD TO HELP MAYBE WITH THE CARTS. AND BUT, SO THAT $600 IS JUST TO GET YOUR CERTIFICATE. BUT THERE WAS A LOT OF FEES ON DR. FERRER'S, YOUR SLIDES HAD A TON OF FEES. I AM WONDERING IF ANYBODY HAS EVER ADDED UP ALL THE DIFFERENT FEES PLUS THE REGISTRATION, AND WHAT IT ACTUALLY COULD COST SOMEONE DEPENDING ON THEIR RISK. DR. FERRER, DID YOU -- LIKE, JUST GIVE ME LIKE A LOW -- HOW ABOUT THE LOW RISK FOOD CART?

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I MEAN, THE LOW RISK FOOD CARTS, THE REGISTRATION FEES ARE NEW AND THEY'RE, AND THAT'S WHY THEY ARE BEING WAIVED.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THE PERMIT FEES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THERE.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT, SO --

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** AND FOR THE LOW RISK CARTS, I THINK IT IS ABOUT $300 A YEAR BETWEEN THE-- YOU KNOW, THE LOW RISK SMALL CARTS, BETWEEN YOUR WHAT WOULD BE AN ANNUAL COST AND THAT FIRST INITIAL PLAN TAX--

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT. THEN THERE WERE SOME -- YEAH AND THERE  WAS SOME OTHER FEES IT LOOKED LIKE WE WERE -- YOU WERE SLOWING ON THE SLIDE.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** NOT FOR THOSE -- NOT FOR THE VERY LOW RISK. YOU KNOW, THERE ARE OTHER FEES LIKE THE COMMISSARY FEES IF YOU WANTED TO ACT LIKE A COMMISSARY, YOU WERE GOING TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL FEE, BECAUSE WE HAVE TO INSPECT. THE ONGOING COST FOR THOSE CARTS ARE QUITE LOW. IT'S, YOU KNOW, THE FIRST

YEAR WE DO HAVE TO DO THAT PLAN CHECK, MAKE SURE THAT, YOU KNOW, YOUR  EQUIPMENT ACTUALLY IS --

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT. THAT'S A ONE- TIME.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THAT'S A ONE-TIME ONLY FEE.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH. OKAY. I THINK THAT'S GOOD FOR US TO KNOW, AND I'VE HAD MY STAFF, LIKE, JUST ADD UP WHAT ALL THE DIFFERENT LAYERS ARE. JUST SO IF PEOPLE CALL OUR OFFICE, OR KEPT AT ONE OF OUR MEETINGS AND ASKED US WHAT THE FEES ARE. I DO LIKE THE FACT THAT WE ARE VIEWING THESE, AND I THINK KELLY, YOU SAID IT, LIKE YOU ARE CONSIDERING THEM LIKE SMALL BUSINESSES. AND YOU'RE REFERRING TO THEM IN THE WHOLE SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMY THAT WE HAVE IN LA COUNTY. YOU SAID SOMETHING LIKE 10,000 LOCAL VENDORS. AND I KNOW MY COLLEAGUE SUPERVISOR SOLIS WAS LIKE, THE GOAL IS REALLY TO BRING THEM IN AS LEGITIMATE FORMAL SMALL BUSINESSES AS PART OF THE ECONOMY. AND WE WORK ON EVERYTHING FROM THE WAGES, YOU KNOW, JUST A LOT OF WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE, I THINK IMPACTS THAT. SO JUST AGAIN, SO THERE'S THE-- AND IT IS VERY INTERESTING. AND I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL BE SURPRISED, DR. FERRER, ABOUT THERE IS NO LEGITIMATE PATHWAY TO PERMITTING THOSE POP-UP RESTAURANTS. I THINK PEOPLE WILL BE SURPRISED AT THAT. BECAUSE AS SUPERVISOR BARGER WAS SAYING, THERE'S FOOD, AND SHORT OF JUST

CONFISCATING ALL THE FOOD, WHICH IS NOT SURE THAT IS EVER ATTAINABLE IN LA COUNTY WITH THE NUMBER OF INSPECTORS WE HAVE. AND I THINK THAT WAS PROBABLY THE MOST REVEALING THING THAT WE HEARD TODAY. THERE IS NO PATHWAY FORWARD. BECAUSE I MEAN, FOR EVERYTHING WE DO, WE ALWAYS THINK, WELL, THERE'S A PATHWAY FORWARD TO BECOME LEGITIMATE. AND THIS SOUNDS LIKE THERE'S NOT. SO WHAT IS BETWEEN A SMALL FOOD, THE CHIPS, AND THE FRUIT, AND A A SIDEWALK VENDOR? OR THE POP- UPS? WHAT'S IN BETWEEN THERE THAT PEOPLE WOULD RECOGNIZE?

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. WELL, I MEAN, I THINK THE TRUTH IS WHILE WE CAN'T PERMIT THE MODEL THAT PEOPLE ARE USING, THAT POP-UP, I AM JUST GOING TO PUT SOME CHAIRS, SOME TABLES. I AM GOING TO DO MY GRILL. WE CAN PERMIT GRILLING FOOD. SO WE DO HAVE A MECHANISM FOR PERMITTING THE GRILLING OF FOOD. YOU HAVE TO DO IT THROUGH A COMPLIANT CART. YOU CAN'T JUST SET UP, LIKE, MY LITTLE --

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SO WHAT MAKES -- SO BETWEEN THE GRILLING THE FOOD, AND THE TABLES AND CHAIRS, IS WHAT TRIGGERS THIS ILLEGITIMATE POP-UP RESTAURANT?

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THAT THEY ARE NOT OPERATING OUT OF A COMPLIANT FACILITY. I AM GOING TO USE THE WORD FACILITY VERY LOOSELY. BECAUSE PEOPLE THINK OF IT AS BRICK AND MORTAR, BUT

IT COULD BE A CART OR A TRUCK. WE HAVE A WAY FOR YOU TO ACTUALLY HAVE A BUSINESS THAT ACTUALLY GRILLS FOOD. IT IS THAT HIGH RISK CART. BUT AS WE NOTED, THE CARTS ARE EXPENSIVE AND SO APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT WE ARE GOING TO GET, BECAUSE I THINK THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO ALL OF THIS IS THE COST OF THE CART, BECAUSE THEY ARE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, FOR THEM TO BE COMPLIANT WITH STATE LAW. WE CAN'T CHANGE THAT COMPLIANCE CODE. THEY HAVE TO DO -- THEY HAVE TO LOOK LIKE --

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WELL, SO THEY DO ALL THAT, THEY STILL CAN'T DO THE TABLES AND CHAIRS? I AM TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TRIGGERS THAT ILLEGITIMATE --

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** RIGHT. FOR THE MOST PART, MOST OF THEM DON'T HAVE THE CARTS.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** AND THAT'S THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY, OKAY. SO THE CART PROVIDES --

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THE CART PROVIDES US A MECHANICIAN TO ACTUALLY GIVE SOMEBODY A PERMIT. THE CART OR A TRUCK.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SO FOOD TRUCKS ARE ALSO, WHAT CATEGORY IS THE FOOD TRUCK IN ALL THIS?

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THEY ARE A DIFFERENT -- THEY'RE NOT UNDER A MOBILE COMPACT FOOD OPERATION. THEY ARE CALLED A MOBILE FACILITY THAT --

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** BUT THEY ALREADY HAVE --

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THERE'S A WHOLE MECHANISM BEFORE LICENSING THEM. YES.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT. AND KELLY, WERE YOU GOING TO JUMP IN?

**DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO:** YES. THANK YOU. NO, I APPRECIATE DR. FERRER LAYING THAT OUT TOO, BECUASE THE CONDITIONS THAT EXIST TODAY, AS SHE MENTIONED, YOU COULD COME INTO COMPLIANCE IF YOU WERE TO BECOME A COMBAT MOBILE FOOD OPERATOR AND CHANGE THE WAY YOU ARE OPERATING. I JUST WANTED TO ADD TOO THAT THE SIDEWALK VENDING ORDINANCE, IF YOU WERE TO BECOME A COMPACT MOBILE FOOD OPERATOR, GET YOUR PERMIT FROM PUBLIC HEALTH OR GO THE COMMUNITY EVENT PATHWAY, YOU COULD THEN GET YOUR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS THROUGH D.E.O., AND THEN YOU WOULD BE HELD TO THE OPERATING

REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ORDINANCE. WHICH DOES MEAN SORT OF DISTANCING BETWEEN VENDORS, MAKING SURE THERE'S CURB SPACE.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** BUT THEY HAVE TO GET THEIR -- THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH BARBARA FIRST.

**DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO:** THEY DO, YES.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND THEN WHEN THEY GET THAT GOLDEN TICKET, THEY COME TO YOUR DEPARTMENT AND GET THE REGISTRATION. AND THEN THEY LEARN-- WHERE DO THEY LEARN THE REGULATIONS ABOUT SPACING AND--?

**DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO:** YES, THANK YOU. SO WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING A LOT OF EDUCATION AND OUTREACH WITH PUBLIC HEALTH, ESPECIALLY FOR THE FOOD VENDORS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. BUT BEYOND, I ALWAYS WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY DOES SUPPORT MICRO BUSINESSES, SMALL BUSINESSES, COUNTY-WIDE. SO EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT, YOU KNOW, HELD TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREA AND YOU KNOW, AND THAT SIDEWALK VENDING ORDINANCE, WE WILL MAKE SURE YOU KNOW THE MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS OF OUR FELLOW CITIES.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT. GOOD.

**DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO:** BUT WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT FOLKS UNDERSTAND, IF YOU WANT TO, YOU KNOW, BE -- YOU KNOW, SELL FRUIT FROM A MOBILE CART, WE WILL TALK YOU THROUGH WHAT THAT MEANS FOR YOU TO GET THE RELEVANT PERMITS AND LICENSES AND ALSO WHAT IT MEANS TO ACTUALLY OPERATE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, SO THE DISTANCE AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND I KNOW THIS IS THE WORK THAT A LOT OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE DONE WITH YOU ON THIS HAS PROVIDED US THIS SORT OF A COMPROMISE. IT IS KIND OF BECAUSE THE SIDEWALK VENDORS THAT I HAVE HEARD FROM ARE CONCERNED THAT THE FEES WILL BE TOO HIGH, ESPECIALLY WHEN ADDED TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FEES, AND THE RESTRICTIONS ARE TOO ONEROUS. THE RESIDENTS AND THE BUSINESSES IN MY DISTRICT HAVE, WHO FEEL LIKE THEY ARE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY SIDEWALK VENDORS, IT FEELS LIKE THE PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS AREN'T STRICT ENOUGH. SO I FEEL LIKE WHEN WE HAVE BOTH OF THOSE WE LANDED SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE, WHICH I THINK AND THEN BASED ON SUPERVISOR BARGER, MAYBE IT IS A WORK IN PROGRESS. THE ONE THING I WOULD WONDER, SO THE COMPLAINTS, YOU SAID IT IS KIND OF A COMPLIANT-BASED, WHICH IS VERY SIMILAR TO OUR HEALTH PERMITS. IT'S YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH STAFF TO GO AROUND AND SORT OF RECHECK EVERYBODY. SO IT IS BASED ON COMPLAINTS WHEN SOMEBODY FEELS LIKE SOMEBODY IS NOT COMPLIANT. WHERE WOULD THE COMPLAINT FALL OF SOMEONE, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT -- IT'S NOT BAD FOOD. IT'S NOT -- IT IS

SORT OF LIKE I DON'T WANT THEM HERE COMPLAINT, I FEEL LIKE THEY ARE INFRINGING ON MY BRICK AND MORTAR BUSINESS. WHERE DOES THAT COMPLAINT GO AND WHAT DO WE DO WITH I DON'T WANT THEM HERE COMPLAINTS?

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** RIGHT NOW WE GET A LOT OF THOSE COMPLAINTS. THE WAY OUR SYSTEM IS WORKING, PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY BUSINESS OWNERS, KNOW THAT THEY CAN COMPLAIN TO US BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT MOAT OF THE FOOD STREET VENDING IS UNPERMITTED. SO THEY WILL COMPLAIN TO US AND THEY WILL SEND US PICTURES, AND THEY WILL SEND YOUR OFFICES PICTURES. AND THEY WILL ASK US TO COME OUT, AND WE WILL RESPOND TO THAT. WE WILL IN FACT RESPOND AND WE WILL GO OUT. AND SOMETIMES WE FIND UNPERMITTED STREET FOOD VENDING, AND SOMETIMES WE GO OUT AND THE VENDOR'S NO LONGER AT THAT SPOT.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT, BUT WHAT IF YOU GO OUT AND THEY'RE, NOW THEY ARE PERMITTED THROUGH OUR PROCESS, BUT IT IS STILL A I DON'T LIKE THEM HERE?

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WELLL, THE I DON'T LIKE THEM HERE IS A RESPONSE BACK THAT WE WENT OUT, THEY'RE PERMITTED, THEY'RE LEGALLY ENTITLED TO BE THERE. I MEAN, I THINK -- I REALLY APPRECIATED WHAT KELLY TALKED ABOUT, WHICH IS THAT NOW THE COMPLIANTS CAN ALSO GO INTO D.O.E., AND THAT WE WILL BE ABLE

TO HAVE A COORDINATED RESPONSE, AND WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT EVEN FOR COMPLAINTS WHERE WE'RE NOT TAKING ACTION-- I MEAN, WE HAVE THAT ALL THE TIME NOW, THAT WE GET BACK TO PEOPLE AND SAY, "WE INVESTIGATED, AND WE'RE NOT TAKING ACTION BECAUSE THERE WAS NO VIOLATION."

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT. AND I DO THINK THAT'S ONE COMPLAINT, AND I THINK THAT'S A REASONABLE RESPONSE. I DO THINK THE SPACING SOMETIMES IS ALSO I THINK IS A PROBLEM CURRENTLY. I HEAR JUST COMPLETELY WIPING OUT ACCESS TO AN ENTIRE SIDEWALK, DRIVEWAYS. SO THAT WILL BE SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO WORK ON IN TERMS OF EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN SET UP. ARE WE FEELING LIKE WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE TODAY IS GIVING US MORE OPPORTUNITY TO GET A LITTLE MORE PEACEFUL CO- EXISTENCE BETWEEN OUR STREET VENDORS AND OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES?

**DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO:** YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I DO THINK THIS HELPS US MOVE IN THAT RIGHT DIRECTION. SO TO YOUR FIRST QUESTION, FOLKS ALSO CAN CALL D.E.O. NOW AND WILL BE, ONCE THE SIDEWALK VENDING PROGRAM IS LIVE AND EFFECTIVE, TO SHARE A COMPLAINT. AND WE WILL TAKE DOWN, AND DO TAKE DOWN, YOU KNOW, WHAT IS THE GRIEVANCE AND WHERE IS IT AND WHAT HOURS ARE THEY OPERATING AND WE WILL GO CHECK IT OUT. WHERE WE CAN TODAY, WE'LL TRY TO HELP BRING FOLKS INTO COMPLIANCE, BECAUSE THAT IS ONE WAY TO HELP REDUCE THE ISSUES. AND THEN ONCE THE

ORDINANCE IS EFFORTIVE, WE WILL HAVE A LOT MORE OPERATING REQUIREMENTS THAT FOLKS WHO ARE VENDING WILL UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE TO OPERATE WITHIN, AND COMMUNITY WILL UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE TO OPERATE WITHIN AS WELL. SO I THINK WE WILL HAVE A COMMON SET OF UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT OPERATIONS SHOULD LOOK LIKE. SO WE THINK THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE HELPFUL TO THAT. TO YOUR POINT AROUND DISTANCING, WE THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT DISTANCING. WE GOT A LOT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AROUND IT. CERTAINLY, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THERE'S A.D.A. COMPLIANCE, THAT WE ARE RESPECTING PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY. YOU KNOW, FOLKS HAVE TO BE ABLE TO USE OUR SIDEWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN PATHS. AND WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS REASONABLE, SO THAT VENDING ACTIVITY CAN CONTINUE IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T OBSTRUCT SORT OF BRICK AND MORTAR BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. WELL, YOU KNOW, I AM GOING TO SUPPORT BOTH OF THESE BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO THEM. WE'RE NOT GOING TO REALLY KNOW IF THEY ARE PERFECT UNTIL WE ACTUALLY START IMPLEMENTING THEM. BUT I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK ON THIS. BECAUSE I THINK AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS TALKED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, WE WANT TO BRING THESE MICRO BUSINESSES, SMALL BUSINESSES, PARTICULARLY FOR THE, YOU KNOW, LIKE YOU SAID, THE MAJORITY OF THEM BEING WOMEN WHO-- YOU KNOW, THIS IS WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO SUPPORT THEIR

FAMILIES. AND I THINK BRINGING THEM INTO THE FOLD, YOU KNOW, LEGITIMIZING THEM AS MUCH AS WE CAN, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. AND, YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD A COUPLE OF INSTANCES IN MY DISTRICT WHERE UNFORTUNATELY THEY'VE BEEN LIKE HARASSED AND ATTACKED AND WE HAD ONE VENDOR THAT ACTUALLY GOT BEAT UP. AND SO I THINK THE MORE WE CAN DO TO DISTANCE OURSELF FROM THAT KIND OF REACTION TO SOMEONE WHO LEGITIMATELY HAS A BUSINESS I THINK IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. SO I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THIS. I HAVE MY FAVORITES OUT THERE THAT I VISIT ALL THE TIME.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO KINND OF LOOP BACK TO THE POP-UP BECUASE-- AND I THINK THE PUBLIC, YOU KNOW, KIND OF CONFLATES THEN STREET VENDORS WITH POP-UPS. AND I AM CLEAR THAT POP-UPS ARE NOT CURRENTLY PROTECTED UNDER THE LAW AT ALL. AND YOU KNOW, I THINK POP-UPS REALLY SPREAD AS A RESULT OF COVID, JUST LIKE RESTAURANTS GOT TO HAVE OUTSIDE SEATING POP-UPS. AND I THINK WE NEED TO BE CLEAR THAT POP-UPS ARE NOT CURRENTLY APPROPRIATE UNDER THE LAW. AND I THINK THE ORDINANCE THAT WE ARE USHERING IN IS FOLLOWING THE 2018 STATE LAW, WHICH, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR HAHN CAME ON THE HEELS OF EXCESSIVE ARRESTS AND CONFISCATION OF MATERIALS. THERE WAS A VERY PUBLICIZED VENDOR IN BERKELEY THAT WOULD VEND AFTER GAMES AT CAL WHO HAD SOME MONEY CONFISCATED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND

THAT'S WHERE THE BILL CAME FROM. I WAS A CITY MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE THEN AND I VOTED ON THE BILL IN 2018 AND SUPPORT A PROCESS BY WHICH WE CAN COMPACT MOBILE STREET VENDING DEVICES, IF YOU WILL, CAN BE USHERED INTO ACTUAL SMALL BUSINESSES THAT WE CAN GUARANTEE A LEVEL OF SAFETY AND ALL OF THAT. IF YOU THINK BACK, COLLECTIVELY WE WERE HAVING THE SAME CONVERSATION ABOUT FOOD TRUCKS 15 YEARS AGO, WHERE OUR BRICK AND MORTAR RESTAURANTS WERE COMPLAINING THAT FOOD TRUCKS WERE TAKING THE BUSINESS AWAY. AND SO KIND OF CULTURE ADAPTED, THE FOOD TRUCKS BECAME MORE NORMALIZED AND MOVED. POP-UPS ARE A DIFFERENT THING. WE SPENT MOST OF OUR TIME TODAY TALKING ABOUT FOOD VENDING AND THERE ARE NON-FOOD ITEM VENDORS THAT ARE OUT THERE TOO. BUT, YOU KNOW, POP-UPS DON'T CURRENTLY MEET THE GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS OF CURRENT PRACTICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THE 2018 BILL DOES NOT PROVIDE THEM WITH PROTECTION, SO I THINK WE NEED TO BE VERY CLEAR IN TERMS OF OUR LANGUAGE. POP-UPS ARE A PROBLEM. POP-UPS ARE A PROBLEM IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF THE SECOND DISTRICT WHERE ENTIRE SIDEWALKS ARE BLOCKED. WE HAVE NO A.D.A. COMPLIANCE. WE HAVE HAD TRAFFIC INCIDENTS WHERE PEOPLE ARE STEPPING OUTSIDE ONTO THE STREET TO BE ABLE TO WALK A BLOCK. PROBLEM. WE'VE HAD A PROBLEM WITH RIGHT LANE TURNS WHERE PUBLIC WORKS HAS HAD TO GET ENGAGED, WHERE THE STREET VENDING EQUIPMENT IS NOW ACTUALLY IN THE STREET AND PEOPLE CAN'T GET IN THE RIGHT HAND TURN LANE TO TURN. AND WE'VE HAD ACCIDENTS BECAUSE OF POP-UPS.

SO I AM COMPLETELY SUPPORTIVE OF THE ORDINANCES AND THE KINDS OF STREET VENDING WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY. POP- UPS HAVE A PATHWAY. THEY CAN STOP POPPING UP AND BECOME, FALL INTO THE PATH OF WHAT WE ARE CREATING AS A PATHWAY TO COMPLIANCE TODAY. POP-UPS BLOCKING FULL SIDEWALKS, GOING INTO THE STREET ARE PUBLIC HAZARDS, PUBLIC SAFETY, PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS. SO I JUST THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE SEPARATE THE TWO AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE IS A PATHWAY IF POP-UPS CHOOSE TO DO BUSINESS DIFFERENTLY. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE WORKING TO PROVIDE, AN ORDINANCE AND PROTECTION AROUND, BUT WE CANNOT SUPPORT COMPLETE IGNORING PUBLIC ACCESS ON SIDEWALKS FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS. I HEAR FROM OUR ELDERLY RESIDENTS. I HEAR FROM FAMILIES. I HAVE HEARD FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD COLLISIONS BECAUSE THEY'RE TRYING TO NAVIGATE ON PUBLIC STREETS AROUND ACTIVITY, ILLEGAL, HAPPENING ON SIDEWALKS. SO I'M VERY GLAD THAT WE'RE SUPPORTING THE ORDINANCES TODAY. AND REALLY WANTED TO DRAW A CLEAR LINE OF DEMARCATION BETWEEN WHAT WE ARE DOING AND THE OTHER ACTIVITY THAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE WHOLE ISSUE OF THE POP-UPS I THINK REALLY HAS TO BE TAKEN UP IN SACRAMENTO, BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT THEY LEFT OUT. SO IF IS

THERE'S REALLY  AN ERNEST INTEREST TO DO SOMETHING, I THINK THAT HAS TO BE SENT TO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, THE STATE AND ASSEMBLY, TO HELP FINE-TUNE THIS AND MAYBE THEY CAN LEARN FROM WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE SINCE WE'RE THE LARGEST COUNTY. AND EVEN THOUGH WE'RE LOOKING AT UNINCORPORATED AREAS, OBVIOUSLY, THERE MAY BE OTHER CITIES THAT WILL FOLLOW ALONG WITH US AND WE CAN LEARN FROM ALL THAT. BUT I BEFORE I GO BACK TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR, I WANTED TO ALSO THANK JOE NICCHITTA, WHO BEHIND THE SCENES FOR THE LAST 5 OR 6 YEARS WAS WORKING ON THIS WHEN HE WAS HEADING OUR CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. AND BELIEVE ME, I KNOW WE HAVE ALL GROWN OLD -- OLDER BECAUSE OF THIS ISSUE. IT IS ONE THAT IS SO BIG, IMPACTFUL AND IT TAKES A LOT OF, I WANT TO SAY, I DON'T WANT TO JUST USE THE WORD "COMPROMISE," BUT IT REALLY HAS ALLOWED US I THINK TO FULLY UNDERSAND WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT. IT'S NOT JUST A NEW ECONOMY. IT'S NEVER REALLY BEEN REGULATED. AND THAT FOR US, THE COUNTY IS STEPPING AHEAD AND GOING INTO AN AREA WHERE OTHERS MAY NOT WANT TO TIP THEIR TOE IN YET, BUT  WE'RE THERE. AND PEOPLE ARE GOING TO LOOK TO US FOR LEADERSHIP. SO I WANT TO THANK HIM AND HIS FORMER STAFF AND THE STAFF HERE, BUT ALSO MY STAFF AND I KNOW THE STAFFS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS. BECAUSE THIS HAS BEEN A LABOR OF LOVE IN SO MANY WAYS, REGARDLESS OF THE WHAT SOME PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC MIGHT THINK. WE HAVE REALLY BENT OVER BACKWARDS TO DO AS MUCH AS WE CAN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THANKS TO SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN WHO LAID IT OUT BEAUTIFULLY. SIDEWALK VENDING IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR ROBUST SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMY, PARTICULARLY OUR FOOD CULTURE. THE ACTION BEFORE US TODAY PROVIDES ENTREPRENEURIAL AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANY INDIVIDUALS SO THEY MAY SUPPORT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING MANY THAT ARE IMMIGRANTS AND LOW INCOME. WHILE WE'RE ALSO BEING MINDFUL OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR BRICK AND MORTAR BUSINESSES IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THE INTENT OF S.B.-972 IS TO BRING MOBILE FOOD OPERATORS INTO THE FORMAL ECONOMY WHILE ENSURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND WE MUST DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENGAGE, EDUCATE AND ASSIST MICRO ENTREPRENEURS IN SECURING THE APPROPRIATE FOOD CARTS AND PERMITS SO THEY MAY OPERATE LEGALLY. S.B.-946 IS SIMILAR IN THAT IT BRINGS SIDEWALK VENDING WHICH INCLUDES FOOD INTO THE FORMAL ECONOMY AND ALLOWS JURISDICTIONS TO ESTABLISH SIDEWALK VENDING PROGRAMS. DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORDINANCES I'M GLAD THERE WAS EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, THAT D.E.O. TOOK A CARE-FIRST APPROACH TO WORKING WITH OUR VENDORS, AND I'M ALSO PLEASED TO SEE THAT BOTH DEPARTMENTS HAVE WORKED DILIGENTLY TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THEIR FEES. THIS WILL INCENTIVIZE AND ENABLE STREET VENDORS TO BECOME MORE EASILY

PERMITTED. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WORK AND YOUR RESPECTIVE TEAMS TO IMPLEMENT THESE LAWS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS YOU'VE HEARD, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING AND IT IS A GOOD REMINDER THAT THESE ARE-- THAT THE STATE DIRECTED US ON OUR PATH FORWARD AND WE HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE. I THINK TODAY IS-- WE'RE TAKING ACTION TO START SOMEWHERE. AND WE WILL CONSTANTLY EVALUATE WHEN-- HOW THIS IS WORKING ON THE GROUND, WHETHER THE IMPLEMENTATION IS LANDING AS IT'S INTENDED FROM OUR CONVERSATION TODAY. I'M GOING TO -- I THINK MOST WHAT I BROUGHT UP, WHAT I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU ABOUT, HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP IN OTHER COMMENTS. I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO GO TO SUPERVISOR BARGER, BUT I WILL JUST NOTE FOR THOSE WHO ARE HERE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN QUEUE, WE HAVE POTENTIALLY 2.5 HOURS OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM ALONE, SO I JUST WANT TO BE MINDFUL OF OUR TIME AND SO, WE'RE HERE TO HEAR ALL OF YOUR COMMENTS. BUT IF PEOPLE SAY WHAT YOU HAVE SAID OR YOUR POINT OF VIEW HAS ALREADY BEEN EXPRESSED I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER THAT AS YOU COME FORWARD. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** JUST REALLY QUICKLY. FIRST OF ALL, I'M GLAD YOU POINTED OUT, CHAIR HORVATH, ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE STATE-- I MEAN, THIS COMES AS A RESULT OF STATE LAW FOR US TO PUT TOGETHER AN ORDINANCE. WHERE I'M STUCK, AND BECAUSE I WANT TO SUPPORT IT, BUT WHERE I'M STUCK IS ON THE ENFORCMENT PIECE.

EVEN WITH THE POP-UPS THAT WE KNOW ARE ILLEGAL, WE CONFISCATE THE FOOD, IS THERE AN INTENT TO CONFISCATE THE EQUIPMENT IF AFTER  LIKE THE THIRD TIME GOING OUT THERE OR THE FOURTH TIME GOING OUT THERE OR THE FIFTH TIME GOING OUT THERE, THAT WE CONFISCATE IT PENDING THEM COMING INTO COMPLIANCE?

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE DON'T-- WE DON'T DO THAT NOW AND WE DON'T DO THAT FOR BRICK AND MORTAR, EITHER. WE NEVER-- WE NEVER REALLY--

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THEY CLOSE DOWN BRICK AND MORTAR.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE CLOSE DOWN, BUT TAKING AWAY THE FOOD THAT THEY'RE SELLING POTENTIALLY CLOSES THEM DOWN. I DO HEAR YOU ON THE CONCERN AND WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN WITH THAT. YOU KNOW, THE MOM AND POP OPERATORS, YOU TAKE AWAY THEIR FOOD AND THEY'RE DONE FOR THAT DAY AND MAYBE FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS. BUT YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. IT'S NOT JUST MOM AND POP OPERATORS OR EVEN JUST MOM OPERATORS. WHAT IT IS NOW FOR IN SOME SITUATIONS, IS VERY ORGANIZED. I MEAN, WE'VE FOUND THEIR WAREHOUSES AND SO WE KNOW HOW ORGANIZED IT IS, AND WE'VE WORKED REALLY CLOSELY WITH THE SHERIFF AND WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO CLOSE DOWN THOSE DISTRIBUTION SITES. BECAUSE YOU'RE RIGHT. IF YOU HAVE A BIG DISTRIBUTION SITE AND SOMEBODY CONFISCATES YOUR FOOD, THEN YOU HAVE  SOMEBODY DRIVE UP AN

HOUR LATER AND REPLENISH. SO WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN AND WE'RE HAPPY TO GO BACK AND LOOK. I WILL SAY, WE DON'T CONFISCATE EQUIPMENT FOR THE REASON THAT THERE IS REALLY NO JURISDICTION FOR CONFISCATING EQUIPMENT. WE CLOSE DOWN FACILITIES WHEN THEY'RE OUT OF COMPLIANCE AND WE TREAT THIS AS A FACILITY THAT'S OUT OF COMPLIANCE, TAKE AWAY THEIR FOOD, THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO VEND UNTIL THEY COME INTO COMPLIANCE. BUT WE'RE HAPPY TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THIS.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT LONG BEACH IS DOING BUT I KNOW PASADENA IS. THEY'RE DOING AN AN AGGRESSIVE-- OR NOT AGGRESSIVE, A--?

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** RIGHT, A-- RIGHT, A SEQUENTIAL.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH. AND THAT'S JUST BECUASE I JUST, THAT'S WHERE I'M HAVING A LITTLE BIT OF HEARTBURN. BUT I'M GOING TO LISTEN TO PUBLIC TESTIMONY NOW THAT I'VE LISTENED TO SUPERVISOR HAHN AND CHAIR HORVATH. SO THANK YOU.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. THANK YOU.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE NOW TO TURN TO OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE

CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: SOFIA WRENCH, LIZETH MENDOZA, GABRIELLA OLA-- ORO, JAVIER SANCHEZ, ALBERTO VIEGAS, YUMBELI CASTRO, ELENA GONZALEZ, ABRAHAM ZABELLA RODRIGUEZ, ADRIEN JIMENEZ, ALBERTO VEGAS, ANA ESTRADA, ASCENCIA ANDRADE, ASIENNA SANCHEZ AND CESAR BENITEZ. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEMS 3 AND 4 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 JUAN ESPINOZA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**JUAN ESPINOZA:** --

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. JUAN, ARE YOU THERE? JUAN? OKAY, LET'S GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS A.J. JACKSON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**A.J. JACKSON:** --

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** A.J., ARE YOU THERE?

**A.J. JACKSON:** HI THERE. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

:A.J. JACKSON: HELLO? DEAR HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS A.J. AND I WORK WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL. AS AN ADVOCATE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE I'M IN STRONG SUPPORT OF BOTH OF THESE ORDINANCES UNDER CONSIDERATION TODAY. MOST VENDORS MAKE LESS THAN $15,000 PER YEAR AND THIS WORK IS THEIR PRIMARY MEANS TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES, OFTEN AFTER LAYOFFS, MEDICAL EMERGENCIES OR OTHER UNFORESEEN CHALLENGES RESTRICT PRIOR AVENUES OF EMPLOYMENT. STREET VENDING FUNCTIONS AS A VITAL PATHWAY FOR LOW INCOME PEOPLE OF COLOR TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. MUCH LIKE ANY OTHER FORMAL BUSINESS, STREET VENDORS HAVE SIGNIFICANT START-UP, OVERHEAD AND REGULATORY COSTS INCLUDING BUSINESS LICENSES, MULTIPLE EVENTS PERMITS AND PLAN CHECK EXPENSES. INCLUSIVE ACTION FOR THE CITY'S 2023 STUDY OF LA COUNTY'S PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE INDICATED THAT THESE COSTS ARE BETWEEN $9,862 AND $11,393 FOR INDIVIDUAL VENDORS. STREET

VENDORS PROVIDE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ARE MULTIFACETED FROM SUPPORTING ECONOMIC VITALITY OF NEGLECTED AREAS, ENCOURAGING FOOT TRAFFIC IN URBAN SPACES AND BEING VISIBLE PILLARS OF CULTURE THAT DISTINGUISH LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS. EACH OF THE VENDORS I HAVE INTERACTED WITH ARE LAW ABIDING AND DESIRING TO ACHIEVE THE AMERICAN DREAM THROUGH THEIR WORK. IN THIS REGARD, THE BARRIERS RESTRICTING A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS ACTIVITY SHOULD NOT BE OVERBROAD. SPEAKING OF WHICH, CONFISCATING MATERIALS AND ITEMS OF VENDORS WOULD LIKELY HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW IMPLICATIONS THAT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF AND WE WOULD TAKE THE STANCE THAT THEY'RE UNLAWFUL SEIZURES OF PROPERTY. I THANK THIS COUNTY AND D.E.O. FOR MAKING PROGRESS ON THE SIDEWALK VENDING ORDINANCE WHICH INCORPORATED VENDORS' FEEDBACK FROM THEIR LIVED EXPERIENCES. I ENCOURAGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PERMANENTLY REDUCE FEES FOR THE NEWLY REQUIRED VENDING CERTIFICATE, REDUCE EXCLUSIONARY DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS, CLARIFY THE DUE PROCESS  PROCEDURES FOR CONTESTING ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND AMEND THE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES TO BE CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW--

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

:MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRENDA TINES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**BRENDA TINES:** HELLO. CAN YOU GUYS HEAR ME?

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

**BRENDA TINES:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS BRENDA TINES AND I AM A STREET VENDOR REPRESENTING THE AFRICAN VILLAGE VENDORS ASSOCIATION IN LEIMERT PARK. I'M A MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN AND STREET VENDING IS MY SOURCE OF INCOME TO BE ABLE TO SURVIVE IN THIS COUNTY. STREET VENDING GIVES ME AND MY FELLOW VENDORS ACCESS TO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY WHICH IS HOW WE PAY FOR RENT, FOOD AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES. I AM SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 3 AND 4. WE THANK THE COUNTY AND THE D.E.O. FOR MAKING PROGRESS ON THE SIDEWALK VENDING ORDINANCE WHICH INCLUDES SOME MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST MONTH AND INPUT BASED ON VENDORS' LIVES AND EXPERIENCE. THE S.B.-946 AND S.B.-972 CLEARLY SIGNAL STATE AND TEND TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT VENDING. VENDORS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE CULTURAL FABRIC IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND VENDING PROVIDES A VITAL PATHWAY FOR LOW INCOME WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. FURTHER, VENDING PROVIDES MANY BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY. STUDIES SHOW THAT STREET VENDORS CREATE FOOT TRAFFIC IN NEGLECTED AREAS, ACTIVATE URBAN SPACES AND CREATE FURTHER ECONOMIC VITALITY. AND STREET VENDORS BUY PRODUCTS FROM LOCAL BRICK AND MORTAR AND BUSINESSES AND LOCAL CUSTOMERS

AND CIRCULATE MONEY THAT STAYS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ADAM HERNANDEZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ADAM HERNANDEZ:** THIS IS ADAM. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

**SUP. LINDSAY HORVATH, CHAIR:** YES, WE CAN. GO AHEAD.

**ADAM HERNANDEZ:** HELLO. OKAY, I'M SORRY. I EDITED WHAT I HAD TO SAY BECAUSE EVERYBODY HAD STATED STUFF PREVIOUSLY. I HAVE A RESTAURANT ON PASSAIC  ROAD IN UNINCORPORATED LA COUNTY. THE GROWING NUMBER OF TACO TRUCKS AND ILLEGAL FOOD TABLES ARE HURTING OVER A DOZEN RESTAURANTS THAT ARE CLOSING REGULARLY BEFORE THEIR POSTED HOURS I AND OTHERS MAY SHUT DOWN PERMANENTLY VERY SOON. WHY DO ILLEGAL TABLES GET SPECIAL RULES AND LESSER FEES AND ASSISTANCE WITH CAR PURCHASES IS LIKE HELPING A DRUG DEALER BECOME A LEGITIMATE PHARMACIST. THESE ILLEGAL TABLES AND TRUCKS MAKE $1,000 TO $3,000 PER DAY WITHOUT PAYING SALES TAX, PAYROLL TAX, INSURANCE, ET CETERA. THESE ILLEGAL TABLES POSE A HEALTH RISK ALONG WITH A SAFETY RISK BY MAKING PEDESTRIANS WALK ON TO THE STREET WHERE WE ARE

A TRUCK STOP TOWN. IN FACT, I MAY NEED TO SHUT DOWN PERMANENTLY AT THE END OF FEBRUARY. I HAVE THREE QUESTIONS. HOW ARE BRICK AND MORTARS EXPECTED TO COMPETE AND SURVIVE? HOW IS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GOING TO HELP US? DOES THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EVEN CARE ABOUT BRICK AND MORTARS? MRS. SOLIS STATED HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HELP ILLEGAL TABLES BUT IT COMES AT THE EXPENSE OF BRICK AND MORTAR. MS. SOLIS IS ALSO CORRECT ABOUT THEH HUGE IMPACT THIS WILL HAVE, BUT AGAIN, THAT COMES AT OUR EXPENSE. I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY OF THIS. IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE THAT BRICK AND MORTARS HAVE OVERHEAD FAR BEYOND WHAT POP-UPS HAVE. AND EVERYBODY IS COMING OUT SAYING, OH, WELL, IT'S VERY EXPENSIVE FOR THEM TO GET THESE TABLES. IT'S VERY EXPENSIVE TO GET LICENSED AND PERMITTED. WHAT ABOUT US? WHAT ABOUT THE BUSINESS PLANS THAT WE HAD IN PLACE? WHAT ABOUT THE HOMES THAT WE MORTGAGED TO START UP A BUSINESS LEGALLY THE RIGHT WAY? THANK YOU.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROBBIE BONSELL. YOU MAY BEGIN. NEVER MIND. THEY'RE OUT OF THE QUEUE. WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF ZORA YASIRI. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ZORA HASIRI:** YES, HI. MY NAME IS ZORA YASIRI. I'M A RESIDENT OF STEVENSON RANCH AND I WAS WONDERING WHY IS THIS EVEN BEING

CONSIDERED IN STEVENSON RANCH WITH OUR SIDEWALKS BEING SO NARROW THAT ONLY TWO PEOPLE CAN PASS? AND BESIDE THAT, THERE IS NO WAY THAT FOOD VENDORS CAN COMPLY WITH HEALTH DEPARTMENT CODES. I'VE BEEN IN THE FOOD BUSINESS FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS AND JUST RETIRED BEFORE COVID AND THE THINGS WE WENT THROUGH, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO WAY THAT THE SIDEWALK VENDOR CAN COMPLY WITH THAT. AND BESIDES THAT, THE SAFETY OF THE VENDORS AND THE SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE AND THEN THE PEDESTRIANS, WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO BE ON THE STREET? HOW ARE THESE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE SUPPLIED WITH CARS SUPPLYING THEM? WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO PARK? WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO STOP? ALL THIS. THE ROADS ON STEVENSON RANCH ARE NO STOP, THE MAIN ROAD. I WAS JUST WONDERING HOW IS THAT GOING TO WORK IN STEVENSON RANCH IN PARTICULAR? IN THE OTHER AREAS, I HAVE NO IDEA. I'M NOT GOING TO EVEN COMMENT ON IT. BUT THE STEVENSON RANCH IS A CONCERN. AND IT JUST SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE ARE IN LAWS PASSED IN ORDER FOR YOU GUYS OVER THERE NOT TO BOTHER WITH ENFORCING-- THE INCONVENIENCE OF ENFORCING THE LAWS THAT ALREADY ARE. AND THE RESTAURANT OWNER, I MEAN, I FEEL FOR THE GUY. HE'S PUT OUT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN THAT RESTAURANT AND IT'S NOT ONLY HIM, THERE'S A LOT OF THEM. WHAT ABOUT HIM?

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

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** GENEVIEVE? ARE YOU THERE? WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALFRED LIPAC. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ALFRED LIPAC:** YEAH, HELLO. THIS IS ALFRED LIPAC, STEVENSON RANCH. I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE STRONGER SIDEWALK REGULATIONS. I JUST NOTICED THIS AT 5:30 IN THE MORNING WHEN I LEAVE IN THE MORNING, I SEE A LOT OF TRASH ALREADY IN THE PARKING SPOTS. SO MY CONCERN IS ACTUALLY HERE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL-RELATED, THINKING ABOUT THAT VENDORS AS WELL AS CUSTOMERS ARE GOING TO LEAVE A LOT OF TRASH BEHIND. SO, WHO IS GOING TO PICK THIS UP? DEFINITELY THE CROWS THE NEXT MORNING. PROBABLY RATS. SO IF WE HAVE MORE STREET VENDORS, WE WILL HAVE MORE TRASH. SO MY SUGGESTION IS EITHER TO HIRE AN INDEPENDENT COMPANY THAT'S GOING TO  CLEAN UP AFTER THEY'RE DONE WITH THE DAY OR TO HAVE MAYBE COMPOSTABLE DISHES. THIS IS ACTUALLY A SECOND CONCERN IN REGARDS TO ENVIRONMENT. WE WILL END UP WITH MORE TRASH AND THAT'S REALLY NOT NECESSARY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

**ERIC PREVIN:** HELLO? YES. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THE VENDEDORES ISSUE IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. I'M NOT SURE IT WARRANTS A FOUR HOUR HEARING, BUT I THINK IT'S GOOD THAT WE'VE MADE SOME FORWARD MOTION. I WANT TO SAY ALSO THAT ONE THING I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE WAY THAT MR. BUTTS AND CHAMPIONS OF BIG SPORTING EVENTS CREATE INCREASINGLY VERTICAL COMPANIES THAT PUSH AWAY ALL OF THE WONDERFUL VENDORS THAT ARE INTENDED TO BRING THE VIBRANT FOOD CULTURE THAT WE'RE ALL SO PROUD OF, BUT IN FACT WHAT WE WIND UP DOING IS FUNDING MEAN-SPIRIT SHERIFFS RALLYING EVERYBODY TO FIRST AMENDMENT ZONES AND GETTING THEM AWAY FROM THE TREASURED CUSTOMERS WHO THEN HAVE TO BUY IT FROM, YOU KNOW, WHATEVER HIS NAME IS, HANKY-- NOT HANKY, THE-- KRONKY. CRANKY. ANYWAY, WE NEED TO WORK TO LOWER THESE DAMN PERMIT FEES. AND WHY IS A POP-UP NOT CONCEIVABLE BY ONE OF THE GREATEST COUNTIES IN AMERICA? IT'S JUST EMBARRASSING. YOU'RE THE 5 MOST SKILLED ADMINISTRATIVE TALENT IN AMERICA, GET IT DONE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND. IT'S SO OUTRAGEOUS AND IT'S SO UNFAIR TO THE BRICKS AND MORTAR AND TO THE VENDADORES, BOTH. BOTH. THERE IT IS. I'VE SAID IT. BOTH. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LIZETH LOREZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**LIZETH LOREZ:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

**LIZETH LOREZ:** CAN YOU HEAR ME? OKAY. HI, YEAH. I'M A STEVENSON RANCH RESIDENT AND THERE IS A FEW ISSUES I HAVE. SOME OF THEM ARE BASED ON THE REQUIREMENTS AND THE LOOPHOLES FOR SIDEWALK VENDORS. SIDEWALK VENDORS ARE NOT SAFE AND SHOULD NOT BE UP HERE. 100%. THEY'RE HURTING BRICK AND MORTAR BUSINESSES. IT'S NOT FAIR. IT'S NOT RIGHT. AND YOU SHOULD LET THE PEOPLE VOTE ON THIS, NOT THE POLITICIANS. IT IS NOT OKAY. IT IS NOT SAFE. IT MAKES IT DIRTY. IT ATTRACTS BAD PEOPLE. WE HAVE NO IDEA OF THE QUALITY OF FOOD. WE DON'T EVEN HAVE ENOUGH AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT-- ARE THEY GOING TO GET RATED A, B, C WHEN THESE PEOPLE WHO OWN RESTAURANTS HAVE TO PAY RENT EVERY MONTH AND THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN RENT BUT THESE SIDEWALK VENDORS DON'T HAVE TO PAY ANYTHING AND NOW THE TAXPAYERS ARE GOING TO BE PAYING THEIR-- WAIVES THE FEES FOR THE STREET VENDORS? SO WHO IS GOING TO BE PAYING FOR THAT? THE TAX PEOPLE ARE. PEOPLE WHO PAY TAXES. IT'S NOT FAIR. IT'S NOT RIGHT. THEY

NEED TO BE SHUT DOWN AND THEY NEED TO NOT BE HERE. STREET VENDORS SHOULD NOT BE OUT HERE AT ALL. YOU'RE SPREADING LA CITY STUFF OVER TO LA COUNTY AREAS. THANK YOU.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SABRINA WIGGAM. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SABRINA WIGGAM:** HI. I'M SABRINA WIGGAM. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

**SABRINA WIGGAM:** OKAY. SORRY. THANK YOU. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE  AFRICAN VILLAGE VENDORS ASSOCIATION AT LEIMERT PARK. I WANT TO THANK THE INITIATIVES THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED AND WE APPRECIATE THEM. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME OTHER ISSUES I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS. NUMBER ONE, THE AVERAGE STREET VENDOR DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY FROM WHERE WE'RE AT TO GO AND RESTOCK UP LIKE THE GENTLEMEN MENTIONED. SO THAT'S NOT A CASE FOR US. THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OUT THERE, WE REPRESENT OVER 200 BLACK OWNED VENDORS THAT FREQUENT THE LEIMERT PARK AREA AND OF THOSE, NEARLY 70% ARE WOMEN AND LOW INCOME AS WELL. SO THERE IS A NEED. THE ISSUE ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD BE THERE, I SAY THAT THE TIMES NOW IS THAT EVEN THE UPPER ECHELON PEOPLE

ARE EXPERIENCING EXTREME INFLATIONARY THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING AND THE COMMON MAN IS OUT THERE TRYING TO MAKE A LIVING FOR THEMSELVES, NOT DESTROYING THE COMMUNITY, BUT BUILDING THE COMMUNITY. AND ALSO BRINGING TRAFFIC TO THAT AREA FOR THE BRICK AND MORTARS AS WELL. IN FACT, WE ARE THE BRICK AND MORTAR, BUT WE'RE NOT THE BRICK AND MORTAR. WE ARE MERCHANTS BUT WITHOUT A COVER. THEY'RE MERCHANTS INSIDE OF A COVER. AND IN TERMS OF SAYING THAT THEY PAY THIS ENORMOUS COST, YES, THAT'S TRUE. WE WOULD LOVE TO PAY THAT BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD IT. SO IF YOU CAN MEET US WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW, AND BRING US UP AND TURN US INTO ENTREPRENEURS, WHICH WE'RE TRYING TO DO, JUST NOT WORKING FOR YOU, BUILDING THE COMMUNITY FROM THE LEVEL THAT WE ARE, THEN IT CAN BE PROVISIONS FOR US AND FOR THE BRICK AND MORTAR AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. AND AS THE GENTLEMAN STATED EARLIER, THE COST OF LIVING OF WHAT THEY MAKE IS LIKE--

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

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS OMAR SHAHEED. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**OMAR SHAHEED:** YES, HOW YOU DOING? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

**OMAR SHAHEED:** CAN EVERYBODY HEAR ME? YES. THIS IS OMAR CUSTOM MADE CRAFTS AND LEATHER. I WORK IN THE LEIMERT PARK AND WE HAVE BUSINESSES IN THERE. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THESE POP-UP BUSINESSES. TO SIT DOWN AND SAY THAT THEY DON'T, WE DON'T NEED THEM, WE NEED TO GET THEM OUT OF THERE, OR ANYWHERE ELSE, THAT IS WRONG. WHAT YOU THINK, THE SMALL BUSINESS PEOPLE DON'T HAVE A RIGHT TO SURVIVE IN THIS WORLD? WE'RE THE ONES WHO ARE MAKING IT BIG FOR THE BIG BUSINESS PEOPLE, BUT WE'RE TRYING TO GET A BUILDING. IF WE TRY TO GET A BUILDING, IT COSTS TOO MUCH MONEY, WAY TOO MUCH MONEY. SO NOW WE GOT A SMALL BUSINESS AND WE NEED SUPPORT THERE AND TO PROTECT US FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE SITTING DOWN TALKING ABOUT, WELL, WE DON'T NEED NO BUSINESS OR THEY DON'T NEED TO BE POPPED-UP. THEY DON'T NEED TO BE THIS. THAT DISTURBED ME. I DON'T EVEN LIKE THAT AND THAT'S NOT RIGHT. AND I APPRECIATE THAT CONGRESS AND OTHER PEOPLE ARE HELPING US TO GROW TO GET BIG TILL WE CAN ONE DAY GET INTO A BUILDING. WE CAN'T DO IT BY OURSELF. WE NEED HELP. THANK YOU.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, GENEVIEVE. GENEVIEVE, ARE YOU THERE? GENEVIEVE? WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARCELLE DOUGLAS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** MARCELLE? MARCELLE?

**MARCELLE DOUGLAS:** YES, HI. GOOD MORNING.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** HI, GOOD MORNING.

**MARCELLE DOUGLAS:** YES, GOOD MORNING. HOW ARE YOU DOING? MY NAME IS MARCELLE DOUGLAS AND I'M A STREET VENDOR REPRESENTING FOR BLACK WOMEN'S BAND OF THE LEIMERT PARK AREA. THE ISSUES AND CONCERNS THAT I HAVE IS IN REGARDS TO BRICK AND MORTAR, ESPECIALLY RESTAURANTS SAYING THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO MAKE MONEY. I AM A POP-UP VENDOR AND I THINK IF WE CAN BE IN COMPLIANCE FOR ONE, I KNOW WHEN I ATTEND A FOOD FESTIVAL, I AM A POP-UP VENDOR ON SITE AND I HAVE GONE THROUGH THE MOTIONS OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT COMING OUT AND SEEING ME AND MAKING SURE THAT I'M IN COMPLIANCE FOR THE DAY. I DON'T SEE WHY THAT CANNOT BE WORKED OUT WHERE A VENDOR IS REGISTEREDED AND THIS IS A SPACE THAT THEY'RE ALLOCATED TO BE AND THEY ARE

INSPECTED, SAY, EVERY THREE MONTHS AND THEY PAY FOR THIS INSPECTION TO BE DONE. THERE'S AN EXCUSE ON EVERYBODY'S PART AS TO WHY POP-UP VENDORS CANNOT BE IN COMPLIANCE, WHERE I SEE THAT THEY CAN BE. RESTAURANTS ARE COMPLAINING THAT THEY'RE NOT MAKE ANY MONEY. I GO OUT TO EAT AND I CHOOSE A RESTAURANT TO EAT IN. IF I DON'T WANT TO EAT IN THAT RESTAURANT, I CHOOSE A STREET VENDOR OR A FOOD TRUCK. EVERYONE WILL MAKE MONEY. IF YOU ARE A BRICK AND MORTAR AND YOU SAY YOU'RE NOT MAKING MONEY, THAT'S NOT BECAUSE OF A POP-UP VENDOR, THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT DOING SOMETHING IN YOUR BUSINESS THAT'S NOT CREATING CUSTOMERS TO COME THERE, SO THAT NEEDS TO CHANGE. DON'T BLAME IT ON THE LACK OF THAT. I'M A STREET VENDOR. I LOBBIED FOR S.B.-972. THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS THAT WE COULD MAKE BETTER TO ACCOMPLISH EVERYONE'S NEED. BUT TO THROW AWAY STREET VENDING THAT BROUGHT IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS AND CREATED BUSINESS SMALL OPPORTUNITIES, ESPECIALLY FOR A SINGLE MOM, I THINK THAT --

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

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JUAN ESPINOZA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**JUAN ESPINOZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FIRST OF ALL TO ALL OF THE ORGANIZERS, PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS THAT HAVE WORKED ON GETTING THE ORDINANCE INTO MUCH BETTER SHAPE FOR WORKING PEOPLE IN LA COUNTY. AND ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK ALSO THE SUPERVISORS AND EVERYONE THAT'S BEEN INVOLVED IN WORKING ON GETTING THIS FORWARD. I WANTED TO POINT TO THE FACT THAT STREET VENDORS CONTRIBUTE CULTURALLY. THEY CONTRIBUTE TO WORKING CLASS COMMUNITIES, PEOPLE THAT OFTEN CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY FOR FOOD IN EXPENSIVE LOCATIONS CAN GO TO A STREET VENDORS AND EAT. THEY'RE CONTRIBUTING TO LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES IN MORE WAYS THAN HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TODAY. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO WHILE WE MAKE PROGRESS AND SUPPORT AN ORDINANCE IN MOVING FORWARD TO HELP THIS COMMUNITY MORE ROBUSTLY ADDRESS THE WAYS IN WHICH WE NEED TO INTEGRATE THESE LOCAL ECONOMIES AND MORE ROBUSTLY ADDRESS THE WAYS IN WHICH WE SUPPORT LOW INCOME ENTREPRENEURS IN LA COUNTY AND SUPPORT A MAJORITY OF WOMEN OF COLOR, IMMIGRANT WOMEN WHO ARE WORKING CLASS TRYING TO MAKE A LIVING AND MAKING THEIR FAMILIES COME FORWARD IN THIS ECONOMY. AND I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES -- THAT THE COUNTY, EXCUSE ME, PUSH THIS FORWARD AND CONTINUE TO FURTHER SUPPORT THESE COMMUNITIES THAT NOT ONLY DESERVE THIS SUPPORT BUT ARE CONTRIBUTING FAR, FAR MORE TO THEIR LOCAL ECONOMIES THAN IS BEING SEEN IN THESE CURRENT CONVERSATIONS. THANK YOU.

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

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

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW TURN TO SPEAKERS IN PERSON. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

**SOPHIA WRENCH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SOFIA WRENCH. I'M A STAFF ATTORNEY WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL. EVERY DAY I WORK WITH SIDEWALK VENDORS AROUND LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THESE VENDORS ARE MAKING ONLY AROUND $15,000 A YEAR. THEY ARE MOSTLY WOMEN. MANY OF THEM ARE PARENTS AND THE MAJORITY ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR. FOR MANY OF THESE VENDORS STARTING THEIR OWN BUSINESS ALLOWS THEM TO EARN A LIVING AND SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES, BUT ALSO TO BOND OVER FOOD AND CULTURE AND BUILD COMMUNITY. SIDEWALK VENDING IS CRITICAL TO ENABLING THESE LOW INCOME FOLKS TO SUSTAIN THEMSELVES IN OUR SOCIETY WHERE THE RACIAL WEALTH GAP IS ONLY GROWING. AND IN 2018 AND 2021, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA UNDERSTANDING THESE BENEFITS THAT VENDORS PROVIDE PASS TWO LAWS. THESE LAWS LEGALIZED AND DEDECRIMINALIZED STREET VENDING, MEANING THAT IT IS COMPLETELY LEGAL TO BE A SIDEWALK VENDOR, AND IT MADE IT CLEAR THAT CITIES AND COUNTIES CAN ONLY ENACT LAWS THAT REGULATE VENDING TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE'S AN

OBJECTIVE EVIDENCE-BASED OR DATA-BACKED HEALTH SAFETY OR WELFARE REASON FOR DOING SO. THE OPPOSITION'S CLAIMS THAT VENDORS ARE NOT CLEAN OR SANITARY, THAT VENDORS ARE DANGEROUS PEOPLE OR THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW EXISTING LAWS BY BECOMING LEGALIZED VENDORS ARE NOT BASED IN ANY DATA OR EVIDENCE. THEY ARE BASED ON NEGATIVE STEREOTYPES AND ANTI-IMMIGRANT AND ANTI-POOR RHETORIC. I NOW URGE THE COUNTY TO NOT ONLY PASS ITEMS 3 AND 4 BUT TO CONTINUE FOCUSSING ON AN EDUCATION-FIRST APPROACH, PERMANENTLY REDUCE THE FEES AND AMEND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES TO AVOID TRAPPING THESE LOW INCOME WORKERS IN AN UNJUST CYCLE OF POVERTY. THANK YOU.

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

**JAVIER FELIX SANCHEZ (TRANSLATED):** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS JAVIER FELIX SANCHEZ AND I AM A STREET VENDOR. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT ON ARTICLE 3 AND 4 OF OUR AGENDA TODAY AND IN SUPPORT TODAY AND IN SUPPORT OF. OUR AGENDA TODAY AND IN SUPPORT OF. SUPERVISORS, I AM HERE FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ON THE STREET VENDORS AND I AM THANKFUL TO THE D.E.O. AND FOR THESE ORDINANCE ON STREET VENDORS. AND I WOULD LIKE AND REQUEST THAT THE PERMITS BE A BIT CHEAPER THAN THE $603 THAT WILL BE IN 2026. SO NOW THAT THE LOS ANGELES HAS A STUDY TO SEE IF WE CAN LOWER PRICES FOR THE PERMITS OR EVEN MAKE THEM FREE, THE ECONOMY IS HIGH, PRICES ARE HIGH AND ALSO

THE ECONOMY IS LOW FOR US TO MAKE ANY SALES. SO WE URGE AND WE THANK YOU TO START A STUDY TO POSSIBLY LOWER THESE PRICES NOW THAT WE HAVE ALSO SINGLE MOTHERS AND SENIORS THAT ARE IN THIS INDUSTRY. THANK YOU.

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

**LIZETH MENDOZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS LIZETH MENDOZA. I'M THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORGANIZER FOR SIDEWALK VENDING WITH COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE ALSO KNOWN AS C.P.C. I'M THE DAUGHTER OF TWO IMMIGRANT STREET VENDORS WHO CAME INTO LYNWOOD 40 PLUS YEARS AGO AND ARE NOW IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY STILL SELLING FOOD TO MAKE ENDS MEET AS THEY GO INTO THEIR-- IN THEIR LATE SIXTIES. I WANT TO SPEAK TODAY ON THE COST OF FORMALIZING THE BUSINESSES. WE KEEP HEARING A LOT THAT THESE ARE JUST GOING TO BE A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS IN ORDER TO DO THIS, BUT THIS IS NOT TRUE. WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT AS MANY OF YOU HAVE ALREADY HEARD, ABOUT THE DIFFERENT JUST NOT ONLY THE LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE BUT VENDORS NEED TO PAY A HEALTH PERMIT, THE VENDING CART, WHICH CAN RANGE ANYMORE FROM $8,000 OR MORE, A COMMISSARY SPACE TO RENT, INSURANCE, MARKETING COSTS, MERCHANDISE, UTENSILS AS WELL AS OTHER OVERHEAD COSTS AND ADDITIONAL INSPECTION COSTS IF THEY WANT TO STORE CARTS AT HOME, FOR EXAMPLE. I KNOW WE'RE STILL WORKING ON THE MICRO ENTERPRISE HOME KITCHEN OPERATIONS BUT ONCE THAT GETS STUDIED

AND FINALIZED, THAT WILL BE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO REDUCE COSTS FOR COMMISSARY SPACE. YOU ALSO TALKED ABOUT YOUR CONCERNS FOR LOCAL RESTAURANTS. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. I THINK WE'VE ALL BEEN HIT HARD THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. BUT RESTAURANTS CAN CONTINUE TO CO-EXIST WITH SIDEWALK VENDORS. WHEN THEY GET THEIR COMPACT MOBILE FOOD FACILITY, THEY'LL BE ABLE TO STORE A CART IN SPECIFIC RESTAURANTS. THEY'LL BE ABLE TO PAY-- HELP PAY THE RENT AND OVERHEAD COSTS OF RESTAURANTS IF THEY MAKE A CONTRACT FOR A SHARED COMMERCIAL KITCHEN SPACE. A LOT OF THESE RESTAURANTS WHO ARE STRUGGLING CAN SET UP THAT RENT FEE AND ALLOW VENDORS TO TOOK AND PREP THEIR FOOD AND THEN WALK OUTSIDE A NEARBY SIDEWALK IN ORDER TO SELL THEIR ACCESSIBLE FOOD. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO LOOK AT FACTS, LOOK AT HOW PEOPLE CAN CO-EXIST AND NOT CONTINUE TO SPIT RHETORIC THAT ONLY HURTS ALL OF US. THANK YOU.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GREAT SUGGESTIONS. NEXT SPEAKER.

**GABRIELLA ARONA (TRANSLATED):** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GABRIELLA ARONA AND I AM A STREET VENDOR IN WHITTIER BOULEVARD IN EAST LOS ANGELES. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ARTICLES 3 AND 4 FROM TODAY'S AGENDA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR

US. WE KNOW THAT WE STILL HAVE A WAYS TO GO. AND ALSO WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THESE TWO LAST YEARS OF FREE PERMITS. HOWEVER, WE ALSO KNOW THAT IN 2026 WE WILL THEN NOW HAVE TO PAY $603. SO WE ARE STREET VENDORS AND WE LIVE OFF OF THAT. AND NOW WITH THE SALES JUST GOING DOWN AND WITH MULTIPLE PERMITS, THERE'S JUST A LOT OF THINGS. A LOT OF OUR COLLEAGUES HAVE TO PAY ALSO COMMISSARY ON TOP OF THE FACT THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE $603. THAT IS JUST A LOT FOR ALL OF US. I, FOR MYSELF, I COULDN'T PAY THIS AMOUNT. I'M A WIDOW AND I'M ILL AS WELL AND I HAVE AN ILL FOR MY FEET AND I ALSO HAVE A SON WITH DISABILITIES. AND THERE ARE MANY SINGLE MOTHERS, SENIOR CITIZENS, MANY PEOPLE THAT HAVE-- THEY DON'T HAVE THE MEANS AND YET WE HAVE TO MAKE ENDS MEET MONTHLY AND DAILY FOR OUR FAMILY. I ASK OF YOU TO SUPPORT US, TO SUPPORT A LAW THAT SUPPORTS WORKERS AND THAT RECOGNIZES US AND THAT YOU MAY JUST IMPLEMENT A LAW THAT OTHER CITIES CAN THEN FOLLOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

**YUMA VALLE (TRANSLATED):** HELLO. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS YUMA VALLE AND I AM A STREET VENDOR IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AND I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT ON ARTICLES 3 AND 4. WE ARE THANKFUL TO THE COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC

OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE ARE ADVANCING WITH THESE ORDINANCES, INCLUDING THOSE THAT WE HAVE WON, S.B.-946, S.B.-972. AND ALSO THESE LAWS WILL SUPPORT US. I SELL TAMALES AND I PROVIDE IN MY HOME FOR MY CHILDREN, FOR MYSELF AND CONTINUOUSLY I AM HARASSED. I'M HARASSED BY COPS. I'M NOT A CRIMINAL. I'M A SINGLE MOTHER AND I WORK. AND I WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEGALIZE MY BUSINESS, TO BE ABLE TO HAVE MY CART LEGALLY AND ALSO HAVE THE PERMITS AT A LOW COST. AND TO BE ABLE TO STORE MY CART AT HOME, NOT TO PAY EXTRA OR ADDITIONAL, BECAUSE I BARELY MAKE ENDS MEET AS IT IS WITH THE MONEY I MAKE NOW. AND THIS IS WHY WE ASK YOU, SUPERVISORS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, TO HELP US SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE. AND TO PLEASE GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITIES TO KEEP GOING FORWARD AND ALSO OUR FAMILIES, OUR CHILDREN DEPEND ON US TO BE ABLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. ANA CRUZ, ALFREDO GOMEZ, ROSA MIRANDA, ARNOLD SACHS, CLAUDIO MORENO, DANIEL GARCIA, DOUG SMITH, EDDIE TORRES, ALBA SORRANO, ALITA CATLAN, ERIKA ARMENTA, EFRACIO SILVA, FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ, LETICIA CAMPOS, EDIA GOMEZ, MARGARITA MOJECA, MARIA CASTALONE, MARIA GONZALEZ

AND MARIA SOBRENES. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

**ELENA GONZALEZ1 (TRANSLATED):** SO, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ELENA GONZALEZ AND I AM A STREET VENDOR HERE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I AM HERE FOR MANY REASONS, BUT ONE OF THEM IS FOR US TO NOT BE CRIMINALIZED, NOT TO BE CRIMINALIZED AS STREET VENDORS IN LOS ANGELES. AND ALSO THE SITUATIONS, YOU KNOW, THESE OCCURRENCES, I MYSELF AS A STREET VENDOR, I HAVE MANY INSTANCES, MANY SITUATIONS THAT I FACE WHILE SELLING IN THE STREETS. AND I ASKED MS. LISA, WHY IS IT THAT THEY'VE ONLY PROCESSED 120 PERMITS WHEN THEY SAY THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 10,000 VENDORS THAT ARE WITHOUT PERMITS? WHAT'S THE REASON AND WHAT'S THE MOTIVATION THAT YOU GIVE US STREET VENDORS TO BE ABLE TO GO AND APPLY FOR PERMITS? I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. WE DO HAVE TO WORK ON THIS ORDINANCE AS HUMANS TOGETHER UNITED. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO GET A CART WITH ALL THE PERMITS, THE ADDITIONAL FEES, THE INSURANCE AS WELL AS ALSO STORAGE. THAT IS JUST VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO PAY. AND ALSO IF WE ADD TO THAT, NOW THE CART FEE, THE CART ISN'T GIVEN TO US. WE HAVE TO BUY IT AND THEN WE ALSO HAVE TO GO AND GET QUOTES, SO THAT'S TIME AS WELL THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN IN CONSIDERATION. AND I THANK YOU. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND YOU KNOW, MAYBE YOU CAN KIND OF DONATE THESE WAYS THAT WE CAN HAVE HELP AND ALSO IF YOU WANT TO SEE US OUT,

MAYBE DONATE SOME CARTS FOR US AS WELL, SO WE CAN GO OUT THERE AND DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO. THANK YOU.

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

**ALBERTO VIEGAS (TRANSLATED):** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS AND TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. MY NAME IS ALBERTO VIEGAS AND I PROUDLY REPRESENT DISTRICT 2. 8 YEARS AGO I SUFFERED HEART ATTACK, YET I WENT OUT AND I STILL HAD TO GO AND PROVIDE FOR MY FAMILY. BUT 27 YEARS AGO I MARRIED A WONDERFUL WOMAN WHO HAS THE BEEN THE SUPPORT OF OUR FAMILY AND EVEN MORE SO THE LAST 8 YEARS. SHE HAS BEEN THE PILLAR FOR THE LAST 8 YEARS AND I WANT HELP THE MOST I CAN TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AND HAVE OUR SMALL BUSINESS WITH OUR STREET FOOD. AND THIS IS WHY I'M HERE STANDING HERE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THIS TESTIMONY. AND THIS IS WHY I STAND IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY TO LET YOU KNOW, AND TO HELP MY WIFE, BUT TO LET YOU KNOW WE NEED TOOLS. WE NEED HELP. WE NEED SOME SORT OF HELP AND ASSISTANCE TO BE ABLE TO KEEP GOING AND KEEPING OUR BUSINESS AFLOAT IN THE CITY. SO THAT WE'RE NOT CRIMINALIZED, BE PART OF THE LIGHT, AND ALSO BE PART OF THE ECONOMY OF THE STATE. AND THAT'S WHY ONCE AGAIN I ASK FOR YOUR HELP TO HELP US BECAUSE THESE COSTS ARE JUST EXTENSIVELY HIGH FOR US, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THE ECONOMY IN OUR ENTIRE STATE, OUR COUNTRY, IS JUST ALSO IN A DIRE NEED. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE VENDORS BE READY

TO CONTRIBUTE BUT WE ALSO REQUIRE YOUR SUPPORT. WE ARE BEING ATTACKED BY STREET THUGS. WE'RE BEING ATTACKED BY PEOPLE THAT DON'T WANT US IN THE STREETS. AND WE FEEL THAT WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. AND ON BEHALF OF ALL THE VENDORS, WE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AND LET IT BE THE FIRST PLACE THAT DOES THINGS RIGHT, THAT DOES AND SHOWS WHAT WE CAN DO HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

**ALBERTO VIEGAS:** GRACIAS.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** GRACIAS. THE NEXT SPEAKER.

**ANASTATA (TRANSLATED):** HELLO. GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANASTATA AND I AM A STREET VENDOR FROM COMPTON AND I AM HERE TO SUPPORT ITEMS 3 AND 4. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE COUNTY AS WELL AS D.E.O. FOR BEING ABLE TO ADVANCE THIS ORDINANCE OF STREET VENDING AS WELL THAT INCLUDES ALSO SOME DIFFERENT AND IMPORTANT CHANGES WITH THE EXPERIENCE THAT WE'VE HAD IN THE STREETS AS VENDORS. THE STREET VENDING, IT PROVIDES A VITAL ROLE FOR THOSE OF US, THE SENIORS, WOMEN AND CHILDREN THAT HAVE LOW RESOURCES. VENDING HAS PROVIDED MANY BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY. STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT STREET VENDORS GENERATE TRAFFIC AND ALSO IN THESE AREAS THAT AREN'T

NORMALLY VISITED. THEY ACTIVATE THE URBAN SPACES AND THEY CREATE A VITAL ECONOMY. STREET VENDORS ALSO BUY FROM WAREHOUSES, PHYSICAL WAREHOUSES. THEY GENERATE MONEY AND THEY ALSO ARE PROVIDING WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. STREET VENDORS ALSO ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY THE EFFECTS OF THEIR MULTIPLE BUYINGS AND ALSO ALL OF THE NEEDS THAT THEY HAVE. THEY BUY FROM OTHER VENDORS AND CREATE AND PROVIDE FOR THE ECONOMY, WHICH ALSO IS FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMY. THIS IS BASED ON OUR ECONOMIC BOARD. THE MAJORITY OF THE VENDORS THAT ARE HERE IS BECAUSE WE NEED TO BE, NOT BECAUSE WE HAVE SOME FREE TIME OR ANYTHING OF THAT. WE HAVE TO PAY OUR FOOD, OUR BILLS AND WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF OUR CHILDREN. MANY OF OUR COLLEAGUES PROVIDE WORK FOR OTHERS AS WELL AND WE ARE PART OF THE CALIFORNIA ECONOMY. WE WANT TO BE PART OF THAT. WE WANT TO BE PART OF THIS ECONOMY THAT PROVIDES FOR CALIFORNIA. WE NEED THE EXACT AMOUNT OF PERMITS, THE NUMBER OF PERMITS, THE EXACT AMOUNT THAT HAS BEEN SAID. WE DON'T WANT TO END UP IN THE STREETS OR SLEEPING IN THE STREETS. WE HAVE TO PAY RENT. WE HAVE TO BE LEGAL. WE DON'T WANT TO BE PART OF JUST SLEEPING IN THE STREETS.

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

**ABRAHAM SAVALA RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ABRAHAM SAVALA RODRIGUEZ AND I'D LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT JUST TO REALLY HIGHLIGHT THE LIVED EXPERIENCE THAT HAS BEEN SHARED. ON BEHALF OF WESTERN CENTER, I AM HERE TO SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF THE STREET VENDING ORDINANCE, ITEM 3 AND 4. WESTERN CENTER HAS A 50 YEAR HISTORY OF SUPPORTING POLICIES THAT EXPAND ACCESS TO JOBS AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR CALIFORNIANS EXPERIENCING POVERTY. THIS ALSO INCLUDES ESPECIALLY ADVOCATING THE ELIMINATION OF CRIMINALIZATION OF POVERTY IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND WESTERN CENTER WAS A PROUD CO-SPONSOR OF S.B.-972, WHICH MODERNIZED THE RETAIL FOOD CODE, MAKING ACCESS TO HEALTH PERMITS MORE ATTAINABLE AND MORE AFFORDABLE. THE RECENT CHANGES MADE TO THE COUNTY'S ORDINANCE ARE WELCOMED, AND WE APPLAUD THE COUNTY'S WILLINGNESS TO INCORPORATE FEEDBACK FROM VENDORS BASED ON THEIR LIVED EXPERIENCE. THIS SHOWS LEADERSHIP TRULY ACROSS THE STATE. IN PARTICULAR, THE REMOVAL OF RESTRICTION ON SELLING SECOND-HAND ITEMS. WE BELIEVE THIS CONTINUES THE COMMITMENT TO DECRIMINALIZING SIDEWALK VENDING ACROSS THE STATE AND HERE IN LA. THE REMOVAL OF THE 10-YEAR FELONY CONVICTION RESTRICTION. AS WE ALL KNOW, VENDING FOR A VERY MANY YEARS WAS A CRIME, AND A LOT OF S.B.-946 OUTLINES WHAT EXPUNGING THESE PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS CAN LOOK LIKE. SO I JUST WANT TO UPLIFT THAT, THAT THE ORDINANCE, IT DOES KEEP THAT SPIRIT. AND AS A CONSTITUENT BORN AND RAISED IN BOYLE HEIGHTS IN DISTRICT 1, AND CURRENT RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 4, I

HOPE THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS CONTINUE THEIR OUTREACH AND THEIR LEADERSHIP IN WORKING WITH COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS SUCH AS THE FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN HERE TODAY. WHETHER IT'S VENDORS IN LEIMERT PARK OR C.P.C., COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE, WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO THESE VOICES. I THINK THERE'S A CLEAR TONE OF VOICE IN FOLKS WHO ARE OPPOSED, THE COVERT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION OR NOT COVERT, AND THE VOICES OF JUST THE JOY OF FOOD, RIGHT. FOOD IS HOW WE BREAK BREAD. FOOD IS WHAT WE ENJOY WITH FAMILIES WHEN WE MAKE TIME. I KNOW MY KIDS, WE TALK ABOUT, "LET'S GO TO THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY." AND MY SON'S LIKE, "NO. LET'S GO GET TACOS HERE AND THERE," RIGHT. SO IT IS A VIBRANT SO CAL COMMUNITY, AND I THINK--

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

**ROSA MIRANDA (TRANSLATED):** HELLO, GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS ROSA MIRANDA AND I AM AN ORGANIZER WITH COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE. I AM HERE FOR ITEM 3 AND 4 OF THE AGENDA. SUPERVISORS, I AM HERE TO LET YOU KNOW ABOUT WHAT WE SEE OUT IN THE STREETS. I AM ONE OF THE PEOPLE, ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS, ORGANIZERS, MEMBERS, THAT ARE DOING OUTREACH FOR THIS PROJECT IN THE COUNTY. AND WHAT WE LIVE OUT THERE, REALLY WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT, IS THE LEGALIZING OF STREET VENDORS BUT REALLY KNOWING WHICH IS THE STREET VENDOR, WHAT

DIFFERENTIATING THEM. AS YOU CAN SEE BEHIND ME, YOU CAN SEE THE FACES OF THE TRUE STREET VENDORS. JUST LIKE THEY MENTIONED, 85% OF THEM ARE WOMEN, WOMEN THAT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK FOR THEIR FAMILIES, SINGLE WOMEN, AND EVEN THEN ALSO WOMEN WHO HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF A VIOLENT SITUATION. AND ALSO AS YOU HEARD, ANYONE WITH ANY MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES, JUST LIKE YOU HEARD. AND THAT'S WHAT WE SEE OUT THERE, THE NEED. WE ARE-- WE SEE THE NEED. BUT ALSO, THE NEED TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT. WE WANT TO HAVE OUR PERMITS AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT. AND THIS IS WHAT I COME TO TELL YOU ALL: A PERMIT OF $603 IN TWO YEARS, THAT WOULD BE THE HIGHEST IN CALIFORNIA. AND WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE LARGEST COUNTY, WHO CAN SET A PRECEDENCE FOR ALL THE OTHER COUNTIES. AND ALSO, STREET VENDORS, ALSO THEY HOLD THAT CULTURE, THAT ENRICHMENT OF THE FOOD INDUSTRY. AND THIS IS WHY I ASK FOR YOU GUYS TO JUST SEE HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT A FAIR ORDINANCE, A FAIR-- A HUMAN ORDINANCE WITH RIGHTS. AND WE REALLY TRULY DON'T WANT FINES. WE DON'T WANT FINES OR CONFISCATING THE FOOD, OR ANY OF THAT. WE WOULD REALLY WANT RESPECT FOR THOSE OF US TO BE ABLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET THAT ARE DOING THIS FOR THEIR DAILY LIVES.

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

**ROSA MIRANDA:** GRACIAS. [APPLAUSE]

**ANDREW GARCIA (TRANSLATED):** MY NAME IS ANDREW GARCIA AND I AM FOR THIS ORGANIZATION. BECAUSE I LOVE TACOS, ENCHILADAS. I LOVE THE TAMALES. I LOVE THE CONNECTION THAT THEY DO OVER THERE. BUT THE THING THAT I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT THIS IS THE LACK OF IDEAS IN PLACE HERE. THE LACK OF IDEAS THAT YOU GUYS DO NOT HAVE HERE. AND I WANT TO SHARE AND I WANT TO SHARE SOME OF MY IDEAS WITH YOU THAT MADE ME WANT TO COME HERE. SHOULD I SAVE FOR MY CARTS, THE COUNTY COME FOR MY CART, THAT I SEE IT WOULD BE A SANITIZED CART FOR THEM TO-- AT LEAST TWO TIMES. THAT'S ONE IDEA. WHY? BECUASE YOU PAY FOR THE FEES. ALSO, THAT IDEA, BUT YOU CAN HAVE A CODING AREA, THAT COULD BE RIGHT, LIKE, YOU COULD ACTUALLY PROVIDE THE EAST SIDE OF THE METRO, INSIDE OF THE METRO, AND  PROVIDE A BOOTH THERE TOO. YOU GUYS ARE MADE TO DO-- YOU GUYS CONTROL, YOU CONTROL THE METRO. THE METRO RUNS--

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

**MODERATOR:**  WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MARTA FRANCO. MIRIAM ZAMORA. MONICA MEJIA. SANDY PARRA. SOPHIA QUINEZ. TOM GOMEZ. TOMAS GAMES. TONY DEMARCO. AND VIOLETTA AVERRA. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

**CLAUDIA MORENO (TRANSLATED):** HELLO, BOARD. GOOD TO MEET YOU. MY NAME IS CLAUDIA MORENO. AND I BELONG TO THE OUTREACH IN THE COUNTY, AND I AM ALSO A STREET VENDOR. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ADVANCING THIS ORDINANCE. AND WE ALSO WANT TO THANK D.E.O. FOR SUPPORTING US. AND WE HAVE ALSO FOUGHT VERY HARD TO WIN STATE LAWS. WE HAVE WON S.B.-946 AND S.B.-972. THE ONES IN WHICH ASSIST WITH CHANGING OUR FOOD, THE CODES FOR FOOD, TO BENEFIT ALL OF OUR COLLEAGUES THAT LIVE DAILY IN THE STREETS. TODAY THEY WERE ALL MOTIVATED FROM DIFFERENT AREAS. COVINA, RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, EAST LOS ANGELES. AL DULCE, [PH?] AND VARIOUS AREAS IN THE COUNTY, IN WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED TO HAVE THEIR PERMITS TO BE ABLE TO SELL. NOW THAT THEY DO NEED SOME SORT OF ASSISTANCE, AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO FILE FOR THEIR PERMITS AND  BE ABLE TO SELL IN THESE SIDEWALKS, IN THE STREETS. MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN HARASSED BY THE POLICE. AND WITHIN THE COMMUNITY IN AL DULCE, OUR COLLEAGUE, A STREET VENDOR, SHE HAS BEEN HARASSED BY THE PEOPLE, THE RESIDENTS THERE, BECUASE SHE DOESN'T HAVE HER PERMITS AND THEY SCREAM, YELL THAT SHE HAS TO GO. AND THAT'S JUST LIKE THOSE MANY CASES THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN OUR COMMUNITY. THIS IS WHY WE ASK FOR YOU TO SUPPORT US AND TO HELP US. TO HELP OUR COMMUNITIES, MAINLY THE IMMIGRANTS, THAT WE NEED AN OPPORTUNITY. WE ARE WILLING TO WORK TO BE ABLE TO HAVE OUR PERMITS. BUT WE ALSO NEED YOUR SUPPORT, BECAUSE THESE CARTS, THE PRICES ARE TOO HIGH. THIS IS

WHY WE NEED LOW COST PERMITS, FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AS WELL AS THE DISABLED. ALSO, THAT CART, WE COULDN'T PAY IT. WE NEED A CART THAT IS DONATED BY YOU ALL TO ALL THE VENDORS, WHICH ALSO FILLS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS THAT IS NEEDED TO BE ABLE TO SELL. WE ALSO NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS. JUST LIKE ALL OF THEM, THEY HAVE ORGANIZED ON THEIR OWN, AND THEY HAVE SHOWN YOU THAT THEY NEED AN OPPORTUNITY AND HELP.

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

**EDDIE TORRES:** MY NAME IS EDDIE TORRES. RESIDENT OF EAST LOS ANGELES. CO-FOUNDER OF THE EAST LA COALITION. THIS IS RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY AND A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE IN EAST LA. WE ARE OPPOSING TODAY AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4. LA COUNTY LACKS THE PROPER ENFORCEMENT ARM. IN 2021, LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS SUBMITTED A REPORT THAT GAVE A $6 MILLION DOLLAR PRICE TAG THAT WOULD BE NEEDED JUST TO ENFORCE THE ILLEGAL POP-UP RESTAURANTS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE IN EAST LOS ANGELES TODAY. THE FUNDS ARE FOR ADDITIONAL FOOD INSPECTORS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY COSTS, AND PUBLIC WORKS STAFF WORKING OVER HOURS. LA COUNTY HAS NEGLECTED THE AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT TO DATE. AND THIS IS A STANDING STATE LAW FOR YEARS, PROTECTING SENIOR CITIZENS, PEOPLE IN WHEELCHAIRS, AND PEOPLE THAT ARE A.D.A.. AND I SAY THIS TO EVERYBODY IN THE ROOM RIGHT HERE. GROWING UP

IN EAST LOS ANGELES, EVERYBODY IS IN THE SAME BOAT. THERE IS MANY SINGLE WOMEN, BY TRAGEDY OR JUST BECAUSE OF DIVORCE, RUNNING SMALL BUSINESSES, AND THEY ARE ABIDING BY LA COUNTY REGULATIONS BECAUSE THEY ARE MADE TO. I AM GOING TO USE A FOUR LETTER WORD, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LIKE IT. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE MAD AT ME, BUT IT'S REALLY NEEDED HERE: FAIR, F-A-I-R. LET'S BE FAIR TO EVERYONE. IF YOU ARE BRICK OR MORTAR OR IF YOU'RE A VENDOR, YOU NEED PERMITS. YOU NEED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC SAFETY LAW. BARBARA FERRER HAS FAILED TO DO THAT, FOR YEARS AND YEARS. AND NOW YOU ARE GOING TO GIVE THEM MORE ON THEIR PLATE. IT ISN'T GOING TO WORK. IT IS A DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN. YOU NEED TO SUPPLY FUNDING AND SERIOUS ENFORCEMENT. GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT, STREET VENDORS.

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

**ALFREDO GOMEZ (TRANSLATED):** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS ALFREDO GOMEZ. I AM A STREET VENDOR OF EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, AND I THANK OUR SUPERVISOR. AND THE REASON, AND I KNOW THAT MANY OF YOU KNOW THE REASON AS TO WHY WE ARE HERE, AND WE ARE HERE FOR A VERY IMPORTANT REASON TO US. MANY OF US LEFT AND UNATTENDED AT ALL OF OUR OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS TO BE HERE TODAY. FOR ALL OF US, THIS IS IMPORTANT. WHAT MATTERS TO US IS TO BE LEGALLY SELLING IN THE STREETS. BUT YOU AS SUPERVISORS,

YOU HAVE TO SEE THE COST OF THE CARTS AND THE PERMITS THAT ARE GOING TO BE PROVIDED TO US. AND ALSO, WE WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT I DON'T WANT TO BE ANOTHER STATISTIC. I DON'T WANT TO BE SOMEONE LIVING IN THE STREETS. RENT IS HIGH. FOOD IS HIGH. THE COST OF LIVING IS HIGH. IT WAS REALLY SAD FOR ME TO COME TO DOWNTOWN LA AND SEE ALL THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE LIVING IN THE STREETS. THEY ARE HOMELESS, EITHER THEY LOST THEIR HOMES OR FOR WHATEVER REASONS. AND SO I ASK YOU, SUPERVISORS THAT YOU HAVE THE POWER, YOU REALLY DO HAVE THE POWER TO HELP THOSE THAT REALLY WANT TO CONTRIBUTE AND PROVIDE THIS LEGALLY. AND YES, I AM IN FAVOR OF THE ORDINANCE. I AM IN FAVOR OF THE ORDINANCE FOR THE VENDORS, BUT ALSO JUST PLEASE LOOK AT THE COSTS, THE FEES. YES, I AM IN FAVOR OF BEING TAUGHT HOW TO HANDLE FOOD IN THE STREETS, HOW TO BE SAFE IN THE STREETS. BUT ONCE AGAIN, I REITERATE, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR HELP TO BE ABLE TO SEE THESE FEES. IT'S HIGH FEES. AND THE ONLY THING I HAVE TO LEFT TO SAY IS THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING US, LISTENING TO US, AND MAKE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY.

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

**ERIKA AREMENTA:** HI, MY NAME IS ERIKA ARMENTA AND I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY AS A CONCERNED RESIDENT. I AM AN IMMIGRANT LATINA-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS OWNER OF EAST LOS ANGELES OPPOSING

THE CURRENT STREET VENTING DRAFT, THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO JEOPARDIZE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS FALLEN SHORT IN SAFEGUARDING THE WELLBEING OF EAST LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS BY NEGLECTING TO ENFORCE HEALTH REGULATIONS ON STREET VENDORS WHO ARE OBSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS, VIOLATING A.D.A. COMPLIANCE. NOW, THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW ORDINANCE WILL ONLY COMPOUND THOSE MISTAKES AND COMPROMISE THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY EVEN FURTHER. SIDEWALK SAFETY ENFORCEMENT, THE ORDINANCE APPEARS TO IGNORE THE PRESENCE-- NEED THE SAFE SIDEWALK FOR ALL COMMUNITY DESERVES WALKABLE, ACCESSIBLE PATHWAYS TO CATER TO EVERYONE, SPECIFICALLY TO THOSE WITH MOBILITY CHALLENGES. ABSENCE OF INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, THERE IS NO STIPULATIONS REQUIRING STREET VENDORS TO CARRY INSURANCE TO PROTECT RESIDENTS AND CONSUMERS. LACK OF FELONY DISCLOSURE FOR LICENSING, THE OMISSION LEAVES OUR COMMUNITY VULNERABLE, AS WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW THOSE ENGAGING IN STREET VENDING HAVE A HISTORY THAT MIGHT COMPROMISE PUBLIC SAFETY, SPECIFICALLY THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN. FUNDING ENFORCEMENT, WITHOUT PROPER RESOURCES ALLOCATED FOR ENFORCEMENTS, ANY REGULATIONS PUT IN PLACE WILL REMAIN INEFFECTIVE. I FIRMLY OPPOSE THIS ORDINANCE. IT IS OUR DUTY TO PROTECT THE NEW--

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

**ANA CRUZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS ANA CRUZ AND I AM AN ORGANIZER WITH COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE, AND WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A SUPPORT COMMENT ON ITEMS NUMBER 3 AND NUMBER 4 ON TODAY'S AGENDA. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 4 AND ITEM 3 OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA RELATING TO STREET VENDING. WE THANK THE COUNTY AND D.E.O. FOR MAKING PROGRESS ON THE SIDEWALK VENDING ORDINANCE, WHICH INCLUDES SOME MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST MONTH, AND INPUT BASED ON VENDORS' LIVED EXPERIENCE. THE STATE LAW S.B.-946 AND S.B.-972 CLEARLY SHOWS CALIFORNIA'S INTENT TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT STREET VENDORS. THIS ORDINANCE PRESENTS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR SIDEWALK VENDORS TO BE FORMALIZED AND SUPPORT FOR AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER INVESTMENT IN A SPECIAL DISTRICT, WHERE THERE ARE ALREADY COMMUNITIES WITH VENDORS AND REDUCE THE RESTRICTIONS OF VENDING WITHIN 500 FEET OF A SPECIAL EVENT, DAYCARES AND FARMERS' MARKETS. WE ASK THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT TO WORK WITH VENDORS THROUGH EDUCATION AND OUTREACH, SO THAT VENDORS CAN FOLLOW AND COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS AND SUPPORT IS ALSO NEEDED IN REDUCING FINES THAT THEY COULD RECEIVE WHILE THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING THE PROPER PERMITS, ESPECIALLY FOR VENDORS THAT HAVE TO NAVIGATE THE LONGER PROCESS OF GETTING THEIR FOOD CART APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THANK YOU.

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

**ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. DO I GET TWO MINUTES HERE? THANK YOU. THIS IS SO MESSED UP. PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY MISSING THE POINT HERE. FIRST OF ALL, YOU'RE NOT INCLUDING THE L PERIOD, A PERIOD ON THE STUFF. SECOND OF ALL, OUTSIDE YOU HAVE STREET VENDING ORDINANCE, BUT YOU ARE GIVING OUT THESE CERTIFICATES AND OVER HERE IT SAYS, "DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY" IN SMALL LETTERS. YOU CAN'T HAVE A DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN SMALL LETTERS BECAUSE THAT'S NOT AN OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT. BY THE WAY, YOU GOT TWO DIFFERENT COLORS. IN YOUR ORDINANCE READING, YOU HAVE "DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY" IN CAPITAL LETTERS. BUT OVER HERE IN YOUR DOCUMENT YOU DON'T. AND ALSO OVER HERE, YOU HAVE A LOGO FOR PUBLIC HEALTH WITH A BLACK FIGURE. BUT OVER HERE, I HAVE THIS, WITH A WHITE FIGURE. SEE, THAT'S WHITE. BUT WHAT IS DIFFERENT IS THIS HAS THE CERTIFICATE, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CERTIFICATE RIGHT HERE, SAME AS THAT ONE, BUT THIS ONE DOESN'T. SO IT MEANS IT IS A FOR-PROFIT, NON-PROFIT KIND OF [EXPLETIVE] THAT WE ARE RUNNING IN THE COUNTY SINCE FOREVER. SINCE MARK RIDLEY THOMAS DECIDED TO STEAL ALL THAT MONEY FOR THE STADIUM IN ENGLEWOOD THAT YOU AGREED TO LET HIM DO, JANICE, BECUASE YOU TOLD HIM NEVER TO PAY AFTER HE STOLE THE MONEY.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** PLEASE FOCUS1 YOUR COMMENTS ON THE TWO ITEMS BEFORE US.

**ARNOLD SACHS:** I AM TALKING ABOUT HOW [EXPLETIVE] THIS COUNTY HAS BECOME.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** YOUR LANGUAGE VIOLATES OUR CODE OF CONDUCT.

**ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, I AM SO SORRY. WELL, CLEAN YOUR EARS OUT.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THAT'S NOW YOUR SECOND WARNING.

**ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, WHEW. SO ANYWAY, IT'S THE STREET VENDING ORDINANCE, BUT THIS IS ABOUT PUBLIC'S RIGHT OF WAY. THIS IS SIDEWALK VENDING. IS IT A.D.A. COMPLIANT? WHERE IS THE COUNTY HEALTH DIRECTOR? WHAT ABOUT THE RIGHT OF WAY? WHAT ABOUT WHO PULLS THE PERMITS? AND THIS SAYS YOU ARE GOING TO GIVE THEM AWAY FREE FOR THE FIRST YEAR, $604 FOR A PERMIT? WHAT ABOUT--

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER. YOU ARE DISRUPTING THE MEETING. THAT'S NOW YOUR THIRD AND FINAL WARNING. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**SANDY SALAPARA (TRANSLATED):** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SANDY SALAPARA AND GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. THE DEPARTMENT OF OPPORTUNITIES AND ECONOMICS HAS BEEN EXCLUSIVE, AND THEY HAVE EXCLUDED A LOT OF RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. WE ASK THE SUPERVISORS TO TAKE SOME TIME AND TO REVIEW THE COMMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THEIR DECISION MAKING. THE EAST L.A. CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND WHITTIER MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, WE ARE ANXIOUS TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH OUR PATRIOTS. WHAT WE DO NOT WANT TO TOLERATE IS THE BEHAVIOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EXCLUDING THESE PEOPLE FROM IMPORTANT MEETINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

**SANDY SALAPARA:** I SPEAK-- I WORK A LOT IN CALIFORNIA ADVISING A LOT OF COMMUNITIES, AND I WOULD SAY THAT D.E.O. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAVE EXCLUDED AND A LOT OF LA COUNTY OFFICES. AND WE BRING SKILLS. I HAVE SKILLS. AND I'M SURE YOU HAVE RECEIVED MY EMAILS, THAT I COULD BRING SOMETHING TO THE TABLE. WE'RE NOT AGAINST STREET VENDING, SO I AM REPRESENTING A LOT OF THE STREET VENDORS, THE CHILDREN. HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. WE SEE IT IN THE COMMUNITY AND IT IS THROUGH LABOR TRAFFICKING. WE KNOW WHAT WE SEE. SO WE ARE JUST ASKING FOR THE D.E.O. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO INCLUDE US, NOT EXCLUDE US, AND NOT TO PICK THESE OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE NOT IN THE COMMUNITY

FOR A PROFIT. WE HAVE BEEN IN THE COMMUNITY FOR 20, 30 YEARS. I COME FROM AN IMMIGRANT FAMILY TOO. THANK YOU.

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

**SOPHIA QUINONES (SELF-TRANSLATED):** I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF OUR VENDORS. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT ITEM NUMBER 3. ITEM NUMBER 3 HAS TO DO, IT'S AN AUSTERITY MEASURE. AND WHEN I WENT TO THE MEETING, COUNTY COUNSEL COULD NOT RESPOND. THEY CAN'T RESPOND TO YOU HERE TODAY ON THE PRICE TAG. THE PRIVATIZATION OF STREET VENDING IS IMPORTANT TO ME. WHEN YOU BRING IN NON-PROFITS, BECUASE THIS IS WHAT WAS EXPLAINED TO US, THAT THE NON-PROFITS WERE GOING TO COME IN AND DO COUNTY JOBS. THIS IS AGAINST LABOR. AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE LISTENING, UNINCORPORATED AREAS HAVE BEEN HARMED. WE HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FOR 173 YEARS. BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES ARE UNDER ATTACK. WE HAVE BEEN HARMED. I HAVE PAID ATTENTION TO ALL THE HEARINGS HAVING TO DO WITH REPARATIONS, MS. MITCHELL. YOU KNOW, THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE OVERNIGHT, OVERNIGHT, [SPEAKS SPANISH], IS THAT CORPORATIONS CAN COME IN AND TAKE OUT EVERYONE IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS. [SPEAKS SPANISH]

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** PLEASE DIRECT YOUR COMMENTS TO THE BOARD, THANK YOU.

**SOPHIA QUINONES:** I WAS JUST EXPLAINING THAT SOMETIMES WHEN PEOPLE PRESENT TO OUR COMMUNITIES, THEY MISREPRESENT THE FACTS. I THINK YOU ALL HAVE GOOD INTENTIONS, BUT UNDER THE SHERMAN ACT, A MILLIONAIRE CAN COME IN, A BILLIONAIRE, OVERNIGHT AND TAKE OUT ALL THE STREET VENDORS. THERE IS NO CAP. THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE DOING, YOU ARE OPENING UP THE DOOR TO AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN SEGREGATED TO MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. AND THE NON-PROFITS THAT YOU ARE WORKING WITH TODAY PROMOTED THE GENTRIFICATION, ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION UNDER THE F.B.I. THAT'S EAST LA COMMITTED--

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

LILIA CATALAN (TRANSLATED); GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS LILIA CATALAN AND I SELL IN DISTRICT 2. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT ON ITEMS 3 AND 4 FROM TODAY'S AGENDA. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK BEFOREHAND, THE BOARD AS WELL AS THE COUNTY AND D.E.O. FOR ADVANCING THE ORDINANCE ON STREET VENDING. OUR LAWS, S.B.-946 AND S.B.-972, CLEARLY SHOW US THE INTENT OF CALIFORNIA BY SUPPORTING OUR STREET VENDING. THE STREET VENDORS, THEY ARE PART OF THE ECONOMY. AND WE ARE ALSO IMMIGRANTS AND A WORKING CLASS THAT DO NOT QUALIFY FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE. AND ALSO WE HAVE ABOUT AN ESTIMATE OF $15,000 TO $20,000 PER YEAR FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES THAT WE MAKE. THIS IS WHY WE ASK, I

ASK, THAT THIS STREET VENDING PROGRAM BE ACCESSIBLE. ALSO I ASK THE COUNTY TO INVEST IN RESOURCES, TO TAKE THE TIME TO EDUCATE AND INFORM ALL OF THE STREET VENDORS, AND ALSO THE AGENTS THAT ARE APPLYING THESE LAWS AS WELL AS THE FOOD HEALTH HANDLERS. I AM AN IMMIGRANT MOTHER. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER. MY CHILDREN WHO ARE NINE AND 12 DEPEND ON ME. AT THIS TIME, MY SON WHO IS 12- YEARS-OLD AND SUFFERS FROM ASTHMA, ONE OF MY NEIGHBORS IS TAKING CARE OF HIM. THIS IS WHY I AM HERE TO RAISE MY VOICE, AND I HOPE YOU HEAR ME. THANK YOU.

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

**TONY DEMARCO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TONY DEMARCO. I AM WITH THE WHITTIER BOULEVARD MERCHANT ASSOCIATE OF EAST LOS ANGELES. I WAS HERE IN DECEMBER AND SPOKE. MANY OF THE ITEMS THAT ALREADY HAVE BEEN SAID, BUT I WANT TO TOUCH UPON A COUPLE OF THEM. I HAVE SUBMITTED A FEW AMENDMENTS, DOCUMENTS TO THE PORTAL. I MET WITH KELLY, OR OUR ORGANIZATION MET WITH KELLY. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY, NONE OF OUR AMENDMENTS WERE EVEN CONSIDERED. MAYBE THEY WERE CONSIDERED BUT THEY DIDN'T FIND IT IN THIS NEW DRAFT, WHICH IS CONCERNING. THE NUMBER ONE IS THE ENFORCEMENT. AND I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS STARTED THE CONVERSATION. SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU CONTINUED IT. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. THAT IS THE KEY. OKAY, THAT IS THE KEY. AND YOUR QUESTIONS ARE VERY -- WE HAVE BEEN ASKING THESE QUESTIONS FOR

YEARS. I HAVE BEEN SENDING PICTURES FOR YEARS ABOUT THE POP-UPS. IT'S NOT SO MUCH THE PUSH CARTS, IT IS THE POP-UPS. BUT WITHOUT HAVING A RIGOROUS EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT, NOTHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN. YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER SET OF-- YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE, IT IS KIND OF LIKE MARIJUANA DISPENSARY. I SAID THIS IN DECEMBER. YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE THE LEGAL AND THE NONLEGAL, OKAY. IT IS VERY EXPENSIVE FOR THE NONLEGAL TO ENFORCE THAT. SO THERE WAS A REPORT BACK LAST YEAR. MR. TORRES SPOKE OF IT. IT IS GOING TO COST SOME MONEY TO DO, BUT YOU HAVE TO HAVE IT. YOU CANNOT PUT TOGETHER A-- THIS BRAND NEW ORDINANCE, AND NOT HAVE AMPLE ENFORCEMENT. I ALSO WANT TO ADD THAT THE D.E.O. REMOVED SECOND-HAND GOODS. I AM A LICENSED SECOND-HAND DEALER. OKAY, YOU HAVE TO HAVE A STATE LICENSE, OKAY, TO BUY AND SELL SECOND- HAND GOODS. THAT MUST BE IN THE DEFINITION, AT LEAST THE DEFINITION OF MERCHANDISE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

**ARTHUR MUNOZ:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ARTHUR MUNOZ. COULD I GET MY MINUTE SET UP THERE? HI, MY NAME IS ARTHUR FRED MUNOZ. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME IN ADVANCE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF GEORGE FLOYD AND AHMAUD ARBERY. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT IN 1966, MY FATHER, WHO WAS ARTHUR MUNOZ, HAD BRAVELY AND NOBLY SACRIFICED HIS LIFE IN

THE VIETNAM WAR. MY FATHER WAS A 25-YEAR-OLD ARMY RANGER STAFF SERGEANT.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, THAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE END OF THE MEETING. RIGHT NOW WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE VENDING ORDINANCES BEFORE US.

**ARTHUR MUNOZ:** OH, I THOUGHT I AM THE LAST PERSON.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** NO, I AM SO SORRY. WE HAVE MORE SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM.

**ARTHUR MUNOZ:** OKAY. I WILL WAIT UNTIL THE END, I GUESS.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF SPEAKERS. WE WILL NOW GO TO CALLERS IN THE QUEUE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MODERATOR, CAN YOU PLEASE OPEN UP THE LINES FOR THE LAST TWO SPEAKERS IN THE QUEUE.

**MODERATOR:** OKAY. ONE MOMENT, PLEASE. WE WILL BE GOING TO VERONICA JONES. ONE MOMENT WHILE WE FIND HER LINE. MS. JONES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

**VERONICA JONES:** HI. YES. CAN YOUR HEAR ME?

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

**VERONICA JONES:** HELLO? OKAY, OKAY. I JUST WANT TO FIRST SAY THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND I THINK THEY ARE AWESOME, AND THANK THE STAFF FOR WORKING ON THIS REGULATION. IT IS IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS THAT HAVE FOLLOWED THE ESTABLISHED REGULATIONS AND PAID THE TAXES AND FEES THAT ALLOW THEM TO BE IN BUSINESS. THE CURRENT PROPOSED REGULATION FOR SIDEWALK VENDORS, POP-UPS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH. IT NEEDS TO ENSURE THAT SIDEWALK VENDORS DO NOT SET UP IN FRONT OF ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES WITHOUT PERMISSION, AND DO NOT DISTURB THE DAILY ACTIVITIES OF NEIGHBORHOODS. LIKE BRICK AND MORTAR BUSINESSES, SIDEWALK VENDORS SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR FOLLOWING REGULATIONS. OUR SHERIFFS, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND OTHER REGULATORY AGENCIES SHOULD HAVE THE NECESSARY TOOLS TO ENFORCE THE REGULATION, AND THERE SHOULD BE STRICT CONSEQUENCES FOR VENDORS WHO DO NOT COMPLY. MOREOVER, EMPLOYEES OF SIDEWALK VENDORS SHOULD BE PAID AT LEAST MINIMUM WAGE AND MUST FOLLOW ESTABLISHED HEALTH REGULATIONS. THIS IS CRITICAL FOR THE WELL-BEING OF BOTH THE EMPLOYEES AND THE CUSTOMERS THEY SERVE. WE NEED REGULATIONS THAT WORK FOR BOTH ESTABLISHED HARDWORKING BUSINESS AND

HARDWORKING SIDEWALK VENDORS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE CURRENT REGULATIONS FALL SHORT OF ACHIEVING THESE GOALS. THE RULES MUST ENSURE THAT EVERYONE, VENDORS AND BUSINESSES, BRICK AND MORTAR BUSINESSES, ARE TREATED FAIRLY, AND EQUALLY. THANK YOU. AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU, THANK YOU.

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

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER, ONE MOMENT PLEASE, IS SYLVIA VEGA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SYLVIA VEGAS:** MY NAME IS SYLVIA CORRERA VEGAS, AND I AM A COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNSEL. I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THAT STREET VENDORS ARE A PART OF THE FABRIC OF LOS ANGELES. MY GRANDFATHER HAD A CART AND ROASTED PEANUTS BACK IN THE 1950S. I AM A MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, AND I APPRECIATE WHAT THE COUNTY IS DOING TO SUPPORT STREET VENDORS. WHAT I AM UPSET ABOUT IS A LACK OF ENFORCEMENT FOR VENDORS WHO CONTINUE TO SERVE AND COOK WITH NON-COMPLIANT CARTS. ALTADENA HAS SEVERAL NON-COMPLIANT TACO CARTS. WE HAVE HAD DOZENS OF CONSTITUENTS SPEAK AT MULTIPLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS COMPLAINING THESE VENDORS ARE DUMPING GREASE, HAVE LOUD MUSIC, BLOCKING SIDEWALKS, TRASH, ET CETARA. THE BIGGEST LOOPHOLE IS THERE ARE NO CONSEQUENCES FOR VENDPRS WHO HAVE NON-COMPLIANT CARTS. HAVING FOOD CONFISCATED ISN'T ENOUGH. THEY ARE BACK THE

SAME NIGHT. WE HAD JAMES REAGAN, A BRANCH MANAGER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SHARE AT OUR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING THAT THESE TACO TYPE CARTS SERVINNG ALTADENA ARE NON-COMPLIANT CARTS. IF THERE ARE NO CONSEQUENCES BEYOND THE CONFISCATION OF FOOD, AND THESE VENDORS JUST  CONTINUE TO SERVE WEEKEND AND WEEKEND AFTER WEEKEND, THERE IS NO CHANGE WHERE THERE IS NO ACTION. AND ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN TO REMOVE THESE VENDORS WITH NON-COMPLIANT CARTS. THANK YOU.

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

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

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND I AM CONFIRMING THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN THE ROOM ON THIS ITEM? OKAY. THEN IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ITEMS 3 AND 4, AND VOTE ON EACH ITEM. ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 3 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** AYE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

**SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL:** AYE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** ABSTAIN.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AYE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4-0, WITH 1 ABSENSTENTION.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ITEM 4 IS-- IF YOU COULD PLEASE HOLD YOUR APPLAUSE. THANK YOU. ITEM 4 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 4 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

**SUP. HILDA L. 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:** ABSTAIN.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ABSTAINED, SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AYE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4-0 WITH ONE ABSENSTENTION.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT WAS A LOT OF COMMENT. THANK YOU FOR GETTING THROUGH IT. WE ARE NOW GOING TO MOVE ON TO OUR NEXT ITEM. IF YOU CHOOSE TO DEPART, PLEASE DO SO QUIETLY. THANK YOU. WE WILL MOVE NOW TO ITEM 5, FOR MEMBERS ON THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ IN THE SHORT TITLE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ITEM 5 IS A HEARING ON ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, TO INCREASE THE 2023 DEVELOPER FEE PROGRAM RATES FOR AREA OF BENEFIT ONE, IN THE MALIBU SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, CITY OF CALABASAS; AREA OF BENEFIT TWO, IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY; AND AREA OF BENEFIT THREE, IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS? SEEING NONE, 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:** MADAM CHAIR, AT THIS TIME, THERE ARE NO REMOTE SPEAKERS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 5 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

**SUP. HILDA L. 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 7. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ IN THE SHORT TITLE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 7 IS A HEARING ON PROJECT NO. 2020-000612, TO APPROVE THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN. DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AMY BODEK, DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING, IS AVAILABLE TO MAKE A PRESENTATION IF WE NEED IT. WE WOULD LIKE THE PRESENTATION, OKAY. DIRECTOR BODEK, WE WILL TURN IT TO YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. THANK YOU. ARE YOU READY? OKAY, GO AHEAD.

**AMY BODEK:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PATIENCE AS WE GOT SET UP. MY NAME IS AMY BODEK. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND I HAVE CONNIE CHONG WITH ME. SHE IS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ADVANCE PLANNING. I WANTED TO START, BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO BE TALKING TODAY ABOUT THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN, AND IT SHOULD BE UP ON YOUR SCREEN. I HAVE ABOUT FIVE SLIDES. BUT I WANTED TO FIRST TALK ABOUT WHY WE ARE HERE TODAY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PLAN. THE GENERAL PLAN AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, AD NAUSEAM, IS OUR COUNTY'S CONSTITUTION. AND THE GENERAL PLAN REQUIRES US TO HAVE-- STATE LAW REQUIRES US TO HAVE SEVEN SPECIFIC COMPONENTS OF THE GENERAL PLAN THAT DEAL WITH THINGS LIKE LAND USE, CIRCULATION OR WE CALL IT MOBILITY, HOUSING, WHICH YOU ALL KNOW, CONSERVATION, OPEN SPACE, AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND I THINK ONE OTHER THAT I AM FORGETTING OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD. WE ALSO AS A COUNTY HAVE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT AND SOME OTHER SPECIAL ELEMENTS. ALL OF THESE GUIDE OUR DECISION MAKING PROCEDURES WHEN WE LOOK AT PROJECTS OR ORDINANCES. WITHIN THAT GENERAL PLAN, THAT IS OUR, AS I SAID, CONSTITUTION FOR 125 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. WE DIVIDE THE COUNTY INTO 11 PLANNING AREAS BECAUSE IT IS REALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO HAVE A SINGLE GENERAL PLAN WITH STANDARD POLICIES ACROSS 125 COMMUNITIES. THAT'S NOT RIGHT. IT'S NOT FAIR. IT DOESN'T REFLECT THE NATURE OF THOSE COMMUNITIES. SO WITHIN THAT GENERAL PLAN, AS I SAID, 11 PLANNING AREAS. ONE OF THOSE

PLANNING AREAING IS THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY PLANNING AREA. EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REPRESENTS 24 OF THE 125 COMMUNITIES. ROUGHLY 25% OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS ARE ACTUALLY CONTAINED WITHIN THIS EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN. ALMOST 300 PEOPLE WITHIN-- 300,000 PEOPLE, EXCUSE ME, WITHIN THESE 24 COMMUNITIES. AND SO THAT'S WHAT I AM GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HOW TO PLAN FOR 24 COMMUNITIES, AS PART OF OUR GENERAL PLAN AND ENSURE THAT WE ARE CONSIST WITHIN OUR GENERAL PLAN WITH ALL OF THE ELEMENTS. THE LAND USE ELEMENT MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT, ETC. SO WITH THAT BACKGROUND, AND I DO APOLOGIZE FOR THAT INTRODUCTION, BUT I WON'T HAVE TO DO IT ON ITEM 9, THIS IS OUR PRESENTATION ON THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN. AS I SAID, 24 COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL. WE ARE BUILDING GENERAL PLAN POLICIES AND PROGRAMS AT THE LOCAL SCALE. THESE ARE NOT THE SAME COMMUNITIES THAT YOU WOULD FIND IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN OR IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS OR THE NORTH AREA PLAN. VERY DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES AND WE NEED OUR GENERAL PLAN TO REFLECT THOSE CHARECTERISTICS OF THOSE COMMUNITIES. WE-- THE KEY DRIVING FORCES AND THE VISION WITHIN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY IS TO SUPPORT WALKABLE COMMUNITIES, TO ENCOURAGE HOUSING NEAR TRANSIT, TO DIRECT DEVELOPMENT AWAY FROM HAZARDS AND NATURAL AREAS. WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR A LOT OF CHANGE HERE. WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR A LOT OF GROWTH. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT THE EAST SAN

GABRIEL AREA PLAN THAT I COULD SAY IS THAT WE ARE ACCOMMODATING A LITTLE BIT OF GROWTH TO DEAL WITH THE HOUSING ELEMENT REQUIREMENTS. BUT WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FOR HOW TO MAKE THOSE COMMUNITIES MORE SUSTAINABLE AND HOW TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUES THAT THEY ARE ALREADY FACING IN TERMS OF CIRCULATION, MOBILITY, AND THEN HOW ARE WE GOING TO PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT ADDING HOUSING TO AREAS THAT HAVE NATURAL HAZARDS OR NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS. THE GRAPHIC ON YOUR SCREEN GIVES YOU AN IDEA OF HOW ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY PLANS OUR SPECIFIC PLANS, OUR COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICTS, AND OUR COASTAL PLAN ALL RELATE TO THE GENERAL PLAN. THEY ARE ALL SUBSUMED BY THE OVERARCHING UMBRELLA OF OUR GENERAL PLAN. AND EVERY SINGLE ONE OF OUR PLANS MUST BE INTERNALLY CONSISTENT, AND THAT'S GOING TO BE A BIG THEME FOR MY DISCUSSION TODAY WITH MS. CHONG. SO WHAT WE ARE ASKING YOU TO DO TODAY, AND IT IS A VERY LONG MOTION, IS TO UPDATE THE GENERAL PLAN AND INCORPORATE SOME OF THOSE COMMUNITY PLANS FOR CONSISTENCY, RESCIND SOME COMMUNITY PLANS FOR CONSISTENCY, UPDATE OUR LAND USE LEGEND WITHIN THE GENERAL PLAN TO DEAL AGAIN WITH THOSE INCONSISTENCIES, SPECIFICALLY, MAPPING RIDGE LINES, WHICH IS AN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL PLAN SO THAT WE MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE CONSTANTLY TRYING TO KEEP UP TO SPEED. WITHIN THE ZONING ORDINANCE, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO UPDATE SOME ZONING AND LAND USE POLICY MAPS AND PART OF THAT IMPLEMENTS OUR HOUSING ELEMENT AND THEN ADDS SOME LANGUAGE FOR

THE GREEN ZONES ORDINANCE THAT IS ALREADY IN PLACE, BUT TO HELP MAKE SOME IMPROVEMENTS AND TWEAKS TO THE GREEN ZONES. LASTLY, THERE'S A WHOLE SERIES OF IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCES. AND THE PURPOSE OF THOSE IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCES IS TWOFOLD: ONE, IS TO CREATE SOME LEVEL OF STANDARD STANDARDIZATION ACROSS THOSE 24 COMMUNITIES; BUT TWO, UNDER THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS MAKE SURE THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE UNIQUE DIFFERENTS WITHIN THEM. SO WE DON'T NEED OR WANT 24 DIFFERENT ZONING DOCUMENTS IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL. WE WANT ONE CONSIST ZONING DOCUMENT, BUT THEN WITHIN THEM, HAVE CHARACTERISTICS THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO EACH OF THOSE INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITIES. WE DID FOCUS SOME GROWTH IN THIS AREA, BECAUSE THE HOUSING ELEMENT AS YOU ALL KNOW, REQUIRES US TO REZONE FOR 90,000 HOUSING UNITS. AND WE CAN'T DO THAT IN HAZARD AREAS OR NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS UNDER THE HOUSING ELEMENT STATE LAW. SO THAT MEANS WE REALLY HAVE TO FOCUS OUR ZONING AND OUR GROWTH ON VACANT LOTS, COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS, LARGER LOTS, PLACES THAT CAN ACCOMMODATE INFILL DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL, BECAUSE THERE'S REALLY NOT A LOT OF OPEN SPACE OR LAND THERE THAT IS ELIGIBLE OR SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADDITIONAL HOUSING. SO WE ADDED THOSE GROWTH CRITERIA, AND WE ARE PROPOSING LAND USES, AND HOUSING THAT ENCOURAGED TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT. AND WE ARE ALSO ENCOURAGING AND REDUCING LAND DENSITIES IN THOSE HAZARD AND NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS. AGAIN, OUR LAND USE HOUSING ELEMENT MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR

HOUSING ELEMENT. AND OUR HOUSING ELEMENT SAYS WE ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ZONING IN THOSE AREAS. WE ALSO ARE MAKING THOSE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES, AGAIN, CONSISTENCY, CONSISTENCY, CONSISTENCY. WE DID PROPOSE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO OUR AGRICULTURAL ZONING. DUE TO SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON THAT, WE STEPPED BACK AND SAID WE REVERSED THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF AGRICULTURAL ZONING. WE DID A LOT OF ON THE GROUND GROUND TRUTHING IF YOU WOULD OF THOSE COMMUNITIES WHERE WE DID HAVE AGRICULTURAL ZONING. AND IT IS TRULY A SUBDIVISION NEIGHBORHOOD WITH BACKYARD POOLS AND STANDARD HOMES, WE DID PROPOSE THAT THOSE AG ZONING DESIGNATIONS GET CHANGED TO A STANDARD RESIDENTIAL ZONE DESIGNATION. WHERE THERE ARE AGRICULTURAL USES, WHERE THERE'S HORSE KEEPING, WHERE THERE'S ORCHARDS, WHERE THERE'S NOT A TRADITIONAL SUBURBAN PATTERN OF RESIDENTIAL, THEN WE DID SUGGEST AND ARE SUGGESTING THAT THOSE REMAIN AGRICULTURALLY ZONED. WE ALSO DID ONE THING THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN DONE SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WHICH WAS TO CONSOLIDATE AND STANDARDIZE TWO EXISTING EQUESTRIAN DISTRICTS. THE OVERALL BOUNDARIES AND ACREAGE OF THOSE DON'T CHANGE, BUT WE ARE JUST MERGING THEM INTO A SINGLE EQUESTRIAN DISTRICT. WE ALSO HAVE MAPPING ERRORS. WE HAVE LOTS THAT HAVE SPLIT ZONING WHICH MAKES IT REALLY DIFFICULT FOR SOMEONE TO COME IN AND SAY, "HOW DO I DEVELOP WHEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ZONING IS ON MY PROPERTY?" A LOT OF CLEAN UP ACTIVITIES. AGAIN, CONSISTENCY.

I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT THIS LATER, I AM SURE, SO I DON'T NEED TO READ THIS SLIDE. BUT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT AND I APOLOGIZE FOR THE FORMATTING ISSUES. WE WENT TO A NEW FONT AS PART OF OUR REBRANDING EFFORT, AND IT DOESN'T WORK WELL ON POWER POINTS, SO I DO APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHERE WE GOT-- HOW WE GOT HERE. THIS PLAN HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR SINCE APPROXIMATELY 2016. AND SO WE ARE HERE TODAY, BECAUSE IT IS TIME. WE'RE READY FOR THIS. BUT WE HAD AN INCREDIBLY ROBUST, LAYERED APPROACH TO COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION THAT I WISH WE COULD DO IN EVERY SINGLE PLAN, BUT WE DON'T HAVE SIX YEARS TO DO EVERY SINGLE PLAN. 107-PLUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS, POSTCARD NOTICINGS AGAIN AND AGAIN. OUR LANGUAGE ACCESS FOR THIS PROGRAM WAS PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL. WE ENDED UP DOING TRANSLATIONS IN SIMPLIFIED AND TRADITIONAL CHINESE, SPANISH, KOREAN AND VIETNAMESE FOR CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THIS PLAN. WE DID COLLABORATE WITH A LOT OF LOCAL AGENCIES, AND THE UNIVERSITIES. WE DID SOME TRAINING IN HIGH SCHOOLS WITH SOME SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL. WE ALSO WORKED WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE AND OUR LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO DO A PUBLIC ART PROJECT CALLED "A PEOPLE'S MAP OF THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY," AND YOU HAVE A COPY OF THAT ON YOUR DESK, WHERE WE TOLD STORIES AND GOT STORIES TOLD TO US ABOUT WHAT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MEANS TO RESIDENTS, AND HOW WE CAN HELP RETAIN THOSE ASPECTS OF THE UNIQUE CULTURE OF THIS EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. SO WE DO FEEL REALLY CONFIDENT THAT

OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS, YOU KNOW, WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME UNDERSTANDING THE COMMUNITY NEEDS. AND THERE WERE SOME MISSTEPS ALONG THE WAY, I WILL ABSOLUTELY GRANT THAT. BUT I THINK OVERALL, WE ARE REALLY, REALLY HAPPY WITH THE PLAN THAT WE ARE PRESENTING TO YOU AND ARE VERY CONFIDENT THAT WE ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THIS ALSO DOES ALLOW US TO MEET ONE OF OUR IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS OF OUR HOUSING ELEMENT. AND WE DID FUND THIS EFFORT PARTIALLY THROUGH A GRANT WHICH EXPIRES IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. SO WE ARE ON THE CUSP OF MEETING OUR GRANT REQUIREMENTS AS WELL. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION. AND MS. CHONG AND I ARE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE. THANK YOU.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DO ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM?

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** YES, I DO, MADAM.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, AMY AND CONNIE, FOR THE PRESENTATION. AND I JUST WANT TO UNDERSCORE THAT I REALLY VALUE THE TIME AND COMMITMENT THAT YOU PUT INTO THIS PLAN. AND I APPRECIATE SEEING A PEOPLE'S MAP THAT YOU HAVE SHARED WITH US. AND I REALLY WANT TO EXTEND MY THANKS BECAUSE

I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A VERY HARD AND ARDUOUS PROCESS, TO SAY THE LEAST. AND I THINK IT HAS PROVEN THAT REGIONAL PLANNING CAN ACTUALLY CHANGE. WE HAVE SEEN I THINK A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE LAST SIX YEARS IN TERMS OF HOW WE REALLY PROVIDE INPUT TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND WHETHER SOMETIMES WE GET IT RIGHT OR WRONG, WE MAKE WHATEVER CORRECTIVE NOTES ARE NECESSARY, TO SEE THAT WE REALLY CAPTURE AS MUCH INPUT FROM OUR COMMUNITY. SO I FIRST OF ALL WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR DOING THAT, BECAUSE I KNOW THERE WERE MANY MEETINGS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY THAT WEREN'T ALL THAT PLEASANT, AND INCLUDING MEETINGS THAT MY STAFF HAD AS WELL. BUT WE ARE COMING TO A DIFFERENT PLACE NOW, AND I THINK THIS BOARD HAS ALL BEEN UNIFIED AROUND MAKING SURE THAT WHEN WE DO OUR AREA PLANS THAT WE REALLY DO CONSIDER WHAT SAFETY, WHAT IS CONGRUENT WITH OTHER SURROUNDING AREAS, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND RESIDENTS AND ALSO LOOKING AT THE FUTURE, IN TERMS OF HOUSING APPLICATIONS, AND OF COURSE FOR ME, SAFETY. AND THIS IS A VERY UNIQUE AREA. SINCE REDISTRICTING, THIS IS MOSTLY A NEW PART OF MY DISTRICT, IS WHAT I WANT TO SAY. BUT I'M VERY FAMILIAR, HAVING GROWN UP IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, THE PUENTE VALLEY, AND KNOW VERY WELL HACIENDA HEIGHTS, ROWLAND HEIGHTS AND KNOW THAT IT IS BEAUTIFUL, PRISTINE IN MANY WAYS. THEIR SUBURBS THERE, AS YOU STATED, THERE ARE 24 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. AND THEY ARE ALL VERY DISTINCT. AND IT IS TRUE. WE HAVE EQUESTRIAN, WE HAVE SOME PASSIVE AREAS, AND SOME THAT ARE VERY POPELATED. AND WE

HAVE AN INFLUX OF DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES THERE. IT IS A MIXTURE OF LATINO, A.A.P.I., TRADITIONAL FOLKS THAT HAVE LIVED THERE FOR MAYBE 30, 40, 50 YEARS. AND WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO KNOW THAT FOR DECADES WE HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO PRESERVE OPEN SPACE IN THIS AREA BECAUSE THAT IS REALLY WHAT IT IS ABOUT I THINK FOR MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS, TOO, THAT THEY STILL WANT TO HAVE OPEN SPACE. WE ARE PARK POOR, AND WE CONTINUE TO BE PARK POOR. BUT I UNDERSTAND TOO THAT WE HAVE TO DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO INCREASE SOME HOUSING,  ALTHOUGH IN A MANNER THAT IS CONGRUENT TO WHAT OUR COMMUNITY WANTS AND WHAT WE CAN SUSTAIN. AND I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO BE READY TO TALK ABOUT ANY OTHER ISSUES THAT COME UP. BUT I AM REALLY PROUD TO REPRESENT THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. HAVING BEEN THERE FOR MOST OF MY LIFE, I HAVE A REAL PRIDE AND COMMITMENT TO SEEING THAT WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD. AND I LIKE THE NEW TOOLS AND THINS THAT WE ARE APPLYING. AND KNOWING THAT WE HAVE TO REVISE THIS PLAN. IT'S BEEN, WHAT, SINCE 1980? 1980. SOME PEOPLE WEREN'T EVEN BORN THAT ARE HERE IN THIS HALL. BUT THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT IT IS NOT IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE UPDATING THAT PLAN NOW TO TAKE IN WHAT OUR COMMUNITIES WANT. AND IT IS ABOUT THE FUTURE. SO I WANT  TO JUST DESCRIBE IF I CAN WHAT IS IN THE AREA PLAN AS I SEE IT. THE AREA PLAN DOES THE FOLLOWING: IT DOES INCREASE HOUSING DIVERSITY AND COMMERCIAL AND MIXED USE OPTIONS ALONG OUR MAJOR CORRIDORS AND NEAR TRANSIT, WHICH IS REALLY CRITICAL, BECAUSE WE WANT PEOPLE TO USE PUBLIC TRANSIT.

IT PROMOTES ACTIVE TRANSPORTAITON TO CREATE SAFE, WALKABLE COMMUNITIES. SO THERE ARE AREAS WHERE WE HAVE TRAILS AND HOPEFULLY MORE THAT WILL COME INTO PLAY. IT FOCUSES GROWTH IN AREAS WITH EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND REDUCES LAND USE AND ESPECIALLY IN AREAS WHERE THEY COULD BE HAZARDOUS AND ALSO1 IMPACT OUR SCENIC AS WELL AS OUR BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. GIVEN ALONE, SOME OF THE ANIMAL AND WILDLIFE THAT I THINK VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. IT PRESERVES AND CELEBRATES THE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL TRADITIONS OF EQUESTRIAN AND AGRICULTURAL USES, AS YOU SAID. THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA PLAN WAS COMPREHENSIVE AND INCLUSIVE WITH PARTICIPATION FROM I HEAR AS YOUNG AS 8 YEARS OF AGE TO 80 YEARS OF AGE, AND ENSURED COMMUNICATION, AS YOU SAID, THAT WAS CULTURALLY COMPETENT GIVEN THE DIVERSE COMMUNITY THAT RESIDES OUT THERE. AS OUR DEPARTMENT OR REGIONAL PLANNING PRESENTED EARLIER, OVER 107 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS WERE HELD, AND THAT WAS A BIG GAME CHANGER I THINK GOING FORWARD WITH THIS PLAN. AND OVER 50,000 POST CARDS, NOTICES WERE SENT, FOR VISIONING WORKSHOPS TO INVITE PEOPLE TO COME TO. AND OVER 25,000 NOTIFICATIONS WERE SENT FOR THE PROPOSED ZONING AND LAND USE CHANGES. SO BASICALLY, IN MY OPINION, WE DID AS MUCH AS WE COULD AND MORE ON TOP OF IT, TO SEE THAT WE REALLY REACHED OUT TO EVERYBODY. AND THAT MEANS THE HOMEOWNERS AS WELL, AND PROPERTY OWNERS. I AM ALSO HAPPY TO HEAR THAT YOU UTILIZED SPANISH, CHINESE, KOREAN,  VIETNAMESE PRESS AVAILABILITY ALSO TO DISSEMINATE

THIS INFORMATION. IT WASN'T JUST KNOCKING ON DOORS AND SENDING POSTCARDS, BUT WE DID MORE THAN THAT. AND TRULY IN MY OPINION, THIS WAS A VERY INCLUSIVE APPROACH THAT THE COUNTY TOOK AND YOUR DEPARTMENTS DID. SO I REALLY WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR THAT. SO WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I WILL TURN IT BACK TO YOU. THANK YOU.

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

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO REPRESENT SMALL POCKETS THAT ARE GOING TO BE IMPACTED ON THIS IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE WITH YOU. I MEAN, THE DIVERSITY. AVOCADO HEIGHTS, EQUESTRIAN. WHEN YOU GO THERE, I MEAN, IT IS A THROW BACK. AND SO I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECOGNIZE THE UNIQUE QUALITIES. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU. CONSISTENCY IS SOMETHING THAT SOMETIMES IS MISSING. AND IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN WHY IT CAN BE DONE HERE AND NOT HERE, EVEN THOUGH IT IS THE EXACT SAME SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES. SO I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO BRING THINGS BACK IN LINE. AND AS SOMEONE WHO IS REALLY PUSHING HARD FOR THE GOLD LINE AND THE METRO LINK, AND REALLY CHAMPIONING TRYING TO-- OR WE'RE GOING TO GET IT OUT TO -- I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT WITH THE 90-- DID YOU SAY 90,000 OR 91,000 UNITS THAT ARE GOING TO BE-- OVER 90, UNITS THAT ARE GOING TO BE REQUIRED TO PUT ONLINE IN THE UNINCORPORATED

AREAS, THESE TYPE OF PROJECTS, I MEAN, LOOKING AT OPPORTUNITIES ALONG TRANSIT RIGHT OF WAYS IS VERY IMPORTANT. AND WE NEED TO WORK IN CONCERT WITH TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. SO I APPRECIATE YOU ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING THAT. THE ONLY ONE QUESTION I HAVE IS THERE WAS A MENTION ABOUT DUE PROCESS. CAN YOU JUST EXPLAIN WHY THAT IS NOT AN ISSUE HERE? SOMEONE-- ONE OF THE I GUESS LANDOWNERS SAID THAT THEY DID NOT FEEL THERE WAS DUE PROCESS PROVIDED. AND I'VE SEEN COUNTY COUNSEL'S RESPONSE. BUT I JUST FOR THE RECORD WANT TO CLARIFY WHY YOU FEEL THAT WE WERE IN COMPLIANCE ON THE DUE PROCESS.

**AMY BODEK:** CERTAINLY. SO AREA PLANS AND ORDINANCES, NOTIFICATION OF THAT IS VERY VERY, VERY DIFFERENT THAN A PROJECT-BASED NOTIFICATION PROCESS. STATE LAW SAYS IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO AN ORDINANCE OR A GENERAL PLAN UPDATE YOU NEED DO ONE NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF A PUBLIC HEARING. WE MET THAT GOAL. WE DID EXCEED THAT. WE ACTUALLY ADVERTISED IN 19 DIFFERENT NEWSPAPERS INCLUDING THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGES. WE ALSO PROVIDED SPECIFIC NOTIFICATIONS TO THOSE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT WERE GOING TO BE SUBJECT TO A ZONE CHANGE. IF YOU WEREN'T SUBJECT TO A ZONE CHANGE YOU DIDN'T NEED TO GET THAT NEWSPAPER -- THAT POSTCARD NOTIFICATION. SO THAT'S WHERE THE 50,000 NUMBER COMES IN. BECAUSE WE  HAVE ABOUT 270,000, 280,000 PEOPLE HERE. NOT EVERYBODY WAS SUBJECT TO THAT. DID WE GO DOOR TO DOOR? NO. WE

DIDN'T GO DOOR TO DOOR TO 270,000 PROPERTY OWNERS. BUT WE DID REACH OUT TO ALL THE COORDINATING COUNSELS, ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEM. GOT ON THEIR MAILING LISTS. MADE SURE THAT THEY HELPED US NOTIFY PEOPLE. SO DID WE MISS PEOPLE? PROBABLY. BUT DID WE COMPLY WITH LAW? ABSOLUTELY. DID WE EXCEED THE LAW REQUIREMENTS? YES. SO I DON'T FEEL THERE IS DUE PROCESS ISSUES. I WOULD LEAVE IT TO COUNTY COUNSEL IF THEY NEED TO ADD ANYTHING.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** CAN YOU SPEAK INTO THE MIC SO EVERYBODY CAN HEAR YOU?

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I THINK SHE'S SAYING, "AGREED."

**SPEAKER:** APOLOGIES FOR THAT. COUNTY COUNSEL AGREES WITH EVERYTHING DIRECTOR BODEK SAID. THANK YOU.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THAT'S ALL I HAVE. THANK YOU.

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

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AGREED. OH, NO. WHO WASN'T BORN BEFORE 1980, I WANT TO KNOW? OH, OUR CHAIR. THAT AIN'T RIGHT. JUST SAYIN'. YEAH, I KNOW, RIGHT?

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE EXIST.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** NO, WE LOVE THAT. WE LOVE THAT. WE THINK IT'S VERY EXCITING THAT YOU'RE THE YOUNGEST CHAIR THAT THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS EVER HAD AND YOU REPRESENT-- YOU REPRESENT THAT AGE GROUP WELL. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANTED TO LEND MY SUPPORT TODAY FOR THIS EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN THAT WAS SUBMITTED BY STAFF AND APPRECIATE PRESENTATION AND APPRECIATE THE OUTREACH, APPRECIATE HOW WE'VE GOTTEN TO THIS POINT. AND IT WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY OUR PLANNING COMMISSION, I UNDERSTAND. THIS AREA PLAN COVERS A PORTION OF THE PUENTE CHINO HILLS WILDLIFE CORRIDOR WHICH IS A LARGE OPEN SPACE STARTING WEST IN WHITTIER AND HEADING EAST TO THE SANTA  ANA MOUNTAINS. AND IT'S IMPORTANT, I THINK, PARTICULARLY FOR OUR NATIVE WILDLIFE THAT THIS CORRIDOR BE SUSTAINED AND PROTECTED. AND I WANT TO THANK THE PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY FOR PAYING ATTENTION TO THIS. I BELIEVE SOME OF THEM ARE GOING TO BE HERE TODAY AND SPEAK IN FAVOR OF IT. AND I REALLY WANTED TO GIVE A SHOUTOUT TO OUR THE FORMER WHITTIER MAYOR, BOB HENDERSON, WHO IS HERE WITH US TODAY. HE'S WAY BACK THERE. BUT I THINK HE'S PROBABLY GOING TO SAY SOMETHING. WHO FOUNDED THE PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY, HAS BEEN A CHAMPION HIS WHOLE LIFE FOR PRESERVING THE OPEN SPACE AND WE NAMED A TRAIL, WHICH

HE-- IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE HIM TO EVEN AGREE TO HAVING A TRAIL NAMED FOR HIM. AND I THINK IT WAS 2022, WE HAD CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE NAPOLITANO AND MYSELF AND WE WERE THERE TO OPEN THE TRAIL. AND THE HEADLINE I THINK IN THE WHITTIER DAILY NEWS SAID SOMETHING LIKE, YOU KNOW, THIS TRAIL WAS NAMED FOR THE MAN THAT SPENT HIS WHOLE LIFE PROTECTING THE OPEN SPACE. SO, THANK YOU, BOB, FOR BEING HERE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVOCACY. AND WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE TODAY I THINK BUILDS ON THE LEGACY THAT YOU HAVE FOUGHT FOR AND PRESERVED FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. SO, I AM SUPPORTIVE OF THIS TODAY, THANK YOU.

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

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL ANDREA GUYO, ARNOLD SACHS, CHRIS YELLIC, DAN SILVER, DANIEL GARCIA, DAVID DE LEON, DAVID SMITH, LIS PELISIAR, NYALITI,  RANDY HOYO, REINA SCHMITZ, ROBERT HENDERIN, RUDY HOLSTEIN, AND SAMUEL VASQUEZ PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST. 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 AND THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

**MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ELIZABETH REED. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ELIZABETH REED WAINCOAT:** HI. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH REED WAINCOAT AND I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN SUPPORT OF THE EAST SAN GABRIEL AREA PLAN UPDATE. THIS PLAN WILL PROMOTE WALKABILITY, INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES AND FOCUS GROWTH IN AREAS WITH EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND AWAY FROM HAZARDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS. IN PARTICULAR, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE NECESSARY RESOURCE PROTECTIONS AND REZONING FOR THE CRITICAL PUENTE CHINA HILLS WILDLIFE CORRIDOR. LIFE ON EARTH IS EXPERIENCING A  SIXTH MASS EXTINCTION DRIVEN PRIMARILY BY HABITAT LOSS AND FRAGMENTATION. COMBATTING THIS CRISIS REQUIRES BOLD ACCIDENT TO ENSURE WE PROTECT OUR REMAINING NATURAL RESOURCES. THIS PLAN WOULD NOT ONLY HELP WILDLIFE BUT IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO BUILDING A HEALTHY CLIMATE RESILIENT FUTURE FOR ALL ANGELENOS. NATIVE LANDSCAPE HELPS US REGULATE OUR CLIMATE,  PURIFY OUR AIR AND WATER, POLLINATE OUR CROPS, SEQUESTER CARBON AND CREATE HEALTHY SOIL. CONTINUED PRESERVATION WILL HELP NATIVE WILDLIFE AND ENSURE ALL ANGELENOS EXPERIENCE THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS OF A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.

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

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ARIA GALVIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**MARIA GALBOND:** I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CHUMASH, TONGVA AND KIZH LAND. MY NAME IS MARIA GALBOND. I'M AN ADULT STUDENT, SHE/HER, AT MOUNT SAC COMMUNITY COLLEGE. I AM A COMMITTEE ADVISORY MEMBER WITH THE INLAND EQUITY COMMUNITY LAND TRUST AND I AM SPEAKING AS AN INDIVIDUAL. SEEMS LIKE A ONE SIZE FITS ALL. I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU OF S.B.-535, DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY CAL E.P.A. DESIGNATED CENSUS TRACTS THAT REPRESENT 25% PERCENT HIGHEST SCORE IN CENSUS TRACKS AFFECTED BY POLLUTION IN CAL ENVIRO SCREEN 4.0. I SUPPORT ONLY THE EXPANSION OF A1 ZONING AND PRESERVED AGRICULTURAL ZONING FOR MORE SUSTAINABLE LAND USE DESIGNATION. BENEFITS OF THE ZONING CAN PROVIDE IN MITIGATING THE EXPOSURES ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL--

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

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RUTH ELLIS-HALL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**RUTH ELLIS-HALL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS-- BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M CALLING IN TO SUPPORT ITEM NUMBER 7 AND I LIVE IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE COUNTY EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN UPDATE THAT WILL GUIDE FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS. AND THE OLDEST COMMUNITY PLAN IN THIS AREA DATES BACK TO THE EIGHTIES AND HAS BEEN UNDERWAY SINCE 2016. AND ALSO, AFTER REVIEWING THIS PLAN WITH VARIOUS LAND USE CHANGES, IT WILL PROMOTE WALKABILITY, INCREASE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, DIVERSITY AND AFFORDABILITY. IT WILL INCREASE DIVERSE LAND USES ALONG MAJOR CORRIDORS AND FOCUS GROWTH IN AREAS WITH EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH IS AND AWAY FROM THE HAZARDS, NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS AND SIGNIFICANT RIDGE LINES.

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

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DAN SILVER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**DAN SILVER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M DAN SILVER, ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE. THIS IS A SMART GROWTH PLAN. LAND DESIGNATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATELY REVISED TO DECREASE DENSITY IN THE CRITICAL PUENTE CHINO HILLS WILDLIFE CORRIDOR. THIS REZONING IS NECESSARY SO THAT THERE IS CONSISTENT TREATMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS

COUNTYWIDE AND TO CARRY OUT GENERAL PLAN FIRE SAFETY POLICIES. THERE ARE COMPLEMENTARY DENSITY INCREASES IN SAFE TRANSIENT SUPPORTIVE LOCATIONS, MEETING ALL HOUSING ELEMENT AND AFFORDABILITY GOALS. ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE APPLAUDS THIS EXCELLENT PLANNING AND URGES EXPEDITIOUS ADOPTION. THANK YOU.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROSA SOTO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ROSA SOTO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME'S ROSA SOTO. I'M A RESIDENT OF AVOCADO HEIGHTS. I'M IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 7. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR CONSIDERATION OF OUR EAST AREA PLAN UPDATE THAT WILL GUIDE FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN MY COMMUNITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THIS PLAN UPLIFTS THE CHARACTER OF 24 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE A VOICE AND SO I'VE PARTICIPATED IN MANY OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS THAT HAVE ALLOWED RESIDENTS TO GIVE OUR PRIORITIES AND WANTS FOR BETTER LAND USE, WALKABILITY AND MORE HOUSING DIVERSITY AND AFFORDABILITY AND TO FOCUS ON ADDRESSING SOME OF THE HAZARDS IN THE NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS THAT WE WANT TO PRESERVE, AS WELL AS CONSIDERATION FOR GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES. SO I'M GLAD THAT THIS PLAN WILL BRING ZONING AND LAND USE INTO

CONSISTENCY WITH WHOM NOW RESIDES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS TODAY. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING OUR COMMUNITY A PRIORITY AND WE ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BOBBIE MADENA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**BOBBIE MADENA:** HELLO MY NAME IS BOBBIE MADENA AND I LIVE IN THE AVOCADO HEIGHTS AREA. I, AS WELL, SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN UPDATE THAT WILL GUIDE FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS. OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MET RESIDENTS WHERE THEY-- SO THE TRANSLATION IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES WITH OVER 100 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS. AND I AM GLAD THIS PANEL BRINGS ZONING AND LAND USE INTO CONSISTENCY WITH EXISTING USES ON THE GROUND AND IT PRESERVES THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY OPEN SPACES AND OUR CULTURAL TRADITIONS IN DESIGNATED AREAS. THE UPDATED PLAN INCLUDES AN IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE THAT UPDATES HOUSES AND ORGANIZES ALL THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS UNDER ONE CHAPTER. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE PLAN ADOPTION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION THAT WILL ALSO HELP IMPLEMENT THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CLAIMS AND PROGRAMS. THANK YOU.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS STEVEN PRITCHARD. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**STEVEN PRITCHARD:** HELLO. MY NAME IS STEVEN PRITCHARD AND I LIVE IN UNINCORPORATED COVINA. I'M JUST CALLING TO GIVE MY SUPPORT TO ITEM NUMBER 7. I SUPPORT THE COUNTY EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY PLAN UPDATE THAT WILL GUIDE FUTURE GROWTH OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS. AND I'M HAPPY THAT IT'S GOING TO INCREASE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, DIVERSITY AND AFFORDABILITY IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ELIZABETH RENTARIA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ELIZABETH RENTARIA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH RENTARIA. I'VE LIVED MOST OF MY LIFE IN THE BEAUTIFUL SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND CURRENTLY RESIDE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AZUSA EAST IRWINDALE COMMUNITY. I'M HERE TO GIVE MY SUPPORT TO THE COUNTY EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN WHICH WILL DIRECT DEVELOPMENT IN OUR AREA MORE TOWARDS VITALITY AND HEALTH FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS.

THIS PLAN WILL PROMOTE WALKABILITY, PUBLIC TRANSIT ACCESS AND SAFETY, INCREASE GREEN SPACE AND IMPROVE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES. FURTHERMORE, THE UPDATED PLAN ENHANCES COORDINATION BY IMPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE THAT UPDATES HOUSES AND ORGANIZES ALL THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS ON ONE CHAPTER. THIS PLAN HAS BROUGHT COMMUNITY SUPPORT. THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT ENGAGEMENT WITH THE DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF RESIDENTS OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS. THE RESIDENTS WANT THESE CHANGES AND I ASK FOR YOUR SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ADRIANA QUINONES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ADRIANA QUINONES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ADRIANA QUINONES, A RESIDENT OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND I'M VERY INVOLVED WITH THE DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN AVOCADO HEIGHTS, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, LA PUENTE IN NORTH WHITTIER. I AM NOT IN SUPPORT OF THIS PARTICULAR PLAN SIMPLY BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS. WHY ARE WE NOT LOOKING AT OTHER OPTIONS IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE NEGATIVE IMPACT TO OUR COMMUNITIES? FOR EXAMPLE, WHY DID WE CONTINUE TO IGNORE CITY OF INDUSTRY? THERE'S PLENTY OF LAND THERE. WE CAN ACCOMMODATE NEW HOUSING THERE, SO WHY IS EVERYBODY  IGNORING THAT FACT? I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE WE

KEEP OUR GREEN SPACES AS IT IS. THERE IS ALSO OUR COMMUNITY IS VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN KEEPING TRADITIONS. IF YOU CONTINUE DEVELOPING THAT AREA, WE WILL LOSE A LOT OF WHAT MAKES AVOCADO HEIGHTS, AVOCADO HEIGHTS. I URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER.

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

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARIA CISNEROS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** MARIA, ARE YOU THERE?

**MARIA CISNEROS:** HELLO?

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** HELLO.

**MARIA CISNEROS:** YES, HI. MY NAME IS MARIA CISNEROS. I'M RESIDENTS OF UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES, WHICH WE-- NOW IT SAYS LA PUENTE. I SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN AVOCADO HEIGHTS BECAUSE MY FRIENDS ARE THERE AND WHAT MAKES AVOCADO HEIGHTS SO UNIQUE IS BECAUSE IT'S EQUESTRIAN, DESIGNATED FOR EQUESTRIAN FOLKS TO BE THERE. IT HAS A LIVELY COMMUNITY LIKE AVOCADO PARK RIGHT THERE. AND I'M JUST CONCERNED FOR THE RESIDENTS BECAUSE IT'S NOT ALL, LIKE-- THERE IS A LOT OF STREET VENDING THERE,

LIKE THE LAW WAS SPOKEN ABOUT. SO I'M JUST CONCERNED ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT OF YOUTH THERE ALSO AND JUST-- I ALSO WANT TO PUT OUT THERE TO CONSIDER ALSO LIKE A CO-HOUSING COMMUNITY. THERE IS A TED TALK CALLED "HOW CO-HOUSING CAN MAKE US HAPPIER AND LIVE LONGER" TO LIVE IN COMMUNITIES, LIKE IN THEIR OWN SPACE, AND THEN HAVE COMMUNAL SPACES, BUT TO MAKE IT 100% AFFORDABLE--

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

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KIM YU. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**KIM YU:** HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

**KIM YU:** HELLO. YEAH. MY NAME IS KIM YU. I AM A LIBRARY COMMISSIONER AND LIVE IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS. I SUPPORT ITEM 7, THE COUNTY OF IT'S THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN UPDATE THAT WILL GUIDE THE FUTURE GOALS AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA DIVERSITY IN THE AREA OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**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.

**DANIEL GARCIA:** OKAY. I'M DANIEL GARCIA AND I WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY'RE PLANNING-- [UNINTELLIGIBLE] BECAUSE YOU KNOW HOW YOU JUST KNOW ARE THERE STABLE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT YOU NEED TO HAVE FOR EVERYBODY. IF YOU DON'T ALLOW TO HAVE BUILDING CODES UP TO 3 OR 4 MORE UNITS, [UNINTELLIGIBLE], YOU WILL FAIL TO MEET THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. YOU NEED TO HAVE IT BECAUSE CALIFORNIA LAW DEMANDS THAT INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE IN--

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

**ANDREA GALLO:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, HORVATH AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS ANDREA GALLO AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY. IN DECEMBER, OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS TOOK UNANIMOUS ACTION TO RESPECTFULLY ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT AND APPROVE THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN THAT IS BEFORE YOU TODAY FOR CONSIDERATION. WE ARE A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY THAT MANAGES OVER 3800 ACRES COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS LA PUENTE HILLS

PRESERVE AND WE ARE SITUATED ALONG AND WITHIN THE AREA PLAN BOUNDARIES. THE AREA PLAN INCLUDES A PORTION OF THE PUENTE CHINO HILLS WILDLIFE CORRIDOR. THIS CORRIDOR BIOLOGICALLY CONNECTS OUR PUENTE HILLS PRESERVE AND THE CHINO HILLS TO THE SANTA ANA MOUNTAINS. SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC DOLLARS, PUBLIC INVESTMENT HAS BEEN ALREADY MADE TO PROTECT THIS WILDLIFE CORRIDOR OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. WE DO SUPPORT THE ZONE CHANGE TO DECREASE DENSITY AND WE THANK YOU IF YOUR STAFFS' EFFORT FOR PUTTING FORTH THIS AREA PLAN.

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

**BOB HENDERSON:** GOOD MORNING. I'M BOB HENDERSON. I'M A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HILLS FOR EVERYONE, THE NON-PROFIT THAT'S BEEN LABORING FOR OVER FOUR DECADES TO BRING THIS CONCEPT TO FRUITION. IT IS A WONDERFUL THING TO SEE YOUR STAFF DOING SUCH A GREAT JOB IN DESIGNING AND CONFORMING TO STATE LAW IN THAT THEY HAVE FIGURED OUT HOW TO PRESERVE WILDERNESS OPEN SPACE, WHICH IS PART OF AN ACTIVE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR THAT RUNS FROM THE CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST DOWN TO WHITTIER. IT IS A FUNCTIONING ONE THAT STILL BRINGS WILDLIFE TO OUR AREAS THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE AREA. I KNOW THAT YOU GUYS HAVE DONE A LOT OF STUDY. AS YOUR STAFF HAS. WE'RE VERY PLEASED WITH IT. THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY --

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

**CHRIS YELLICH:** HELLO I'M CHRIS YELICH. I JUST WANTED TO GET UP CAN SPEAK. I'M NOT IN SUPPORT OF THE PLAN THAT YOU'RE PROPOSING TODAY. AND THE REASON BEING IS THERE'S A NUMBER OF PROPERTIES THAT ARE PART OF THIS PLAN THAT COULD BE USED NOT ONLY FOR OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS BUT ALSO HOUSING. AND IN OUR STATE, WE DESPERATELY NEED HOUSING. I MEAN, WE HEAR THE GOVERNOR TALKING ABOUT IT CONSTANTLY. WE HEAR ABOUT ALL THE CITIES THAT AREN'T CURRENTLY MEETING THEIR R.H.N.A. NUMBERS. ONE PROPERTY IN PARTICULAR THAT I WANTED TO MENTION IS THE ERA ENERGY PROPERTY. IT'S 2700 ACRES THAT SITS RIGHT NEXT TO A VERY JOBS-RICH AREA THAT NEEDS HOUSING. AND I THINK WHAT MAKES GREAT COMMUNITIES IS WHEN YOU CAN HAVE ALL OF THOSE THINGS TOGETHER, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE OPEN SPACE, TRAILS, A SMALL AMOUNT OF HOUSING WHICH WOULD INCLUDE BOTH WORKFORCE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING WHICH I THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT TO PEOPLE TODAY, AND THEREFORE I'M NOT IN SUPPORT OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING TODAY AND I THINK THAT IT NEEDS TO BE STUDIED FURTHER AND LOOK AT THESE OTHER POCKETS OF PROPERTIES THAT WOULD BE RESOURCES FOR HOUSING. THANK YOU.

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

**DAVID SMITH:** MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DAVID SMITH AND I'M A PARTNER WITH THE LAW FIRM OF MANNATT, PHELPS AND PHILLIPS AND WE REPRESENT ERA ENERGY IN THIS MATTER. THE FIRST ACTION YOU'RE BEING ASKED TO TAKE IS CERTIFICATION OF A PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. ON PAGE 3-8, THAT PROJECT EIR MAKES AN UNEQUIVOCAL GUARANTEE TO THE PUBLIC INCLUDING ERA. SPECIFICALLY THE EIR ASSURE THAT'S IN ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AREA PLAN, THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN DENSITY OR ALLOWED USES ON LANDS SUCH AS ERAS, TO QUOTE THE EIR, "IN THESE CASES THESE UPDATES WOULD NOT CHANGE THE DENSITY OR TYPE OF LAND USE ALLOWED BUT WOULD SIMPLY PROVIDE CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN." THE PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU DIRECTLY VIOLATES THIS GUARANTEE IN BOTH REGARDS. THE PROPOSAL RESULTS IN A DENSITY REDUCTION OF 88% TO THE ERA PROPERTY AND ELIMINATES RECOGNITION OF EXISTINNG ENERGY PRODUCTION.

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

**RANDY HOYLE:** MY NAME IS RANDY HOYLE AND I AM A CORPORATE EXECUTIVE AT ERA ENERGY. THERE WERE MANY MISSTEPS. THE PLAN BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY DOWNZONES 88% OF OUR 2600 ACRES AND WAS CREATED WITH ZERO ENGAGEMENT OR INPUT FROM ERA. WE BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT THE LACK OF OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT WITH US IS

IN STRICT VIOLATION OF C.E.Q.A. VIOLATIONS AND COULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE ENTIRE PLAN. THERE IS NO REFERENCE TO ALTERING ERA'S USES IN OP PROJECT DESCRIPTION, DRAFT PLAN, OR DRAFT EIR. NO REFERENCES TO MODIFYING 33 LAND USES ON OUR PROPERTY. NO REFERENCES TO REDUCED DENSITY BY ALMOST 90%, LOSING HUNDREDS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE SUPPORT THE OVERALL PLAN BUT ONLY AS LONG AS IT IS AMEND MENDED TO PRESERVE ERA'S STATUS QUO ZONING AND LAND USE. AN EASY FIX. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOU TO CONTINUE THE ITEM TO FIX THESE ADMITTED MISSTEPS.

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

**REINA SCHMIDT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DISTINGUISHED BOARD AND MADAM CHAIR. MY NAME IS REINA  SCHMIDT. I HAVE LIVED IN THE SAME HOME FOR ALMOST 38 YEARS IN MAY IN VALINDA AND I'M HERE TO PLEASE ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE SUPPORT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN DISCUSSED TODAY. AND IT WILL ALONG-- IT'S LONG OVERDUE UPLIFTING TO THE CHARACTERS AND UNIQUENESS OF OUR AREA FOR ALL OF US LIVING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, MAINTAINING ITS OPEN SPACES, INCREASING HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, DIVERSITY AND AFFORDABILITY, MAINTAINING ITS AGRICULTURES AND DESIGNATED AREAS. I URGE YOU TO PLEASE SUPPORT IT AS WELL AND TO BRING US TO THE REST OF THE NEIGHBORS TO THE 21ST CENTURY TO RETAIN OUR SMALL NEIGHBORHOODS--

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

**LIZ:** HI MY NAME IS LIZ. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I'M HERE TO ADDRESS THERE IS PROS AND CONS TO EVERYTHING, BUT I DO APPRECIATE THAT YOU ARE RECOGNIZING THE INDIVIDUALITY OF OUR SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES. I'M HERE IN REGARDS TO OUR SPECIFIC BECAUSE WE ARE EQUESTRIANS AND SOME OF THIS LOW AFFORDABLE HOUSING WILL AFFECT THE AREAS WHERE WE CAN RIDE, BECAUSE IT WILL INCREASE CONGESTION, WHICH MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS FOR US TO RIDE TO OUR TRAILS. YOU HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION A LOT OF THESE EQUESTRIANS ARE CHILDREN, THEY'RE FAMILIES. THEY'RE FAMILIES WITH 5-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN, 10-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN, YOUNG ADULTS AND SENIORS AS WELL. AND IF YOU-- ENCROACHING ON THESE AREAS IS GOING TO HAVE A DEEP EFFECT ON OUR EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY WHICH IS ALSO A FORM OF EXERCISE AND INTER-LIVING WITH EACH OTHER.

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

**SPEAKER (TRANSLATED):** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. I AM A HORSEMAN OF THE VILLAGE AND TODAY I'M HERE TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS THE KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR COMMUNITY. WE ARE SEEING MANY EVICTIONS AND IT IS

HAPPENING THROUGH THIS CODE INSPECTION AND ABUSE OF THE INSPECTORS. FOR MANY YEARS THEY TERRORIZED US AND WITHOUT ANY SOLUTION. THIS HAPPENED TO THOSE PEOPLE THAT WEREN'T ABLE TO SUPPORT US AND THEY WOULD THREATEN US AND INTIMIDATE US FROM THIS DEPARTMENT. AND SO, WE STARTED TO SEE THIS AND WE WEREN'T TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. SIMPLY BECAUSE WE ARE IMMIGRANTS, IT DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE NOT TO BE LISTENED TO IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND WE ALSO LOOK FOR SOLUTIONS. IN MY TOWN AND MY FAMILY MEMBERS, THEY FOUGHT ALONGSIDE LUCIO CABANAS IN DEFENSE OF THEIR RIGHTS FOR EQUALITY AND IN DEFENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF THEIR LAND.

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

**SPEAKER:** HELLO. I'M FROM THE NONO RANCHOS, WHICH INCLUDES AVOCADO HEIGHTS, PALASIR AND EL MONTE AND SOUTH EL MONTE. WE BECAME INVOLVED IN THESE ZONING ISSUE AFTER THE CODE ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS THAT WE RAISED. AND I JUST WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS FOR WALKING BACK THE MOST EGREGIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE PART OF THE INITIAL DRAFT. BUT I JUST RECENTLY WENT TO THE PUENTE HILLS HABITAT WITH A GROUP OF EQUESTRIANS FROM OUR COMMUNITY. AND WHEN WE WERE UP THERE, NIKE HILL, IT WAS BEAUTIFUL. BUT TO GET THERE WAS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. AND WHAT WE ARE SEEING IS THAT THE ENCROACHMENT IS ALREADY THERE. AND THE SPECIFIC

CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR COMMUNITY ARE NOT BEING CONSIDERED IN THE WAYS THAT WE WOULD LIKE. WE KNOW THAT YOU CAN WALK BACK THE BAD ZONING, BUT LET'S EXPAND THE GOOD ZONING. AND AT THE END, WE'RE MOTIVATED ABOUT CONCERNS OF DISPLACEMENT. AND SO WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU GUYS. WE WANT TO BE PARTNERS. BRING US--

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

**NAYELLI:** HELLO. I'M NAYELLI FROM UNION DE RANCHOS. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE LONG SUFFERED FROM A LACK OF INVESTMENT IN AMENITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE THAT OTHER AFFLUENT COMMUNITIES BENEFIT FROM JUST ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN. IN ORDER TO VIEW THE AREA PLAN IT'S REQUIRED TO NAVIGATE A SOFTWARE AVAILABLE DIGITABLELY KNOWN AS ARCGIS. OUR COMMUNITIES CONSIST OF A LARGE IMMIGRANT POPULATION AND THE REALITY IS THAT  THERE IS A LARGE DIGITAL DIVIDE WHICH SHOWS A LACK OF MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. WE DEMAND THE RETENTION OF A1 AGRICULTURAL ZONING AND THE EXPANSION OF OUR HISTORICAL EQUESTRIAN DISTRICTS AND GREEN SPACES WHILE ALSO CLEANING THEM UP. WE DEMAND SIMILAR AMENITIES AND INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT OUR AFFLUENT COUNTERPARTS FURTHER WEST OF THE COUNTY GET TO ENJOY. HAD THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING CONSULTED WITH US WE WOULD SIMPLY STATE THAT IF IT'S NOT BROKE, THEN DON'T FIX IT. THANK YOU.

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

**RUDY HOLSTEIN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RUDY HOLSTEIN AND I'M HERE TO--

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** CAN YOU SPEAK RIGHT INTO THAT MICROPHONE? THANK YOU SO MUCH.

**RUDY HOLSTEIN:** YES. RUDY HOLSTEIN HERE. I'M HERE TO ASK RESPECTFULLY FOR A CONTINUATION OF THIS ITEM SO TO ALLOW STAFF AND AREA ENERGY TO CONSULT AND COLLABORATE ON A SOLUTION TO THIS DOWNZONING ON PROBABLY THE LARGEST PRIVATELY HELD PROPERTY IN THE PLANNING AREA. IT'S ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL. THIS PROPERTY IS VERY LARGE. SOME OF IT CERTAINLY ARE SUITABLE AND DESIRABLE FOR OPEN SPACE AND PRESERVATION AND PUBLIC ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY. BUT SOME OF THE AREAS ARE VERY DEGRADED AND FLAT AND VERY USEABLE AND ADJACENT TO EXISTING DEVELOPMENT AND UTILITIES. THERE SHOULD BE SOME WAY OF ALLOWING SOME MINOR DEVELOPMENT SOME ECONOMIC USE OF THE PROPERTY, OTHERWISE SOME OF THE GOALS, LIKE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION ARE GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO IMPOSSIBLE TO SOLVE. THANK YOU.

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

**ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. THERE'S A COUPLE OF ITEMS WRONG WITH THIS LITTLE ITEM. FIRST OF ALL, IT'S A PUBLIC HEARING. HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN THIS DISTRICT AND HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE SHOWN UP FOR THIS PUBLIC HEARING, MS. SOLIS? IS THERE ABOUT 30,000, MAYBE 40,000 PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN THIS DISTRICT? YOU GOT MAYBE 20. 20 OUT OF 40,000? THAT'S NOT A VERY HIGH PERCENTAGE. I WOULD SAY THAT'S ALMOST ZERO. YOU HAVE A GZ, MINUS GZ SEVENTH

TO EXISTING GREEN ZONES. WHAT IS A GREEN ZONE? WHAT WOULD YOU CONSIDER A GREEN ZONE WHEN YOU HAVE THE DIRTIEST AIR IN THE COUNTRY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. OR MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE BUSES THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE AMERICA'S LARGEST CLEAN AIR FLEET AND NOBODY IS BURNING CLEAN AIR AND EVERY BUS HAS, IT'S GOT AN EXHAUST ON THE BACK. ALSO THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ISN'T INVOLVED WITH THIS. AND WHY ISN'T THE CALIFORNIA QUALITY ACT INVOLVED--

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS? NO, OKAY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ACKNOWLEDGING ME. I DON'T KNOW IF OUR DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL

PLANNING, AMY BODEK, WANTS TO RESPOND TO ANY OF THE-- JUST SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE RAISED ABOUT THE LAND USE PROPOSAL WITH ERA AND ALSO, IF YOU COULD JUST GIVE US A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON WHAT YOUR INTERACTIONS HAVE BEEN WITH THEM.

**AMY BODEK:** CERTAINLY. SO WE UNDERSTAND THAT ERA IS A LARGE PROPERTY OWNER IN ABOVE ROWLAND HILLS-- ROWLAND HEIGHTS, EXCUSE ME. I WANT TO START WITH YOU MENTIONED A 1980 PLAN. I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR HAHN MENTIONED THE 1980 PLAN. THAT WAS THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN. THAT PLAN DID NOT GET UPDATED WHEN THE GENERAL PLAN WAS UPDATED IN 2015. WHEN THE GENERAL PLAN WAS UPDATED IN 2015, THAT PLAN WAS AUTOMATICALLY INCONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL PLAN AND NEEDED TO BE UPDATED. PART OF THAT UPDATE IS THROUGH THIS EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN. SO THE ERA PROPERTY HAS BEEN OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE GENERAL PLAN SINCE 2015. ERA SUBMITTED A DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SOMEWHERE AROUND CIRCA 2002. THAT PLAN INCLUDED PROPERTY IN -- ON AN UNINCORPORATED DIAMOND BAR, THE PUENTE HILLS PARCEL, AND THEN SOME PROPERTY IN ORANGE COUNTY. THAT PROPOSAL WAS FOR 3,600 HOMES. WHEN THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN WAS FIRST ADOPTED IN 1980, THERE WAS NO RESIDENTIAL CONTEMPLATED ON THE ERA PROPERTY. IT WAS AN OIL EXTRACTION SITE AND THAT'S WHAT THE PROPERTY TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION, WHICH IS STILL AN ALLOWABLE LAND USE. AND IT WAS DESIGNATED FOR NATURAL OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION. SO

WHEN THE APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED IN 2002 FOR 3600 HOMES OVER TWO COUNTIES, APPROXIMATELY 2900 HOMES, I WOULD SAY, IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THAT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED A SIGNIFICANT PLAN AMENDMENT. IT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED A SPECIFIC PLAN AND A REZONING. SO EVEN THEN THE PROJECT THAT THEY PROPOSED ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY WERE INCONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL PLAN AND INCONSISTENT WITH THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN. FAST FORWARD TO US MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS SAN GABRIEL VALLEY-- EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN. WE IN THE FALL OF 2019, WE INVITED ALL PROPERTY OWNERS TO A VISIONING WORKSHOP. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, ERA DID NOT RESPOND OR ATTEND. BUT IN FEBRUARY 2020 IS OUR FIRST INDICATION THAT ERA ATTENDED ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY MEETINGS. THEY ALSO WITHDREW THEIR APPLICATION FOR THIS 3600 UNIT PROJECT IN AUGUST 2020, THE MORNING OF A PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING, WHERE THEIR PROJECT WAS RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL. THEY WITHDREW THEIR APPLICATION IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THEIR ABILITY TO RESUBMIT AN APPLICATION. THEY HAVE NOT RESUBMITTED AN APPLICATION SO THERE IS NO ACTIVE PROJECT ON FILE AND TO DATE THE LAND USE THAT IS THERE IS OIL EXTRACTION. BECAUSE THEY HAVE A SEPARATE PERMIT FOR OIL EXTRACTION THEY ARE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE THAT OIL EXTRACTION ACTIVITY AT THIS TIME. GOING BACK TO FEBRUARY-- I'M SORRY THAT WAS AUGUST OF 2020. IN APRIL OF 2022, REGIONAL PLANNING ISSUED THE NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR THE C.E.Q.A. DOCUMENT. IT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WOULD BE CHANGES TO DENSITY. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT

THERE WOULD BE INCREASES TO SUPPORT TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT AND IT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WOULD BE DECREASES TO SUPPORT PRESERVATION OF NATURAL OPEN SPACE AND HAZARD AREAS. IT ALSO TALKED ABOUT UPDATING THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN AND THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN. AGAIN, THE ERA PROPERTY WAS INCONSISTENT WITH THOSE PLANS AND WITH THE GENERAL PLAN AT THAT TIME. WE RELEASED THE NOTICE OF PREP AND WE ALSO RELEASED A GIS MAP TO ALONG WITH IT. THE GIS MAP IS A TOOL AS PART OF THE OVERALL EIR. WE ALSO RELEASED A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT IN FEBRUARY OF 2023. ERA SUBMITTED COMMENT LETTERS ON THAT DRAFT LETTER AS EARLY AS APRIL 2023, SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING THE REDUCTIONS IN DENSITY AND DEMONSTRATING THAT ERA WAS ON NOTICE WITH THE PROPOSED CHANGES. WE MET WITH ERA IN MAY OF 2023 AND WE HAD A PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING IN JULY OR AUGUST OF 2023, AUGUST OF 2023. AT THAT MEETING AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN AUGUST OF 2023, ERA DID TESTIFY. SO THEY HAD ALL THE RIGHTS THAT ALL OTHER PROPERTY OWNERS HAD AND THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY WERE AWARE OF THE CHANGES THAT WE WERE PROPOSING. HAVING SAID ALL THAT, THERE IS AN AVENUE IF THEY WERE, LIKE, TO DEVELOP THEIR PROPERTY, WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO ALL LARGE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE COUNTY, AND THAT IS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A PLAN AMENDMENT. THAT IS WHAT THEY DID IN 2002. THAT IS WHAT THEY CAN DO AGAIN IF THEY DISLIKE THE GENERAL PLAN OR LAND USE DESIGNATION. I WANT TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEIR ZONING FOR

THE MOST PART HAS NOT CHANGED UNDER THIS NEW PLAN. THE MAJORITY OF THEIR SITE IS ZONED A-1. THEY HAVE A COUPLE OF PARCELS THAT ARE ZONED A-2, BUT THE MAJORITY OF THEIR SITE IS ZONED A-1, SO FOR CONSISTENCY PURPOSES, WE CHANGED THE ZONING ON THAT SITE FROM A-2 TO A-1. THEIR ZONING HAS NOT CHANGED. WHAT DID CHANGE WAS THE DESIGNATION IN THE GENERAL PLAN. AND AGAIN, THAT IS BECAUSE THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN WAS INCONSISTENT WITH THE EXISTING GENERAL PLAN. I'M HAPPY TO TALK ABOUT THE EXISTING HAZARDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES THAT ARE ON THAT SITE IF YOU WISH FOR MORE INFO BUT I THINK I'LL WAIT FOR ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M SATISFIED WITH THE DESCRIPTION AND STATEMENTS THAT YOU MADE AS FAR AS GIVING US A HISTORY OF HOW ALL THIS-- HOW THIS ALL EVOLVED. SO I'M PLEASED WITH WHAT YOU ALL HAVE DONE. I KNOW WE HAVE CONCERNS AND MOVING FORWARD, WE'LL KIND OF TAKE IT AS WE GO. BUT FOR OUR PURPOSES TODAY, MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO READ IN A MOTION FOR THIS ITEM.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** IS THAT IN ORDER, COUNTY COUNSEL?

**COUNTY COUNSEL:** IT'S ADOPTION, ACTUALLY, OF--

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** CAN WE SEE A COPY?

**COUNTY COUNSEL:** IS THIS A NEW MOTION OR ADOPTING THE MOTION THAT WAS PROPOSED IN THAT?

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** IT'S ADOPTING THE SAME. RIGHT?

**SPEAKER:** IT'S A MOTION JUST TO MOVE FORWARD THE ITEM.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** IT'S A MOTION JUST TO MOVE THE ITEM FORWARD.

**COUNTY COUNSEL:** OH, YES. THAT IS IN ORDER. THANK YOU.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** IT WASN'T GOING TO REPLAN, NO. WE'RE NOT DOING THAT. YEAH.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, YOU WANT TO STATE SOMETHING BEYOND WHAT IS BEFORE US?

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** IF I CAN, YES, MADAM CHAIR. IF THAT'S APPROPRIATE.

**COUNTY COUNSEL:** ARE YOU INTRODUCING A NEW MOTION?

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** NO. I'M JUST REITERATING THAT WE WANT TO MOVE THIS ITEM.

**COUNTY COUNSEL:** YES. THAT IS APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** THAT'S OKAY. YES. ALL RIGHT. SO MAY I BEGIN, MADAM CHAIR?

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** NORMALLY WE DON'T HAVE TO READ IN SOMETHING NEW. SO I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IS BEFORE US THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO READ INTO THE RECORD.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE WANT TO READ THIS IN SO THAT WE CAN CODIFY SOME LANGUAGE THAT REGIONAL PLANNING HAS ASKED US TO MOVE FORWARD ON FOR THIS PLAN.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** COUNTY COUNSEL?

**COUNTY COUNSEL:** I BELIEVE THE SUPERVISOR IS REFERRING TO THE REQUEST IN THE BOARD LETTER WHICH IS TO INTRODUCE-- IT'S TO ADOPT THE C.E.Q.A. RECOMMENDATION AS WELL AS INDICATE ITS INTENT TO APPROVE THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SO THAT'S OKAY TO READ ALOUD IN ADDITION TO HER MAKING THE MOTION THAT'S BEFORE US?

**COUNTY COUNSEL:** YES

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, GREAT. I JUST WANTED TO CLEAR THAT UP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** OKAY. THANK YOU. SO BEFORE US, COLLEAGUES, IN CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE INFORMATION PROVIDED WITH THIS ITEM, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING'S PRESENTATION, THE BOARD COMMENTS AND QUETSIONS AND ALL THE PUBLIC COMMENTS, I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THE ITEM AND I MOVE THAT ONE, CERTIFY THE FINAL P.E.I.R. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NUMBER RPPL 2022003550 FOR THE PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, C.E.Q.A., AND REFLECTS THE INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT AND ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY. FIND THAT THE BOARD HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FINAL P.E.I.R. PRIOR TO APPROVING THE PROJECT. ADOPT THE MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM, FINDING THAT THE MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM IS ADEQUATELY DESIGNED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE MITIGATION MEASURES DURING PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND DETERMINE THAT THE SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT HAVE EITHER BEEN

REDUCED TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OR OUTWEIGHED BY THE SPECIFIC OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS OF THE PROJECT. AS OUTLINED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS WHICH FINDINGS AND STATEMENT ARE ADOPTED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. TWO, INDICATE THAT INTENT TO APPROVE THE PROJECT, PROJECT NUMBER 2020-000612 ADVANCE PLANNING CASE NUMBER RPPL 2021013047, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NUMBER RPPL 2022003554 ZONE CHANGE NUMBER RPPL 2022003557 ORDINANCE NUMBER RPPL 2022014158 AND RESCIND THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN AND HACIENDA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. AND THREE, INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY AND FINAL DOCUMENTS OF THE PROJECT AND BRING THEM BACK TO THE BOARD FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SO MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS BEFORE YOU, RELATED TO ITEM 7. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

**SUP. HILDA L. 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'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 9. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PRESS READ IN THE SHORT TITLE

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 9 IS A HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER PRJ 2021-004165 TO APPROVE THE METRO AREA PLAN AND THE ASSOCIATED

AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN. A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AMY BODEK, DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING, WILL NOW MAKE A PRESENTATION. DO WE NEED THIS PRESENTATION?

**AMY BODEK:** WE DO, ACTUALLY.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD.

**AMY BODEK:** IT WILL BE MUCH SHORTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MY NAME IS AMY BODEK, DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING, AND I'M HERE WITH CONNIE CHONG, ASSISTANT -- EXCUSE ME ADVANCED ADVANCE PLANNING DEPUTY DIRECTOR. WE ARE HERE TO TALK TO YOU TODAY ABOUT THE METRO AREA PLAN. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE 11 PLANNING AREAS IN OUR GENERAL PLAN AND THIS IS ONE OF THEM. THIS ONE FOCUSES ON SEVEN COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE METRO PLANNING AREA. THOSE COMMUNITIES-- SO TODAY, EXCUSE ME, IS--

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** IF YOU CAN YOU PLEASE BE QUIET IN THE CHAMBERS. WE ARE CONTINUING OUR PRESENTATION. WE JUST NEED YOU TO KEEP YOUR COMMENTS TO YOURSELF OR TAKE THEM OUTSIDE, PLEASE. GO AHEAD, DIRECTOR BODEK.

**AMY BODEK:** THANK YOU. UNLIKE THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN, THIS DIRECTION, THIS AREA PLAN HAS VERY SPECIFIC POLICY FRAMEWORKS THAT ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. THEY CELEBRATE UNIQUE COMMUNITY IDENTITIES, SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES, PROVIDE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES--

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, IF WE COULD MAYBE, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IF WE COULD TAKE THAT OUTSIDE. IT'S JUST DISTRACTING FOR THE PRESENTATION THAT'S BEFORE US. THANK YOU. DIRECTOR BODEK.

**AMY BODEK:** THANK YOU. SO I WAS JUST GOING OVER THE POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR THE METRO AREA PLAN WHERE WE'RE SEPARATING THOSE SEVEN UNIQUE COMMUNITIES. WE ARE INTRODUCING INITIATIVES THAT WOULD SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES. WE ARE REZONING ACCORDING TO THE HOUSING ELEMENT TO SUPPORT HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES IN AREAS THAT HAVE ACCESSIBILITY AND TRANSIT. WE ARE FOCUS ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND MOBILITY, WHICH I KNOW IS AN ISSUE IN THE METRO AREA PLAN.  CERTAINLY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IS ALSO A BIG ISSUE IN THE METRO AREA PLAN. AND THEN AS I SAID EARLIER, WE ARE STREAMLINING AND STANDARDIZING CERTAIN ZONING REGULATIONS. SO IT IS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT FROM THE PRESENTATION THAT WE JUST PROVIDED YOU IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BUT FOR THE FACT THAT WE ARE PROVIDING CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN AND WE ARE IMPLEMENTING HOUSING ELEMENT LAW.

WITH THAT, I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WE DID DO EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. HOWEVER, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT IT WAS NOT AS ROBUST AS EAST SAN GABRIEL BECAUSE WE ARE ON A SHORTENED TIMEFRAME UNDER STATE LAW WHERE WE WERE ONLY ALLOWED 2.5 YEARS TO GET THIS REZONING DONE. WITHIN THAT 2.5 YEARS, THOUGH, WE DID ACCOMPLISH A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF OUTREACH AND THAT IS PRESENTED TO YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AS WELL. HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. THANK YOU.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

**SUP. HILDA L. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, AMY. THANK YOU AGAIN, YOU ASK YOUR STAFF, FOR WORKING ON THIS AND BRINGING THIS FORWARD TO US TODAY, THE METRO AREA PLAN. COLLEAGUES, WE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF UPDATING OUR AREA PLAN COUNTYWIDE. WE JUST HAD A VERY THOROUGH AND I THINK ROBUST DISCUSSION ABOUT THE ONE EARLIER HERE. BUT THIS IS IMPORTANT TOO BECAUSE THIS IS NOW THE LARGER COUNTY, MORE INCLUSIVE, AND IT PROVIDES FOR INFORMATION ON FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OVER APPROXIMATELY TWO DECADES FOR OUR RESPECTIVE UNINCORPORATED AREAS WHICH I THINK I BELIEVE I REPRESENT THE LARGEST PORTION OF INCORPORATED AREAS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. AND SOME OF YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT THE METRO AREA PLAN HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED SINCE THE 1980S. WE DON'T HAVE TO KEEP SAYING THAT, BUT NONETHELESS, THAT'S THE CASE. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE

COUNTY COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE LAW BY EFFECTUATING THE ZONE CHANGES THAT ADD NECESSARY CAPACITY NOTED IN OUR HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE WHICH WAS UNDERSCORED AND DISCUSSED MANY, MANY TIMES ON THIS BOARD. ALSO THE MAP, LIKE EACH OF OUR AREA PLANS, THROUGH EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPLIFT AND REFLECT THE CHARACTER AND UNIQUENESS OF EACH OF OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES LIKE EAST LOS ANGELES, PART OF THE SEVEN COMMUNITIES INCLUDED IN THIS AREA PLAN. THE MAP INCLUDES AREA AND COMMUNITIES SPECIFIC GOALS AND POLICIES RELATED TO LAND USE, MOBILITY, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH BUILDS ON THE GENERAL PLAN GOALS AND POLICIES. AND I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH DIVERSE SECTORS WAS HELD INCLUDING TRANSLATION SERVICES IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES WITH OVER 60 PUBLIC  ENGAGEMENT EVENTS. THIS PLAN WITH VARIOUS LAND USE AND ZONE CHANGES AND UPDATED GOALS AND POLICY PROMOTES WALKABILITY, INCREASING HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, DIVERSITY, AFFORDABILITY BY REQUIRING HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS ON CERTAIN PARCELS TO PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING SETASIDE PER STATE LAW. AND IT ADDRESSES ONGOING STAKEHOLDER CONCERNS, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, SUPPORTIVE LOCAL AND SMALL BUSINESSES, SPECIFICALLY THROUGH ASSESSARY COMMERCIAL UNITS, NONCONFORMING COMMERCIAL, SHARED KITCHENS AND REGULATING SCHOOLS. AND IT INCREASES DIVERSE LAND USES ALONG MAJOR CORRIDORS AND FOCUS GROWTH IN AREAS WITH EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE. AS A COMPONENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN

THE MAP IS REQUIRED TO BE CONSISTENT AND WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER COMPONENTS INCLUDING THE MOBILITY ELEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, OUR EAST LA STEP BY STEP PEDESTRIAN PLAN RECENTLY ADOPTED BY THIS BOARD. AND IT ALSO INCLUDES AREA AND COMMUNITY SPECIFIC POLICIES RELATED TO MOBILITY AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY. AND I'M GLAD THAT THE PLAN WILL BRING ZONING AND LAND USE INTO CONSISTENCY WITH EXISTING USES ON THE GROUND. THE UPDATED PLAN INCLUDES IMPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE THAT UPDATES HOUSES AND ORGANIZES ALL THE SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS UNDER ONE CHAPTER. ALSO IMPORTANT IS THAT THE PLAN ADOPTION ENLISTS FUTURE CRITICAL WORK IN THE PLAN'S IMPLEMENTATION SUCH AS WORK THAT FURTHER IMPLEMENTS THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND GREEN ZONE PROGRAMS, COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO THE THIRD STREET SPECIFIC PLAN AND ESTABLISHING A LEGACY BUSINESS PROGRAM. AND PROVIDE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO ADDRESS INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS. UPDATING THE COUNTY'S APPROACH TO INDUSTRIAL ZONING THROUGH FURTHER STUDYING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IS VERY CRITICAL. WITH THAT, MEMBERS, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS ITEM AND ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO VOTE AYE. THANK YOU.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK REGIONAL PLANNING FOR YOUR EXTENSIVE OUTREACH. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ME GIVEN THE DISTRICT I

REPRESENT, AND FOR SETTING UP THE ADDITIONAL MEETINGS WITH CONSTITUENTS AROUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN. IN PARTICULAR, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IN CREATING A PROGRAM THAT WILL ALLOW DEEPER STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT TO CREATE INDUSTRIAL ZONING AND POLICIES FOR OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES INCLUDED IN THIS PLAN. I'M CONFIDENT THAT OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS WE CAN DEVELOP ZONING THAT STRIKES A BALANCE BETWEEN SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOR RESIDENTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES THAT I REPRESENT. I'VE COMMITTED MYSELF AND MY TEAM TO ENGAGE WITH SD-2 STAKEHOLDERS TO HELP INFORM THEM OF MY POSITION ON FUTURE ZONING OR POLICY AROUND INDUSTRIAL LAND USE AND ZONING. THE DRAFT METRO AREA PLAN WILL HELP GUIDE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH IN THE FOLLOWING SEVEN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OVER THE NEXT 15 YEARS, INCLUDING 5 THAT I REPRESENT: EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, WEST ATHENS, WESTMONT, WEST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ VICTORIA AND WILLOWBROOK. THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PLAN, 848 PROPERTIES WILL BE REZONED ACROSS BOTH SD-1 AND SD-2 TO INCREASE THE LAND USE CAPACITY TO OVER 17,000 UNITS OF HOUSING. NEW DEVELOPMENT ON THESE PARCELS WILL INCLUDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS REQUIRED BY BOTH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. THIS PLAN ALSO ENCOURAGES NEW MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT AND THE CREATION OF NEW ACCESSORY COMMERCIAL USES IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS THAT WOULD ALLOW RESIDENTS TO WALK OR BIKE TO

THEIR CORNER STORE, BARBERSHOP OR CAFE. THIS KIND OF COMMUNITY DESIGN PROVIDES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL RETAIL LEADING TO A REDUCTION IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS PRODUCED BY DRIVING AND IT ALSO HELPS US TO LIVE A MORE HEALTHY, ACTIVE LIFESTYLE. SO IT'S CRITICAL THAT OTHER DEPARTMENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE UPLIFTED IN THE METRO PLAN, REVIEW THEIR STRATEGIC PLANS AND PROJECTIONS TO ALIGN WITH THIS WORK. INCLUDING THE INCREASE IN CAPACITY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING ITEMS LIKE SEWAGE AND STREETS AS WELL AS COMMUNITY SERVICES SUCH AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, PARKS AND LIBRARIES. SO I'M ENCOURAGED BY THE FUTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND VISION OF WELLNESS THROUGH PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT THAT THIS PLAN PUTS FORTH. SO THANK YOU AND I'LL ALSO BE ASKING MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT TODAY'S PLAN.

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

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL ALEXANDER DOBBS, JACOB MERACAMI, MONICA MEJIA, MARTHA FRANKEL, LISA VELASQUEZ, ARNOLD SACHS, DANIEL GARCIA, JEROLD VOLOMINO, RAYMUNDO GONZALEZ, SAMUEL ROSE, SHACO ALI AND STEVEN HOLLIS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMIND FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 9, 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 LAURA GARCIA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**LAURA GARCIA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS LAURA. I'M WITH COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT. C.B.E. REMAINS CONCERNED THAT THE METRO AREA PLAN IS NOT BEING PROPERLY INFORMED BY THE IMPACTED COMMUNITY RESIDENTS. WE URGE THE COUNTY TO HOLD OFF ON A VOTE AT THIS POINT AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER CONVERSATION PARTICULARLY WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS WORKING IN WALNUT PARK AND FLORENCE-FIRESTONE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE COUNTY'S PRIORITY IS TO HAVE REZONING BUT IF THE SPIRIT OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WE HOPE THAT MORE COMMUNITY INPUT AND INFORMATION SHARING CAN OCCUR FIRST. FIRST OF ALL, WE REMAIN CONCERNED THAT THE MAP DOES NOT ACHIEVE SEPARATION OF INDUSTRIAL USE AREAS FROM RESIDENTIAL AREAS OR EFFECTIVE BUFFER ZONES OF A THOUSAND FEET MINIMUM. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IDENTIFIED DEVELOPMENT AND DEGRADATION OF AIR QUALITY. IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY GREEN ZONES ORDINANCE. WE BELIEVE-- OUR MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT HOUSING STABILITY IS A HUGE CONCERN AND THE MAP LACKS STRONG INCLUSIONARY AND ANTI-DISPLACEMENT POLICIES AND ALSO FLORENCE-

FIRESTONE AND WALNUT PARK ARE PARK POOR AND SO WE DO ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE MAP IS NOT CURRENTLY--

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

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SEBASTIAN WINDS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SEBASTIAN WINDS:** HI. I'M JUST CALLING TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I'M IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 9. I LIKE THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND I AM IN SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MIHRAN TOUMAJAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**MIHRAN TOUMAJAN:** MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, ON BEHALF OF NAIOP SO CAL AND ITS OVER 1300 MEMBERS, WE RESPECTFULLY OPPOSE THE METRO AREA PLAN PROJECT IN ITS CURRENT FORM. NAIOP SO CAL IS THE LEADING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPERS, OWNERS, INVESTORS AND BROKERS OF INDUSTRIAL, OFFICE RETAIL AND MIXED USE REAL ESTATE ACROSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. NAIOP SO CAL REPRESENTS DOZENS OF LONG TERM

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OWNERS WHO SERVE AS STAKEHOLDERS IN THE SEVEN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE MAP PROJECT. WE THANK THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF FOR ENGAGING WITH US AND FOR ITS ATTENTION OVER THE PAST YEAR TO THE CONCERNS OF OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES OVER PROPOSED CHANGES TO EXISTING INDUSTRIAL ZONES IN THE MAP'S UNINCORPORATED AREAS. WE REMAIN OPPOSED TO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO EXISTING INDUSTRIAL ZONES AND LAND USES UNTIL THE COUNTY PRODUCES AN ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY ON THE VIABILITY OF THE PROPOSED ZONE CHANGES. NAIOP SO CAL AND OUR MEMBER COMPANIES ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUE WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH STAFF ON LAND USE AND ZONING SOLUTIONS THAT BENEFIT ALL STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED BY THE MAP PROJECT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BEN BELZER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**BEN BELZER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS BEN BELZER. I AM THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF T.C.I. PRECISION METALS. WE ARE A FAMILY-OWNED MANUFACTURER WITH 75 EMPLOYEES. AND WE ARE IN THE WEST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ VICTORIA DISTRICT. WE HAVE BEEN OPERATING IN THE AREA FOR MORE THAN 68 YEARS. I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED DOWNZONING IN LA COUNTY'S METRO AREA PLAN. UNDER THIS PLAN IT IS A POTENTIAL FIVE-YEAR STUDY AND ULTIMATE REZONING OF OUR PROPERTY TO M0.5 ARTISAN

PRODUCTION. THIS CHANGE POSES A SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO OURS AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER BUSINESSES THREATENING LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF JOBS. THE NEW ZONE DOES NOT APPEAR TO ACCOMODATE OUR MACHINING BUSINESS AND OUR OWN 75 SKILLED EMPLOYEES WHO ARE LOCAL TO THE AREA. WE URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER THE REZONING AND INSTEAD CONSIDER SOME OVERLAY THAT CAN ALLOW THRIVING BUSINESSES LIKE OURS TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY, WHILE STILL TRYING TO REACH YOUR GOALS OF NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA. WE TAKE PRIDE IN BEING AN EXEMPLARY STEWARD OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND WOULD WELCOME COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES TO VISIT US AT ANY TIME.

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

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SONIA RAMON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SONIA RAMON:** HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SONIA. I LEAD A COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS IN THE CITY TOWERS ON THE NORTHSIDE OF EAST LA AND I'M A MEMBER OF VISION CITY TERRACE. A MAP SEEMS TO BE LIKE A GOOD INTENTION, BUT YET IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR. A LOT OF THE LANGUAGE IS NOT FRIENDLY FOR THOSE RESIDENTS. AND ALSO THE LACK OF PARTICIPATION WITH THE RESIDENTS THAT DON'T HAVE SOCIAL MEDIA AND DON'T HAVE THAT ACCESS TO GET TO THESE MEETINGS. I REALLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD

TO REALLY MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE IS NOTIFIED IN THIS SITUATION, WITHIN 2,000 FEET OF THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS. WE WANT OUR ZONING TO BE HEALTHY FOR ALL COMMUNITIES INVOLVED. THANK YOU.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE WILL GO TO SPEAKERS IN THE CHAMBERS. GO AHEAD.

**DANIEL GARCIA:** I'M DANIEL GARCIA AND I WANT TO EXPRESS ANY TIME I SEE YOU THAT INDEPENDENT-- I'M ASSUMING THAT YOU MUST KNOW THAT HOW MANY AFFORDABLE HOUSING ARE LOCATED IN [UNINTELLIGIBLE]. OKAY, AND NOT JUST AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ACCESSIBLE HOUSING. SEE? I WANT TO KNOW HOW MANY AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING ACCORDING TO THE A.D.A., HAVE TO MAKE IT EQUALIZING AND TO BE PREPARED FOR [UNINTELLIGIBLE] BECAUSE THEY DID NOT ASK ME A THING AS WELL. SO PLEASE, BE AWARE OF THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

**LISA VELASQUEZ:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LISA VELASQUEZ AND I WORK WITH NATIONAL CORE WHO MANAGES AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN EAST LA. AND I AM HERE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE IN SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTY METRO AREA UPDATES. THIS PLAN, WE SUPPORT THE COUNTY METRO AREA PLAN UPDATES THAT WILL GUIDE FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA OVER THE NEXT 15 YEARS. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE OLDEST COMMUNITY PLAN DATES BACK TO 1980, AS MANY OF US HAVE MENTIONED TODAY. THIS PLAN WITH VARIOUS LAND USE CHANGES AND UPDATED GOALS AND POLICIES WILL PROMOTE WORKABILITY, INCREASED HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, DIVERSITY AND AFFORDABILITY BY REQUIRING HOUSING DEVELOPERS ON CERTAIN PARCELS TO PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING SETASIDE PER STATE LAW, ADDRESS ON GOING STAKEHOLDER CONCERNS INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONCERNS, SUPPORT FOR LOCAL AND SMALL BUSINESSES, AND REGULATING SCHOOLS, INCREASE DIVERSE LAND USES ALONG MAJOR CORRIDORS AND FOCUS GROWTH IN THE AREAS WITH EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE.

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

**GERALD VOLOMINO:** FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHY ALL THE PEOPLE WITH THE FOOD CARTS GOT TWO MINUTES FOR COMMENTS AND WE ONLY GET ONE. MY NAME IS GERALD VOLOMINO. I AM A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE AREA WITH PROPERTY

ADJACENT TO THE ALMEDA CORRIDOR. YOUR PROGRAM IS GOING TO REDUCE MY ZONING SO THAT MY PROPERTY VALUE WILL DROP BY 50 TO 75%. I OWN A FLAT PIECE OF ASPHALT WITH NO IM IMPROVEMENTS ON IT. THERE'S NOTHING THAT I CAN DO WITH IT OTHER THAN ITS CURRENT USE. AND YOU'RE-- I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THE BOARD HERE, HOW THEY WOULD FEEL IF SOME BOARD CAME IN AND DECIDED TO REZONE YOUR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, SO THAT YOUR PROPERTY VALUES ON YOUR HOMES FELL BY 50 TO 75% WITHOUT ANY COMPENSATION. THERE IS THE PRINCIPLE OF EMINENT DOMAIN WHERE THE PERSON THAT'S DOING THE TAKING BUYS THE PROPERTY. IN THIS CASE YOU DON'T HAVE TO BUY THE PROPERTY, BUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS STEALING THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY FROM THOSE PROPERTY OWNERS. AND ANYBODY LISTENING TO THIS, PLEASE CONTACT ME.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. AND THE REASON THEY GOT TWO MINUTES IS BECAUSE WE HELD TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS TOGETHER. SO THERE WAS ONE MINUTE PER ITEM. THAT'S WHY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SHARE THIS WITH YOU. DEFINITION OF A LOGISTICS, THE DETAILED COORDINATION OF COMPLEX OPERATIONS INVOLVING MANY PEOPLE, FACILITIES, OR SUPPLIES. I HAVE A PROPERTY THAT IS ON THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR. RIGHT OFF OF ALAMEDA. NOW, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU PEOPLE KNOW THAT THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR IS A TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR. IT HAS

THE RAIL GOING DOWN ALAMEDA WITH DIESEL TRUCKS THAT ARE PICKING UP CONTAINERS AT THE HARBOR, AND BRINGING IT INTO TOWN, TO BE TRANSPORTED BY RAIL, AND THIS IS AN INDUSTRIAL AREA, AND IT IS CALLED WALNUT PARK. THIS IS WHERE MY FACILITY IS LOCATED. AND WE HAVE BEEN THERE SINCE THE SIXTIES DOING TRANSPORTATION. AND RATHER THAN HAVING THE TRANSPORTATION COMING IN FROM THE INLAND EMPIRE, WE NEED TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IN LA, IN PLACES WHERE IT CAN BE UTILIZED--

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

**MARTA FRANCO (TRANSLATED):** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARTA FRANCO AND I AM A SINGLE MOTHER. I AM IN AGREEMENT THAT WE HAVE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BECAUSE THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE THAT HAVE LOWER INCOME THAN I DO. AND THEY NEED HELP. PLEASE HELP THEM. MY EXPERIENCE IS THAT MY SON AND MYSELF, IT IS JUST US. WE DON'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE. AND WE'VE LIVED IN SMALL SPACES. NOT TO SAY WE HAVE LIVED ALMOST IN THE STREETS. AND I AM GRATEFUL NOW TO E.L.A.C. BECAUSE NOW WE HAVE A PLACE TO LIVE AND WE ARE NOT OUTSIDE GETTING WET. AND I AM GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE ELSE WHO HAS SUPPORTED AND PROVIDES THESE SERVICES FOR THESE AFFORDABLE HOUSINGS FOR US. THANK YOU.

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

**MONICA MEJIA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS MONICA MEJIA. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE EAST LA COMMUNITY CORPORATION. WE ARE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVIDER, AND WE WORK IN THE EAST LA AREA. I AM VERY GRATEFUL THAT THE STAFF AND THE COMMUNITY HAS ALL COME TOGETHER WITH YOU GUYS AS SUPERVISORS TO PUT FORTH A PLAN THAT PROVIDES AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THAT COMPLIES WITH THE R.H.N.A. GOALS THAT WE ARE OBLIGATED TO COMPLY WITH. AND I AM REALLY GLAD THAT WE ARE SATISFYING THOSE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS. I LOVED A COUPLE OTHER THINGS IN THE PLAN THAT I THOUGHT WERE REALLY COOL. I LOVE THE FREEWAY CAPS. I THINK THAT WOULD BE AWESOME. I AM GLAD WE PUT IT IN WRITING. I LOVE THE LEGACY BUSINESSES. I LOVE THE PLANS FOR STREET VENDORS, THE ACCESSORY COMMERCIAL UNITS, THE MOBILE FOOD VENDING AND SUPPORT FOR ACUTELY LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. THANK YOU GUYS SO MUCH FOR ALWAYS PAYING ATTENTION TO THE NEEDS OF LOW INCOME PEOPLE.

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

**STEVE HOLLIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS STEVE HOLLIS. I REPRESENT CENTER POINT PROPERTIES. WE OWN THREE BUILDINGS THAT WILL BE REZONED. I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE COUNTY IS TRYING TO DO IS CREATE MORE HOUSING, BUT IT IS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS. I REPRESENT NOT ONLY THE BUILDING OWNERS BUT THE PEOPLE THAT WORK IN THOSE BUILDINGS. THESE ARE YOUR

CONSTITUENTS AS WELL. YOU KNOW, THESE ARE HARDWORKING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. YOU ARE GOING TO ZONE THEM OUT. THIS WILL BECOME RESIDENTIAL IN THE FUTURE. YOU ARE GOING TO PUT THEM ON THE FREEWAYS. YOU ARE GOING TO PUT THEM IN TRUCKS MOVING EAST. IT JUST MOVES THE PROBLEM AROUND. WE ARE JUST PUSHING THE ISSUES AROUND. WE UNDERSTAND. WE HAVE BEEN HERE FOR YEARS. THESE ARE OLDER BUILDINGS. THEY ARE SMALLER BUILDINGS. AND THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE COMMUNITY AS WELL. AND I JUST HOPE YOU REALIZE THAT BEFORE YOU JUST PUSH US OUT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. ANOTHER LOAD OF [EXPLETIVE] FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY YOU ARE DOING A METRO AREA PLAN AT THE BOARD, AND NOT AT METRO HEADQUARTERS. YOU HAVE IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH, SEVEN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE METRO PLANNING AREA. IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH, YOU'RE RESCINDING FOUR COMMUNITY PLANS. SO WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER THREE PLANS? HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU PLAN ON PUTTING ON THE STREET? FOR WHAT PURPOSE? THIS IS AN INVESTMENT FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WORK AT METRO? DO THEY WORK AT METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION OR DO THEY WORK AT THE CORPORATION? WHICH IS IT FOR? AND WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN? YOU

HAVE MORE HOMELESS PEOPLE ALL THE TIME. YOU'RE NOT CREATING NEW HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS PEOPLE, YOU ARE TAKING PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR HOMES THAT THEY HAVE LIVED IN FOR 30-40 YEARS. WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE FOR THE HEARING? YOU HAVE SEVEN DISTRICTS HERE. BUT YOU HAVE NOBODY HERE FOR THE HEARING. WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION ARE YOU GIVING OUT TO THE PUBLIC?

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. AND FOR CLARITY, THIS ISN'T REFERRING TO METRO AS IN M.T.A., THIS IS REFERRING-- IT IS SHORT FOR METROPOLITAN, SO JUST FOR CLARITY FOR THAT SPEAKER. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. I AM SORRY THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO RAISED THE ISSUE LEFT. BECAUSE I WAS GOING TO ASK MS. BODEK TO CLARIFY THE ACTION IN THIS PLAN FOR THE INDUSTRIAL ZONES AND IF THEY ARE WITHIN THE SOUND OF MY VOICE OUT IN THE FOYER, THEY MAY WANT TO COME BACK SO THEY CAN HEAR THE CLARIFICATION.

**AMY BODEK:** I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION AND I THINK IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION. I AM ACTUALLY GOING TO ASK MS. CHONG TO GIVE US SOME DETAILS, BUT THE SHORT ANSWER IS, AND SHE WILL GO INTO MORE DETAILS, I'LL PROBABLY STEAL HER THUNDER, THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS ARE NOT SHRINKING. SHE WILL GO INTO THE DETAILS.

**CONNIE CHONG:** SO IN AN EARLY VERSION OF THE DRAFT, WE DID DEVELOP DRAFT INDUSTRIAL ZONES TO ADDRESS A NUMBER OF ISSUES INCLUDING JUST CHANGING TECHNOLOGY. YOU KNOW, WE KNOW THAT LIFE SCIENCES IS A REALLY IMPORTNT USE IN THE COUNTY. AND AT THE EXPLORATORY STAGE, WE DID COME UP WITH NEW ZONES. HOWEVER, THERE WAS STILL A LOT OF QUESTIONS THAT NEEDED TO BE ANSWERED, A LOT OF CONCERNS ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE REZONING. AND I THINK WE LISTENED AND WE REWORKED THAT TO TURN IT INTO AN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM THAT WILL STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF LOOKING AT OUR INDUSTRIAL ZONING STRATEGY. AND WE DO WANT TO MAKE IT A VERY INCLUSIVE PROCESS. WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE LOTS OF STAKEHOLDERS WHEN IT COMES TO INDUSTRIAL ZONING FROM THE RESIDENTS WHO LIVE NEXT TO THOSE AREAS AS WELL AS THE OPERATORS AND PROPERTY OWNERS. AT THE TIME THAT WE CAME UP WITH THOSE ZONES, THERE WAS NO DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. SO AGAIN, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH D.E.O., TO LOOK AT OUR INDUSTRIAL ZONING STRATEGY FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES. AND TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS CONSIST WITH THE COUNTY'S OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. SO IT IS A PROGRAM THAT IS BEING DEFERRED FOR FUTURE-- AS A FUTURE PROJECT.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE CLARIFICATION.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 9 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM NINE IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. HILDA L. 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:** THANK YOU. GIVEN THE TIME, AND THE VOLUME OF THE NEXT TWO ITEMS, AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS, WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE ITEM 12. WE WILL TAKE IT AT THE TOP OF OUR MEETING NEXT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH. SO IF YOU ARE HERE FOR ITEM 12, WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE THAT TO NEXT TUESDAY. WE WILL NOW RETURN TO ITEM 2, HEARING ON ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF AZUSA. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE REPORT ON THE BALLOT TABULATION RESULTS.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS OF PETITION NUMBER 56-1017, WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF AZUSA TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION, ORDERING ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS AND THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES, RESULTING FROM THE

ANNEXATION OF SUBDIVISION TERRITORY, TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 2 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. HILDA L. 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. ITEM 2 CARRIES 5-0.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO THE COMBINED ITEMS 10 AND 11, REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE ROSAS AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES TO COMMENT ON BOTH ITEMS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF DIRECTORS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS HERE TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION. AND SO WE WILL START, I BELIEVE, WITH ASSISTANT SHERIFF SERGIO ALOMA FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON ITEM 10, FOLLOWED BY A PRESENTATION FROM JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD, DIRECTOR OF JUSTICE CARE AND OPPORTUNITIES, WHO WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION. GO AHEAD.

**ASSISTANT SHERIFF ALOMA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY TO PRESENT ON THE ROSAS  COMPLIANCE PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND THE DEPARTMENT'S COMPLIANCE. AS YOU KNOW, THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PROVISION 1.4, REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT TO THE BOARD BIANNUALLY, AND SO  THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE TODAY. WE

WILL BE REPORTING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, THE STATUS OF COMPLIANCE, TRAINING, ON USE OF FORCE POLICY, USE OF FORCE STATISTICS AND TRENDS, DEPARTMENT USE OF FORCE POLICY VIOLATIONS, AND INMATE GRIEVANCES. AND JUST AS A NOTE, WE WILL BE DOING A COMPARISON OF 2021 AND 2022. THE 12TH REPORT BY THE PANEL COVERS THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF 2022. JUST SOME BACKGROUND ON THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. AS YOU KNOW, ROSAS IS A FEDERAL CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT ALLEGING A PATTERN OF EXCESSIVE FORCE IN OUR DOWNTOWN JAIL FACILITIES. THAT INCLUDES MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AND THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER. THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WAS INITIALLY APPROVED BY THE COURT, IN 2015. THE DEPARTMENT BEGAN ASSESSING COMPLIANCE WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE JULY OF 2018. WE HAVE PROVISIONS WHICH ARE GROUPED INTO SEVEN CATEGORIES AND THERE ARE 104 PROVISIONS IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. AND THOSE CATEGORIES, THE SEVEN CATEGORIES OF WHICH I JUST SPOKE, ARE ADMINISTRATIVE, USE OF FORCE, TRAINING, FORCE REPORTING, AND FORCE INVESTIGATIONS, GRIEVANCES, RESTRAINT, AND THE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. IN ADDITION TO THE 104 PROVISIONS THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 402 COMPLIANCE MEASURES. TODAY I JUST WANTED TO SHARE SOME OF THE  MITIGATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS ENGAGED IN SINCE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. AND THOSE THINGS THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY EMPLOYING TODAY IN CUSTODY DIVISION. WE HAVE WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH OUR CUSTODY DIVISION CHIEFS WHERE WE HAVE A

COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS. THOSE MEETINGS INCLUDE MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNSEL, AND STAFF FROM THE O.I.G. WHERE OUR CHIEFS ARE ABLE TO SEE USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS VIA C.C.T.V., USUALLY DAYS AFTER THEY OCCUR, SO THAT THEY CAN PROVIDE INPUT AND ASSESS THOSE USES OF FORCE SHORTLY AFTER THEY HAPPEN, BUT BEFORE THE INVESTIGATIONS ARE COMPLETED. WE ALSO ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO IMPLEMENTED A CUSTODY DIVISION TRACKER TO TRACK HEAD STRIKE INCIDENTS. AS YOU'VE BEEN AWARE, THE USE OF FORCE SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO HEAD STRIKES HAVE BEEN A CONCERN. SO WE STARTED TO TRACK THOSE REAL TIME SO THAT WE CAN LOOK AT TRENDS, ANY INCREASES OR DECREASES IN THOSE PARTICULAR USES OF FORCE SO THAT WE CAN GUIDE BOTH OUR PERSONNEL AS IT RELATES TO THEIR TRAINING AND EDUCATION AS WELL AS OUR LINE SUPERVISORS AND EXECUTIVE STAFF IN MITIGATING THOSE USES OF FORCE. CURRENTLY, WE ALSO HAVE IN DEVELOPMENT AN E- FORCE PROGRAM. IT IS A WEB-BASED PORTAL DESIGNED TO TRACK ALL USES OF FORCE. THIS ALLOWS US TO TRACK USE OF FORCE PACKETS FROM THE TIME THAT THE INCIDENT OCCURRS THROUGH THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS. AND IT ALSO ALLOWS US TO GET THE PANEL THESE USE OF FORCE PACKETS IN A MORE TIMELY MANNER FOR THEIR REVIEW AS WELL. WE HAVE ALSO INITIATED A LIMITATIONS ON FORCE DIRECTIVE, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY OF 2023. AND WE ARE ACTUALLY ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF FINALIZING A REVISED DIRECTIVE, WHICH WILL GIVE OUR PERSONNEL AND OUR SUPERVISORS MORE CLEAR DIRECTION ON OUR LIMITATIONS OF FORCE DIRECTIVE

WHICH COVER HEAD STRIKES AND USE OF FORCE AGAINST RESTRAINED INMATES. EARLIER, OR LATE LAST YEAR, 2023, WE ALSO IMPLEMENTED A CUSTODY FORCE INVESTIGATIONS TEAM. THIS WAS CREATED IN AUGUST. IT INCLUDED FOUR SERGEANTS AND THEN EARLIER THIS MONTH, WE ADDED AN ADDITIONAL FOUR SERGEANTS FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHT. THESE SERGEANTS ARE HAND-SELECTED AND SPECIFICALLY AND SPECIALLY TRAINED IN USE OF FORCE INVESTIGATIONS, AND THEY WILL BE TAKING OVER ALL CATEGORY TWO USES OF FORCE IN CUSTODY DIVISION MOVING FORWARD. WE HOPE THAT THAT WILL ALLOW OUR CURRENT LINE SUPERVISORS MORE TIME TO BE ON THE FLOOR ENGAGING WITH OUR PERSONNEL AND WITH OUR INMATE POPULATION IN MANAGING THEIR FLOORS AND THEIR AREAS SO THAT THIS TEAM WILL TAKE INVESTIGATIONS FROM THEM. AND WE THINK THIS WILL ADD BOTH QUALITY TO THOSE USE OF FORCE INVESTIGATIONS. THE NEXT SLIDE GIVES YOU A UPDATE ON OUR TRAINING RELATED TO THE USE OF FORCE. SO IT IS BROKEN DOWN INTO A NUMBER OF CATEGORIES THERE. CUSTODY DIVISION'S FORCE POLICY. OUR FORCE POLICY REFRESHER. OUR ETHICS TRAINING. OUR ETHICS TRAINING REFRESHER. DEVERT TRAINING, WHICH IS OUR DEESCALATION TRAINING. IT'S DEESCALATION AND VERBAL RESOLUTION TRAINING, WHICH WE PROVIDE ALL CUSTODY PERSONNEL. AS YOU CAN SEE, IN THE COLUMN TO YOUR FAR RIGHT, WE ARE IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE IN ALL THE TRAINING CATEGORIES, WELL OVER 90%. AND THE NEXT SLIDE WE WILL GET INTO OUR ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS. NOW, THIS PARTICULAR SLIDE DEPICTS ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

INITIATED FOR BOTH SWORN AND NONSWORN EMPLOYEES AND BOTH ON AND OFF DUTY. SO THE NUMBER AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF FROM 110 TO 144. THAT'S ABOUT A 30% INCREASE FROM 2021 TO 2022. AND THEN THE NEXT SLIDE BREAKS DOWN SPECIFICALLY ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS WHERE THERE'S VIOLATIONS OF THE USE OF FORCE POLICY IN CUSTODY DIVISION AT THE DOWNTOWN JAIL FACILITIES. AND AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS SLIDE, OUR CASES FROM 2021 TO 2022 INCREASED FROM 14 TO 26. TWENTY-FOUR OF THE CASES WERE FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF OUR USE OF FORCE POLICIES AND TWO OF THE CASES ARE STILL PENDING INVESTIGATION. THE NEXT SLIDE GETS INTO OUR OVERALL USE OF FORCE STATISTICS FOR CUSTODY DIVISION IN OUR DOWNTOWN JAIL COMPLEX. SO AGAIN, WE COMPARED 2021 TO 2022. WE NOTED THAT FROM THE YEAR 2022 COMPARED TO 2021, THERE WAS A DECREASE OF 18.12%. SO JUST OVER 18% REDUCTION IN THE USE OF FORCE IN OUR JAILS. NOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE LOOK AT AS IT RELATES TO FLUCTUATIONS IN USE OF FORCE, WHETHER UP OR DOWN, IS ALSO OUR AVERAGE DAILY INMATE POPULATION. AND AS YOU KNOW, OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS AND POST COVID, OUR INMATE POPULATION HAS BEEN DECREASING YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT. SO WE LOOKED AT THAT AS IT RELATES TO THIS DECREASE IN THE USE OF FORCE, AND WHAT WE NOTED WAS THERE WAS A 5.2% DECLINE IN OUR INMATE POPULATION DURING THIS DATE RANGE. THIS NEXT SLIDE DEPICTS OUR CATEGORY ONE USES OF FORCE, IN OUR DOWNTOWN JAIL COMPLEX. AGAIN, WE NOTED A DECREASE OF JUST OVER 12%. AND JUST TO CLARIFY, A CATEGPRU ONE IS OUR

LOWEST LEVEL OF USE OF FORCE, THAT IS TYPICALLY GENERALLY A USE OF FORCE WHERE THERE IS NO INJURY OR COMPLIANT OF PAIN. IT CAN BE THINGS SUCH AS AN UNRESISTED HANDCUFF-- EXCUSE ME, RESISTING HANDCUFFING, USE OF PEPPER SPRAY, CONTROL HOLDS, THINGS SUCH AS THAT. THE NEXT CATEGORY, IS A CATEGORY TWO USE OF FORCE. WE AGAIN SAW A DECREASE FROM 2021-2022 OF ABOUT NEARLY 37%, 36.9%. CATEGORY TWOS ARE MORE SERIOUS USES OF FORCE, WHERE THEY INVOLVE COMPLAINTS OF PAIN OR VISIBLE INJURIES. THOSE ARE TYPICALLY WHERE THE HEAD STRIKES THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER ARE LISTED. AND THEN LASTLY, OUR CATEGORY THREE, THAT'S OUR MOST SERIOUS USE OF FORCE. AND COMPARING 2021 TO 2022, WE SAW AN INCREASE OF FROM FIVE TO NINE. AND I WANT TO NOTE THAT ALL CATEGORY 3 USES OF FORCE, NOT ONLY IN CUSTODY DIVISION BUT FOR THE DEPARTMENT ARE INVESTIGATED BY INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU. AND THEN THE NEXT SLIDE IS A STATUS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE PANELS PUBLISHED REPORTS. AND THIS COMPARES THE 11TH REPORT TO THE CURRENT 12TH REPORT. AND SO AS YOU SEE THERE, IT IS BROKEN DOWN INTO THE SEVEN CATEGORIES WHICH I MENTIONED EARLIER, THE ADMINISTRATIVE USE OF FORCE, TRAINING, FORCE REPORTING AND INVESTIGATIONS, GRIEVANCES AND RESTRAINTS AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. AND THERE IS AGAIN 104 PROVISIONS. WE WERE IN COMPLIANCE WITH 79 OF THE PROVISIONS OUT OF COMPLIANCE OR NON-COMPLIANT IN '21. WE HAVE ZERO THAT ARE PENDING AND FOUR THAT WERE NONAPPLICABLE. AND THEN THIS NEXT SLIDE IS TO SHOW YOU THE STATUS OF OUR COMPLIANCE OVER

THE TIME RANGE OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. SO IT SHOWS PROVISIONS REACHING 24 PLUS MONTHS THAT ARE IN COMPLIANCE. SO AGAIN, IT IS THE SEVEN CATEGORIES. WE SHOW THAT OF THE TOTAL 104 PROVISIONS WE HAVE BEEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH 62 FOR 24 MONTHS. THEN IT SHOWS THOSE THAT ARE IN COMPLIANCE FOR 24 PLUS MONTHS AND THEN 12 PLUS MONTHS AND THEN THOSE THAT ARE IN PROGRESS ARE IN GRAY. SO AGAIN, ABOUT 62 THAT HAVE BEEN IN COMPLIANCE FOR 21 MONTHS OR MORE. OR 24 MONTHS OR MORE. AND THAT'S BASED ON THE 12TH REPORT. AND THEN WE INCLUDED A SLIDE ON INMATE GRIEVANCES AND THE BASE AND FACILITIES, AND THAT JUST SHOWS THE SIDE BY SIDE COMPARISON OF 2021-2022. GENERAL GRIEVANCES, COMPLIANTS AGAINST STAFF, AND IPAD REQUESTS. NOW, NOTABLY ON IPAD REQUESTS WE SAW A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE FROM 2021-2022. ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THAT IS THE IPADS WERE PURCHASED IN 2014, ABOUT 400 PLUS OF THEM. AND AS YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK ANYONE IN THE ROOM HAS AN IPAD THAT DATES BACK TO 2014, SO THEY TEND TO END OF SERVICE FOR THOSE THINGS, THEY BURN OUT, THE BATTERIES ETC., AND IT WAS A ONE TIME PURCHASE, AND WE HAVE NOT PURCHASED NEW ONES. SO WE ARE DOWN TO ABOUT 100 THAT ARE ACTIVELY OUT IN OUR FACILITIES. THE NEXT SLIDE IS OUR BASIN FACILITIES; AGAIN, THE TOP FIVE GRIEVANCES, FILED BY CATEGORY. AGAIN, THAT GIVES YOU A LIST OF THE TOP FIVE, COMPARING 2021 TO 2022. LIVING CONDITIONS WAS NUMBER ONE. SERVICE-RELATED AND PROCEDURAL GRIEVANCES WERE NUMBER TWO. SERVICE-RELATED/PROCEDURAL COULD BE ANYTHING FROM EDUCATION TO

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS, THE MONEY ON THEIR BOOKS, QUESTIONS THEY HAVE REGARDING THEIR SENTENCES, AND THINGS SUCH AS THAT. AGAIN, THREE IS MAIL; STAFF COMPLAINTS; AND THEN PROPERTY IS NUMBER FIVE. AND THAT CONCLUDES THE ROSAS PRESENTATION.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WILL ALSO NOTE, THE MONITORS ON THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT ARE IN THE AUDIENCE. THEY ARE WILLING TO RESPOND TO US, OR THEY ARE HERE WITH US. THEY'RE WILLING TO RESPOND TO US IF WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. THIS PRESENTATION IS REQUIRED REPORTING, AS PART OF THE SETTLEMENT. OUR NEXT PRESENTATION WILL BE FOR CLARITY OF DIRECTION AND NEXT STEPS ON JAIL CLOSURE. GIVEN THAT THERE MAY BE SOME DIRECTION THAT APPLIES TO BOTH, THAT'S WHY WE ARE HOLDING THEM TOGETHER. SO WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THE NEXT PRESENTATION FIRST, THEN WE WILL HEAR FROM THE SUPERVISORS, AND THEN GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT, JUST SO WE KNOW THE ORDER OF THINGS. JUDGE, I TURN IT TO YOU.

**JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU. THIS PRESENTATION WILL FOCUS ON KEY DATA POINTS REGARDING THE JAIL POPULATION, WHAT IS NEED TO CONTINUE TO DEPOPULATE THE JAIL, AND A POSSIBLE SOLUTION FOR A FIVE-YEAR PLAN TOWARDS CLOSURE, AND NEXT STEPS FOR TACKLING JAIL CLOSURE. AS YOU ALL KNOW, TACKLING JAIL DEPOPULATION AND CLOSURE IS REALLY ALSO TACKLING SOME OF THE MOST DIFFICULT

SOCIETAL CHALLENGES, INCLUDING SERVING THOSE WHO ARE UNHOUSED, THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, SYSTEMIC RACISM, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND ALSO POVERTY. TACKLING A JAIL CLOSURE REALLY TAKES TONS OF STAKEHOLDERS, SOME OF WHICH THE COUNTY HAS INFLUENCE OVER AND CONTROL OVER, WHICH ARE ALL THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS HERE, INCLUDING JUSTICE, HEALTH, OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS. THERE ARE TONS OF NON-COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS THAT ARE ALSO KEY TO REDUCING THE POPULATIONS AND CLOSING THE JAIL, INCLUDING THE SUPERIOR COURT, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, CITY ATTORNEYS' AGENCIES, A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND STATE AGENCIES. AND THEN THERE ARE A LOT OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES THAT WOULD ALSO NEED TO HAPPEN, IN THE LONG RUN. NEXT SLIDE. THERE ARE ESSENTIALLY THREE KEY COMPONENTS TO REDUCING THE POPULATION AND ULTIMATELY CLOSING THE JAIL, AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE FIRST WOULD BE EXPEDITING THE CRIMINAL CASE PROCESSING, AND THAT WOULD HELP REDUCE THE LENGTH OF STAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CUSTODY. THE NEXT AREA WOULD BE EXPANDING BOTH SECURED AND UNSECURED BEDS, AND TRACKING THE TURNOVER AND UTILIZATION RATE. AND THEN THE FINAL ONE WOULD BE REMODELING AND UPDATING SPACE IN AN EXISTING FACILITY, TO ACCOMMODATE ALL THOSE THAT ARE IN THE SPECIAL POPULATIONS AND SINGLE CELLS WITHIN M.C.J., AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD, WITHOUT A NEW FACILITY. WE WOULD HAVE TO SAFELY DEPOPULATE THE JAIL TO REDUCE THE NUMBERS DOWN TO 7,169, AND IT WOULD HAVE TO STAY THERE TO SAFELY DEPOPULATE

THE JAIL. THE COUNTY HAS MADE LOTS OF GREAT PROGRESS. IF YOU LOOK AT THE CHART HERE, YOU CAN SEE THAT BETWEEN 2013 DOWN TO 2023, THERE'S BEEN A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN THE POPULATION OF THOSE WHO ARE ACTUALLY, BASED ON THE DAILY POPULATION, AVERAGES OF THOSE WHO ARE IN THE COUNTY JAIL. THE LARGEST DROP, OF COURSE, IS NOTED DUE TO C.O.V.I.D., AND THE CHANGES TO THE BAIL SCHEDULE AROUND THAT PERIOD. SO YOU CAN SEE THE DROP FROM THE AVERAGE OF ALMOST 19,000, DOWN TO ABOUT 13,000. AND WHEN WE LOOK AT THE JAIL POPULATION BREAKDOWN, THERE ARE GOING TO BE MOMENTS IN TIME. AS YOU KNOW, THE POPULATIONS CHANGE ON A DAILY BASIS. SO WE CAN SEE THAT ABOUT 15.76% ARE SENTENCED. WE HAVE ANOTHER 5.49% THAT ARE AWAITING TRANSFER TO STATE PRISON. WE HAVE JUST ABOUT 1.5% WHO ARE THERE FOR PAROLE REVOCATION. WE HAVE 1.17% WAITING TO GO TO STATE HOSPITALS. AND THEN WE HAVE ABOUT 23% WHO ARE THERE; ONE CASE RESOLVED, BUT ARE WAITING FOR OUR REMAINING CASES. AND THEN WE CAN SEE THAT THE BULK OF THE POPULATION IS REALLY THERE FOR PRETRIAL. THAT'S 52.73%. WE ALSO NOTE FROM THIS SLIDE THAT MORE THAN HALF OF THE POPULATION THAT'S HOUSED WITHIN THE COUNTY JAIL ARE RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AS WELL. NEXT SLIDE. AND WHEN WE LOOK AT WHO IS THE POPULATION THAT'S IN THE JAIL, WE SEE THAT 89% ARE THERE FOR FELONY CHARGES. THE REMAINDER ARE THERE FOR MISDEMEANOR CHARGES. AND WITHIN THAT POPULATION, ABOUT 57.5% ARE THERE FOR SERIOUS OR VIOLENT CHARGES, AND 5.6% ARE THERE FOR MISDEMEANOR CHARGES. QUITE OFTEN, HAVING MORE

THAN ONE CASE IS WHY THEY HAVE SEVERAL FAILURES TO APPEAR. AND THEN WE HAVE THE 31.5% THAT ARE THERE FOR NON-VIOLENT FELONIES. AND TACKLING WHAT WE CAN DO IN THE PRETRIAL SPACE, WITH THE DATA RECEIVED FROM THE SHERIFF AND OUR CONSULTANT, WE HAVE BROKEN DOWN WHO, ACTUALLY, IS THERE FOR PRETRIAL. SO, IN PREVIOUS PRESENTATIONS, IN LOOKING AT THE DATA, THE POPULATION HAS SHIFTED QUITE A BIT FROM WHAT WE SAW PREVIOUSLY, IN PREVIOUS ANALYSIS. SO RIGHT NOW, IN THE PRETRIAL SPACE, 24.3% OF THOSE IN PRETRIAL ARE THERE FOR MURDER-RELATED CHARGES. ANOTHER 15.3% IS THERE FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY, 9.9% FOR ROBBERY, AND SO FORTH. IN THE CATEGORIES OF SERIOUS OR VIOLENT CHARGES, IT IS ABOUT 65.2% OF THOSE WHO ARE IN THE PRETRIAL SPACE. 4.1% ARE THERE FOR MISDEMEANOR CHARGES. WE HAVE 8.4% FOR "OTHER"-- THAT'S ALL KINDS OF THINGS, THOSE RETURNING FROM STATE HOSPITALS, AND OTHER CASES LIKE THAT-- AND THEN 22.3% ARE THERE FOR NON-VIOLENT FELONIES. WE ALSO SEE THAT THEIR AVERAGE PERSON IS THERE FOR ABOUT ONE AND A HALF CASES, WHICH MEANS THAT THEY HAVE MORE THAN ONE CASE THAT IS HOLDING THEM IN CUSTODY. NEXT SLIDE. THIS SLIDE, IT'S A GREAT WAY TO SHOW HOW, REALLY, THE BIGGEST AND THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WE HAVE HAD HAS REALLY BEEN BASED ON THE BAIL SCHEDULES, WHICH OF COURSE WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER, AND THAT'S BEEN DICTATED BY THE COURT, BUT THAT HAS REALLY BEEN WHERE WE HAVE SEEN THE GREATEST DROPS IN POPULATION. SO WE SEE THE COMPARISON OF MAY THROUGH DECEMBER FOR BOTH 2022, AND THEN MAY THROUGH DECEMBER

FOR 2023, AND WE SEE THE DECREASE IN THE POPULATION THERE FOR JAIL BOOKINGS. WE HAVE ALSO DONE A LOT OF GREAT WORK ABOUT TRANSFERRING THOSE FOLKS FROM COUNTY JAIL INTO STATE PRISON, THOSE WHO ARE AWAITING A TRANSFER. FROM LAST YEAR-- NO, FROM MARCH OF 2022 TO JANUARY OF 2024, THERE'S BEEN A 59.18% REDUCTION OF THOSE WHO ARE AWAITING TRANSFER TO STATE PRISON; AND THEN FOR STATE HOSPITALS FROM THE SAME PERIOD, IT'S BEEN A 71.74% REDUCTION IN WAITING FOR TRANSFERS TO STATE HOSPITALS. JUST SORT OF FRAMING WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED SO FAR, WE KNOW THAT 53% OF THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN THE COUNTY JAIL, IN M.C.J., ARE RECEIVING SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. WE SEE THAT 60% ARE IN CUSTODY FOR SERIOUS OR VIOLENT OFFENSES. 52% OF THE POPULATION IS THERE FOR PRETRIAL; OF THAT, 65% ARE BEING DETAINED FOR SERIOUS OR VIOLENT CHARGES. WE ALSO SEE THAT THE GREATEST REDUCTION, ONCE AGAIN, IS FOR THE EMERGENCY BAIL SCHEDULE AND THE CURRENT P.A.R.P. BAIL SCHEDULE, AND THAT FOR FURTHER DEPOPULATION, WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO ADDRESS THOSE WITH HIGH NEEDS, AND MORE FOLKS WITH SERIOUS OR VIOLENT CHARGES, TO REALLY HAVE A GREATER IMPACT. SO WE HAVE DONE A LOT OF WORK. [INAUDIBLE] WAS TRANSFERRED WITH THE LAUNCH OF J.C.O.D., ABOUT 13 MONTHS AGO, AND WE HAVE DONE A LOT OF WORK TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHO IS IN THE JAIL, AND WHAT'S THE STRATEGY FORWARD? AND ONE OF THE GREATEST THINGS THAT WE'VE DONE IS THAT WE HAVE CREATED A TOOL TO BE ABLE TO SORT OF MEASURE, SORT OF, THE INFLOW AND OUTFLOW. AND WITH THAT, I AM

GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO DR. FRANKLIN SIERRA, FROM OUR TEAM, TO DESCRIBE THE TOOL.

**DR. FRANKLIN SIERRA:** THANK YOU, JUDGE ARMSTEAD. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THE PREVIOUS SLIDES TELL US A LOT ABOUT THE CURRENT POPULATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE JAIL, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT, IN PRACTICE, THE JAIL POPULATION IS HIGHLY DYNAMIC. WHILE THERE ARE JUST OVER 12,000 INDIVIDUALS IN THE JAIL, CURRENTLY, NEARLY 60,000 INDIVIDUALS FLOW THROUGH THE JAIL ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. AND IT IS REALLY THOSE 60,000 INDIVIDUALS WHO WE NEED TO FOCUS ON, TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO SAFELY DEPOPULATE THE JAILS AND CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHOUT BUILDING A REPLACEMENT FACILITY, AS THE BOARD HAS DIRECTED. AS NOTED IN THIS DIAGRAM, NEW INDIVIDUALS ENTER THE JAIL EVERY DAY, AND INDIVIDUALS ALSO EXIT THE JAIL EVERY DAY, THROUGH REGULAR JAIL RELEASES. THERE ARE ACTIONS THAT HELP REDUCE THE FLOW OF INDIVIDUALS INTO THE JAIL, SUCH AS THE EMERGENCY BAIL SCHEDULE, AND MORE RECENTLY, THE COURTS' PRE-ARRAIGNMENT RELEASE PROTOCOLS, OR P.A.R.P. AND THERE ARE ACTIONS THAT HELP INCREASE THE FLOW OF INDIVIDUALS OUT OF THE JAIL, SUCH AS THE EXPEDITED TRANSFERS TO STATE PRISON AND STATE HOSPITALS THAT WE NOTED PREVIOUSLY. ANY ACTIONS THAT REDUCE THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY IN THE JAIL ALSO HELP INCREASE THE FLOW OF INDIVIDUALS OUT OF IT. COMMUNITY NON-CARCERAL BEDS FOR DEPOPULATION ACCOMPLISH THIS

BY FACILITATING THE RELEASE OR TRANSFER OF INDIVIDUALS FROM CUSTODY TO A BED MORE QUICKLY THAN THEY WOULD OTHERWISE BE RELEASED BY NORMAL PROCESSES. THE FACT THAT OUR JAIL POPULATION IS CLOSE TO 12,000 INDIVIDUALS TODAY IS REALLY A TESTAMENT TO THE SUCCESS THAT WE HAVE HAD AT SAFELY REDUCING THAT FLOW OF INDIVIDUALS INTO IT, AND INCREASING THE FLOW OF INDIVIDUALS OUT OF IT. IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO FINALIZE A MODEL-- OR A TOOL, AS JUDGE ARMSTEAD MENTIONED-- BASED ON THIS FLOW OF INDIVIDUALS IN AND OUT OF THE JAIL, THAT HAS NOW GIVEN US OUR BEST UNDERSTANDING, TO DATE, OF THE MAGNITUDE OF EFFORT WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH THE BOARD'S GOAL TO SAFELY DEPOPULATE AND CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHOUT BUILDING A REPLACEMENT FACILITY. AND WITH THAT, I WILL PASS IT BACK TO JUDGE ARMSTEAD.

**JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD:** SO WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT FACILITY, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND SO WITH THAT, WE'VE COMPILED ALL THE DATA THAT WE HAVE ACCESS TO AT THIS TIME, AND COME UP WITH A STRATEGY TO CLOSE THE JAIL WITHIN FIVE YEARS. SO WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE, IN ORDER FOR THIS TO WORK, ALL OF THESE THINGS NEED TO BE ALIGNED AT THE EXACT SAME TIME, AND THEY ALL HAVE TO ACTUALLY HAPPEN. SO LET ME START WITH THAT PREFACE: THEY HAVE TO BE FUNDED AND STAFFED, AND EVERYTHING HAS TO ALIGN. SO IN THIS WORLD, WHAT WOULD NEED TO HAPPEN IS

THAT THE COUNTY-- AND THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT WE HAVE CONTROL OTHER, AND SOME THINGS THAT WE HAVE INFLUENCE OVER, AND THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT WE MAY HAVE SOME CONTROL AND INFLUENCE OVER. SO FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, THE COUNTY, WHICH WE HAVE CONTROL OVER, TO SOME EXTENT, WOULD NEED TO BUILD 1200 NEW COMMUNITY BEDS EVERY YEAR, FOR DEPOPULATION PURPOSES. THE BOARD HAS HAD SEVERAL PRESENTATIONS ON BEDS, AND I KNOW WE HAVE ANOTHER ONE COMING UP, BUT THEY WOULD HAVE TO DEDICATE 12,000 BEDS PER YEAR, JUST FOR THIS-- I'M SORRY, 1200 BEDS. SORRY. I'M MOVING TO THE FUTURE. I'M SORRY, 1200 BEDS PER YEAR, JUST FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SET ASIDE FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE NEXT THING THAT WOULD NEED TO HAPPEN WE HAVE SOME CONTROL OVER-- WELL, WE ALSO HAVE SOME INFLUENCE OVER-- WOULD BE THAT THESE BEDS WOULD NEED TO TURN OVER EVERY YEAR. SO THEY'D HAVE TO FREE UP EVERY YEAR, WHICH MEANS THAT THOSE FOLKS WOULD HAVE TO HAVE SOMEPLACE TO GO, PERMANENTLY, AND NOT RETURN TO THE SYSTEM EVERY YEAR. SO THAT WOULD BE THE SECOND PIECE THAT WOULD NEED TO HAPPEN. THE NEXT THING THAT WOULD NEED TO HAPPEN, WHICH WE HAVE INFLUENCE OVER BUT NO CONTROL OVER, IS THAT THE COURTS AND OTHERS WOULD NEED TO SAFELY RELEASE, OR FEEL COMFORTABLE RELEASING, AN ADDITIONAL 7,000 PEOPLE PER YEAR, AND THAT CAN BE DONE A NUMBER OF WAYS. THAT COULD BE BEING RELEASED TO A SECURE BED. THAT CAN BE RELEASED TO, FOR SOME, MAYBE ELECTRONIC MONITORING. THAT CAN BE RELEASED TO A PROGRAM, POSSIBLY, BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY

INFLUENCE OVER WHAT THE COURTS WILL DO, BUT THEY WOULD HAVE TO FEEL COMFORTABLE RELEASING AN ADDITIONAL 7,000 PEOPLE PER YEAR. AS DR. FRANKLIN SIERRA SAID, THERE'S ABOUT 60,000 THAT COME THROUGH, THAT RUN THROUGH THE JAIL. THE NEXT THING THAT WOULD NEED TO HAPPEN, THAT WE HAVE SOME INFLUENCE OVER BUT NOT ANY CONTROL OVER, IS THAT RECIDIVISM RATE WOULD NEED TO DROP; A REDUCTION FROM 50%, RIGHT? AN ADDITIONAL 30%. SO WE ARE HOPING THAT THOSE FOLKS THAT ARE RETURNING TO THE BED ARE NOT ABSCONDING, AND NOT PICKING UP NEW CASES, BUT THEY COULD NOT RECYCLE BACK INTO THE SYSTEM, IF THAT MAKE SENSE. ONCE AGAIN, INFLUENCE, BUT NO CONTROL OVER IT. THE NEXT PIECE THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN IS THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO ACCELERATE CASE PROCESSING BY 50%, WHICH WE ARE TACKLING. WE HAVE A STRESS TEST THAT WE'RE STARTING WITH ALL OF THE JUSTICE PARTNERS, TO FIGURE OUT WHERE ARE SOME OF THE BOTTLENECKS, AND WHY CASES ARE TAKING SO LONG TO PROCESS. SOME OF THAT STUFF, WE HAVE CONTROL OVER; SOME OF IT DOESN'T. THE JUSTICE PARTNERS CAN ACTUALLY SPEAK TO THIS ISSUE LATER, IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, BUT IT IS THINGS LIKE EVIDENCE BEING TURNED OVER, HOW QUICKLY A CASE CAN BE PROCESSED. YOU KNOW, DO WE HAVE A CORONER'S REPORT? THERE'S A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT ARE FACTORS. WE HAVE SOME CONTROL OVER PIECES OF IT, BUT NOT ALL OF IT, BUT THAT HAS TO BE SPED UP BY 50%. THE OTHER THING THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN IS THAT WE CAN HAVE NO OTHER MAJOR INCREASES. SO WE KNOW THAT THERE'S CONVERSATION ABOUT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES THAT ARE POSSIBLY TAKING PLACE. WE

CAN'T HAVE ANY SPIKES IN CRIME. THE NUMBERS HAVE TO STAY STABLE. WE HAVE SOME INFLUENCE OVER IT, BUT WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER IT. THE NEXT THING THAT WOULD NEED TO HAPPEN IS THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO SAFELY RELOCATE ALL THE SPECIALIZED POPULATIONS THAT ARE CURRENTLY HOUSED WITHIN THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL FACILITY. SO WE HAVE A BUNCH OF SINGLE CELLS THERE, WE HAVE A BUNCH OF KEEP-AWAYS THERE. WE WOULD HAVE TO FIND EXISTING SPACE WITHIN THE COUNTY SYSTEM, AND COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION TO FULLY MOVE THOSE PEOPLE OUT TO ANOTHER FACILITY THAT IS SAFE AND HUMANE, AND WE WOULD HAVE TO FIND THE CUSTODY SPACE ADJACENT TO INMATE RECEPTION CENTER TO COMPLY WITH D.O.J. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS. SO, ONCE AGAIN, SOME THINGS WE HAVE CONTROL OVER, SOME THINGS WE HAVE INFLUENCE OVER, BUT ALL OF THESE THINGS WOULD HAVE TO ALIGN, IN ORDER FOR US TO CLOSE THE JAIL WITHIN A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. NEXT SLIDE. SO, IN TACKLING JAIL CLOSURE, THE COUNTY AND A NUMBER OF STAKEHOLDERS WOULD NEED TO COME TOGETHER TO DECIDE THAT THIS IS THE NUMBER-ONE PRIORITY, OR IN THE TOP FIVE PRIORITIES OF THE COUNTY, AND ALL THE RESOURCES WOULD NEED TO COME TO FOCUS ON THIS. ADDITIONALLY, I TALKED ABOUT THE STRESS TEST THAT WE ARE STARTING IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS, TO REALLY FIGURE OUT WHERE SOME OF THE BOTTLENECKS ARE, SO WE CAN MOVE MORE CASES THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM QUICKER. WE ALSO NEED TO BE COLLABORATING OR PARTNERING WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT. AS WE KNOW, WE HAVE ZERO CONTROL OVER WHO GETS RELEASED AT WHAT

LEVEL AND IN WHICH PROGRAM, SO WE'D HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ALIGNED WITH THE COURTS. THERE ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS THAT WE CAN WORK ON. THERE ARE PROGRAMS WITHIN THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM, WHERE PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO RETURN HOME AND SPEND THEIR LAST 33 MONTHS IN COMMUNITY, IN PROGRAMMING, AND MAYBE THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THOSE FOLKS AND HAVE THEM IN SIMILAR PROGRAMS, THOSE WHO ARE SENTENCED TO LOCAL CUSTODY. WE WOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ALL OF THE STAKEHOLDERS, BECAUSE I NEED TO DO A FEASIBILITY STUDY WITHIN EACH DEPARTMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL THESE THINGS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED, AND THEN DO A REGULAR ANALYSIS, USING THESE TOOLS, TO SEE HOW EACH ELEMENT IS ACTUALLY IMPACTING THE CHANGES IN THE JAIL, AND WE CAN INCREASE AND MODIFY ACCORDING TO THAT. AND WITH THAT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I WILL ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS OR THEIR SELECTED REPRESENTATIVES ARE AVAILABLE, IF WE HAVE SPECIFIC DEPARTMENTAL QUESTIONS RELATED TO THIS PLAN. I WILL FIRST TURN IT TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND LET ME SAY THAT I HAVE PAGES AND PAGES OF QUESTIONS THAT I AM NOT GOING TO ASK; LATENESS OF THE HOUR. I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES WANT

TO ASK QUESTIONS, TOO. I'M GOING TO TRY TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE, MS. HAHN. SO I AM GOING TO SEND THOSE TO YOU FOR-- AND WE CAN FIGURE OUT IF YOU'D PREFER WRITTEN RESPONSES, IF WE SHOULD HAVE A MEETING, WHATEVER THE CASE IS. BUT JUST HIGH-LEVEL, I SEE THE VALUE IN COMBINING BOTH OF THESE ISSUES, BECAUSE THEY ARE SO INTERRELATED, BUT THEN IT IS ALSO A LOT TO TRY TO TAKE IN AND TRY TO RESPOND TO. IT'S A LOT, SO I AM GOING TO TRY TO BE SUCCINCT, AND AGAIN, SEND YOU MY FULL LIST OF QUESTIONS. FIRST OF ALL, WITH REGARD TO THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT, IT IS ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO ME, WHEN I THINK ABOUT OR WE TALK ABOUT THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT, THAT WE RECOGNIZE HOW WE GOT WHERE WE ARE, AND ALWAYS BE MINDFUL, AND UPLIFT THOSE WHO WE HAVE LOST IN OUR JAIL SYSTEM, AND ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS; THAT WE UNDERSTAND, AGAIN, THE "WHY" WAS AN EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED, WHO ARE IN OUR CARE, ARE TREATED FAIRLY, ARE HANDLED WITH DIGNITY AND TRANSPARENCY. IT IS JUST IMPORTANT FOR ME TO ALWAYS UPLIFT THAT. AS I LISTENED TO THE PRESENTATION, FOR ME, THERE SEEMED TO CONTINUE TO BE SOME MISALIGNMENT BETWEEN THE MONITORS AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ABOUT WHAT CONSTITUTES REASONABLE FORCE, WHICH IS CLEARLY IMPACTING THE DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH SOME AREAS OF THE SETTLEMENT. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION OR PATH ON HOW WE GET ON THE SAME PAGE? AND I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING THE SHERIFF'S PERSPECTIVE, AS WELL AS, I BELIEVE, THE MONITORS'.

**SERGIO ALOMA:** WELL, I WILL BEGIN ANSWERING, AT LEAST ON BEHALF OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO THIS CURRENT REPORT, THE 12TH REPORT, HAVE HAD, HISTORICALLY, DIFFERENCES OF OPINION, IF YOU WILL, ON USE OF FORCE, OUR POLICIES, AND HOW THEY ARE INTERPRETED AND THEN APPLIED BY OUR PERSONNEL. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS IMPLEMENTED JUST LAST YEAR, 2023, BY THE PANEL WAS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MATRIX, WHERE THIS MATRIX SHOWS US AREAS THAT THEY FOUND US OUT OF COMPLIANCE, OR EVEN IN COMPLIANCE, BUT WE FOCUS ON THE AREAS THAT WE ARE OUT OF COMPLIANCE, WHERE THEY DISAGREE, OR NOTE THAT WE WERE OUT OF COMPLIANCE OR OUT OF POLICY IN THE APPLICATION OF OUR USE-OF-FORCE OR FORCE-PREVENTION PRINCIPLES, OR ANY NUMBER OF THE PROVISIONS. THAT'S BEEN VERY HELPFUL, BECAUSE WHAT THAT ALLOWS US TO DO IS, ON THE FRONT END, MEET WITH THEM AND HAVE A BACK-AND-FORTH DIALOGUE ON AREAS THAT WE DISAGREE. AND IN MANY CASES, THERE MAY BE A MISINTERPRETATION OF OUR POLICIES AND THE PROVISIONS, TO WHERE WE CAN THEN HAVE THAT CONVERSATION. SOMETIMES WE MAY NOT AGREE, AND WE MAY STILL BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE, BUT WE HAVE FOUND THIS PROCESS AND THIS DIALOGUE WITH THE MONITORS ON THE FRONT END OF THE REPORT TO BE VERY HELPFUL, BOTH FOR OUR EXECUTIVE STAFF, OUR LINE SUPERVISORS, AND OUR LINE STAFF TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY SEE IN THE PROVISIONS, WHICH IS A HIGHER STANDARD THAN CASE LAW IN OUR JAILS. AND THAT'S WHERE,

SOMETIMES, THERE MAY BE DISAGREEMENTS; THE STANDARD, FOR EXAMPLE, IN GRAHAM V. CONNOR, IN THE APPLICATION OF WHAT IS CONSIDERED REASONABLE FORCE, VERSUS THE ROSAS PROVISIONS, WHICH ARE A MORE RESTRICTIVE STANDARD FOR OUR JAILS.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** AND WE HAVE TO SUBSCRIBE TO ROSAS.

**SERGIO ALOMA:** CORRECT. CORRECT. YES. AND THAT'S TRAINING, THAT'S EDUCATION, THAT'S CONTINUAL MESSAGING TO OUR STAFF, BOTH OUR LINE STAFF, OUR DEPUTIES, OUR CUSTODY ASSISTANTS, OUR LINE SUPERVISORS, OUR EXECUTIVE STAFF, EVERYONE THAT'S IN THE REVIEW PROCESS OF OUR FORCE INCIDENTS. AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE CONTINUE TO DO ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THE PANEL HAS ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THAT.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** I'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM THE MONITORS. HIT IT SO IT IS GREEN. IT'S STILL RED. TOUCH IT AGAIN.

**SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. WE ARE HAPPY TO BE HERE, AND TO RESPOND TO YOUR QUESTIONS. WE DO SEE THAT THERE'S A PATH FORWARD TO COMPLIANCE. AND AS ASSISTANT SHERIFF ALOMA MENTIONED, I THINK OUR DISCUSSIONS HAVE BECOME MORE MEANINGFUL AND RICH, AND SHARING EXACTLY WHERE WE'RE SEEING THEM OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH POLICY. SO I THINK, NOW THAT WE ARE HAVING MORE OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS, THERE'S MORE

SIMILAR LANGUAGE BEING USED. BUT GOING FORWARD, WHERE WE REALLY DO SEE IN OUR FUTURE CASES, AS HE NOTED, THE NUMBER OF HEAD STRIKES ARE COMING DOWN, THE NUMBER OF OVERALL USES-OF-FORCE CASES ARE COMING DOWN, WHICH IS VERY FAVORABLE IN SHOWING THAT THEY ARE MAKING MEANINGFUL PROGRESS TOWARDS COMPLIANCE IN THIS MATTER. SO AS WE START TO LOOK AT MORE RECENT CASES, THE CASES THAT WE REVIEWED FOR THE 12TH REPORT, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE A YEAR AND A HALF OLD, OR AT LEAST A YEAR. WE USUALLY DON'T REVIEW A CASE THAT'S SHORTER THAN A YEAR. SO AS WE START LOOKING AT MORE RECENT CASES, WHERE THEY HAVE MESSAGED FROM LEADERSHIP ON DOWN ABOUT HEAD STRIKES, WE THINK THAT WE WILL SEE MORE COMPLIANCE, OR WE HOPE THAT WE SEE MORE COMPLIANCE. AND WE ALSO SEE ASSISTANT SHERIFF ALOMA NOTED THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE CASES THAT THEY HAVE OPENED, SO THAT THEY ARE BEGINNING TO IDENTIFY THOSE POLICY FAILURES, AND HOLDING PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE. WE THINK THAT'S THE NUMBER-ONE WAY TO GET TO COMPLIANCE, CERTAINLY WITH HEAD STRIKES; THAT WHEN THEY ARE USED INAPPROPRIATELY, YOU NEED TO HOLD THE STAFF ACCOUNTABLE.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** ON THAT, WE CERTAINLY AGREE.

**SPEAKER:** YES. THE OTHER REAL POSITIVE THING THAT WE HOPE GETS THEM TO COMPLIANCE IS THE NEW CUSTODY FORCE INVESTIGATIONS TEAM. THE PANEL HAD RECOMMENDED THAT TO SHERIFF LUNA-- AND

ACTUALLY, THE PRIOR SHERIFF, AS WELL-- AND THEY ADOPTED THAT VERY QUICKLY AFTER OUR RECOMMENDATION. THE FACT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE SERGEANTS WHO ARE NOT WORKING ON THE FLOOR WITH THE STAFF, SO THEY'RE GOING TO BE INDEPENDENT, IS, WE THINK, GOING TO IMPROVE THE INTEGRITY IN THE INVESTIGATIONS, THE THOROUGHNESS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS, AND THE EXPERTISE, BECAUSE THAT'S ALL THEY'RE GOING TO BE DOING ALL DAY, IS THESE INVESTIGATIONS. THE OTHER THING THAT THAT DOES IS IT FREES UP THE LINE SERGEANT TO BE OUT ON THE FLOOR WITH HIS OR HER STAFF. AND IN THAT, WHEN THEY ARE OUT THERE MORE OFTEN, WE ARE HOPING THAT THAT FURTHER REDUCES THE AMOUNT OF FORCE THAT'S USED. SO WE REALLY DO THINK THAT THERE'S A PATH TO COMPLIANCE, AND THEY CAN REACH THE 21 PROVISIONS THAT THEY HAVE YET TO REACH COMPLIANCE ON.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** THAT'S VERY HELPFUL AND GOOD TO HEAR. ONE MORE QUICK QUESTION, AND I AM NOT SURE IF IT IS MOST APPROPRIATE FOR THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OR THE MONITOR, BUT WE'VE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM A.C.L.U. THAT EXPRESSED CONCERNS WITH A FEW OF THE ITEMS IN THE REPORT, INCLUDING REPORTING DISCREPANCIES. COULD YOU SHARE, FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, ANY CHALLENGES YOU ARE FINDING WITH REPORTING?

**SPEAKER:** WE HAVE NOT FOUND REAL DISCREPANCIES WITH REPORTING. AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE ADOPTED, AS A NEW PANEL-- THIS

PANEL CAME TOGETHER IN AUGUST OF 2022. WE ADOPTED DOING INMATE FOCUS GROUPS. SO WE'RE GOING TO TOUR THE JAILS TOMORROW AND THURSDAY. WHEN WE WALK INTO A HOUSING UNIT, I TAKE THE ROSTER AND RANDOMLY PICK WHO I WANT TO TALK TO. SO IT IS DONE THAT DAY. IT IS RANDOM. WE ASK THEM QUESTIONS. WE GET VERY GOOD FEEDBACK. WE DO THE SAME THING WITH STAFF, TOO. I RANDOMLY PICK THEM OFF A ROSTER, SIT DOWN, AND ASK THEM QUESTIONS OF HOW THINGS ARE GOING, AND ASK THEM QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO FORCE. AND I WILL SAY, IN THE RANDOMLY SELECTED INMATE FOCUS GROUPS, TO A PERSON, THE INMATES HAVE SAID THAT THERE'S BEEN A HUGE IMPROVEMENT IN THE JAILS WITH REGARD TO PHYSICAL FORCE. A LOT OF THE INMATES HAVE BEEN THERE PREVIOUSLY, UNDER PRIOR ADMINISTRATIONS, UNDER PRIOR SYSTEMS, AND THEY DO NOT FEAR FOR THEIR SAFETY AS THEY ONCE DID.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** THAT'S REALLY HELPFUL, BECAUSE I KNOW, WITH THE CASE, IT IS ALWAYS A LOOK BACK. AND IT IS HARD, AS POLICYMAKERS, TO KEEP OUR FINGER ON THE PULSE ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING TODAY. SO THAT'S VERY HELPFUL TO LEARN. ARE THERE OTHER WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN SHARE WITH US AND REPORT MORE CURRENT TRENDS, OUTSIDE OF THE LEGALLY MANDATED KIND OF REPORT THAT, AGAIN, IS A LOOK IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR?

**SPEAKER:** WE ARE TRYING TO INCLUDE, IN OUR COURT REPORTS THAT WE FILE TWICE A YEAR-- IF YOU'LL NOTICE, IN THE 12TH REPORT, I

INCLUDED DATA THAT'LL BE IN THE 13TH REPORT, BECAUSE WE'RE GETTING THAT DATA. THE COUNTY'S VERY GOOD ABOUT SHARING THE DATA WITH US, AND WE REPORT WHAT THE INMATES ARE TELLING US ON OUR MOST RECENT VISIT. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, ON THIS REPORT, I WILL REPORT IN THERE WHAT THEY TELL US TOMORROW AND THURSDAY. SO, HOPEFULLY, THAT GETS AT YOUR POINT. IT WON'T BE AS THOROUGH AS WHAT YOU'LL SEE IN THE FINAL REPORT, WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, BUT IT WILL AT LEAST GIVE YOU A TASTE OF WHAT WE ARE HEARING TODAY.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** AND THAT WE SEE THAT THE TREND HAS SHIFTED, AND WE'RE HEADING IN A BETTER DIRECTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. I APPRECIATE THAT. MOVING ON TO M.C.J. CLOSURE, COULD WE PUT SLIDE 13 BACK UP? WOULD THAT BE POSSIBLE? BECAUSE IT KIND OF STEPS US THROUGH. AND I APPRECIATE YOU FRAMING IT, JUDGE, WITH WHAT WE HAVE INFLUENCE OVER, AND KIND OF WHAT WE DON'T, BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S VERY REAL. SO WITH REGARD TO SLIDE 13, TELL ME IF IT'S THERE AND I'M MISSING IT, BUT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, DIVERSION AND ALTERNATIVES TO CUSTODY HAS TO BE AN INTEGRAL-- I MEAN, THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE TO DO TO GET OUR NUMBERS DOWN, AS WE KNOW THEM TODAY. BUT TO PREVENT THE INFLOW, LIKE WE ALWAYS TALK ABOUT WITH OUR UNHOUSED, TO GET OFF OF THIS TREADMILL, WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT DIVERSION AND ALTERNATIVES, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE

WHO ARE NOT SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL. SO WHERE IS THAT INVESTMENT, AND WHERE IS THAT BOX?

**SPEAKER:** SO THAT BOX IS NOT THERE, UNLESS YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK AT THE THIRD BOX OVER, THAT SAYS THE 7,000 PEOPLE THAT ARE ADDITIONALLY RELEASED. SO IT COULD FALL IN THAT CATEGORY. SO THOSE ARE PEOPLE WHO OTHERWISE WOULD BE IN CUSTODY, SO THAT COULD BE DIVERSION. SO, FOR INSTANCE, IN OUR MEETING WITH THE COURTS, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE BOARD IS NOT SUPPORTIVE, BUT THEY HAVE ASKED, FOR INSTANCE, IN THE MAGISTRATE UNIT, THEY'VE ASKED FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING TO BE AN OPTION AVAILABLE TO THEM, SO THOSE ARE PEOPLE THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEND TO JAIL RIGHT AWAY. SO THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS, BUT WHATEVER GETS US TO THAT 7,000 PEOPLE PER YEAR-- THAT CAN BE DIVERSION, THAT CAN BE AN EARLIER RELEASE-- THEN THAT WOULD STILL APPLY IN THAT SPACE.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** SO WITH REGARD TO THE BENCH, WHAT NEW SERVICES OR PLANS ARE BEING OFFERED TO JUDGES, SO THEY CAN RELEASE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN PRETRIAL CUSTODY?

**SPEAKER:** SO, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE. SO, FOR THE MAGISTRATE UNIT, AS YOU ALL MAY OR MAY NOT REMEMBER, BUT IN OCTOBER, WE LAUNCHED A CALL CENTER THAT LINKS PEOPLE IMMEDIATELY TO-- IT'S OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK, FROM 6:00 A.M. TO

11:00 P.M. IT WILL GET PEOPLE TRANSPORTATION, LINK THEM TO HOUSING, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND OTHER SERVICES. SO THAT'S A NONPUNITIVE WAY OF CONNECTING PEOPLE TO SERVICES, AND HOPEFULLY KEEPING THEM OUT OF CUSTODY, AND REDUCING RECIDIVISM.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** AND ARE MEMBERS OF THE BENCH CONFIDENT ENOUGH IN IT THAT THEY'RE USING IT, SO WE'RE SEEING THAT IMPACT, PRETRIAL?

**SPEAKER:** SO IT DEPENDS. IT'S VERY NEW, AND IT'S ONLY BEEN AROUND A COUPLE MONTHS, SO IT'S NOT ADVERTISED OR PROMOTED IN THE WAY THAT IT SHOULD BE. WE'RE WORKING ON THAT. BUT WHAT IT DOES DO IS THAT IT IS A REFERRAL MECHANISM. WE'RE ALSO GOING TO BE SHARING THAT, ALSO, WITH THE COURT IN OTHER WAYS, AS FAR AS MARKETING. BUT WHAT THEY HAVE ASKED FOR-- SO FOR LOW CHARGES, YES, THEY'RE FINE WITH IT, BUT MOST OF THE LOW CHARGES ARE NOT BEING BOOKED ANYMORE, UNLESS THEY HAVE MULTIPLE CASES AND LOTS OF FAILURES TO APPEAR. SO OUR CHALLENGE IS REALLY AROUND THE FOLKS WITH MULTIPLE CASES, OR FOLKS WITH MORE SERIOUS OR VIOLENT CHARGES. THE OTHER THING THAT'S HAPPENED IS THAT WE'VE PURCHASED 400 BEDS IN THE SAME MODEL OF THE PROGRAM I TALKED ABOUT, THAT THEY USE FOR FOLKS COMING FROM PRISON, RIGHT? SO THEY CAN SPEND THE 33 MONTHS IN PROGRAMMING-- AND SOMETIMES THERE ARE ELECTRONIC MONITORS,

SOMETIMES THERE ARE NOT-- WITH INTENSIVE PROGRAMMING FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL, AND WHO ARE NOT STRUGGLING WITH THAT. SO WE'VE PURCHASED 400 BEDS. THOSE ARE AVAILABLE NOW, AND NOW WE'RE STARTING WITH THE TRAINING AND THE PROCESS WITH THE COURTS, SO THAT THEY CAN RELEASE PEOPLE TO THESE PROGRAMS, AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO CUSTODY. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE SAME CHALLENGE, THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY TURN OVER QUICKLY ENOUGH THAT THOSE CAN BE UTILIZED, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE 400 BEDS IN THAT SAME MODEL, SO THAT'S ANOTHER MECHANISM. WE JUST COMPLETED 2,000 DIVERSIONS THROUGH THE R.D.P. PROGRAM, SO WE JUST CELEBRATED THAT LAST WEEK, AND THOSE ARE FOLKS, BOTH MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES, WHERE THEY'RE ABLE TO BE RELEASED INTO PROGRAMMING AND HOUSING FOR ONE YEAR FOR MISDEMEANORS, TWO YEARS FOR FELONIES. AND SO WE JUST REACHED THE 2,000 MARK OF THOSE FOLKS, AS WELL, SO THAT'S ANOTHER MECHANISM FOR FOLKS. BUT IN ALL, MANY OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE LEFT IN CUSTODY-- AND I KNOW A LOT OF OUR JUSTICE PARTNERS ARE HERE, AND THEY MAY BE ABLE TO ANSWER THE QUESTION BETTER THAN I CAN, BUT I WOULD SAY THAT OUR BENCH, TO SOME EXTENT, FOR THOSE WHO WILL REMAIN IN CUSTODY, THEY WANT A MORE SECURE SETTING. SO IF IT'S NOT JAIL, WHAT IS IT, AND HOW DO WE KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE? AND SO I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE AREAS WHERE WE WOULD NEED TO FOCUS, IF THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION, SUPERVISOR.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** GOT IT, GOT IT. ONE KIND OF MORE 10,000-FOOT QUESTION, AND THEN I'LL JUST GIVE YOU A FLAVOR, JUST FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION, OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WE'LL BE SENDING TO YOU. SO, I SEE ON YOUR CHART, WE'D NEED TO BUILD 1200 COMMUNITY BEDS PER YEAR, EVERY YEAR, FOR DEPOPULATION PURPOSES. DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THAT PRICE TAG WOULD BE?

**SPEAKER:** THE DOCTORS ARE IN THE BACK, SO I DON'T KNOW.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** CAN ANYBODY TELL ME WHAT THE PRICE TAG WOULD BE, WHOEVER, WHEREVER, IF THEY COULD COME FORWARD? BECAUSE THAT'S IMPORTANT, I THINK, FOR US TO KNOW AND DIGEST, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT'S--

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** DR. GHALY AND DR. WONG?

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** -- THANK YOU-- 1200 BEDS PER YEAR, WITH A ONE-YEAR TURNOVER. I THINK THAT'S A BIT-- THAT'S A LOT. TO USE A VERY TECHNICAL TERM, THAT'S A LOT.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I SEE DR. FERRER IS HERE, AS WELL, TO CHIME IN.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** SORRY TO REQUIRE THE MUSICAL CHAIRS THERE, BUT...

**DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** HI, SUPERVISORS. I THINK THE QUESTION WAS THE COST OF BEDS. SO, FOR AT LEAST, IF THEY'RE O.D.R.--

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** FOR THE 1200 THAT SHE'S GOT THERE IN THAT BOX.

**DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YEAH. SO IT WOULD DEPEND ON WHAT, EXACTLY, THEY HAVE MODELED. SO THERE'S DIFFERENT KINDS OF BEDS, AND IT DEPENDS ON WHAT LEVEL OF CARE THEY NEED. BUT FOR O.D.R., AND IF IT'S AT THE LEVEL OF AN O.D.R. HOUSING BED, THE BALLPARK NUMBER THAT WE WOULD USE AT THE CURRENT COSTS ARE THAT, FOR EVERY THOUSAND BEDS, IT WOULD BE $50 MILLION PER YEAR.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** OKAY. AND THE BOX SAYS WE NEED 1200 NEW BEDS EVERY YEAR, SO IT'S $50 MILLION ON TOP OF $50 MILLION, ON TOP OF $50 MILLION EVERY YEAR.

**DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YEAH, I CAN'T ADDRESS HOW LONG THAT WOULD NEED TO GO FOR, WHEN IT SAYS YEAR OVER YEAR, IF IT'S WHEN YOU REACH STEADY STATE, OR FOR WHAT THEY'VE MODELED ABOUT THE LEVEL OF CARE. BUT IF WHAT WE ARE BEING ASKED TO DO IN THIS MODEL TO MAKE THAT WORK IS TO HAVE IT BE O.D.R. HOUSING BEDS, THAT WOULD BE THE $50 MILLION FOR THE THOUSAND BEDS. IT WOULD

BE HIGHER COST IF THEY'RE SUBACUTE. O.D.R. OPERATES VERY, VERY FEW SUBACUTE BEDS. THAT'S NOT A MODEL THAT WE HAVE A LARGE FOOTPRINT IN. IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE TRYING AND LOOKING AT. THOSE COSTS WOULD BE OVER AND ABOVE THAT. IT'S MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE THAN WHAT'S NEEDED FOR O.D.R. HOUSING.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** RIGHT. OKAY. YOU WERE MOTIONING TO SOMEONE ELSE, SO DO WE WANT TO HEAR FROM DR. WONG? IS THAT WHAT I WAS...

**DR. LISA WONG:** AS DR. GHALY MENTIONED, IT WOULD REALLY DEPEND ON THE TYPE OF BED THAT WOULD BE SATISFACTORY FOR THIS POPULATION TO GO INTO, BUT IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SECURED BEDS, AND IF PEOPLE COULD MEET THAT CRITERIA, THEN WE'RE LOOKING AT EVEN A HIGHER COST THAN THE $50 MILLION PER THOUSAND BEDS. WE'RE PROBABLY LOOKING AT, MAYBE, DOUBLE THAT COST.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** PER THOUSAND BEDS, PER YEAR. THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED A BALLPARK, SO I APPRECIATE THE BALLPARK. MADAM CHAIR, JUST LET ME SAY THAT WHAT I'LL BE FOLLOWING UP ON IS, ON SLIDE 14, THERE IS A PRETTY CONSISTENT REFERENCE TO EXPEDITING CASE PROCESSING, AND I'M SURPRISED TO SEE HOW THAT WAS ELEVATED, AS IF THAT WOULD REALLY GET OUR NUMBERS. SO I'M GOING TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT, WHAT YOU MEAN BY THAT, AND I DON'T

KNOW HOW MANY JAILS HAVE CLOSED BECAUSE THEY EXPEDITED CASE PROCESSING, SO I'D JUST LIKE TO TALK FURTHER ABOUT THAT. WE KNOW THAT JUDGES CONTROL THEIR OWN DOCKETS, SO, AGAIN, WHY IS THAT LISTED AS A FIRST STRATEGY? AGAIN, BUDGET QUESTIONS. ARE WE GOING TO NEED ADDITIONAL ATTORNEYS AND CASEWORKERS TO EXPEDITE CASE FILING, AND THOSE KINDS OF THINGS? AGAIN, MORE QUESTIONS ON THE PRETRIAL POPULATION. YOU MENTIONED LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS, AND I'M CURIOUS IF THERE'S A PARTICULAR TIMELINE FOR J.C.I.T. BEING PROACTIVE WITH LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS. YOU MENTIONED SOME THINGS OUT OF OUR CONTROL-- MAYBE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS-- THAT MIGHT CREATE A NEW CULTURE SHIFT, BUT CURIOUS ABOUT IF J.C.I.T.'S COMING FORWARD WITH PROACTIVE PROPOSALS. WE TALKED ABOUT EXPANDING COMMUNITY BEDS, AND THE COST ESTIMATE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION. WE'LL SEND A MEMO THAT INCLUDES OUR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO ALL THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS PRESENTATION. IT'S REALLY ENLIGHTENING. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE MONITORS, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IT'S BEEN A CHALLENGE AT TIMES, NO QUESTION ABOUT

IT. I WAS GOING TO ASK SIMILAR QUESTIONS TO WHAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ASKED, AS IT RELATES TO JUST THE UNDERSTANDING, IN TERMS OF THE COMMUNICATION THAT YOU ALL HAVE, AND DOES THE SHERIFF HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF EXACTLY WHERE YOU DIFFER, OR WHAT THE PROTOCOLS ARE THAT YOU'RE BASING IT ON? AND IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE YOU DO HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING.

**SPEAKER:** I THINK WE'RE GETTING THERE. I THINK WE'VE HAD VERY MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS. I THINK WE'VE EVOLVED IN OUR PROCESS OF SHARING OUR MATRIX WITH THEM, OF EXACTLY WHAT PROVISION WE'VE FOUND OUT OF COMPLIANCE. THEN WE HAVE A DISCUSSION AS TO WHY. WE WATCH THE VIDEOS TOGETHER. I THINK WE ARE ON THAT PATH TO COMING TO SHARED UNDERSTANDING AND LANGUAGE USED.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND I GUESS MY QUESTION, MAYBE, TO YOU WOULD BE-- AND THIS IS JUST MORE ANECDOTAL-- I WOULD BE CURIOUS TO KNOW WHO THE INDIVIDUALS ARE THAT ARE BEING INVESTIGATED, BECAUSE ARE THEY THE NEW ONES THAT ARE JUST COMING OUT OF THE ACADEMY? HAVE THEY BEEN THERE A LONG TIME? AND IF THEY ARE COMING OUT OF THE ACADEMY, DO WE HAVE COURSES IN PLAY AT THE ACADEMY THAT ARE BASICALLY REFLECTING WHAT THE MONITORS' EXPECTATIONS ARE, AS IT RELATES TO USE OF FORCE?

**SPEAKER:** SO, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WHEN WE LIST 26 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS STRICTLY RELATED TO THE USE

OF FORCE, THAT THAT'S NOT JUST 26 EMPLOYEES. EACH INVESTIGATION MAY HAVE MULTIPLE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THAT INVESTIGATION, EITHER AS SUBJECTS OR WITNESSES, ET CETERA. SO WE HAVEN'T REALLY DONE A STUDY TO SHOW LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE RELATED TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS. I CAN TELL YOU, ANECDOTALLY, IT RUNS THE GAMUT. I THINK, ANECDOTALLY, THE PERCEPTION IS THAT MOST LINE-LEVEL PERSONNEL IN CUSTODY DIVISION ARE NEWER, BUT THAT'S NOT ALWAYS TRUE. WE HAVE SOME WHO ARE VERY TENURED. I THINK WHERE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PLAYS A KEY ROLE FOR US IN CUSTODY IS, ONCE THEY GRADUATE THE ACADEMY, WHERE PRIMARILY THEY ARE FOCUSED ON PATROL OPERATIONS AND THOSE TYPE OF THINGS RELATED TO THEIR TRAINING, WHEN THEY GRADUATE THE ACADEMY, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A SIX-WEEK JAIL OPERATIONS COURSE. AND THAT SIX WEEKS FOCUSES ON THINGS SUCH AS ROSAS, USE OF FORCE, POLICIES RELATED SPECIFICALLY TO CUSTODY DIVISION. IT IS DURING THAT SIX-WEEK COURSE THAT I PERSONALLY VISIT WITH OUR NEW DEPUTIES TO COMMUNICATE TO THEM THE DEPARTMENT'S EXPECTATIONS, AS IT RELATES TO THEIR PERFORMANCE, AND AS IT RELATES TO THEIR TREATMENT OF INCARCERATED PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS, AND THE USE OF FORCE. SO THAT'S ADDITIONAL TRAINING WE DO.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE MONITOR TO REVIEW WHAT YOU'RE TRAINING, TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE TOUCHING ALL THE POINTS? WOULD IT BE BENEFICIAL?

**SPEAKER:** OF COURSE, AND THEY DO.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** DO THEY?

**SPEAKER:** I DON'T THINK WE'VE REVIEWED THE CURRICULUM FOR THE ENTIRE JAIL OPS, BUT WE DID ATTEND 32 HOURS OF THEIR 40-HOUR DIVERT TRAINING, REALLY TRYING TO SEE HOW EFFECTIVE THAT WAS, AND WE WERE VERY IMPRESSED WITH IT; WE REALLY WERE, BOTH THE CURRICULUM AND HOW IT WAS DELIVERED, AND THE LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM OF THE STAFF THEY HAD CONDUCTING THE TRAINING.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I KNOW THAT THE A.C.L.U., WHICH I WAS GOING TO REFERENCE, AS WELL, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THEY SAID IS, IN MOST OF THE 12 REPORTING PERIOD USE-OF-FORCE PACKAGES INVOLVING HEAD STRIKES, THE SUPERVISORS INVESTIGATING AND REVIEWING THE INCIDENTS CONCLUDED THE FORCE WAS REASONABLE AND WITHIN DEPARTMENTAL POLICY. THE PANEL DISAGREED WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCLUSIONS IN OVER 85% OF THOSE CASES. HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND TO THAT?

**SPEAKER:** WELL, I KNOW THAT IN THOSE CASES THAT WERE REVIEWED, THE PANEL, OFTENTIMES, THERE'S GOING TO BE DIFFERENCES OF OPINIONS, AS IT RELATES TO THE APPLICATION OF FORCE, WHAT IS WITHIN OUR POLICIES AND OUR TRAINING, AND WHAT THEY FIND OUT

OF COMPLIANCE. AND USES OF FORCE ARE VERY DYNAMIC INCIDENTS. IT COULD BE THAT WE FIND THE INITIAL RESPONSE OR REACTION BY OUR EMPLOYEES TO BE IN POLICY, BUT THEN THERE'S ADDITIONAL ACTIONS THAT MAYBE THE PANEL FINDS OUT OF COMPLIANCE. SO THOSE ARE CONVERSATIONS THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE WITH THE PANEL. I THINK, AS WAS MENTIONED, THOSE CONVERSATIONS HAVE BEEN MORE ROBUST AND MEANINGFUL OVER THE LAST YEAR WITH THE PANEL, WHERE WE'RE MAKING, I THINK, IMPROVEMENTS, AND UNDERSTANDING THEIR EXPECTATIONS AND WHAT WE NEED TO ACCOMPLISH, IN REGARDS TO COMPLIANCE.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND THEN THEY ALSO CLAIM THAT THE SUBSTANTIAL DROP IN JAIL POPULATION HAS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE OVERALL DOWNWARD TREND FOR USE-OF-FORCE INCIDENTS, MAKING AN INFERENCE THAT IT'S NOT BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT IS ACTIVELY COMPLYING. BUT WHAT I'M HEARING ACTUALLY IS, FROM BOTH THE MONITOR AND FROM YOU, THAT WE ARE GETTING INTO COMPLIANCE, OR MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION.

**NICK MITCHELL:** IF I CAN SPEAK TO THAT, SUPERVISOR BARGER. NICK MITCHELL, ONE OF THE ROSAS MONITORS, AND THE MONITOR OF THE D.O.J. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. I THINK, FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, CULTURE DOESN'T CHANGE IMMEDIATELY, RIGHT? YOU NEED TO TRAIN NEW STAFF. YOU NEED TO BEGIN HOLDING NEW STAFF ACCOUNTABLE. YOU NEED TO, FRANKLY, TRAIN THE COMMAND PERSONNEL IN THE NEW

STANDARD. SO, YOU ASKED ABOUT KIND OF THE AGE RANGE OF INDIVIDUALS UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR IMPROPER USE OF FORCE, AND WHILE WE DON'T HAVE THAT DATA HERE WITH US TODAY, I CAN SAY FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPUTIES, WE OFTEN FIND THAT NEW DEPUTIES, WHEN WE INTERVIEW THEM OR CONDUCT FOCUS GROUPS WITH THEM, WE HEAR FROM THEM THAT THEY HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN A SORT OF A NEW WAY OF THINKING ABOUT FORCE. THEY'VE GONE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S FORCE TRAINING THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ROSAS AGREEMENT AND ROSAS PRINCIPLES. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO USE TIME AND DISTANCE AND DE-ESCALATION BEFORE PUTTING THEIR HANDS ON AN INMATE, IF THEY CAN. AND SO WE SOMETIMES HEAR, ACTUALLY, FROM STAFF WHO HAVE SPENT MORE TIME IN THE AGENCY; THAT THEY'RE DISSATISFIED WITH THE NEW APPROACH, AND THE REQUIREMENT TO USE DE-ESCALATION AND TIME AND DISTANCE. SO, AGAIN, WHILE I DON'T HAVE ALL THAT DATA HERE, I CAN SHARE WITH YOU, I THINK IT'S MY PERCEPTION THAT SOME OF WHAT YOU ARE HEARING IS JUST THAT THE CULTURE IS CHANGING MORE SLOWLY THAN, PERHAPS, YOU WOULD LIKE, OR I WOULD LIKE, OR EVEN, PROBABLY, THE SHERIFF OR ASSISTANT SHERIFF WOULD LIKE. BUT AS KATHY HAS MENTIONED, WE DO BELIEVE THERE ARE MEANINGFUL EFFORTS UNDERWAY BY THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED, AND FRANKLY TO BEGIN TO MORE ROBUSTLY EVALUATE THE USES OF FORCE BY DEPUTY SHERIFFS, AND HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE WHEN NECESSARY.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT?

**SPEAKER:** DID YOU WANT ME TO RESPOND TO THE POPULATION?

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** IF YOU WANT TO, BECAUSE THEN I'M GOING TO SWITCH OVER TO THIS.

**SPEAKER:** SURE. SO, CERTAINLY, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THERE HAS BEEN A DECLINE IN POPULATION OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, AS HAS BEEN HIGHLIGHTED BY THE JUDGE. AND AS I NOTED, IN THE REPORTING PERIOD FOR THE 12TH REPORT, FROM 2021 TO 2022, WE SAW A 5% DECREASE IN POPULATION. THAT'S OUR AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION. HOWEVER, WE SAW SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER DECREASES IN USE OF FORCE; 18%, OVERALL. BUT JUDGE ARMSTEAD ALLUDED TO ANOTHER NUMBER, WHICH IS OUR AVERAGE BOOKINGS PER YEAR. SO, FROM 2021 TO 2022, WE SAW AN INCREASE OF 12% BOOKINGS. SO, IN 2022, FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAD OVER 59,000 BOOKINGS. THAT'S MEN AND WOMAN COMING THROUGH OUR SYSTEM. SO THAT IS ANOTHER NUMBER THAT WE ARE MINDFUL OF: THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF FOLKS COMING THROUGH. BUT WE STILL HAVE SEEN A DECLINE IN THE USE OF FORCE, AND WE CONTINUE TO SEE A DECLINE IN THE USE OF FORCE, INTO 2023.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, AGAIN, THANK YOU TO THE MONITORS. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. I KNOW THAT MY OFFICE HAS

TALKED EXTENSIVELY WITH YOU ABOUT THE D.O.J., AND I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE ON ROSAS, AS WELL, SO I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING Y'ALL ARE DOING. AND I WANT TO MOVE ON TO THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CLOSURE. AND FIRST OR ALL, THIS IS SO ENLIGHTENING FOR ME, JUDGE ARMSTEAD, BECAUSE WHEN I LOOK AT WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT-- 5-YEAR JAIL CLOSURE PLAN-- IT'S EYE-OPENING. AND WE'VE HAD THIS CONVERSATION. AND THIS IS ACTUALLY AN 8-YEAR, BECAUSE WE WERE SUPPOSED TO ADDRESS THIS WHEN WE VOTED TO CLOSE IT ON A TWO-YEAR PLAN. AND MY CONCERN IS THAT, WHEN WE LOOK AT THIS-- THE ONE QUESTION I HAVE, AND I'VE SAID THIS TIME AND TIME AGAIN, AND I'VE TALKED TO DR. GHALY, I'VE TALKED TO DR. WONG: WHERE DO THEY GO AFTER A YEAR, IF THEY STILL NEED CARE? BECAUSE WE'RE BUILDING FOR THE DIVERSION, BUT LONG-TERM AFTERCARE IS NOT BEING DISCUSSED. WHAT ARE WE PLANNING ON THAT? WHERE DO THEY GO?

**DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** THANKS, SUPERVISOR. SO, I CAN SPEAK TO O.D.R. PROGRAMS, IN PARTICULAR. SO, O.D.R. OPERATES-- IT'S REALLY TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF PROGRAMS, BROADLY SPEAKING. SO THEY HAVE THE HOUSING THAT IS INITIALLY ACCEPTING INDIVIDUALS AFTER DIVERSION FROM THE JAIL, AT THE POINT OF DIVERSION, AND THEY'LL MOVE INTO, GENERALLY, INTERIM HOUSING VENUES IN THAT REGARD. BUT THEN O.D.R. IS ACTUALLY A PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM, JUST IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE COUNTY OPERATES PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAMS, AS OPERATIONALIZED

THROUGH HOUSING FOR HEALTH AND THROUGH MANY OTHER ENTITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY, AS COORDINATED THROUGH L.A.H.S.A. SO WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL IS READY TO TRANSITION FROM THEIR INTERIM HOUSING SLOT INTO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WE DON'T MOVE THEM OVER TO HOUSING FOR HEALTH, OR WE DON'T MOVE THEM OVER INTO L.A.H.S.A.'S PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PORTFOLIO. O.D.R. OPERATES THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PORTFOLIO, AND RETAINS PEOPLE IN THOSE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PLACEMENTS FOR THE DURATION OF WHICH THEY'RE HOUSED, AND IT'S OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT THEY WILL MAINTAIN STABLE AND PERMANENT HOUSING AS LONG AS NECESSARY. AND VERY OFTEN, WHAT WE SEE AMONG THE O.D.R. POPULATION IS THE SAME AS WHAT WE SEE AMONG OTHER POPULATIONS THAT REQUIRE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, IS THAT THEY'RE THERE FOR YEARS. AND WE HAVE VERY GOOD HOUSING RETENTION RATES. IT'S SIMILAR TO WHAT WE SEE ON THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH SIDE, WHERE PEOPLE CAN BE STABLY HOUSED. THEY'RE RECEIVING SERVICES. THEY'RE CONNECTED WITH HEALTHCARE. THEY HAVE WRAPAROUND, INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, BUT THEY'RE REALLY THERE INDEFINITELY. SO AS YOU BUILD UP THOSE INITIAL BEDS, WHEN JUDGE ARMSTEAD AND HER TEAM ARE TALKING ABOUT BUILDING THE 1200, REGARDLESS OF WHERE THOSE 1200 ARE FOR, OR WHICH KINDS, OR WHICH PLACEMENT, TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY'RE O.D.R. HOUSING CLIENTS, THEY WOULD THEN, IN THE CURRENT MODEL, NEED TO HAVE AN EQUIVALENT BUILD-UP OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BEDS, SO THAT THEY CAN TRANSITION

OUT OF THAT TEMPORARY BED, AND MOVE INTO ONGOING PERMANENT HOUSING. LAST THING I'LL SAY ON THAT IS THAT IT'S VERY SIMILAR FOR THE F.I.S.T. POPULATION. SO, AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE AN I.S.T. SOLUTIONS CONTRACT WITH THE STATE, TO BE ABLE TO MANAGE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE F.I.S.T. POPULATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. THAT FUNDING FROM THE STATE PAYS FOR TWO YEARS, WHICH IS GENERALLY THE TIMING ALONG WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL IS F.I.S.T. BUT THEN AFTER THEIR TIME WITH THE COURTS AND WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THEN THEY WOULD EITHER MOVE INTO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WITH O.D.R., JUST THE SAME AS ANY OTHER CLIENT, OR THEY WOULD MOVE OVER INTO PERMANENT HOUSING THROUGH A D.M.H. PROGRAM.

**DR. LISA WONG:** PROBABLY A LITTLE BIT MORE COMPLICATED PICTURE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, BECAUSE IT'S AN ARRAY OF CLIENTS. SO WE'LL START AT THE HIGHEST ACUITY. SO LET'S SAY THAT FOLKS ARE COMING OUT OF THE JAIL, AND THEY HAVE TO GO INTO AN ACUTE OR SUBACUTE SETTING. SO, OF COURSE, OUR GOAL IS ALWAYS TO BRING THEM DOWN TO THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT AS POSSIBLE. THOSE ARE TYPICALLY SHORTER-TERM STAYS, AND OUR HOPE IS THAT AS SOMEBODY STABILIZES, THEY CAN COME TO A LESS RESTRICTIVE SETTING. SO THIS MIGHT MEAN THEY GO TO ENRICHED RESIDENTIAL SERVICES OR ENRICHED RESIDENTIAL CARE, WHICH IS BASICALLY LIKE A BOARD-AND-CARE WITH SUPPORTS. OR IF THEY'RE READY TO, THEY CAN GO INTO ONE OF OUR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE

HOUSING PROGRAMS. I THINK, WITH THE ACUITY LEVEL THAT WE'RE SEEING FOR P3/P4S, THEY WOULD MOST OFTEN BE PAIRED WITH A FULL-SERVICE PARTNERSHIP TEAM. THESE ARE OUR HIGHEST-ACUITY OUTPATIENT TREATMENT TEAMS. THEY OPERATE 24/7. THEY SEE CLIENTS FREQUENTLY, AND THEY REALLY TRY TO ACCOMPANY FOLKS ON THEIR JOURNEY TO WELL-BEING. AND EVENTUALLY, THE HOPE IS FOR THEM TO BE RETURNED TO COMMUNITY, A COMMUNITY OF THEIR CHOOSING. AND I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS WE'VE FOUND IN OUR MANY DIFFERENT HOUSING PROGRAMS IS, ONE OF THE PREDICTORS OF HOUSING SUCCESS IS THE ABILITY FOR PEOPLE TO BE HOUSED IN THE COMMUNITY OF THEIR CHOOSING, OFTENTIMES A COMMUNITY THAT THEY'RE FAMILIAR WITH. WE FIND PEOPLE LEAVING PLACEMENTS, EVEN IF THEY'RE GOOD PLACEMENTS, BECAUSE IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE THEIR COMMUNITY. AND THEN, OF COURSE, ALL THE WAY DOWN TO OUR OUTPATIENT SERVICES. AND, SUPERVISOR, I KNOW YOU'RE VERY AWARE OF SOME OF THE STRESSORS THAT ARE ON THAT LEVEL OF CARE, BUT IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THAT CYCLE OF CARE THAT KEEPS PEOPLE OUT OF HOMELESSNESS, OUT OF INCARCERATION.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** ACTUALLY, THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING, THOUGH, IS BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT I KNOW THAT WE ARE ALREADY WELL BELOW WHAT THE NEEDED IS NOW; AND WITH THE GROWTH, AND LOOKING AT THE 7,000 PER YEAR, AND THE 1200, I'M CONCERNED. I KNOW, DR. FERRER. SORRY.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OH, NO, I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT, AGAIN, THERE ARE PLANS ON THE SITE OF SERVING, IN A MORE APPROPRIATE WAY, PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, AND OUR PLAN, I THINK, IS SIMILAR TO WHAT LISA TALKED ABOUT, IS THERE'S A CONTINUUM, BUT WE ARE INTRODUCING A NEW HOUSING OPTION. WE CALL IT RECOVERY HOUSING, NOT RECOVERY BRIDGE HOUSING, BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ENROLLED IN A TREATMENT PROGRAM IN ORDER TO HAVE THAT HOUSING OPTION. IT IS A MORE LONG-TERM HOUSING OPTION. I THINK MANY OF US WHO ARE OLDER KNOW IT MORE AS AKIN TO SOBER LIVING AND SOBER HOUSING, BUT REALLY TRYING TO PUT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES IN THERE. I REALLY APPRECIATE WHAT LISA SAID, BECAUSE WE FIND THE SAME THING. MANY PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR A COMMUNITY IN THEIR HOUSING SOLUTIONS, AND RECOVERY HOUSING GIVES THEM THAT SENSE OF COMMUNITY. AND AGAIN, THOSE ARE MUCH LONGER-TERM HOUSING OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE, AND THEY ALSO TEND TO BE LESS EXPENSIVE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE. THOSE ARE OFTENTIMES PEOPLE WHO ARE PAIRED WITH OTHER SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE THEM WITH THE ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS; OR IF THEY NEED MEDICAL CARE OR MENTAL HEALTHCARE, WE'RE CONNECTED, AS WELL. BUT THERE IS, AGAIN, AN ATTEMPT TO BUILD OUT A DIFFERENT ARRAY OF HOUSING TO SUPPORT PEOPLE IN RECOVERY.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO THAT WOULD BE THE NEXT SLIDE. ONCE WE HAVE THE FIVE-YEAR JAIL CLOSURE PLAN, THAT'S GOT TO BE INCLUDED, AS WELL.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, WE'RE BUILDING THOSE RECOVERY BRIDGE HOUSING BEDS AND THOSE RECOVERY HOUSING BEDS RIGHT NOW. THE IDEA IS, IN THESE 5 YEARS, TO ACTUALLY, EVERY YEAR, TRY TO ADD MORE BEDS.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** GREAT. WELL, FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, ALL. I APPRECIATE THE PRESENTATION UPDATES TO WHERE WE ARE ON THE JAIL CLOSURE. IN JUNE OF 2021, THIS BOARD VOTED TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND WE ALL AGREE IT NEEDS TO BE CLOSED. I VOTED NO, NOT BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO CLOSE IT, BUT BECAUSE I WANTED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN WE CLOSE IT. IT WAS ABOUT ENSURING OUR MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS WERE AT THE POINT WHERE THEY COULD EFFECTIVELY AND SUCCESSFULLY CARE FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS. AND I THINK THAT WE ALL AGREE, YOU WANT IT TO BE SUCCESSFUL. YOU DON'T WANT TO SET INDIVIDUALS UP FOR FAILURE, NOR DO WE WANT TO SET THE SYSTEM UP TO FAIL. MY AMENDMENT THAT I INTRODUCED AT THE TIME WAS, "I MOVE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. TO WORK WITH D.M.H., A.T.I., D.H.S., CORRECTIONAL HEALTH, AND OTHERS, AS APPROPRIATE, TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 60 DAYS"-- WHICH NOW I THINK WAS A LITTLE AGGRESSIVE-

- "WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT IDENTIFIES THE LOCATIONS, TIMELINE, AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES NECESSARY TO BUILD THE COMMUNITY CAPACITY BEFORE THE BOARD TAKES FURTHER ACTION ON THE CLOSURE OF M.C.J." ITEM 27 ON TODAY'S AGENDA, THE PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE: "THE SEQUENCING OF THE DIVERSION OF INMATES FROM M.C.J. TO THE APPROPRIATE FACILITY IN THE COMMUNITY, TO PROVIDE QUALITY, EFFECTIVE, AND SAFE CARE, AS THE BEDS BECOME AVAILABLE." AND I REMEMBER, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU DID SECOND MY FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, BUT IT FELL SHORT. THE MOTION IN JUNE 2021 WAS DEEMED TO BE THE MOTION THAT PLANNED FOR A CLOSURE. NOW THAT WE ARE HERE THREE YEARS LATER, LATER DISCUSSING WHAT I ASKED FOR BACK THEN, IT'S REALLY ABOUT THE HOW. HOW DO WE CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL? WE'VE ALL AGREED TO CLOSE IT. WHAT I'M HEARING FROM YOU IS THE HOW. AND THAT HOW IS A TALL LIFT, WITH A LOT OF UNCERTAINTIES, SOME THAT WE CANNOT CONTROL, INCLUDING THE P.A.R.P.S. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE 7,000 PEOPLE PER YEAR, JUDGES FIND IT SAFE TO RELEASE, THAT'S GOING TO BE A HEFTY ASK FROM THE COURTS; NOT INSURMOUNTABLE, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO GO IN WITH OUR EYES WIDE OPEN. SO I SEE A CLEAR TIMELINE IN THIS PRESENTATION, BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S TRULY FIVE YEARS, BECAUSE WE'RE NOW AT YEAR SEVEN INTO THIS. WE'RE DOING, ACTUALLY, WHAT MY MOTION WANTED, AND THAT IS TO COME UP WITH A HOW. IT JUST TOOK A LITTLE LONGER, AND I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE ON BOARD TO BE A PART OF THIS HOW. I BELIEVE DIVERSION IS IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE OVER 50% OF

THE POPULATION SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS. THOSE THAT CAN BE DIVERTED, SHOULD BE DIVERTED, AND ARE BEING DIVERTED RIGHT NOW, IS MY UNDERSTANDING, FOR THOSE THAT WE HAVE CAPACITY IN THE COMMUNITY. WHERE I DIFFER, RESPECTFULLY, FROM MY COLLEAGUES IS THE FACT THAT, INEVITABLY, THERE ARE GOING TO BE INDIVIDUALS THAT CANNOT BE DIVERTED. I THINK WE ALL AGREE TO THAT. WAS THAT A NO? OH, OKAY. I'M LOOKING AT ALL THE YESES, AND I SAW THIS OVER HERE. SO WE ALL AGREE. MUCH OF THE FOCUS HAS BEEN ON REDUCING THE JAIL POPULATION, AND THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, COMMENDING BOTH THE SHERIFF, AS WELL AS ALL THAT HAVE HELPED TRIAGE AND GET THEM INTO PLACEMENT IN THE COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, I CONTINUALLY ASK, "WHAT ABOUT THOSE THAT REMAIN?" AND THAT IS REALLY WHAT KEEPS ME UP AT NIGHT. WHAT ABOUT THOSE THAT ARE STILL AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL? THERE SHOULD BE A PLACE WHERE WE CAN COMPASSIONATELY ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO WILL NEED TO REMAIN IN CUSTODY. I'M CONCERNED FOR THE POPULATION THAT'S IN THERE RIGHT NOW, BUT ALSO FOR THE STAFF THAT ARE WORKING INSIDE. I'M REFERRING TO ALL THE DEPUTIES, THE NURSES, THE CLINICIANS, WHO SHOULD HAVE A BETTER PLACE TO WORK. THIS IS THEIR CALLING, TO BE IN THAT JAIL, TO HELP THOSE INDIVIDUALS, AND WE ARE ASKING THEM TO BASICALLY DO IT IN A SITUATION THAT IS-- I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE. BUT I DEFINITELY FEEL WE CAN, AND WE HAVE TO DO BETTER. I TOURED M.C.J. A COUPLE YEARS AGO, AND I PROBABLY SHOULD GO BACK, ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH

WORSE IT COULD GET. MAYBE I DON'T WANT TO KNOW, BUT I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT THE CONDITIONS ARE LIKE NOW. SHERIFF LUNA RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT HE BELIEVES WE NEED A CARE CAMPUS THAT PROVIDES ADEQUATE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION SERVICES: SOMETHING, COLLECTIVELY, WE ALL AGREE. AND I'M INTERESTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT THAT WILL LOOK LIKE. I'VE NEVER BEEN MARRIED TO A PLAN OF WHAT I EXPECT IT TO BE. WE HAVE EXPERTS THAT DO THAT. WE'VE HIRED, I THINK, EVERY EXPERT, DEFINITELY IN THE STATE, IF NOT THE NATION, TO GIVE US ADVICE. AND OBVIOUSLY, WE'RE STILL BACK TO WHERE WE ARE. WE'VE ALSO BEEN UNDER A CONSENT DECREE WITH THE D.O.J. SINCE 2015, BECAUSE WE FAILED OUR CONSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE CARE. AND IF WE DON'T DO IT, I'M CONFIDENT THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO HESITATE TO DO IT FOR US. I UNDERSTAND THE COUNTY HAS MADE SOME PROGRESS WITH COMPLIANCE, DUE TO THE WORK OF THE C.E.O. D.O.J. COMPLIANCE TEAM, BUT THERE IS STILL MUCH WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. WE STILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MODERATE-OBSERVATION-HOUSING INDIVIDUALS THAT REMAIN AT M.C.J., THAT NEED TO BE RELOCATED SOMEWHERE ELSE. IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, WE'LL RECEIVE A BED CAPACITY PRESENTATION, WHICH I GUESS IS GOING TO BE NEXT WEEK, NOW, AND I'M VERY INTERESTED IN THE PROG-- IS IT A COUPLE WEEKS? OH, FEBRUARY 13TH. OKAY, YEAH. I AM VERY INTERESTED IN THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE WITH THE 500-BED EXPANSION FOR THE P3 AND P4 POPULATION. HOWEVER, I KNOW WE ARE NOWHERE CLOSE TO BUILDING 1200 PER YEAR, AS

REFLECTED HERE. THESE ISSUES AND CHALLENGES ARE NOT NEW, AND WE HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THE COORDINATION THAT IS NEEDED ALL ALONG. AND NOW, WITH THIS INTENTION IN MY AMENDMENT THAT I DID IN 2021, THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT I WAS FOCUSED ON. AGAIN, AND IT WASN'T MY IDEA. IT WAS TAKING IT FROM THE EXPERTS WHO HAVE BEEN CONTRACTED BY THIS BOARD, OVER THE YEARS, THAT CAME BACK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE WITH DIVERSION, AND WHAT WOULD BE NEEDED WITH DIVERSION, TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHOUT COMPROMISING, NOT ONLY THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY, BUT THE SAFETY OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN THERE, THAT NEED OUR CARE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO ROSAS, AND I JUST KEPT CROSSING OFF MY QUESTIONS, BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN ASKED, BECAUSE I WAS GOING TO ASK ABOUT THE CUSTODY FORCE INVESTIGATION TEAM: CHECK. AND I'M GLAD WE HAD THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE DISCREPANCIES, BECAUSE I THINK WHEN I FIRST WAS LOOKING AT THE REPORT, OUR GOAL IS TO GET INTO COMPLIANCE. SO IT WAS FRUSTRATING TO SEE THE DISCREPANCIES ON WHAT WAS IN COMPLIANCE VERSUS WHAT WAS OUT OF COMPLIANCE, BECAUSE HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET IN COMPLIANCE IF WE CAN'T AGREE ON WHAT IS OUT OF COMPLIANCE? BUT LISTENING TO BOTH OF YOU TODAY, THE MONITOR AS WELL AS ASSISTANT SHERIFF ALOMA, IT

SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAVE A PATHWAY FORWARD ON THAT. ONE OF THE THINGS I DON'T THINK WE'VE TALKED ABOUT YET WAS, I WAS GOING TO ASK THE MONITORS ABOUT THE FOCUS GROUPS WITH CUSTODY STAFF, AND ONE OF THE TOP CONCERNS THAT WAS BROUGHT UP WAS THE INSUFFICIENT STAFFING THAT LEADS TO STAFF WORKING DOUBLE SHIFTS, AND HAVING TO DO FORCED OVERTIME. IN YOUR OPINION, TO THE MONITORS, DO YOU THINK THERE IS A CORRELATION, AND IF SO, COULD YOU ELABORATE ON IT, BETWEEN OVERWORKED, EXHAUSTION, TIRED, AND USE OF FORCE?

**SPEAKER:** WE DON'T HAVE DATA TO SHOW WHETHER THERE IS, BUT WE SORT OF ANECDOTALLY HAVE A SENSE THAT THAT PROBABLY IS. YOUR TEMPER'S SHORTER. WE HEAR FROM THE INMATES THAT THEY KNOW HOW EXHAUSTED THE STAFF ARE. YOU CAN LOOK AT THE STAFF AND SEE HOW EXHAUSTED THEY ARE. SO ONE OF THE THINGS WE NOTED IN OUR LAST RECOMMENDATIONS WE MADE WAS FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER DOING A STAFFING ANALYSIS, AND HAVING SOMEBODY COME IN AND LOOK AND SEE, "HERE'S THE RESOURCES THEY HAVE. THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO INCREASE THOSE RESOURCES, WITH HOW LONG IT TAKES SOMEBODY TO GET ON BOARD. IS THERE A BETTER WAY TO DEPLOY THOSE STAFF, SO THAT YOU CAN REDUCE THAT OVER TIME.?" HAVING STAFF WORK THAT LEVEL OF OVERTIME IS SIMPLY NOT SUSTAINABLE. IT REALLY ISN'T. IT ABSOLUTELY IS IMPACTING THE RETENTION RATES AND STAFF MORALE.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YES. THANK YOU. AND AGAIN, IT'S REALLY GREAT TO HAVE THE MONITORS HERE WITH US, AS WE DISCUSS THIS. IT HASN'T BEEN THE CASE, ALWAYS, SO IT'S VERY ENLIGHTENING TO HAVE YOU HERE, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR PERSPECTIVE AND JUST YOUR POSITION ABOUT HOW YOU'RE GOING THROUGH THIS. AND I WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE RANDOM, OFF-THE-ROSTER INTERVIEWING OF STAFF AND INMATES. I APPRECIATE THAT.

**SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THE STAFF ALL THINK THAT THEY'RE IN TROUBLE WHEN THEY GET CALLED INTO OUR CONFERENCE ROOM, SO I IMMEDIATELY PUT THEM AT EASE AND SAY, "YOU CAN BLAME ME. I'M THE ONE THAT PICKED YOUR NAME OFF OF A ROSTER," SO...

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WELL, THERE IS A REAL FEELING, JUST FROM LISTENING TO YOU, THAT WE'RE ALL WORKING TOGETHER. WE'RE SORT OF GOING IN THE SAME DIRECTION, AND WE HAVE THE SAME GOAL. JUST ON THAT NOTE OF THE STAFFING ASSISTANT CHAIR, POLOMA, I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN A BIG PUSH BY THE DEPARTMENT TO HIRE AND FILL VACANCIES, AND YET WE STILL CONTINUE TO HEAR ABOUT DEPUTIES BEING OVERWORKED, HAVING TO DO OVERTIME. HAVE YOU MADE ANY PROGRESS IN THE HIRING EFFORTS, AND ARE YOU SEEING ANY REDUCTION IN THE MANDATORY OVERTIME?

**SPEAKER:** SO, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I ECHO THE PANEL'S-- OR THE MONITOR'S-- COMMENTS, IN THAT I BELIEVE THAT FATIGUE

ABSOLUTELY PLAYS A FACTOR IN CRITICAL DECISION-MAKING. WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE, WHETHER THEY ARE DEPUTY SHERIFFS OR CUSTODY ASSISTANTS, OR EVEN OUR SERGEANTS AND LIEUTENANTS, WHO ARE WORKING A LOT OF OVERTIME TO MAKE UP FOR OUR VACANCIES, AND THEN WE'RE ASKING THEM AND DEMANDING CERTAIN THINGS FROM THEM, IN TERMS OF OUR EXPECTATIONS AND THEIR PERFORMANCE IN A USE-OF-FORCE SITUATION. HAVING SAID ALL THAT, THE DEPARTMENT IS FOCUSED ON RECRUITMENT, BUT ALSO ON RETENTION. THIS IS A NATIONAL ISSUE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, NOT UNIQUE TO THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, OUR PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT IS ABSOLUTELY FOCUSED ON RECRUITING, AND RETENTION OF OUR FOLKS. WE TRACK THOSE NUMBERS, AND WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS THOSE THAT ARE LEAVING OUR DEPARTMENT, THOSE WHO ARE LATERALING TO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. WE SAW A 39% REDUCTION IN 2023, COMPARED TO 2022, OF THOSE WHO REMAINED WITH THE DEPARTMENT. WE CONTINUE TO PUT DEPUTY SHERIFFS THROUGH THE ACADEMY CLASSES, CUSTODY ASSISTANTS. I'M SPEAKING AT A GRADUATION FOR CUSTODY ASSISTANTS THIS FRIDAY. SO WE CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON HIRING, BUT AGAIN, WE NEED TO ALSO FOCUS ON RETENTION. AND THAT IS A MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH, BECAUSE I THINK IT ALSO TOUCHES ON EMPLOYEE WELLNESS. AND WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE OVERWORKED AND FATIGUED AND STRESSED, THAT COULD LEAD TO THEM WANTING TO GO, EITHER TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT OR ANOTHER PROFESSION ALTOGETHER. SO THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ARE ABSOLUTELY FOCUSED ON.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, BECAUSE THIS BOARD APPROVED, I THINK, FOUR NEW ACADEMY CLASSES? WAS THAT LAST YEAR?

**SPEAKER:** THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 8 ACADEMY CLASSES, WITH TWO ADDITIONAL. AND WE APPRECIATE THAT, AND WE CONTINUE TO AGGRESSIVELY--

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, AND THEN THEY GO THROUGH OUR ACADEMIES, THEN THEY GO SOMEWHERE ELSE.

**SPEAKER:** SOME DO. YES, MA'AM.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WELL, JUST MAKE SURE, AS THIS BOARD CONTINUES TO ALSO FOCUS ON, PARTICULARLY, THE RETENTION PIECE, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THAT, MAKE SURE YOU'RE-- WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE IT IN OUR BUDGET TO DO IT, BUT MAKE SURE YOU'RE COMMUNICATING TO OUR C.E.O., AND TO US, IF THERE ARE SPECIFIC THINGS THAT YOU THINK WOULD HELP RETAIN, THAT MAYBE SOME OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE OFFERING, AND WE'RE NOT OFFERING. JUST, WE NEED TO MAKE OUR DECISIONS BASED ON ALL THE FACTS, IN TERMS OF OUR BUDGETS.

**SPEAKER:** WE APPRECIATE THAT.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH. THANK YOU. OKAY, THANK YOU. APPRECIATE THIS, AND NOW I WILL FOCUS MY REMARKS ON THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND AGAIN, JUST TO REITERATE, I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN SUPPORT OF CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WHEN I FIRST BECAME A SUPERVISOR, I TOURED IT, AND IT WAS MADE VERY CLEAR TO ME THAT IT WAS REALLY AN OUTDATED, ALMOST MEDIEVAL KIND OF A FACILITY THAT WASN'T GOOD FOR THOSE IN OUR CUSTODY, AND IT WAS ALSO NOT GOOD FOR OUR DEPUTIES. THERE WERE PLACES IN THERE THAT JUST WEREN'T SAFE FOR ANYBODY. SO I HAD A PROPOSAL, MANY YEARS AGO, TO REPLACE THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITH A MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FACILITY THAT SORT OF CHECKED ALL THE BOXES, BUT IT DIDN'T MOVE FORWARD. BUT IT WASN'T CLOSING IT; IT WAS REPLACING IT WITH A FACILITY THAT SORT OF DID ALL THIS: HAD THE BEDS THERE, HAD THE LOCKED FACILITIES THERE, HAD MORE INPUT FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IN THE JAILS, NOT JUST THE DEPUTIES. BUT WE'RE NOT THERE, SO WE'RE NOW HERE. AND YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS FIVE-YEAR PROPOSAL WAS QUITE EYE-OPENING, IN TERMS OF WHAT WE NEED, BUT THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND, JUDGE, I MEAN, WE JUST CHARGED YOU WITH THE TASK OF CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL A YEAR AGO. A HUGE UNDERTAKING, AND APPRECIATE WHAT YOU GAVE US TODAY, BECAUSE I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE ACTUALLY SEEN FACTS AND NUMBERS. WE HAVEN'T REALLY SEEN THE COST. WE'RE STILL GUESSING ABOUT THE COST, BUT A LOT WAS HERE TODAY THAT WE HAVE NOT SEEN BEFORE, AND I THINK IT PUTS IT INTO PERSPECTIVE. YOU KNOW, SO MUCH HAS BEEN ASKED AND

SAID, BUT I THINK, JUDGE, I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU, HOW DO YOU THINK THIS JAIL CLOSURE WORKING GROUP IS DOING, AND ARE THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN THIS WORKING GROUP? WHEN I LOOKED AT ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS THAT ARE GOING TO BE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN, IF YOU DON'T THINK THIS WORKING GROUP IS MADE UP OF THE RIGHT PEOPLE, SHOULD WE BE ADDING? SHOULD WE BE RE-EVALUATING IT? OR WOULD YOU RATHER MAYBE ANSWER THE QUESTION BY, "CAN YOU DESCRIBE, MAYBE, YOUR INTERACTION WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE COURTS, THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS?" IS THAT KIND OF AN ONGOING DISCUSSION? I'M FEELING LIKE I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'VE GOT ALL THE RIGHT PEOPLE AT THE TABLE, SO TO SPEAK.

**SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THAT THAT FIRST SLIDE, THAT SHOWS THE STAKEHOLDERS, WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENT RESPONSIBILITIES, RIGHT? SO THE DOCTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SORT OF THE BEDS AND THE TURNOVER. THE SHERIFF IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE POPULATION. I WOULD SAY THAT WE HAVE-- AND TO BE FAIR, THERE WAS INFORMATION WE DIDN'T HAVE, SO EVEN FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO DESIGN A FEASIBILITY PLAN, WHICH WE DON'T HAVE YET, WHICH IS A KEY COMPONENT TO A LOT OF THIS WORK, WE DIDN'T HAVE THE DATA. SO WE HAD TO GET THE DATA FROM THE SHERIFF, AND WE DEVELOPED AN M.O.U. WE WERE ABLE TO DO THAT. AND I'LL LET THE SHERIFF SPEAK TO IT, BUT THE SYSTEM TO BE ABLE TO GATHER THE DATA, I THINK, IS A LITTLE BIT CHALLENGING, TO BE ABLE TO GET IT. AND THEN WE HAVE TO GIVE IT

TO A CONSULTANT, THAT IS THEN ABLE TO WORK OUT THE DATA AND FIGURE OUT WHO IS IN THE POPULATION, DO A MOMENT IN TIME, LOOK AT TRENDS, AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS. SO I THINK THAT WE'RE IN A DIFFERENT POSITION THAT WE'VE BEEN IN THE PAST, BUT I DO THINK THAT, MOVING FORWARD, THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE SORT OF EACH AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE THEIR OWN FEASIBILITY PLAN. LIKE, WHAT'S REALISTIC? HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST? HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE, AND CAN WE DO THIS? AND SO IF WE EVEN HEARD WHEN THE DOCTORS WERE SPEAKING, THERE'S KIND OF THREE DIFFERENT DESIGNS THERE, RIGHT? AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS WOULD BE FACTORS. AND WE'RE LOOKING AT THE TURNOVER, AND WE'RE LOOKING AT THE COST. THERE IS ONE DESIGN WHERE WE'RE KEEPING PEOPLE, SO THAT'S GOING TO ADJUST THE NUMBERS, RIGHT? THEN WE ALSO NEED TO SEE, WHO ARE THE COURTS REALLY RELEASING PEOPLE TO? SO WE HEAR QUITE OFTEN, BASED ON THE POPULATIONS THAT ARE STILL IN CUSTODY, COURTS WANT SECURE BEDS, RIGHT? AND THEN WE HAVE THINGS LIKE THE I.M.D. EXCLUSION, WHICH IS A HUGE PROBLEM. WHERE ARE THE SECURE BEDS EVER GOING TO PUT THEM ON? AND IT'S GOING TO COST TWICE AS MUCH THAN THE NUMBERS THAT DR. GHALY GAVE. AND SO THESE ARE KIND OF THE REALITIES THAT WE HAVE TO REALLY FACE NOW. AND SO WITH THAT, I'M NOT IN THE BEST POSITION TO DO THAT, BUT THEY ARE, RIGHT? THEY KNOW THEIR POPULATION. THEY KNOW THEIR NUMBERS. THEY KNOW WHAT THAT COST. AND SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BRING ALL THOSE PIECES TOGETHER, AND THEN SAY, "BASED ON THESE NUMBERS, BASED ON THESE AMOUNTS

OF BEDS, BASED ON THIS COST, THIS IS WHAT THE TOTAL PLAN WOULD BE." AND SO I THINK WE'RE IN A GOOD POSITION, NOW, TO UNPACK IT A LITTLE BIT MORE, AND TO MOVE FORWARD, SORT OF COLLECTIVELY. AND I KNOW THAT OUR JUSTICE PARTNERS ARE HERE, AS WELL, BUT THERE'S OTHER COMPONENTS THAT WE WOULD NEED FOR THEM. AND SO, ACTUALLY, TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S QUESTION, WHY IS CASE PROCESSING IMPORTANT? BECAUSE IT REALLY LENDS TO LENGTH OF STAY, RIGHT? SO IF A PERSON IS IN CUSTODY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS FOR A CASE, MAYBE BECAUSE THEIR CASE IS MORE SERIOUS, OR MAYBE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T GET EVIDENCE, OR THEY'RE WAITING FOR SOMETHING FROM THE COURT, YOU KNOW, THOSE TYPES OF THINGS ALL IMPACT HOW LONG A PERSON IS IN CUSTODY. AND SO WE'D HAVE TO WORK WITH THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE NOT VIOLATING THEIR CLIENTS' RIGHTS, THAT THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE CAN SUPPORT THEM ON. DO THEY NEED MORE HELP FROM THE COURTS TO GET THEIR WITNESSES? YOU KNOW, THOSE SORTS OF THINGS. ARE THERE EXPERTS ASSIGNED TO THE CASE? AND SO THOSE ARE THE TYPES OF THINGS THAT WE'D HAVE TO ADDRESS, BUT WE'D HAVE TO ADDRESS IT SORT OF CATEGORY BY CATEGORY, IF THAT MAKES SENSE.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I'M GLAD YOU'RE DOING THIS. YEAH, IT'S QUITE MONUMENTAL, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THIS. AND I JUST WANTED TO GET A SENSE OF, DO WE THINK THIS WORKING GROUP ON JAIL CLOSURE IS WORKING?

**SPEAKER:** THERE'S NOT A CURRENT WORKING GROUP.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THERE'S NOT A CURRENT-- I THOUGHT WE WERE-- SO WE HAVEN'T MADE THAT UP YET?

**SPEAKER:** THERE'S NOT A CURRENT WORKING GROUP. AS COLLEAGUES, WE COLLABORATE, WE HOLD MEETINGS, BUT--

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SHOULD THERE BE A FORMAL WORKING GROUP? BE HONEST.

**SPEAKER:** EVERYBODY'S LAUGHING. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A FORMAL GROUP. I MEAN, WE HAVE TOO MANY MEETINGS, RIGHT? SO I THINK IT'S REALLY ABOUT HOLDING US ACCOUNTABLE AND DOING REGULAR REPORTS, AND HAVING EACH SECTION BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR PORTION, RIGHT? THERE'S A PORTION THAT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR D.O.J. COMPLIANCE, SO THEIR KEY, YOU KNOW, WE'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR, BUT THEY WOULD NEED TO BE ABLE TO BRING IN THEIR PORTION, BOTH THE MENTAL HEALTH SECURE AND UNSECURE BEDS. THEY NEED TO BRING THEIR PORTION, AND MAYBE BRINGING ALL THOSE PIECES TOGETHER. BUT I THINK WE CAN DO IT INFORMALLY, FOR NOW, AND IF THERE COMES A TIME WHEN WE CAN'T, WE'LL LET THE BOARD OFFICES KNOW.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT. AND MOVING FORWARD, I KNOW WE ALL GOT CRITICIZED A LITTLE BIT EARLIER LAST YEAR, WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT REDUCING THE POPULATION IN THE JAIL. AND I KNOW MY OFFICE CERTAINLY HEARD FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, WHO FELT LIKE THEY WEREN'T BEING CONSULTED AS WE TALKED ABOUT LOWERING THE POPULATION IN OUR JAILS. HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER THE PUBLIC WHO STILL-- THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE STILL CONCERNED ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY, AS WE TALK ABOUT THIS, AS WE GO FORWARD. I EVEN HAVE PEOPLE WHO THINK WE OUGHT TO BE BUILDING MORE PRISONS, WHICH I DISAGREE WITH, VEHEMENTLY. BUT HOW WOULD YOU TALK TO THE PUBLIC WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT OUR PROCESS, AND WORRIES ABOUT, AT THE END OF THE DAY, PUBLIC SAFETY MAYBE NOT BEING A PRIORITY AS WE TALK ABOUT THIS?

**SPEAKER:** THAT'S A VERY TOUGH QUESTION. I WORK AT THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD, SO I FOLLOW THE BOARD'S DIRECTION. I BELIEVE, PERSONALLY, THAT THE CONDITIONS OF THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ARE UNINHABITABLE. THEY'RE NOT OKAY, YOU KNOW? AND I THINK US WAITING FOR A PERFECT POPULATION, WE'RE DOING A DISSERVICE TO THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED. WE'RE NOT ABLE TO HEAL THEM, HELP THEM, PROGRAM THEM, ANYTHING THAT REALLY AMOUNTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY OR HEALING, AND WE'RE RELEASING PEOPLE INTO THE COMMUNITY IN AN UNFAIR STATE, AND WITHOUT THE SUPPORTS THAT PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO, AND DESERVE. I DO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE FOLKS IN CUSTODY WHO SHOULDN'T BE THERE, BUT FOR LACK OF

OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT, AND OTHER SYSTEM FAILINGS. I DO BELIEVE, ALSO, THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ABSOLUTELY NEED TO, AND SHOULD REMAIN IN CUSTODY FOR ALL OF OUR OWN GOOD, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THEY SHOULD LIVE IN A FACILITY THAT IS INHUMANE. YOU ASKED MY PERSONAL OPINION, SO THAT'S WHAT I WOULD SAY, OTHER THAN THAT I WORK AT THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** NO, THAT'S GOOD. NO, I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. AND I THINK, FOR ME, WHETHER IT'S OUR JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES OR OUR JAILS, YOU KNOW, WE ALL HAVE LONG-TERM GOALS OF REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF THOSE WHO WILL EVENTUALLY BE IN OUR CARE AND CUSTODY. BUT IN THE MEANTIME-- I THINK THERE IS A REAL "IN THE MEANTIME," ESPECIALLY BASED ON WHAT WE JUST SAW TODAY, ON WHEN THIS COULD FEASIBLY TAKE PLACE. WE CANNOT NEGLECT THOSE WHO ARE IN OUR CARE. WE CANNOT NEGLECT THE FACILITY. WE CANNOT NEGLECT OUR DEPUTIES, WHO FIND THEMSELVES IN VERY PRECARIOUS SITUATIONS EVERY SINGLE DAY IN CUSTODY. SO IT'S ALMOST LIKE THIS BOARD NEEDS TO HAVE SORT OF A DUAL TRACK OF THE GOAL OF CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, DOING WHAT WE CAN, BASED ON OUR CONSENT DECREES AND OUR MONITORING, OF WHAT IS THE RIGHT, MORAL THING THAT WE NEED TO DO FOR THOSE IN OUR CARE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WELL, THE HOUR IS UPON US. IT'S GETTING LATE, SO I'M NOT GOING TO READ EVERYTHING OR ASK ALL THE QUESTIONS I HAD. A LOT OF THEM HAVE BEEN ASKED, ALREADY. BUT IF I COULD, I JUST WANT TO GO STRAIGHT TO JUDGE ARMSTEAD, AND THEN MAYBE ASK A QUESTION LATER ABOUT THE JAILS. BUT, YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US, AS A BOARD, TO REMEMBER HOW WE DID GET HERE. AND WE CREATED THE J.C.O.D., AND THIS THAT WAS CREATED BECAUSE WE FELT THAT WE WERE GOING TO GO FORWARD WITH CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST. AND THIS BOARD, AT THAT TIME, AGREED TO CANCEL A PLAN TO REPLACE M.C. JAIL, AND THAT WAS A $3.5 BILLION JAIL PLAN. OKAY? WE SAID NO TO MIRA LOMA, IN FACT, AND WE ALSO SAID NO TO A MENTAL HEALTH JAIL. WE SAID NO TO DECRIMINALIZING POVERTY AND MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DEPENDENCY, AND WE THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO BE GOING DOWN THAT PATH. SO WE THEREFORE THEN CREATED J.C.O.D., BUT WE ALSO DID SOMETHING BEFORE J.C.O.D. WAS THERE, AND THAT WAS WE CREATED THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, KNOWN AS J.C.I.T. AND PEOPLE ARE ASKING, "WELL, WHERE IS THE POWER? WHERE DOES IT LIE?" AND MY SENSE IS THAT MAYBE WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO THAT PREMISE AND STICK WITH THAT, AND CREATE, MAYBE, THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE A SAY-SO, AND CAN MAKE SOME ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES OR FUNDING CHANGES. AND IT HAS TO BE SOMETHING THAT THIS BOARD AGREES TO. BUT I REALLY DO THINK THAT, J.C.O.D., YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB, JUDGE. I THINK

THAT'S FINE, BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TO STRENGTHEN THIS AUTHORITY. 5 YEARS OR 7 YEARS OR 8 YEARS IS TOO LONG. I'M NOT GOING TO BE HERE IN FOUR YEARS, AND I DON'T KNOW THAT THIS IS ACTUALLY GOING TO HAPPEN. BUT I WILL SAY, WE HAVE ALREADY SET IN PLACE A LOT OF GOOD THINGS, AND YOU'VE OUTLINED THE CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE. THE BIGGEST, I THINK, CHALLENGE FOR US IS GOING TO BE FUNDING. AND PART OF THAT, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTROL, FULLY. BUT THE COURTS HAVE A LOT OF SAY-SO HERE, AND SO DOES THE SHERIFF. AND I DO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE THAT KIND OF HONEST DISCUSSION WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN MAKE THESE CHANGES. AND, AGREED, WE NEED TO DO MORE WITH THE COURTS, TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THEY'RE AT, BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT GOING TO, ALL OF A SUDDEN, ALLOW FOR 7,000 INMATES OUT. I MEAN, THAT'S RIDICULOUS. AND THE 1200 BEDS, I DO HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE OF THE COST. AND WHAT IS ACUTE? WHAT IS AN ACUTE BED, AS OPPOSED TO SOMEONE WHO REALLY DOESN'T NEED A FULL-BLOWN MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FACILITY, ALL OF THAT? AND THOSE ARE ANSWERS THAT WE DON'T HAVE, AND I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE VERY MUCH NEEDED IN HOW WE MAKE OUR DECISIONS. GRANTED, WE'RE MAKING SOME REFORMS RIGHT NOW IN THE JAIL, IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND TWIN TOWERS. WE'RE CREATING PODS. WE'RE DOING DIFFERENT THINGS TO CREATE THE MORE HEALTHCARE ASPECT THAT WE HAVE TO DO, BECAUSE IF WE'RE GOING TO BE COMPLIANT WITH THE MONITORS AND EVERYTHING ELSE, WE HAVE TO DO IT QUICKLY. MY SENSE IS THAT WE'VE KIND OF LOST SOME

URGENCY. THAT'S HOW I FEEL. I DON'T FEEL THE URGENCY. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE OVERHANGING CLOUDS, BECAUSE WE HAVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON OUR BACK, RIGHT-- MONITORS, ALL OF THAT, AND OUTSIDE PARTNERS THAT ARE ALSO LOOKING AT WHAT WE ARE DOING-- BUT I DON'T FEEL AS THOUGH WE ARE REALLY PUTTING ENOUGH SKIN IN THE GAME. AND WHAT I MEAN IS COMMITMENT AND, REALLY, WILLPOWER. AND THAT'S WHAT I SEE LACKING RIGHT NOW. I MEAN, I'M DISAPPOINTED IN THE REALITY OF THE DATA, QUITE FRANKLY. THAT'S WHAT MAKES ME DISAPPOINTED. BUT HOW DO WE GARNISH THAT? IF THERE IS A POWER HERE TO DO IT, WHAT IS THIS BOARD PREPARED TO DO TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN, AND SAY, "ENOUGH"? LET'S GO BACK TO WHAT OUR ROOT CORE WAS, AND THAT WAS THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM. THAT'S WHAT THEIR ROLE WAS SPECIFICALLY MADE UP TO DO. THAT WAS EMBEDDED IN J.C.O.D., AND FOR SOME REASON, I FEEL LIKE IT'S A STEPCHILD. AND PERHAPS THAT IS WHERE WE NEED TO GO. I JUST WANT TO RAISE THAT. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S ANY COMMENTS FROM ANY OF YOU ABOUT THAT? JUDGE? ANYONE?

**JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD:** YES, WE ARE WORKING WITH THE C.E.O. FOR POSITIONS TO FOCUS PRIMARILY ON JUSTICE AND HEALTH, TO FOCUS ON THIS. SO THE BODY OF WORK OF J.C.I.T. WAS ABSORBED WITHIN J.C.O.D. THE BUDGET FROM THE POSITIONS WAS ABSORBED TO TAKE CARE OF OTHER STAFFING. AND SO WE ARE WORKING ON-- WE

HAVE PUT IN A REQUEST AND WORKING WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE FOR ACTUAL FOCUS POSITIONS TO JUST WORK ON THIS BODY OF WORK.

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO WE KIND OF-- HOW COULD I SAY, WITHOUT USING A BAD WORD? WE MAY HAVE SCREWED IT UP A BIT HERE, RIGHT? THAT'S HOW I SEE IT. AND SO I'M HOPING THAT WE CAN GO BACK AND FOCUS IN ON WHAT THE ORIGINAL INTENT IS, KNOWING THAT ALL THESE THINGS THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT ARE EXACTLY WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN, BUT IT'S PHASING THEM IN, AND THEN FIGURING OUT, AND MAKING THOSE HARD DECISIONS. AND THAT REQUIRES THE SHERIFF, THE COURTS, EVERYBODY, OUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS, NOT JUST HEALTH SERVICES, BUT ALSO THE P.D. AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY, EVERYBODY. AND I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEE THAT. SO I'LL JUST END WITH THAT PART. AND THEN, FOR THE SHERIFF, I'M HAPPY THAT THINGS SEEM TO BE ON A BETTER TRAJECTORY, CERTAINLY. BUT WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO, STILL, AND I HOPE THAT, PERHAPS, ONE OF THE THINGS WE CAN DO IS REALLY FOCUS IN ON TRAINING, ON THE TYPE OF TRAINING THAT WE'RE PROVIDING TO OUR RECRUITS-- THE NEW ONES, AS WELL AS THE ONES THAT ARE THERE-- AND HOW MEANINGFUL, AND WHAT METRICS ARE WE USING TO ACTUALLY MEASURE WHAT THAT SUCCESS IS? AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS, AND HOW SOON CAN WE SEE A CHANGE IN THAT, THAT'S NECESSARY, IF THERE IS ONE. I MEAN, I THINK SOMETHING I LEARNED ABOUT PROBATION WAS THAT YOU CAN TRAIN PEOPLE WITH THE SAME KINDS OF MANUALS, CURRICULUM, BUT IF YOU DON'T CHANGE THE KIND OF TREATMENT THAT

THEY SHOULD BE PROVIDING, OR SERVICE-- I DON'T WANT TO SAY "TREATMENT," BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT DOCTORS, BUT "SERVICE"-- I THINK WE'RE MISSING SOMETHING THERE, AND WE'RE PAYING FOR THINGS THAT PERHAPS AREN'T GOING TO CHANGE AS DRAMATICALLY AS WE WOULD HOPE. SO HOW DO WE KEEP THAT PORTION ACCOUNTABLE, BUT ALSO MEASURING IT?

**SERGIO ALOMA:** WELL, NO, AND WE AGREE THAT TRAINING AND EDUCATION OF OUR PERSONNEL, PARTICULARLY IN A CUSTODY ENVIRONMENT TODAY, WHICH IS SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT THAN IT WAS EVEN 10 YEARS AGO, AND WE'RE ASKING OUR DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND OUR CUSTODY ASSISTANTS, OUR STAFF, TO WORK IN AN ENVIRONMENT-- NOT ONLY THE FACILITIES THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN MENTIONED, BUT ALSO WITH A POPULATION OF PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE SIGNIFICANTLY SICKER. WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT POPULATION THAT SUFFERS FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, AND SO OUR DEPUTIES AND OUR CUSTODY ASSISTANTS ARE COMING INTO AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY'RE HAVING TO INTERACT AND ENGAGE WITH THAT POPULATION. SO IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO HAVE THE BEST TRAINING POSSIBLE, SO WE CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON THAT. I MENTIONED OUR CUSTODY TRAINING STATISTICS. I THINK, AS IT RELATES TO ROSAS AND THE USE OF FORCE, AGAIN, WE'VE MENTIONED THE REDUCTIONS IN THE USE OF FORCE OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. I THINK THAT OUR DIVERT TRAINING, OUR DE-ESCALATION TRAINING, THAT 32-HOUR COURSE THAT WAS MENTIONED, IS A PRIMARY FOCUS FOR US WITH OUR NEW

PERSONNEL. THAT IS SOMETHING TANGIBLE THAT WE CAN GIVE THEM, TOOLS, SO THAT WHEN THEY DO GET TO OUR FACILITIES, AND THEY ENGAGE WITH THIS VERY CHALLENGING POPULATION, THEY AT LEAST HAVE SOME TOOLS TO RELY ON WHEN THEY'RE INTERACTING. SO WE ARE ABSOLUTELY NOT ONLY FOCUSED ON THE INITIAL TRAINING, BUT ONGOING TRAINING THROUGHOUT THEIR CAREERS IN CUSTODY DIVISION.

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO THAT'S A GOOD PART OF WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE FEDERAL REGS AND ALL THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO CONFORM WITH. BUT PROGRAMMING, FOR ME, FOR THOSE THAT ARE IN OUR CARE, IS LACKING. AND WHEN YOU POINT OUT THAT WE STILL DON'T HAVE TABLETS-- I MEAN, WHEN IS THAT GOING TO HAPPEN? IS THERE FUNDING FOR THAT?

**SERGIO ALOMA:** WE ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT TABLETS FOR OUR INCARCERATED POPULATION. WE THINK THAT THERE'S A NUMBER OF BENEFITS THAT THEY AND THEIR FAMILIES CAN REALIZE, IF THEY ARE GIVEN TABLETS. WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE OTHER SYSTEMS, JAILS AND PRISONS, THAT ALREADY DO THIS, AND WE HAVE STUDIED OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS THAT ARE ALREADY SUPPLYING THEIR POPULATION WITH TABLETS. AND SO, AGAIN, WE SUPPORT THAT.

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO WHAT'S THE GAME PLAN? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING ON?

**SERGIO ALOMA:** WELL, I THINK THERE HAS TO BE APPROPRIATE FUNDING, AND ALSO CONNECTIVITY WITHIN OUR FACILITIES. WE JUST HAD, THANKS TO THE BOARD, AN UPGRADE ON OUR NETWORK SYSTEMS, SO I THINK THAT WILL BE A HUGE HELP WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CONNECTIVITY AND TABLETS IN OUR VARIOUS FACILITIES. YOU KNOW, THAT ALSO CAN BE TIED INTO THE PHONE CONTRACT, SO THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SUPPORT AND--

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT ON THIS BOARD.

**SERGIO ALOMA:** YES.

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** C.E.O., DO YOU WANT TO OPINE ON ANY OF THAT?

**FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY IS, MOST DEPARTMENTS TAKE CARE OF THEIR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REQUESTS, IN TERMS OF LAPTOPS AND DESKTOPS, WITHIN THEIR BUDGET, WITHIN THEIR SERVICES AND SUPPLIES BUDGET. SOMETIMES, THEY MIGHT GO TO THE C.I.O. THE C.I.O. HAS A SMALL POT OF FUNDING, WHERE THEY HELP OUT SOME OF THE SMALLER DEPARTMENTS, BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO REFRESH AS OFTEN AS THEY WOULD LIKE. I THINK WHAT'S UNIQUE WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS, AS WE ALL KNOW, SHERIFF LUNA HAS INHERITED A DEFICIT. AND SO I'M ASSUMING THAT THIS WILL BE

SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR '24/'25, AND IT WILL BE ONE OF THE MANY, MANY NEEDS THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OFTEN INCLUDES IN THEIR BUDGET REQUEST. SO I THINK ONE OF THE QUESTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT IS, KNOWING THAT THERE IS A DEFICIT, WHAT IS THE PRIORITY? AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE A LOT OF THEM.

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WOULD HOPE THAT WOULD MOVE UP THE FOOD CHAIN. YOU CAN MAYBE TAKE THAT BACK TO THE SHERIFF.

**SERGIO ALOMA:** IT IS A FOCUS.

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND WITH BODY CAMERAS, HOW ARE WE COMING ALONG WITH BODY CAMERAS?

**SERGIO ALOMA:** SO BODY-WORN CAMERAS, WE ARE MOVING ALONG. AGAIN, THE NETWORK UPGRADE SYSTEM THAT I SPOKE OF IS GOING TO BE A BIG PIECE OF THAT. WE HAVE BEEN COLLABORATING WITH OUR BODY-WORN CAMERA UNIT, AND WE SHOULD SEE BODY-WORN CAMERAS IN OUR CUSTODY FACILITIES, PROBABLY, IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** FOR EVERYONE?

**SERGIO ALOMA:** IT'S GOING TO BE ROLLED OUT IN PHASES, BUT EVENTUALLY, ALL CUSTODY FACILITIES WILL HAVE BODY-WORN CAMERAS, IN ADDITION TO THE C.C.T.V., WHICH IS GOING TO BE UPGRADED, AS WELL.

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY. I AM ANXIOUS TO HEAR ABOUT THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WILL START ON ROSAS COMPLIANCE. THIS BOARD HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN RESOURCES TO IMPROVE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY TO COMPLY WITH THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ONGOING INVESTMENTS INTENDED TO IMPROVE C.C.T.V., AND ALLOW BODY-WORN CAMERAS IN CUSTODY. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MUST CONTINUE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS THAT REFLECT AND IMPLEMENT MODERN POLICING PRINCIPLES, FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STAFF, THOSE IN OUR CARE AND CUSTODY, AND TO ENSURE WE'RE NOT REPEATING MISTAKES OF THE PAST. A LOT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED, ASKED, AND ANSWERED, AND I, TOO, WANT TO ECHO MY COLLEAGUES IN THANKING OUR COURT-APPOINTED MONITORS FOR BEING AVAILABLE TODAY AND ENGAGING WITH US IN THIS CONVERSATION. I THINK IT IS INCREDIBLY HELPFUL. AND I KNOW YOU SAID YOU ARE VISITING THE JAILS THIS WEEK, SO MORE TO COME, IN TERMS OF PROGRESS MADE, HOPEFULLY. I HEARD FROM ASSISTANT SHERIFF ALOMA THAT THE REPORT SHOWS THAT THERE WAS A 5.2% DECLINE IN POPULATION, BUT

18% DECREASE IN FORCE. SO WE ARE LOOKING AT, PERHAPS, A DECREASE IN FORCE THAT ALSO IS RELATED TO A POPULATION?

**SERGIO ALOMA:** WELL, AS THE POPULATION DECREASES, AS MENTIONED IN THE PRESENTATION EARLIER, THAT POPULATION IS MORE SERIOUS AND VIOLENT, IN TERMS OF THE CHARGES THAT BROUGHT THEM TO US. SO THAT MAKES THE POPULATION A LITTLE BIT MORE CHALLENGING. BUT STILL, I POINT TO THE DECREASES THAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED, DESPITE THOSE DECREASES IN POPULATION.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND WHAT IS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOING DIFFERENTLY, IN 2024, TO BRING THE PRACTICE OF HEAD STRIKES TO AN END?

**SERGIO ALOMA:** WELL, WE HAVE A RENEWED FOCUS ON HEAD STRIKES, BOTH IN OUR TRAINING, IN JAIL OPERATIONS. WE HAVE A RENEWED FOCUS AS IT RELATES TO OUR IN-SERVICE TRAINING, MESSAGING TO OUR EMPLOYEES, THOSE LINE PERSONNEL, THAT WE HAVE A HIGHER STANDARD AS IT RELATES TO WHEN THEY CAN APPROPRIATELY USE A HEAD STRIKE, WHICH IS VERY RESTRICTIVE. WE CHANGED OUR POLICIES, AS IT RELATES TO LIMITATIONS ON FORCE, AND THAT HAS BEEN ROLLED OUT. LIKE I SAID, IN FEBRUARY OF 2023, THAT DIRECTIVE WAS ROLLED OUT. WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR MONITORS ON AN EVEN MORE ROBUST POLICY CHANGE, AS IT RELATES TO HEAD STRIKES, THAT WE THINK WILL INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY AS

IT RELATES TO HEAD STRIKES, SPECIFICALLY. AND THEN, AS MS. KENNY MENTIONED, THAT ACCOUNTABILITY PIECE; WHERE POLICIES ARE VIOLATED, RECOGNIZING THAT AT THE VERY BEGINNING; OUR LINE SUPERVISORS, OUR WATCH COMMANDERS, AND OUR FACILITY CAPTAINS RECOGNIZING WHEN THERE IS A POLICY VIOLATION, AND ADDRESSING IT IMMEDIATELY.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND TO THAT END, THE CUSTODY FORCE INVESTIGATIVE TEAM, HOW WILL YOU MEASURE USING THAT TEAM TO [INAUDIBLE] HOW WE ARE HOLDING THE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE ON VIOLATIONS OF USE OF FORCE? I MEAN, HOW ARE WE MEASURING EFFECTIVENESS OF THAT TEAM?

**SERGIO ALOMA:** RIGHT. SO THE TEAM, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, WAS HAND SELECTED. THEY HAVE RECEIVED SPECIALIZED TRAINING. THEY ARE ASSIGNED TO THE FACILITIES, SO THAT REMOVES SOME OF THE BIAS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN CREATED IN THE PAST. BUT IT ALSO FREES UP OUR CURRENT SUPERVISORS IN OUR FACILITIES, SO THAT THEY ARE NOT BOGGED DOWN WITH SOME OF THIS PAPERWORK, AND THEY CAN ACTIVELY BE OUT ON THE FLOOR, ENGAGING WITH THEIR STAFF AND WITH THE INMATE POPULATION. IN TERMS OF METRICS TO GAUGE SUCCESS IS, AGAIN, LOOKING AT WHETHER OR NOT OUR COMPLIANCE, FIRST AND FOREMOST. ARE WE FINDING WHERE THESE SERGEANTS ARE RECOGNIZING AT THE VERY BEGINNING, DURING THE INVESTIGATIVE PHASE, WHERE WE ARE OUT OF COMPLIANCE; RECOGNIZING THAT,

CALLING IT OUT, AND THEN TAKING CORRECTIVE ACTION ON THE FRONT END, SO WE COULD EDUCATE OUR PEOPLE AT THE VERY BEGINNING? AND SO I HOPE THAT THE METRICS THAT WE PLAN ON USING TO DETERMINE THAT IS GOING TO BE OUR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE PROVISIONS, BUT ALSO REDUCTIONS IN USES OF FORCE THAT WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WELL, I WOULD ALSO ADD THAT MY EXPECTATION, MY MEASUREMENT, WOULD BE TO SEE LESS USE OF THAT TACTIC EVER USED, AND I THINK THAT WE ALSO NEED TO DOCUMENT WHEN THERE ARE VIOLATIONS. I KNOW THAT IN THE REPORT, THERE WERE CONCERNS AROUND WHETHER WE'VE BEEN DOCUMENTING THAT EFFECTIVENESS, AND SO I AM GLAD THAT THE TEAM IS IN PLACE. I AM GLAD THAT IT MEANS TIME SHOULD BE FREED UP, BUT IF IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE BEHAVIOR, I DON'T THINK THAT THAT'S EFFECTIVENESS.

**SERGIO ALOMA:** SO THESE TEAMS ARE GOING TO BE SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERTS, AS IT RELATES TO THE ROSAS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, AND THE PROVISIONS, SO THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO CALL OUT VIOLATIONS AT THE VERY BEGINNING, AND WHEN THEY RECOGNIZE THOSE, AGAIN, CALL THEM OUT, EDUCATE OUR STAFF, EDUCATE OUR SUPERVISORS, SO THAT CHANGES CAN BE MADE IN BEHAVIOR. AND BEYOND TRAINING AND EDUCATION, THERE'S ALSO THE DISCIPLINE PIECE, AS CORRECTIVE ACTION. SO ALL THOSE THINGS HAVE TO BE

USED TO CHANGE BEHAVIOR AND REDUCE THESE VIOLATIONS OF OUR PROVISIONS.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND IS THE LIMITATIONS OF FORCE-- MAYBE I MISSED THIS-- IS THE LIMITATIONS OF FORCE DIRECTIVE FULLY IMPLEMENTED?

**SERGIO ALOMA:** IT IS, AND IT IS STILL CURRENTLY BEING LOOKED AT FOR REVISIONS, TO MAKE IT MORE ROBUST, AS IT RELATES TO HEAD STRIKES AND USES OF FORCE AGAINST RESTRAINED PERSONS.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SO IT IS A PERMANENT POLICY NOW?

**SERGIO ALOMA:** YES.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND I WILL JUST NOTE THAT, WHILE USE OF FORCE IS NOT THE ONLY FACTOR THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THEM, I WILL NOTE THE NUMBER OF DEATHS IN OUR JAILS IS CONCERNING, AND WE REALLY NEED TO SEE MEANINGFUL CHANGE ON THAT FRONT. I KNOW WE ARE TALKING ABOUT USE OF FORCE, BUT GIVEN THE TOPIC OF THE JAILS, I JUST WANTED TO MENTION THAT HERE TODAY, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT IS ON ALL OF OUR MINDS, AND IS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION QUITE FREQUENTLY. FOR OUR MONITORS, IN MANY WAYS, AS YOU SAID, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS IN THE MIDST OF A CULTURE CHANGE. FROM

YOUR WORK WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS, WHAT SUGGESTIONS WOULD YOU MAKE, GIVEN HOW WE ARE STRUCTURED IN L.A. COUNTY-- BECAUSE I KNOW, SOMETIMES, THAT'S A CHALLENGE-- ABOUT HOW TO BEST ENSURE L.A.S.D. TRANSITIONS TO A MODEL BASED ON MODERN POLICING PRINCIPLES, AS YOU INTEND TO SEE REALIZED THROUGH YOUR CONTINUED REPORTING ON COMPLIANCE?

**SPEAKER:** MADAM CHAIR, I THINK WE DO SHARE WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BEST PRACTICES THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN OTHER SYSTEMS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT CULTURE CHANGE IS VERY HARD TO SUSTAIN, AND IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO PUT IN PLACE POLICIES THAT WILL OUTLAST ANY APPOINTED OFFICIALS, AND TO HAVE A CULTURE OF BEING ABLE TO NOT ONLY RECOGNIZE, BUT HOLD ACCOUNTABLE THOSE STAFF WHO DO CROSS THE POLICY VIOLATION LINE. AND WE'RE NOT SUGGESTING THAT EVERYBODY NEEDS TO BE FIRED, BY ANY MEANS. WE SUPPORT THE DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINE SYSTEM THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS IN PLACE. FOR US, THE FIRST STEP IS IDENTIFYING THAT POLICY VIOLATION. I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH OF HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE VERY EFFECTIVE FRONTLINE SUPERVISORS, AND WE THINK HELPING TO CHANGE THE CULTURE IS THEM HAVING THE TIME TO ACTUALLY SIT WITH THE STAFF AND LOOK AT THE VIDEOS, THE USE-OF-FORCE VIDEOS; POINT OUT WHERE THEY HAVE DONE IT WELL, AND POINT OUT WHERE THEY HAVEN'T. SPENDING TIME DOING THAT, AND WE'VE SHARED THAT. AND IN SYSTEMS THAT WE HAVE SEEN, THAT HAVE REALLY, I GUESS, ADDRESSED USE-OF-FORCE PROBLEMS, IT IS

SPENDING THAT TIME; THE SUPERVISOR SPENDING THE TIME WITH THE STAFF.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND AS WE ARE GOING INTO OUR BUDGET SEASON, I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW HOW YOU WOULD ADVISE US TO PRIORITIZE OUR RESOURCES TO MAKE THE MOST IMPACT ON COMPLIANCE.

**SPEAKER:** WE THINK THE BODY-WORN CAMERAS IS GOING TO BE A GAME CHANGER. WE REALLY DO, BECAUSE A LOT OF FORCE SITUATIONS THAT WE CURRENTLY OBSERVE, WE CAN'T HEAR WHAT IS GOING ON. AND WE THINK THAT WOULD HELP, TREMENDOUSLY. SYSTEMS THAT HAVE DEPLOYED BODY-WORN CAMERAS HAVE NOTICED AN INCREASE IN PROFESSIONALISM, BOTH FROM THE STAFF AND FROM THE LANGUAGE THAT THE INMATES WILL USE WITH STAFF. SO WE THINK THAT SHOULD HOPEFULLY ELEVATE THAT DIALOGUE GOING BACK AND FORTH, BUT ALSO REALLY GIVE US A BETTER PICTURE OF THE WHOLE SITUATION THAT HAPPENED. SO AN INVESTMENT IN THAT. I LIKE THE IDEA OF TABLETS FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, BUT INMATE IDLENESS IS A PROBLEM IN THE JAILS, AND THAT CAN LEAD TO FORCE SITUATIONS. SO I THINK PRIORITIZING THE TABLETS WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WE'D RECOMMEND, AS WELL.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT'S HELPFUL AND, I THINK, FOR OUR ENTIRE BOARD TO HEAR, WHERE YOU WOULD RECOMMEND

WE PRIORITIZE THAT WORK AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THAT'S ALL I HAVE ON ITEM 10. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SPEAKER:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, I WOULD JUST ADD TO WHAT MY COLLEAGUES SAID. GIVEN THE PERCENTAGE OF INMATES WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE JAILS, I THINK WE WOULD BE REMISS IF WE DIDN'T REMARK ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MENTAL ILLNESS AND USE OF FORCE. THERE CAN BE A LINK. WHEN SOMEONE IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EPISODE, OR IS DECOMPENSATING, OR HAS BEEN IN PERPETUAL ISOLATION IN A CELL, LOCKED BEHIND A DOOR, WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT HUMAN CONTACT, THE RISK THAT THAT PERSON, WHEN THEY DO COME OUT, IS GOING TO GET INTO A CONFLICT WITH A MEMBER OF THE STAFF IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER. SO, I THINK, AS YOU THINK ABOUT BUDGETING PRIORITIES, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO ALSO THINK ABOUT ADDRESSING-- AND THIS MAY RELATE TO THE CONVERSATION THAT THE JUDGE HAS BEEN HAVING WITH Y'ALL-- ADDRESSING THE PROGRAMMING NEEDS FOR INMATES WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. WHILE YOU ARE LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FUTURE, TO BUILDING OUT A SYSTEM TO DEPOPULATE AND CLOSE M.C.J., ADDRESSING THE PROGRAMMING AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF THE POPULATION NOW, WHILE THEY ARE IN CUSTODY, WILL NOT ONLY HELP WITH D.O.J. COMPLIANCE, BUT I BELIEVE WILL ALSO HELP WITH COMPLIANCE WITH THE ROSAS AGREEMENT.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THAT'S REALLY HELPFUL. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WAS THIS ON 10, OR IS IT ON JAIL CLOSURE? OKAY, SO I AM GOING TO GO, AND THEN I WILL TURN IT TO YOU. SO JAIL CLOSURE, I KNOW THIS WAS OUR STATUS UPDATE. AND FOR MY PART, I THINK, FROM THE LAST TIME WE HAD A PUBLIC EXCHANGE WITH YOU, AS A BOARD, I WANT TO SEE US MOVE TO A CLEARER, DOCUMENTED PLAN OF ACTION ON HOW WE ARE GOING TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. I REMAIN COMMITTED TO THAT. THIS BOARD HAS REPEATEDLY MADE CLEAR THAT THE FACILITY IS NOT FIT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY. IN MANY CASES, IT IS NOT SAFE FOR INMATES TO BE HOUSED THERE, NOR OUR STAFF TO WORK THERE, AS HAS BEEN STATED MANY TIMES. CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS COMPLEX, AND WE HAVE TO DO IT THOUGHTFULLY, BUT WE HAVE TO DO IT. AND I THINK WHAT IS HARD FOR ME IN TODAY'S PRESENTATION IS, IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE'S A LOT OF ANALYSIS, WHICH I KNOW IS NEEDED, BECAUSE WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO MEASURE OUR PROGRESS AND UNDERSTAND WHO IS IN THERE. BUT ACTION STEPS ARE ALSO REQUIRED, AND WE HAVE PASSED MOTIONS AS A BOARD. WE HAVE EVEN ALLOCATED FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL O.D.R. BEDS. I KNOW SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND I DID A MOTION ALONG THOSE LINES. AND WE HEARD AT THE LAST PRESENTATION THAT IT IS NOT AN ISSUE, NECESSARILY, OF FUNDING. SO I REALLY WANTED THIS DISCUSSION, SO WE CAN GET TO THE HEART OF WHAT IS PREVENTING THE PLAN. AS WAS STATED EARLIER, WE HAVE HIRED NUMEROUS CONSULTANTS, EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS A JAIL CLOSURE PLAN TO START OUT WITH, AND SOME OF THOSE CONSULTANTS

ALSO BENEFIT FROM CREATING NEW JAILS, SO I SOMETIMES QUESTION, WHAT IS THE GOAL OF SOME OF THESE REPORTS? ARE WE JUST CREATING NEW REPORTS TO CREATE A NEW JAIL? I THINK THAT'S CONCERNING TO ME. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT WHO IS IN THE JAILS, I THINK IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE WHAT PEOPLE ARE ARRESTED FOR, VERSUS WHAT THEY ARE CONVICTED FOR, AND WHY PEOPLE ARE IN OUR JAILS. I THINK THAT KEEPING THE COURTS MOVING IS CERTAINLY AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT; BUT ALSO, CREATING THE BEDS AND CREATING THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS THE THING THAT IS GOING TO BEST GET PEOPLE OUT OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. AND SO, YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN MONTHS OF REPORT-BACK. AND SO, FOR ME, TODAY, I JUST WANT TO GET TO IMPLEMENTATION. SO, OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS, WHAT HAS J.C.O.D. DONE TO MOVE FROM IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO MOVE FORWARD, TO WRITTEN IMPLEMENTATION PLANS?

**SPEAKER:** SO, YOU ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE BEDS, SO THAT WOULD BE A QUESTION FOR THE DOCTORS. WE DON'T HAVE ANY CONTROL OVER THE BEDS. SO I'M GOING TO START WITH THEM, AND THEN I'LL COME BACK TO MY PORTION. GO AHEAD.

**DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** SURE. SO, WITH RESPECT TO THE BEDS, CAN YOU REPEAT YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTION? I CAN ADDRESS THE FINANCING ISSUE, BUT I AM NOT SURE IF THERE WAS ANOTHER PIECE OF IT.

**SUP. LINDSEY, HORVATH, CHAIR:** SO MY QUESTION IS, OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS, J.C.O.D., I UNDERSTAND TO BE IN THE LEAD. BUT IF IT IS YOUR DEPARTMENTS, WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO MOVE FROM THE IDEA THAT WE NEED ADDITIONAL BEDS TO ACTUALLY CREATING THE BEDS, SO THAT WAY, THEY EXIST FOR PEOPLE TO GO TO?

**DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** SURE. SO I WILL START, AND THEN I WOULD LIKE TO ASK DR. CLEMENS HONG, WHO'S THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF O.D.R., TO ALSO JOIN ME UP HERE, BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE I GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO TOUCH ON ANY ISSUES THAT I DON'T. SO OVER THE SECOND HALF OF LAST YEAR, SO FROM JULY THROUGH DECEMBER OF 2023, O.D.R. DID OPEN 275 ADDITIONAL SLOTS, OR BEDS. THAT'S NEW CAPACITY THAT IS BROUGHT ONLINE IN THE SYSTEM. THAT'S ONE-TIME CAPACITY, IN THE SENSE THAT PEOPLE CAN CYCLE IN AND OUT, BUT WHEN JUDGE ARMSTEAD IS TALKING ABOUT 1200 NEW BEDS EVERY YEAR, THAT'S A SINGLE ADDITION OF 275 BEDS. IN DOING THAT, THERE WAS ALSO ALMOST 1,000-- ABOUT 900 OR SO INDIVIDUALS-- THAT WERE DIVERTED OVER THE SAME TIME PERIOD FROM THE JAILS INTO O.D.R. HOUSING PROGRAMS OF ALL VARIOUS SORTS-- F.I.S.T., M.I.S.T., O.D.R. HOUSING, ET CETERA-- AND THAT'S BECAUSE THEY WERE ABLE TO OCCUPY THOSE NEW BEDS THAT WERE BROUGHT ONLINE, PLUS ADDITIONAL CAPACITY THAT IS JUST AVAILABLE THROUGH TURNOVER OF EXISTING BEDS. IN TERMS OF WHERE WE GO FROM HERE, O.D.R. DOES HAVE FUNDING THAT HAS BEEN GRANTED BY YOUR BOARD, THROUGH VARIOUS MOTIONS AND BUDGET

PROCESSES, TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO RAMP UP ADDITIONAL BEDS-- A LITTLE OVER 1,000 OR SO BEDS-- OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS. THERE'S A RAMP-UP, AND WE WILL SHARE MORE DETAIL ON THAT IN TWO WEEKS. THE POINT AT WHICH WE RUN OUT OF FUNDING IS IN ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF. SO BY JULY OF 2025, WE WILL NO LONGER HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDING, PRIMARILY IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AND THAT'S THE PIECE THAT'S REALLY NEEDED TO MAINTAIN FLOW THROUGH THE SYSTEM. SO WHEN WE ADD 275 BEDS, BUT WE ARE ABLE TO DIVERT THAT 900, IN PART IT IS BECAUSE OF THAT FLOW, BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE EXITING INTERIM HOUSING. THEY ARE MOVING INTO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THERE'S GENERAL FLOW THROUGH THE SYSTEM. WE HAVE FUNDING FOR THE NEXT YEAR AND A HALF. SO AT THE LAST PRESENTATION, WE TALKED ABOUT HOW THERE WASN'T AN EMERGENT NEED FOR O.D.R. FUNDING IN THAT BUDGET CYCLE, BUT WE DO ANTICIPATE NEEDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO FUND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AS OF JULY 2025, IF WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THAT FLOW THROUGH THE SYSTEM. AND WE WILL CERTAINLY WORK CLOSELY WITH J.C.O.D. TO UNDERSTAND ALL OF THEIR STEPS THAT THEY HAVE OUTLINED TODAY, BUT WE SEE O.D.R., REALLY, AS BEING CRITICAL IN TWO PIECES OF THAT. ONE IS CONTRIBUTING A PORTION, SOME PORTION, OF THOSE 1200 NEW BEDS THAT NEED TO BE BROUGHT ONLINE EVERY YEAR, AND TRYING TO UNDERSTAND MORE OF WHAT TYPES OF BEDS, HOW LONG DOES THAT NEED TO CONTINUE FOR, ET CETERA; AND THEN, ALSO, THAT SECOND BOX ON THAT SLIDE, WHICH TALKS ABOUT THE CONTINUED FLOW THROUGH THE

SYSTEM. AND WE OBTAIN THAT CONTINUED FLOW IN THE SYSTEM, THROUGH O.D.R., THROUGH THAT CREATION OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BEDS. SO I THINK A LOT OF WORK HAS BEEN DONE. WE ARE STABLE ON FUNDING FOR THE NEXT YEAR AND A HALF, BUT WE DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THAT PROGRESS AFTER JULY OF 2025, NOR DO WE HAVE THE SUFFICIENT FUNDING THAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO RAMP UP TO THE 1200-BED NUMBER THAT WAS GIVEN TODAY.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SO IS FUNDING THE PRIMARY CHALLENGE TO YOU GETTING TO THAT NUMBER? BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE MAKING PROGRESS, WE HAVE TO GET TO A DIFFERENT LEVEL, IN ORDER TO MEET THE NEED.

**DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** SURE. IT IS CERTAINLY FUNDING, BUT IT IS ALSO THE  PARTNERSHIP WHICH WE HAVE WITH THE COURTS, WHICH IS VERY STRONG, BUT THEY NEED TO HAVE THE CAPACITY TO BE ABLE TO MANAGE THE CASES. THE COURTS HAVE BROUGHT ONLINE ADDITIONAL DAYS AND ADDITIONAL SLOTS, AND THEY'RE RAMPING UP, AS WELL, BUT THAT WOULD NEED TO FURTHER RAMP UP.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SO WE HAVE BEDS, IF THE COURTS DIVERTED PEOPLE TODAY?

**DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** DO WE HAVE BEDS AVAILABLE TODAY?

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** YES.

**DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** I AM GOING TO LET DR. HONG ANSWER THE SPECIFIC POINT TODAY.

**DR. CLEMENS HONG:** YES, SO WE HAVE BEDS TODAY, AND WE ALSO HAVE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY TO BRING ON WHAT WE WOULD CALL SLOTS, OR INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES: GROUPS TO SORT OF TAKE ON ADDITIONAL GROUPS. AND CURRENTLY, WE ARE WORKING WITH THE COURTS, AND VERY CLOSELY WITH O.D.R. SORT OF SPECIFIC COURTS, TO MOVE PEOPLE. AND SO, TODAY, THE BEDS HAVE NOT BEEN THE BOTTLENECK. WE HAVE SORT OF BEEN REALLY WORKING WITH THEM TO EXPAND COURT DATES; AND THEN ON OUR SIDE, DO THE HIRING THAT WE NEED TO DO, TO EXPAND OUR BEDDING AND ALL OF THOSE PIECES TO SORT OF KEEP UP WITH COURT EXPANSION THAT IS PLANNED AND MOVING, AND, OF COURSE, WITH THE SHERIFF. SO WE HAVE DOUBLED OUR COURT DAYS IN OUR DOWNTOWN COURT, AND WE'RE ADDING AN ADDITIONAL COURT IN VAN NUYS THAT WILL FUNCTION TWO DAYS A MONTH TO START, AND THEN WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE, AS AN EXAMPLE. AND THEN I THINK THERE'S CAPACITY THERE THAT WE NEED TO KEEP WORKING WITH THE COURTS ON BUILDING.

**DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** BUT THAT WOULD NEED TO CONTINUE TO RAMP UP EVEN FURTHER, TO BE ABLE TO COME CLOSE TO THE NUMBERS THAT WERE SHARED TODAY.

**DR. CLEMENS HONG:** YEAH. SO ONE WAY TO THINK ABOUT IT-- AND IT'S NOT SPECIFIC, BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE RELEASES ARE, BUT IF WE ARE RELEASING 1700 TO 2,000 PEOPLE A YEAR TODAY, AND THE NECESSARY RELEASES ARE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 7,000, RIGHT, AND IF THOSE WERE ALL DIVERSIONS THAT WE NEED, AND THERE'S OTHER CAPACITY THAT WE CAN TALK ABOUT-- I MEAN, THERE'S INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CONSERVED, THAT NEED TO COME OUT TO DIFFERENT TYPES OF BEDS. BUT TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE O.D.R. DIVERSION, WE WOULD NEED MULTIPLES OF WHAT WE'RE DOING CURRENTLY, TO GET TO THAT.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND BOTH D.H.S. AND D.M.H. INDICATED, EARLIER IN THE PRESENTATION, THAT PEOPLE LEAVE PLACEMENTS IF THEY ARE NOT IN COMMUNITIES THAT ARE FAMILIAR OR SUPPORTIVE. IS THAT TRUE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING PLACED BECAUSE THEY ARE COMING OUT OF M.C.J.? THEY WOULD PREFER TO GO BACK TO M.C.J. THAN BE IN A PLACEMENT OUTSIDE OF THE JAIL?

**DR. CLEMENS HONG:** I DON'T BELIEVE THAT TO BE TRUE, NO.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO I JUST WANT TO-- BECAUSE THAT REALLY CONFUSED ME. IT SORT OF SOUNDED LIKE PEOPLE ARE LEAVING PLACEMENTS AND JUST GOING OUT SOMEWHERE ELSE, WHICH IS CONCERNING. AND IT IS ALSO CONCERNING IF THEY ARE PREFERRING GOING BACK TO M.C.J. SO THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?

**SPEAKER:** NO, THEY ARE PREFERRING TO GO BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY OF ORIGIN, SO PLACES WHERE THEY HAVE CONNECTIONS. AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, JUST IN THE LAST SEVEN MONTHS OF 2023, WE ADDED 728 BEDS. AND BY THE END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR, WE WILL ADD AN ADDITIONAL 1,903 BEDS. BUT THIS IS ACROSS THE SPECTRUM, SO THE DILEMMA IS MATCHING THE KIND OF BED WITH WHAT A JUDGE AND A PROSECUTOR THINKS IS ACCEPTABLE FOR A PERSON NEEDING TO COME OUT. AND I THINK, ALSO, WHEN I ANSWERED, EARLIER, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S QUESTION ABOUT HOW MUCH SUBACUTES WOULD COST, BECAUSE THAT'S THE LOWEST LEVEL OF LOCKED SETTING THAT WE HAVE, AND IT IS DOUBLE THE COST OF AN O.D.R. BED, BUT THAT'S THE BED RATE. IF WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FACILITIES, THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO BUILD A FACILITY. AND FOR AN EXAMPLE, WE RECENTLY HAVE THE PROJECT ON ONE OF OUR R.C.V.S, WHICH IS $169 MILLION TO BUILD 128 BEDS.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SO, AND WHAT ARE WE CURRENTLY SPENDING AND OPERATING M.C.J., AND ALL OF THE RELATED OPERATIONS TO M.C.J.? WHAT ARE WE SPENDING ANNUALLY ON IT?

**SERGIO ALOMA:** ON BEDS?

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** M.C.J., IN TOTAL. WHAT IS THE COST TO OPERATE M.C.J. AND EVERYTHING THAT'S RELATED TO IT?

**SERGIO ALOMA:** I DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER FOR YOU, BUT I CAN GET IT FOR YOU.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** DO YOU THINK IT IS MORE OR LESS THAN $50 MILLION?

**SERGIO ALOMA:** OH, IT IS PROBABLY MORE.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO, FOR COMPARISON, WE HEARD A NUMBER THAT MAY SOUND LIKE STICKER SHOCK TO SOME PEOPLE, BUT WE ARE SPENDING A LOT MORE THAN THAT TO OPERATE M.C.J. RIGHT NOW. AND SO I JUST, FOR COMPARISON, JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT, BECAUSE WHILE WE ARE SAYING THERE NEEDS TO BE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN A DIFFERENT PATH FORWARD, WE ARE ALREADY SPENDING SIGNIFICANTLY TO OPERATE SOMETHING THAT WE KNOW IS DYSFUNCTIONAL, THAT WE KNOW WE'RE NOT PROUD OF, THAT WE KNOW WE WANT TO CHANGE. SO WHY WOULD WE CONTINUE TO INVEST THAT AMOUNT OF FUNDING INTO A FACILITY WE KNOW IS NOT WORKING AND DELIVERING THE THINGS THAT WE WANT? AND TO THAT END, IF

WHAT WE NEED TO BUILD OUR FACILITIES-- WHY DID J.C.O.D. PRIORITIZE CREATING A CALL CENTER? IS THE ANTICIPATED IMPACT THAT SUBSTANTIAL THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL MORE THAN BEDS, AND MORE THAN SOME OF WHAT ELSE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED?

**SPEAKER:** THE CALL CENTER WAS A CONDITION THAT WOULD HELP THE COURTS FEEL COMFORTABLE RELEASING, BASED ON THE NEW P.A.R.P. SCHEDULE, SO THAT WAS AN AGREEMENT THAT WE HAVE WITH THE COURTS. THE COST IS NOWHERE NEAR THE COST OF A BED, FOR THE CALL CENTER. WE HIRED TEMPORARY STAFF. WE FUNDED IT WITH EXISTING FUNDING. IT IS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT-- IT IS NOT AN APPLES-TO-APPLES. IT IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I AM CLEAR ABOUT THAT, AND I WANT TO CELEBRATE YOUR WINS WITH YOU, TOO. BUT I ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE PRIORITIZING WHERE WE NEED TO BE PRIORITIZING. AND I THINK, TO THAT END, STANDING UP CALL CENTER IS AN IMPORTANT THING TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COURTS, BUT CREATING AN ACTUAL PLAN, WHERE WE CAN SEE WHO HAS TO BE ACCOUNTABLE TO WHAT, SEEMS TO ME TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.

**SPEAKER:** I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT, MADAM CHAIR. THE OTHER THING THAT WE HAVE DONE-- SO, THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION,

AS WE'VE SEEN IN THE DATA, ARE FOLKS THAT NEED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. THAT IS UNDER THE PURVIEW AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DOCTORS, AND SO WE ARE RELYING ON THE DOCTORS AND THEIR EXPERTISE AND ALL OF THEIR INFORMATION TO SUPPLY THAT INFORMATION. WE HAVE CREATED A NUMBER OF OTHER PROGRAMS FOR FOLKS THAT ARE NOT IN THAT CATEGORY. SO, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, WE HAVE HAD 2,000 PEOPLE GO THROUGH THE RAPID DIVERSION PROGRAM. WE JUST CELEBRATED THAT GRADUATION RECENTLY, AND WE PARTNERED WITH PROVIDERS ON THAT. WE HAVE PURCHASED 400 BEDS THROUGH THE S.T.O.P. PROGRAM, WHERE PEOPLE, AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO CUSTODY, THEY CAN SPEND TIME IN COMMUNITY, RECEIVING HOUSING. THEY LIVE IN HOUSING, RECEIVING TRAINING AND EDUCATION, TO BE ABLE TO RETURN TO COMMUNITY. THESE ARE NOT PEOPLE THAT WILL NEED LONG-TERM CARE. THEY WOULD BE SENTENCED TO THIS PROGRAM AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION. WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHO DO BOTH PREVENTION, DIVERSION, AND RE-ENTRY SERVICES, TO HELP STOP THE INFLOW. THE [INAUDIBLE] RESPONSIBILITY CAME TO US WITH THE CREATION OF J.C.O.D. SO AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE CREATING A WHOLE NEW DEPARTMENT FOR THE COUNTY, GETTING OUT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THROUGH C.F.C.I., CREATING AN INCUBATION ACADEMY, DOING R.D.P., DOING A NUMBER OF THINGS, WE ARE ALSO TAKING ON A NEW RESPONSIBILITY AND UNDERSTANDING WHAT THAT MEANS. THE FIRST STEP OF THAT WAS REALLY TO UNDERSTAND THE DATA. HOW IS THE POPULATION STILL THE

SAME? DOES THIS PLAN STILL WORK? WHAT INFORMATION DO WE HAVE? WE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE DATA, SO ALL THE PIECES, WE RELY ON ALL THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO BE ABLE TO DO ANY PART OF IT. SO WE HAVE NO DATA. WE HAVE TO CREATE AN M.O.U. WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO GET THE DATA. THEN WE HAVE TO GIVE IT TO A CONSULTANT. AND TO BE CLEAR, WE GAVE IT TO A CONSULTANT THAT THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RELIES UPON, AND THAT'S THE PEOPLE WHO WE GAVE THE DATA TO, WHO WERE ABLE TO COMB THROUGH THE DATA TO TELL US WHO WAS THE POPULATION. THIS IS THE SAME INFORMATION THAT THE DOCTORS NEED, TO BE ABLE TO PLAN THE LEVEL OF CARE. AND I THINK THERE'S A DISTINCTION BETWEEN WHAT A PERSON'S MEDICAL NEED IS, VERSUS WHAT THE COURTS ARE WILLING TO RELEASE A PERSON TO, RIGHT? SO A PERSON'S MEDICAL NEED MAY NOT BE AS ACUTE, BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR CHARGES AND THE SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES, THE COURT MAY NOT RELEASE THEM TO THE LEVEL, BASED ON LEVEL OF CARE. THEY MAY RELEASE THEM ONLY TO A SECURED FACILITY, BASED ON THE CHARGES, IF THAT MAKES SENSE. AND SO THERE'S A MISALIGNMENT THERE. WE DON'T HAVE ANY CONTROL OVER THAT. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE THE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COURT, BUT QUITE OFTEN, THE COURTS DON'T WANT TO RELEASE A PERSON UNLESS THEY ARE IN A SECURE FACILITY, EVEN IF THAT'S NOT WHAT'S MEDICALLY NECESSARY, IF THAT MAKES SENSE.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** YES. AND TO THE CONSULTANT POINT, WE HAD A PLAN. THERE WAS A JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN BEFORE THERE WAS A CONSULTANT, SO THEN A CONSULTANT WAS HIRED ON TOP OF IT. SO, TO ME, IT IS JUST SORT OF, I WANT TO GET OUT OF THAT CYCLE AND GET INTO THE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION. DR. FERRER, YOU WANTED TO JUMP IN. I SAW YOU.

**DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT, WITH RECOVERY BEDS, WE ARE ADDING A WHOLE BUNCH. WE ARE ADDING ABOUT 500 BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. 100 ARE IN THAT NEW CATEGORY OF RECOVERY HOUSING, AND ABOUT 400 WILL BE RECOVERY BRIDGE HOUSING. WE ARE ALSO ADDING ABOUT 3600 RESIDENTIAL BEDS. SO I DO WANT TO SUPPORT THE IDEA THAT WE KNOW THERE'S A BIG TASK AND A BIG LIFT HERE, THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE BEDS ALONG THE CONTINUUM OF CARE THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO NEED. BUT I DID WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I THINK, SIMILAR TO D.M.H. AND D.H.S., WE HAVE BEEN WORKING PRETTY HARD, SORT OF COMBING ALL OF THE DIFFERENT FUNDING SOURCES. AND FOR US, I WANT TO GIVE A LOT OF CREDIT TO THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE CONTRACT WITH, TO PUT ON ADDITIONAL BEDS AND CREATE THAT ADDITIONAL CAPACITY IN THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE GOTTEN FUNDING FROM C.F.C.I., AS WELL, SO THAT AGAIN IS COUNTY FUNDING, AND I WANT TO REALLY APPRECIATE THAT DIRECTION FROM YOU.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** YEAH, AND I THINK I WILL JUST CLOSE WITH, YOU KNOW, IT'S DISAPPOINTING TO HEAR THAT J.C.I.T. MONEY IS BEING USED FOR OTHER POSITIONS, AND NOW WE HAVE TO ASK FOR MORE FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT JAIL CLOSURE, WHEN IT CAME INTO J.C.O.D. WITH A BUDGET. AND SO I AM JUST CONCERNED THAT WHY IS J.C.I.T. IN J.C.O.D., IF YOU CAN'T BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO CREATE THE PLAN, AND IF YOU ARE TAKING THAT MONEY TO SPEND IT ON SOMETHING ELSE IN THE DEPARTMENT? I THINK MAYBE J.C.I.T. SHOULDN'T BE IN J.C.O.D., IF THAT'S THE CASE.

**SPEAKER:** AND LIKE I SAID, I WORK AT THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD. THE POSITIONS FOR J.C.I.T. DID NOT COME INTO THE DEPARTMENT. THE FUNDING CAME INTO THE DEPARTMENT TO PAY FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE. SO THE POSITIONS DID NOT TRANSFER. JUST TO BE CLEAR, THEY DID NOT TRANSFER TO J.C.O.D. THE FUNDING TRANSFERRED, FOR THE STAFFING, AND IT WENT TO PAY FOR THAT ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE FOR THE NEW DEPARTMENT.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SO THE FUNDING THAT WAS FOR STAFF WENT TO NOT STAFFING J.C.I.T.?

**SPEAKER:** YES. IT WENT TO CONTRACTS AND ADMIN AND BUDGET, AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND I THINK, TO YOUR POINT, TO HEAR THAT THERE'S NOT A WORKING GROUP, WHEN J.C.I.T. IS IN YOUR CARE, I MEAN, EACH ONE OF THESE DEPARTMENTS SHOULD BE MEETING WITH YOU REGULARLY. I KNOW WE DID THAT, AND AT THAT TIME, I HAD INDICATED MY EXPECTATION ALONG THESE LINES. AND IT WAS PRETTY CLEAR IN THE ROOM THAT EACH PERSON, REPRESENTING A DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT, SAID, "YES, WE CAN WORK ON HOW WE START STANDING UP OUR BEDS, HOW WE WORK WITH THE COURTS, HOW THE PUBLIC DEFENDER IDENTIFIED CASES, HOW THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY DOES THEIR PART." WE TALKED ABOUT WHAT THE RESPONSIBILITIES WERE, AND WE'RE SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER THAT, AND THERE STILL ISN'T THAT. SO THAT'S MY FRUSTRATION, AND I WANT TO SEE THAT WRITTEN PLAN, SO WE CAN DOCUMENT PROGRESS. AND I WANT TO KNOW HOW WE'RE GOING TO GET TO THAT.

**SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE ARE MEETING REGULARLY. WE DON'T CALL IT A WORKING GROUP, BUT WE DO MEET REGULARLY. WE JUST DON'T CALL IT A WORKING GROUP, BUT YES.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** BUT IF YOU ARE MEETING REGULARLY, DO YOU HAVE DEDICATED PEOPLE, TOO, WHO ARE WORKING WITH THIS-- SO, HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU MET, SINCE WE LAST HEARD FROM YOU?

**SPEAKER:** I DON'T KNOW. LIKE, WEEKLY? EVERY OTHER WEEK? YEAH, SOMETIMES MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK. WE MEET PRETTY REGULARLY.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, BECAUSE THAT WAS NOT WHAT WE HEARD WHEN WE REACHED OUT TO DEPARTMENTS TO TRY AND GATHER INFORMATION FOR THIS PRESENTATION. AND SO TO HEAR THAT, I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW-- AND MAYBE WE JUST NEED OUR STAFF TO BE AWARE OF WHEN YOU ARE MEETING, BECAUSE, FOR ME, PROGRESS IS IMPORTANT. SO I KNOW THERE'S A LOT MORE TO SAY, BUT I THINK WE HAVE SORT OF SURFACED A LOT IN OUR CONVERSATION, TOO. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I HIT MY BUTTON AFTER SUPERVISOR SOLIS SPOKE, BECAUSE IT STRUCK ME TO HEAR THE AUTHOR OF THE MOTION SAY YOU DON'T FEEL CLOSURE IS REALLY A PRIORITY, AND THEN TO HEAR THE CHAIR. AND SO MY QUESTION IS TO COUNTY COUNSEL, BECAUSE I AM NOT SURE ABOUT, GIVEN OUR STRUCTURE AS A BOARD, GIVEN BROWN ACT, OUR GOVERNANCE PROCESS, KIND OF OUR BUDGETING PROCESS, HOW WE AS A BOARD, OUTSIDE OF JUST MOTIONS, DIRECTING, CAN TALK ABOUT HOW WE ELEVATE IT AS A PRIORITY; YOU KNOW, WHAT WE DO TO MOVE THIS FURTHER ALONG. BECAUSE I AM HEARING FRUSTRATION THAT IT IS NOT MOVING, AND I NEED SOME COUNSEL AND CLARITY FROM COUNSEL ABOUT WHAT SPACE WE CAN BE IN TO HAVE THE CONVERSATION COME UP WITH AGREEMENT, AS OPPOSED TO REALLY, FRANKLY, PASSIVELY WAITING FOR A PLAN.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND THAT'S WHY I CREATED THIS SPACE, SO WE COULD HAVE THIS CONVERSATION, BECAUSE IT SEEMED TO ME TO BE ONE SPACE WHERE WE COULD ALL WORK TOGETHER, INSTEAD OF JUST CONSTANTLY DOING THESE MOTIONS OF REPORT-BACK. HOW DO WE HAVE A SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATION TO CLEARLY COMMUNICATE WITH OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND UNDERSTAND WHERE THE BARRIERS ARE? AND SO THAT WAS SORT OF THE GOAL OF TODAY.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** I GOT IT, AND WHILE NEW ISSUES WERE ELEVATED, I DON'T KNOW THAT WE ARE FURTHER ALONG, IN TERMS OF OUR EXPECTATIONS BEING MET, OR EVEN PROVIDING RESOURCES AND CLARITY OR PRIORITIZATION TO J.C.I.T., J.C.O.D., MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES, ALL OF THE LEADERS AND PLAYERS. BECAUSE AT THIS POINT, I THINK IT IS ALSO AN ISSUE FOR US, AS A BOARD, TO BE ABLE TO BE CLEAR ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY. AND I DON'T KNOW IF AN OFFICIAL WORKGROUP IS BETTER, OR THE WAY YOU'RE WORKING IS BETTER. I AM NOT SURE. BUT I DON'T KNOW, BASED ON TODAY'S EXPERIENCE, IF WE ARE GOING TO GET WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IN THIS FORMAT, EITHER. SO IT IS AN OPEN-ENDED QUESTION: HOW? WHERE?

**SPEAKER:** THERE ARE REALLY ONLY TWO PLACES FOR THE BOARD, AS A COLLECTIVE. IT IS HERE. YOU COULD HAVE IT AS A CONTINUING SET ITEM, FOR THEM TO CONTINUE TO REPORT BACK, OR YOU COULD PUT IT ON A CLUSTER, AND HAVE IT AS A SET ITEM IN THE CLUSTER

MEETINGS. I MEAN, BUT LITERALLY, I MEAN, IT HAS TO BE A BROWN ACT, AGENDIZED MEETING FOR THE BOARD, AS A COLLECTIVE, TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** AND IT IS NOT THAT I AM AVOIDING THE BROWN ACT AT ALL.

**SPEAKER:** I KNOW.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** I DON'T...

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** IT IS A FRUSTRATING TOOL, SOMETIMES.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** I AM JUST CURIOUS THAT IF IT IS MEETINGS, I DON'T KNOW THAT THE REPORT-BACK GETS US TO WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT, AND THE FRUSTRATION I HEARD FROM SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I DON'T KNOW THAT JUST THE REPORT-BACKS GET US THERE. I DON'T KNOW.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WELL, DO YOU HAVE--

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WE NEED A MORE FORMALIZED MECHANISM HERE, I THINK. AND AS I SAID EARLIER, MAYBE WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO WHAT WE ORIGINALLY STARTED, AND THAT WAS A JAIL CLOSURE

IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, AND HAVE THEM COME IN. IT IS A SMALLER, MORE FOCUSED GROUP THAT CAN COME BACK TO US. AND I THINK, WOULD THAT HELP US, COUNTY COUNSEL?

**COUNTY COUNSEL:** CERTAINLY. MY ONLY ANSWER IS IT NEEDS TO BE IN A NOTICED MEETING. BUT IF IT IS A SMALLER J.C.I.T. TEAM, THAT'S--

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** HOW IS THAT TEAM-- HELP ME. HOW IS THAT TEAM DIFFERENT FROM THE TEAM WE CURRENTLY HAVE?

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I THINK IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT, AND I WOULD HOPE WE COULD EMPOWER IT, ALSO, BECAUSE JUST GETTING-- WELL, WE ARE GETTING REPORTS NOW THAT OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING THIS, THIS, AND THE OTHER, RIGHT? AND WE HAVE SOME STUDIES THAT HAVE BEEN DONE. WE DON'T NEED TO STUDY THIS ANYMORE; WE NEED ACTION. SO WE NEED METRICS PUT TOGETHER. WE NEED THE PLAN, AND WE HAVE TO HAVE A TIMELINE FOR IT. I DON'T KNOW THAT J.C.O.D. IS THE RIGHT ONE TO DO IT, BECAUSE, AS SHE POINTED OUT, THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER TENTACLES TO THIS. AND I THINK WE HAVE TO HAVE SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO ACTUALLY BRING THIS HOME, AND KEEP IT FOCUSED, AND MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN IDENTIFY WHERE THE GAPS ARE, BECAUSE THERE'S GAPS HERE.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** SO ONE MORE QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR. IF OUR ASK TODAY, FROM THE GROUP THAT WE HAVE CREATED AND WE APPOINTED, RIGHT, IS TO COME BACK WITH SLIDE 13, WITH MORE DETAILS, WITH DATES, WITH BUDGET ITEMS, WITH THE STACKING ORDER, MAYBE THE ASK IS SLIDE 13 TO BE FLESHED OUT MORE?

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AMEN. YES, I THINK THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ME. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT MY COLLEAGUES. I WOULD AGREE THAT HAVING MORE SPECIFICS ABOUT WHO IS WORKING ON WHAT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MAY BE CONCERNS THAT, ONCE YOU PUT A NUMBER TO PAPER WITH A SET DATE, THERE'S ACCOUNTABILITY TO IT, AND I THINK THAT THAT'S IMPORTANT. IF YOU MISS THE MARK, AT LEAST PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. BUT RIGHT NOW, THE SPINNING OF WHEELS THAT'S HAPPENING IS FRUSTRATING TO EVERYONE, I'M SURE, INCLUDING TO YOU, AND IT'S NOT GETTING US ANYWHERE. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE A FACILITY THAT WE KNOW IS NOT SERVING OUR NEEDS, AND IS ACTUALLY CAUSING US PROBLEMS IN SOME CASES.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, AT THE JUNE MEETING, ACTUALLY, THE BOARD DID DISCUSS THIS, AND I THINK IT WAS AGREED THAT THE J.C.I.T. WOULD, IN FACT, BE DOING IT. SO I AM A LITTLE CONFUSED WHY-- NO, THIS HEREIN LIES THE PROBLEM.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** YES, WE SAID--

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** EVERY OTHER MEETING, I KNOW. BUT LET ME JUST SAY THAT IN THAT SAME MEETING-- AND I ASKED MY CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO PULL IT UP-- THERE IS A DRAFT REPORT, AND AUSTIN DID IT. SO THERE IS A DRAFT REPORT, AND I GUESS WHAT I WOULD SAY IS, I WILL VOTE TODAY TO TEAR DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IN SIX MONTHS. I WOULD VOTE FOR IT TODAY. BUT THE PROBLEM IS, WE KNOW THAT WE CAN'T, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A PLAN. OR WE HAVE A PLAN, BUT NOT ALL US LIKE THAT PLAN, AND I THINK THAT IS REALLY AT THE CRUX OF WHAT IS GOING ON. I HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, CHAIR HORVATH, BUT AT SOME POINT, WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PUT BEDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE A CAMPUS, WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT, IN PLACE AT MEN'S CENTRAL, EVEN WITH DIVERSION. BUT UNTIL WE ALL GET ON THE SAME PAGE, JUST CLOSE IT IN SIX MONTHS, AND LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS. IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. WE KNOW THAT CAN'T HAPPEN. BUT I THINK, TO YOUR POINT, MAYBE THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO DO, IS JUST PUSH IT TO THE LIMIT, BECAUSE I AM EQUALLY AS FRUSTRATED, BECAUSE I PULL TRANSCRIPTS AND MOTIONS, AND ONE WEEK WE SAY, "J.C.I.T.," AND THEN THE NEXT WEEK, WE SAY, "NO, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT." OR THREE MONTHS LATER, WE SAY, "WE DON'T LIKE THAT, SO LET'S START OVER." AND IT IS ABSOLUTELY MIND-BOGGLING TO ME, BECAUSE WHILE THE SYSTEM IS PART OF THE PROBLEM, THEY ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS THE INFORMATION AND REQUESTS THEY GET, AND THE JOB THAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO

DO. SO IT IS GARBAGE IN, GARBAGE OUT, AND THAT'S WHAT I THINK IS HAPPENING.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WELL, TO THAT END, I WOULD SAY, IF JUNE, WE DIRECTED THAT THIS WENT TO J.C.I.T., WHY AT THAT TIME, JUDGE, DID YOU NOT SAY, "J.C.I.T. DOESN'T EXIST, SO THERE'S NOBODY TO ASSIGN THIS TO"?

**JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD:** JUNE OF WHAT YEAR?

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THIS WAS IN JUNE 22ND, 2021.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OH, I THOUGHT YOU MEANT THIS PAST JUNE.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NO.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AT HER LAST PRESENTATION, IT SEEMS WE ALL BELIEVED THAT J.C.I.T. EXISTED, AND SO IT IS AT LEAST NEWS TO ME THAT, IN YOUR MIND, J.C.I.T. DOESN'T EXIST TO MOVE THIS FORWARD.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH, THAT WAS JUNE OF 2021.

**JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD:** OKAY, SO THE WORK OF J.C.I.T. MOVED TO J.C.O.D., WHEN J.C.O.D. LAUNCHED, WHICH WAS 13 MONTHS AGO. SO IN THAT 13 MONTHS, THE THINGS THAT I DESCRIBED EARLIER IS WHAT WE HAVE DONE. ALL THE DIFFERENT COMPONENTS BELONG TO DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, RIGHT? AND SO EACH DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO OWN THEIR PORTION, RIGHT? SO NOW WE HAVE SOME INFORMATION, BASED ON THE TOOL. IF WE KNOW WE NEED ABOUT 1200 BEDS, THEN WE NEED MORE DATA TO REALLY HAVE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS HONE IN ON THE TYPES OF BEDS, THE LEVEL OF BEDS, HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE, HOW MUCH IT WILL COST. THAT NEEDS TO BE OWNED BY THE PEOPLE WHO CAN DO IT. WE KNOW THAT WE NEED TO BUILD OUT NEW FACILITIES WITH SINGLE CELLS. THE SHERIFF NEEDS TO OWN THAT PART, AND FIGURE OUT WHAT IT WILL COST, WHERE IT CAN BE LOCATED, HOW IT CAN BE DONE. EACH UNIT DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO OWN THEIR PORTION, AND THEN WE CAN BRING IT BACK TOGETHER. WE HAVE ZERO AUTHORITY. WE CAN'T HIRE. WE CAN'T GIVE FUNDING, WE CAN'T GIVE STAFFING, ANY OF THOSE THINGS, SO WE ARE REALLY RELYING ON ALL OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO DO THE PORTION THAT BELONGS TO THEM, TO DO THE PIECES THAT WE NEED TO REDUCE THE POPULATION, AND TO CLOSE THE JAIL.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND I UNDERSTAND YOU CAN'T DO THE DEPARTMENTAL WORK, THAT EACH DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO DO THAT, BUT YOU DO HAVE TO CREATE THE PLAN AND MAKE SURE IT ALL WORKS TOGETHER. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THAT DUTY HAS BEEN

ASSIGNED TO YOUR DEPARTMENT, AND I DON'T SEE THAT HAPPENING, AND I GUESS THAT'S WHAT I AM TRYING TO MAKE CLEAR. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THEN WE DO HAVE SPEAKERS.

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YEAH, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT WE WERE KIND OF FACED WITH THIS SOMEWHAT SIMILAR CONUNDRUM YEARS BACK, WHEN I FIRST GOT ON THE BOARD, AND THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO CONSOLIDATE OUR HEALTH AGENCIES UNDER ONE KIND OF PERSON, RIGHT? MARK GHALY. AND I THINK THAT, PERHAPS, WE HAVE TO CONSOLIDATE, ALSO, THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES, AND REALLY HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE OBJECTIVES ARE, AND HOW THEY ARE GOING TO BE MEASURED. BECAUSE, EVIDENTLY, I THINK EVERYONE IS DOING WHAT THEY NEED TO BE DOING, BUT IT IS NOT BEING DONE IN THE WAY THAT I BELIEVE THE BOARD NEEDS TO HAVE ASSURANCES THAT WE ARE MOVING THE NEEDLE, AND THAT SOMETHING IS ACTUALLY, REALLY HAPPENING. AND WE ARE GETTING DATA, WE ARE GETTING SERVICES, AND WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ALL GOING IN THE SAME DIRECTION. I FEEL LIKE WE ARE ALL KIND OF GOING IN OUR OWN PATHS HERE. WE'RE SILOED. I DON'T EVEN SEE P.D. UP HERE, AND D.A. I MEAN, THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER COMPONENTS TO THIS, BUT I DO BELIEVE WE SHOULD TRY TO GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL EMPHASIS AND FOCUS, AND HAVE THIS SET UP, OUR JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM; NOT A TEAM, BUT PERHAPS AN OVERSIGHT. AND THAT HAS TO BE EMPOWERED, AND IT HAS

TO HAVE POSITIONS, BECAUSE THE LAST I HEARD, THERE WAS ONLY ONE POSITION FOR THIS.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** IS THAT WHAT BRANDON DID? IS THAT THE ONE WHEN BRANDON LEFT? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, AND WE DIDN'T REPLACE?

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** EXACTLY. SO, I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT I WOULD ENCOURAGE US TO DO, MADAM CHAIR. I AM HAPPY TO COME BACK WITH SOMETHING ON THAT.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES? SUPERVISOR HAHN.

**SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT. AGAIN, I THINK I WAS SURPRISED WHEN I SAID, "HOW IS THE WORKING GROUP GOING?" AND THEY'RE LIKE, "WE DON'T REALLY HAVE A WORKING GROUP." SO, WHETHER WE TALK ABOUT IT AS THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM OR WORKING GROUP, I WAS CONCERNED, BECAUSE I'D ALSO HEARD THAT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER HAD NOT BEEN BROUGHT IN. I SEE THEM NOW, BUT I THINK THERE'S AN ADVANTAGE TO CREATING THAT TEAM, AND I THINK THIS BOARD ASSUMED THAT THERE WAS ACTUALLY A WORKING TEAM. AND THAT DOESN'T MEAN, "OH, WE MEET REGULARLY. OH, DON'T WORRY, WE ARE ALL MEETING REGULARLY." I THINK WE WANTED MORE THAN THAT, AND I WOULD HOPE THAT MAYBE WE

COULD GET TO THAT POINT, WHERE THERE IS A LEGITIMATE IMPLEMENTATION/WORKING GROUP TEAM. YEAH.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THAT TEAM AND THE TEAM LEADER NEEDS TO BE EMPOWERED, WHICH IS DIFFICULT, GIVEN ALL THE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS, TO CALL THE SHOTS, BECAUSE THAT'S WHO IS ACCOUNTABLE TO US FOR MOVING THE BALL DOWN THE FIELD. YES, I WATCHED ONE FOOTBALL GAME ON SUNDAY. JUST ONE. AND SO I DON'T KNOW IF WE ARE PREPARED TO DO THAT, AS A BOARD. BUT IF WE'RE REALLY GOING TO TALK ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY, ONE PERSON, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF WHATEVER THE ENTITY IS, NEEDS TO BE EMPOWERED TO MAKE DECISIONS.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WELL, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT J.C.O.D. IS NOT EMPOWERED TO DO THAT?

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** I THINK THAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM J.C.O.D. LEADER THAT SHE IS NOT EMPOWERED TO DO THAT. I DON'T THINK THAT'S JUST MY OPINION.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** WOULD YOU AGREE? OKAY, THAT'S WHAT I HAVE HEARD. I THOUGHT I HAD HEARD THAT DIRECTLY FROM THE J.C.O.D. LEADER, YES. AND SO...

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND YOU BELIEVE THIS BOARD HAS NOT EMPOWERED YOU, OR YOU DON'T FEEL, IN PRACTICE, THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO...

**SPEAKER:** YES.

**SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YES, WHAT?

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** IT'S BOTH?

**SPEAKER:** YES.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY.

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** THAT'S A FAIR ANSWER.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, THAT'S CLEAR. SO, NOW, FURTHER DIRECTION AND MOTIONS, I'M SURE, WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM THIS CONVERSATION, BUT I THINK IT'S ILLUMINATING TO ALL OF US, SORT OF WHERE THINGS ARE AND ARE NOT, IN TERMS OF THE

PROGRESS MADE. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL AKEEM BROWDER, AMBROSE BROOKS, ANTHONY ROBLES, ARNOLD SACHS, ASAEL ROBLERO, BERKLEE DONAVAN, BRIA MILES, DANIEL GARCIA, DON DAVIDSON, DAYVON WILLIAMS, DEANNA DUNCANS, DOMINIQUE DE PRIMA, ELIANA PENA, JANET ASANTE, AND KAMARI POPE PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEMS 10 AND 11, 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 ANTHONY ARENAS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ANTHONY? ANTHONY, ARE YOU THERE?

**ANTHONY ARENAS:** OH, YES. SORRY. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

**ANTHONY ARENAS:** HI. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS, FROM DISTRICT THREE. I'M WITH THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION, AND I BELIEVE THAT

MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL HAS TO BE SHUT DOWN, WITH NO REPLACEMENTS. I KNOW THAT OVER 1,000 LETTERS FROM YOUR CONSTITUENTS WERE SENT AHEAD OF THIS HEARING, MAKING THEIR DEMANDS LOUD AND CLEAR: CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT JAIL, NOR CARCERAL MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY; EXPEDITE THE CREATION OF MENTAL HEALTH BEDS AND SERVICES; AND HOLD THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE JAIL CRISIS. WE ARE NOWHERE CLOSER TO CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND LAST YEAR WAS THE SECOND DEADLIEST YEAR FOR PEOPLE IN THE SHERIFF'S CUSTODY SINCE THE COUNTY HAS STARTED TRACKING DEATHS. ALREADY, 220 PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN SHERIFF CUSTODY IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. THAT IS ONE DEATH EVERY EIGHT DAYS, ON AVERAGE. AND THIS NUMBER REPRESENTS THE DEATHS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECORDS, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THERE ARE MANY UNCOUNTED DEATHS IN SHERIFF CUSTODY. CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS IMPORTANT TO ME, BECAUSE THE CRISIS IS REAL, AND I AM PERSONALLY HORRIFIED THAT THE BOARD CAN SEEMINGLY LET 2023 PASS WITH NO ACCOUNTABILITY, NOR EFFORTS MADE, WHILE THE COMMUNITY, YOUR CONSTITUENTS, BEAR THE HARM. AGAIN, THE BOARD KNOWS THE COMMUNITY'S DEMANDS: CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, NO REPLACEMENT JAIL NOR CARCERAL MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY, EXPEDITE THE CREATION OF MENTAL HEALTH BEDS AND SERVICES, AND HOLD THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE JAIL CRISIS. THANK YOU.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS STEPHANIE LUNA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SPEAKER:** YEAH, HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. SO MY NAME IS STEPHANIE LUNA, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT ONE. I THINK IT IS PRETTY CLEAR THAT WE KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE BY GETTING RID OF THE SYSTEMS THAT CREATE THE MOST HARM. MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL NEEDS TO BE SHUT DOWN, WITH NO REPLACEMENT. THE CRISIS THAT IS TAKING PLACE IN THE JAILS IS DEEPLY CONCERNING, AND I AM WONDERING WHEN THE BOARD IS GOING TO INVITE THE GRIEVING FAMILIES TO GIVE A PRESENTATION AND TELL YOU WHY THERE ARE SO MANY FAILURES IN THE SYSTEM, TO TELL YOU HOW MANY BEATINGS THERE ARE IN CUSTODY. MAYBE IF YOU INCLUDE THEM TO BE A PART OF THAT CLOSURE TEAM, THINGS WOULD START MOVING A LOT FASTER. THE PRESENTATION THAT WAS SHOWN FAILED TO HIGHLIGHT THE 220 PEOPLE THAT HAVE DIED IN L.A.S.D. CUSTODY IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, AND THE FACT THAT IN THE FIRST WEEK OF 2024 ALONE, THREE PEOPLE HAVE DIED WHILE IN CUSTODY. IT FAILS TO SHOW HOW DEPUTY GANGS, SPECIFICALLY THE 3000 BOYS, IS DEEPLY EMBEDDED IN THE JAIL, AND OUR LOVED ONES ARE PAYING THE PRICE. THIS IS ALARMING AND SHOULD BE A HIGH PRIORITY FOR ALL OF YOU. YOU HAVE HEARD OVER AND OVER FROM CONCERNED COMMUNITY MEMBERS. YOU'VE HEARD FROM FAMILIES WHO HAVE HAD THEIR LOVED ONES

KILLED IN THE JAIL, AND HAVE CONSISTENTLY TURNED A BLIND EYE. HOW MANY MORE TIMES DOES THE FAMILY OF JOHN HORTON, JALANI LOVETT, KAMREN NETTLES, AND MARTIN DIAZ HAVE TO COME HERE AND SHARE WHAT HAPPENED TO THEIR LOVED ONES, BEFORE WE STOP WITH THE IDEAS AND START TAKING ACTION? INSTEAD OF TAKING ACTION AND CREATING A PERMANENT PLAN TO SHUT THE JAIL DOWN, YOU GUYS HAVE CONSISTENTLY CHOSEN TO INCREASE THE BUDGET THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT GETS YEAR AFTER YEAR, BY THE BILLIONS. AND WHERE IS SHERIFF LUNA? WHY ISN'T HE CALLED TO ANSWER FOR EACH DEATH IN HIS CUSTODY? HE IS ALLOWED TO WALK AWAY FROM THIS, WHILE THESE FAMILIES LIVE WITH WHAT THE DEPUTIES HAVE DONE ON A DAILY BASIS. CLOSE M.C.J. THANK YOU.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BYRON JOSE. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

**BYRON JOSE:** HI. THIS IS BYRON JOSE, WITH THE TRANSLATINA COALITION AND REIMAGINE L.A., SPEAKING ON THESE ITEMS. SO, YES, LET'S DO CLOSE THE JAILS IN SIX MONTHS. LET'S DEFINITELY DO IT BEFORE THE ELECTION, BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO FIND OURSELVES IN THIS CYCLE WHERE WE HAVE LEADERS AND DIFFERENT BOARD MEMBERS SAY THAT THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT THEY PRIORITIZE. SO THANK YOU, CHAIR HORVATH, FOR BRINGING

THIS UP, AND FOR ASKING ALL THESE QUESTIONS. THE ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM, AT THIS POINT, WILL BE THE C.E.O., RIGHT? LIKE THE BUDGET, WHERE THE FUNDING IS GOING, THAT'S THE ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM. BUT WHAT PROBABLY IS GOING TO HAPPEN IS THE ELECTION WILL COME AND GO, AND WE'RE GOING TO FIND OURSELVES AGAIN WITH THE C.E.O. GIVING MORE OF OUR N.C.C. COUNTY COSTS TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO THE JAILS, RIGHT, AND NOT FUNDING THE CARE, RIGHT? THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY THEY'RE SPENDING ON MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD KNOW AT THE BEGINNING, RIGHT? SO WE ARE TAKING A PERCENTAGE OF THAT AND INVEST IT IN T.G.I. COMMUNITIES, WHETHER IT'S TRANS WOMEN, [INAUDIBLE], AND ALL THESE OTHER CARCERAL INSTITUTIONS, OR OTHER T.G.I. COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THESE ARE THE TYPE OF SERVICES THAT WE NEED, AND THIS WOULD FACILITATE THE STEPS TO TRULY CLOSE THESE JAILS, AND TRULY HOLD THE BOARD TO TASK IN YOUR COMMITMENT TO ACTUALLY HAVE A PLAN, AND ACTUALLY FUND THIS CARE. AND THEN, INSTEAD OF JUST CONTINUE TO ROLL AROUND THE BALL, AND THEN CONTINUE TO FUND ALL THE CARE, YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE THE SHERIFF MORE FUNDING, JUST SO THERE CAN BE MORE LAWSUITS, AND JUST SO WE CONTINUE [INAUDIBLE] YET AGAIN, AND NOT HAVE FUNDING FOR THE CARE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES NEED. AND IF THAT MEANS MOVING SOME OF THE [INAUDIBLE] OUT OF J.C.O.D., AND OUT OF THESE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE NOT MOVING FORWARD-- THE BOARD IS THE PERSON THAT DIRECTS IT, SO THEY SHOULD BE REPORTING TO

YOU ON A REGULAR BASIS, AND IT SHOULD BE CLEAR IN THE COMMUNITY, AND ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS IN THIS PROCESS. AND YOU MADE US WAIT OVER EIGHT HOURS TO START OUR COMMENTS, SO PLEASE LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, INSTEAD OF JUST WALKING AWAY FROM THE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS T. CARTER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SPEAKER:** HI. I AM CALLING IN REGARDS TO ITEM NUMBER 11, AND SPECIFICALLY RESPONDING TO MS. MITCHELL'S REMARKS, HOW SHE SAID THERE SHOULD BE DIGNITY, AND PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE FULL TRANSPARENCY. I CONTACTED MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE IN REGARDS TO A MATTER REGARDING ME HAVING CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT, AND BEING ILLEGALLY PLACED IN A CELL WHILE I WAS RESTRAINED. AND THE RESPONSE THAT I HAVE FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHICH I HAVE A COPY OF-- SIX MONTHS AGO, RECEIVED-- THEIR DISPOSITION SAYS, "UNRESOLVED." I HAVE REPORTED THIS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND NOTHING SEEMS TO HAPPEN, SO EVEN WHEN YOU HAVE DEPARTMENTS THAT YOU GUYS HAVE SET UP, THERE'S NO FOLLOW-UP AFTER PEOPLE ARE REPORTING CERTAIN THINGS.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THESE TWO ITEMS ARE SPECIFICALLY ON JAIL CLOSURE AND THE ROSAS COMPLIANCE, IF YOU COULD FOCUS YOUR COMMENTS ON THOSE TWO ITEMS. THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER:** YES, MY COMMENT IS IN REGARDS TO THE JAIL BEING CLOSED, BUT IT IS NOT BEING DISCUSSED THAT D.O.J. ALSO STATED THAT OTHER THINGS SHOULD NOT BE TAKING PLACE, ALSO, SO THE ABUSE. IT IS ONE THING THAT IT IS STILL OPEN, BUT THERE ARE OTHER THINGS THAT ARE STILL BEING DONE THAT THE BOARD KEEPS OVERLOOKING, AND IT'S MATTERS OF ABUSE AND THINGS LIKE THIS. AGAIN, MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE FAILED. SHE GOT CONTACTED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ALL THESE CONTACTS SHE HAVE, BUT SHE HAS FAILED TO SUBMIT MY MATTER BACK TO THEM, WHEN THEIR DISPOSITION-- THE COMPLAINT NUMBER IS 22-22-0020.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THAT ITEM IS NOT RELATED TO JAIL CLOSURE OR THE ROSAS AGREEMENT, SO WE NEED TO DIRECT YOUR COMMENTS TO THAT ITEM.

**SPEAKER:** SO MS. MITCHELL CAN MAKE COMMENTS ABOUT THINGS THAT I AM REFERRING TO, AND I CAN'T RESPOND TO IT?

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THE APPROPRIATE TIME FOR GENERAL COMMENT IS UNDER GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, WHICH IS AFTER THIS ITEM.

**SPEAKER:** MS. MITCHELL WAS ABLE TO SPEAK ABOUT WHAT I'M REFERRING TO RIGHT NOW, AND YOU DIDN'T TELL HER SHE WAS OFF TOPIC. SHE WAS ABLE TO SPEAK, AND I AM SPEAKING ABOUT WHAT SHE STATED UNDER THIS PROPOSAL, NUMBER 11.

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

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SILVIO HOOPER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS SILVIO HOOPER, AND I LIVE IN DISTRICT TWO. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 10 AND 11. THERE'S A CRISIS IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS, AND [INAUDIBLE]. IN ONE WEEK OF 2024, THREE PEOPLE DIED IN L.A.S.D. CUSTODY. WE ARE HERE TO UPLIFT THE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES. THE BOARD HAS HEARD FROM COMMUNITY ADVOCATES FOR OVER A DECADE ABOUT THE CRISIS IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL, AND WE ARE NOWHERE CLOSER TO CLOSING M.C.J., AND LAST YEAR WAS THE SECOND DEADLIEST YEAR FOR PEOPLE IN L.A.S.D. CUSTODY SINCE THE COUNTY HAS STARTED TRACKING DEATHS. THE BOARD KNOWS THE COMMUNITY'S DEMANDS: TO CLOSE M.C.J. WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT JAIL OR CARCERAL MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY, EXPEDITE THE CREATION OF MENTAL HEALTH BEDS AND SERVICES, AND HOLD L.A.S.D.

ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE JAIL CRISIS. ONCE AGAIN, THE COUNTY IS HAVING DEPARTMENTS REPORT BACK ON THEIR PLANS TO HELP CLOSE M.C.J. IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, THE BOARD HAS RECEIVED UPWARDS OF 11 DIFFERENT REPORTS WITH PATHWAYS TO CLOSE M.C.J. THE BOARD BELIEVES MORE FACTS WILL HELP SOLVE THIS CRISIS. WE NEED ACTION. 220 PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN L.A.S.D. CUSTODY IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. THAT IS ONE DEATH EVERY EIGHT DAYS, ON AVERAGE. THIS NUMBER REPRESENTS THE DEATHS L.A.S.D. RECORDS, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THERE ARE MANY MORE UNCOUNTED DEATHS IN L.A.S.D. CUSTODY. WE CALL ON YOU TO CLOSE M.C.J. WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT, AND EXPEDITE THE CREATION OF MENTAL HEALTH BEDS AND SERVICES. THANK YOU.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARIA GALVON. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, MARIA. ARE YOU THERE? NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEGAN CASTILLO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SPEAKER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

**SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR UPLIFTING THIS ON THE AGENDA. I THINK IT IS REALLY EMBARRASSING, AT THIS POINT, THAT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS NOT CLOSED; BUT ALSO, EVEN MORE SO EMBARRASSING, THAT THERE IS NO CLEAR PLAN, RIGHT? WE KNOW THAT THERE'S THE M.C.J. CLOSURE REPORT, WHICH HAS BEEN NOW ALMOST GOING ON THREE YEARS, AND THERE'S BEEN NO VERY CLEAR PROGRESS. I THINK IT WAS SUPER-- NOT SUPERVISOR, BUT DR. FERRER, THAT UPLIFTED ONE OF THE SUCCESSFUL MECHANISMS HAS BEEN FUNDING C.F.C.I., AND MAKING SURE THAT C.B.O.S HAVE THE FUNDING TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT MORE BEDS, AND SO Y'ALL SHOULD GO IN THAT DIRECTION. IT IS EMBARRASSING THAT M.C.J. COSTS MORE THAN $50 MILLION A YEAR, AND IN THIS ITERATION, THE BOARD APPROVED ONLY AN ADDITIONAL $88 MILLION TO GO TOWARDS C.F.C.I. YOU NEED TO FUND THE MECHANISMS THAT WORK. YOU NEED TO CLOSE DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE PRIORITIZING THE CREATION OF MORE BEDS, BECAUSE AGAIN, IT IS EMBARRASSING. IT'S EMBARRASSING, AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE KEEPING THE LOVED ONES OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN STOLEN INSIDE THE JAIL, LIKE THE LOVETT FAMILY, THE NETTLES FAMILY, THE DIAZ FAMILY, AND SO MANY OTHER PEOPLE, AND WE NEED TO CENTER THEM IN THIS CONVERSATION, BECAUSE TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. PEOPLE ARE DYING

AND ANGUISHING IN OUR JAILS. IT IS EMBARRASSING. THANK YOU, AND I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GRAHAM GILLMAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS GRAHAM GILLMAN. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT TWO, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 10 AND 11. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO INVITE EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT THAT IT WAS THEIR CHILD OR SPOUSE OR LOVED ONE THAT HAD BEEN BRUTALIZED AND MURDERED UNDER CUSTODY IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, OR WHO HAD HAD A MEDICAL EMERGENCY AND WAS LEFT FOR HOURS WITHOUT CARE, OR WHO HAD DIED FROM A DRUG OVERDOSE, USING DRUGS THAT HAD BEEN SMUGGLED IN BY DEPUTIES. I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU ALL TO IMAGINE THIS, BUT I CANNOT, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU CANNOT, BECAUSE IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO YOUR CHILD, OR YOUR SPOUSE, OR YOUR LOVED ONE. SO, INSTEAD, I WOULD LIKE YOU ALL TO IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT THAT YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE, A DREAM THAT FEELS SO WILDLY IDYLLIC TO MOST AMERICANS, BUT IS WELL WITHIN YOUR CAPABILITIES AS OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. YOU DON'T HAVE TO IMAGINE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO DREAM. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. YOU CAN CLOSE M.C.J. THE COMMUNITY HAS MADE THEIR VOICE CLEAR. YOU HAVE 11 REPORTS

DETAILING EXACTLY HOW YOU WOULD GO ABOUT DOING IT. WHY WAIT ANY LONGER?

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE WILL GO TO SPEAKERS IN PERSON. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

**BERKLEE DONAVAN:** HI. MY NAME IS BERKLEE DONAVAN. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 4, AND I'M THE L.A. JAILS CONDITIONS ADVOCATE AT THE A.C.L.U. SOCAL, WORKING TO MONITOR THE CONDITIONS ACROSS THE LOS ANGELES JAILS. I COME TO THIS WORK WITH A BACKGROUND IN SOCIAL WORK, AND IN MY CAPACITY, I HEAR DIRECTLY FROM THOSE INCARCERATED, THROUGH IN-PERSON JAIL VISITS AND VOICEMAILS LEFT ON OUR PHONE LINE DETAILING THE HORRIFIC CONDITIONS WITHIN THE JAILS. THESE CONDITIONS INCLUDE LACK OF ADEQUATE MENTAL HEALTHCARE, CUTTING PEOPLE OFF FROM THEIR NECESSARY AND PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS, MEDICAL NEGLECT, FORCING PEOPLE TO SLEEP ON METAL BUNKS WITHOUT MATTRESSES, AND EXCESSIVE USE-OF-FORCE INCIDENTS THAT LEAVE PEOPLE FEARING RETALIATION FROM DEPUTIES, SERIOUSLY INJURED, OR DEAD, WHICH IS WHY WE ARE HERE. THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SIGNED OFF ON THE M.C.J. CLOSURE PLAN BACK IN 2021, AND HAVE DONE NOTHING TO INITIATE THE IMPLEMENTATION THIS PLAN. LAST YEAR WAS THE SECOND DEADLIEST YEAR ON RECORD, SINCE THE COUNTY BEGAN TRACKING IN-CUSTODY DEATHS: ALMOST 50. I HAD THE SURREAL EXPERIENCE OF CONDUCTING A JAIL VISIT WITH FOLKS IN M.C.J. ON A MORNING IN JUNE, NOT KNOWING THAT LATER THAT DAY, IN THE SAME JAIL, SOMEONE WOULD DIE. IF YOU HAD ALL CHOSEN TO ACT ON THE JAIL CLOSURE PLAN WHEN YOU ORIGINALLY AGREED TO, A LARGE AMOUNT OF THESE DEATHS WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED. REGARDING THE DISCUSSION AROUND DEPUTY OVERTIME HOURS AND EXHAUSTION, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT JUST LAST YEAR, A DEATH OCCURRED WHILE DEPUTIES WERE WATCHING A MOVIE WHILE ON THE JOB AT TWIN TOWERS. AND THAT IS NOT THE ONLY TIME THAT DEPUTIES HAVE BEEN SEEN WATCHING T.V. ON THE FLOOR, IN FRONT OF THE INCARCERATED POPULATION, DURING THEIR SHIFT. HOW OVERWORKED COULD THEY BE? I VISIT THE DOWNTOWN JAILS AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK, AND I BOTH INVITE AND SERIOUSLY ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO TAKE THE TIME TO SEE M.C.J. FOR YOURSELVES, AND THEN SHUT IT DOWN. IN TERMS OF THE FUNDING ALLOCATED FOR THE 1200 BEDS, IF WE WERE TO CLOSE M.C.J., THERE WOULD BE ADEQUATE FUNDING TO FUND THAT, YEAR AFTER YEAR. THANK YOU. I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

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

**DAWN DAVIDSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS DAWN DAVIDSON. I'M WITH ALL OF US OR NONE, AND A NEW WAY OF LIFE. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY, AND YOUR TRANSPARENCY ON YOUR FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS FOR EVERYTHING THAT WAS SHARED. I AM NOT ONLY HERE FOR MYSELF; I'M ALSO HERE TO BE THE VOICE FOR OUR INCARCERATED LOVED ONES, AS WELL AS THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE WHILE INCARCERATED. THERE HAVE BEEN COUNTLESS DEATHS OF OUR LOVED ONES, AND IT IS TIME THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS HELD ACCOUNTABLE, AND NOT EVERYTHING IS SHOVED UP UNDER THE RUG. TO SIT HERE AND LISTEN, YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH OF A MESS THIS WHOLE SYSTEM IS. IT IS A MONEYMAKER FOR THE STATE. IT IS NOT JUST THE JAILS, IT IS THE PRISON. THE FRUSTRATION SEEN WITHIN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY IS SOMEWHAT, FOR ME, A RELIEF, BECAUSE THAT'S THE FRUSTRATION THAT WE LIVE WITH EVERY DAY, WITH THE SYSTEM AND THE WAY THE SYSTEM IS BEING HELD. I ASK YOU, AS THE BOARD, HOW MUCH LONGER CAN YOU CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THESE REPORTS AND PLANS FOR THE CLOSURE, BUT HAVE NOTHING GOING ON FOR HOW MANY YEARS NOW? AS YOU MENTIONED, THERE SEEMS TO BE LESS URGENCY TO CLOSE THE JAIL. AND I AGREE WITH YOU, MS. SOLIS. IT IS TIME TO DECIDE ON THE PLAN, ENSURE THAT IT IS IMPLEMENTED, AND THERE IS FOLLOW-THROUGH. IF THERE WAS GOING TO BE FUNDING TO BUILD A NEW JAIL, HOW CAN THERE NOT BE FUNDING TO ALLOW OUR LOVED ONES TO GO HOME AND BE PLACED IN HOUSING? WITH ALL THE PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HOUSING, I DO NOT

SEE HOW IT WOULD COST $50 MILLION TO PROVIDE 1200 BEDS. ASIDE FROM PLACEMENT, THERE ARE OPTIONS SUCH AS ANKLE MONITORS TO ALLOW THEM TO FINISH THEIR SENTENCE AT HOME, SAFELY, WHICH WOULD NOT BE A HOUSING COST. THAT WOULD ACTUALLY BE A SAVINGS WITHIN THE BUDGET. I ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, MOVE FORWARD, MAKE SURE THERE IS FOLLOW-THROUGH, AND CLOSE M.C.J. THANK YOU.

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

**SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. HELLO, SUPERVISOR HORVATH. NOT SURE IF YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU INTERVIEWED ME FOR THE PANEL FOR THE YOUTH COMMISSION. MY NAME IS ELIANA PENA, AND I'M FROM DISTRICT 4. I BELIEVE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL MUST BE SHUT DOWN, WITH NO REPLACEMENT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHY IS IT THAT IN THE FIRST WEEK OF 2024, THREE PEOPLE DIED WHILE IN L.A.S.D. CUSTODY? THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE, I SAT IN THIS AUDIENCE AS WE HEARD DIRECTLY FROM A MOTHER WHO HAD LOST HER SON IN THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WHY IS IT THAT THE BOARD CONTINUES TO REMAIN SILENT WHEN IT COMES TO THIS CONVERSATION, YET YOU ARE THE SAME PEOPLE WHO APPROVED THE INCREASE TO THEIR BUDGET, FOR BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO BE GIVEN TO SUCH A DYSFUNCTIONAL DEPARTMENT? WHY CAN YOU INVEST THIS MUCH MONEY INTO THIS SYSTEM, YET YOU CAN'T EVEN ACKNOWLEDGE THE GRIEVING FAMILIES? WE CONTINUE TO INVEST MONEY INTO SYSTEMS THAT WERE

BUILT OFF OF OPPRESSION, THAT TARGET PEOPLE OF UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR. GROWING UP, I HAD TO WATCH MY FATHER, A DARK-BROWN MAN, BE TAKEN OUT OF MY HOME BY OFFICERS WHO FLOODED MY APARTMENT. I HAD TO CONSTANTLY SEE MY FATHER GET TARGETED AND INCARCERATED BY THIS EXACT SAME SYSTEM. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO PUSH THE CLOSING OF THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND TO PREVENT OTHER FAMILIES FROM GOING THROUGH EXACTLY WHAT MINE DID. THANK YOU.

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

**STANLEY THERMIDOR:** HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS STANLEY THERMIDOR. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3. I WORK IN DISTRICT 2, AT A NEW WAY OF LIFE RE-ENTRY PROJECT, AND AM A MEMBER OF ALL OF US OR NONE. AFTER SO MANY REPORTS OF DEATH, BRUTALITY, AND MISTREATMENT, MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS STILL OPEN, AND THOSE WHO OVERSEE IT ARE NOT HELD ACCOUNTABLE. DESPITE SOME NEWS REPORTS, THE DATA TELLS US THAT CRIME HAS BEEN GOING DOWN, YET WE CONTINUE TO SPEND MORE MONEY ON AN INSTITUTION THAT DEMONSTRATES IT IS BROKEN, INSTEAD OF USING THAT MONEY TO INVEST IN COMMUNITIES. SOMEHOW, WHETHER THROUGH DELIBERATE ACTIONS ON THE PART OF THOSE RUNNING AND WORKING IN JAILS, OR THOSE WHO ARE COMPLICIT THROUGH INACTION, IT HAS COME TO ME THAT SOMEONE WHO IS INCARCERATED NO LONGER HAS TO BE TREATED HUMANELY. THAT IS NOT

RIGHT. IT IS TIME TO DO SOMETHING: CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THE ONE THING I DID NOT HEAR TODAY: INVESTMENT IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE DEPRESSED. AVERAGE INCOME, PRE-INCARCERATION, OF INCARCERATED PEOPLE IS $19,000. IF WE INVEST MORE IN COMMUNITIES THAN JAILS, YOU MIGHT FIND AN ACHIEVABLE PATH. THANK YOU.

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

**SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS DEANNA DUNCANS, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2. I'M HERE IN THE NAME OF PROGRESS. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE INHUMANE, CRUEL, AND HEARTLESS TREATMENT OF SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS UNACCEPTABLE. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT THE JUSTICE, CARE, AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT IS DOING THEIR PART TO WORK TOWARDS THE GOAL OF CLOSING THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHIN 5 YEARS. AS A SUPPORTING TAXPAYING CITIZEN, I WOULD LIKE TO BE ASSURED THAT THE SUPPORTING DEPARTMENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS WHO PLAY A ROLE IN SAFELY DEPOPULATING THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE IN SUPPORTING THE AFOREMENTIONED ASSUMPTIONS FROM SLIDE 13, BY PUTTING FORTH THEIR BEST EFFORT AND RESOURCES TO ASSIST IN MAKING THE REQUESTED CHANGES TO COLLECTIVELY ACHIEVE THIS GOAL. WHEN THIS MUCH-NEEDED SUPPORT IS NOT PROVIDED OR PRIORITIZED, THE STAKEHOLDERS AND DEPARTMENTS SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE, AND QUESTIONED ALONGSIDE JUDGE ARMSTEAD AND

J.C.O.D., WHEN THINGS DO NOT GO AS INITIALLY PLANNED. ALSO, IT APPEARS THAT A BIG CONCERN WITH PROPOSED PLANS IS COST. ANOTHER REALISTIC SUGGESTION THAT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING PROGRESS, IF THIS DOES GO PAST THE PROPOSED 5-YEAR TIMELINE, WOULD BE TO EXPLORE IMPLEMENTING EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS WITHIN THE M.C.J., TO IDENTIFY TRANSFERRABLE SKILL SET AND PROVIDE THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE INCARCERATED WITH THE RESOURCES THAT WILL PUT THEM IN A POSITION TO BE READY TO ENTER THE WORKFORCE WHEN THEY ARE RELEASED, WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF REDUCING THE RECIDIVISM RATE, FURTHERMORE DIMINISHING THE NEED FOR THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, MOVING FORWARD. ONE LAST SUGGESTION IS TO CONSIDER EXPLORING ADDITIONAL VENDORS THAT COULD PROVIDE BEDS FOR A MORE REALISTIC PRICE THAT IS LESS THAN $50,000 PER UNIT. THOSE ARE MY CALCULATIONS, ACCORDING TO THE QUOTED $50 MILLION TOTAL FOR 1,000 BEDS, WHICH IS CLEARLY A HUGE ROADBLOCK. I WANT TO EXTEND A GRATEFUL THANK-YOU TO JUDGE ARMSTEAD AND HER TEAM, FOR THEIR TIME AND DEDICATION, AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE SUPPORTING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND COLLEAGUES. THANK YOU.

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

**SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS DOMINIQUE DE PRIMA, AND I THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR LISTENING TO US TODAY, AND HAVING THIS HEARING, AND EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED. ME, PERSONALLY,

I'VE INTERVIEWED MANY OF THESE FAMILIES WHOSE LOVED ONES HAVE BEEN KILLED IN JAILS. I AGREE WITH MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAME UP HERE AND SPOKE, BUT I THINK THERE IS A DISCONNECT. THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALREADY VOTED TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. MANY OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, WE ALREADY KNOW ABOUT, BECAUSE WE HEAR ABOUT THEM WEEK AFTER WEEK AT THESE MEETINGS. SO WE'VE GOT TO GET BEYOND JUST GRANDSTANDING, EVERYBODY PLAYING THEIR LITTLE ROLE, PLAYING TO THEIR CONSTITUENCY OR WHATEVER-- THEIR CORNER-- AND GET TO "HOW DO WE GET IT DONE?" GET TO "HOW DO WE GET IT DONE?" FOR ME, I'M NOT IMPRESSED BY, YOU KNOW, POINTING FINGERS AT ONE PERSON OR TWO PEOPLE, AND SAYING, "WHY ISN'T THIS DONE?" THIS IS A MASSIVE COUNTY. EVERY ONE OF THESE SUPERVISORS IS OVER WHAT COULD BE AN ENTIRE COUNTRY, RIGHT, ANYWHERE ELSE, OR AT LEAST A WHOLE STATE. SO, FOR ME, THE QUESTION IS, HOW DO WE GET FROM POINT "A" TO POINT "B"? WE CAN SAY WE'RE SPENDING MORE THAN $50 MILLION A YEAR TO KEEP THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL OPEN, AND THAT'S TRUE, BUT YOU CAN'T MAGICALLY GO FROM IT OPEN TO CLOSED. SO HOW DO WE GET TO ACCOUNTABILITY, AND HOW DO WE GET TO PROGRESS, BEYOND JUST HAVING HEARING AFTER HEARING, AND SAYING, "OH, WELL, YOU KNOW, IT'S J.C.O.D." "OH, IT'S THE SUPERVISORS." "OH, IT'S THE DOCTORS." AND TO ME, IT HAS TO BE ABOUT GETTING TO THE STEPS. AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAID, GETTING BEYOND FINGER-POINTING AND GRAPHS, AND GETTING TO THE STEPS OF GETTING IT DONE. AND THAT IS REALLY UP TO YOU GUYS TO

CREATE THAT IRONCLAD AUTHORITY, THAT IRONCLAD SYSTEM, THAT WILL MAKE THIS HAPPEN. THAT'S WHAT WE VOTED YOU IN TO DO. THANK YOU.

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

**SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS KAMARI POPE, AND FIRST OFF, I'D LIKE TO ALSO EXTEND GRATITUDE TO J.C.O.D. AND ALL THE OTHER PARTICIPATING MEMBERS FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO GETTING M.C.J. CLOSED, DESPITE ANY OBSTACLES OR LIMITATIONS, AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO HEALING THE COMMUNITY. I'D LIKE TO ECHO WHAT OTHERS HAVE BEEN SAYING: THAT THE M.C.J. CLOSURE IS LONG OVERDUE. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AND ADD THAT I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE TO PUT A HIGHER FOCUS ON INVESTING MORE INTO COMMUNITY AND RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS, LIKE O.D.R., WHICH WAS MENTIONED, AND CONTINUING TO IDEATE AND CREATE NEW ONES THAT ALLOW FORMALLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE TO SAFELY AND SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION BACK INTO SOCIETY. THANK YOU.

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

**JANET ASANTE:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JANET ASANTE. I'M A MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION, AND I RESIDE IN DISTRICT 2. THE NAMES ON MY SHIRT ARE JUAN CORREA JR., QUINTEN K. THOMAS, DANA

"MALIK" YOUNG, STANLEY WILSON JR., KAMREN LEE NETTLES, JOHN HORTON, TAMIKO TYLER, AND JALANI LOVETT, ALL FAMILIES THAT HAVE SOMEHOW TOUCHED OUR COALITION BECAUSE OF THEIR PAIN. TODAY, I THINK, FOR THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN IN ATTENDANCE FOR A MEETING, I'VE SEEN EVEN A SMALL FRACTION OF THAT FRUSTRATION THAT FAMILIES FACE EVERY SINGLE DAY. THIS PAST THANKSGIVING THAT HAPPENED IN 2023, THERE WERE FAMILIES MOURNING THE SOUND OF THEIR CHILDREN ASKING FOR A SECOND PLATE OF FOOD, FOR THE FIRST TIME. THAT'S THE URGENCY THAT WE HAVE NOT LOST. YOU NEED TO START GETTING IT BACK, IF YOU EVER HAD IT IN THE FIRST PLACE. 220 PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN L.A.S.D. CUSTODY IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, AVERAGING A DEATH OF EVERY 8 DAYS. SO EVERY 8 DAYS THAT YOU LET PASS WITHOUT ACCOUNTABILITY, WITHOUT IMPLEMENTATION, WITHOUT REAL ACTION, THAT'S ANOTHER PERSON DEAD. AND THAT BLOOD IS ON YOUR HANDS. WE HAVE BEEN IN COURT WITH ASAEL, WHO OFTEN COMES TO THESE MEETINGS BUT CANNOT GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT BECAUSE THEY LAST SO LONG. AND HIS SON WAS GIVEN DIVERSION BY A JUDGE, AND HE LANGUISHED IN JAIL FOR NEARLY A YEAR, AND WAS ONLY RELEASED LAST WEEK, WHEN HE COULD NOT POSSIBLY GO TO ANOTHER COURT DATE, WHERE HE GETS DIVERSION AND SITS IN JAIL FOR MORE WEEKS. HE PLED GUILTY, AND HE WAS RELEASED ON TIME SERVED, BECAUSE OF HOW MUCH TIME HE HAD ALREADY SPENT INSIDE. HE CAME HERE AT THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET MEETING LAST YEAR, AND SPOKE TO HILDA SOLIS RIGHT HERE, AND WE WERE TOLD, "HEY, WE'LL SEND SOMEONE DOWN INTO THE SEATS, AND

WE'LL TOTALLY HELP FIND HIM A PLACEMENT." THAT DID NOT HAPPEN. EVEN OLIVE VISTA TOOK 4 MONTHS TO EVEN PICK HIM UP. THIS IS THE REALITY THAT WE'RE SEEING RIGHT NOW. IT NEEDS TO BE THAT URGENT FOR EVERYONE HERE, AND EVERYONE THAT YOU HAVE AUTHORITY OVER BACK THERE. THANK YOU.

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

**SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS LAUREN HERNANDEZ, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 10 AND 11, AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR PRESENCE AND ATTENTION TO THIS ISSUE. THE BOARD HAS HEARD FROM COMMUNITY ADVOCATES FOR OVER A DECADE ABOUT THE CRISIS IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS, YET WE ARE NOWHERE CLOSER TO CLOSING M.C.J. LAST YEAR WAS THE SECOND DEADLIEST YEAR FOR PEOPLE IN L.A.S.D. CUSTODY, SINCE THE COUNTY HAS STARTED TRACKING DEATHS. I AM CONCERNED THAT THE BOARD DOES NOT BELIEVE IN ITS OWN MANDATE TO CLOSE M.C.J., AS EVIDENCED HERE TODAY BY THEIR AMBIVALENCE TO EVEN DESIGNATE A COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR RESOLVING THIS CRITICAL ISSUE. JAIL CLOSURE IS ALSO ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE BOARD TO HOLD THEMSELVES ACCOUNTABLE TO A CONCRETE TIMELINE FOR JAIL CLOSURE, AND COMMIT TO MEASURED BENCHMARKS FOR FUNDING, RESOURCE ALLOCATION, REDUCTION IN ARRESTS, AND OTHER IMPORTANT FACTORS THAT WILL EFFECTIVELY FACILITATE JAIL CLOSURE. 222 PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN L.A.S.D.

CUSTODY OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THERE ARE MANY UNCOUNTED DEATHS WITHIN THIS NUMBER. I WANT TO UPLIFT THE STORIES OF FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LOVED ONES INSIDE OF L.A. JAILS: JALANI LOVETT'S FAMILY, KAMREN NETTLES, MARTIN ORDONEZ, AND JOHN HORTON, AND SO MANY OTHERS. THIS IS TRULY UNACCEPTABLE, AND A HUGE DISSERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES. AS JUDGE PETERSON STATED IN THE RUTHERFORD HEARINGS, L.A. COUNTY REBUILT THE 101 FREEWAY IN THREE MONTHS, FOLLOWING THE 1994 NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKES. WE CALL ON THE COUNTY TO ACT WITH THE SAME URGENCY WHEN IT COMES TO JAIL CLOSURE. THERE IS NO LACK OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES PREVENTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BEDS NEEDED TO START MOVING PEOPLE OUT OF M.C.J. WE HEARD HERE TODAY THAT IT IS LIKELY THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY SPENDING MORE THAN $50 MILLION JUST TO RUN THIS ATROCIOUS FACILITY. IN ADDITION TO THIS ABSURDITY, THIS BOARD VOTES YEAR AFTER YEAR TO INCREASE THE BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND WHY? WE'VE HEARD OVER AND OVER AGAIN THE NEED TO EXPAND, INSTEAD, OUR CAPACITY AND QUALITY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND MANY OTHER COMMUNITY CARE INITIATIVES THAT WOULD HAVE A GREATER IMPACT ON SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

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

**AMBROSE BROOKS**: THANKS VERY MUCH. AMBROSE BROOKS, DISTRICTS 5. FIRST, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR CALLING FORTH THE STATUS UPDATE IN THE PROGRESS OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CLOSURE. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE SUCH A CRITICAL HAND IN JAIL CLOSURE ARE NOT PRESENT TO HEAR FROM THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. BUT TODAY'S PRESENTATION SHOWS THAT, HONESTLY, NOT MUCH HAS BEEN DONE TO REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION, BY THOSE TASKED WITH REDUCING THE JAIL POPULATION. AND THE LACK OF EFFECTIVE COUNTY COORDINATION IS STALLING JAIL CLOSURE, PROHIBITING DECARCERATION EFFORTS, AND IS ESSENTIALLY CONDONING DEATH SENTENCES FOR OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WHEN SOMEONE DIES INSIDE OF THE JAILS, THIS BOARD STAYS SILENT, AS IF THEIR LIVES DON'T MATTER. I WANT TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR RECOGNIZING THOSE GRIEVING FAMILIES TODAY. SINCE 2019, 220 PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN L.A.S.D. CUSTODY, AND WE KNOW MANY MORE DEATHS WERE UNCOUNTED. HOW WILL THIS BOARD AND THE C.E.O. REPRESENT THOSE IN CUSTODY AS A PRIORITY, REPRESENT JAIL CLOSURE AS A PRIORITY? HOW WILL THOSE TASKED WITH JAIL CLOSURE LIVE UP TO THEIR MANDATE: CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST? IT'S REALLY UPSETTING HOW J.C.O.D.'S PRESENTATION PRESENTS SKEWED DATA AS FACT, AND SPEAKS ABOUT JAIL CLOSURE AS IF IT'S NOT EVEN FEASIBLE, LET ALONE A DREAM, OR LET ALONE A COMMITMENT. I THOUGHT THAT THE PURPOSE OF J.C.I.T. WAS TO COORDINATE JAIL CLOSURE, NOT BE DISSOLVED AND STRIPPED OF ITS FUNDING. A 5-

YEAR JAIL CLOSURE TIMELINE IS NOT AMBITIOUS, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THREE YEARS AGO, YOU HAD A PLAN TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHIN 18 TO 24 MONTHS. THREE YEARS LATER, THE 5-YEAR TIMELINE STARTS NOW? NOTHING PRESENTED TO YOU TODAY BY J.C.O.D. WAS NEW OR NOVEL. THESE HAVE ALL BEEN ISSUES THAT HAVE PLAGUED THE COUNTY FOR OVER A DECADE. THANK YOU FOR MEETING OUR FRUSTRATION TODAY. IT'S TIME TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND DO IT SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY. THANKS.

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

**SPEAKER:** MICHELLE KING, DISTRICT 1. THE REPORT-BACK ON USE OF FORCE WAS UNNERVING, TO SAY THE LEAST. ONE OF THE MONITORS ALLUDED TO USING HEAD STRIKES "APPROPRIATELY." WHEN ARE HEAD STRIKES EVER APPROPRIATE? AND I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THE JUDGE'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE CLOSURE PLAN, PUTTING THE ONUS ON THE INDIVIDUAL TO REDUCE THEIR RECIDIVISM RATE, WHICH FALLS A LITTLE FLAT WHEN A MAJORITY OF FOLKS IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS ARE THERE BECAUSE THEY'RE LACKING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT, BECAUSE WE REFUSE TO INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES. INSTEAD, WE INSIST ON CONTINUING TO INCREASE THE BUDGET OF A DEPARTMENT THAT ONLY FOUND DECREASES IN THEIR USE-OF-FORCE INCIDENCES BECAUSE WE REDUCED THE JAIL POPULATION. WHAT IS THE PUNISHMENT FOR BEING SUSPECTED OF A CRIME? NOT DEATH. 42 DEATHS IN 48 WEEKS LAST YEAR WAS UNACCEPTABLE. THE MAJORITY OF IN-CUSTODY

DEATHS AT L.A.G.M.C. WERE DUE TO SEPSIS. THE MEDICAL CARE THAT FOLKS ARE RECEIVING INSIDE IS SO BAD THAT THEIR HEALTH ISSUES ARE NOT BEING ADDRESSED. NOT ONLY WERE THEIR DEATHS PREVENTABLE, BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE DEATH PENALTY, SO NO ONE CONVICTED OF A CRIME SHOULD BE PUNISHED BY DEATH, LET ALONE THE MAJORITY OF FOLKS WHO DIED INSIDE L.A. COUNTY JAILS LAST YEAR WERE PRETRIAL. ARE YOU INVESTIGATING THE DEATHS THAT OCCURRED AT M.C.J., ON THE 2000 AND 3000 FLOORS, RUN BY DEPUTY GANGS? HAVE YOU NOTICED THE PATTERN? I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT A 31-YEAR-OLD DIES OF NATURAL CAUSES, OR HOW ABOUT A 32-YEAR-OLD, OR A 46-YEAR-OLD? WHERE'S THE OVERSIGHT ON THE AUTOPSIES? DEPUTIES ARE PRESENT AT THE CORONER'S OFFICE DURING AUTOPSIES, WHILE FAMILIES ARE NOT PERMITTED. IT SEEMS LIKE A HUGE CONFLICT OF INTEREST. WHERE'S THE OVERSIGHT ON THE--

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

**PETER ELIASBERG:** GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS PETER ELIASBERG, AND I'M CHIEF COUNSEL AT THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND ONE OF THE LAWYERS FOR THE PLAINTIFFS IN ROSAS, SINCE THE FILING OF THIS LAWSUIT. I APPRECIATE--

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** CAN YOU GET A LITTLE CLOSER TO THE MIC? THANK YOU.

**PETER ELIASBERG:** I APPRECIATE THE SUPERVISORS HAVING THIS PRESENTATION AND INVITING THE MONITORS, AND I'M GLAD THAT THE MONITORS AND ASSISTANT SHERIFF ALOMA SEE SOME PROGRESS; AND THERE HAS BEEN SOME PROGRESS SINCE BACK IN ABOUT 2010, WHEN THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE IN THE JAIL MADE IT AKIN TO A CHARNEL HOUSE. BUT I WROTE THE BOARD BECAUSE THERE ARE STILL VERY SERIOUS PROBLEMS, AND THERE WAS QUITE A LOT OF ROSY TALK, BUT I'D LIKE TO REGROUND IN SOME HISTORICAL AND PRESENT REALITY. IN THE HISTORY OF THE ROSAS CASE, THE DEPARTMENT HAS NEVER ONCE BEEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE USE-OF-FORCE PROVISION GOVERNING HEAD STRIKES. IT HAS NEVER ONCE BEEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ROSAS PROVISION THAT GOVERNS FORCE PREVENTION. AND THE DISPARITY BETWEEN WHAT THE MONITORS ARE FINDING, AND WHAT THE DEPARTMENT IS FINDING, IS NOT AT THE MARGINS. EVERYONE AGREES THAT THERE CAN BE SOME DISAGREEMENT ABOUT A TRICKY USE-OF-FORCE CASE, BUT THE LEVEL OF DISPARITY BETWEEN THE VERY LOW LEVEL OF VIOLATIONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT FINDS, AND WHAT THE MONITORS FIND, IS STAGGERING. THE DEPARTMENT REPORTED TO YOU THAT THEY FIND ABOUT 3% OF THE CASES THEY INVESTIGATE TO BE OUT OF POLICY, IN THEIR LAST REPORTING PERIOD. FOR THE SAME PERIOD-- USING, ADMITTEDLY, A SMALLER SUBSET OF CASES, BECAUSE THE MONITORS DON'T LOOK AT EVERY CASE-- THE MONITORS FOUND APPROXIMATELY 85% OF CASES OUT OF COMPLIANCE. 3%, 85%. AND I WANT TO READ JUST ONE THING FROM THE MONITORS' LAST REPORT,

THEIR 12TH REPORT. WITH REGARD TO THE HEAD STRIKE PROVISION, IN THE MOST RECENT 12TH REPORTING PERIOD USE-OF-FORCE PACKAGES, THE SUPERVISORS INVESTIGATING THESE CONCLUDED THAT MOST OF THEM WERE IN POLICY. THE PANEL DID NOT AGREE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCLUSIONS IN OVER 85% OF THE CASES.

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

**SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS REGINA RAMIREZ, AND NICE TO MEET ALL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I KNOW, MS. LINDSEY, YOU'RE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH ME, AND THE REASON WHY I WANTED TO SPEAK ON THIS TOPIC IS BECAUSE IT DOES ALSO ENTER INTO WHAT ALL THE INDIVIDUALS WERE STATING HERE, IN REGARDS TO L.A.H.S.A., AND HOW THE COMMUNITY-- AND I WANT TO JUST ECHO INTO WHAT ALL THE OTHER CONSTITUENTS WERE SAYING. JUST SO THAT EVERYONE IS AWARE, I AM A CONSTITUENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT. SO, IN REGARDS TO THAT, THERE NEEDS TO BE-- AGAIN, I'M ECHOING INTO WHAT EVERYONE HAS JUST STATED-- THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE FUNDING INTO THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES. AND AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE IN ALL THOSE DEPARTMENTS-- PROVIDERS, PROGRAMS, CONTRACTED FACILITATORS, ET CETERA-- ARE CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES, THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, AT THE TIME OF THEM SIGNING A LEGAL, BINDING AGREEMENT TO THOSE DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ET CETERA. SO

I AM HERE TO HOLD ALL THOSE PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE, BECAUSE ONCE THIS IS DONE-- M.C.J. IS CLOSED-- THAT WILL GO INTO THE REASON WHY I'M HERE, WHICH I WILL BRING UP IN PUBLIC. HOWEVER, AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO REITERATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BUDGET. THE BUDGETS WOULD BE AT A BETTER MARGIN IF, IN FACT, THE PROVIDERS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY ARE DOING THEIR JOB, AND IF THEY'RE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT THEY'RE NOT DOING, AND THE LACK OF. SO, AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AND I WILL TOUCH BASE LATER ON. THANK YOU.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS? THESE REPORTS ARE RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL RIGOBERTO LOPEZ REYES PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

**MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS T. CARTER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SPEAKER:** HI. I'M CALLING IN REGARDS TO PUBLIC COMMENT, AND ALSO ITEM NUMBER 11. REGARDING ITEM NUMBER 11 AND PUBLIC COMMENT, I'M CALLING IN REGARDS TO, I LIVE IN THE AREA WHERE MS. HOLLY MITCHELL RESIDES OVER, AND I PRESENTED A LETTER TO MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE, INVOLVING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHERE I ENDURED CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT. AND IT'S JUST INTERESTING, TODAY, TO HEAR MS. MITCHELL USE THE WORD "FAIRNESS," HOW SHE SAID IT SHOULD BE "TRANSPARENCY," AND ALL THESE THINGS; YET, IT DID NOT APPLY TO ME AND MY SITUATION. SHE ALSO MENTIONED THAT SHE HAS CONTACTS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I ASKED HER TO SEND AN INQUIRY TO THEM, BECAUSE THEY OVERLOOKED MY MATTER. MY RESPONSE AND DISPOSITION FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, FROM ME BEING PLACED IN A CELL, HANDCUFFED, WITH RESTRAINTS ON FOR OVER 10 HOURS, THREE DIFFERENT TIMES, THE RESPONSE FROM THEIR INVESTIGATION SAYS, "UNRESOLVED. EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW THIS HAPPENED TO YOU, IT'S UNRESOLVED."

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

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JESUS GARCIA TORRES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SPEAKER:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JESUS TORRES. MY PRONOUNS ARE HE/THEY/THEM. I'M CALLING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF TRANSGENDER, GENDER-EXPANSIVE, AND INTERSEX PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES. I AM HERE REPRESENTING POMONA VALLEY PRIDE, AND I LIVE AND WORK IN DISTRICT 1, THAT IS REPRESENTED BY HILDA SOLIS. I ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ESTABLISH THE T.G.I. WELLNESS AND EQUITY FUND. L.A. COUNTY MUST INVEST IN THE LIVES OF T.G.I. PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY BY EXPANDING HEALTHCARE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND ANTI-VIOLENCE, CREATING HEALING AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS. THANK YOU, AND I YIELD MY TIME.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS YUDA POTASH. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS YUDA POTASH, AND I AM WITH BETTER NEIGHBORS L.A., A COALITION OF HOSTS, TENANTS, HOUSING ACTIVISTS, HOTEL WORKERS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WORKING TO SUPPORT BETTER ENFORCEMENT OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS, TO PRESERVE HOUSING FOR RESIDENTS, RATHER THAN TOURISTS. I AM HERE TO URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO HEAR THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE AT THE SOONEST POSSIBLE HEARING. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE 2,700 UNHOSTED SHORT-TERM RENTALS THAT ARE BEING USED AS DE FACTO HOTELS FOR TOURISTS, INSTEAD OF

HOUSING LONG-TERM RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY, WHO ARE DESPERATE FOR HOUSING. EVERY DAY THAT GOES BY WITHOUT REGULATION IS MORE HOUSING OFF THE LONG-TERM MARKET, AND MORE INDIVIDUALS AT THE RISK OF DISPLACEMENT. ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR WACHSMANN, OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY, IT'S ESTIMATED THAT [INAUDIBLE] COULD RAISE RENTS FOR THE AVERAGE RENTER BY $810 PER YEAR IN THE CITY OF L.A. THE SAME [INAUDIBLE] ACROSS UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY IS LIKELY OCCURRING. WE SUPPORT THE ORDINANCE BECAUSE IT WILL PRESERVE HOUSING FOR OUR NEIGHBORS, AND PROVIDE HOSTS WITH A PATHWAY TO CONTINUE MAKING ENDS MEET. CITIES LIKE L.A. AND WEST HOLLYWOOD ALREADY HAVE STRONG REGULATIONS. UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS DESERVE SIMILAR PROTECTIONS. FOR THESE REASONS, WE URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BYRON COIB. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** BYRON, GO AHEAD. BYRON, ARE YOU THERE?

**SPEAKER:** OH, YES. SORRY. [INAUDIBLE]. YEAH, DEFINITELY CONTINUE TO UPLIFT THE DIFFERENT POINTS THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS RAISED, IN ENSURING THAT, BEYOND COORDINATING THE DEPARTMENTS

AND THE OTHER DIFFERENT COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES, RIGHT, THAT SHOULD BE GUIDING THIS PROCESS, DEFINITELY INCLUDING THE FAMILIES, THE IMPACTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND THE COUNTY INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN LEADING THIS WORK, TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S MORE... WE HAVE A TIMELINE, RIGHT? THIS IS AN EMERGENCY. THIS HAS BEEN AN EMERGENCY, AND SO HOW CAN WE CONTINUE TO LEVERAGE THAT, AND CONTINUE TO FUND MORE ALTERNATIVES TO CARE FOR COMMUNITIES THAT WE CONTINUE TO SEE ARE IMPACTED, WHETHER IT'S BLACK COMMUNITIES, WHETHER IT'S COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, WHETHER IT'S THE TRANS, GENDER-EXPANSIVE, INTERSEX COMMUNITY, AND LEVERAGING FUNDS OUT OF THESE CARCERAL SYSTEMS THAT KILL AND HARM OUR COMMUNITIES, INTO INITIATIVES OF CARE, RIGHT, AND THINGS THAT ARE LED BY THE COMMUNITY? THANK YOU.

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

**SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS RIGOBERTO--

**MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE--

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** IF YOU COULD WAIT JUST ONE SECOND, I JUST WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR MODERATOR, TO SEE IF ANYBODY ELSE IS ON THE PHONE.

**MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, PARDON ME. WE HAVE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION. WE'LL GIVE YOU YOUR TIME BACK.

**SPEAKER:** IS IT ONE MINUTE OR TWO MINUTES?

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** IT'S ONE MINUTE.

**SPEAKER:** OKAY, SO MY NAME IS RIGOBERTO LOPEZ. I'M HERE TO REQUEST A MEETING, HOPEFULLY, WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS A WHOLE, AND NOT JUST ONE PERSON. THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME I'VE BEEN HERE. I'VE BEEN DENIED A MEETING BY MY SUPERVISOR, WHO IS MISSING IN ACTION. I WONDER WHERE THEY WENT? JANICE, ALSO. THEY SHOULD BE VOTED OUT, BY THE WAY. WHAT I'M ASKING FOR, IT IS BACKED BY LAW. I'M NOT HERE TO ASK YOU FOR A MEETING OUT OF MY WILL. I'M ASKING YOU TO PLEASE FOLLOW THE LAW. IT IS TITLE 7, CHAPTER 4.3, SECTION 65915 THROUGH 65918, WHICH SAYS IT IS MY CIVIL RIGHT TO COME HERE AND ASK FOR THIS MEETING. I'M TRYING TO BUILD SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS WITH MISSING LIMBS, THAT ARE DYING ON THE STREETS OF L.A. 3,000 PEOPLE DIED ON THE STREETS WITHIN ONE YEAR, AND IT SHOULDN'T BE. WE'RE THE RICHEST CITY IN THE WORLD. WHY IS THIS HAPPENING

HERE? IT SHOULD BE A UTOPIA, NOT A DEATH SENTENCE FOR POOR PEOPLE. I HAVE TO SPEAK FAST, BECAUSE YOU ONLY GAVE ME A MINUTE. YEAH, WHERE'S THE CAMERA? RIGHT THERE? AT LEAST, THIS TIME--

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. IF YOU'D LIKE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM OUR CONSTITUENT ASSISTANCE TEAM, THERE IS STAFF IN THE CORNER, IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE CONNECTED WITH THEM. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, NEXT SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER:** HELLO, ONCE AGAIN, EVERYONE. SO I DO WANT TO RAISE AWARENESS IN REGARDS TO THE WAY THE GENTLEMAN WAS STATING HOMELESS: HOMELESSNESS AND THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY. I AM CURRENTLY A CONSTITUENT, AGAIN, OF MS. LINDSEY, DISTRICT 3. AND UNFORTUNATELY, THE PROVIDERS AND THE PROGRAMS AND CONTRACTED FACILITATORS, THROUGH H.U.D. AND/OR OTHER AGENCIES, ENTITIES, LIKE H.A.C.L.A. AND L.A.C.D.A., ARE NOT PROVIDING THE DECLARATED OR STATED SERVICES THAT THEY STATE THEY DO, ALTHOUGH THEY WANT TO HOLD PARTICIPANTS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE LEGAL, BINDING AGREEMENTS. MS. HOLLY MITCHELL, I DO WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I DID COME FROM YOUR DISTRICT, AND THEN I ENTERED INTO LINDSEY, WHICH H.O.P.I.C.S. IS ALSO ANOTHER BIG CONCERN OF MINE, WHICH YOUR OFFICE ALREADY HAS BEEN MADE AWARE THAT I PREVIOUSLY HAVE ALREADY STATED. DUE TO THE TIME LIMIT,

I'LL LET GO, BUT YOU GUYS WILL BE SEEING MORE OF ME. THANK YOU.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I UNDERSTAND WE HAVE ONE MORE PERSON ON THE TELEPHONE QUEUE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MODERATOR, PLEASE CALL THE LAST SPEAKER.

**MODERATOR:** AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNALED THAT THEY WISH TO SPEAK, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AGAIN, PLEASE. AND WE'LL TAKE FROM MELANIE L. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SPEAKER:** HELLO. I LIVE IN HOLLY MITCHELL'S DISTRICT, AND I'M CALLING BECAUSE I WOULD LIKE TO SEE COUNCILMEMBERS OF L.A. COUNTY CALL FOR A CEASEFIRE IN GAZA. THIS TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE GENOCIDE HAS BEEN GOING ON, AND UNFORTUNATELY, OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT DOING AS THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION IS ASKING. WE WOULD ASK FOR A CEASEFIRE. I DON'T WANT MY TAX DOLLARS GOING TO THIS, AND I AM REACHING OUT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS NO LONGER LISTENING. EVERY DAY, 250 PEOPLE DIE. I WAKE UP EVERY MORNING THINKING ABOUT THE LIVES LOST UNNECESSARILY, DUE TO OUR PAYING FOR THIS. IT'S A TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE THING. WE KNOW THAT WAR LIKE THIS DOES NOT WORK. WE SPENT $8 TRILLION IN THE WAR IN

AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ, AND THE TALIBAN IS BACK, STRONGER THAN EVER. WHY ARE WE DOING THE SAME THING? IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

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

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARIA GALVON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SPEAKER:** HELLO. I'M A [INAUDIBLE] COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT. I'M TALKING ON BEHALF OF ITEM 11. I AM TRACKING WHAT HAPPENS HERE, BECAUSE LOS ANGELES HAS THE LARGEST JAIL SYSTEM IN THE WORLD, SO DECARCERATION IN L.A. INFORMS DECARCERATION EFFORTS EVERYWHERE. SINCE CALIFORNIA IS A COMPASSIONATE STATE, WHEN WILL THE BOARD ACKNOWLEDGE THE GRIEVING FAMILIES? INVITE THEM TO SHARE THEIR STORIES, RATHER THAN CUT THEM OFF AFTER ONE MINUTE OF PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU HAD A COMMENT?

**SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL:** I DID. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SOMETHING CALLED A CONSTITUENT CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT LOGS IN ALL OF THE CALLS AND REQUESTS WE GET FROM CONSTITUENTS, AND IT'S ONE THING FOR A CONSTITUENT NOT TO HAVE THE RESOLUTION THEY WANT, BUT IT'S ANOTHER THING TO CLAIM THAT THEY NEVER GOT CONTACTED BY STAFF. SO I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY THAT MR. CARTER, WHO SELF-IDENTIFIES AND SHARES WITH US ALL THE ISSUES HE'S CALLED ABOUT, BETWEEN AUGUST 16TH AND AUGUST 24TH, CONTACTED MY OFFICE EVERY DAY ON HIS ISSUE WITH THE SHERIFF. MY OFFICE RESPONDED EVERY DAY, FORWARDING E-MAILS TO MR. CARTER. AT ONE POINT, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COULDN'T GET MR. CARTER TO RESPOND. WE THEN STEPPED IN TO REACH OUT TO MR. CARTER, TO ASK THAT HE RESPOND TO THE SHERIFF'S LIAISON. SO I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY THAT WHEN YOU DON'T GET THE RESOLUTION YOU WANT, IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT STAFF DIDN'T RESPOND TO YOUR INQUIRY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE JEFF LEVINSON FOR HIS FIRST MEETING TODAY, COMPLETELY ON HIS OWN, IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE. OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024, AT 9:30 A.M. WE ARE ADJOURNED.

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

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

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.

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