

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024, 9:30 AM

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING. I'M GOING TO CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER. WE WELCOME ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR REGULARLY-SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 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. AS WE START THE MEETING I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WHILE WE'RE HERE, OUR FIRST RESPOND ARE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY STILL RESPONDING TO THE STORM. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO IS CHOOSING TO STAY INSIDE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE YESTERDAY, TODAY AND IN THE DAYS AHEAD. IT'S CLEAR THAT OUR COMMUNITIES TOOK THIS WEATHER EVENT SERIOUSLY BUT IT IS NOT OVER. BECAUSE OF EVERYONE'S COLLECTIVE ACTION, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FARED MUCH BETTER THAN WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN AND A REMINDER THAT EVACUATION ORDERS AND WARNINGS REMAIN IN PLACE FOR OUR AREAS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AND THE ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION, AS WELL AS ALL UPDATES, YOU CAN FIND AT LA COUNTY.GOV/EMERGENCY. WE NEED EVERYONE TO REMAIN CAUTIOUS. THE EARTH IS SATURATED AND MAY BE UNSTABLE. JUST THIS MORNING A BOLDER HIT A CAR IN

MALIBU CANYON, SO THE EARTH IS STILL NOT SETTLED. PLEASE BE CAREFUL, STAY VIGILANT. WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THE COUNTY STORM RESPONSE LATER IN THE MEETING WHEN WE HAVE THE READ-IN MOTION REGARDING THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION. BUT THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO IS WORKING DILIGENTLY TO KEEP US SAFE. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S BOARD MEETING WITH OUR COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. 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: OUR INVOCATION TODAY WILL BE LED BY CASEY B. YOUNG, PASTOR, FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WHICH WILL BE LED BY PATSY PITTS, FORMER SPECIALIST, UNITED STATES ARMY FROM LOS ANGELES IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

CASEY YOUNG: LET US PRAY. DEAR GOD OF NEW BEGINNINGS, THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE WHO HAVE CONVENED TODAY TO CARE FOR THE BUSINESS OF OUR BELOVED LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WITH THE PASSING OF THE FIRST MONTH OF 2024, I PRAY THAT YOU WILL RENEW US WITH YOUR PRESENCE AND ANCHOR OUR LIVES IN AN ETERNAL HOPE THAT BREAKS THROUGH WHAT WE CAN ONLY SEE DIMLY IN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES. REMIND US OF OUR NEED FOR PERSONAL AND COMMUNAL FORGIVENESS AND RESTORATION IN OUR

RELATIONSHIPS. PLEASE HELP US TAKE THE FIRST STEP IN PURSUING RECONCILIATION WITH YOU AND OUR NEIGHBORS. GIVE US A NEW BEGINNING WITH WHAT WE DEEM HOPELESS. MAY WE EXPERIENCE THE GRACE AND PEACE THAT COMES WITH PURSUING GOODNESS, TRUTH AND BEAUTY. AS WE STAND IN ANTICIPATION OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR REMIND US OF THE BEAUTY THAT EXISTS BECAUSE OF THE DIVERSITY OF OUR RESIDENTS, CULTURES AND GENERATIONS. GRANT US A WAY OF HUMILITY THAT HELPS US APPRECIATE OUR DIVERSITY. AS WE HAVE HOPES FOR WHAT THIS NEW YEAR WILL BRING AND A BRIGHTER FUTURE, MAY WE NOT BE SATISFIED WITH WHAT IS TEMPORARY AND FLEETING, BUT WITH WHAT LASTS AND ENDURES. I THANK YOU THAT YOUR KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD. HELP US TO PURSUE PEACE WITH EVERYONE AND HOLINESS. WITHOUT IT NO ONE WILL SEE THE LORD. I PRAY FOR OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ISSUES AND DECISIONS BEFORE THEM. GRANT THEM WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT, COMPASSION AND COURAGE SO THEY WILL FULFILL THEIR DUTY AND OBLIGATION. PLEASE GIVE EVERYONE OPEN EARS TO HEAR, SOFT HEARTS TO RECEIVE AND GRACIOUS WORDS TO SPEAK TO ACCOMPLISH ALL THAT HONORS YOU AND FOR THE PEACE AND WELFARE OF OUR COUNTY. IN YOUR GRACIOUS NAME I PRAY. AMEN.

PATSY PITTS: EVERYONE STANDING. I PLEDGE ALLEGIEGANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I'LL TURN IT TO YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU, PASTOR CASEY YOUNG, FOR JOINING US HERE TODAY. IT'S A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU LEAD US IN OUR INVOCATION THIS MORNING. PASTOR YOUNG SERVES AT THE FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES, ONE OF THE OLDEST AND MOST HISTORIC CHINESE HERITAGE CHURCHES IN LOS ANGELES, WITH OVER 72 YEARS OF HISTORY. PASTOR YOUNG GREW UP RIGHT DOWN THE STREET IN CHINATOWN ATTENDING CASTELAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, JOINING SUMMER CAMPS AT THE ALPINE STREET RECREATION CENTER AND SPENDING MOST OF HIS DAYS HELPING HIS FAMILY'S BUSINESS. AFTER GRADUATING FROM ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL HE ATTENDED U.C. IRVINE WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN URBAN STUDIES AND THEN ATTENDED VIOLA UNIVERSITY TALBOT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS MASTERS OF DIVINITY. HE IS CURRENTLY A PH.D. STUDENT IN LEADERSHIP STUDIES AT CALIFORNIA

BAPTIST UNIVERSITY. PASTOR YOUNG, AS YOU CAN TELL, IS PASSIONATE ABOUT FAITH AND EMPOWERING OTHERS. HE IS A BRIDGE BUILDER BETWEEN OUR CULTURES. HE IS DEDICATED TO FOSTERING UNITY AND GUIDING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO DISCOVER THEIR PURPOSE AND POTENTIAL. HE IS MOST PROUD OF BEING A HUSBAND AND A FATHER AND BEING ABLE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY OF CHINATOWN WHICH IS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. MY OFFICE IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE FOR THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY AND THE FIRST DISTRICT RESIDENTS. I'M HONORED TO HAVE YOU HERE TODAY, PASTOR YOUNG, TO LEAD THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING AND TO PRESENT YOU WITH THE CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: GOOD MORNING, COLLEAGUES. GOOD MORNING, LOS ANGELES. IT GIVES ME GREAT PRIVILEGE AND PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO PATSY PITTS. MS. PITTS FOLLOWED IN HER FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS AND JOINED THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN 1973 AND PROUDLY SERVED FOR TWO YEARS. SHE'S AN HONORABLE RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART. SHE SERVED IN VIETNAM AND ATTAINED THE RANK OF SPECIALIST. SHE ALSO RECEIVED THE MEDAL OF DEFENSE AND

MARKSMAN DECORATIONS. SHE GRADUATED FROM MANUAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL AND WORKED AS A NURSE FOR 37 YEARS SERVING THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. WHILE WORKING IN MEDICINE MS. PITTS USED ART TO HELP SOOTHE AND ENTERTAIN PATIENTS, DRAWING PENCIL PORTRAITS OF THEM TO HANG ON THEIR WALLS. AFTER RETIRING, MS. PITTS USED THE G.I. BILL TO ENROLL AT OTIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN WHERE SHE RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE WITH AN EMPHASIS ON PAINTING AND SCULPTURE. SHE IS CURRENTLY PURSUING A MASTER OF FINE ARTS DEGREE. SHE CONSIDERS HER WORK A FORM OF ACTIVISM AND SHE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT EQUITY AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS. SHE IS ALSO THE AUTHOR OF THIS CHILDREN'S BOOK, "THE ZEUTHEN LOOP." DID I PRONOUNCE THAT CORRECTLY? AND I HAVE TO, COLLEAGUES, READ TO YOU THE AMAZING MESSAGE THAT MOTIVATED THE BOOK. "TO THE PARENTS: THIS BOOK IS INSPIRED BY THE WORRY STONE PROJECT CREATED TO PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR DIALOGUE FOR THE 643 INITIAL SEPARATED CHILDREN FROM THEIR PARENTS IN 2018. A TEAM OF ARTISTS FROM OTIS COLLEGE STILL LIFE, CERAMICS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS MADE THOUSANDS OF STONES FOR THIS PROJECT. THE DESIGNS OF SOME OF THE STONES WERE CREATED BY THE CHILDREN OF MALAWI AFRICA. MANY OF THOSE CHILDREN LOST THEIR PARENTS DURING THE A.I.D.S. CRISIS OF 2008." AND THE DEDICATION TO THE CHILDREN. "WE LOOKED FOR YOU

IN MEXICO. WE LOOKED FOR YOU IN TIJUANA. WE LOOKED FOR YOU IN TEXAS. WE LOOKED FOR YOU IN POMONA, CALIFORNIA. WE LOOKED FOR YOU ON THE MILITARY BASE. LIKE THE ZEUTHEN LOOP, WE LOOKED FOR YOU HIGH AND LOW. WE HAD NO PLACE TO GO SO WE WROTE YOU THIS BOOK AND IT IS OUR HOPE IT FINDS YOU WELL AS YOU HAVE A REMARKABLE STORY TO TELL." WE APPRECIATE YOU FOR YOUR VISION AND COMMITMENT. SHE IS THE PROUD MOTHER OF FOUR ADULT CHILDREN, THERA, MELVIN, MICHAEL AND EBONY. AND THANK YOU, MS. PITTS, NOT ONLY FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, YOUR DECORATED SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, BUT TO OUR COMMUNITY, OUR CHILDREN AND OUR COUNTY AND FOR LEADING US IN TODAY'S PLEDGE IT'S MY HONOR TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THIS ONE IS ADORABLE. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A DOG THAT'S EQUAL PARTS SWEET AND SNUGGLY, I WANT YOU TO MEET BETTY BOOP. BETTY BOOP IS AN AUSTRALIA CATTLE DOG AND IS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT OUR DOWNEY ANIMAL SHELTER. SHE IS VERY SWEET RIGHT NOW, BUT I'M SURE SHE'S GOT A LOT OF ENERGY.

BUT IF YOU WANT TO ADOPT BETTY BOOP, YOU CAN CALL (562)940-6898. (562)940-6898. BUT YOU CAN ALSO DROP BY THE DOWNEY SHELTER AND LOOK AT ALL THE WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL PUPPIES AND OLDER DOGS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION. BUT THIS IS BETTY BOOP. YEAH. VERY CUTE. AND IT'S NOT-- IT'S UNUSUAL TO GET AN AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG, SO THIS ONE IS PROBABLY VERY, VERY UNIQUE AND VERY HAPPY. AND THEN I WANT TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SCREEN AND INTRODUCE YOU TO A DOG IN PALMDALE. WE HAVE A LOT OF ANIMALS AND WE'RE OVERCROWDED UP UP THERE. THIS IS AUTUMN, A 2-YEAR-OLD SIBERIAN HUSKY MIX. SHE IS ONE OF THE PALMDALE CENTER'S LONGEST RESIDENTS, SO SHE'S WAITING TO FIND A FOREVER HOME AND HAS BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING, YOU CAN CALL (661)575-2888. AND WITH ALL THE RAIN, I'D LIKE TO SHARE A REMINDER THAT THE ADOPTION FEES ARE WAIVED WHEN IT'S RAINING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BE BEGIN ON PAGE 2, CONSENT CALENDAR. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1-24. ON ITEM 2, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 72. ON ITEM 4. THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ALSO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WOULD LIKE TO FURTHER REVISE DIRECTIVE NUMBER 6 OF THE MOTION TO INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RACIAL AND-- OF RACIAL EQUITY AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO CREATE AND PRODUCE TRAININGS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY PERSONNEL. ON ITEM 5 AND 6, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEMS 9 AND 10, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ITEM 10 INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 15 SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 16 THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 18, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 25-69, ON ITEM 32, THE DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 38, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 39, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

REQUEST THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. ITEM 47, THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 2D. ON ITEMS 58 AND 59, SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. ON PAGE 49, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 67-C THIS ITEM RELATES TO 3-D. ON PAGE 50 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM 70-72 ON ITEM 72 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 2. ON PAGE 51, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ITEM 2-D IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SUPPLEMENTAL TAX EXEMPT MULTIFAMILY HOUSING MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPLE AMOUNT TO EXCEED 4,800,000 TO FINANCE THE SITE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION OR DEVELOPMENT OF LAS [INAUDIBLE], A 78 UNIT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES. ITEM 3-D RELATES TO ITEM 67-C AND IS AN ADDITION AS INDICATED ONLY THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 53, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. THE REQUEST FOR REFERRED BACK THROUGH CS-3 ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. 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 ITEM 10, FOLLOWED BY ITEM 38, THEN ITEMS 2 AND ITS RELATED ITEM 72, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 15, 5, 6, 9, 13 AND FINISHING WITH ITEM 20, THEN THE REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD AND GENERAL PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENT. SO A LITTLE OUT OF ORDER TODAY. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHEN THOSE ARE COMING UP NEXT. BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN

INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN OUR SPEAKING RULES.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL (877)226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARDROOM, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS HELD BY SUPERVISORS AND UP TO A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR A TOTAL OF 6 MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING. PLEASE NOTE, ONCE YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED WE WILL IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE MONITOR YOUR TIME AND THE ITEMS YOU'RE SIGNING UP FOR AS YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE CALLED ONCE YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, WHEN THE BOARD MOVES TO THE ITEM YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, PROMPTLY 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'LL NEED TO PRESS 1 THEN 0 FOR EACH ITEM ON WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. TO ENSURE WE HEAR FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS WE

WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING QUEUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL BEGIN BY CALLING IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. WE'LL BEGIN WITH ITEM 10, ACQUIRING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND WORK UNIFORMS FOR WOMEN FIREFIGHTERS AND LIFEGUARDS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. WE HAVE WITH US MANY REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR DEPARTMENT, OUR FIRE CHIEF, ANTHONY MARRONE, ELENI PAPPAS, DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF, WHO I BELIEVE HAS A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK. SARA RATHBUN, BATTALION CHIEF, AND DANNY MCMILLAN, SECTION CHIEF, FIRE DEPARTMENT, ARE ALL AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I WILL TURN IT TO YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION TODAY AND ALSO THANK YOU FOR

ACCOMMODATING ALL OF OUR MEMBERS OF OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT NEED TO BE OTHER PLACES LATER, SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM UP FIRST. COLLEAGUES, THIS MOTION TODAY IS ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT THE WOMEN IN OUR LA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT HAVE UNIFORMS AND PERSONAL GEAR, PROTECTIVE GEAR THAT FIT PROPERLY SO THAT THEY HAVE THE SAME ACCESS TO PROTECTION, MOBILITY AS MEN DO AS THEY WORK TO SAVE THE LIVES OF LA COUNTY RESIDENTS. A FEW MONTHS AGO, MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE APPROACHED MY OFFICE AND DESCRIBED THE CHALLENGES THAT WOMEN IN OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT HAVE WITH THEIR UNIFORMS AND THEIR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE GEAR LIKE TURNOUT COATS AND PANTS. THE PROBLEM IS THAT MOST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES THAT PRODUCE THESE CLOTHES DON'T MAKE ONES THAT ARE MEANT TO FIT FEMALE BODIES. AND THOSE COMPANIES THAT DO PRODUCE UNIFORMS FOR WOMEN DON'T PROVIDE THEM TO OUR-- WON'T PROVIDE THEM TO OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT UNLESS WE PURCHASE A LARGE AMOUNT THAT FAR EXCEEDS THE NEEDS IN OUR DEPARTMENT. AND AS A RESULT, THE WOMEN IN OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE FORCED TO WEAR UNIFORMS AND PROTECTIVE GEAR THAT DO NOT FIT PROPERLY. THERE THEY ARE. AND I TRIED ONE ON EARLIER IN THE BACK ROOM AND I KNOW OF WHAT THEY SPEAK. BRIEFLY, I HAD A DIFFICULT TIME RAISING MY LEG TO PUT IT ON ON A CHAIR. I HAD DIFFICULTY SQUATTING DOWN. I HAD DIFFICULTY

RAISING MY ARMS OVER MY HEAD. AND IT'S REALLY, NOT JUST BECAUSE THESE UNIFORMS ARE SO HEAVY-- BY THE WAY, THEY ARE SO HEAVY-- BUT BECAUSE THE FIT IS NOT MADE FOR A FEMALE BODY. SO OUR FIRE FIGHTERS DO A NUMBER OF LITTLE MOVES AND DANCES JUST TO DO BASIC MOVEMENTS THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO DO AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. I'M GOING TO ASK QUESTIONS JUST TO GET THE ANSWERS TO MAYBE WHAT SOME OF US ARE WONDERING. AND CHIEF RATHBUN, CAN YOU JUST EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE, FIRST OF ALL, BETWEEN TURNOUT GEAR AND UNIFORMS FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW?

SARA RATHBUN: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, YES. WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT HERE ARE TURNOUTS. AND IF I COULD ASK CHIEF MCMILLAN TO STAND UP. WHAT MARINE BATALLION CHIEF MCMILLAN IS WEARING IS OUR REGULAR EVERY DAY WORK UNIFORM BUT THIS ALSO SERVES AS PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT ON WILDLAND FIRES WHEN AN ADDITIONAL JACKET IS NOT.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AND CAN YOU TELL US HOW THESE COATS AND PANTS ARE MADE IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT ACCOUNT FOR THE DIFFERENCES IN WOMEN'S BODIES?

SARA RATHBUN: SURE. DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE TAKE A LOT OF MEASUREMENTS BEFORE WE FIT TURNOUTS, RECENTLY THE N.F.P.A. ACTUALLY AT THE END OF LAST YEAR PUBLISHED A STUDY WHEREIN THEY IDENTIFIED THAT MOST OF THE MANUFACTURERS DIDN'T ACTUALLY USE A FEMALE PATTERN. AND WHAT THAT MEANS IS THINGS LIKE, YOU CAN IMAGINE A WOMEN'S BUSINESS SUIT VERSUS THE MEN'S BUSINESS SUITS, THERE ARE A DARTS THAT ACCOMMODATE FOR THE CHEST. THERE ARE DIFFERENT RATIOS BETWEEN THE HIPS AND THE WAIST AND THEN THERE'S A DIFFERENCE IN THE RISE, WHICH CHIEF MARRONE AND I DID SOME RESEARCH THIS WEEK TO FIGURED OUT WHAT THAT EVEN MEANT AND IT TURNS OUT IT'S THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TOP OF THE PANTS AND THE BOTTOM OF THE ZIPPER AND THAT'S DRASTICALLY DIFFERENT AS YOU CAN IMAGINE ON MEN AS IT IS IN WOMEN. SO THEY DO THEIR BEST TO TAILOR THESE TO ACCOMODATE, BUT USING A TEMPLATE THAT'S MADE FOR MEN MAKES THAT A VERY CREATIVE PROCESS.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AND HOW DOES THAT IMPACT THE SAFETY OF THE WOMEN FIREFIGHTERS WHEN THEY WEAR TURNOUT PANTS AND COATS THAT DON'T PROPERLY FIT?

SARA RATHBUN: SURE. THIS IS ACTUALLY SOMETHING THAT I DIDN'T REALIZE A LOT OF PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW. CHIEF MCMILLAN, SHE MANAGES LIFEGUARDS THAT ACTUALLY HAVE TO FIGHT BOAT FIRES IN THESE TURNOUTS, WHICH MEANS THEY HAVE TO STEP FROM THE DOCK OVER ON TO A BOAT THAT MAY BE ABOVE OR BELOW THE WATER. AND SO HAVING TO READJUST THE PANTS AND PULL THEM UP BEFORE THEY STEP TO MAKE SURE THEIR STRIDE IS LONG ENOUGH IS AN ISSUE. FIRE FIGHTER FREEMAN, SHE'S OF SMALLER STATUE-- STATURE, EXCUSE ME- - AND HAS TO CLIMB THROUGH WINDOWS. AND THAT MEANS HER MOBILITY IS SOMETHING THAT SHE WORKS ON WITH HER BODY ON THE DAILY. AND EVEN THOUGH SHE HAS GREAT MOBILITY, SHE CAN'T USE IT INSIDE OF THE TURNOUTS THAT SHE HAS BECAUSE SHE HAS TO HIKE THEM UP REALLY FAR BEFORE SHE CAN CLIMB INTO AND OUT OF A WINDOW TO EFFECT A RESCUE. WE ALSO ADVANCE HOSE LINES ON THE FLOOR BECAUSE THAT'S THE COOLEST PART OF A STRUCTURE. IT GETS 1,000, 1500 DEGREES WHERE YOUR HEAD WOULD BE, SO WE CRAWL. AND PULLING A HOSE THAT HAS A HIGH PRESSURE AND HIGH VOLUME OF WATER IN IT WHILE CRAWLING IN GEAR THAT DOESN'T ALLOW YOU TO MOVE YOUR LEGS AND ARMS PROPERLY IS VERY DIFFICULT.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AND TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE UNIFORMS ASK HOW YOU DESCRIBED TO ME AS LIKE YOU WERE, IF YOU HAVE TO

IMMEDIATELY PULL ON THE WHAT THEY'RE WEARING, HOW YOU'RE TAKING ONE PROBLEM AND PUTTING IT INSIDE ANOTHER PROBLEM.

SARA RATHBURN: SURE. IF CHIEF MCMILLAN GETS A CALL FOR A BOAT FIRE DURING THE DAY AND SHE'S WEARING THIS "COSTUME," SHE WOULD HAVE TO PUT ON HER TURNOUT GEAR ON TOP OF THE ATTIRE THAT SHE'S WEARING RIGHT NOW. SO UNFORTUNATELY THAT MEANS YOU TAKE ONE SET OF PROBLEMS IN THAT GEAR AND TRANSITION THEM INTO THE OTHER GEAR AND NOW YOU'VE GOT TWO LAYERS THAT ARE FIGHTING YOU AS YOU TRY AND RAISE YOUR LEG.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: BEFORE I GO ANY FURTHER, I JUST WANT TO REITERATE THAT THE WOMEN IN OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE FANTASTIC AND BRAVE AND COURAGEOUS AND ARE DOING THE JOB EVERY SINGLE DAY. THEY DON'T COMPLAIN. THEY DON'T WANT TO MAKE A FUSS OVER THINGS LIKE THIS BECAUSE I BELIEVE WE WOMEN, I THINK WE'LL ALL KIND OF RELATE TO THIS, WHEN YOU'RE IN A MALE-DOMINATED INDUSTRY YOU DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO NOT ACT LIKE A COMPLAINER, A WHINER, "THIS DOESN'T WORK FOR ME." WE ALL HAVE TRIED TO FIT IN AND THEY HAVE NEVER COMPLAINED. THIS ISSUE WAS BROUGHT TO ME BY THE WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE AS SOMETHING THEY THOUGHT THIS BOARD WOULD BE INTERESTED IN. BUT THEY'RE DOING

THE JOB AND IT REMINDS ME OF THE QUOTE, "GINGER ROGERS DID EVERYTHING FRED ASTAIRE DID BUT IN HIGH HEELS AND BACKWARDS," AND THAT DESCRIBES THEM. THEY STILL DO THE JOB. THEY GET IT DONE. BUT WE'RE MAKING IT REALLY COMPLICATED. CHIEF MARRONE, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ISSUE WITH THE UNIFORMS IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN THE TURNOUT GEAR BECAUSE THE MANUFACTURERS WE BUY FROM TECHNICALLY HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE WOMEN'S UNIFORMS BUT THEY'RE NEVER AVAILABLE OR IN STOCK. CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT PROBLEM A LITTLE MORE IN DETAIL?

CHIEF MARRONE: YES, THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. AS WE LOOKED INTO THIS ISSUE WE REALIZED THAT ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT MAKE WOMEN'S SHIRTS FOR THE WORK UNIFORM THERE IS NO TEMPLATE FOR WOMEN WORK PANTS. AND IF THEY DO MAKE THE WOMEN'S WORK UNIFORM, THEY WOULD LIKE US TO PURCHASE IN BLOCKS OF $100,000 OR MORE. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE FIVE SIGNATURE BOARD LETTER THAT'S GOING TO BE GOING TO THE MANUFACTURERS AND THE VENDORS THAT LA COUNTY FIRE USES TO MAKE SURE THAT BOTH MANUFACTURERS AND VENDORS CARRY UNIFORMS THAT FIT OUR FIRE SERVICE WOMEN. THIS IS AN ISSUE OF UNIFORM AND P.P.E. IN EQUITY THAT WE MUST ADDRESS AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO NOT ONLY HIRE BUT TO RETAIN AND PROMOTE OUR FIRE SERVICE WOMEN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. AND I'M REALLY GLAD YOU SAID THAT BECAUSE IT'S THE GOAL OF THIS BOARD, I THINK YOU'VE HEARD IT TIME AND TIME AGAIN, THAT WE WANT TO RECRUIT MORE WOMEN. BUT SOMETIMES OUR FACILITIES, OUR INFLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULES AND NOW WE'RE HEARING ABOUT THE UNIFORM PROBLEM, IT MAY BE ADDING TO THAT CHALLENGE. SO, TODAY WE'RE ASKING OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO DO OUTREACH WITH THE WOMEN IN THE DEPARTMENT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CLOTHING CHALLENGES, TO COLLABORATE WITH TO NATIONAL EFFORTS TO PRESSURE MANUFACTURERS TO MAKE FEMALE-FITTING GEAR, TO ENGAGE WITH THE CURRENT MANUFACTURERS AND VENDORS AND TO LOOK INTO ALTERNATIVE MANUFACTURERS AND VENDORS IF THE CURRENT ONES WON'T STEP UP, NO PUN INTENDED. THIS MOTION THAT WE'RE DOING TODAY WILL ASK US TO SEND A FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER FROM THE ALL-WOMEN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO THE CURRENT MANUFACTURERS TO URGE THEM TO PRODUCE CLOTHES THAT PROPERLY FIT WOMEN AND MAKE THEM READILY AVAILABLE. THERE ARE MANUFACTURERS THAT WE CURRENTLY CONTRACT WITH THAT I THINK WE HAVE SOME LEVERAGE AND I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE THIS KNOWN. AND I HEARD A LOT OF STORIES IN THE BACK ROOM EARLIER ABOUT HOW THIS CONTINUES TO CHALLENGE. I HEARD ISSUES OF IT'S NOT JUST TO LOOK GOOD OR TO HAVE A BETTER FITTING OUTFIT. YOU TALK TO

ME ABOUT SAFETY, ABOUT GAPS IN THE UNIFORM THAT COULD LET IN SMOKE OR EMBERS OR WHATEVER. IT IS A SAFETY ISSUE FOR OUR WOMEN IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. IT'S ALSO A SAFETY ISSUE FOR THOSE THEY ARE WORKING TO RESCUE IN A SPLIT SECOND. THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE TO HIKE UP THEIR PANTS OR DO SOMETHING DIFFERENTLY TO MAKE A VERY SIMPLE MOVE I THINK HAS BEEN HINDERING. SO I WANTED YOU TO KNOW, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE FIVE WOMEN ON THIS BOARD, WE HAVE YOUR BACK AND WE HAVE YOUR HIPS. SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE YOU INCLUDING ME AS A CO-AUTHOR BECAUSE I KNOW AS WE ARE SEEKING TO MAKE STRIDES IN DIVERSITY IN OUR DEPARTMENT, THIS IS ONE ISSUE THAT REALLY NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. THE LACK OF PROPER P.P.E. UNIFORMS FOR OUR WOMEN FIREFIGHTERS JUST SIMPLY ISN'T ACCEPTABLE. IT'S AMAZING THAT IN 2023 WE'RE HAVING TO TALK ABOUT THE DIFFERENCES IN UNIFORMS AND THIS HASN'T BEEN ADDRESSED BEFORE. AND HEARING THAT THEY'RE JUST NOT AVAILABLE OR THEY'RE ONLY AVAILABLE IN QUANTITIES THAT'S DON'T MAKE SENSE, YOU KNOW, IS JUST ONE REMINDER OF HOW IT'S NOT PERHAPS AS EXPLICIT AS IT MAY HAVE BEEN DECADES AGO, BUT SEXISM IS ALIVE AND WELL AND WE NEED TO ADDRESS IT. I LOOK FORWARD TO

SEEING YOUR PLAN, CHIEF, FOR PROVIDING THIS NEW EQUIPMENT. PROUD TO BE PARTNERS WITH YOU IN MAKING SURE IT IS DELIVERED. AND I HOPE THAT THE MANUFACTURERS AND VENDORS THAT MAKE P.P.E. AND UNIFORMS FOR OUR FIREFIGHTERS AND OUR LIFEGUARDS WORK TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT THAT'S TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF OUR FEMALE FIREFIGHTERS AND LIFEGUARDS. THIS IS, THIS JUST MAKES SENSE. THIS IS COMMON SENSE AND I'M GLAD TO BE DOING IT. I THINK IT'S LONG OVERDUE. THANK YOU TO THE WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE FOR BRINGING THIS ISSUE TO US AND I WILL STRONGLY SUPPORT TODAY'S MOTION. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR BRINGING THIS IN. AND IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU ALL. I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE PROUD. I MEAN, THESE WOMEN REPRESENT ALL THAT IS GOOD ABOUT LA COUNTY AND LA COUNTY FIRE. AND CHIEF MARRONE, I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU SUPPORT THEM 100%. IT'S JUST, AS YOU SAID, CHAIR HORVATH, IT'S AMAZING THAT WE'RE EVEN HAVING THIS DISCUSSION RIGHT NOW IN THIS TIME, IN THIS DAY AND AGE. AND I HOPE THAT THIS REMINDS OUR MANUFACTURERS THAT WE ARE WATCHING. AND IT IS IMPORTANT, TO YOUR POINT, THIS IS NOT ABOUT A FASHION SHOW. THIS IS ABOUT SAFETY, ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT WE GIVE ALL THE TOOLS NECESSARY

FOR THE MEN AND WOMAN THAT ARE ON THE FRONTLINE TO DO WHAT THEY DO AND THAT IS TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE AND PROPERTY. SO I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS. AND I HAVE TO SAY, I WENT OUT TO THE PREP ACADEMY AND YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. YOU ALL ARE ON LEVEL PLAYING FIELD. YOU'RE NOT ASKING FOR A BREAK AS IT RELATES TO CARRYING THE HOSE OR, WHICH BY THE WAY, I WOULD LAST THREE MINUTES IN YOUR ACADEMY. IT IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT TRAINING, WHAT THESE MEN AND WOMAN GO THROUGH. AND I SAY MEN AND WOMAN BECAUSE YOU GO THROUGH THE SAME THING AS THE MEN. TO BECOME FIRE FIGHTERS AND LIFEGUARDS IS ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE AND I ADMIRE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF FOR YOUR DETERMINATION AND YOUR SKILL IN DOING THAT. SO I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO COMING TO THE NEXT PREP ACADEMY I THINK IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS TO SEE THE NEW RECRUITMENT THAT WE'RE MAKING WITH THE YOUNG WOMEN OUT THERE THAT WE WANT TO RECRUIT INTO LA COUNTY'S FAMILY. SO I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS MOTION TODAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND YOURSELF.

IT IS A CRITICAL MOMENT FOR US. I'M JUST THINKING BACK YEARS AGO IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WHEN WE HAD DEBATES REGARDING WHETHER WOMEN COULD WEAR PANT SUITS. THAT WAS AN ACTUAL LAW. I MEAN, WE HAD TO ACTUALLY VOTE ON THAT. NOW, BUT NOW WE'RE TALKING A LITTLE BIT ABOUT A LITTLE DIFFERENCE, WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE, BUT HAVING PRACTICAL UNIFORMS AND ACCESSIBLE EQUIPMENT THAT MAKES THEM ABLE TO DO THEIR JOB. SO WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR I THINK A HANDOUT OR WHATEVER, IT'S REALLY MORE THE ABILITY TO COMPETE IN YOUR JOB TO GET THERE, TO STAY THERE AND BE ABLE TO PROTECT THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION THAT'S NEEDED FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. SO I APPLAUD THIS REALIZATION THAT WE'VE BEEN OUT OF TOUCH, QUITE FRANKLY. AND I WOULD ALSO ASK THAT WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR UNIFORMS, WE ALSO LOOK AT YOUR HELMETS, BECAUSE I KNOW WITH YOUR RANK, THAT HELMET GETS HEAVIER, BECAUSE I HAPPEN TO HAVE ONE. AS SECRETARY OF LABOR, I WAS GIVEN A HAT, A CAPTAIN'S HAT AND IT IS LEATHER AND IT IS HEAVY. I THINK IT'S LIKE MORE THAN 10 POUNDS. AND I'M WONDERING IF YOU'RE OUT THERE IN THE FIELD, WHATEVER IT IS, AND HOW THAT ALSO CAN IMPACT YOU. BECAUSE WOMEN'S SKULLS, OUR PHYSIQUES ARE DIFFERENT. IT DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE LESS CAPABLE OF DOING THE JOB. WE'RE STRONG. BUT I JUST THINK THAT PERHAPS LOOKING AT THAT, AND I'M GLAD THAT THIS IS GOING TO SEND A MESSAGE TO

OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE, BECAUSE WHEN LA COUNTY SPEAKS IT HAS REVERBERATIONS NATIONALLY. SO THIS DEMONSTRATION THAT YOU PUT FORWARD TODAY I THINK IS REALLY GOOD AND I WOULD EVEN ASK THAT WE LOOK AT WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE STATE LEGISLATURE SO THAT THEY CAN ALSO CONTACT THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, CAL FIRE, CAL-O.S.H.A. TO UPDATE THEIR STATE- WIDE STANDARDS, REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE ON THIS MATTER. BECAUSE IT ABOUT TIME. MAYBE THE MILITARY WILL, IF THEY HAVEN'T ALREADY, BEGIN TO LOOK AT THIS AS WELL. SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. AND I WILL SUPPORT THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I, TOO, WANT TO THANK THE AUTHORS OF THE MOTION AND WAS COMMUNICATING TELEPATHICALLY WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS BECAUSE I HAD WRITTEN RIGHT HERE, "CAL FIRE, QUESTION MARK." AND ALSO THAT PERHAPS WE REACH OUT NOT ONLY A FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER, BUT LET'S REACH OUT TO C.S.A.C. AND THROUGH C.S.A.C. COMMUNICATE WITH ALL OF OUR OUR COLLEAGUES ACROSS THE STATE, IF ALL 58 COUNTIES WHO HAVE WOMEN FIREFIGHTERS, I CERTAINLY HOPE THE OTHERS DO AS WELL, THAT THEY CAN JOIN US IN THIS EFFORT. BECAUSE IF WE GET

THAT KIND OF MASS PRESSURE, I CAN'T IMAGINE THE MANUFACTURERS DENYING THAT IT'S NOT ONLY LA COUNTY BUT IT'S ALL 58 COUNTIES AND THEIR FIREFIGHTERS. WHEN WE SAW-- WHEN I SAW SUPERVISOR HAHN IN THE UNIFORM, I HAD A FLASHBACK TO A TIME WHEN I WAS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND IT WAS REALLY A BRILLIANT STRATEGY. IT WAS FIRE SAFETY DAY IN SACRAMENTO AND IT WAS AT A TIME WHEN A FORMER MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, BECAUSE OF BUDGET CUTS, WAS CONSIDERING TAKING ONE FIREFIGHTER OFF EACH RIG. AND THEY CAME TO SACRAMENTO, PUT US IN THE GEAR, ALLOWED US TO TAKE A LADDER ON TOP OF THE BUILDING TO USE THE TOOL TO FIND THE SOFT SPOT, THEN TRY TO HOLD THE HOSE-- THE KICK BACK WAS AMAZING-- GO INTO A SMOKE-FILLED-- AND SO TO HAVE WALKED A QUARTER BLOCK IN YOUR BOOTS-- NOT A MILE, A QUARTER BLOCK IN YOUR BOOTS-- GAVE ME A LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING LIKE I WILL NEVER FORGET. AND SO TO SEE YOUR DEMONSTRATION TODAY ABOUT HOW THE GEAR THAT IS SUPPOSED TO PROTECT YOU AND ALLOW YOU TO DO YOUR JOB HAMPERS YOUR ABILITY TO BE AS AGILE AS YOU NEED TO BE IS RIDICULOUS. SO ALL THAT WE CAN DO TO ADD OUR VOICE TO SUPPORT. I TOO HAVE BEEN TO THE PREP ACADEMY AND BECAUSE OF THAT SACRAMENTO EXPERIENCE WITH THE HOSE, WHEN THEY OFFERED ME THE OPPORTUNITY AT THE PREP ACADEMY I DECLINED BECAUSE IT IS NO JOKE. THE PRESSURE COMING OUT OF THAT HOSE AND THE FACT THAT WOMEN ARE

ABLE TO STEP UP AND DO THAT, ANYBODY, BUT WOMEN IN PARTICULAR, PLEASE KNOW HOW DEEPLY PROUD YOU MAKE US AND WE'RE GOING TO STAND UP TO MAKE SURE WE CAN DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO GET YOU THE EQUIPMENT YOU NEED TO DO YOUR JOB SAFELY FOR YOU AND SAFELY FOR THE REST OF US. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, TODAY.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: CAN I JUST ADD ONE THING?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: ABSOLUTELY.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO ADD TWO THINGS. I SAID ONE THING, IT'S TWO THINGS. YOU KNOW, THIS IS ALSO ABOUT THE LIFEGUARD, THE WOMEN IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT ARE OUR LIFEGUARDS. THEY ALSO HAVE UNIFORM ISSUES AND THEY WERE SHOWING ME THE BOARD SHORTS THAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO WEAR. AND IT'S, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOTHING AS EXCITING AS BAYWATCH, RIGHT. THESE BOARD SHORTS ACTUALLY ARE VERY BOXY AND THEY DON'T MAKE THEM TO FIT WOMEN. SO, THIS IS ALSO AN ISSUE FOR OUR LIFEGUARDS. AND I ALSO WANTED TO THANK CHIEF MARRONE. I FAILED TO THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING SO SUPPORTIVE OF THIS BOARD'S GOAL TO HIRE AND RETAIN MORE WOMEN FIREFIGHTERS. I WAS

WITH YOU WHEN WE DROPPED BY 83'S THAT DAY AND THERE HAPPENED TO BE A WOMAN WHO WAS ON DUTY THAT DAY AND THAT'S ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS YOU STOPPED TO ASK HER, WAS, "HOW DOES YOUR UNIFORM FIT?" SO I APPRECIATE YOUR SENSITIVITY TO THIS ISSUE AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR PARTNERSHIP AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO DO REALLY WHAT'S RIGHT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: ABSOLUTELY. AND I JUST WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT DURING THIS TIME OF EMERGENCY. I KNOW ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES THAT YOU SERVE HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR THE WAY THAT YOU ALL HAVE RESPONDED TO KEEP THEM SAFE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL SHAWNA LEWIS, AND SHEILA KELLIHER-BURKEL PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER, FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 10, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, 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 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: GENEVIEVE, ARE YOU THERE? GENEVIEVE? WE'LL GO TO OUR NEXT CALLER, PLEASE.

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

ERIC PREVIN: WHAT A NICE IDEA TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT THAT FITS FOR OUR BRAVE FIREFIGHTER WOMEN. BUT LET'S JUST TAKE A CLEAR-EYED APPROACH. FIRST OF ALL, IN THE INTERIM WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT SUSPENDERS WILL PULL THEM UP. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, $100,000 IS NOT A BIG NUMBER FOR THIS BRAVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO COME UP WITH, SINCE WE PAYED $27 MILLION TO VANESSA BRYANT, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, OUT OF FIREFIGHTER MONEY. SO THIS IS STARTING TO ENRAGE ME. LET'S JUST GET IT DONE ALREADY. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, $100,000 ORDER TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM IS NOT A PROBLEM. BUT, YEAH, HOW MUCH MONEY DO WE SPEND WITH THESE COMPANIES ABOVE THAT FOR THE MEN? SO, THIS IS JUST INFURIATING. AND WHERE THE HELL IS DAVE GELATI? WHY

AREN'T PEOPLE SPEAKING OUT ABOUT THIS? WHY HAS THIS GONE ON FOR YEARS. AND THOUGH I APPRECIATE THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS A LEATHER FIRE HAT, YOU KNOW, THESE WOMEN NEED TO BE ACCOUTREMENT PROPERLY. THEY NEED THE STUFF TO GET IT DONE.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SARA RUBENSTEIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SARA RUBINSTEIN: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. UNITED WAY OPPOSES ITEM 15, THE PROPOSAL TO FILE OR JOIN--

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: I'M SO SORRY, SARA. WE'RE ON ITEM 10. SARA, WE ARE ON ITEM 10. SO, WE'LL PUT YOU BACK IN QUEUE AND TAKE YOU UP ON ITEM 15 WHICH IS JUST A LITTLE BIT LATER IN OUR AGENDA.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SHAWNA LEWIS: GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS SHAWNA LEWIS AND I HAVE THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AS THE MANAGER OF THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION AT LA COUNTY FIRE. I STAND, MY OFFICE, WE STAND IN FULL SUPPORT IN MAKING SURE THAT WE GET YOU UNIFORMS THAT FIT PROPERLY FOR OUR FEMALE FIREFIGHTERS AND OUR OCEAN LIFEGUARDS. WE ARE INTENTIONALLY AND MEANINGFULLY LEADING TO TURN LA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT INTO A LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL MODEL OF EQUITY THROUGH EDUCATION, EMPOWERMENT, ADVOCACY AND ACTION. THANK YOU.

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

SHEILA KELLIHER-BURKEL: HI I'M CAPTAIN SHEILA KELLIHER-BURKEL. I'VE BEEN A PROUD MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 24 YEARS. I LOVE WHAT I DO. I WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE AND I ECHO SUPERVISOR HAHN'S STATEMENT THAT I'VE NEVER ONCE COMPLAINED ABOUT MY UNIFORMS. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THEY DIDN'T FIT. AND WE ARE PROBLEM SOLVERS BY NATURE. THAT'S WHAT WE DO. I JUST HAVE A HANDFUL MORE PROBLEMS TO SOLVE EVERY CALL I GO OUT TO GET IT DONE. AND AGAIN, I LOVE WHAT I DO. AND WHERE I HAVE A PROBLEM IS NOW I'M MENTORING THE NEXT GENERATION OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMAN COMING THROUGH OUR

DEPARTMENT. AND WHEN I TELL THE 23-YEAR-OLD GIRL, "AH, JUST FIGURE OUT. JUST, I DON'T KNOW, PULL THEM UP. TIGHTEN UP YOUR SUSPENDERS," IT DOESN'T WORK. WE NEED TO DO BETTER. AND WE'RE IN A POSITION WHERE THERE IS MORE WOMEN NOW AND WE HAVE ENOUGH THAT WHETHER IT'S THROUGH BUDGET, WHETHER IT'S THROUGH PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE MANUFACTURERS, WE SHOULD GET THIS JOB DONE. I THANK THE 5 WONDER WOMEN UP HERE TRYING TO HELP US. WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AND WE APPRECIATE YOU BACK. ARE THERE ANY MORE SPEAKERS? OKAY. ITEM 10 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ITEM 10 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCH?

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 SO MUCH. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 38, A REPORT ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION WHICH I HELD, AND IT WAS CONTINUED FROM OUR LAST MEETING. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. WITH US IS DR. BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND ANDREA WELSING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THEY WILL FIRST MAKE A PRESENTATION AND THEN WE WILL TURN TO BOARD DISCUSSION. THANK YOU.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR HORVATH AND SUPERVISORS AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ON OUR WORK AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRIORITIZE PREVENTING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN LA COUNTY. I'M JOINED BY ANDREA WELSING, THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION. I WANT TO START BY THANKING SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN ELEVATING THE ISSUE OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, A HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN WHICH IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED. GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IS AN EXPANSIVE TERM WHICH INCLUDES INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, GENDERED CYBER ABUSES, SEXUAL HARRASMENT, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND EXPLOITATION AND HOMOPHOBIC AND TRANSPHOBIC ABUSES. DESPITE THE PREVALENCE OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTY, MANY ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES ARE INSUFFICIENTLY FUNDED. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR MORE INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMING FOR THE WIDE RANGE OF GENDER EXPANSIVE SEXUALLY DIVERSE, QUEER, NONBINARY AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE WHO ALONG WITH THOSE

IDENTIFYING AS WOMEN AND GIRLS EXPERIENCE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE VICTIMIZED BY GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE ARE ALSO MARGINALIZED AND VICTIMIZED FOR OTHER ASPECTS OF THEIR IDENTITY INCLUDING THEIR RACE, THEIR ETHNICITY, THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND THEIR SEXUAL IDENTITY, IMMIGRATION STATUS AND CLASS. ACCORDING TO THE 2016 AND 2017 NATIONAL INTIMATE PARTNER AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SURVEY, 47% OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES REPORTED HAVING EXPERIENCED SEXUAL VIOLENCE, PHYSICAL VIOLENCE OR STALKING BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER. IN ADDITION, ACCORDING TO AN ANALYSIS PUBLISHED IN THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN 2020, THAT WHEN COMPARED TO CISGENDER INDIVIDUALS, TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS WERE TWO TIMES MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE PHYSICAL INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND 2.5 TIMES MORE LIKEY TO EXPERIENCE SEXUAL INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE. THESE DATA ALIGNED WITH THE FINDINGS OF THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION'S VIOLENCE HOPE AND HEALING STORYTELLING PROJECT. 100 STORIES WERE COLLECTED FROM LA COUNTY RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY VIOLENCE. READING THEIR STORIES I WAS STRUCK BY HOW OFTEN A LIFETIME OF EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE BEGAN WITH GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE EXPERIENCES IN THE HOME AT A VERY YOUNG AGE. WE'RE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE SUPERVISORS THAT PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO GENDER-BASED

VIOLENCE IN LA COUNTY IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, JUSTICE AND EQUITY. THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION LOOKS FORWARD TO EXPANDING EFFORTS TO ADDRESS AND PREVENT GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN COORDINATION WITH THE OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH, THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL, THE SOON TO BE FORMED SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL AND OTHER COUNTY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS. WITH THAT, I'LL GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. THIS MORNING WE WANT TO BRIEFLY SHARE WITH YOU OUR PRIORITIES. WE COULD TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT PRIORITIES AND MILESTONES OF THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION. CURRENT GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PREVENTING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. AFTERWARDS, ANDREA AND I OF COURSE WILL WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS. SINCE 2019, WITH SUPPORT AND DIRECTION OF THE BOARD, THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION HAS PARTNERED TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO PREVENT AND MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF VIOLENCE IN LA COUNTY. O.V.P.'S MISSION AND PRIORITIES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN GUIDED BY THE BOARD AND BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY THE VOICES OF SURVIVORS AND THOSE MOST IMPACTED BY VIOLENCE. THIS IS REFLECTED IN THE 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN THAT WAS INFORMED BY INPUT COLLECTED THROUGH MULTIPLE COUNTYWIDE LISTENING SESSIONS AND BY INTERVIEWS WITH SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS, KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND

COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE PLAN LAYS OUT THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION'S 6 IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES THAT YOU SEE OUTLIND ON THIS SLIDE. NEXT SLIDE. IN ADDITION, THE BOARD HAS PASSED 20 MOTIONS WITH DIRECTIVES FOR THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, INCLUDING 12 WITH THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION AS LEAD DEPARTMENT. THIS HAS INCLUDED WORK FOCUSED ON CRISIS RESPONSE, SUICIDE PREVENTION, COMMUNITY-BASED PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, SCHOOL SAFETY AND GUN SAFETY AMONG OTHERS. 8 OF THESE BOARD MOTIONS WERE RELATED TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISIONS WERE NAMED IN THESE MOTIONS WHICH ADDRESSED GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, DATA COLLECTION, EDUCATION AND SYSTEMS CHANGE. I'LL NOW TURN TO ANDREA WELSING TO PRESENT THE NEXT FEW SLIDES.

ANDREA WELSING: GOOD MORNING. COULD YOU GO BACK TO THE LAST SLIDE, PLEASE? THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M HAPPY TO SHARE WITH YOU A FEW OF THE MILESTONES THAT WE ACHIEVED SINCE THE OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2019. WE LAUNCHED IN 2019 AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR OF COURSE WE ALL EXPERIENCED THE COVID PANDEMIC. BUT WE WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE SOME SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES INCLUDING VERY EARLY ON ESTABLISHING OUR GOVERNANCE

STRUCTURE WHICH INCLUDES COUNTY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE AND A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP COUNSEL. THE COUNTY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE HAS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE 30 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND ARE OUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL IS A DIVERSE GROUP OF 25 PARTNERS THAT APPLIED TO BE ON THAT COUNCIL AND REPRESENT DIVERSE FORMS OF VIOLENCE. SO WE ESTABLISHED THAT EARLY ON IN 2019. IN 2020, WE PARTNERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE TO LAUNCH THE VIOLENCE, HOPE AND HEALING STORYTELLING PROJECT, AND THIS WAS IMPORTANT BECAUSE OUR WORK IS REALLY CENTERED ON THE VOICES OF SURVIVORS AND THOSE MOST IMPACTED BY VIOLENCE. AND WE REALLY WANTED TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM THOSE MOST IMPACTED. SO AS DR. FERRER MENTIONED, WE COLLECTED 100 STORIES OVER A YEAR AND A HALF PERIOD AND COLLECTED THOSE INTO A BOOK THAT MOST OF YOU HAVE RECEIVED CALLED "VIOLENCE, HOPE AND HEALING." WE WERE ABLE TO EXPAND WITH THE BOARD'S SUPPORT THE TRAUMA PREVENTION INITIATIVE FROM FOUR COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH LA TO NINE COMMUNITIES COUNTYWIDE. WE WERE ABLE TO LAUNCH A TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE SYSTEMS CHANGE PILOT AND WE DID THAT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND REC, LAUNCHING A TRAUMA-INFORMED TRAINING AND SYSTEMS CHANGE EFFORT WITH THEM, BUT REALLY WORKING WITH ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO BETTER INFORM OUR EFFORTS TO BE TRAUMA INFORMED. WE ALSO WORKED WITH

THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR OVER A YEAR TO DEVELOP A CURRICULUM THAT LOOKED AT WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND ACTUALLY RESULTED IN A TRAINING-- MANDATED TRAINING COUNTYWIDE FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND A SECOND TRAINING THAT FOCUSSED ON MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS. THIS TRAINING ALSO INCLUDES TRAINING SPECIFICALLY AROUND THE ISSUE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. IN 2022, WE CALLED PARTNERS TOGETHER AFTER THE UVALDE TEXAS SHOOTINGS AND THE BUFFALO, NEW YORK MASS SHOOTING AND WE DEVELOPED A 40-POINT GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLATFORM THAT WE PUBLICLY LAUNCHED IN APRIL OF 2023 AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY TO ADVANCE OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN THAT PREVENTION PLATFORM, INCLUDING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT, TRAINING FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER TRAININGS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS. AND THEN IN JULY OF 2023, WE BEGAN A SOFT LAUNCH OF OUR CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAM IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES AND ALSO THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHICH WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF TRANSITIONING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND ACTUALLY OFFICIALLY TOOK OVER RESPONDING TO INCIDENTS IN FEBRUARY OF 2024. THERE ARE MANY OTHER EXAMPLES OF WORK THAT WE DID DURING THIS 5-YEAR TIME PERIOD AND ONE OF THE BIG ONES NOT LISTED HERE IS THE

RELEASE OF $20 MILLION IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND DEVELOPING THAT PROJECT DESIGN THAT LOOKS AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT COMPONENTS, INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS, TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE SERVICES, A PEER TO PEER VIOLENCE ACADEMY AND OTHERS. THOSE ARE OUR MILESTONES. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, RIGHT NOW IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND COUNTYWIDE, REALLY THE FUNDING FOCUSES ON RESPONSE AND SERVICES. AND WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING AND WHAT WE PROPOSED IN OUR REPORT IS THAT WE SHIFT TO AN INVESTMENT TO PREVENTION SERVICES AS WELL. RIGHT NOW WE ARE WORKING WITH THE OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH AND THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL TO COORDINATE SERVICES AS BEST WE CAN. OUR ROLE REALLY IN THIS UP TO NOW AND MOVING FORWARD AS WE THINK AHEAD IS REALLY LEADING DATA AGGREGATION, COLLECTION AND MONITORING EFFORTS ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE TRENDS AND PATTERNS ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE ARE INTEGRATING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE CURRICULA INTO OUR ONGOING SCHOOL SAFETY INITIATIVE, TEEN DATING VIOLENCE, BULLYING, ET CETERA, AND WE ARE ALSO WORKING CURRENTLY TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM OF ACCESS TO RESTRAINING ORDERS TO PROTECT VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS BOTH OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FROM FIREARMS INJURIES AND DEATHS AND THOSE AT RISK OF HARMING THEMSELVES OR OTHERS. WE'RE DOING THIS WORK

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE D.V.C. NEXT SLIDE. SO HERE, THIS SLIDE JUST REALLY HIGHLIGHTS THE WORK OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL WHICH WAS CREATED BY THE BOARD IN 1979 AND TRANSFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH IN 2018. THE D.V.C . PROVIDES LEADERSHIP AND THE CREATION AND SUPPORT OF A SURVIVOR-CENTERED COUNTY-WIDE AND COORDINATED APPROACH TO EDUCATE, PREVENT AND RESPOND TO DOMESTIC AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE. D.V.C. AND O.V.P. COLLABORATE TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE INTERSECTIONALITY BETWEEN GUN VIOLENCE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO IMPROVE ACCESS FOR D.V. SURVIVORS TO G.V.R.O.S AND D.V.R.O.S AND TO IMPROVE POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS TO PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE ALSO HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF WORKING WITH THE OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH WHICH ADMINISTERS THE COUNTY CONTRACTS WITH COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS THAT OPERATE SHELTERS AND PROVIDE OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES FOR D.V. SURVIVORS. WE COLLABORATE WITH THE OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH TO RAISE AWARENESS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR D.V. SURVIVORS, MOSTLY AROUND DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING AND THEN ALSO PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE. NEXT SLIDE. SO, AS OUTLINED IN OUR REPORT BACK TO YOU ON JANUARY 3RD, WE ARE REALLY MAKING THREE RECOMMENDATIONS TO MOVE THIS WORK FORWARD TO PUT-- CENTRALIZE THE OFFICE OF

VIOLENCE PREVENTION AS A COORDINATING ENTITY FOR THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS AROUND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. AS I SAID, WE'VE LARGELY FOCUSSED ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND RESPONSE SERVICES, AND WHILE THESE SERVICES ARE CRUCIAL TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, WE MUST EXPAND OUR EFFORTS TO MOVE UP STREAM IF WE ARE TO GET AT THE ROOT CAUSES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. SO OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FALL IN THREE CATEGORIES. ONE IS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE DATA. WE WANT TO WORK TO IMPROVE TIMELINESS AND ACCESS TO DATA THAT SUPPORTS ACTION, CAPTURE THE FULL SPECTRUM OF GENDER DIVERSITY DATA TO ELEVATE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND ENSURE THAT PREVENTION ACTIVITIES REACH THOSE MOST IMPACTED. WE'RE WELL CENTERED TO DO THIS WORK. WE HAVE A SUPERVISING EPIDEMIOLOGIST AND A FULL RESEARCH AND EVALUATION TEAM. WE PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM AND OTHER-- WE HAVE STAFF TO SUPPORT THIS WORK AND WOULD LIKE TO CARRY IT FURTHER. WE REALLY WANT TO ASK FOR RESOURCES TO FOCUS UPSTREAM ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND WE'VE ASKED FOR FUNDING IN THE BOARD MEMO FOR SPECIFIC THINGS AROUND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVES. AND WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ADVOCATING FOR AND PROTECTING FUNDING FOR SURVIVOR SERVICES AND CRISIS RESPONSE. AND THEN WE WANT TO ENGAGE ALL COUNTY PARTNERS AND

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION EFFORTS AND I THINK WE'RE WELL-POSITIONED DO THAT AS WELL WITH OUR COUNTY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE AND OUR COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS. I THINK WE'RE REALLY WELL- POSITIONED TO MOVE FORWARD A COORDINATED RESPONSE IN LA COUNTY. SO, I THINK WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT BACK TO --

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, THANK YOU. AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. FROM THE INITIAL ALLOCATION OF $3 MILLION IN ANNUAL FUNDING, THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION CURRENTLY HAS BOTH ONE-TIME AND ONGOING FUNDING FROM VARIED SOURCES, INCLUDING FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL DOLLARS FOR KEY INITIATIVES. THIS SLIDE SUMMARIZES THE KEY FUNDING SOURCES AND THE AMOUNTS FOR THE OFFICE. MUCH OF THIS, AS YOU'LL SEE, IS ONE-TIME FUNDING INCLUDING THE $25 MILLION FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT THAT THE BOARD ALLOCATED AND THAT FUNDING, AS ANDREA NOTED, FUNDS COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING THROUGH 2024. ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDING INCLUDES ABOUT $7 MILLION IN MEASURE B FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE CORE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND THE TRAUMA PREVENTION INITIATIVE BASE AND EXPANSION. THERE'S ALSO AN ADDITIONAL $4 MILLION FROM AB-109 PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT FUNDS. THAT AGAIN PRIMARILY IS GOING PRIMARILY TOWARDS THE TRAUMA PREVENTION INITIATIVE EXPANSION.

THAT'S THAT COMMUNITY BASED IN 9 DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES RIGHT NOW, AS WELL AS THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AND THEN WE HAVE $1.8 MILLION IN PROBATION, JUVENILE JUSTICE, CRIME PREVENTION ACT MONEY. THIS IS TO BUILD CAPACITY AMONG GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE SYSTEM-INVOLVED YOUTH AND SUPPORT POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION. THIS IS ONE-TIME BUT WE DO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW IT ANNUALLY WITH A NEW APPLICATION PROCESS. WE ARE GETTING RIGHT NOW $440,000 IN N.C.C. FOR THE CRISIS RESPONSE WORK THAT ANDREA NOTED AS WELL. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. SO, YOU KNOW, WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE BOARD'S ONGOING SUPPORT. WE'RE GRATEFUL REALLY IN LARGE PART TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO ARE DOING SO MUCH OF THIS WORK. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WILL HELP US PREVENT AND RESPOND TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN LA COUNTY IN COLLABORATION, OF COURSE, WITH OUR OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND WITH THE BOARD. WITH THAT, WE'RE HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I KNOW THAT THIS OFFICE IS ONE OF THOSE OFFICES, LIKE WE SAW AT OUR LAST MEETING, THAT HAS TO BRING A LOT OF ENTITIES TOGETHER,

AND SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME THAT WE HELP SUPPORT YOU IN THAT WORK MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE WORKING THROUGHOUT THE SILOS AND NOT ALLOWING PEOPLE TO SORT OF SIT SEPARATED AND NOT FULLY ADDRESS WHAT WE KNOW IS BEFORE US. SO, THANK YOU FOR THIS PRESENTATION. WE KNOW GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IS A PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. IT AFFECTS EVERYONE. IT HAPPENS IN PUBLIC SPACES AS WELL AS PRIVATE HOMES AND WE SAW DURING COVID, YOU KNOW, EVEN NEW RISKS. POPULATIONS AT HIGHER RISK INCLUDE WOMAN AND GIRLS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES, YOUNG AND ADOLESCENT GIRLS, OLDER WOMEN, PEOPLE WHO IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ+ PLUS, ESPECIALLY OUR TRANSGENDER, EXPANSIVE AND INTERSEX COMMUNITY, ETHNIC MINORITY WOMEN, REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS, AND ANY COMBINATION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED. WHEREVER GENDER INEQUALITY INTERSECTS WITH OTHER FORMS OF OPPRESSION, THE OUTCOMES ARE BLEAK, WHICH IS FERTILE GROUND FOR GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. AND WHILE WE'VE MADE PROGRESS IN OUR UNDERSTANDING, WE ALSO NOTE THAT-- AND WE'VE CODIFIED SOME OF THAT PROGRESS WITH THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ACT, TO THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT, THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT, THERE IS STILL A LONG ROAD AHEAD. AND VARIOUS FORMS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, BE IT INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS IT USED TO BE KNOWN, SEXUAL ASSAULT OR LGBTQ+-SPECIFIC

VIOLENCE HAS SILOED APPROACHES TO ACCESSING RESOURCES AND SERVICES. AND WHILE THIS IS OFTEN SEEN AS AN ISSUE OF THE MARGINALIZED, THE TRUTH IS WE'RE ALL AT RISK OR IMPACTED BY THIS ISSUE WHICH IS WHY I WANT TO PRIORITIZE IT THIS YEAR. SO A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE COUNTY'S ROLE AS DISTINGUISHED FROM OUR COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS IN GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, BOTH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND OF COURSE FOR THE QUESTIONS. I DO THINK THERE'S A SPECIFIC ROLE. I MEAN, IT IS A LARGE COUNTY, SO COORDINATION BECOMES SUPER IMPORTANT, AS WELL AS I THINK AS ANDREA NOTED, YOU KNOW, BEING ABLE TO COLLECT INFORMATION SO WE ALL CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON. YOU KNOW, SORT OF THAT STANDARDIZATION ABOUT INFORMATION IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. YOU KNOW, I GIVE ONE EXAMPLE, WHICH IS, YOU KNOW, THE SHELTER-BASED SYSTEM. AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO ARE STANDING UP THE SHELTERS. BUT IT'S, IT'S THERE'S NO CENTRALIZED INTAKE. YOU KNOW, PEOPLE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR SPACE IN A SHELTER ARE OFTEN ON THEIR OWN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO FIND A SPACE. THEY ARE CALLING ONE SHELTER, FINDING OUT IF THERE'S SPACE, AND THEN, YOU KNOW, IF

THERE'S NOT, THEY ARE REFERRED TO ANOTHER SHELTER AND THEY'RE CALLING ANOTHER SHELTER. YOU KNOW, THIS IS A PLACE WHERE AS A COUNTY WE REALLY COULD PLAY A PRETTY PIVOTAL ROLE WORKING WITH, YOU KNOW, THE WONDERFUL ORGANIZATIONS THAT TAKE ON THIS HUGE TASK AND FINDING A WAY TO MAKE IT MUCH EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO GET CONNECTED TO THE SERVICES AND SUPPORT THEY NEED. IT ALSO WOULD BE A WAY FOR US TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED IN TERMS OF THE SHELTER SYSTEM. SO EVEN IN TERMS OF SUPPORTING SURVIVORS, WHILE WE HAVE THESE GREAT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, WE DO HAVE A ROLE AS A COUNTY TO REALLY TRY TO REDUCE THE BARRIERS THAT PEOPLE FIND GETTING CONNECTED TO SERVICES. I THINK THAT'S A ROLE WE PLAY IN ALL KINDS OF AREAS IN PUBLIC HEALTH, BUT I THINK IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT HERE. I WOULD SAY ALSO, YOU KNOW, THERE'S ALWAYS A ROLE FOR ADVOCACY HERE. AND, YOU KNOW, WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, BEING ABLE TO LIFT UP THE ISSUES WHERE THERE IS A NEED FOR MORE RESOURCES OR CHANGES IN POLICIES AND PRACTICES, YOU KNOW, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THE COUNTY, YOU KNOW, UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP HAS DONE BRILLIANTLY. AND I WOULD SAY IT IS A VERY EFFECTIVE ROLE. I WANT TO NOTE THAT THE COUNCILS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL IN PARTICULAR, HAS REALLY LIFTED UP THIS SET OF ACTIVITIES AS BEING PRIMARY, IN

REALLY COMING TO SOLUTIONS PARTICULARLY FOR SURVIVORS. AND I WOULD SAY THE THIRD ROLE THAT I THINK THE COUNTY PLAYS AND CAN PLAY A BIGGER PART IN IS PREVENTION. BECAUSE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE, IS PREVENTION OF ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE. AND MANY OF THE ROOT CAUSES OF VIOLENCE ARE SHARED. SO GETTING IN THERE WITH PROGRAMMING EARLY, THAT SUPPORTS FAMILIES ECONOMICALLY, AND EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY TO REALLY FOCUS ON WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR SCHOOLS. YOU KNOW, AS A HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, I HAVE TO SAY THIS ISSUE OF INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE IS HUGE. AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, SORT OF HELPING TO DEVELOP THE SKILLS THAT WE ALL NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS NOT PAID A LOT OF ATTENTION TO. BUT IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN EVERYTHING, FROM SCHOOL CLIMATE, ALL THE WAY THROUGH YOUR INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PEOPLE. SO, YOU KNOW, HERE AGAIN, THESE ARE ROLES THAT I THINK AS A PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WE EMBRACE AND FEEL LIKE THEY, YOU KNOW, IN SOME WAYS HAVE US IN A DIFFERENT PLACE THAN SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AND HOW DO WE DO OUTREACH OR HOW DO WE MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THESE SERVICES AND THAT

THE SERVICES ARE ACTUALLY MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE IN THAT TIME OF CRISIS?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, I THINK, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, WE'VE SPENT A FAIR AMOUNT OF TIME, AND AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL IN PARTICULAR FOR THE WORK THEY ARE DOING AROUND MAKING SURE PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS AND KNOW WHERE TO GET SERVICES, AND THE SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL I AM CONFIDENT WILL PLAY A VERY SIMILAR ROLE. OUR ROLE IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MESSAGE IS BROADER, TO PEOPLE WHO MAY NOT SEE THEMSELVES OR IDENTIFY YET AS BEING A SURVIVOR OR A VICTIM. AND ON THE PREVENTION SIDE AS WELL, WE HAVE BEEN USING A LOT OF SORT I'M GOING TO SAY OUR MEDIA, BUT IN PARTICULAR, WHAT WE RELY ON THE MOST IS OUR COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS. AND HAVING THAT BROAD NETWORK, WE FUND COMMUNITY COALITIONS ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY SO THAT THE INFORMATION IS CLOSE TO WHERE PEOPLE ARE LIVING. AND IT IS ALSO GETS PROVIDED BY ORGANIZATIONS WHERE PEOPLE ALREADY HAVE ONGOING RELATIONSHIPS. WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE. YOU CAN'T REALLY HAVE A BIG CAMPAIGN. I MEAN, A BIG CAMPAIGN MIGHT BE IMPORTANT AND IT MIGHT SURFACE AN ISSUE AND PUT A LOT OF ATTENTION ON AN ISSUE, BUT WHEN PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO ACCESS SERVICES, THEY ARE GENERALLY GOING INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES IN

PLACES WHERE THEY ALREADY HAVE RELATIONSHIPS. OUR FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS ARE ANOTHER PLACE WHERE WE HAVE DEVELOPED A LOT OF RELATIONSHIPS OVER THE COURSE OF THE PANDEMIC IN PARTICULAR, AND WHERE WE WANT TO STRENGTHEN THOSE RELATIONSHIPS TO REALLY HELP US AGAIN REACH PEOPLE WHO ARE IN NEED OF SERVICES AND NOT WELL-CONNECTED.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AND I WOULD ASK, IF YOU COULD HELP US UNDERSTAND WHERE, WHAT YOU WOULD PRIORITIZE. I KNOW YOU HAVE YOUR THREE BUCKETS: DATA COLLECTION, RESOURCES AND STAFFING, AND INCREASED COORDINATION. WHAT WOULD WE DO SPECIFICALLY TO EXPAND THAT UPSTREAM PREVENTION PROGRAMMING THAT YOU SPOKE ABOUT? BECAUSE I THINK, YOU KNOW, DATA COLLECTION IS IMPORTANT. WE CERTAINLY CAN PLAY THAT ROLE IN THE WHOLE ECOSYSTEM OF SERVICES. BUT MAKING SURE THAT THOSE PREVENTION EFFORTS ARE REALLY HAPPENING IS THE MOST CRITICAL PIECE. AND SO I KNOW THAT THERE'S WORK BEING DONE THERE. AND YOU'D PROBABLY LIKE MORE SUPPORT IN DOING THAT--

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YES.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WHICH IS REALLY WHY I SURFACED THIS. YOU KNOW, HOW DO WE HELP SUPPORT YOU IN GETTING THAT WORK DONE? WHAT WOULD YOU ASK US TO DO TO HELP YOU?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH. I MEAN, I THINK WE GAVE-- WE PUT FORWARD A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT WOULD GO OUT TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN BEST DO THIS WORK. YOU KNOW, AGAIN, I THINK OUR JOB IS TO IDENTIFY THOSE PLACES WHERE THIS WORK CAN HAPPEN. AND IN MANY CASES, THOSE PLACES WHERE THIS WORK IS ALREADY HAPPENING, LIFT UP THOSE EFFORTS, GET THEM WELL-FUNDED AND TAKE MODEL PROGRAMS AND EXPAND THEM WHERE THEY'RE WORKING. CLEARLY OUR WORK WITH SCHOOLS HAS BENEFITED FROM THE ADDITIONAL DOLLARS THAT WE RECEIVE, THAT WE WERE ABLE TO THEN USE TO PARTNER, BOTH WITH SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. SO I THINK THAT MODEL IS THE APPROPRIATE MODEL. WE'RE NOT LOOKING TO SET UP A BIG INFRASTRUCTURE HERE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. WE THINK WE HAVE A GOOD INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THIS WORK, BUT WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE RESOURCES TO ACTUALLY FUND THE PROGRAMMING THAT WE THINK MAKES A DIFFERENCE. YOU CAN'T BUILD PEOPLE'S SKILLS AROUND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS IF YOU DON'T HAVE PROGRAMMING WHERE PEOPLE CAN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT LEARNING. AND

SCHOOLS ARE A GREAT PLACE, AS ARE PROGRAMS WHERE WE ARE WORKING WITH FAMILIES, FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: ANDREA, DID YOU-- WAS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD?

ANDREA WELSING: NO. ONLY I WOULD LIKE TO CALL OUT OUR REQUEST FOR FUNDING. FOR THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE PREVENTION SERVICES, WE ARE ASKING FOR $5.1 MILLION. AND A LOT OF THAT, AS DR. FERRER SAID, IS TO GO OUT TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO DO TEEN DATING VIOLENCE, TO ALSO WORK WITH THOSE WHO PERPETRATE HARM AND VIOLENCE, BECAUSE OFTENTIMES THEY HAVE BEEN HURT THEMSELVES AND THERE'S A TRAJECTORY TO THAT VIOLENCE. AND AT THE SAME TIME, WE WANT TO DO INNOVATIVE WORK IN THOSE AREAS. SO WE HAVE ASKED SPECIFICALLY FOR FUNDING AROUND COMMUNITY GRANTS FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TAILORED TO SPECIFIC POPULATIONS INCLUDING LGBTQI-PLUS YOUTH PEER LEADERS, AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR YOUNG WOMEN, AND PEOPLE WHO ARE UNHOUSED. WE WANT FLEXIBLE FUNDING. AND SO THE MAJORITY OF THAT 5.1 IS REALLY TO GO OUT INTO GRANTS TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS A SPECTRUM OF STRATEGIES THAT WE THINK WILL WORK TO

REDUCE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. FOR THE SEXUAL VIOLENCE, FOR THE SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL, THAT IS $1.7 MILLION THAT WE ARE ASKING FOR. AND AGAIN, SOME INFRASTRUCTURE AND STAFFING, AND THE ASK THERE FOR THE COMMUNITY GRANTS IS A LITTLE BIT LESS. PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE WE NEED TO ENGAGE THAT SEXUAL ASSAULT COMMISSION AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DOING THE WORK TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN TO REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT WORK. SO A LITTLE BIT LESS ASK THERE IN TERMS OF COMMUNITY GRANTS AT THIS POINT, BUT WE DEFINITELY NEED THE RESOURCES AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO MOVE THIS WORK FORWARD. WE DEFINITELY WANT TO INVEST IN STRATEGIES THAT WORK AND COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YEAH, THAT MAKES SENSE. AND WE WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU ARE MEASURING SUCCESS, AND I KNOW THAT WHEN WE FIRST STARTED THIS CONVERSATION, IT WAS MAYBE A LITTLE BIT OF A SURPRISE THAT WE WANTED TO PRIORITIZE IT IN THIS WAY, BUT I THINK REALLY MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR WORK THAT PEOPLE SEE WHAT YOU ARE DOING, AND THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHAT MORE IT IS YOU NEED FROM US IN ORDER TO DO MORE AND BETTER, IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME AND I AM SURE TO OUR ENTIRE BOARD. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU

ARE DOING IN THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION. I KNOW THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE OUR FIRST GENDER- BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION DEPUTIES MEETING ON FEBRUARY 15TH AT 4:00 P.M., SO WE WILL CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION THERE AND THE WORK AS A COUNTY COLLECTIVELY ALL TOGETHER WITH ALL OF OUR OFFICES. WE KNOW THAT IN A 2018 STUDY, THE FISCAL COST OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE FOUND PREVENTION PROGRAMS WOULD LEAD TO SUBSTANTIAL COST SAVINGS. SO IF YOU'RE NOT MOVED EMOTIONALLY, PERHAPS YOU ARE LOOKING AT WHAT IS THE COST BENEFIT OF THIS KIND OF PROGRAMMING. I THINK THAT KIND OF INVESTMENT WE NEED TO REALLY UNDERSTAND. EVERY PREVENTED RAPE OF AN ADULT CAN SAVE $163,000 AND MORE. EVERY PREVENTED RAPE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD COULD SAVE UP TO $227,000 AND MORE. SO, AND WE KNOW THAT THE COST IS EVEN HIGH TORE THE WELLBEING, AND OUR CULTURE AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A SOCIETY. SO WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL AS WE ARE GOING INTO BUDGET SEASON, SO I THANK YOU FOR HIGHLIGHTING WHAT WOULD BE HELPFUL, IN TERMS OF A REQUEST SO WE CAN PRIORITIZE YOUR WORK. I KNOW I WILL BE DOING THAT IN MY REQUEST. AND OUR SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT WILL NOT ONLY SAVE MONEY, IT WILL SAVE LIVES, SO THANK YOU AGAIN. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE ITEM BEFORE US. AND I WANT TO THANK DR. FERRER, AND YOUR TEAM, ANDREA, AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH YOU FOR SEVERAL YEARS ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF PREVENTION. I WANT TO GIVE YOU A SHOUT OUT FOR WHAT YOU HAVE ALSO DONE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAUMA, ASSAULT, ALL OF THOSE THINGS THAT GO ON IN SOME OF OUR COMMUNITIES, ONE OF WHICH I RECALL IN POMONA AT THE POMONA HOSPITAL AND SOME OF THE TEAMS THAT YOU HAVE OUT THERE WORKING WITH VICTIMS AND FAMILIES, WHICH IS REALLY INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT TOO. BECAUSE A LOT OF INCIDENTS THAT COME UP IN OUR DISTRICTS ARE SURROUNDED BY ISSUES REGARDING VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND TRAUMA. SO I WANT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOU ON THAT. I AM GLAD YOU ARE BEING CLEAR ON WHAT YOUR ASK IS FOR FUNDING. AND I THINK THAT'S REALLY CRITICAL, BECAUSE WE DON'T OFTEN HEAR THAT FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS. BUT I THINK IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR US TO CONTINUE TO HELP YOU PUSH OUT WHAT IT IS WE ARE TRYING TO DO HERE, AND NOT LEAVE ANY STONE UNTURNED. AND WORKING WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS. I CALL TO MIND, YOU BROUGHT UP, ANDREA, SOME OF THE COMMUNITY GRANTS YOU WANT TO PROVIDE ARE FOR LGBTQ+ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WHICH I AM TOTALLY SUPPORTIVE OF AND THINK THERE MAY BE A BRIDGE THERE TO WORK WITH D.E.O., BECAUSE THEY ARE ALSO WORKING WITH WOMEN,

BUT THE NEXUS COULD BE PROVIDING THEM WITH ASSISTANCE, MICRO LOANS FOR WOMEN WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM TRAUMA AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. I KNOW ONE GROUP THAT I WORK WITH, OUT IN EAST LOS ANGELES, IS DOING JUST THAT. AND MANY WOMEN, UNFORTUNATELY, ARE NOT IN THE LABOR POOL, AND REALLY UNDERSTANDING WHAT ALL THAT MEANS BECAUSE THEY ARE FACED WITH THEIR TRAUMA AND VIOLENCE, AND SOMETIMES WORKING FROM HOME AND HAVING A GRANT OR ASSISTANCE TO HELP PROPEL THEIR, HOW COULD I SAY, WILL POWER TO SURVIVE AND BE ABLE TO SHARE WITH THEIR COMMUNITY IN SOME WAY I THINK IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT. SO I WANT TO WORK WITH YOU ON THAT TO SEE HOW WE CAN DO THAT, FOSTER MORE OF THAT. BUT ALSO I WANTED TO SAY THAT YOU MENTIONED ON ONE OF YOUR SLIDES, ON PAGE 3, IN APRIL OF 2023, YOU BEGAN THE GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLATFORM. AND I AM WONDERING, WERE YOU COLLABORATING AT ALL WITH THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK? BECAUSE THE INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED THERE, THE 11 INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE MURDERED, WAS BECAUSE OF AN INTIMATE PARTNERSHIP TRAUMA THAT OCCURRED. AND I AM ASKING THAT BECAUSE MENTAL HEALTH WAS OUT THERE, THE SHERIFF WAS OUT THERE, THE D.A. WAS OUT THERE, BUT, YOU KNOW, IT JUST CAUSES ME TO THINK, HERE IS A WAY THAT YOU COULD IMMEDIATELY BE REACHING OUT WITH OUR PARTNERS, OUR COUNTY PARTNERS, BECAUSE THERE'S STILL A LOT OF TRAUMA GOING

ON THERE. AND THIS ISN'T A SUBJECT MATTER THAT SOME PARTICULAR GROUPS, IMMIGRANT GROUPS DON'T LIKE TO TALK ABOUT. AND SO I THINK IT IS REALLY INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO REACH OUT WHEN WE HAVE BIG ISSUES. THAT WAS ONE OF THE BIGGEST ASSAULTS THAT OCCURRED IN OUR COUNTY. SO I WOULD URGE YOU TO DO THAT. AND I AM TOTALLY FOR THE HEALING THE ARTS PART OF IT. GETTING COMMUNITY GRANTS OUT TO GROUPS, ESPECIALLY THE LGBTQ+ AND THE TRANS COMMUNITIES. SO I WANT TO SEE MORE OF THAT HAPPEN. AND YOUR POINT TO HOMELESSNESS, WOMEN, WE KNOW THAT THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER RELEASED A STUDY THAT WE WORKED ON, A WOMEN'S NEED ASSESSMENT, AND IT CONTINUES JUST TO I THINK CAUSE US TO UNDERSTAND THAT A LOT OF THE TRAUMA THAT WOMEN HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH IS THE RESULT OF WHY THEY'RE IN MANY WAYS HOMELESS. AND THEY ARE FINDING THAT THERE IS A LACK OF SHELTER FOR THEM, AND INCLUDING THEIR FAMILIES. SO I WANT TO ASK, HOW ARE WE GOING TO HELP BRIDGE THAT? BECAUSE NOT ONLY ARE OUR WOMEN FACED WITH THIS TRAUMA, BUT TRYING TO GET THEM UNITEDDED WITH THEIR FAMILY AND PUSHING OUT FOR MORE SHELTERS THAT ACTUALLY INCLUDE THEIR CHILDREN IS SOMETHING CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THEY'RE TRAUMATIZED AS WELL. IT IS KIND OF ALMOST A DOUBLE-- A DOUBLE HIT ON THE FAMILY. SO ANY RESPONSE? ANY QUESTIONS--?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT WHERE THE PUBLIC HEALTH WORK IS REALLY IMPORTANT AND, YOU KNOW, THAT TRAUMA RESPONSE WORK. YOU KNOW, WE WERE PARTNERING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ON THE MONTEREY PARK, YOU KNOW, HORRIFIC INCIDENT IN THE DAYS AFTER. AND WE AGREE WITH YOU 100% THAT, YOU KNOW, THE LINK THERE BETWEEN BEING ABLE TO RESPOND IN A CRISIS WITH TRAUMA APPROPRIATE SERVICES IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. BUT ALSO TO BE THERE IN THE LONG-TERM AROUND ROOT CAUSE ISSUES THAT LEAD TO THESE HORRIBLE TRAUMATIC EVENTS INCLUDING, AS YOU NOTED, INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE. SO WE'D LOVE TO WORK WITH YOUR OFFICE. IF YOU HAVE MORE SUGGESTIONS ABOUT WHO WE SHOULD1 CONNECT WITH IN MONTEREY PARK, WE ARE ABSOLUTELY AVAILABLE. I MEAN, JUST A LITTLE BIT OF DATA, IN TERMS OF, YOU KNOW, WHAT THE SHELTER SYSTEM IS DOING RIGHT NOW THAT WE SUPPORT, YOU KNOW, WITH THE PUBLIC DOLLARS. THE OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH ADMINISTERS 85 CONTRACTS. THEY TOTAL ABOUT $27 MILLION DOLLARS WITH A NETWORK OF AGENCIES THAT ARE SUPPORTING BOTH SHELTER AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. FOR 2021-22, THE LATEST AVAILABLE YEAR I HAVE COMPLETE DATA FOR, THIS SHELTER SYSTEM SERVED ABOUT 1100 ADULTS AND ABOUT 1600 CHILDREN WERE SHELTERED. SO

WE DO KNOW THAT MANY OF THE SHELTERS ARE, IN FACT, ACCEPTING CHILDREN. BECAUSE THERE'S NOT A CENTRALIZED INTAKE, WE CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY PEOPLE LOOKED FOR A BED AND DIDN'T GET A BED, BUT WE CAN DO IS LOOK AT SOME OTHER INDICATORS THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SHELTER BEDS. ONE OF THEM WOULD BE THAT WITH THE LAST COUNT OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, THERE WERE 14,000. THIS WAS IN 2022. ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT, THERE WERE 14,000 WOMEN WHO WERE UNACCOMPANIED. AND THIS IS JUST, WE CAN JUST SPEAK FOR THE UNACCOMPANIED WOMEN. AND WE ESTIMATE THAT ABOUT 50% OF WOMEN, OR 48% OF WOMEN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HAVE REPORTED A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE OF BEING THREATENED PHYSICALLY OR HIT OR MADE UNSAFE BY A PARTNER. WHICH MEANS THERE ARE PROBABLY ABOUT 7,000 WOMEN WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ON A GIVEN NIGHT WHO HAVE HAD OVER THE COURSE OF THEIR LIFETIME SOME TRAUMA, AND IF YOU SAY, YOU KNOW, EVEN TEN TO 20% OF THEM ARE EXPERIENCING TRAUMA IN THAT SHORT TIMEFRAME, WHICH IS AGAIN IS A REALISTIC NUMBER BASED ON THE EXPERIENCES WE KNOW, YOU CAN SEE THAT WE HAVE WELL OVER 1,000 WOMEN ON A GIVEN NIGHT WHO MIGHT NEED A SPACE AND A SAFE PLACE TO BE. AND WE OBVIOUSLY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH BEDS RIGHT NOW IN OUR SHELTER SYSTEM. BUT I WOULD LIKE US TO REALLY COMMIT TO IN THE NEXT YEAR CREATING A MORE CENTRALIZED SYSTEM SO THAT WE

ACTUALLY CAN KNOW WHO IS GETTING BEDS, WHO'S NOT GETTING BEDS AND THEN HOW DO WE REDUCE THE BARRIERS FOR PEOPLE NOT GETTING INTO BEDS. I WOULD VENTURE TO SAY THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND ARE FLEEING OR NEEDING-- OR FLEEING A SAFETY ISSUE ARE HAVING A VERY HARD TIME FINDING A BED. AND MANY OF THEM REPORT TO US ANECDOTALLY THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO GO TO A REGULAR SHELTER. THAT THEY DON'T FEEL SAFE IN A REGULAR SHELTER. SO I APPLAUD OUR VAST SHELTER NETWORK THAT REALLY TAKES A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOUSING PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, BUT IT MAY NOT HAVE THE SERVICES AND SUPPORT THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE ARE GOING TO NEED AND WE MAY NEED TO EXPAND OUR SHELTER-BASED SYSTEM. SO I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: I CAN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE, DR. FERRER. I THINK THAT IS REALLY ESSENTIAL FOR US TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE USE SOME OF OUR MEASURE H AND H.I. FUNDING TO CARVE THAT OUT AND START TO FOCUS ON WHAT OTHER NON-PROFITS ARE DOING IN THAT FIELD, AND THEN KIND OF FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN COORDINATE. ONE LAST THING I JUST WANT TO MENTION IS OUR HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION HAS FUNDED WHAT I WOULD SAY IS OR WHAT THEY'RE

CALLING DREAM CENTERS. AND THAT'S AT THE HIGH SCHOOLS. AND THAT IS SPECIFICALLY MEANT TO HELP PROVIDE PREVENTION SERVICES FOR TRAUMA FOR THE POPULATIONS THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT BECAUSE OF VIOLENCE, TRAUMA, SEXUAL ABUSE, ALL OF THAT. I AM WONDERING IF YOU ARE COORDINATING WITH THEM ON THAT.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, WE ARE TRYING HARD TO COORDINATE, ESPECIALLY WITH OUR STUDENT WELL BEING CENTERS. AND TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE SHARING -- I MEAN, ONE THING IS THAT WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT WE ARE SHARING CURRICULUM. BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF RESOURCES THAT GO INTO DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM, AND UPDATING CURRICULUM THAT MAY NOT BE TARGETING ISSUES THAT ARE RELATIVELY NEW THAT ARE FACING YOUNG PEOPLE. SO YES, WE ARE COORDINATING AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE COORDINATING WITH THEM AND SHARING RESOURCES BECAUSE WE ARE BOTH WORKING IN THE SPACES AND THERE'S WAY MORE NEED IN THE SCHOOLS THAN BOTH OF OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE RESOURCES TO MEET. SO WE DON'T WANT TO EITHER BE DUPLICATING, AND WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO REALLY LEARN FROM EACH OTHER'S EXPERIENCES SO WE CAN STRENGTHEN THE WORK WE ARE DOING IN SCHOOLS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? I WILL NOW TURN IT TO OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL PATRICIA MCALLISTER PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 38, 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 CHRISTINA DIRKS, YOU MAY BEGIN.

CHRISTINA DIRKS: HI, THERE. MY NAME IS CHRISTINA, LIKE I SAID. I LIVE IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. I AM CALLING ABOUT ITEM 15. AND I AM CALLING TO STRONGLY OPPOSE IT.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: I AM SO SORRY, CHRISTINA. WE ARE ON ITEM 38. CHRISTINA, WE ARE ON ITEM 38, SO ITEM 15 WILL BE A LITTLE BIT LATER IN OUR AGENDA, AND WE WILL CALL YOU THEN.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

CHRISTINA DIRKS: RIGHT. I SAID IT WAS ITEM 15, SO, MY BAD.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: NO, IT'S ALL GOOD. WE'LL HOLD YOU TILL WE GET TO THAT ITEM. ANY OTHER SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE?

MODERATOR: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. OH, SCRATCH THAT. WE HAVE A LATE RESPONDENT. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT, A COUPLE OF THEM COMING IN. OUR NEXT IS PHILLIP KIM. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU.

PHILLIP KIM: HELLO, BOARD. I AM A CONSTITUENT OF HILDA SOLIS IN SD-1 AND I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR THIS REPORT BACK AND DR. FERRER'S INSIGHTS INTO THE REALLY HORRIBLE SITUATION IN LA COUNTY WITH THE LACK OF BEDS. LAST WEEK, DR. FERRER SAID THAT

THERE WAS A LOT OF SUCCESS CREATING BEDS THROUGH C.B.O.S THAT WERE FUNDED THROUGH C.S.C.I., SO I THINK THE ASK IS THAT MEASURE J BE FULLY FUNDED AND C.S.C.I. GET THE MONEY THAT IT NEEDS TO GET ALL THESE BEDS ONLINE SO THE 7,000 WOMEN WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED GENDER- BASED VIOLENCE HAVE SOMEWHERE TO GO, ESPECIALLY TODAY IN THIS RAIN AND IN THIS COLD. I AM SEEING LITERALLY OUTSIDE MY WINDOW, A PERSON WALKING AROUND IN THE RAIN WITH, LIKE, NOTHING AND THEY'RE SOAKED THROUGH AND IT'S-- I LIVE NEAR THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, AND THEY CAN'T SUPPORT EVERYBODY, SO.

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

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

ERIC PREVIN: THANK YOU. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE AND I THINK PEOPLE KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF RESEARCH DONE ON THIS IN EUROPE, WHERE YOU HAVE 31% OF WOMEN HAVE EXPERIENCED ONE ACT OR MORE OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE SINCE THEY WERE 15. 5% HAVE BEEN RAPED IN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES SINCE THEY WERE 15. THERE'S PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE WHICH YOU'RE DOING AGAINST

PEOPLE WHO WANT SPEAK ON ITEM 15. THERE'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. 22% OF ALL WOMEN WHO HAVE HAD A PARTNER HAVE EXPERIENCED PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE SINCE THE AGE OF 15. IT IS JUST VERY, VERY PREVALENT AND VERY, VERY SAD. BUT AS FERRER SAID, WE DON'T NEED MORE INFRASTRUCTURE, WE NEED SOMETHING ELSE. AND APPARENTLY, IT IS MONEY, BUT I DON'T QUITE-- I AM NOT CONNECTING THE DOTS. WE NEED TO EDUCATE BOTH WOMEN AND MEN, BECAUSE A LOT OF GENDER VIOLENCE IS GENDER ON GENDER. YOU KNOW, THERE'S NO REASON TO PASS THESE--

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

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

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

PATRICIA MCALLISTER: GOOD MORNING.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING.

PATRICIA MCALLISTER: PATRICIA MCALLISTER. I THINK THAT YOU'RE NOT REALLY ADDRESSING THE REAL ISSUES. I MEAN, HAVE HEARD ON THE MEDIA WHERE THEY SAY MEN WHO ARE IMPERSONATING WOMEN, YOU CALL THEM TRANS, A LOT OF THEM ARE PROSTITUTING, AND THEY ARE NOT TELLING THE MEN THAT THEY ARE MEN AND THEY ARE BEING MURDERED OR BEATEN VERY, VERY BADLY. THAT NEEDS TO BE TALKED ABOUT. SO YOU GUYS WANT TO SUGAR COAT IT. WE NEED TO BE REALISTIC ABOUT THIS. THAT'S WHY A LOT OF VIOLENCE IS GOING ON. I READ ALL THE TIME AND SOME VERY POPULAR TRANSMEN BEEN FOUND SHOT AND DEAD, AND I KIND OF KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, YOU KNOW. AND THE MEN THAT THEY ARE SLEEPING WITH, I MEAN, THEY HAVE HAD MENTAL BREAKDOWNS. THEY ARE LAYING DOWN AND THEY DON'T KNOW THEY ARE WITH A MAN, THAT WILL TURN A STRAIGHT MAN CRAZY. OKAY, SO LET'S TALK THAT. AND THE OTHER THING, MOST OF THE VIOLENCE BETWEEN HOMOSEXUALS ARE BETWEEN HOMOSEXUAL PARTNERS, SO THEY NEED TRAINING ON HOW TO CO-EXIST WITH EACH OTHER, BECAUSE THEIR LIFESTYLE IS NOT NATURAL, THAT'S WHY THERE'S A LOT OF VIOLENCE AMONG THEM. NOT THE PUBLIC ATTACKING THEM. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS? OKAY. THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 2, INCREASING FAIR CHANCE HIRING THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH ITEM 72, COUNTY CODE TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION BUSINESS AND WAGE REGULATIONS AMENDMENTS, WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. WENDY SHAW, SENIOR DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL, RAPHAEL CARBAJAL, DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND KELLY LOBIANCO, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION.

WENDY SHAW: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WE'RE JUST GETTING SET UP REALLY QUICK. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WE ARE HERE TO PRESENT TODAY ON THE PROPOSED FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE FOR EMPLOYERS. TODAY OUR PRESENTATION OVERVIEW WILL CONSIST OF THE PROPOSED FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE FOR EMPLOYERS, ORDINANCE DEVELOPMENT KEY PROVISIONS, AND D.E.O. WILL ADDRESS OUTREACH EFFORTS IN THE ORDINANCE DEVELOPMENT. WE WILL ALSO DISCUSS AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. D.E.O. AND D.C.B.A. WILL DISCUSS THE PLAN FOR OUTREACH AND ENFORCEMENT, AND D.C.B.A. WILL DISCUSS

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT. THE SPEAKERS TODAY ARE ME, WENDY SHAW, SENIOR DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL WITH THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL; KELLY LOBIANCO, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; AND RAFAEL CARBAJAL, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. JUST A BRIEF DISCLAIMER THAT BEFORE I DO THIS OVERVIEW THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PRESENTATION IS FOR GENERAL INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, AND DOES NOT AND IS NOT INTENDED TO CONSTITUTE LEGAL ADVICE OR CREATE AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP. THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE WAS IN RESPONSE TO A FEBRUARY 28, 2023 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MOTION ESTABLISHING A FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE MOTION DIRECTED COUNTY COUNSEL TO WORK WITH SEVERAL COUNTY PARTNERS AS WELL AS EXTERNAL PARTNERS IN DEVELOPING THE ORDINANCE. THE COUNTY FAIR CHANCE TEAM CONSISTED OF COUNTY COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, JUSTICE CARE AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, PUBLIC DEFENDER, ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND AUDITOR CONTROLLER. OUR EXTERNAL PARTNERS CONSISTED OF COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, REENTRY SERVICE PROVIDERS AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. WE ALSO

CONSULTED WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS INCLUDING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCSO AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. MOVING ON TO THE KEY PROVISIONS. THE ORDINANCE CONTAINS A POLICY SECTION, WHICH STATES THAT IT'S THE POLICY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO OVERCOME THE STIGMA AND UNFAIR BIASES ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS WHEN EMPLOYERS ARE MAKING HIRING AND EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS, AND TO ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUALS WITH CRIMINAL HISTORY HAVE FAIR AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE FOR EMPLOYEES HAS BEEN INTRODUCED TODAY TO ACHIEVE THIS POLICY, WHICH ENHANCES PUBLIC HEALTH, MAKES COMMUNITY SAFER, AND ACHIEVES REHABILITATIVE OUTCOMES. MOVING ON TO SOME OF THE KEY DEFINITIONS. EMPLOYEE IS ANY INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING AT LEAST TWO HOURS OF WORK ON AVERAGE EACH WEEK WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. EMPLOYER IS DEFINED AS ANY INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, ET CETERA, THAT IS LOCATED OR DOING BUSINESS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY, AND THAT EMPLOYS FIVE OR MORE EMPLOYS, INCLUDING FREELANCERS AND CONTRACTORS AS WELL. AN ADVERSE ACTION IS DEFINED AS AN EMPLOYER'S ACTION THAT MATERIALLY AND ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE TERMS, CONDITIONS OR PRIVILEGES OF EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING BUT

NOT LIMITED TO RESCINDING A CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT, AN EMPLOYER'S FAILURE TO OR REFUSAL TO PROMOTE AN EMPLOYEE, OR AN EMPLOYER'S DECISION TO DISCHARGE AN EMPLOYEE DUE TO CRIMINAL HISTORY. NOW, WITH REGARD TO JOB BULLETINS AND POSTINGS, EMPLOYERS SHALL NOT PREVENT OR DISCOURAGE PERSONS WITH CRIMINAL HISTORY TO APPLY, INCLUDING BY USING PHRASES SUCH AS NO FELONS, NO CONVICTIONS OR MUST HAVE A CLEAN BACKGROUND. IF THE EMPLOYER INTENDS TO REVIEW CRIMINAL HISTORY IN THE HIRING PROCESS, THE EMPLOYER MUST INCLUDE IN ANY JOB POSTINGS A LIST OF ALL MATERIAL JOB DUTIES OF THE POSITION WHICH THE EMPLOYER REASONABLY BELIEVES CRIMINAL HISTORY MAY HAVE A CORRECT ADVERSE AND NEGATIVE RELATIONSHIP. UNLESS LEGALLY REQUIRED, EMPLOYERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM ENQUIRING REGARDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BEFORE EXTENDING A CONDITIONAL JOB OFFER TO AN APPLICANT OR AN EMPLOYEE. IF THE EMPLOYER INTENDS TO REVIEW CRIMINAL HISTORY AFTER EXTENDING THAT CONDITIONAL JOB OFFER, THE EMPLOYER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CANDIDATE, WHICH GENERALLY INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING: A STATEMENT THE EMPLOYER HAS GOOD CAUSE TO REVIEW CRIMINAL HISTORY WITH SUPPORTING JUSTIFICATION; A GENERAL STATEMENT THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY REVIEW IS REQUIRED DUE TO "SAFETY CONCERNS" IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT; AND ALSO COMPLETE LISTS

OF TYPES OF INFORMATION, BACKGROUND OR HISTORY THAT WILL BE REVIEWED INCLUDED BY THE EMPLOYER, INCLUDING NOT LIMITED TO EDUCATION, SOCIAL MEDIA HISTORY, EMPLOYMENT HISTORY, MOTOR VEHICLE HISTORY, REFERENCE CHECKS, CREDIT HISTORY, LICENSE VERIFICATION, DRUG TESTING OR MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS. THIS ORDINANCE ALSO PROVIDES PARTICULAR TYPES OF CRIMINAL HISTORY THAT CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AT ANY TIME. THIS INCLUDES AN ARREST NOT FOLLOWED BY CONVICTION EXCEPT FOR UNRESOLVED ARRESTS AND OTHER LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES. REFERRAL TO A PARTICIPATION IN A DIVERSION PROGRAM OR DEFERRAL OF JUDGMENT PROGRAM. CONVICTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN SEALED, DISMISSED, EXPUNGED OR WHERE THE CONVICTED PERSON RECEIVED A PARDON OR HAS BEEN ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION, AN ARREST ATTENTION ADJUDICATION THAT OCCURRED WHILE THE PERSON WAS UNDER THE PROCESS AND JURISDICTION OF THE JUVENILE COURTS, A NON-FILLY [PH?] CONVICTION FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA THAT IS TWO OR MORE YEARS OLD. ALSO A CONVICTION MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS OLD, WITH LIMITED EXCEPTIONS FOR POSITIONS THAT INVOLVE PROVIDING SERVICES OR CARE TO A MINOR, DEPENDENT OR PERSON 65 YEARS OR OLDER, OR A POSITION THAT INVOLVES SERVICES RELATING TO PUBLIC FUNDS OR BENEFITS IF THE CONVICTION HISTORY RELATES TO FINANCIAL OR FRAUD CRIMES. ALSO EXCLUDED IS INFORMATION

PERTAINING TO AN OFFENSE OTHER THAN A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR, SUCH AS AN INFRACTION, EXCEPT FOR DRIVING INFRACTIONS WHEN RELATED TO THE JOB DUTIES. AND ALSO LASTLY, A CONVICTION THAT ARISES OUT OF CONDUCT THAT HAS BEEN DECRIMINALIZED SINCE THE DATE OF THE CONVICTION. ONCE CRIMINAL HISTORY IS REVIEWED BY AN EMPLOYER, BEFORE TAKING ANY ADVERSE ACTION, THE EMPLOYER MUST CONDUCT AN INITIAL INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT THAT IS DOCUMENTED IN WRITING OF WHETHER THE CANDIDATE'S CRIMINAL HISTORY HAS A DIRECT ADVERSE AND NEGATIVE BEARING ON THE PERSON'S ABILITY TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE JOB. FACTORS TO CONSIDER WITH REGARD THIS TO INITIAL INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT. THE NATURE AND GRAVITY OF THE OFFENSE OR CONDUCT, THE TIME THAT HAS PASSED SINCE THE OFFENSE OR CONDUCT AND THE COMPLETION OF THE SENTENCE, THE NATURE OF THE JOB POSITION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CONSIDERATION OF THE SPECIFIC DUTIES OF THAT JOB, AND WHETHER THE POSITION OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SAME OR SIMILAR OFFENSE TO OCCUR. AND IF THE APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE VOLUNTARILY PROVIDES ANY EVIDENCE OF REHABILITATION OR MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES AT THIS STAGE, THIS EVIDENCE MUST ALSO BE CONSIDERED. AFTER PERFORMING THE INITIAL INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT, IF THE EMPLOYER DECIDES TO WITHDRAW A JOB OFFER, A CONDITIONAL JOB OFFER, OR TAKE ANY

OTHER ADVERSE ACTION, A PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF ADVERSE ACTION MUST BE SENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL WHICH GENERALLY INCLUDES THE INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT TO RESPOND BEFORE THE EMPLOYER'S DECISION BECOMES FINAL, A COPY OF THE INITIAL INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT, AND AS A COPY OF ANY CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS IN THE EMPLOYER'S POSSESSION. THE APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE WILL THEN HAVE FIVE BUSINESS DAYS TO RESPOND TO THE PRELIMINARY NOTICE, AND CAN MAKE A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE EMPLOYER FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE EMPLOYER CAN MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON TAKING AN ADVERSE ACTION. THE INDIVIDUAL'S RESPONSE MAY INCLUDE EVIDENCE OF REHABILITATION OR MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES OR TWO, EVIDENCE DISPUTING THE ACCURACY OF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION. IN LIEU OF A WRITTEN RESPONSE UPON REQUEST, AN EMPLOYER WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE TO PRESENT EVIDENCE OF REHABILITATION OR MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES ORALLY TO THE EMPLOYER VIA IN PERSON, VIRTUAL, OR TELEPHONE CONTACT. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S RESPONSE TO THE PRELIMINARY NOTICE, THE EMPLOYER WILL PERFORM A SECOND INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT, DOCUMENTED IN WRITING ASSESSING THE SAME FACTORS CONTAINED IN THE INITIAL INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT, AND THE APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE'S RESPONSE. IF AFTER THIS SECOND INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT, THE

EMPLOYER MAKES THE FINAL DECISION TO WITHDRAW THE CONDITIONAL JOB OFFER, OR TAKE OTHER ADVERSE ACTION, THE EMPLOYER MUST SEND A FINAL WRITTEN NOTICE, WHICH GENERALLY INCLUDES A COPY OF THE SECOND INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT, INFORMATION REGARDING ANY APPEAL PROCEDURE THE EMPLOYER HAS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE DECISION, AND NOTICE OF THE PERSON'S RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, D.C.B.A., FOR VIOLATION OF THE COUNTY'S FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE FOR EMPLOYERS, AND WITH THE STATE'S CIVIL RIGHTS DEPARTMENT FOR VIOLATION OF THE FAIR CHANCE ACT. NOW, WITH REGARD TO THE OPERATIVE DATES, ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT WILL BEGIN SIX MONTHS FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE, BY THIS BOARD. BEFORE THE OPERATIVE DATE, THE D.C.B.A. WILL ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS FOR THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT, INVESTIGATION, ENFORCEMENT AND APPEALS WHICH SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE BROAD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPROVAL. SO JUST A ROAD MAP OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS. AN APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE ALLEGING THAT AN EMPLOYER HAS VIOLATED THE ORDINANCE MAY WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE D.C.B.A., AND THE D.C.B.A. SHALL INVESTIGATE THE COMPLAINTS. UPON COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION, IF THE D.C.B.A. DETERMINES THAT A

VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED, THE D.C.B.A. WILL ISSUE A NOTICE TO THE EMPLOYER OF THE VIOLATION AND IF APPROPRIATE REQUIRE THE EMPLOYER TO IMMEDIATELY CURE THE VIOLATION, IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY, AND/OR ORDER ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF. AND THERE IS, LIKE WE DISCUSSED, THERE WILL ALSO BE AN APPEAL PROCESS AS WELL FOR ANY PARTY TO APPEAL A DECISION TO THE D.C.B.A. THE APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE HAS ALSO THE OPTION TO FOREGO FILING AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT WITH THE D.C.B.A. AND CAN INSTEAD BRING A CIVIL LAWSUIT AGAINST AN EMPLOYER FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE UPON TIMELY SUBMISSION OF AN INTENT TO SUE NOTICE TO THE D.C.B.A. WITH REGARD TO PENALTIES, FOR A FIRST VIOLATION OF AN EMPLOYER, THE D.C.B.A. CAN ISSUE A PENALTY UP TO $5,000 FOR EACH AGGRIEVED APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE. FOR A SECOND VIOLATION, THE PENALTY IS UP TO $10,000, AND FOR THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS, A PENALTY OF UP TO $20,000 FOR EACH AGGRIEVED APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE. NO LESS THAN HALF OF THE PENALTIES COLLECTED BY THE D.C.B.A. BEING AWARDED TO THE AGGRIEVED APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE. NOW, JUST TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE ADDITIONAL RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS OF THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WILL COMPLEMENT THE STATE'S FAIR CHANCE ACT, GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 12952, WHICH IS ALSO A BAN THE BOX LAW THAT ALSO PROVIDES PROTECTIONS TO INDIVIDUALS WITH CRIMINAL

HISTORY THAT ARE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SO WITH REGARD TO A LOOK BACK PERIOD, THERE'S NO CONSIDERATION OF A CONVICTION OLDER THAN SEVEN YEARS, MEASURED FROM THE DATE OF DISPOSITION WITH LIMITED EXCEPTIONS IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE. WITH REGARD TO STATE LAW, THERE IS NO LOOK BACK PERIOD UNDER STATE LAW. WITH REGARD TO A GOOD CAUSE JUSTIFICATION, PRIOR TO CRIMINAL HISTORY REVIEW, UNDER OUR ORDINANCE, AN EMPLOYER MUST SEND WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE THAT GOOD CAUSE EXISTS TO REVIEW CRIMINAL HISTORY WITH SPECIFIC SUPPORTING JUSTIFICATION. THERE'S NO REQUIREMENT SPECIFIED UNDER THE STATE LAW. WITH REGARD TO AN INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED BY THE EMPLOYER REGARDING AN APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE'S CRIMINAL HISTORY, THIS ASSESSMENT MUST BE CONDUCTED IN WRITING AND PROVIDED TO THE APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE. THERE IS NO WRITTEN REQUIREMENT AND THE STATE DOES NOT REQUIRE THE ASSESSMENT TO BE PROVIDED TO THE APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE UNDER THE STATE LAW. WITH REGARD TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE LAW, D.C.B.A. MAY ISSUE PENALTIES TO EMPLOYERS WITH NO LESS THAN HALF OF THE PENALTIES COLLECTED BEING AWARDED TO THE AGGRIEVEC COMPLAINANT. THE STATE CIVIL RIGHTS DEPARTMENT DOES NOT ISSUE PENALTIES. HOWEVER, AN AGGRIEVED COMPLAINANT MAY PURSUE

DAMAGES BY FILING A CIVIL LAWSUIT. I AM GOING TO TURN OVER THIS PRESENTATION TO KELLY SO SHE CAN DISCUSS THE OUTREACH EFFORTS WITH REGARD TO THE ORDINANCE DEVELOPMENT.

KELLY LOBIANCO: THANK YOU SO MUCH, WENDY. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. GOOD MORNING, COMMUNITY MEMBERS. MY NAME IS KELLY LOBIANCO AND I'M DIRECTOR OF THE LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. I'M VERY EXCITED TO BE HERE TODAY. YOU JUST HEARD A LOT ABOUT WHAT WE ARE PRESENTING. I AM HERE TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE OUTREACH THAT WE DID TO BUSINESSES, COMMUNITIES, STAKEHOLDERS AND WORKERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE THAT BUILDS OFF THE STATE'S FAIR CHANCE ACT AND ENSURES ADDITIONAL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT IN SEEKING EMPLOYMENT, AS WELL AS WHAT WE ARE PLANNING TO DO TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR BUSINESSES AND WORKERS WHO MIGHT BE IMPACTED BY THIS ORDINANCE HAVE ALL THE EDUCATION AND RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THEY NEED TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE ONCE IT IS EFFECTIVE. SO YOU SEE HERE, OUR DEPARTMENT SUPPORTED LISTENING SESSIONS FOR BUSINESSES AND REENTRY SERVICE PROVIDERS LAST SUMMER IN JUNE AND JULY OF 2023. AT THE TIME, WE WERE ACTIVELY DEPLOYING OUR FAIR CHANCE

HIRING CAMPAIGN OUT OF OUR DEPARTMENT FOR WORKERS AND BUSINESSES AND WE LEVERAGED OUR MARKETING CAMPAIGN AND OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS WITH OUR PARTNER ROOT AND REBOUND TO INVITE STAKEHOLDERS TO LEARN ABOUT THE FAIR CHANCE ACT, AND ORDINANCE UNDER WAY. WE CO-HOSTED VIRTUAL SESSIONS WITH THE LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND COUNTY COUNSEL, MY COLLEAGUES HERE TODAY. WE HELD 12 VIRTUAL LISTENING SESSIONS FOR BUSINESSES, TWO FOR REENTRY PROVIDERS AND ADVOCATES AND OPENED AN ONLINE SURVEY FOR EIGHT WEEKS. VERY, VERY BRIEFLY, I WILL GIVE SOME CONTEXT TO THOSE LISTENING SESSIONS AND THEN WE'LL GET INTO IMPLEMENTATION. SO WE HELD, AS I MENTIONED, TEN SESSIONS FOR BUSINESSES. WE HAD 71 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS. WE GOT THE WORD OUT THROUGH D.E.O. AND OUR PARTNER CHANNELS MAKING SURE THAT WE WERE PUSHING INFORMATION ABOUT THE VIRTUAL SESSIONS AND THE ORDINANCE TO 50,000 SUBSCRIBERS, POSTING ON SOCIAL MEDIA, SENDING OUT PERSONAL INVITATIONS TO BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS AND AFFILIATE GROUPS THROUGH US AND OUR PARTNERS. IN ADDITION TO THE 71 ATTENDEES, WE HAD OTHER 30 COMMENTS ON THE SURVEY, AND I DO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT BECAUSE WE WERE RUNNING OUR FAIR CHANCE HIRING CAMPAIGN, WE ALSO HAD TOUCHPOINTS WITH THOUSANDS OF BUSINESSES THROUGH OUR AMERICAN JOB CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA AND

OUR PARTNERS. JUST A COUPLE OF QUICK HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE FEEDBACK THAT WE TOOK INTO ACCOUNT AS WE WERE DEVELOPING THE ORDINANCE WAS THE NEED FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT COMPLIANCE. AS YOU SAW, THERE'S A LOT THERE, AND RECOGNITION THAT THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL ADMINISTREATIVE BURDENS WITH COMPLYING, WHETHER IT IS HUMAN RESOURS OR LEGAL SUPPORT THAT MAY BE REQUIRED. WE ALSO CONDUCTED LISTENING SESSIONS WITH REENTRY SERVICE PROVIDERS AND ADVOCATES. WE HAD 80 PARTICIPANTS IN THOSE, AND OVER A DOZEN COMMENTS ONLINE. SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS IN TERMS OF FEEDBACK WERE MAKING SURE, WERE SORT OF BROAD CONSENSUS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE WERE STRENGTHENING AREAS RELATED TO UNRESOLVED REQUESTS, CLEAR COMMUNICATIONS WITH CANDIDATES, APPLICANTS IN CASES WHERE THERE WAS A JOB DENIAL OR RESCISSION, AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A VERBAL PRESENTATION WHERE THERE WERE MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES FOR AN EMPLOYER. THESE WERE ALL CONSIDERED IN THE ORDINANCE DEVELOPMENT THAT YOU ARE SEEING HERE TODAY. ALL RIGHT. SO NOW FUTURE LOOKING. THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY WILL BE ACTIVELY WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS WHO WILL OVERSEE ENFORCEMENT AND YOU WILL HEAR FROM MY COLLEAGUE, RAFAEL, SHORTLY, BUT WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHAT OUR

PLAN IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE PREPARED UPON EFFECTIVE DATE. SO AS I MENTIONED, WE OVERSAW THE FAIR CHANCE HIRING PROGRAM SINCE 2019. IT STARTED WITH THE WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT AGING COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, TRANSITIONED TO D.E.O. UPON OUR CREATION IN 2022. SINCE 2020, WE HAVE INVESTED $1 MILLION IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS. WE HAD PARTNERS LEADERS UP, A BUSINESS INTERMEDIARY, ROOT AND REBOUND, OUR SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT WHO OFFERED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BOTH WORKERS AND BUSINESSES AND TASK FORCE WHO HELPED CREATE OUR MARKETING CAMPAIGN THAT WILL LEVERAGE TO PROMOTE NEW ELEMENTS FROM THIS ORDINANCE. AND OVERALL, THE GOAL IS ALWAYS A CARE-FIRST APPROACH TO OUTREACH AND EDUCATION. WE WANT FOLKS TO KNOW THAT WHAT THEY NEED TO KNOW TO STAY IN COMPLIANCE, AND OFFER THAT SUPPORT. SO AS PART OF OUR FAIR CHANCE HIRING CAMPAIGN, WE WERE SUPPORTING BUSINESSES IN UNDERSTANDING THE STATE FAIR CHANCE ACT, PLEDGING TO FAIR CHANCE HIRING AND CONNECTING TO TALENT VIA THE JOB CENTERS OF THE COUNTY. AND WE ALSO SUPPORTED WORKERS THROUGH TARGETED OUTREACH, CUSTOMIZED CAREER PLANNING IN CONNECTION TO FAIR CHANCE HIRING EMPLOYERS THROUGHOUT THE REGION. JUST QUICKLY, IN TERMS OF THE CONNECTION, AND I THINK THE CONNECTION THAT WE MADE DURING THE FAIR CHANCE HIRING PROGRAM WILL BUILD ON OUR ABILITY TO

GET THE WORD OUT IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE. WE CONNECTED WITH MORE THAN 2500 JUSTICE INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS AND NEARLY 1,000 CONNECTING TO EMPLOYMENT. WE ALSO WORKED WITH 1700 BUSINESSES THROUGH OUR HIRING CAMPAIGN AT OTHER DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES, OF WHICH 422 PLEDGED IN HIGHER JUSTICE SYSTEM IMPACTED WORKERS. THESE INITIATIVES CONNECT TO OTHER HIRING AND TRAINING PROGRAMS WITH THE DEPARTMENT. OKAY. SO FOR THE ACTUAL PLAN FOR THE ORDINANCE, WE WILL BE LEVERAGING THIS CAMPAIGN, INCLUDING OUR BRAND, OUR MARKETING MATERIALS AND CHANNELS AND OUR ON THE GROUND APPROACH WITH PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO GET THE WORD OUT AND OFFER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. WE WILL ALSO BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH JUSTICE CARE AND OPPORTUNITIES, D.C.B.A., COUNTY COUNSEL AND MANY OTHERS. WITHIN 60 DAYS WE WILL BE BACK TO THE BOARD WITH AN OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PLAN FOR CONSIDERATION. WE WILL HAVE AN UPDATED WEBSITE, AND FAQS IN NINE THRESHOLD LANGUAGES. IT IS IMPORTANT WE ARE OUT THERE WITH CULTURAL COMPETENCY. WE WILL DEPLOY A MARKETING CAMPAIGN ACROSS DIGITAL CHANNELS, INCLUDING OUR NETWORKS AND EARNED AND PAID MEDIA, AND SOCIAL MEDIA, AS WELL AS HOST DEDICATED IN THE FIELD WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT UNINCORPORATED LA COUNTY. AND FINALLY, WE WILL INTEGRATE OUR FAIR CHANCE HIRING ORDINANCE FOR EMPLOYERS'

FAQS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH OUR JOB CENTERS, OUR EAST LA ENTREPRENEUR CENTER AND THROUGH DOZENS OF SMALL BUSINESS AND WORKER-FOCUSED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. AND FINALLY, BEFORE I HAND IT OVER TO RAFAEL, WE ARE THINKING EXPANSIVELY. WE ARE IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING IN OUR CURRENT BUDGET PROCESS TO EXPAND OUR MARKETING CAMPAIGN TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO THIS WORK WELL. THAT INCLUDES MARKETING AND RESOURCING TRAIN THE TRAINER SESSIONS FOR STAKEHOLDERS WHO SERVE WORKERS AND BUSINESSES. AND ALSO FUNDING [INAUDIBLE] TO WORK TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL GRASS ROOTS OUTREACH AND EDUCATION. THIS WILL BE KEY TO MAKING SURE THAT ALL WORKERS AND BUSINESSES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA UNDERSTAND THE ORDINANCE, AND KNOW HOW TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE. WE KNOW THAT THIS IS KEY TO OUR SUCCESS HERE. AND WITH THAT, I WILL PASS IT TO YOU, RAFAEL.

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND LA COUNTY COMMUNITY. RAFAEL CARBAJAL, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF HOSTING THE OFFICE OF LABOR EQUITY. I'LL TRY TO BE BRIEF. I ONLY HAVE TWO SLIDES, BUT I DO WANT TO PROVIDE SOME BACKGROUND ON OUR ROLE IN WORKING WITH OUR BUSINESSES AND OUR COMMUNITY IN

ROLLING THIS OUT. SINCE 2015, D.C.B. HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFONT OF PROTECTING WORKER RIGHTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED, AND AS OF MOST RECENTLY CONSOLIDATED ALL OF THESE EFFORTS UNDER THE OFFICE OF LABOR EQUITY. OUR OFFICE OF LABOR EQUITY RELIES ON A COORDINATED COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY WITH WORKERS, EMEMPLOYERS AND OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO EDUCATE AND PROMOTE THE UNDERSTANDING OF WORKER RIGHTS AND EDUCATE EMPLOYERS ON THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND BEST PRACTICES. SO I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WE ACHIEVED THESE THREE KEY ELEMENTS. ONE IS OUR ONE ON ONE COUNSELING, WHERE ORALLY COUNSELORS ENGAGE WITH WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. WE DO THIS IN PERSON, ONLINE, VIRTUALLY AND ON THE PHONE. WE HEAVILY RELY ON EDUCATION AND OUTREACH. ACCOUNTABILITY STARTS WITH PEOPLE BEING AWARE OF WHAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR. SO WE RELY ON EDUCATION AND OUTREACH TO ENSURE THAT BUSINESSES AND WORKERS UNDERSTAND THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. THIS INCLUDES OUR PROACTIVE VISITS. THESE ARE LITERALLY BOOTS ON THE GROUND, DOOR KNOCKING, WALKING INTO BUSINESSES, TALKING TO THE BUSINESS OWNERS AND THE EMPLOYEES ABOUT THE RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THEM. EVERY YEAR WE TRY TO DO 3 TO 500 PROACTIVE VISITS IN PERSON, THROUGHOUT

THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. IN ADDITION, WE RELY ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. WE PARTNER, WHERE C.B.O. PARTNERS BOTH EMPLOYER-CENTRIC AND WORKER- CENTRIC TO GET INFORMATION OUT AND ENGAGE WITH FOLKS THAT DON'T TYPICALLY LIKE TO ENGAGE WITH GOVERNMENT. AND WE HEAVILY RELY ON HYPER [PH?] AND ETHNIC LOCAL MEDIA, WHICH IS A LESSON THAT WE LEARNED THROUGH THE PANDEMIC, IN PARTICULAR REACHING OUR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE LANGUAGE AND ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION NEEDED TO FALL INTO COMPLIANCE. SO SHOULD WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS ORDINANCE, WE PLAN TO INCORPORATE ALL OF THESE STRATEGIES INCLUDING EVERYTHING THAT KELLY ALREADY MENTIONED TO GET THE WORD OUT. I THINK ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONVERSATIONS AROUND THIS IS THE ENFORCEMENT. O.L.E. RELIES ON A COMBINATION OF EDUCATION-BASED COMPLIANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES TO ADDRESS AND CORRECT THESE BEHAVIORS. WE ARE NOT HERE TO PUT BUSINESSES OUT OF BUSINESS AND WE'RE NOT HERE TO PUT WORKERS OUT OF WORK. WE'RE HERE TO ENSURE THAT OUR WORKERS ARE PROTECTED AND THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS. BUT WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT IS IN MOST INSTANCES WHEN BUSINESSES ARE ENGAGED AND AN ISSUE IS RAISED, THEY SELF-CORRECT. BY THE TIME THAT WE BRING ANY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION OR REACH OUT TO THEM, THEY HAVE ALREADY CORRECTED THE BEHAVIOR, AND IT JUST BECOMES AN

OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ENGAGE AND DISCUSS AND SETTLE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION AND ANY POTENTIAL FINES. ONE OF THE DISCUSSIONS HERE HAS BEEN AND ISSUES RAISED AND CONCERNS HAS BEEN THE LEVEL OF FINES. BECAUSE OF THIS WE DO HAVE DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE AND NEGOTIATE THESE FINES. WHAT WE PLAN TO DO, IS FIRST YEAR, POST-IMPLEMENTATION, THE ORDINANCE BEING ACTIVE, WE WILL RELY SOLELY ON EDUCATION BASED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS. SO FOR THE FIRST YEAR, WE WILL ENGAGE WITH ANY BUSINESSES OR PARTNERS THAT HAVE ANY OF THESE ISSUES AND SOLELY WORK WITH THEM TO CORRECT THE ACTIONS WITHOUT ANY FINES. AND EVEN AFTER THAT, ONCE AFTER YEAR ONE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXERCISE THAT RIGHT TO ACTUALLY NEGOTIATE ANY OF THESE ISSUES. THE REALITY IS ALMOST 90% OF OUR VIOLATIONS THAT WE IDENTIFY HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATED OUT AT A LOWER PERCENTAGE THAN ACTUALLY IS MERITED. WHAT WE DO IS WE TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THIS BUSINESS SIZE, THE EGREGIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION, THE WILLINGNESS OF THE BUSINESS TO WORK WITH US IN RESOLVING THIS, AND TAKE ALL THAT INTO CONSIDERATION AND MAKING OUR DECISION AND REDUCING THE FINES AND IN SOME INSTANCES EVEN ELIMINATING THEM. SLIDE 2. SO REALLY QUICK, ALL THIS IS JUST TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT WE WILL UNDERTAKE AS WE IMPLEMENT. THREE KEY ELEMENTS HERE IS OUTREACH

AND ENGAGEMENT. AS WE'VE MENTIONED, IT IS IMPORTNAT FOR FOLKS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE BEING HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR D.E.O. PARTNERS AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO ENSURE THAT WE GET THIS INFORMATION OUT. A BIG COMPONENT HERE IS ALSO THE PROMULGATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS AS PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. YOU HAVE OUR COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE TO ENGAGE OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND OUR LABOR PARTNERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULES TO ENSURE THAT EVERYBODY IS AWARE AND PART OF THE DISCUSSIONS AS WE GO THROUGH THIS. AND AGAIN, GOING BACK TO THE FOCUS ON EDUCATION-BASED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, YOU WILL SEE THIS CODIFIED IN OUR PROMULGATED RULES AND REGULATIONS SO THERE'S NO QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT THAT. AND THEN JUST GENERALLY PROGRAM WRAP UP, THIS IS ENSURING THAT WE HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE ABILITY TO RESPOND TO OUR COMMUNITIES WHEN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS COMES TOGETHER. SO WITH THAT, I WILL PAUSE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WILL TURN IT-- I KNOW THAT SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL BROUGHT THIS FOREWARD, SO I WILL GO TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FIRST.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE IT. AND COULD WE PUT THE SLIDE BACK UP THAT SHOWS THE STATE SIDE BY SIDE, BECAUSE I THINK THAT SHOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WE KEEP FRONT AND CENTER AS WE CONTINUE TO HAVE OUR CONVERSATIONS. LET ME START BY THANKING YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR CO-AUTHORING WITH ME. AND A A BIG SHOUT OUT AND THANKS TO OUR COUNTY PARTNERS, COUNTY COUNSEL, THANK YOU NOT ONLY FOR THAT COMPREHENSIVE PRESENTATION, WENDY, BUT JUST FOR YOUR WORK IN GETTING US TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COUNTY PARTNERS. IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS NOT DEVELOPED IN A VACUUM. WE SAW THE MANY, MANY OUTREACH TOUCHPOINTS WE OFTEN TALK ABOUT HERE. WHAT OUTREACH WAS DONE? WHAT OUTREACH WAS DONE? AND IT IS CLEAR THIS IS AN EXAMPLE. YOU SET THE BAR PRETTY HIGH AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR OTHER ORDINANCES IN TERMS OF HOW OUTREACH, YOU KNOW, HAPPENS. AND SO, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BUSINESS LEADERS AND THE RE-ENTRY SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO REALLY WORKED HAND IN HAND IN HELPING US IDENTIFY SHORTCOMINGS OF STATE POLICY AND HELPED US WITH THE OUTREACH. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. LET ME START BY JUST ACKNOWLEDGING WHAT I KNOW TO BE THE OBVIOUS, WHICH IS THE BIAS AGAINST SYSTEMS-IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS. YOU KNOW, FOR SYSTEMS-IMPACTED JOB SEEKERS, THE

PROMISE OF A FAIR CHANCE IS A CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE A LIFE OF DIGNITY AND PURPOSE. AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT RECIDIVISM, YOU KNOW, ALL THE STUDIES SHOW, HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPACTFUL WAYS TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM. AND SO THAT'S WHY THIS ORDINANCE IS SO IMPORTANT. AND WE ARE CLEAR THAT MANY EMPLOYERS ARE KEEPING THAT PROMISE. EVEN WITH THAT, WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO, IN MAKING THIS PROMISE REAL FOR EVERY JOB SEEKER. MORE THAN A QUARTER OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS ARE UNEMPLOYED ON AVERAGE, WHICH IS IN STARK CONTRAST TO THE GENERAL POPULATION, WHICH IS EXPERIENCING HISTORCIALLY LOW RATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT. AND AS A RESULT, THOSE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE ARE MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY AND WITH THIS ORDINANCE WE CAN WORK AGAINST THAT. YEARS OF RESEARCH HAS PROVEN THE BIAS THAT TOO OFTEN DENIES SYSTEM-IMPACTED JOB SEEKERS CRITICAL OPPORTUNITIES, FINDING THAT THEY PERFORM AS WELL AS OR BETTER THAN THEIR COUNTERPARTS IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY. SO LET'S TALK ABOUT TWO OF THE AREAS THAT OUR PROPOSED ORDINANCE DIFFERS FROM STATE LAW, AND THAT'S THE ENFORCEMENT GAPS AS WELL AS THE EXEMPTIONS TO THE LOOK BACK PERIOD. THE PASSAGE OF THE FAIR CHANCE ACT STARTED TO MOVE CALIFORNIA IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. JOB SEEKERS AND REENTRY PARTNERS HAVE HIGHLIGHTED

SHORTCOMINGS IN ITS ENFORCEMENT. JOB CANDIDATES CAN'T WAIT WEEKS, EVEN MONTHS FOR A FINAL HIRING DECISION AFTER A BACKGROUND CHECK IS COMPLETED. WHAT THAT DOES IS IT OFTEN FORCES THEM TO SEEK LOWER PAYING OPPORTUNITIES BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT. WHO CAN WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT? WHEN EMPLOYERS DON'T PERFORM A WRITTEN ASSESSMENT OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PAST CONVICTIONS, CANDIDATES ARE CHALLENGED TO DEFEND THEMSELVES WHEN A JOB OFFER IS REVOKED. IF ADOPTED, THIS ORDINANCE WOULD ADD TEETH AND GUIDANCE TO ENFORCEMENT OF THE FAIR CHANCE ACT, TO ENSURE THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE LAW IS FOLLOWED MORE CONSISTENTLY. IN ADDITION, THIS ORDINANCE WOULD STRENGTHEN PROTECTIONS FOR SYSTEMS-IMPACTED JOB SEEKERS AND CREATE TOOLS FOR STRONGER ENFORCEMENT. WITH REGARD TO THE LOOK BACK PERIOD, IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEED TO MANAGE VARIOUS RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH SENSITIVE JOB DUTIES, THIS ORDINANCE PROVIDES AN EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIRED LOOK BACK PERIOD FOR POSITIONS INVOLVING DIRECT WORK WITH SENIORS, MINORS AND DEPENDENT ADULTS AS WELL AS POSITIONS INVOLVING THE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS OR BENEFITS, PROVIDED THAT THE CONVICTION RELATES TO THE ILLEGAL ACCESS OF FUNDS OR NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS. YOU KNOW, WE ARE ONE OF THE LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN THE REGION AND

THE COUNTY HAS I THINK AN OBLIGATION TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND ENSURE OUR HIRING PRACTICES ARE EQUITIBLE AND TRANSPARENT. A COUNTY POLICY WITH AN INDEPENDENT ENFORCING ENTITY, AS WELL AS DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AND OTHER ENFORCEMENT TOOLS, CAN ENHANCE ACCOUNTABILITY AND AVOID A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CREATED BY ITS INCLUSION IN THE ORDINANCE. I THINK IT IS REALLY GOING TO BE CRITICAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO NOT ONLY HELP EACH DEPARTMENT UPDATE THEIR HIRING AND RECRUITMENT PRACTICES, BUT TO PROVIDE AMPLE EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO SHIFT THE CULTURE AROUND FOR FAIR CHANCE HIRING. YOU KNOW, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, AGAIN, WHILE I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE COUNTY TAKE ACTIONS OUTLINED BY THE ORDINANCE IS TWOFOLD. FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE DECLARED THAT WE ARE A CARE-FOR-FIRST, JAILS-LAST COUNTY. AND PASSING THIS ORDINANCE IS HOW WE OPERATIONALIZE THAT KIND OF GOAL STATEMENT. PROVIDING CARE TO THOSE WHO ARE SYSTEMS-INVOLVED INCLUDES HELPING THEM GAIN GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT. I WAS ALSO STRUCK BY THE PRESENTATION WE SAW LAST WEEK AROUND CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND WE SAW THAT CHART THAT TALKED ABOUT HAVING TO, YOU KNOW, REDUCE THE POPULATION BY 7,000, AND THOSE 7,000 CAN'T RETURN. AND SO HOW DO WE GUARANTEE THOSE 7,000 DON'T RETURN? AS WE TALKED ABOUT

HOUSING, WE HAVE GOT TO FIND THEM BEDS AND WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE JOBS. SO AS WE TALK ABOUT OUR CARE-FIRST CONCEPT IN THEORY, HOW WE MOVE IT FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE, I THINK THIS FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE IS A WAY THAT LA COUNTY OPERATIONALIZES WHAT WE SAY IS OUR MISSION, AND PROVIDE SYSTEMS IMPACTED INDIVIDUAL A TRUE, CLEAR, ENFORCEABLE PATHWAY TO GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT. AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE COUNTY PARTNERS WHO STEPPED UP. WE ARE CLEAR ABOUT THE OUTREACH THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE. THE OUTREACH THAT WILL CONTINUE, THE SUPPORT TO BUSINESSES TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THE ORDINANCE, AND CONDUCT THEIR HIRING PRACTICES WITHIN IT, AND FINALLY MAKING SURE THAT WE AS THE LARGEST EMPLOYER IN THE REGION ARE INCORPORATED IN OUR OWN HIRING PRACTICES AND CULTURE THE POLICIES THIS BOARD HAS SET FORTH AS PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO THOSE SYSTEMS-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS SO WE CAN REDUCE RECIDIVISM RATES AND ULTIMATELY REDUCE THE NUMBERS WHO WE CURRENTLY ARE INCARCERATING IN OUR OWN CONGREGATE CARE SETTINGS. WITH THAT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR ASKING ME TO JOIN YOU ON THIS MOTION. IN FACT, I JUST WANT TO STATE THAT BEFORE I BECAME A SUPERVISOR, I WAS WORKING ON THESE ISSUES BACK IN THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION AS SECRETARY OF LABOR, AND WE LOOKED AT THE FAIR CHANCE ACT, AND REALLY TRYING TO IMPLEMENT IT AT A FEDERAL LEVEL. AND BECAUSE WE HAD SO MANY UNIQUE PROGRAMS THERE, I KNEW HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO HELP TRANSLATE THAT COMING BACK HERE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT IS NOT LOST ON ME THAT WE NEED TO PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS POPULATION, ESPECIALLY THROUGH WAY OF EDUCATIONAL TRAINING, TECHNICAL TRAINING, APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND ESPECIALLY TARGETING OUR AT RISK POPULATION, AND FORMALLY JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH. I THINK ALL OF THOSE ELEMENTS SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO THIS DESIGN OF HOW WE OUTREACH AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE WE'RE GOING. IT'S REALLY FOR ME, IT IS ABOUT DIGNITY AND RESPECT AND HAVING A FAIR SHOT AND IF YOU WILL, A SECOND CHANCE OR MULTIPLE CHANCES. THE MOTION BEFORE US AND THE PENDING VOTE ON THE FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE, FOR ME IS REAFFIRMING WHAT WAS JUST STATED, THAT THE BOARD HAS A FIRM COMMITMENT TO CARE-FIRST. AND THAT HAS BEEN REAFFIRMED HERE SEVERAL, SEVERAL TIMES. AND IT IS ABOUT FINDING LONG-TERM

SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE ROOT OF WHY INDIVIDUALS END UP IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM TO BEGIN WITH. AND IT IS ABOUT HOW TO ENSURE THAT LA COUNTY, AND OUR COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS PARTNERS ARE REMOVING BARRIERS TO FORMALLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS BY IMPROVING SUCCESS, INDEPENDENCE, OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. AND THAT MEANS REMOVING BARRIERS TO HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT AND TO RESTORE DIGNITY. TODAY'S ADOPTION OF THE FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE IS A VERY IMPORTANT MILESTONE, I THINK, FOR THE COUNTY. WE CERTAINLY HAVE COME A LONG WAY. I RECALL BACK IN 2017, THE BOARD SUPPORTED MY POTION TO ESTABLISH A FAIR CHANCE TASK FORCE TO PROMOTE ADOPTING HIRING PRACTICES WITHIN THE COUNTY THAT INCLUDED SUPPORTING BAN THE BOX UPON THE BILL'S PASSAGE IN 2018. AND IN 2018, I CO-AUTHORED A MOTION DIRECTING THE TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS ON THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE FAIR CHANCE ACT. AND EARLY IN 2019, I AUTHORED A MOTION TO INCREASE THE HIRING OF JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND LATE THEIR YEAR, I AUTHORED A MOTION TO LAUNCH THE FAIR CHANCE CAMPAIGN TO ALSO ENCOURAGE BUSINESSES TO ADOPT FAIR CHANCE HIRING. SO WE HAVE TAKEN A LOT OF STEPS IN THE COUNTY AND WE DID IT WITH PARTNERS, WE DID IT

WITH CHAMBERS, WE DID IT WITH MANY OF OUR NON-PROFITS AS WELL AS THE ADVOCACY GROUPS THAT ARE OUT THERE AND I WANT TO THANK THEM. BECAUSE IF IT WASN'T FOR THEIR POWER TO MOVE AND THEIR VOICE, I DON'T THINK WE WOULD BE HERE TODAY. SO I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK ALL OF THEM. I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE COMING OUT OF OUR INCARCERATION SYSTEM TO GET EMPLOYMENT. BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT IT WILL REDUCE RECIDIVISM WITHOUT A DOUBT. WE NEED TO DO MORE AND CREATE MORE NETWORKS AND I WANT TO THANK D.E.O. AND RAFAEL AND OUR COUNTY COUNSEL AND EVERYONE FOR WORKING ON THIS. BECAUSE WE REALLY HAVE COME A LONG WAY. YOU HAVE ANSWERED A LOT OF MY QUESTIONS THAT I WOULD HAVE ASKED WITH RESPECT TO HOW WE PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS THAT I REPRESENT IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. SO I AM TALKING ABOUT EAST LA, BOLINDA, NORTH WHITTIER, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, ROWLAND HEIGHTS AND OTHER PARTS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY THAT I REPRESENT. AND MANY ARE MOM AND POP BUSINESSES AND THE LIMIT I KNOW HERE IS FIVE EMPLOYEES OR MORE, BUT AGAIN, WE HAVE MANY IMMIGRANT BUSINESS OWNERS WHO ARE GOING TO NEED THAT ADDITIONAL STEP. ESPECIALLY IMGRANT COMMUNITIES THAT ARE NOT WELL-VERSED IN OUR PROCEDURES. SO I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE HAPPENING OUT THERE TO PARNTER AND PUTTING MAYBE MORE TIME INTO THIS IF

NECESSARY, SO WHEN YOU DO COME BACK TO US WITH THE REPORTED BACK THAT WE ALSO UNDERSTAND HOW SUCCESSFUL OR WHERE WE NEED TO MAYBE MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS. BECAUSE I AM CONCERNED WHEN PEOPLE ARE GOING TO READ THE HEADLINES THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE PENALTIES, THAT'S THE FIRST THING THEY THINK AND THEY'RE LIKE, "OH, MY GOD. HERE THEY GO. THEY'RE BEING INTRUSIVE." WELL, IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT. IT'S ABOUT HELPING TO UPLIFT OUR COMMUNITIES, THE SAME PEOPLE THAT MAY EVEN OWN SOME OF THESE BUSINESSES OR LIVE IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY HAVE JOBS IN THESE AREAS THAT WE ARE GOVERNING. SO I HOPE THAT WE DO A GOOD JOB AND WE EXPLAIN THIS TO THEM AND NOT JUST A ONE-OFF WITH A PAPER OR A KNOCK ON THE DOOR, BUT ACTUALLY ENGAGING AND MAYBE REALLY EXPANDING OUR OUTREACH, SMALL GRANTS TO THESE PARTNERS THAT CAN HELP US REALLY ENGAGE SO EVERYBODY IS FULLY AWARE WHEN WE BEGIN THE PROCESS. AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK YOU, RAFAEL, FOR DESCRIBING HOW YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE YOUR APPROACH, WHICH IS MORE OF AN EDUCATION INSTEAD OF A PUNITIVE APPROACH RIGHT OFF THE BAT. BECAUSE I THINK THAT IS WHAT PEOPLE ARE MAYBE THINKING ABOUT IF THEY DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE TODAY. BUT WE'VE COME A LONG WAY AND I, AGAIN, WANT TO THANK ALL OUR DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE HELPED MAKE THIS HAPPEN, INCLUDING OUR

C.E.O. AND YOU'VE DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB, D.E.O., KELLY. I MEAN, JUST SO MANY OUTREACH SESSIONS. I'M SO PROUD OF WHERE WE'VE COME, BECAUSE THIS IS PHENOMENAL. IT HASN'T HAPPENED. THIS TAKES A LOT OF WORK AND I KNOW YOUR STAFF AND THE PEOPLE THAT WE WORK WITH, INCLUDING RAFAEL, EVERYONE, OUR OWN STAFFS HAVE BEEN OUT THERE TALKING TO PEOPLE, TELLING THEM ABOUT THIS. PEOPLE HAVE LONG AWAITED FOR THIS TO HAPPEN. SO I'M HAPPY WE HAVE ARRIVED AT THIS DAY AND I HOPE TODAY THAT WE ARE FULLY GOING TO BAN THE BOX AT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO I TOO WILL ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE ON THIS AND THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, TO ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS, AND ALL THOSE IN THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE BEEN HELPING US MOVE THIS AGENDA ITEM FORWARD. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. AND I JUST WANT TO GET SOME CLARIFICATION BECAUSE-- AND I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING BECAUSE IT'S ABSOLUTELY TRUE. WE TELL PEOPLE TO GET A JOB AND STAY OUT OF TROUBLE BUT THEN WE PUT UP BARRIERS FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO GET EMPLOYED. SO THAT RESONATES WITH ME, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. BUT THERE'S A CLARIFICATION. WE GOT A LETTER FROM

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTRACTOR'S ASSOCIATION AND I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY THIS. SO IF I'M ABC CONSTRUCTION AND I GO TO A UNION HALL BECAUSE I'M REQUIRED TO HAVE UNION, USUALLY THE UNION SELECTS THE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE GOING TO BE SENT ON THAT JOB. BUT YET THE EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYER IS GOING TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE, EVEN THOUGH THE EMPLOYER DOESN'T HAVE ANY SAY SO BECAUSE IT'S NEGOTIATED. HOW IS THAT GOING TO PLAY OUT?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: YEAH. THANK YOU FOR THAT, SUPERVISOR. I'LL TRY TO TAKE THE FIRST STAB AT ANSWERING THAT AND THEN I'LL LEAN ON MY COUNTY COUNSEL PARTNERS HERE FOR CLARITY. SO ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, I'M A SON OF A CONTRACTOR AND GIVEN MY PAST WORK, I COULD DEFINITELY SYMPATHIZE WITH THEIR CONCERNS. BUT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS NO DIFFERENT THAN WHAT THEY ARE ALREADY REQUIRED TO DO UNDER STATE REQUIREMENTS. AND IF WE LOOK AT THE STATE ORDINANCE, IT DOES NOT EXCLUDE OUR LABOR PARTNERS FROM BEING RESPONSIBLE FROM THIS. SO WHAT WE INTEND TO DO IS AS WE IMPLEMENT OUR RULES AND REGULATIONS, WE'LL PROVIDE CLARITY ON THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN THAT WORK. WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT WE BRING IN OUR LABOR PARTNERS AND OUR CONSTRUCTION AND CONTRACTOR PARTNERS TO BE PART OF THAT CONVERSATION TO ENSURE THAT THEY'RE AWARE AND

UNDERSTAND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THAT. I WILL TAKE A POINT TO NOTE THAT OUR LABOR PARTNERS HAVE BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF HELPING OUR SYSTEM- IMPACTED FOLKS GET WORK AND GET CONNECTED. THEY HAVE BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF CHAMPIONING FOR THESE RIGHTS. SO I WOULD ARGUE THAT ANYBODY WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS IN LABOR IS ACTUALLY BETTER- POSITIONED TO COMPLY WITH THIS THAN ANYBODY ELSE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: SO CAN YOU JUST REACH OUT TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTRACTOR ASSOCIATION AND EDUCATE THEM?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: ABSOLUTELY.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, I KNOW THAT SOMETIMES IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, YOU ASSUME THE WORST AND IT SOUNDS LIKE THAT'S ALREADY BEEN WORKED OUT. AND THEN ON THE OUTREACH EFFORTS TO SMALL AND MICRO BUSINESSES, I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE FOCUSSING ON EDUCATION STRATEGIES, BECAUSE I'M HEARING-- I DON'T KNOW HOW ROBUST IT WAS OR HOW SUCCESSFUL IT WAS, BUT I WOULD ASK YOU TO CONTINUE TO DO THE OUTREACH. BECAUSE THERE IS SOME CONFUSION AND I'M TOLD, AND CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, THIS IS FOR ONLY UNINCORPORATED. BUT IF AN

UNINCORPORATED BUSINESS DOES BUSINESS IN, OR I'M SORRY, IF A BUSINESS IN PASADENA DOES WORK IN UNINCORPORATED, THEN THEY WOULD HAVE TO QUALIFY FOR THIS. SO HOW ARE YOU GOING TO ENFORCE THAT? ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE THEM HAVE TO-- ARE ALL BUSINESSES GOING TO HAVE TO SIGN UP WITH THE COUNTY? OR HOW ARE YOU GOING TO ENFORCE THAT?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: NO. SO PART OF IT, AGAIN, IT'S ABOUT AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING WHAT THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR. SO WE'RE GOING TO DEFINITELY CONTINUE TO WORK IN ENSURING THAT EVERYBODY IS AWARE OF WHAT THE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE. EVERYONE THAT'S IMPACTED WHEN THERE'S AN ISSUE, WE WILL BE PROACTIVELY AVAILABLE TO THEM TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND CLARIFY ANYTHING. ON A REGULAR BASIS, WE ENGAGE WITH BUSINESSES. THEY CALL US ALL THE TIME FOR CLARITY ON WHETHER CERTAIN THINGS APPLY TO THEM OR NOT BASED ON THE SITUATION THAT THEY FIND THEMSELVES IN. SO WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THAT. IN PARTICULAR WHERE WE SEE SOME OF THE CONCLUSION IS ALONG THOSE CORRIDORS WHERE WE'RE BUMPING OUR UNINCORPORATED AREA IS BUMPING UP AGAINST ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY. SO WHAT WE FOUND THERE IS OUR DOOR KNOCKING AND IN-PERSON CONVERSATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT HAS BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE IN ENSURING THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THEIR

RIGHTS. IN PARTICULAR, WE SAW SOME HOT POCKETS UP IN YOUR DISTRICT, PARTICULARLY ON OLD TOWN ROAD, WHERE THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION AS TO WHAT APPLIES TO THEM AND WHAT DOESN'T. AND WHAT WE FOUND THAT WAS VERY EFFECTIVE WAS HYPER-ETHNIC LOCAL MEDIA AND WE BOUGHT SOME BILL BOARDS. WE DID SOME FLYERING AND WE DID A TON OF ENGAGEMENT AND THE RESPONSE WAS VERY CLEAR AND EFFECTIVE. WE HAD A LOT OF BUSINESSES REACH OUT TO US AND WE PROVIDED THEM THE CLARITY THAT THEY NEEDED IN ORDER TO BE IN COMPLIANCE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: SO THE ONE ASK I WOULD HAVE, AND I'M SURE BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU ARE VERY MUCH ABOUT DATA AND OUTCOMES, IS JUST TO GET REGULAR REPORTS FROM THE D.C.B. ON HOW THE APPEALS PROCESS, AND ALSO HOW THE OUTREACH AND EDUCATION IS GOING. BECAUSE YOU'RE RIGHT. I'VE GOT UNINCORPORATED RIGHT NEXT TO GLENDALE. AND THE PEOPLE DON'T DIFFER-- SO I MEAN, DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE BOUNDARIES, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I UNDERSTAND HOW IT'S BEING APPLIED. SO THAT WOULD BE MY ONE ASK ON THAT. AND THEN, THIS IS MY LAST QUESTION. ON THE STATE'S FAIR CHANCE ACT VERSUS THE COUNTY'S, AND I APOLOGIZE, BUT CAN YOU WALK ME THROUGH THE LOOKBACK IN TERMS OF NO CONSIDERATION OF A CONVICTION OLDER THAN 7 YEARS MEASURED FROM

THE STATE DISPOSITION WITH LIMITED EXCEPTIONS. AND THE STATE SAYS NO LOOK-BACK, PERIOD. SO--?

WENDY SHAW: SURE, I CAN CLARIFY ON THAT. SO WE'RE CUTTING OFF CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS THAT AN EMPLOYER CAN CONSIDER IN CONNECTION WITH HIRING. SO IF SOMEONE HAD A CONVICTION THAT IF THEY PULLED BACKGROUND AND THEY SAW THAT SOMEONE HAD A CONVICTION THAT WAS 15 YEARS OLD, THAT EMPLOYER CAN NO LONGER USE THAT CONVICTION IN DECIDING WHETHER TO RESCIND A JOB OFFER OR TO HIRE THAT EMPLOYER CANDIDATE. SO THAT WOULD BE THE DIFFERENCE. AND THE STATE DOES NOT HAVE ANY LOOK-BACK PERIODS. SO AN EMPLOYER UNDER THE STATE'S LAW CAN LOOK AT CONVICTIONS THAT ARE VERY, VERY OLD, 30 YEARS OLD, 20 YEARS OLD IN MAKING A DECISION.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AND THEN THE LIMITED EXCEPTIONS ARE WHAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL MENTIONED, CORRECT?

WENDY SHAW: RIGHT. YES. SO SERVICES OR CARE TO MINORS, DEPENDANT ADULTS AS IN THE WHIT [PH?] CODE, AS WELL AS 65 YEARS OR OLDER. AND THEN FOR IF YOU HAVE A JOB POSITION PROVIDING SERVICES DEALING WITH PUBLIC FUNDS OR BENEFITS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: OKAY, THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR GETTING US TO THIS POINT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, JUST LISTENING TO YOU AND THE YEARS OF WORK THAT YOU HAVE ALSO PUT BEHIND THIS IDEA OF GIVING PEOPLE A FAIR CHANCE. AND I AM TOTALLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS. I KNOW THAT A PERSON'S ABILITY TO SUCCEED, A PERSON'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILY, A PERSON'S ABILITY TO BE IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD REALLY DEPENDS A LOT ON GETTING A SUCCESSFUL JOB. AND WE KNOW THE BARRIERS TO THAT FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE PAST CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS HAS BEEN VERY, VERY DIFFICULT. SO IT WAS INTERESTING LISTENING. I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT THAT UP, SUPERVISOR BARGER, BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE WERE SAYING, "WELL, THE STATE FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE IS AT THE STATE AND WHY ARE WE DOING IT AT THE COUNTY?" AND SOME SAID, "WELL, JUST SO THAT WE CAN CAN ENFORCE IT." BUT IT GOES BEYOND THAT. IT GOES BEYOND THAT. WE TOOK MORE INPUT FROM THIS FAIR CHANCE TASK FORCE AND OUR STAKEHOLDERS TO ACTUALLY CRAFT ONE THAT WE THINK IS BETTER

AND BETTER SUITED TO THE NEEDS OF US IN LA COUNTY. SO, AND I DO BELIEVE THAT WE ALL ARE-- YOU KNOW, WE'LL HEAR FROM OUR BUSINESSES PROBABLY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS BROUGHT UP, IT WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL TO HAVE LIKE A FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PAGE OR FAQ SHEET THAT WE COULD EVEN SHARE WITH OUR CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE. BECAUSE I HAVE A FEELING THAT'S PROBABLY WHO I'LL BE HEARING FROM. AND I THINK THERE IS VERY GOOD-- THERE WILL BE VERY GOOD QUESTIONS, BUT THEY'LL BE VERY GOOD ANSWERS. AND IF WE COULD HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR OUR STAFF, THOSE IN OUR OFFICES WHO WILL BE ANSWERING PHONES. I THINK THERE IS SO MUCH IN THIS THAT JUST KIND OF A FACT SHEET WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. AND OBVIOUSLY, THE COUNTY, WE NEED TO WALK THIS WALK AND NOT JUST TALK THIS TALK. SO I THINK WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY IS ALSO MOVING FORWARD THE ABILITY FOR US TO CRAFT OUR OWN FAIR CHANCE POLICY WITHIN LA COUNTY. AND I'M SURE THERE WILL BE THOSE LISTENING TODAY WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ENFORCEMENT AND WE TALK ABOUT EDUCATION AND WE TALK ABOUT, YOU KNOW, FINES, MAYBE RAFAEL, YOU CAN ANSWER IT. WHO IS GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE DOING IT PROPERLY?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: I THINK WENDY HAS A BETTER ANSWER THAN I DO.

WENDY SHAW: I THINK WE ALL KNOW. BUT OUR PROPOSAL WOULD BE THAT D.H.R. AND THEY ARE RIGHT NOW THE LEAD ON FAIR CHANCE HIRING, HOWEVER, IF THERE IS COMPLAINTS FROM APPLICANTS OR EMPLOYEES REGARDING INTERNAL COUNTY FAIR CHANCE VIOLATIONS, THEY CAN FILE A COMPLAINT WITH OUR COUNTY EQUITY OVERSIGHT PANEL UNDER THE C.P.O.E., COUNTY POLICY OF EQUITY, AND THAT WILL BE INVESTIGATED AND FINDINGS WILL BE MADE IN THE SAME WAY THAT OTHER TYPES OF DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS ARE RESOLVED HERE AT THE COUNTY.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, AGAIN, BECAUSE I'M PRETTY MUCH PEOPLE WILL BE WONDERING. WE'RE LOOKING TO ENFORCE IT ON OTHERS, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ALSO BLAMELESS AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO CREATING A FAIR CHANCE FOR EVERYONE. AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, AGAIN, I THINK YOU BROUGHT UP AN INTERESTING POINT OF EVEN THOUGH YOUR BUSINESS IS NOT LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED, BECAUSE SOMETIMES WHEN WE PASS ORDINANCESES, WE'RE LIKE, THAT JUST APPLIES TO UNINCORPORATED COUNTY. BUT IF YOU DO WORK IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A BUSINESS IN A PARTICULAR, ONE OF OUR 88 CITIES, THIS STILL APPLIES TO YOU. AND I IMAGINE IN THE

BEGINNING WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE A LOT OF-- A LITTLE BIT OF CONFUSION AND WE'LL PROBABLY GET THE COMPLAINTS FROM THE ACTUAL PERSON WHO, I'M GUESSING, THOSE THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE FAIR CHANCE HIRING ARE THE ONES THAT ARE GOING TO REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW THIS LAW APPLIES TO THEM AND CAN BENEFIT THEM, AND THEY WILL PROBABLY BE THE ONES THAT BRING THE COMPLAINTS IN THE BEGINNING. AND I, AGAIN, WE WANT TO GIVE EVERYBODY A FAIR CHANCE, EVEN THE BUSINESSES. BUT I IMAGINE IN THE BEGINNING THERE WILL BE SOME THAT JUST DID NOT KNOW THAT IT APPLIED TO THEM. AND I HOPE WE HAVE A REALLY GOOD WAY OF WORKING WITH THEM AND EDUCATING THEM SO THAT WE CAN BRING EVERYBODY ALONG WITH US. SO THAT WE HAVE THE KIND OF COUNTY THAT WE REALLY ARE GIVING PEOPLE THE SECOND CHANCE, THE FAIR CHANCE THAT THEY DESERVE. SO, THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I, TOO, WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD AND BRINGING FORWARD THIS DISCUSSION AND ALL THE WORK THAT YOU DID TO BRING THE ITEM FORWARD BEFORE US TODAY. FAIR CHANCE POLICIES ARE CRITICAL FOR ALL THE REASONS THAT HAVE BEEN STATED. I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT FAIR CHANCE POLICIES ARE ALSO IMPORTANT IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS.

BECUASE THOSE WITH PAST CRIMINAL RECORDS MAY STRUGGLE TO FIND A JOB. THEY MAY FALL INTO HOMELESSNESS OR NOT ABLE TO GET OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. SO I'M PROUD OF THE ORDINANCE THAT'S BEFORE US TODAY, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE IT GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND STATE LAW AND IT REQUIRES OUR COUNTY TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE. SO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I'M GOING TO TURN IT BACK TO YOU FOR THE LAST WORD.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS IMPORTANT DISCUSSION. I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT THE ORDINANCE IF IT PASSED TODAY WOULDN'T GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1ST, SO THERE IS STILL TIME FOR THE ONGOING OUTREACH AND EDUCATION. AND LASTLY, JUST WANTED TO ECHO WHAT MR. CARBAJAL SAID. I THINK THE BUILDING TRADES HAVE STEPPED UP AND HAVE BEEN LEADERS. YOU THINK ABOUT THE WORK THE CARPENTERS, THE ELECTRICIANS, IATSE HAS DONE IN GOING OUT AND RECRUITING AND CREATING SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR SYSTEMS-INVOLVED PEOPLE TO BRING THEM INTO THE UNION. YOU KNOW, THE CARPENTERS AND MANY OF THE BUILDING TRADES HAVE PROGRAMS AT STATE PRISON FACILITIES WHERE YOU CAN GET CERTIFIED AND UPON YOUR RELEASE ARE BROUGHT INTO THE UNION WHERE YOUR TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN PURCHASED FOR YOU. SO

I AGREE. THEY HAVE BEEN OUT IN FRONT OF MANY OTHERS IN TERMS OF ACKNOWLEDGING THE VALUE OF THIS POPULATION AND IN PROVIDING TRAINING. SO I AGREE. I THINK THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD AND WILL CONTINUE TO HELP US IN EDUCATING NOW EMPLOYERS ABOUT THE VALUE OF THIS EMPLOYEE POOL, IF YOU WILL. AND SO THE LEFT HAND WILL BE SUPPORTING THE RIGHT HAND. WITH THAT, I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL AFTON BRANCH WILSON, AKEEM BROWDER, CLAYTON MILLER, DOMINIQUE PERKINS, GIRARO GOMEZ, GIOVANNI HERNANDEZ, ILKA ROSALES, JUAN GOMEZ, MARCUS SAVAGE, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, PAUL DUMONT, PAULETTE DUNNE SANDERS, SAO CAMPOS, SHAYLA MEYERS AND TOYAN MOSES PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEMS 2 AND 72, 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 SARA GWEN LISTCOW. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SARA GLENN LEISTIKOW: HI. MY NAME IS SARA. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, THEIR C.E.O. WE'RE AN LA COUNTY SOCIAL ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION. OUR MISSION FOR OVER 40 YEARS HAS BEEN TO WE HELP PEOPLE COMING HOME FROM PRISON AND JAIL GET IMMEDIATE JOBS AND THE SUPPORT NEEDED TO REINTEGRATE BACK INTO THEIR COMMUNITY AND TO CREATE ACCESS TO LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL MOBILITY. ACCESS TO JOBS AFFECTS US ALL AS YOU HEARD ALREADY TODAY. THIS IS A CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE, A PUBLIC SAFETY AND A POVERTY ISSUE. THIS IS DEEPLY IMPACTING THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY. WHEN PEOPLE WHO CAN AND WANT TO WORK ARE SYSTEMICALLY TURNED AWAY FROM JOBS DUE TO DISCRIMINATION AND BIAS, WE'RE ALL HARMED. THIS FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE REDUCES DISCRIMINATION AND BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT AND IT INCREASE ACCESS TO ECONOMIC STABILITY, SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND PUBLIC SAFETY AS WELL AS DECREASES PUBLIC SPENDING ON THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM AND PUBLIC BENEFITS. THIS ORDINANCE IS NECESSARY TO STRENGTHEN THE CALIFORNIA FAIR CHANCE LEGISLATION AND JOB SEEKER

PROTECTION. IT WILL ALSO CREATE CLEAR PROCEDURES FOR BOTH JOB SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS. WE KNOW FROM STUDIES ACROSS THE COUNTY OVER THE LAST DECADE, INCLUDING ONE PUT OUT BY U.S.C.'S SOL PRICE CENTER FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION THAT FAIR CHANCE REGULATIONS EFFECTIVELY--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALEX TRON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ALEX TRON: HELLO SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALEXANDER TRON. I'M THE STAFF ATTORNEY WITH THE SOCIAL IMPACT CENTER. WE'RE BUILDING POWER IN CRIMINALIZED BIPOC L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITIES THROUGH STIGMA FREE ORGANIZING AND MUTUAL AID. WE ARE A RICH RE-ENTRY SUPPORT SERVICES ORGANIZATION AND I WANTED TO EXPRESS OUR UTMOST SUPPORT FOR THIS ORDINANCE. AMONGST ALL THE FOLKS THAT WE SERVE, SOME OF THE MOST PRIMARY CONCERNS ARE WITH EMPLOYMENT. FOLKS THAT HAVE CRIMINAL RECORD HISTORIES FACE NUMEROUS BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT AND BY PASSING THIS ORDINANCE, LA COUNTY WILL BE LEADING THE WAY IN SHOWING BY EXAMPLE THE

VALUE THAT OUR JUSTICE-INVOLVED COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE. I SAVE THE REST OF MY TIME. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DAVID SCHLUSSEL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DAVID SCHLUSSEL: HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAVID SCHLUSSEL. I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES AND THE RESTORING COMMUNITIES WORK GROUP. I WANT TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE. ACCESS TO DECENT AND STABLE EMPLOYMENT IS MAYBE THE KEY FACTOR FOR PEOPLE TO SUCCESSFULLY INTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY AND TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. THIS ORDINANCE WOULD HELP MANY COUNTY RESIDENTS ACCESS MORE JOBS FOR WHICH THEY'RE ALREADY FOUND TO BE QUALIFIED IN TERMS OF RESUME, INTERVIEW. THEY'RE NOT EXCLUDED BY LAW BASED ON CRIMINAL HISTORY BUT THEY STILL CAN BE DENIED IN THE EMPLOYER'S DISCRETION BASED ON THE BACKGROUND CHECK. IN MY EXPERIENCE WITH CLIENTS, EXISTING STATE LAW PROTECTIONS ARE OFTEN NOT KNOWN BY EMPLOYERS, NOT COMPLIED WITH AND/OR NOT

ENFORCED. THIS MOTION WOULD ADOPT MORE CLEAR AND FAIR PROCEDURES FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS AND INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENTS. IT WOULD ESTABLISH MEANINGFUL ENFORCEMENT PROTECTIONS AND PENALTIES AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT PROTECTIONS SUCH AS FOR APPLICANTS WITH OLD CONVICTIONS AND THOSE WHO HAVE OBTAINED LICENSING IN THEIR CHOSEN OCCUPATION. I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE ORDINANCES' ADOPTION TO SUPPORT OUR REINTEGRATING INDIVIDUALS--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS STACEY HILL WILLIAMS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

STACEY HILL WILLIAMS: --

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: STACEY, ARE YOU THERE?

MODERATOR: STACEY HILL WILLIAMS, GO AHEAD.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SANDRA JOHNSON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SANDRA JOHNSON: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION THAT TRULY ALIGNS WITH LEGAL AID AT WORK'S MISSION. MY NAME IS SANDRA JOHNSON AND I'M A FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL AND I AM THE RACIAL JUSTICE WORKER ADVOCATE HERE AT LEGAL AID AT WORK IN THE RACIAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE PROGRAM AND I'VE TESTIFIED FOR BAN THE BOX BEFORE IT BECAME LAW. I SUPPORT ITEM 2 FOR MITCHELL AND SOLIS INCREASING FAIR CHANCE HIRING THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE MOTION WOULD HELP THOUSANDS OF LA COUNTY CITIZENS WITH CRIMINAL HISTORY OBTAIN OR TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILY. AND BECAUSE I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE EMPLOYMENT ONCE YOU ARE RELEASED FROM INCARCERATION AND ALSO FACED THE MANY BARRIERS AND ALSO HAVE FACED MANY BARRIERS THAT COMES ALONG WITH HAVING A CRIMINAL HISTORY--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY ARENAS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ANTHONY ARENAS: HI, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS FROM DISTRICT 3. I'M WITH THE JUSTICE LA COALITION SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 2. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR PUTTING THIS MOTION ON THIS WEEK'S AGENDA. WE KNOW THAT FAIR CHANCE HIRING IS JUST ONE CRITICAL STEP IN OPENING UP OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED OR OTHERWISE IMPACTED BY THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM AND THIS FAIR CHANCE HIRING ORDINANCE WOULD ONLY ADD STRENGTH AND SPECIFICALLY TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF CALIFORNIA'S FAIR CHANCE ACT. THE PROMISE OF A FAIR CHANCE PROVIDES A CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY FOR SYSTEM-IMPACTED JOB SEEKERS TO PURSUE A LIFE OF DIGNITY AND PURPOSE. AND WHILE MANY EMPLOYERS ARE KEEPING THAT PROMISE, WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO IN MAKING IT REAL FOR EVERY JOB SEEKER. AND AS THE LARGEST EMPLOYER IN THE REGION, AS HAS BEEN STATED, THE COUNTY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO

LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND ENSURE OUR HIRING PRACTICES ARE EQUITABLE--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CARENA MELENDEZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

CARENA MELENDEZ: HI, MY NAME IS CARENA MELENDEZ. I'M CALLING IN [INAUDIBLE] CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES. I'M ALSO A FORMER INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL AND ALSO A CONSTITUENT OF THE EAST LA AREA. I'M CALLING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 2 ONLY BECAUSE ITS FAIR CHANCE OF BEING ABLE TO WORK FOR AN EMPLOYER THAT UNDERSTANDS WHERE I'M COMING FROM AND MY BACKGROUND HAS GIVEN ME THE PATHWAY TO SUCCEED THESE LAST TWO YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN HOME. AND BEING ABLE NOT TO ONLY GIVE MYSELF BUT MY CHILDREN A HOME, A STABLE ENVIRONMENT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR A LOT OF INDIVIDUALS. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

AMBROSE BROOKS: HI. THIS IS AMBROSE BROOKS, RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5 AND THE CAMPAIGN AND ADVOCACY MANAGER AT DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. FIRST I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR PUTTING FORWARD THIS MOTION TODAY. AT DIGNITY AND POWER NOW, WE WORK WITH MANY PEOPLE WHO THEY THEMSELVES ARE FORMALLY INCARCERATED WHO HAVE STRUGGLED DUE TO BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT. WE NEED TO BREAKDOWN BARRIERS FOR SYSTEM-IMPACTED FOLKS TO BE RECRUITED AND RETAINED IN THE COUNTY WORKFORCE AS WELL AS PRIVATE EMPLOYERS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAID IT BETTER THAN ALL OF US COULD: CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST IS ALSO ABOUT GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT FOR SYSTEM-IMPACTED FOLKS. CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS ABOUT INVESTING IN THOSE IN THE LIVELIHOOD OF THOSE IN THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM. AS WE CONTINUE TO FACE THE CRISIS IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING, GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT IS NECESSARY TO BE ABLE TO LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. THE COUNTY NEEDS TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE COMING OUT OF LA'S JAILS HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT AS SOMEONE WHO IS NOT IMPACTED BY THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM. PLEASE PASS THIS MOTION AND INVEST IN THIS ORDINANCE. AS THE

LARGEST EMPLOYER IN THE REGION THE COUNTY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND ENSURE OUR HIRING PRACTICES ARE EQUITABLE--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS STACEY HILL WILLIAMS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

STACEY HILL WILLIAMS: MY NAME IS STACEY HILL WILLIAMS, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT WITH THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE, A 55-YEAR-OLD NON-PROFIT DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND UNMET NEEDS OF LOW INCOME AND UNDERSERVED AND UNDER REPRESENTED INDIVIDUALS. THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE IS FULLY IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL AND HILDA SOLIS ADOPTING THE FAIR CHANCE HIRING ORDINANCE. AS AN ORGANIZATION IT FOCUSES ON TRAUMA INFORMED DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS INCLUDING A YOUTH SOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. WE MUST PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY AND CHANCES FOR THOSE WHO HAVE MADE MISTAKES AND ATONED FOR THOSE MISTAKES WITHOUT JUDGMENT OR SYSTEMS THAT MAY PREVENT THEM FROM SECURING GAINFUL

EMPLOYMENT. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SAID SUCCESS IS TO BE MEASURED NOT SO MUCH BY THE POSITION THAT ONE HAS REACHED IN LIFE AS BY THE OBSTACLES IN WHICH THEY HAVE OVERCOME. IN ORDER FOR OUR COMMUNITIES TO THRIVE, WE MUST NURTURE US ALL, WHICH MEANS PROVIDING GRACE, OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS FREE FROM JUDGMENT OR PREJUDICE OF OUR PAST MISTAKES. PLEASE JOIN THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE AND THE LA COUNTY YOUTH AND FAMILIES--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS COSME SANDOVAL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

COSME SANDOVAL: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS COSME SANDOVAL AND I'M THE CAREER PROGRAM MANAGER AT DEFY VENTURES AND WE CALL TODAY IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 2 AND 72. I WANT TO SHARE MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AS BEING FORMERLY INCARCERATED. SERVING 25 YEARS IN PRISON, I LIVED A HOPELESS LIFE AND IT WASN'T UNTIL SOMEBODY GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY AND AN EQUITABLE IN EMPLOYMENT. THAT HAS BRED HOPE IN ME AND NOW I LIVE TRYING TO BREED HOPE IN OTHERS AND SHARING OF THIS OPPORTUNITY. SO I ASK THAT THIS

MEASURE BE APPROVED AS IT CAN IMPACT SOCIETY AS A WHOLE IN A VERY POSITIVE AND MEANINGFUL WAY. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RENA DE ASSIS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

RENA DE ASSIS: HI. I'M CALLING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 2 TODAY. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR SETTING FORTH THIS MOTION. MY NAME IS RENA DE ASSIS. I'M WITH THE GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS AND POLICY TEAM AT RETTA. WE ARE A 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES GRANTS, LOANS AND CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT TO EMPLOYMENT SOCIAL ENTERPRISES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IN OUR 2022 IMPACT REPORT OF ALL THE EMPLOYMENT SOCIAL ENTERPRISE EMPLOYEES WE SUPPORT, 78% HAVE JUSTICE SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT. THEREFORE, RETTA SUPPORT THE FAIR CHANCE HIRING ORDINANCE WHICH WE BELIEVE IS INVESTING IN AN ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE. FAIR CHANCE EMPLOYMENT IS IMPORTANT TO RETTA, OUR EMPLOYMENT SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERS AND CLIENTS THAT WE SERVE LIKE LESLIE. LESLIE IS A GRADUATE AT THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INITIATIVE FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE OR

LA RISE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CENTER FOR LIVING AND LEARNING. NOW SHE'S THE CASE MANAGER AT C.L.L. AND HAS ACKNOWLEDGED--

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO GO TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND THEN ALTERNATE BACK TO THE REMAINING CALLERS. SO GO RIGHT AHEAD.

AFTON BRANCH WILSON: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS AFTON BRANCH WILSON. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF POLICY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AT CHRYSALLIS. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE FOR EMPLOYERS. CHRYSALLIS SERVES PEOPLE NAVIGATING BARRIERS TO THE WORKFORCE, MOST OFTEN EXPERIENCES OF HOMELESSNESS AND JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT. WE OFFER OUR CLIENTS A JOB READINESS PROGRAM, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND PAID TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT. WE'RE ALSO A BUSINESS. WE EMPLOY OUR CLIENTS IN BOTH OUR TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AS WELL AS PERMANENT STAFF AND THEY ADD IMMENSE VALUE TO OUR WORKFORCE. ONE OF THE MOST COMMON BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT THAT OUR CLIENTS FACE IS THEIR CRIMINAL RECORD. EVERY YEAR WE SERVE

THOUSANDS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR A CHANCE TO WORK BUT HAVE TROUBLE FINDING EMPLOYERS TO GIVE THEM THAT CHANCE. CALIFORNIA'S PASSAGE OF THE FAIR CHANCE ACT IN 2018 WAS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO HELP INDIVIDUALS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS TO SECURE JOBS. TODAY THERE'S STILL GAPS IN ENFORCEMENT. WE KNOW THAT EMPLOYMENT IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN REDUCING RECIDIVISM AND IN MINIMIZING THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND HEALTH COSTS OF MASS INCARCERATION. THAT'S WHAT DRIVES OUR WORK AT CHRYSSALIS AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ENACT THIS FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE TODAY. THANK YOU.

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

AKEEM BROWDER: THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU HOLLY MITCHELL AND JANICE HAHN FOR THIS ACT. MY NAME IS AKEEM BROWDER WITH A NEW WAY OF LIFE, AN ORGANIZATION WHO SERVICES BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE COMING HOME FROM JAIL AND PRISON, GIVING THEM OPPORTUNITY IN HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT. THIS FAIR CHANCE HIRING ACT FOR SYSTEM-IMPACTED JOB SEEKERS, THE PROMISE OF A FAIR CHANCE IS A CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY FOR SYSTEM-IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS TO PURSUE A LIFE OF DIGNITY AND PURPOSE. WHILE MANY EMPLOYERS ARE KEEPING THAT PROMISE, WE STILL HAVE A LONG

WAY TO GO IN MAKING IT REAL FOR EVERY JOB SEEKER. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT APPROXIMATELY 1 IN 3 WORKING-AGE AMERICANS HAS A FELONY CRIMINAL RECORD UP TO 65% AND INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM INCARCERATION ARE UNEMPLOYED AFTER ONE YEAR OF RELEASE.

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

PATRICIA MCALLISTER: PATRICIA MCALLISTER. I THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA, THE FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE. MY ONLY PROBLEM IS DISCRIMINATION AND THE TIMING. I GOT THE E-MAIL FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND IT SAID EXACTLY THAT THEY WANT THE BOARDER CROSSERS TO COME TO LA COUNTY TO WORK AND THAT IMMIGRATION WILL NOT BOTHER THEM. I HAVE THE E-MAIL. YOU STOPPED SENDING E-MAILS RECENTLY. I'M REALLY VERY SUSPICIOUS BECAUSE THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION, THEY'RE EVICTING A LOT OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND BRINGING IN THOSE MIGRANTS--

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THIS ITEM IS ABOUT FAIR CHANCE HIRING FOR THE FORMERLY INCARCERATED.

PATRICIA MCALLISTER: THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. I'M ON THIS FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE RIGHT NOW. THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. AND ALSO I AM THINKING THAT MAYBE ONE PERSON ON THIS PANEL WILL BE FAIR AND THAT'S HOLLY MITCHELL. I SEE A LOT OF YOU, THE REST OF YOU ARE GOING TO BE DISCRIMINATING AGAINST AFRICAN-AMERICANS GETTING IN THESE JOBS AND I THINK THAT THE COMPANIES WANT THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO PAY THEM $5 AN HOUR, NOT THAT $15 AN HOUR. IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT MONEY.

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

CLAYTON MILLER: GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM CLAYTON MILLER. I'M THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS MANAGER FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION. THE S.C.C.A. IS AN ALL-UNION TRADE ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS THAT BUILD THE REGION'S STATE AND PUBLIC/PRIVATE INFRASTRUCTURE. THEIR CONTRACTORS ARE SIGNATORY TO MULTIPLE TRADE UNIONS AND EMPLOY A VARIETY OF APPRENTICES AND EASILY MAKE STATES SKILLED AND TRAINED WORKFORCE REQUIREMENTS. TO BE CLEAR, S.C.C.A. IS ENTIRELY SUPPORTIVE OF THE SPIRIT OF THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED ORDINANCE. THE MEMBERS TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THE FREEDOM TO OFFER

EMPLOYMENT TO PREVIOUSLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS AND OTHERS LOOKING FOR A SECOND CHANCE. WE'RE LIMITED, HOWEVER, TO WHO WE CAN OFFER EMPLOYMENT TO DUE TO THE MEMBERS BINDING LABOR AGREEMENTS WITH OUR UNION PARTNERS. S.C.C.A. CONTRACTORS DO NOT HIRE. THE UNIONS SEND THEM THE WORKERS, SO WE OFFER SOME LANGUAGE THAT I DON'T HAVE TIME TO FINISH. I APOLOGIZE. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YOU'RE WELCOME TO SHARE THAT INFORMATION IN WRITING WITH ALL OF US. YOU CAN GIVE IT TO OUR STAFF AND THEY'LL CIRCULATE IT TO US IF YOU'D LIKE TO DO THAT. NEXT SPEAKER.

GERARDO GOMEZ: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GERARDO GOMEZ. I'D LIKE TO THANK MS. HILDA SOLIS AND MS. HOLLY MITCHELL FOR ITEM NUMBER 2, FAIR CHANCE HIRING THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS AN INTERN IN ADVOCACY WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, A.R.C., THIS MATTER IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO US ALL. I SERVED 17 YEARS IN PRISON AND WAS RELEASED 90 DAYS AGO. I'M A TESTAMENT THAT A GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE WORKFORCE, MY CONTRIBUTION NOT ONLY WITHIN THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION BUT THE COMMUNITY CAN BE IMPACTFUL.

OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS FAIR CHANCE HIRING THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES IS ENCOURAGING AND UPLIFTING. IT ALLOWS FOR FUTURE MEN AND WOMAN TO HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS MYSELF TO CONTRIBUTE AND MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFE. IT HELPS BREAK STIGMAS AND GIVES HOPE. IT SETS A FOUNDATION OF EQUALITY THAT ALLOWS FOR SAFETY TRANSITIONS BACK INTO OUR COMMUNTIES AND WORKFORCE. I KNOW FOR ME BEING PART OF THE WORKFORCE HAS GIVEN ME A SENSE OF PURPOSE AND I NOW SERVE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS AN ADVOCATE. MAY THESE OPPORUTNITIES ASSIST TO A SAFER FUTURE AND LESSEN RECIDIVISM WITH ALL OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

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

JOHANNES HERNANDEZ: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOHANNES HERNANDEZ. I AM A YOUTH ADVOCATE WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. I SHARE IN THEIR EXCITEMENT ABOUT WHAT THIS MEANS FOR OUR FELLOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS COMING HOME AND THOSE WHO ARE HOME ALREADY TRYING TO-- HAVING TO OVERCOME THIS BARRIER AND HAVING THAT WORRY LIFTED OFF. I MYSELF AM FORMERLY INCARCERATED. I SERVED 17 YEARS. I WAS

EXONERATED LAST DECEMBER AND PART OF THAT IS THAT I DON'T HAVE THAT WORRY OR THAT WEIGHT OFF MY SHOULDER OF HAVING TO HAVE THAT BARRIER ON ME. AND I WISH THAT FOR EVERYONE COMING HOME AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HOME, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE I SEE THE STRUGGLES WITH THE PEOPLE I WORK WITH OF HAVING TO HAVE THAT GET INTO JOBS AND GET INTO HAVING THE OPPORTUNITIES BE AFFORDED TO THEM. AND I THANK YOU ALL AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT STEPS OF WHAT COMES OUT OF THIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

JUAN GOMEZ: GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS JUAN GOMEZ. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD AND EVERYBODY THAT WAS PUTTING IN THE FOOT WORK IN THE BACKGROUND. I'VE BEEN HOME FOR 6 MONTHS AFTER ALMOST 12 YEARS OF INCARCERATION AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT COMING BACK TO SOCIETY AND BEING PART OF THE WORKFORCE HAS HELPED ME TREMENDOUSLY. BECAUSE COMING FROM THAT STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT HAVING A JOB DOESN'T ONLY PROVIDE ME THE ROUTINE TO GET USED TO SOCIETY AGAIN BUT IT GIVES ME VALUE, IT GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY IN A POSITIVE WAY, RESTORES MY WORTH AS A HUMAN BEING, AS A PERSON. IT FEELS GREAT TO BE ABLE

TO EARN A PAYCHECK IN AN HONEST WAY. I BELIEVE THAT THIS MOTION WILL CEMENT FAIRNESS AND EQUALITY FOR ALL OF US THAT HAVE BEEN-- THAT MADE HORRIBLE DECISIONS IN THE PAST BUT ARE WILLING TO PUT IN THE EFFORT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BECAUSE WE'RE NOT OUR WORST MISTAKES AND WE CAN BE ASSETS TO OUR COMMUNITY AS WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

ELKA ROSALES: ELKA ROSALES. I CAN SPEAK ON BOTH SIDES. I WAS FORMERLY INCARCERATED FOR ALMOST 27 YEARS AND I FACE THE BARRIERS OF TRYING TO FIND EMPLOYMENT. I'M CURRENTLY A CO-FOUNDER OF A NON-PROFIT CALLED PEOPLE'S POVERTY PROJECT AND OUR MISSION IS TO EMPLOY AND EMPOWER FORMERLY INCARCERATED WOMEN, NONBINARY, TRANS. 90 PERCENT OF THE FUNDING THAT IS ALLOCATED TOWARDS REENTRY IS GEARED TOWARDS MEN SO THE LITTLE 10% THAT'S LEFT IN HELPING OTHERS SUCCEED AND GET JOBS, WE AFFORD THEM AN OPPORTUNITY THROUGH ARTS AND WE HAVE HAD OVER 250 PARTICIPANTS COME THROUGH OUR PROGRAM AND WE HAVE HAD A ZERO RECIDIVISM RATE, WHICH SHOWS IN SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM OF SUPPORT, OF HIRING FORMERLY INCARCERATED, GIVING THEM THE NECESSITIES TO GROW, TO BUILD CONFIDENCE IN NOT SUCH A FAST

PACED ENVIRONMENT GIVES THEM MORE SUCCESS WHICH BRINGS DOWN THE RECIDIVISM AND WE HAVE HAPPY CUSTOMERS, WE HAVE HAPPY PEOPLE. WE EVEN HAVE A PARTICIPANT WHO DOES WORK UNDER KAREN BASS. SO SUCCESS IS POSSIBLE WITH THINGS LIKE FAIR CHANCE HIRING. THANK YOU.

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

DOMINIQUE PERKINS: HELLO. MY NAME IS DOMINIQUE PERKINS. I'M THE C.E.O. AND FOUNDER OF--

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: CAN YOU SPEAK RIGHT INTO THAT MIC SO WE CAN HEAR YOU VERY WELL? AND WE'LL START YOUR TIME OVER, PLEASE.

DOMINIQUE PERKINS: HELLO. MY NAME IS DOMINIQUE PERKINS. I AM THE C.E.O. AND FOUNDER OF PEOPLE'S POVERTY PROJECT. I WAS RELEASED ALMOST 4.5 YEARS AGO. I FACED BARRIERS OF HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE A LIFE SENTENCE OR A DRUG SENTENCE, SO THERE WAS NO PLACE TO PUT ME. THANKS TO A.R.C., ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR WOMEN'S PRISONERS I RECEIVED THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET EMPLOYMENT AND

ASKED IF I WANTED TO BE A FOUNDER OF A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND WE DO HAVE ZERO RECIDIVISM RATE AND I JUST ACCOMMODATE YOU FOR ALLOWING TO COME HERE AND SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE'S POVERTY PROJECT. AND JUST THANK YOU.

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

SAO CAMPOS: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM IN FAVOR OF ITEM 2. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK HOLLY J. MITCHELL AND HILDA L. SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION. MY NAME IS SAO CAMPOS. I AM FORMERLY INCARCERATED. TODAY I AM ADVOCATING FOR THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I'LL BE REAL QUICK. THERE IS A QUOTE BY A FAMOUS PRESIDENT THAT SAYS ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTRY COULD DO FOR YOU, ASK WHAT YOU COULD DO FOR YOUR COUNTY. THE REASON I SAY THAT IS IN DUE FACT THAT THE FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE IS A MOVE FROM THOSE WHO ARE FORMERLY INCARCERATED OR SYSTEM-IMPACTED FROM RELYING ON GENERAL RELIEF TO MOVING INTO WORK-BASED RELIEF. BY THAT I MEAN THEY'LL BE ABLE TO WORK FOR WHAT THEY HAVE INSTEAD OF DEPENDING ON OUR COMMUNITIES. THEY'LL BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE AND GIVE BACK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MAY YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT DAY.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. WE'RE GOING BACK TO OUR CALLERS. GO AHEAD, MODERATOR.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARTHA DELGADO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MARTHA DELGADO: HI, GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SOLIS. I'M MARTHA DELGADO FROM WORKER EDUCATION AND RESOURCE CENTER. I'M CALLING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 2. [INAUDIBLE] HAS BEEN A CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY FOR SYSTEM-IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS. I'VE SEEN IT FIRST-HAND. AT W.E.R.C., WE WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS THAT REPORT TO US THAT THEY WOULD HAVE NEVER APPLIED TO A COUNTY POSITION IF THEY WERE NOT INFORMED, EDUCATED AND SUPPORTED THROUGH THE FAIR CHANCE PROCESS. AND NOW AS COUNTY EMPLOYEES, OUR PARTICIPANTS REPORT FEELING GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY NOT ONLY TO HAVE A STABLE JOB AND STABLE INCOME BUT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS TO-- FOR OUR PARTICIPANTS AND FOR THE COUNTY AT LARGE. IT WILL MAKE A GREAT IMPACT FOR EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

MODERATOR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VERONICA SUPINTZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

VERONICA SUPINTZ: THIS IS VERONICA FROM CENTER FOR [INAUDIBLE] LEARNING. WE SUPPORT THE AGENDA ITEM 2. WE ARE A NONPROFIT IN DISTRICT 3 THAT PROVIDES EMPLOYMENT AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO THOSE WITH RECORDS AND PRIMARILY STAFFED BY INDIVIDUALS WITH RECORDS, INCLUDING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND MYSELF. WE SEE EVERY DAY THE CONSEQUENCES FOR EMPLOYERS THAT DON'T ADHERE TO THE FAIR CHANCE POLICIES. WE ALSO FULLY SUPPORT THE COUNTY DOING MORE TO HIRE THOSE WITH RECORDS FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MR. T. CARTER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

T. CARTER: I'M SPEAKING ON THIS ITEM NUMBER 2 THAT MS. MITCHELL PROPOSED. IT'S VERY INTERESTING THAT SHE USED THE WORDS FAIR AND INCLUSIVE IN HIRING PRACTICES BECAUSE IN ORDER

TO KEEP SYSTEMS FAIR, YOU SHOULD ALSO NOT KEEP PEOPLE WHO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST PEOPLE IN OFFICE. MRS. CEVALEZ AND HER TWO ASSISTANTS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME OVER A YEAR AGO. I SENT--

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THIS ITEM IS ABOUT FAIR CHANCE HIRING. SO IF YOU COULD FOCUS YOUR COMMENTS ON THAT.

T. CARTER: I'M SPEAKING ABOUT FAIR CHANCE, ALL RIGHT, BECAUSE IF YOU KEEP-- IT'S MY COMMENTS ARE ON THAT. IF YOU KEEP PEOPLE IN OFFICE WHO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST PEOPLE, IT'S NOT GIVING OTHER PEOPLE A FAIR CHANCE WHO ARE MAYBE COMING OUT OF INCARCERATION. THEY COULD BE HAVING THE POSITION THAT MS. CEVALEZ AND THE TWO HISPANIC FEMALES IN MS. CEVALEZ' OFFICE DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ME AND MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE HAS NOT--

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AGAIN, THIS IS ABOUT HIRING BOTH AT THE COUNTY AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SO IF YOU COULD FOCUS YOUR COMMENTS ON THAT ORDINANCE.

T CARTER: THIS IS REGARDING HIRING IN AND OUT OF THE COUNTY IN REGARDS TO, IF, YES, IF YOU KEEP PEOPLE IN AN OFFICE THAT ARE

DISCRIMINATING, OTHER PEOPLE THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE JOB CAN BE WORKING THERE. LIKE PEOPLE COMING OUT OF THE JAILS, THEY CAN HAVE THE JOB THAT MS. CEVALEZ AND HER TWO ASSISTANCE WHO DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAMES FINNEY CONLAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: GO AHEAD, JAMES. JAMES, ARE YOU THERE?

MODERATOR: I MAY HAVE MISPRONOUNCED. JAMES FINNEY CONLAN.

JAMES FINNEY CONLAN: HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

JAMES FINNEY CONLAN: OKAY. MY NAME IS JAMES FINNEY CONLAN. I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE LA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I'M

THEIR SENIOR PUBLIC POLICY MANAGER. WE ARE CALLING IN SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM BECAUSE WE STRONGLY SEE HOW IT WILL CREATE A STRONGER WORKFORCE THAT IS MORE INCLUSIVE AND A MORE THRIVING REGION FOR ALL. THIS CLOSELY ALIGNS WITH OUR EDUCATION WORKFORCE POLICY COUNCIL AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ENGAGING AND SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE CONNECTED WITH COUNTY RESOURCES AND UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GIOVANNI PECE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

GIOVANNI PECE: HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GIOVANNI PECE AND I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES. I'M REACHING OUT IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 2 AND 72 FROM SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS. IN MY WORK I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW IMPACTFUL A FAIR CHANCE IS AND HOW FINDING AND MAINTAINING EMPLOYMENT IS ONE OF THE STRONGEST INDICATERS OF WHETHER A FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL WILL SUCCESSFULLY REINTEGRATE INTO THEIR COMMUNITY AND AVOID RECIDIVISM. I BELIEVE THIS

ORDINANCE TAKES DELIBERATE AND MEASURED STEPS TO ADD ON AND TO STRENGTHEN SOME OF THE STATEWIDE PROTECTIONS IN PLACE AND I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRIDGET INGALL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

BRIDGET INGALL: YES THANK YOU. MY GAME IS BRIDGET INGALL. I AM A SUPERVISING ATTORNEY WITH NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES. OUR TEAM COUNTY. OUR TEAM RECEIVES HUNDREDS OF REQUESTS FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE PER MONTH FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO CANNOT FIND EMPLOYMENT FOLLOWING RESOLUTION OF A CRIMINAL CASE DESPITE A SIGNIFICANT PASSAGE OF TIME AND APPLYING FOR DOZENS OF POSITIONS. GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT IS A KEY FACTOR IN REDUCING RECIDIVISM AND WHEN EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS ARE ERECTED AT EVERY STAGE, IT IS NO WONDER THAT FOLKS BECOME TRAPPED IN A CYCLE OF POVERTY. ONE OF OUR CLIENTS WAS SUCCESSFULLY WORKING IN RETAIL FOR YEARS AND SHE WAS ASKED TO APPLY FOR A MANAGER POSITION. HOWEVER, SHE DECLINED THE PROMOTION BECAUSE SHE KNEW THE

BACKGROUND CHECK WOULD BE RUN AND SHE WOULD LOSE THE JOB THAT SHE HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY HOLDING FOR MANY YEARS. THE FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE WOULD REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO EVALUATE THE WHOLE PERSON BEFORE THEM IN THE CONTEXT OF THE JOB DUTIES BEFORE DENYING EMPLOYMENT, A COMMON SENSE CHANGE--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MAYA HENDRIX. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MAYA HENDRIX: HI. MY NAME IS MAYA HENDRIX. I AM A COMMUNITY MEMBER IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2 AS WELL AS A MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINALITY COALITION AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR PUTTING FORTH THIS MOTION, AS WELL AS THE COUNTY COUNSEL FOR THEIR THOROUGH PRESENTATION AND COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH. AS A FORMERLY INCARCERATED COMMUNITY MEMBER I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT TO EXPAND AND INCREASE FAIR CHANCE HIRING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN FEBRUARY OF LAST YEAR, THE BOARD TOOK A CRUCIAL STEP IN REIMAGING LA COUNTY BY PASSING THE MOTION ESTABLISHING FAIR

CHANCE HIRING IN THE COUNTY. IMPLEMENTING THIS MOTION BEFORE US TODAY WILL HELP CRIMINALIZED ANGELENOS ACCESS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AIDING SUCCESSFUL REINTEGRATION INTO COMMUNITIES AND REDUCING RECIDIVISM. HAVING AN EQUITABLE JOB HELPED ME PERSONALLY STAY AWAY FROM CRIMES OF SURVIVAL AND REENTERING INTO THE JAIL SYSTEM. AS THE MOTION HIGHLIGHTS, THE 2018 REPORT BY THE PRISON POLICY INITIATIVE, FOUND THAT MORE THAN A QUARTER OF ALL FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE ARE UNEMPLOYED--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PHILLIP KIM. YOU MAY BEGIN.

PHILLIP KIM: HI. PHILLIP KIM. CONSTITUENT OF SD-1. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR PUTTING FORTH THIS MOTION AND EXPRESS MY SUPPORT TO EXPAND AND INCREASE FAIR CHANCE HIRING IN LA COUNTY. THE COMMENTS AND STUDIES AND EVERYTHING SUPPORTS THIS BEING A GREAT IDEA AND I JUST WANT TO SHOUTOUT THE FOLKS WHO GAVE THE PRESENTATION FOR SITTING THROUGH PUBLIC COMMENT WHICH DIDN'T HAPPEN LAST WEEK WHEN J.C.O.C. PRESENTED ON THE CLOSURE OF M.C.J. OR A THEORETICAL

CLOSURE OF M.C.J. I WANT TO SAY THAT THE PRESENTATION WAS SUPER-DETAILED, CLEAR AND VERY EXCITING. DOESN'T HAPPEN THAT MUCH AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS. AND WOULD MAYBE ENCOURAGE FOLKS WHO WORK ON THIS TO LOOK INTO CLOSING M.C.J. FOR US. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KYANA TYSON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

KYANA TYSON: HELLO. I'M CALLING AS AN ADVOCATE. MY NAME IS KYANA TYSON. FIRSTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR PUTTING FORTH THIS MOTION. AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT TO EXPAND AND INCREASE SUCH HIRING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS YOU MAY MAY KNOW THE RECIDIVISM RATE WOULD DECREASE IF PEOPLE HAVE MORE ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THIS. AND I BELIEVE THIS IS THE FIRST STEP THAT WE ARE TAKING TO INCREASING THESE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE RE-ENTRY COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KEVIN CLARK. YOU MAY BEGIN.

KEVIN CLARK: YES. HI, MY NAME IS KEVIN CLARK. I'M A REGISTERED AND FEDERALLY AND STATE-WIDE REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND WE ARE WELCOMING ANYBODY WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN PULLING THEMSELVES UP BY THE BOOT STRAP AND SUBMITTING THEMSELVES FOR QUALIFICATIONS. SO WE'VE HAD EXPERIENCE WITH A.R.C., INSIDE/OUTSIDE WRITERS AND WE'VE EMPLOYED PEOPLE FROM THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES. SO I WELCOME ANY OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL AND SOLIS AND GAINING MORE INTEREST IN HOW WE CAN SERVE THIS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

ERIC PREVIN: I SUPPORT THIS KIND OF WORK. I WISH IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EXPEDITED A LITTLE BIT, BUT THANK YOU FOR THIS.

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

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

SIR BAILEY: THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION TO ALL THE COMMUNITY THAT HAS WORKED TO SEE WHAT I HEARD SO MANY TIMES, TEETH TO WHAT THE WORK IS. MAKING DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION A REALITY IN LOS ANGELES. I AM EXCITED. I AM TOTALLY PLEASED THAT THE WORK IS CONTINUING. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR MAKING THE MOTION AND THIS IS JUST A CALL OF SUPPORT THAT IT WILL PASS. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. I'M SORRY.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE HAVE ONE MORE CALLER, I BELIEVE. THANK YOU. SORRY.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DANIEL RODRIGUEZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DANIEL RODRIGUEZ: HELLO. NAME IS DANIEL RODRIGUEZ, SENIOR MANAGER AT THE SOCIAL IMPACT CENTER. AND THANK YOU TO THE

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE WANT TO CALL ON TO THE BOARD TO HELP PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THESE VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABD VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY AND JUST REAFFIRM THAT CRIMINAL RECORDS DO NOT DEFINE ONE'S LIFE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

MARCUS SAVAGE: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I WANT TO FIRST OF ALL THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HOLLY MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THIS INITIATIVE TO OUR FOREFRONT. I AM DEFINITELY AN ADVOCATE OF MORE JOBS FOR OUR ANGELENOS. MY NAME IS MARCUS SAVAGE. I'M SO SORRY. I AM THE FOUNDER OF GIG, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO EMPOWERING THE LIVES OF OUR ANGELENOS AND GIVING THEM JOB OFFERS-- I'M SORRY, NOT JOBS BUT CAREERS. I'VE BEEN A UNION MEMBER FOR THE LAST 20-PLUS YEARS. I HELP SPONSOR THE PROGRAM WITH THE CARPENTER'S UNION CALLED THE BROTHERS' KEEPERS PROGRAM, WHICH WE BROUGHT INDIVIDUALS STRAIGHT OUT OF PRISON, PIPELINE INTO THE CARPENTERS UNION AND A LOT OF THEM-- I MEAN A LOT OF THEM-- ARE DOING VERY WELL RIGHT NOW. A FEW OF MY BEST CANDIDATES ARE SUPERVISOR POSITIONS NOW. AND SO THIS

IS A VERY WONDERFUL INITIATIVE AND I DEFINITELY WHOLE-HEARTEDLY 1,000 PERCENT SUPPORT IT. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

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

PAUL DUMONT: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PAUL DUMONT. I'M THE CHAIR FOR DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. WE'RE A MEMBER OF JUSTICE LA. THEY PREPARED SOME REALLY GREAT TALKING POINTS AND I SUBMITTED THOSE IN WRITING. I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU, THOUGH, ABOUT MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. I'M FORMERLY INCARCERATED AND I GOT OUT AND I GOT A JOB-- I GOT MY DREAM JOB. SIX MONTHS LATER, MY BOSS WAS QUITTING. SHE CALLED ME IN HER OFFICE. SHE SAID, "YOU KNOW, ALL THE GIRLS IN THE DEPARTMENT, EVERYBODY IN THE DEPARTMENT WANTS YOU TO BE THEIR SUPERVISOR." SO I WENT AHEAD AND I APPLIED FOR THAT. THEY RAN MY RECORD AND FIRED ME TWO DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS. SO THIS MEANS A LOT TO ME THAT WE PASS THIS ORDINANCE. ANOTHER TIME I WAS RELEASED AND A GUY RAN MY RECORD. HE SAID I WAS QUALIFIED. HE RAN MY RECORD AND THEN MADE FUN OF ME WHEN I ASKED HIM TO RECONSIDER, CONSIDER MY RECORD. ON BOTH OF THOSE INSTANCES, I WENT BACK TO PRISON. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU PASSING THIS ORDINNACE. THANK YOU.

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

SHAYLA MEYERS: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SHAYLA MEYERS AND I'M A SENIOR ATTORNEY IN THE UNHOUSED PEOPLE'S JUSTICE PROJECT AT THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES. FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS I HAVE APPEARED ALONGSIDE EACH OF YOU IN THE LA ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS LITIGATION WHERE WE REPRESENTED INTERVENERS AND UNHOUSED RESIDENTS. WE WERE HAPPY TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY AND THIS BOARD AS YOU ADVANCED CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST STRATEGIES AND THAT LITIGATION, AND I AM HAPPY TO JOIN MY L.A.S.A. COLLEAGUES AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN SUPPORTING THIS ORDINANCE TODAY. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION AND TO THE WHOLE BOARD FOR YOUR DEEP INVESTMENT IN CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST. THE BOARD'S LEADERSHIP IS PARAMOUNT TO COMBATTING THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF MASS INCARCERATION AND THE CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESSNESS WHICH WE KNOW MAKES IT HARDER FOR UNHOUSED PEOPLE TO FIND JOBS, HOUSING AND TO GET OFF THE STREETS. EVERY TIME THE COUNTY SPEAKS ON AN ISSUE, 88 CITIES ARE WATCHING. THE ORDINANCE SENDS A POWERFUL MESSAGE TO ALL 88 CITIES TODAY ABOUT HOW TO TRULY EMBODY CARE

FIRST, JAILS LAST AND WE STRONGLY SUPPORT ITS PASSAGE. THANK YOU.

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

PAULETTE DUNN SANDERS: GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU, HOLLY MITCHELL FOR THIS. AND ALSO YOU, MS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS. MY NAME IS PAULETTE DUNN SANDERS. SO MS. SOLIS, YOU ASK HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN? WELL, I HAVE AN EXPLANATION FOR YOU. THIS IS A RECORD THAT WAS DONE IN 2003 AND IT'S A VIOLATION-- IT'S A MISDEMEANOR-- IT'S A MISDEMEANOR AND AN INFRACTION. THE MISDEMEANOR IS DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE AND THE INFRACTION IS HAVING A CRACK ON THE WINDSHIELD. NOW THIS IS ON THAT PERSON'S RECORD AND IT SAYS "CRIMINAL" FOR THAT REASON. NOW ALL THE WAY TO 2004, THAT'S ON THAT PERSON'S RECORD AND THEN THAT CASE GETS DESTROYED IN 2004. BUT NOW IT'S A 2023 AND IT'S STILL THERE AS A CRIMINAL. WITH THAT PERSON HAVING A DEGREE.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT EXPLANATION. NEXT SPEAKER.

TOYAN MOSES: GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS TOYAN MOSES. I AM THE LOS ANGELES PROGRAM MANAGER OF CALIFORNIA LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS, DESIGNING CREATIVE FUTURES. I AM HERE TO SPEAK IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE BOARD'S FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE. DESIGNING CREATIVE FUTURES IS A SUCCESSFUL DEMONSTRATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BENEFITS OF HIRING FORMERLY INCARCERATED PERSONS. WE PLACE FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WITH ART NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR PAID 16 WEEK INTERNSHIPS. SINCE WE LAUNCHED THE PROGRAM IN LA IN FALL OF 2022, WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PLACED 61 PEOPLE WITH JOBS AT 22 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. FOR SYSTEM IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS THE PROMISE OF FAIR CHANCE HIRING IS ESSENTIAL IN THE PURSUIT OF LIFE WITH DIGNITY AND PURPOSE. OUR OUR COMMUNITIES ARE MORE SUSTAINABLE WHEN EVERY MEMBER IS VALUED FOR THE CONTRIBUTES THEY BRING, THE EXPERIENCES THEY HAVE LIVED AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY HAVE-- THAT ARE GIVEN TO THEM FOR THEM TO REACH THEIR GREATEST POTENTIAL. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR VISIONARY LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I DON'T SEE ANY MORE SPEAKERS IN THE QUEUE. ARE THERE ANY MORE SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: NO MORE SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I'M OFTEN STRUCK BY IT BUT JUST FELT COMPELLED TO SPEAK TODAY JUST TO THANK MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO GO INTO PUBLIC HEARING SETTINGS AND HAVE THE COURAGE TO SAY OUT LOUD "I AM FORMERLY INCARCERATED. I'M FORMERLY SYSTEMS-INVOLVED." IT TAKES IMMENSE COURAGE TO TELL PERFECT STRANGERS AND WHO KNOWS HOW MANY ON THE INTERNET, TO TELL SOMETHING VERY PERSONAL ABOUT YOURSELF AND I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THE COURAGE IN DOING SO BECAUSE IT HELPS US UNDERSTAND LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT THESE POLICIES AIM TO SUPPORT AND FIX. SO THANK YOU TO THE PUBLIC.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YES, IT'S INCREDIBLY POWERFUL. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HANN, 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: AND ITEM 72 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: FOR ITEM 72, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER AYE, SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, AYE.

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 15, FILE OR JOIN AMICUS BRIEFING REGARDING JOHNSON VERSUS CITY OF GRANTS PASS, WHICH I HELD. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, NOW IS YOUR TIME. PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON ITEM 15. I HELD THIS ITEM. IT WAS ORIGINALLY BEING HELD AND THEN NOT HELD. THERE WAS AN AMENDMENT SUBMITTED, AND SO I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE AMENDMENT WAS BEING ACCEPTED.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THE AMENDMENT IS ABSOLUTELY BEING ACCEPTED.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. AND THEN I JUST WANTED TO UNDERSTAND A LITTLE BIT BETTER THE IDEA BEHIND THE AMENDMENT.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: CHAIR, LET ME FIRST MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE HAS THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE AMENDMENT. BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN, MY TEAM, I AM NOT GOING TO SAY WE, MY TEAM HAS BEEN FEVERISHLY WORKING WITH SOME OF THE ADVOCATES IN GETTING LANGUAGE TIGHTER AND BETTER. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAS THE CURRENT VERSION. IT WAS LITERALLY JUST HANDED TO ME. WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO READ IT, MADAM CHAIR?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YES, PLEASE.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: SURE. LET'S SEE. I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT-- I HAVE IT. I WAS JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IF I WAS GOING TO READ MY STATEMENT FIRST. SO THE HIGHLIGHTED IS-- I DON'T THINK THIS IS THE SAME THING I HAVE. I THINK WE HAVE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. SO, I WAS HESITATING, MADAM CHAIR, BECAUSE I WANTED-- TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IN MY OWN HEAD IF I SHOULD READ MY STATEMENT OR THE AMENDMENTS, B UT LET ME READ THE AMENDMENT FIRST AND IF I CAN, THEN GO BACK TO THE STATEMENT AFTER YOU SPEAK, SINCE YOU HELD IT, WHATEVER YOU PREFER.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: NO, GO AHEAD.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: SO THE AMENDMENT READS: "WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO FILE AND OR JOIN IN THE AMICUS BRIEF, IN THE CASE OF JOHNSON V. CITY OF GRANTS PASS, URGING A SUPREME COURT RULING ONE, UPHOLDING OF THE PROHIBITIONS OF BOTH CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND CIVIL PENALTIES, THAT CAN ESCALATE TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES WHILE, TWO, CLARIFYING THE APPLICATION OF MARTIN V. CITY OF BOISE TO ALLOW LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO REMOVE VEHICLES AND ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY, AND THREE, THE LOWER COURTS RULING ONLY IN SO FAR AS IT EXTENDS THE HOLDING TO PREVENT SUCH REMOVAL. I SEE YOUR FURROWED BROW. AND LET ME JUST SAY THAT WE LISTENED TO AND WORKED CLOSELY WITH MANY OF OUR PARTNERS WHO SERVE THE UNHOUSED. AND AS THE COUNTY IS WORKING TO SCALE UP PATHWAY HOME, AND AS MORE CITIES SEE THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF INCREASING HOUSING OPTIONS, LIKE TURNING MOTELS INTO PERMANENT HOMES, WE ALSO NEED TO HAVE THE APPROPRIATE TOOLS FOR SAFE PASSAGES IN PUBLIC SPACES FOR EVERYONE, INCLUDING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND THE COUNTY IS ON A STRONG AND SOLID COURSE OF STRENGTHENING SERVICES AND INCREASING HOUSING OPTIONS. AND IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SURE THAT OUR STREETS ARE CLEAN AND SAFE, AND THAT WE'RE NOT

VIOLATING PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS FOR EVERY RESIDENT. I WANT US TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO REGULARLY CLEAN OUR SIDEWALKS AND STREETS OF TRASH AND DEBRIS, IN ORDER FOR EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE SAFE PASSAGE. SO WE REALLY WANTED TO DO ALL THAT WE COULD TO CREATE A DELICATE BALANCE, THAT WE DIDN'T WANT TO JUST GIVE COUNTY COUNSEL CARTE BLANCHE TO JOIN THE AMICUS BRIEF, BUT TO NARROWLY FOCUS AREAS THAT WE WANTED FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON AND NOT COMPROMISE OUR CURRENT ABILITY TO HAVE AN EFFECTIVE R.V. ENCAMPMENT REMOVAL PROGRAM, HAVE AN EFFECTIVE PATHWAY HOMES PROGRAM AND DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO CREATE SAFE HEALTHY STREETS FOR OUR UNHOUSED AS WELL AS OUR HOUSED RESIDENTS. THAT'S THE NATURE OF THE MOTION, TO AGAIN NARROWLY RESTRICT THE NATURE OF THE AMICUS BRIEF. IF COUNTY COUNSEL WOULD LIKE TO ADD ON TO WHAT I HAVE SAID TO PROVIDE FURTHER CLARITY, I WOULD CERTAINLY INVITE THAT.

COUNTY COUNSEL: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE HAVE NOTHING TO ADD IN TERMS OF THE NARROWING ASPECT OF THE AMENDMENT. WE ARE HAPPY TO FILE AN AMICUS IN A MANNER THAT THE BOARD WISHES US AND IN A PATHWAY THAT THE BOARD WISHES US TO ADVOCATE FOR. SO WITH THAT, NO ISSUE, NO FURTHER CLARIFICATION. I AM HAPPY TO IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE OR REQUIRES FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON

WHAT BROUGHT US TO THIS POINT, WHAT THE TWO CASES ARE AT ISSUE, IF THAT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED, I CAN DO THAT.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: AND BEFORE YOU DO THAT, I WOULD JUST WANT TO SAY AGAIN, OUR GOAL IS TO NOT CONTINUE OR REVERSE OUR COURSE, TO CRIMINALIZE OUR UNHOUSED. THAT IS NOT OUR GOAL. AND YET, ALLOW US TO CONTINUE TO CLEAN OUR STREETS. SO THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING HOW WE GOT HERE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

COUNTY COUNSEL: THANK YOU. AND I WILL ALSO JUST MENTION I DO HAVE MY SENIOR DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL, ANNA LIE, WHO IS MY LEAD ON THIS MATTER, AND ADVISES THE C.E.O.'S HOMELESS INITIATIVE. IN TERMS OF HOW WE GOT HERE, AND THE TWO CASES THAT ARE AT PLAY, IN 2018, THE 9TH CIRCUIT APPELLATE COURT IN THE MARTIN V. BOISE CASE, CITY OF BOISE, HELD THAT THE CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT CLAUSE OF THE 8TH AMENDMENT PROHIBITS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM PROSECUTING PEOPLE FOR INVOLUNTARILY SITTING, SLEEPING OR LYING OUTSIDE IN PUBLIC WHEN THERE ARE NO SHELTER BEDS IN A PARTICULAR JURISDICTION. IN OTHER WORDS, CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS. THEN IN 2022, THE 9TH CIRCUIT, IN THE JOHNSON V. CITY OF GRANTS PASS CASE, HELD THAT THE CITY OF

GRANTS PASS'S ORDINANCE, WHICH GENERALLY PROHIBITED SLEEPING AND CAMPING IN PUBLIC, AND PROVIDED CIVIL FINES, WHICH COULD EVENTUALLY LEAD UP TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES, ALSO VIOLATED THE 8TH AMENDMENT WHEN ENFORCED AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO SLEEP OUTSIDE OR IN THEIR VEHICLES. SO WITH JOHNSON, CITY OF GRANT PASS CASE, THAT EXPANDED THE CITY-- THE MARTIN CASE, THE CITY OF BOISE CASE. AND SO I WILL TURN IT OVER TO ANNA LIE [PH?] TO KIND OF EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCES HOW JOHNSON EXPANDED MARTIN, BUT IN SHORT, THE CITY OF GRANT PASS HAS APPEALED THAT CASE TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT. THEY HAVE AGREED TO HEAR IT, AND ANY AMICUS THAT YOUR BOARD WOULD WISH FOR US TO FILE WOULD BE DUE MARCH 4TH OF THIS YEAR.

ANNA LIE: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: IF YOU COULD SPEAK RIGHT INTO THE MIC SO WE CAN ALL HEAR YOU, PLEASE.

ANNA LIE: OKAY. SO ONE OF THE WAYS THAT THE JOHNSON RULING EXPANDS THE MARTIN V BOISE CASE, IS THAT IT INTERPRETS MARTIN TO APPLY TO CIVIL PENALTIES AND NOT JUST CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS. SO IN THE CITY OF GRANTS PASS, THEY HAD ISSUED CIVIL PENALTIES

AGAINST, CIVIL FINES AGAINST INDIVIDUALS SLEEPING ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS AND RAILWAYS. AND EVENTUALLY, THOSE CIVIL PENALTIES WOULD LEAD TO AN EXCLUSION ORDER. YOU KNOW, YOU CAN'T SLEEP IN THIS AREA. AND THEN EVENTUALLY, IF THERE IS CONTINUED VIOLATION, IT WOULD BE A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR TRESPASS. SO THE 9TH CIRCUIT IN THE JOHNSON CASE SAYING THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER, THAT IT'S CIVIL ORDINANCES THAT IS INVOLVED, BUT IF THEY ARE CLOSELY INTERTWINED WITH CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, CRIMINAL ORDINANCES, THEN IT STILL IS IN VIOLATION OF THE 8TH AMENDMENT, CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT. THE SECOND WAY THAT THE JOHNSON CASE EXTENDED THE MARTIN V BOISE CASE, IS THAT IT EXTENDED THE 8TH AMENDMENT CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION TO NOT JUST THE INDIVIDUALS, BUT TO BEDDING MATERIALS, TO INCLUDE SLEEPING BAGS AND OTHER MATERIALS FOR BEDDING PURPOSES. SO THE LANGUAGE THAT THEY USE IS THAT THE COURTS OF THE CITY OF GRANTS PASS CANNOT ENFORCE ANTI-CAMPING ORDINANCES TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY PROHIBIT THE MOST RUDIMENTARY PRECAUTIONS THE HOMELESS PERSON MIGHT TAKE AGAINST THE ELEMENTS IN PUBLIC SPACES. SO THIS ISSUE WAS NOT EXPLICITLY DISCUSSED IN MARTIN. SO THOSE ARE THE TWO AREAS THAT HAS BEEN VIEWED AS AN EXPANSION OF THE MARTIN V. BOISE CASE.

COUNTY COUNSEL: I WOULD JUST ADD THAT, YOU KNOW, A NUMBER OF JURISDICTIONS ARE CHOOSING TO WEIGH IN ON THIS, AND I THINK AT THE END OF THE DAY, WHAT MOST JURISDICTIONS ARE ASKING FOR IS CLARITY. BOTH OF THESE CASES COULD EITHER BE BROADLY INTERPRETED, NARROWLY INTERPRETED. AND SO THE REAL DESIRE I THINK BY MOST JURISDICTIONS IS TO HAVE THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT PROVIDE CLARITY ON WHAT THE MARTIN V. BOISE CASE IS ACTUALLY DOING, SO.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: AND I WOULD JUST SAY THIS IN CLOSING, THEN I WILL BE DONE, MADAM CHAIR, THAT IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT WE CAN'T AVOID THE SUPREME COURT PROCEEDING, BUT WE DO HAVE THE ABILITY TO IMPACT IT. AND PROVIDING THE CLARITY, AND AGAIN FOR OUR PURPOSES HERE, NARROWLY DEFINING THE AREAS OF WHICH WE WILL FILE AN AMICUS BRIEF I THINK IS MORE APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: DAWN, HAVE WE SEEN A COPY OF WHAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS SUBMITTED ON THEIR AMICA? SO ARE THOSE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS?

DAWN: YES, THEY'RE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS. SO THE OFFICE OF GAVIN NEWSOME DID FILED AN AMICUS BRIEF INP SUPPORT OF THE PETITION THAT THE CITY FILED WITH THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, WHICH WAS GRANTED IN JANUARY.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: OKAY. AND MADAM CHAIR, I AND MY CO-AUTHOR SUPERVISOR HAHN, I AM SURE AGREES, I TOTALLY SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT. BECAUSE THE GOAL IS NOT TO CRIMINALIZE. AND THAT'S WHAT I HEAR. I MEAN, I BELIEVE THIS COUNTY, AND EVEN SITTING ON L.A.S.A. WITH YOU, CHAIR HORVATH, IT IS ABOUT COMPASSION, AND WORKING TOWARD GETTING PEOPLE HOUSED. AND WHEN I SAW THE GOVERNOR SAY THAT HE, YOU KNOW, WHEN HE WAS TALKING ABOUT WHY THEY FILED THE AMICUS, IT WAS BECAUES HE FELT THAT THIS WAS AN IMPEDIMENT TO THE ABILITY F OR THEM TO GET PEOPLE HOUSED. I BELIEVE THAT WITH THESE AMENDMENTS IT ADDRESSES SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT THE ADVOCATES HAVE HAD, WHICH I'VE HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR ABOUT THE CONCERNS ABOUT CRIMINALIZING, AND ALL. BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO GET ON THE RECORD, WEIGHING IN ON OUR WISHES AND OUR CONCERNS, AND THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT IT IN WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN, DID YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I MEAN, THERE IS A LOT OF SIDES ON JUST THE, ISSUE THAT WE ARE ADDRESSING. NOT NECESSARILY THE SUPREME COURT DECISION, BUT IN IN TERMS OF OUR HOMELESS CRISIS HERE IN LA COUNTY. SOMETIMES IT FEELS LIKE A NATURAL DISASTER, WITH DISPLACEMENT OVER 70,000 PEOPLE SLEEPING ON OUR STREETS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. AND IT FEELS A LOT SOMETIMES; LIKE THAT NUMBER EVEN THOUGH I THINK NOW, IT IS 55,000 SLEEPING ON THE STREETS, THE REST ARE IN SHELTERS OR INTERIM HOUSING, OR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. BUT IT FEELS LIKE THAT SOLVING THIS IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE. AND I KNOW OUR CITIES AND OUR COMMUNITIES ARE GETTING FRUSTRATED, AND THEY WANT US TO BE MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN. AND WE KNOW, I'M GOING TO SAY IT RIGHT NOW, WE KNOW THIS CRISIS WILL NEVER BE SOLVED WITHOUT ADDRESSING HOUSING INSECURITY, YEARS OF RACIAL INEQUALITY, ECONOMIC MOBILITY. BUT WHILE WE WORK ON THESE LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS, I REALLY THAT WE NEED THE ABILITY TO ADDRESS OUR IMMEDIATE NEEDS AS IT RELATES TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY IN OUR PUBLIC SPACES. AND I KNOW SOME WILL CRITICIZE

THIS BOARD IF THIS PASSES TODAY, BY WANTING -- BY US SAYING THAT WE WANT TO HAVE THE MARTIN V. BOISE DECISION REVIEWED, THAT SOMEHOW WE ARE DEAF TO THE NEEDS OF THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND I'D SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS BOARD HAS DONE MORE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS THAN ANY TIME IN THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTY. AND JUST BECAUSE I SPEAK FOR MYSELF, JUST BECAUSE WE WANT A REVIEW OF THIS DECISSION, IN NO WAY ARE WE CHANGING COURSE IN OUR EFFORTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO CREATE MORE SHELTER, MORE HOUSING, PROVIDE THE CRITICAL SERVICES TO THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, RESOURCES, AND ABSOLUTELY WE BELIEVE IN RESPECTING RIGHTS AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. BUT THE ISSUE AT HAND, IS THAT MARTIN V. BOISE HAS CAUSED A BLANKET PROHIBITION THAT HAS TIED THE HANDS OF OUR STATE, AND MANY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' ABILITY TO CLEAR ENCAMPMENTS OR REGULATE THE TIME, PLACE AND WAY SOMEONE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS MAY SLEEP IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND THAT HAS LED I BELIEVE TO HUGE ENCAMPMENTS IN MANY OF OUR PUBLIC SPACES, OUR BEACHES, OUR METRO STATIONS, OUR PARKS. AND WE KNOW THAT THESE ENCAMPMENTS ARE UNSAFE PLACES FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE. WE KNOW THAT DRUGS ARE RAMPANT. WE KNOW THAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IS RAMPANT IN ENCAMPMENTS. AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR NOT ONLY THOSE IN THE ENCAMPMENTS BUT THE SURROUNDING

NEIGHBORHOODS. AND SO I BELIEVE THAT THE COURTS' INTERPRETATION OF MARTIN V. BOISE HAVE PREVENTED CITIES AND COUNTIES FROM IMPOSING COMMON SENSE TIME AND PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON KEY LOCATIONS TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE. AND MOVE THOSE WHO WANT ASSISTANCE INTO SHELTER. I WAS GOING TO ASK, I KNOW YOU TALKED A LOT OVER HERE AT THE LAWYER TABLE, BUT FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE NOT LAWYERS CAN YOU TELL US AGAIN, SPECIFICALLY, WHAT QUESTION IS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT?

ANNA LIE: SO THE SPECIFIC QUESTION THAT IS PRESENTED TO THE U.S. SUPEREME COURT IS WHETHER THE ENFORCEMENT OF GENERALLY APPLICABLE LAWS--

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: CAN YOU PULL THE MIC OVER CLOSER?

ANNA LIE: YEAH.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU.

ANNA LIE: SO LET ME START THAT. SO THE KEY ISSUE PRESENTED TO THE COURT IS WHETHER THE ENFORCEMENT OF GENERALLY APPLICABLE

LAWS REGULATING CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY CONSTITUTE CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT PROHIBITED BY THE 8TH AMENDMENT.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. AND THEN SECONDLY, SHOULD THIS MOTION PASS TODAY, CAN THE AMICUS BRIEF BE WRITTEN ON HOW THIS AFFECTS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SIMILAR TO HOW THE GOVERNORS WROTE THEIRS FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA? AND BASED ON, BY THE WAY, I THINK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S AMENDMENT WAS GOOD. IT TIGHTENED IT UP, AND I AM WONDERING IF WE FILE THE FRIEND OF THE COURT, CAN WE TAILOR OURS TO INCLUDE THE WILL OF THIS BOARD PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO THE AMENDMENT THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL BROUGHT IN?

ANNA LIE: YES, WE CERTAINLY CAN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE WANT TO BE SPECIFIC ABOUT AGAIN, NO INTENTION OF CRIMINALIZING THE FACT OF BEING HOMELESS. WE HAVE SOME ISSUES, BUT WE WANT OURS TO SORT OF REFLECT THOSE SPECIAL NEEDS IN LA COUNTY. I HAVEN'T READ THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I HAVEN'T READ THE CHAMBERS OR SOME OF THE-- I KNOW SOME OF THE CITIES IN MY DISTRICT ARE ALSO FILING AMICUS BRIEFS. I HAVE NOT READ THEM.

BUT I AM JUST WONDERING COULD WE HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT YOU WILL TAILOR OUR AMICUS BRIEF TO REFLECT THIS BOARD'S, ALL OF OUR PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS AS WELL AS SPECIFICALLY WHAT IS IN THIS MOTION TODAY?

COURT COUNSEL: ABSOLUTELY, WE WILL DO THAT, SUPERVISOR.

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS. YOU WANT ME TO GO FIRST? OKAY. WELL, I REALLY APPRECIATE MY COLLEAGUE'S THOUGHTFUL APPROACH, AND ESPECIALLY WITH THE AMENDMENT TO ADDRESSING THE INTENTION AND WHAT THIS BOARD IS TRYING TO COMMUNICATE AS IT RELATES TO NOT CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS. BUT I THINK IN EFFECT, THAT'S WHAT THIS CASE WILL DO. THE MOTION ASKS US TO FILE A BRIEF TO THE SUPREME COURT IN SUPPORT OF THE APPEAL, WHICH AS WE HEARD, THE QUESTION BEFORE THIS SUPREME COURT, LET US KEEP IN MIND, IS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAN MAKE IT A CRIME TO INVOLUNTARILY LIVE OUTSIDE AND UNSHELTERED IN OTHER WORDS, TO BE HOMELESS, WHEN ADEQUATE SHELTER IS NOT AVAILABLE. AND WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE CONDITIONS THAT WE HAVE JUST BEEN EXPERIENCING IN LA, COULD

YOU IMAGINE IF YOU WERE GETTING FINED FOR TRYING TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE RAIN WITH A PIECE OF CARDBOARD, OR TRYING TO KEEP YOURSELF WARM WITH A BLANKET. THAT'S SOME OF WHAT IS BEHIND THIS COURT DECISION. AND I AM CLEAR THAT'S NOT WHAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID, BUT THIS COURT DECISION IS REALLY ABOUT THESE ELEMENTS. THE 9TH CIRCUIT COURT FOUND THESE LAWS TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL, LIKE THEIR EARLIER DECISION IN MARTIN V. BOISE, WHICH HELD THAT PUNISHING HOMELESS PEOPLE FOR PUBLICLY CAMPING WOULD VIOLATE THE 8TH AMENDMENT BAN ON CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT, AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE, IF THEY DID NOT HAVE ACCESS TO SHELTER ELSEWHERE. IF WE ARE CLEAR THAT THE SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS IT IS HOUSING AND SERVICES, THIS CASE ALREADY PROVIDES FOR THAT. WE KNOW THAT CURRENTLY THERE ARE ALREADY RESTRICTIONS BEING PUT IN PLACE, EVEN IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THE CITY HAS THEIR 4118 POLICY, WHICH IS STILL PERMITTED WITH BOISE AND GRANTS PASS DECISIONS. SO THE SUGGESTION THAT CITIES OR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN'T ADOPT OR ENFORCE POLICIES WITHOUT A REVERSAL OF THE LOWER COURT RULING, JUST TO ME IS NOT TRUE. REVERSING THE LOWER COURT, I BELIEVE, WILL FURTHER EXPAND AND EMPOWER SUCH POLICIES IN WAYS THAT PUT VULNERABLE PEOPLE EVEN FURTHER AT RISK. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE SOME CITIES WHO ARE ADVOCATING FOR THIS, AND

THERE ARE CITIES WHO ARE ALSO OPPOSING. MAYOR BASS RECENTLY EXPRESSED OPPOSITION, SAYING THAT A RULING COULD EMBOLDEN THOSE THAT WANT TO CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THIS COURT IS LIKELY TO AFFIRM EXPANSION OF RIGHTS FOR OUR MOST AT RISK RESIDENTS, SO THIS AMENDMENT, I AM VERY CLEAR, IS WELL-INTENTIONED, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT IS REALISTIC WITH THIS SUPREME COURT TO THINK THAT THAT'S WHAT THE OUTCOME WILL BE. THIS CASE DOES NOT EMBODY, IN MY OPINION, CARE-FIRST POLICIES. IT DOESN'T PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE BY REQUIRING HOUSING AND SERVICES. IT ALLOWS BASICALLY FOR CITIES TO PUSH PEOPLE TO SAY THAT THEY CAN'T SLEEP HERE, NOT OFFERING A SOLUTION FOR WHERE THEY CAN SLEEP, OR WHERE THEY CAN BE SERVED, BUT YOU JUST CAN'T BE HERE. AND I DON'T HEAR THAT AS CARE-FIRST. AND I AM NOT SAYING THAT THAT'S WHAT MY COLLEAGUES ARE SAYING, BUT TO ME THAT'S WHAT THESE CASES EMBODY. AND I THINK OUR COUNTY'S PATHWAY HOME INITIATIVE, MAYOR BASS'S INSIDE SAFE PROGRAM HAVE DEMONSTRATED SOME WAYS IN WHICH STREET ENCAMPMENTS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED WITHOUT LOCKING PEOPLE UP, WITHOUT FINING THEM. AND SO I THINK THAT WE ALREADY HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY THAT EXISTS SHOULD WE BE PROVIDING THE SERVICES AND SHELTER THAT ARE REQUIRED TO ACTUALLY SOLVE THE

CRISIS. SO I SEE IT A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENTLY, SO I WILL BE VOTING NO ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS: YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, FOR RECOGNIZING ME. I ALSO APPRECIATE WHERE MY COLLEAGUES ARE COMING FROM. I UNDERSTAND THIS ISSUE VERY WELL. BUT I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE DIRECTION THAT WE ARE GOING TODAY IS IN OPPOSITION, I BELIEVE, OF WHERE WE REALLY NEED TO BE. AND I AM HAPPY THAT THE CHAIRPERSON CLARIFIED THAT A PRIORITY SHOULD ALWAYS BE FOR CARE-FIRST. WE HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT. AND CURRENTLY, GIVEN THE 9TH CIRCUIT'S RULING IN MARTIN V. BOISE CASE, PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE PROTECTED AGAINST CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT PER THEIR 8TH AMENDMENT. THAT MEANS THAT A PERSON EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS CAN'T BE PUNISHED FOR SLEEPING OUTSIDE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, IN THE ABSENCE OF ADEQUATE ALTERNATIVES. BECAUSE OF THE RULING, PEOPLE EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS CAN'T BE CRIMINALLY PUNISHED FOR SIMPLY TRYING TO SURVIVE ON THE STREETS. WHEN THIS BOARD OPTED TO FILE AN AMICUS BRIEF REQUESTING THE SUPREME COURT TAKE UP BOISE VERY MARTIN, I STOOD IN OPPOSITION TO THE CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESSNESS ALONGSIDE MY FORMER COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL. AND

TODAY I REMAIN RESOLUTE IN MY BELIEF THAT HOMELESSNESS IS NOT AND SHOULD NOT BE A CRIME. IF THE SUPREME COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF CITY OF GRANTS PASS OREGON IT WILL OPEN UP IN IN MY OPINION A CAN OF WORMS THAT WILL ONLY MAKE THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS WORSE, AND WILL PUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AT ODDS WITH NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS. WE KNOW THAT ANTI-CAMPING ORDINANCES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED UNEVENLY ACROSS THE COUNTY, WITH SOME CITIES USING THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAVILY ENFORCE AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS. ALLOWING JURISDICTIONS TO IMPLEMENT ANTI-CAMPING ORDINANCES WILL PUT A STRAIN ON THOSE CITIES THAT WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING. IN MANY WAYS THEY HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING US. TODAY I SEE TWO MAYORS THAT ARE SEATED OUT IN THE AUDIENCE, THAT REPRESENT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WHO HAVE ACTUALLY STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE AND PROVIDED MOTELS AND HOTELS TO HELP SHELTER OUR HOMELESS. AND THOSE ARE THE CITIES OF BALDWIN PARK, AND I KNOW POMONA AND EL MONTE, AND I WANT TO APPLAUD THEM. BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS EFFORT TO TRY TO LIFT UP THIS DISCUSSION IN A WAY OF PROVIDING, I THINK, ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO THOSE THAT ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE. NEIGHBORING CITIES HAVE NOT ALL STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE. SO I DON'T-- I MEAN, I SEE ON THE LIST OF CITIES, NOT ALL OF THEM ARE MINE THAT ARE REPRESENTED ON THE

LIST THAT I HAVE HERE. IN FACT, I SEE MANY OF THEM AS VERY CONSERVATIVE AND HAVE NOT STEPPED UP TO HELP US WITH OUR HOUSING ISSUES OR UNHOUSED ISSUES. SUPPORTING THE CITY OF GRANTS PASS IN THE CASE WILL ONLY ALLOW ENABLE THOSE CITIES TO SHRINK FROM THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AND PUSH THEIR UNHOUSED RESIDENTS ACROSS THEIR BORDERS INTO OTHER CITIES OR EVEN IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS, WHICH WE KNOW HAS HAPPENED AND THAT IS UNFAIR. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS FOR THE LAST TIME IN A LONG TIME, TALKED ABOUT THE VALUES OF CARE-FIRST AND JAIL LAST. THAT MEANS WE SEEK TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE ROOT CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS RATHER THAN JUST TAKE AN EASY WAY OUT BY CITING, FINDING AND INCARCERATING OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. AND WE HAVE SHOWN TIME AND TIME AGAIN, THAT WE CAN DO THIS, LEADING BY EXAMPLE. THROUGH THE COUNTY'S OWN PATHWAY HOME PROGRAM, WE HAVE ADDRESSED ENCAMPMENTS BY OFFERING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THE DIGNITY OF A PLACE TO STAY INDOORS. SINCE LAUNCHING BACK IN AUGUST OF LAST YEAR, THE COUNTY HAS HUMANELY RESOLVED TEN ENCAMPMENTS, MOVED 443 INDIVIDUALS INTO INTERIM HOUSING, REMOVED 144 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND PERMANENTLY HOUSED 25 INDIVIDUALS. AND THIS IS ON TOP OF THE WORK THAT THE COUNTY IS DOING TO SUPPORT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES'S INSIDE SAFE INITIALTIVE. IN MY DISTRICT

ALONE, IN 2023, THERE WERE SIX INSIDE SAFE AND TWO PATHWAY HOME OPERATIONS BRINGING AN ESTIMATED TOTAL NUMBER OF 686 INDIVIDUALS OFF THE STREETS AND INTO SAFE INTERIM HOUSING AND IN TURN, RETURNING PUBLIC SPACES TO THEIR INTENDED PURPOSES. THE SUCCESS SHOWS THAT WE DO NOT NEED TO CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS TO RESOLVE ENCAMPMENTS, BOTH FOR THOSE LIVING ON THE STREETS AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS IMPACTED BY THOSE ENCAMPMENTS. BY SUPPORTING THE CITY OF GRANTS PASS, WE ARE GOING AGAINST OUR OWN VALUES AND AGAINST THE SOLUTIONS THAT WE KNOW WORK. WE KNOW IT IS HARD WORK TO SOLVE THE UNDERLYING CHALLENGE OF INSURING THAT THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO HOUSING AND SERVICES THAT THEY SORELY NEED. BUT WE HAVE SHOWN THAT WE CAN DO THINGS BETTER THE RIGHT WAY, BY ALLOCATING OUR RESOURCES EFFECTIVELY. IF THE SUPREME COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF THE CITY OF GRANTS PASS, THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS WOULD IN FACT BECOME IN MY OPINION EVEN WORSE. ALLOWING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS TO BE A CRIME, EVEN WHILE THERE IS NO SHELTER WOULD MEAN MORE PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS MAKING IT HARDER TO GET A JOB, HARDER TO RENT AN APARTMENT AND HARDER TO FIND TIME TO ADDRESS BARRIERS WHEN LIFE IS FILLED WITH COURT APPEARANNCES AND JAIL TIME. THESE OUTCOMES WILL DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT PEOPLE OF COLOR, BLACK

AND LATINO COMMUNITIES AND PERPETUATE THE CYCLE OF INCARCERATION, AND HOMELESSNESS FOR COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN HEAVILY IMPACTED BY OUR CARCERAL SYSTEM. CRIMINALIZATION WILL NOT END HOMELESSNESS. WE KNOW THAT WE CAN DO BETTER AND WE MUST. I THINK THE MOTION BEFORE US AND THE AMENDMENT GO IN THE WRONG DIRECTION AND I WILL VOTE NO. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. YOU KNOW, THIS IS WHY I AM ALWAYS HESITANT, FRANKLY, TO BRING AMENDMENTS TO THE FLOOR, BECAUSE IT IS DIFFICULT. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF US HAVE ACTUALLY READ THE OPINION. AND I APPRECIATE READING AMENDMENTS INTO THE RECORD IS A CHALLENGE, PARTICULARLY SOMETHING THIS COMPLICATED. BUT I JUST NEED TO RESTATE THAT THE AMENDMENTS CHANGE THE NATURE OF WHAT MOST OF WHAT I HAVE HEARD MY COLLEAGUES IN OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION HAVE STATED. LET ME SAY AGAIN, THE CASE IS GOING TO BE HEARD BY THE SUPREME COURT NO MATTER WHAT. AN AMICUS BRIEF ALLOWS OUR VOICE TO BE HEARD. WE SUPPORT THE PART OF THE LOWER COURT'S DECISION AND OUR AMICUS BRIEF WOULD SAY THAT, AROUND

DECRIMINALIZATION. WHAT WE ARE TELLING THE COURT THROUGH OUR AMICUS BRIEF, IS TO AFFIRM THE LOWER COURT DECISION, THAT BEING ON THE CRIMINALITY OF THE RULING. BUT THE DECISIONS HAVE MADE IT UNCLEAR IF WE CAN REMOVE ITEMS LIKE BEDDING BECAUSE THE LOWER COURTS EXPANDED THAT PROVISION. AND SO AGAIN, OUR AMENDMENT CHANGED THE ORIGINAL MOTION PRETTY SIGNIFICANTLY. YOU KNOW, RIGHT NOW, AS I GO OUT TO OUR R.V. ENCAMPMENT REMOVAL, I AM HEARING THAT PEOPLE ARE HESITANT TO REMOVE ITEMS EVEN IF OUR UNHOUSED PERSON IS NOT PRESENT. AND SO THIS IS NOT ABOUT CRIMINALIZATION. MY VOTE IN SUPPORT OF TODAY'S AMENDED MOTION DOES NOT SIGNAL THAT I SUPPORT CRIMINALIZATION OF THE UNHOUSED. IT DOES SAY THAT I FEEL I HAVE AN OBLIGATION AND A RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR PATHWAY HOMES AND OUR H.I. INITIATIVE, AND OUR PARTNERS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THEY CAN REMOVE AND WHEN. AND THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY IN TERMS OF KEEPING OUR STREETS CLEAN. WE ARE DOING ALL THE WORK MY COLLEAGUES TALKED ABOUT, ABOUT TRANSITIONING PEOPLE INTO HOUSING. THAT'S WHAT THE R.V. PILOT DID. WE ARE MOVING PEOPLE. WHEN WE FIND THEM TEMPORARY HOUSING AND THEN INTO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. AGAIN, I AM SORRY THAT OUR PROCESS, FRANKLY, OUR OWN PROCESS OF GOVERNANCE CREATES A SITUATION

WHERE WE DON'T HAVE MORE TIME OTHER THAN IN REAL TIME, TO READ ISSUES INTO THE RECORD IN THE FORM OF AMENDMENT. BUT AGAIN, I WILL SAY I AM SUPPORTING IT, AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS ACTION EMPOWERS US TO MORE NARROWLY GUIDE THE COUNTY COUNSEL IN CRAFTING AN AMICUS BRIEF THAT DOESN'T EXPAND CRIMINALIZATION, THAT IS NOT OUR INTENT, BUT DOES CONTINUE TO SEEK CLARITY, ON A DECISION THAT WILL BE BEFORE THE COURT WHETHER WE WEIGH IN OR NOT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU, AND I ALSO THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. BECAUSE I THINK, YOU KNOW, AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE A COPY OF THE AMENDMENT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, BUT THAT IS SPECIFICALLY CALLED OUT AS IT RELATES TO THE PROVISION OF BOTH CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND CIVIL PENALTIES THAT CAN BE ESCALATED TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES. SO I ACCEPTED THAT AMENDMENT, BECAUSE QUITE FRANKLY, IT THINK IT MAKES IT BETTER. AND TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S POINT, THIS IS GOING TO BE HEARD WITH OR WITHOUT OUR AMICUS BEING INCLUDED. AND I WOULD ARGUE THAT IF IN FACT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE CRIMINALIZATION, THAT BY INCLUDING THIS AND HIGHLIGHTING OUR

REQUEST, WE ARE ADDING SOMETHING TO THE DISCUSSION, TO ENSURE JUST WHAT YOU ARE CONCERNED MIGHT HAPPEN. SO THIS IS FAR DIFFERENT THAN THE BOISE MOTION THAT WAS BROUGHT IN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THIS IS ACTUALLY A MOTION THAT, AGAIN, IT GOT MY ATTENTION, BECAUSE WHEN THE STATE, WHEN GOVERNOR NEWSOM TALKED ABOUT IT, AND EVEN THE MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO, LONDON BREED, TALKED ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THEY WERE HAVING, IT WAS WHAT EXACTLY WHAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IS TALKING ABOUT. SO I APPRECIATE YOU AMENDING THIS TO MAKE IT BETTER. AND AS FAR AS CITIES GO, I KNOW CONTRACT CITIES WAS ON CALLING IN IN SUPPORT OF THIS. I KNOW THAT GLENDALE, LAVERNE, AND MONROVIA ARE SUPPORTING IT. SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT OTHER CITIES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU ARE REFERRING TO IN TERMS OF CONSERVATIVE OTHER DISTRICTS. BUT MY CITIES HAVE BEEN VERY CLEAR WITH ME IN TERMS OF THEIR POSITION ON THIS. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND I WILL ONCE AGAIN STATE AT LEAST FOR MYSELF, I AM VERY CLEAR ABOUT MY COLLEAGUE'S INTENTIONS NOT TO CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS. AND I SEE OUR PARTICIPATION IN AN AMICUS BRIEF DIFFERENTLY. I DON'T WANT LA COUNTY TO BE IN THE COMPANY OF THOSE WHO WOULD CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS, WHICH ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LARGELY

SUPPORTING THIS EFFORT. NOR DO I WANT TO LEAVE IT UP TO A SUPREME COURT WHICH OVERTURNED ROE V. WADE TO BE LEFT TO POTENTIALLY EXPAND RIGHTS IN A REVERSAL. THAT'S JUST TO ME, NOT REALISTIC. I DON'T THINK THAT THAT WOULD BE A OUTCOME OF THIS SUPREME COURT. AND I ALSO THINK AS I SAID EARLIER, WE ARE ABLE TO CONDUCT HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION EFFORTS THAT ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF SOME OF THE MATERIALS THAT ARE OUT. ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED IN TERMS OF WHERE PEOPLE ARE WANTING CLARITY, IN FACT, CITIES AS I SAID EARLIER, ARE ABLE TO FURTHER RESTRICT LIKE 4118 DOES. SO THERE ARE EXAMPLES OF CITIES WHO ARE ABLE TO NARROWLY TAILOR SOME OF THOSE POLICIES UNDER EXISTING LAW. AND SO FOR ME, I JUST SEE IT DIFFERENTLY. I AM CLEAR ON MY COLLEAGUE'S INTENTIONS, AND I WILL STILL BE VOTING NO.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO JUST RESPOND, SINCE MY NAME WAS INVOKED. SOME OF THE CITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION REPRESENT AREAS IN CALIFORNIA, THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CITY OF MURRIETTA, CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CITY OF ORANGE, CITY OF ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, GOLDWATER INSTITUTE, SPEAKER OF THE ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

BEN TOMA, CALIFORNIA STATE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION, PACIFIC LEGAL FOUNDATION, CALIFORNIA BUSINESS PROPERTY ASSOCIATIONS. THOSE ARE SOME OF THE NAMES THAT ARE LISTED. I JUST WANTED TO MENTION THAT SO THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A BIGGER FORCE AT HAND HERE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AND MADAM CHAIR, I APOLOGIZE, SUPERVISORS. I THOUGHT YOU MEANT WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, BUT I WOULD ADD TO THAT LIST GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM WHO CAME OUT IN SUPPORT OF IT AS WELL. BUT I HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE REFERRING TO MY DISTRICT WHEN YOU HELD UP THE LIST, THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. DID MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENT? OKAY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL ADAM SMITH, ANNA RODRIGUEZ, ANTOINE WILSON, ARTHUR ROSS, ARTURO ZAMORA, BEN KAY, BERLIN CONTRERAS, BRIAN CALDERON TABATAILLE, DESMOND CARTER, DEXTER O'CONNELL, EGLA GRANDE, EMANUEL ESTRADA, GENERAL TOGAN, GARCAN FONSECA

AND JUANNA ROMERO, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 15, 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 PHILLIP KIM. YOU MAY BEGIN. PHILLIP KIM, YOUR LINE'S OPEN. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

PHILLIP KIM: HI, PHILLIP KIM. S.C. ONE RESIDENT. CONSTITUENT OF [INAUDIBLE] AND I APPRECIATE HILDA SOLIS'S, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS'S PERSPECTIVE AND FACT-INFORMED TAKE ON NUMBER 15, AND IMPLORE THE OTHER SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS MOTION. IT IS JUST ILL-INFORMED, BUT ALSO, LIKE, WHY ARE WE GOING TO WORK WITH TRUMP'S SUPERIOR COURT, THE COURT THAT DISREGARDS BODILY AUTONOMY LIKE AS IF IT WERE THE 1800S? I STRONGLY OPPOSE NUMBER 15 AND HOPE OTHERS WILL ALSO CHANGE THEIR MINDS. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KATHRYN KING, YOU MAY BEGIN.

KATHRYN KING: I FEEL THAT IF THE BOARD APPROVES THIS RESOLUTION, IT WILL GIVE AID AND COMFORT TO THOSE WHO SUPPORT OVERTURNING THE GRANTS PASS DECISION, WHICH I HAVE READ IN FULL. IF WE IN LOS ANGELES WANT OUR BEACHES, BOARDWALKS AND COMMERCIAL STREETS TO BE FREE OF ENCAMPMENTS, IF WE WANT OUR SIDEWALKS CLEAR FOR PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AND OUR RESIDENTIAL YARDS AND PARKS UNSULLIED BY HUMAN WASTE, THERE ARE OTHER SOLUTIONS. WE NEED TO FAST TRACK SUPPORTIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIKE THE VENICE DELL PROJECT, INSTALL PUBLIC BATHROOMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. RAISE GENERAL RELIEF FROM THE $221 THAT I'M TOLD IT HAS BEEN FOR 40 YEARS, AND CREATE SAFE PARKING AREAS FOR VEHICLE DWELLERS, AS WELL AS GIVING MEDICAL HELP TO THOSE WHO NEED IT. INSTEAD OF PAYING COUNTY ATTORNEYS TO FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO DISPLACE OR CRIMINALIZE UNHOUSED RESIDENTS.

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

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

KENNETH MANN: THANK YOU. I WANT TO GO ON RECORD. THE CITY OF LANCASTER STANDS WITH SUPERVISORS BARGER AND HAHN'S MOTION, ALONG WITH THOSE AMENDMENTS. THIS RULING'S BEEN ABLE TO REGULATE PUBLIC CAMPING. AND IN REGARDS TO TALKING ABOUT COMPASSIONATE TOWARDS EVERYONE, IT HURTS THE ONES THAT ARE MOST VULNERABLE AND IN NEED. THIS IS ALSO AT AN ADDITIONAL TREMENDOUS COST TO THE CITY OF LANCASTER AND THE STAFF MUST CONSISTENTLY RELOCATE AND CLEAN UP THE SAME GROUP OF HOMELESSNESS WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO ADEQUATELY GET THEM WRAP AROUND SERVICES THAT THEY DESPERATELY NEED. WE ASK THAT ALL SUPERVISORS SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KATH ROGERS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

KATH ROGERS: GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS KATH ROGERS. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2 AND AN ATTORNEY WITH THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE ARE HERE IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO THIS

MOTION, INCLUDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT, AND WE'D ASK THE BOARD TO HOLD THIS ITEM FOR A FUTURE DATE TO ALLOW FULL PUBLIC NOTICE GIVEN THE LATE BREAKING AMENDMENT. IT IS DISAPPOINTING THAT THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING USING ITS RESOURCES TO CONVINCE THE CONSERVATIVE SUPREME COURT TO ROLE BACK CIVIL RIGHTS. AS SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND SOLIS CLEARLY EXPLAINED, GRANTS PASS IS A SIMPLE NARROW DECISION. IT SAYS THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT CRIMINALIZE PEOPLE FOR LIFE SUSTAINING BEHAVIOR WHEN THERE ARE NO ADEQUATE ALTERNATIVES. CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PUNISHMENTS ARE NEVER VALID TOOLS TO ADDRESS A HOUSING CRISIS. NOT ONLY IS CRIMINALIZATION CRUEL, BUT IT HINDERS ACCESS TO HOUSING, TARGETS BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE OVERREPRESENTED IN THE UNHOUSED COMMUNITY. THIS MOTION RUNS CONTRARY TO OUR HUMANITY, AND OUR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS. PLEASE VOTE NO.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT, IS MOIRA KENNEY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MOIRA KENNEY: HI. I AM MOIRA KENNEY, AND I AM A CONSTITUENT OF SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL AND AS A MEMBER OF HANG OUT, DO GOOD. I AM CALLING URGING ALL TO OPPOSE THE MOTION ON THE CASE OF JOHNSON V. CITY OF GRANT PASS AND WHY I AM DOING THIS, ONCE AGAIN, EVEN THOUGH HOLLY MITCHELL DOES SAY THAT THIS IS NOT WHAT WE DO, [PH?] CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS MEANS POURING RESOURCES INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM RATHER THAN INTO HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS IS CRUEL AND INHUMANE AND I OPPOSE THIS MOTION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PATRICK PRESCOTT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

PATRICK PRESCOTT: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS PATRICK PRESCOTT, CITY OF BURBANK, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR CALLING TO SUPPORT ITEM 15, A RESOLUTION AS AMENDED TO JOIN OR FILE AN AMICUS BRIEFING REGARDING JOHNSON V. CITY OF GRANTS PASS. IN BURBANK, WE BELIEVE IN A HUMANE TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACH TO ASSISTING THE HOMELESS ON OUR STREETS. CITIES IN

LA COUNTY NEED AS MANY TOOLS AS POSSIBLE IN OUR TOOLBOX TO ADDRESS THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS FACING US, NOT TO CRIMINALIZE OR HARM PEOPLE, BUT TO HELP THEM, AS WELL AS TO ENSURE THE PUBLIC RIGHTS WERE AVAILABLE TO ALL RESIDENTS, WHICH IS IS WHY I AM CALLING TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ISHLAKA VASCINTA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ISHLAKA VASCINTA: HI. THIS IS ISHLAKA VASCINTA. I AM AN ATTORNEY AT INTERCITIES LAW CENTER, VOICING MY STRONG OPPOSITION TO THIS MOTION. THE BOARD FACES A DIFFICULT DECISION. ON ONE HAND THE COUNTY CAN SHOOT TO INVEST IN KNOWN [INAUDIBLE] SUCH AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES; ON THE OTHER, IT CAN SHOOT TO CRIMINALIZE ANGELENOS FOR SIMPLY NOT BEING WEALTHY ENOUGH, SQUANDER VALUABLE PUBLIC RESOURCES WITHOUT ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS, AND ACTIVELY MAKE IT HARDER FOR PEOPLE TO ESCAPE HOMELESSNESS. IF THE INTENTION BEHIND THESE LATE AMENDMENTS IS HOUSEKEEPING, THIS AND KEEPING SAFE, THIS MOTION IS CLEARLY ANTITHETICAL TO

THAT END. REMOVING PEOPLE'S BELONGINGS, SUCH AS THEIR VITAL RECORDS, CAN RESULT IN THE DE FACTO TERMINATION OF THEIR PUBLIC BENEFITS, TRAPING THEM EVEN DEEPER IN HOMELESSNESS. IF THE COUNTY SUPPORTS GRANT PASS'S POSITION, IT WOULD HELP UNDO UNDUE DECADES OF SUPREME COURT PRECEDENT, UNDERMINING THE CONSTITUTION'S PROTECTIONS FOR ALL OF US, WHETHER WE ARE HOUSED OR UNHOUSED. THE ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE SUPREME COURT AND THE PROPOSITION BEFORE THE BOARD GOOD TODAY IS ONE THAT IS LEGALLY DANGEROUS AND MORALLY UNCONSCIENABLE. PLEASE VOTE NO. SHOW US THAT LOS ANGELES IS BETTER THAN THIS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GARY GILBERT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

GARY GILBERT: HI. MY NAME IS GARY GILBERT. I AM A CONSTITUENT OF SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, MEMBER OF HODGE, [INAUDIBLE] SQUARE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE GREATER WILSON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. I AM URGING MY SUPERVISOR IN SPITE OF HER AMENDMENT TO CONSIDER OPPOSING THIS MOTION. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WE MET WHEN MY DAUGHTER TOLD ME I NEEDED TO HEAR YOU BECUASE YOU WERE IN HER

WORDS THE REAL DEAL. I THOUGHT SHE WAS RIGHT. YOU HAD BOTH PASSION AND WISDOM TO HELP MAKE THIS A KINDER, BETTER CITY FOR ALL ANGELENOS. I HAVE SPENT THE PAST DECADE VOLUNTEERING INSIDE OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND I CAN TELL YOU FIRSTHAND THAT CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS WILL SENTENCE MANY INNOCENT ANGELENOS FORCED TO THE STREETS THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, TO BE PART OF AN INDESCRIBABLY HORRIFIC SYSTEM THAT WILL RUIN THEIR LIVES AND THEIR FAMILY LIVES. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A TRAGIC ERROR TO SUPPORT THIS WELL-INTENDED, I AM SURE, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY DEHUMANIZING SHORTSIGHTED AND THOROUGHLY MISGUIDED EFFORT. OPPOSING THIS MOTION GOES HAND IN HAND WITH THE FAIR PATH ORDINANCE YOU ALSO WISELY JUST SUPPORTED AND APPROVED. LA IS UNFORTUNATELY THE WORLD'S SHOWPIECE OF HOMELESSNESS, AND THIS SUPPORT JUST MIGHT ALLOW THE SUPREME COURT TO FEEL COMFORTABLE MAKING A RULING THAT IN THE END--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOANNA SWAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JANICE SWAN: HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

JOANNA SWAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME IS JOANNA SWAN. I AM AN ORGANIZER, HARM REDUCTION WORKER OUT HERE IN SKID ROW TODAY CALLING TO ASK YOU TO CONSIDER HUMANITY OVER CRUELTY AND NOT SUPPORT THIS AMICUS BRIEF. GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S AD PUT FAITH CLAIMS ARE MIRRORED IN HIS DETAIL OF MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES, HOMELESS PEOPLE, AND DRUG AND DRUG USERS WHILE HE HIMSELF HAS BUILT HIS WEALTH SELLING ONE OF THE MOST HARMFUL SUBSTANCES, ALCOHOL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU HAVE OBVIOUSLY NOT SEEN HOW SWEEPS ARE CONDUCTED EITHER IN THE CITY OR COUNTY. THERE IS NO CLARITY IN WHAT THEY CAN REMOVE TO THE FOLKS LIVING OUTSIDE, WHICH IS WHY PEOPLE AT DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS AND JOBS GET THEIR SHIT THROWN OUT REGULARLY. FIVE YEARS AGO, WHEN PEOPLE SUPPORTED OVERTURNING MARTIN V. BOISE, SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID THERE'S NO JUSTICE IN LETTING PEOPLE LIVE IN SQUALOR, WHICH WAS THEN EQUIVOCATED WITH THE JUSTICE OF THE UNCOMFORTABILITY OF HOUSED PEOPLE HAVING TO SEE A TENT. THAT N.I.M.B.Y. RHETORIC DOESN'T WORK ANYMORE. AND THERE IS NO JUSTICE IN

WEAPONNIZING THE OPIOID CRISIS AGAINST THE VERY PEOPLE ON THE FRONTLINE--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARIO VALLERTA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MARIO VALLERTA: GOOD AFTERNOON, ESTEEMED BOARD. MARIO VALLERTA, COMMUNITY COMPLAINCE MANAGER WITH THE CITY OF PALMDALE. AND UNFORTUNATELY, COURTS HAVE CONTINUED TO BLOCK REASONABLE EFFORTS BY CITIES TO PROTECT THE UNHOUSED AND THE BROADER COMMUNITY FROM PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH ISSUES CAUSED BY UNCONTROLLED ENCAMPMENTS. AND WHILE WE EMPATHIZE WITH THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, LEAVING THEM ON THE STREETS IS NOT THE SOLUTION. ENCAMPMENT CLEANUPS HAVE BEEN CRITICIZED AS CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT. HOWEVER, IT IS CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT TO LET VULNERABLE POPULATIONS SUFFER IN INHUMANE CONDITIONS. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THE CITY, COUNTY, SERVES ALL RESIDENTS. WHILE WE STRIVE TO SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED, WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT SOME INDIVIDUALS MAY NOT

WANT OUR ASSISTANCE, AND IN SUCH CASES, CITIES SHOULD HAVE ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS AVAILABLE. ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, I WOULD LIKE TO STRONGLY SUPPORT THE MOTION PUT FORWARD BY SUPERVISORS BARGER AND HAHN. I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO FILE THE AMICUS BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF GRANTS PASS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. WE ARE GOING TO GO TO SPEAKERS IN PERSON AND THEN GO BACK. SO WE WILL GO RIGHT AHEAD.

SONIA BURT: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SONIA BURT. I AM AN ADVOCATE FOR THE UNHOUSED, A MEMBER OF H.O.D.G., HANG OUT, DO GOOD AND A RETIRED STATE PROSECUTOR. VOTE NO ON THIS MOTION. RESPECTFULLY, I DISAGREE WITH COUNTY COUNSEL. WHAT THE PETITIONERS ARE TRYING TO DO, WHAT THE CITY OF GRANTS PASS IS TRYING TO DO, THEY ARE NOT ONLY TRYING TO REVERSE JOHNSON, THEY ARE TRYING TO GET RID OF MARTIN V CITY OF BOISE V. MARTIN. BECAUSE THEY ARE TRYING TO COMPLETELY TAKE THE 8TH AMENDMENT OUT. NO PROTECTION. NONE. THAT THERE'S NO CONCEPT THAT THE 8TH AMENDMENT DOES NOT COVER POST-CONVICTION CONDUCT. AND SO YOU ARE TAKING THE COMPLETE UNDERPINNING OF NOT

CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS, OR SLEEPING, YOU ARE TAKING THE PROTECTION COMPLETELY OUT. SO RESPECTFULLY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WHAT YOU ARE PROPOSING WITH THIS REVISION, THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN. THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN.

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

ADAM SMITH: MY NAME IS ADAM SMITH FROM THE LA COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK IN SKID ROW AND I AM STRONGLY OPPOSING THIS MOTION. THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAVE A LONG VIOLENT HISTORY OF RELYING ON CRIMINALIZATION TO ADDRESS POVERTY. REGARDLESS OF THIS WELL-INTENTIONED AMENDMENT, ULTIMATELY BY ASKING COUNTY COUNSEL TO SUPPORTING OR FILING AN AMICUS BRIEF, IT WOULD SHOW THAT THIS BOARD ULTIMATELY SUPPORTING THE SAME OLD CRIMINALIZATION OF POVERTY. HOUSING IS THE ONLY SOLUTION THAT SOLVESS HOUSELESSNESS. WE HAVE HEARD TODAY THIS IDEA OF CARE-FIRST AS AN INTERVENTION IN STRUCTURAL RACISM, BUT ANY CONVERSATION OR IN THIS CASE A MOTION REGARDING THE CRIMINALIZATION OF POVERTY THAT IGNORES THE PREDICTABLE OUTCOMES OF STRUCTURAL RACISM AND PARTICULARLY IN LA, STRUCTURAL ANTI-BLACKNESS, FEELS DANGEROUSLY NAIVE. WE KNOW IN

LA COUNTY, WHILE ONLY ABOUT 8% OF THE POPULATION IS BLACK, NEARLY 40% OF OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS ARE BLACK. L.A.P.D.'S OWN DATA SHOWS THAT NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF ALL USE OF FORCE INSTANCES INVOLVE UNHOUSED PEOPLE. THE CLARION CALL FROM THE PEOPLE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE, HOUSE KEYS, NOT HANDCUFFS, NOT RECOMMENDING A NARROWING OF HOW POOR PEOPLE ARE CRIMINALIZED. HOUSE KEYS--

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

GENERAL DOGAN: GOOD MORNING. GENERAL DOGAN, FIGHT BACK ORGANIZER ON SKID ROW WITH THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK. AND I AM HERE TODAY WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE AND WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS AGENDA ITEM. HOLLY MITCHELL, THE WORDS, THE LANGUAGE YOU USE IS THE SAME LANGUAGE THAT THE HOMELESS HATERS USE. IT IS THE SAME TALK CITY COUNCIL HAVE FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS THAT LED THEM INTO ALL THIS LITIGATION. "WE ARE JUST TRYING TO HELP. WE AIN'T TRYING TO CRIMINALIZE PEOPLE." BUT I'M GONNNA TELL YOU, POLICY AND PRACTICE IS TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. WATCH WHAT YOU VOTE FOR. RIGHT, BECAUSE THE HANDCUFFS ARE GOING TO COME OUT ON THIS ONE. JUST LIKE IT CAME OUT ON ALL OF THEM, RIGHT. THE

CITY IS THE WORST IN THE NATION FOR DEALING WITH HOMELESS CRISIS. WHY? BECAUSE THEY CAN'T STOP CRIMINALIZING PEOPLE. AND A MAJORITY OF THOSE LAWSUITS THAT THEY'VE BEEN HAVING IN THE LAST 20 YEARS HAPPENED RIGHT HERE DOWNTOWN IN THIS DISTRICT. WHY? BECAUSE THEY CAN'T STOP LISTENING TO THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT THAT TELLS THEM TO CRIMINALIZE THEM, GET THEM OUT OF HERE. RIGHT? AND IT IS THE SAME THING THAT DESTROYED L.A.S.A.

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

BRIAN CALDERON TABATABAI: GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, AND I STRONGLY OPPOSE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 15. AS THE LONE COUNCIL MEMBER ON A CONSERVATIVE COUNCIL, YOU ARE REMOVING ONE OF THE ONLY TOOLS I HAVE TO MAKE MY CITY COUNCIL LOOK SERIOUSLY AT THE ISSUE OF OUR UNSHELTERED. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET OUR COUNCIL TO EVEN DISCUSS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. BY TAKING THIS AWAY, BY JOINING THE CITY OF GRANTS PASS, WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS YOU ARE SAYING THAT WE ARE GIVING UP. YOU ARE ALLOWING MY COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR OUTREACH TO CHECK IDS

BEFORE GIVING SUPPORT TO OUR UNSHELTERED RESIDENTS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE RESIDENTS OF WEST COVINA. THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE DOING. I HAVE GONE TO SAN DIMAS. I HAVE GONE TO LAVERNE. I HAVE GONE TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN MY REGION AND SPEAKING IN SUPPORT, LIKE I SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF BALDWIN PARK MAYOR EMANUEL ESTRADA.

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

EMANUEL ESTRADA: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS EMANUEL ESTRADA. I AM THE MAYOR OF BALDWIN PARK AND I AM ALSO A FULL-TIME RESIDENT ASSISTANT WORKING WITH HOMELESS YOUTH. THE CONVERSATION SURROUNDING HOUSING INSECURITY IS NOT EASY. IT IS RIDDLED WITH MISINFORMATION AND IS OFTEN POLITICIZED. THE NARRATIVE THAT HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ARE THERE BY CHOICE FOR PROPERTY VALUES AND INCREASE CRIME ARE NOT ONLY FALSE, THEY DESENSITIZE US TO THE SUFFERING AND THE MISTREATMENT OF THE MOST VULNERABLEL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES. ENCAMPMENT SWEEPS DESTROY SHELTERS AND TAKE IMPORTANT MEDICATION AND DOCUMENTS AS COLLATERAL DAMAGE. CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS WILL SYSTEMATICALLY LIMIT PEOPLE'S ACCESS TO SERVICE SUCH AS

HOUSING, JOBS AND SAFETY. AS ELECTED OFFICIALS, WE TOOK AN OATH TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO COMBAT MISINFORMATION, NOT GIVE INTO IT. A REVERSAL OF THE COURT'S ORDERS WOULD ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO CONTINUE DISMISSING THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SHELTER AND STABILITY. IN TWO YEARS, BALDWIN PARK WAS ABLE TO CREATE TWO EMERGENCY SHELTERS, ONE FOR FAMILIES AND ONE FOR ADULTS, AND THESE PROJECTS EMPHASIZE LOCAL PREFERENCE, PROVIDE WRAP AROUND SERVICES AND DISCREDIT BASELESS FEARS. THE CITY HAS PARTNERS WITH MULTIPLE AGENCIES AND CONTINUES TO SECURE FUNDING FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, RENTAL SERVICES FOOD BANKS AND SHELTERS. IT IS CRUCIAL FOR EVERY CITY, REGARDLESS OF ITS ECONOMIC STANDING, TO ACKNOWLEDGE--

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

ANTOINE WILSON: HELLO. MY NAME IS ANTOINE WILSON, 103 PROGRAM MANAGERS FOR OUR E6 OUTREACH PROGRAM. WE PROVIDE UNHOUSED-- UNHOUSED COMMUNITY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND HOUSING SERVICES. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER. I AM ASKING THE BOARD TO SAY NO TO THIS ITEM THIS TIME. AS I

UNDERSTAND, YOUR DEAL IS NOT TO CRIMINALIZE OUR COMMUNITY, BUT THIS IS WHAT IT WILL DO, AND CREATE BARRIERS IN THE BUILDING OF RAPPORT AND LOCATING HOUSING FOR OUR UNHOUSED. ADDING MORE LEGAL ISSUES AND FINES THAT THEY CANNOT AFFORD. WE HAVE NOT DONE ENOUGH TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR OVER 75,000 ANGELENOS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. I ASK AGAIN THAT YOU GUYS OPPOSE THIS ITEM, AND ASSESS A DIFFERENT WAY TO ADDRESS OUR HOMELESS CRISIS. THIS ITEM WILL IMMEDIATELY EFFECT THE UNHOUSED, BUT WOULD ALSO TAKE YEARS FOR US TO FIND THEM HOUSING. THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME, AND I--

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

ARTURO ZAMORA: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ARTURO ZAMORA AND I AM A CD-9 OUTREACH CASE MANAGER WITH H.O.P.I.C.S. [PH?] AS ITS G.A. HOMELESS HOUSING PROVIDER IN LA COUNTY. CRIMINALIZING THE HOMELESS POPULATION IS NOT THE ANSWER. THEY ARE HUMAN BEING AND DESERVE A CHANCE. OUR PROGRAM HAS HAD DIFFERENT EFFORTS LIKE INSIDE SAFE, PATHWAY TO HOME AND ENCAMPMENT TO HOME, WHICH THE B.H. HAS BEEN RECEPTIVE. THANK YOU AND PLEASE VOTE NO.

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

ARTHUR ROSS: HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS ARTHUR ROSS. I'M EMPLOYED BY S.S.G. H.O.P.I.C.S. AS A STREET-BASED ENGAGEMENT CASE MANAGER, WORKING IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES IN SERVICE AREA 6, WHICH IS THE LARGEST SERVICE AREA IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I AM HERE TO OPPOSE THE AGENDA NUMBER 15 ON YOUR AGENDA. FRANKLY, WE WERE QUITE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF GRANTS PASS, AND THE CURRENT STATE OF LITIGATION. WE BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY THAT IF YOU OFFER A PERSON AN ALTERNATIVE TO SLEEPING ON THE CURB OR SLEEPING ON THE SIDEWALK OR SLEEPING IN THE PARK, THEY WILL TAKE IT. IT IS MY EXPERIENCE FROM DOING STREET-BASED ENGAGEMENT THAT WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL IS OFFERED A CHOICE, THEY NORMALLY WILL TAKE THE UPROAD ON THE CHOICE. THAT'S MY EXPERIENCE WITH THIS, AS OPPOSED TO AN INDIVIDUAL OPTING TO GET A SET OF HANDCUFFS PUT ON HIM.

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

BEN KAY: HELLO. MY NAME IS BEN KAY. I'M ALSO FROM H.O.P.I.C.S. I'M AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR THERE. THIS PAST SATURDAY, THE DAY BEFORE THE STORM, MY WIFE AND I AND OUR TWO BOYS MET A FAMILY ASKING FOR HELP. I HAD SEEN THEM BEFORE. THEY WERE LIVING ON THE STREETS. NO ONE ELSE WAS STOPPING. AS A PARENT, IT IS MY JOB TO LEAD MY TWO KIDS TOWARDS THE GOOD ALWAYS. WE HELPED THE FAMILY. THERE WAS A COST. BUT WE WERE HAPPY TO PAY IT. WHILE MY SON ASKED WHAT WE WERE, DOING, I TOLD HIM, THAT WE BRING PEOPLE HOME. REGARDLESS OF THE OUTSIDE PRESSURE THIS BOARD FEELS, AND I AM SURE YOU FEEL IT, I KNOW YOU FEEL IT, WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO LEAD US TOWARDS THE GOOD. WE ASK YOU TO VOTE NO ON ITEM 15. THANK YOU.

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

BERNADETTE CONTRADAS: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS BERNADETTE CONTRADAS, THE HEAD OF THE OUTREACH AT H.O.P.I.C.S. OVERSEEING 100 OUTREACH WORKERS WHO WORK WITH THE UNSHELTERED POPULATION EVERY DAY, PRIMARILY FUNDED BY THE COUNTY. WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE LIVING IN THE STREET ARE OUT THERE OUT OF DESPERATION, AND MAKING THEM-- AND MAKING IT SO THAT THEY ARE CRIMINALS SIMPLY TRYING TO SURVIVE IS AGAINST EVERYTHING WE

WORKED TOWARDS IN THE COUNTY SUPPORT. IT WILL MAKE IT HARDER FOR US TO FIND THEM, AND EVEN LESS TRUSTING OF THE SYSTEM THAT HAS FAILED THEM AGAIN AND AGAIN. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE TRIED TO DO OUR JOBS AND HELP THEM, OUR CLIENTS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FEES FOR SLEEPING IN CERTAIN PLACES WHICH STILL LEADS THEM INTO CRIMINALIZATION. I HOPE WE MOVE TOWARD A BETTER TOMORROW, INSTEAD OF CRIMINALIZING OUR UNSHELTERED NEIGHBORS. WE APPRECIATE THE AMENDMENT, BUT WHAT IS THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT IT DOES TO CHANGE THIS WHOLE THING ABOUT REFLECTING ON OUR VALUES AS A COUNTY? ENABLING THINGS IN WHICH LEADS TO CRIMINALIZING THE PEOPLE WHO CAMPAIGN FOR A HOME.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE ARE NOW GOING TO GO BACK TO CALLERS ON THE PHONE. GO AHEAD, MODERATOR.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL KATIE HILL, LIZZIE CALHOUN, MICHAEL PITKIN, MICHAEL GORDON, JR., MAYA MCCOY, MINDY ALVAREZ, MICHAEL JOHNSON, NATASHA SMITH, PAUL DUMONT, SHAYLA MEYERS, SOMA SNAKE OIL, TODD CUNNINGHAM, VANESSA CASTRO AND ZEKE SANDOVAL PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY ARENAS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ANTHONY ARENAS: MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS FROM DISTRICT 3 AND THE JUSTICE LA COALITION SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION TO AGENDA ITEM 15. OUR COUNTY DEFINITELY SHOULD BE SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR HOW TO COMPASSIONATELY EXPAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUPPORT OUR UNHOUSED COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE SHOULD NOT FILE AN AMICUS BRIEF ASKING A COURT TO FURTHER CRIMINALIZE OUR UNHOUSED COMMUNITY. AND IF YOU'RE BEHIND THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL THEN YOU DEFINITELY SHOULD NOT BE IN FAVOR OF SENDING AN AMICUS BRIEF IN THIS CASE. CRIMINALIZING SLEEPING ON THE STREET WILL RESULT IN AN UPTICK IN THE INCARCERATION POPULATION. PEOPLE NEED HOUSING. PEOPLE NEED FOOD. PEOPLE NEED COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES AND HEALTH CARE. INSTEAD OF PAYING COUNTY ATTORNEYS TO FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO CRIMINALIZE UNHOUSED RESIDENTS, PAY ATTORNEYS TO FIGHT THE LAWSUITS AGAINST SUPPORTIVE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SILVIA AROTH. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SILVIA AROTH: HI. MY NAME IS SILVIA [UNINTELLIGIBLE]. I'M A VERY LONG RESIDENT. AND I'M SO SAD THAT SOMEHOW THE MINDYS GET TO RULE WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR IMPOVERISHED NEIGHBORS. IT'S HARD TO GET RE-ELECTED AND ALL THE MONEY, SO, TWO PEOPLE JUST DON'T WANT TO SEE THEIR PEOPLE. AND THEY MAY AS WELL [UNINTELLIGIBLE] THANK YOU SO MUCH, LINDSEY HORVATH, FOR YOUR COURAGE AND FOR OPENING UP 105 BEDS. [UNINTELLIGIBLE] TOPHER INVENTED FOR THIS INCLEMENT WEATHER, THERE ARE NO PLACES FOR ANY KIND OF [UNINTELLIGIBLE] WEST OF WESTBURY IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. IT'S HORRIBLE. HOW CAN ANYBODY SUPPORT THIS [UNINTELLIGIBLE]. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ARSENAI ASAYAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ARSENAI ASAYAN: GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ARSENAI ASAYAN AND I'M

CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 15. I BELIEVE THIS MATTER REQUIRES OUR COLLECTIVE ATTENTION AND INTERVENTION AND A LOWER COURT'S RULING DEEMING SUCH ORDINANCES AS CONSTITUTING CRUEL OR UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT RAISES SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS ABOUT THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK SURROUNDING HOMELESSNESS AND THE RIGHTS OF THOSE EXPERIENCING IT. BY SUPPORTING THE CITY OF GRANTS PASS IN THIS CASE, WE ARE CONTRIBUTING TO A BROADER DIALOGUE ON THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS FACING INVOLUNTARY HOMELESSNESS. I BELIEVE THAT-- WE BELIEVE THAT THIS MOTION WILL EMPOWER THE HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM TO FULFILL ITS INTENDED PURPOSE WHICH IS TO ENSURE THAT OUR UNHOUSED FRIENDS HAVE A SAFE AND DIGNIFIED PLACE TO LIVE WITH COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING. I THINK THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND THE STRUGGLE OF OUR FRONTLINE STAFF AND HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS. WE CAN DEVELOP ALL THE HOMELESS PROGRAMS. WE CAN CREATE ALL OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS STEPHANIE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

STEPHANIE TRINIDAD: MY NAME IS STEPHANIE TRINIDAD. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NO HOME ALLIANCE, A NONPROFIT SERVING UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, CALLING TO OPPOSE THIS ITEM. I THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR HIGHLIGHTING THAT CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESSNESS IS NOT THE GOAL OF THIS BOARD. UNFORTUNATELY, BY JOINING THIS BRIEF, WE WILL WITHOUT A DOUBT OPEN THE PATH FOR CRIMINALIZATION, WHETHER THAT IS THE INTENTION OF THIS BODY OR NOT. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I JOIN YOU IN CELEBRATING THE IMPACTFUL ADVANCEMENTS THE COUNTY AND THIS BOARD HAVE MADE IN INVESTING IN SERVICES. IT IS INCONGRUOUS TO MAKE THESE INVESTMENTS THAT WE HAVE AT THE SAME TIME WHILE OPENING THE DOOR TO THE LEGAL ALLOWANCES WHICH UNDO THE ADVANCES THAT CASE WORKERS, HOUSING NAVIGATORS, MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AND HOMELESSNESS PROVIDERS MAKE EVERY DAY TO BRING PEOPLE INSIDE. THE BRIEF PUTS GRANTS PASS AND OTHER CITIES ON A PATH TO THE WORSENING OF THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IN THEIR JURISDICTION. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SOLIS FOR SO ELOQUENTLY OUTLINING THE CONCERNS OF THOSE ON THE FRONTLINE OF THIS CRISIS. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MAYA HENDRIX. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MAYA HENDRIX: HI, MY NAME IS MAYA HENDRIX EX. I'M A RESIDENT OF SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2 AND A MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE LA COALITION. AND I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS MOTION. ALTHOUGH YOU SAY IT'S NOT YOUR INTENTION, THIS WOULD TAKE LA COUNTY STEPS IN THE WRONG DIRECTION AND ULTIMATELY CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS. QUITE FRANKLY, I CAN'T EVEN BELIEVE THAT WE ARE HAVING THIS CONVERSATION INSTEAD OF HAVING A CONVERSATION THAT IS FOCUSSED ON FIGURING OUT HOW TO PROTECT OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS DURING THIS RECORD-BREAKING RAINFALL. ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT, THERE ARE AN AVERAGE OF 75.5 THOUSAND [PH?] PEOPLE IN LA COUNTY EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS. CRIMINALIZING THE PEOPLE THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH RESOURCES TO SUPPORT IS NOT ONLY INHUMANE, IT'S ILLEGAL. CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS DIVERTS VALUABLE RESOURCES TOWARDS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND LEGAL PROCESSES INSTEAD OF ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES. THESE RESOURCES COULD BETTER BE UTILIZED IN CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND ADDICTION TREATMENT PROGRAMS. PROFIT OVER PEOPLE HAS NO PLACE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRYAN COHAN YOU MAY BEGIN.

BRYAN COHAN: HELLO. THANK YOU. AS YOU ALL CONSIDER THIS MOTION TODAY, I JUST WANT TO RELAY AN ANECDOTE FROM THIS PAST WEEKEND. I RAN INTO AN ELDERLY COUPLE WHO ARE FACING THE PROSPECT OF ROUGH SLEEPING IN THE RAIN. SO I CALLED L.A.S.A.'S WINTER SHELTER HOTLINE AND I WAS ON HOLD FOR 5 HOURS AND 14 MINUTES BEFORE SOMEONE PICKED UP AFTER 9:00 P.M. THEIR BACK-UP PLAN WAS SLEEP AT A METRO STATION AND THE IDEA THAT WE WOULD EXPOSE THEM TO ANY PENALTY, EVEN CIVIL, SEEMS CRUEL TO ME. I HOPE THAT WE CAN JUST KEEP OUR EYES ON THE BALL AND MAKE THESE SYSTEMS WORK BETTER BECAUSE THEY DON'T. THEY JUST DON'T. IN MY EXPERIENCE, 4118 IS A MORE THAN ADEQUATE TOOL TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES SO I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THE POINT OF ALL OF THIS IS. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEGAN HEINZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MEGAN HEINZ: HI. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MEGAN HEINZ FROM PRACTICAL STRATEGIES. I'M A PUBLIC HEALTH CONSULTANT AND I'M CALLING IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO ITEM 15. I HEAR A LOT OF YOU SAYING THAT OUR GOAL IS NOT TO CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS, BUT WE KNOW THE ROAD TO HECK IS PAVED WITH GOOD INTENTIONS, RIGHT? SO I WAS AN OUTREACH WORKER THAT CONDUCTED OUTREACH FROM FIFTH AND THIRD ON MAIN FOR OVER A YEAR. WHEN THOSE BLOCKS WERE SWEPT AND CLEARED, I LOST CONTACT WITH EVERYONE I HAD BEEN WORKING WITH. ALL THE PROGRESS I MADE WITH CARE MANAGEMENT, HOUSING NAVIGATION, HARM REDUCTION SERVICES JUST EVAPORATED OVERNIGHT. AND I HEAR YOU'RE ADDING HOTELS AND MOTELS ON AND TO ME, THAT HAS VERY LITTLE TO DO WITH THIS ISSUE. IT DOESN'T HELP THE MOST VULNERABLE UNHOUSED PEOPLE BECAUSE THERE ARE NO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND THEY'RE NOT PERMANENT SOLUTIONS, SO ADDING A COUPLE INTERIM HOUSING UNITS WITHOUT COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE HOMELESSNESS. I HEAR THE CONCERN THAT ENCAMPMENTS POSE A RISK TO QUALITY OF LIFE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND DRUG USE, ET CETERA, BUT I'M JUST NOT CLEAR ON WHAT EVIDENCE YOU'RE USING TO JUSTIFY THAT DISRUPTING HOMELESSNESS ENCAMPMENTS WILL IMPROVE ANY OF THOSE ISSUES--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TOMAS BABISKOVIC. YOU MAY BEGIN.

TOMAS BABISKOVIC: GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS TOMAS BABISKOVIC AND I AM WITH PAT. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT OPPOSITION TO ITEM 15. LA COUNTY HAS ALREADY CLARITY IN TERMS OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES INTO HOUSING OPTIONS THAT CAN BRING PEOPLE INSIDE WITHOUT INVOLVING COMMUNITY [UNINTELLIGIBLE]. IN LA COUNTY WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED PATHWAY HOME AND INSIDE SAFE OPERATIONS THAT HAVE BROUGHT HUNDREDS OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS INDOORS. WE'VE BEEN COORDINATING WITH SOCIAL WORKERS AND MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS TO GO OUT TO VARIOUS ENCAMPMENTS, RESERVE HOSPITALITY [PH?] ROOMS, SHELTER BEDS, AND BRING THOSE INDIVIDUALS INSIDE AND CONNECT THEM WITH SERVICES. WHEN PEOPLE COME INSIDE WE WORK WITH SANITATION DEPARTMENTS AND WORKERS TO CLEAN ANY DEBRIS IN THOSE ENCAMPMENTS. ENFORCEMENT MAKES OUR JOB MUCH HARDER BECAUSE WHEN PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE DISPLACED WE'RE LOSING TRACK, CONNECTION AND WE CANNOT

OFFER THOSE SERVICES. I'M HOPING THAT WE CAN DEMONSTRATE TO THE NATION THAT--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LEE CANE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

LEE CANE: HI. MY NAME IS LEE CANE. I'M A PROGRAM DIRECTOR WITH THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSORTIUM ON HOMELESSNESS AND I'M CALLING IN TO EXPRESS MY STRONG OPPOSITION TO ITEM 15 WHICH CONFLICTS WITH THE COUNTY'S CARE FIRST AGENDA DESPITE YOUR AMENDMENT. HOMELESSNESS IS NOT A CRIME AND USING OUR JAILS AS SHELTERS IS A SHORT-TERM COSMETIC FIX TO A PROBLEM THAT CREATES A LONG-TERM TRAUMA-INFORMED HARM REDUCTION RESPONSE. CREATING CRIMINALS OF PEOPLE WHO LACK HOUSING WHEN WE HAVE NO HOUSING TO OFFER WILL MAKE IT HARDER FOR THEM TO EVER STABILIZE THEIR LIVES, BURDENING THEM WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS THAT CAN INTERFERE WITH FUTURE EMPLOYMENT, AND YES, FUTURE HOUSING UNTIL LOCAL COMMUNITIES STEP UP TO SUPPORT AND CREATE A FULL SPECTRUM OF HOUSING SOLUTIONS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THE ENFORCEMENT MODEL THAT YOU'RE IMPOSING UPON OUR

UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS. I STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE NO ON ITEM 15 AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SHAZROD. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SHAZROD: HI. I'M [INAUDIBLE] AND I'M WITH THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY PROGRESSIVES. AND ALSO A FORMER SOCIAL WORKER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. MY CONCERN IS THAT MANY HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE FORMER FOSTER CHILDREN SO I HAVE A PASSION FOR THIS ISSUE. I'M IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO THIS ITEM, INCLUDING THE AMENDMENT. THE NEW AMENDMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED SOONER SO IT ALLOWS US TO REVIEW IT SO I SUPPORT A RESCHEDULING OF THIS HEARING IF IT'S POSSIBLE. BUT IN ANY CASE, WE SHOULDN'T BE REMOVING ANYTHING THAT BELONGS TO THE UNHOUSED, CONSIDERING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES OF THE UNHOUSED, I THINK THAT WOULD FURTHER TRAUMATIZE THEM AND INCREASE THEIR DISTRUST OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND THE GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS IN GENERAL. I THINK N.I.M.B.Y.-ISM IS A PROBLEM AND NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AND EFFORTS WITH ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE A BETTER USE OF OUR FAMILY-- BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OH, WE'RE GOING TO GO IN PERSON. I'M SO SORRY, MODERATOR. WE'RE GOING TO GO IN PERSON AND THEN GO BACK TO CALLERS AFTER. GO RIGHT AHEAD. I'M SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING YOU.

ANNA RODRIGUEZ: YEAH, NO PROBLEM. THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS ANNA RODRIGUEZ I AM ONE OF THE MANY H.O.P.I.C.S. EMPLOYEES HERE. MY ROLE WITH H.O.P.I.C.S. IS I'M A LEAD CASE MANAGER FOR THE RED ONE ZONE IN SPA 6, SO I AM HERE TODAY TO URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE NO ON ITEM 15. PLEASE CONSIDER A DIFFERENT WAY TO SHOW THE 88 CITIES IN LA COUNTY THAT ARE CONCERNED CITIZENS THAT YOU HEAR AND CARE ABOUT THEIR HOPE AND ADDRESS THE LIVING SITUATIONS IN BLOCKING PUBLIC SPACES. THIS WILL NOT END UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS. INSTEAD IT WILL PUSH PEOPLE FURTHER INTO THE MARGINS AND MAKE IT EVEN MORE DANGEROUS TO LIVE OUTDOORS. I ASK THAT ALL OF US HERE IN THIS ROOM REVERSE THE ROLES AND STAND IN THEIR POSITIONS. SO WE WOULDN'T JUST BE, YOU KNOW, UNSHELTERED BUT WE WOULD BE IN THE RISK OF BEING CRIMINALIZED AS WELL. SO THANK YOU.

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

GERSON FONSECA: HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GERSON FONSECA. I'M A PROGRAM MANAGER AT PATH WHERE I LEAD OUR EFFORTS TO MOVE PEOPLE OUT OF THE LA RIVER AREA INTO SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I'M HERE IN RESPECTFUL OPPOSITION TO ITEM 15. LIVING ALONG THE RIVER IS DANGEROUS. THE LAST FEW DAYS HAVE PROVEN THAT. HOWEVER, MANY OF OUR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS DELIBERATELY MOVE TO THAT DANGEROUS SITUATION BECAUSE OF HARASSMENT, ENFORCEMENT, THEY EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTY. WHEN I HAVE COME BY OFFERING SERVICES, SOME PEOPLE INITIALLY REFUSE BECAUSE THEY THINK I'M THERE TO PUSH THEM OUT. EVERY SWEEP MAKES PEOPLE MORE SUSPICIOUS. EVERY DEHUMANIZING ENCOUNTER EATS AWAY AT SOMEONE'S HOPE. ON THE OTHER HAND, WHEN MY TEAM AND I HAVE TIME TO BUILD TRUST, MEET SOMEONE'S NEEDS, THEY COME INSIDE. THANKS TO A STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LOCAL CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WE CAN COORDINATE WITH OUR PARTICIPANTS AHEAD OF MAJOR CLEAN-UPS, MAKING SURE THAT EVERYONE IS TAKEN CARE OF AND WE KEEP THE RIVER CLEAN FOR EVERYONE. THROUGH THAT, WE MOVE MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE INTO SHELTER AND DOZENS OF THEM HAVE ALREADY MOVED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING.

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

DESMOND CARTER: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS DESMOND CARTER. LEAD CASE MANAGER WITH THE H.O.P.I.C.S. HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM. THE MAJORITY OF OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS IN MY PERSONAL DISCOVERY ARE MENTALLY NOT-- ARE NOT MENTALLY ADEQUATE TO SUSTAIN A "NORMAL CITIZEN'S LIFESTYLE" WHICH INEVITABLY PREVENTS THEM FROM ACHIEVING CERTAIN SOCIAL STATUSES ON OUR OWN. ANOTHER THING IS SOME OF OUR UNHOUSED POPULATION IN FACT HAVE A DIRE WANT AND NEED TO BE PLACED INSIDE, BUT MOST OF THE TIME SOME OF OUR ORGANIZATIONS LACK THE IMMEDIATE RESOURCES THAT ARE READILY AVAILABLE IN LOCATIONS AS FAR AS BEDS AND SHELTER. ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THE PROCESS THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH, WHICH IS A REFERRAL PROCESS, COULD TAKE HOWEVER LONG BECAUSE SOMETIMES IT SEEMS SEEMS LIKE A LOTTERY PROCESS. US AS NORMAL CITIZENS CAN BARELY AFFORD TO SURVIVE IN LA COUNTY WITH INFLATION ON THE RISE, SO HOW CAN WE EXPECT THE LESS FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO KEEP UP? WE ALSO NEED MORE OUTREACH WORKERS AND BETTER WAGES FOR OUR WORKERS TO--

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

ZEKE SANDOVAL: GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS IS ZEKE SANDOVAL WITH PATH IN RESPECTFUL OPPOSITION. LA COUNTY ALREADY HAS CLARITY. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND TRUE HOUSING CAN BRING PEOPLE INSIDE WITHOUT INVOLVING CRIMINALIZATION. WE ALL AGREE THE STATUS QUO IS UNACCEPTABLE. LIVING OUTSIDE IS NOT SAFE AS WE CAN REALLY PLAINLY SEE TODAY. FORTUNATELY, LOS ANGELES IS ALREADY LEADING ON THE CLEAR AND PROVEN STRATEGY TO PERMANENTLY RESOLVE THESE DANGEROUS CONDITIONS. IN CONCERT WITH MANY OF YOUR OFFICES WE'VE IMPLEMENTED PATHWAY HOME AND INSIDE SAFE OPERATIONS THAT HAVE BROUGHT HUNDREDS OR PEOPLE INDOORS. SOCIAL WORKERS AND MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS GO OUT TO ENCAMPMENTS, BUILD RELATIONSHIPS. HOTEL ROOMS AND SHELTER BEDS ARE RESERVED AHEAD OF TIME ALONG WITH SUBSIDIES, PERMANENT HOUSING. PEOPLE COME INSIDE AND SANITATION WORKERS ARE ON HAND TO CLEAN DEBRIS. THIS IS ALREADY HAPPENING IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING LAW. BUT WHEN PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE DISPLACED THEY LOSE CONTACT AND LOSE THEIR TRUST WITH THE COUNTY PROGRAMS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO HELP, PROGRAMS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO VOTE TO APPROVE LATER TODAY I HOPE. INSTEAD OF SIGNING ON TO A COURT CASE THAT RUNS COUNTER TO THE COUNTY'S SUCCESS WE

ASK YOU DEMONSTRATE TO THE NATION THAT LA COUNTY ALREADY HAS THE CLARITY AND COMMITMENT TO SOLVE HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

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

JUANNA ROMERO: GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE. MY NAME IS JUANNA ROMERO AND I AM A PROGRAM SUPERVISOR WITH S.S.G. H.O.P.I.C.S. AT H.O.P.I.C.S, WE BELIEVE IN MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE BOTH PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY. OUR OUTREACH DEPARTMENT, OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE BOOTS ON THE GROUND, TIRELESSLY CONNECTS WITH THE HOMELESS POPULATION OFFERING THEM THE VITAL SERVICES THEY NEED. BUT OUR EFFORTS DON'T STOP THERE. WE HAVE HAD MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT ENCAMPMENT INITIATIVES IN SPA 6. THE INITIATIVES SUCH AS ENCAMPMENT PATHWAY TO HOME, PATHWAY TO HOME AND INSIDE SAFE EFFORTS ARE DESIGNED TO COMPASSIONATELY AND EFFECTIVELY MOVE INDIVIDUALS FROM THE STREETS OF SAFER AND STABLE ENVIRONMENTS. EACH DAY WE WITNESS THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THESE INITIATIVES. WE SEE LIVES CHANGED, HOPE RESTORED AND FUTURES REBUILT. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT OUR WORK IS FAR FROM OVER. THERE ARE STILL COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO

NEED OUR HELP AND SUPPORT. LET US CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR THEM.

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

EGLA GRANDE: GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS EGLA GRANDE, OUTREACH PROGRAM SUPERVISOR WITH H.O.P.I.C.S.. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. WE STRONGLY OPPOSE AGENDA ITEM 15. UNFORTUNATELY, MANY OF OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS ARE IN THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES DUE TO THE FACTORS SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH AND TRAUMA AND ET CETERA. AND TO CRIMINALIZE FOR BEING HOMELESSNESS IS NOT THE ANSWER. MANY OF OUR UNHOUSED FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS HAVE A STORY THAT HAS LED THEM TO HOMELESSNESS. I ASK THE BOARD TO PLEASE FIND ANOTHER SOLUTION. THIS WILL NOT END UNSHELTERED. HOMELESSNESS INSTEAD, IT WILL PUSH PEOPLE FURTHER INTO THE MARGINS AND MAKE IT EVEN MORE DANGEROUS TO LIVE OUTDOORS. THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE YOU.

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

MICHAEL GORDON: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MICHAEL GORDON. I'M AN OUTREACH MANAGER FOR S.S.G. H.O.P.I.C.S. I'D LIKE TO START WITH SAYING THAT I'M IN OPPOSITION OF ITEM 15. I HAD THE PLEASURE TO WORK WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN AND WE WORKED ON THE PATHWAY TO HOME IN LYNWOOD AND IT WAS ACTUALLY A REALLY EYE OPENING THING FOR ME. AND I REALLY FEEL LIKE THIS IS NOT GOING TO HELP ANYTHING BY CRIMINALIZING PEOPLE FOR BEING HOMELESS BECAUSE HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF SOMEBODY CRIMINALIZED YOU FOR SOMETHING THAT YOU COULDN'T CONTROL, NOT TO MENTION THERE IS A LOT OF MENTAL HEALTH. THERE IS A LOT OF DIFFERENT SITUATIONS THAT PEOPLE THAT WENT THROUGH IN ORDER-- OR THAT PUT THEM IN THIS POSITION. SO, IF ANYTHING, IT'S ONLY GOING TO MAKE IT WORSE. IT'S GOING TO MAKE PEOPLE MORE DESPERATE. IT'S GOING TO MAKE THINGS MORE DANGEROUS. I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT'S GOING TO HELP ANYTHING AT ALL.

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

ANDREA MAUS: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANDREA MAUS AND I'M AN OUTREACH NURSE WITH H.O.P.I.C.S.. I CURRENTLY PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE TO THE LOS ANGELES MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION. FROM MY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITH WORKING WITH PEOPLE EXPERIENCING

HOMELESSNESS THERE ARE MULTIPLE FACTORS THAT PLAY A ROLE TO THEIR VULNERABILITIES SUCH AS MENTLE AND PHYSICAL DISABILITIES, LACK OF SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND LIMITED RESOURCES. I BELIEVE CRIMINALIZING INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THEIR LIFE CURCUMSTANCES IS SPITEFUL AND COMPLETELY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. AS A COMMUNITY, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO INCREASE INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS QUALITY OF LIFE BY CONTINUING TO FUND RESOURCES THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO GET OFF THE STREETS AND LIVE THE LIFE EVERYONE HAS THE BIRTHRIGHT TO. HOMELESSNESS DOES NOT EQUATE TO CRIMINALIZATION. I STRONGLY OPPOSE ITEM 15. THANK YOU.

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

KATIE HILL: HI. KATIE HILL. FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR AT H.O.P.I.C.S. THANK YOU FOR HEARING FROM US. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, I KNOW BETTER THAN MANY IN THIS ROOM THE DELICATE BALANCE BETWEEN PUBLIC SAFETY AND SANITATION AND THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE'RE TRYING TO SERVE AND I WOULD URGE YOU THAT THIS MOTION IN FILING ANY KIND OF AMICUS BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF OR AT LEAST ADJACENT TO SUPPORT OF GRANTS PASS WILL SEND A MESSAGE AND IT'S NOT THE MESSAGE THAT WE WANT TO SEND. IT IS

ONE THAT WE HAVE BEEN LEADING THE WAY ON COMPASSIONATE APPROACHES AND ON MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE AND ON FUNDING THE SERVICES AND ON ENSURING THAT THERE IS ACCESS TO HOUSING AND RESOURCES. BUT IF WE SEND A MESSAGE THAT WE ARE UNSURE OF WHAT KIND OF STEPS NEED TO BE TAKEN TO HUMANELY ADDRESS THIS AND TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN MANAGE PUBLIC SAFETY, THIS IS NOT IT. SO I URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER. I KNOW THAT THIS IS A TOUGH ONE AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE JURISDICTIONS ARE SUPPORTING THIS. BUT I HOPE THAT YOU WILL NOT. THANK YOU.

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

MICHAEL JOSEPH PITKIN: MICHAEL JOSEPH PITKIN. THIS IS YOUR NOTICE. COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH MARTIN VERSUS BOISE, GRANTS PASS VERSUS JOHNSON. IF NO ROOM IN CITY SHELTER, IT IS ILLEGAL TO TOUCH, MOVE, TAKE OR REMOVE UNHOUSED AND PROPERTY. ILLEGAL TO SHIP UNHOUSED TO OTHER CITIES. UNHOUSED ARE NO LONGER CHARGED FEES AND FINES. 24 HOUR WRITTEN NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN BEFORE LEGALLY TOUCH, MOVE, TAKE OR REMOVE UNHOUSED AND PROPERTY FOR SURVIVING AND SLEEPING. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SHERIFF HAVE NO DESIRE TO HONOR L.A.S.A, C.E.S. MANDATED FOR MY FEDERAL H.I.V. HEALTHCARE. THE SAME SPA DOUBLE DIPPING

MANDATES APPLY TO VETERANS. ONE-HALF OF ALL WINTER SHELTERS ARE SPA 6. U.S. SUPREME COURT IS GRANTING THIS CASE IN APRIL AND A NEW NATIONAL LAW IN JUNE.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO THE PHONES. MODERATOR, GO AHEAD.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RACHEL VENEZUELA KIRK. YOU MAY BEGIN.

RACHEL VENEZUELA KIRK: MY NAME IS RACHEL. I'M IN DISTRICT 1. I APPLAUD SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR OPPOSING ITEM 15. I BELIEVE IT IS UNWARRANTED AND WILL OPEN UP THE POSSIBILITY OF VERY UNEVEN APPLICATION. IT IS DISINGENUOUS TO SAY THAT THIS WILL NOT LEAD TO CRIMINALIZATION AND MISTREATMENT OF THE HOMELESS. TODAY THERE ARE FORMER FOSTER CHILDREN IN TENTS LITERALLY TRYING TO STAY OUT OF THE COLD AND RAIN. HOW WILL THIS HELP THE GROWING NUMBER OF HOMELESS SENIOR CITIZENS NOW LIVING IN CARS WITHOUT THE GAS MONEY TO KEEP MOVING. HOW DOES IS LIVING WITH THE FEAR OF HAVING THEIR MEAGER BELONGINGS CONFISCATED OR DESTROYED IF THEY DON'T MOVE WITHOUT THERE BEING A SAFE PLACE TO MOVE THEM TO PRODUCTIVE? THIS SEEMS LIKE AN EMOTIONAL REACTION TO THE

GROWING HOMELESSNESS SITUATION AND IT'S PUNITIVE RATHER THAN HELPFUL. I URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON ITEM 15. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TAYA HAISEL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

TAYA HAISEL: HI. MY NAME IS TAYA HAISEL AND I'M THE POLICY MANAGER FOR DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER AND WE'RE DEDICATED TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS FOR WOMEN IN GREATER LOS ANGELES THROUGH HOUSING, WELLNESS, EMPLOYMENT AND ADVOCACY. AND DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS MOTION. WE KNOW FROM OUR 2022 LA COUNTY WOMEN'S NEEDS ASSESSMENT THAT WAS DISCUSSED EARLIER TODAY THAT MANY WOMEN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HAVE NO CHOICE SOMETIMES BUT TO SLEEP UNSHELTERED WHEN ALTERNATIVES MIGHT MEAN ADDITIONAL VIOLENCE, A LACK OF TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE, OR WHEN WAY TOO OFTEN, SHELTER IS UNAVAILBLE. WE KNOW WHAT THE SOLUTIONS ARE AND YOU KNOW WHAT THE SOLUTIONS ARE. WE URGE THE BOARD TO CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE REAL SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS LIKE HOUSING, SHELTER AND OUTREACH. WE URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO OPPOSE THIS MOTION TO PROTECT THE

SAFETY AND DIGNITY OF UNHOUSED WOMEN AND ALL PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN LA COUNTY. THANK YOU.

MODERATOR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DEON TURNER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DEON TURNER: GOOD AFTENROON, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS DEON TURNER. I'M A PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCATE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE INDUSTRY LAW CENTER. WE ARE IN VERY STRONG OPPOSITION TO ITEM 15, THE MOTION TO FILE OR JOIN AN AMICUS BRIEFING THAT WILL EXACERBATE THE CRIMINALIZATION OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AT IT'S MOST BASIC LEVEL THIS CASE WHETHER OR NOT CITIES CAN PUNISH PEOPLE FOR EXISTING OUTSIDE WHEN THEY HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO. THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE 9TH CIRCUIT HAD PREVIOUSLY HELD IN THE CASE OF MARTIN V BOISE THAT CITIES CANNOT FINE, SEEK AN ARREST OR OTHERWISE PUNISH PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FOR SLEEPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY WHEN NO SHELTER IS AVAIL AND THIS CONSTITUTES CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT IN VIOLATION OF THE 8TH AMENDMENT. ANY AMICUS BRIEF FILED SHOULD BE IN FAVOR OF UPHOLDING THE LOWER COURT'S DECISION. CRIMINALIZING ONE'S STATUS ON THE BASIS OF POVERTY WILL NOT END HOMELESSNESS NOR WILL IT DECREASE ENCAMPMENTS ON

OUR STREETS. AS SUCH, WE CAN EXPECT DISPROPORTIONATE LAW ENFORCEMENT THREATS TO OUR UNHOUSED ANGELENOS. ENCAMPMENTS SHIFTING FROM STREET TO STREET AND THE INDUCED TRAUMA OF THOUSANDS OF OUR UNSHELTERED CONSTITUENTS WHILE PROVIDING NO NEW RESOURCES FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES OR PATHWAY TO HOUSING. THE SINGLE--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANGELA BIRDSONG. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ANGELA BIRDSONG: YES. MY NAME IS ANGELA BIRDSONG, HOUSING RIGHTS ORGANIZER FOR LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK, LA C.A.N. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS MOTION, AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 15, AND URGING THE BOARD TO VOTE NO ON IT. WITH THE CURRENT SEVERE RAIN STORM AS I'M DRIVING THROUGH DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, I SEE WET CLOTHING, I SEE WET BELONGINGS AND FALLING TENTS AND MORE WITH OUR FELLOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS. SHOULD THEIR ITEMS BE BULLDOZERED? SHOULD THEIR ITEMS BE PICKED UP AND TRASHED? NO. WHERE IS THE HELP FOR THEM BEFORE A STORM, DURING A STORM AND

LONG AFTER AND IN BETWEEN STORMS? HOUSING IS THE ONLY SOLUTION THAT SOLVES HOUSELESSNESS. THE CURRENT HOUSING CRISIS WILL ONLY WORSEN AS ALL C.O.V.I.D. HOUSING PROTECTIONS END ON FEBRUARY 1ST, LEAVING MANY ANGELENOS WITH FEW OPTIONS. SOME WILL END UP ON THE STREETS. I URGE A NO VOTE ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 15.

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: BEFORE WE GO TO OUR NEXT SPEAKER I JUST WANTED TO LET EVERYONE TO KNOW, I KNOW THERE WERE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LANGUAGE SO WE'RE TRYING TO GET THE LANGUAGE UP ON THIS SCREEN AND VISIBLE FOR THOSE WHO ARE PARTICIPATING VIRTUALLY SO EVERYBODY IS CLEAR ON THE LANGUAGE WHO MIGHT BE PARTICIPATING FROM OUR AUDIENCE EITHER HERE, IN PERSON OR REMOTELY. GO AHEAD. SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ROY HUMPHREYS: OKAY, THANK YOU. LABELING, CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS IS A LIE. REPLACE WITH BOVINE FECES. A LARGE SEGMENT OF THIS POPULATION IS TRANSIENTS AND THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND TIMELY SUCCESS IS PROPER TIMELY EXPENDITURE OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. ASK HACIENDA HEIGHTS. THE BOARD HAS FAILED TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY-WIDE SYSTEM OF TRANSIENT CAMPS TO ACCOMODATE THESE PEOPLE AND THE PROBLEM IS EFFICIENT PROVIDING OF SERVICES. HILDA SOLIS HAS FAILED TO DECLARE 1532 AUTOBINE [PH?] IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS, A PUBLIC NUISSANCE, ALLOWING THESE TRANSIENTS TO CONTINUE TO DEGRADE AND ENDANGER THE COMMUNITY AND THE OCCUPANTS OF HIELEAH MOBILE PARK RESIDENCE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

KATHLEEN CROWLEY: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KATHLEEN CROWLEY AND I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RECOVERY INSTITUTE AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND SOLIS FOR STRATEGICALLY, HUMANELY AND ELOQUENTLY OPPOSING THIS MOTION. SUPERVISOR

MITCHELL STATED TODAY THAT IT IS NOT THE COUNTY'S GOAL TO CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS BUT UNFORTUNATELY, GOALS STATED BY THE COUNTY ARE OFTEN IN DIRECT-- [LOST CALL]

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE LOST KATHLEEN.

MODERATOR: YEP. THE LINE DROPPED OFF THE CALL.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. IF SHE CALLS BACK IN WE'LL GIVE HER THE REST OF HER TIME. WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: WILL DO. FLOAT HER TO THE TOP. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY MARTINEZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ANTHONY MARTINEZ: HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. [CALL DROPS]

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE LOST HIM AS WELL. IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH OUR CURRENT CONNECTION FOR OUR VIRTUAL SPEAKERS?

MODERATOR: NOT THAT WE CAN IDENTIFY FROM THIS END. I'LL HAVE SOMEBODY TROUBLESHOOT THAT WHEN WE MOVE ON.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. LET'S TRY ONE MORE. IF NOT, WE'LL GO IN PERSON.

MODERATOR: MOVING ON TO OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT. YEAH. GABRIELLA SUDEK, YOU MAY BEGIN.

GABRIELLA SUDEK: MY NAME IS GABRIELLA SUDEK AND I'M A CONSTITUENT OF MITCHELL AND A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR HOUSING AND SURVIVOR JUSTICE. WE RESPECTFULLY OPPOSE THIS MOTION. UNTIL HUMANE MAIN SHELTER HOUSING AND SERVICES ARE MADE AVAILABLE PEOPLE WILL STILL SLEEP OUTSIDE. WE DO NOT NEED TO FILE A BRIEF TO CLARIFY BOISE. WE NEED TO FOCUS ON ANGELENOS. ENDING CRIMINALIZATION DOES NOT NEED TO BE CLARIFIED AND WE NEED TO FOCUS ON ENDING THE HARM HAPPENING TO OUR UNHOUSED CITIZENS IN OUR OWN CITIES.. EVERY WEEKEND UNSHELTERED PEOPLE IN LANCASTER GET PUSHED FURTHER INTO THE DESERT AND UNHOUSED RESIDENTS IN VENICE GET FORCIBLY REMOVED AWAY FROM THEIR HOMES FOR A ONE NIGHT STAY IN A HOTEL. PLEASE SEE REASON AND VOTE NO. WE RESPECTFULLY OPPOSE. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TOWANDA TERRY. YOU MAY BEGIN. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. GO AHEAD. PLEASE.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT--

TOWANDA TERRY: CAN YOU HEAR ME, SIR?

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

TOWANDA TERRY: THERE I GO. OKAY. I STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE NO ON ITEM 15. UNTIL HUMANE SHELTER, HOUSING AND SERVICES ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE, PEOPLE WILL STILL SLEEP OUTSIDE. NO ONE IS CHOOSING TO LIVE OUTSIDE, SO USING THE THREAT OF JAIL TO MAKE THEM CHOOSE DIFFERENTLY ISN'T GOING TO WORK. CRIMINALIZATION WON'T END UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS. FILING THIS AMICUS BRIEF WILL DIRECTLY CONFLICT WITH THE COUNTY'S PURSUIT OF CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST AGENDA. IF FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR COMMUNITIES, A LOT OF THESE PEOPLE WILL LOSE TIES WITH THEIR FAMILY, CASE WORKERS, CHURCHES AND OTHERS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM. JAILS IN AMERICA ARE DANGEROUS

PLACES AND PERHAPS MORE DANGEROUS FOR UNSHELTERED HOMELESS. I'M CALLING FOR A STRONG OPPOSITION TO ITEM 15. HOMELESSNESS IS NOT AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A CRIME. IF THE SUPREME COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF THE CITY OF GRANTS PASS, IT WILL MAKE THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS MUCH WORSE. MY NAME'S TOWANDA TERRY. I'M A PROGRAM SUPERVISOR WITH VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA AND I STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE NO ON ITEM 15.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LIZETTE HERNANDEZ.

LIZETTE HERNANDEZ: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME'S LIZETTE HERNANDEZ WITH LA COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK. I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON ITEM 15. ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT THERE IS OVER 75,000 AND OVER 46,000 HOMELESSNESS PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY AND CITY OF LA RESPECTIVELY. WE AT LA CAN'T SEE HOW THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO SOLIDIFY THE WEB OF RULES AND LAWS CRIMINALIZING THE HOMELESSNESS. ALL THE WHILE LA HAS YET TO MEET ITS HOUSING UNIT AVAILABILITY REQUIREMENTS. WE NEED YOU THEREFORE TO ADOPT A PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS STAND, ESPECIALLY DURING THE MIDDLE OF WINTER WHERE WE WE WILL

ACTUALLY ESPOUSE CARE FIRST POLICIES. WE RECENTLY HAD THE U.N. SPECIAL [UNINTELLIGIBLE] COME IN LAST NOVEMBER AND OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR, AND THEY SAID, "I WAS ASTOUNDED BY THE INFORMATION I RECEIVED ABOUT LAWS AND POLICIES THAT CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS INCLUDING THE TARGETING OF ENCAMPMENTS, THE BANNING OF THE SHARING OF FOOD WITH UNHOUSED PEOPLE AND THE DISPROPORTIONATE APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL SANCTIONS. LIKE THE CRIMINALIZATION OF POVERTY SUCH PRACTICES UNNECESSARILY AND CRUELLY CONTRIBUTE TO MASS INCARCERATION." PLEASE VOTE NO.

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

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

MEL BAILEY: YES, GOOD AFTERNOON FROM DISTRICT 2. WHILE I RECOGNIZE THAT THE PASSING OF THIS MOTION MAY ACTUALLY PROVIDE JOB SECURITY FOR JUDGES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE COURTS, I STRONGLY ASK THAT THIS BE ONE OF THE FEW TIMES THAT WE ACTUALLY LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE BEFORE A DECISION IS MADE. EVEN IF IT MEANS TABLING IT AND JUST THINKING UNTIL NEXT WEEK OR NEXT MEETING. THE PROBLEM WITH THE UNEDUCATED IS EDUCATING.

THE PROBLEM WHEN SOMEONE IS UNFED IS FEEDING. AND THE PROBLEM WITH THOSE WHO ARE UNCLOTHED IS BY CLOTHING THEM. SO LOGICALLY IT WOULD REASONBLY CONCLUDE THAT THE SOLUTION FOR UNHOUSED IS HOUSING. NOW WE'RE IN A RAIN STORM. WE SHOULD BE FOCUSSING ON THAT. AND THE LAST THING IS A LOT OF THE UNHOUSED NEED EACH OTHER FOR SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND THIS MAY SEPARATE THE ONLY SUPPORT THAT THEY HAVE ON A PEER LEVEL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO SPEAKERS IN PERSON. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

LIZZIE CALHOUN: HI. MY NAME IS LIZZIE CALHOUN AND I'M A STAFF MEMBER OF THE SIDEWALK PROJECT AND ORGANIZER OF FOOD, NOT BOMBS DOWNTOWN LA, A MUTUAL AID ORGANIZATION WHO FEEDS AND PROVIDES ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES TO THE COMMUNITY ON SKID ROW. I'M IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO ITEM 15 WHICH WILL FURTHER CRIMINALIZE POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS. ALONG WITH SLEEPING OUTISDE, THE ORDINANCE PROHIBITS PEOPLE FROM USING BLANKETS, PILLOWS OR CARDBOARD BOXES FOR PROTECTION FROM THE ELEMENTS. IT IS CRUEL TO DEPRIVE PEOPLE OF THEIR BASIC COMFORTS AND NEEDS. EVERY HUMAN MUST SLEEP. IN LA, WHERE THERE IS EXPONENTIAL WEALTH AND

NOT ENOUGH AFFORDABLE HOUSING OR SHELTERS, UNHOUSED PEOPLE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO SLEEP OUTSIDE AND USE WHATEVER THEY CAN FIND TO STAY WARM. IN THE DAYS LEADING UP TO THE STORM, I WATCHED AS ENCAMPMENTS WERE CLEARED IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD WITHOUT VIABLE OFFERS OF SHELTER MADE. PEOPLE LOSE ID'S WHICH CUT OFF ACCESS TO CASEWORKERS, HOUSING PLACEMENT AND VITAL MEDICATION. CALLING 211 WAS A DEAD END WHEN TRYING TO FIND SHELTER SPACE DURING THE STORM. AFTER HOURS ON HOLD NO SHELTER BED WAS AVAILABLE FOR A HIGH RISK INDIVIDUAL.

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

DEXTER O'CONNELL: HELLO. PLEASURE TO BE HERE IN FRONT OF Y'ALL TODAY. MY NAME IS DEXTER O'CONNELL WITH SAFE PLACE FOR YOUTH ON THE WEST SIDE. AND WE ARE IN RESPECTFUL OPPOSITION TO THIS MOTION. WE HAVE A STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH COUNTY AGENCIES LIKE D.M.H. AND D.C.F.S. WE APPRECIATE THAT PARTNERSHIP AND WE CAN SEE THROUGH THE PARTNERSHIP HOW THE COUNTY VALUES INDIVIDUALLY THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WE SERVE. THAT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT BECAUSE AN AMICUS BRIEF IS A STATEMENT OF VALUES AND IF THE COUNTY BOARD IS GOING TO STATE THAT WHAT WE VALUE IS LETTING

THE MOST EXCLUSIONARY PLACES IN THIS COUNTY OFF THE HOOK FOR PROVIDING THE HOUSING NECESSARY TO SOLVE THE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS THEN THAT'S FUNDAMENTALLY AT ODDS WITH WHAT THE GOOD EMPLOYEES WHO WORK FOR THE COUNTY SEEM TO BE DOING EVERY SINGLE DAY WHEN THEY PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE MEMBERS THAT SAFE PLACE FOR YOUTH IS SERVING. SO WE RESPECTFULLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO NOT FILE THIS AMICUS BRIEF BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO BE IN CONFLICT WITH EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING UP TO THIS POINT. SO THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER.

VANESSA CASTRO: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS VANESSA CASTRO. I'M PROGRAM SUPERVISOR WITH H.O.P.I.C.S., S.S.G. WHEN CONDUCTING OUTREACH AND ENGAGING THE UNHOUSED CHALLENGES THAT THEY HAVE FACED OR LACK OF HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES RESOURCES, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE LOOKING INTO RESOLVING AND PROVIDING ADEQUATE RESOURCES LIKE MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE AND HOUSING SERVICES. I BELIEVE THAT CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS WOULD MAKE THEIR SITUATIONS WORSE, NOT ONLY WILL THEY BE RUNNING FROM THE LAW, BUT ALSO FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS AS WELL. THIS WILL CREATE FURTHER CHALLENGES FOR SERVICE

PROVIDERS TO LOCATE CLIENTS TO PROVIDE HOUSING RESOURCES AND PLACEMENTS. I ASK THAT YOU OPPOSE ITEM 15. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TODD CUNNINGHAM. I'M THE FOOD AND WELLNESS ORGANIZER AT LA C.A.N. THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SHAPED BY A TUMULTUOUS PAST, HAVE OFTEN RESORTED TO ADDRESSING POVERTY OFTEN NOT BECAUSE OF THEIR SITUATION BUT OFTEN MOSTLY THROUGH CRIMINALIZATION. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE TO NOT CAUSE FURTHER HARM AS EVIDENCED BY THE GRANTS PASS DECISION, AND INSTEAD MOVE FORWARD BY EMBRACING PROGRESS THAT HELPS THOSE IMPACTED TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN WELLBEING. HAVE WE FORGOTTEN WHAT WE HAVE ACTUALLY LEARNED FROM ALL THE DATED, PUNATATIVE APPROACHES LIKE THAT. DESPITE LA COUNTY'S PROFESSED CARE FIRST MANTRA THERE IS A DISCONCERTING RELIANCE ON RIGHT WING COURTS WHICH HAS BEEN THE SETTING FOR HISTORIAL STRUGGLES FOR JUSTICE THAT RESULTED IN DISPROPORTIONATELY NEGATIVELY AFFECTING BLACK AND BROWN CITIZENS AND OTHER RACIALIZED COMMUNITIES. WE SEEK YOUR LEADERSHIP FOR LA COUNTY THAT MUST PRIORITIZE HUMAN RIGHTS AND

PROGRESSIVE STRATEGIES, LEARNING FROM HISTORY'S LESSONS FOR A MORE EQUITABLE FUTURE. PLEASE VOTE NO ON AGENDA ITEM 15. THANK YOU.

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

MICHAEL JOHNSON: HELLO, MY NAME IS MICHAEL JOHNSON AND I'M A PROGRAM PROGRAM MANAGER FOR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION WITH H.O.P.I.C.S. S.S.G. WE HAVE PROUDLY BEEN A PART OF THE LA COUNTY'S GROWING HOMELESS AND HOUSING AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORK THROUGH MEASURE H AND MEASURE J. WE HAVE BEEN PART OF THE ENCAMPMENT TO HOME, PATHWAY HOME AND INSIDE SAFE. AND SINCE THEN WE HAVE PUT 164 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS INTO INTERIM HOUSING. AND EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY FEEL THAT AN ITEM 15 ISN'T CRIMINALIZING THE HOMELESS, IT WILL. WE HAVE A DUTY TO BE HUMANE AND WE CANNOT DICTATE WHAT BEING HUMANE IS AND ISN'T WHENEVER WE FEEL THE NEED. SO PLEASE VOTE NO ON 15.

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

MINDY ALVAREZ: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MINDY ALVAREZ. I AM AN OUTREACH PROGRAM SUPERVISOR WITH H.O.P.I.C.S.. IN LIGHT OF THE SITAUTION, WE'RE DEEPLY TROUBLED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF LA COUNTY BACKING THE CITY OF GRANTS PASS CASE, WHICH DIRECTLY CONTRADICTS THE CORE PRINCIPLES OF OUR ONGOING EFFORTS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND INCARCERATION ALTERNATIVES. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING SAFE PUBLIC SPACES AND IMPROVING CONDITIONS COUNTYWIDE. HOWEVER, IT'S IMPERATIVE TO RECOGNIZE THE SHORTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND TEMPORARY SHELTERS FOR ANGELENOS FACING HOMELESSNESS. THEREFORE, SUPPORTING INITIATIVES THAT EXACERBATE THESE ISSUES RUNS COUNTER TO OUR VALUES AND OBJECTIVES. IT'S CRUCIAL FOR US TO PRIORITIZE SOLUTIONS THAT ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS AND PROVIDES ADEQUATE SUPPORT OF THOSE IN NEED. PLEASE VOTE NO. THANK YOU.

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

NATASHA SMITH: HI. MY NAME IS NATASHA SMITH. I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S ACTION COALITION AS PART OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK AND WE OPPOSE ITEM NUMBER 15.

THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAVE A LONG VIOLENT HISTORY OF RELYING ON CRIMINALIZATION TO ADDRESS POVERTY BY ASKING COUNTY COUNSEL TO JOIN IN SUPPORTING THE REVERSAL OF THE GRANT PASS DECISIONS. SHOWS SUPERVISORS BARGER AND HAHN ARE FIRMLY ROOTED IN THE VIOLENT INHUMANE POLICIES OF CRIMINALIZING POVERTY. HOUSING IS THE ONLY SOLUTION THAT SOLVES HOUSELESSNESS. THE CURRENT HOUSING1 CRISIS WILL ONLY WORSEN AS ALL COVID-19 HOUSING PROTECTIONS ENDED ON FEBRUARY 1ST, LEAVING MANY ANGELENOS WITH FEW OPTIONS. LOS ANGELES KNOWS EMPIRICALLY THAT THE THREE LEADING CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS ARE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND AVAILABILITY AND POVERTY, NONE OF WHICH IS SOLVED BY CRIMINALIZATION AND POLICING. TEMPORARILY MOVING PEOPLE FROM ONE PUBLIC SPACE TO ANOTHER IS NOT--

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

SOMA: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SOMA. I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SIDEWALK PROJECT AND I ALSO DO STREET OUTREACH. WE WORK WITH UNHOUSED PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES AND I AM ALSO FORMERLY UNHOUSED. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN STRONG

OPPOSITION TO THE IDIOCY OF ITEM 15 WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS AMENDED. WE ARE VOTING ON WHETHER OR NOT UNHOUSED PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SLEEP. YOU WANT TO GO DOWN THAT ROAD, NOT ONLY IS SURVIVAL METH GOING TO SKYROCKET, WE WILL BE IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THE D.O.J. STATES SLEEPING IS A LIFE- SUSTAINING ACTIVITY. IT MUST OCCUR AT SOME TIME AND SOME PLACE. IF A PERSON LITERALLY HAS NOWHERE ELSE TO GO, THEN ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-CAMPING ORDINANCES AGAINST THAT PERSON CRIMINALIZES HER AND BEING HOMELESSNESS. AS SOMEONE DEDICATED TO THE WORK AROUND FEMINIZATION OF POVERTY, I WOULD ADD THAT THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE TOWARDS WOMEN IN THE STREET IS SO EXTREME THAT SOME OF MY PARTICIPANTS GET RAPED ON A WEEKLY BASIS. TAKING THEIR BLANKET AWAY FROM THEM IS THEIR LAST SHRED OF DIGNITY.

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

MYESHA MCCOY: HELLO. MY NAME IS MYESHA MCCOY. I HAVE BEEN COMING TO THE BOARD MEETING FOR ABOUT 3 YEARS NOW. I AM STILL HOMELESSNESS. I HAVE BEGGED THE BOARD. I HAVE E-MAILED. AND ALL I WANTED TO DO IS GET HOUSED. NOW I COME TODAY AND YOU GUYS ARE TRYING TO INCRIMINATE THE HOMELESSNESS. WELL, I HAVE

ALREADY BEEN ACCUSED OF STEALING BECAUSE I WALK INTO A FAMILY DOLLAR WITH MY DUFFLE BAG-- THAT'S ALL I HAVE LEFT TO MY NAME. I LOST EVERYTHING. THOUGHT EVERYTHING-- WITH MY CHILDREN AND I WAS ACCUSED OF STEALING SOME BEANIES AND GLOVES. I HAD TO SPEND FOUR DAYS INCARCERATED IN JAIL BECUASE THE POLICE FALSIFIED LEGAL DOCUMENTS. THEY SAID I HIT THEM. THEY SAID I STOLE SOMETHING WHEN CLEARLY MY RECEIPT WAS IN MY BAG WITH THE GLOVES THAT THEY TOOK OUT OF MY BAG. NOW HOW DO YOU THINK THAT MADE ME FEEL? THEN I FOUND HOUSING. SECTION 8. H.I.P. PROGRAM. EXCEPT THEY DIDN'T HAVE NO FUNDING. THREE DAYS BEFORE IT'S TIME FOR ME TO MOVE IN, I EMAILED THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE. I EMAILED HOLLY MITCHELL OFFICE AND EVERYBODY TO GET ASSISTANCE, BUT NO ONE WANTS TO GIVE ME ASSISTANCE. ALL Y'ALL DOING IS SETTING US UP FOR FAILURE BY PASSING THIS. I THINK Y'ALL--

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: IF WOULD YOU LIKE ASSISTANCE, VICTOR IS UP IN THE CONSTITUENT ASSISTANCE TEAM CORNER.

MYESHA MCCOY: VICTOR? I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH VICTOR FOR THREE YEARS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. OKAY. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU FOR LETTING US KNOW. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE. OKAY, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. OKAY, NEXTS SPEAKER, PLEASE.

PAUL DUMONT: PAUL DUMONT. I'M STILL WITH DIGNITY EMPOWER NOW AND JUSTICE LA. WE'RE A HARD NO ON THIS ORDINANCE, AMICUS BRIEF. I AM A PERSON WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE ON THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES AND I'M BLESSED WITH THE PRIVILEGE OF HELPING OUR UNHOUSED COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. I'VE READ ALL OF THE-- MOST ALL OF THE AMICUS BRIEFS. THEY'RE PUBLIC RECORD. NOTABLY, I READ THE ONE FROM BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL WITH LETTERS INCLUDED FROM PACIFIC PALISADES. AND IT BECAME ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO ME THAT IT'S THE SAME OLD TIRED N.I.M.B.Y. ARGUMENTS. THERE WAS NOBODY IN THE SECOND DISTRICT ISSUED AN AMICUS BRIEF. IT CAME FROM THE WEALTHY PROPERTY OWNERS IN LOS ANGELES WANTING TO MOVE THE UNHOUSED PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR WAY AND OUT OF SIGHT. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO SET THIS ASIDE CONSIDERING THE AMENDMENTS AND RECONSIDER. WE WOULD BE GLAD-- ALL THESE ADVOCATES HAVE DIVERTED THE RESOURCES, WE'LL COME DOWN TO THE DISTRICT AND HELP YOU CLEAN IT UP WITHOUT STEALING ANYBODY'S PROPERTY. THANK YOU.

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

SHAYLA MEYERS: SHAYLA MEYERS WITH THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES. I APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S FULL SUPPORT OF THE KEY HOLDING IN MARTIN AND JOHNSON AND SUPERVISORS MITCHELL'S POINT THAT THE CASE IS GOING FORWARD WITH OR WITHOUT THE COUNTY IS NOT LOST ON ME. BUT FILING A BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF GRANT'S PASS SENDS A MESSAGE TO THE 88 CITIES THAT CRIMINALIZATION IS A VIABLE OPTION. THE OPINION IN GRANTS PASS DOES NOT ADDRESS LET ALONE PREVENT THE REMOVAL OF R.V.'S AND ENCAMPMENTS. INSTEAD, AS COUNTY COUNSEL CLARIFIED, THE COURT HELD ONLY THAT UNDER THE 8TH AMENDMENT A PERSON CAN'T BE PUNISHED FOR USING THE MOST RUDIMENTARY PROTECTIONS AGAINST THE ELEMENTS. LAST NIGHT, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS WERE ON THE STREETS IN AN UNPRECEDENTED STORM. TO SUGGEST TODAY OF ALL DAYS THAT THEY THE CAN SLEEP ON THE STREETS BUT CAN'T HAVE A BLANKET OR A TARP IGNORES THEIR HUMANITY AND IS THE VERY DEFINITION OF CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT. IF THEY BOARD BELIEVES THAT THE 9TH CIRCUIT DECISION SHOULD BE AFFIRMED, THEN THIS BOARD SHOULD FURTHER AMEND ITS MOTION AND SUBMIT AN

AMICUS BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF THE UNHOUSED RESIDENTS OF GRANTS PASS. THAT DEADLINE IS APRIL 3RD. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. BEFORE WE GO TO OUR CALLERS, CAN WE PLEASE GET THE LANGUAGE OF THE AMENDMENT UP ON THE SCREEN FOR PEOPLE TO REVIEW. WE'LL GO BACK TO OUR CALLERS. MODERATOR?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

ERIC PREVIN: AND THE LAST POSTING OF THE INFORMATION, NICE TRY, SUPERVISOR HORVATH. PUTTING IT ON THE WALL AT THE LAST MINUTE JUST MAKES IT HARD TO FOCUS ON. I THINK THAT THE BOARD SHOULD REFRAIN FROM WRITING AN AMICUS, THOUGH I OF COURSE AM AGAINST CRIMINALIZING THE HOMELESS. AND I THINK THAT THE FACT THAT THERE IS DIVISION AMONG THE BOARD IS ANOTHER GOOD REASON NOT TO SEND AN AMICUS. IT'S BETTER TO SPEND THE MONEY THAN WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, IT WOULD HAVE THE COST OF LITIGATION REPORT ON TODAY'S AGENDA, WHICH IS WILDLY OUT OF BOUNDS AS ANYONE CAN PLAINLY SEE. UP, UP, UP IN ALL CATEGORIES PRACTICALLY. IT'S TIME TO STAY OUT OF THIS PARTICULAR ONE. THE

SUPREME COURT IS PACKED FULL OF CONSERVATIVES. THAT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT IT'S UNCLEAR WHAT THEY'LL DO IN THIS CASE. AND WE DON'T WANT TO TIP IT IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: BEFORE WE GO TO OUR NEXT CALLER COUNTY COUNSEL THERE HAVE BEEN A COUPLE OF SPEAKERS WHO HAVE ADDRESSED THE NOTICING ISSUE. CAN YOU PLEASE ADDRESS THAT.

COUNTY COUNSEL: YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AS YOU'VE INDICATED THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS WHO HAVE QUESTIONED THE BOARD'S ABILITY TO HEAR SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION. THE BROWN ACT DOES NOT ADDRESS AMENDMENTS. INSTEAD THIS BOARD FOLLOWS ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER AS IT PERTAINS TO PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES. SPECIFICALLY, ROBERTS RULES SECTION 12 STATES, AND I'M QUOTING FROM ROBERTS RULES, "AN AMENDMENT MUST ALWAYS BE GERMANE, THAT IS CLOSELY RELATED TO OR HAVING BEARING ON THE SUBJECT OF THE MOTION TO AMENDED." THIS IN NO MEANS-- THIS MEANS NO NEW SUBJECT CAN BE INTRODUCED UNDER THE PRETEXT OF BEING AN AMENDMENT. TO BE GERMANE, AN AMENDMENT MUST IN SOME SOME WAY INVOLVE THE SAME QUESTION THAT IS RAISED BY THE MOTION TO WHICH IT IS APPLIED. HERE IN THIS INSTANCE, SUPERVISOR

MITCHELL'S AMENDMENT IS CLEARLY GERMANE TO THE ORIGINAL MOTIONS OF SUPERVISOR BARGER AND HAHN. SINCE THE AMENDMENT SEEKS TO NARROW THE DIRECTIVE AND IN ADDITION, FROM A BROWN ACT PERSPECTIVE, IT'S REASONABLE TO EXPECT DURING DELIBERATIONS THAT A DIRECTIVE COULD BE NARROWED AND THEREFORE I ASSUMED UNDER THE ORIGINAL DIRECTIVE. SO HERE, THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS FOR AMICUS. THE AMENDMENT IS STILL FOR AN AMICUS, IT'S JUST NARROWING THE SUBJECT AND SCOPE OF THAT AMICUS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SO PEOPLE MAY OBJECT TO WHAT OUR PROCESS IS, BUT WE ARE COMPLYING WITH OUR LEGAL PROCESS AND HOW WE NORMALLY CONDUCT OUR MEETINGS.

COUNTY COUNSEL: YES, WE ARE.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS AMBROSE BROOKS. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

AMBROSE BROOKS: HI, YES. THIS IS AMBROSE BROOKS, A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5 AND A MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE LA COALITION. I AM IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO ITEM 15. FILING OR SIGNING ON TO AN AMICUS BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF GRANTS PASS SENDS THE MESSAGE TO THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF UNHOUSED ANGELENOS AND THE MESSAGE IS, WE DON'T STAND WITH YOU. WE STAND WITH CITIES WHO WANT TO CRIMINALIZE YOUR LIVELIHOOD. I KNOW THIS BOARD IS BETTER THAN THAT. THE MEDIA WILL TAKE LA COUNTY'S FILING AND RUN WITH IT. IMAGINE THE HEADLINES. "LA COUNTY APPEALS TO THE SUPREME COURT TO CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS." I'M A LAWYER. I KNOW MOSTLY EVERYONE DOES NOT READ THE NUANCES AND AMICUS BRIEFS. THERE IS NO RIGHT WAY TO THREAD THE NEEDLE ON THIS ONE. DO NOT SUBMIT OR SIGN ON TO A BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF GRANTS PASS. TAKE A STRONG STAND IN SUPPORT OF OUR UNHOUSED COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND INVEST IN RESOURCES NOT DAMAGING AND DANGEROUS LITIGATION. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS PEGGY LEE KENNEDY. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

PEGGY LEE KENNEDY: THE VENICE JUSTICE COMMITTEE STRONGLY OPPOSES THIS MOTION. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE SUPERVISORS WHO SPOKE, HORVATH AND SOLIS. THANK YOU SO MUCH. YOUR COMMENTS WERE FAR MORE ELEGANT THAN I COULD SAY, BUT AS A PERSON WHO WORKS WITH UNHOUSED PEOPLE AND VEHICLE LOUSED PEOPLE AND AS A PERSON WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THIS IS WRONG. I REALLY AM SORRY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, BUT NO MATTER HOW YOU CHANGE IT, YOU'RE STILL SIDING WITH CRIMINALIZATION. AND THE POINT IS PEOPLE WANT TO USE CRIMINALIZATION AS A TOOL. THESE MUNICIPALITIES WANT TO USE IT AS A TOLL. IF YOU AGREE WITH THAT YOU ARE FILING THIS, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU SAY OR HOW YOU TRIED TO NARROW IT. IT'S ABOUT SIDING WITH CRIMINALIZATION. IF YOU WANT TO TAKE A STAND AND YOU WANT SOME CLARIFICATION, FILE IT--

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

MODERATOR: AND OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MAX ESTRADA. GO ALEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

MAX ESTRADA: MY NAME IS MAX ESTRADA. I AM THE CONSTITUENT OF SD4 AND I'M ALSO THE SERVICE PLANNING AREA 7 COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM PROGRAM MANAGER WITH PATH. I AM ASKING OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE VOTE IN OPPOSITION OF AGENDA ITEM 15. POSSIBLE CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT OF UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS FOR WHERE THEY LAY THEIR HEAD WILL MAKE OUTREACH WORKERS JOBS MORE CHALLENGING AND WILL PUSH PEOPLE AWAY WHICH WILL BREAK OUR OUTREACH TEAM'S RAPPORT WITH OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS. EVEN WITH PARTICIPANTS WHO MAY ALREADY BE WORKING ON A HOUSING PLAN. WE SUPPORT OUR OUTREACH TEAMS, HOUSING NAVIGATORS, INTERIM HOUSING PROVIDERS AND PROGRAMS LIKE PATHWAY HOME THAT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS TO WORK ON THEIR HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES WITH CARE. TRUST, RELIABILITY AND CONSISTENCY WITH RESOURCES TO HOUSING ARE THE KEYS TO BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS TO BRING SOMEONE INDOORS. PLEASE VOTE NO ON AGENDA ITEM 15.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS HELEN EIGENBERG. GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

HELEN EIGENBERG: HELLO MY NAME IS HELEN EIGENBERG AND I'M A CONSTITUENT OF SUPERVISOR HORVATH. I'M A MEMBER OF HANG OUT, DO GOOD AND I ALSO VOLUNTEER WITH SILA ON THE WEEKENDS GOING INTO THE ENCAMPMENTS IN HOLLYWOOD. I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR YOUR HEART AND YOUR ALSO WORDS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THE SAME THING. WE NEED TO DO RIGHT BY EVERYONE IN THE CITY. I WISH ALL THIS ENERGY THAT WE ARE EXPENDING ON THIS WENT INTO OUR HOUSING CRISIS, WENT INTO MAKING OUR SYSTEMS WORK BETTER. I'LL JUSUT ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO REMEMBER WHAT WAS SAID IN THE INVOCATION TODAY AT THE BEGINNING AND THAT WAS TO MOVE WITH A SOFT HEART. LET'S MOVE WITH A SOFT HEART, PLEASE. I OPPOSE THIS BILL, THIS MOTION, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I APPRECIATE IT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: THE NEXT SPEAKER IS SARA RUBENSTEIN. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SARA RUBENSTEIN: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. SO WE APPRECIATE THE AMENDMENT'S INTENTION. UNITED WAY URGES YOU TO OPPOSE ITEM 15. THE COUNTY'S PATHWAY HOME AND R.V. PROGRAMS AR E PROOF THAT THE LOWER COURT DECISION DOES NOT OVERLY LIMIT OR IMPEDE THE COUNTY'S CAPACITY TO ADDRESS ENCAMPMENTS OR MAINTAIN SAFE PASSAGE OR CLEAN STREETS. WE HAVE PROVEN, LIKE, WE CAN BRING PEOPLE INSIDE AND ALIGN RESOURCES, CONNECT THEM TO PERMANENT HOUSING AND NOT CRIMINALIZE. THIS APPROACH TAKES MORE TIME BUT THE RESULTS ARE VERY SUCCESSFUL. IF THE LOWER COURT DECISION IS OVERTURNED, WE'LL FEEL [PH?] SMALL CITIES AND DISTRICTS ACROSS THE COUNTY IMPLEMENTING CAMPING BANS, BOTH TRAUMATIZING CRIMINAL AND CIVIL IMPACTS ON OUR MOST VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS, EVEN IF THIS WAS NOT THE INTENTION OF THE COUNTY. TELLING PEOPLE WHERE THEY CAN'T BE WITHOUT PROVIDING SHELTER OR HOUSING WON'T END HOMELESSNESS OR DECREASE ENCAMPMENTS. IT WILL PUSH UNHOUSED PEOPLE INTO NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS, CITIES IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND FURTHER EXPAND THE CONFUSING WEBS OF PROHIBITIONS THAT PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREETS MUST NAVIGATE. WE URGE YOU TO OPPOSE ITEM 15 AND CONTINUE EXPANDING THE HOUSING SERVICES AND PREVENTION EFFORTS YOU KNOW ARE THE REAL SOLUTIONS. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY MARTINEZ. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

ANTHONY MARTINEZ: HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANTHONY MARTINEZ. I AM WITH THE CELA COLLABORATIVE AND WE [UNINTELLIGIBLE] CITIES. I AM CALLING IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO ITEM 15, ALLOWING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS TO BE A CRIME EVEN WHEN THERE IS NO SHELTER, WHEN WE-- MORE PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS MAKING IT HARDER TO GET A JOB, HARDER TO RENT AN APARTMENT, AND HARDER TO HAVE TIME TO ADDRESS BARRIERS WHEN LIFE IS FILLED WITH COURT APPEARANCES AND JAIL TIME. IF FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR COMMUNITY, PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WILL LOSE TIES WITH FAMILY, CASE WORKERS, CHURCHES AND OTHERS TO HELP. UNTIL SHELTERED HOUSING AND SERVICES ARE MADE AVAILALBE, PEOPLE WILL STILL SLEEP OUTSIDE. THEREFORE, I STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE NO ON ITEM 15. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JENNIFER LEVIN. PLEASE GO AHEAD, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

JENNIFER LEVIN: I AM A CONSTITUENT OF SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S AND A MEMBER OF HANG OUT, DO GOOD AS WELL. AND I AM TOTALLY WITH SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND SOLIS ON THIS. AND I'VE CALLED IN TO URGE THE REST OF YOU, ESPECIALLY MY SUPERVISOR, MITCHELL, TO OPPOSE THIS MOTION EVEN WITH THE AMENDMENTS. I HEARD SUPERVISOR MITCHELL MENTION EARLIER THAT WE ARE A CARE, NOT JAIL COUNTY. JOINING THIS CASE WOULD NOT BE ABOUT CARE. SUPERVISOR BARGER SAYS THAT ENCAMPMENTS ARE NOT SAFE. YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE ISN'T SAFE AND IS FULL OF DRUGS ARE JAILS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOUR AMENDMENT WHILE THOUGHTFUL SEEMS NAIVE AND I'M SURPRISED. YOU WERE RESTING YOUR TRUST IN OUR CURRENT SUPREME COURT. IT FEELS LIKE YOU WERE TRYING TO HAVE IT BOTH WAYS. IF IT'S ABOUT REMOVING ITEMS ON THE SIDEWALK, IF THE SHERIFF NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT TO REMOVE, THERE IS A MOTION YOU CAN PASS. BUT JOINING THIS CASE WILL NOT-- IT WILL BE USED TO CRIMINALIZE THE WEAKEST AND MOST POWERLESS AMONG US.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KATHLEEN CROWLEY.

KATHLEEN CROWLEY: CAN YOU HEAR ME THIS TIME?

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

KATHLEEN CROWLEY: GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS KATHLEEN CROWLEY AND I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RECOVERY INSTITUTE. I WANT TO DEEPLY THANK SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND SOLIS FOR STRATEGICALLY, HUMANELY AND ELOQUENTLY OPPOSING THIS MOTION. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL STATED TODAY THAT IT IS NOT THE COUNTY'S GOAL TO CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS BUT UNFORTUNATELY, GOALS STATED BY THE COUNTY ARE OFTEN IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO THE OUTCOMES THAT ULTIMATELY RESULT. AND FAR TOO OFTEN, FORCE IS USED IN TIMES OF CRISIS. HOWEVER, WHILE COERCION AND FORCE CAN AT TIMES BE ALL CONQUERING, ANY SUCCESS SEEN IS SHORT-LIVED, DEEPLY DAMAGING AND COSTLY SOCIETALLY AND ECONOMICALLY. THERE ARE HUMANE INNOVATIVE AND PROVEN SOLUTIONS LA COUNTY STILL HAS NOT SCALED UP AND OUT. LET'S DO THAT INSTEAD. I URGE SUPERVISORS MITCHELL, BARGER AND HAHN TO RECONSIDER. THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: AND WE HAVE NO FURTHER PARTICIPANTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS IN THE ROOM? OKAY. THAT COMPLETES PUBLIC COMMENT. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: THANK THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I APPRECIATE THE ROBUST CONVERSATION WE HAD TODAY. AND I THANK STAFF FOR GETTING THE AMENDMENT ON THE SCREEN. AND LET ME JUST CLARIFY. WHEN I SAID I WISH WE HAD A DIFFERENT WAY, I WAS COMPLETELY CLEAR I WAS WELL WITHIN ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER OF BRINGING IT FORWARD. MY POINT WAS OUR STRUCTURE, OUR GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AS A BOARD, THAT WE DON'T HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY AND MORE TIME TO SEE MOTIONS, AND HAVE THEM VETTED AND AIRED AND HAVE AMENDMENT LANGUAGE FOR OUR CONSUMPTION AND PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. SO I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY. I WAS CLEAR THAT I WAS FOLLOWING ROBERT'S RULES. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE CAN NOW SEE THAT THE AMENDMENT LANGUAGE STRIKES OUT THE LANGUAGE THAT SAYS SUPPORTING THE CITY OF GRANTS PASS. THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE REMOVED. SO I WON'T REPEAT EVERYTHING I HAVE SAID BEFORE, BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE SEE

THE AMENDMENT I BROUGHT FORWARD AND WHY I WILL BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION TODAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER OF MY COLLEAGUES? OKAY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ITEM 15 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ITEM 15, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: NO.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, NO. 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.

EXECITIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: NO.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, NO, MOTION CARRIES 3-2. AND WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 5, PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 20, '24, AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH, WHICH I HELD. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. IN 2010, CONGRESS FIRST DECLARED FEBRUARY TO BE NATIONAL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH. THIS FEBRUARY LOS ANGELES COUNTY JOINS WITH SURVIVORS, ADVOCATES AND SUPPORTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO HIGHLIGHT TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AND PREVENTION IN OUR COMMUNITY. TEEN DATING VIOLENCE IS THE MOST PREVALENT FORM OF YOUTH VIOLENCE, IMPACTING ONE IN THREE ADOLESCENTS IN THE U.S. FURTHER MORE, FEMALE IDENTIFIED AND OR LGBTQ+ TEENS ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY BOTH PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE. TEEN DATING VIOLENCE CAN BE

PHYSICAL, SEXUAL, EMOTIONAL, VERBAL, OR FINANCIAL. IN ADDITION TO TRADITIONAL VIOLENCE, TEENS TODAY ARE INCREASINGLY BEING EXPOSED TO NONTRADITIONAL FORMS OF VIOLENCE THROUGH DIGITAL PLATFORMS, WHICH CAN BE JUST AS HARMFUL, AND IN SOME CASES, EVEN MORE SO. UNHEALTHY OR VIOLENT RELATIONSHIPS CAN HAVE SEVERE SHORT- AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS ON A DEVELOPING TEEN, INCREASING THE LIKELIHOOD OF DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY, ENGAGING IN UNHEALHY BEHAVIOR, SUCH AS TOBACCO, DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE, ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR, OR SUICIDAL THOUGHTS. WE ARE RAISING AWARENESS TODAY BY ENCOURAGING ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND TO SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE ALL MUST BE AWARE OF THE WARNING SIGNS OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE, AND KNOW HOW TO GET TEENS THE HELP THAT THEY NEED. ENDING TEEN DATING VIOLENCE, OR INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, IS A COLLECTIVE EFFORT AND A PRIORITY FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO MUCH OF OUR VIOLENT CRIME AS WE DISCUSSED EARLIER, IS CONNECTED TO VIOLENCE LEARNED IN THE HOME, OR LEARNED AT A YOUNG AGE. WE ARE SHEDDING LIGHT ON TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AND PREVENTION IN THE HOPE THAT WE CAN, ONCE AND FOR ALL, END THAT CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AND PROTECT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR JOINING ME IN

THIS IMPORTANT MOTION, AND I ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR RECOGNIZING ME AND FOR INVITING ME TO BE YOUR CO-AUTHOR ON THE MOTION. ADOLESCENCE IS A PERIOD OF OPPORTUNITY, GROWTH, AND LEARNING. IT IS AN IMPORTANT PHASE IN LIFE, WHERE WE DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS AND LEARN TO MANAGE EMOTIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS AND LEARN SKILLS THAT WILL TRANSFER INTO ADULTHOOD. EXPERIENCES DURING ADOLESCENCE CAN LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR GOOD HEALTH AND FUTURE SUCCESS. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, DATING VIOLENCE DISRUPTS TEEN'S DEVELOPMENT, AND CAN HARM THEIR CURRENT AND FUTURE HEALTH. A TEEN'S BRAIN IS STILL GROWING AND EXPERIENCING VIOLENCE DURING THIS TIME CAN CONTRIBUTE TO IMPAIRED DECISION MAKING, LEARNING CHALLENGES, DECREASED CONNECTIONS TO PEERS AND ADULTS, AND TROUBLE COPING WITH STRESS. VIOLENCE CAN ALSO AFFECT TEEN'S PHYSICAL HEALTH, AND INCREASE THE CHANCES OF DEVELOPING CANCER, HEART DISEASE, OR OTHER HEALTH-RELATED PROBLEMS INTO ADULTHOOD. IT IS STARTLING TO HEAR THAT ONE IN THREE ADOLESCENTS IN THE UNITED STATES EXPERIENCED DATING VIOLENCE, AND IT IS IMPORTANT FOR LA COUNTY TO STAND WITH SURVIVORS. BY ELEVATING THE CONCERNS AND WARNING SIGNS OF TEEN

DATING VIOLENCE WE CAN BETTER SERVE SURVIVORS, AND SUPPORT THEIR HEALING JOURNEY. I RECALL ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO, A YOUNG MAN WAS KILLED VIOLENTLY, IN SOUTH EL MONTE AREA NEAR A RIVER BED. HE WAS FOUND MURDERED THERE. AND IT TURNS OUT IT WAS BECAUSE OF WHAT I WOULD CALL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE. SOMEBODY WAS UNHAPPY WITH THE RESULTS OF SOMEONE STOPPING A RELATIONSHIP, AND AS A RESULT THAT PERSON'S LIFE WAS TAKEN. WE NEED TO DO MORE. I WILL GLADLY SUPPORT THIS ITEM. THANK YOU, MADAM 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 DONALD HARLAN PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 5, 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 SPEAKER IS ERIC PREVIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ERIC PREVIN: I AM IN THE QUEUE. I SUPPORT THIS ITEM. WHAT I DON'T SUPPORT IS THIS SYSTEM WHERE FOLKS ARE FORCED TO WAIT FOREVER TO GIVE A-- I THINK WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT MY PROPOSAL OF THREE DISCRETE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS SO THAT FOLKS WHO COME EARLY TO ADDRESS SOMETHING IMPORTANT LIKE THIS WON'T HAVE TO WAIT -- [AUDIO BREAK UP]

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE LOST THE CALLER. ERIC, ARE YOU THERE?

ERIC PREVIN: YEAH, I AM HERE. YOU LOST ME?

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

ERIC PREVIN: OH, OKAY. WELL, THAT WAS GOOD. THAT'S-- SEE, NORMALLY, I WOULD LIKE "OH, THEY CUT ME OFF." BUT THIS WAS A GOOD ONE. THANK YOU. SO, YEAH, I HOPE THAT, YOU KNOW, WE'VE GOT A LOT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT ITEMS RECENTLY. AND ONE THING TO LOOK AT IS THE ENTIRE D.C.F.S. THAT OFTEN CREATES EVEN MORE HOSTILITY THAN IS ALREADY EXISTANT IN SOME OF OUR ANGELENO FAMILIES. AND I THINK--

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

MODERATOR: AND WE HAVE NO FURTHER PARTICIPANTS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY, WE WILL GO IN-PERSON.

DONALD HARLAN: HI, I AM DONALD HARLAN SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5. SORRY THIS WASN'T A PRIORITY ITEM FOR ME, BUT I WILL SPEAK BECAUSE THERE'S NO OTHER PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT IT. THIS IS ABOUT THE TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS. SORRY, I JUST THINK IT IS A LITTLE BIT MUCH FOR YOU GUYS TO BE DOING THAT. I DON'T REALLY TRUST THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO BE SPONSORING PROGRAMS CONCERNING TEENS OR VIOLENCE, OR DATING OR ANYTHING SEXUAL. I DON'T REALLY TRUST YOU GUYS. I THOUGHT THAT THE PEOPLE SPONSORING THAT ITEM THAT YOU HAD JUST BOUGHT SOFTWARE FROM THEM RECENTLY. AND THAT IN ANOTHER CITY, THEY RUN A DATING SERVICE. AND THIS ITEM'S SPONSORED BY HORVATH AND SOLIS. I DON'T REALLY TRUST YOU TWO, AND SORRY, THAT'S ABOUT IT.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US, I WILL MOVE SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ITEM 5 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISE SOLIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE, SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 6, SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 915, PRIORITIZING LOCAL CONTROL AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE SERVICE WHICH IS I HELD. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR SUPPORTING AS A CO-AUTHOR ON THIS MOTION. SELF-DRIVING CARS ARE ALREADY ON OUR STREETS HERE IN LA, AND WE HAVE SEEN THE RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY. THESE AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES CAN BRING WHEN DEPLOYED. THOUGH THEY ARE INTERESTING AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S WORK BEING DONE, IN SAN FRANCISCO, A HIT AND RUN DRIVER STRUCK A PEDESTRIAN, TOSSING HER INTO THE PATH OF A SELF-DRIVING TAXI THAT THEN DROVE OVER HER AND PINNED HER UNDER A CAR. CURRENTLY, AUTHORIZATION BY CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES IS ALL YOU NEED TO OPERATE SELF-DRIVING TAXIS. STATE REGULATORY AGENCIES ONE SIZE FITS ALL APPROACH TO ALLOWING SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES ON OUR STREETS WILL LEAD TO MORE INCIDENTS LIKE SAN

FRANCISCO. REGULATIONS IN LOS ANGELES WILL LOOK VERY DIFFERENT THAN REGULATIONS IN LOS ALIBOS, FOR EXAMPLE. S.B.-915 WOULD REQUIRE A LOCAL ORDINANCE FOR AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE SERVICES TO OPERATE IN THAT JURISDICTION, SIMILAR TO WHAT WE REQUIRE TAXI OPERATORS TO DO. THIS MEANS LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WHO OFTEN KNOW THEIR COMMUNITIES BEST, WILL HAVE A SAY IN HOW THESE COMPANIES OPERATE ON OUR STREETS AND HOW TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE. I AM PROUD TO STAND WITH THE CALIFORNIA TEAMSTERS PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL, THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE BOARD OF THE ALMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION, AND THE CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF CITIES IN SUPPORTING THIS IMPORTANT BILL. I ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO JOIN SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I IN SUPPORTING S.B.-915 TO PUT THOSE CLOSEST TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR ROADS BACK IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT, SUPERVISOR, HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD, AND INVITING ME TO CO-AUTHOR. IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TO EVEN SAY THIS, BUT CITIES SHOULD GET A SAY WHEN A PRIVATE COMPANY WANTS TO USE OUR PUBLIC STREETS FOR A BIG EXPERIMENT. SELF-DRIVING CARS ARE SUCH A NEW TECHNOLOGY THAT THEY ARE STILL ONLY REGULATED AT THE STATE LEVEL, AND S.B.-915 WOULD CHANGE THAT, GIVING CITIES

THE ABILITY TO DECIDE HOW AND WHEN DRIVERLESS VEHICLES CAN OPERATE IN THEIR STREETS. SAN FRANCISCO'S NOW SUING THE STATE BECAUSE ROBO TAXIS THERE ARE OPERATING WITHOUT THE CITY HAVING ANY SAY IN THE MATTER. IN SAN FRANCISCO, ROBO TAXIS HAVE BLOCKED EMERGENCY RESPONDERS DOZENS OF TIMES AND ONE EVEN RAN OVER AND DRAGGED A PEDESTRIAN, LEAVING HER CRITICALLY INJURED AND FIGHTING FOR HER LIFE. THESE VEHICLES HAVE REPEATEDLY RUN RED LIGHTS, CLOGGED RESIDENTIAL STREETS AND EVEN DRIVEN INTO WET CEMENT. S.B.-915 WILL GIVE CITIES AND COUNTIES THE POWER TO DECIDE HOW, WHERE AND WHEN SELF-DRIVING CARS CAN BE OUT ON OUR STREETS, SO OUR COMMUNITIES GET TO BE THE DECISION MAKERS INSTEAD OF A PANEL OF COMMISSIONERS UP IN SACRAMENTO. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS IS ABOUT SAFETY, ABOUT INSURING THAT THOSE OF US ELECTED TO LOOK OUT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES CAN PRIORITIZE THAT SAFETY OVER PRIVATE INTEREST. THANKS AGAIN, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. AND IT WAS A PLEASURE TO BE YOUR CO-AUTHOR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. LAST WEEK I HAD THE HONOR OF

JOINING SENATOR DAVE CORTESE, TEAMSTER'S 396, AND SEVERAL LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS IN A PRESS CONFERENCE AT LA CITY HALL TO HIGHLIGHT THIS IMPORTANT PIECE OF LEGISLATION. AS YOU HAVE HEARD, S.B.-915 WILL ALLOW CITIES AND COUNTIES WHO KNOW THEIR STREETS BEST TO HAVE LOCAL CONTROL OVER THE REGULATION OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES AND ROBO TAXIS. DURING LAST WEEK'S PRESS CONFERENCE, I BROUGHT UP AN EXAMPLE OF THE INTRODUCTION OF PRIVATE SECTOR MOBILITY DEVICES SUCH AS MOTORIZED SCOOTERS AND BIKES ON OUR LOCAL STREETS. THEY PROVIDE A CRITICAL FIRST AND LAST MILE CONNECTION, BUT LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WERE FORCED TO REACT TO THEIR IMPACTS, OFTEN PRESENTING SIGNIFICANT SAFETY CONCERNS AND DISRUPTIONS TO LOCAL STREETS AND SIDEWALKS. WE ARE NOW SEEING A MORE BALANCED OPERATION OF MOTORIZED SCOOTERS AND BIKES. BUT THE CATCH HERE, IS THAT THESE ARE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAN REGULATE. UNFORTUNATELY, TO DATE, ROBO TAXIS AND AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES FALL OUTSIDE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURVIEW, AND THERE IS LIMITED RECOURSE. I HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT LOCAL CITIES AND COUNTIES KNOW THEIR COMMUNITIES BEST. OUR COUNTY KNOWS HOW TO REGULATE TRAFFIC, ZONING, BUILDING, AND WE WORK WITH OUR PUBLIC WORKS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS TO MAKE OUR STREETS SAFE. ADDITIONALLY, ROBO TAXIS ARE IN DIRECT COMPETITION WITH

TRADITIONAL TAXIS. AN ENTERPRISE THAT THE STATE CURRENTLY MANDATES THAT LOCAL JURSIDICTIONS ADOPT ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS FOR THEIR OPERATIONS. YES YET YET ROBO TAXIS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE SAME LEVEL OR REGULATION. S.B.-915 WOULD PROVIDE MUNICIPALITIES WITH A VOICE IN AUTOMATED VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT, BY REQUIRING COMPANIES TO OBTAIN APPROVAL THROUGH LOCAL ORDINANCE PRIOR TO STARTING OPERATIONS ON THE STREET. LOCALLY, WE NEED TO INVEST IN SMART CITY TECHNOLOGY, AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE TO BETTER ENHANCE THE USE AND SAFETY OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES. AS LOCAL OFFICIALS-- ELECTED OFFICIALS, WE ARE CALLED ON BY OUR VOTERS TO KEEP OUR STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES SAFE. THIS BILL WILL ALLOW US TO ACCOMPLISH THAT GOAL, AND TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE CREATING A THRIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL VEHICLES ON OUR ROADS AS WELL AS PEDESTRIANS AND ROADWAY USERS. SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION, AND I PLAN ON SUPPORTING IT. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD. GIVEN THE DISPROPORTIONATE PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, I AM CLEAR ABOUT THIS IS A CORE SAFETY ISSUE. I DO, HOWEVER, HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT OUR PROCESS AND OUR TIMING. THIS BILL WAS INTRODUCED

JANUARY 9TH. IT HAS NOT BEEN IN PRINT 30 DAYS, SO THE LEGISLATURE CAN'T EVEN TAKE ACTION ON IT. IT IS IN RULES COMMITTEE, IT HASN'T BEEN ASSIGNED TO ITS FIRST POLICY COMMITTEE. AND SO WE HAVE HAD A PRACTICE OF ASKING OUR OWN LEG AFFAIRS UNIT BEFORE WE SUPPORT LEGISLATION, WHAT ANALYSIS THEY HAVE DONE, TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT ON THE COUNTY. SO I AM JUST A LITTLE CONCERNED THAT WE ARE TAKING ACTION TO SUPPORT A BILL, WHERE THE LEGISLATURE CAN'T EVEN TAKE ACTION ON IT YET. SO IT'S NOT THAT I OPPOSE THE POLICY AT ALL, IT IS OUR PROCESS, AND IF WE ARE GETTING IN FRONT OF OURSELVES. SO IF I COULD HEAR FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LEG UNIT, AS TO WHETHER THAT ANALYSIS HAS BEEN DONE, ON TERMS OF DIRECT IMPACT ON THE COUNTY. BUT AGAIN FOR ME, IT IS TIMING. THE LEGISLATURE HASN'T EVEN REFERRED IT TO ITS FIRST POLICY COMMITTEE, AND WE ARE TAKING A SUPPORT POSITION. SO THAT WOULD BE MY CONCERN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, AND GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. AS WAS MENTIONED, OUR OFFICE DID PROVIDE AN ANALYSIS OF S.B.-915 TO DATE. AGAIN, THE BILL WAS RECENTLY INTRODUCED IN JANUARY, AND HAS NOT BEEN ASSIGNED TO A POLICY COMMITTEE YET. SO THE FEEDBACK THAT WE DO HAVE PRELIMINARILY IS FROM OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND ALSO OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AS WELL.

JUST ABOUT SOME OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL LIKELY TAKE A LITTLE BIT LONGER FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING FISCAL IMPACTS ON THE COUNTY.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: SO WE'VE HAD A PRELIMINARY REPORT BACK FROM SHERIFF AND PUBLIC WORKS THAT SAID THUMBS UP?

SPEAKER: THAT THEY BELIEVED THERE WERE SOME OPPORTUNITIES OF NOTE. FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THEY NOTE THAT THE BILL WOULD EXPAND THE COUNTY'S AND THE CONTRACT CITIES' LOCAL CONTROL AND AUTHORITY OVER THE USE OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS AS WELL AS PROVIDING LAW ENFORCEMENT REMOTE ACCESS TO OVERRIDE AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. AND THEN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTES THAT S.B.-915'S POTENTIAL IMPACT TO OPERATIONS AND PLANNING NEEDS THAT THEY WILL NEED TO CONTINUE TO ASSESS THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS THAT THAT WILL HAVE ON THEIR SERVICES.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: THANK YOU. SO MADAM CHAIR, I WILL SUPPORT TODAY, BUT I REALLY WANT TO WAGE MY OFFICIAL CONCERN THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING LEGISLATION IN THIS CASE, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE PREMATURELY, THAT THE LEGISLATURE HASN'T EVEN HAD THEIR FIRST

COMMITTEE, WE WILL HAVE FILED OUR SUPPORT SO EARLY, THE BILL CAN BE AMENDED IN, YOU KNOW, ANY KIND OF DIFFERENT WAYS. I THINK ON BILLS THAT WE SPONSOR, I.E., LANGUAGE WE HAVE DRAFTED AND WRITTEN, IT IS A DIFFERENT SITUATION. IF IT IS AN LA COUNTY SPONSORED BILL, OF COURSE WE WAGE OUR SUPPORT, BECAUSE WE HAVE SPONSORED IT. SO I AM SUPPORTING BUT I AM REALLY CONCERNED THAT WE ARE TAKING ACTION TOO EARLY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YES, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ASK OUR STAFF ABOUT THE BILL. ARE THERE CO-AUTHORS?

SPEAKER: SO CURRENTLY, THE BILL IS SPONSORED AS WAS MENTIONED, BY THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF BOARD AND AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION. I WILL HAVE TO CHECK ON THE CO-SPONSORS. I CAN DO THAT, ACTUALLY, WHILE WE SPEAK. BUT--

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: WELL, THOSE ARE SUPPORTERS BUT ANY OTHER MEMBERS? USUALLY THEY HAVE A SENATE OR--

SPEAKER: CO-SPONSOR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YEAH.

SPEAKER: YES, I CAN LIKELY GET BACK TO YOUR OFFICES WITH THAT INFORMATION.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S ALSO IMPORTANT. I KNOW HAVING BEEN IN THE LEGISLATURE, SOMETIMES WE WOULD DROP BILLS AS A WAY OF A SPOT BILL. AND THEN KIND OF GROW THE BILL AND GAIN SUPPORT. SO PART OF IT IS GETTING THE PUBLICITY OUT THERE AND THE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS HORRIFIC ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED AND OTHER THINGS. SO I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE AUTHOR IS ATTEMPTING TO DO, AND SOMETIMES UNFORTUNATELY, THE PROCESS DOESN'T WORK THE WAY WE WOULD LIKE IT TO WORK. BUT I AM SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AND I WOULD ALSO OFFER THAT I HEAR SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THAT YOU KNOW, YOUR PREFERRED PROCESS WOULD BE DIFFERENT. I THINK THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO SUPPORT A BILL THAT WE FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT, AND GET IN EARLY AND BE AN ADVOCATE FOR A BILL IF THAT'S THE POSITION WE

WISH TO TAKE, WHICH IS WHAT IS BEFORE US. IF WE DON'T WANT TO GET IN EARLY, WE DON'T HAVE TO, OR WE COULD, YOU KNOW, CONTINUE OR TAKE ALL KINDS OF ACTION. I THINK WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY HERE TO GET IN EARLY TO SUPPORT AND AS ADVANCE A BILL THAT WE WANT TO SUPPORT. BUT I HAVE TRIED TO TAP DANCE LONG ENOUGH TO SEE IF OUR LEG TEAM HAS A RESPONSE ABOUT--

SPEAKER: YEAH, I'M-- SORRY, I WILL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOUR OFFICES ON THE CO-SPONSORS.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. ALLRIGHT.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR THE TAP DANCE.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: I DO NOT.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: NO.

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL AIDEN ALVAREZ, CHRISTIAN CASTRO, AND JIM SMITH PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 6, 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 SPEAKER IS ERIC PREVIN. YOUR LINE IS OPEN, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

ERIC PREVIN: THANK YOU, AND IT IS NICE TO HAVE THE BOARD SUPPORTING SOMETHING TOGETHER HERE. AND THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF CONVERSATION ABOUT THE PROCESSES OF THE BOARD AND I APPRECIATE THAT. I'M WONDERING IF THE BOARD COULD INSTRUCT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO RESPOND TO THE C.P.R.A. REQUEST ABOUT THE MEMORANDUMS ABOUT THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND THE RULES? BECAUSE

THERE IS AN OBLIGATION TO RESPOND WITHIN TEN DAYS BUT IT'S BEEN LIKE ALMOST THREE MONTHS AND I KEEP GETTING--

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: ERIC, YOU CAN TALK ABOUT THAT IN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. BUT RIGHT NOW, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SUPPORT FOR THIS SENATE BILL.

ERIC PREVIN: YEAH, I KNOW, BUT THIS IS ABOUT THE PROCESS. I KNOW, BUT I-- MAY HAVE TO TAKE A NAP BEFORE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, BECAUSE IT'S GONNA BE 5:00 IN THE MORNING.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WELL, THAT'S THE TIME THAT'S ALLOTTED TO SPEAK TO IT ACCORDING TO OUR RULES. I UNDERSTAND THAT'S FRUSTRATING FOR YOU, BUT WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT BILL 915 IN THIS ITEM. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS WALEED HOJEIJ. PLEASE GO AHEAD YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

WALEED HOJEIJ: GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS WALEED HOJEIJ WITH THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, A PROUD CO-SPONSOR OF S.B.-915. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEASURE IS

TWOFOLD: TO PRIORITIZE LOCAL CONTROL AND INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY. THE DEVELOPMENT AND SCALE OF DEVELOPMENT IS CURRENTLY DETERMINED ENTIRELY BY THE STATE WHO DON'T LIVE IN IMPACTED COMMUNITIES AND DON'T UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE, OFFERING MORE FITTING SOLUTIONS THAN THE D.M.V.'S GENERALIZED APPROACH. THEY ARE USED TO REGULATING TRAFFIC, PROTECTING SCHOOL ZONES AND ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM RATES FOR PASSENGER FARES. MUNICIPALITIES KNOW WHAT IS BEST WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING THEIR LOCAL STREETS SAFE, BECAUSE THEY ARE RUN BY THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE COMMUNITIES THEY OVERSEE. S.B.-915 IS CRITICAL TO EMPOWERING LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH A VOICE TO CONSIDER REASONABLE SAFEGUARDS FOR AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES. WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: WE HAVE NO FURTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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

JIM SMITH: GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JIM SMITH, POLITICAL COORDINATOR FOR TEAMSTERS LOCAL 396. I AM HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION INTRODUCED TODAY BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL-915. THROUGHOUT 2023, AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES BROUGHT CHAOS TO CALIFORNIA ROADS IN CITIES LIKE SAN FRANCISCO, PUTTING PEDESTRIANS IN HARM'S WAY, CAUSING TRAFFIC JAMS AND PREVENTING EMERGENCY RESPONDERS FROM DOING THEIR JOBS. RIGHT NOW, IN CALIFORNIA LOCAL COMMUNITIES HAVE ZERO CONTROL OVER THE HUNDREDS OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES WREAKING HAVOC ON OUR ROADS. THE D.M.V. AND C.P.U.C. HAVE NEAR TOTAL AUTHORITY OVER THE OPERATION OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES IN OUR STATE, YET REFUSE TO IMPLEMENT ANY SIGNIFICANT AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE SAFETY MEASURES. IN FACT, THEY ARE ALLOWING A.V. COMPANIES TO EXPAND. THE D.M.V. RECENTLY APPROVED AN APPLICATION BY WAYMO TO EXPAND INTO THE SUBURBS OF SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

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

CHRISTIAN CASTGRO: HELLO, MY NAME IS CHRISTIAN CASTRO: HELLO. MY NAME IS CHRISTIAN CASTRO HERE WITH THE TEAMSTERS AND AS IMPORTANT AS IT IS TO BE A TEAMSTER, I AM ALSO A FATHER OF TWO YOUNG BOYS AGES SIX AND FIVE MONTHS AND YES, I AM REALLY TIRED. BUT I AM ALSO WORRIED. I AM WORRIED ABOUT MY FAMILY. I AM WORRIED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF MY BOYS. AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED ACROSS CALIFORNIA AND THEY ARE NOW HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THAT MEANS THERE'S NO DRIVER TO SEE MY KIDS, TO SEE THEIR EYES AS THEY WALK BY AS THEY CROSS THE STREET, TO LOOK AT ME AS I HOLD MY SON AND THAT IS TERRIFYING. IT IS PAST TIME CALIFORNIA PROPERLY ENFORCED AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE SAFETY MEASURES AND ENSURE BIG TECH COMPANIES THAT WANT TO USE CALIFORNIANS AS TEST SUBJECTS ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. THAT STARTS WITH PASSING S.B.-915. S.B.-915 WOULD PROVIDE MUNICIPALITIES A VOICE IN AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT, BY REQUIRING AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE COMPANIES TO OBTAIN APPROVAL THROUGH A LOCAL ORDINANCE PRIOR TO STARTING OPERATIONS. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE--

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I SEE NO OTHER COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES. DOES OUR LEG TEAM HAVE ANYTHING ELSE FOR THE RECORD?

COUNTY COUNSEL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE BILL IS CO-SPONSORED OR CO-AUTHORED BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER FREDDIE RODRIGUEZ.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. WITH THAT, ITEM 6 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 9, GREEN ZONE UPDATES, WHICH IS WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I'LL TURN IT TO YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. SO A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, JUST TO REMIND EVERYBODY, WE APPROVED A PROGRAM THAT CREATED 11 GREEN ZONE DISTRICTS WHICH ARE MEANT TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC HEALTH OF COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY LOCAL POLLUTION. IT PLACED RESTRICTIONS ON FACILITIES THAT OPERATE HAZARDOUS WASTES

BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT SO MANY VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES WHO LIVE NEXT TO THESE PLACES HAVE DEALT WITH FOR YEARS. THEY HAVE DEALT WITH THE ODORS, THE SOIL CONTAMINATION, AND TOXIC AIR POLLUTION. AND WE KNOW THAT POLLUTION FROM INDUSTRIAL SITES DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES, MOST OF WHICH ARE CONCENTRATED IN THE FIRST, SECOND, AND FOURTH DISTRICTS. THESE COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN CRYING OUT FOR YEARS FOR A SOLUTION, AND THIS GREEN ZONE PROGRAM WAS AN ANSWER TO THEIR CALL. THE FAMILIES IN THESE COMMUNITIES DESERVE THE SAME ACCESS TO CLEAN AIR, WATER, AND SOIL THAT WEALTHIER COMMUNITIES HAVE. AND THE GREEN ZONE WAS OUR WAY OF ENSURING THAT. BUT IN THE YEAR AND A HALF SINCE WE LAUNCHED IT, WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ELSE. WE WERE SUPPOSED TO RECEIVE AN ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING ON THAT PROGRAM. WE HAVE YET TO RECEIVE THAT REPORT. WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED, WHAT WORK IS OUTSTANDING, A TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION, A LIST OF BARRIERS THAT HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION, INCLUDING ANY FORESEEN FUNDING ROADBLOCKS AND IT SHOULD INCLUDE DESCRIPTIONS OF FUNDING GAPS AND LIMITATIONS. THIS MOTION, COLLEAGUES, ASKS FOR YET ANOTHER REPORT BACK FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING ON ALL OF THESE ISSUES, WITHIN 120 DAYS. I THINK THAT

THIS REPORT IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US IN THE COUNTY, TO ENSURE THAT THIS PROGRAM, WHICH THIS BOARD SUPPORTED UNANIMOUSLY, STAYS ON TRACK. COUNTY JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO DRAG OUR FEET ANY LONGER ON THIS. THESE COMMUNITIES DESERVE BETTER. THANK YOU. I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR FULL, STRONG SUPPORT ON THIS.

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

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR ALLOWING ME TO JOIN YOU AS A CO-AUTHOR. AND THANK YOU TO DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING DIRECTOR AMY BODEK, BECAUSE SHE DID PROVIDE I THINK A BIG LIFT ORIGINALLY WHEN THE GREEN ZONES PROGRAM ORDINANCE CAME BEFORE US IN JULY OF 2022 IN RESPONSE TO A MOTION I ACTUALLY HAD BACK IN 2015 TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MATTERS, AND IMPLEMENTING EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT TOOLS. AND THAT WAS IN PART BECAUSE OF EXCITE, WHICH NOW WE ARE BOTH FACED WITH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. THE GREEN ZONES PROGRAM AND THE MATTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IS VERY IMPORTANT I THINK TO THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD AND TO OUR CONSTITUENTS. AND ESPECIALLY IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF PLACES LIKE CITY TERRACE, AND ALSO FLORENCE-FIRESTONE. AND

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS FOR THEIR FEARLESS DILIGENCE IN ADDRESSING AND PRESSING THESE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND WE'RE ALSO GRATEFUL TO OUR COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS FOR PROVIDING EXCELLENT AND MEANINGFUL INPUT AND RECOMMENDATIONS DESPITE THE CHALLENGING CIRCUMSTANCES. THE GREEN ZONES ORDINANCE AND PROGRAM ARE VERY MUCH ALIGNED WITH THE EFFORTS THAT OUR OFFICES HAVE BEEN WORKING ON DIRECTLY WITH THE COMMUNITY. NOT JUST IN CITY TERRACE BUT ALSO WALNUT PARK COMMUNITIES. AND I CONTINUE TO TAKE VERY SERIOUS THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE RESIDENTS OF CITY TERRACE, THEIR COMPLAINTS ABOUT ODOR, AMONGST OUR ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS, SUCH AS THE MUTUAL FLAVORS FACTORY, AND THE REPUBLIC TRANSFER STATION WHICH IS A GARBAGE SANITATION FACILITY. SIMILARLY WHEN WALNUT PARK WAS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, WE DID A LOT OF WORK AROUND CENTRAL METAL, THAT SITE LEADING TO THE CEASE OF OPERATIONS IN THE SUMMER OF 2019, AND WITH THE HELP OF THE FIRE HAZMAT, THE REMOVAL OF ALL HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IN FEBRUARY OF 2020. ALTHOUGH A LOT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, THE GREEN ZONES COMMUNITIES SUCH AS CITY TERRACE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE CONCERNS WITH IMPACTING BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS. CURRENTLY BOTH OF OUR OFFICES ARE WORKING WITH D.P.H., D.R.P., TO IDENTIFY ANY AREAS

OF IMPROVEMENT, INCLUDING AND IMPROVING THE RESPONSIVENESS OF VARIOUS AGENCIES TO THE COMPLAINTS OF OUR COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHY I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO CONTINUE TO DEDICATE OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GREEN ZONES IS ACCOMPLISHED AND THIS MOTION PROVIDES US WITH AN ADEQUATE REPORT BACK. SO I, TOO, STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS AND THANK OUR COMMUNITY ADVOCATES FOR BEING OUR-- PROVIDING THEIR VOICE, AND SHOWING US THAT WE STILL HAVE MORE WORK TO DO. THANK YOU.

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL DONALD HARLAN PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER 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 JAIME SANCHEZ. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

JAIME SANCHEZ: MY NAME IS JAIME SANCHEZ. I AM A RESIDENT OF LOS NIETOS, AN UNINCORPORATED AREA IN THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF NEIGHBORS AGAINST FIBER TECH, A GROUP OF CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF LOS NIETOS AND SANTA FE SPRINGS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED THAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL, DENY THE HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT FOR FIBER TECH, INC., WHICH IN OUR OPINION, IS A SERIAL POLLUTER. THE REQUEST IS BASED ON THE HISTORIC AND ONGOING FAILURE OF FIBER TECH TO COMPLY WITH LAWS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES GOVERNING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS WASTES RESULTING IN EXTREME CONTAMINATION. WE ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE, AND SUPPORT US IN OUR EFFORTS TO SEEK ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: AND WE HAVE NO FURTHER PARTICIPANTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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

DONALD HARLAN: HI. I AM DONALD HARLAN SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9, GREEN ZONE UPDATES. I AM GOING TO HAVE TO SAY NO TO THAT PROGRAM, THAT GREEN ZONE PROGRAM, TOTALLY REJECT THAT. IT IS SO RIDICULOUS THAT YOU PEOPLE HAVE ILLEGALLY DEVELOPED THE OIL FIELDS, AND YOUR PEOPLE HAVE ILLEGALLY DEVELOPED AROUND THE MANUFACTURING AREAS, AND YOUR PEOPLE HAVE ILLEGALLY DEVELOPED HOUSING AROUND THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS. AND UNDER THAT CONDITION, NONE OF THOSE PEOPLE IN THOSE ILLEGAL HOUSES AROUND THOSE INDUSTRIAL AREAS HAVE ANY PROTECTION AT ALL.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THIS IS ABOUT GREEN ZONE UPDATES.

DONALD HARMAN: THAT'S RIGHT. SO YOU GUYS BUILT ILLEGALLY ON MY OIL FIELD, AND I WASN'T DONE GETTING OUT THE OIL OUT OF IT. AND THEN YOU WANT TO COMPLAIN THAT YOU NEED-- YOU'RE OWED CLEAN AIR OR CLEAN EARTH OR SOMETHING. NOW THAT MILITARY--

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. ITEM 9 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISE HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 13, REPORT BACK ON HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES FOR TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH, AND OLDER ADULTS, WHICH IS WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. CHERI TODOROFF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OUR HOMELESS INITIATIVE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND DR. LAURA TREJO, DIRECTOR OF AGING AND DISABILITIES, ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR BARGER, I WILL TURN IT TO YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE FACING AN EVER-GROWING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS ON OUR STREETS. IN 2020, L.A.S.A. REPORTED THAT AN ESTIMATED AVERAGE OF 207 PEOPLE EXIT HOMELESSNESS EVERY DAY, WHILE 227 PEOPLE BECOME HOMELESS. ADDITIONALLY, THE 2023 LOS

ANGELES CONTINUUM OF CARE YOUTH COUNT SUGGESTS THAT OUR YOUTH HOMELESS SAW ABOUT A 40% INCREASE FROM 2022-2023, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 3,894 YOUTH WHO ARE LIVING ON THE STREETS WHILE WE WITNESSED THE TRANSITIONAL YOUTH-AGED YOUTH SHELTER-- UNSHELTERED COUNT DOUBLE. AND I THINK THAT NUMBER IS LOW. I THINK IT IS PROBABLY FAR HIGHER THAN WE EVEN KNOW. IN ADDITION TO AN INCREASE OF YOUTH HOMELESSNESS, ANOTHER KEY POPULATION GROWTH THAT HAS SEEN STEADY GROWTH HAS BEEN SENIORS WITH APPROXIMATELY 11% INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS FROM 2022-23. AROUND 5,000 OF THIS GROUP ARE AGES 64 AND OLDER. AGAIN, I THINK THESE NUMBERS ARE LOW. MANY OF THESE OLDER ADULTS FACE DIFFICULT CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH HEALTH ISSUES AND RISING MEDICAL COSTS. FIXED INCOMES BASED ON PENSIONS, SAVINGS AND SOCIAL SECURITY, AND MORE DIFFICULTY NAVIGATING TECHNOLOGY PATHWAYS TO PREVENTION-BASED RESOURCES. THIS DATA HAS NECESSITATED URGENT ACTIONS FROM THIS BOARD TO PREVENT INFLOWS INTO WE ALSO CONCERNS FLOWING INTO HOMELESSNESS TO HELP CURB THE ON GOING INCREASE. GIVEN OUR BURDENED SYSTEMS AND LIMITED RESOURCES, WE ALSO KNOW THAT THERE'S MORE COSTS-- IT IS MORE COSTLY TO REHOUSE HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS COMPARED TO KEEPING INDIVIDUALS HOUSED. TO THAT END, IN 2022, THE BOARD ADOPTED THE NEW HOMELESS INITIATIVE FRAME WORK, THAT FOCUSED ON THREE

KEY PARTNERS: MAIN STREAM GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS, THE REHOUSING SYSTEM, AND PARTNERSHIP WITH CITIES, EACH TAKING ACTION TO COORDINATE, PREVENT, CONNECT, HOUSE, AND STABILIZE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING OR AT RISK OF BEING HOMELESS. SUBSEQUENTLY BY DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR HOMELESSNESS AND APPROVING THE C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDED STATE OF THE EMERGENCY FRAME WORK ON JANUARY 10TH OF 2023, AND FEBRUARY 7TH OF 2023, RESPECTIVELY, THE BOARD ONCE AGAIN EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO PRIORITIZE PREVENTION BY ADOPTING THE FOURTH MISSION ON EVICTION PREVENTION ON OCTOBER 3RD, 2023. I CO-AUTHORED THIS MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR HORVATH, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION ALSO DIRECTLY IMPACTS THE SUCCESS OF THE EXISTING THREE EMERGENCY MISSIONS WHICH ARE PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON RESPONSIVENESS ON OUR HOMELESS REHOUSING SYSTEM. LAST YEAR, THE BOARD WAS ADVISED THAT HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION WAS IN A PLANNING PHASE. AS WE ARE TRYING TO ALIGN WITH THE ALREADY PREVENTION TASK FORCE, AND NOW THE PREVENTION AND PROMOTION SYSTEMS GOVERNING COMMITTEE. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TASK FORCE FINAL WORK PLAN WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AT THE END OF 2024, BUT I BELIEVE WE CAN SIMPLY NOT WAIT THAT LONG. THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE'S WORK IS INTENDED TO AMPLIFY, BUT NOT DELAY THE C.E.O. H.I.'S URGENT EFFORTS IN PREVENTING

INFLOWS INTO HOMELESSNESS. THIS MOTION FOCUSES ON TWO ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS TODAY, HOWEVER, GIVEN THE BOARD'S PAST ACTIONS, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPERATIVE TO ENHANCE AND SCALE UP HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION WORK ACROSS THE COUNTY SYSTEMS NOW IN ALL CATEGORIES. GIVEN THIS URGENCY AND THE NEED FOR SPECIALIZED SUPPORT OF A.R.T.E. AND OLDER ADULT POPULATIONS, I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS FOR CHERI AND DR. TREJO REGARDING OUR PROGRAM ON HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, AN OLDER ADULTS PROGRAM, IF THAT'S OKAY. SO CHERI, HOW HAS HOMELESS PREVENTION BEEN PRIORITIZED SINCE THE ADOPTION OF OUR NEW PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESS MISSIONS? AND WHAT ENHANCEMENTS OR EXPANSIONS HAS THE C.E.O. H.I. IMPLEMENTED SPECIFICALLY AIMED TO REDUCE INFLOW INTO HOMELESSNESS?

CHERI : HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR AND BOARD. THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. SO WE HAVE BEEN PRIORITIZING PREVENTION. ONE OF THE THINGS LEADING OUT OF THE WORK THAT HAPPENED WITH THE NEW FRAMEWORK AS WE WENT INTO THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION, WHAT WE HAVE HAVE DONE AND MY TEAM HAVE ESTABLISHED THE FIRST EVER DEDICATED TEAM WITHIN THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE FOCUSING ON PREVENTION. SO PREVIOUSLY WE DID NOT HAVE A SINGLE PERSON THAT

THAT WAS THEIR ENTIRE FOCUS AREA. WE NOW HAVE A TEAM OF THREE PEOPLE WHO ARE FOCUSING ON PREVENTION. THIS IS A GROWTH AND EXPANSION AREA FOR US. AND I WANT TO ALSO ADD THAT THIS IS THE ONLY SINGLE AREA, LIKE A PARTICULAR FOCAL AREA UNDER THE NEW FRAME WORK WITH THOSE FIVE AREAS, THAT HAS ITS TEAM DEDICATED SPECIFICALLY TO THAT. SO THERE'S ACTUALLY MORE PEOPLE DEDICATED TO THE PREVENTION TEAM THAN WE HAVE, FOR EXAMPLE, ENTIRELY FOCUSING ON INTERIM HOUSING OR PERMANENT HOUSING. SO WE HAVE ESTABLISHED IT AS A PRIORITY. WE ARE WORKING IN A COUPLE OF AREAS AND ONE OF THEM, OF COURSE, IS WITH THE RESOURCES THAT WE OVERSEE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE BEING USED IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY POSSIBLE AND KEEPING AS MANY PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES AS POSSIBLE. AS IT RELATE TODAY OLDER ADULTS AND HEY, OUR PREVENTION PROGRAMS ARE ACTUALLY IN A WAY DISPROPORTIONATELY SERVING OLDER ADULTS, AND I WILL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE OF THAT. LIKE THE FIRST QUARTER OF 23-24, WHERE OLDER ADULTS MAKE UP ABOUT 25% OF THE POPULATION EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, THEY ARE RECEIVING ALMOST 50% OF THE PREVENTION SERVICES. SO WE RECOGNIZE THE VULNERABILITY OF OLDER ADULTS AND THE NEED TO FOCUS IN THAT AREA. AND WE'LL ACKNOWLEDGE, WE CAN ALSO LOOK AT OUR PROGRAMS AND ALWAYS DO BETTER, AND WE CONTINUE TO DO THAT AND PARTNER WITH OUR COLLEAGUES TO DO THAT

AS WELL. ANOTHER FOCUS AREA, OF COURSE, IS WORKING WITH OUR OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. MUCH OF THE PREVENTION RESOURCES ARE ACTUALLY ADMINISTERED BY OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK AT PREVENTION AS A WHOLE WITHIN THE COUNTY. AND SO WE HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON UNDERSTANDING ALL OF THOSE PREVENTION RESOURCES, UNDERSTANDING WHO THEY SERVE, AND HOW THEY CAN WORK TOGETHER AS A SYSTEM, AND HOW WE CAN NAVIGATE CLIENTS TO THE RESOURCES THAT THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR. AND THE NEXT SORT OF LEVEL OF THAT IS HOW WE ARE ABLE TO DO THAT IN A WAY THAT IS MORE OPERATING LIKE A NO WRONG DOOR FOR THE CLIENT. SO WE GET THEM TO THE RESOURCE THAT THEY NEED, THEY DON'T HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW MANY DOORS THEY HAVE TO GO KNOCK ON TO GET THERE. SO THAT'S THE NEXT ITERATION OF OUR WORK TOGETHER WITH OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO BE ABLE TO TO GET CLIENTS TO THE RIGHT PREVENTION RESOURCE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. AND I WILL LIMIT MY QUESTIONS BECAUSE I'VE GOT A LOT, ACTUALLY MORE THAN I THOUGHT. I HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THE C.E.O. IS PRESENTING THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY REPORT ON THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ON HOMELESSNESS AT THE FEBRUARY 13TH BOARD MEETING. IS PREVENTION GOING TO BE

PART OF THIS REPORT? ARE YOU GOING TO HIGHLIGHT THE PREVENTION PIECE?

CHERI TODOROFF: WE ARE GOING TO BE COMING BACK WITH A FULL REPORT ON PREVENTION, YES.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: GOOD, EXCELLENT. AND THEN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING, HOW HAS THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING BEEN WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES THROUGH OUR COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTERS AND SENIOR CENTERS TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AS A TRUSTED PARTNER, SO THAT WE CAN GET OUT INFORMATION AND KEY RESOURCES SUCH AS HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS OR HOUSING PROGRAMS?

DR. LAURA TREJO: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS VERY IMPORTANT AND EMERGING ISSUE IN OUR SPACE. OUR DEPARTMENT IS VERY MUCH PRESENT, IN REALLY MOBILIZING NOT ONLY OUR SENIOR CENTERS, OUR 14 SENIOR CENTERS, BUT ALSO MOBILIZING THE AGING NETWORK IN LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE ENTERED INTO HISTORIC PARTNERSHIPS, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH THE FEDERALLY DESIGNATED AREA AGENCY OF THE CITY AND THEIR ENTIRE NETWORK. ONE OF THE THINGS I'M VERY PROUD OF IS WE ARE NOW CREATING REGIONAL APPROACHES AND RESPONSES TO SUPPORTING OLDER ADULTS

AND DEPENDENTS AND ALSO TO PREVENTING OLDER ADULTS FROM TRIGGERING INTO A HOMELESSNESS. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE WAYS THAT I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH PHILANTHROPY IS IN DEVELOPING FUNDING RESOURCES FOR MICRO GRANTS. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH SMALL NON-PROFITS BECUASE WHAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED-- I WILL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. A 78-YEAR-OLD WOMAN LIVING IN AN APARTMENT GETS TOLD, "YOU KNOW, PEOPLE THAT DON'T WALK VERY WELL CAN'T LIVE IN AN INDEPENDENT LIVING." WHICH WAS AN APPROPRIATE CAUTION TO THE PERSON, BUT IT TERRIFIED THIS OLDER WOMAN. SHE COULDN'T AFFORD $78 FOR A PAIR OF SUPPORT GARMENTS FOR HER LEGS TO CONTROL HER EDEMA. THIS MICRO GRANT ALLOWED HER TO DO THAT, AND IN VERY SHORT-TERM WE WERE ABLE TO STABILIZE HER ABILITY TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT IN SUBSIDIZED HOUSING. SO THIS IS ONE OF THE WAYS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING HAS BEEN LEADING IN TRYING TO DEVELOP INNOVATIVE APPROACHES IN WORKING WITH OLDER ADULTS. WE ALSO CHALLENGE THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING. I REACHED OUT TO THE DIRECTOR, AND AS A RESULT OF OUR CONVERSATIONS, THE FIRST EVER ROUND TABLE TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW DO WE PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AMONG OLDER ADULTS IN CALIFORNIA WAS HOSTED HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AND WE WERE REALLY FORTUNATE TO HAVE SECRETARY GALLEY ACTUALLY PARTICIPATE, IN THAT EVENT IN ADDITION TO

SEVERAL OTHER MAJOR STATE DEPARTMENTS. SO OUR DEPARTMENT IS NOT ONLY ENGAGING LOCALLY, BUT WE ARE ALSO TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO ENGAGE WITH OUR STATE AND OTHER PARTNERS ACROSS THE REGION IN ORDER FOR US TO BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH THE SOLUTIONS THAT OLDER ADULTS REQUIRE IN ORDER TO STAY SAFE IN THEIR OWN HOMES.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU, DR. TREJO. ALL RIGHT, WITH THAT I WOULD ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I KNOW THAT THE CHALLENGES WE ARE FACING WITH THOSE THAT ARE ON THE STREET, AND I TRULY DO BELIEVE BY INVESTING IN PREVENTION, IT IS NOT ONLY TO ME ETHICALLY AND MORALLY THE RIGHT THING TO DO, BUT FROM A FINANCIAL STANDPOINT AS WELL, IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. SO AGAIN, THANK YOU, CHERI, FOR YOUR WORK ON H.I. AND I KNOW THAT THE STAFFING ISSUE IS BEING ADDRESSED AS IT RELATES TO REALLY MAKING SURE THAT YOU GET THE STAFFING YOU NEED TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE MANDATES THAT THIS BOARD IS PUSHING. I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HELP YOU SUCCEED AND LIFT YOU UP AS WELL. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, MY OFFICE GOT A CALL YESTERDAY FROM 721 LEADERSHIP SAYING THAT THEY WANTED TO BE A PART OF THIS PLANNING PROCESS. SO I DON'T KNOW IF THERE WILL BE MEMBERS HERE TODAY THAT'LL TALK ABOUT THAT, BUT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT I JUST NOTED THAT FOR YOU AND ALL OF US. SO I WILL ASSUME THAT THEY'RE-- I SEE THEM. Y'ALL HANDLE YOUR BUSINESS. OKAY. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD. AND IN JULY OF LAST YEAR, I WAS PROUD TO BE A PART OF OUR EFFORT TO ESTABLISH THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PREVENTION AND PROMOTION SERVICES, A DELIVERY SYSTEM THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT. BECAUSE FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, WE NEED TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN UPSTREAM TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM HITTING THE COUNTY SAFETY NET. SO THIS I THINK IS A PART OF THAT EFFORT. AND SO AS I UNDERSTAND IT, AND WHY I'M SUPPORTIVE, THE MOTION BEFORE US TODAY PROVIDES FOR H.I. AND ALL THE DEPARTMENTS THAT CURRENTLY HAVE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN THEIR PORTFOLIO TO REALLY HAVE COLLECTIVE OUTCOMES FOR T.A.Y. YOUTH, AND THAT'S IMPORTANT. WHILE THE PREVENTION AND PROMOTION SYSTEMS GOVERNING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHES ITS BY LAWS AND CREATES THE LONGER RANGE VISION AND OUTCOMES FOR ALL COUNTY PREVENTION EFFORTS, THIS MOTION GIVES US STRATEGIC SHORTER TERM

COORDINATION FOR THE EXISTING PROGRAMS. WE KNOW THAT DATA PULLED FROM OUR NOW OLD POINT IN TIME COUNT, SHOWED AN OVERALL INCREASE IN T.A.Y. YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. MOST NOTABLY IN SPA 6 OF MY DISTRICT, THERE WAS A 158% INCREASE IN PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AGED 80 AND OVER. AND SO, WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK AND SUPPORT PATHWAY HOME AND BRINGING PEOPLE INTO HOUSING. AND I THINK THIS MOTION IS JUST A CONTINUED STEP IN THAT PROCESS. AND FOR THOSE REASONS I AM GLAD TO BE A PART OF THE MOTION, AND WILL BE SUPPORTING IT TODAY.

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

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND MITCHELL, FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD. I THINK IT IS REALLY GOING TO BE AN IMPORTANT REPORT BACK ON THE HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES FOR OUR TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH AND OUR OLDER ADULTS. IT IS JUST SHOCKING TO ME THAT THAT REPORT I FEEL LIKE IT WAS UP FROM SAN FRANCISCO THAT SENIORS ARE THE FASTEST GROWING GROUP ENTERING HOMELESSNESS. AND FROM 2017 TO 2021, SENIORS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS INCREASED BY 84%. THAT'S SO SHOCKING

I THINK TO MOST PEOPLE TOO. EVERY TIME WE HAVE OUR DISCUSSIONS ABOUT OUR CRISIS THAT WE ARE IN, SOMEHOW IT IS JUST IT'S NOT IN OUR MINDS THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT SENIORS. LAURA, WHAT DO YOU-- I MEAN, YOU MENTIONED, YOU KNOW, ONE EXAMPLE OF HOW-- WHAT IS CAUSING THIS? WHAT IS AT THE ROOT OF THIS HAPPENING?

LAURA TREJO: YOU KNOW, THERE'S A, I THINK IT IS A PERFECT STORM. WE HAVE AFFORDABILITY IN TERMS OF--

SUP. JANICE HAHN: NO PUN INTENDED.

LAURA TREJO: SORRY ABOUT THAT, I FORGOT ABOUT IT. BUT, YOU KNOW, OLDER ADULTS ARE FACING VERY LIMITED INCOME THAT DOESN'T ALLOW THEM TO BE ABLE TO BE VERY FLEXIBLE WHEN COSTS CHANGE. THAT HAPPENS A LOT IN OUR OFFICE. WE GET CALLS IN PANIC WHEN RENTS GO UP EVEN SLIGHTLY. I HAD TWO 80-YEAR-OLDS IN MY OFFICE, AND THEIR CONCERN WAS OVER A $60 INCREASE. FOR THEM, THEY LITERALLY TRACKED IT FOR ME, THAT IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS THEY WOULD BE EVICTED FROM THEIR PLACEMENT. AND THEY WERE COMING IN TO TRY TO FIND OUT HOW WE COULD WE SUPPORT THEM. SO FOR US IT IS NOT ONLY THE INCOME, IT IS ALSO THE COST OF HOUSING, IT IS THE LACK OF AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

IN OUR AREAS. AND IT IS ALSO THE LACK OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR OLDER PEOPLE. OLDER PEOPLE'S NEEDS CHANGE OVER TIME AS THEY ARE AGING, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'M DOING IS I'M WORKING WITH HOUSERS, PEOPLE THAT ARE IN SENIOR HOUSING, TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT, WHAT SOLUTIONS SHOULD WE BE COMING UP WITH TO PROVIDE SUPPORTS FOR OLDER PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO STAY IN THAT HOUSING LONGER AND PREVENT THEM FROM ACTUALLY BECOMING HOMELESS. SO A LOT OF THE WORK OF OUR DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW IS TO REALLY BE STRATEGICALLY IDENTIFYING WHAT ARE SOME OF THE EMERGING TRENDS. BECAUSE 50% OF ALL THE NEW HOMELESS ARE OVER THE AGE OF 50- YEARS-OLD. SO IN OUR DEPARTMENT, THAT IS AN INCREDIBLE CRISIS THAT IS EMERGING THAT WE ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO EVEN UNDERSTAND IT, AND HOW TO GET AHEAD OF IT. NOT A LOT OF MODELS, NOT A LOT OF PROGRAMS. A LITTLE BIT OF RESEARCH, VERY LITTLE. AND SO A LOT OF US IN THE FIELD ARE REALLY IN A SITUATION WHERE WE ARE LEARNING FROM THE EXPERTS. WE'RE LEARNING FROM PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE. WHO SHARE WITH US THEIR EXPERIENCES IN TRYING TO COPE WITH THE SITUATION THAT THEY'RE LIVING IN, SO.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: WELL, THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I AM ALWAYS TELL, EVERY TIME I LOOK AT YOU, I'M REALLY GLAD THAT WE HAVE

CREATED OUR DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITIES AND WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AS THE DEPARTMENT HEAD. I'M GLAD WE TOOK YOU FROM DOWN THE STREET. BECAUSE AGAIN, I THINK TO HAVE A DEPARTMENT SOLELY FOCUSED ON OUR SENIORS AND NOW WHERE WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR EXPERTISE AS IT RELATES TO THE HOMELESS CRISIS. BUT IT IS ALSO THE YOUNGER PEOPLE, THE TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH. 175,000. THIS IS A REPORT FROM THE STATE. 175,000 PEOPLE YOUNGER THAN 25 HAVE INTERACTED WITH THE HOMELESS SYSTEM. AGAIN, MANY OF THEM COMING FROM OUR FOSTER SYSTEM. YOU KNOW, THIS IS-- I AM GOING TO SUPPORT THIS. OF COURSE, WE WANT TO SEE THIS REPORT BACK. HERE IS SOME OF MY FRUSTRATION, COLLEAGUES, AND I THINK I BRING IT UP EVERY YEAR WHEN WE APPROVE OUR MEASURE H DOLLARS. WE ARE APPROVING TODAY I BELIEVE $600 MILLION. AND I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE THESE REPORTS ARE SORT OF THE TIMING IS OFF. BECAUSE I BET WE'RE GOING TO HEAR SOME THINGS THAT MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE PUT MORE MONEY IN CERTAIN POCKETS. SO I THINK, CHERI, WE HAVE GIVEN YOU-- HAVE WE GIVEN YOU SOME KIND OF AUTHORITY TO -- IF THIS REPORT COMES BACK AND SAYS OH MY GOSH, WE DON'T-- WE HAVE NOT BEEN APPROPRIATED ENOUGH MONEY IN PREVENTION FOR THESE TWO AGE GROUPS, DO YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO TWEAK THE BUCKET, SO TO SPEAK?

CHERI TODOROFF: SO, WE DO HAVE THE ABILITY TO CONTINUOUSLY SORT OF ADJUST AND IMPROVE WHAT WE ARE DOING TO DO BETTER. SO WE TAKE THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION AND WE LOOK AT LIKE HOW WE'RE ALREADY PROGRAMMING OUR DOLLARS. AND ARE WE LEARNING FROM WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS, OUR STAKEHOLDERS AND HEARING FROM CONSUMERS ABOUT WAYS THAT WE COULD MAKE ADJUSTMENTS SO THAT WE ARE HAVING A GREATER IMPACT. SO THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ARE CONTINUOUSLY DOING ALL OF THE TIME. WHEN IT COMES TO MOVING DOLLARS, I JUST NEED TO BE VERY TRANSPARENT THAT THE DOLLARS ARE LARGELY, THEY ARE IN A CONTRACT. THEY ARE FUNDING A SHELTER, THEY ARE KEEPING SOMEBODY IN PERMANENT HOUSING. SO WE HAVE LARGER DECISIONS AND CONVERSATIONS TO HAVE WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT MAKING SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS FROM ONE CATEGORY TO ANOTHER BECAUSE IT DOES MEAN--

SUP. JANICE HAHN: YEAH, I MEAN, I GET THAT, BECAUSE WE, BY THE WAY, COLLEAGUES, WE WENT FROM 37 STRATEGIES TO FIVE STRATEGIES AND IT JUST SEEMS LIKE WE WERE ALWAYS, THESE REPORTS COMING BACK, TELLING US WHERE THE RESOURCES SHOULD GO, FEELS TO ME THEY COME AFTER WE HAVE ALREADY APPROPRIATED. SO ONE OF THESE YEARS WE'RE GONNA GET ALL THESE REPORTS, YOU KNOW, PROCESSED.

YOU KNOW, SIX MONTHS BEFORE WE ON THE DATE THAT WE APPROPRIATE OUR MEASURE H DOLLARS. AND THAT'S WHAT I STILL HOPE FOR. CERTAINLY NOT CRITICIZING YOU TWO FOR THINKING ABOUT THIS AND BRINGING THIS FORWARD, BUT YOU SEE MY FRUSTRATION A LITTLE BIT. AND IT SEEMS A LITTLE BACKWARDS HOW SOMETIMES WE GET THE INFORMATION AFTER WE HAVE ALREADY APPROPRIATED. BUT I DO KNOW THAT IT IS A FLUID SITUATION. AND I DO KNOW THAT YOU'RE RIGHT, OUR MONEY IS CONTRACTED TO SPECIFIC THINGS, BUT THESE KINDS OF THINGS FRUSTRATE ME JUST A LITTLE BIT, BECAUSE WE MORE THAN ANYTHING, WANT TO TARGET OUR DOLLARS AND WE WANT TO TARGET THE TAXPAYER'S DOLLARS TO WHERE IT'S GOING TO ACTUALLY ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. AND THESE ARE TWO AREAS THAT MAYBE WE DIDN'T HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT, SPECIFICALLY BEFORE, AND HOPEFULLY WHEN WE GET THE REPORT BACK, WE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THE ADJUSTMENTS WE NEED TO MAKE BECAUSE IT IS SHOCKING, BOTH OF THESE TWO AGENCIES-- IT IS INTERESTING THAT THIS REPORT COVERS BOTH OF THESE AGE GROUPS. COULDN'T BE FARTHER APART ON THE AGE SPECTRUM, BUT TWO VERY NEEDY POPULATIONS AS IT RELATES TO OUR HUMANITARIAN CRISIS ON OUR STREETS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: ABSOLUTELY. AND I TOO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS BARGER AND MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM

FORWARD. WE ARE UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY, OF COURSE, AND AS A BOARD WE MAKE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE INTERIM HOUSING, OUTREACH AND SUBSIDIES FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES. AND THESE POPULATIONS, AS SUPERVISOR HAHN JUST SAID, ARE VERY DESERVING AND IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. AS WE THINK ABOUT OUR MEASURE H DOLLARS, I KNOW THERE'S BEEN REQUESTS FOR US TO THINK ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY, IN TERMS OF HOW WE USE THOSE DOLLARS IN THIS CASE TO SUPPORT THESE TWO POPULATIONS. BUT I THINK AS WE THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE OF MEASURE H, WE ALSO HAVE TO THINK ABOUT FLEXIBILITY, AND EMPOWERING THE ABILITY FOR US TO MOVE DOLLARS WHEN WE-- WHEN THINGS LIKE THIS ARE APPEALED, THAT CERTAIN POPULATIONS ARE IN NEED, OR NEED A DIFFERENT KIND OF SUPPORT THAN WE'VE BEEN PROVIDING WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THOSE SHIFTS. SO NOTED FOR OUR FUTURE, AS IT RELATES TO MEASURE H. BUT OVER A THIRD OF OUR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ+, AND WERE TURNED OUT OF THEIR HOMES BY THEIR FAMILY AT LEAST ONCE. AND FOR OLDER ADULTS OFTEN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR 50'S, 60'S, 70'S AND 80'S, THIS IS INCREDIBLY DEVASTATING. SO I WANT TO THANK OUR DEPARTMENTS FOR WORKING ON THIS MOTION. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE DIRECTION THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE GIVEN AND THE QUESTIONS THAT THEY HAVE ASKED

TO HIGHLIGHT HOW THIS WILL COME FORWARD. AND I, TOO, HEARD FROM S.C.I.U. 721 ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AND MAKING SURE THAT THESE PROGRAMS ARE DELIVERING THE RESULTS THAT WE ALL EXPECT. IN MY MIND, THIS MOTION REFLECTS THE CARE AND COMPASSION WE HAVE FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT IT. SEEING NO OTHERS IN THE QUEUE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL DEXTER O'CONNELL, DANISHA ARKADY, JOSE MELENDEZ, MARIO MORGAN, NATASHA SMITH, AND PATRICIA MCALLISTER PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER, FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 13, 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 ASIA WILSON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ASIA WILSON: MY NAME IS ASIA WILSON AND I AM A MEMBER OF S.T.I.U. 721. I WORK WITH ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND THE

A.P.S. REGION 5 AT THE M.L.K. HUB. AND I ALSO SUPPORT THIS MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I CAN'T STRESS ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR TO EXAMINE THE INNER WORKINGS OF THIS DEPARTMENT. WE'RE CONFIDENT THAT YOU SEE WAHT WE SEE. WHEN IT COMES TO THE WORKFORCE AT A.P.S., WE DO DO OUR ABSOLUTE BEST. WE TAKE THE NEEDS OF OUR CLIENTS VERY SERIOUSLY. WE GIVE THEM OUR TIME AND OUR ATTENTION THAT THEY DESERVE, YOU KNOW, TO RECEIVE THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED IN ORDER FOR US TO HELP ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF THEIR LIFE. AND IT IS IMPORTANT AND WE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT OUR WORK IS. AND AS IT WAS STATED BEFORE, THE ELDERLY POPULATION IS THE FASTEST GROWING POPULATION OF HOMELESSNESS IN LA, AND THAT IS A TRAGEDY. AND SO--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROBERTO ASISA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ROBERTO ASISA: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

ROBERTO ASISA: GOOD EVENING, BOARD MEMBERS. I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 13. NOW YOU WANTED TO UTILIZE THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM TO ASSIST THE HOMELESS UNDER THIS MOTION, WHICH IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF [UNINTELLIGIBLE] HILLS. I WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING. NUMBER ONE, EXAM THE CASELOAD RATIO BY SOCIAL WORKER THAT A.P.S. HAS RIGHT NOW. NUMBER TWO, EXAMINE THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM WHICH ARE POTENTIALLY DETRIMENTAL TO THE OLDER POPULATION AS WELL AS BEING RESPECTFUL TO THE SOCIAL WORKER IN CREATING POTENTIAL LIABILITIES JUST TO THE COUNTY. ONE OF THE EXAMPLES IS THE BAD LUCK RECEIVED BY 211. THEY HAVE RACE EXPONENTIALLY EVERY DAY. THESE CREATING AUTHENTIC CASES, PARTICULARLY ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAYS BETWEEN 5:30 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M., WHEN THERE'S CLOSE TO NO SOCIAL WORKER ATTENTIVE TO THOSE CASES AND DETERMINE THEIR URGENCY AS WELL AS VIOLATING THE POLICIES, THE WAY IT WAS CREATED RECENTLY. AND LAST BUT NOT THE LEAST, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO LOOK AT THE POLICY AND SEE WHAT THE POLICY DOES OR DOESN'T DO, BASED UPON WHEN IT GOES IN THE FIELD, AS OPPOSED TO WHAT IS IN WRITING. MS. [UNINTELLIGIBLE] HAS STATED SHE STATED THAT SHE WOULD NEVER NEGOTIATE THE SAFETY OF HER CLIENTS--

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

MODERATOR: WE HAVE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS IN THE QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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

DEXTER O'CONNELL: HELLO, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. DEXTER O'CONNELL, A SAFE PLACE FOR YOUTH ON THE WEST SIDE, A GENUINE PLEASURE AGAIN. AND PERHAPS HAPPIER FOR THIS ITEM, BECAUSE PREVENTION IS THE KEY. AND WE AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN THAT SHIFTING FOCUS TO TRANSITION AGE YOUTH PREVENTION PROGRAMS IS REALLY VALUABLE. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A STEPPING STONES PARTNERSHIP WITH D.C.F.S., WHICH ENSURES THAT NO YOUTH HAS TO AGE OUT OF FOSTER CARE INTO HOMELESSNESS, AND THAT PARTNERSHIP KEEPS BEDS OPEN TO ENSURE THAT D.C.F.S. HAS A PLACE TO PUT YOUNG PEOPLE WHOSE FOSTER CARE TRANSITION PLAN FALLS THROUGH. WE WANT TO APPRECIATE THE EFFORT OF SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S TEAM, TO ENSURE THAT THAT DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM CAN CONTINUE, AND

ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO FOCUS ON SUCCESSFUL PREVENTION PROGRAMS LIKE THAT ONE GOING FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE. BECAUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS ARE OFTEN BOTH MORE INNOVATIVE IN STRATEGY AND MORE MEANINGFUL, ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. AGAIN, WE APPRECIATE THE SPECIFIC FOCUS ON YOUNG PEOPLE, AND LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUED SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VARIOUS COUNTY AGENCIES AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU.

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

DANISHA ARCADY: HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DANISHA ARCADY AND I AM A SOCIAL WORKER WITH THE LANCASTER PALMDALE SANTA CLARITA OFFICE, ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES, WHICH IS A UNIT IN THE COUNTY OF-- THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITIES. FIRST OFF, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR INTRODUCING THIS VITAL MOTION. I HAVE BEEN A SOCIAL WORKER FOR 20 YEARS AND I HAVE WORKED EVERY DAY TO MAKE SURE SENIORS IN OUR COMMUNITY DON'T FALL INTO HOMELESSNESS AND THAT THEY ARE CONNECTED TO VITAL RESOURCES THEY NEED TO SURVIVE. AS WE ANALYZE WHAT

IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE MADE IN OUR HOMELESS PREVENTION STRATEGIES, I CALL ON THE COUNTY'S OFFICIALS TO PLEASE LISTEN TO PEOPLE ON THE GROUND LIKE ME, WHO WORK WITH OUR SENIORS AND OTHERS IN NEED EVERY DAY. FOR YEARS WE HAVE DEALT WITH UNDERSTAFFING CREATING BIG BACKLOGS, DELAYS IN SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE, YET WE SEE LITTLE URGENCY TO ADDRESS THIS BY OUR DEPARTMENTS' LEADERSHIP, INSTEAD SEE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES PROCEDURES THAT WE BELIEVE UNDERMINE OUR WORK.

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

MARLO MORGAN: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARLO MORGAN AND I'M A MEMBER OF S.C.I.U. 721. I WORK IN ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES AT THE A.P.S. SAN PEDRO FIELD OFFICE. AND I WANT TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION. IT IS TIME FOR LA COUNTY TO TAKE STRONG ACTION IN ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES. I CAN TELL YOU THIS: ABSOLUTELY MORE ATTENTION NEEDS TO BE PAID TO THIS DEPARTMENT. THE JOB VACANCY RATE IS FAR TOO HIGH; IN FACT, IT IS AT THE CORE OF SO MANY OF OUR PROBLEMS. EVERY DAY, WE GET URGENT REFERRALS ON MATTERS THAT AFFECT SOME OF LA COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE, THE ELDERLY. OUR WORK CANNOT BE

DELAYED, YET, THE WORK FORCE IS SPREAD WAY TOO THIN, AND IT HAS BEEN THIS WAY FOR TOO LONG. WHEN WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE TO DO THE JOB, OR DO IT THOROUGHLY, IT IS THE CLIENTS WHO SUFFERS. IF THE CLIENT IS ON THE STREETS OR ON THE VERGE OF BEING HOMELESS, THEY SUFFER AND IN A WAY, WE ALL DO. LET'S KEEP THE FOLKS ON THE DEPARTMENT, WE, THE WORK FORCE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU.

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

MELENDEZ: MELENDEZ. I AM A MEMBER OF THE S.C.I.U. 721. I WORK FOR THE AGING AND DISABILITIES ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES AT THE WHITTIER MOBILE UNIT. I ALSO SUPPORT THIS MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY. I FEEL COMPELLED TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO HEAR FROM EVERYONE IN AGING AND DISABILITIES ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES. I MEAN, NOT JUST BY AGING AND DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT MANAGERS, HEADS, BUT THE FRONTLINE. THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DETERMINED TO SOLVE LA COUNTY'S HOMELESS SITUATION, THAT'S GREAT. BUT I AM ASKING YOU TO MAKE SURE TO GET EVERYONE'S TAKE. I AM ASKING THAT YOU NOT DO WHAT AGING AND DISABILITY DEPARTMENT HEADS DO. THEY TAKE A STRICTLY TOP-DOWN APPROACH, AND THAT MEANS THEY ONLY SEE

THINGS FROM ONE PERSPECTIVE. WE ON THE FRONTLINE HAVE A LOT OF INSIGHT AS TO WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T. TOO OFTEN IT GETS IGNORED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND--

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

MODERATOR: THERE ARE NO MORE SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. ITEM 13 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ITEM 13 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 20, PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS AMONG SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I WILL TURN IT TO YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR RECOGNIZING ME AND ALSO FOR JOINING ME AS A CO-AUTHOR ON THE MOTION. AS WE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR SOLUTIONS TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN OUR STREETS, WE NEED TO LOOK AT OPPORTUNTIES TO CLOSE THE PIPELINE INTO HOMELESSNESS. AND WE KNOW THAT ONE OF THE MANY FACTORS THAT CAN LEAD TO HOMELESSNESS IS DOMESTIC AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE. A RECENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE BENIOFF HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING INITIATIVE AT U.C. SAN FRANCISCO SHOWED THAT ONE IN FIVE WOMEN WHO BECOMES HOMELESS IN CALIFORNIA FLEE THEIR HOMES TO ESCAPE VIOLENCE AND ESCALATING ABUSE BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER. INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE INCREASES THE RISK OF HOMELESSNESS FOR SURVIVORS BUT PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE WITH LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES. AND WHILE INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IS OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH WOMEN, THE SURVEY REPORTED THAT 44% OF MEN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS EXPERIENCED SEXUAL VIOLENCE, PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, AND STALKING BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER AT SOME POINT IN THEIR LIFETIME. OVERALL, INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE INCREASED PARTICIPANTS' RISK OF LOSING THEIR HOUSING, WITH MANY SURVIVORS FLEEING FOR THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY. THE FINDINGS IN THIS REPORT MIRROR THE RESULTS OF THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER'S COUNTYWIDE WOMEN'S NEEDS ASSESSMENT, WHICH I

CHAMPIONED AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE 2022 COUNTYWIDE WOMEN'S NEEDS ASSESSMENT SHOWED THAT, AMONG UNHOUSED WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 48.4% HAD EXPERIENCED INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, AND ANOTHER 28.7% REPORTED LEAVING PERMANENT HOUSING BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC OR INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE. WHEN THESE WOMEN END UP IN ENCAMPMENTS, THEY'RE AT INCREASED RISK OF FURTHER VIOLENCE, WHICH ONLY PERPETUATES THE CYCLE OF TRAUMA. AS THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO GRAPPLE WITH THE GROWING HOMELESSNESS CRISIS, I THINK IT'S IMPERATIVE TO LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO PREVENT INDIVIDUALS FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS, BY PREVENTING SURVIVORS OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE FROM BECOMING HOMELESS IN THE FIRST PLACE. THE COUNTY CAN REDUCE THE INFLOW INTO HOMELESSNESS AND PREVENT THE CYCLE OF TRAUMA THAT PERSISTS. THAT'S WHY I AUTHORED THIS MOTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE C.E.O. HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE, L.A.H.S.A., AND COMMUNITY-BASED AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, TO REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS WITH THE FOLLOWING: AN ASSESSMENT OF THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO SERVE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS, AND PREVENT THEM FROM BECOMING HOMELESS; A GAPS ANALYSIS, INDICATING WHAT RESOURCES ARE LACKING FOR PREVENTION OF HOMELESSNESS AMONG THE I.P.V. SURVIVORS, AND RESOURCES FOR THOSE THAT DO FALL INTO

HOMELESSNESS; AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION, TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM OF PREVENTION OF I.P.V. SURVIVORS, AND TO BETTER SERVE I.P.V. SURVIVORS WHO ARE UNHOUSED. COLLEAGUES, I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU. WE OFTEN SAY, AS IT RELATES TO HOMELESSNESS, THAT KEEPING PEOPLE IN THE HOUSING THEY'RE IN, AS A FORM OF PREVENTION, IS A GREAT WAY TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS. BUT, OBVIOUSLY, IN THE CASE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE IN A VIOLENT HOME, THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN FLEEING A VIOLENT HOME OR BEING ON THE STREETS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY MIGHT BE WITH SMALL CHILDREN WHO ALSO ARE IN NEED OF SHELTER AND CARE. WOMEN, IN PARTICULAR, FLEEING ABUSIVE HOMES FACE NEW RISKS OF VIOLENCE WHILE LIVING ON THE STREETS, AS WE'VE HEARD IN EARLIER ITEMS TODAY; LOTS OF THEMES AROUND PERPETUATING THE TRAUMATIC CYCLE OF ABUSE. THIS MOTION PROVIDES CRITICAL INFORMATION TO INFORM OUR BOARD'S PLAN TO ADDRESS INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, AND THE HOMELESSNESS THAT IS OFTEN THE RESULT. AND WE'VE MADE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION A TOP POLICY PRIORITY, FOR ALL OF THE REASONS THAT WE'VE BEEN SAYING ALL DAY TODAY, AND I KNOW

THAT OUR DEPUTIES IN THE POLICY MEETING THAT WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 15TH, AND GOING FORWARD, WILL CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON WAYS THAT WE CAN IMPLEMENT CHANGE ON THESE ISSUES. SO IN OUR FIGHT TO END HOMELESSNESS, WE HAVE TO KEEP OUR MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE SAFE; AND TO CREATE A MORE JUST LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THIS IS A BATTLE WE MUST BE READY TO FACE, HEAD ON. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR TAKING THIS ON. AND SEEING NO OTHERS IN THE QUEUE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL DONALD HARLAN, MYESHIA MCCOY, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, AND SOMA SNAKEOIL PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 20, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS TEYA HISEL. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

TEYA HISEL: HI. THIS IS TEYA HISEL AGAIN, THE POLICY MANAGER FOR DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER. WE JUST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HORVATH FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN THIS MOTION TO CALL FOR REPORTING ON PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS AMONGST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS. THIS MOTION HIGHLIGHTS THE 2022 L.A. COUNTY WOMEN'S NEEDS ASSESSMENT. THE MOST UP-TO-DATE, COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON WOMEN'S HOMELESSNESS WITHIN L.A. COUNTY SHOWS THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A PROMINENT CAUSE OF HOMELESSNESS FOR WOMEN, AS WELL AS THEIR CONTINUED VULNERABILITY TO VIOLENCE WHEN UNHOUSED. PRIORITIZING THE SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WILL HELP TO PREVENT WOMEN FROM EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND FURTHER VIOLENCE. THIS MOTION WILL REQUIRE THE REPORT-BACK NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THOSE MOST VULNERABLE. DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER THEREFORE URGES THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LILY TRAN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

LILY TRAN: HI. THIS IS LILY TRAN. I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE Y.W.C.A. OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR HILDA

L. SOLIS'S FORMER MOTION TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AMONG SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE. PLEASE VOTE YES ON ITEM 20. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TRACY EVANSON. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

TRACY EVANSON: HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TRACY, AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH HEALED WOMEN HEAL, AND I AM CALLING TO REQUEST THAT YOU WOULD PLEASE VOTE YES ON ITEM 20. I.P.V. IS A MAJOR DRIVER OF HOMELESSNESS. A SURVEY OF HOMELESS WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOUND THAT 53% HAD EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IN THEIR LIFETIME. WE NEED MORE RESOURCES TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING. WE WORK WITH SURVIVORS OF ABUSE, AND HOUSING AND FINANCES ARE A HUGE BARRIER. AND WHILE WE'RE HELPING TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS WITH BOUNDARY-SETTING, COMMUNICATION, AND DECISION-MAKING, SOMETIMES RETURNING TO AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP IS THE ALTERNATIVE TO BEING HOMELESS, AND THAT'S JUST NOT OKAY. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CONSTANZA PACHON. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: CONSTANZA?

MODERATOR: CONSTANZA, DO YOU POSSIBLY HAVE YOUR MUTE BUTTON ON?

CONSTANZA PACHON: YES. THANK YOU.

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

CONSTANZA PACHON: THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME TODAY. MY NAME IS CONSTANZA PACHON, C.E.O. OF THE WHOLE CHILD, AN ORGANIZATION PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH AND HOUSING SERVICES IN L.A. COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AMONG SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. AS A PROVIDER OF HOUSING SERVICES, WE SEE ALMOST UP TO 60% OF OUR RESIDENTS IN OUR SHELTERS BEING SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC

VIOLENCE. MOTIONS AND INITIATIVES, LIKE THE ONE IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY, WILL DEFINITELY HELP US UNDERSTAND MORE THE PLIGHT THAT THEY ARE SUFFERING, AND THE TRAUMA WE NEED TO ADDRESS BEFORE THEY ARE FULLY READY TO TRANSITION INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. THIS MOTION WILL HELP US ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE RESOURCES ARE ALLOTTED TO ADDRESS THIS GROWING ISSUE. PLEASE VOTE YES ON ITEM 20. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS RUTH RIVERA. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

RUTH RIVERA: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RUTH RIVERA. I'M WITH THE EAST LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S CENTER. WE ARE AN ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS WITH SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING. WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HORVATH FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD, AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR STEADFAST SUPPORT IN PROVIDING VOICES FOR THE SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. OUR ORGANIZATION HAS SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW HOMELESSNESS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERCONNECT, AND SEE THE AFTERMATH OF

THOSE WHO LEAVE THEIR HOMES WITHOUT READILY RESOURCES AVAILABLE. DUE TO THE CUTS THAT ARE ALSO FACING AND IMPACTING OUR SERVICES, IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR PREVENTATIVE MOTIONS LIKE THIS TO PASS, TO PROVIDE AMPLE RESOURCES FOR SURVIVORS WHO WANT TO LEAVE, AND NOT RUN THE RISK OF BEING RETRAUMATIZED AND REVICTIMIZED WHEN THEY ARE UNHOUSED. WE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS MOTION.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JASON BAUTISTA. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

JASON BAUTISTA: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JASON BAUTISTA, POLICY ASSOCIATE AT THAI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER. THAI C.D.C. IS A NONPROFIT BASED IN EAST HOLLYWOOD HEIGHTS, AND IT PROVIDES A BROAD RANGE OF SERVICES, FROM LEGAL AID TO FOOD ACCESS, TO THAIS AND OTHER MARGINALIZED ETHNIC COMMUNITIES IN THE AREA. I WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AMONGST SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WITH OVER 75,000 UNHOUSED ANGELENOS LIVING IN THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES, THE COUNTY BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS MUST LOOK AT WAYS TO PREVENT THE INFLOW INTO HOMELESSNESS. FOR WOMEN WHO END UP ON OUR STREETS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS OFTEN A FACTOR THAT LEADS THEM TO HOMELESSNESS. WE NEED MORE RESOURCES TO PREVENT SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FROM BECOMING HOMELESS IN THE FIRST PLACE. THIS MOTION WILL HELP US GET THERE, AND WILL HELP US ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE RESOURCES ARE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THIS GROWING ISSUE. PLEASE VOTE YES ON ITEM 20. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: AND WE HAVE NO FURTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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

SOMA SNAKEOIL: THANK YOU. AGAIN, MY NAME IS SOMA. I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SIDEWALK PROJECT. I'M SPEAKING AS A PROVIDER THAT DOES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WORK, BUT I'M ALSO SPEAKING AS A SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 20. WITHIN A 6-MONTH PERIOD LAST YEAR, MY TEAM

PLACED 43 WOMEN FLEEING INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND EXPLOITATION INTO INTERIM HOUSING, NONE OF WHOM WE WERE ABLE TO PLACE THROUGH THE OVERSTRETCHED D.V. SERVICE SYSTEM. OUR SERVICES ARE SO LOW-BARRIER THAT OUR DROP-IN HAS FUNCTIONED FOR MANY WOMEN AS A WALK-IN CRISIS CENTER. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR YOUR MOTION TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AMONG SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WITH OVER 75,000 UNHOUSED ANGELENOS LIVING IN THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MUST LOOK AT WAYS TO PREVENT THE INFLOW INTO HOMELESSNESS, INCLUDING CREATING A ROBUST D.V. SERVICE AND D.V. PREVENTION SYSTEM. FOR WOMEN ENDING UP ON OUR STREETS, D.V. IS OFTEN-- I'M GOING TO WRAP IT UP, BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE MUCH MORE TIME. PLEASE VOTE YES ON ITEM 20. THE SIDEWALK PROJECT AND MYSELF ARE IN FULL SUPPORT.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS MYESHIA MCCOY. I AM WITH THE CAMBODIA ASSOCIATION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. I GO EVERY WEDNESDAY, AND I DO APPROVE OF AGENDA 20, FOR ALL OF MY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SISTERS WHO NEED SERVICES. WE DO GET SERVICES FROM L.A. COUNTY D.P.S.S., BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE

TO HAVE DOCUMENTS, AND A LOT OF THOSE PEOPLE DON'T HAVE DOCUMENTS, OR WHATEVER, WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO FLEE A SCENE OF BEING A VICTIM, OF GETTING BATTERED, SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES REQUESTS FOR US TO HAVE DOCUMENTS TO GET TEMPORARY HOUSING. SO I DO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU GUYS ARE COMING UP WITH WAYS TO SUPPORT THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM WOMEN, BECAUSE IT'S A LOT OF US THAT'S IN THAT GROUP THAT TALK ABOUT IT EVERY WEDNESDAY, HOW THEY DON'T HAVE NOWHERE TO GO. AND LAST YEAR IN JULY, I HAD A BABY WHO WAS 20 YEARS OLD CALL ME AT ONE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, SCARED FOR HER LIFE BECAUSE SHE WAS GETTING BEAT UP BY HER BABY DADDY, AND DIDN'T HAVE NOWHERE TO GO. AND I DO APPROVE OF MEASURE 20. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M SORRY, AGENDA 20.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, AND FOR SHARING THAT FEEDBACK. ITEM 20 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ITEM 20 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA, TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF, OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. I THINK I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS MOTIONS TODAY, SO I'D LIKE TO READ TWO URGENCY MOTIONS. YESTERDAY, I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SPENDING TIME IN OUR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER. WE'RE FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH A DEDICATED TEAM WORKING TO KEEP LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFE. MY SINCERE GRATITUDE TO OUR DIRECTOR OF O.E.M., MCGOWAN, FIRE CHIEF MARRONE, SHERIFF LUNA, OUR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MARK PESTRELLA. SO MANY PEOPLE CAME TOGETHER TO HAVE A WORLD-CLASS RESPONSE TO WHAT THIS STORM AND TIME OF EMERGENCY HAS BEEN, AND IT'S CLEAR THAT OUR PREPARATION, REGIONAL COORDINATION, AND CLEAR COMMUNICATION TO THE PUBLIC PAID OFF. AS DIRECTOR PESTRELLA HAS SHARED, WE EXPERIENCED A THOUSAND CUTS-- POTHOLES, DEBRIS FLOWS, A COLLAPSED BIKEWAY-- BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN WAY WORSE. HOWEVER, THERE REMAINS DEVASTATION, FROM TOPANGA CANYON, TO THE HOLLYWOOD HILLS, TO MY COLLEAGUE SUPERVISOR BARGER'S SOLEDAD CANYON COMMUNITY THAT HAD TO EVACUATE. FOR EVERY RESIDENT OF OUR CANYON COMMUNITIES AND ANYONE EXPERIENCING DEBRIS FLOWS, THESE HAVE BEEN TERRIFYING DAYS WITH SIGNIFICANT RECOVERY AHEAD. WE KNOW THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS HERE FOR YOU, AND WE

WILL RECOVER TOGETHER, AND I APPRECIATE MY COLLEAGUES' SUPPORT AND ACTIONS THROUGHOUT THE STORM. I KNOW THAT YOU ALL HAVE HAD TO SHOW UP IN EXTRAORDINARY WAYS FOR YOUR RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS. I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN RATIFYING OUR EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION, SO THAT WE CAN BRING ALL RESOURCES FORWARD TO RECOVER FROM THE STORM. AND A NOTE TO OUR COMMUNITY: WE ARE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET. PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS AND ON ALERT, ESPECIALLY IN OUR CANYONS, WHERE ROCKSLIDES AND DEBRIS FLOW REMAIN A SERIOUS RISK. LET ALL EMERGENCIES BE A REMINDER TO READY OURSELVES FOR THE NEXT ONE. PROPER PREPARATION MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE. AND SO I BELIEVE YOU HAVE THE RATIFICATION OF A PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR WINTER STORMS. I WILL READ THE DIRECTIVES, AND THEN WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE THE FINDING THAT IT'S AN URGENCY ITEM, AND THEN VOTE ON THE ITEM AFTER. SO, "BASED ON THE FOREGOING, AND PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2B2, I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD DETERMINE THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO RATIFY THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY, AND THAT THE NEED TO TAKE THIS ACTION CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD RATIFY THE ATTACHED PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY MADE ON FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024,

FOR THE WINTER STORMS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL ITS TERMINATION IS PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD. DIRECTIVE TWO: TO DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO FORWARD A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY TO THE DIRECTOR OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND REQUEST THE DIRECTOR TO FIND IT ACCEPTABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE LAW, MAKE AVAILABLE RECOVERY ASSISTANCE UNDER THE CALIFORNIA DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT, AND EXPEDITE ACCESS TO STATE AND FEDERAL RESOURCES AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAMS. AND THREE: DIRECT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT ALL ASSESSMENT, ASSISTANCE, AND MONITORING EFFORTS, AS APPLICABLE." SO THAT IS THE MOTION. I WOULD ENTERTAIN IF THERE IS A SECOND. OKAY. FINDING THAT THERE'S A MOTION AND A SECOND, WE WILL NOW NEED TO VOTE ON PLACING THIS URGENCY MOTION ON TODAY'S AGENDA, AND THEN WE WILL VOTE ON THE MOTION AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT. SO I MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SO THE URGENCY FINDING IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: ALSO, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD MAKES A FINDING, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2B2, THAT THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION, AND THE NEED FOR ACTION CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO THE AGENDA BEING POSTED, AND PLACE ON THIS AGENDA THE FOLLOWING CLOSED-SESSION ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION: CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE. I BELIEVE THAT REFERENCES-- OH, AS WELL AS CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE: SUITABILITY DETERMINATION OF THE BARRY J. NIDORF SECURE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY BY THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS. I WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. OKAY, AND THIS URGENCY FINDING IS BEFORE US. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: URGENCY FINDING FOR CS-4 AND CS-5 CLOSED-SESSION ITEMS IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AND WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AS WELL AS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE

PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. YOU MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, IN ORDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON REMAINING ITEMS, AS WELL AS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL LESLIE AMAYA, DELLORA ELLIS-GANT, MICHAEL PITKIN, DONALD HARLAN, MYESHIA MCCOY, AND SOMA SNAKEOIL PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

COMMENT, 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 SPEAKER IS PAUL HENNESSY. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HI. I'M COMMENTING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND ITEM 17. WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSE OF DIABETES, ONE OF WHICH IS ACUTE C.O.V.I.D. INFECTIONS. EVEN IF THEY'RE MILD, THEY LEAD TO LONG-TERM EFFECTS, LIKE DIABETES. CHILDHOOD DIABETES IS ON THE RISE BECAUSE UNMITIGATED SPREAD OF C.O.V.I.D. ACTUALLY INCREASES THAT RISK. CHILDREN ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE ANTIBODIES THAT ATTACK INSULIN-PRODUCING CELLS. THIS OCCURS IN BOTH UNVACCINATED AND VACCINATED PEOPLE. WE CANNOT SUCCESSFULLY DO ANYTHING FOR DIABETES MONTH WITHOUT PROTECTION FROM CLEAN INDOOR AIR INVESTMENTS. WE NEED INVESTMENTS IN CLEAN AIR IN SCHOOLS, PUBLIC TRANSIT, AND OF COURSE CONGREGATE SETTINGS, NOT TO MENTION MASKING IN HEALTHCARE. AWARENESS FOR DIABETES, LIKE DIABETES MONTH, IS GREAT, BUT ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSE IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT. FURTHERMORE, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT CALIFORNIA'S

PUBLIC HEALTH ONE-DAY C.O.V.I.D. ISOLATION POLICY IS BASED ON ANY SCIENCE, AS THOSE WITH C.O.V.I.D. CAN BE CONTAGIOUS FOR 10 DAYS. SO I'M CALLING TO ASK THE BOARD TO REINSTATE MASKS IN HEALTHCARE, URGE FOR CLEAN INDOOR AIR INVESTMENTS IN CONGREGATE SETTINGS, AND TO REVERSE THE ONE-DAY C.O.V.I.D. ISOLATION POLICY. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS STEVE CARTER. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

T. CARTER: HELLO?

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

T. CARTER: HELLO? IT'S T. CARTER, TO START, SO IF YOU COULD SET MY TIME BACK. I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS CALLING MY NAME BECAUSE HE SAID "STEVE," BUT IT'S ACTUALLY "T," AS IN "TOM," IF YOU COULD START MY TIME OVER.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY.

T. CARTER: OKAY, SO I'M CALLING IN REGARDS TO PUBLIC COMMENT, ITEM NUMBER 2, AND ITEM NUMBER 4, AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO RESPOND TO MS. MITCHELL, WHO MADE A COMMENT IN REFERENCE TO MY COMMENT LAST WEEK ON PUBLIC COMMENT. SHE WAITED UNTIL AFTER I COMMENTED. AND I ALSO THINK IT'S BIASED THAT WHEN I MADE A COMMENT, THE BOARD LET MS. MITCHELL SPEAK, BUT SHE GOT TO SPEAK WITHOUT A TIME PERIOD, BUT I WAS ONLY GIVEN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME. IN RESPONSE TO WHAT MS. MITCHELL STATED LAST WEEK, THAT I WAS ASSISTED AND HER OFFICE MADE MANY ATTEMPTS TO ASSIST ME, THAT IS NOT TRUE. I PRESENTED INFORMATION TO MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO INVESTIGATION. I HAVE ASKED HER TO PRESENT MY MATTER TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS, REGARDING MS. ZAVALA AND HER TWO STAFF MEMBERS, HISPANIC, WHO DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME. MS. MITCHELL SAID THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TRIED TO GET IN CONTACT WITH ME. I HAVE DOCUMENTATION AND PROOF THEY DID NOT. AND IT'S INTERESTING THAT WITH THE HISTORY OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, MS. MITCHELL ELECTS TO BELIEVE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SHE ELECTS TO BELIEVE THEM VERSUS ACTUAL DOCUMENTS. I HAVE DOCUMENTATION WHERE THEY IGNORE MY MATTER. MS. MITCHELL STILL

HAS NOT PRESENTED MY MATTER TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS REGARDING MS. ZAVALA AND HER STAFF MEMBERS DISCRIMINATING AGAINST ME, AND HER STAFF MEMBERS PREVENTED ME FROM FILING A CLAIM FORM THAT WAS ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO ALL THESE AGENDAS THAT MS. MITCHELL IS SPEAKING ABOUT FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND ALL THESE THINGS, SHE STILL HAS IGNORED MY MATTER, AS AN AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE WITHIN HER DISTRICT, AS SHE DOES OTHER RACES OF PEOPLE, WHICH SHE SAYS SHE DOESN'T WANT TO VOTE FOR A CEASEFIRE WHEN SHE HAS MUSLIMS IN HER DISTRICT. MY MATTER HAS STILL BEEN UNRESOLVED, AND MS. ZAVALA AND HER TWO HISPANIC FEMALES ARE STILL WORKING FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO IF SHE HAD RESOLVED MY MATTER, I WOULD HAVE DOCUMENTATION OF THE RESULTS. I DON'T HAVE THAT. NO, I'M ASKING FOR THE ENTIRE BOARD TO GET MY MATTER FROM MS. MITCHELL, AND I WOULD LIKE THE BOARD MEMBERS TO REVIEW MY MATTER OF DISCRIMINATION, WHAT I REPORTED, AND FOR MS. MITCHELL TO RESPOND TO THE PUBLIC, TO SAY, "WE'VE HELPED MR. CARTER." THOSE EMPLOYEES ARE STILL WORKING THERE, AND I WAS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, AND I HAVE E-MAILS FROM A WHOLE YEAR TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHERE NO ONE EVER RESPONDED. THE B.O.S., AT CUSTOMER SERVICE, AT EXECUTIVE OFFICE, I HAVE THE E-MAILS. HOW COME I COME ON HERE EVERY WEEK, AND NONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS SAY, "GIVE US THE E-

MAILS"? SO I'M GOING TO SEND THE E-MAILS TO MS. HORVATH'S OFFICE. SHE'S ONE OF THE NON-BIASED PEOPLE HERE, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM PALMDALE, A VERY NICE LADY. I'VE NEVER MET HER, BUT SHE CAN BE A VERY NICE LADY. I'M GOING TO SEND HER ALL THE E-MAILS FROM MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE, AND EVERY DOCUMENTATION TO SHOW THE NEGLECT. SO WHEN YOU READ THAT MEMO, WHATEVER SUPERVISOR IT IS, IF YOU COULD FORWARD IT OVER TO ALL THE DEPARTMENTS, SO YOU CAN SEE THE LIES THAT MS. MITCHELL STATED THAT SHE PROPERLY ASSISTED ME, AND I'M GOING TO SEND YOU THE DOCUMENTATION WHERE THE OFFICE NEVER RESPONDED TO MY E-MAILS, BUT SHE SAYS SHE MADE ALL THESE TELEPHONE CALLS WHILE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DID NOT PROPERLY HANDLE MY MATTER. BUT SHE TELLS THE PUBLIC SHE HAS ALL THESE CONTACTS TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. ALSO, MS. MITCHELL'S A PART OF THE M.T.A. DIVISION, AND SHE DOES NOT ADVOCATE FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS TO HAVE PHONE CHARGERS, THE WAY PHONE CHARGERS ARE IN WEST L.A. YOU'RE OUR CHAIR HOLDER FOR THE M.T.A. BOARD, AND IN WEST L.A., ALL OF THAT AREA, THEY HAVE PHONE CHARGERS AT THEIR BUS STOPS. MS. MITCHELL DOESN'T ADVOCATE FOR HER DISTRICT, THAT'S AFRICAN AMERICAN, TO HAVE PHONE CHARGERS AT THEIR BUS STOPS.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JOSE MARTINEZ. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

JOSE MARTINEZ: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. THE REASON THAT I AM CALLING, I DON'T KNOW IF IT FALLS WITHIN SOME OF THE MOTIONS THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY REPORTED, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A GENERAL COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT THREE DIFFERENT THINGS. ONE THING WOULD BE THAT I BECAME AWARE THAT THE ISOLATION PERIOD FOR C.O.V.I.D. WAS MOVED DOWN TO ONE DAY. AND BEING A MOLECULAR BIOLOGIST-- I HAVE A BACHELOR'S IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE, ALSO, FROM MONTERREY TEC IN MEXICO-- I AM VERY SURE THAT ONE DAY IS NOT SUFFICIENT AS AN ISOLATION PERIOD, GIVEN THAT THERE IS--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YEAH, I'D LIKE TO GIVE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. HOW MUCH TIME IS AFFORDED? BECAUSE IT SEEMED LIKE THE MS. MITCHELL ANTAGONIST GOT A VERY LONG PERIOD. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT WAS TO OFFSET HIS COMMENT THAT MITCHELL WAS GIVEN MORE TIME. SHE SHOULDN'T TALK BACK IN PUBLIC COMMENT IF SHE CAN AVOID IT. I'D LIKE TO MAKE TWO POINTS. ONE IS, I REALLY THINK THREE DISCRETE-- YOU KNOW, AN EARLY-BIRD PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, LEAVE ALL THE ITEMS OPEN; A MIDDLE-OF-THE-DAY FOR THE LUNCHTIME PEOPLE PUBLIC COMMENT, LEAVE ALL THE ITEMS OPEN; AND THEN THE COCKTAIL HOUR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, SO PEOPLE WHO CAN'T GET THERE UNTIL THE END OF THEIR DAY, IS A MUCH BETTER WAY TO HEAR FROM FOLKS, JUST TO BE CLEAR, AND YOU CAN VOTE AT THE END, IN A WAY THAT MAKES IT EASIER. SECONDLY, I THINK MARK PESTRELLA IS DOING A GREAT JOB RESCUING THE COUNTY, AND GREAT JOB, BUT HE'S GOT TO PROVIDE THE LEASE AGREEMENT IF HE WANTS TO GIVE ONE TO HARVARD-WESTLAKE, AND IT SHOULD BE A SUBJECT OF AN AGENDA ITEM, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE INSIDE THE THIRD DISTRICT--

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

ERIC PREVEN: WELL, THAT'S [EXPLETIVE].

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOHN FRIEND. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: YES, I STEPPED AWAY FOR A SECOND. ARE WE ON THE THING FOR NUMBER 19, OR CAN I COMMENT ON 19?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YOU CAN COMMENT ON 19. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: OKAY. THERE'S A PROBLEM HERE, THAT FOOD TRUCK DRIVERS, THEY MORTGAGE THEIR HOMES TO BUY THE TRUCKS. I'M NOT IN THE FOOD BUSINESS, AND THEY CANNOT COMPETE AGAINST THE PEOPLE IN THE TENTS. AND THEY'RE GOING TO LOSE THEIR HOMES AND THEIR TRUCKS, BECAUSE IF YOU LET THE TENTS GO UP, THEY'LL BECOME HOMELESS. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MEL BAILEY. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: MEL, GO AHEAD. MEL BAILEY?

SPEAKER: I DIDN'T HAVE MY HAND UP.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY, WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ALBERTA FRANKLIN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: ALBERTA, GO AHEAD. ALBERTA? ALBERTA, WE CAN HEAR YOU. OKAY, SHE CAN'T HEAR US, SO WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: ONE MOMENT. OKAY, OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ROY HUMPHREYS. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: THE ISSUE HERE IS, HILDA SOLIS HAS NOTED IN THE-- I BELIEVE IT'S THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, SO NOW [INAUDIBLE] SAYS, "HEY, WE'RE GOING TO TEAR DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITH NO

REPLACEMENT," AND THAT THE GOOD SUPERVISORS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO IMMEDIATELY BE INCARCERATED. THAT IS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY. OKAY, NUMBER TWO, THAT WE HAVE ON THE NEWS, HERE, KATHRYN BARGER TELLING THE NEWS PEOPLE, HEY, WHEN ASKED, "WHY IS IT THAT THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ISN'T DOWN YET, YADA YADA YADA?" AND SHE SAYS, "LACK OF POLITICAL WILL." AND TO WIT, IMMEDIATELY, ALL SUPERVISORS SHOULD HAVE THEIR OFFICES MOVED TO MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY CAN FIND THEIR POLITICAL WILL TO DO THE TASK FOR THE PEOPLE, AS IT HAS BEEN GONE, AND IT'S NAUSEATING. YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES. MAYBE YOU JUST NEED TO HAVE A GOOD MAN ON THE BOARD THERE TO GET THINGS DONE. THIS IS ROY HUMPHREYS FROM ROWLAND HEIGHTS, WHICH IS SORELY NEGLECTED BY THE SUPERVISORS OF THIS COUNTY. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ALBERT ACUNA. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

ALBERT ACUNA: HELLO?

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

ALBERT ACUNA: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

ALBERT ACUNA: YES, MY NAME IS ALBERT ACUNA. I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS TWO ISSUES. ONE, COULD YOU PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THE GABRIELINO-SHOSHONE TRIBE OF MISSION INDIANS, HEADED BY NICK ROCHA, ON YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TRIBES AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR... YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. SECONDLY, I'M A GABRIELENO KIZH MISSION NATIVE. I'M AN ELDER, AND NOT A MEMBER OF ANY TRIBE, NATION, OR SPLINTER GROUP. I SPEAK ONLY FOR MY ANCESTORS. I AM ALSO A VIETNAM VETERAN, BORN AND RAISED IN SAN GABRIEL. I CAME BEFORE YOU SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, AND GAVE YOU THE TOP PORTION OF MY GENEALOGY REPORT, PROBABLY THE ONLY NATIVE TO DO SO. I SPEAK TODAY ABOUT THE TALK AROUND TOWN ABOUT HENNINGER FLATS. IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO ANYTHING WITH IT, LET THE DESCENDANTS OF THE HENNINGER FAMILY HAVE A VOICE IN IT.

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

ALBERT ACUNA: I BURIED THE CREMATED REMAINS OF MY SISTER, CORINNE HENNINGER, THERE. IT'S A SACRED BURIAL SITE.

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

MODERATOR: AND WE HAVE NO FURTHER IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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

DELLORA ELLIS-GANT: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DELLORA ELLIS-GANT. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFRICAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, AN ORGANIZATION THAT WAS FOUNDED IN 2009, AND I AM A PROUD COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF 37 YEARS. I SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2024 AS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE SUPPORT THIS MOTION BECAUSE MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY

HAVE EXPRESSED BEING IMPACTED BY ANTI-BLACK HATE AND MICROAGGRESSIONS. L.A.C.A.A.E.A. IS COMMITTED TO THE WORK TO BUILD A MORE EQUITABLE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS TO COLLABORATE WITH THOSE THAT ARE ADVANCING EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD ON OUR EXISTING FRAMEWORK, AND FOCUS ON ADDRESSING ANTI-BLACK RACISM THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE BLACK CULTURE AND HISTORY, AS IT WILL HELP US ELIMINATE BLACK HATE. L.A.C.A.A.E.A. WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S A.R.D.I. STRATEGIES--

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND FOR BEING HERE TODAY. GO AHEAD, NEXT SPEAKER.

LESLIE AMAYA-YANEZ: HI, AND GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M HERE TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR ITEM NUMBER 23. MY NAME IS LESLIE AMAYA-YANEZ, AND I AM THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADVOCACY MANAGER FOR THE MICHELSON FOUND ANIMALS FOUNDATION. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF OUR SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM, WHICH HELPS ENSURE THAT AFFORDABLE, ADEQUATELY FUNDED, AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE SPAY AND NEUTER IS AVAILABLE TO ALL LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS

OF THEIR SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS. OUR ORGANIZATION OPERATES A GRANT PROGRAM THAT FUNDS HIGH-VOLUME SPAY-NEUTER TRAINING FOR VETERINARY PROFESSIONALS, AND PROVIDES GRANTS TO NEW AND INNOVATIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPAY AND NEUTER IN OUR COMMUNITIES. INCREASING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE VET CARE IS AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICE, WHICH NOT ONLY HELPS CONTROL THE PET POPULATION, BUT SAVES TAXPAYER DOLLARS. WE'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING ACCESSIBLE VETERINARY CARE TO PET FAMILIES, NOT ONLY IN HER DISTRICT, BUT ACROSS THE COUNTY. OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZING SPAY AND NEUTER AWARENESS MONTH, AND OFFERING FREE SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES THROUGH THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, ARE BOTH IMPERATIVE STEPS TO REACHING THE PETS AND PET FAMILIES EXPERIENCING THE HIGHEST NEED IN LOS ANGELES. WE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S--

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

SPEAKER: I'M DONALD HARLAN. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 11, 16, 18, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 47--

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY, THAT'S THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME YOU CAN HAVE, SO GO RIGHT AHEAD. WE'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

SPEAKER: FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO SAY NO ON ALL THOSE AGENDA ITEMS I MENTIONED. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 11, WILMINGTON OIL SPILL. I SAW WHO DID IT. IT WAS SABOTAGE. THE REAL ESTATE'S ILLEGALLY DEVELOPED THERE IN WILMINGTON, ON MY OIL FIELD. SOMEBODY HAD POURED SOMETHING ON THE OIL LINE THERE, SOME KIND OF ACID OR SOMETHING. ONE OF THE WORKERS FROM THE OIL FIELD THERE, IN THAT ILLEGAL REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, WHO IS NOT EVEN SUPPOSED TO BE THERE, DID THE OIL LEAK, AND IT'S SABOTAGE. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 16, SUPPORT FOR PROPERTY TAXPAYERS. NO, THERE'S NO ESCAPE ASSESSMENTS, AND EVERYBODY HAS TO PAY. THAT GOES THE SAME THING WITH YOUR PARKING FEE WAIVERS FOR THE MUSIC CENTER. EVERYBODY HAS TO PAY PARKING NOW AT THE MUSIC CENTER. NO FEE WAIVERS FOR PARKING AT THE MUSIC CENTER. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 22, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE FAIRPLEX. YEAH, THE L.A. COUNTY FAIRPLEX IS JUST A PARKING LOT. YOU GUYS AREN'T TO BE BUILDING ANYTHING OR DOING ANYTHING EXTRA. THERE'S NO MECHANISM TO RUN THERE, OR NO PROGRAM TO RUN. THERE'S NO DEALS FOR YOU TO MAKE. IT'S JUST AN OPEN LOT

WHERE THEY HAVE THE FAIR EVERY YEAR. THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 27, HOMELESS INITIATIVE FUNDING, PROPOSITION H.H.H. YOU TRIPLE-SPENT THIS MONEY ALREADY. AND IT SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT MEASURE H FUNDING WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE USED FOR REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT OR HOUSING, WHATSOEVER, AND YOU GUYS HAVE TRIPLE-SPENT THAT. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 28, TOTALLY DESTROY THAT. WHEN SOMEBODY SHOWS UP TO L.A. COUNTY, AND SAYS, "OH, I HAVE AN ALTERNATE PAYMENT SYSTEM," OR, "WE HAVE AN ALTERNATE FINANCIAL SYSTEM," OR, "WE HAVE AN ALTERNATE TITLE INSURANCE SYSTEM," IT'S YOUR JOB AS COUNTY WORKERS TO GET RID OF THOSE PEOPLE, TO ABSOLUTELY DESTROY THEM. GET THE DATA FROM THEM, BUT THEN THEY'RE NOT TO BE DOING ANYTHING IN THE COUNTY. DEFINITELY, DESTROY ANYBODY THAT TRIES TO DO ALTERNATE TITLE COMPANIES OR SUPPORT SERVICES. AND ALSO, ABOUT THE FLOODING, YEAH, YOU GUYS ARE SO DEAD. HILDA SOLIS REMEMBERS THAT BECAUSE SHE WENT TO THE STRIPPER POLE STRAIGHT AFTER WORK ON THE DAY IT FLOODED. SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT SURVIVED THAT COUNTY SUPERVISOR STAFF.

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

SPEAKER: MICHAEL JOSEPH PITKIN, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM FIRST NATION'S PEOPLE OF THIS EARTH. RUMOR IS MY GRANDFATHER ON MY MOTHER'S SIDE EITHER KILLED THE RUSSIAN ROYAL FAMILY AS AN OPERATIVE, OR I AM THE REAL RUSSIAN ROYAL FAMILY, AS MY AUNTS ANNA AND MARY DID NOT SURVIVE THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION. I DO BELIEVE IN FREEDOM OF RELIGION, FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND OF THE PRESS, AND OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST MY OWN GOVERNMENT. MY GRANDFATHER WAS TRAINED AS A TAILOR IN ST. PETERSBURG. HE WAS PART OF A TEAM OF TRADESMEN SENT TO ESTABLISH THE LUMBER TOWNS OF BURNS AND HINES, OREGON. I GUESS HE AND ALL OF MY FAMILY HAVE DUAL IDENTITIES, SIMILAR TO THE MOVIE "GREENLAND," WHICH NOW, DAILY, I AM BEING GANG-STALKED, HARASSED, HACKED, ABUSED, VIOLATED, FOR BEING WHITE-PRIVILEGED.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. HER MIC IS NOT WORKING.

SPEAKER: HELLO?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THERE WE GO. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS MYESHIA MCCOY. I AM A VICTIM OF NEGLECT FROM L.A. COUNTY, L.A. COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND SECTION 8, A PROGRAM THAT IS SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE SAFE HOUSING FOR UNPRIVILEGED AMERICANS. MY CHILDREN AND I WERE FORCED TO LIVE IN AN ENVIRONMENT FILLED WITH ROACHES, RATS, BLACK MOLD, AND SEVERE WATER DAMAGE. BECAUSE SECTION 8 FAILED TO PROPERLY INSPECT OUR HOME, L.A. COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REFUSED TO INSPECT OUR HOME. SECTION 8 CONTINUED TO PAY THE OWNER, INSTEAD OF WITHHOLDING PAYMENT UNTIL THE NECESSARY REPAIRS WERE MADE. AS A RESULT, L.A. COUNTY NEGLECTED MY FAMILY, AND NOW WE'RE HOMELESS, STILL. THIS EXPERIENCE HAS EXPOSED A LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN L.A. COUNTY AND L.A. COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SECTION 8. SECTION 8 RECEIVES SIGNIFICANT FUNDING FROM FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY SOURCES, YET FAILED TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE PROGRAMS DESIGNED--

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. SEEING NO OTHER SPEAKERS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: ITEM 1, ITEM 3, ITEM 4 AS REVISED, 7 AND 8, 11 AND 12, 14, 16 THROUGH 19, 21 THROUGH 31, 33 THROUGH 37, 40 THROUGH 57, 58, WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE, 59, WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE, 60 THROUGH 66, 67-A THROUGH 67-E, 67-F, WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308, BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN $250 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM PHILLIP STARR, WHO IS A PARTY, PARTICIPANT, OR AGENT OF A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING, 68-A AND 68-B, SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S URGENCY READ-IN MOTIONS, 70 AND 71, AND 1-D THROUGH 3-D.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

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

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

SUP. HOLLY MITCHELL: MADAM CHAIR, I DON'T HAVE ANY TODAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: OKAY. I HAVE A FEW. FIRST, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CAROL TANTAU. A LONGTIME VENICE RESIDENT AND RESPECTED COMMUNITY LEADER, CAROL PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 28TH, AT THE AGE OF 78. CAROL WAS THE YOUNGEST OF HART AND MARY TANTAU'S CHILDREN. SHE GREW UP IN THE BAY AREA, RECEIVING HER B.A. IN MUSIC AT U.C. BERKELEY. SHE WAS A LOVER OF MUSIC, AND BECAME AN ACCOMPLISHED LOCAL PIANIST BEFORE MOVING TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND DEVELOPING HER SEAMSTRESS AND JEWELRY DESIGNING SKILLS. CAROL OWNED AND OPERATED A JEWELRY STORE ON ABBOTT KINNEY FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS. SHE WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN HER COMMUNITY, SERVING ON THE VENICE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS PRESIDENT, AND LATER AS TREASURER, AND I KNOW SHE WAS A VERY STRONG ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS. CAROL WAS ON SEVERAL ADVISORY BOARDS FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND TIRELESSLY

CONTRIBUTED TO COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, SUCH AS RENAMING WEST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD TO ABBOTT KINNEY BOULEVARD, PLANTING PALM TREES, AND PAVING PARKING LOTS FOR USE ALONG IRVING TABOR COURT. CAROL WAS A FIERCE ADVOCATE FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND WORKED WITH OTHERS TO HELP CREATE SUPPORT GROUPS FOR VICTIMS. CAROL WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH SHE RESIDED, AND HER INVOLVEMENT IN ALWAYS KEEPING ITS BEST INTERESTS AFLOAT, THROUGH CREATIVITY, ADVOCACY, AND FRIENDSHIP. MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, LIKE CAROL, MAKE OUR COMMUNITY RICH AND BELOVED. MAY HER MEMORY LIVE ON, ALONGSIDE ABBOTT KINNEY AND IN HER FAVORITE MANTRA, "SPEAK SOFTLY AND CARRY A BIG STICK!" I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CARL WEATHERS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, AT THE AGE OF 76. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF VENICE, AS WELL. WEATHERS WAS BORN IN NEW ORLEANS, AND THOUGH HIS FIRST LOVE WAS ACTING, HIS UNDENIABLE ATHLETIC TALENT LED HIM TO PLAY DEFENSIVE END FOR SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY. WEATHERS KEPT HIS LOVE FOR ACTING ALIVE BY GRADUATING WITH A DEGREE IN THEATER ARTS. AFTER SAN DIEGO STATE, HE JOINED THE RAIDERS AS AN UNDRAFTED LINEBACKER. AFTER HIS FOOTBALL CAREER ENDED, WEATHERS DEDICATED HIMSELF WHOLLY TO ACTING, WHERE HE BEGAN MAKING REGULAR TELEVISION

APPEARANCES ON THE SHOWS "GOOD TIMES" AND "KUNG FU." WEATHERS' BIG BREAK WAS AS APOLLO CREED IN "ROCKY." "ROCKY" WAS SUBSEQUENTLY NOMINATED FOR 10 ACADEMY AWARDS, AND WEATHERS' CHARACTER BECAME AN INTERNATIONAL ICON. WEATHERS' ACTING CAREER SOARED TO NEW HEIGHTS AS HE TOOK ON MULTIPLE ROLES IN MOVIES AND TELEVISION, INCLUDING THE 1987 MOVIE "PREDATOR," ALONGSIDE ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER. WEATHERS' CHARM AND FRIENDSHIP EXTENDS PAST HIS ROLES ON THE BIG SCREEN. HE WAS A PERSON BELOVED BY MANY, AND A CHAMPION THROUGH AND THROUGH. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MY GOOD FRIEND, AND MANY GOOD FRIENDS. RAY CORDOVA WAS TRULY A MAN OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE. HE WAS A DRIVING FORCE IN OUR LABOR MOVEMENT, AND TIRELESSLY HE CHAMPIONED WORKERS' RIGHTS, FAIR WAGES, THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE. THAT'S A GREAT PICTURE OF RAY. HE LED AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE. HE WAS A VIETNAM WAR VETERAN, SERVING AS A SERGEANT IN AN AIRBORNE UNIT. HE WENT TO LAY THE FOUNDATION OF THE MODERN LABOR MOVEMENT HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY, AND WAS A MENTOR FOR MANY LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MYSELF. I WAS PROUD TO CALL

HIM A FRIEND. I'M GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE YEARS WE HAD TOGETHER, AND THE LESSONS HE TAUGHT ME. FOR WELL OVER 50 YEARS, RAY SPENT HIS LIFE IN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. HIS WORK INCLUDED LEADING THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA LOCAL 9571, AND SERVING AS A DELEGATE TO BOTH L.A. AND ORANGE COUNTY LABOR COUNCILS, AND CHAIR OF THE SOUTH COUNTY LABOR COUNCIL, WHERE HE PRESIDED OVER QUARTERLY BREAKFASTS, WHERE EVERYONE WHO WAS ANYONE SHOWED UP, HOPING TO BE INTRODUCED AND ALLOWED TO SPEAK BY RAY. AND HE HAD TWO RULES THAT HE SAID EVERY TIME: "NUMBER ONE, NO TALKING UNLESS I LET YOU TALK. RULE NUMBER 2, REFER TO RULE NUMBER 1." AND IF ANYONE BROKE THAT-- I DON'T CARE WHO THEY WERE, IF THEY WERE TALKING IN THE BACK WHILE SOMEONE ELSE WAS TALKING, HE WOULD HAVE THEM THROWN OUT. BUT HE ALSO DID STINTS SERVING IN FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT. HE SERVED AS THE SENIOR DEPUTY TO CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR RALPH DILLS. HE WAS A DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE NAPOLITANO, AND ASSISTANT TO STATE CONTROLLER JOHN CHIANG. I VISITED HIM MANY TIMES. OVER A YEAR NOW, HE WAS IN VARIOUS CARE FACILITIES IN AND AROUND LONG BEACH. I VISITED HIM, ONCE, WITH CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE NAPOLITANO, AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK CONGRESS MEMBER LOU CORREA, WHO GOT HIM INTO THE LONG BEACH V.A. HOSPITAL.

APPARENTLY, IT TAKES AN ACT OF CONGRESS TO GET SOMEBODY IN THE V.A., AND HE DID THAT, AND RAY WAS SO HAPPY TO BE IN THE V.A. HE WAS SUCH A PROUD VIETNAM WAR VETERAN, AND THAT MADE HIM SO HAPPY TO BE THERE. HE'S SURVIVED BY SOME FAMILY MEMBERS AND HIS WIFE OF 56 YEARS, SOON EI, WHO WAS ALSO IN ANOTHER CARE FACILITY, AND THEY WOULD FACETIME EACH OTHER. AND I'M SORRY HE NEVER GOT TO GO HOME, BUT NOW HE'S TRULY HOME. AND SOMEONE SAID, "IF THE ANGELS IN HEAVEN AREN'T UNIONIZED YET, RAY IS HARD AT WORK, ALREADY ORGANIZING THEM." GREAT MAN. REALLY, WE'LL MISS HIM, AND DID SO MUCH. WE OWE A LOT. EVERY WORKING PERSON IN L.A. COUNTY AND ORANGE COUNTY OWES SO MUCH TO RAY CORDOVA, AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS JOINING ME IN THIS ADJOURNMENT.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. HE WAS A GIANT, BUT HE WAS ALSO A GENTLEMAN, A STRONG LABOR ADVOCATE, AND SOMEONE, I RECALL NOW, WHEN YOU SAID HE WORKED FOR SENATOR DILLS. SO, I SPENT SOME TIME WITH SENATOR DILLS. WE WERE THERE AT THE SAME TIME, AND I DO REMEMBER HIM BEING THERE, AND BEING JUST VERY SUPPORTIVE AND VERY INVOLVED, LOCALLY, IN ALL KINDS OF RACES AND CAMPAIGNS, AND ALWAYS PUSHING FOR THE UNDERDOG. HE WAS A MENTOR TO ME, TOO, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, AND HIS ENERGY

LEVEL AND COMMITMENT TO SO MANY PEOPLE, JUST HONEST, SELFLESS, AND A WONDERFUL HUMAN BEING. I KNOW HE'S IN A BETTER PLACE, SO TAKE CARE UP THERE, RAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: YEAH, THANK YOU. AND EVERY TIME I WENT TO VISIT HIM, IN WHATEVER CARE FACILITY HE WAS IN, HE WAS ALWAYS BRAGGING ABOUT THE STAFF THAT TOOK CARE OF HIM, AND HE WANTED ALL OF US TO ALSO HONOR THE STAFF, THE NURSES, THE DOCTORS THAT TOOK CARE OF HIM. HE WAS SUCH A GENTLEMAN, AS YOU SAID, SO MAY HE REST IN PEACE. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ALICE JACOBSON, WHO WAS A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, WHO PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS 97. SHE ATTENDED BARTON HILL ELEMENTARY, DANA JUNIOR HIGH, AND SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL. ALICE WORKED FOR PRINCESS CRUISES, THE HALLMARK STORE, AND VOLUNTEERED AT THE SAME HOSPITAL WHERE SHE WAS BORN. UNTIL AGE 90, ALICE STAYED ACTIVE, PLAYING BADMINTON AT PECK PARK, PARTICIPATING IN THE SAN PEDRO SENIOR WEDNESDAY CLUB, AND WORKING OUT AT THE Y.M.C.A. BUT WHAT SHE LOVED MOST WAS SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER BELOVED HUSBAND JACK, AND DAUGHTER ANN MARIE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, NANCY AND LOIS, JOHN AND LUCRECIA, AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN

TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CLETUS ANDERSON, WHO WAS AN ICON IN THE LONG BEACH MUSIC SCENE. HE DIED LAST WEEK AT THE AGE OF 82. IN 1962, ANDERSON MOVED TO LONG BEACH FROM MISSISSIPPI. IN 1967, ANDERSON OPENED THE FIRST V.I.P. RECORDS IN LONG BEACH, ON THE CORNER OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVENUE. IT WAS THERE THAT HE PRODUCED LOCAL ARTISTS LIKE SNOOP DOGG AND WARREN G, WHICH LED HIM TO BECOME A PIVOTAL FIGURE IN WEST COAST RAP. UNDER HIS GUIDANCE, AT THE HEIGHT OF ITS POPULARITY, V.I.P. RECORDS HAD OVER 14 LOCATIONS. IT BECAME AN INSPIRATION FOR MUSIC ENTHUSIASTS, CELEBRITIES, UP-AND-COMING MUSIC ARTISTS, AND RECORD LABELS, AND A CULTURAL HUB THAT CELEBRATED THE DIVERSITY OF MUSICAL EXPRESSION. HE WAS A BELOVED FAMILY MAN, A MENTOR AND A FRIEND TO MANY IN THE INDUSTRY. HE WILL BE MISSED VERY MUCH BY THE COMMUNITY. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LILIA TORRES VALDEZ, A SAN PEDRO RESIDENT, WHO WAS 81 WHEN SHE PASSED. SHE WAS BORN IN HARLINGEN, TEXAS, AND SPENT 40 YEARS IN THE BANKING INDUSTRY, AND FINISHED HER CAREER AT I.L.W.U. LOCAL 63. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE SAN PEDRO COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS, PARTICIPATING IN A VARIETY OF ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE HARBOR L.I.T.E.S., A NONPROFIT DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING THE

PERSONNEL OF L.A.P.D. HARBOR DIVISION. SHE ENJOYED ARTS AND CRAFTS, MARIACHIS, MUSIC BY THE SEA CONCERTS AT POINT FERMIN PARK, AND MAKING TAMALES EVERY YEAR AT CHRISTMAS WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. LILY WAS AN ENTHUSIASTIC FAN OF THE L.A. DODGERS AND THE DALLAS COWBOYS. SHE ENJOYED TRAVELING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO VISIT HER LARGE FAMILY AND MANY DEAR FRIENDS. LILY IS SURVIVED BY HER BROTHERS PAUL AND SAM, CHILDREN KATHI, ROBERT, ALBERT, THERESA, JANEY, AND JESSE PAUL, 24 GRANDCHILDREN, 24 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND NUMEROUS NIECES AND NEPHEWS WHO SHE LOVED DEARLY. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER COMMUNITY SPIRIT. I KNEW LILY FROM THE TIME I MOVED TO SAN PEDRO, MANY, MANY YEARS AGO, AND SHE WAS JUST A GREAT FORCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE WILL MISS HER. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF IVY GOOLSBY, A LONG BEACH BORN-AND-RAISED BUSINESS LEADER, WHO WAS 71 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. IVY WAS A TRAILBLAZER, AND MARKED HER LEGACY THROUGH SERVICE AND COMMUNITY. IVY WAS ELECTED AS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO THE LONG BEACH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOMEN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL, AND DURING HER TIME AS PRESIDENT, SHE WAS ABLE TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR STUDENTS AT LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE AND CAL STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH. AMONG HER MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, SHE ALSO SPENT 10

YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF GOODWILL INDUSTRIES, AND SERVED ON NUMEROUS OTHER BOARDS, INCLUDING THE N.A.A.C.P., ST. MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER, AND THE LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION. IVY'S PASSION IN LIFE WAS GIVING, AND EXTENDING A HAND TO OTHERS IN NEED. IVY IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND KENNETH, HER DAUGHTERS MONEAYA AND TAHIRAH, AND SON KEVIN. I ALSO MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF PAUL WILLIAM BELLENBAUM, A BELOVED RESIDENT OF CERRITOS, WHO PARTICIPATED IN EVERY CITY COUNCIL MEETING. HE PASSED AWAY JANUARY 7TH, AT THE AGE OF 71. GROWING UP, PAUL SERVED AS AN ALTAR BOY AT HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ARTESIA, AND PLAYED FOOTBALL AT ST. JOHN BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL IN BELLFLOWER. HE ATTENDED CERRITOS COLLEGE, AND HE EARNED ASSOCIATE DEGREES IN CULINARY ARTS AND ACCOUNTING. HE ALSO ATTENDED CAL STATE FULLERTON, WHERE HE EARNED A DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. PAUL WORKED AS THE HEAD CHEF FOR THE LONG BEACH NAVAL STATION OFFICERS CLUB. HE ALSO WORKED FOR MCDONNELL DOUGLAS AND BOEING, AFTER OBTAINING AN AIRFRAME AND POWER CERTIFICATION FROM THE F.A.A. HE ENJOYED FISHING, TRAVELING, AND COOKING, AND THOSE WHO KNEW PAUL DESCRIBED HIM AS A KIND AND GENEROUS PERSON WHO LAUGHED LOUDLY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SIBLINGS ERNIE, PAULINE, RICH, MARY ANN, AND

NUMEROUS NIECES AND NEPHEWS. AND MY LAST ONE IS THAT I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF IRIS FUKAI, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF TORRANCE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT 68. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER EIKO, HER HUSBAND RICK, HER DAUGHTERS STEPHANIE AND LAUREN, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, HER SISTER SHARON, AND HER SISTER-IN-LAW, L.A. COUNTY'S FORMER ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER JANICE FUKAI. SHE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COLLEAGUES, WE ARE NOW GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION. WHILE WE'RE IN CLOSED SESSION, WE WILL BE SHOWING VIDEO PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISORS BARGER AND SOLIS HAVE VIDEO PRESENTATIONS RECOGNIZING LUNAR NEW YEAR. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS-1, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO

THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD; ITEM NUMBER CS-2, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF INTERIM DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT; ITEM NUMBER CS-3, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF INTERIM TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR; ITEM NUMBER CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION; AND ITEM NUMBER CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, ON VIDEO: HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR. I AM LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER, AND I AM HONORED TO EXTEND MY BEST WISHES AS WE CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON. IN THE ZODIAC, THE DRAGON SYMBOLIZES CHALLENGES, CHANGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES. THE DRAGON OFFERS A BEAUTIFUL REMINDER THAT, DESPITE ANY CHALLENGE WE MAY FACE, THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND STRENGTH AS A RESULT. ONE CHINESE PROVERB SAYS, "IF YOU IGNORE THE DRAGON, IT WILL EAT YOU. IF YOU TRY TO CONFRONT THE DRAGON, IT WILL OVERPOWER YOU. IF YOU RIDE THE DRAGON, YOU WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS MIGHT AND POWER." THIS PROVERB REMINDS US THAT WHEN WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH AN OBSTACLE, WE

DON'T HAVE TO AVOID IT OR FEAR IT. WE CAN RISE TO MEET ANY CHALLENGE, WHEN WE REMEMBER THE POWER WE HAVE INSIDE OF US. AND LIKE A DRAGON, WE CAN ALL APPROACH 2024 WITH RENEWED DETERMINATION AND STRENGTH. MANY TIMES, THE STRONGEST THING WE CAN DO IS PUT OUR MENTAL HEALTH FIRST. I AM PROUD TO BE JOINED TODAY BY TWO EXCEPTIONAL FIFTH-DISTRICT RESIDENTS, WHO ARE HELPING OUR COMMUNITIES ACHIEVE THAT GOAL: SHEILA WU, AND BRANDON TSAY. SHEILA DIRECTS THE ASIAN PACIFIC COUNSELING AND TREATMENT CENTERS; AND THROUGH HIS HERO FUND, BRANDON IS ADVOCATING FOR A.A.P.I. MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT. WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO SHEILA AND BRANDON, TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

SHEILA WU: MY NAME IS SHEILA WU. I AM A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, AND THE DIRECTOR OF ASIAN PACIFIC COUNSELING AND TREATMENT CENTERS. A.P.C.T.C. WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1977, AS A DIRECTLY OPERATED PROGRAM OF THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. A.P.C.T.C. REMAINS THE OLDEST AND LARGEST A.A.P.I. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDER IN NORTH AMERICA, SERVING ALL AGE GROUPS. OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE, CULTURALLY SENSITIVE, AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND OUTREACH EDUCATION TO OUR UNDERSERVED

COMMUNITIES. THIS PAST YEAR, WE PROVIDED COUNTLESS HOURS OF CRISIS COUNSELING AND SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY THE LUNAR NEW YEAR MONTEREY PARK MASS SHOOTING. WE PARTNER WITH OUR HERO, BRANDON TSAY, TO CREATE THE HEROES FOR CHANGE PROJECT, WHERE WE PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOPS TO SUPPORT AND EMPOWER OUR OLDER ADULT COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE THAT WHEN WE GATHER IN A GROUP, WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER, WE HEAL TOGETHER, AND WE THRIVE TOGETHER. A.P.C.T.C. WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE CARE NEEDED FOR OUR COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR, WITH A NEW BEGINNING, NEW ENERGY, AND NEW HOPE IN THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON.

BRANDON TSAY: NOW, AS WE EMBARK ON A NEW CHAPTER, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU MY RESOLUTION AND MY VISION FOR THE FUTURE. IN THE COMING YEAR, I AM COMMITTED TO EMBRACING CHANGE. MY RESOLUTION IS TO CULTIVATE THE SAFETY OF OUR ELDERLY LOVED ONES. THAT'S WHY, IN DECEMBER 2023, I LAUNCHED A PROGRAM CALLED HEROES FOR CHANGE, TO HELP THE SENIOR COMMUNITY IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH AND SAFETY WITH THE HELP OF THE A.P.C.T.C. AND MY BRANDON TSAY HERO FUND. WITH HOPES TO IMPROVE THIS PROGRAM IN 2024, HEROES FOR CHANGE WILL HAVE ANOTHER PROGRAM IN APRIL

6TH, WHERE WE WILL BE TEACHING SELF-DEFENSE TRAINING, BYSTANDER TRAINING, AND EXPOSING HEALTH RESOURCES, AND YOU WILL EVEN HEAR FROM ME SPEAK ON A PERSONAL LEVEL ABOUT MY KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WITH DANGER. SO IF YOU FEEL THIS IS IMPORTANT, PLEASE MENTION THE HEROES FOR CHANGE PROGRAM TO YOUR LOVED ONES. AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT, CHECK OUT MY NONPROFIT FUND, CALLED BRANDON TSAY HERO FUND. IN THE SPIRIT OF GRATITUDE AND HOPE, LET US COLLECTIVELY WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT 2024 HOLDS. MAY THIS CHINESE NEW YEAR BRING US CLOSER TO OUR DREAMS, DEEPEN OUR CONNECTIONS, AND INSPIRE US TO REACH NEW HEIGHTS. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU, EVERYONE, FOR BEING PART OF THIS JOURNEY. THE SUPPORT MEANS THE WORLD TO ME. HERE'S TO THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON. HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: A NEW YEAR IS THE PERFECT TIME TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP TO CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE. I WISH YOU AND YOURS MUCH HAPPINESS, HEALTH, AND PROSPERITY THIS YEAR. GONG HEI FAT CHOY! THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO. THESE PROCLAMATIONS REFLECT OUR APPRECIATION ON BEHALF OF OVER 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE, AND THE FUTURE IS GOING TO BE BRIGHT BECAUSE OF BOTH OF YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: I WANT TO WELCOME YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR BEAUTY, YOUR VOICES, YOUR HEARTS, YOUR CULTURE, YOUR WISDOM, AND ABOVE ALL, YOUR STRENGTH. THANK YOU FOR COMING HERE AND GRACING US TODAY. WE HAVE MANY, MANY TAIWANESE, A.A.P.I. RESIDENTS, A MIXTURE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, WHO MAKE THEIR HOME HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WAS ALMOST BROUGHT TO TEARS RIGHT NOW, TO HEAR THIS LAST SONG THAT WAS SANG BY YOU. IT TOUCHED ME, BECAUSE I CAN RELATE TO IT. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU DON'T SPEAK THE LANGUAGE, BUT MUSIC TRANSCENDS EVERYTHING. YOU KNOW, EARLIER THIS WEEK, I WAS PROUD TO LEAD A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY THE 10TH TO FEBRUARY THE 24TH AS LUNAR NEW YEAR, HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND IN 2024, WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON. THOSE BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON ARE BELIEVED TO BE AMBITIOUS, ENERGETIC, CHARISMATIC, AND OFTEN INSPIRING OTHERS WITH THEIR PASSION AND ENTHUSIASM. AND THOSE VALUES ARE WHAT I SEE IN EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU HERE TODAY. THROUGH YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS EXCHANGE PROGRAM, I CAN SEE JUST HOW COMMITTED YOU ARE TO NOT ONLY PRESERVING YOUR INDIGENOUS CULTURE, BUT ALSO HELPING TO EDUCATE OTHERS ABOUT THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES OF TAIWAN. MAY THIS YEAR, THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON, BRING ALL OF YOU MUCH SUCCESS, HAPPINESS,

POSSIBILITIES, OPPORTUNITY, AND RENEWAL, LEADERSHIP, AND RESILIENCY. WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE SCROLL THAT WE PROVIDE TODAY, TO SALUTE THE YOUTH CHOIR FOR COMING HERE TODAY AND GRACING US AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. PLEASE, LET'S GIVE THEM ALL A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THIS IS OUR FUTURE.

[APPLAUSE]



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