



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD, 2024

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD, 2024. I WANT TO WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY PASSOVER AND REMIND YOU THAT DENIM DAY IS TOMORROW AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE PARTICIPATING TOMORROW. WE TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNCIL, INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE'LL BEGIN TODAY'S BOARD MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR (VIDEO RECORDING): 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



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1 STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF
2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
3 LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO
4 GROWING AND SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE PEOPLES AND
5 LOCAL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING (IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER)
6 THE FERNANDEÑO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS GABRIELINO
7 TONGVA INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COUNCIL GABRIELENO/TONGVA
8 SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS GABRIELEÑO BAND OF MISSION
9 INDIANS KIZH NATION SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS SAN
10 FERNANDO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
11 FIRST PEOPLES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE.

12
13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THE INVOCATION TODAY WILL BE LED
14 BY REVEREND MARGARITA R. REYES, PUENTE DE ESPERANZA
15 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE
16 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED BY GLADYS PATRICE
17 BERRY, FORMER E-1 AIRMAN BASIC, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FROM
18 THE SECOND DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

19
20 **REV. MARGARITA R. REYES:** THANK YOU. BUENOS DIAS. GOOD MORNING,
21 EVERYONE. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PRAYER OR INVOCATION. ALMIGHTY
22 GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY AND FOR ALLOWING US TO
23 INTERCEDE IN PRAYER FOR OUR LEADERS OF THE CITY AND THE COUNTY
24 OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. AS WE CELEBRATE THE BLESSINGS OF
25 OUR PLANET EARTH THIS WEEK, WE ARE REMINDED HOW IMPORTANT IT



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1 IS TO CARE FOR OUR CITY. [SPEAKING IN SPANISH] THIS MORNING WE
2 PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE ASK YOU
3 BLESSINGS UPON EACH PERSON WHO HOLDS A POSITION OF POWER IN
4 OUR CITY SO THEY CAN LEAD WITH A SPIRIT OF WISDOM, GOODNESS,
5 AND JUSTICE. WE ALSO PRAY FOR GUIDANCE FOR OUR LEADERS TO
6 FULFILL YOUR CALLING PURPOSE. HELP US TO LISTEN TO YOUR
7 COMMAND. SEEKING THE WELFARE OF OUR CITY, THE CITY YOU HAVE
8 GIVEN TO US TO LIVE AND BE THE COMMUNITY YOU WANT TO BE. GOD,
9 OUR CREATOR, FOR YOUR GRACE AND MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYER.
10 [SPEAKING IN SPANISH] AMEN.

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12 **GLADYS PATRICE BERRY:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT
13 HAND OVER YOUR HEART. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE
14 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT
15 STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND
16 JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL NOW
19 HAVE A CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO
22 THANK PASTORA MARGARITA REYES FOR LEADING US TODAY IN THE
23 INVOCATION. MARGARITA RECEIVED HER MASTERS OF DIVINITY FROM
24 FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINAR IN 2007. SHE WAS ORDAINED AS THE
25 MINISTER OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENTS FOR THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



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1 CHURCH OF ROSEMEAD IN 2008 AND IN 2017 THE CHURCH CONGREGATION
2 RELOCATED TO LA PUENTE AND WAS RENAMED AS PUENTE DE ESPERANZA
3 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. UNDER MARGARITA'S LEADERSHIP, THE CHURCH
4 OFFERS RESOURCES TO THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING EVENING CLASSES
5 FOR PARENTS, FINANCIAL EDUCATION SEMINARS, IMMIGRATION
6 WORKSHOPS, AND ASSISTANCE WITH SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES. IN
7 FACT, SHE REMINDED ME, I MET HER A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO DURING
8 COVID, UNFORTUNATELY, IN THE EAST LA AREA AS WE WERE
9 DISTRIBUTING AT ONE OF THE LOCAL CHURCHES, VACCINES AND
10 INFORMATION ON COVID. MARGARITA HAS PARTICIPATED IN DIFFERENT
11 COMMUNITY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND
12 SHE'S INVOLVED WITH AN ORGANIZATION THAT SOME OF US KNOW AS
13 CLU, THE NETWORK OF HISPANIC LATINO PASTORS IN SOUTHERN
14 CALIFORNIA AND EDVANSE LATINO. PASTORA MARGARITA, WE ARE
15 HONORED TO HAVE YOU HERE WITH US TODAY AND WOULD LIKE TO
16 PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR YOU AND FOR ALL
17 THE WORK THAT YOU DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY. MUCHAS GRACIAS.

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19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I WILL NOW TURN IT TO SUPERVISOR
20 MITCHELL FOR A PRESENTATION.

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22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING
23 COLLEAGUES. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO THANK GLADYS BERRY WHO WAS A
24 VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE WHERE SHE SERVED AS A
25 PASSENGER AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS SPECIALIST. SHE'S AN ALUMNI OF



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1 LOOPSINGER HIGH SCHOOL AND CAL STATE UNIVERSITY LA WHERE SHE
2 RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT. SHE WORKED
3 AS A LIBRARIAN AT THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR
4 20 YEARS. MS. BERRY IS THE MOTHER, EXCUSE ME, SHE IS A MOTHER,
5 BUT SHE'S ALSO A MEMBER OF THE WOMEN VETS ON POINT. SHE ENJOYS
6 READING, TRAVELING, AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND IS THE MOTHER
7 OF 2 ADULT SONS DONOVAN AND DURAN AND HAS 5 GRANDCHILDREN.
8 SHE'S LIVED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR 45 YEARS. WE WERE
9 HAVING A QUICK CONVERSATIONS AND APPARENTLY SHE TOOK PLANES,
10 TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES TO BE WITH US HERE THIS MORNING. SO
11 GIVEN ALL YOU WENT THROUGH THIS MORNING, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
12 JOINING US. SO WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR
13 COUNTRY AND OUR COUNTY AND FOR LEADING US IN TODAY'S PLEDGE OF
14 ALLEGIANCE. AND I'D LIKE TO PRESENT YOU AS WELL WITH A
15 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION SIGNED BY ALL MY COLLEAGUES ON THE
16 BOARD.

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18 **GLADYS PATRICE BERRY:** THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME.

21
22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW HAVE A PET PRESENTATION
23 BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.

24
25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NOW I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE YOU TO DEAN.



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1 DEAN IS A TWO-MONTH-OLD GERMAN SHEPHERD WHO IS SUPER PLAYFUL
2 AND ACTUALLY FULL OF ENERGY, ALTHOUGH I THINK A LITTLE TIRED
3 TODAY. AND THERE ARE 7 LITTER MATES WHO ARE ALL WAITING FOR
4 FOREVER HOMES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADOPT DEAN, DEAN IS AT THE
5 DOWNEY ANIMAL CARE CENTER AND YOU CAN CALL 562-940-6898, BUT
6 YOU CAN ALSO DROP BY ANY OF OUR ANIMAL CARE CENTERS MONDAY
7 THROUGH SATURDAY FROM 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M. BUT THIS IS DEAN AND
8 DEAN CAN YOU SAY HELLO? YEAH, YES AND THEN IF YOU WOULD LOOK
9 ABOVE ME OUT OF OUR PALMDALE SHELTER I WANT YOU TO MEET MAX A
10 TWO-YEAR-OLD SHEPHERD JINDO MIX WHICH I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A--
11 WELL THERE IT IS THE STAFF ON SITE SAID HE'S FUN AND FRIENDLY
12 AND WOULD MAKE THE PERFECT PET IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADOPT MAX CALL
13 THE PALMDALE CENTER AT 661-575-2888 AND [INAUDIBLE] WE'RE
14 HIGHLIGHTING THE ANIMAL VALLEYS BECAUSE THEY ARE OVERCROWDED
15 AND THERE ARE A LOT OF LARGER DOGS THAT ARE LOOKING FOR
16 FOREVER HOMES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. OH, DEAN IS SOUND
17 ASLEEP.

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19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WHAT A SWEETHEART. WITH THAT,
20 WE'LL MOVE ON TO TODAY'S AGENDA. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
21 CALL THE AGENDA.

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23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
24 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, CONSENT
25 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 17. ON ITEM 1,



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1 THIS INCLUDES AN ADDITION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
2 AGENDA. ON ITEM 2 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE
3 HELD. THIS ALSO INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
4 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 4 SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS
5 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS
6 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 5 THIS INCLUDES
7 A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ON
8 ITEM 9 THIS INDICATES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
9 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 12, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS
10 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR
11 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 14, THIS
12 INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
13 ON PAGE 14, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 18 THROUGH 75. ON
14 ITEM 20, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
15 TO JUNE 4TH, 2024. ON ITEM 27, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IS RECUSING
16 HERSELF BECAUSE SHE HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DUE TO A
17 FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES,
18 WHICH IS A SOURCE OF GIFTS. ON ITEM 29, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IS
19 RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
20 SECTION 84308 BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR
21 CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$250 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM
22 LOUISE MCCARTHY, WHO IS A PARTY PARTICIPANT OR AGENT OF A
23 PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING. ON ITEM 55, SUPERVISOR
24 BARGER WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. ON PAGE 47, THIS
25 INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE



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1 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
2 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 73B, SUPERVISOR
3 HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 73E, SUPERVISOR
4 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 48, ORDINANCES
5 FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM 76 AND 77. ON PAGE 49, SEPARATE
6 MATTERS, ITEM 78 THROUGH 81. ITEM 78 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO
7 APPOINT MICHAEL O TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR, INTERNAL
8 SERVICES FOR THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND AN ANNUAL
9 SALARY OF \$351,401.85, EFFECTIVE APRIL 23RD, 2024. ITEM 79 IS
10 A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT ELIZABETH BUENROSTRO-GINSBURG TO
11 SERVE AS THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR AT AN ANNUAL SALARY
12 OF \$300,000 EFFECTIVE APRIL 23RD, 2024. ON ITEM 81, THE
13 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
14 TO MAY 21ST, 2024. ON PAGE 51, BUDGET MATTER, ITEM 82. ON ITEM
15 82, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD ON PAGE
16 53, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON ITEM CS1, THIS INCLUDES A
17 REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM CS5,
18 THIS IS ALSO AN ADDITION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
19 AGENDA. AND THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES THROUGH CS5 ARE
20 BEFORE YOU.

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



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2 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
3 ATTENTION? THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
5 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
6 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
7 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
8 HEARING AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
9 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
10 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
11 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
12 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
13 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
14 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
15 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
16 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
17 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
18 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM
19 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
20 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
21 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY
22 OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF
23 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS, AND
24 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
25 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT



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1 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
2 BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR
3 BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO
4 REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY
5 THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
6 COOPERATION.

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8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** TODAY WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM 82,
9 OUR RECOMMENDED BUDGET, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 2, 4, 13, 73B AND
10 FINISHING WITH ITEM 73E, FOLLOWED BY THE REMAINING ITEMS NOT
11 HELD BY THE BOARD AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. BEFORE WE BEGIN,
12 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL IN INFORMATION THAT
13 WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING
14 RULES.

15
16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO
17 PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL
18 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. MEMBERS
19 OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARDROOM YOU
20 WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE
21 MEETING YOU WILL RECEIVE 1 MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
22 ITEMS HELD BY SUPERVISORS AND UP TO A TOTAL OF 3 MINUTES ON
23 ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR A TOTAL OF
24 6 MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING. PLEASE NOTE, ONCE YOUR TIME HAS
25 EXPIRED, WE WILL IMMEDIATELY MOVE ON TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.



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1 PLEASE MONITOR YOUR TIME AND THE ITEMS YOU'RE SIGNING UP FOR,
2 AS YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE CALLED ONCE YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED.
3 FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, WHEN THE BOARD
4 MOVES ON TO THE ITEM YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, PROMPTLY PRESS 1,
5 THEN 0 TO BE MOVED FROM THE LISTENING CUE TO THE SPEAKING CUE.
6 PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON YOUR DEVICE AS SOON
7 AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU OR THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. YOU
8 WILL NEED TO PRESS 1, THEN 0 FOR EACH ITEM YOU WOULD LIKE TO
9 SPEAK. TO ENSURE WE HEAR FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC
10 SPEAKERS, WE WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE 2 SPEAKING CUES.
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR
12 SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE
13 FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO
14 NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL YOU ARE DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE
15 WILL BEGIN BY CALLING IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND WHILE THEY ARE
16 COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

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18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL NOW
19 BEGIN WITH ITEM 82, OUR 24/25 RECOMMENDED BUDGET. I WOULD CALL
20 ON OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT, TO PRESENT
21 THE 2024-2025 RECOMMENDED BUDGET, AFTER WHICH WE'LL OPEN IT UP
22 TO OUR COLLEAGUES FOR DISCUSSION TO MAKE REMARKS AND ASK
23 QUESTIONS. AND THEN FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE
24 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.
25 WE'LL OBVIOUSLY ALSO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THOSE WHO ARE



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1 HERE WITH US. MS. DAVENPORT, PLEASE PROCEED.

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3 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING,
4 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE
5 CEO'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR 2024-25. AS WE NORMALLY DO IN
6 THIS PROCESS, I HAVE A BRIEF POWERPOINT PRESENTATION TO SHARE
7 WITH YOU THIS MORNING. BEFORE I GET STARTED, I'D LIKE TO SHARE
8 A COUPLE OF QUICK THOUGHTS ABOUT OUR BUDGET PROCESS AND HOW WE
9 ARE COMMUNICATING ABOUT IT TO THE PUBLIC. TO BEGIN WITH, OUR
10 BUDGET IS LARGE AND COMPLEX, AND THERE IS BASICALLY NO WAY OF
11 GETTING AROUND THAT. AND SO OUR COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM
12 IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO MAKE IT LESS COMPLICATED AND
13 EASIER TO UNDERSTAND THROUGH OUR SERIES OF ANIMATED EXPLAINER
14 VIDEOS. WE KNOW THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WATCH OUR EXPLAINER
15 VIDEOS BASED ON THE TRAFFIC TO OUR BUDGET PAGE WHICH HAS
16 ATTRACTED MORE THAN 12,500 VIDEOS AND MORE THAN 1 MILLION
17 TOTAL VIDEO IMPRESSIONS TO DATE INDICATING THAT PEOPLE
18 BROWSING ELSEWHERE ARE ALSO BEING EXPOSED TO THIS CONTENT. WE
19 NEED TO APPEAL TO THESE BROADER AUDIENCES SINCE PEOPLE ACCESS,
20 PROCESS, AND RETAIN INFORMATION IN A NUMBER OF WAYS. I WAS
21 SPEAKING TO A GROUP OF STUDENTS THE OTHER DAY AND LEFT THAT
22 DISCUSSION CONVINCED THAT THEY WOULD ENJOY A BUDGET DISCUSSION
23 BUT PRESENTED IN AN ACCESSIBLE WAY. SO THIS YEAR'S BUDGET
24 VIDEO IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT TO SAY THE LEAST. FOR ONE THING WE
25 ARE GAMIFYING THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND WE ARE ALSO DOING



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1 THIS WITH A FULL-ON THROWBACK TO THE VIDEO GAMES OF YESTERDAY.
2 SO JUST THINK 1980S AREA SUPER MARIO BROTHERS. NOW, THIS VIDEO
3 IS EDGY FOR MY OFFICE, BUT I HOPE YOU WILL BEAR WITH US AS WE
4 EXPLORE NEW COMMUNICATION FRONTIERS. ONCE POSTED ON OUR
5 WEBSITE, WE ARE GOING TO MONITOR THE NUMBER OF HITS WE
6 RECEIVED TO THIS PARTICULAR VIDEO TO DETERMINE HOW POPULAR OR
7 NOT THE VIDEO IS IN COMPARISON TO OUR OTHERS. AND IF YOU HATE
8 PIXELATED ARCADE GAMES FROM THE EARLY 1980S, YOU CAN AVERT
9 YOUR EYES OR PLUG YOUR EARS FOR THE NEXT 3 AND A HALF MINUTES.
10 OTHERWISE, PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR OUR LATEST EXPERIMENT IN
11 PUSHING THE LIMITS OF BUDGET COMMUNICATIONS. CAN WE PLEASE CUE
12 THE VIDEO?

13
14 **SPEAKER:** LA COUNTY'S BUDGET PROCESS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS, BUT
15 LEARNING ABOUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE. IT'S TIME TO PLAY BUDGET
16 QUEST, WHERE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN SERVICES FOR MILLIONS OF
17 PEOPLE ARE AT STAKE. PLAY ALONG WITH BUDDY THE BUDGET WIZ AS
18 HE TRIES TO IMPLEMENT A NEW PROGRAM THAT TEACHES YOUNG PEOPLE
19 TO EARN MONEY RUNNING THEIR OWN LEMONADE STANDS. WE START IN
20 FUNDING WORLD, WHERE PLAYERS TRY AND SOMETIMES FAIL TO FIND
21 MONEY TO TURN THEIR PROGRAMS INTO REALITY. BUT EVEN IF BUDDY
22 CAN'T FIND FUNDING HERE, THERE IS STILL HOPE. WELCOME TO NCC
23 LAND, THE PLACE WITH THE FUNDING TO PAY FOR THINGS THAT HAVE
24 NO OTHER REVENUE SOURCE AVAILABLE. THESE ARE LOCALLY GENERATED
25 REVENUES, MOSTLY FROM PROPERTY AND SALES TAXES. IT'S A



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1 COMPETITIVE PLACE WHERE THERE'S ONLY ENOUGH MONEY TO FUND A
2 FRACTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECTS. WELL, BUDDY SEEMS TO BE IN
3 LUCK. THERE'S SOME PROPERTY TAX MONEY AVAILABLE THAT COULD BE
4 USED TO FUND LEMONADE STANDS PROVIDING JOBS FOR YOUTH.

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6 **SPEAKER:** WELL DONE, SIR.

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8 **SPEAKER:** BUT ONLY IF BUDDY'S PROGRAM CAN MAKE IT TO THE TOP OF
9 PRIORITY MOUNTAIN! FIRST, HERE ARE THE 9 BOARD-DIRECTED
10 PRIORITIES. IS THERE A MATCH? WHAT ABOUT THE BOARD BUDGET
11 POLICY? DOES BUDDY HAVE ONGOING FUNDING TO KEEP THESE LEMONADE
12 STANDS GOING EVERY SUMMER? NEXT UP, THE FISCAL RESILIENCE
13 PROTOCOL. IS BUDDY'S PROGRAM READY TO BE CONSIDERED FOR
14 FUNDING? YES! BUDDY'S PROGRAM IS READY TO LAUNCH AND STILL IN
15 THE RUNNING TO BE FUNDED. ONE MORE CHECK. CAN THE COUNTY FUND
16 BUDDY'S PROGRAM AND STILL MAINTAIN A BALANCED BUDGET AS
17 REQUIRED BY LAW. YES! THANKS TO SOME GROWTH IN PROPERTY TAXES,
18 BUDDY'S PROGRAM CAN BE FUNDED WITHOUT THROWING THE COUNTY
19 BUDGET OUT OF BALANCE. HE MADE IT! THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
20 ADOPTED THE BUDGET WITH BUDDY'S PROGRAM IN IT. BUDDY TURNED
21 HIS LEMONADE STAND DREAM INTO A MONEY-MAKING REALITY FOR LA
22 COUNTY'S YOUNG PEOPLE. GOOD JOB, BUDDY. WELL THANKS. LOTS OF
23 OTHER PLAYERS WEREN'T SO FORTUNATE, BUT THERE'S ALWAYS NEXT
24 TIME. REMEMBER, IN LA COUNTY, ANOTHER BUDGET PHASE IS ALWAYS
25 RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. AND THAT'S HOW YOU PLAY BUDGET QUEST.



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1 TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT IT TAKES TO BUILD A BALANCED BUDGET,
2 CHECK OUT CEO.LACOUNTY.GOV/BUDGET.

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4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. FESIA, WAS THAT YOU IN
5 THE ARMOR IN FRONT OF THE SCALES.

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7 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SO THAT WAS BUDGET QUEST. I HOPE I
8 CAN BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS BUDDY WAS AS I MAKE MY PRESENTATION
9 TODAY. AS STATED AT THE END OF THAT VIDEO, THIS VIDEO AND MANY
10 OTHERS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR CEO BUDGET PAGE AT
11 CEO.LACOUNTY.GOV/SLASH BUDGET. TURNING NOW TO THE REAL WORLD
12 BUDGET CLASS, CAN WE PLEASE BRING UP THE SLIDES FOR THE
13 RECOMMENDED BUDGET PRESENTATION? THANK YOU. SO AS I GET INTO
14 THIS PRESENTATION I WANTED TO JUST DO SOME LEVEL SETTING ABOUT
15 WAYS TO VIEW OUR BUDGET AND SO ONE WAY TO VIEW THE BUDGET IS
16 AS A SET OF CHOICES, SOMETIMES VERY DIFFICULT ONES, BETWEEN
17 MULTIPLE AND COMPETING PRIORITIES. SOME OF THOSE CHOICES ARE
18 MADE FOR US BY STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SOME OF THOSE
19 CHOICES ARE MADE THROUGH PRIOR COMMITMENTS, AND THEN THE
20 OTHERS ARE MADE BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS THEY RESPOND AS
21 YOU RESPOND TO BEST-SERVED RESIDENTS AND TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC
22 NEEDS. SO THIS MORNING'S PRESENTATION IS CALLED POWERING THE
23 PRIORITIES BECAUSE IT IS THE BUDGET THAT FUELS SOLUTIONS TO
24 THE COUNTY'S MOST PRESSING ISSUES. FIRST SLIDE, PLEASE. SO I
25 WANTED TO START WITH A BIG PICTURE OVERVIEW. WE KNOW THAT WE



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1 HAVE A LARGE BUDGET WITH EVEN LARGER NEEDS. I'LL START BY
2 SHARING THAT THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS THE RESULT OF MONTHS OF
3 DETAILED ANALYSIS THAT BEGIN WITH HEARINGS WITH OUR 38 COUNTY
4 DEPARTMENTS AND INVOLVES THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS, THE
5 CULMINATION OF WHICH IS REPRESENTED IN THE FIGURES ON THE
6 SLIDE. IT IS JUST THE FIRST STEP IN OUR BUDGET PROCESS. THE
7 MAJOR TAKEAWAYS FROM THIS SLIDE ARE FIRST, THIS \$45.4 BILLION
8 RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS NEARLY \$1.4 BILLION LOWER THAN THE
9 CURRENT BUDGET YEAR, WHICH ENDS ON JUNE 30TH. AND THEN LET ME
10 EXPLAIN THAT A LITTLE BIT. THE \$45.4 BILLION DOES NOT INCLUDE
11 ANY UNSPENT FUNDS, AN AMOUNT THAT WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER WE
12 CLOSE OUR BOOKS ON JUNE 30TH. IT ALSO DOES NOT FULLY REFLECT
13 OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION, FOR EXAMPLE, ANY ADDITIONAL
14 REVENUES THAT WE MAY BE NOTIFIED OF TOWARDS THE END OF THE
15 YEAR, SOMETIMES AS LATE AS AUGUST OF EACH YEAR. BUT THIS IS
16 PART OF OUR NORMAL PROCESS. BECAUSE OF THIS, WE LOOK TO FUTURE
17 BUDGET PHASES IN JUNE AND OCTOBER FOR POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES
18 TO FUND ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. ANOTHER TAKEAWAY
19 HERE IS THAT WE RECEIVED NEARLY \$2 BILLION IN REQUESTS FOR
20 FUNDING, AN AMOUNT WE SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE. AS SUCH, OVER \$800
21 MILLION IN REQUESTS HAVE BEEN DEFERRED TO FUTURE BUDGET
22 PHASES, AND THE REMAINING \$1.1 BILLION REMAINS AS AN UNMET
23 NEED. LASTLY, I WANT TO REEMPHASIZE THAT MUCH OF THIS YEAR'S
24 BUDGET IS SET FOR US BASED ON DESIGNATED USES FOR FEDERAL AND
25 STATE FUNDING, WHICH MAKES UP ABOUT 38% OF OUR OVERALL



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1 RESOURCES IN THIS BUDGET PHASE. AS YOU KNOW, WE CANNOT USE,
2 FOR EXAMPLE, MEDICARE DOLLARS TO FILL POTHoles IN OUR
3 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND WE CANNOT REDIRECT STATE FUNDING FOR
4 PROJECT HOME KEY TO SUPPORT COUNTY COMMISSIONS, NO MATTER HOW
5 GREAT THE NEED. WE MUST USE THE MONEY AS INTENDED AND THEN USE
6 OUR OWN COUNTY RESOURCES, GENERATED LARGELY THROUGH PROPERTY
7 TAXES, TO FILL OUR OTHER NEEDS. SOME OF OUR OWN LOCALLY
8 GENERATED REVENUE IS ALSO RESTRICTED. FOR EXAMPLE, \$7.9
9 BILLION OF THIS BUDGET COMES FROM FEES FOR SPECIFIC SERVICES
10 THAT MUST BE USED TO COVER THE COST OF THOSE SERVICES. NEXT
11 SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS SLIDE SHOWS HOW THE FEDERAL AND STATE
12 DOLLARS HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO ADD 835 NEW POSITIONS
13 TO THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, GROWING OUR TOTAL TO 116,159 BUDGETED
14 POSITIONS. OUR ABILITY TO GROW OUR WORKFORCE AT A TIME WHEN
15 OUR REVENUE GROWTH IS SLOWING IS ALSO A REFLECTION OF THIS
16 BOARD'S DISCIPLINED FISCAL APPROACH TO BUDGETING OVER MANY
17 YEARS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE CANNOT FUND ALL REQUESTS AND THAT
18 MORE MONEY ISN'T ALWAYS WHAT IS NEEDED TO DRIVE IMPROVEMENT.
19 NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SO A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH. THIS
20 SLIDE HIGHLIGHTS MENTAL HEALTH INVESTMENTS THAT DIRECTLY
21 SUPPORT INTERRELATED HIGH PRIORITIES FOR YOUR BOARD.
22 SPECIFICALLY, THESE ARE NEW INVESTMENTS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER
23 OF MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS OPERATED BY DMH, PROVIDE MORE MENTAL
24 HEALTH OUTREACH TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND TO
25 INCREASE PRETRIAL SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH



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1 ISSUES. THESE INVESTMENTS HAVE A MULTIPLIER EFFECT. THEY HELP
2 REDUCE HOMELESSNESS, COSTS ARE EXACERBATED BY MENTAL HEALTH
3 ISSUES. THEY HELP REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN OUR JAILS
4 WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. AND THEY HELP COMMUNITIES THRIVE
5 THROUGH BETTER ACCESS TO CARE. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE,
6 PLEASE. HOMELESSNESS. THIS SLIDE HIGHLIGHTS ANOTHER CENTRAL
7 ELEMENT OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, THE HOMELESSNESS EMERGENCY. IT
8 REFLECTS \$728 MILLION TO FUND THE COUNTY'S MULTI-LAYERED
9 APPROACH TO FIGHTING HOMELESSNESS. ON THIS SLIDE YOU CAN SEE
10 JUST A PARTIAL LIST OF WHAT THESE NEW DOLLARS WILL FUND. WE
11 ARE INVESTING TO BUILD SIGNIFICANTLY MORE RESOURCES THAN IN
12 YEARS PAST IN EACH OF THESE AREAS, SUCH AS INTERIM HOUSING
13 BEDS, HOUSING SUBSIDIES, WRAPAROUND SUBSIDIES, AND ASSISTANCE
14 TO HELP KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. ACCELERATING
15 OUR RESPONSE. THE HOMELESS EMERGENCY DECLARED BY YOUR BOARD IN
16 JANUARY OF 2023 HAS ALLOWED THE COUNTY TO CUT RED TAPE AND
17 SPEED UP SERVICE DELIVERY. YOU CAN SEE 4 KEY ELEMENTS OF THE
18 HOMELESS INITIATIVES MISSION HERE. IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE
19 HOMELESS EMERGENCY DECLARATION, WE WORKED WITH OUR PARTNERS TO
20 BRING NEARLY 38,000 PEOPLE INDOORS TO INTERIM HOUSING,
21 PERMANENTLY HOUSE MORE THAN 23,600 PEOPLE, DOUBLE THE NUMBER
22 OF MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH TEAMS, AND PREVENT MORE THAN 11,000
23 PEOPLE FROM BECOMING HOMELESS IN THE FIRST PLACE. I WOULD URGE
24 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO VISIT THE DATA DASHBOARD AT
25 HOMELESS.LACOUNTY.GOV UNDER THE TAB LABEL PROGRESS WHERE THEY



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1 CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THE COUNTY HAS BEEN ABLE
2 TO ACCOMPLISH TO DATE. AND I'LL JUST OFFER ONE MORE KEY
3 STATISTIC ON THIS SLIDE WHICH IS THAT THE HOMELESS INITIATIVES
4 WORK TO CARRY OUT ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS, BRINGING HUNDREDS OF
5 PEOPLE FROM LARGE ENCAMPMENTS INDOORS AND QUICKLY CONNECTING
6 THEM WITH SERVICES, NOW AIMS IN AS BUILDING TOWARDS ADDRESSING
7 NEARLY 1 ENCAMPMENT EVERY OTHER WEEK. THIS IS A CHALLENGING
8 PACE GIVEN THE COMPLEX COORDINATION REQUIRED, INCLUDING
9 EXTENSIVE COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND SERVICE
10 PROVIDERS IN LINING UP HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS
11 INVOLVED. BUT THE HARD WORK IS PAYING OFF. AS JUST ONE EXAMPLE
12 OF THE VISIBLE EFFECT OF THESE ACTIONS, UNDER OUR PATHWAY HOME
13 PROGRAM, MORE THAN 300 DILAPIDATED RVS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM
14 COUNTY STREETS AND THEIR RESIDENTS PROVIDE IT WITH HOUSING AND
15 SERVICES. WE ARE MOVING A NEEDLE, BUT THE COUNTY CAN'T DO IT
16 ALONE. LOCAL CITIES MUST ALSO DO THEIR PART IN CREATING AND
17 FOSTERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, A
18 CRITICAL ELEMENT IN ADDRESSING ONE OF THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF
19 THIS CRISIS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. ANOTHER WAY TO THINK ABOUT THE
20 COUNTY BUDGET IS AS A COMBINATION OF OUR FOUNDATIONAL AND
21 LONG-STANDING SAFETY NET SERVICES LIKE HEALTH CARE AND CHILD
22 WELFARE PLUS NEW AND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO HELPING OUR
23 RESIDENTS THRIVE. THIS BUDGET INCLUDES BOTH. I WON'T READ THE
24 FULL LIST OF INVESTMENTS DETAILED HERE, BUT WE ARE PROVIDING
25 ADDITIONAL STAFFING FOR OUR DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC SOCIAL



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1 SERVICES, HEALTH SERVICES, AND CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,
2 WHICH FOCUS ON SUPPORTING SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE
3 RESIDENTS. THIS BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES MORE THAN \$81 MILLION TO
4 PAY BACK EBT CARD HOLDERS WHOSE BENEFITS WERE STOLEN THROUGH
5 FRAUDULENT SCAMS. BEYOND MAINTAINING THE COUNTY'S MASSIVE
6 SOCIAL SAFETY NET, WE'RE ALSO EXPANDING OUR BREATHE GUARANTEED
7 INCOME PROGRAM TO INCLUDE MORE FOSTER YOUTH AND GROWING JOBS
8 PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AND RESIDENTS FACING BARRIERS TO
9 EMPLOYMENT. WITH AN EYE ON THE FUTURE, WE ARE ALSO EXPANDING
10 OUR ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. A
11 LITTLE BIT ABOUT CFCI. AS I HOPE IS CLEAR FROM MY REMARKS, OUR
12 OVERALL GOAL IN BUDGETING IS TO PROVIDE NEEDED SERVICES FOR
13 OUR RESIDENTS WITH A FOCUS ON THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.
14 AS PART OF OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO INVESTING DIRECTLY INTO
15 COMMUNITIES AND INTO ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, WE ARE
16 RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD ONCE AGAIN SET ASIDE 10% OF
17 LOCALLY GENERATED, UNRESTRICTED REVENUES FROM THIS YEAR'S
18 BUDGET FOR CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS. THE COMMITMENT
19 TOTALS \$300 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING THIS YEAR. IF CFCI JUST
20 ESTABLISHED 4 SHORT YEARS AGO FOR A COUNTY DEPARTMENT, IT
21 WOULD BE THE SIXTH LARGEST DEPARTMENT WHEN MEASURED BY THE
22 BOARD'S COMMITMENT OF LOCAL REVENUES. CFCI'S \$300 MILLION
23 REPRESENTS MORE LOCAL COUNTY FUNDING IN THIS BUDGET THAN THE
24 AMOUNT COMMITTED TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, TO PUBLIC HEALTH, TO
25 PARKS AND RECREATION, AND ABOUT 30 OTHER DEPARTMENTS. SOME ARE



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1 SURE TO POINT OUT THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS THE LARGEST
2 BENEFICIARY OF LOCAL REVENUES, AND IT IS TRUE THAT PUBLIC
3 SAFETY IS AN IMPORTANT PRIORITY. IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THE
4 AMOUNT OF FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR LAW
5 ENFORCEMENT IS LIMITED IN CONTRAST TO SAY, THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 HEALTH SERVICES, WHICH CAN RELY ON FEDERAL MEDICARE DOLLARS.
7 HOWEVER, THE COST OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IS PRIMARILY THE COUNTY'S
8 RESPONSIBILITY UNDER BOTH THE COUNTY CHARTER AND UNDER STATE
9 LAW. BUT THAT DOESN'T TELL THE WHOLE STORY. CFCI IS FAR FROM
10 THE ONLY COMMITMENT BY THE BOARD TO CARE FOR ITS PROGRAMS AND
11 SERVICES. TAKEN TOGETHER, THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO EFFORTS
12 ALIGNED WITH THE BOARD'S CARE FIRST VISION AND COMBINED WITH
13 THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE AND PROGRAMS AIMED AT POVERTY
14 ALLEVIATION AMOUNT TO 22 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S OVERALL
15 BUDGET. ONCE AGAIN, WE CANNOT FUND EVERY NEED, BUT I THINK
16 THESE STATISTICS HELPS ILLUSTRATE AND CONTEXTUALIZE HOW WE ARE
17 BALANCING AND FINDING SYNERGIES TO ADVANCE THE BOARD'S
18 PRIORITY. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. CHALLENGES AHEAD. SO WHILE THE
19 BUDGET ALLOWS FOR GROWTH IN SOME CRITICAL AREAS, THE ECONOMIC
20 OUTLOOK REMAINS CHALLENGING. AND ONE OF OUR PRIMARY
21 RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE CEO'S OFFICE IS NOT JUST TO WORK IN
22 THE CURRENT, THE PRESENT SPACE, BUT ALSO TO HAVE AN EYE ON THE
23 FUTURE TO LOOK AT WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON. GROWTH IN THE
24 PROPERTY TAXES HAS SLOWED AS INTEREST RATES HAVE CLIMBED AND
25 HIGH VACANCIES IN A COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE MARKET COULD



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1 FURTHER IMPACT AND DECREASE OUR FUNDING. PROPERTY TAXES FUND
2 ROUGHLY 20% OF THIS OVERALL BUDGET AND ARE THE PRIMARY SOURCE
3 OF FUNDS OVER WHICH THE BOARD HAS DISCRETION. UNCERTAINTY
4 AROUND THE COURSE OF INFLATION, AS WELL AS HOW THE STATE WILL
5 ULTIMATELY CHOOSE TO SOLVE ITS BUDGET DEFICIT, ALSO MAKES IT
6 HARDER TO FORECAST WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. AS MOST OF
7 YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY IS FACING THOUSANDS OF CLAIMS OF SEXUAL
8 ASSAULT UNDER AB 218, THAT'S THE CHILD VICTIMS ACT, WHICH
9 EXTENDED THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AND HAS RESULTED IN CLAIMS
10 FILED IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGATIONS DATING BACK TO THE 1970S.
11 THE FULL SCOPE OF THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATION IS ALSO UNCERTAIN IN
12 THIS ARENA. THERE IS NO FUNDING IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET
13 ALLOCATED FOR THESE CASES. WE ARE ACTIVELY EXPLORING OPTIONS
14 FOR MANAGING ANY FUTURE COSTS, AND THIS IS NOT OUR ONLY
15 BUDGETARY PRESSURE. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF OTHER FINANCIAL
16 PROBLEMS THAT NEED TO BE SOLVED, INCLUDING BUDGET DEFICITS IN
17 SEVERAL CRITICAL DEPARTMENTS, FUNDING NEEDS FOR SEISMIC
18 RETROFIT OF SOME COUNTY BUILDINGS. THE EXPIRATION OF MEASURE H
19 THAT'S ON THE HORIZON. MEASURE H FUNDS THE KIND OF VITAL
20 HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT I DISCUSSED EARLIER.
21 WE MAY ALSO SEE ADDITIONAL COSTS ARISING FROM THE DEPARTMENT
22 OF JUSTICE SETTLEMENT COVERING THE COUNTY'S JAILS AS WE SEEK
23 TO REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION AND EXPAND PRETRIAL SERVICES.
24 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS SLIDE PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF THE
25 BOARD'S RECENTLY ADOPTED PROCESS THAT AIMS TO IMPROVE THE



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1 COUNTY'S FINANCIAL RESILIENCE BY EVALUATING THE DOZENS OF
2 BOARD MOTIONS IN PROGRESS AT ANY ONE TIME WITH IMPLEMENTATION
3 READINESS AS A DRIVING FACTOR. THIS HELPS US TO REALLOCATE
4 PRECIOUS RESOURCES IN WAYS THAT PUTS THE MONEY TO WORK AS SOON
5 AS IT IS PRACTICAL TO DO SO BY USING A STANDARDIZED EVALUATION
6 SYSTEM. OTHER CONSIDERATION IN THE EVALUATION PROCESS INCLUDES
7 WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES AND WHETHER
8 THERE IS ALIGNMENT WITH THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIC PLAN. NEXT
9 SLIDE, PLEASE. IN TERMS OF NEXT STEPS, AS I MENTIONED AT THE
10 BEGINNING OF MY PRESENTATION, THIS IS JUST THE FIRST STEP IN
11 THE COUNTY'S BUDGETING PROCESS. NEXT UP WILL BE PUBLIC
12 HEARINGS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS ON
13 THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET WITH THE BOARD. THOSE HEARINGS ARE SET
14 TO BEGIN ON MAY 15. THEN ON JUNE 24, THE BOARD WILL DELIBERATE
15 PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE FINAL CHANGES BUDGET IN ADVANCE OF THE
16 NEW FISCAL YEAR, WHICH BEGINS ON JULY 1ST. AND FINALLY, IN
17 OCTOBER, WHEN EVEN MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO US, THE
18 BOARD WILL TAKE UP THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. NEXT SLIDE,
19 PLEASE. SUPERVISORS, AS YOU WELL KNOW, DEVELOPING A COMPLEX
20 SPENDING BLUEPRINT IS A MASSIVE UNDERTAKING OVER MANY MONTHS
21 AND WE RELY HEAVILY ON YOUR LEADERSHIP AND OUR CLOSE
22 PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUR BUDGET DEPUTIES. WANTED TO THANK TAMMY
23 EMOTO-FRIAS, KOFI KOWASI AND KIRK SHELTON, MAEVE GIESA, JOHN
24 LEONARD, GRANT SCHARMERMAN AND MICHELLE VEGA. THEIR INSIGHTS
25 AND THEIR COLLABORATION HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE TO OUR TEAM. IN



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1 ADDITION, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT
2 HEADS WHO ARE SITTING HERE TO MY LEFT, AND THEIR BUDGET AND
3 THEIR FISCAL TEAMS. WE CANNOT DO THIS WORK WITHOUT THE HEAVY
4 LIFTING THAT THEY ALL DO. AND FINALLY, I'D ALSO LIKE TO
5 ACKNOWLEDGE OUR CEO BUDGET TEAM, LED BY FOR MUCH OF THE
6 PROCESS, MATT MCGLOIN, AND NOW BY MASON MATTHEWS, AND
7 INCLUDING YOLANDA REYES, ERICA BONILLA, RENEE PHILLIPS,
8 CHRISTINE FRIAS, ANTHONY BAKER, CHEYENNE YIN, MICHAEL
9 MARTINEZ, AND KION KING, ALONG WITH MANY OTHER ANALYSTS AND
10 STAFF WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY FOR MONTHS TO COMPLETE HUNDREDS OF
11 PAGES OF ANALYSIS THAT BACK UP THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET YOU SEE
12 BEFORE YOU TODAY. AND THEN FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE CEO
13 ITS SUPPORT TEAM INCLUDING KIT, WYNN, ANDREW ZARAGOZA AND THE
14 COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM INCLUDING LENNY LAGUIRE,
15 ELIZABETH MARCELINO, ANDREW VEASE, ROSA SOTRANO, JESUS RUIZ,
16 ROBERTO MUNEZ, EILEEN BEDROSIAN, AND VAUGHN BANDIWAGE. HE'S
17 THE VOICEOVER IN THE BUDGET QUEST VIDEO. AND THEN OUR CEO
18 VIDEOGRAPHER WHO SURPRISES ALL WITH HIS HIDDEN VOCAL TALENTS
19 IN THAT BUDGET QUEST VIDEO VOICEOVER. THAT CONCLUDES MY
20 PRESENTATION, MADAM CHAIR. I'D BE HAPPY AT THIS TIME TO
21 RECEIVE THE BOARD'S COMMENTS AND RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS YOU
22 MAY HAVE.

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24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL BE
25 GOING IN THE ORDER OF 2, 4, 5, 1, AND THEN 3, SO I WILL TURN



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1 IT TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO START.

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3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND
4 MS. DAVENPORT. THE VIDEO IS A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW. I'M A FAN OF
5 THE VIDEOS. I THINK THAT WHATEVER WE CAN DO AS GOVERNMENT TO
6 WELCOME THE GENERAL PUBLIC INTO OUR DELIBERATION PROCESS AND
7 MAKE IT PLAIN AND MAKING SIMPLE IS WHAT WE SHOULD DO. SO I
8 APPRECIATE YOU BECAUSE I WILL BE POSTING YOUR VIDEO ON MY
9 WEBSITE. I THINK IT WAS GREAT. I APPRECIATE YOU. AND I'M
10 PULLING FOR YOU, BUDDY. AS YOU CLIMB THE PRIORITY MOUNTAIN, MY
11 TEAM IS GOING TO GET SICK OF ME HEARING ABOUT IS THAT ON
12 PRIORITY MOUNTAIN? LET'S MAKE SURE IT IS. SO AGAIN, THANK YOU.
13 AGAIN, THANK YOU TO ALL THE BOARD DEPUTIES AND YOUR STAFF. I
14 AM ALWAYS CLEAR THAT OUR ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS IS COMPLICATED
15 AND IT'S LENGTHY BUT AGAIN BY VIRTUE OF THE VIDEO AND BY THE
16 NUMBER OF VIEWS YOU SHARED WITH US IN TERMS OF THE GENERAL
17 PUBLIC, YOU KNOW, ALLOWING RESIDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
18 DIFFERENT FUNDING STREAMS AND THE COUNTY'S PRIORITIES, AS WELL
19 AS PARTICIPATE BY PROVIDING PUBLIC OR WRITTEN COMMENT ABOUT
20 WHERE THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE FUNDING ALLOCATED I THINK IS AN
21 IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF OUR PROCESS. AND SO I APPRECIATE YOU
22 MAKING IT CLEAR SO THEY KNOW HOW AND WHEN THEY SHOULD GET
23 INVOLVED. ON YOUR SLIDE PRESENTATION, I ALSO THOROUGHLY
24 APPRECIATE IT. A COUPLE THINGS, YOU KNOW, I ALSO ALWAYS LIKE
25 THE VULNERABILITY SLIDE BECAUSE THAT'S THE SHEET I PULL OUT



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1 AND CARRY WITH ME AND LOOK AT ROUTINELY AND SHARE IT WITH
2 CONSTITUENTS AND OTHER COLLEAGUES, PARTICULARLY AT THE STATE
3 LEVEL. I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE IMPORTANT AS THEY CONTINUE
4 THEIR OWN BUDGET DELIBERATION PROCESS. BUT I ALSO APPRECIATED
5 THE CFCI SET-ASIDE SLIDE TO GIVE US PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT THAT
6 INVESTMENT LOOKS LIKE. WE OFTEN HEAR FROM ADVOCATES ABOUT
7 WHATEVER YOU'RE ADVOCATING FOR, THE PERCEPTION IS THAT WHAT
8 YOU'RE ASKING FOR IS A MERE DROP IN THE BUCKET OF THIS OVERALL
9 GLOBAL COUNTY BUDGET. AND SO THE CCFCI IN PERSPECTIVE IN
10 COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WAS REALLY VERY HELPFUL.
11 SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT SLIDE. YOU KNOW I ALWAYS SAY I
12 AM A BROKEN RECORD WHEN IT COMES TO THIS. THE COUNTY'S BUDGET
13 REFLECTS OUR VALUES AND OUR PRIORITIES AND IT ALSO REFLECTS
14 OUR NEED TO STRATEGICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY USE PUBLIC RESOURCES
15 TO SOLVE FOR THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE IMPACTING OUR RESIDENTS.
16 AND OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, I'VE BEEN CONSISTENT WITH MY
17 MESSAGE THAT THE YEARS OF BUDGET INCREASES WOULD NOT GO ON
18 FOREVER. AS THE SAFETY NET FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, THE BOARD
19 REALLY HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SET THE TONE FOR STEWARDSHIP
20 AND EFFICIENCY. I AM CLEAR THAT THERE ARE ONGOING CHALLENGES
21 AND BUDGET RISKS THAT YOU SHARED WITH US ON OUR VULNERABILITY
22 SLIDE THAT WERE RELEVANT LAST YEAR AND STILL RELEVANT TODAY.
23 SOME OF MY CONCERNS LIE IN THE FISCAL VULNERABILITY WE FIND
24 OURSELVES IN AS A COUNTY, AS A STATE. SOME OF OUR MOST
25 IMPACTFUL SAFETY NET PROGRAMS SERVING FAMILIES, CALWORKS AND



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1 FAMILY STABILIZATION, CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS SUCH AS THE
2 HOUSING NAVIGATION PROGRAM AND MANY OTHERS ARE PART OF THE
3 FUNDING REVERSIONS AND PROPOSED ELIMINATIONS AND PAUSES
4 PROPOSED IN THE GOVERNOR'S 24/25 BUDGET. AND SO MY MESSAGE TO
5 OUR STATE PARTNERS CONTINUES TO BE DON'T PULL THE RUG OUT FROM
6 UNDER US OR OUR SHARED CONSTITUENCY. WE SAW THE COUNTY'S
7 INVESTMENT IN HOMELESSNESS. WE KNOW THE STATE'S INVESTMENT IN
8 HOMELESSNESS, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT OUR STATE COLLEAGUES
9 CONNECT THE DOTS. AND THESE PROGRAMS THAT THEY'RE PROPOSING
10 REVERSIONS, ELIMINATIONS, AND PAUSES TO ARE THE VERY PROGRAMS
11 THAT HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE HOUSING VULNERABLE STAY HOUSED. AND
12 THEY'RE THE VERY PROGRAMS THAT ONCE WE HOUSE PEOPLE IN
13 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING HELPS THEM STAY HOUSED. SO IT'S
14 NOT ENOUGH TO JUST SAY AT THE STATE LEVEL WE'RE FUNDING THIS
15 TO ADDRESS THE UNHOUSED CURRENT MORAL CRISIS. WE HAVE A
16 RESPONSIBILITY TO PREVENT MORE PEOPLE FROM FALLING INTO
17 HOMELESSNESS AND TO BE HONEST AND CLEAR WITH OURSELVES ABOUT
18 WHAT IT REALLY TAKES TO KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED. SO AGAIN, WHILE
19 WE'RE FOCUSING ON FISCAL, BEING FISCALLY STRATEGIC AND
20 RESPONSIBLE, I'M REALLY HOPING THAT OUR FEDERAL AND STATE
21 COLLEAGUES AGAIN DON'T PULL THE RUG OFF FROM UNDER THE WORK
22 THAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO. I ANTICIPATE IT'S GOING TO TAKE A FEW
23 YEARS FOR THE STATE TO SOLVE ITS SIGNIFICANT REVENUE
24 SHORTFALL. SO AS A RESULT FOR THE NEXT 2 TO 3 YEARS, WE MUST
25 CONTINUE TO BE INNOVATIVE, TO MAXIMIZE ALL OF OUR AVAILABLE



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1 RESOURCES. SO I'M HAPPY THAT WE ESTABLISHED A NEW FISCAL
2 RESILIENCE PROCESS THAT ALLOWS US TO PRIORITIZE NEW PROGRAMS
3 FOR LONG-TERM RESOURCES. I THINK THAT'S A REALLY GOOD START.
4 I'M ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO THE EFFICIENT USE OF STATE AND
5 FEDERAL FUNDING IN ORDER TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM FUTURE
6 BUDGET CUTS. I'M GLAD TO SEE SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT MATTER TO
7 THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT ARE BEING RECOMMENDED
8 FOR FUNDING TODAY. THAT INCLUDES RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR 2
9 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DOULA HUB AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
10 HEALTH, RESOURCES FOR THE ARTI STRATEGIC PLAN, AND EQUITY AND
11 GRANT FUNDING FOR CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS. I'M ALSO GLAD TO SEE
12 THE INVESTMENT IN THE PLACE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND THE OFFICE OF LABOR EQUITY WITHIN THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. REALLY GLAD TO
15 SEE DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS PARK AND REC, PUBLIC DEFENDER, YOUTH
16 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGICALLY LEVERAGE EXISTING RESOURCES TO
17 CONTINUE SUPPORTING THEIR MOST FUNDAMENTAL WORK AND PROGRAMS.
18 I ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE EFFORTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO UPLIFT,
19 PROVIDING THE MOST VULNERABLE SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITIES,
20 INCLUDING SUSTAINABLE FUNDING TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PARKS,
21 PROVIDE SERVICES FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE, AND MORE FLEXIBILITY TO
22 USE EXISTING FUNDING FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS. AS MY TEAM AND I HAVE
23 DONE REALLY SINCE WE JOINED THE BOARD, WE HOSTED THE FIRST OF
24 WHAT WILL BE 3 SECOND DISTRICT BUDGET TOWN HALLS JUST LAST
25 WEEK WHERE WE SHARED OUR BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR AND



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1 MOST IMPORTANTLY SOLICITED INPUT AND FEEDBACK FROM OUR
2 CONSTITUENTS. WE HAD OVER A HUNDRED PARTICIPANTS JOIN US WHO
3 PROVIDED GOOD FEEDBACK AND PERSPECTIVES ABOUT THE ISSUES MOST
4 IMPACTING THEIR COMMUNITIES. WE'LL HOST OUR SECOND ONE MAY
5 13TH. BUDDY WILL BE AN INVITED GUEST SO EVERYBODY CAN
6 UNDERSTAND PRIORITY MOUNTAIN THAT THAT'S OUR GOAL TO SKI UP TO
7 PRIORITY MOUNTAIN. AND I'M GLAD THAT THE COUNTY WILL ALSO HOST
8 ITS BUDGET HEARING ON WEDNESDAY THE 15TH AND I HOPE THAT NOT
9 ONLY SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENTS PARTICIPATE BUT EVERY COUNTY
10 RESIDENT TUNE IN, PARTICIPATE SO YOU CAN SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK
11 AND LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD THROUGH THIS PROCESS. I WANT US,
12 I ENVISION AND WANT TO LEAD IN AND LIVE IN A COUNTY WHERE
13 INDIVIDUALS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE. AND SO I REMAIN
14 COMMITTED TO THE FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY, MENTAL ILLNESS AND
15 HOUSELESSNESS. OUR RESIDENTS NEED ACCESS TO BASIC TOOLS AND
16 SERVICES SUCH AS EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION, SAFE STREETS,
17 WELCOMING PARKS, YOUTH PROGRAMMING, AND RELIABLE, CONSISTENT
18 ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY, COUNTY SERVICES SUCH AS PARKING
19 ENFORCEMENT AND TRASH PICKUP. FOR MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS OF THE
20 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, RELIABLE PARKING ENFORCEMENT IS TOP OF
21 MIND. DEPARTMENTS MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE AND RESPONSIBLE FOR
22 THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR PROGRAMMING. THIS IS WHY I AUTHORED A
23 MOTION DEDICATED TO IMPROVING PARKING SERVICE DELIVERY IN
24 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. AND IT'S MY EXPECTATION THAT
25 EFFECTIVENESS, EFFICIENCY, FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY, AND



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1 ACCOUNTABILITY ARE FRONT AND CENTER IN OUR DECISION-MAKING
2 PROCESS. TRAFFIC VIOLENCE CONTINUES TO DISPROPORTIONATELY
3 IMPACT SECOND DISTRICT PEDESTRIANS. AND SADLY, BLACK
4 PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES CONTINUE TO RISE. ACCORDING TO THE
5 COUNTY'S VISION 0 PLAN, 15 OF THE TOP 20 COLLISION
6 CONCENTRATION CORRIDORS, THOSE ARE AREAS WITH THE HIGHEST
7 LEVEL OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES ARE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. 15 OF
8 THE TOP 20 ACROSS THE COUNTY. SO WE NEED CONTINUED INVESTMENT
9 FOR VISION 0 TO HELP SAVE LIVES. I SEE IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET
10 THAT THE CEO RECOMMENDS DEFERRING RESOURCES FOR VISION 0 TO
11 FINAL CHANGES, AND I ALSO SEE THE TIER ASSIGN TO OUR MOTION
12 SEEKING TO ADDRESS THE WINDSOR HILLS FATALITIES AND ILLEGAL
13 STRAIGHT TAKEOVERS. SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE UPCOMING
14 CONVERSATIONS AND HOPING THAT I CAN MOVE THESE ISSUES HIGHER
15 ON PRIORITY MOUNTAIN. WE WILL CONTINUE TO HIGHLIGHT THE COUNTY
16 NEEDS, ITS RESOURCES TO GO TO THE COMMUNITIES AND IN ISSUES
17 THAT NEED THEM THE MOST. AND EQUITY IS THE BEST PROBLEM
18 SOLVING POLICY. IT SHOULD NOT MERELY BE A CHECK MARK EXERCISE.
19 IT REALLY MUST BE WOVEN INTO OUR PROGRAM'S MISSIONS AND
20 OUTCOMES. AND SO I HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD
21 OUR PROGRAMS AND DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES ACCOUNTABLE TO
22 ENSURE ITS IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY IS ALIGNED WITH THEIR
23 EQUITY-BASED MISSION. AGAIN, THIS IS EARLY IN OUR PROCESS I
24 APPRECIATE THE PRESENTATION FROM THE CEO TODAY. VERY MUCH
25 APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT'S BEEN PUT INTO DEVELOPING THE



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1 PROCESS AND THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE BIG CHALLENGES AHEAD,
2 SOME OF WHICH ARE WITHIN OUR CONTROL AND SOME ARE NOT. AND YET
3 WE STILL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY WHETHER, YOU KNOW, WE CREATED
4 THESE CHALLENGES OR NOT TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO PAY FOR AND SOLVE
5 FOR THEM. MADAM CHAIR, IN CLOSING, 2 QUICK QUESTIONS, IF I
6 MAY, FOR THE CEO. FIRST OF ALL, WITH REGARD TO OUR PAID FAMILY
7 LEAVE MOTION. THE MOTION THAT WE APPROVED WAS A LITTLE
8 DIFFERENT THAN WHAT I HAD ENVISIONED. THE MOTION WE ULTIMATELY
9 APPROVED WILL COST US \$30 MILLION INSTEAD OF THE COST NEUTRAL
10 OPTION IN THE ORIGINAL MOTION. SO I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER
11 WE'LL BE ABLE TO DELIVER PAID FAMILY LEAVE. ARE WE IN TRACK TO
12 DO IT BY JANUARY 1, 2025?

13
14 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SO AS YOU CORRECTLY POINTED OUT
15 SUPERVISOR, IN OUR OCTOBER 2023 REPORT, WE PROVIDED THE BOARD
16 WITH 8 OPTIONS FOR PAID FAMILY LEAVE. SOME OF THOSE OPTIONS
17 REQUIRED EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE THAT WOULD BE A PILOT,
18 OTHERS DID NOT. AND SO THE OPTION THAT WAS ADOPTED BY THE
19 BOARD DOES HAVE A COST TO IT. OUR ESTIMATE OF WHAT THAT COST
20 IS 30 MILLION. AND THE MODEL UPON WHICH WE WOULD INTEND TO
21 IMPLEMENT IS THAT WE SEED THE PROGRAM UPFRONT, THE \$30 MILLION
22 UPFRONT. SO THERE ARE 2 THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING. THAT MOTION
23 WAS ADOPTED IN JANUARY OF 2024, I BELIEVE ON THE SAME DAY AS
24 THE FISCAL RESILIENCE MOTION. SO WE DID NOT EVALUATE THAT
25 MOTION FOR PURPOSES OF RECOMMENDED BUDGET. IT WILL BE



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1 EVALUATED FOR PURPOSES OF FINAL CHANGES. AND 2 THINGS ARE
2 HAPPENING SIMULTANEOUSLY. 1, WE ARE LOOKING TO IDENTIFY
3 FUNDING OTHER THAN NCC. AND SO IF WE COULD IDENTIFY FUNDING
4 OTHER THAN NCC, OUR FUNDING THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED FOR
5 A SIMILAR PURPOSE, THEN THAT WILL ALLOW US TO IN ESSENCE WORK
6 BYPASS BASICALLY THE FISCAL RESILIENCE PROCESS. BECAUSE THE
7 FISCAL RESILIENCE PROCESS IS LOOKING AT NEW NCC OR NCC THAT
8 BASICALLY WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE OUT OF CIRCULATION TO FUND IT.
9 SO THAT IS ONE WAY TO GET PAID FAMILY LEAVE MOVING FORWARD IF
10 WE CAN DO IT. THE SECOND THING THAT IS HAPPENING IS MY TEAM
11 HAS CONTINUED TO MEET WITH DHR, SO WE KNOW THAT THERE'S A
12 BUNCH OF HOMEWORK THAT NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED, SOME TASKS, SOME
13 ANALYSIS. THERE NEEDS TO BE DESIGN OF A NEW SCOPE OF WORK WITH
14 A CONSULTANT THAT WOULD SERVE AS A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR.
15 AND SO WE WILL HAVE BETTER INFORMATION IN FINAL CHANGES ON
16 THOSE 2 THINGS. 1, WHETHER WE ARE ABLE TO IDENTIFY A NON-NCC
17 FUNDING SOURCE OR A FUNDING SOURCE THAT HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR
18 A SIMILAR PURPOSE, SOMETHING THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY USE, YES.
19 AND THEN THE SECOND THING IS WE ARE CONTINUING TO DO THE WORK
20 EVEN THOUGH WE HAVEN'T NAILED DOWN THE FUNDING SOURCE.

21
22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THAT'S VERY HELPFUL, THANK YOU. AND
23 AGAIN, WHEN YOU BYPASS THE FISCAL RESILIENCY PROCESS, DOES
24 THAT MEAN THAT FUNDING IS VULNERABLE EVERY YEAR TO BUDGET EBBS
25 AND FLOWS?



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2 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** I WOULDN'T SAY THAT, AND MAYBE I SAID
3 THAT NOT AS ARTFULLY AS I WOULD HAVE LIKED. SO TWO THINGS. SO
4 THE FISCAL RESILIENCE PROCESS IS LOOKING AT NEW REQUESTS FOR
5 NCC. AND SO BASICALLY WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS TO SEE IF THE
6 MOTION WILL NEED TO TAKE NCC OFF THE TABLE. THAT'S COMING
7 ONLINE. THE OTHER WAY TO NOT BE SUBJECTED TO THE FISCAL
8 RESILIENCE PROCESS IS IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY SOME FUNDING THAT
9 HAS ALREADY BEEN ALLOCATED. AND SO THAT'S WHAT I MEAN, NOT
10 BYPASS THE PROCESS IN A SUBVERSIVE WAY, BUT TO SEE IF WE CAN
11 IDENTIFY SOME FUNDING THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ALLOCATED FOR A
12 SIMILAR PROCESS, AND THEN THAT WAY I'M NOT LOOKING FOR A NEW
13 NCC IN FINAL CHANGES. WHILE THAT PROCESS IS GOING ON, WE ARE
14 CONTINUING TO DO THE WORK TO MOVE THE PROJECT FORWARD.

15

16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. AND LAST QUESTION, MADAM
17 CHAIR. I RECALL AND WE HEARD ABOUT IT LOUD AND CLEAR FROM
18 CONSTITUENTS, ADVOCATES THAT A LARGE PORTION OF NEW NCC WE HAD
19 AVAILABLE AT LAST YEAR'S FINAL CHANGES WAS GOING SPECIFICALLY
20 TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I WANT TO SAY IT WAS 70 PERCENT,
21 BUT I COULD BE MAKING UP THAT PERCENTAGE. SO DON'T HOLD ME TO
22 IT. BUT IT WAS A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF NEW NCC WENT TO THE
23 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT PERCENTAGE OF NEW
24 NCC DOLLARS ARE SPECIFICALLY GOING TO THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT? WHICH PERCENTAGE OF THE NEW NCC POT? NOT THE WHOLE



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1 NCC POT, BUT THE NEW NCC MONEY THAT WE HAVE FOR NEW PROGRAMS
2 AND MOTIONS THAT WE PASSED THIS YEAR. YEAH.

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4 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SO THAT FIGURE IS ABOUT 26% IN THE
5 RECOMMENDED BUDGET. LET ME EXPLAIN HOW WE GOT THERE. THE NEW
6 NCC THAT'S COMING ONLINE IS ABOUT 390 MILLION. ABOUT 104
7 MILLION OF THAT IS GOING TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND OF
8 THE 104 MILLION, ABOUT 91 MILLION IS TO FUND RAISES AND
9 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS UNDER OUR RECENTLY NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS. SO
10 91 MILLION OF THE 104 MILLION IS BASICALLY FOR SALARY AND
11 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.

12
13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, APPRECIATE IT.
14 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

15
16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, FESIA
19 AND YOUR TEAM FOR THE HARD WORK YOU DO EVERY BUDGET CYCLE. WE
20 APPRECIATE IT. WANTED TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO MY BUDGET DEPUTY,
21 GRANT. IT'S HIS FIRST BUDGET CYCLE, SO THANK YOU, GRANT, FOR
22 JUMPING INTO THIS. BUT YOU KNOW, I JUST WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT
23 OUT TO MY WHOLE STAFF, BECAUSE ALL OF MY POLICY DEPUTIES ARE
24 SO CLOSE TO THEIR DEPARTMENTS AND THEY KNOW THE INS AND OUTS
25 AND THE BUDGET REQUIREMENTS AND ARE BIG ADVOCATES FOR THE



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1 PARTICULAR DEPARTMENTS AND TO ALL THE DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO ARE
2 HERE TODAY. IT'S ALWAYS GREAT TO SEE YOU SITTING HERE. WHO'S
3 RUNNING THE COUNTY IS WHAT I WANNA KNOW. BUT, AND IN MY
4 REMARKS TODAY, I HAVE JUST HIGHLIGHTED A COUPLE OF
5 DEPARTMENTS. THAT DOES NOT MEAN IN ANY WAY THAT I DON'T
6 RESPECT AND LOVE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS IN
7 OUR DEPARTMENTS AND HAVE YOUR BACK ALWAYS AS I ADVOCATE
8 CONTINUALLY FOR ALL OF YOU TO GET WHAT YOU NEED TO DELIVER THE
9 SERVICES TO OUR CONSTITUENTS. VIDEO WAS FUN. MY TWO CHANGES
10 WOULD HAVE BEEN, I THINK BUDDY SHOULD HAVE BEEN BETTY. AND SHE
11 WOULD HAVE BEEN THE CEO OF HER COMPANY CALLED WHEN LIFE GIVES
12 YOU LEMONS, RIGHT? AND I, ON THE PRIORITY MOUNTAIN, I WOULD
13 HAVE HAD THE 5 FACES OF THE SUPERVISORS. BECAUSE, YOU KNOW,
14 IT'S OUR PRIORITIES. OTHER THAN THAT, IT WAS FUN, AND I THINK
15 IT'S FUN TO HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE SEE WHAT WE DO IN A WAY THAT
16 THEY CAN RELATE TO. SO WHAT JUMPS OUT AT ME IN THIS BUDGET IS
17 THE MASSIVE INVESTMENT THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE MAKING THIS YEAR
18 IN EXPANDING OUR MENTAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. THIS BOARD HAS
19 MADE MENTAL HEALTH A PRIORITY BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT UNTREATED
20 MENTAL ILLNESS IS AT THE HEART OF SO MANY OF THE CHALLENGES
21 WE'RE FACING, WHETHER IT'S HOMELESSNESS OR OUR OVERCROWDED
22 JAILS THAT ONLY EXACERBATE MENTAL ILLNESS. WE KNOW THAT IF WE
23 CAN GET CARE TO SOMEBODY WHEN THEY NEED IT AND PLACES THAT
24 THEY CAN GO TO RECEIVE THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, WE CAN
25 BREAK THE CYCLE. IT'S SO MANY PEOPLE GET TRAPPED IN BETWEEN



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1 HOMELESSNESS AND JAIL AND PUT THEM ON A BETTER PATH. THIS
2 BUDGET INCLUDES THE SINGLE BIGGEST INVESTMENT IN OUR MENTAL
3 HEALTH CARE SYSTEM SINCE I JOINED THE BOARD 8 YEARS AGO. AND
4 AS YOU SAID, FESIA, WE'RE ADDING A TOTAL OF 452 POSITIONS TO
5 OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND THIS MEANS, FOR ME,
6 THAT'S MORE UNARMED ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS
7 RESPONDING DIRECTLY TO CALLS ABOUT PEOPLE EXPERIENCING MENTAL
8 HEALTH CRISIS IT MEANS MORE TEAMS MEAN FASTER RESPONSE TEAMS
9 MORE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WHO WILL DO OUTREACH TO
10 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND HELP BRING THESE PEOPLE
11 OFF THE STREETS AND INDOORS WHERE WE CAN TRULY BEGIN CHANGING
12 OUR LIVES. THIS MEANS THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE
13 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE PREVIOUSLY EXPERIENCING
14 HOMELESSNESS WHO ALSO NEED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WHERE THEY
15 LIVE. AND THIS BUDGET I'M HAPPY TO SAY INCLUDES FULL-TIME
16 STAFF FOR OUR NEW CARE COURT AT THE NORWALK COURTHOUSE, WHERE
17 LAW ENFORCEMENT OR LOVED ONES OF PEOPLE WITH SEVERE
18 SCHIZOPHRENIA CAN PETITION THE COURT TO DEVELOP CARE PLANS FOR
19 SOMEONE IN SERIOUS NEED AND GET THEM ON THE PATH TO RECOVERY.
20 THERE IS SO MUCH IN THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET, BUT THE MENTAL
21 HEALTH INVESTMENTS ARE PARTICULARLY WHAT I AM CELEBRATING.
22 THIS BUDGET ALSO REFLECTS OUR COUNTY'S FOCUS ON THE
23 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS WITH \$728 MILLION INCLUDED IN THIS
24 RECOMMENDED BUDGET. THIS REPRESENTS THE MOST FUNDING WE'VE
25 EVER BEEN ABLE TO DEDICATE TO TURNING THIS CRISIS AROUND. WE



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1 ARE NEARLY 7 YEARS INTO IMPLEMENTING MEASURE H AND WE'VE
2 TALKED ABOUT THE NEED TO FORGET STRATEGIES THAT HAVEN'T WORKED
3 AND DOUBLE DOWN ON THE ONES THAT DO, AND THAT, I BELIEVE, IS
4 WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE BY EXPANDING OUR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
5 HOUSING, GETTING MORE FUNDING DIRECTLY TO OUR CITIES AND
6 EXPANDING THE PATHWAY HOME ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION PROGRAM. AS
7 YOU TALKED ABOUT, THIS IS A STRATEGY THAT REALLY WORKS. WE
8 LAUNCHED PATHWAY HOMES LESS THAN A YEAR AGO, AND IN MY OWN
9 DISTRICT, I'VE SEEN HOW EFFECTIVE THIS STRATEGY IS, NOT JUST
10 CONVINCING PEOPLE TO COME INSIDE, BUT SHOWING THE PUBLIC
11 VISIBLE PROGRESS BY DIRECTLY DEALING WITH THESE ENCAMPMENTS IN
12 THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. YOU KNOW, I JUST HAVE TO HIGHLIGHT THAT
13 JUST LAST MONTH, WE WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE FUNCTIONAL 0 IN THE
14 CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, BRINGING EVERYONE EXPERIENCING
15 HOMELESSNESS INSIDE. AND WITH 108 MILLION IN INCREASED
16 INVESTMENT IN THIS PROGRAM, I WANT TO SEE US DOING THESE
17 PATHWAY HOME OPERATIONS EVERY WEEK LIKE WE'VE BEEN TALKING
18 ABOUT IN ALL THE CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY. I THINK IT'S
19 IMPORTANT AS YOU TALKED ABOUT THIS BUDGET INCLUDES THE 300
20 MILLION IN CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS. ALMOST 4
21 YEARS AGO, THE VOTERS OF LA COUNTY OVERWHELMINGLY PASSED
22 MEASURE J BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO SEE THE COUNTY DEDICATE 10%
23 OF OUR UNRESTRICTED BUDGET TO COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS LIKE JOB
24 TRAINING, LIKE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, DIVERSION PROGRAMS. AND
25 LAST YEAR, OUR CARE FORCE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT POT FELL ABOUT



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1 \$12 MILLION SHORT OF THE PREDICTED 300 MILLIONS AND IT
2 DISAPPOINTED, DISAPPOINTED ME, BUT IT DISAPPOINTED A LOT OF
3 OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO FOUGHT SO HARD TO HAVE THIS NEW
4 DIRECTION FOR THIS FUND. AND I'M SO RELIEVED AND PLEASED, IF
5 YOU SAID, THAT THIS BUDGET HAS THE \$300.6 MILLION OF THIS
6 INVESTMENT FUNDS. THERE ARE A LOT OF REALLY IMPORTANT
7 INVESTMENTS IN THIS BUDGET, BUT I WILL SAY THAT I'M
8 DISAPPOINTED TO SEE NOT TO SEE MORE GROWTH IN OUR PUBLIC
9 DEFENDERS AND OUR ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDERS BUDGET. BOTH
10 DEPARTMENTS HAVE VERY HIGH CASELOADS AND REQUESTED MANY MORE
11 POSITIONS THAN THEY WERE GRANTED DURING THIS BUDGET PHASE. AND
12 FOR EXAMPLE, I THINK THE PUBLIC DEFENDER REQUESTED 10 DEPUTY
13 PUBLIC DEFENDER FORCE AND 20 PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKERS AND
14 DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY. AND I THINK WHAT'S IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS
15 REQUEST IS IT IS CLEARLY A NET WITHIN THE SAFETY NET IN OUR
16 COUNTY. THIS BOARD, AS YOU KNOW, HAS PRIORITIZED THE GOAL OF
17 DIVERTING PEOPLE FROM MENTAL ILLNESS AWAY FROM OUR JAILS. WE
18 HAVE A LOT OF BIG GOALS ABOUT THE JAIL. WE HAVE BIG GOALS
19 ABOUT BUILDING MORE CAPACITY OUT IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND THE
20 PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S WORK
21 RELIES ON IDENTIFYING THEIR CLIENTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND
22 THEN PURSUING THESE DIVERSION PROGRAMS. AND I THINK IT'S
23 CRITICAL THAT THESE DEPARTMENTS, JUST LIKE THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 MENTAL HEALTH, HAVE THE STAFF THAT THEY NEED TO SUPPORT THEIR
25 CLIENTS AND TO SUPPORT THIS BOARD'S AGENDA. THIS IS LIKE, THEY



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1 SHOULD BE AT THE TOP OF PRIORITY MOUNTAIN AND AS FAR AS I'M
2 CONCERNED, BECAUSE THAT IS OUR PRIORITY, IS DIVERSION. SO I
3 HOPE IN THE NEXT BUDGET STAGE, WE CAN SEE IF THAT'S POSSIBLE.
4 YOU KNOW, THERE'S A LOT OF SERIOUS THINGS IN THIS BUDGET, BUT,
5 AND WE HAVE A LOT OF SERIOUS CHALLENGES FACING US THAT I THINK
6 ARE HEAVY ON US ALL THE TIME. BUT OUR DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
7 RECREATION, THEY'RE THE DEPARTMENT THAT GIVES OUR CONSTITUENTS
8 SOMETHING FUN, RIGHT? THEY GIVE OUR CONSTITUENTS A PLACE FOR
9 THEIR OWN MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING WHERE THEY CAN TAKE
10 THEIR FAMILIES AND ENJOY THINGS. I THINK THEY ALSO DIDN'T GET
11 A LOT OF THEIR REQUESTS APPROVED OR INCLUDED IN THIS BUDGET,
12 AND I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THE AQUATICS DIVISION THAT,
13 AGAIN, THIS BOARD HAS DEMONSTRATED OUR SUPPORT FOR. LAST YEAR,
14 WE INVESTED IN EXTENDING OUR SUMMER SWIM SEASON THROUGH
15 OCTOBER, BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HEAT KEEPS
16 GOING ALL THE WAY THROUGH OCTOBER. AND UNFORTUNATELY, ALTHOUGH
17 WE HAD THE FUNDING FOR THE LONGER SEASON, WE WEREN'T ABLE TO
18 HIRE ENOUGH LIFEGUARDS TO OPEN THE POOLS MORE THAN 3 DAYS A
19 WEEK. THIS YEAR, NORMA AND HER TEAM HAVE WORKED OVERTIME
20 RECRUITING THE LIFEGUARDS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THE FULL
21 EXTENDED SUMMER SWIM SEASON, BUT NOW THE MONEY WASN'T THERE.
22 SO THEY REQUESTED, I THINK, \$8 MILLION FOR THEIR SWIM SEASON
23 TO FUND THESE LIFEGUARD POSITIONS, BUT THEIR REQUEST WAS
24 DEFERRED, WHICH IS NOT TOTALLY SAYING NO. BUT IT'S CONCERNING
25 JUST BECAUSE THE SWIM SEASON IS STARTING. SO I'M HOPING THAT



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1 IN THE FINAL CHANGES, NOT THE SUPPLEMENTAL, SUPPLEMENTAL WILL
2 BE TOO LATE. SO HOPEFULLY WE CAN FIND THAT MONEY AS WELL. I
3 JUST THINK WE HAVE PROMISED OUR CONSTITUENTS THIS EXTENDED
4 SWIM SEASON. I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT FOR EVERYBODY, FOR
5 FAMILIES. WE HAVE THE STAFF READY TO GO. WE HAVE RETROFITTED
6 POOLS. I HAVE A NEW BEAUTIFUL POOL IN ONE OF MY AREAS, AND SO
7 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEIR REQUEST FOR, PARTICULARLY AS IT
8 RELATES TO THE AQUATICS FUNDED. SO IN CONCLUSION, MADAM CHAIR,
9 4 YEARS AGO, I CREATED SOME GASPS IN THE AUDITORIUM WHEN I
10 VOTED NO ON THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET BECAUSE I DIDN'T THINK THAT
11 IT MET THE MOMENT. THAT WAS IN 2020. AND I THINK IT'S CLEAR
12 THAT THE BUDGET IN FRONT OF US TODAY, WITH ITS INVESTMENT,
13 PARTICULARLY IN ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH, HOMELESSNESS, AND
14 HOUSING, IT DOES MEET THE MOMENT THAT I BELIEVE WE'RE FACING
15 TODAY AND IT FOCUSES ON THE MOST IMPORTANT CHALLENGES THAT WE
16 FACE. THANK YOU. JOB WELL DONE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

19
20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** WELL, I AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUES, BUT I
21 WANT TO THANK YOU, FESIA, FOR THE JOB YOU'VE DONE AND IT FEELS
22 WEIRD NOT TO THANK MATT AND SEE HIM BLUSH. SO I'M GOING TO
23 THANK MASON MATTHEWS FOR THE JOB THAT YOU AND YOUR TEAM HAVE
24 DONE TO PUT THIS TOGETHER AND ALSO ALL OF OUR STAFF INCLUDING
25 MICHELLE VEGA AND MY STAFF WHO HAVE WORKED COLLABORATIVELY



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1 WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND WITH THE CEO'S OFFICE TO MAKE
2 SURE THAT THE BUDGET MOVING FORWARD REFLECTS THE VALUES OF
3 THIS BOARD. WITH THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS AND CAREFUL
4 CONSIDERATION, THE CEO'S OFFICE WAS ABLE TO SIGNIFICANTLY TRIM
5 DOWN NEARLY 2 BILLION IN BUDGET REQUESTS FROM COUNTY
6 DEPARTMENTS TO FIT WITHIN THE BUDGETING PARAMETERS AVAILABLE
7 THIS YEAR. THAT'S WHAT IT'S ABOUT, PRIORITIZING BASED ON THE
8 ACTUAL REVENUE AND INCOME THAT WE HAVE TO COVER THE NEEDS.
9 MAINTAINING SOUND BUDGETING PRACTICES IS ONE OF THE MOST
10 CRITICAL ASPECTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT. AND IT HELPS ENSURE
11 THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS AND
12 SERVICES FOR OUR 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. AS I REITERATE EVERY
13 YEAR, I AM PROUD THAT THIS COUNTY AND OUR BOARD, AND I SAY OUR
14 BOARD BECAUSE EACH OF US HAS SERVED AS CHAIR WHILE WE HAVE
15 BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN A HIGH CREDIT RATING. AND THAT SPEAKS
16 VOLUMES TO HOW WE VIEW THE FISCAL INTEGRITY OF LA COUNTY. AND
17 THAT IS DUE IN LARGE PART TO STRONG OPERATIONS. WE HAVE
18 SUCCEEDED IN MAINTAINING HIGH FUND BALANCES, HIGH RESERVE
19 LEVELS, COUPLED WITH MODEST LEVEL OF OUTSTANDING DEBT RELATIVE
20 TO OUR ANNUAL BUDGET. PRESERVING THE COUNTY'S HIGH CREDIT
21 RATING IS IMPORTANT TO SUSTAIN LOWER INTEREST COSTS AND
22 MAINTAIN GREATER INVESTOR DEMAND. AND WE CONTINUE TO
23 PRIORITIZE SAVING FOR OUR RAINY DAY FUND, FURTHER
24 STRENGTHENING OUR FINANCIAL RESERVES. I REMAIN VIGILANT IN
25 ENSURING WE MAINTAIN PROPOSED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES WITH



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1 ONGOING FUNDING, KNOWING THAT APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS OF THE
2 COUNTY'S BUDGET IS FOR SOCIAL SERVICE NEEDS AND SAFETY NET
3 SERVICES, SOMETHING THAT I THINK OFTEN DOES GET LOST, BUT TWO-
4 THIRDS OF THE BUDGET IS FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE IN THIS
5 COUNTY. THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING THAT WE RECEIVED FROM
6 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TOTALING NEARLY A BILLION HAS BEEN A
7 TREMENDOUS RESOURCE INFUSION FOR THE COUNTY AND ENABLED OUR
8 BOARD TO SUSTAINABLY INCREASE EXISTING SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS
9 AND CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES. UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE AT THE
10 BACK END OF THAT FUNDING, AND WE WILL NEED TO START THINKING
11 SOON ABOUT HOW WE WILL RESOLVE THE EXPIRATION OF THOSE
12 CRITICAL DOLLARS AND STAY WITHIN OUR MEANS. AT THE SAME TIME,
13 WE HAVE OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES ON THE HORIZON WHICH YOU
14 MENTIONED SUCH AS THE STATE BUDGET SHORTFALL AND AMEN TO WHAT
15 YOU SAID SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. WE ALL REPRESENT THE SAME
16 CONSTITUENTS AND I HOPE FESIA THAT YOUR TEAM UP IN SACRAMENTO
17 IS EDUCATING OUR REPRESENTATIVES ON A DAILY BASIS AS TO WHAT
18 THIS DOCUMENT IS AND WHAT IMPACT IT HAS ON OUR CONSTITUENTS,
19 NOT JUST WHEN I SAY OUR COLLECTIVELY, THE STATE
20 REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO START
21 NOW LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS A WORK IN PROGRESS
22 BUT THIS REALLY DOES REPRESENT THE VALUES OF THIS BOARD WHICH
23 ACCURATELY I BELIEVE REPRESENT THE VALUES OF MANY OF THOSE
24 THAT ARE REPRESENTING US UP IN THE STATE. WE NEED TO CONTINUE
25 TO MAINTAIN A LASER FOCUS ON ADDRESSING THE HOMELESSNESS



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1 CRISIS, SOMETHING I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN BROUGHT UP. I AM
2 PLEASED THAT TODAY'S BUDGET, WE ARE FURTHER INCREASING OUR
3 ALLOCATION TOWARD THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS WITH MORE THAN 728
4 MILLION IN FUNDING, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THAT SOME OF THIS
5 FUNDING WILL GO DIRECTLY TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS. IN MY
6 DISTRICT, I'M REALLY PROUD OF THE NORTH COUNTY, IN PARTICULAR
7 LANCASTER-PALMDALE, WHO HAVE BEEN STANDING UP HOUSING, BOTH
8 INTERIM AND PERMANENT, TO ADDRESS THE GROWING NEED IN THAT
9 REGION, BUT THEY HAVE STEPPED UP AND NOT SAID, NOT IN MY
10 BACKYARD, THEY'VE SAID, PROVIDE US WITH THE FUNDING, WE WILL
11 STAND UP HOUSING FOR THOSE IN NEED. THE ALLOCATIONS TODAY ARE
12 ALSO ENABLING THE COUNTY TO HIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF UTILIZING
13 EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION THAT THIS BOARD ADOPTED TO FURTHER
14 ACCELERATE THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES. CRITICAL STAFFING
15 INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE
16 COUNSELORS, OUTREACH WORKERS, AND HOUSING NAVIGATORS.
17 SOMETHING THAT IS NEEDED AND WE CONTINUE TO NEED TO FOCUS ON
18 PROVIDING THE SUPPORT FOR. AND WE ARE ABLE TO INVEST IN OUR
19 HOUSING SUPPLY, PROVIDING NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR UNHOUSED
20 OR THOSE AT RISK OF BECOMING UNHOUSED, WHILE ALSO INCREASING
21 THE NUMBER OF INTERIM AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BEDS.
22 FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE GROWTH IN FUNDING AND
23 STAFF AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WITH THE ADDITIONAL
24 452 NEW POSITIONS. THIS IS MORE NEW POSITIONS THAN ANY OTHER
25 DEPARTMENT, AND I BELIEVE THAT SHOWS HOW MUCH WE ARE



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1 PRIORITIZING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR OUR RESIDENTS. SEVERAL
2 OF THE POSITIONS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WILL
3 CLEARLY SUPPORT THE MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS
4 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, INCLUDING THOSE EXPERIENCING
5 HOMELESSNESS. THIS INCLUDES NEW POSITIONS FOR THE INTERIM
6 HOUSING OUTREACH PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES CRITICAL MENTAL HEALTH
7 CARE AND SUPPORT FOR OUR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM
8 MENTAL ILLNESS. I APPRECIATE THESE PRIORITIES THAT ARE BEING
9 ADDRESSED IN TODAY'S BUDGET, BUT I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS ON THE
10 MENTAL HEALTH SIDE. IN TERMS OF THE BUDGET SHORTFALL AND THE
11 REVISIONS AS THEY'RE FINALIZED, HOW WILL THEY IMPACT THE
12 COUNTY FINANCIALLY? DO WE HAVE ANY INDICATION? BECAUSE I KNOW
13 ON BROADBAND WE KNOW THAT THAT WAS CUT. DO WE HAVE AN
14 INDICATION THAT WE CAN KIND OF BEGIN TO SIZE UP?

15
16 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES SUPERVISOR. SO WE STARTED WORKING
17 WITH THE DEPARTMENTS EARLY IN THIS YEAR. WE HAVE CALCULATED
18 THAT THE IMPACT TO THE COUNTY OF THE STATE'S PROPOSED BUDGET
19 DEFICIT MITIGATION PLAN IS ABOUT \$127 MILLION SPREAD OVER
20 MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS, AND WE ALSO KNOW WHICH PROGRAMS THEY
21 ARE. IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR, WE DID DO OUR ANNUAL TRIP TO
22 SACRAMENTO, WHERE WE SHARED WITH DOF AND OTHERS THAT CUTTING
23 THESE PROGRAMS REALLY WORKS AT CROSS PURPOSES. WE UNDERSTAND
24 THAT THE STATE HAS A BUDGET ISSUE TO RESOLVE, BUT THERE
25 PROBABLY ARE MORE STRATEGIC WAYS TO ALIGN, TO BRING THEIR



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1 BUDGET INTO ALIGNMENT. ADDITIONALLY, I AM WORKING WITH MY TEAM
2 TO SCHEDULE AN ADDITIONAL TRIP TO GO TO SACRAMENTO. I THINK
3 IT'S LATER THIS MONTH OR EARLY, I BELIEVE IT'S LATER THIS
4 MONTH TO TALK ABOUT THIS AND OTHER ISSUES THAT ARE OF CONCERN
5 TO THE COUNTY.

6
7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY, AND AGAIN, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
8 FOR US TO PROVIDE TRANSPARENCY THAT RELATES TO OUR BUDGET SO
9 THAT THEY KNOW WHAT WE'RE BUILDING ON AND BASED ON WHAT THE
10 GOVERNORS TALKED ABOUT, OUR PRIORITIES DO REFLECT EXACTLY WHAT
11 THE STATE IS TALKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF INVESTING IN
12 HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE. I NOTED THAT WE
13 ARE ADDING 60 MILLION IN MHSA SPENDING TOWARD 260 POSITIONS IN
14 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND I KNOW THERE WAS A RECENT
15 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HAHN ON PREPARING FOR THE IMPACT OF PROP
16 1. SO I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE RECONCILE THAT BECAUSE
17 I'M TRYING TO, I KNOW WE'RE TRYING TO FLESH OUT WHAT IT'S
18 GOING TO LOOK LIKE AND THE IMPACTS THAT HAVE ON DEPARTMENTAL
19 HEALTH. CAN YOU HELP ME UNDERSTAND OR RECONCILE THAT?

20
21 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YEAH, SO WE ANTICIPATE THE BUDGETARY IMPACT
22 TO HIT STARTING IN FISCAL YEAR 25-26, SO NOT 24-25. WE HAVE
23 ALREADY STARTED WORKING WITH DMH, AND I WILL SAY THAT DMH
24 ACTUALLY HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO START LOOKING WITHIN AND
25 ALSO TO PLAN. JUST IN TERMS OF HOW WE ARE BUDGETING CURRENTLY,



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1 GENERALLY THE APPROPRIATION OR THE REQUEST TO APPROVE FUNDING
2 FOR SALARY AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS IS ONLY BEING ADDED TO SPEND
3 DOWN EITHER TIME LIMITED FUNDS OR TO EXPAND PROGRAMS THAT WE
4 BELIEVE WE'LL CONTINUE TO HAVE DEDICATED FUNDING OR THAT CAN
5 BE TRANSITIONED TO A NEW CATEGORY UNDER THE NEW THE POST PROP
6 1 FUNDING ENVIRONMENT AND AS I STATED EARLIER WE EXPECT THAT
7 THE NEW CHANGES TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2026. SO DMH HAS
8 BEEN PROACTIVE LOOKING FOR LANDING SPOTS FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF
9 PROGRAMMATIC FUNDING AND POSITIONS THAT WE'RE ADDING TO THIS
10 BUDGET.

11
12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** EXCELLENT. AND THEN ON THE BIG CHALLENGES
13 AHEAD, NEED TO RETROFIT, REPLACE COUNTY BUILDINGS. I WOULD
14 HOPE THAT YOUR DIVISION THAT DEALS WITH LEASES AND ALL IS
15 LOOKING AT ALL THE EMPTY SPACE AND THE BUILDINGS THAT ARE
16 AVAILABLE SURROUNDING US RIGHT NOW. CAUSE I KNOW I HAVE BEEN
17 READING THE PAPER AND TALKED TO SEVERAL CBRE AND ACTUALLY SOME
18 OTHER PEOPLE THAT OWN BUILDINGS DOWN HERE, AND THEY'VE SAID
19 THAT A LOT HAVE WALKED AWAY. SO, THERE MAY BE OPPORTUNITIES,
20 BECAUSE I KNOW RETROFITTING IS VERY EXPENSIVE, AND IT'D BE
21 INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT OPPORTUNITIES THERE MAY BE.

22
23 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE WILL BE COMING BACK
24 WITH A RECOMMENDATION. WE KNOW THAT DPW IS WORKING ON THE
25 RETROFIT PLAN, AND YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. THERE ARE MANY,



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1 MANY OPPORTUNITIES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. WE ARE CONDUCTING A
2 STUDY, A DOWNTOWN LA STUDY OF ALL OF THE COUNTY'S OFFICES IN
3 OUR FOOTPRINT DOWNTOWN TO SEE HOW THEY COULD EITHER BE
4 CONSOLIDATED OR REARRANGED SO THAT WE CAN MAXIMIZE THE CURRENT
5 SPACE WE HAVE, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF OUR TELEWORKING
6 ENVIRONMENT, BUT ALSO TO LEVERAGE POTENTIALLY AVAILABLE SPACE
7 IN LIGHT OF THE SEISMIC COSTS. WE KNOW THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, WE
8 PROBABLY COULD BUY A BUILDING THAT'S COMING ONLINE BECAUSE OF
9 WHAT'S HAPPENING IN A COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE MARKET, THEN IT
10 WOULD COST TO SEISMICALLY RETROFIT, LIKE THE HALL OF
11 ADMINISTRATION. SO, IT'S AN ANALYSIS THAT IS UNDERWAY.

12
13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND EVEN BEYOND, I MEAN, PURCHASING,
14 OBVIOUSLY, BUT EVEN RENTING, BECAUSE OF THE VACANCY, THERE IS
15 THE ABILITY TO GET A GOOD PER SQUARE FOOT COST. SO, I THINK
16 IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY AND IT'S ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT
17 THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT OWN THESE BUILDINGS IF THEY'VE GOT
18 SPACE AND WE CAN USE IT AND IT MAKES SENSE. BUT IN MY LAST
19 COMMENT SLASH I GUESS, I THINK I KNOW THE ANSWER IS, YOU KNOW,
20 ON THE SHERIFF ACADEMIES, I KNOW THAT THE ISSUE IS NOT THE
21 NUMBER OF ACADEMIES, IT'S RECRUITMENT. AND I, IN TALKING TO
22 THE SHERIFF, HE IS LOOKING AT RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITIES. I
23 JUST WOULD ASK THAT WE LOOK AT NOT ONLY THE RECRUITMENT, BUT
24 ALSO ON RETENTION, BECAUSE IF WE DON'T LOOK AT THE RETENTION,
25 WE'RE GONNA BE RECRUITING AND WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THIS



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1 HOLE. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD WORK ON THE RETENTION AS
2 WELL.

3

4 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, THERE IS ONE POSITIVE NOTE ON THE
5 RETENTION. WE WENT BACK AND LOOKED AT THE DATA FOR WHAT WE,
6 THE MARCH RETIREMENT SEASON. TRADITIONALLY, WE HAVE A LOT OF
7 RETIREMENTS IN MARCH, NOT JUST IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND
8 IN ALL THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE NUMBERS
9 ARE SOFTENING, THEY ARE REDUCING IN THE MONTH OF MARCH THAN
10 WHAT WE'VE SEEN OVER THE LAST 2 YEARS OR SO. SO THAT IS,
11 RETIREMENTS IS NOT THE ONLY TYPE OF ATTRITION, BUT WE ARE
12 ENCOURAGED THAT THOSE NUMBERS HAVE STARTED TO GO DOWN.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY. WELL, AGAIN, THANK YOU, FESIA.
15 THANK YOU TO YOUR TEAM, AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE
16 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK
21 YOU, FESIA, AND YOUR STAFF, AND ALL THE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE
22 HERE AND THOSE THAT ARE REPRESENTING OUR DIFFERENT
23 DEPARTMENTS. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THEM AND TO OUR STAFF
24 ESPECIALLY. I WANT TO THANK MY BUDGET TEAM AS WELL, MY SENIOR
25 BUDGET DEPUTY, TAMMY, AND ALSO MY JUSTICE AS WELL AS ALL MY



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1 DEPUTIES THAT WORK WITH YOU AND WITH THE OTHER OFFICES HERE. I
2 THINK WE'VE HAD A REALLY GOOD RELATIONSHIP OVER THE COURSE OF
3 THE LAST 2 YEARS, WHICH IS GREAT. AND I THINK A LOT OF THAT IS
4 REFLECTIVE OF THE DIFFERENT LEADERSHIP THAT WE HAVE REFLECTED
5 IN THE COUNTY AS WELL AS AT OUR NEW DEPARTMENT HEADS OR PEOPLE
6 THAT ARE REALLY, I THINK, EMBRACING THE PRIORITIES OF THE
7 BOARD. WHAT I WANNA SAY IS, FOR ME, I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT MANY
8 OF THE PRIORITY ITEMS THAT WE HAVE PUT FORWARD REPRESENTING
9 OUR DISTRICT AS WELL AS THE COUNTY, I THINK, ARE REFLECTED IN
10 THIS BUDGET. AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. BUT WE DO KNOW THAT
11 WE HAVE CHALLENGES, AS WE SAID, AS YOU STATED AND AS MY
12 COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID. WE KNOW THAT PROPERTY TAX IS INCREASING
13 BY ONLY 4.75%. AND IT'S SLOW, AND WE SEE THAT HAPPENING. AND I
14 HEAR THE PAIN OF OUR RESIDENTS AND OUR CONSTITUENTS WHO
15 CONTINUE TO TELL US THAT RENTS ARE VERY HIGH, INFLATION IS
16 STILL VERY HIGH FOR THEM. MANY OF THEM HAVE NOT COME OUT OF
17 THE SO-CALLED COVID, I WANNA SAY, RECESSION, AND OUR HOUSING
18 MARKET HAS SUFFERED, AND WE SEE INTEREST RATES, AND NOT ONLY
19 THAT, COUPLED WITH HIGH INSURANCE, AUTOMOBILE AND HOUSING, AND
20 PEOPLE THAT ARE BEING LEFT OUT ON THEIR OWN, IN FACT, HAVING
21 THEIR HOME INSURANCE CANCELED. AND I WAS ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE,
22 SURPRISINGLY. SOMEHOW I WAS NOTIFIED THAT I LIVED IN A HIGH-
23 FIRE AREA IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY IN EL MONTE. BUT FOR ME, I
24 KNOW I COULD HANDLE THAT, BUT THERE'S SO MANY OTHER RESIDENTS
25 THAT WE REPRESENT THAT DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO MEET THOSE



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1 NEEDS. SO WE OUGHT TO BE THINKING ALSO AS WE MOVE AHEAD HOW WE
2 CAN HELP FILL THAT GAP FOR MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY
3 FOR THE ELDERLY AND PEOPLE THAT ARE ON FIXED INCOMES. THAT TO
4 ME IS SOMETHING AS A CLOUD THAT'S KIND OF HANGING OVER A LOT
5 OF WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE KNOW THAT OUR UNHOUSED POPULATION
6 CONTINUES TO GROW, AND WE'RE AWAITING UNTIL MAY, I THINK, TO
7 SEE THOSE NUMBERS. AND WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO SEE A TICK UP A
8 BIT THERE, AND I KNOW THAT THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE PLEASANT,
9 BUT WE DO HAVE TO REMIND PEOPLE AS YOUR CHARTS DISPLAY THAT
10 WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE
11 BEEN HOUSED. AND WE HAVE MUCH MORE COLLABORATION, I WANT TO
12 SAY, WITH OUR OTHER CITIES, NOT JUST THE CITY OF LA, THANK
13 GOODNESS FOR THAT, FOR MAYOR BASS AND SOME OF THE CITY COUNCIL
14 MEMBERS, BUT IT ISN'T EVERYTHING AND WE REALLY DO NEED TO
15 CONTINUE TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT MEASURE H IS GOING TO EXPIRE,
16 AND WE NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR WHAT'S NEXT TO COME. AND THAT'S
17 SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO GO BACK TO OUR CONSTITUENTS
18 TO CONVINCE THEM THAT WE'RE DOING A GOOD JOB. AND I HOPE WE
19 CAN DO THAT, BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE SO MANY UNMET NEEDS, AND
20 PEOPLE CONTINUE TO TELL ME THEY'RE LIVING PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK
21 AND WE KNOW THAT. SO, IT IS TRUE THAT WE ARE THE SAFETY NET
22 AND WE CONTINUE TO BE THAT FOR MANY PEOPLE, BUT WE STILL HAVE
23 TO REV OUR MOTORS UP, SO TO SPEAK, AND MAKE SURE THAT WE
24 CONTINUE TO BUILD OUT MUCH MORE HOUSING, PERMANENT HOUSING,
25 NOT JUST INTERIM HOUSING. AND I'M HOPING TOO IN THE DISCUSSION



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1 REGARDING FUNDING THAT MAY BE CUT IN SACRAMENTO TO HELP FOR
2 MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, TO HOUSE PEOPLE, THAT WE CAN
3 REALLY LOOK AT WHAT OTHER TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE, AND THAT'S PROP
4 1, USING MONIES THERE TO BUILD OUT FACILITIES, SO IT DOESN'T
5 ALL HAVE TO GO JUST THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, BUT
6 WE AS A BOARD CAN SAY, WAIT A MINUTE, WE ALSO HAVE TO EQUALLY
7 MEET THIS. THAT ISN'T NECESSARILY, I THINK, THE RESPONSIBILITY
8 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO BUILD HOUSING. WE HAVE
9 OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT DO THAT AND WE'VE DONE IT SUCCESSFULLY,
10 SO I WANT TO KIND OF PUT THAT OUT THERE. AND WE ARE WORKING,
11 AS YOU KNOW, ON A BIG PROJECT OUT ON OUR CAMPUS. AND I TALKED
12 ABOUT IT MANY TIMES ON THIS BOARD, AND THAT'S THE LA GENERAL
13 HOSPITAL CAMPUS THERE, LOOKING AT REPURPOSING THAT OLD
14 HOSPITAL. BUT THAT ISN'T GOING TO BE THE CURE-ALL FOR
15 EVERYTHING. WE STILL HAVE OTHER HOUSING THAT WE NEED TO BUILD
16 OUT, ONE OF WHICH WOULD BE AT MCLAREN HALL IN THE CITY OF EL
17 MONTE. THERE'S GONNA BE 200 UNITS, HOPEFULLY, THERE IN A PARK
18 FOR PEOPLE BECAUSE WE SAID PARKS ARE VERY IMPORTANT. I WANNA
19 GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO OUR PARKS DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS ALL THOSE
20 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE WORKING TO HELP US MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR
21 CONSTITUENTS. I ALSO WANNA MENTION THAT THE PATHWAY HOME
22 PROGRAM FOR US, I THINK, IS GOING TO BE A BIG GAME CHANGER,
23 ESPECIALLY FOR PLACES OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF LA. WE KNOW THAT
24 IT IS BAD IN THE CITY OF LA BOUNDARIES, BUT ALSO INDEPENDENT
25 CITIES, AND I KNOW THAT THAT'S THE CASE FOR ME ALSO IN



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1 UNINCORPORATED AREAS WHERE WE'VE YET TO FIND LOCATIONS WHERE
2 WE CAN PARK THESE VEHICLES AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN EMPTIED AND WE
3 HAVE FOUND SHELTER, BUT THAT IS A BIG PRIORITY. AND I KNOW
4 WE'VE HAD 2, I THINK, EVENTS IN MY DISTRICT, NOT EQUALLY NEAR
5 WHERE WE NEED TO BE, SO I WANNA IMPRESS THE URGENCY, CEO AND
6 YOUR STAFF, TO HELP US UNDERSTAND THAT, BECAUSE OUR
7 CONSTITUENTS DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT. THEY THINK, THEY SEE A
8 FIGURE, AND THEY BELIEVE THAT THE MONEY IS THERE, BUT WE HAVE
9 TO HAVE A, HOW CAN I SAY IT, A TIERED SYSTEM, A PLAN THAT THEY
10 CAN UNDERSTAND? MAYBE WE CAN DO A LITTLE VIDEO ON THAT. THAT
11 MIGHT HELP THEM UNDERSTAND HOW OUR HOUSING DOLLARS ARE ALSO
12 BEING USED. WOULDN'T BE A BAD IDEA, ACTUALLY. BUT WE HAVE A
13 LOT COMING OUR WAY THAT CONTINUES TO PERSIST, AND THAT'S THE
14 FENTANYL EPIDEMIC. AND I WANNA SAY THAT IT'S NOT JUST ON THE
15 STREETS, IT'S ALSO IN OUR JAILS, IT'S ALSO IN OUR CAMPS, AND
16 WE NEED TO DO MORE. AND I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT WE HAVE 452
17 STAFF THAT ARE GONNA BE BROUGHT IN TO THE MENTAL HEALTH
18 DEPARTMENT. BUT WE KNOW THAT WE COULD PROBABLY USE 1500, TO
19 SAY THAT, BUT THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT WE REALISTICALLY NEED. THE
20 CARE COURT, I SEE 117 POSITIONS, WHICH I KNOW OUR BOARD HAS
21 ADVOCATED, AND I'M HAPPY THAT WE'RE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION.
22 I WANNA SEE THE RESULTS OF THAT. REALLY HOW WELL IT'S
23 RECEIVED, HOW THE IMPLEMENTATION IS OCCURRING. IF PEOPLE
24 COMING UP AT THE PREVENTIVE SIDE AT THE FIRST TOUCH OF THE
25 PROGRAM, WHAT THEIR RATES ARE OF ACTUALLY MOVING FORWARD ON



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1 THIS, AND ARE WE DOING A GOOD JOB TO EDUCATE PEOPLE? AND
2 THAT'S WHERE I THINK WE CAN HAVE OTHER DEPARTMENTS, PD,
3 EVERYONE ELSE HELPING US WITH THAT. AGAIN, I'M HAPPY THAT
4 THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD THINGS IN THE BUDGET. I WANT TO, YOU
5 KNOW, HOLD OUT THE \$1,500,000 FOR PREPARING LOS ANGELES FOR
6 COUNTY EMPLOYMENT, THE PLACE PROGRAM. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A BIG
7 ADVOCATE FOR THAT. AND ALSO KNOW THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT ALSO
8 FOR US TO CONTINUE THE YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM, \$11,300,000 TO
9 HELP GIVE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
10 WHO LIVE ACROSS THIS COUNTY THAT ARE HELPING TO SUPPLEMENT
11 THEIR FAMILY'S INCOME. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. IT'S
12 ALSO IMPORTANT THAT WE EMBED THESE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR
13 DEPARTMENTS. I KNOW PARKS AND REC DOES IT. I'M NOT SURE WHAT
14 THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING, BUT IT CERTAINLY WOULD BE A
15 GOOD METRIC TO SEE HOW WELL OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE UTILIZING THAT
16 MONEY TO INTEGRATE A POTENTIAL POOL OF PEOPLE THAT THEY COULD
17 EVENTUALLY LOOK AT AS FUTURE EMPLOYMENT. WE HAVE SO MANY
18 PEOPLE IN PAST LIVES, I THINK, STARTED OUT AS ELIGIBILITY
19 WORKERS, REMEMBER HIGH SCHOOL RECRUITMENT, AND THEN THEY WOULD
20 COME ON BOARD, WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH OUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS?
21 AND INCENTIVIZING THEM TO GET THEIR EDUCATION, MAYBE GO TO A
22 COMMUNITY COLLEGE WHILE THEY'RE INTERNING, AND THEN GET
23 CREDIT, AND THEN HOPEFULLY STAY WITH US. I STILL THINK THE
24 COUNTY IS ONE OF THE BETTER EMPLOYERS THROUGH, IN THE COUNTY
25 OF LOS ANGELES. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOUR OFFICES AND OURS



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1 WORKING TOGETHER ON THE EBT THEFT PROGRAM. THAT IS A RELIEF TO
2 SEE, BUT IT CAN HAPPEN AGAIN. SO I THINK WE JUST HAVE TO DO
3 WHATEVER WE CAN THERE. LASTLY, I WILL JUST ASK YOU ONE
4 QUESTION IF I MIGHT, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO ASK FESIA. AS OF
5 LATE, THERE'S A LOT OF TALK IN MY DISTRICT ABOUT INCORPORATING
6 EAST LOS ANGELES. AND I KNOW THAT THAT HAS BEEN AN ITEM THAT
7 HAS BEEN ATTEMPTED, I THINK, 4 TIMES IN THE PAST MAYBE 2 OR 3
8 DECADES, LONG BEFORE I GOT HERE. AND YES, IT SOUNDS GOOD,
9 SURE, SELF-DETERMINATION, BUT WHO PAYS AT THE END OF THE DAY?
10 AND I WANTED TO ASK YOU, OUR CEO, THE KINDS OF INVESTMENTS
11 THAT THE COUNTY MAKES IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS, NOT JUST IN
12 EAST LA, BUT OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY. CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE
13 BIT ABOUT THOSE INVESTMENTS THAT WE MAKE BY WAY OF BEING
14 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS? BECAUSE IN FACT, WE
15 ARE THE MAYORS, THE DE FACTO MAYORS AND CITY MANAGERS OF THOSE
16 UNINCORPORATED AREAS.

17
18 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SURE, AND BEFORE I GIVE THE SPECIFICS, LET ME
19 PROVIDE A LITTLE CONTEXT. AS YOU CORRECTLY POINTED OUT, THERE
20 HAVE BEEN 4 FAILED ATTEMPTS TO INCORPORATE THE EAST LOS
21 ANGELES AREA, MOST RECENTLY IN 2012. IN 2011, LAFCO DID A
22 COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS AND CONCLUDED THAT INCORPORATION WOULD
23 BE, INCLUDE APPROXIMATELY 126,000 RESIDENTS INTO A NEW CITY OF
24 EAST LOS ANGELES. AND THEY ALSO CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE
25 FISCALLY FEASIBLE. THAT'S PROBABLY WHY IT HASN'T HAPPENED YET.



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1 THE STUDY ASSUMED THAT MANY SERVICES WOULD INITIALLY BE
2 PROVIDED TO THE NEW CITY UNDER CONTRACT FROM THE COUNTY. AND
3 THEN THE STUDY FINALLY CONCLUDED THAT THE INITIAL BUDGET
4 SHORTFALL FOR THAT CITY WOULD BE ABOUT \$19 MILLION. THAT'S
5 \$19,002,011. SO, WE KNOW THAT IT'LL BE MORE TODAY. JUST IN
6 TERMS OF WHAT WE ARE PROVIDING RIGHT NOW, HIGH LEVEL OVERVIEW,
7 SHERIFF'S SERVICES IN EAST LA, ABOUT 21 MILLION. DPW SERVICES,
8 SO THAT'S GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE, ROAD MAINTENANCE, GRAFFITI
9 REMOVAL, THAT'S ABOUT \$26,000,000. AND THEN APPARENTLY, WE
10 HAVE 2 FIRE STATIONS IN THAT AREA, THAT'S ABOUT.

11
12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** TWO AND A HALF?

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14 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES. YES, 18,000,000 AND SO, WHAT WILL HAVE
15 TO HAPPEN IS THIS ANALYSIS WILL NEED TO BE UPDATED. AND I
16 THINK AT THE END OF THE DAY, AMONG THE MANY OTHER
17 CONSIDERATIONS, THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THE NEW CITY WOULD BE
18 FISCALLY VIABLE. AND IF THEY MAYBE THE NUMBERS HAVE MOVED IN A
19 DIFFERENT DIRECTION. IF IT WAS A \$19,000,000 DEFICIT ON DAY
20 ONE, STARTING IN 2011, I WOULD ONLY IMAGINE THAT THAT NUMBER
21 MAY INCREASE.

22
23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YOU BRING UP SOME VERY GOOD POINTS, FESIA.
24 IN FACT, BACK IN 2012, IF I'M CORRECT, THE POPULATION YOU SAID
25 WAS 126,000, IT'S NOW 119,000. PEOPLE HAVE LEFT. AFFORDABILITY



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1 IS NOT SOMETHING THAT IS ATTRACTIVE ANYWHERE. BUT THAT'S NOT
2 TO SAY THAT WE NEED TO RENEGE ON OUR OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT THE
3 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND I DO HEAR THE RESIDENTS WANTING TO
4 SEE MORE FAIRNESS IN TERMS OF EQUITY AND FUNDING. AND WE KNOW
5 THAT WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO STILL, BUT NOT THAT LONG. WE
6 HAVE MADE SOME MAJOR INVESTMENTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS.
7 SO I LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING BACK THAT INFORMATION, BUT ALSO
8 TO REASSURE OUR CONSTITUENTS, NOT JUST IN THE UNINCORPORATED
9 AREAS, BUT IN MY DISTRICT AND I THINK THE WHOLE COUNTY, THAT
10 WE CONTINUE TO UNDERSTAND OUR RESPONSIBILITY, THAT WE ARE IN
11 FACT LOOKING AT HOW WE COULD MAKE SURE WE SEQUENCE DOLLARS
12 CORRECTLY, PRIORITIZE THEM, AND THAT WE ALSO CONTINUE TO HAVE
13 A BOLD LEADERSHIP IN SUSTAINING OUR SAFETY NET FOR EVERYONE.
14 AND RIGHT NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO TURN AWAY. I THINK THE LAST
15 TIME THERE WAS A CITY THAT WAS INCORPORATED IN LA COUNTY
16 WAS...

17
18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SANTA CLARITA.

19
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WAS IT SANTA CLARITA OR MALIBU? I UNDERSTAND
21 THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.

22
23 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I THINK SANTA CLARITA WAS THE ONE.

24
25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** CALABASAS. SO THAT WAS WHAT, MORE THAN 20-



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1 SOME YEARS AGO? AND I KNOW HACIENDA HEIGHTS, WHICH IS IN MY
2 DISTRICT, ALSO ATTEMPTED TO LOOK AT CITYHOOD, AND THAT FAILED.
3 AND THEY'RE A MORE AFFLUENT AREA OF L.A. COUNTY. SO, THERE'S A
4 LOT OF QUESTIONS OUT THERE, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE.
5 THANK YOU, AND TO MY COLLEAGUES. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I TOO WANT TO ECHO
8 MY COLLEAGUES' THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO WAS INVOLVED IN
9 PREPARING OUR RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, 2025,
10 EVERY DEPARTMENT, OUR CEO AND HER ENTIRE STAFF, HER BUDGET
11 STAFF IN PARTICULAR. I WANT TO THANK JOHN LEONARD ON OUR STAFF
12 AS WELL AS ALL OF THE STAFF IN OUR OFFICE WHO HAVE BEEN
13 WORKING TO REALLY SINK OUR TEETH INTO WHAT THIS BUDGET
14 PROVIDES FOR IN TERMS OF OUR POLICY PRIORITIES. I KNOW A LOT
15 OF TIME AND WORK GOES INTO THE BUDGETING PROCESS AND DIFFICULT
16 DECISIONS THAT HAVE TO BE MADE ABOUT WHAT IS RECOMMENDED FOR
17 FUNDING. AND I ALSO WANT TO ENSURE THAT OUR BUDGET IS MAKING
18 INVESTMENTS IN THE CRITICAL NEEDS OF OUR COUNTY, INCLUDING
19 STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE CRISES WE'RE FACING. AND TO
20 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S POINT, PEOPLE WILL LOOK TO OUR BUDGET AS
21 AN EVALUATION OF WHAT WE ARE PRIORITIZING. AND SO, WITH THAT
22 IN MIND, I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT SOME PRIORITY AREAS THAT I'M
23 FOCUSED ON. OF COURSE, HOMELESSNESS IS THE CRISIS OF THE
24 MOMENT. 75,000 PEOPLE OR MORE ARE LIVING WITHOUT PERMANENT
25 SHELTER IN THE COUNTY. COUNTLESS MORE INDIVIDUALS ARE ON THE



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1 VERGE OF LOSING THEIR HOUSING, AND THIS IS THE CONVERSATION,
2 NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO IN LA COUNTY, PEOPLE WANNA TALK TO YOU
3 ABOUT IT. SO OVER A YEAR AGO, WE BROUGHT FORWARD A MOTION TO
4 PROCLAIM HOMELESSNESS AS A LOCAL EMERGENCY. AND SINCE THAT
5 TIME, WE HAVE ACCELERATED SOME HIRING AND SOME CONTRACTING IN
6 SOME DEPARTMENTS, BUT WE KNOW THERE'S A LOT MORE THAT NEEDS TO
7 BE DONE. AND PEOPLE REALLY WANNA FEEL THAT ON THE STREETS AND
8 IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. SO WHAT ARE WE DOING DIFFERENTLY IN THIS
9 BUDGET TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS? IS IT INCREASING INVESTMENT?
10 ARE WE REPRIORITIZING? WHAT WILL PEOPLE MEANINGFULLY SEE
11 DIFFERENT AS A RESULT OF THIS BUDGET?

12
13 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** I THINK WHAT PEOPLE WILL MEANINGFULLY SEE
14 DIFFERENT, THE FIRST THING IS LESS RVs ON THEIR STREETS IN THE
15 ENCAMPMENT AREAS. NOW THE WAY TO GET THERE IS ALL OF THE
16 THINGS THAT HAPPEN ON THE BACK END. WE'RE ADDING 17 POSITIONS
17 TO THE HOMELESSNESS OR WE'RE RECOMMENDING 17 POSITIONS TO THE
18 HOMELESS INITIATIVE. THOSE 17 POSITIONS, SOME OF THEM WILL
19 HELP EXPAND AND INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF THOSE ENCAMPMENT
20 RESOLUTIONS. ANOTHER THING THAT YOU SEE WE'RE DOING IS WE'RE
21 PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE CITIES TO HELP THOSE THAT ARE
22 INTERESTED IN PARTNERING WITH US SO THAT THEY CAN ESTABLISH
23 THEIR OWN INTERIM HOUSING, WHETHER IT'S A TINY HOME, YOU KNOW,
24 HELPING TO LEASE A MOTEL SITE, TO BRING FOLKS INSIDE, AND
25 THAT'S WHAT WE CALL OUR LOCAL SOLUTIONS GRANT WITH THE CITIES.



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1 WE PROVIDED THAT IN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. WE'RE CONTINUING THAT
2 FUNDING THIS YEAR, AND SO A DEFINITIVE IMPACT IS THAT WE ARE
3 PROACTIVELY REACHING OUT TO CITIES TO PARTNER WITH THEM. AND
4 WE HAVE FOLKS ON STAFF IN THE CEO'S OFFICE, THAT IS NOW THEIR
5 ENTIRE JOB, WHICH IS TO GO OUT, REACH OUT, DON'T WAIT FOR THEM
6 TO CALL US, TO PROACTIVELY PARTNER WITH THEM, AND THEN SHOW
7 THEM WHAT THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE. OFTENTIMES CITIES WANT TO
8 HELP, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW, BECAUSE THEY DON'T
9 NORMALLY PROVIDE SOCIAL NET SERVICES. AND THEN THE LAST THING
10 I WILL SAY IS WE ARE DEEPENING THE INVESTMENTS. AND SO, WE
11 KNOW THAT WE OFTEN HAVE A CAPACITY PROBLEM, WHETHER IT IS
12 SUBSIDIES, PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SLOTS, AND I COULD GO
13 THROUGH A NUMBER OF THINGS WHERE WE ARE INCREASING THOSE. AND
14 SO, I GUESS FOR THE PROVIDER COMMUNITY, THEY SHOULD FEEL THAT
15 THERE IS MORE CAPACITY OUT THERE, THAT WE HAVE MORE SLOTS
16 AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. ALL OF THAT IS
17 FUELED, HOWEVER, BY WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE BACK END WITH THE
18 HIRING, WITH THE CONTRACTING, AND WITH ADDING MORE RESOURCES.

19
20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND NOT TO BE A DEAD HORSE, BUT I
21 BELIEVE THAT ALL OF THAT IS FUNDED OR A LARGE PART OF IT IS
22 FUNDED THROUGH MEASURE H. SO IF WE DON'T HAVE H, WE DON'T HAVE
23 THOSE RESOURCES.

24
25 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THAT IS CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO, LOUD AND CLEAR, WE HAVE
3 TO MAKE SURE WE'RE FOCUSED ON THAT. WE ALSO KNOW THAT IT'S FAR
4 LESS EXPENSIVE TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS RENTAL OR LEGAL
5 ASSISTANCE TO STAY IN THE PLACES THEY ALREADY CALL HOME THAN
6 HAVING TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND SERVICES AFTER THEY BECOME
7 UNHOUSED AND ON OUR STREETS. SO, WHAT ARE WE DOING IN THIS
8 BUDGET TO FUND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SPECIFICALLY? I KNOW
9 STAY HOUSED LA IS PART OF THAT.

10

11 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, IS IT FULLY FUNDED THIS YEAR? YES, IT IS.
12 STAY HOUSED LA IS FUNDED FOR THIS CURRENT YEAR THROUGH THIS
13 JUNE AND THEN THROUGH JUNE OF 2025 WITH ARPA DOLLARS, DCBA HAS
14 DEVELOPED A TWO-YEAR SPENDING PLAN AND ANYTHING THAT THEY
15 DON'T SPEND IN THIS CURRENT YEAR WILL OF COURSE THEY WILL BE
16 ALLOWED TO CARRY IT FORWARD FOR NEXT YEAR, FOR 2024, 2025.

17

18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, YES, STAY-HOUSED-LA IS A
19 CRITICAL RESOURCE AND IN MANY CASES, THE PAYMENTS THEY MAKE
20 ARE SMALLER IN NATURE. SO, I WANT US TO LOOK AT FUNDING
21 TARGETED TOWARDS RENTAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR OUR OLDER ADULTS
22 WHO ARE IN NEED, ARE RECENTLY UNEMPLOYED, OR OTHER LOW-INCOME
23 TENANTS WHO MIGHT BE AT RISK OF FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. WE
24 KNOW THAT OFTEN COVERING THAT ONE PAYCHECK TO COVER THEM FOR A
25 MONTH CAN KEEP THEM IN HOUSING, SO THAT'S A MUCH NEEDED



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1 INVESTMENT AND A BETTER INVESTMENT THAN LETTING THEM FALL INTO
2 HOMELESSNESS. LEGAL SERVICES ARE ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO HELP
3 PREVENT HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE MANY VULNERABLE RESIDENTS ARE
4 PUSHED OUT OF THEIR HOUSING SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW
5 THEIR RIGHTS OR HOW TO NAVIGATE THE LEGAL SYSTEM. THE COUNTY
6 FUNDED SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS HAVE ASSISTED TENS OF
7 THOUSANDS OF ANGELENOS EVERY YEAR INCLUDING A SIGNIFICANT
8 PORTION WITH UNLAWFUL DETAINERS. SO, WILL THE SELF-HELP LEGAL
9 ACCESS CENTER CENTERS BE FUNDED IN THIS BUDGET? WILL THEY
10 CONTINUE?

11
12 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, WE ARE NOT RECOMMENDING FUNDING IN THIS
13 RECOMMENDED BUDGET PHASE. WE ARE WE DO HAVE THE REQUEST FROM
14 DCBA SUBMITTED A REPORT ON MARCH 26 IDENTIFYING A NEED FOR I
15 THINK IT'S \$3,000,000 AND SO WE INTEND TO TAKE THAT UP IN
16 FINAL CHANGES.

17
18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, I THINK THAT'S \$3,000,000
19 WELL SPENT FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WE'RE ABLE TO PROTECT FROM
20 FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. SO, WE'LL BE KEEPING AN EYE ON THAT
21 AND THANK YOU FOR FLAGGING IT FOR US TO BE WATCHING AT THAT
22 STAGE. NEXT PRIORITY I WANNA TALK ABOUT IS CLIMATE ACTION AND
23 SUSTAINABILITY BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT HOMELESSNESS IS THE CRISIS
24 OF THE MOMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE IS THE CRISIS OF OUR TIME.
25 SO, WE KNOW CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS WHAT WE'RE SEEING EVERY



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1 DAY, EXTREME HEAT, INCREASED WILDFIRES, EXTREME WEATHER,
2 COASTAL EROSION, AND WATER SCARCITY, JUST TO NAME A FEW. THESE
3 ARE ALL FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGING THE WAY THAT WE LIVE, AND
4 THEY'RE ALSO RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANT MITIGATION AND DAMAGE
5 COSTS. WE DON'T NEED TO TELL TOPANGA ABOUT THAT. THEY'RE
6 LIVING IT RIGHT NOW. AND THESE ARE ONLY THE IMPACTS WE HAVE
7 SEEN SO FAR. SCIENTISTS BELIEVE THAT CLIMATE RELATED IMPACTS
8 WILL GET FAR WORSE IF WE DON'T MAKE MEANINGFUL CHANGES
9 IMMEDIATELY. SO NOT ONLY DO WE NEED FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE
10 IMPACTS WE'RE ALREADY SEEING, BUT WE NEED EVEN MORE FUNDING TO
11 MAKE THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES THAT ARE NECESSARY TO SLOW CLIMATE
12 CHANGE MORE BROADLY. WITH THIS IN MIND, ON DECEMBER 19TH, I
13 AUTHORED A MOTION THAT MY COLLEAGUES UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED
14 WITH A NUMBER OF CLIMATE-RELATED DIRECTIVES, INCLUDING A
15 DIRECTIVE TO CREATE A CLIMATE BUDGET. AND THE FIRST DIRECTIVE
16 IN THAT MOTION DIRECTED A LIST OF ITEMS FUNDED IN EACH YEAR'S
17 BUDGET THAT ARE INTENDED TO ADVANCE THE COUNTY'S CLIMATE
18 CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION GOALS AND TO BE SUBMITTED TO
19 THE BOARD EACH YEAR DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS. SO, WHEN SHOULD
20 WE EXPECT THAT LIST DURING THIS YEAR'S BUDGET PROCESS?

21
22 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, I THINK THE BOARD SHOULD EXPECT THE LIST
23 SHORTLY AFTER FINAL CHANGES. SO WHEN THE BOARD ACTUALLY ADOPTS
24 THE BUDGET, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY
25 OFFICER AND ISD IS ALSO PART OF THAT WORK. AND ACTUALLY THERE



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1 WILL BE 2 PARTS TO IT. THERE WILL BE A BASELINE ESTABLISHED
2 AFTER FINAL CHANGES. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS MADE
3 IN SUPPLEMENTAL AND SO THEN WE'LL PROVIDE AN UPDATE IF THERE
4 IS ONE TO PROVIDE IN SUPPLEMENTAL AS WELL.

5

6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND I KNOW WE'VE TALKED ABOUT A
7 COUPLE OF PLACES THAT WE CAN LOOK AT, YOU KNOW, LOOKING AT
8 WHAT THEIR TEMPLATE WAS TO SORT OF START STRUCTURING OURS IN
9 THAT WAY. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO GET STARTED NOW. I THINK MANY
10 WOULD SAY WE'RE MAYBE BEHIND THE 8 BALL, OF COURSE, AND SO WE
11 NEED TO DO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN NOW TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE
12 BAKING IT INTO OUR BUDGET. UNDERSTOOD, I BELIEVE THAT THE
13 CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER IN A REPORT ALSO INDICATED THAT
14 THEY INTEND TO PROCURE THE SERVICES OF A CONSULTANT TO HELP
15 DESIGN, DEVELOP, AND THEN COMPILE ALL THE INFORMATION AND DATA
16 THAT'S NEEDED, WHICH WILL THEN HELP EXPEDITE THE PROCESS
17 OVERALL. DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA OF ANYTHING YOU MIGHT NEED TO
18 INFORM CONSTRUCTING THAT BUDGET OR DO YOU ALREADY KNOW WHEN
19 THE TIMELINE WILL BE THAT YOU'LL BRING IT TO THE BOARD?

20

21 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, ON THE CLIMATE, THE LARGER CLIMATE
22 RESILIENCE BUDGET, I DO NOT HAVE AN ETA ON THAT AND I BELIEVE
23 THAT IN THE REPORT THAT WAS ISSUED ON FRIDAY, THEY INDICATED
24 THAT IT WAS A LONGER TERM GOAL BECAUSE IT'S A MUCH LARGER AND
25 MUCH MORE COMPLEX BUDGET TO DO. SO WE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU



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1 A LIST OF FUNDING INVESTMENTS, EXISTING ONES AFTER FINAL
2 CHANGES. THE LARGER CLIMATE ACTION PLAN WOULD BE AFTER THE
3 CONSULTANT IS ON BOARD. I'M ASSUMING THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF
4 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN THAT AND THEN PARTNERING WITH OTHER
5 CITIES AND ENTITIES THAT ARE IN THIS SPACE AND IT'S PROBABLY
6 ON A LONGER TIMELINE.

7
8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND I'M SURE MY STAFF WILL BE
9 HAPPY TO WORK WITH YOU TO MAKE SURE SOME EVIDENCE OF THAT
10 CLIMATE BUDGET WILL BE IN EVEN FINAL CHANGES BEFORE WE GET TO
11 SUPPLEMENTAL. SO, THANK YOU FOR PRIORITIZING THAT. OF COURSE,
12 ANOTHER CRITICAL ISSUE THAT WE'VE BEEN HIGHLIGHTING THIS YEAR
13 IS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, ONE OF OUR TOP 3 PRIORITIES THIS
14 YEAR AS CHAIR BECAUSE IT UNFORTUNATELY REMAINS PERVASIVE AND
15 IMPACTS TOO MANY INDIVIDUALS, LEADING TO OTHER VARIOUS
16 NEGATIVE INCOMES IN OUR COMMUNITIES. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS ONE
17 OF THE MAIN DRIVERS INTO HOMELESSNESS FOR MORE THAN 18,000
18 WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. A LACK OF SAFE, AFFORDABLE
19 HOUSING OPTIONS OFTEN FORCES WOMEN TO CHOOSE BETWEEN REMAINING
20 WITH THEIR ABUSER AND BECOMING UNHOUSED. ADDITIONALLY, MORE
21 THAN HALF OF WOMEN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HAVE EXPERIENCED
22 GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, AND THAT'S JUST WHO HAS ADMITTED TO IT
23 IN REPORTING SO, FOR THESE REASONS AND MORE, WE INTRODUCED
24 MOTIONS TO PRIORITIZE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN LA
25 COUNTY AND TO ESTABLISH THE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE WORKING



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1 GROUP. AND AS DIRECTED IN THAT MOTION, WE ARE LOOKING TO FUND
2 RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, FINAL CHANGES
3 BUDGET TO SUPPORT THIS CRITICAL WORK AT THE CEO, WE KNOW SOME
4 OF IT IS HOUSED WITH YOU, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.
5 ADDITIONALLY, IT'S OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 PUBLIC HEALTH SUBMITTED BUDGET REQUESTS SPECIFICALLY FOR THE
7 GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE EFFORTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THEIR
8 OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION WILL NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND
9 RESOURCES TO COORDINATE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE EFFORTS IN THE
10 COUNTY THROUGH CROSS-SECTOR COLLABORATION, RESEARCH AND
11 EVALUATION, AND COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING EFFORTS. THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ALSO NEEDS ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND
13 RESOURCES TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND OUR SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS,
14 INCLUDING THAT WE CAN PROVIDE LIFE-SAVING SERVICES FOR
15 SURVIVORS WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CALWORKS, INCLUDING
16 UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS, OLDER SURVIVORS, THOSE WITHOUT
17 CHILDREN, THOSE WITH OLDER CHILDREN, OR THOSE WHOSE CHILDREN
18 DO NOT LIVE WITH THEM. WITH ALL OF THAT IN MIND, HOW ARE WE
19 RESOURCING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SO THEY HAVE THE
20 STAFF AND CAPACITY TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND OUR SERVICES FOR
21 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS?

22
23 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO LET ME TALK ABOUT
24 THE CURRENT INVESTMENTS FIRST. DPH IS FUNDED WITH ABOUT
25 \$38,000,000 IT'S \$37,750,000 RELATED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.



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1 IT'S SPREAD OVER 3 PROGRAMS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT
2 SERVICES, THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER-BASED PROGRAM, AND
3 THEN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL. AND THAT IS EXISTING
4 FUNDING THAT HAS, THAT WAS ACTUALLY SHORED UP IN FISCAL YEAR
5 23-24. I'M GOING TO CONFER WITH MY TEAM IN A LITTLE MORE
6 DETAIL. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM DPH, A
7 FORMAL REQUEST IN THIS FISCAL YEAR FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR
8 THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICES OR THE SHELTER-BASED
9 PROGRAM, BUT I WILL CONFIRM AND WILL SEND AID IF YOU'D LIKE A
10 SPECIFIC ANSWER.

11
12 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I KNOW IT HAPPENED WHEN WE HAD
13 THE PANEL DISCUSSION HERE AS ONE OF THE HOT TOPIC TUESDAYS.
14 SO, I DON'T KNOW HOW IT NEEDS TO BE MORE FORMAL FOR YOU, BUT I
15 WANNA MAKE SURE THAT IT IS IN OUR NEXT PHASE OF BUDGETING. SO,
16 THANK YOU FOR FLAGGING THAT, AND WE'LL BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH
17 THE DEPARTMENT.

18
19 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** ABSOLUTELY. I THINK THAT OFTEN WE THERE ARE A
20 LOT OF ISSUES THAT ARE SURFACED BECAUSE BUDGET IS SO
21 COMPLICATED AND THERE'S SO MANY MOVING PARTS. WE DO ASK
22 DEPARTMENTS WE ISSUE BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS EVERY YEAR. WE ASK
23 DEPARTMENTS, PLEASE LIST YOUR PRIORITIES AND THEN PLEASE LIST
24 YOUR UNMET NEEDS. AND SO, THEY MAY TALK ABOUT IT AT A BUDGET
25 MEETING, BUT WE ALSO NEED TO SEE IT IN THAT BUDGET DOCUMENT SO



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1 THAT WE CAN SCORE IT AND NOW ANALYZE IT ALONG WITH THE OTHER
2 THOUSANDS OF REQUESTS THAT WE RECEIVE.

3
4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** VERY CLEAR, AND WE'LL MAKE SURE
5 TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT BETWEEN NOW AND FINAL BUDGET. AND IT IS
6 OUR EXPECTATION THAT THESE REQUESTS ARE GIVEN SERIOUS
7 CONSIDERATION SINCE THIS ISSUE IMPACTS LARGER ISSUES. THERE'S
8 THE ISSUE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THEN ALL OF THE IMPACTED
9 ISSUES, FROM GANG VIOLENCE TO GUN VIOLENCE, AND SO MANY OTHER
10 ISSUES. SO, WE REALLY KNOW THAT INVESTING IN THIS AREA HAS
11 EXPONENTIAL EFFECT, SO WE WANNA DO THAT. WE KNOW THAT MOVING
12 ON TO A NEW TOPIC, PROBATION HAS BEEN A PARTICULAR CHALLENGE
13 AND OUR BOARD HAS BEEN WORKING WITH OUR CHIEF PROBATION
14 OFFICER TO PRIORITIZE THE IMPROVEMENTS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
15 DESERVE AND TO REMAIN AT THE VERY LEAST IN COMPLIANCE BUT
16 REALLY TO REALIZE FULLY YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. SO HOW ARE
17 WE BUDGETING FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT SPECIFICALLY RELATED
18 TO THE CORE ISSUES WE'RE SEEING IN OUR JUVENILE HALLS AND
19 CAMPS, INCLUDING PROGRAMMING, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND
20 STAFFING TO ENSURE BSCC COMPLIANCE, DOJ COMPLIANCE, AND TO
21 ENHANCE OUR PROGRAMS AND CONDITIONS IN THE HALLS AND CAMPS.

22
23 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** I THINK THE SHORTEST ANSWER TO THAT,
24 SUPERVISOR, IS WE ENSURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS WHAT IT NEEDS
25 IN ITS BASE BUDGET IN TERMS OF SALARIES AND SERVICES FOR THEM



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1 TO NOT ONLY MEET THEIR MANDATED FUNCTIONS, BUT ALSO MEET SOME
2 OF THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND NEW AREAS THAT THEY'D LIKE TO
3 MOVE INTO AS A RESULT OF THESE PENDING ISSUES WITH BSEC AND
4 SUCH. WHAT WE OFTEN FIND WITH PROBATION AT THIS MOMENT IS
5 THEIR BUDGET AND THE BUDGET IS NOT THE ISSUE. THEY HAVE
6 SUFFICIENT RESOURCES, WE BELIEVE. IT IS A QUESTION OF
7 DEPLOYING THE RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY WITH A WORKFORCE WHO IS
8 WILLING TO COME TO WORK AND WHO SHOWS UP FOR WORK AND WHO DOES
9 THE JOB IN AN EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE, AND EMPATHETIC WAY.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ALL OF THAT MAKES SENSE AND WE
12 KNOW OUR FOCUS NEEDS TO BE ON CARING FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO
13 ARE IN CUSTODY. WE CAN'T LET THOSE BE THE REASONS WE'RE NOT
14 DOING THAT. WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE BUILDING OUT OUR
15 SYSTEM OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. SO HOW DOES THIS BUDGET
16 INVEST IN DECARCERATION FOR GIRLS AND GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH
17 AS THE BOARD HAS DIRECTED.

18

19 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, I THINK THERE'S AT LEAST 2 PARTS TO
20 THIS. ONE IS THE EXISTING BUDGETED SERVICES THAT PROBATION
21 USES ON THE FRONT END WHEN YOUTH COME TO THEIR ATTENTION. THEY
22 USE BASICALLY AN ASSESSMENT OF EACH YOUTH THAT COMES IN TO
23 DETERMINE WHETHER THEY REALLY NEED TO BE IN A HALL OR IF THEY
24 CAN BE RELEASED PENDING DISPOSITION OF THEIR CASE. THAT WOULD
25 HAVE THE IMPACT OF PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BEING IN A HALL IF



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1 THEY DON'T NEED TO. AND I THINK THAT'S LIKE AN ONGOING SERVICE
2 IN PROBATION. I THINK WHAT'S NEW AND DIFFERENT ARE THE
3 SERVICES OF DYD. AND SO AS DYD COMES UP TO SCALE, THEY'RE A
4 FAIRLY NEW DEPARTMENT, AND THE BOARD HAS LOOKED TO THEM TO DO
5 THINGS LIKE CREDIBLE MESSENGER AND TO HELP PROBATION THINK
6 DIFFERENTLY ABOUT THE PROGRAMMING THAT HAPPENS IN THE HALLS.
7 WE ALSO EXPECT DYD TO COME FORWARD WITH NEW AND ADDITIONAL
8 PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE VERY SPECIFICALLY.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THAT'S GOING RIGHT INTO WHAT I
11 WAS GONNA TALK ABOUT. OBVIOUSLY, DYD PLAYS A VERY IMPORTANT
12 ROLE IN MAKING ALL OF THAT HAPPEN AND IS CRITICAL TO YOUTH
13 JUSTICE REIMAGINED BEING MORE THAN JUST A STUDY AND ACTUALLY
14 BEING IMPLEMENTED.

15 SO, WHAT I HEARD IN YOUR ANSWER THOUGH IS WE HAVE THE FUNDING
16 TO WORK ON THE DECARCERATION OF GIRLS AND GENDER EXPANSIVE
17 YOUTH. IT'S JUST HOW WE INVEST THOSE DOLLARS AND PUT IT INTO
18 ACTION.

19

20 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** I THINK THAT'S TRUE ON THE PROBATION SIDE. I
21 THINK THAT DYD WILL CONTINUE TO BRING NEW AND ADDITIONAL
22 PROGRAMS IN ADDITION TO THE THINGS THAT THEY ARE DOING ALREADY
23 TO FOCUS ON THIS AND OTHER POPULATIONS.

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'VE HEARD CLEARLY IN THESE



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1 HALLS HOW IMPORTANT AN ISSUE THIS IS AND HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE
2 WATCHING. SO, I'M GLAD TO KNOW THAT THAT'S ON YOUR PRIORITY
3 LIST AND WE'LL BE WATCHING IN FINAL BUDGET. A FEW MORE ISSUES
4 I WANTED TO TOUCH ON. CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL HAS BEEN A
5 GOAL OF THE BOARD FOR YEARS, AND I DON'T THINK WE'VE MADE AS
6 MUCH PROGRESS TOWARD THAT GOAL AS WE ALL WOULD LIKE. SO WITH
7 ALL OF THAT IN MIND, WE KNOW THAT WE'RE ALSO REGULARLY
8 NOTIFIED NOT ONLY OF ALL OF THE STIPULATED JUDGMENTS, CONSENT
9 DECREES AND SETTLEMENTS WE HAVE TO COMPLY WITH, BUT ALSO THE
10 DEATHS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WHICH MAKE
11 CLEAR THAT THE FACILITY IS UNSAFE AND UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE
12 CARE THAT WE EXPECT. SO WHAT INVESTMENTS ARE WE MAKING IN THIS
13 BUDGET TO PRIORITIZE THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IN A
14 TIMELY AND EXPEDITED MANNER AND TO IMPROVE THE CARE WE PROVIDE
15 TO BOTH THOSE WHOM WE ARE ABLE TO APPROPRIATELY DIVERT FROM
16 THE JAIL TO PROVIDE CARE AND THOSE WHO CANNOT BE QUICKLY
17 DIVERTED FROM THE JAILS.

18
19 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, SO LET ME GIVE YOU A FIGURE AND THEN I'D
20 LIKE TO BREAK IT DOWN FOR YOU BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT.
21 THAT FIGURE IN THIS BUDGET IS ABOUT \$736,000,000 AND THEN LET
22 ME TELL YOU HOW I GOT TO IT. IT'S ABOUT \$89,000,000 FOR JCOT,
23 AND A LOT OF THE WORK THAT JCOT IS DOING, THEY'RE STANDING UP
24 PRETRIAL SERVICES, AND THEY CONTINUE TO DO THEIR DIVERSION
25 WORK. THERE IS OUR ODNR, ODNR HAS \$432,000,000. THERE ARE



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1 INVESTMENTS IN CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES AND THE SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT FOR DOJ COMPLIANCE WHICH ALSO HAS A NEXUS TO JAIL
3 CLOSURE. THAT'S ANOTHER \$215,000,000. I DID NOT, WE WERE NOT
4 ABLE TO BREAK OUT, IN PART BECAUSE OF TIMING, WHAT THE DMH
5 INVESTMENTS ARE, FOR EXAMPLE. BUT THE BIG PICTURE NUMBER IS
6 \$736,000,000 AT LEAST.

7

8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WELL, OBVIOUSLY DMH IS GONNA BE A
9 CRITICAL COMPONENT. WE KNOW THAT A BIG PART OF THAT
10 CONVERSATION IS THE P3, P4 BEDS, WHICH I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES
11 HAVE BROUGHT FORWARD MOTIONS ON THAT WE'VE ALL SUPPORTED. SO,
12 I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE GOING TO FACTOR THAT IN. AND DO YOU
13 GENERALLY HAVE AN IDEA, I ASSUME THIS IS MORE THAT WE'RE
14 INVESTING IN JAIL CLOSURE THIS YEAR THAN WE DID LAST YEAR?

15

16 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES. YES, IT IS.

17

18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SO, ANOTHER PRIORITY ISSUE WE'VE
19 HEARD IN THIS HALL IS FOR OUR TRANS AND GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH
20 AND INTERSEX COMMUNITIES KNOWN AS TGI. THEY HAVE ROUTINELY
21 APPEAR BEFORE US HERE ASKING TO BE SEEN, HEARD AND INCLUDED.
22 THEY FACE STRUGGLES ON A DAILY BASIS THAT MANY OF US CANNOT
23 IMAGINE AND IT IS OUR DUTY TO SUPPORT THEM WITH THE NECESSARY
24 SERVICES AND PROGRAMS TO UPLIFT THEM AND TO ADDRESS THE
25 CHALLENGES THEY'RE FACING. SO WHAT FUNDING ARE WE PROVIDING IN



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1 THIS BUDGET TO SUPPORT OUR TGI COMMUNITIES AND WHERE WILL WE
2 BE SEEING THOSE INVESTMENTS?

3

4 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, BASELINE ANSWER FIRST. IN LAST YEAR'S
5 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, THE BOARD APPROVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
6 THE LGBTQ+ COMMISSION. AND SO THAT WAS FUNDING FOR AN
7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 15 COMMISSIONERS, AND THEN ALSO FUNDING TO
8 CREATE THE COMMISSION ITSELF. IN TERMS OF WHAT'S IN THIS
9 BUDGET, WE HAVE APPROVED, OR WE ARE RECOMMENDING, APPROVAL OF
10 A PHYSICIAN FROM DHS TO PROVIDE SPECIALTY GENDER CARE. AND
11 MORE SPECIFICALLY, WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT THIS PHYSICIAN
12 WOULD BE PROVIDING SPECIALTY CARE TO CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND
13 YOUNG ADULTS WITH A FOCUS ON LGBTQ+ POPULATION AND THOSE
14 DESIRING GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE, SUCH AS HORMONE THERAPY, PRE-
15 SURGICAL CONSULTATIONS, AND POST-OPERATIVE CARE. IN ADDITION
16 TO THAT, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE HAS REQUEST FUNDING FOR 3
17 POSITIONS IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF THE COMMISSION THAT WE HAVE
18 ALSO DEFERRED TO THE FINAL CHANGES BUDGET PHASE.

19

20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, I KNOW THAT IT'S GREAT TO
21 HEAR THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A DOCTOR FOCUSED ON THOSE ISSUES
22 AND ONE FOR OUR ENTIRE COUNTY PROBABLY ISN'T ENOUGH. SO, I
23 KNOW THAT WE'RE OBVIOUSLY ALSO INVESTING IN OTHER PROGRAMS.
24 SO, AS WE'RE LOOKING TO THE FINAL BUDGET PHASE, I'D LOVE TO
25 SEE SORT OF WHERE THAT INVESTMENT MIGHT BE IN SOME OF THE



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1 OTHER EXISTING PROGRAMS THAT MAY ALREADY BE SERVING THE TGI
2 COMMUNITY SO WE CAN MAKE THAT REALLY VISIBLE AND CLEAR IN CASE
3 SOME OF THE ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS WE WORK WITH
4 DON'T KNOW HOW TO ACCESS IT.

5
6 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'LL ALSO
7 BE HELPFUL AND THIS IS WHERE COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE HELPFUL IS
8 WHERE THEY SORT OF BECOME THE EYES AND EARS OF THE COMMUNITY
9 AND THEY TRANSLATE THAT INTO NEEDS TO DEPARTMENTS. AND SO, WE
10 WOULD EXPECT TO SEE THE COMMISSION ALSO DEVELOP
11 RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROVIDE TO THE PARTNERS TO HOW TO PROVIDE
12 WHAT AREAS WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON IN TERMS OF COMPREHENSIVE
13 CARE.

14
15 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** GREAT. AND TO ECHO SOME OF WHAT
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN MENTIONED IN TERMS OF OUR PARKS AND
17 RECREATION, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE DEPARTMENT SUBMITTED
18 SEVERAL BUDGET REQUESTS TO USE DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE TO FUND
19 STAFFING POSITIONS AIMED AT INCREASING PARK SAFETY, ADDING
20 CASE WORKERS TO ASSIST THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR
21 PARKS AND INCREASING OUR YOUTH AND ADAPTIVE SPORTS, CULTURAL
22 EVENTS, SPECIALTY PROGRAMMING IN OUR PARKS. OUR PARKS ARE GEMS
23 FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, WERE THESE REQUESTS APPROVED? I
24 DIDN'T SEE THEM HAVING A NET COST IN THE BUDGET.



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SUPERVISORS

1 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. SO WE'VE
2 DEFERRED THAT TO FINAL CHANGES. THERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL
3 DISCUSSIONS THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN ON THE REVENUE QUESTION.
4 PREVIOUSLY, WE HAD WORKED WITH PARKS ON THE AQUATICS PROGRAM,
5 AND WE PROVIDED THEM FUNDING. AND WHAT WE INTENDED TO HAPPEN
6 IS, AS THE DEPARTMENT BROUGHT ON ADDITIONAL REVENUE, THE
7 ADDITIONAL REVENUE WOULD BE USED TO BACKFILL THE ONE TIME ARPA
8 FUNDING. WE'RE STILL TRYING TO WORK THROUGH, THERE ARE SOME
9 QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT AND WE'RE STILL TRYING TO WORK THROUGH
10 THE LOGISTICS AND SO WE DEFERRED IT TO FINAL CHANGES.

11
12 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, I KNOW WE'RE WATCHING THAT
13 IN THIRD DISTRICT, YOU KNOW, THERE'S A GOLF COURSE THAT HELPS
14 TO PROVIDE REVENUE. AND SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT
15 REVENUE STAYS IN THE DISTRICT. EL CARISO PARK, FOR EXAMPLE,
16 WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED IF ARPA FUNDING DISAPPEARED.
17 WE KNOW YOUTH PROGRAMMING MIGHT GO AWAY. THE CULTURAL EVENTS
18 THAT THE COMMUNITY REALLY LOVES IN THE NORTHEAST SAN FERNANDO
19 VALLEY WOULD BE AT RISK OF BEING OFFERED. SO THIS IS VITAL
20 PROGRAMMING. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S FUNDED AND GLAD TO KNOW
21 YOU'LL BE WATCHING THAT IN FINAL CHANGES AND SO WILL WE. IN
22 OUR FIRE DISTRICT WHICH IS A PRIORITY AREA IN MY DISTRICT, WE
23 KNOW THEY'RE CURRENTLY WORKING TO IMPLEMENT EPIC LA INTO
24 PERMITTING PROCESS TO STREAMLINE PROJECT ENTITLEMENTS AND THE
25 PERMITTING PROCESS FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND SMALL



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1 BUSINESS APPLICANTS, WHICH WILL BRING US INCREASED PROPERTY
2 TAX REVENUES. SO WE'LL BE WATCHING IN SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET
3 PHASE THAT WE FUND THEIR ONE-TIME REQUEST TO BUILD OUT THAT
4 SYSTEM. IT'S A BOARD PRIORITY. THIS FUNDING WILL ENSURE THE
5 FIRE DISTRICT IS INCORPORATED INTO THE EPIC LA SYSTEM. I KNOW
6 WE LEARNED THAT IN MY DISTRICT ALONE, JUST BECAUSE OF ONE
7 INSURANCE PROVIDER, MORE THAN 90,000 HOMES ARE AT RISK OF
8 LOSING THEIR FIRE INSURANCE. SO, WE HAVE TO PROACTIVELY BE
9 WATCHING THIS AND MAKING SURE WE'RE PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES
10 AS THEY EXPECT. THERE IS ALSO A CRITICAL NEED WITHIN THE FIRE
11 DISTRICT TO FUND ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE ADVANCED PROVIDER
12 RESPONSE UNITS, A PILOT PROGRAM THAT LAUNCHED IN 2019 WITH
13 ARPA FUNDS THAT IS SET TO EXPIRE IN 2025. THIS PROGRAM ASSISTS
14 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IN RESPONDING TO CALLS
15 RELATED TO HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES TO TRANSPORT
16 PATIENTS TO THE RIGHT SETTINGS. OVER THE LAST YEAR, THERE WERE
17 8,966 CALLS OF WHICH 2,838 PATIENTS WERE SUCCESSFULLY TREATED
18 AT HOME AND 379 PATIENTS WERE TRANSPORTED TO PSYCHIATRIC
19 URGENT CARE CENTERS INSTEAD OF TO HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS OR
20 BEING JAILED. SO, WE MUST MAKE SURE WE FIND ONGOING FUNDING
21 FOR THESE RESPONSES. I KNOW IT'S A PRIORITY FOR THIS BOARD AND
22 I KNOW YOU'RE WORKING HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE
23 TO FUND THAT PRIORITY. MY STAFF ALSO RECENTLY MET WITH
24 IMMIGRANTS, OUR LOS ANGELES AND SOME OF THEIR PRIORITY
25 REQUESTS WE'VE ALREADY MENTIONED. BUT ONE THING I DID WANNA



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SUPERVISORS

1 NOTE, MANY TIMES OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS END UP
2 ACTING AS OUR TRANSLATORS FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS, NOT JUST FOR THE
3 SERVICES THE CBOS ARE PROVIDING, BUT FOR MANY OTHER GENERAL
4 SERVICES, SUCH AS THOSE RELATED TO LEGAL HEALTHCARE AND
5 IMMIGRATION. SO, WE HAVE TO WORK TO MAKE SURE WE'RE PROVIDING
6 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR OUR CBOS TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT
7 SERVICE IF WE'RE RELYING ON THEM TO TRANSLATE FOR US IN ORDER
8 FOR US TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE
9 INVESTING IN THAT SERVICE. AND THEN THE LAST AREA I WANT TO
10 TOUCH ON THOUGH IT'S NOT AN EMOTIONAL OR ASPIRATIONAL
11 PRIORITY, IT IS A REAL PRIORITY THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH IN
12 THE BUDGET IS LITIGATION AND SETTLEMENT COSTS. AND THE
13 COUNTY'S COSTS RELATED TO SETTLEMENTS AND LITIGATION HAVE
14 CONTINUED TO RISE AT AN ALARMING RATE. I'VE BEEN DISMAYED AT
15 THIS CONSISTENT INCREASE, PARTICULARLY INCREASE IN LARGE
16 SETTLEMENTS INVOLVING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND OUR
17 PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THESE DEPARTMENTS DIRECTLY REDUCED THE
18 AMOUNT OF MONEY WE'D HAVE FOR CRITICAL SERVICES, TRAINING, AND
19 OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY INVESTMENTS. LAST YEAR ALONE, THE COST OF
20 LITIGATION FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INCLUDING JUDGMENTS,
21 SETTLEMENTS, FEES AND OTHER COSTS WAS MORE THAN 1\$50,000,000.
22 THINK OF WHAT WE COULD HAVE DONE WITH EVEN JUST A FRACTION OF
23 THAT MONEY. THE BRYANT PHOTO CASE ALONE WOULD HAVE HAD AN
24 ADDITIONAL \$50,000,000 THAT WE COULD HAVE USED TO FUND STAY
25 HOUSED LA FOR 2 YEARS, OR WE COULD HAVE EXPANDED OUR BASIC OR



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SUPERVISORS

1 GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME PROGRAM FOR TRANSITION AGE FOSTER
2 YOUTH FOR TO NEARLY 2100 ADDITIONAL YOUTH. AND THIS WOULD HAVE
3 COVERED ALL OF OUR TRANSITION AGE FOSTER YOUTH IN THE COUNTY
4 AGES 18 TO 21. IF WE TOOK OUR 5 HIGHEST SETTLEMENTS LAST YEAR
5 INCLUDING EXCESSIVE FORCE OR FAILURE TO PROTECT INMATES IN OUR
6 JAILS, WE WOULD HAVE HAD MORE THAN \$27,000,000 FOR CRITICAL
7 PROGRAMS THAT COULD HAVE FUNDED GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE
8 PROGRAMS, TGI PROGRAMS, STI PROGRAMS, PARKS AND RECREATION AND
9 FIRE PROGRAMS COMBINED THAT I JUST SPOKE ABOUT. AND IN
10 ADDITION, WITH AN ESTIMATE OF POTENTIALLY \$3,000,000.000 IN
11 LIABILITY FOR CHILD SEX ABUSE CASES, WHICH UNFORTUNATELY HAVE
12 BEEN REPORTED EVEN RECENTLY. THIS ISN'T A BYGONE THING,
13 UNFORTUNATELY. I KNOW WE ALL KNOW MANY OTHER WAYS WE'D WANNA
14 SPEND THOSE DOLLARS, NOT ON DEFENDING ABHORRENT BEHAVIOR
15 AGAINST OUR YOUTH. SO, I HIGHLIGHT THESE TO BRING TO ATTENTION
16 THE NEED FOR OUR SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, NOT ONLY THE
17 SHERIFF, NOT ONLY OUR CHIEF OF PROBATION, ALL OF OUR PERSONNEL
18 HAVE TO BE INVESTED IN ADDRESSING THE ISSUES OF NEGLIGENCE AND
19 THE COSTS THAT COME WITH IT, BOTH IN TERMS OF DOLLARS AND OF
20 TRUST.

21
22 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU FOR THAT, SUPERVISOR. I'VE THOUGHT
23 ABOUT THIS ISSUE A LOT, AND YOU ARE CORRECT THAT WE SPEND SO
24 MUCH MONEY ON SETTLEMENTS AND JUDGMENTS THAT COULD BE USED TO
25 SERVE THE RESIDENTS THAT RELY ON US. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I



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1 THINK THAT WE NEED TO STRIVE FOR IN THE COUNTY IS THAT THERE
2 HAS TO BE CONSEQUENCES FOR AN EMPLOYEE'S ACTIONS. AND WE MUST
3 BE FAIR AND SWIFT. AND WE ARE GENERALLY NOT THAT IN THE
4 COUNTY. AND SO, WE HAVE A SERIES OF HEARINGS AND RIGHTS AND WE
5 HAVE THIS PROCESS AND I GET IT, THAT WE ACTUALLY NEED TO HAVE,
6 IN APPROPRIATE CASES AND CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU WANT NOTICE AND
7 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. WHAT WE NEED TO GET BETTER AT IS
8 MAKING SURE THAT IT DOESN'T LAST A YEAR. AND IF THERE ARE
9 FOLKS THAT ENGAGE IN EGREGIOUS BEHAVIOR EVEN IF IT IS A SINGLE
10 INCIDENT BUT IT IS EGREGIOUS BEHAVIOR THEY SHOULD BE
11 TERMINATED AND I THINK WHAT HAPPENS OFTENTIMES IS WE HAVE WELL
12 INTENDED CIVIL SERVICE CASES WHERE THE DEPARTMENT IS MAKING
13 THAT TYPE OF RECOMMENDATION AND IT'S OVERTURNED BY THE CIVIL
14 SERVICE COMMISSION. AND SO, IT IS A WHOLE OF COUNTY APPROACH
15 TO CHANGE THE CULTURE OF HOW WE IMPLEMENT DISCIPLINE AND TO
16 SHOW FOLKS THAT THE COUNTY AND THIS BOARD IS SERIOUS ABOUT
17 TAKING MONEY, PRECIOUS RESOURCES OFF THE TABLE FOR THOSE WHO
18 RELY ON US.

19
20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND I KNOW THERE ARE MANY OTHER
21 ISSUES AS SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID THAT WE HAVEN'T TOUCHED ON IN
22 OUR CONVERSATION HERE TODAY THAT WE KNOW ARE ALREADY IN OUR
23 BUDGET BECAUSE THEY ARE ESSENTIAL SERVICES THAT YOU'RE MAKING
24 SURE WE'RE CONTINUING. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON ALL OF
25 THAT TOO, IN ADDITION TO EVERYTHING THAT WE'VE HIGHLIGHTED IN



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1 OUR CONVERSATION. SEEING NO OTHER COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES,
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I'D LIKE TO CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
3 WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

4
5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
6 FORWARD? ISH HERA AND MEGAN CASTILLO, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
7 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON
8 THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 82. IF YOU
9 HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO BE
10 PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, WILL WE HAVE THE
11 FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

12
13 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS BRIAN JOSECU. YOU MAY
14 BEGIN.

15
16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. THIS IS BYRON JOSE WITH THE
17 TRANS LATINO COALITION AND REIMAGINE LA. WHILE YOU MAY FIND
18 THE EDGY A-BIT VIDEO ON THE CEO'S WEBPAGE, YOU WILL NOT FIND
19 AN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART NOR STAFF CONTACT LIST. MS. DAVENPORT,
20 EVERY DEPARTMENT PROVIDES THIS INFORMATION. WHY DON'T YOU? IN
21 ADDITION TO THE CEO'S CONTINUOUS DETRIMENTAL FUNDING TO THE
22 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PROBATION, AND OTHER COUNTY CARCERAL
23 SYSTEMS, AND DISREGARDING THE BOARD'S MOTION TOWARDS A CARE-
24 FIRST BUDGET, THE CEO'S PRIORITIES AND RECOMMENDED BUDGET DOES
25 NOT REFLECT INPUT OR ENGAGEMENT. SPECIFICALLY, THE MANDATE SET



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SUPERVISORS

1 FORTH BY THE VOTERS OF LA COUNTY THROUGH MEASURE J,
2 \$900,000,000 A YEAR AS UPHELD BY THE COURT. SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT, \$4,000,000,000, PROBATION, \$1,200,000,000. CFCI, A
4 MORE \$12,000,000 ADDITIONAL FUNDING, STILL NOWHERE NEAR THE
5 \$100,000,000 A YEAR INCREMENTAL FUNDING AS PROMISED BY THE
6 BOARD. THANK YOU, CHAIR, FOR UPLIFTING THE NEEDS OF TGI
7 COMMUNITIES. IN THIS BUDGET CYCLE, WE DEMAND THE CEO MEETS THE
8 COMMUNITY MEMBERS DIRECTLY, SPECIFICALLY TO PRIORITIZE A
9 SUSTAINED AND INTENTIONAL FUNDING TO CARE AND COORDINATION FOR
10 TRANS, GENDER, EXPANSE AND ASEXUAL COMMUNITIES AS WE WORK
11 TOWARDS A TRUE CARE FIRST BUDGET.

12
13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
14 SPEAKER PLEASE.

15
16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JANET ASANTE. YOU MAY
17 BEGIN.

18
19 **SPEAKER:** HI. THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JANET
20 ASANTE. I'M A MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE LA COALITION. AND I REALLY
21 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR
22 BRINGING UP THINGS LIKE ACCOUNTABILITY, THINGS LIKE JAIL
23 CLOSURE, THINGS LIKE SETTLEMENTS, BECAUSE WHAT IS NOT SHOWN
24 IN, YOU KNOW, THAT SNAP-Y VIDEO AS, YOU KNOW, BUDDIES SKIING
25 UP THE PRIORITY MOUNTAIN IS THAT THERE'S AN AVALANCHE OF



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1 ABUSE, AN AVALANCHE OF DEATH, AND AN AVALANCHE OF STATE-FUNDED
2 HARMS AND MURDER. WE SAW 3 PEOPLE DIE IN THE SPAN OF A WEEK
3 LESS THAN A MONTH AGO. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT GIVING LASD 2 EXTRA
4 CAPTAINS WITH NO EVIDENCE-BASED PLAN IN THE LAST BUDGET. WE'RE
5 TALKING ABOUT, YOU KNOW, LESS THAN 2 WEEKS AGO, WE SAW A
6 SETTLEMENT FOR \$25,000,000 BECAUSE LASD SHOT AND KILLED
7 SOMEONE WHO WAS AUTISTIC, WHO THEIR FAMILY CALLED THEM TO THAT
8 HOME. AND SO, WHEN WE LOOK AT THIS BUDGET, DO WE WANT TO FUND
9 THE DEPARTMENT THAT IS CAUSING NOT ONLY THE EXTRA SETTLEMENTS,
10 OVER 1,000,000,000, LAST BUDGET CYCLE --

11
12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

13
14 **SPEAKER:** BUT WE'RE ALSO UNDERFUNDING.

15
16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17
18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MAYA HENDRICKS. YOU MAY
19 BEGIN.

20
21 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS MAYA HENDRICKS AND I'M A MEMBER OF
22 REIMAGINE LA COALITION AND I WANT TO URGE THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS TO RE-EVALUATE THEIR CARE FIRST APPROACH. A CARE
24 FIRST BUDGET IS NOT THE ONE INTRODUCED BY THE CEO'S OFFICE
25 THIS YEAR. A CARE FIRST APPROACH IS A RADICAL REIMAGINING OF



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1 WHAT WE CAN DO WITH THE COUNTY BUDGET. IT'S A RADICAL
2 DIVESTMENT FROM HARMFUL ORGANIZED CRIME LIKE THE LA COUNTY
3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DEPUTY GAINES AND THE PROBATION
4 DEPARTMENT WHO KEEPS TRAUMATIZING OUR YOUTH. I HEARD YOU ALL
5 TALKING ABOUT THE \$300,000,000 THAT HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO
6 CFCI, BUT WHAT I'M NOT HEARING IS TRANSPARENCY. MEASURE J
7 ALLOCATES NO LESS THAN 10% OF LOCALLY GENERATED FUNDS
8 ANNUALLY, BUT OF THE CFCI BUDGET, \$223,000,000 IS YEAR 3
9 CARRYOVER FUNDS. SO OVER 40% OF THAT BUDGET IS CARRIED OVER
10 FUNDING, NOT NEW FUNDING. FROM THIS PRESENTATION TODAY, WE
11 WOULD HAVE NO IDEA THAT THE BOARD IS ONLY ALLOCATING
12 \$12,300,000 NEW DOLLARS TO CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT.
13 ONCE AGAIN, THE COUNTY IS FALLING SHORT OF CARE FIRST AND ITS
14 IMPERATIVE TO CHANGE STAFF.

15
16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
17 SPEAKER PLEASE.

18
19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SEAN LEGAS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20
21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING ALL. I'M REPRESENTATIVE OF BAY VALLEY
22 TECH, WHICH IS A NONPROFIT THAT RUNS TUITION-FREE TECH
23 TRAINING. OUR MAIN GOAL IS TO BRIDGE OPPORTUNITIES TO CAREERS
24 IN HIGH TECH AND ENSURE THAT ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND TRAINING
25 IS ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE. WE REALLY ARE THE COMPLETE SOLUTION



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1 BECAUSE WE WORK WITH OUR EMPLOYERS TO TRAIN STUDENTS AND
2 PROVIDE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE. WHILE LISTENING, I NOTICED THAT
3 THERE'S MANY FUNDING REQUESTS AND HISTORICALLY WE HAVE NOTICED
4 OUR PARTNERS AT COUNTY AND WORKFORCE LEVELS HAVE CALIFORNIA
5 FOR ALL GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE IN OUR CASE TO BETTER SERVE
6 THEIR RESIDENTS AND THEIR COUNTY WITH PAID INTERNSHIPS AND
7 TRAINING. I'M INTERESTED IN HEARING IF THERE'S A NEED AND IF
8 CFA FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR PROJECT LIKE OURS. CURRENTLY WE
9 HAVE ABOUT 100 APPLICANTS AND 10 STUDENTS IN OUR COHORTS AND
10 WE JUST OPENED A FEW MONTHS AGO.

11
12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13
14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.
15 THANK YOU.

16
17 **SPEAKER:** IT'S ERIC PREVIN, AND WHAT AN IMPRESSIVE \$43.5
18 MILLION BUDGET I HAVE TO SAY. HOW MUCH WOULD IT BE, DAVENPORT,
19 TO RESTORE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO EVERY REGULAR MEETING,
20 WHICH IS INSTEAD OF HAVING THE KOOKY OTHER KIND OF HEARING IS
21 ONE QUESTION. BECAUSE THE CHALLENGES POSED BY THE STATE
22 SHORTFALL ARE RIGHT IN FRONT OF US. AND I'M GLAD YOU'RE
23 FOCUSING ON THE CORE PRIORITIES. AND I'LL BE DOING A SPOOF OF
24 PRIORITY NONE. BUT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ADDRESSING
25 HOMELESSNESS, IMPROVING HOUSING, EXCELLENT. AND WE'LL GET



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SUPERVISORS

1 THROUGH THE \$2 BILLION IN CUTS. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE PUBLIC
2 BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE AND WE NEED TO SCRUTINIZE THE
3 EXPENDITURES, ESPECIALLY WITH OUR FRIENDS AT JAMISON, THE BIG
4 PROPERTY AND AT&T AND AMERICAN GULF. AND LET'S NOT FORGET THE
5 LOBBYISTS. I DON'T WANT TO FORGET THE LOBBYISTS AND THE
6 LOBBYISTS' WIVES WHO ARE VERY, VERY CIVICALLY ENGAGED.
7 TOGETHER, I THINK WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN COMBAT THE RAMPANT
8 FRAUD. WE'RE NEVER GOING TO BE ABLE TO HIRE --

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRIANNA SEGUINA. YOU MAY
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS BRIANNA SEGUINA. I'M A RESIDENT IN
17 DISTRICT 4 AND A MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE LA COALITION. I AM
18 READY TO EXPRESS A STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED FISCAL
19 YEAR BUDGET, PARTICULARLY IN THE ALLOCATION OF \$49,600,000 FOR
20 REMODELING LA COUNTY JAILS AND THE CONTINUED PRIORITIZATION OF
21 SPECIAL FUNDS TOWARDS THE CARCERAL SYSTEM, WHICH WOULD AFFORD
22 PROPOSED BUDGET BLATANTLY CONTRADICTS THE CARE FIRST JAIL'S
23 LAST PHILOSOPHY THAT SHOULD BE GUIDING OUR FISCAL POLICIES.
24 INVESTING IN THE INCARCERATION SYSTEM INCLUDING AN ADDITIONAL
25 82 MILLION FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES NOT ADDRESS THE



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1 ROOT CAUSES OF SYSTEMIC ISSUES AND RATHER EXACERBATES THEM. I
2 URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REJECT THE CURRENT BUDGET
3 PROPOSAL AND TO WORK TOWARDS A CARE FIRST BUDGET THAT INVESTS
4 FROM INCARCERATION AND REINVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
5 INFRASTRUCTURES THAT SUPPORT HEALTH, SAFETY, AND RECOVERY FOR
6 OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. LET US PRIORITIZE HEALING,
7 MENTAL HEALTH, AND GENUINE COMMUNITY SAFETY TO FOSTER A MORE
8 JUST AND EQUITABLE SOCIETY.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DEBORAH ZAMUDIO. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS DEBORAH ZAMUDIO. I REPRESENT THE
16 JCOD PROGRAM AS A PARTICIPANT IN CONCEALMENT AND THE CRIMES
17 THAT HAVE BEEN COMMITTED ON ME IN MY HOME AND THE RESOURCES OF
18 THE PRECIOUS RESOURCES THAT HAVE TO BE TAKEN AWAY, WHICH WAS
19 THE ABILITY TO CALL FOR A SENIOR ABUSE REFERRAL, MY FIRST
20 AMENDMENT RIGHTS, MY 14TH AMENDMENT RIGHTS HAVE BEEN DENIED
21 DUE PROCESS. I HAVE BEEN HUMAN TRAFFICKED OUTSIDE THE UNITED
22 STATES. THE RESOURCES YOU SPEAK OF AND THE FUNDING IS MY HOME
23 THAT WAS INHERITED AND STOLEN. MORTGAGE FRAUD, TITLE 18 CRIME
24 FROM THE DOJ AND THE MILITARY VIA THIS HOH HOUSING AND THESE
25 ARE THE THESE I HAVE MULTIPLE ORGAN DAMAGE. I AM A TRAUMA



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1 SURVIVOR. I AM A MENTAL HEALTH PATIENT FOR 20 YEARS. THE
2 FUNDING THAT IS GOING INTO THIS PROGRAM IS NOT WHAT YOU, THE
3 TRANSPARENCY IS NOT --

4

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BILLION GOTSON. YOU MAY
9 BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YES, GREAT. BILLION GOTSON WITH THE AFRICAN CHILD
12 COALITION. I AM A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE MOST FORGOTTEN AND
13 NEGLECTED GROUPS IN LOS ANGELES, BLACK MEN. WE KNOW OVER THE
14 PAST SEVERAL YEARS, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FORCED OUT OF THE COUNTY
15 OF L.A. LAST YEAR, 56,000. THE YEAR BEFORE, 89,000. THE YEAR
16 BEFORE, OVER 100,000. WE CONSTANTLY SEE A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS
17 COME MADE FOR CERTAIN GROUPS. HOWEVER, FOR SOME REASON, BLACK
18 MEN ARE CONSISTENTLY FORGOTTEN ABOUT IN THESE PROGRAMS. WHEN
19 WE LOOK AROUND THE CITY WITH ALL THE HOMELESS EFFORTS, WE
20 CONTINUE TO SEE BLACK MEN LEFT OUT IN THE RAIN. SO MOVING
21 FORWARD, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER PROGRAMS ARE
22 ALLOCATED, THE TAXES THAT BLACK MEN HAVE BEEN PAYING, THE
23 EFFORTS OF BLACK MEN TO HELP BUILD THIS CITY, WE NEED SOME
24 RECIPROCITY AND EQUITY FOR BLACK MEN.

25



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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TITI LETO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

6

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

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS TITI LETO AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE
10 REIMAGINE LA COALITION. I'M CALLING TO URGE THE BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE TO INVEST AND FUND CARE FIRST
12 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT BY ALLOCATING AT LEAST \$900,000,000 IN
13 FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY BUDGET AND ADOPT THE REIMAGINE LA CARE
14 FIRST BUDGET THAT ELEVATES THE CARE FIRST DEMAND. THAT
15 INCLUDES FUNDING THE CARE FIRST BUDGET BY ALLOCATING AT LEAST
16 \$2,000,000,000 ANNUALLY THROUGH LEVERAGING DOLLARS FROM CSTI
17 AND OTHER LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL RESOURCES. IT INCLUDES
18 COMMITTING TO BUILDING THE CARE FIRST VISION THROUGH AUTHENTIC
19 COMMUNITY COLLABORATION, POWER SHARING, AND PARTICIPATORY
20 DEFENSE, I MEAN, EXCUSE ME, PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING THAT
21 ENSURES CONSISTENT, EQUITABLE INVESTMENT. BASED ON RESEARCH
22 AND READING THE ANALYSIS OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, I
23 KNOW THAT FUNDING CARE FOR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT MEANS TAKING
24 10% OF THE ENTIRE NET COUNTY COST. THAT WOULD BE...

25



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** \$900 MILLION.

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5 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HI, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS MEGAN CASTILLO.

8 MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** MODERATOR, ARE THERE ANY OTHER

11 CALLERS?

12

13 **MODERATOR:** THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE

14 BOARD.

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, GREAT. WE'LL GO TO IN

17 PERSON. GO RIGHT AHEAD. SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS MEGAN CASTILLO. I AM THE POLICY AND

20 ADVOCACY MANAGER AT LA DEFENSA AND A MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE

21 LA COALITION. I FIRST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR

22 ASKING CRITICAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING HOUSING AND JAIL CLOSURE.

23 I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR LEADING THE

24 DISCUSSION AROUND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. TO THE CEO, TO QUOTE

25 YOUR OWN WORDS, IF MORE MONEY ISN'T WHAT IS ALWAYS NEEDED TO



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1 DRIVE IMPROVEMENT, WHY THEN DO YOU CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND MORE
2 MONEY TOWARD TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT WHEN IT HAS BEEN
3 PROVEN TO NOT BE A SOLUTION FOR OUR COMMUNITIES? WHILE THINGS
4 LIKE IMPLEMENTING MORE PROVISIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE ARE
5 CERTAINLY A PRIORITY FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, WE CAN ALL BE SURE
6 THAT THROWING MORE MONEY AT THE SHERIFFS AND PROBATION
7 DEPARTMENT IS NOT ON PRIORITY MOUNTAIN. WHILE YOU ALL HAVE
8 EACH PROUDLY SHARED THAT THE BUDGET REPRESENTS THE VALUES OF
9 THE BOARD, I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU ALL REPRESENT THE
10 PEOPLE. AND THE PEOPLE HAVE SHOWN UP TIME AND TIME AGAIN TO
11 DEMAND A CARE-FIRST BUDGET. I URGE THE COUNTY TO PASS A CARE-
12 FIRST BUDGET THAT ELEVATES AND REIMAGINES WHAT LOS ANGELES CAN
13 LOOK LIKE. THANK YOU.

14
15 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ISH
18 HERRERA, AND I'M AN ELEVATED CONSUMER FOR THE COMMISSION ON
19 HIV FOR SPAW-3, THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. I WILL BE PROVIDING
20 PUBLIC COMMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. WE MENTIONED
21 REPLACEMENT REFUNDS FOR EBT. WHERE DOES THE HELP COME FOR
22 PEOPLE WHO DON'T EVEN MAKE THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL? BEING
23 HIV-POSITIVE, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE BUT
24 CANNOT. BUT THE AMOUNT I RECEIVE IN EBT BARELY COVERS THOSE
25 HEALTHY OPTIONS. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE CARE OF MYSELF MORE, BUT



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1 I AM NOT ABLE TO. I WOULD HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME SORT
2 OF ADJUSTMENT FOR THOSE FUNDS. I UNDERSTAND THAT REPLACEMENT
3 AND REFUNDS ARE SOMETHING THAT'S IMPORTANT, BUT ALSO KIND OF
4 ACCOMMODATING TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO DON'T EVEN MAKE ENOUGH TO
5 BUY GROCERIES AND STUFF WOULD REALLY HELP. THANK YOU, BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS.

7

8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING
9 HERE. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS? ALL RIGHT. MADAM CEO, I
10 THINK IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT PRIORITY MOUNTAIN IS A NEW TERM
11 ON THE COUNTY BINGO CARD. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND THANK
12 YOU TO ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES AND TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
13 PUBLIC WHO ENGAGED IN THIS DISCUSSION. HEARING NO OTHER
14 COMMENTS. ITEM 82 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
15 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE
16 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 82 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

21

22 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

23

24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AYE.

25



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1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5
14 TO 0.

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16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** MOVING ON TO ITEM 2, BLIND
17 REMOVALS MOVING FORWARD, COLOR CONSCIOUSNESS AND SAFEGUARDING
18 AGAINST RACIAL BIAS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
19 AND I CAN'T WAIT TO TALK ABOUT IT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
20 ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE
21 ITEMS. AND I BELIEVE OUR DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
22 SERVICES, AS WELL AS OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RACIAL EQUITY
23 ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS AS NEEDED. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
24 WILL TURN IT TO YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
2 HORVATH, AND THANK YOU FOR SIGNING ON AS A CO-AUTHOR ON THE
3 MOTION. I HELD TODAY'S MOTION FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. I FELT
4 IT WAS ONLY FITTING THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO INSTRUCT A
5 DEPARTMENT TO TALK ABOUT RACE, IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MOTIONS
6 THAT TALK ABOUT HATE AND WAYS IN WHICH WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO
7 ADDRESS ACTIONS OF HATE ACROSS THIS COUNTY. IT'S ONLY FAIR AND
8 APPROPRIATE THAT THE BOARD SHOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO TALK
9 ABOUT RACE AS WELL. AND SO BOTH DIRECTOR NICHOLS FROM DCFS AND
10 I HAD AN EXPERIENCE LAST YEAR THAT IMPACTED US BOTH, I THINK,
11 VERY DEEPLY. WE TALK ABOUT IT EVERY TIME WE SEE EACH OTHER. AT
12 THE TIME, DIRECTOR NICHOLS SERVED ALONG WITH ME ON THE LA
13 COUNTY FIRST 5 COMMISSION, AND DR. SCORSER WAS THERE AND MADE
14 A PRESENTATION. AND IN THAT PRESENTATION, HE SHARED THIS
15 STATISTIC, THAT IN 2020, IT WAS FOUND THAT 1 IN 3 BLACK AND
16 NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 5 IN THE COUNTY WERE
17 REFERRED TO CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES AT LEAST ONCE DURING
18 THEIR 5 YEARS OF LIFE. 1 IN 3. AND DESPITE DCFS MAKING
19 SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE
20 COUNTY'S CARE, THE LOWEST IN DECADES, THE PROBLEM OF RACIAL
21 DISPROPORTIONALITY REMAINS. WE AS A COUNTY MUST HOLD OURSELVES
22 ACCOUNTABLE AND NOT SHY AWAY FROM THIS REALITY AND THE WORK
23 JUST BECAUSE IT CAN BE HARD OR CHALLENGING AND DIFFICULT TO
24 DISCUSS. ONE OF THE TAKEAWAYS FROM A RECENT UCLA REPORT THAT'S
25 IN ORDER FOR REFORMS TO BRING RACIAL EQUITY INTO THE CHILD



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1 WELFARE SYSTEM, THE REPORT STATES THAT IN ORDER FOR REFORMS TO
2 BRING RACIAL EQUITY INTO THE CHILD WELFARE SERVICE SYSTEM,
3 THEY NEED TO INCLUDE UPSTREAM SERVICES. OUR EXISTING CHILD
4 WELFARE SYSTEM ACTS IN RESPONSE TO SYSTEMIC RACISM AND
5 SIGNIFICANT BREAKDOWNS IN OUR SOCIAL SAFETY NET ACROSS HEALTH
6 CARE, MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, CHILD CARE, EDUCATION, AND
7 MORE SECTORS ACROSS THE ECONOMY. SO, I'M GLAD THAT WE'RE
8 HEARING THE ITEM TODAY. THE CEO IS PRESENTING TO THE BOARD THE
9 RECOMMENDED BUDGET ON THE SAME DAY BECAUSE AGAIN BUDGETS
10 REFLECT OUR VALUES AND PRIORITIES AND FROM MY PERSPECTIVE WE
11 MUST KEEP CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT THE TOP OF THAT PRIORITY
12 LIST. SO IF I MAY, MADAM CHAIR, LIKE TO ASK DIRECTOR NICHOLS A
13 COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, IF I MAY.

14
15 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** GO FOR IT.

16
17 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. IF YOU COULD START BY
18 PROVIDING US WITH A HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF, FROM YOUR
19 PERSPECTIVE AND THAT OF YOUR HARDWORKING WOMEN AND MEN IN YOUR
20 DEPARTMENT, WHAT IS WORKING IN TERMS OF ADDRESSING RACIAL
21 DISPROPORTIONALITY? AND I APPRECIATE THAT YOU OFTEN REPORT THE
22 FACT, AND IT'S GOOD NEWS, THAT OUR OVERALL NUMBERS ARE NO, BUT
23 THE DISPROPORTIONALITY HASN'T CHANGED. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT
24 MAKES IT EVEN MORE DRASTIC AND AN ISSUE THAT REQUIRES OUR
25 ATTENTION FROM MY PERSPECTIVE. SO FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, WHAT



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1 HAS WORKED AND WHAT DOES THE DEPARTMENT INTEND TO CONTINUE TO
2 FOCUS ON TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE?

3
4 **BRANDON T. NICHOLS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND I APPRECIATE
5 THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME AND SPEAK WITH THE BOARD ON THIS
6 ISSUE. IT HAS BEEN ONE OF MY PRIMARY AREAS OF FOCUS SINCE I
7 WAS HONORED TO BE SELECTED AS THE DIRECTOR. AND THAT STATISTIC
8 THAT YOU AND I SAW THAT ONE DAY, EVERY TIME I HEAR IT, EVEN
9 TODAY AS I SIT AT THIS TABLE, IT GIVES ME CHILLS. IT IS A
10 HORRIBLE THING TO CONFRONT, AND IT'S A HORRIBLE THING TO KNOW
11 THAT I PARTICIPATE IN LEADING A SYSTEM THAT HAS NEGATIVE
12 RACIAL IMPACT AND THAT IS TODAY STILL A DISPROPORTIONATE AND
13 RACIST SYSTEM. IT IS A BURDEN I TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY. SOME OF
14 WHAT WE'RE DOING TO ADDRESS THAT, AND I WILL SAY WE'RE TRYING
15 TO BE BOLD AND WE'RE TRYING LOTS OF DIFFERENT STRATEGIES.
16 THERE'S A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS ACROSS THE BOARD AND WE ARE
17 SEEING THAT DRIVE DOWN BOTH THE DISPROPORTIONALITY, THE
18 NUMBERS ARE NARROWING, BUT STILL BY JUST 1% AND 2%. IT'S NOT
19 WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE. THERE'S STILL A GREAT
20 DISPROPORTIONALITY. IF YOU'LL INDULGE ME FOR A SECOND. IT'S
21 DISPROPORTIONALITY AT EVERY DECISION POINT IN OUR SYSTEM. THE
22 NUMBER OF CALLS TO THE HOTLINE, THE NUMBER OF SOCIAL WORKERS
23 WE SEND TO A HOME, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WE REMOVE FROM A
24 FAMILY, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN THAT ARE PLACED TOGETHER, HOW
25 LONG CHILDREN STAY IN CARE, HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE ADOPTED. AT



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1 EVERY POINT I LOOK AT, I SEE A DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT TO
2 BLACK FAMILIES. AGAIN, IT'S CHILLING EVERY TIME I THINK ABOUT
3 IT. IT STARTS WITH US HAVING CONVERSATIONS LIKE THIS. I'VE
4 PERSONALLY BEEN GETTING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AS MUCH AS I CAN,
5 AND I'VE BEEN BRINGING MY LEADERSHIP TEAM WITH ME TO SIT AT
6 TABLES IN COMMUNITY VENUES, TO HEAR FROM THEM THE IMPACT THAT
7 WE'RE HAVING ON THE COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO HONESTLY, HUMBLY TO
8 HEAR FROM THEM IDEAS ABOUT WHAT WE COULD DO BETTER. WHAT DID
9 THEY WANT TO SEE US CHANGE? AND I DO THINK THAT IS DRIVING OUR
10 UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPACT WE HAVE, AND IT IS GIVING US KIND
11 OF CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE IDEAS AND WE ARE NOT AFRAID TO TRY OUT
12 DIFFERENT THINGS. WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT DATA. ONE OF THE
13 THINGS WE'RE DOING SUCCESSFULLY, ALL OUR DATA POINTS, WHEN I
14 TALK ABOUT THEM WITH OUR MANAGERS AND WE HAVE A MONTHLY
15 STATISTICS MEETING WHERE WE PUT UP A BIG POWERPOINT, WE LOOK
16 AT DIFFERENT AREAS OF OUR DEPARTMENT, WE ALWAYS INCLUDE THE
17 RACIAL IMPACT OF DATA POINTS SO THAT EVERYBODY CAN SEE, HERE'S
18 HOW ONE GROUP'S PERFORMING, HERE'S HOW ANOTHER GROUP'S
19 PERFORMING. AND IT IS SENSITIZING PEOPLE, HONESTLY, TO THE
20 DAMAGE WE'VE BEEN CAUSING AND THE DISPARITY THAT WE HAVE
21 WITHIN OUR SYSTEM. I MEAN, THAT DATA IS GONNA HELP US MEASURE
22 THE IMPACT OF THE DIFFERENT THINGS WE'RE TRYING. THE BLIND
23 REMOVABLE REPORT IS A GREAT EXAMPLE. IT WAS SOMETHING
24 DIFFERENT, SOMETHING NEW, AND WE HAD AN OUTSIDE GROUP, UCLA
25 AND THE PRITZKER CENTER, TAKE A LOOK TO TELL US, DID IT WORK



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1 OR DIDN'T WORK? SHOULD YOU DO MORE, SHOULD YOU DO LESS? AND
2 THAT'S SOMETHING I WANNA DO KIND OF ACROSS THE BOARD. THERE
3 ARE A FEW SPECIFIC, I HAVE A WHOLE LIST THAT MY TEAM WANTED ME
4 TO MAKE SURE I BROUGHT IN. HONESTLY, I COULD TALK ABOUT IT FOR
5 HALF HOUR, SO YOU GIVE ME THE HOOK WHEN IT'S TIME.
6 BUT A FEW THINGS THAT WE'RE PARTICULARLY PROUD OF. WE'VE
7 STARTED ERDD ROUND TABLES, ELIMINATING RACIAL
8 DISPROPORTIONALITY AND DISPARITY, WHERE WE INVITE COMMUNITY
9 MEMBERS TO SIT AT A TABLE WITH US WHEN WE HAVE CONVERSATIONS
10 ABOUT IS A CHILD SAFE ENOUGH TO REMAIN AT HOME? ARE THERE
11 THINGS IN THE COMMUNITY THAT CAN STRENGTHEN A FAMILY? DOES
12 THIS CHILD NEED TO BE REMOVED FOR A PERIOD? AND IF THEY DO,
13 ARE THERE FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHER FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY TO
14 CARE FOR THAT CHILD. SO, SHARING POWER, HAVING COMMUNITY SIT
15 AT THE TABLE WITH US I DO THINK IS DRIVING A BIG PART OF THE
16 PROGRESS WE'RE MAKING. AND WE'RE ALSO INVESTING OR HAVE
17 INVESTED AND WITH THE BOARD SUPPORT ABOUT A MONTH AGO,
18 INVESTING MORE IN CULTURAL BROKERS, WHERE WE HAVE ADVOCATES
19 FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES THAT LOOK LIKE THE FAMILIES WE'RE
20 TALKING ABOUT, ALSO SIT AT A TABLE WITH US AND MAKE DECISIONS.
21 AND I WILL SAY, AND CHALLENGE US ON SOME OF THOSE DECISIONS.
22 CHALLENGE US ON OUR IMPLICIT BIAS, CHALLENGE US ON OUR LACK OF
23 UNDERSTANDING OF CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND STRENGTHS AND
24 RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE FOCUSED, AND
25 THIS IS SOMETHING I'M PARTICULARLY, I HAVE AN AFFINITY FOR,



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1 JUST BECAUSE I'M A FATHER, BUT WE FOCUSED ON ENGAGING BLACK
2 FATHERS. OFTENTIMES WHEN WE COME INTO A FAMILY'S LIFE, THE
3 FATHER'S NOT IN THE PICTURE FOR WHATEVER REASON. AND THAT'S
4 NOT UNIQUE TO THE BLACK COMMUNITY, THAT'S ACROSS THE BOARD.
5 BUT WE'RE ABLE TO FIND FATHERS AND RE-ENGAGE THEM AND TEACH
6 THEM HOW TO BE FATHERS SOMETIMES FOR THE FIRST TIME. WE'RE
7 SEEING A BIG IMPACT FROM OUR ENGAGEMENT, OUR FINDING OF AND
8 ENGAGING OF FATHERS, PARTICULARLY IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY. AND
9 LIKE I SAID, AS A FATHER, IT'S SOMETHING THAT WARMS MY HEART
10 BECAUSE FATHERS LOVE THEIR KIDS TOO. FATHERS CAN BE GREAT
11 PARENTS. SOMETIMES THEY JUST NEED A LITTLE HELP TO CONNECT AND
12 TO, YOU KNOW, SOME SUPPORT AROUND THEM TO LEARN HOW TO DO
13 THAT. TAKING CARE OF A KID FOR THE FIRST TIME, I KNOW YOU'VE
14 GONE THROUGH IT, AND OTHERS HAVE GONE THROUGH IT. CHALLENGING,
15 SO WE WERE TRYING TO HELP OUR FATHERS. WE'RE COACHING AND
16 MENTORING OUR STAFF ON THE IMPACTS OF THE DECISIONS THEY MAKE,
17 THE DAMAGE WE HAVE CAUSED FAMILIES REMOVING KIDS WHEN THEY
18 DIDN'T NEED TO BE REMOVED. WE'RE DOING COUNTY-WIDE IMPLICIT
19 BIAS TRAINING. AND I ACTUALLY THINK TRAINING IS SOMETHING I
20 THINK WE AS A COUNTY THROW OUT THERE HAPHAZARDLY. I THINK IN
21 THIS INSTANCE IT REALLY IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE. IT REALLY IS
22 SUPPORTING SOCIAL WORKERS TO SEE HOW THEY MAY BE MAKING
23 DECISIONS IN WAYS THAT THEY DIDN'T INTEND. I THINK, I WOULD
24 SAY ALL MY SOCIAL WORKERS ARE LOVING, CARING PEOPLE. THAT'S
25 WHY THEY GOT INTO SOCIAL WORK. BUT I DON'T THINK SOMETIMES



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1 THEY RECOGNIZE THE SOURCE OF SOME OF THE DECISIONS AND SOME OF
2 THE WAYS, THE LENSES THEY VIEW FAMILIES THROUGH. SO I THINK
3 IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING HAS MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE. AND THEN
4 LASTLY, I KNOW I SAID I'D TRY TO BE QUICK, WE HAVE A PROJECT
5 CALLED SAFE REDUCTION, WHICH FOCUSES SPECIFICALLY ON THE
6 INTAKE OF BLACK CHILDREN AND BLACK FAMILIES. IT INVOLVES
7 HONESTLY JUST A PAUSING OF A SYSTEM THAT SOMETIMES RUNS TOO
8 FAST, SITTING AT A TABLE WITH A DIVERSE GROUP OF FOLKS LIKE
9 THE ERDD ROUND TABLE AND TRYING TO REALLY SEE ALL THEIR, ARE
10 THERE ALTERNATIVES TO REMOVING A CHILD OR BETTER WAYS WE CAN
11 SUPPORT A FAMILY. I THINK ALL OF THOSE THINGS COMBINED IS
12 WHAT'S DRIVING THE DECREASE IN DISPROPORTIONALITY, BUT ALSO
13 SAY DRIVING THE DECREASE IN NUMBERS ACROSS THE BOARD. BY
14 FOCUSING ON BLACK CHILDREN AND BLACK FAMILIES FIRST, I THINK
15 EVERYBODY ACTUALLY IS BENEFITING, EVEN THOUGH OUR FOCUS IS ON
16 THAT ONE TARGETED COMMUNITY.

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18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU HAD BEGUN
19 TO DO THAT YOU FOUND THAT DIDN'T WORK THAT YOU'VE ABANDONED? I
20 OFTEN HEAR FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES THAT, YOU KNOW, COUNTY
21 GOVERNMENT IN PARTICULAR, THAT WE START, IT COULD BE A PILOT
22 AND IT JUST NEVER GOES AWAY, EVEN IF WE HAVE DATA THAT SHOWS
23 IT'S NOT AS EFFECTIVE AS IT COULD BE. SO, I'M TRYING TO FIGHT
24 AGAINST THAT PERCEPTION. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU DEEMED
25 WASN'T PARTICULARLY HELPFUL THAT YOU HAVE STOPPED?



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1
2 **BRANDON T. NICHOLS:** SO, I'LL START BY SAYING I'M DEFINITELY
3 OPEN TO THAT BECAUSE I KNOW IN TRYING A LOT OF DIFFERENT,
4 MAYBE EVEN SOMETIMES CONTROVERSIAL OR RADICAL THINGS, NOT ALL
5 OF THEM ARE GOING TO WORK. AND THAT'S WHY I THINK THE DATA IN
6 THE STUDIES IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT. I WAS REALLY HAPPY TO
7 SEE IN THE MOTION, ADDING FURTHER STUDY OF THE EFFORTS WE'VE
8 TAKEN. FRANKLY, A LOT OF THEM ARE SO NEW THAT WE DON'T HAVE
9 ENOUGH TRACK RECORD YET TO KNOW IF THEY'RE WORKING OR NOT.
10 THERE IS ONE EFFORT UNDERWAY WHICH DOES HAVE POTENTIAL RACIAL
11 IMPACT, WHICH WE HAVE SLOWED THE EXPANSION OF AND WE'VE PAUSED
12 TO GET MORE DATA AND MORE STUDY AROUND. THERE IS A PROJECT
13 WE'RE CALLING IT RISK STRATIFICATION, AND IT RELIES ON NEW
14 TECHNOLOGY TO LOOK AT FAMILIES ENTERING OUR SYSTEM AND GIVE US
15 AN INDICATOR WHETHER WE THINK, OR WHETHER IT IS LIKELY
16 STATISTICALLY THAT THAT FAMILY WILL REENTER THE SYSTEM
17 SUBSEQUENTLY. BUT BECAUSE IT RELIES ON HISTORICAL DATA AND WE
18 KNOW THAT HISTORICAL DATA IS RACIST AND REFLECTS THE PAST
19 RACIST PERFORMANCE OF OUR SYSTEM, WE'RE MOVING REALLY SLOWLY.
20 THERE WERE PLANS TO EXPAND IT. WE PAUSED THOSE PLANS. WE
21 WANTED AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR'S WORTH OF DATA. WE WANTED TO
22 ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY ABOUT IT TO GET THEIR FEEDBACK AND SEE
23 WHETHER THEY TRUSTED THE RESULTS OR NOT. AT THIS POINT, I WILL
24 SAY IT DOES LOOK PROMISING AND IT DOES NOT LOOK LIKE IT HAS A
25 NEGATIVE IMPACT ON DISPARITY, BUT I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS.



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1 AND I THINK THE COMMUNITY HAS A LOT OF QUESTIONS, AND SO WE
2 HAVE SLOWED THE ROLL THERE.

3

4 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT. YOU MENTIONED YOUR
5 STAFF AND THE REALITY FOR ME THAT PARTICULARLY AT THE LOCAL
6 LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, THE WORK OF GOVERNMENT IS DONE BY PEOPLE.
7 WE ARE NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF MAKING WIDGETS. WE ARE PROVIDING
8 SERVICES AND PEOPLE PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES. AND SO, WHAT ARE
9 SOME OF THE BIGGEST HURDLES OR CHALLENGES FOR YOUR WORKFORCE
10 IN ADDRESSING THE OVERREPRESENTATION OF BLACK CHILDREN IN OUT-
11 OF-HOME PLACEMENT AND IN YOUR SYSTEM GENERALLY?

12

13 **BRANDON T. NICHOLS:** YEAH, THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. AND I WILL
14 SAY THAT IDEA OF WE'RE NOT MAKING WIDGETS IS MAYBE WE'RE THE I
15 WOULDN'T SAY THE BEST EXAMPLE ANYWAY. OH, A LOT OF DEPARTMENT
16 HEADS HAVE LEFT SO I CAN SAY IT BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT HERE
17 ANYMORE. I THINK WE MAY BE THE BEST EXAMPLE OF THAT IN THE
18 COUNTY THAT THE DECISIONS THAT SOCIAL WORKERS MAKE ARE SO
19 HUMANISTIC. THEY ARE SO INTIMATE. THEY ARE MADE LITERALLY IN
20 THE HOMES OF FAMILIES, AND THEY'RE ABOUT HOW FAMILIES INTERACT
21 WITH EACH OTHER. THEY'RE ABOUT HOW PARENTS TREAT EACH OTHER,
22 HOW PARENTS TREAT KIDS. IT IS VERY HUMAN DRIVEN. IT IS NOT
23 WIDGETS.

24

25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND LIFE CHANGING.



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1
2 **BRANDON T. NICHOLS:** AND SO, I THINK YOU ASKED, YOU KNOW, WHAT
3 ARE WE, WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS THEY ENCOUNTER? WELL, PART OF IT
4 IS THAT WE DON'T LIVE IN A VACUUM. SO WE OPERATE A SYSTEM AND
5 A LARGER RACIST SYSTEM. WE'RE CONFRONTING YEARS OF
6 DISINVESTMENT OR INTENTIONAL DECISIONS TO DIVERT RESOURCES
7 ELSEWHERE. AND WE ARE A SAFETY NET. SO WHEN FAMILIES START TO
8 WOBBLE IF THEY CAN'T EASILY ACCESS OTHER SERVICES THAT WOULD
9 TYPICALLY SUPPORT THEM, MAYBE SERVICES THAT ARE MORE READILY
10 AVAILABLE TO OTHER COMMUNITIES, THEY FALL DOWN TO US. SO
11 SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
12 SERVICES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – I'M SORRY, I THINK SUPERVISOR
13 HORVATH WAS ASKING ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES. INTIMATE
14 PARTNER VIOLENCE, A HUGE ISSUE. IF THOSE RESOURCES WERE
15 READILY AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THAT WE SERVE,
16 LESS OF THEM WOULD BE COMING INTO CHILD WELFARE. CERTAINLY
17 OVER-POLICING AND OVER-SURVEILLANCE IS A FACTOR. MANDATED
18 REPORTING AND OTHER STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS THAT HAVE BUILT UP OVER
19 YEARS DRIVE MORE FAMILIES OF COLOR TO OUR DOOR. AND SO, IT'S
20 GOING TO TAKE A WHILE TO UNTANGLE ALL OF THAT, AND I HAVE TO
21 SAY IT IS GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN DCFS TO FIX THE PROBLEM. I
22 AM COMMITTED. I PROMISE THIS BOARD, I PROMISE THE PEOPLE
23 LISTENING, I'M COMMITTED TO DOING WHAT I CAN DO TO FIX IT, BUT
24 I ALONE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO FIX IT.



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1 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO. I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE AND
2 APPRECIATE YOUR CLARITY IN MAKING THAT STATEMENT. AND AGAIN,
3 THE UCLA PRITZKER SCHOOL REPORT TALKED ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANT
4 BREAKDOWNS IN THE OVERALL SOCIAL SAFETY NET AND NEEDING TO GO
5 UPSTREAM TO PROVIDE ALL THOSE RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS EARLIER
6 BEFORE FAMILIES NEED A SAFETY NET TO CATCH THEM. SO, I REALLY
7 APPRECIATE THAT. LAST COMMENT, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE VERY
8 MUCH THE COMMUNITY BEING INVITED TO THE TABLE. WE'VE HAD A
9 CONVERSATION I'VE HEARD FROM WATTS GANG TASK FORCE AND OTHERS
10 THAT YOU'VE BEEN THERE AND ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION. THEY
11 APPRECIATE YOU COMING TO THE TABLE. I JUST THINK IT'S ALWAYS
12 IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THE POWER DYNAMIC THAT EXISTS AT TABLES
13 THAT WE CONVENE. AND WHEN WE INVITE COMMUNITY IN, WHAT THAT
14 REALLY MEANS IN TERMS OF COMMUNITY FEELING EMPOWERED TO BRING
15 AND TELL THEIR TRUTH. AND SO, I WOULD JUST SAY THAT, YOU KNOW,
16 AS WE TALK ABOUT THE COMMUNITIES AT THE TABLE, THAT WE'RE JUST
17 MINDFUL OF THAT AND PROVIDING THEM WITH SUPPORT, TRAINING,
18 WHATEVER IT TAKES TO REALLY CREATE A TABLE WHERE PEOPLE CAN
19 FEEL EMPOWERED TO FIGHT AGAINST THE SYSTEM THAT THREATENS TO
20 TAKE THEIR CHILDREN AWAY. THAT HAS TO BE A SCARY SPACE AND
21 PLACE TO COME TO, TO TRY TO AFFECT POLICY WHEN YOU KNOW THAT
22 FOR GENERATIONS THERE HAS BEEN A TARGET ON YOUR BACK. SO, I
23 WOULD JUST ASK THAT YOU BE MINDFUL OF THAT. BUT DON'T STOP,
24 JUST BE MINDFUL OF IT.

25



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1 **BRANDON T. NICHOLS:** THANK YOU.

2

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

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5 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU AND THANK YOU FOR
6 LETTING ME CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU TO BUILD OUT AN
7 ECOSYSTEM OF PREVENTION AND PROMOTION, WHICH WE KNOW IS
8 DESPERATELY NEEDED. I WAS CLOSELY FOLLOWING WHEN YOU
9 INTRODUCED THIS BEFORE I WAS YOUR COLLEAGUE ON THE BOARD, AND
10 VERY EXCITED TO SEE THE PROGRESS OF THIS WORK. IT WAS
11 SOMETHING I TALKED ABOUT IN MY DESIRE TO BE ON THIS SEAT, AND
12 I'M GLAD TO JOIN YOU IN THE WORK NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
13 YOUR LEADERSHIP. WE KNOW THAT OUR CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM
14 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF COLOR. WE
15 CAN AND MUST DO MORE TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE FOCUSING ON UPSTREAM
16 PREVENTION AS A CRITICAL PIECE IN FIGHTING OVER REPRESENTATION
17 AND DISPROPORTIONALITY. MANDATED REPORTING IS A KEY DRIVER OF
18 RACIAL DISPROPORTIONALITY IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM WHERE
19 BLACK CHILDREN ARE THE SUBJECT OF REPORTS TO THE HOTLINE AT
20 MORE THAN 3 TIMES THEIR RATE IN THE COUNTY'S GENERAL
21 POPULATION. AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TOUCHED ON MORE ALONG
22 THOSE LINES AND I WOULD JUST ADD, WE ALSO KNOW LATINO CHILDREN
23 ARE REPRESENTED IN FOSTER CARE AT EXTREMELY HIGH RATES WITH
24 60% OF OUR FOSTER CARE POPULATION BEING LATINO. WE KNOW THAT
25 RACISM PLAYS TOO MUCH A PART IN HOW OUR SYSTEMS WORK. THAT'S



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1 WHY IT'S CALLED SYSTEMIC RACISM. WE CAN AND MUST DO BETTER. I
2 WAS PROUD TO AUTHOR A MOTION IN MAY 2023 IN SUPPORT OF THE
3 COUNTY'S MANDATED SUPPORTING INITIATIVE. ONE OF THE KEY GOALS
4 OF WHICH IS TO ELIMINATE THE TREMENDOUS ROLE THAT MANDATED
5 REPORTING PLAYS IN RACIAL DISPROPORTIONALITY IN THE CHILD
6 WELFARE SYSTEM. WE ALSO KNOW THAT EXPLICIT RACISM AND IMPLICIT
7 BIAS THAT IS PREVALENT IN SOME SECTORS IS REFLECTED IN
8 REPORTING PRACTICES. NARRATIVE CHANGE IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT,
9 AND THANK YOU TO BRANDON AND TO YOUR ENTIRE TEAM. THANK YOU
10 FOR YOUR PASSIONATE COMMITMENT TO PERSONALLY BEING INVESTED IN
11 THIS WORK, AS I KNOW DR. SCORSA IS, AND BOTH OF YOUR TEAMS. WE
12 ALL HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ADDRESSING
13 THIS. WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN MAKING THAT CHANGE. THIS
14 MOTION WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE WORK THAT HAS
15 ALREADY BEEN UNDERWAY TO SHIFT THE NARRATIVE ABOUT HOW DCFS
16 AND LA COUNTY MORE BROADLY HANDLE THE INTERSECTION OF RACE,
17 RACISM, AND ANTI-BLACKNESS WITH THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, AND
18 IT WILL TAKE MEANINGFUL ACTION TO EFFECTUATE TRANSFORMATION
19 AND ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE AND PRACTICE. THANK YOU ALL FOR
20 YOUR INVESTMENT IN THIS WORK. NEXT IS SUPERVISOR HAHN.

21
22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
23 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR THIS MOTION TODAY AND FOR ALWAYS
24 BRINGING UP THESE ISSUES AND REMINDING US OF THE DIFFERENT
25 LENSES THAT DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE USED AND SHOULD USE IN



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1 THE FUTURE. OUR CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM CAN AND HAS BEEN
2 PERCEIVED AS A FAMILY REGULATION SYSTEM VERSUS A TRUE AND
3 AUTHENTIC SYSTEM THAT IS THERE TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND TO
4 SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES. FAR TOO OFTEN CHILDREN ARE DETAINED
5 FROM THEIR FAMILIES BASED ON POVERTY AND SYSTEMIC RACISM UNDER
6 THE GUISE OF CHILD SAFETY. OVER THE YEARS WE'VE HEARD
7 COUNTLESS STORIES AND WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THEM THIS
8 MORNING, OF HOW REMOVING CHILDREN FROM THEIR FAMILIES OFTEN
9 PRODUCES DEVASTATING OUTCOMES, INCLUDING EXCEEDINGLY LOW
10 GRADUATION RATES, HIGH INCARCERATION RATES, POOR HEALTH
11 OUTCOMES, AND HIGH RATES OF PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE
12 EXPERIENCED WHILE IN FOSTER CARE. I HOPE WE'RE WORKING TOWARDS
13 A CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM THAT HAS MORE ACCOUNTABILITY. IT'S
14 IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF SYSTEMIC RACISM AND BREAK
15 THE INTERGENERATIONAL CYCLE OF TRAUMA AND POVERTY. THIS PILOT
16 PROGRAM FOR SAFEGUARDING AGAINST RACIAL BIAS HAS BEEN WORKING
17 TO COMBAT THE LONG EXISTING HARMS AND EQUITIES WITHIN OUR
18 CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, SPECIFICALLY AMONG BLACK AND LATINO
19 FAMILIES. THIS PILOT PROGRAM WAS A GREAT START IN ADDRESSING
20 IMPLICIT BIAS, AND IT SHIFTED THE FOCUS TOWARDS INCORPORATING
21 SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS FOR ALL FAMILIES, REGARDLESS OF RACE,
22 ETHNICITY, OR ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING DEMOGRAPHICS. SO, I WAS
23 JUST GOING TO, YOU'VE ANSWERED, I KEPT CROSSING OUT THINGS
24 THAT YOU GUYS HAVE ALREADY ANSWERED, BUT I DO THINK, I THINK
25 WHAT'S INTERESTING IS THAT IN 2018, DCFS HAD OVER 34,000 OPEN



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1 CASES AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR. THE NUMBERS ARE A LITTLE
2 OVER 23,000 OPEN CASES. DO YOU THINK PILOT PROGRAMS LIKE THIS
3 ARE PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT. AND WHAT ELSE DO YOU THINK
4 HAS, WOULD YOU ATTRIBUTE TO THE LOWER OPEN CASES?

5

6 **BRANDON T. NICHOLS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE EASY ANSWER IS
7 YES. I BELIEVE THE PILOT PROGRAMS ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE
8 OVERALL DECREASE. LIKE I SAID, FOCUSING ON BLACK CHILDREN AND
9 BLACK FAMILIES IS CREATING BETTER OUTCOMES FOR ALL CHILDREN
10 AND ALL FAMILIES. ALTHOUGH OUR FOCUS DOES REMAIN, WE'LL BE
11 HONEST, ON BLACK CHILDREN, BLACK FAMILIES. I WANNA ASSURE YOU
12 AND THE BOARD, AND AGAIN, ANYBODY THAT'S LISTENING, WE'RE
13 DOING IT SAFELY. SO WHERE THE BIG CHANGE HAS COME IS WE ARE
14 REALLY TRYING TO SUPPORT AND BRING SYSTEMS AND COMMUNITIES OF
15 SUPPORT TO FAMILIES SO THAT KIDS CAN SAFELY STAY HOME. IT'S
16 NOT US JUST TURNING OUR BACKS ON KIDS TO GET LOWER NUMBERS.
17 IT'S STRENGTHENING FAMILIES SO KIDS CAN SAFELY BE WITH THEIR
18 FAMILIES. THAT'S WHERE WE'RE SEEING THE DIFFERENCE. AND THAT'S
19 IF THERE'S AN INVESTMENT TO BE MADE AND YOUR BUDGET THIS YEAR
20 ACTUALLY REFLECTS A LOT OF THOSE PRIORITIES. INVESTING IN
21 THOSE THINGS THAT HELP FAMILIES. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO
22 FAMILIES, INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE SERVICES TO FAMILIES THAT
23 ARE FIGHTING. WE SEE SUBSTANCE ABUSE RIPPING FAMILIES APART.
24 WE WANNA KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER SO KIDS CAN SAFELY STAY THERE.
25 FOSTER CARE IS A POOR ALTERNATIVE TO BEING WITH YOUR FAMILY. I



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1 DO FOCUS, I WANT YOU TO KNOW, ON CREATING A BETTER FOSTER CARE
2 EXPERIENCE, PARTICULARLY FOR BLACK CHILDREN. WE RECENTLY
3 WORKED WITH THE SECOND DISTRICT ON BLACK HAIR CARE, BECAUSE WE
4 HAD FOSTER PARENTS THAT DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF
5 TEXTURED HAIR. BUT REALLY, I WOULD RATHER THE KIDS BE SAFELY
6 HOME WITH THEIR FAMILIES. AND IF I CAN BUILD THOSE, THE
7 BULWARK OF SUPPORTS AROUND THEM, THEY'LL, WE'LL CONTINUE, I
8 THINK, TO SEE THESE NUMBERS DROP.

9

10 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I GUESS THE
11 OTHER THING YOU SAID, DCFS CAN'T DO THIS ALONE. THERE'S A LOT
12 OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT TOUCH OUR FAMILIES. WHAT, I DON'T
13 KNOW IF I WANNA SAY SPECIFIC, BUT WHAT SUPPORT CAN YOU TELL
14 THIS BOARD THAT YOU COULD USE FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS?

15

16 **BRANDON T. NICHOLS:** WELL, I WILL SAY THE BOARD AND THE CEO'S
17 OFFICE AND MY BROTHER AND SISTER DEPARTMENT HEADS HAVE
18 PRIORITIZED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. I LOOKED AT THE BUDGET
19 PRESENTATION AND I'M VERY AWARE OF MY OWN BUDGET. THIS BOARD
20 DOES MAKE A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN CHILDREN AND FAMILY
21 SERVICES AND I AM THANKFUL THAT YOU ALL GET IT. BUT THERE IS
22 PARTICULARLY IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, I THINK A DIFFICULTY IN
23 READILY ACCESSING SOME OF THE SERVICES I'VE ALREADY NAMED,
24 MENTAL HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE
25 SERVICES. I THINK WE NEED TO WORK WITH OUR SCHOOLS,



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1 PARTICULARLY AROUND. MANDATED REPORTING. AND I THINK AGAIN, I
2 SEE INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, BOTH MY DEPARTMENT'S
3 UNDERSTANDING OF IT, BUT ALSO THE PLAGUE THAT IT HAS IN
4 FAMILIES. WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING THERE. AND I HAVE SOME
5 IDEAS, BUT IT'S GONNA TAKE AGAIN MORE THAN JUST ME. I WILL SAY
6 A DECISION THIS BOARD MADE MAYBE NOW A YEAR AGO, I BELIEVE
7 HOLDS A LOT OF PROMISE, BUT IT HAS YET TO DELIVER ON THAT
8 PROMISE. AND THAT'S THE PREVENTION TASK FORCE. I THINK THAT IS
9 A TABLE WHERE THE DECISION MAKERS CAN SIT AND REALLY LOOK AT
10 WHAT CAN WE ALL DO TO KEEP FAMILIES STRONG. I KNOW THAT WE ARE
11 ON TRACK TO COME BACK TO THIS BOARD WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS
12 FOR FUNDING, STAFFING AND PROGRAMS. AND REALLY, IF YOU ASK ME,
13 WHAT'S THE ONE THING, WAIT TILL YOU GET THAT REPORT AND THEN
14 LET'S WORK AROUND THAT REPORT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS
15 THAT COME OUT OF IT.

16
17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. WE THANK YOU. AND AS SUPERVISOR
18 MITCHELL SAID, YOU'RE HARDWORKING MEN AND WOMEN IN YOUR
19 DEPARTMENT WHO EVERY DAY ARE REALLY ON THE FRONT LINES.

20
21 **BRANDON T. NICHOLS:** THANK YOU.

22
23 **SUP. JANICH HAHN:** SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM
24 CHAIR.



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY, SUPERVISOR BERGER.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I ALSO WANNA THANK YOU FOR
4 THIS MOTION. AND I WONDER, AND I DON'T KNOW IF DR. SCORSESE,
5 YOU CAN ASK THIS, OR BRANDON, IN TERMS OF IS THERE ONE REGION
6 THAT IS GETTING A VOLUME OF REPORTS OR CALLS COMING IN WHERE
7 THE REMOVAL FROM HOME IS HIGHER? IS THERE A REGION WHERE YOU
8 SEE THE SPIKE?

9

10 **BRANDON T. NICHOLS:** YEAH, SO I DO LOOK AT THOSE NUMBERS. THERE
11 ARE HOT SPOTS IN THE COUNTY WHERE WE GET MORE CALLS THAN NOT.
12 FRANKLY, THE HOT SPOTS ARE SPA 6 AND SPA 1 AND THAT'S WHY THE
13 ANTELOPE VALLEY PARTICULARLY THE LANCASTER OFFICE VERY HIGH
14 RISK LOTS OF CALLS AND I WILL SAY AND IT MAY SURPRISE SOME
15 FOLKS I WAS HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH SOME OF MY STAFF THIS
16 WEEK AROUND OUR DATA THE LANCASTER OFFICE HAS THE MOST BLACK
17 CHILDREN OF ANY OFFICE IN OUR WHOLE COUNTY.

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND FOLLOWING UP ON THAT, 2 THINGS TO
20 FOLLOW UP ON. NUMBER 1, WHAT IMPACT DO THE FATALITIES THAT WE
21 HAD UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IMPACT SOCIAL WORKERS' DECISION.
22 BECAUSE WE DIDN'T SEE THE NUMBER GO UP THE LAST TIME IN TERMS
23 OF THOSE WHO WERE TAKEN OUT, BUT I'M JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW HOW
24 THAT PLAYS IN THIS IDEA.

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1 **BRANDON T. NICHOLS:** THERE'S 2 POTENTIAL REACTIONS, I THINK, TO
2 A BAD FATALITY. ONE REACTION IS WE'RE GONNA SWOOP THEM ALL UP
3 AND PUT THEM IN A PLASTIC BUBBLE SO THAT NO KID EVER GETS HURT
4 AGAIN. BUT WHEN WE DO THAT, WE VACUUM IN HUNDREDS OF KIDS THAT
5 COULD SAFELY BE LIVING WITH THEIR FAMILY. THE OTHER REACTION,
6 AND IT IS THE ONE, AGAIN, I'M PROUD THAT THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN
7 AROUND THE FATALITIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS
8 LET'S MAKE INVESTMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY TO KEEP KIDS SAFELY AT
9 HOME. SO, OUR CASE LOADS, FOR EXAMPLE, SOCIAL WORKERS WERE
10 CARRYING AT WELL, I MEAN, IN RECENT MEMORY, 20 TO 30 CASES PER
11 SOCIAL WORKER. NOW THEY'RE DOWN TO ABOUT 14. AND THAT MEANS
12 SOCIAL WORKERS CAN SPEND MORE TIME ENGAGING WITH FAMILIES,
13 COMING UP WITH SAFETY PLANS, DOING THE INVESTIGATIONS THAT
14 NEED TO BE DONE AND ALSO CONNECTING FAMILIES TO SERVICES. SO
15 THOSE INVESTMENTS IS IN MY OPINION, THE HEALTHIER REACTION TO
16 A BAD OUTCOME RATHER THAN, LET'S JUST PICK THEM ALL UP. IT'S
17 EASY TO BUY A VAN, A COUNTY VAN AND DRIVE AROUND AND JUST
18 SWOOP UP A BUNCH OF KIDS, THAT IS NOT THE DIRECTION WE WANT TO
19 GO. SO UNFORTUNATELY, WE PROBABLY WILL FACE THAT MOMENT AGAIN
20 IN OUR FUTURE. AND I URGE THIS BOARD TO BE CALM, TO REALLY
21 CONSIDER IT AND THINK ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF THE DECISIONS THAT
22 WE MAKE.

23
24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND I DON'T KNOW IF WE HAVE AN ANSWER TO
25 THIS, BUT WHEN I WAS UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND WENT TO OUR



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SUPERVISORS

1 NEW INTERIM HOUSING FOR FAMILIES, OVERWHELMING NUMBER WERE
2 PEOPLE OF COLOR. AND I HAVE TO WONDER WHY, I GUESS I'M ASKING
3 YOU, WHAT IS OUR POLICY? BECAUSE BEING HOMELESS IS NOT A
4 REASON TO TAKE A CHILD OUT OF THE HOME. SO I GUESS I WOULD
5 ASK, ARE WE TRACKING THAT? BECAUSE THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT ONE
6 OF THE MOTHERS WASN'T FEAR OF IS HAVING HER CHILDREN TAKEN
7 AWAY BECAUSE THEY WERE LIVING IN A MOTEL, LIVING IN THEIR CAR.
8 AND I HAVE TO WONDER IF THAT'S ALSO SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO
9 REALLY STAY LASER FOCUSED ON.

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11 **BRANDON T. NICHOLS:** SO, THERE WAS A TIME WHEN EVEN A BOARD
12 MEMBER WAS OF THE OPINION THAT EVERY CHILD IN A HOMELESS
13 SITUATION WAS SO AT RISK, THEY NEEDED TO BE REMOVED FROM THEIR
14 FAMILY. I WILL TELL YOU, WE'RE MOVING BEYOND THAT POINT IN
15 HISTORY. WE ASSESS EVERY CASE ON ITS INDIVIDUAL FACTS. THERE
16 ARE LOVING HOMELESS PARENTS THAT PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT
17 FOR THEIR KID. IT'S NOT THE ENVIRONMENT THAT'S IDEAL. IT'S NOT
18 AN ENVIRONMENT YOU'D WANT A KID LIVING IN, BUT THEY ARE SAFE.
19 THAT SAID, HOMELESSNESS IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT CAUSES A
20 FAMILY TO STRESS OUT AND WOBBLE AND GET TO A POINT WHERE A KID
21 COULD GET HURT. SO WE TAKE IT SERIOUSLY AND WE NEED MORE
22 HOUSING RESOURCES FOR OUR FAMILIES. SUPERVISOR HAHN ASKED,
23 WHAT CAN THE BOARD DO TO SUPPORT CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING. I
24 WOULD SAY PRIORITIZE FAMILIES FOR HOUSING, FOR EXAMPLE. WE'RE
25 PROBABLY TAKING FAMILIES INTO CARE THAT IF THEY HAD A HOUSE,



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1 THEIR STRESS LEVELS, THE OTHER FACTORS, THEIR NEED TO RELY ON
2 SUBSTANCES, THEIR FIGHTING AMONGST EACH OTHER WOULD ALLEVIATE
3 IF THEY HAD STABLE HOUSING. SO THOSE ARE THE DRIVERS AND THE
4 THINGS THAT BRING KIDS INTO MY SYSTEM, OR YOUR SYSTEM.

5
6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND I WOULD SAY THAT UP IN THE ANTELOPE
7 VALLEY WHERE THE NUMBER IS INCREDIBLY HIGH IN TERMS OF OUR
8 CASELOADS AND REPORTING COMMAND. THAT IS WHERE WE PRIORITIZE
9 FAMILY HOUSING. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. AND WHEN WE
10 FIRST OPENED THAT FACILITY, IT WAS FULL WITHIN A WEEK. AND
11 THAT TELLS ME THAT THE NEED IS THERE AND IT'S REAL. SO I
12 APPRECIATE THAT. AND THEN MY LAST QUESTION, AND I DON'T KNOW,
13 DR. SCORZA, IN TERMS OF THE TRAINING, I BELIEVE, AND I'VE GONE
14 OUT AND TALKED TO SOCIAL WORKERS WHO ON DIFFERENT ISSUES FEEL
15 LIKE THEY'RE GETTING TRAINED MORE THAN THEY'RE BEING SOCIAL
16 WORKERS. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO PUT A TRAINING
17 CURRICULUM TOGETHER THAT ACTUALLY DOES ADDRESS THESE ISSUES.
18 BUT I'M WONDERING ALSO IF WE ARE WORKING WITH LIKE CAL STATE
19 LA, WITH AV COLLEGE, WITH USC SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, TO HAVE
20 THEM INCORPORATE CURRICULUM FOR IMPLICIT BIAS INTO THEIR
21 TRAINING FOR SOCIAL WORKERS THAT WE ARE HIRING AS SOON AS WE
22 CAN WHEN THEY RECEIVE THEIR DEGREE.

23
24 **DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT QUESTION,
25 MADAM SUPERVISOR. I WILL TELL YOU, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT



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SUPERVISORS

1 WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT AND HAS ALSO COME OUT OF THE WORK
2 WITH THE PRISCO CENTER IS AN UNDERSTANDING AND IDENTIFICATION
3 OF THE FACTORS THAT ARE CONTRIBUTING TO DISPROPORTIONALITY IN
4 THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM. I THINK TO HELP ANSWER THAT
5 QUESTION, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE DIRECTORS IN THIS MOTION CALLS
6 FOR PRODUCING AN EQUITY AUDIT. AND THAT EQUITY AUDIT WILL
7 ENABLE US TO EXAMINE WHICH TRAININGS, PRACTICES, POLICIES, AND
8 ACTIVITIES ARE WORKING OR CAN BE EFFECTIVE SO WE CAN BETTER
9 UNDERSTAND HOW THAT CAN IMPROVE STAFF COMPETENCIES. I DO
10 BELIEVE WE CAN WORK WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS, LOCAL ACADEMIC
11 INSTITUTIONS, TO STRENGTHEN SOME OF THOSE TRAININGS. BUT AS
12 DIRECTOR NICHOLS MENTIONED, TRAINING IS BUT ONE PART OF IT,
13 RIGHT? THERE'S BEHAVIORAL CHANGE, THERE NEEDS TO BE
14 CONVERSATIONS AROUND RACIAL DISPROPORTIONALITY, UNDERSTANDING
15 THE ROLE THAT THE CARCERAL SYSTEM PLAYS IN THIS AS WELL. SO I
16 CAN IMAGINE SOMETHING WE CAN DO THROUGH THE AUDIT PROCESS
17 WOULD BE TO EXPLORE POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH THOSE
18 ORGANIZATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS TO HELP SUPPORT A DEEPER
19 HOLISTIC APPROACH TO CULTURAL CHANGE, REALLY SHIFTING THE
20 CULTURE IN THE DEPARTMENT.

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22
23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'LL JUST ADD TO LASA,



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1 AT LASA COMMITTEE LAST FRIDAY, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT
2 AGENDIZING THE POLICY DISCUSSION AROUND PRIORITIZING FAMILIES
3 AND CHILDREN. SO THAT'S ON OUR AGENDA. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU,
6 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND TO HORVATH, TOO, FOR BRINGING THIS
7 FORWARD. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR SO LONG, DECADES, AND I'M
8 EXCITED THAT WE'RE GONNA BE ABLE TO LOOK AT REALLY A DEEP DIVE
9 IN TERMS OF NOT JUST THE DATA, BUT WHAT CAN WE DO RIGHT NOW
10 IMMEDIATELY IN OUR OWN CONTROL IN TERMS OF OUR STAFFING AND
11 GIVING THE RIGHT MESSAGING AND TRAINING. AND ACTUALLY, I WANNA
12 GO A STEP FURTHER BECAUSE I REALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS IMPACTS
13 FAMILIES OF COLOR, BLACK, LATINO, NATIVE AMERICAN, AND OTHER,
14 AND IT'S TIME THAT THE COUNTY START TO LOOK AT OTHER RESOURCES
15 OUTSIDE OF OUR OWN PURVIEW, THAT WE CAN ASSIST THEM COMING
16 INTO OUR INTEGRATED SYSTEMS AND HELPING US INFORM OUR STAFFS,
17 BUT ALSO A NEW WAY OF TALKING AND SPEAKING TO OUR VERY
18 CLIENTS, NOT JUST IN THEIR LANGUAGE, BUT WITH THEM, NOT AT
19 THEM, BUT WITH THEM. AND I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, WE, BRANDON,
20 YOU AND I HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS A LONG TIME, ABOUT THE
21 BARRIERS THAT EXIST EVEN FOR LATINO FAMILIES AND TRYING TO
22 UNDERSTAND HOW TO DEAL WITH THE CHALLENGES AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS
23 AND I GET IT, YOU CAN'T DO IT ALL ALONE, BUT I REALLY WANNA
24 SEE US THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX WITH ALL OUR PARTNERS, THESE
25 DEPARTMENTS THAT YOU'VE LISTED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM, ALL OF



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1 THEM HAVE FUNDING STREAMS TO HELP US INTERACT AND HOPEFULLY
2 PROVIDE A BETTER POSTURE FOR SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY-BASED
3 LEADERS AND GROUPS THAT ARE WILLING TO HELP US ON THIS. AND I
4 THINK I WANT TO CHALLENGE US TO DO THAT. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW
5 IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS ON IT. I KNOW THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS
6 PUZZLED ME BECAUSE EVERY YEAR OR SO WE GET SOME EGREGIOUS
7 REPORTS FROM MY DISTRICT, EVEN FROM WHERE I LIVE IN EL MONTE,
8 THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING WITH OUR PARENTS AND SOME OF THESE
9 PARENTS IN NAME ONLY, BUT NEED MORE THAN JUST BEING CALLED A
10 PARENT. THEY NEED MUCH MORE.

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12 **BRANDON T. NICHOLS:** WELL, I MEAN, YOU'VE SAID IT ALL,
13 ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR, IT'S SORT OF A MIC DROP. I DON'T KNOW
14 HOW TO FOLLOW IT OTHER THAN TO SAY, WE'RE TRYING TO MOVE
15 UPSTREAM AS FAR AS WE CAN. AND EVENTUALLY THAT LEAVES THE
16 JURISDICTION OF DCFS AND DOES MOVE TO THE COMMUNITY. THAT'S
17 WHERE PREVENTION NEEDS TO LIE. IN MY OPINION, I THINK IT'S THE
18 SCHOOLS. THE SCHOOLS ARE THE ARCHWAY THAT CHILDREN PASS
19 THROUGH. WE NEED TO STRENGTHEN OUR SCHOOLS. AND MANDATED
20 REPORTING IS PART OF THAT. I'M MEETING WITH DR. DUARTEAU, I
21 BELIEVE IT'S NEXT WEEK TO DO A PODCAST FOR TEACHERS ON
22 MANDATED REPORTING. BUT IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A HOOK IN THE
23 COMMUNITY, I THINK SCHOOLS IS THE PLACE WHERE WE NEED TO MAKE
24 INVESTMENTS AND PULL THEM INTO THIS CONVERSATION. AND I WOULD
25 EVEN GO A STEP FURTHER THAN THAT, CHILDCARE.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. BECAUSE THAT, I MEAN,
3 THAT'S THE FIRST LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION. AND IN MANY WAYS, WE
4 HAVE ACCESS TO, YOU KNOW, THE FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS THAT
5 EXIST RIGHT NOW, RIGHT? AND THEY'RE TARGETING THE TITLE I
6 SCHOOLS, THE MOST NEEDY. WE NEED TO GO A STEP FURTHER, GO STEP
7 DOWN, NOT JUST, OKAY, I GET IT, TALK TO, YOU KNOW, TALK TO
8 GERARDO, WHO'S GREAT, BUT I'M SAYING, WE NEED TO TALK TO THOSE
9 OTHER GROUPS THAT ARE OUT THERE THAT ARE DOING THE HARD WORK
10 AND ALSO DON'T HAVE ANY TOOLS. AND I'M SURE WOULD WELCOME
11 THIS. IF YOU WERE TO CONVENE A GROUP OF HEAD START MEMBERS
12 FROM AROUND OUR COUNTIES, ESPECIALLY IN SPA 6 AND IN
13 LANCASTER, AS YOU SAID, I BET YOU WOULD HAVE PEOPLE THAT WOULD
14 COME AND START THAT DISCUSSION WITH THEM SO IT STARTS TO
15 TRICKLE FROM THE BOTTOM UP.

16

17 **BRANDON T. NICHOLS:** I'M SURE YOU'RE RIGHT

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND WITH FAITH, I THINK YOU GOT TO HAVE THE
20 FAITH-BASED GROUPS AS EQUALLY ENGAGED IN THIS THANK YOU. THANK
21 YOU. MADAM CHAIR.

22

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



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
3 FORWARD? MISHA MCCOY AND MONTU, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
4 WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER, FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
5 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 2, IF YOU HAVE
6 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN
7 THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE
8 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

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13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THAT'S KIND OF FLATTERING. I THOUGHT
14 THERE'D BE MORE INTERESTED PARTIES, BUT I WANT TO THANK THE
15 PRITZKER'S, THE UNIVERSITY OF UCLA, BASICALLY, THE PRITZKER
16 CENTER FOR STRENGTHENING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BEYOND BLIND
17 REMOVAL, COLOR CONSCIOUSNESS, AND ANTI-RACISM IN LA COUNTY
18 CHILD WELFARE REPORT. THAT IS A MOUTHFUL, AND I'M GOING TO SAY
19 WE NEED MORE PLAIN ENGLISH. PEOPLE ARE GETTING CONFUSED, OKAY.
20 YES, WE UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENTIAL RACIAL BIAS, BUT THERE'S A
21 HORRIBLE TRADITION OF RACISM IN THE GCFS. EVEN THOUGH THERE
22 ARE MANY PEOPLE OF COLOR WORKING THERE, THE WHOLE SYSTEM IS
23 SKEWED AND AWFUL. SO WE DO NEED TO WORK ON THAT AND THAT'S
24 WHERE I THINK IT'S GOOD TO BE BENDING TOWARD PREVENTION BUT I
25 DO THINK THIS ALL HAS TO BE MADE MUCH SIMPLER BECAUSE WE'RE



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1 OUT OF CONTROL THE SCHOOLS IS A GOOD SPOT BUT WE DON'T WANT
2 BASICALLY PEOPLE REPORTING LIKE CRAZY AND THEN REMOVING KIDS
3 BECAUSE PEOPLE HATE EACH OTHER UNFORTUNATELY AND IN THIS
4 ENVIRONMENT PEOPLE WILL START TAGGING ONE ANOTHER WE NEED TO
5 DISMANTLE THIS SYSTEM JUST LIKE WE'RE TAKING APART YOUTH
6 PROBATION. WE'VE MADE A BIGGER MESS --

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8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** PLEASE OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KEVIN CURTIS YOU MAY
11 BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HI, THANK YOU FOR THIS TOPIC, YOU KNOW, I'M GONNA
14 JUST CUT RIGHT TO THE CHASE. I'VE BEEN A FOSTER PARENT SINCE
15 2020. I'VE HAD A TOTAL OF 9 CHILDREN IN MY CARE. I'M A 37-
16 YEAR-OLD SINGLE MAN IN VAN NUYS. I'VE MET A LOT OF SOCIAL
17 WORKERS, AND I'VE HAD ONE TEAM OF SOCIAL WORKERS THAT HAS BEEN
18 LOVING AND KIND TO THESE CHILDREN. AND AS OF THE CHILD THAT
19 I'VE ADOPTED CURRENTLY WHO'S 15 MONTHS OLD, I'VE HAD 8 INFANTS
20 AND 1 10-YEAR-OLD. I UNDERSTAND THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH, YOU
21 KNOW, THE WAY PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE TREATED IN THE SYSTEM. I
22 AGREE WITH ALL OF THIS, BUT THERE'S A BIGGER PROBLEM. IT'S THE
23 PEOPLE WE HAVE WORKING FOR DCFS AND THE LACK OF EDUCATION THAT
24 IS BEING HAPPENING. YOU MENTIONED SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT
25 ABOUT ROUNDTABLES. WHY IS IT THAT I HAVE TO RANDOMLY BE



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1 SCROLLING THROUGH YOUTUBE TO SEE A RANDOM BOARD MEETING AND
2 JUST LISTEN TO SEE A RANDOM AGENDA ITEM WHERE YOU START
3 TALKING ABOUT THESE ISSUES AND A ROUNDTABLE? --

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

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8 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS TO
9 ADJUST THE BOARD.

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. MODERATOR. AND
12 KEVIN, YOU ARE IN OUR DISTRICT, IN DISTRICT 3, AND WE HAVE
13 YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, SO MY TEAM WILL FOLLOW UP WITH YOU
14 DIRECTLY TO SEE IF WE CAN PROVIDE YOU SOME ASSISTANCE. WE'LL
15 GO TO SPEAKERS IN THE ROOM, GO RIGHT AHEAD.

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17 **SPEAKER:** YES, MY NAME IS MANTU. I MUST SAY THAT MY CASE WITH
18 MY KIDS, IT IS THE GROUND 0 OF EVERYTHING THAT COULD GO WRONG.
19 AS A BLACK FATHER, FOR 14 YEARS THEY TRIED TO HAVE ME GO AWAY
20 AND LEAVE MY KIDS BEHIND AND I COULD NOT DO THAT BECAUSE THOSE
21 ARE MY BABIES. I DON'T CARE HOW THEY WOULD GET, THEY WOULD
22 STILL BE MY BABIES. SOME OF THEM ARE STILL MY KIDS. NO WAY. I
23 CAN ALLOW THAT. AND BLACK FATHERS LOVE THEIR KIDS. BLACK
24 FATHERS LOVE THEIR KIDS JUST LIKE A WHITE FATHER, A MEXICAN
25 FATHER, OR A HISPANIC FATHER, ASIAN FATHER. OK, AND SOME OF



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1 THE LAWYERS THAT WILL REPRESENT YOU BECAUSE YOU POOR AT THE
2 COURT THERE, THEY'RE CRIMINALS. AND THE SOCIAL WORKERS ARE
3 CRIMINALS, SOME OF THEM, OKAY? SO IT'S A VERY DEEP MATTER. YOU
4 GUYS CAN TALK ALL YOU WANT, BUT YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT'S
5 GOING ON. I'M THE FATHER. YOU SEE, THESE PEOPLE ARE REALLY
6 TRYING TO DESTROY YOUR KIDS IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES, BECAUSE
7 MAYBE BECAUSE YOU ARE NOTHING, YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE A
8 FATHER. YOU KNOW, YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO ENJOY TO BE A FATHER.

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10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME
11 HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY TODAY. NEXT
12 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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14 **SPEAKER:** YES. MY NAME IS MAISHA MCCOY. I'M AN EX FOSTER
15 STUDENT SO I DO AGREE WITH WHAT HOLLY MITCHELL HAS PROPOSED IN
16 FRONT OF THE BOARD. BUT WHAT I DO FIND IRONIC IS THAT WE NEED
17 TO START INVESTIGATING THESE SHERIFFS WHEN THEY'RE MAKING
18 COMPLAINTS AND STUFF AND CALLING DCFS ON US IN RETALIATION
19 MODE. I HAVE BEEN HARASSED BY THE SHERIFFS SEVERAL TIMES AND
20 EVERY TIME I GOT IN A SUIT WITH THE SHERIFFS MY CHILDREN WAS
21 THERE BUT THEY NEVER WAS THERE. THEY HAD BEEN IN A CAR BUT
22 THEY WASN'T THERE AND THE FIRST THING THE SHERIFFS WOULD DO
23 WAS CALL DCFS AND SAY CHILD ENDANGERMENT. THAT'S NOT FAIR TO
24 MY CHILDREN. MY CHILDREN HAS TO BE HUMILIATED AT SCHOOL
25 BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE WANT TO COME UP AND TALK TO THEM AND PUT



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1 THEM OUT OF CLASS, MESSING WITH THEIR MENTAL. WHEN YOU TAKE
2 OUR CHILDREN AWAY FROM US, MAKE SURE Y'ALL PREPARE THEM FOR
3 THE FUTURE, BECAUSE A LOT OF KIDS THAT'S HOMELESS IN THE BLACK
4 COMMUNITY WAS A PART OF DCFS. I WAS ONE OF THEM. Y'ALL LEFT US
5 FOR DEAD, NO JOB, NO HOUSING, NO NOTHING. AND THE CYCLE KEEPS
6 ON REPEATING HISTORY. SO I'M HAPPY THAT YOU GUYS ARE
7 ADDRESSING THE ISSUE WITH THE BLACK COMMUNITY, BECAUSE THERE
8 IS A LOT OF DISCRIMINATION THAT'S GOING ON WITH US IN OUR
9 COMMUNITY AND IT'S TIME TO ADDRESS THAT. DCFS, LA COUNTY, THE
10 SCHOOLS AND ALL OF THAT HOUSING AS WELL. --

11
12 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
13 YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TO SHARE
14 YOUR TESTIMONY. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS IN THE ROOM?
15 OKAY. WITH THAT, ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
16 MITCHELL AND I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
17 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

18
19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 2 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AYE.



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

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4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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

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8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

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10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

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

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5
15 TO 0.

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 4 A
18 ZERO MISSION VEHICLE MASTER PLAN FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH
19 I HELD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE WANTING TO
20 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. PLEASE PRESS 1 THAN 0 NOW TO COMMENT. AND
21 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, ONCE AGAIN, FOR CO-AUTHORING
22 THIS MOTION WITH ME. THIS EARTH MONTH I AM PROUD OF THE
23 CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTS, LET ME SAY THAT AGAIN, ENVIRONMENTAL
24 JUSTICE WORK THAT THIS BOARD IS DOING TOGETHER. LAST WEEK WE
25 UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED OUR 2045 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN. 2 WEEKS



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1 AGO WE DIRECTED CHANGES TO OUR RENEWABLE ENERGY ORDINANCE THAT
2 WILL EXPAND THE AVAILABILITY OF CLEAN ENERGY COUNTYWIDE. THIS
3 MONDAY, WE'RE GOING TO BE HOSTING OUR WATER RESILIENCY SUMMIT,
4 WHERE 200 OF OUR REGION'S SENIOR WATER LEADERS WILL PLAN FOR
5 THE CLIMATE IMPACTS ON OUR WATER SYSTEM. AND NEXT TUESDAY, I
6 LOOK FORWARD TO HONORING THE ADMITTABLE JANE FONDA, OUR YOUTH
7 CLIMATE COMMISSION, AND AMERICA'S CLEAN ENERGY LEADER, OUR
8 VERY OWN CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE. THE MOTION BEFORE US TODAY
9 CENTERS ON THE SINGLE LARGEST SOURCE OF GREENHOUSE GAS
10 EMISSION IN THE COUNTY, TRANSPORTATION. THANKFULLY WE HAVE
11 SOLUTIONS, HIGH QUALITY PUBLIC TRANSIT, SAFE AND RELIABLE
12 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES, AND 0 EMISSION VEHICLES.
13 WE'VE SET BOLD GOALS IN THE OUR COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN
14 WITH A COMMITMENT TO REACH A FULLY 0 EMISSIONS FLEET BY 2035
15 AND ALL LIGHT DUTY VEHICLE PURCHASES TO BE ZERO EMISSIONS BY
16 NEXT YEAR. THE COUNTY IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE LA CLEAN
17 TECH INCUBATORS TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION PARTNERSHIP, A
18 PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOCUSED ON ACCELERATING EV ADOPTION
19 BY THE 2028 OLYMPICS. WE CAN BE PROUD THAT LA COUNTY INTERNAL
20 SERVICES DEPARTMENT ALSO OPERATES MORE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE
21 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS THAN ANYONE ELSE IN L.A. COUNTY.
22 TODAY'S MOTION TO CREATE A ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE MASTER PLAN
23 WILL BRING OUR COUNTY FLEET AND PUBLIC EV GOALS TOGETHER IN A
24 SINGLE FRAMEWORK. THE PLAN WILL ALSO ADDRESS 2 MAJOR OBSTACLES
25 TO WIDESPREAD ADOPTION OF ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES, LIMITED AND



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1 UNRELIABLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE. ACCORDING TO THE
2 CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION, WE ONLY HAVE ABOUT 30,000
3 PUBLICLY AVAILABLE EV CHARGERS IN LA COUNTY, WELL SHORT OF THE
4 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN GOAL OF 60,000 BY 2025. THIS DISPARITY
5 ESPECIALLY IMPACTS DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, RENTERS, AND
6 OTHERS WHO DO NOT HAVE AT-HOME CHARGING STATIONS, BUT WHO WANT
7 TO MAKE THE SWITCH. AS AN APARTMENT RENTER AND EV DRIVER
8 MYSELF, I UNDERSTAND THIS CHALLENGE PERSONALLY. AND WITHOUT
9 CHARGERS IN A BUILDING, I COULD NOT HAVE MADE THAT SWITCH. SO
10 IT'S BECAUSE TOO MANY OF THE CHARGERS IN LA COUNTY ARE
11 FREQUENTLY OUT OF COMMISSION, THAT UNACCEPTABLE REALITY
12 DISCOURAGES EV OWNERSHIP, AND I HAVE SEEN IT ALSO FIRSTHAND.
13 AVAILABILITY OF CHARGERS IMPACTS OUR COUNTY FLEET TOO, AND WE
14 APPROVE FAR TOO MANY EXEMPTIONS ON OUR CLEAN FLEET POLICY
15 BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT INVESTED IN SUFFICIENT CHARGING
16 INFRASTRUCTURE IN ALL CORNERS OF THE COUNTY. THIS MASTER PLAN
17 WORKS TO RESOLVE THESE CHALLENGES BY EXPANDING DEPLOYMENT OF
18 CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE, PROMOTING THE RELIABILITY OF THE
19 CHARGING NETWORK, AND ENSURING OUR PERMITTING AND ZONING
20 PRIORITIZE EV ADOPTION. THE MASTER PLAN WILL ALSO SUPPORT THE
21 WORKFORCE NEEDED TO SERVICE ZERO EMISSIONS VEHICLES AND
22 CHARGERS AND PRIORITIZE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE FACED BARRIERS TO
23 EMPLOYMENT FOR THIS GREEN JOBS TRANSITION. I WANNA THANK
24 COUNTY STAFF, PARTICULARLY ISD AND OUR CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY
25 OFFICE WHO HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB PAVING THIS ROAD TO



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1 DATE. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SUPERVISOR HAHN WHO I KNOW
2 LAID A FOUNDATION FOR THIS WORK IN A PREVIOUS MOTION, SO THANK
3 YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. AND I AM PERSONALLY, I KNOW WE ALL
4 ARE DEDICATED TO TRANSPORTATION DECARBONIZATION, AND THIS ZERO
5 EMISSION VEHICLE MASTER PLAN WILL MOVE US TOWARDS CLEANER AIR
6 AND A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. AND I WILL TURN IT TO SUPERVISOR
7 MITCHELL.

8

9 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR, FOR
10 ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS IMPORTANT AND TIMELY MOTION THAT
11 WILL HOPEFULLY NOT ONLY HELP US ATTAIN THE GOALS IN OUR COUNTY
12 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN, BUT WILL ALSO INFLUENCE THIS CONVERSATION
13 THAT WE'RE HAVING, I'M HAVING, IT FEELS LIKE, WEEKLY BETWEEN
14 METRO CONVERSATIONS AROUND ELECTRIFYING OUR BUS FLEET, BETWEEN
15 MY AQMD EXPERIENCE, WHERE WE TALK ABOUT SEVERE NON-ATTAINMENT,
16 AND WHY WE MUST ELECTRIFY. AND AS YOU SAID, MAKING SURE, YOU
17 KNOW, THIS IS A CART BEFORE THE HORSE KIND OF SCENARIO WHERE
18 POLICY FROM THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT HAVE COME DOWN
19 ENCOURAGING US ALL TO ELECTRIFY EVERYTHING FROM OUR CARS TO
20 OUR APPLIANCES AT HOME, BUT REALLY MAKING SURE THAT THE GRID
21 CAN HANDLE IT, PARTICULARLY IN OLDER NEIGHBORHOODS WITH OLDER
22 INFRASTRUCTURE, AND IN THIS CASE, MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE A
23 PLAN FOR GREATER EV CHARGING CAPACITY. I WANT US TO CONTINUE
24 TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR PRINCIPLES OF
25 EQUITY WITH THE GREATEST INVESTMENTS GOING TO COMMUNITIES THAT



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1 HAVE BEEN OVERBURDENED BY ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICES IN LINE
2 WITH THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S JUSTICE 40 PRINCIPLES THAT
3 WE'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT. AND WE KNOW THAT THAT'S GUIDING THE
4 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING PRIORITIES AS WELL. BUILDING THE
5 INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK REQUIRED TO CHANGE EVS AT A SCALE
6 NEEDED TO DRAMATICALLY REDUCE BOTH LOCAL AND GLOBAL WARMING
7 POLLUTION MEANS EVEN MORE CLEAN ENERGY CAREERS. AND SO AS PART
8 OF THE MASTER PLAN, WE'VE GOT TO PRIORITIZE HIGH ROAD CAREERS
9 FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I EXPECT THAT OUR
10 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND ISD WILL CONTINUE
11 WORKING TOGETHER TO TRAIN COHORTS OF JOB SEEKERS IN THE
12 ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING PROGRAM
13 CERTIFICATION. I ALSO WANT TO ENSURE THAT WE MEET OUR EV
14 CHARGING NEEDS AT COUNTY FACILITIES AND WE FIND PATHWAYS FOR
15 THOSE WITH BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT INTO GOOD COUNTY JOBS. SO I
16 LOOK FORWARD TO ESTABLISHING DEFINED METRICS TO TRACK OUR
17 PROGRESS AND SUCCESS AS WE BUILD OUT THE GREEN ECONOMY OF THE
18 FUTURE WHILE ELECTRIFYING OUR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE.
19 IT IS A PERFECT MARRIAGE OF EXPANDING CAREERS IN THE NEW GREEN
20 TECHNOLOGY, AND SO I HOPE THAT WE CONTINUE TO MAKE THAT A
21 PRIORITY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** COULDN'T AGREE MORE. SUPERVISOR
24 HAHN.



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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YEAH, I WAS SITTING
2 HERE KIND OF REMEMBERING BACK IN THE 50S AND 60S, SOME OF YOU
3 ARE OLD ENOUGH, SOME OF YOU ARE NOT OLD ENOUGH, WHERE THE SMOG
4 WAS SO THICK IN THE LA BASIN. I AM OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER
5 GOING TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ACTUALLY HAVING SMOG DAYS WHERE
6 WE WERE, IT WAS THE FIRST SHELTER IN PLACE, RIGHT? WE HAD TO
7 STAY INSIDE DURING RECESS AND LUNCH BECAUSE THE AIR WAS SO
8 TOXIC AND WHEN YOU TOOK A DEEP BREATH, IT ACTUALLY HURT YOUR
9 CHEST. MY DAD WAS AT THAT TIME THEY WERE TRYING TO BLAME SMOG
10 ON MANUFACTURING AND THEY WOULD SHOW PICTURES OF THOSE
11 SMOKESTACKS OF COMING OUT OF A MANUFACTURING BUILDING, BUT MY
12 DAD WAS THE FIRST ONE THAT, HE STARTED WRITING LETTERS TO
13 HENRY FORD III, ACCUSING THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY OF BEING THE
14 REAL CULPRIT IN THE SMOG. AND THEY FINALLY DID MAKE THE
15 CONNECTION BETWEEN WHAT COMES OUT OF THE TAILPIPE AND HOW THAT
16 INFLUENCES OUR AIR QUALITY. AND BECAUSE OF HIS RELENTLESS
17 ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY, THAT BEGAN THE
18 MOVEMENT TOWARD CLEANER, MORE ACCOUNTABLE CARS AT LEAST. AND
19 WE, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, WE DON'T HAVE THOSE KINDS OF DAYS
20 ANYMORE, BUT STILL THERE IS SUCH A CONNECTION BETWEEN WHAT
21 COMES OUT OF THE TAILPIPE IN TERMS OF GREENHOUSE GASES, HOW
22 THAT INFLUENCES OUR CLIMATE CHANGE. AND SO, THIS MOTION IS
23 GREAT. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND
24 MITCHELL FOR YOU KNOW GIVING US A BLUEPRINT A PATHWAY FORWARD
25 TO ACTUALLY REALLY HAVE A ZERO EMISSIONS VEHICLE MASTER PLAN



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1 IN THE COUNTY. NOW MY MOTION IN 2021 WAS JUST ABOUT THE
2 INFRASTRUCTURE RIGHT I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE
3 COUNTY BEGAN LOOKING AT WHERE CHARGING STATIONS GO AND HOW WE
4 COULD TRANSITION OUR COUNTY FLEET TO ZERO EMISSIONS, BUT THAT
5 WAS REALLY ONLY ONE PIECE OF IT. AND THE WHOLE ZERO EMISSIONS
6 VEHICLES IDEA, HOLLY, I THINK YOU CALLED IT THE CART AND THE
7 HORSE, I WAS CALLING IT THE CHICKEN AND THE EGG, RIGHT? IT'S
8 LIKE, DO YOU BUILD THE INFRASTRUCTURE FIRST AND THEN HOPE
9 PEOPLE BUY EVS? BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE WERE NOT BUYING EVS
10 BECAUSE THERE WAS NO INFRASTRUCTURE. SO THAT WAS A PROBLEM
11 WHEN I WAS IN CONGRESS, AND WE TALKED ABOUT A LOT OF THAT IN
12 TERMS OF NATIONAL POLICIES. SO, THANK YOU FOR THIS. I THINK IT
13 PUTS US FORWARD ON DOING MORE THAN JUST THE INFRASTRUCTURE,
14 RIGHT? TALKING ABOUT EXPANDING, PROMOTING EV OWNERSHIP, I
15 THINK THAT IS A REALLY CRITICAL PIECE OF THIS. HOW DO WE GET
16 MORE PEOPLE INTERESTED? AND I THINK A LOT OF IT HAS TO DO WITH
17 WHERE THESE CHARGING STATIONS ARE. YOU KNOW, ARE THEY IN
18 PLACES WHERE APARTMENT BUILDINGS, ARE THEY AT THE BEACH, ARE
19 THEY AT THE STADIUMS, ARE THEY AT THE GROCERY STORE? I THINK
20 WE'VE BEEN VERY LIMITED INTO WHERE PEOPLE ACTUALLY THINK THEY
21 CAN CHARGE. AND I THINK THAT AFFECTS PEOPLE. MY FIRST EV WAS
22 COMPLETELY ALL ELECTRIC. IT WAS A NISSAN LEAF. AND IT ONLY HAD
23 80 MILES TO THE CHARGE. THEY DESCRIBED THIS NEW ANXIETY AS
24 RANGE ANXIETY, RIGHT? THAT PEOPLE HAD, YOU START SWEATING WHEN
25 YOU SEE THE BARS GOING DOWN, YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THE NEXT



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1 CHARGING STATION IS AND YOU COULD BE TRAPPED. SO I THINK
2 OBVIOUSLY MOST OF THESE ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES HAVE A LOT
3 LONGER RANGE, SO WE DON'T HAVE AS MUCH AS THAT, BUT I THINK IT
4 MATTERS HOW WE THOUGHTFULLY ROLL OUT THIS PLAN AND ENCOMPASS
5 EVERYTHING FROM THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO PROMOTING HOME
6 OWNERSHIP, I MEAN EV OWNERSHIP, TO ENHANCING, I THINK THERE'S
7 PART OF THIS THAT'S GONNA EVEN ENHANCE THE CHARGER
8 RELIABILITY. AND WE NEED TO GET TO THE FAST CHARGERS, RIGHT,
9 SO THAT PEOPLE CAN CHARGE UP QUICKLY AS THEY GO ABOUT THEIR
10 DAY. SO, THANK YOU FOR THIS. THIS IS GOOD. I THINK THIS REALLY
11 GONNA MAKE LA COUNTY A MODEL IN HOW WE DO THIS. THANK YOU.

12
13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I LOVE YOUR STORIES. IF YOU
14 WEREN'T ALREADY SUPERVISOR, I'D VOTE FOR YOU FOR COUNTY
15 HISTORIAN. YOU HAVE THE BEST CONTEXT FOR ALL OF THIS WORK.
16 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

17
18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** MAKES ME KIND OF SAD THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT
19 IT AS LIKE HISTORY STORIES.

20
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH, NO, I KNOW. YEAH.

22
23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I MEAN, YOU DID ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
24 I WASN'T ALIVE, SO.



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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I WASN'T GOING TO SAY IT, BUT I WAS
2 THINKING IT. YEAH, YEAH, THAT'S OKAY. THAT'S OKAY. WISDOM WITH
3 AGE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR
4 BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. THE INCREASED ADOPTION OF ZERO
5 EMISSION VEHICLES IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE PURSUIT OF THE
6 COUNTY'S CLIMATE GOALS AND EFFORTS TO DECARBONIZE SOME OF THE
7 LARGEST SOURCES OF EMISSIONS, AS YOU HEARD FROM OUR HISTORIAN,
8 JANICE HAHN. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE MOST POPULOUS COUNTY IN
9 THE NATION SET AN EXAMPLE WHEREVER IT IS FEASIBLE TO DO SO. AS
10 WE LOOK TO PURSUE THESE ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE PLANS, IT IS
11 IMPORTANT THAT WE ENGAGE STATE AGENCIES SUCH AS THE CALIFORNIA
12 ENERGY COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHO
13 HAVE A PARTNERSHIP TO TRACK THE SALES AND POPULATION OF LIGHT-
14 DUTY ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES IN CALIFORNIA. THIS CAN HELP US
15 BETTER UNDERSTAND WHERE ADOPTION IS SUCCEEDING AND WHERE WE
16 CAN ENHANCE OUR EFFORTS TO INCREASE ADOPTIONS, ESPECIALLY IN
17 OUR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. WHILE WE CONTINUE TO EXPAND AND
18 PROMOTE ADOPTION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, THERE ARE STILL
19 MANY WHO RELY ON PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES. I THINK IT IS
20 IMPORTANT THAT WHEREVER POSSIBLE WE STREAMLINE THE PERMITTING
21 OF EV CHARGERS IN COMMERCIAL AREAS TO INCREASE THE ACCESS TO
22 PUBLIC CHARGERS. RESIDENTIAL AREAS SHOULD BE STREAMLINED TO
23 PROMOTE BOTH PUBLIC AND RESIDENTIAL EV CHARGING SO THAT THERE
24 IS ABILITY TO CHARGE VEHICLES WITH GREATER EASE WHILE VEHICLES
25 ARE PARKED AT HOME. ONE OF THE CONVENIENCES OF CURRENT



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1 INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE VEHICLES IS THAT PEOPLE CAN QUICKLY
2 FUEL THEIR VEHICLES ALMOST ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY, SIGNALING A
3 ROBUST NETWORK OF RELIABLE AND AFFORDABLE LEVEL 2 AND LEVEL 3
4 CHARGING IS CRITICAL TO REMOVING THE BARRIERS FOR ELECTRICAL
5 VEHICLE ADOPTION, SOMETHING I KNOW, CHAIR, THAT YOU POINTED
6 OUT WHEN YOU WERE CONSIDERING GETTING YOURS, I MEAN, IN TERMS
7 OF HOW YOU WERE GOING TO CHARGE IT. I AGREE THAT IF WE CAN, WE
8 MUST IMPLEMENT RELIABILITY STANDARDS TO ENSURE THAT OUR
9 RESIDENTS DO NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT RANGE ANXIETY. AND WHILE
10 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TYPES OF SPEEDS OF CHARGERS, WE HAVE TO
11 ADVOCATE FOR A UNIVERSAL STANDARD. AS WE PURSUE A ZERO
12 EMISSION VEHICLE PLAN, IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE
13 WILL BE VEHICLES IN OUR FLEET THAT WE CAN REPLACE WITH EVS,
14 BUT THERE WILL BE SOME THAT WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REPLACE AT
15 THIS TIME. IN THOSE INSTANCES, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US
16 TO BE REALISTIC THAT THERE ARE MANY OTHER AREAS, ESPECIALLY
17 AROUND INFRASTRUCTURE, THAT WE CAN FOCUS ON WHILE THE
18 TECHNOLOGY IMPROVES TO TRANSITION ALL OF OUR FLEET INTO
19 ELECTRIC VEHICLES. IN THE INTERIM, WE MUST BE MINDFUL THAT WE
20 ARE ADOPTING, THAT WHAT WE ARE ADOPTING IN OUR FLEET AND
21 IMPLEMENT OPTIONS THAT ALLOW US AS MANY CHARGING TYPES TO
22 ACCESS THE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BOTH STAFF AND FOR
23 RESIDENTS. THIS INFRASTRUCTURE WILL REQUIRE SKILLED LABOR TO
24 ENSURE NOT ONLY THAT WE ARE BUILDING, BUT THAT WE ARE ALSO
25 MAINTAINING THIS INFRASTRUCTURE. THE VEHICLES WE ADOPT WILL



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1 REQUIRE SERVICING, AND THUS WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE
2 WORKFORCE AND ABILITY TO TRAIN INDIVIDUALS TO SAFELY KEEP
3 THESE VEHICLES ON THE ROAD. THIS RAISES QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS
4 ABOUT THE NEED TO ADVOCATE FOR THE RIGHT TO REPAIR AS WE MUST
5 ENSURE THAT TRAINED INDIVIDUALS WITH THE SKILL SET TO MAINTAIN
6 THESE VEHICLES CAN DO SO AND TO ENSURE OEMS AREN'T
7 MONOPOLIZING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR. FINALLY, I WANNA
8 EMPHASIZE THAT WE NEED TO LOOK TO THE FUTURE AND ENSURE ROBUST
9 PLAN TO RECYCLE AND DIVERT EV BATTERIES ONCE OUR VEHICLES
10 REACH THE END OF LIFE TO ENSURE THAT WE MAXIMIZE, I MEAN,
11 MINIMIZE WHAT GOES INTO A LANDFILL AND REUSE THE RARE EARTHS
12 AND MINERALS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. I URGE THAT WE BE EQUALLY
13 AMBITIOUS ABOUT SAFEGUARDING AGAINST ACTIONS THAT COULD RESULT
14 IN WASTE THAT CAN DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT A SELECT NUMBER OF
15 COMMUNITIES. I'M DONE. THANK YOU.

16
17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I THINK I HAD RANGE ANXIETY THIS
18 MORNING WHEN I WAS AT 10% AND THEN CALTRANS DECIDED TO SHUT
19 DOWN THE 101 INTO DOWNTOWN, IT WASN'T GREAT. SUPERVISOR HAHN,
20 I JUST WANT TO APOLOGIZE. MY COMMENTS WERE INTENDED AS
21 AFFECTIONATE, BUT I UNDERSTAND IT MIGHT NOT LAND THAT WAY, SO
22 I JUST WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.

23
24 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OH NO, I LOVE STORIES. I LOVE STORIES, AM I
25 RIGHT?



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, WE'LL NOW TURN TO OUR
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE
4 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM.

5

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

9

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

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE HAVE NO SPEAKERS ON THE
14 PHONE AND NO SPEAKERS IN THE ROOM. SO ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US. I
15 WILL MOVE IT SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE
16 ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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

23

24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

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

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5
14 TO 0.

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 13,
17 PROCLAIMING MAY 3RD THROUGH 27TH, 2024 AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
18 COUNTY FAIR DAYS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
19 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE WHO WANT TO SPEAK ON
20 THIS ITEM, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW. AND I WILL TURN IT TO
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO MAKE REMARKS.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I KNOW THAT WE
24 HAVE GUESTS HERE THAT I THINK WE'RE GOING TO JOIN US AT THE
25 DAIS FROM THE LA COUNTY FAIR PLEX, SO WE'RE AWAITING THEM AND



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1 I THINK A SPECIAL GUEST. DO WE HAVE THUMPER? I THOUGHT I HEARD
2 THERE WAS, NO? YES? DOES THUMPER WANT TO COME OUT RIGHT NOW?
3 THUMPER'S COMING. WE NEED A PET IN THE HOUSE. YAY. SO WE'RE,
4 THE FAIR IS BACK. WOO! CAN SIT OVER THERE OR STAND HERE. YAY!
5 SO WE'RE THE FERRIS BACK. OKAY WE'RE GONNA GET STARTED. THANK
6 YOU. SO MADAM CHAIR, ON A LIGHTER NOTE, I THINK THIS IS REALLY
7 APPROPRIATE. WE'RE SO HAPPY THAT, AND THAT YOU HAVE ALSO CO-
8 AUTHORED THIS MOTION. THIS MEANS SO MUCH TO LA COUNTY TO BE
9 ABLE TO HONOR THE LA COUNTY FAIR AND TO ALSO KNOW THAT WE'RE
10 HOSTING IT IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. THIS IS OUR PRIDE AND JOY
11 AND OUR ASSET FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND WE'RE
12 CELEBRATING, GUESS WHAT, 102 YEARS YOUNG, RIGHT? THUMPER'S
13 THAT OLD? I DON'T BELIEVE IT. BUT WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU AND
14 AGAIN, THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THAT THE FAIR PLEX IS HOLDING
15 THE FAIR IN MAY. AFTER COVID, THINGS CHANGE AS YOU RECALL,
16 MEMBERS. SO MOVING IT AHEAD INSTEAD OF AUGUST WHERE IT WAS
17 UNSEASONABLY WARM, MAY GAVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO REIMAGINE
18 WHAT THE COUNTY FAIR COULD LOOK LIKE. AND I KNOW THAT IT HAS
19 BEEN IMPRESSIVE BECAUSE YOU'VE HAD MANY PEOPLE COME BACK AND
20 NEW PEOPLE. AND I'M REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS COMING SEASON.
21 AND JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, THE FAIR DOESN'T START UNTIL MAY THE
22 3RD, FOLKS. SO IT'S ONLY, WHAT, 2 WEEKS AWAY? 2 WEEKS AWAY, SO
23 PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR. REMEMBER ALSO IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO
24 START PLANNING WHAT THINGS YOU WANT TO CROSS OFF YOUR BUCKET
25 LIST, ALL THOSE FOOD ITEMS, THE FRIED FOODS, THE OREOS,



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SUPERVISORS

1 WHATEVER IT IS, FRIED AVOCADOS. SO LET'S GET READY FOR THE
2 TASTY FOOD, FOR THE THRILLING RIDES, AND OF COURSE, THE
3 AMBIANCE AND THE ENDLESS FUN AND JOY THAT THE COUNTY FAIR
4 BRINGS TO ALL OF US. THOSE IN THE PUBLIC THAT ARE LISTENING,
5 YOU CAN USE THE CODE LACOUNTY, ALL CAPS, TO GET UP TO 2
6 ADMISSION TICKETS FOR JUST \$8. WHAT A BARGAIN. LA COUNTY DAY
7 AT THE FAIR ON SATURDAY THE 4TH. SO IF YOU PUT THAT ON YOUR
8 CALENDAR, YOU CAN COME AT A REDUCED, VERY REDUCED PRICE, AND
9 IT'S FOR ALL LA COUNTIES. SO WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THAT. THIS
10 YEAR WE'RE CELEBRATING LA COUNTY BEING ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE
11 COUNTIES IN THE COUNTRY, BRINGING IN A MIX OF CULTURES AND
12 COMMUNITIES. AND THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S FAIR PLEX POMONA
13 FAIR IS STARS, STRIPES AND FUN. SO REMEMBER THAT, STARS,
14 STRIPES AND FUN, ESPECIALLY THE FUN. THE FAIR, AS YOU KNOW, IS
15 A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES. IT'S
16 INTERGENERATIONAL. IT'S FOR EVERYBODY, GENDERS, RELIGION,
17 RACES. I'VE BEEN EXCITED TO BE A PART OF THIS EVER SINCE I
18 BECAME SUPERVISOR BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THERE'S SO MANY GIFTS
19 THAT THE FAIR GIVES US. YOU HAVE A CHILDCARE FACILITY. YOU
20 HAVE WORKFORCE TRAINING THERE. YOU HAVE AN AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM.
21 AND YOU HAVE A CULTURAL ART MUSEUM THERE, IN ADDITION TO
22 RACING, NASCAR, ALL OF THAT THAT GOES ON THERE. AND IT IS A
23 JEWEL FOR PEOPLE IN LA COUNTY AND WE COMPETE WITH ORANGE
24 COUNTY AND I THINK WITH OTHER PARTS, OTHER FAIRS, BUT I KNOW
25 THAT THE HARD WORK THAT WALTER, YOU HAVE PUT FORWARD IN OUR



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1 LEADERSHIP THERE HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS AND I'M SO HAPPY TO HAVE
2 MY STAFF ALSO BE A PART OF IT. I KNOW SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS
3 ALSO BEEN MUCH A PART OF THIS AS WELL. WE'RE SO EXCITED TO
4 HAVE YOU HERE ALSO, AND TO ALSO HAVE OUR FAIR PLEX BOARD, OUR
5 PRESIDENT, JOHN LANDHIR, WHO'S HERE, AND I WELCOME YOU AND I'M
6 LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING US ALL THERE AT THE FAIR. SO ALL OF
7 YOU COME UP ONE DAY, GO LISTEN TO SOME GOOD MUSIC, THEY HAVE
8 BEAUTIFUL CONCERTS AS WELL, AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GO
9 ONLINE AND JUST GET IT DONE. SO THANK YOU. LET'S, I'M GOING TO
10 TURN IT OVER TO OUR CHAIR. THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
11 BEING HERE.

12
13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. AND I DON'T, DID I
14 MISS, DID YOU MENTION THE PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES ON DISPLAY?
15 OKAY. SO THIS YEAR, THE FAIR WILL HOST AN EXHIBITION OF FAMED
16 MEXICAN ARTIST, RUFINO TAMAYO, HIS PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES
17 FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART, IN ADDITION TO
18 EVERYTHING ELSE THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS HIGHLIGHTED. SO, MAKE
19 SURE YOU CHECK IT OUT, AND DON'T FORGET THAT METROLINK IS
20 OFFERING FREE SHUTTLES AND A SPECIAL FAIR PLEX STOP RIGHT BY
21 THE FAIR. SO, LOTS OF GREEN WAYS TO GET TO THE LA COUNTY FAIR
22 AS WELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

23
24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I LOVE THE FAIR.
25 THANK YOU FOR MOVING IT TO MAY. MY DECADE IN SACRAMENTO GOING



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1 TO THE STATE FAIR IN AUGUST WAS OPPRESSIVE AT BEST, BUT I
2 REALLY ENJOYED MY YEAR AS CHAIR BEING ABLE TO GO OUT FOR YOUR
3 OPENING DAY AND THEN SEEING PARTS OF THE FAIR THAT I'D NEVER
4 DONE BEFORE. YOU KNOW, I'M A CITY GIRL, SO YOU KNOW, GOING TO
5 THE HORTICULTURISTS AND ALL THAT WAS FASCINATING. REMINDED ME
6 OF MY FAMILY STORY ABOUT MY FIRST TRIP TO THE COUNTY FAIR AT 5
7 WHEN I SMELLED A PIG FOR THE FIRST TIME AND I THINK RAN BACK
8 TO THE CAR AND MY FAMILY LOST ME. BUT I ALSO JUST WANT TO TALK
9 ABOUT, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU KNOW, THE ROLE THE FAIR
10 PLEX PLAYED DURING COVID-19 WITH VACCINATIONS, THE ROLE IT
11 PLAYED IN RETURNING FAMILIES, IN SUPPORTING OUR UNACCOMPANIED
12 CHILDREN DURING THAT TIME. SO, THE FAIR PLEX IS JUST A
13 MEANINGFUL ENTITY WITHIN THE COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE. SO, THANK
14 YOU. BUT IN MAY, IT'S FAIR TIME. AND SO, I WILL BE THERE. IT
15 IS ALWAYS SO WONDERFUL, JUST ESPECIALLY NOW POST COVID, FOR US
16 ALL TO BE ABLE TO GO OUT AND YOU KNOW, FRANKLY, IT'S THE ONE,
17 YOU KNOW, PLACE THAT'S STILL AFFORDABLE FOR FAMILIES TO HAVE A
18 CULTURAL, DIVERSE, UNIQUE EXPERIENCE FOR, YOU KNOW, SECOND
19 DISTRICT RESIDENT LITTLE GIRLS LIKE ME TO SMELL, TO SEE FARM
20 ANIMALS GIVE BIRTH. IT WAS SHOCKING COMING FROM LEIMERT PARK.
21 AND SO, I THANK YOU, GLAD TO KNOW THAT MAY 4TH IS COUNTY DAY
22 BECAUSE I WILL BE THERE TO SEE PAT BENATAR, TLC, THE OHIO
23 PLAYERS' WAR, AND NELLIE. ALL OF THOSE CONCERTS ARE ALREADY ON
24 MY CALENDAR. SO THE CONCERT LINEUP THIS YEAR IS PHENOMENAL. SO
25 THANK YOU TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE LA COUNTY FAIR. THANK YOU



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1 FOR MAY WHEN THE WEATHER IS FAIR APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU,
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THE FAIR MASCOT HERE. I HOPE WE
3 ALL GET TO TAKE A PICTURE. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR SOLIS. LOOK
4 FORWARD TO SUPPORTING THE MOTION.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU,
9 ESPECIALLY FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. AND I WANT TO
10 THANK YOU ALL, NOT ONLY FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DID DURING COVID
11 THAT SURVEYS AND MITCHELL TALKED ABOUT, BUT JUST FOR HOW
12 YOU'VE TAKEN THE FAIR TO ANOTHER LEVEL. AND I, TOO, AM EXCITED
13 WHEN I HEARD WE WERE MOVING INTO MAY BECAUSE I, FOR ONE, WAS
14 MELTING IN AUGUST AND IT SEEMED TO BE GETTING HOTTER AND
15 HOTTER AND I'M SURE THAT AFFECTS ATTENDANCE AND THE REALITY IS
16 THAT I ARGUE WE HAVE ONE OF THE BEST FAIRS IN THE STATE AND I
17 ALWAYS JOKE THAT I BUY THINGS I DIDN'T KNOW I NEEDED AND IT'S
18 TRUE SO I CAN'T WAIT TO SHOP AND SEE YOU KNOW WHAT'S NEW BUT
19 ALSO THE RIDES. YOU HAVE GREAT RIDES AS WELL THAT THAT ATTRACT
20 EVERY AGE. SO, I'M EXCITED TO GO THE CONCERTS AS WELL. I MEAN
21 ACROSS THE BOARD I JUST CAN'T SAY ENOUGH WONDERFUL THINGS
22 ABOUT THE LEADERSHIP AT THE FAIR. YOU ALL ARE TRULY MAKING LA
23 COUNTY BETTER. SO, I WILL SEE YOU AT THE FAIR PROBABLY MORE
24 THAN ONCE. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND I WILL TURN IT TO YOU BOTH IF
2 YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE ANYTHING ABOUT THE FAIR MAYBE THAT WE
3 MISSED OR THAT WE SHOULD ESPECIALLY KNOW ABOUT.

4
5 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, I'M JOHN LANDER. I'M THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
6 BOARD OF THE FAIR. AND ON BEHALF OF THE LA COUNTY FAIR
7 ASSOCIATION AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I'D LIKE TO SAY THANK
8 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THE REST OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR THIS
9 PROCLAMATION. WE'RE REALLY EXCITED. THIS IS THE FUN PART OF LA
10 COUNTY. WE'RE HERE TO BRING THE FUN. AND SO OUR THEMES THIS
11 YEAR IS CELEBRATING COMMUNITY, VALUE, WHICH YOU TALKED ABOUT,
12 AND FUN. AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR AT THE LA COUNTY FAIR.
13 SO WE'RE EXCITED FOR A GREAT FAIR THIS YEAR. ONE OF THE THINGS
14 THAT I'LL MENTION, THIS YEAR WE HAVE SKATERCADE. SO IT'S OLD
15 FASHIONED ROLLER SKATES AND AN ARCADE, PAC-MAN AND ALL THAT
16 GOOD STUFF. SO THAT'S ONE OF THE NEW THINGS WE'RE BRINGING
17 THIS YEAR. BUT SUPER EXCITED TO HAVE ALL OF YOU OUT THERE AS
18 WELL AS EVERYBODY ELSE FOR LA COUNTY DAY ON THE 4TH. IT'S
19 GOING TO BE A GREAT TIME AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND
20 LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT FAIR IN MAY. AND I'LL HAND IT
21 OVER TO OUR CEO, WALTER.

22
23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, JOHN, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. WHAT A
24 PLEASURE IT IS TO TALK ABOUT THE LA COUNTY FAIR. AS I LIKE TO
25 DESCRIBE IT, IT'S YOUR LA COUNTY FAIR. AND FROM THAT ASPECT OF



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1 IT, IT'S JUST SO EXCITING BECAUSE WHEN I LOOK ACROSS THE DAIS
2 HERE, I SEE THE FAMILIAR FACES THAT YOU ALL HAVE PARTICIPATED
3 AT THAT POINT IN TIME, WHETHER YOU'RE BRINGING YOUR FRIENDS
4 AND FAMILY, YOUR LOVED ONES AND YOUR STAFF. AND WHAT A
5 PLEASURE IT IS TO HAVE TO HOST YOU AND REALLY HOST LA COUNTY
6 THAT'S WHAT WE DO THIS IS WHAT THIS IS FOR IS BRINGING
7 COMMUNITY TOGETHER THIS IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT WE DO WE HAVE A
8 WHOLE LOT OF FUN THAT THE THING THAT WE ENJOY IS HIDING THE
9 EDUCATION COMPONENT WITHIN THE FUND. THERE IS SO MUCH
10 EDUCATION AND SO MUCH LEARNING THAT GOES ON AT THE FAIR. AND
11 THAT'S WHERE WE GET TO BE SNEAKY ABOUT IT AND MAKE SURE WE GET
12 THAT EDUCATION OUT. GREAT, WE'VE BEEN ABLE THIS YEAR, WE'RE
13 PARTNERING WITH LACMA, GRAND PARK FOUNDATION, NATIONAL HISTORY
14 MUSEUM. SO WE'RE LOOKING FOR ALLEY COUNTY INSTITUTIONS TO
15 BEGIN THE PROGRAMMING AT THE ALLEY COUNTY FAIR AND TRULY MAKE
16 IT THE ALLEY COUNTY FAIR THAT WE KNOW IT ALL NEEDS TO BE. FOR
17 TICKETS, INFORMATION, LACOUNTYFAIR.COM, MAY 3RD THROUGH MAY
18 27TH.

19
20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
21 WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A? ABSOLUTELY, WE CAN TAKE A PHOTO AND
22 I WILL ALSO TURN IT TO OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CALL THE
23 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS
24 ITEM.



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON
2 SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THIS ITEM.

3

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

5

6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
7 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 13, IF YOU HAVE
8 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN
9 THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, WILL WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE
10 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

11

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

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, UNFORTUNATELY, I TRIED TO RAISE MY HAND ON THE
16 OTHER ONE AS WELL ABOUT THE CHARGING STATIONS AND GOING
17 FORWARD AND WHEN I WAS DRIVING AROUND PRIORITY MOUNTAIN HOW MY
18 ELECTRIC CAR RAN OUT OF POWER, WE NEED TO PUT THAT STUFF UP
19 AND PUT IT INTO PLACE. BUT HOW MANY CHARGING STATIONS ARE WE
20 GOING TO HAVE AT THE FAIR PLEX IS A GREAT QUESTION TO FOCUS
21 ON. AND AS MUCH AS I LIKE THE COUNTY FAIR, I JUST WANT TO MAKE
22 SURE THAT THE FREE SHUTTLES ARE, THERE'S A WAY THAT PEOPLE CAN
23 KNOW THAT THERE'S A RESTROOM NEAR THE METRO STATION OR WHERE
24 THEY'RE GETTING IT BECAUSE WE HAD A TERRIBLE STORY IN
25 UNIVERSAL CITY RECENTLY AT THE METRO STATION WHICH NOBODY



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1 WANTS TO TALK ABOUT BECAUSE IT'S HORRIFYING, IT WAS A MURDER.
2 BUT WHAT'S REALLY PROBLEMATIC IS THAT COMMUTERS GO RIGHT
3 THROUGH THAT STATION AT UNIVERSAL, WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE DOING
4 THE OLYMPICS, AND THERE'S NOT A MESS OF A BATHROOM. AND I JUST
5 KNOW THAT THE BOARD IS FACING BUDGETARY-TIGHT MOMENTS. LET'S
6 GET A TOILET NEAR THESE METRO STATIONS WHERE WE WANT PEOPLE TO
7 PARTICIPATE. I LOVE IT THERE. --

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** I'M SURE THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS.

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR THAT.
15 ITEM 13 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I WILL
16 SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
17 ROLL.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 13 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AYE.



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

3

4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

9

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

11

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

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5
15 TO 0.

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 73B,
18 LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, IN
19 OPPOSITION TO CATALINA ISLAND'S CONSERVANCY PERMIT APPLICATION
20 FOR ERADICATION OF THE ISLAND'S MULE DEER POPULATION, THAT WAS
21 EASY TO SAY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. FOR MEMBERS OF
22 THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO
23 COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I WILL TURN IT TO
24 YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, COLLEAGUES. THIS
2 MOTION BEFORE US WOULD SEND A 5 SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE
3 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE IN OPPOSITION TO
4 THE CATALINA ISLANDS CONSERVANCY'S PERMIT APPLICATION TO
5 ELIMINATE THE ISLANDS DEER POPULATION BY SHOOTING THEM FROM
6 HELICOPTERS. IN CASE YOU'RE NOT UP TO SPEED ON THIS
7 CONTROVERSIAL PLAN, LET ME GIVE YOU A LITTLE BACKGROUND.
8 CATALINA ISLAND IS UNIQUE IN THAT THE CITY OF AVALON MAKES UP
9 ONLY 12% OF THE ISLAND'S LAND AND THE REST IS CONTROLLED BY
10 THE CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY. THE CONSERVANCY IS A
11 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1972 BY THE
12 WRIGLEY CHEWING GUM FAMILY WHO OWNED THE ISLAND. IN 1975, THE
13 WRIGLEY FAMILY DEEDED 42,000 ACRES, WHICH MAKES UP 88% OF THE
14 ISLAND TO THE CONSERVANCY. IT IS THE OLDEST AND LARGEST
15 PRIVATE LAND TRUST IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE CONSERVANCY IS
16 THE STEWARD OF THIS LAND, WHICH IS PART OF UNINCORPORATED LA
17 COUNTY AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSERVATION, EDUCATION,
18 RECREATION. IT IS PLANNING THE CATALINA ISLAND RESTORATION
19 PROJECT, WHICH FOCUSES ON HABITAT REGENERATION, PLANT
20 RESTORATION, AS WELL AS SPECIES MANAGEMENT, THE ASPECT THAT
21 HAS GARNERED THE MOST ATTENTION. THE CONSERVANCY MAINTAINS
22 THAT THE MULE DEER ARE CAUSING SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO THE
23 ISLAND'S ECOSYSTEM BY OVERGRAZING AND DESTROYING NATIVE PLANTS
24 AND HABITATS. THIS DAMAGE ALLOWS INVASIVE GRASSES TO GROW AND
25 POSE A WILDFIRE THREAT. THE CONSERVANCY ALSO ASSERTS THAT THE



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1 DEER ARE A THREAT TO NATIVE AND ENDANGERED PLANT AND ANIMAL
2 SPECIES WHICH RELY ON THE NATIVE PLANTS. THE PLAN TO ELIMINATE
3 THE ENTIRE DEER POPULATION BY SHOOTING THEM FROM HELICOPTERS
4 HAS BEEN MET WITH OVERWHELMING OPPOSITION FROM MANY OF MY
5 CONSTITUENTS ON AND OFF THE ISLAND, AS WELL AS OTHERS
6 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WHO HAVE CONTACTED MY OFFICE. THEY'VE
7 EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS AND HAVE ASKED ME IF THERE WAS
8 ANYTHING WE COULD DO TO STOP IT. THERE HAVE BEEN NEARLY 90,000
9 SIGNATURES SUBMITTED IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PLAN. I UNDERSTAND
10 THAT THE MULE DEER ARE NOT NATIVE TO THE ISLAND AND DO POSE A
11 RISK TO ITS ECOSYSTEM, BUT THIS METHOD SEEMS PARTICULARLY
12 INHUMANE AND TRAUMATIC. NOT ONLY FOR THE DEER, BUT FOR THE
13 RESIDENTS OF THE ISLAND. THERE IS ALSO LEGITIMATE CONCERNS
14 ABOUT THE NEGATIVE IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE ON THE TOURISM THAT
15 SUSTAINS THE ISLAND'S ECONOMY. BEYOND THIS, THE DEER HAVE
16 BECOME A TREASURED PART OF THE FABRIC OF THE ISLAND TO MANY
17 PEOPLE. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PEOPLE WHO SAY THAT THE
18 CONSERVANCY HAS DONE A POOR JOB OF ATTEMPTING TO THIN THE HERD
19 OVER THE YEARS, AND NOW THEY WANT TO COMPLETELY ERADICATE THE
20 ENTIRE POPULATION ALL AT ONCE. THAT'S WHY THE CONSERVANCY
21 APPLIED FOR THIS SCIENTIFIC COLLECTION PERMIT FROM THE
22 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE IN AUGUST OF LAST
23 YEAR. THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE HAS COMPLETE
24 JURISDICTION IN THIS MATTER, AND ONLY BY RECEIVING THIS PERMIT
25 WOULD THE CONSERVANCY BE ALLOWED TO BEGIN SHOOTING THE DEER



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1 FROM HAVING SHARPSHOOTERS SHOOT THE DEER FROM HELICOPTERS.
2 COLLEAGUES, I UNDERSTAND THE CONSERVANCY HAS REACHED OUT TO
3 YOUR OFFICES AND ASKED YOU TO VOTE NO ON THIS AND I UNDERSTAND
4 THERE'S A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CONSERVANCY HERE TODAY THAT
5 WANTS TO SPEAK IN PUBLIC COMMENT. I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT
6 THEY PLAN TO SAY, BUT IT'S LIKELY WHAT THEY HAVE TOLD THE
7 PEOPLE OF CATALINA ISLAND THAT THIS IS SCIENTIFIC AND THAT
8 THEIR PLAN IS THE ONLY CORRECT WAY TO MOVE FORWARD. I DON'T
9 THINK THIS IS TRUE, AND I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD AGREE.
10 SO, I'VE ASKED THE CONSERVANCY IF THEY WOULD CONSIDER PUTTING
11 THIS PLAN ON HOLD AND RECONSIDER SEVERAL ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS
12 THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY DISMISSED, INCLUDING RELOCATING THE DEER,
13 EXTENDING THE DEER HUNTING SEASON TO THIN, AND STERILIZATION.
14 THESE MEASURES ARE LESS EXTREME AND MORE WIDELY SUPPORTED BY
15 RESIDENTS. AND ALTHOUGH THE CONSERVANCY PREVIOUSLY SAID
16 STERILIZATION WAS UNWORKABLE, THEY DID BEGIN TALKING ABOUT
17 STERILIZING THE DEER THAT WERE IN THE CITY OF AVALON AS PART
18 OF THEIR COMPROMISE. SO I'VE HEARD FROM FOLKS ALL OVER, SOME
19 FROM SOME OF YOUR DISTRICTS WHO ARE HUNTERS AND WOULD ACTUALLY
20 LIKE THE PROCESS TO BE EASIER FOR PEOPLE WHO MAYBE WANT TO
21 JUST IN THE NATURAL LAWS OF NATURE SHOOT THE DEER AND THEN USE
22 THE DEER MEAT TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES. AND A LOT OF PEOPLE
23 WOULD RATHER SEE THAT AS OPPOSED TO PAID SHARP SHOOTERS FROM
24 HELICOPTERS. SO HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE HAVE REACHED OUT TO MY
25 OFFICE AS WHY I'M BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I'D LIKE TO HAVE OUR



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1 SUPPORT JUST ASKING THE FISH AND WILDLIFE TO DENY THIS PERMIT,
2 WHICH IF IT WAS DENIED, I BELIEVED THAT THEY WOULD THEN, THE
3 CONSERVANCY WOULD BE FORCED TO WORK ON MAYBE SOME OF THESE
4 COMPROMISES THAT I THINK WOULD BE BETTER RECEIVED BY THE
5 PUBLIC. SO THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME AND EDUCATING YOU ON
6 THIS PROBLEM, WHICH I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD BE INVOLVED IN IN
7 MY WHOLE LIFE. BUT WE ALL ACT BASED ON A LOT OF WHO CALLS OUR
8 OFFICE AND WHO ADVOCATES AND WHO'S CONCERNED ABOUT ISSUES AND
9 WHO LOOKS TO US FOR POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS AND COMPROMISES IN SOME
10 OF THOSE ISSUES OUT THERE THAT SEEM TO BE RATHER THORNY
11 ISSUES. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12
13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU WERE.
14 OKAY, THEN WE WILL TURN TO OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE
15 CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON
16 THIS ITEM.

17
18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
19 FORWARD? JULIE BENSON AND LAUREN DENHART. MODERATOR, WILL YOU
20 HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER PLEASE?

21
22 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS PEGGY O'NEILL. YOU MAY
23 BEGIN.

24
25 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION AND THANK



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1 YOU TO SUPERVISOR HAHN. SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES ARE THE WEAPONS
2 OF CHOICE IN MOST SCHOOL MASS MURDERS. THEY ARE ALSO THE
3 WEAPONS CHOSEN IN THE PROPOSED AERIAL SLAUGHTER OF THE
4 CATALINA ISLAND MULE DEER. PAST ATTEMPTS USING THIS METHOD
5 RESULTED IN HELICOPTERS FLYING CLOSE TO AND SHOOTING IN CLOSE
6 TO RANGE OF YOUTH CAMPS, SCHOOL BUSES, CONDOS AND BOATS.
7 BODIES OF DEAD ANIMALS WERE LEFT IN PLAIN SIGHT. THOSE NOT
8 IMMEDIATELY KILLED WERE LEFT TO DIE IN AGONY. ALL OF THIS HAS
9 BEEN DONE AND DOCUMENTED WITH SWORN STATEMENTS AND THESE
10 HORRORS ARE PART OF OUR SHARED COMMUNITY MEMORY. OUR CHILDREN
11 ARE PART OF THE LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
12 HELICOPTERS RAINING BULLETS IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT MUST NOT BE
13 ALLOWED. IT IS NOT ALLOWED ON THE MAINLAND AND I THANK YOU FOR
14 YOUR TIME. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HAHN. I REALLY HAVE
15 APPRECIATED THIS AND WE HOPE THAT YOU VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THIS
16 MOTION.

17
18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE. OUR NEXT
19 PARTICIPANT IS RICK TRAVIS.
20 YOU MAY BEGIN.

21
22 **SPEAKER:** RICK TRAVIS ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA RIFLE AND
23 PISTOL ASSOCIATION, REPRESENTING OVER 150 YEARS OF
24 CONSERVATION AND FIREARM SAFETY, REPRESENTING ALSO A BROAD
25 COALITION OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CONSERVATION COMMUNITY, ASK



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1 THAT THE SUPERVISORS SIGN THIS LETTER TO DENY THE SCIENTIFIC
2 COLLECTION PERMIT REQUESTED BY THE CATALINA CONSERVANCY WHO
3 HAS FAILED TO SUPPLY TIME AND TIME AGAIN THE SCIENCE REQUESTED
4 FOR DECADES BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE.
5 WE ALSO THINK THAT A COALITION THAT CONSISTS OF ANIMAL RIGHTS
6 GROUPS STANDING SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE HUNTING COMMUNITY SHOULD
7 BE A STRONG INDICATOR OF HOW OUT OF TOUCH THE CONSERVANCY
8 PROPOSAL IS WITH THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY AND THE STATE.
9 THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARLENA ALENIS. YOU MAY
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I'M A
17 LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF CATALINA, AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON THE
18 CULTURAL ASPECT. THESE CREATURES HAVE BEEN A FUNDAMENTAL
19 ASPECT OF OUR ISLAND'S CULTURE AND LIFESTYLE FOR OVER A
20 CENTURY. THEY'RE NOT JUST ANIMALS, BUT THEY ARE A SYMBOL OF
21 OUR RICH HISTORY AND A SOURCE OF PRIDE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S
22 NOT JUST ABOUT LOSS OF WILDLIFE. IT IS ABOUT A LOSS OF A PART
23 OF OUR IDENTITY. MANY OF US HAVE BEEN HERE GENERATIONS AND WE
24 BUILT THIS ISLAND RICH IN A CULTURE OF ITS OWN. THERE WILL
25 NEVER BE A PLACE LIKE HOME. WE URGE THE AUTHORITIES TO



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1 CONSIDER THIS AND THE EMOTIONAL TOLL THE PLAN CAN TAKE ON OUR
2 COMMUNITY AND ITS CHILDREN. I WAS HERE WHEN THEY ERADICATED
3 THE GOATS AND THE BOAR VIA A HELICOPTER AND IT GREATLY
4 IMPACTED ME AS A YOUTH. WE PROPOSE MAINTAINING A SMALLER,
5 MANAGEABLE DEER POPULATION ON THE ISLAND REGULATED THROUGH
6 HUNTING. THIS APPROACH COULD ALLOW US TO PRESERVE OUR HOPE FOR
7 HEALTH AND HERITAGE. -

8
9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
10 SPEAKER PLEASE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

11
12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TRAVIS BROOKS, YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14
15 **SPEAKER:** I OPPOSE THIS ITEM. I'M A RESTORATION SCIENTIST WITH
16 OVER 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AERIAL
17 HUNTING HAS BEEN WIDELY DEMONSTRATED AS THE MOST HUMANE AND
18 SUCCESSFUL WAY OF REMOVING INVASIVE ANIMALS FROM ISLANDS.
19 AERIAL HUNTING HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL USE ON CATALINA IN THE PAST
20 AND IS BEST PRACTICED ON OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDS, INCLUDING
21 CHANNEL ISLANDS OF CALIFORNIA, THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, AND THE
22 GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. MULE DEER WERE INTRODUCED TO THE ISLAND IN
23 THE 1900S FOR SPORT HUNTING. THEY'RE NOT NATIVE TO CATALINA,
24 AS SUPERVISOR HAHN NOTED, BUT MULE DEER DAMAGE WILDLIFE
25 HABITAT AND ENDANGER RARE PLANTS THAT EVOLVED OVER MILLIONS OF



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1 YEARS WITHOUT DEFENSES AGAINST LARGE HERBIVORES. ELIMINATING
2 MULE DEER WILL PROTECT BIODIVERSITY AND BOLSTER CLIMATE
3 RESILIENCE AGAINST ESCALATING ARIDITY AND MORE SEVERE FIRES ON
4 THE ISLAND. THE RESTORATION PROJECT IS BASED IN SCIENCE AND
5 WILL PROTECT THIS GLOBALLY RECOGNIZED BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOT,
6 WHICH INCLUDES A HIGH NUMBER OF ENDEMIC PLANTS AND ANIMALS
7 THAT CAN'T BE FOUND ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOHN KNAPP. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SUPERVISORS. I'M A FORMER RESIDENT OF
14 AVALON, HAVING LIVED ON CATALINA ISLAND FOR NEARLY A DECADE. I
15 OPPOSE 73B BECAUSE THE CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY'S
16 RESTORATION PROJECT EMPLOYS THE MOST HUMANE METHODS OF
17 DISPATCHING INTRODUCED INVASIVE NEEDLE DEER AND REDUCES THE
18 RISK TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMPARED TO GROUND-BASED HUNTING
19 MET HODS. MUCH IN THE SAME WAY THE LA COUNTY SHERIFFS USE
20 HELICOPTERS AS AN UNPARALLELED OBSERVATIONAL PLATFORM FOR LAW
21 ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES, A HELICOPTER IN THIS SITUATION
22 PROVIDES BOTH A PILOT AND A PRECISION SHOOTER, THE BEST
23 PLATFORM TO ASSESS PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROVIDES THE MOST HUMANE
24 AND ACCURATE METHOD OF DISPATCHING DEER WITH THE LEAST AMOUNT
25 OF STRESS TO THE ANIMAL. UTILIZING A HELICOPTER SPEEDS UP THE



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1 REMOVAL PROCESS, WHICH WILL RESULT IN LESS DEER BEING
2 DISPATCHED COMPARED TO A MULTI-YEAR GROUND HUNTING-BASED
3 PROGRAM. CURRENTLY, CATALINA HAS THE LONGEST HUNTING SEASON IN
4 ALL OF CALIFORNIA.

5
6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

7
8 **SPEAKER:** I RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU TO SPEAK -

9
10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11
12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DIANE STONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13
14 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS DIANE STONE. FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, I'VE
15 BEEN A RESIDENT AND BUSINESS OWNER IN AVALON. I REPRESENT THE
16 CATALINA ISLAND HUMANE SOCIETY AND I AM JOINED BY OTHER ANIMAL
17 RIGHTS GROUPS INCLUDING THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED
18 STATES, SPORTSMEN AND HUNTING ORGANIZATIONS AND THOUSANDS OF
19 OTHER SUPPORTERS ALL DEPLORING THE CATALINA ISLAND
20 CONSERVANCY'S ATTEMPT TO ERADICATE ALL THE DEER ON OUR ISLAND.
21 THE CONSERVANCY'S PLAN IS BRUTAL, INHUMANE, UNNECESSARY, AND
22 DANGEROUS. SHOOTING FLEEING DEER FROM HELICOPTERS, LEAVING THE
23 WOUNDED AND DYING BODIES TO SUFFER AGONIZING DEATHS SHOULD GO
24 AGAINST EVERYONE'S CODE OF ETHICS. THEIR PLAN TO BAIT TRAP AND
25 USE SOMETHING CALLED THE NET AND VOTE METHOD IS EQUALLY



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1 HORRIFIC AND HEINOUS. THE MULE DEER ARE PART OF OUR ISLAND
2 LANDSCAPE AND HERITAGE. DESTROYING THE ENTIRE SPECIES GOES
3 AGAINST ALL LOGIC AND REASON. WE APPLAUD SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR
4 HER SUPPORT, AND WE URGE YOU TO STAND WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN AND
5 VOTE YES ON 73B. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARK TESCA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. AS A
12 LONGTIME RESIDENT, THE CONSERVANCY HAS GASLIGHTED THE CITIZENS
13 OF AVALON BY STUFFING THE PANELS THAT THEY HAVE WITH THEIR OWN
14 PEOPLE. WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO HAVE A ONE-SIDED AND NON-ETHICAL
15 PRESENTATION AS PRESENTED BY THE CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY.
16 THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOHN RESICH. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS JOHN RESICH. I'M A RESIDENT OF LOS
23 ANGELES, BUT I ALSO HAVE A HOME ON CATALINA ISLAND. THE
24 ERADICATION PERMIT WHICH THE CONSERVANCY IS PROPOSING OR HAS
25 APPLIED FOR IS THE THIRD TIME THAT THEY HAVE ATTEMPTED TO



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1 ERADICATE THE DEER. TWICE THEY HAVE BEEN DENIED.
2 UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE OTHER ALTERNATIVES. I HAVE SPOKEN TO
3 ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND
4 FISH AND WILDLIFE IN WYOMING, WHICH I HAVE PROPERTY, AND HAVE
5 USED MY LAND THERE IN CONSERVATION AREAS TO ALLOW FOR HUNTING.
6 THE CONSERVANCY HAS SAID THEY ALLOW HUNTING, BUT IT'S ALMOST
7 IMPOSSIBLE TO HUNT ON CATALINA ISLAND DUE TO THE FACT YOU
8 DON'T HAVE A CAR NOR CAN YOU ACCESS THE ISLAND AT ANY TIME
9 THAT HUNTERS NORMALLY ACCESS THE ISLAND THE USE OF HELICOPTERS
10 TO ROUND UP WILD ANIMALS IS BEEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 AGRICULTURE --

12
13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14
15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BREE BUSSARD, YOU MAY
16 BEGIN.

17
18 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS BREE BUSSARD. I'M A
19 CATALINA ISLAND RESIDENT, AND I'M HERE SPEAKING AS THE OWNER
20 OF MULTIPLE BUSINESSES IN AVALON. I'M ONE OF THE ONLY BUSINESS
21 OWNERS THAT IS ABLE TO FREELY SPEAK WITHOUT FEAR OF
22 REPERCUSSIONS AS I DO NOT LEASE LAND FROM THE WRIGLEY FAMILY
23 WHICH HAS CONTROLLING INTERESTS IN BOTH THE CONSERVANCY AND
24 ISLAND COMPANIES. I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE POTENTIAL
25 NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT THAT LOOMS OVER OUR ISLAND. VISITORS



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1 WHO ONCE FLOCKED TO OUR ISLAND ARE NOW STARTING TO TURN AWAY
2 AND DISCUSS IN DISBELIEF SINCE THE NEWS DROPPED AT A
3 CONSERVANCY'S PROPOSED PLAN. MANY HAVE VOWED TO NEVER RETURN
4 TO OUR ISLAND, WHICH ALLOWS FOR SUCH CRUELTY TO PERSIST. OUR
5 LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES, THE BACKBONE OF OUR COMMUNITY, WILL
6 SUFFER GREATLY IF THE APPLICATION IS APPROVED. THE CONSERVANCY
7 HAS LIED TO THE CITY OF AVALON AND STATED THAT THERE WILL BE
8 NO ECONOMIC IMPACT WHICH IS GROSSLY INACCURATE. THE
9 CONSERVANCY IS WANTING TO ERADICATE A SPECIES THAT HAS BEEN ON
10 OUR ISLAND FOR A CENTURY BASED ON FALSE SCIENCE AND WITHOUT A
11 LONG-TERM STUDY FROM AN UNBIASED THIRD PARTY, ONE THAT IS NOT
12 BEING PAID BY THEM. AS A BUSINESS OWNER THAT OPERATES
13 BUSINESSES ON THE WATER AND ON LAND, I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND
14 THROUGH THE PANDEMIC WHAT THE ECONOMIC IMPACT IS WHEN VISITOR
15 NUMBERS ARE LOW. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LET THIS HAPPEN TO OUR
16 ISLAND AGAIN. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU. -

17
18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VICKI PIERCE. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22
23 **SPEAKER:** HI I'M VICKI PIERCE AND I LIVE IN AVALON. I'D LIKE TO
24 ADDRESS THE INCONSISTENCIES OF JUST ONE QUESTION IN THE
25 CONSERVANCY'S APPLICATION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF MULE DEER ON



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1 CATALINA. IN THE APPLICATION, DIRECTOR LAUREN DENHART STATED
2 THE NUMBER OF DEER IS UNKNOWN. AT THE OCTOBER 17 CITY COUNCIL
3 MEETING, LAUREN STATED THE NUMBER OF THE DEER ON CATALINA IS
4 2000. AT THE MARCH 29, 2024, COUNCIL MEETING, LAUREN WAS
5 ASKED, HOW DO YOU KNOW THERE ARE 2000 DEER? SHE STATED 3 YEARS
6 AGO, SHE CONDUCTED SPOTLIGHT SURVEYS, COUNTED THE NUMBER OF
7 GLOWING EYES, AND ESTIMATED THERE ARE BETWEEN 1,200 TO 2,200
8 DEER, AND ADDED THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE NUMBER OF DEER ON THE
9 ISLAND IS ZERO. AT THE 2022 COUNCIL MEETING THEN CONSURGENCY
10 PRESIDENT BRUTOVIC STATED, WE'VE WORKED WITH A VARIETY OF
11 PEOPLE IN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AND THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED
12 THE ISLAND WOULD VERY EASILY CARRY 500 DEER. 2023 CONSERVANCY
13 PRESIDENT HAGANOFF SPOKE ON THE HEALTH AND BIODIVERSITY OF
14 CATALINA WITH NO MENTION THAT CATALINA IS A THREAT TO ENDEMIC
15 SPECIES.

16
17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE NOW GOING TO GO
18 TO IN SPEAKERS, AND THEN WE'LL GO BACK TO THE SPEAKERS WHO ARE
19 CALLING IN. PLEASE GO RIGHT AHEAD.

20
21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LAUREN
22 DUNNHART. I AM THE SENIOR DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION AT THE
23 CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY. I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK AGAINST
24 ITEM 73B, AS IT IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF
25 CATALINA ISLAND. CATALINA IS HOME TO OVER 60 UNIQUE SPECIES



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1 FOUND NOWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD, NOT TO MENTION 4,000 OF US
2 WHO CALL IT HOME. BUT THE ISLAND'S SURVIVAL IS AT RISK. UNLESS
3 WE ACT NOW, WE COULD FACE IRREVERSIBLE CONSEQUENCES THAT WILL
4 MAKE CATALINA MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO DROUGHT, WILDFIRE, AND
5 WILDLIFE EXTINCTION. THE MULE DEER, WHICH WERE INTRODUCED TO
6 THE ISLAND 100 YEARS AGO, EAT THE PLANTS THAT FORM A NATURAL
7 ENVIRONMENTAL BARRIER THAT PROTECTS CATALINA AND STAND IN THE
8 WAY OF ACHIEVING OUR AIM TO MAKE THE ISLAND MORE RESILIENT.
9 THIS PLAN IS NOTHING NEW. ON ALL OF THE CHANNEL ISLANDS, ALONG
10 WITH MANY ISLANDS WORLDWIDE THAT HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH
11 INVASIVE NON-NATIVE SPECIES LIKE DEER, WE EXPLORED A VARIETY
12 OF METHODOLOGIES TO TACKLE THIS ISSUE. THE METHOD OF USING
13 AERIAL HUNTERS HAS PROVEN TO BE THE MOST HUMANE AND EFFECTIVE
14 APPROACH AND IS BACKED BY SCIENTIFIC AND VETERINARIAN EXPERTS.
15 IT'S ALSO ONE OF THE MOST WIDELY USED METHODOLOGIES ON ISLANDS
16 ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

17
18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH NEXT SPEAKER,
19 PLEASE

20
21 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS JULIE BENSON. I AM WITH CATALINA ISLAND
22 CONSERVANCY AND FOLLOWING DR. DENHART. AS STATED BY THE
23 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR WILDLIFE VETERINARIANS, THE
24 CONSERVANCY'S DEER REMOVAL PLAN IS SCIENTIFICALLY WELL-
25 GROUNDED, INFORMED, SAFE, HUMANE, AND URGENTLY NEEDED. WE ALSO



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1 SUBMITTED 24 LETTERS OF SUPPORT IN THE PUBLIC RECORD FROM
2 OTHER ESTEEMED SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS. THE PLAN POSES NO
3 PUBLIC RISK. AERIAL HUNTING WILL ONLY BE CONDUCTED IN THE
4 INTERIOR, WHICH IS LARGELY UNINHABITED. IT WILL BE CONDUCTED
5 DURING THE OFF SEASON AND OFF HOURS. THERE WILL BE NO
6 HELICOPTER HUNTING IN THE CITY OF AVALON. WE'RE HAPPY TO
7 SUBMIT FOR THE RECORD THE EVIDENCE ON HUMANENESS, SAFETY, AND
8 RATIONALE BEHIND THIS PLAN, WHICH HAS BEEN DECADES IN THE
9 MAKING. WE'VE ONLY HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH SUPERVISORS HAHN'S
10 OFFICE. IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO
11 DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH. COUNTY COUNCIL AND OTHER SUPERVISORS'
12 OFFICES. WE'D WELCOME THOSE CONVERSATIONS AND IT WOULD ONLY BE
13 RIGHT TO OFFER THEM. THANK YOU.

14
15 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
16 SPEAKERS IN THE ROOM? WE'LL GO BACK TO SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE.
17 PLEASE GO AHEAD MODERATOR.

18
19 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PASTOR LOPEZ. YOU MAY
20 BEGIN.

21
22 **SPEAKER:** HELLO MY NAME IS PASTOR LOPEZ JR. I HAVE BEEN ON THIS
23 ISLAND 75 YEARS, BORN AND RAISED, AND I'VE SPENT MY LIFE
24 EXPLORING THE ISLAND. I HAVE WITNESSED FIRSTHAND THE
25 UNWARRANTED LOSS OF AMPHIBIANS, REPTILES, GROUND NESTING



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1 BIRDS, AND FOX AS A DIRECT RESULT OF CARELESS SCIENCE
2 PRACTICED BY THE CONSERVANCY. WORST OF ALL WAS THE BLOODY
3 SLAUGHTER OF THE GOATS BY CONSERVANCY CONTRACTOR WHITE
4 BUFFALO. IT WAS HUMANE AND THEY SUFFERED HORRIBLY. ON EACH OF
5 ONE OF THESE CASES I REPORTED TO THE CONSERVANCY HOUSE TO
6 REPORT WHAT I'D SEEN AND NOTHING WAS DONE AND OUR PLEASE WERE
7 IGNORED. PLEASE VOTE YES ON THIS AGENDA ITEM AND THANK YOU
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR FRIENDSHIP TO THE
9 ISLAND AND SUPPORTING THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO'VE SIGNED
10 OUR APPLICATION. PLEASE STOP THE SLAUGHTER OF THE MULE DEER ON
11 CATALINA ISLAND. THANK YOU.

12
13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

14
15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROBIN CASSIDY, YOU MAY
16 BEGIN.

17
18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, AS A FULL-TIME RESIDENT OF CAVALINE
19 ISLAND, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER
20 SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS IN THIS IMPORTANT MATTER. OF SERIOUS AND
21 HIGHLY RELEVANT CONCERN TO CITIZENS OF AVALON AND LA COUNTY IS
22 THE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLIC SAFETY. NO AMOUNT OF
23 PRECAUTION IS ENOUGH TO MITIGATE THE DANGERS OF AERIAL
24 ERADICATION FROM HELICOPTERS AND AR-15 RIFLES ON THIS VERY
25 MUCH INHABITED ISLAND. YEAR ROUND FOLKS ACCESS THE LAND FROM



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1 AIR, LAND, AND SEA, AND IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ASSURE NO
2 PEOPLE WOULD BE INJURED. IN ADDITION, THE THOUSANDS OF LIVE
3 ROUNDS COULD IMPACT THE VERY WILDLIFE THE CONSERVANCY IS
4 CHARGED WITH PROTECTING. GREATEST OF ALL IS THE SMALL BUT NOT
5 INSIGNIFICANT CHANCE OF FIRE IGNITED ON THIS ROCKY ISLAND AT
6 THE HEIGHT OF FIRE SEASON. THE PROPOSAL IS STATED TO BEGIN IN
7 AUGUST. LA COUNTY FIRE WOULD BE SERIOUSLY CHALLENGED AS IT HAS
8 BEEN IN THE PAST WITH SUCH A SCENARIO. PLEASE VOTE TO SUPPORT
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MELINDA BENSON. YOU MAY
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MELINDA BENSON. I'M AN
17 ATTORNEY WORKING WITH A COALITION OF ORGANIZATIONS AND
18 INDIVIDUALS THAT OPPOSE THE CONSERVANCY'S PLAN TO SLAUGHTER
19 ALL DEER ON CATALINA ISLAND BY SHOOTING THEM FROM HELICOPTERS
20 OVER THE COURSE OF 2 1/2 YEARS. THE CONSERVANCY'S BRUTAL PLAN
21 IS ENTIRELY UNPRECEDENTED IN SCALE AND SCOPE. DESPITE THE
22 CONSERVANCY'S CLAIM TO THE CONTRARY, THE ERADICATION OF AN
23 ENTIRE SPECIES OF GAME MAMMAL UTILIZING THESE HORRIFIC METHODS
24 HAS NEVER BEFORE BEEN CARRIED OUT ANYWHERE AS POPULATED BY
25 RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF CATALINA ISLAND. SUCH AN HISTORIC



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1 ACT CANNOT MORALLY, ETHICALLY OR LEGALLY BE PERMITTED WITHOUT
2 A SHOWING THAT IT'S ABSOLUTELY AND IRREFUTABLY NECESSARY. THE
3 CONSERVANCY HAS ENTIRELY FAILED TO MAKE THIS SHOWING. IF
4 ALLOWED TO PROCEED THIS BARBARIC PLAN WILL LEAVE A PERMANENT
5 AND SHAMEFUL STAIN ON THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND ON LOS
6 ANGELES COUNTY. I THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I URGE YOU TO
7 PLEASE VOTE YES ON AGENDA ITEM 73B. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS WINSTON VICKERS. YOU MAY
12 BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU BOARD. I'M A WILDLIFE VETERINARIAN AND
15 SCIENTIST, WELL VERSED IN ECOLOGY, ISLAND RESTORATIONS, AND
16 CATALINA ISLAND ITSELF THROUGH YEARS OF RESEARCH OUT THERE ON
17 ISLAND FOX AND OTHER SPECIES. I URGE YOU TO OPPOSE SUPERVISOR
18 HAHN'S PROPOSAL TO SUBMIT THE LETTER TO THE BOARD OPPOSING THE
19 DEER REMOVAL PROJECT. THE PROPOSAL IS, IN FACT, THE MOST
20 HUMANE WAY TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE THE DEER. AND THEY ARE, IN
21 FACT, SCIENTIFICALLY SHOWN MULTIPLE TIMES AND WITH THE SUPPORT
22 OF MULTIPLE SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS TO BE VERY DETRIMENTAL TO
23 THE ISLAND AND ITS ECOLOGY. AND THIS IS A HUMANE WAY OF
24 DISPATCHING THE ANIMALS. IT'S ACCEPTED BY THE AMERICAN
25 VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AS HUMANE, AND THE TERRAIN ON



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1 CATALINA IS SIMPLY TOO STEEP AND TOO DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE FOR
2 GROUND-BASED HUNTERS. --

3
4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
5 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6
7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS WENDY HERNANDEZ. YOU MAY
8 BEGIN.

9
10 **SPEAKER:** HI, THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR YOUR CONTINUED
11 SUPPORT AND EFFORTS. THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY I ASK YOU TO
12 VOTE YES ON 73B TODAY. BUT SINCE I HAVE LIMITED TIME, I'M
13 GOING TO SPEAK ON ONE OF THEM TODAY ONLY. IN 1974, WHEN I WAS
14 JUST 3 YEARS OLD, MY FATHER HELD MY MOTHER AND I HOSTAGE IN
15 OUR HOME AT GUNPOINT AND WAS EVENTUALLY SHOT 4 TIMES BY A SWAT
16 TEAM. IT IS NOW 50 YEARS LATER AND THE SOUNDS OF THOSE
17 GUNSHOTS STILL RING IN MY HEAD REPEATEDLY. IT IS SOMETHING
18 THAT I WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO SILENCE NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY.
19 WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THE PLANS TO HAVE SNIPERS WITH AR-STYLE
20 RIFLES SHOOT FROM HELICOPTERS, I WAS NOT ONLY APPALLED FOR
21 OBVIOUS REASONS, I WAS ALSO IMMEDIATELY SENT INTO A VERY
22 INTENSE PANIC ATTACK. YOU MIGHT NOT BE AWARE, BUT OUR
23 COMMUNITY IS HOME TO 9 SURVIVORS OF THE LOS ANGELES, VEGAS
24 ROUTE 91 MASS SHOOTING, WHICH IS THE LARGEST IN US HISTORY.
25 I'VE SPOKEN TO QUITE A FEW OF THESE SURVIVORS AND ALSO TO



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1 VIETNAM VETERANS, AND IT MADE ME REALIZE THAT WE ARE ALL GOING
2 THROUGH THE SAME PTSD AND ANXIETY REGARDING THIS POSSIBLE. -

3
4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
5 SPEAKER PLEASE.

6
7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SARAH ROTE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8
9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THE ERADICATION OF MULE DEER ON CATALINA
10 ISLAND IS AN ESSENTIAL CONSERVATION PROJECT THAT WILL MAKE A
11 HUGE POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE BIODIVERSITY OF THE CHANNEL
12 ISLANDS. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT POSSIBLE CONSERVATION WORK
13 OF THIS DECADE. IT IS SO ESSENTIAL TO PROTECTING THE MANY
14 UNIQUE PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES THAT ARE ON THE ISLAND AND
15 HELPING WITH THEIR RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT. I
16 WORKED AS A BIOLOGIST ON CATALINA FOR 6 YEARS AND SAW
17 FIRSTHAND THE DESTRUCTION BROUGHT BY THE DEER ON INDIVIDUAL
18 PLANTS AND I KNOW THE CONTINUED PERSISTENCE OF THE ISLAND'S
19 BIODIVERSITY RELIES UPON THIS ACTION. PLEASE DON'T BE
20 PERSUADED BY THE RESISTANCE TO THIS INITIATIVE. NO ONE WANTS
21 THESE DEER TO DIE BUT IT IS THE ONLY EFFECTIVE WAY TO GET THIS
22 ESSENTIAL CONSERVATION ACTION DONE. THIS ISSUE WAS CREATED
23 WHEN THE DEER WERE BROUGHT TO THE ISLAND AND THE PLANNED
24 METHOD OF REMOVAL IS THE BEST WAY. USE OF HELICOPTERS AND
25 SHARPSHOOTERS IS ACTUALLY THE ONLY FEASIBLE AND MOST HUMANE



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1 WAY TO REMOVE THE DEER. WITH ANY OTHER METHOD, THEY SUFFER
2 MORE AND IS LESS EFFECTIVE. -

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOE KNIGHT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO
10 THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THIS MOTION FORWARD WHICH WE WHICH WE DO
11 APPROVE BUT WE DO ASK THAT THAT THE CONSERVANCY HAS NOT DONE
12 THE SCIENTIFIC WORK THAT WAS CITED IN PAST REJECTIONS. WE
13 REQUIRE THAT TO BE DONE, AND WE'D ALSO LIKE THAT STAKEHOLDERS
14 BE CONSULTED ON OTHER MANAGEMENT OPTIONS THAT SUPPORT YOUTH
15 RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SPECIES
16 FOR EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DANIEL FELTZ. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, BOARD MEMBERS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS
24 MOTION. MY NAME IS DANIEL FELT AND I'M A LIFELONG ISLAND
25 RESIDENT. I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY



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1 AND OPEN COMMUNICATION IN THE CONSERVANCY'S RESTORATION
2 PROJECT. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, I, ALONG WITH OTHER RESIDENTS,
3 HAVE SUBMITTED QUESTIONS THAT HAVE GONE UNANSWERED. THIS LACK
4 OF RESPONSE IS CREATING A SENSE OF FRUSTRATION AND
5 DISENFRANCHISEMENT AMONGST COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE CATALINA
6 ISLAND CONSERVANCY'S REFUSAL TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR CONCERNS IS
7 EFFECTIVELY SILENCING OUR VOICES. FURTHERMORE, THEIR
8 INTIMIDATION TACTICS, SUCH AS THREATENING LEGAL ACTION OVER
9 THE CITY'S AMENDED ORDINANCE, ARE UNACCEPTABLE. OUR CITY HAS
10 BEEN THE ONLY GOVERNMENT AGENCY SO FAR TO OPPOSE THE
11 CONSERVANCY'S ILL-CONCEIVED PLAN. I URGE THE BOARD TO CONTINUE
12 TO STAND WITH US AND DO THE SAME. OUR COMMUNITY DESERVES
13 TRANSPARENCY AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS
14 WITHOUT FEAR OF BEING SILENCED OR IGNORED. I ASK THAT YOU VOTE
15 YES. THANK YOU.

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

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19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PATRICIA MCCORMICK. YOU MAY
20 BEGIN.

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22 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. PLEASE DO NOT SEND THAT LETTER OPPOSING THE
23 DEER REMOVAL FROM THE CONSERVANCY LAND. IT'S HYPOCRITICAL TO
24 EVERYTHING WE'VE DISCUSSED TODAY REGARDING MITIGATION, CLIMATE
25 CHANGE MITIGATION, AND RESILIENCY PLANS THAT YOU ARE PROPOSING



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1 TODAY OR CONSIDERING TODAY FOR THE SUPERVISORY BOARD. IF YOU
2 LOOK AT THE ROBUST ECOLOGICAL RESURRECTION OF THE ECOLOGY ON
3 SANTA CRUZ AND SANTA ROSA ISLAND AS A RESULT OF DEER REMOVAL,
4 YOU'LL SEE WHAT POSSIBILITIES THERE ARE FOR CATALINA ISLAND.
5 IT WAS A MISTAKE IMPORTING THOSE DEER TO THE ISLAND AND IT'S A
6 MISTAKE TO ALLOW THEM TO REMAIN. I GET TO SEE THE MOST
7 BEAUTIFUL ENDANGERED TREES THAT EXIST ONLY AROUND BEING
8 PROTECTED BY CAGES. AND OUR BIRDS, BAT, AND BEE POPULATIONS
9 DECLINE AND DISAPPEAR BECAUSE OF THE FOOD REMAINING IS DEER
10 FODDER. I URGE YOU TO NOT SEND THAT LETTER. AND ACTUALLY, I
11 WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU SUPPORT THE REMOVAL OF THE DEER FROM
12 CATALINA ISLAND. THANK YOU.

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

15
16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GINA SALDANA. YOU MAY
17 BEGIN.

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19 **SPEAKER:** HELLO CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

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23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HAHN SO MUCH FOR YOUR INTEREST
24 IN THIS TOPIC. I JUST WANT TO SAY PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE LET
25 THE DEER STAY. CATALINA ISLAND IS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PLACE,



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1 BELOVED BY MANY. RUN BY DIFFERENT FACTIONS. I THINK ULTIMATE
2 BRASS TACKS HERE IS A JEFF AND ALLISON RUSAK. IT'S THEIR
3 ISLAND. THEY OWN IT. THEY CAN DO WHAT THEY WANT. AND THE OTHER
4 FACTIONS FALL IN LINE. WHY THEY WANT THEM GONE, IT'S NOT
5 REALLY CLEAR. I THINK THE SQUIRREL DO WAY MORE DAMAGE THAN THE
6 DEER. CHECK OUT THE THOMPSON SPILLWAY FALLING APART. SQUIRREL
7 ARE TAKING EVERYTHING DOWN TO THE ROOTS AND NOTHING GROWS
8 BACK. AGAIN, PLEASE KEEP THE DEER, THEIR FAMILY TO THOSE OF US
9 THAT LIVE THERE, AND WE'RE BORN AND RAISED. FAMILY, PLEASE
10 DON'T SHOOT THEM FROM HELICOPTERS. RIDICULOUS. THANK YOU.

11
12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13
14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOEL SALINA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15
16 **SPEAKER:** AS A FORMER AVALON RESIDENT, I URGE YOU TO SAVE ALL
17 THE DEER ON CATALINA ISLAND. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US TO
18 BE INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITIES. PLEASE USE YOUR LEADERSHIP
19 POWERS AND MORAL COMPASS TO HELP FIGHT FOR THE RESIDENTS OF
20 AVALON AND SAVE THE CULTURE OF THE COMMUNITY. THE CULTURE THAT
21 INCLUDES WILD ANIMALS, PIGS, GOATS, BUFFALO, DEER, AND FOXES.
22 THESE LIMITING ANIMALS WERE ONCE ALLOWED TO LIVE AND THRIVE ON
23 THE ISLAND BY THE ORIGINAL OWNER, WILLIAM WRIGLEY. THE WILD
24 ANIMALS HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE ISLAND COMMUNITY LONGER THAN
25 MOST OF US HAVE BEEN ALIVE. THE ANIMALS THAT HAVE FED MANY OF



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1 THE FAMILIES ON THE ISLAND SINCE THEY WERE BROUGHT THERE. I
2 BELONG TO ONE OF THOSE FAMILIES THAT WAS PROVIDED MEAT FROM
3 THE GOATS, PIGS, AND DEER. THESE RESOURCES PROVIDE MANY ISLAND
4 FAMILIES WITH FOOD WE OTHERWISE WOULD NOT HAVE HAD. WILLIAM
5 WRIGLEY BELIEVED IN HUNTING AND PROVIDING SUCH OPPORTUNITIES
6 FOR THOSE THAT LIVED ON THE ISLAND AND VISITED THE ISLAND. I
7 URGE YOU TO LOOK WAY BACK ON HOW POPULAR HUNTING WAS AND HOW
8 PEOPLE ENJOYED VISITING THE ISLAND. --

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

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13 **MODERATOR:** THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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15 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
16 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. 2 QUICK
19 THINGS. IF SUPERVISOR HAHN, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE I HEARD
20 YOUR STATEMENT AND YOUR INTENTION AND I UNDERSTAND THE MOTION
21 CORRECTLY. YOU ARE NOT CHALLENGING WHETHER THE DEER POPULATION
22 NEEDS TO BE REDUCED. THIS MOTION IS CHALLENGING THE HOW IN
23 TERMS OF AERIAL SHARPSHOOTERS SHOOTING THE DEER? NOT THE,
24 BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, IN LISTENING TO PUBLIC TESTIMONY, THERE'S,
25 SO I WANTED TO GET CLEAR ABOUT YOUR INTENTION.



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2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. MY
3 INTENTION IS, AGAIN, TO WORK WITH THE CONSERVANCY TO PUT THIS
4 PLAN ON HOLD, WORK WITH THE CONSERVANCY TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVE
5 METHODS OF THINNING THE HERD. THERE ARE THOSE WHO DON'T
6 BELIEVE THAT ALL 2000 DEER NEED TO BE ERADICATED, THAT THE
7 ISLAND COULD CERTAINLY SUPPORT A POPULATION.

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9 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SOME NUMBER.

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11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SOME NUMBER, YES. I'M JUST OPPOSED TO THIS
12 METHOD.

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14 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THE METHOD, THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND THE HOPE THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER.

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18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND THEN SECONDLY, I THINK I WAS
19 STRUCK. I HEARD SEVERAL WITNESSES SAY THAT THIS IS A METHOD
20 THAT'S BEEN USED OTHER PLACES. BUT I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE
21 KNOWS THE ANSWER TO THIS POINT. BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT PEOPLE,
22 THAT THE GALAPAGOS CHANNEL ISLANDS AND THE, I DON'T KNOW IF
23 THEY'RE INHABITED BY PEOPLE. THEY MENTIONED HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.
24 THERE ARE SOME HAWAIIAN ISLANDS THAT ARE REMOTE THAT DON'T
25 HAVE PEOPLE LIVING THERE. SO I JUST, IT DIDN'T FEEL LIKE AN



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1 APPLES TO APPLES COMPARISON TO ME, COUPLED WITH THE SEVERAL
2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO TALKED ABOUT HAVING HAD THE
3 EXPERIENCE BEFORE WHEN THIS METHOD WAS USED TO KILL, I BELIEVE
4 THEY SAID GOATS, JUST HOW TRAUMATIC IT WAS. I JUST CAN'T
5 IMAGINE THAT IT'S AN APPROPRIATE COMPARISON WHEN THEY ARE
6 CITING ISLANDS WHERE PEOPLE DON'T LIVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY, AND ITEMS LIKE THIS
9 THAT ARE VERY DISTRICT SPECIFIC, I TEND TO LEAN TOWARDS THE
10 LEADERSHIP OF THE PERSON LEADING THAT DISTRICT SO WITH THAT
11 ITEM 73 B IS BEFORE US MOVE BY SUPERVISOR HAHN SECONDED BY
12 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM EXECUTIVE OFFICER
13 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 73 B IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE

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

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21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AYE

22

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

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25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE



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

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4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER AYE SUPERVISOR HORVATH

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

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10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH AYE MOTION CARRIES 5 TO

11 0.

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13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND NOW WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 73E

14 OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 2986 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS

15 FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN

16 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I WILL TURN

17 IT TO YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I

20 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR ALSO CO-AUTHORING THIS

21 MOTION WITH ME. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY,

22 I APPRECIATE THE FOLKS THAT ARE HERE IN THE AUDIENCE THAT

23 REPRESENT OUR BELOVED EAST LOS ANGELES. AS YOU KNOW, EAST LA

24 IS ONE OF THE EARLIEST ESTABLISHED COMMUNITIES IN LA COUNTY.

25 WITH A POPULATION OF ROUGHLY 119,000 RESIDENTS, IT IS THE MOST



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1 POPULOUS UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY IN LA COUNTY, AND I AM PROUD
2 TO HAVE REPRESENTED THAT AREA FOR OVER, I WANT TO SAY CLOSE TO
3 20 YEARS. AS AN UNINCORPORATED AREA, I SERVE AS THE DE FACTO
4 MAYOR OF THE JURISDICTION AND ENSURE THAT RESOURCES ARE
5 PROVIDED TO THE REGION TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY. THE COUNTY
6 PROVIDES SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL PUBLIC
7 WORKS. THAT MEANS STREET REPAIR, LIGHTING, TRASH COLLECTION,
8 MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE SERVICES,
9 LIBRARY SERVICES, PARKS AND THE MAINTENANCE OF THOSE PARKS,
10 HOUSING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, LOW INCOME HOUSING AND ANIMAL
11 CONTROL, COVERING COSTS REGARDLESS OF THE REVENUE THAT HAS
12 BEEN GENERATED IN EAST LOS ANGELES. THE EAST LA AREA, AS YOU
13 KNOW, IS A MAJORITY LATINO WORKING CLASS COMMUNITY, ONE THAT I
14 HAVE PRIORITIZED FOR SERVICES, ESPECIALLY AS WE CONTINUE TO
15 RECOVER FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. LORD KNOWS THAT COMMUNITY
16 WAS REALLY UNDER AN IMPACTFUL TIME FOR MANY, MANY YEARS AND IT
17 IS STILL RECOVERING. IN FACT, I WORK WITH THE BOARD HERE. THEY
18 SUPPORTED ME ON HELPING TO MAKE OVER 50 MILLION DOLLARS OF
19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE RELIEF THAT CAME THROUGH OUR CARES ACT
20 THROUGH OUR ARP OUR FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS
21 WELL AS THE STATE AND WE ASSISTED OVER 3600 HOUSEHOLDS CLOSE
22 TO \$32,000,000 IN RENT RELIEF FOR PEOPLE THAT WOULD HAVE FACED
23 EVICTION OR WOULD HAVE BEEN OUT ON THE STREET. WE SUPPORTED
24 OVER 850 BUSINESSES WITH \$3,000,000 SPECIFICALLY FOR EAST LOS
25 ANGELES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, MOM AND POP, PROVIDING



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1 \$1,600,000 IN CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE FOR OUR FAMILIES, OUR
2 WORKING FAMILIES, AND DELIVERING OVER 3,867 MOBILE VACCINATION
3 CLINICS, TOTALING 45,000 COVID VACCINES. WE SAVED LIVES, AND I
4 THANK OUR COMMUNITY FOR WORKING WITH US SO DILIGENTLY AND OUR
5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,
6 AND ALL THOSE AGENCIES THAT CAME TOGETHER. BEFORE US TODAY,
7 MEMBERS, ASSEMBLY BILL 2986 BY WENDY CARILLO SEEKS TO
8 ESTABLISH AN EAST LA TASK FORCE AND DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY
9 OF INCORPORATING EAST LOS ANGELES. MEMBERS, LET ME REMIND YOU,
10 THIS IS THE FIFTH ATTEMPT TO INCORPORATE EAST LOS ANGELES. AND
11 TIME AND TIME AGAIN, ANALYSIS HAS SHOWN THAT INCORPORATING
12 EAST LA WOULD NOT BE BENEFICIAL TO ITS RESIDENTS. IN 2012,
13 THERE WAS A COMPREHENSIVE FISCAL REVIEW COMMISSION BY THE LOS
14 ANGELES LOCAL AGENCY COMMISSION, KNOWN TO US AS LAFCO, AND IT
15 SHOWED IN THE FIRST YEAR ALONE THAT EAST LOS ANGELES WOULD RUN
16 A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT OF \$19,000,000 AND THIS IS BECAUSE
17 UNFORTUNATELY EAST LOS ANGELES DOES NOT GENERATE ENOUGH
18 SUFFICIENT TAX REVENUE TO VIABLY SUSTAIN CITYHOOD AS REQUIRED
19 BY OUR STATE LAW. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT RESIDENTS AND
20 BUSINESSES WOULD NEED TO EITHER INCREASE THEIR TAXES OR REDUCE
21 THE LEVEL OF SERVICES, WHICH IN MY OPINION WOULD BE
22 DETRIMENTAL TO THE MOST VULNERABLE OF OUR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS
23 LIVING AND RESIDING IN THAT AREA. THIS ANALYSIS, AS YOU KNOW,
24 WAS DONE OVER 12 YEARS AGO. I IMAGINE NOW THE DEFICIT WOULD BE
25 EVEN HIGHER. JUST EARLIER TODAY, OUR CEO TALKED ABOUT SOME OF



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1 THE RESOURCES THAT WE PROVIDE THERE. AND BACK AT THAT STUDY 12
2 YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS NOT HERE, WELL, I WILL SAY THAT THERE
3 WERE MORE PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN EAST LOS ANGELES. THAT NUMBER
4 HAS BEEN REDUCED AND YOU CAN TELL THAT OVER TIME THERE'S BEEN
5 A LOT OF ECONOMIC IMPACTS AND THAT COMMUNITY HAS SUFFERED A
6 LOT. THERE'S NO DOUBT. BUT I COULD JUST IMAGINE THAT THE
7 DEFICIT NOW, IF YOU LOOK INTO INFLATION, COST OF LIVING AND
8 ALL OF THAT, THAT IT WOULD BE MUCH GREATER. PRELIMINARILY FROM
9 2012 TO TODAY, THERE IS A 66% INCREASE IN THE COST OF SHERIFF
10 SERVICES ALONE, 59% INCREASE IN FIRE SERVICES, ALL OF WHICH
11 WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE, JUST AS WE'RE SEEING IN OUR OWN
12 BUDGET THAT WE TODAY HEARD ABOUT FROM OUR CEO. THE SERVICE
13 COSTS INCREASE ARE HIGHER THAN THE APPROXIMATE 30% GROWTH RATE
14 OF EAST LA'S TAX BASE FROM 2012 TO 2024. THE LATEST ATTEMPT AT
15 INCORPORATION WOULD ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE WHICH, AS WRITTEN
16 IN THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, WOULD NOT BE INCLUSIVE OF SEVERAL
17 KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING OUR LABOR
18 PARTNERS, OUR UNIONS, AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. IT REPRESENTS,
19 IN MY VIEW, A NARROW INTEREST OF A FEW EAST LA RESIDENTS. LA
20 LAFCO AND I WERE NOT, BY THE WAY, CONSULTED ABOUT THIS TASK
21 FORCE AND THE STUDY, WHICH COULD COST ANYWHERE ESTIMATES BY
22 LAFCO ANYWHERE STARTING AT \$650,000 TO OVER \$750,000 PER YEAR.
23 THAT'S WHAT LAFCO ESTIMATES. SINCE THE BILL DID NOT INCLUDE
24 ANY FUNDING, THE QUESTION IS THEN WHO PAYS FOR THIS STUDY? THE
25 ANSWER IS WHAT? THE COUNTY, THE 88 CITIES, AND THE 51



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1 INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS WHO WILL END UP PICKING UP THAT
2 TAB? I DON'T THINK THAT'S DEMOCRATIC. AS THE GOVERNING BODY
3 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELL-BEING OF EAST LA, IT'S OUR
4 RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE WELL-BEING OF THIS COMMUNITY
5 IS HELD. AND THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING MY COLLEAGUES HERE TO
6 OPPOSE AB 2986. AND BY DOING SO, THE COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO
7 ENSURE THAT IT PROVIDES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF EAST LOS ANGELES,
8 REGARDLESS OF THE REVENUE THAT THEY GENERATE NOW. UNDER A
9 PRELIMINARY REVIEW BY MY OFFICE, OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, WE
10 HAVE INVESTED MORE THAN \$500,000,000 IN COMMUNITY
11 INFRASTRUCTURE AND WELL-BEING ON TOP OF OVER \$100 MILLION IN
12 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS AND SERVICES. AND LET ME DEFINE
13 WHAT THOSE ARE. \$150,000,000 FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.
14 \$26,000,000 ANNUALLY FOR ONGOING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS
15 THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. OVER 30,000,000 TO THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND LORD KNOWS WE HAVE MANY
17 PARKS THERE IN EAST LA BUT THEY HAVE TO BE MAINTAINED AND THEY
18 HAVE TO HAVE STAFF. I DON'T SEE A NEW CITY BEING ABLE TO TAKE
19 OVER ALL OF THOSE COSTS. \$18,200,000 JUST FOR THE FIRE
20 DEPARTMENT AND WE HEARD EARLY THAT THERE ARE 2 STATIONS AND 1,
21 2 1/2 THAT WE SHARE WITH THE CITY OF COMMERCE. THAT WOULD MEAN
22 THEY WOULD HAVE TO, THE CITY, CONTRACT FOR THOSE FIRE SERVICES
23 AND COVER THE COSTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY
24 OF COMMERCE OR THEY'D HAVE TO SHARE THEM. I DON'T KNOW IF CITY
25 OF COMMERCE IS AWARE OF THAT. \$54,600,000 ANNUALLY TO THE



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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY.
2 I'VE HEARD TIME AND TIME AGAIN FROM PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM, A
3 SMALL SELECT GROUP THAT HAS COMPLAINED ABOUT NOT HAVING ENOUGH
4 LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPUTIES OUT IN EAST LA. WELL, GUESS WHAT?
5 THEY'RE PROBABLY GOING TO SEE FEWER BECAUSE THEY WILL BE
6 CONTRACTED OUT TO OTHER CITIES. IN ADDITION, IF THEY CAN'T
7 COME UP WITH THE \$54,000,000 ON THEIR OWN, HOW WOULD THEY BE
8 ABLE TO CONTINUE TO PATROL THE AREA THERE IN EAST LOS ANGELES?
9 AND AS WE KNOW, IT MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT AS IT IS. AND THAT'S
10 WHY TODAY IN OUR BUDGET, WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT HELPING TO
11 INCREASE SOME OF THE BACKFILL THAT'S NECESSARY THERE. AND TO
12 HELP OVERCOME OUR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS CRISIS DURING MY
13 TIME AS SUPERVISOR, AND GRANTED, I'VE ONLY BEEN THERE 9 ½
14 YEARS. THE COUNTY HAS PROVIDED 600 HOUSING VOUCHERS FOR EAST
15 LA RESIDENTS BECAUSE WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF UNHOUSED
16 THAT RESIDE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. \$258,000,000 FOR
17 MULTIFAMILY AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCLUDING 17 PROJECTS AND 875
18 NEW UNITS. AND WHAT HAVE PEOPLE BEEN TELLING ME? THEY WANT
19 MORE AFFORDABLE AND LOW INCOME HOUSING. MANY OF OUR CITIES
20 THAT I REPRESENT ARE STRUGGLING JUST TO MAKE ENDS MEET AND
21 CAN'T COUPLE THE MONEY IN THE MILLIONS TO BE ABLE TO BUILD
22 THESE TYPES OF STRUCTURES OUT. THE COUNTY INVESTMENTS IN EAST
23 LA FAR EXCEED WHAT THE UNINCORPORATED AREA COULD GENERATE AS A
24 CITY. FOR EXAMPLE, SINCE I'VE BEEN IN OFFICE, I'VE ALLOCATED
25 OVER 30 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL SHERIFF SERVICES THAT HAVE COME



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1 OUT OF MY OWN DISCRETIONARY MONEY. HOW WOULD A CITY BE ABLE TO
2 AUGMENT THOSE POLICE PATROLS, THOSE ADDITIONAL HOURS THAT HAVE
3 TO BE SPENT OUT THERE. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECEIVES THE
4 HIGHEST SHARE OF COUNTY DOLLARS BECAUSE IT RECEIVES THE LEAST
5 AMOUNT OF REVENUE FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES. IF EAST LA WERE TO
6 INCORPORATE THE DOLLARS THAT THE COUNTY IS INVESTING IN THE
7 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR EAST LA WOULD NO LONGER BE THE
8 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY BUT WOULD BE FOR THIS NEW CITY.
9 FOR ANOTHER EXAMPLE ON TODAY'S AGENDA THE COUNTY'S OFFICE OF
10 SUSTAINABILITY AND PUBLIC WORKS SECURED \$8,000,000 DOLLARS TO
11 INCREASE URBAN CANOPY TREES PLANTED IN THE UNINCORPORATED
12 AREAS. AND THAT WILL BE A BIG PORTION THAT WILL HELP PROVIDE
13 RELIEF TO OUR CONSTITUENTS IN EAST LOS ANGELES WHO WE KNOW
14 WHEN IT BECOMES WARM. WE CAN SEE UPWARDS OF 90 DEGREES, 100
15 DEGREES, WHERE PEOPLE ARE OUTSIDE. WE NEED THIS SUPPORT. I
16 APPLAUD ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS WHO WORKED ON THE PROPOSAL AND
17 OUR FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE PRESIDENT BIDEN
18 FOR MAKING THESE EQUITY-FOCUSED INVESTMENTS FOR COMMUNITIES,
19 AS WE SAID EARLIER, THAT ARE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
20 COMMUNITIES. OUR AGENDA TODAY, BY THE WAY, ALSO INCLUDED
21 ELEVATOR UPGRADES FOR THE ROYBAL COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CLINIC.
22 IT'S ICONIC. IT SERVES RIGHT THERE AT THE EAST LA CIVIC CENTER
23 THAT HAS HELPED PROVIDE LIVELIHOOD HEALTH CARE FOR MANY
24 STRUGGLING PEOPLE WHO OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE
25 THAT HEALTH CARE. ALSO, MY COLLEAGUES HERE WHO SIT ON THE



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1 METRO BOARD AS WELL KNOW THAT WE'RE LEVERAGING BILLIONS OF
2 DOLLARS RIGHT NOW TO PROVIDE TRANSIT, HIGH QUALITY TRANSIT
3 OPTIONS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THE METRO E-LINE OR GOLD LINE
4 EXTENSION AS IT WAS KNOWN, \$8 BILLION PROJECT COMING IN THE
5 NEAR FUTURE WILL PROVIDE LOCAL ECONOMIC GROWTH OPTIONS FOR
6 EAST LA RESIDENTS AND THOSE ALIGNING NEXT TO THE PROJECT BUT
7 ALSO WILL PROVIDE FOR LOCAL HIRE AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR
8 SMALL BUSINESSES THERE TO THRIVE, TO BE ABLE TO ATTRACT MORE
9 CUSTOMERS. THE PROJECT REQUIRES RESOURCES LIKE THIS IN A
10 DETAILED REVIEW, MITIGATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS FOR EAST LA, THE
11 ATLANTIC BOULEVARD, AND ALSO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO SMALL
12 BUSINESSES. I CAN SEE THE TAX BASE GROWING IN FUTURE YEARS AS
13 IT IS SHOWING BIT BY BIT BUT NONETHELESS WITH AN INVESTMENT
14 LIKE A RAIL SYSTEM THAT WILL EXTEND FROM EAST LOS ANGELES TO
15 THE CITY OF WHITTIER, THAT WHOLE AREA WILL BECOME ACTIVATED.
16 INCORPORATION, IN MY OPINION, WOULD ONLY HURT THE RESIDENTS
17 WHO RECEIVE COUNTY SUPPORT AND FUNDING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT,
18 FIRE SERVICES, LIBRARIES, HOUSING, AND PARKS, ANIMAL CONTROL,
19 JUST TO NAME A FEW. AND I'M NOT EVEN TALKING ABOUT THE
20 MAINTENANCE FOR GRAFFITI ABATEMENT OR GARBAGE COLLECTION,
21 WHICH WE HEAR SO OFTEN. OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE NOT FULLY
22 RECOVERED FROM COVID, AS I SAID EARLIER, AND WE KNOW THAT, WE
23 SEE IT EVERY DAY. BECOMING A CITY COULD MEAN RESIDENTS AND
24 BUSINESSES IN THE AREA WOULD EITHER HAVE TO PAY MORE IN TAXES
25 OR EXPERIENCE A LEVEL OF CUTBACK IN SERVICES. THOSE ARE THE



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1 ONLY 2 OPTIONS THAT I CAN SEE. THIS WILL, IN MY OPINION,
2 NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE MOST VULNERABLE, LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS
3 THAT RELY ON THE COUNTY'S SAFETY NET, AS WE HAVE HEARD OVER
4 AND OVER AGAIN, AND POTENTIALLY CAUSE MORE GENTRIFICATION AND
5 DISPLACEMENT IN OUR AREA. TYPICALLY, WHEN CITIES DO NOT HAVE
6 SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO COVER MUNICIPAL REQUIREMENTS, GUESS WHAT
7 THEY DO? THEY TURN TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. NEITHER ARE
8 WE CURRENTLY IN A POSITION TO OFFER THAT KIND OF SUPPORT, AND
9 I DON'T THINK THAT THE STATE, THE GOVERNOR, CAN ALSO OFFSET
10 THAT BECAUSE THEY'RE IN A BUDGET DEFICIT. FOR THESE REASONS,
11 LA LAFCO UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSED THE BILL AT THEIR LAST MEETING.
12 THAT'S THE AUTHORITY THAT OVERSEES THIS PROCESS. THEY WERE NOT
13 EVEN TOLD IN ADVANCE THAT THIS BILL WAS COMING UP. SO MY
14 MOTION TODAY, MEMBERS, IS TO OPPOSE AB 2986 AND TO SUPPORT
15 LAFCO'S UNANIMOUS DECISION. BUT I'M ALSO EXPLORING THE
16 FEASIBILITY OF CREATING OR EXPANDING A TOWN COUNCIL OR
17 MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, BUT THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT WE
18 CURRENTLY DON'T HAVE OUR CACS, WHICH ARE KNOWN AS COMMUNITY
19 ADVISORY COUNCILS, TO BE FULLY ENGAGED AND TO REPRESENT ALL
20 SEGMENTS AND ALL CORNERS OF EAST LOS ANGELES, NOT JUST A FEW
21 VOICES THAT MAY BE SPEAKING. EAST LA IS HISTORICALLY BEEN
22 KNOWN AS AN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY, BUT IT IS ALSO OUR PRIDE
23 AND JOY. IN OUR COMMUNITY THERE ARE VERY RESILIENT AND MY
24 HEART GOES OUT TO THEM AND I WILL FIGHT AS LONG AS I AM IN
25 THIS POSITION TO CONTINUE TO SEE THAT OUR COMMUNITY RESIDENTS



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1 ARE WELL SERVED IN THE BEST MANNER THAT I CAN WITH THE SUPPORT
2 OF OUR CEO, MY COLLEAGUES HERE, AND OUR DEPARTMENTS WHO SEND
3 THEIR STAFF OUT THERE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES. THAT'S WHO I
4 STAND ON. I STAND ON THEIR SHOULDERS. CAN WE DO A BETTER JOB?
5 ABSOLUTELY, AND WE MUST. SO MEMBERS, I WILL CLOSE BY ASKING
6 YOU TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MOTION BEFORE YOU TO OPPOSE AB 2986
7 AND AGAIN I WANT TO THANK MY CO-AUTHOR KATHRYN BARGER WHO
8 KNOWS A LOT ABOUT UNINCORPORATED SERVICES. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I THINK YOU'VE REALLY OUTLINED IT
13 PERFECTLY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, BUT I THINK IT SPEAKS VOLUMES
14 WHEN SOMEONE GOT AN AMEND AN EXISTING LEGISLATION IN THE DEAD
15 OF NIGHT AND DOESN'T EVEN CONSULT WITH THE BOARD MEMBER WHO
16 REPRESENTS THAT AREA. SO, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT SPEAKS
17 VOLUMES TO WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR ME AS
18 WELL IS THIS HAS GONE THROUGH A LAYER OF REVIEW AND LAFCO DOES
19 NOT BASE IT ON POLITICS. THEY BASE IT ON FORMULA AND BASE IT
20 ON THE ABILITY TO BE SUSTAINABLE AND SELF-SUSTAINABLE. AND IT
21 DOES NOT PENCIL OUT. SO TO ME, IT IS DISINGENUOUS TO DO THIS
22 WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET SOMETHING BETTER
23 WHEN AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS POINTED OUT THE INVESTMENT SINCE
24 YOU'VE BEEN ON THIS BOARD TO THAT COMMUNITY HAS BEEN
25 INCREDIBLE, WHETHER IT BE HEALTH CARE DURING COVID WITH THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WAS EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF
2 VACCINATION AND AS WELL AS TESTING. IT FRUSTRATES ME BECAUSE
3 PEOPLE WANT QUALITY OF LIFE. WE CAN ALWAYS DO BETTER IN THE
4 UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND WE'RE ALWAYS STRIVING TO DO BETTER IN
5 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. BUT THIS WAS A NO-BRAINER FOR ME
6 SITTING ON LAFCO AND KNOWING HOW LAFCO GOES ABOUT REVIEWING
7 WHETHER A CITY CAN INCORPORATE OR NOT. EAST LA IS NOT
8 SUSTAINABLE BASED ON REVENUE, BASED ON WHAT YOU TALKED ABOUT
9 IN TERMS OF THE NEED TO BUILD UP INFRASTRUCTURE. AND SO I
10 WILL, I'M GLAD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I THINK WE ARE GOING TO
11 HAVE TO EDUCATE THE MEMBERS UP IN SACRAMENTO ABOUT THE
12 IMPORTANCE OF COLLABORATION, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO
13 TAKE AWAY SOMETHING AND IT ENDS UP HURTING THE VERY
14 CONSTITUENTS THAT HE OR SHE REPRESENTS WITH US. SO, I'M 100%
15 WITH YOU.

16
17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

18
19 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR HAHN
20 WILL CHUCKLE WHEN I SAY, PROCESS TO ME IS IMPORTANT, HAVING
21 SERVED ON LAFCO AS WELL. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, COULD YOU TELL ME,
22 WOULD THE LEGISLATION CIRCUMVENT THE LAFCO PROCESS?

23
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I BELIEVE SO. IT WOULD ACTUALLY, WELL, HER
25 LEGISLATION WOULD SAY THAT LAFCO WOULD HAVE TO FORM THIS TASK



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SUPERVISORS

1 FORCE AND PAY FOR IT WHEN LAFCO DOESN'T HAVE THE MONEY OR THE
2 RESOURCES. AND AS I SAID EARLIER, IT DOESN'T INCLUDE ANY
3 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR ANYTHING. AND OBVIOUSLY, WE'VE BEEN CUT
4 OUT OF THIS WHOLE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, WHICH TO ME IS
5 BEING REPORTED MISINFORMING OUR COMMUNITY SAYING THAT SOMEHOW,
6 I DON'T WANT TO ALLOW EAST LA TO HAVE A VOICE. NOTHING COULD
7 BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH.

8

9 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND IT SOUNDS LIKE
10 IT DOES CIRCUMVENT IN THAT IT ADDS AN ADDITIONAL LAYER OR IT
11 DICTATES TO LAFCO HOW THEY GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS. LAFCO HAS
12 BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS HAVING SERVED ON LAFCO.
13 I'VE SEEN THE PROCESS INTERNALLY IN TERMS OF HOW IT WORKS.
14 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. APPRECIATE IT.

15

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

19

20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL, ANGELICA P., ANTONIO REYES, ARMANDO
21 ESCOBAR, BENITO TAMBUNGA, BRENDA MARTINEZ, CARLOS MONTES,
22 CARMEN CALCANAS, DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, EDDIE TORRES, FRANCISCO
23 VILLALOBOS, GABRIELA EDDY, IRENE FLORES, JASMINE CHAVEZ,
24 JELANI ARRIAGA, JOSE SILVA, CARRIE CHAY, LEANN SILVA, MIKE
25 DELANA CASARES, MARY URUSHIA, MELANIE GOMEZ, MICHAEL TORRES,



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1 BREYNA SCHMITZ, ROBERT DOMINGUEZ, SANDY PARRA, TONY REYES,
2 TONY DEMARCO, AND VERONICA TORRES, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
3 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS
4 ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 73E, IF
5 YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 NOW TO
6 BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE
7 FIRST SPEAKER PLEASE.

8
9 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS VIVIANA ENGLISH, YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

11
12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD MEMBERS, MY NAME IS VIVIANA
13 ENGLISH AND I AM IN OPPOSITION TO ASSEMBLY BILL AB 2986. EAST
14 L IS A VIBRANT COMMUNITY WITH MANY NEEDS. THE COST OF LAW
15 ENFORCEMENT, FIRE ROAD MAINTENANCE, STREET LIGHTING, GRAFFITI
16 REMOVAL, AND GARBAGE COLLECTION ARE CONSTANTLY INCREASING AND
17 WOULD INCREASE WITH A MOVE TO A CITYHOOD OR A SPECIAL
18 DISTRICT. WE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THOSE INCREASES
19 AND NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO PUT THIS ON OUR COMMUNITY. IT WOULD
20 BE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR COMMUNITY, MOST VULNERABLE, AND WE ARE
21 ON A FIXED INCOME TO HAVE TO BEAR THE BURDEN WHEN WE ARE
22 RECEIVING THOSE SERVICES FROM LA COUNTY NOW. IT IS FOR THOSE
23 REASONS THAT I OPPOSE AB 2986. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
24 YOUR HELP ON NO AB 2986.



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRIELLA HERNANDEZ-GONZALEZ.
4 YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HELLO MY NAME IS GABRIELLA. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN
7 THE UNINCORPORATED EAST LA COMMUNITY. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF
8 OF MY FAMILY WHO HAVE LIVED IN UNINCORPORATED EAST LA FOR 51
9 YEARS. I AM IN FAVOR OF AN OPPOSITION OF AB 2986 AND IS NOT IN
10 THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST LA. OPPOSING CITYHOOD
11 FOR OUR COMMUNITY IS PRUDENT DECISION BECAUSE WE FACE THE
12 REALITY THAT OUR CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESOURCES CANNOT
13 SUSTAIN THE DEMANDS OF AN INDEPENDENT CITY. WHILE THE IDEA OF
14 AUTONOMY MAY BE APPEALING, IT'S ESSENTIAL TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
15 LIMITATIONS WE CURRENTLY FACE. ESTABLISHING A CITY REQUIRES
16 ROBUST FINANCIAL RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITIES, AND
17 INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT. THE UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS
18 ANGELES LACKS THE NECESSARY ECONOMIC BASE AND TAX REVENUE TO
19 SUPPORT ESSENTIAL SERVICES ADEQUATELY. WITHOUT SUFFICIENT
20 RESOURCES, CITYHOOD COULD LEAD TO INCREASED TAXES,
21 DETERIORATION OF PUBLIC RESOURCES, AND FINANCIAL INSTABILITY.
22 THEREFORE, IT'S IMPERATIVE TO PRIORITIZE SUSTAINABILITY AND --
23 AND -- AND THE DESIRE FOR AUTONOMY AT THIS TIME --

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.



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1

2 **SPEAKER:** -- THIS IS WHY I AM IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALEC F. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
9 IS ALEC STAMOS. I WORK IN EAST LA. I'M ALSO IN FAVOR OF
10 OPPOSING THIS BILL, YOU KNOW, IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE EAST LA HAS
11 A FINANCIAL BASE TO SUPPORT CITYHOOD AND ALSO IT SEEMS LIKE
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAD DONE QUITE A BIT TO HELP THE COMMUNITY
13 NOR DOES IT SEEM LIKE THE COMMUNITY WAS ADEQUATELY INVOLVED IN
14 THIS PROCESS SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THAT'S WHY I SUPPORT
15 OPPOSING THIS BILL.

16

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CARLA GONZALEZ. YOU MAY
20 BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS CARLA GONZALEZ AND I AM IN OPPOSITION TO
23 AB 2986. I AM A MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY ALONG WITH MY MOM. WE
24 ARE HARD-WORKING STRONG INDIVIDUALS AND MY MOM IS ON A FIXED
25 INCOME NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD THE INCREASED COST INEVITABLY



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1 THESE COSTS EVENTUALLY INCREASE WITH THE MOVE TO CITYHOOD OR A
2 SPECIAL DISTRICT AND THAT WORRIES ME FOR MYSELF AND MY MOTHER.
3 WE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THOSE INCREASED COSTS NOW
4 AND RIGHT NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO DO THAT. IT WOULD BE
5 DETRIMENTAL TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE WHO ARE ON FIXED INCOME. IT
6 IS FOR THESE REASONS THAT I OPPOSE AB 2986. THANK YOU.

7

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC HUBBARD. YOU MAY
11 BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ERIC HUBBARD AND ON BEHALF
14 OF HOGAN AND VINK, I AM IN OPPOSITION TO ASSEMBLY BILL 2986 AS
15 AN ORGANIZATION SERVING THE COMMUNITY WE DO NOT SUPPORT EAST
16 LA TO BREAK AWAY FROM LA COUNTY AND BECOME AN INCORPORATED
17 CITY THIS ACTION WILL INCREASE COSTS OR COMMUNITY RESIDENTS
18 AND REDUCED SERVICES WE BELIEVE EAST LA BENEFITS GREATLY FROM
19 BEING PART OF LA COUNTY, AND IT'S FOR THIS REASON THAT WE
20 OPPOSE AB 2986.

21

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KRISTEN HULING, YOU MAY BEGIN.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. I'M CALLING TO DELIVER
2 REMARKS ON BEHALF OF SCIU 721 PRESIDENT DAVID GREEN AND OUR
3 55,000 REPRESENTED LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES. I'M SPEAKING
4 IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 74E, OPPOSING AB 2986 AS IT WOULD PROVE TO
5 BE MORE HARMFUL THAN BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE
6 AND LIVE IN. THE SERVICES THAT OUR MEMBERS PROVIDE IN EAST LOS
7 ANGELES, SUCH AS PARKING ENFORCEMENT, ROAD REPAIR, SANITATION,
8 AND FIRE PREVENTION WOULD ALL BE AFFECTED AS A RESULT. AT A
9 TIME WHERE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARE MAKING CRITICAL
10 BUDGET DECISIONS, RESIDENTS OF THESE COMMUNITIES CANNOT AFFORD
11 ANY ADDITIONAL INCREASES TO THE COST OF LIVING WHILE FIGHTING
12 TO STAY IN A COMMUNITY THEY ARE ROOTED IN. PROTECT PUBLIC
13 SERVICES IN YOUR OPPOSITION TO AB 2986. THANK YOU.

14
15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRISTY HERNANDEZ. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CHRISTY HERNANDEZ AND I'M
21 A THIRD GENERATION HOMEOWNER IN UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS
22 ANGELES. I'M ALSO THE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE MARAVILLA COMMUNITY
23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE. I AM IN SUPPORT OF AB 2986. THIS BILL IS
24 SIMPLY ASKING THAT A FINANCIAL STUDY BE CONDUCTED FOR
25 UNINCORPORATED EAST LA. AS AN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY, OUR



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1 MOST LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL IS OUR LA COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR
2 WHO REPRESENTS 2,000,000 PEOPLE. THERE ARE CLOSE TO 120,000
3 RESIDENTS IN UNINCORPORATED EAST LA AND WE DESERVE A SEAT AT
4 THE TABLE, WHETHER AS A SERVICE DISTRICT OR A MUNICIPAL
5 ADVISORY COUNCIL. HOWEVER, THERE IS CURRENTLY NO SUCH ENTITY
6 FOR FISCAL DOCUMENT OR NOR FISCAL DOCUMENT PARTIES. AS
7 TAXPAYERS, WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW HOW AND WHERE OUR TAX
8 DOLLARS ARE BEING SPENT AND WE SHOULD BE A PART OF THOSE
9 DISCUSSIONS. THE NUMBERS THE SUPERVISOR IS CURRENTLY
10 CIRCULATING ARE BASED ON A STUDY THAT WAS CONDUCTED WITH 2008
11 ECONOMIC DATA DURING THE RECESSION. THE PREVIOUS SUPERVISOR
12 PROMISED THE COMMUNITY YEARLY UPDATES THEREAFTER, WHICH WAS
13 NOT FULFILLED. WE WANT TO BE GUARANTEED YEARLY FISCAL UPDATES
14 - -

15
16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

17
18 **SPEAKER:** - - AND WE NEED YOUR COMMITMENT TO DO SO.

19
20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21
22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SERGIO VERA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS SERGIO VERA. I AM A HOMEOWNER IN AN
25 INCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES. AND AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 REITERATE WHAT THE LAST PEOPLE SAID WHICH IS WE NEED THIS
2 FISCAL STUDY. I MEAN THE COUNTY SPENT A QUARTER OF A MILLION
3 DOLLARS ON A PARKING STUDY, WHICH WE COULD HAVE TOLD YOU, LIKE
4 EVERYTHING THAT PARKING STUDY SAID, WE COULD HAVE JUST TOLD
5 YOU ANYWAY, BEING AN UNINCORPORATED EAST LA, THERE IS LIMITED
6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SO, YOU KNOW, WE WANT TO SEE, WE WANT
7 THE FINANCIAL STUDIES TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR
8 UNINCORPORATED EAST LA. ALSO, WE'RE JUST DEPENDENT ON THE
9 COUNTY, WHICH ROAD MAINTENANCE, PUBLIC WORKS, IT RESULTS IN
10 DELAYS AND DISPARITIES IN SERVICE DELIVERY. I STILL HAVE THE
11 MEETINGS IN SAYBROOK, I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, THEY'RE STILL TRASH.
12 THEY'RE STILL A ROUNDABOUT IN FRONT OF MY HOME. IT'S BEEN
13 THERE FOR 5 YEARS AND IT WAS ONLY SUPPOSED TO BE THERE FOR A
14 MONTH. IT SUCKS LIVING IN AN UNINCORPORATED EAST LA AND WE
15 NEED A CHANGE. THANK YOU.

16
17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

18
19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RICHARD ESTRADA. YOU MAY
20 BEGIN.

21
22 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS FATHER RICHARD ESTRADA. I AM A CATHOLIC
23 PRIEST IN EAST LA. ALL OF MY LIFE I'VE BEEN IN EAST LA. I'M 40
24 YEARS AS PRIEST. I'VE HEARD MANY STORIES AND SEEN THE REALITY
25 OF EAST LA AND WHERE IT COMES FROM. AND THIS IS NOT THE... I'M



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1 OPPOSED TO THE AB 2986 BECAUSE WE CAN'T AFFORD IT. WE CAN'T
2 AFFORD IT BECAUSE WE HAVE THE POOR PEOPLE IN EAST LA WHO BUY,
3 THEY WANT TO BUY A HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME AND LOSE IT BECAUSE
4 OF POVERTY. ANYWAY, I JUST WANTED TO --

5

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANGELICA FIGUEROA. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

13

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

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. OH, YES. HI. MY NAME IS ANGELICA FIGUEROA I'M
17 A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF EAST LA WHEN ALL MY EDUCATION HERE IN
18 EAST LA I'M CURRENTLY THE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR AT OUR LADY OF
19 VICTORY CHURCH I'M REPRESENTING OUR FAITH PEOPLE AND WE JUST
20 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WILL HAVE A
21 GREAT IMPACT AND REPERCUSSIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY. SO WE ARE
22 OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL 2986. WE HAVE SO MANY OTHER ISSUES THAT
23 WE NEED TO MAKE SURE ARE ADDRESSED AND HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED IN
24 OUR COMMUNITY LIKE GRAFFITI AND MANY OTHER THINGS THAT IMPACT
25 OUR COMMUNITY. WE STILL HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO RECOVER FROM



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SUPERVISORS

1 COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THIS BILL WILL ADD UNNECESSARY BURDEN TO
2 OUR COMMUNITY AND TO OUR DAILY LIVES. WE WILL STRUGGLE WITH
3 INCREASED TAXES AND HAVE SERVICES REDUCED FOR OUR COMMUNITIES
4 - -

5
6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

7
8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE GOING
9 TO GO TO SPEAKERS IN THE HALL AND I WILL NOTE WE HAVE ABOUT 35
10 MORE LISTED SPEAKERS. SO IF SOMEONE HAS ALREADY SAID WHAT YOU
11 INTENDED TO SAY, FEEL FREE TO PASS. AND IF YOU WANT TO OFFER
12 YOUR COMMENT, WE'RE HAPPY TO HEAR IT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

13
14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS CARLOS MONTES. I'M A
15 MEMBER OF CENTRO CSO COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION. WE
16 ORGANIZE THE FIGHT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN EAST LA
17 AND BALL HEIGHTS. I'M A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE EAST AREA. I
18 GRADUATED FROM GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AND YES I COMMEND
19 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS. YOU KNOW I GOT MY CHILDREN WENT TO
20 BASKETBALL SALAZAR PARK. I STILL GO TO SENIOR CENTERS AT
21 SALAZAR PARK. I WENT TO GET MY COVID SHOTS AT OVERCONE PARK.
22 SO YES THE COUNTY PROVIDES NUMEROUS SERVICES. I CAN GO ON AND
23 ON THE LIBRARIES, HEALTH SERVICES. AND ANOTHER THING I WANT TO
24 POINT OUT IS THAT EAST LA HAS BEEN GERRYMANDERED, CUT UP BY
25 CITY OF COMMERCE BY TAKING THE BIG BOX SALES REVENUE STORES,



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SUPERVISORS

1 RIGHT? INCLUDING MONTEREY PARK TOOK THE CIVIC CENTER AND
2 EXCUSE ME, THE CENTER UP ON EAST LA COLLEGE. SO WE DON'T HAVE
3 THE REVENUE TO SUPPORT, I TOTALLY AGREE WITH HILDA SOLIS. I
4 SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO OPPOSE 2986. THE ONLY THING I
5 WILL SAY, WE HAVE BEAUTIFUL, EXCELLENT SERVICES WITH THE
6 COUNTY.

7

8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU.
9 WE HEARD YOU IN THE ROOM. NEXT SPEAKER.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ARMANDO ESCOBAR AND I CAME HERE TO THE
12 UNITED STATES IN 1974 RIGHT THROUGH EAST LA AND MY MOTHER ALSO
13 LIVE ON THE EAST LA AND MY DAUGHTERS WAS BORN ON EAST LA
14 HOSPITAL. SO IT'S BEEN A WHOLE LIFE, AND I HAVE FOLLOWED MS.
15 HILDA SOLIS FOR QUITE A WHILE, AND I HAVE SEEN THAT SHE ALWAYS
16 GOES TO THE PEOPLE THAT LIVES ON HER AREA AND THIS AREA AND I
17 REALLY COME TO GIVE MY FULL SUPPORT TO HER OBJECTIONS. THANK
18 YOU.

19

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MELANIE GOMEZ
23 AND I AM WRITING A POSITION TO ASSEMBLY 2986 AND I'M GOING TO
24 SUPPORT 73E. I AM ON BEHALF OF MY COMMUNITY THAT WANTS EAST LA
25 TO BECOME ITS OWN INCORPORATED CITY AND WOULD LIKE TO REMAIN



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1 PART OF LA COUNTY. BORN AND RAISED IN EAST LA, I CONTINUE TO
2 VIEW THE AMOUNT OF NEED IN MY COMMUNITY IN THIS PROPOSITION
3 WILL ONLY CREATE AN INCREASE OF BARRIERS AND CHALLENGES TO
4 FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO ARE ON FIFTH INCOME AND HAVE
5 TO WORK MULTIPLE EMPLOYMENTS TO PROVIDE A SUSTAINABLE LIVING.
6 WE NEED THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF LA COUNTY TO PROVIDE THEIR
7 SERVICES TO US, AS WE ALSO CONTINUE TO RECOVER FROM CHALLENGES
8 OF THE PANDEMIC, INCLUDING HOUSING INSECURITIES AND EVICTIONS.
9 WE NEED THE SUPPORT FROM THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
10 FUNDS FOR STUDENTS AS A FIRST GENERATION LATINA GRADUATE
11 STUDENT. I SPEAK ON THE BEHALF OF ALL STUDENTS WHO RELY ON THE
12 SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY TO PERCEIVE EDUCATION AND BREAK
13 GENERATIONAL BARRIERS AND BE THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILY TO
14 GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND PURSUE A COLLEGE DEGREE. THANK
15 YOU.

16
17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GREAT STORY. NEXT
18 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS CARMEN CALCANAS. I SUPPORT THE MOTION
21 BY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS. I ALSO OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 2986.
22 EAST LOS ANGELES IS JUST FIND THE WAY IT IS WITH SUPERVISOR
23 HILDA SOLIS AS OUR REPRESENTATIVE. EAST LOS ANGELES HAS VOTED
24 AGAINST BECOMING A CITY AT LEAST 5 TIMES IN THE PAST, AND I'M
25 SURE IT WILL VOTE AGAINST IT IN THE FUTURE. AGAIN, I SUPPORT



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1 THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, AND I OPPOSE AB 2986.
2 THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS TONY REYES, I'M TONY REYES. I LIVED
7 IN EAST LA FOR MOST OF MY LIFE. AND ALTHOUGH IT IS A SMALL
8 COMMUNITY, IT'S GOT GREAT SERVICES THAT OUR PEOPLE DEPEND ON.
9 OUR PEOPLE ARE NOT, HAVE NOT HEARD ABOUT BECOMING A CITY. MOST
10 OF THE COMMUNITY I INTERACT WITH DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS. IT'S
11 SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN KIND OF BROUGHT UP IN A SECRETIVE WAY
12 PER SE. AND WE DEFINITELY OPPOSE ANY OF THAT TYPE OF MOTION
13 THAT IS BRINGING ABOUT CHANGES WITHOUT CONSULTING THE
14 RESIDENTS OF THE AREA. I STRONGLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'
15 AMENDMENT AND I STRONGLY OPPOSE AB 2986. AND ALTHOUGH THE
16 STUDY, THE FEASIBILITY STUDY MAY BE SOMETHING GOOD, I THINK
17 THAT THE BURDEN OF EXPENSE WILL BE PLACED ON OUR CITIZENSHIP
18 AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT AS OF NOW.
19 SO PLEASE VOTE AGAINST AB 296. THANK YOU.

20

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DIEGO RODRIGUEZ AND I
24 SUPPORT AND APPLAUD SUPERVISOR SOLIS' MOTION. I HAVE DEDICATED
25 THE PAST 16 YEARS TO SERVING UNDERPRIVILEGED FAMILIES IN EAST



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1 LA AND SEE NO COLLECTIVE WISH TO DETACH FROM THE COUNTY AND
2 ESTABLISH EAST LA AS A CITY. ANNUALLY, WE ARE FACED WITH
3 ESCALATING COSTS FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES. SHOULD EAST LA BECOME
4 A CITY, YOU WOULD BEAR THE FULL WEIGHT OF RISING EXPENSES. WE
5 CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE THE COUNTY SUPPORT. MORE IMPORTANTLY,
6 THE COUNTY FUNDS AND COORDINATES CRITICAL RESOURCES FOR THE
7 MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. THE SHIFT TO CITYHOOD WOULD
8 UNDOUBTEDLY DISRUPT THE PROVISION OF SERVICES IN EAST LA. AS A
9 COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER AND SERVICE PROVIDER, I URGE YOU TO KEEP
10 IN PLACE THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF CARE AND SUPPORT FOR OUR
11 FAMILIES IN NEED. PLEASE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS' MOTION IN
12 OPPOSITION OF AB 2986. THANKS.

13
14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

15
16 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ANGELICA AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT A MOTION
17 BY SUPERVISOR HILLES SOLIS AND TO OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 2986.
18 EAST LOS ANGELES IS FINE THE WAY IT IS SO I DON'T THINK WE
19 NEED TO CONVERT INTO A CITY AND WE DON'T HAVE THE TAX MONEY TO
20 KEEP OUR CITY WITH US. THANK YOU. AGAIN, I'M IN SUPPORT HILDA
21 SOLIS MOTION AND OPPOSED TO BILL 2986.

22
23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
24 SPEAKER.



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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GABRIELLA
2 AERI, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER IN THE EAST LA LOS ANGELES. TODAY
3 I'M REPRESENTING THE RESIDENTS OF EAST LA. THEY DON'T WANT TO
4 BREAK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY AND BECOME AN INCORPORATED CITY.
5 THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE LOW INCOME FAMILIES WHO ARE DEPENDENT
6 ON OUR SERVICES. OUR COMMUNITIES NEED ALL THE SUPPORT THEY CAN
7 GET AS THEY CONTINUE TO RECOVER FROM THIS ECONOMIC CRISIS. THE
8 COST OF LIVING INFLATION REMAINS VERY, VERY HIGH. THEY NEED
9 THIS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM THE COUNTY. HELPERS SERVICE
10 DELAYED ON A POST AB 2986. THIS WILL AFFECT COUNTY SERVICES
11 AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELP THIS COMMUNITY. PLEASE SUPPORT
12 73E. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

13
14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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16 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS ROBERT DOMINGUEZ. I SUPPORT THE MOTION
17 BY SUPERVISOR HILO SOLIS. I ALSO OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 2986.
18 EAST LA HAS VOTED AGAINST IT, AGAINST BECOMING A CITY, WHAT,
19 THE LAST 5 TIMES? SO IT'S NOT WORTH IT. EAST LOS ANGELES DOES
20 NOT HAVE ENOUGH SUPPORT OR ENOUGH TAX BASE TO SUPPORT THE
21 CITY. SO I'M AGAINST IT. AND HILDA SOLIS, KEEP IT UP MAN,
22 YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB DOWN THERE AS A SUPERVISOR FOR EAST
23 LA. SO SUPERVISORS, HELP HER OUT. THANK YOU.

24
25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.



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SPEAKER: MY NAME IS EDDIE TORRES, LONG-TERM RESIDENT OF EAST LOS ANGELES, CO-FOUNDER OF THE EAST LA COALITION, WORKING FOR BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE IN EAST LOS ANGELES PUBLIC SAFETY. I AM IN SUPPORT OF AB 2986, AND I'M READING IT, YOU SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF IT. IT SAYS REQUIRES LAFCO TO ESTABLISH AN EAST LOS ANGELES TASK FORCE AND REQUIRE A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATION OF A IMPLICATIONS AND FEASIBILITY OF POTENTIAL CITY OR SERVICE DISTRICT INCORPORATION, THIS IS ONLY REPORT. WHEN THIS REPORT COMES OUT, THAT FISCAL REPORT IS THE SAME THING YOU NEED TO BE A SPECIAL DISTRICT. WE'LL GIVE ALL OF YOU WHO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE SERVICES AND SOME OF YOU HERE ARE EVEN PAID TO BE HERE. LET'S COME TO BE TELLING THE TRUTH. SO I WANT THE BOARD OF SUPERVIORS TO PLEASE GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THIS FEASIBILITY AND SUPERVIROS SOLIS PLEASE GET A HOLD OF WENDY CARRILLO. LET'S SET UP A MEETING AND LET'S CLEAR THIS UP. WE'RE NOT TRYING TO BECOME A CITY. NO ONE'S TRYING TO BECOME A CITY. I'M AGAINST CITYHOOD. I FOUGHT IT LAST TIME IN THIS VERY ROOM I VOTED IT DOWN I FOUGHT AGAINST IT.

20

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH WE'RE NOW GOING BACK TO SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE MODERATOR PLEASE GO AHEAD AND CALL THE NEXT SPEAKER.

24

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CARLOS BENEVIDAS. YOU MAY



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SUPERVISORS

1 BEGIN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** YES GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. I'M IN FAVOR OF
4 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION. AS IT IS, WE DO HAVE A LOT OF
5 SENIORS. IT'S HARD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN MEDICATION,
6 TRANSPORTATION, OKAY, BUT WHAT PEOPLE ARE FORGETTING IS THE
7 SAME SENIORS ARE GOING TO BECOME DISABLED SO THERE'S GOING TO
8 BE MORE OF A BEARING ON THEM. SO I'M DEFINITELY BEHIND
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WANT TO THANK HER, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND
10 ALL YOU SUPERVISORS FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE. AND THANK YOU
11 VERY MUCH.

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PAUL PINYON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS IS PAUL PINYON. I APPRECIATE THE
18 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I GREW UP IN VENICE, CALIFORNIA, WHICH
19 HAS ITS OWN SET OF CHALLENGES, AND EAST LA IS A DEAR COMMUNITY
20 TO ME. AS A CHILD, I WOULD GO THERE. AS AN ADULT, I WOULD
21 VISIT MY GRANDFATHER. AND I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR
22 SOLIS'S OPPOSITION TO THIS ASSEMBLY BILL, ITEM 73-E. AND
23 SIMPLY PUT, I AM IN AGREEMENT WITH MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS
24 THAT THIS WOULD PUT A TREMENDOUS BURDEN ON THE RESIDENTS OF
25 EAST LA, THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE THAT ALREADY HAVE THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 INFRASTRUCTURE, THE COMMUNITY CENTERS, THE LIBRARIES THAT
2 PROVIDE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT THAT CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE
3 ADVOCACY AND THE AWARENESS FOR EVERY RESIDENT TO GO TO LEARN
4 ABOUT THESE IMPORTANT CHALLENGES THAT WE ALL FACE.

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

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9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LAURA, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S
10 CHRISTINE VAZQUEZ YOU MAY BEGIN.

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12 **SPEAKER:** HELLO.

13
14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** HI, GO AHEAD CHRISTINE.

15
16 **SPEAKER:** HI, CAN YOU ALL HEAR ME? OKAY. I AM IN SUPPORT WITH
17 HILDA SOLIS'S MOTION TO OPPOSE EAST LA BECOMING ITS OWN CITY.
18 IT'S NOT YET EQUIPPED TO SUSTAIN ITSELF AND RELIES ON CRUCIAL
19 COUNTY-FUNDED PROJECTS THAT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE.
20 ADDITIONALLY, THIS BILL WAS DRAFTED WITHOUT THE COMMUNITY
21 INPUT, LEAVING RESIDENTS UNINFORMED. AND TO THAT, TO ME,
22 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME. I WAS BORN IN
23 RAISED IN EAST LA, AND I WOULD LIKE TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT
24 THIS AB BILL, SO I AM IN SUPPORT WITH HILDA SOLIS. THANK YOU.



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DIANA DIAZ YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **SPEAKER:** HI CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** YES GO AHEAD.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** OH HI I'M CALLING IN OPPOSITION TO AB 2986 ON BEHALF
10 OF MY ENTIRE FAMILY WHO HAS NOW RESIDED IN EAST LOS ANGELES
11 CITY TERRACE FOR OVER 60 YEARS. MY AUNT AND MY MOTHER ARE
12 CURRENTLY ON FIXED INCOME AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD THE
13 TAX INCREASE. I'VE ALSO BEEN A SCHOOL COUNSELOR, ACTUALLY A
14 SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YOUNG LADY THAT JUST CALLED CHRISTINE
15 VASQUEZ. HI CHRISTINE. FOR OVER 30 YEARS HERE IN EAST LA, AT
16 TORRES AND NOW AT GARFIELD WHERE I'VE SERVICED OVER 3,200
17 FAMILIES THAT I'M CONSTANTLY REFERRING TO LA COUNTY SERVICES.
18 I DON'T SEE HOW THE PASSING OF THIS BILL WILL CONTINUE TO
19 SUPPORT THE MENTAL HEALTH, FOOD AND HOUSING NEEDS OF OUR
20 COMMUNITY. SO I'M IN FULL OPPOSITION OF AB 2986. THANK YOU SO
21 MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND BARGER FOR RAISING THIS.

22

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CRYSTAL LOPEZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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SPEAKER: HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CRYSTAL LOPEZ. I AM THE ORGANIZER AND I'M A SMALL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATE FOR THE GODDESS MERCADO AND THE QUEER MERCADO. WE ARE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WHO RESIDES ONCE A MONTH IN THE EAST LA CIVIC CENTER THAT PROMOTES SMALL BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP. AND BECAUSE WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY SO MUCH, OUR COUNTY RESOURCES AND THE ART WALK WE CREATED TO HELP MENTAL ILLNESS, THE PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT AND OUR SHERIFFS AT QSA, I AM COMPLETELY OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL AB 2986. THANK YOU, HILDA SOLIS, AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TODAY.

13

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JULIE REGALADO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

SPEAKER: JULIE REGALADO? WHAT? HELLO?

20

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: HELLO. GO AHEAD, JULIE.

22

SPEAKER: OH, OKAY. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

24

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

25



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SUPERVISORS

1

2 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THANK YOU. OKAY. I'M IN SUPPORT OF HILDA SOLIS.
3 THIS IS NOT A GOOD IDEA. MY MOM IS ALSO IN A FIXED INCOME AND
4 THEREFORE IF IT BECOMES A CITY SHE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD
5 IT AND THERE'S A LOT OF IN THE COMMUNITY THAT WILL NOT BE ABLE
6 TO AFFORD IT BECAUSE THEY ARE IN A FIXED INCOME. THANK YOU.

7

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LOURDES KUROKOVA. YOU MAY
11 BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** YES.

18

19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YES, I AM. SORRY. HELLO, MY NAME IS LOURDES CARACOSA,
22 BORN AND RAISED IN EAST LA AND CURRENTLY WORK AND SERVE MY
23 EAST LA COMMUNITY. MY FAMILY, WE HAVE OUR HOMES HERE IN EAST
24 LA AND MY FAMILY INCLUDING MY FATHER OF 92 YEARS OLD, LIVES IN
25 EAST LA. WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN HAVING EAST LA BREAK AWAY



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1 FROM THE COUNTY OF LA. AS A NEW CITY, I DON'T TRUST AND I'M
2 CONCERNED THAT THE SUPPORT OF SERVICES TO SENIORS AND
3 INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WOULD BE LOST. MANY LIVE ON
4 FIXED INCOMES AND DURING THE PANDEMIC OUR COMMUNITY RECEIVED
5 MUCH NEEDED ASSISTANCE FROM OUR COUNTY BUT IT'S STILL
6 RECOVERING AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE INCREASE OF PROPERTY TAXES
7 AND OTHER FEES TO SUPPORT A NEW CITY WOULD AFFECT EVERYONE
8 NEGATIVELY.

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAMIE CRUZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR
16 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE FOLLOWING. MY NAME IS JAIME CRUZ,
17 LIFELONG RESIDENT OF EAST LOS ANGELES, CHAIRMAN FOR THE
18 NATIONAL CHICANO MORATORIUM COMMITTEE. AND ON BEHALF OF THE
19 COMMITTEE, WE ARE IN FAVOR OF ITEM 73E, A MOTION PROPOSED BY
20 THE HONORABLE SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS TO OPPOSE AB 2986. WE
21 ALSO OPPOSE AB 2986, AS PROPOSED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER JUAN CORREO
22 AND HIS COHORTS. PRESERVE EAST LA AND NO ON AB 2986. [SPEAKING
23 SPANISH], SUPERVISOR SOLIS. [SPEAKING SPANISH]. THANK YOU SO
24 MUCH.

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LAURA FERREIRA. YOU MAY
4 BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM OPPOSED TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S
7 MOTION TO OPPOSE AB 2986. I AM A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF EAST
8 LA. I HAVE WORKED WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS AND WITH
9 MUNICIPALITIES IN LA COUNTY FOR OVER 25 YEARS. I HAVE
10 PERSONALLY SEEN THE BENEFITS OF HAVING DIRECT REPRESENTATION
11 BY A CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER. AB 2986 WOULD BEGIN A
12 CRUCIAL FINANCIAL STUDY FOR EAST LA'S UNINCORPORATED 120,000
13 RESIDENTS TO FINALLY HAVE SELF-DETERMINATION AND LOCAL
14 CONTROL. CITY OF EL MONTE, WHERE YOU LIVE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
15 HAS LESS RESIDENTS AND THEY ARE THRIVING. LOCAL LEADERSHIP
16 MATTERS. WE DESERVE TO HAVE A FAIR ASSESSMENT THAT WILL GIVE
17 US THE GROUNDWORK TO BEGIN TO BUILD A COMMUNITY PLAN THAT
18 REPRESENTS OUR INTEREST. 25 CHARTER SCHOOLS AND BUILDING
19 HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS ON BUSINESS CORRIDORS WILL NEVER ALLOW US
20 TO HAVE A TAX BASE THAT WE NEED TO THRIVE. ALLOW A FINANCIAL
21 STUDY FOR EAST LA UNINCORPORATED. THANK YOU.

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK
24 YOU.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS ON
2 THE PHONE MODERATOR?

3

4 **MODERATOR:** NO, ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS.

5

6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY GREAT WE'LL GO TO THE
7 REMAINDER OF OUR SPEAKERS IN THE ROOM PLEASE GO AHEAD.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MY NAME IS
10 MICHAEL TORRES I'M A RESIDENT OF EAST LOS ANGELES ON OLYMPIC
11 AND FERRIS. FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO THANK SOLIS, SUPERVISOR
12 SOLIS FOR HER INFORMATIVE SPEECH AND SHE ACTUALLY SEEMS LIKE
13 SHE GENUINELY CARES ABOUT THE RESIDENTS OF EAST LA. I'M HERE
14 TO OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 2986 MAINLY BECAUSE EAST LA DOESN'T
15 HAVE THE TAX BASE TO SUPPORT ALL THE SERVICES THAT SHE HAD
16 STATED THAT THE COUNTY SUPPORTS. I DO COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN
17 EAST LA AND I SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE STRUGGLING. SO PUTTING EXTRA
18 TAXES ON THEM ISN'T GONNA HELP AT ALL. SO I SUPPORT 73, OPPOSE
19 ASSEMBLY, BILL 2986. AND NO 1 2986.

20

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKING SPANISH]

24

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SUPERVISORS

1 **INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS MAGDALENA CASARES, I'M A RESIDENT OF
2 EAST LOS ANGELES.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKING SPANISH]

5

6 **INTERPRETER:** SO WE ARE NOT PREPARED IN EAST LA FOR ASSEMBLY
7 BILL 2986. JUST HAVING COME OUT OF THE PANDEMIC, EVERYTHING,
8 THE COST IS ALL GOING UP. WHAT WE MOST NEED IS BEING ABLE TO
9 PROVIDE FOR FOOD, RENTS, AND OTHER NEEDS.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKING SPANISH]

12

13 **INTERPRETER:** SO IF WE WERE TO BECOME INDEPENDENT, THEN
14 UTILITIES SUCH AS GARBAGE COLLECTION, ELECTRICITY, ALL OF THE
15 COSTS OF ALL THAT WOULD BE GOING UP.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKING SPANISH]

18

19 **INTERPRETER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, HILDA SOLIS, FOR MAKING THIS
20 PROPOSITION.

21

22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. GOOD
23 AFTERNOON.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS VERONICA TORRES. EAST LA



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1 DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH TAX BASE TO SUPPORT ITSELF. WE DON'T WANT
2 OUR COMMUNITY TO BECOME A CITY. I SUPPORT THE MOTION OF
3 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND OPPOSE AB 2986. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS MARY AND I HAVE LIVED IN EAST LOS ANGELES
8 FOR 71 YEARS.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** CAN WE START HER TIME OVER? AND
11 CAN YOU SPEAK RIGHT INTO THAT MICROPHONE SO THAT WE MAKE SURE
12 WE CAN HEAR YOU? THANK YOU.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** SURE. MY NAME IS MARY AND I HAVE LIVED IN EAST LOS
15 ANGELES FOR 71 YEARS. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 1. I HAVE VOTED
16 AGAINST EAST LOS ANGELES BECOMING A CITY 5 TIMES IN THE PAST.
17 I OPPOSE AB 2986 AND SUPPORT THE MOTION BY HILDA SOLIS. YOU GO
18 GIRL.

19

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME'S LEANNE SILVA AND I JUST WANNA SAY I'M
23 GRATEFUL TO BE HERE AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF HILDA SOLIS TO
24 OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 2986 AND I BELIEVE YOU'RE DOING A
25 WONDERFUL JOB HILDA THANK YOU.



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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI MY NAME IS JOE I'M A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF EAST LOS
5 ANGELES. BEEN THERE SINCE THE 50S. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF HILDA
6 SOLIS, YOU'RE DOING A GOOD JOB, MA'AM. AND WE SUPPORT TO
7 OPPOSE AB 2986. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

8

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS KERRY CHAI. I VOLUNTEER IN EAST LA
12 SPEAKING FOR OPPOSITION OF ASSEMBLY BILL AB 2986, AN APPROVAL
13 OF AGENDA 73E. AS A PERSON WHO SERVES THE COMMUNITY, THIS WILL
14 AFFECT THE ORGANIZATIONS AND CITY SERVICES THAT HELP
15 VULNERABLE UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. I ASK YOU TO APPROVE
16 AGENDA 73E AND OPPOSE AB 2986. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

17

18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** BEFORE YOU LEAVE, WHERE DO I GET
19 THAT T-SHIRT? OH, OKAY. IF ANYBODY KNOWS, THEN YOU WOULDN'T
20 MIND LETTING ME KNOW. I'D LOVE TO KNOW. OKAY, THANK YOU. NEXT
21 SPEAKER.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS JELANI ARRIAGA, AND
24 I OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 2986 AND SUPPORT THE MOTION BY
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT WANT TO BECOME ITS



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1 OWN INDEPENDENT CITY. THE COMMUNITY HAS VERY LOW INCOME
2 RESIDENTS IN SPECIFIC AREAS AND EVEN FEWER BUSINESSES IN OTHER
3 AREAS AND WITH NO TAXES TO HAVE MANY OF THE PROGRAMS THAT
4 CURRENTLY HAVE HELPED BECAUSE OF THE COUNTY. NOT ONLY THAT,
5 BUT I'M PRETTY SURE EAST LA ON 5 SEPARATE OCCASIONS HAS VOTED
6 AGAINST BECOMING A CITY. I SUPPORT THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR
7 HILDA SOLIS AND OPPOSE AB 2986.

8

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS BENITO TAMBUNGAMA, RESIDENT OF BOYLE
12 HEIGHTS, EAST LOS ANGELES. I ATTEND RESURRECTION PARISH. THE
13 CONVERSATION YOU'RE HAVING IS INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES.
14 WHAT THEY DON'T TALK ABOUT IS CONTAMINATION IN BOYLE HEIGHTS
15 AND EAST LA. WE HEAR MORE ABOUT NOT TAKING CARE OF THE
16 COMMUNITY, ABOUT HOW THE COMMUNITY'S BEEN CONTAMINATED WITH
17 EXCITE. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE DYING, MEDICAL BILLS ARE ROCKING
18 UP, AND NOBODY SEEMS TO CARE ABOUT ANY OF THAT. SO THERE
19 SHOULD BE A SYSTEM OF REPARATIONS AND NOT INCORPORATION, THANK
20 YOU.

21

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

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I JUST WANNA SAY I REALLY RESPECT
25 HILDA SOLIS, KATHRYN BARGER. I TOTALLY SUPPORT BOTH WENDY



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SUPERVISORS

1 CARRILLO AND HILDA SOLIS, SO I'M CAUGHT IN A VERY DIFFICULT
2 POSITION, BUT THE REASON I SUPPORT AB 2986 CARRILLO, WE'RE
3 JUST ASKING FOR A TASK FOR TO STUDY A PATHWAY FOR THE EAST LA
4 CITIZENS TO HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH
5 THE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS, MANAGING AND
6 ASSOCIATING RISKS, AND PROVIDING APPROPRIATE REPORTING AND
7 ACCOUNTABILITY. I HEARD A LOT OF THE BOARD SAYING ABOUT TAXES.
8 WE HAVE A LOT OF, STILL, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF OPPORTUNITY
9 ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC SAFETY THAT ARE NOT DOING THEIR JOB. THEY
10 COULD GENERATE FUNDS FROM THE ILLEGAL, UNPERMITTED VENDINGS
11 AND RESTAURANTS ON THE STREETS. CURRENTLY, WE HAVE A LOT OF
12 THE VENDORS NOW TAKING UP THE PARKING WHERE CARS ARE SUPPOSED
13 TO PARK, BLOCKING THE PATHWAY SIDEWAYS. SO NOW THEY'RE ON THE
14 STREETS AND I'VE SENT THIS TO THAT TO BARBARA FERRER. SO THANK
15 YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEAUTIFUL NECKLACE.
18 NEXT SPEAKER.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, TONY DIMARCO, WHITTIER BOULEVARD
21 MERCHANT'S ASSOCIATION. BEEN IN EAST LA FOR 26 YEARS,
22 LANDOWNER, BUSINESS OWNER. I THINK MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT
23 HAVE COME TONIGHT HAVE BEEN MISINFORMED. THIS BILL IS ONLY TO
24 DISCUSS THE FINANCIAL VIABILITY. OKAY, SO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
25 YOU'VE BEEN ON LAFCO. THERE ARE OTHER MECHANISMS OF SELF-



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1 GOVERNANCE. ONE IS A SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT. I'M A DIRECTOR
2 OF ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT. HEY, LOCAL, I LIVE
3 THERE. THE LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE A SAY IN CONTRACTS AND POLICIES,
4 JUST LIKE THIS BOARD. SO BY NOT, OR GOING THROUGH WITH THIS,
5 YOU'RE SAYING NO TO THE FINANCIAL DATA, US RECEIVING FINANCIAL
6 DATA, AND YOU'RE SAYING NO TO JUST A DISCUSSION OF LOCAL
7 REPRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME IS
12 BRENDA MARTINEZ AND I AM REPRESENTING MOTHERS OF EAST LA. SO
13 WE'RE OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL AB 2986 EAST LA RESIDENTS DO
14 NOT WISH TO BREAK AWAY FROM THE LA COUNTY AND BECOME AN
15 UNINCORPORATED CITY. EAST LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS A
16 VIBRANT COMMUNITY WITH CULTURE SIGNIFICANCE. HOWEVER, IT DOES
17 NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO TAKE ON COST INCREASE TO RUN THINGS
18 LIKE FIRE SERVICES, ROAD MAINTENANCE, ETC. SO EAST LA
19 RESIDENTS WILL HAVE TO FOOT THE BILL. CURRENTLY, WHEN THE
20 TAXES COLLECTED IN EAST LA ARE NOT ENOUGH, LA COUNTY HELPS TO
21 MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE. TO KEEP THE SAME LEVEL OF SERVICES, WE
22 HAVE TO CONSIDER FAMILIES THAT ARE STILL RECOVERING
23 FINANCIALLY. THIS WILL BE A BURDEN ON THEM. SO FAMILIES NEED
24 TO PAY MORE TAXES IN THE ENERGY AND THE RESIDENTS IN EAST LA.



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SUPERVISORS

1 THAT IS WHY WE'RE OPPOSING AB 2986. AND THANK YOU, THANK YOU,
2 SUPERVISOR.

3

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS FRANCISCO
7 VILLALOBOS. I'M HERE IN OPPOSED TO 2986 FOR THE VERY REASONS
8 THAT IT UNDERMINES THE FUTURE OF OUR DEVELOPMENT IN EAST LOS
9 ANGELES AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE
10 THAT THE COMMUNITY OF 19,000 PEOPLE IN EAST LOS ANGELES ALONE
11 ARE SUPPORTED BY COUNTY SERVICES AND SERVICES THAT ARE GIVEN
12 TO LOW INCOME FAMILIES THAT HAVE GENERATIONALLY SEEN
13 DISENFRANCHISEMENT AND A LOT OF SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN
14 AWAY THROUGHOUT THE GENERATION. WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE
15 PROJECTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE BUILT IN THE COUNTY, ESPECIALLY
16 THE E-LINE THAT IS GOING TO BE BYPASSING THROUGH EAST LOS
17 ANGELES AND INTO THE CITY OF WHITTIER AND THINK ABOUT THOSE AS
18 A FUTURE FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS REYNA
23 SCHMIDT. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. THE REASON I'M
24 HERE IS AS A LONG-TERM RESIDENT OF LA COUNTY. IN 1974, I
25 ARRIVED TO EAST LA. THE TAPESTRY OF EAST LA, THE RICHNESS OF



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE CULTURE AND EVERYTHING CAN CONTINUE BEING PRESERVED UNDER
2 THE BANNER OF THE LA COUNTY. THE RESIDENTS CANNOT AFFORD,
3 OBVIOUSLY, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS TO SUSTAIN THEMSELVES AS A
4 CITY. SO PLEASE, I AM HERE TO OPPOSE AB 2986 AND STRONGLY
5 SUPPORT SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS' MOTION. THANK YOU ALL FOR
6 BEING THE LEADERS YOU ARE.

7

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

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10 **SPEAKER:** YES, MY NAME IS FRANK VILLALOBOS. I AM PRESIDENT OF
11 EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER. I'M ALSO A PLANNER
12 AND ARCHITECT IN THE COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES. I SEE A
13 BRIGHT FUTURE FOR EAST LOS ANGELES WHEN I LOOK FORWARD TO THE
14 CONSTRUCTION OF A \$6,000,000,000 EFFORT OF AN UNDERGROUND
15 SYSTEM TO THE COMMUNITY. I ALSO SEE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
16 ENHANCEMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG WITH IT. BUT WITH IT
17 SHOULD COME ALSO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT SHOULD BE
18 AFFORDED TO EAST LOS ANGELES SIMPLY BECAUSE IT'S A PART OF A
19 DISTRICT THAT ANNEXES EVERYBODY ELSE THAT'S ALREADY
20 INCORPORATED. MY RECOMMENDATION TO THE SUPERVISOR IS TO USE
21 THIS TIME TO BEGIN FORMING THE FUTURE OF EAST LA AND AFFORD
22 THE OPPORTUNITY OF EVENTUALLY BECOMING A CITY.

23

24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY OTHER
25 SPEAKERS? OKAY, ITEMS, OH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.



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2 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANTED TO
3 ACKNOWLEDGE AS I LISTENED TO THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND HAVING
4 SERVED ON LAFCO THAT I THINK THIS IS A TEACHABLE MOMENT,
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, BECAUSE THERE ARE PUBLIC SEATS ON LAFCO. AND
6 ONE OF MY GOALS WHEN I SAT ON LAFCO WHEN WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY
7 FOR THE PUBLIC SEATS TO BE OPEN WAS TO REALLY TRY TO DIVERSIFY
8 THE LAFCO BOARD. AND IT WAS DIFFICULT TO FIND PEOPLE WILLING
9 TO APPLY TO SERVE ON LAFCO. SO I HOPE THAT THIS CONVERSATION
10 TODAY AND WHAT WILL CLEARLY COME UP AS THE BILL GOES THROUGH
11 THE PROCESS IS THAT MORE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE ROLE OF LAFCO,
12 WHY THEY SHOULD CARE IF YOU LIVE IN AN UNINCORPORATED
13 COMMUNITY OR NOT, AND CONSIDER SERVICE ON LAFCO. WE HAD TO
14 REOPEN THE APPLICATION PROCESS BECAUSE WE COULDN'T GET PEOPLE
15 INTERESTED IN SERVICE ON THE LAFCO BOARD. SO GO TO THE LAFCO
16 WEBSITE, READ WHAT IT TAKES, WATCH A COUPLE OF LAFCO BOARD
17 MEETINGS AND CONSIDER THE EXISTING PROCESS AND SERVE ON LAFCO
18 TO BRING YOUR PERSPECTIVE TO THAT BODY. TEACHABLE MOMENT,
19 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR?

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25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** YES.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** BEFORE WE CONCLUDE, I WANT TO ENTER INTO THE
3 RECORD A PETITION THAT I RECEIVED FROM THE CHURCH OF THE
4 RESURRECTION IN EAST LA, SIGNED FROM MONSIGNOR JOHN MORETTA,
5 AND THERE ARE SEVERAL PEOPLE LISTED. AND THIS LETTER, I THINK,
6 IS ALSO BEING DRAFTED FOR THE COMMITTEE HEARING ON LOCAL
7 GOVERNMENT IN SACRAMENTO. AND ADDITIONALLY, A STATEMENT THAT
8 PAUL NOVAK, WHO LEADS OUR, WHO'S THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
9 LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION, LAFCO, WHO ALSO COULDN'T BE HERE AND
10 SPEAK BECAUSE HE HAD TO GET ON A FLIGHT, BUT HE DID WANT TO
11 ENTER INTO THE RECORD HIS STATEMENT. SO I HAVE THOSE 2 ITEMS.
12 AND I WOULD JUST SAY TO THE PUBLIC THAT CAME OUT, I WANNA
13 THANK EVERYBODY FOR COMING, WHETHER YOU ARE FOR OR AGAINST. I
14 THINK THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION. AND IF YOU READ THE
15 MOTION, IT SAYS THAT WE WILL LOOK AT, THROUGH THE COUNTY
16 RESOURCES, WHAT IT WOULD MEAN, HOW MUCH MONEY IS GENERATED
17 RIGHT NOW FROM THE TAXPAYERS IN EAST LA, AND WHAT IS THE
18 ACTUAL COST? BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PAST 10 YEARS WHERE
19 THERE MAY HAVE BEEN INFORMATION THAT HAS NOW CHANGED. WE
20 CERTAINLY WANNA BRING THAT UP TO DATE, BUT IN NO WAY WAS MY
21 ATTEMPT TO TRY TO MUTE ANY VOICES. QUITE THE CONTRARY, WHEN
22 SOMEONE GUT AND AMENDS THE BILL AT MIDNIGHT AND DOESN'T CALL
23 THE AUTHOR, OR EVEN THE AGENCY OR CALLS OTHER MEMBERS TO VOTE
24 ON THIS THAT DON'T REPRESENT EAST LA, THAT TO ME IS VERY
25 PERSONAL AND VERY DISTURBING. SO MEMBERS, AGAIN, I JUST REMIND



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1 YOU, RESIDENTS OF EAST LA DESERVE TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT
2 AND DIGNITY. SO I AGAIN ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE ON THE MOTION.

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4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, ITEM 73E IS BEFORE US.
5 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO
6 APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 73E IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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14 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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

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22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

23

24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

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

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3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5
4 TO 0.

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6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FOR ANYONE
7 WHO IS HERE ON THAT ITEM AND MIGHT NOT BE STAYING FOR THE REST
8 OF THE MEETING. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EXIT, BUT DO SO QUIETLY.
9 WE HAVE A FEW MORE ITEMS TO GO. IF YOU WANT TO STAY, YOU ARE
10 CERTAINLY WELCOME TO DO THAT TOO. AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE
11 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT POSTED ON
12 THE AGENDA TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A
13 FUTURE AGENDA. I AT THIS TIME WOULD LIKE TO READ IN A MOTION
14 SCHEDULING PRESENTATIONS FOR THE APRIL 30TH, 2024 BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS MEETING. I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS REQUEST THE FOLLOWING 3 VERBAL REPORT BACKS AT THE
17 APRIL 30TH 2024 BOARD MEETING IN ADDITION TO THE REACHING THE
18 95% PRESENTATION. AND I FORGOT TO MENTION THAT THIS MOTION IS
19 BEING READ IN AND TO BE VOTED ON TODAY. AND OUR COUNTY COUNCIL
20 CAN CONFIRM THAT IS IN ORDER. ITEM 1, VERBAL REPORT BY THE LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY YOUTH CLIMATE COMMISSION, INCLUDING BACKGROUND
22 ON THE COMMISSION AND THE FINDINGS FROM THEIR YOUTH CLIMATE
23 PRIORITIES REPORT. 2, VERBAL REPORT BY CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE
24 CPA CEO TED BARTKE, INCLUDING AN OVERVIEW OF THE
25 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CPA OVER THE 5 YEARS SINCE ITS LAUNCH, AND



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3, VERBAL REPORT BY LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUPERINTENDENT ALBERTO M. CARVALHO, INCLUDING AN UPDATE ON THE
STATE OF LAUSD, HOMELESSNESS AND ITS IMPACTS ON LAUSD, FOSTER
YOUTH, AND LGBTQIA+ YOUTH. IS THERE A SECOND? THANK YOU VERY
MUCH. AND DO WE NEED TO VOTE TO ADD THIS ITEM TO THE AGENDA?
OKAY, AS LONG AS I DON'T NEED TO, OKAY, IF WE DON'T NEED TO
TAKE A VOTE, THEN WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS AND ALL
REMAINING ITEMS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD, ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS AND
GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT
ON THOSE ITEMS IF YOU ARE ON THE TELEPHONE. 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 READ THE
CALL-IN INFORMATION AND CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE REMAINING ITEMS AS WELL AS
GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC YOU WILL HAVE UP TO 3
MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS IN GENERAL
PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU WILL HAVE 1 MINUTE FOR 1 ITEM, 2 MINUTES
FOR 2 OR MORE ITEMS, AND 1 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



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1 SPEAKERS AND WHILE THEY'RE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE
2 TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

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4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL, ANTIGONE ROBINSON, LAUREN ATOLI,
5 LAUREN DENHART, ANDRES DIAZ, FRANCISCO SALCIDO, ALEX RAMIREZ,
6 TOMMY BUTTS, STANLEY CHAPMAN, WHITNEY ENDERON, EDUARDO BAEZ,
7 MUNTUMUNTU, ISH HERRERA, ROGER PUGLIESE, JAY MORALES, CARLOS
8 MONTES, AND MAISHA MCCOY, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
9 ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
10 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ALL REMAINING ITEMS IN
11 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO,
12 PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE.
13 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER PLEASE?

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS BYRON JOSE, YOU MAY BEGIN.

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17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD, THIS IS BYRON JOSE SPEAKING ON
18 AGENDA ITEM 22 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS. I AM AN SD2
19 CONSTITUENT WITH THE TRANS-LATINO COALITION RE-IMAGINE LA AND
20 IMMIGRANTS RLA. THANK YOU TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIR AND EVERY
21 BOARD MEMBER FOR MEETING WITH IMMIGRANTS RLA. AND OUR
22 COALITION PARTNERS ON APRIL 11TH AND SUPPORTING LANGUAGE
23 ACCESS. THANK YOU TO EVERY BUDGET DEPUTY TEAM FOR ENGAGING THE
24 TRANS-LATINA COALITION AND TRANSGENDER EXPANSIVE AND INTERSEX
25 COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND CONSTITUENTS TO PRIORITIZE THE TGI



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1 WELLNESS, EQUITY, CARE COORDINATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. THE
2 CEO MAY NOT KNOW WHAT TGI MEANS, BUT IT DOES NOT MEAN LGBTQ+.
3 WE ARE NOT AN ADDENDUM. WE ARE TGI COMMUNITIES DEMANDING
4 SUSTAINED AND INTENTIONAL INVESTMENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND
5 ACROSS ALL DEPARTMENTS. RISING HOUSING INSECURITY, TGI
6 POPULATIONS, SPECIFICALLY IMMIGRANTS AND LATINX COMMUNITIES,
7 RISE IN VIOLENCE, HATE CRIMES, TGI POPULATIONS, SPECIFICALLY
8 LATINA AND BLACK TRANS WOMEN. THIS UNFORTUNATE SYSTEM IMPACTS
9 BLACK AND BROWN AND TRANS QUEER BODIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
10 PERVATION VIOLENCE IMPACTS TGI YOUTH. SO WE CONTINUE TO SEE
11 TGI COMMUNITIES BEING NOT MENTIONED IN MOTIONS, BEING IMPACTED
12 BY DIFFERENT CONCERNS, BUT WE'RE NOT BEING ADDRESSED IN THIS
13 BUDGET CYCLE. THE CEO, WE DEMAND TO STOP FUNDING HARM AGAINST
14 OUR COMMUNITIES, POLICE FUND CARE, HOUSING, AND COMMUNITY
15 INVESTMENT FOR TRANSGENDER, EXPANSIVE, AND INTERSEX TGI
16 COMMUNITIES. WE DESERVE TO BE A PRIORITY IN THE COUNTY BUDGET
17 PROCESS. THANK YOU EVERYONE.

18
19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU FOR COMING
22 YESTERDAY BYRON TO OUR EVENT.

23
24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RICHARD HERNANDEZ. YOU MAY
25 BEGIN.



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2 **SPEAKER:** HELLO BOARD, MY NAME IS RICHARD HERNANDEZ AND I WILL
3 BE ADDRESSING ITEM 72, A 100 MILLION GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND
4 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST, I AM PLEASED TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OUR
5 WOMEN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR THE MANY INDIVIDUAL
6 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THE HARD WORK IT TAKES TO ACCOMPLISH YOUR
7 GOALS. IN KEEPING WITH YOUR HARD WORK ETHIC I'M PROVIDING
8 AWARENESS OF A FINANCIAL PROBLEM IN THE BONDING PROCESS THAT
9 COST THE COUNTY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THE BEST WAY
10 TO ILLUSTRATE THIS PROBLEM IS TO SHOW YOU ITS COST TO THE
11 COUNTY. EVALUATING THE COST OF BONDS IS SIMPLE. WHATEVER BOND
12 AMOUNT, WHEN YOU ADD THE INTEREST TO THE BOND, IN MANY CASES
13 IT DOUBLES THE TOTAL COST TO THE COUNTY. WITH OUR PLATFORM LA
14 COUNTY HAS THE CAPABILITY TO UTILIZE ANY FUNDS FROM ANY SOURCE
15 TO PAY OFF OR PAY DOWN DEBT WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS. NO
16 PREPAYMENTS OR EARLY TERMINATION FEES CAN BE ADDED AS THE
17 COUNTY REDUCES THEIR TOTAL COST OF DEBT BY 25%. I AM
18 REQUESTING THAT LA UFD'S SUPERINTENDENT ANTHONY CARVALHO AS
19 THE BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE GIVE IT WITH THE INDEPENDENT
20 EXPERTISE TO PROPERLY RENEW AND AS OBTAINED THE ACTUAL COST
21 AND SAVINGS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY. THE PLATFORM DEVELOPED
22 DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE BONDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND
23 IS BEST IF APPLIED IN THE FIRST MONTH OR ANY TIME WITHIN 5
24 YEARS OF ORIGINATION. I DO NOT HAVE ANY AFFILIATION WITH ANY
25 BANK LENDING INSTITUTION OR COMMERCIAL PRIVATE SECTORS. THE



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1 SOLUTION GREW FROM A COST ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH OVER 14 YEARS
2 THAT CULTIVATED IN ITS SOLUTION. THE PROCESS IS COPYRIGHTED
3 AND HAS AN INTELLECTUAL UTILITY PATENT. I WILL BE MAKING
4 EVADING THIS COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD CHAIR AND WANT TO
5 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION. RESPECTFULLY
6 SUBMITTED, I AM RICHARD HERNANDEZ. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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10 **MODERATOR:** NEXT PARTICIPANT IS REGINA TORRES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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12 **SPEAKER:** OH, I'M SORRY, YOU CAN DISREGARD, SORRY.

13

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

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16 **MODERATOR:** NEXT PARTICIPANT IS YESENIA COUCH. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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18 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
19 YASAMIYA COUCH. I AM A RESIDENT OF SUPERVISORY DISTRICT NUMBER
20 2 AND I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF IMMIGRANTS AT LOS ANGELES IN
21 SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 22. 1 IN 3 LA COUNTY RESIDENTS IS
22 FOREIGN BORN. I MYSELF AM ORIGINALLY FROM GUATEMALA. I'M AN
23 INDIGENOUS MAYAN WOMAN WHO SPEAKS K'ICHE AND SPANISH. I
24 EVENTUALLY LEARNED ENGLISH WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL. MORE THAN
25 HALF OF THE COUNTY POPULATION SPEAKS A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN



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1 ENGLISH, WITH A DIVERSITY OF MORE THAN 220 LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT
2 HOME. IRLA AND ITS 100 IMMIGRANT SERVING AND IMMIGRANT-LED
3 ORGANIZATIONS HAVE IDENTIFIED LANGUAGE ACCESS AS A TOP MEDIUM,
4 ENSURING THAT OUR COMMUNITIES CAN EFFECTIVELY ACCESS COUNTY
5 SERVICES IN A MEANINGFUL WAY. THE LANGUAGE POLICY REPORT THAT
6 IS BEING CONSIDERED TODAY WOULD FACILITATE COLLABORATION AMONG
7 ALL DEPARTMENTS WITH THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS AS WELL
8 AS COMMUNITY PARTNERS. AS LANGUAGE ACCESS BECOMES MORE AND
9 MORE ESSENTIAL, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNTY CONSIDER CREATING
10 A LANGUAGE ACCESS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION GROUP AS PART OF THE
11 PROCESS TO ENSURE THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF THE IMMIGRANT
12 INTENDED.

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

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17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JULIE REGALADO. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

21
22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** YES, WE CAN. GO AHEAD.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 73B AND DOING A
25 GENERAL COMMENT. GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JULIE AND I AM A



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1 MEMBER OF [SPEAKING SPANISH]. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE PROJECT OF
2 EXTERA CHARTER REBUILD AND AN OLD CHURCH BUILDING TO BE USED
3 AS THEIR CAMPUS ON 1059 SOUTH CADE IN EAST LA. THE
4 CONSTRUCTION OF THIS EXTERA CHARGER WILL CAUSE MORE TRAFFIC IN
5 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND HIGHLY INCREASED CASES AND
6 ASTHMA BECAUSE OF THE AIR POLLUTION. THE FIBER EXTERA WANTS TO
7 BUILD CONTAINS LEAD CONTAMINATION. I URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THIS
8 EXTERA PROJECT. THANK YOU.

9

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

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12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRISTY HERNANDEZ. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS CHRISTY HERNANDEZ, CHAIRPERSON FOR THE
16 [INAUDIBLE] COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND I'M CALLING
17 REGARDING THE [INAUDIBLE] CHARTER SCHOOL 73F, AND I'M CALLING
18 TO OPPOSE THE, MY APOLOGIES, TO OPPOSE THE CHARTER SCHOOLS.
19 UNINCORPORATED EAST LA HAS A FAIR SHARE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS. WE
20 ACTUALLY HAVE OVER 20 CHARTER SCHOOLS IN 7.5 SQUARE MILES AND
21 WE CANNOT AFFORD TO CONTINUE GIVING UP MORE OF OUR PRECIOUS
22 LAND TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. THIS WILL ALSO HAVE ADVERSE IMPACTS
23 FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS INCLUDING CAR AND SHUTTLE TRAFFIC GIVEN
24 ITS PROXIMITY TO THE 5 FREEWAY. THERE ARE ALSO CONCERNS ABOUT
25 THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF STUDENTS FROM AIR POLLUTION TO



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1 OUTSIDE EXPOSURE. AND LAST FEW STUDENTS WILL BE BUSED FROM
2 OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY INSTEAD OF MORE CHARTER SCHOOLS. WE ASK
3 FOR MORE GREEN SPACE. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

4
5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

6
7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS OMAR PICHARDO. YOU MAY
8 BEGIN.

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10 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS OMAR TICHARDO
11 GUTIERREZ. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT NUMBER 3 I'M CALLING ON
12 BEHALF OF IMMIGRANTS LA IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 22 THE
13 POLICY WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING OF TRUST BETWEEN
14 COUNTIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND THE DIVERSE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES
15 THEY SERVE AS THEY NEED TO PROVIDE STRONGER LANGUAGE ACCESS
16 BECOMES MORE AND MORE ESSENTIAL. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNTY
17 CONSIDERS CREATING A LANGUAGE ACCESS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
18 GROUP AS PART OF THE PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT THE MOST PRESSURE
19 NEEDS OF IMMIGRANTS INTEND TO BE SERVED ARE BEING ADDRESSED.
20 AND EXPEDITING TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION CONTRACTS WITH
21 CBOs WHO ARE OFTEN IN THE BEST POSITION TO PROVIDE ACCURATE
22 TRANSLATION FOR MINORITY LANGUAGES. AND ALSO INVEST IN
23 CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT FOR CBOs TO PROVIDE TRANSLATION AND
24 INTERPRETATION SERVICES. THANK YOU.



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

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3 **MODERATOR:** NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LANI MOLINA, YOU MAY BEGIN.

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTONIETA GARCIA. YOU MAY
9 BEGIN.

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11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

12

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

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YES, HI. MY NAME IS ANTONIETA GARCIA AND I AM A
16 RESIDENT OF EAST LOS ANGELES AND I AM HERE IN OPPOSING OF 73F
17 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND I'M OPPOSING TO THIS CONSTRUCTION
18 OF THIS EXTERA CHARTER WILL LEAD TO MORE TRAFFIC IN THE
19 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND WILL INCREASE AIR AND NOISE
20 POLLUTION. NOW WE KNOW THAT POLLUTION IS NOT GOOD FOR OUR
21 CHILDREN. POLLUTION DOES HAVE, CREATE ASTHMA AND VERY SEVERE
22 UPPER AIRWAY DISORDERS. AND I KNOW BECAUSE I'M ALREADY
23 EXPERIENCING THIS WITH MY 2 YOUNGER DAUGHTER, MY YOUNGER
24 DAUGHTER THAT'S 2 YEARS OLD AND MY OLDEST DAUGHTER THAT'S 13
25 YEARS OLD. I PERSONALLY WILL NOT TAKE MY DAUGHTER TO EXTERA



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1 CHARTER. THIS PROJECT, IT'S NOT GOOD. IT HAS A LOT OF LEAD.
2 THIS CHURCH CONTAINS A LOT OF LEAD, CONTAMINATIONS AND TOXICS
3 IN THE LAND FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF THE COMMUNITY. I URGE
4 YOU TO OPPOSE AND STOP THE INSANE EXTERA PROJECT. AND ALSO, WE
5 ARE ALREADY SATURATED WITH EXTREMELY CHARTER SCHOOLS IN EAST
6 LOS ANGELES. AND WE HAVE WONDERFUL SCHOOLS HERE IN LAUSD. WE
7 HAVE GRIFFITHS DEAN MAGNET, STEVENSON, HOLLENBECK. WE HAVE
8 EXCELLENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS THAT CAN CREATE AND GIVE MORE
9 RESOURCES TO OUR BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES AS WELL. PLEASE
10 OPPOSE TO THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

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

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14 **MODERATOR:** NEXT PARTICIPANT IS FRANCISCO MORENO. YOU MAY
15 BEGIN.

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17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
18 FRANCISCO MORENO AND I AM RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM
19 CALLING ON BEHALF OF IMMIGRANTS RLA, [INAUDIBLE]. I WOULD LIKE
20 TO PROVIDE COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 22, COUNTYWIDE LANGUAGE
21 ACCESS POLICY RECOMMENDATION. THE IMMIGRANTS RLA COALITION AND
22 ITS 100 IMMIGRANTS SERVING AND IMMIGRANT-LED ORGANIZATIONS
23 HAVE IDENTIFIED LANGUAGE ACCESS AS A TOP NEED IN ENSURING THAT
24 OUR COMMUNITIES CAN EFFECTIVELY ACCESS COUNTY SERVICES IN A
25 MEANINGFUL WAY. THE LANGUAGE POLICY REPORT THAT IS BEING



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1 CONSIDERED TODAY WILL FACILITATE COLLABORATION AMONG ALL
2 DEPARTMENTS WITH OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS AS WELL AS
3 COMMUNITY PARTNERS. THE ABILITY TO ACCESS SERVICES IN A
4 LANGUAGE A PERSON CAN UNDERSTAND WITH 3 COUNTRIES, CONTRIBUTE
5 TO IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES, ECONOMIC SECURITY, EMPLOYMENT
6 OPPORTUNITIES, AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMMIGRANTS LA
7 COUNTRY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JASMINE GARCIA. YOU MAY
12 BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
15 JASMINE GARCIA. I'M CALLING ON ITEM 73F. I'M CALLING ON BEHALF
16 OF LAUSD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DR. ROCIO RIVAS WHO REPRESENTS
17 DISTRICT 2. THE BOARD MEMBERS OPPOSED TO THE CONDITIONAL USE
18 PERMIT FOR EXTERA CHARTER. THIS PROJECT UNDERMINES THE SAFETY
19 AND WELLBEING OF FAMILIES LIVING WITHIN THE LAUSD BOARD
20 DISTRICT 2. THIS SITE'S PROXIMITY TO THE 5 FREEWAYS
21 CONCERNING, IT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER ANY THREAT TO STUDENT
22 SAFETY CAN BE MITIGATED IN AN AREA WITH SUCH A HIGH VOLUME OF
23 TRAFFIC IN EXISTING SCHOOLS, EXPERTISE THAT PROLONG EXPOSURE
24 TO FREEWAYS, EVEN FROM A THOUSAND FEET TRIGGER HEALTH IMPACTS
25 SUCH AS ASTHMA AND OTHER RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS. AT THIS SITE,



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1 CHILDREN WOULD SPEND THEIR OUTDOOR TIME ON A ROOFTOP, EASILY
2 EXPOSED TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY DANGERS OF NEARBY TRAFFIC.
3 THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS HEAVILY DENSE IN A HEAVILY DENSE
4 COMMUNITY WITH EXISTING TK TO EIGHTH GRADE SCHOOLS THAT
5 ALREADY HAVE THE CAPACITY OF 3,525 STUDENTS DESCRIBED IN THE
6 PROJECT SUMMARY.

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLEBRO, YOU MAY
12 BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YES, GENEVIEVE CLEBRO. I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE
15 TODAY I WAS DISCONNECTED 3 TIMES. I STARTED TO SPEAK TO 3
16 ADULTS AND I WAS NEVER CALLED. YOU KNOW, YOU GO TO ACT 2 AND
17 CHOOSE THAT AT-AT SYSTEM BECAUSE IT'S NOT WORKING WELL. AND
18 ACTUALLY WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK, AND THOSE [INAUDIBLE], I'M
19 READY TO GO IN PERSON. SO ACTUALLY YOU NEED TO CHANGE WHAT
20 HAPPENED. YOU ARE 5 SUPERVISORS WHO NEED TO CARE FOR ALL THE
21 PEOPLE ON THE CENTER LIST. THANK YOU.

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OUR NEXT
24 PARTICIPANT IS T. CARTER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 **SPEAKER:** I'M CALLING TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM REGARDING THE
2 MONUMENT AND ALSO REGARDING, I THINK IT'S CLOSED AGENDA C5
3 REGARDING EMPLOYMENT AND ALSO PUBLIC COMMENT. TO START, I
4 WOULD LIKE TO, I'VE TRIED TO MAKE A COMMENT LAST WEEK AND IT
5 WAS SHUT OFF. IN REGARDS TO THE MONUMENT THAT YOU GUYS ARE
6 PROPOSING FOR MORE MONEY FOR MONUMENTS, I FEEL THAT IT'S
7 BIASED AND RACIST BECAUSE RUBEN SALAZAR WAS GIVEN IN EAST LA A
8 BIG STATUE OVER \$300,000 THE COUNTY PAID FOR AND IT SAYS THAT
9 HE WAS A NEWSPAPER PERSON TO REPORT ON CIVIL RIGHTS. BUT
10 FREDERICK MADISON ROBERTS WAS AN AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE WHO HAD
11 HIS OWN NEWSPAPER AND WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN
12 ASSEMBLYMAN IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. HE NEVER GOT A STATUE. HE WAS
13 BORN WAY BEFORE THIS OTHER PERSON. SO THAT TO ME IS BIASED.
14 AND WE ASKED MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE TO SPEAK ON THE BIAS
15 RACISM. SHE DID NOT. SHE VOTED ON THIS ALSO. REGARDING THE
16 CHAIR AND MS. MITCHELL, WHO ARE BOTH ON THE MTA BOARD, THEY
17 ARE NEVER SPEAKING UP FOR OTHER AFRICAN-AMERICAN CITIES, BUT
18 THEY ALLOW WEST HOLLYWOOD TO HAVE PHONE CHARGES AT THEIR BUS
19 STOPS. WE'VE INFORMED MS. MITCHELL TO SPEAK UP WHILE SHE'S ON
20 THE BOARD AT MTA TO PUT PHONE CHARGES IN HER DISTRICT. SHE
21 DOESN'T SPEAK UP ON IT. BUT WHENEVER SOMEONE SPEAKS ABOUT WEST
22 HOLLYWOOD, THEY'RE TOLD LGBT PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE THEIR RIGHTS
23 AND ADVISE AGAINST OTHER GROUPS OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE PHONE
24 CHARGES AT THEIR BUS STOPS. MISS MITCHELL, SHE DOESN'T SPEAK
25 ON THAT THE SAME WAY SHE DID NOT SPEAK ON A CEASEFIRE FOR THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 AGAINST PEOPLE GETTING KILLED OVER IN OTHER COUNTRIES AGAINST
2 INVOLVING PALESTINIANS THE LAST THING I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND
3 TO IS MRS. BARGER ONE OF THE VERY NICE SUPERVISORS ON THE
4 PANEL I MENTIONED MS. BARGER THAT I HAD A PROBLEM WITH MRS.
5 AVALES WHO NO LONGER WORKS HERE. MY MATTER WAS NEVER LOOKED
6 INTO AND I FORWARDED ALL OF THE EMAILS TO MRS. LEVON, SENIOR
7 LEVON CHIEF OFFICER AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE WHERE ALL OF MY
8 EMAILS HAVE NEVER BEEN ADDRESSED FROM MRS. AVALES FOR THE LAST
9 2 YEARS AND HE HAS COPIED THEM. SO I'M ASKING FOR HIM TO GIVE
10 YOU A COPY. MS. BARGER SO YOU CAN REVIEW IT SO YOU CAN SEE I
11 WASN'T LYING TO YOU. AND NOW MRS. ABAILLEN DOESN'T WORK FOR THE
12 BOARD ANYMORE. SHE'S RETIRED AND I HAVE BEEN CALLING UP HERE
13 OVER FOR 6 MONTHS AND LOOKING TO WHAT SHE DID, HOW SHE
14 DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME NOW LEVON HAS ALL THE COPIES OF THE
15 EMAILS WERE HER AND HER STAFF WHO STILL WORKS THERE. THEY
16 NEVER RESPONDED TO MY EMAIL. THAT'S NEGLECT BY THE EXECUTIVE
17 OFFICE, BUT MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE SAYS SHE'S ASSISTED ME. SO
18 MS. BARG, I'M ASKING YOU MS. BARG. I KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE ANY
19 CONTROL OVER IT. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. NOT MS.
20 BARGER. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MY MATTER OF COUNTY. SHE'S
21 JUST A NICE PERSON. I HEAR HER SPEAK AND I ASKED FOR HER TO
22 GET A COPY OF IT. SO I SENT IT OVER TO LEVON, MRS. BARGER, AND
23 I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW I'M NOT LYING TO YOU AND I WANT YOU TO
24 SEE THE NEGLECT BY MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE ON MANY OF MY ISSUES.
25 AND AGAIN, MRS. AVALES NOW DOES NOT WORK FOR THIS COUNTY



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SUPERVISORS

1 ANYMORE AS ALL THE COUNTY AND MEMBERS HEARD ME CALL UP HERE
2 SHE'S NOT RETIRED AND THEY NEVER LOOKED INTO MY MATTER OF
3 DISCRIMINATION SO WHEN I MENTIONED I WANT TO SPEAK ON ITEM
4 CLOSED C5 I DON'T FEEL THAT MATTERS OF EMPLOYMENT THINGS
5 SHOULD BE IN CLOSED HEARINGS BECAUSE ONCE AGAIN WE'RE NOT
6 GOING TO HEAR MRS. MITCHELL SPEAK UP ON HER CONSTITUENTS FOR
7 MATTERS OF DISCRIMINATION THE SAME WAY SHE DIDN'T SPEAK UP
8 FROM MUSLIM WHEN PEOPLE ASK FOR A CEASEFIRE. SO AND MRS.
9 BARGER

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

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND BEFORE WE CALL OUR NEXT
15 SPEAKER, I JUST WANT TO LET MR. CARTER KNOW THAT THE PHONE
16 CHARGERS THAT HE REFERENCES AT THE WEST HOLLYWOOD BUS STOP
17 STATIONS WERE PAID FOR BY THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN
18 PARTNERSHIP WITH THEIR CONTRACT WITH THAT INFRASTRUCTURE
19 PROVIDER. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MELISSA ZUPEDA, YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
25 MELISSA ZUPEDA AND I AM A LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENT. I AM IN



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SUPERVISORS

1 SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 22, COUNTYWIDE LANGUAGE ACCESS POLICY
2 RECOMMENDATION. I AM CALLING ON BEHALF OF IMMIGRANTS RLA. THE
3 IMMIGRANTS RLA COALITION AND ITS 100 IMMIGRANT SERVING AND
4 IMMIGRANT LED ORGANIZATIONS HAVE IDENTIFIED LANGUAGE ACCESS AS
5 A TOP NEED IN ENSURING THAT OUR COMMUNITIES CAN EFFECTIVELY
6 ACCESS COUNTY SERVICES IN A MEANINGFUL WAY. THE LANGUAGE
7 POLICY REPORT THAT IS BEING CONSIDERED TODAY WOULD FACILITATE
8 COLLABORATION AMONG ALL DEPARTMENTS WITH THE OFFICE OF
9 IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS AS WELL AS COMMUNITY PARTNERS. THE ABILITY
10 TO ACCESS SERVICES IN A LANGUAGE A PERSON CAN UNDERSTAND WILL
11 SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVED HEALTH OUTCOMES, ECONOMIC
12 SECURITY, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND EDUCATIONAL
13 OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMMIGRANTS IN LA COUNTY. THANK YOU.

14
15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LIANNI MOLINA. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

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20 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, THIS IS LIANNI MOLINA. GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM A
21 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES AND I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 22 AND
22 THAT'S THE LANGUAGE ACCESS POLICY. CURRENTLY I WOULD LIKE TO
23 KNOW THAT IS THAT THE EDUCATION AND STRATEGIES OF OUR
24 COMMUNITIES ARE BEING ACCESSED THROUGH EDUCATION AS LANGUAGE
25 IS ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE BEING TARGETED THE MOST SO I ASK



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SUPERVISORS

1 THAT YOU TAKE CONSIDERATION FOR THAT POLICY. THANK YOU.

2

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RUBEN FERNANDEZ. YOU MAY
6 BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
9 RUBEN FERNANDEZ. I AM A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM
10 CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE IMMIGRANTS RLA. I AM CALLING IN
11 SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 22, COUNTYWIDE LANGUAGE ACCESS POLICY
12 RECOMMENDATION. THE ABILITY TO ACCESS SERVICES IN A LANGUAGE A
13 PERSON CAN UNDERSTAND WILL SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO
14 IMPROVED HEALTH OUTCOMES, ECONOMIC SECURITY, EMPLOYMENT
15 OPPORTUNITIES, AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMMIGRANTS IN
16 LA COUNTY. THIS POLICY WOULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO BUILDING TRUST
17 BETWEEN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND DIVERSE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES
18 THEY SERVE. AS THE NEED TO PROVIDE STRONGER LANGUAGE ACCESS
19 BECOMES MORE AND MORE ESSENTIAL, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNTY
20 CONSIDER EXPEDITING TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION CONTRACTS
21 WITH CEOs WHO ARE OFTEN IN THE BEST POSITION TO PROVIDE
22 ACCURATE TRANSLATION FOR MINORITY LANGUAGES. INVESTING IN
23 CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS FOR CEOs TO PROVIDE TRANSLATION AND
24 INTERPRETATION SERVICES, WE STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT
25 THIS POLICY AND INVEST HEAVILY INTO THESE EFFORTS TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 CLOSE ANY EXISTING GAPS IN LANGUAGE PRACTICE.

2

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

5

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

8

9 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WONDERFUL. WE'RE GOING TO GO IN
10 PERSON. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M LAUREN NATOLI FROM AIDS HEALTHCARE
13 FOUNDATION. YOU HAVEN'T SEEN US IN A FEW MONTHS, BUT WE'RE
14 BACK TO ADVOCATE FOR AHF'S ROLE IN LA AND TO EXPRESS OUR
15 DESIRE TO SEAMLESSLY COLLABORATE WITH THE COUNTY. COMMUNITY-
16 BASED ORGANIZATIONS SERVE THE LOCAL POPULATION AND ARE MADE OF
17 THE PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITIES BEING REACHED. AHF'S ROLE IS
18 TO ADDRESS HIV, STI'S, AND OTHER KEY TO SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF
19 HEALTH, SUCH AS LOW-COST HOUSING, FOOD ACCESS, AND COMMUNITY
20 ADVOCACY PROGRAMS. OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE CUTTING EDGE
21 MEDICINE AND ADVOCACY REGARDLESS OF ABILITY TO PAY. AND WE
22 CONDUCT THIS MISSION IN 46 COUNTRIES WITH OVER 1.9 MILLION
23 PATIENTS IN CARE. AHF ALSO GIVES BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY. WE
24 SUPPORT OTHER CBOs IN LA AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND EVEN
25 ACROSS THE GLOBE WITH GRANTS, EMERGENCY FUNDS, AND STRATEGIC



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SUPERVISORS

1 PARTNERSHIPS. IN 2021 ALONE, WE GAVE 218 GRANTS TO SMALL
2 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS BECAUSE WE KNOW THE ORGS EMBEDDED IN
3 THE COMMUNITY ARE THE ONES DOING THE BEST WORK. PLEASE WORK
4 WITH US, RESPOND TO US, EITHER IN THIS FORUM OR BY PHONE.
5 THANK YOU.

6

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

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANTIGONE ROBINSON. I'M
10 ALSO HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. WE'RE
11 HERE TODAY TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE MISSION OF AHF. I'M
12 JUST GOING TO REITERATE WHAT ORRIN SAID. AHF IS THE LARGEST
13 GLOBAL PROVIDER OF HIV CARE WITH OVER 1.9 MILLION PATIENTS IN
14 46 COUNTRIES. WE INTERFACE WITH HUNDREDS OF GOVERNMENTS ACROSS
15 THE GLOBE, AND THE LARGEST OPPOSITION WE FACE IS HERE IN OUR
16 BACKYARD, THE CITY WE ARE BASED IN, LOS ANGELES. AHF WAS
17 FORMED AS AN ADVOCACY GROUP AND A HOSPICE FOUNDATION TO CARE
18 FOR PEOPLE DYING FROM AIDS WHEN THE LOS ANGELES GOVERNMENT WAS
19 TRYING TO PUSH THEM OUT AND THE HOSPITALS HAD NO ROOM FOR
20 THEM, LEAVING AIDS PATIENTS TO DIE IN HOSPITAL HALLWAYS. OUR
21 MISSION HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO CARE FOR THE VULNERABLE AND WHILE
22 WE HAVE MOVED FROM HOSPICES TO HEALTH CARE CENTERS AS
23 PHARMACEUTICALS AND CARE REGIMENTS HAVE EVOLVED, WE HAVE NEVER
24 ONCE WAVERED FROM THE CORE OF OUR MISSION, CUTTING EDGE
25 MEDICINE AND ADVOCACY REGARDLESS OF ABILITY TO PAY. WE ASK



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SUPERVISORS

1 THAT YOU SUPPORT OUR MISSION INSTEAD OF ERECTING BARRIERS THAT
2 COULD --

3

4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME
5 HAS EXPIRED. I'M SORRY. NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANDRES DIAZ AND I'M
8 HERE REPRESENTING AHF. AHF HAS BEEN SERVING PEOPLE WITH HIV
9 SINCE 1985. IT IS IMPORTANT TO ME TO KNOW THAT MY DOCTOR IS
10 HIGHLY EXPERIENCED IN KNOWLEDGE OF HIV AND THAT THEY LISTEN TO
11 MY NEEDS. NOT ONLY DO THEY PROVIDE ME GREAT HEALTH CARE, BUT
12 THEY ALSO ADVOCATE FOR ME IN MY COMMUNITY AND I APPRECIATE THE
13 WORK THEY DO. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

14

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
18 NAME'S ENRIQUE. I AM DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN HOW THE COUNTY HAS
19 ALWAYS FOUGHT WITH AHF. THEY ARE A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION WHO
20 TRULY KNOWS THE COMMUNITY AND SPEAK UP FOR THE COMMUNITY. I
21 WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO AHF FOR SUPPORTING ME. THANK YOU VERY
22 MUCH.

23

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

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SPEAKER:** I'M DOING PUBLIC COMMENTS AND NUMBER 12. OKAY. HI, MY
2 NAME IS MAISHA MCCOY AND THE REASON THAT I'M HERE IS BECAUSE I
3 HAVE EMAILED MS. DAVENPORT, MS. MANN, MS. JENNINGS, AND
4 JUSTIN, AND MORE. ALL OF THE NAMES ABOVE ARE EXECUTIVE
5 OFFICERS. IN REGARDS TO CLAIMS THAT I HAVE AGAINST LA COUNTY.
6 LA COUNTY, WHERE'S THE MONEY AT FOR THE OWNER THAT Y'ALL WAS
7 SUPPOSED TO PAY FOR ME TO MOVE IN BACK IN JANUARY. THE OWNER
8 STILL AIN'T GOT HIS MONEY. LA COUNTY AND LAHSA AND SECTION 8
9 ALL AGREED TO PAY THIS MAN HIS MONEY AND YET HE AIN'T GOT HIS
10 MONEY AND I HAVE BEEN GETTING HARASSED. THREE-DAY NOTICES, 30-
11 DAY NOTICES IN REGARDS TO HIS MONEY THAT Y'ALL AGREED TO PAY.
12 AMY, IS SHE HERE TODAY? THAT'S WHO I'VE BEEN IN CORRESPONDING
13 WITH FROM THE BOARD. SHE AIN'T BEEN ANSWERING MY PHONE CALLS.
14 WE NEED THE MONEY. I CAN'T AFFORD TO BE HOMELESS AGAIN. I'VE
15 BEEN HOMELESS FOR 3 YEARS. MENTAL HEALTH IS REAL. CEO OFFICE,
16 WHAT'S GOING ON WITH MY CLAIM AGAINST LA COUNTY AND THE
17 SHERIFF DEPARTMENT DISCRIMINATION? MRS. HILDA, YOU SAID LAST
18 YEAR IN MARCH THAT THE BLACK PEOPLE COMMUNITY HAVE
19 REPRESENTATION. WHO REPRESENTS US? COULD YOU ANSWER THAT
20 QUESTION PLEASE HILDA? BECAUSE YOU SAID IT ON LIVE LAST YEAR
21 IN MARCH. I WAS HERE. WE HAVE NO REPRESENTATION. I'M STILL
22 WAITING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. I'M STILL WAITING FOR ALL
23 MY STUFF THAT I LOST BECAUSE OF LA COUNTY. I'M STILL WAITING
24 ON THAT STUFF. DO Y'ALL, YOU GUYS ANSWER EMAILS? LAST TIME I
25 CAME SOMEONE SAID SIT BACK THERE, HOLLY MITCHELL OFFICE WILL



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SUPERVISORS

1 CONTACT ME IN REGARDS TO MY MEETING. I STILL HAVEN'T GOT A
2 MEETING. Y'ALL OWE THIS MAN \$10,000. WHERE'S HIS MONEY AT? AND
3 THIS IS WHY THE FEDERAL'S SAYING THAT YOU GUYS ARE
4 MISAPPROPRIATING FUNDS. THIS IS WHY Y'ALL HAVE A LOT OF
5 HOMELESS CRISIS GOING ON IN L.A. COUNTY. WHERE'S THE MONEY AT?
6 I'M NOT ABOUT TO GO HOMELESS AGAIN. I'M NOT MOVING. SO Y'ALL
7 BETTER COME UP WITH THAT \$10,000 MONEY TO PAY THIS MAN SO I
8 CAN STAY AT MY HOME. WE'LL BE BACK HERE.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME IS
11 EXPIRED. CAN YOU LET ME KNOW? CAN YOU IDENTIFY PLEASE WHICH
12 DISTRICT YOU LIVE IN SO WE CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE? OKAY, WE
13 DO. WONDERFUL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE DO HAVE OUR CONSTITUENT
14 ASSISTANCE TEAM UP IN THE CORNER AND THEY CAN FOLLOW UP ON ALL
15 OF THE CLAIMS THAT YOU HAD INQUIRY ABOUT. NEXT SPEAKER. THIS
16 IS YOUR SECOND WARNING. I APPRECIATE THAT YOU OFFERED YOUR
17 COMMENT TODAY BUT NOW WE HAVE TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.
18 THIS IS YOUR FINAL WARNING. I'M SO SORRY TO TELL YOU, BUT
19 YOU'RE WELCOME TO SPEAK TO ANYONE WHO'S IN. THERE IS BENNY.
20 HI. THERE ARE SEVERAL PEOPLE IN THE CORNER. YOU HAVE NOW BEEN
21 GIVEN YOUR FINAL WARNING. THIS IS THE END OF YOUR PUBLIC
22 COMMENT TIME. WE NOW NEED TO MOVE ON. YES, I KNOW. AND NOW
23 UNFORTUNATELY WE NEED YOU TO LEAVE THE CHAMBERS. YOUR TIME HAS
24 EXPIRED. YOU HAVE EXCEEDED ALL OF YOUR WARNINGS AND NOW WE
25 NEED YOU TO LEAVE. I'M SO SORRY. WE HAVE TO CONTINUE WITH



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1 BUSINESS IN THE HALL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I REALLY DIDN'T
2 WANT YOU TO HAVE TO LEAVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MA'AM. YOU
3 MUST LEAVE THE CHAMBERS NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU.
4 UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE MORE BUSINESS TO CONDUCT. SERGEANT AT
5 ARMS CAN YOU PLEASE HELP THIS WOMAN EXIT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
6 FOR YOUR PATIENCE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE GO AHEAD. WE'D
7 LOVE TO HEAR YOUR COMMENT. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS FRANCISCO SALCIDO. I'M
10 HERE TO BACK UP AHF. THEY'VE BEEN LEGACY. THEY HELPED ME OUT
11 WHEN I WAS HOMELESS. THEY RESCUED ME FROM STREETS. THEY'VE
12 BEEN SO HELPFUL FOR ME. AND TO HELP THEM TO KEEP DOING THE
13 WORK THEY DO, BECAUSE IT'S BEEN HELPFUL. I KNOW SOME PEOPLE
14 THAT HIV TOO, AND THEY'VE BEEN HELPED GETTING HOMES FOR THEM.
15 I WANT TO THANK THE 5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TAKE THE TIME TO
16 LISTEN TO ME. THANK YOU.

17

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

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S ALEX RAMIREZ. I'M
22 HERE REPRESENTING AHF. WE HAVE BEEN, AHF HAS BEEN A CHAMPION
23 WHEN IT COMES TO MY HEALTH. DISAPPOINTED THE COUNTY'S NOT
24 TRYING TO WORK WITH THEM AND WE NEED YOU GUYS TO WORK WITH
25 AHF. THEY'RE IMPORTANT AND THEY HELP A LOT OF PEOPLE. WE NEED



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1 MORE FUNDING FOR STIs. WE NEED HOUSING. AND A LOT OF STUFF WE
2 NEED. WE NEED MORE RIGHTS FOR ANIMALS, DOGS, THAT'S OFF THE
3 RECORD, THAT'S JUST ME. AND, BECAUSE HUMANS ARE PROBLEMS, SOME
4 HUMANS ARE PROBLEMS TO ANIMALS, AND I'M HERE TO REPRESENT MY
5 DOG AND AHF AS WELL. SO THANK YOU, AND GOOD WORK. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR REPRESENTING THE
8 ANIMALS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS
11 STANLEY CHAPMAN. I'M A PROUD RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3. I'M HERE
12 ADVOCATING FOR AHF AS I'VE DONE BEFORE IN FRONT OF YOU, AND I
13 APPRECIATE YOU GIVING ME THIS TIME. AHF IS A WORLD-CLASS
14 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES SERVICES FOR HIV, STIs.
15 I'VE UTILIZED THEIR SERVICES. I KNOW THEY'RE GREAT. I'D LIKE
16 TO ASK THAT THE BOARD CONTINUE TO HAVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH AHF.
17 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK
18 IN FRONT OF YOU.

19

20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR BEING
21 HERE TODAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** ROGER, ROGER PUGLIESE, CHAIR OF THE TOPANGA
24 ASSOCIATION PROCEEDING COMMUNITY. I'M HERE TODAY TO PUBLICLY
25 THANK SUPERVISOR LINDSEY HORVATH AND ESPECIALLY THANK MARIA



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SUPERVISORS

1 CHANCASTILLO FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN WHAT'S GOING ON IN
2 TOPANGA IN REGARDS TO THE SLIDE THAT'S TAKING PLACE. VERY
3 IMPORTANT THAT YOU'VE THAT YOU'VE TAKEN THE LEAD ON THIS. I
4 KNOW THAT WE ALL KNOW THAT IT'S CALTRANS, BUT IN FACT, IT'S
5 IMPORTANT THAT YOU'RE FELT. AND I KNOW THAT YOU ARE, THE
6 COMMUNITY APPRECIATES IT. WE THANK YOU, WE ALL THANK YOU VERY,
7 VERY MUCH FOR THAT. SO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND LET US
8 REMEMBER ONE THING, AND THAT IS IT IS A SCENIC HIGHWAY AND IT
9 MUST REMAIN A SCENIC HIGHWAY EVEN AFTER AND DURING THE FIX. A
10 SCENIC HIGHWAY. WE WORKED VERY, VERY HARD TO GET THAT
11 DESIGNATION AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IT STAYS THAT WAY.

12
13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU
14 FOR BEING HERE, ROGER. NEXT SPEAKER.

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16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS CARLOS
17 MONTES. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON, IF POSSIBLE, ITEM 38. I DON'T
18 KNOW IF THAT PASSED, 73F AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT SO I CAN
19 GET 3 MINUTES, PLEASE. YES, I'M A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF EAST
20 LA GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL. I WANNA FIRST OF ALL SUPPORT THE
21 MOTION NUMBER 38 TO BUILD THE EAST LA MONUMENT. AND I LOOKED
22 AT THE MAP, IT WILL BE AT ATLANTIC NEAR THE BORDER WITH
23 MONTEREY PARK. NOBODY KNOWS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT AREA,
24 ATLANTIC SQUARE, MONTEREY PARK, EAST LA. IT'S CONFUSING,
25 RIGHT? THEN THE OTHER ONE IS A BORDER WITH MONTEBELLO,



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1 BEVERLY, SAME THING, WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU'RE IN EAST LA
2 OR MONTEBELLO, SO THAT WOULD HELP. IT ALSO GIVES US
3 RECOGNITION AND PRIDE OF EAST LA, RIGHT? AS YOU CAN TELL,
4 WE'RE REALLY PROUD OF BEING EAST LA BULLDOGS. THE OTHER ITEM
5 THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ME IS I'VE BEEN A LONGTIME ADVOCATE
6 FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION. I'VE BEEN ARRESTED HALF A DOZEN TIMES,
7 EAST LA WALKOUTS, YOU KNOW, IT'S IN THE BOOKS. AND WE HAVE TOO
8 MANY CHARTER SCHOOLS IN EAST LA. ONE SPECIFIC ONE IS EXTERA
9 CHARTER SCHOOL. THEY WANT TO BUILD A CHARTER SCHOOL ON GAGE
10 AVENUE ABOUT 2 BLOCKS AWAY FROM RUBEN SALAZAR PARK. RIGHT. NOW
11 I GO TO RUBEN SALAZAR PARK. I'M A SENIOR, I'M 77, I'M ON
12 SOCIAL SECURITY, AND I'M CALFRESH TOO, RIGHT? AND IT'S ALL MY
13 PROPERTY, I RAN OUT OF MONEY. OUR BABY BOOMERS ARE ALSO POOR.
14 BUT WHENEVER I SIT DOWN WITH SENIORS, WE ALL COMPLAIN ABOUT
15 EVERYTHING. THE NUMBER ONE COMPLAINT IS TRAFFIC, NOISE,
16 PARKING. THIS EXTERA SCHOOL RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A
17 RESIDENTIAL AREA IS GOING TO RUIN THE ENVIRONMENT, RIGHT? I
18 REMEMBER WHEN I USED TO TAKE MY KIDS TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING,
19 RUSHING, RUSH IN, RUSH OUT, RIGHT. SO IF THEY BUILD THIS
20 EXTERA SCHOOL, YOU WILL HAVE PEOPLE LINING UP IN THE MORNING
21 ALONG THE RESIDENTIAL AREA, GOING INTO THE SCHOOL AND COMING
22 OUT THE OTHER SIDE TWICE A DAY IN THE MORNING AND THE
23 AFTERNOON 5 DAYS A WEEK. RIGHT NOW IT'S THE CHURCH THAT ONLY
24 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. SO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT APPROVED THIS
25 LAST WEEK. SO WE'RE ASKING I'M HERE TO SUPPORT A MOTION BY



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SUPERVISORS

1 HILDA SOLIS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, TO SET A DATE FOR AN APPEAL
2 TO REALLY HAVE THE COMMUNITY ENOUGH TIME TO COME OUT AND LET
3 YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR RESIDENTIAL AREA, RIGHT? DURING THE
4 PLANNING DEPARTMENT, IT WAS PRIMARILY THE STAFF THAT CAME OUT
5 OF EXTERA ADVOCATING FOR IT, RIGHT THE OTHER ITEM GENERAL. I
6 JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE BLACK CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT HAS
7 ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT
8 WHERE THERE WAS SCLC, KING AND NAACP BLMLA THEY'VE ALWAYS HAD
9 THE BACK OF THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. WE ALWAYS HAD THAT
10 UNITY. SO IF ANYBODY TELLS YOU ANYTHING DIFFERENT, IT'S NOT
11 TRUE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12
13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

14
15 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JUAN PARINO,
16 SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO ITEM 73F. I COME BEFORE
17 YOU TO EXPRESS MY OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT TO BUILD AN EXTERA
18 CHARTER SCHOOL AT 1059 SOUTH GAUGE AVENUE IN EAST LOS ANGELES.
19 I SUPPORT A MOTION TO SET A DATE FOR AN APPEAL HEARING ON THIS
20 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. SAID CONSTRUCTION WILL LEAD TO MORE
21 TRAFFIC IN A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD WHICH WOULD INCREASE AIR
22 AND NOISE POLLUTION. CHARTER SCHOOLS LEAD TO STUDENT
23 ENROLLMENT NOT REFLECTIVE OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY THEREBY
24 CAUSING DAILY TRAFFIC CONGESTION, DOUBLE PARKING, BLOCKED
25 DRIVEWAYS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES. ADDITIONALLY AND VERY



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1 IMPORTANTLY, THE SITE BEING RENOVATED IS AN OLD CHURCH IN A
2 DANGER ZONE THAT HAS BEEN TESTED FOR LEAD CONTAMINATION FROM
3 THE OVER 40 YEARS OF OPERATION OF THE EXIDE BATTERY RECYCLING
4 PLANT. SUPPORT SETTING AN APPEAL HEARING ON THIS PROJECT.
5 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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

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9 **SPEAKER:** LAST, BUT I HOPE NOT LEAST.

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** NEVER.

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13 **SPEAKER:** AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR BEING SO PATIENT
14 AND ALSO TO EXPRESS MY ADMIRATION FOR THE FINE WORK YOU'VE
15 BEEN DOING. I WAS HERE WHEN THE FIRST WOMAN SUPERVISOR, YVONNE
16 BRADWAY BURKE, WAS SWORN IN. HER HUSBAND AND I WORKED TOGETHER
17 ON THE OLYMPICS ON THE MARATHON AND I WAS HERE WHEN ONE OF MY
18 FAVORITE PEOPLE, GLORIA MOLINA, WAS SWORN IN. SHE WAS FIRST
19 BROUGHT INTO GOVERNMENT LOBBYING FOR A PRISON. AND RICHARD
20 ALATORRE, A CLASSMATE OF MINE, WE WENT TO BOYS STATE TOGETHER,
21 YOU KNOW, BACK IN THE 1950S, WE HELPED HER. AND SUBSEQUENTLY,
22 SHE WENT ON TO GREAT THINGS. ONE OF THE GREATEST WAS BEING A
23 SUPERVISOR HERE AND HAVING GRAND PARK. THIS IS MY WRITTEN
24 STATEMENT TO YOU TODAY TO HONOR A NATIONAL TREASURE THAT
25 EXISTS AND WAS OVERLOOKED WHEN I WAS HERE TO SPEAK BACK ON



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1 APRIL THE 9TH ABOUT YOUR OLDER AMERICANS RECOGNITION.

2 SUPERVISOR - -

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4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** UNFORTUNATELY I'M SO SORRY YOUR
5 TIME HAS EXPIRED CAN YOU SHARE THE WRITTEN STATEMENT WITH US
6 SO THAT WAY WE CAN ALL READ IT? OKAY. THANK YOU. CAN YOU SHARE
7 IT WITH OUR STAFF? YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, I'M SO SORRY. THANK
8 YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. I
9 KNOW. ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. I
10 BELIEVE THAT WAS OUR LAST SPEAKER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
11 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

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13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEM 1,
14 3, 5 THROUGH 12, 14 THROUGH 19, 21 THROUGH 26, 27 WITH
15 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE, 28, 29
16 WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE
17 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308, 30 THROUGH 54, 55
18 THE SUPERVISOR BARGER ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE 56 THROUGH 72,
19 73A, 73C, AND 73D, 73F, 74A SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S READ-IN
20 MOTION, AND 76 THROUGH 80.

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22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, DID YOU HAVE
23 ANOTHER COMMENT BEFORE WE VOTE? OKAY. WITH THAT, MOVED BY
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE
25 THESE ITEMS WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE



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1 OFFICER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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9 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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13 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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

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17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

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19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

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

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23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5

24 TO 0.

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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE
2 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WE WILL
3 BEGIN WITH YOU.

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5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR APPRECIATE YOU. COLLEAGUES
6 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
7 DR. BERTRAM LEONARD ASHE. DR. ASHE WAS BORN ON JUNE 29, 1929
8 IN KEY WEST, FLORIDA AND PASSED AWAY THIS PAST MAY IN 2023 IN
9 LOS ANGELES AT THE AGE OF 93. IN 1948, DR. ASHE MOVED TO LOS
10 ANGELES WITH HIS FAMILY WHERE HE ATTENDED AND LATER GRADUATED
11 FROM JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL IN 1949. HE EARNED HIS ASSOCIATE'S
12 DEGREE FROM LA CITY COLLEGE WHILE WORKING NIGHT SHIFTS AT THE
13 UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICES. HE MARRIED DOLLY SMITH IN 1954,
14 AND 3 CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THEIR LOVING UNION. HE TRANSFERRED
15 TO CAL STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHERE HE EARNED HIS
16 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCE. HE LATER ATTENDED THE
17 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE RECEIVED A
18 MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION. HE WENT ON TO
19 RECEIVE A DOCTORATE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP FROM NOVA
20 SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY. IN 1956, DR. ASHE BEGAN TEACHING IN
21 THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. DURING HIS 31-YEAR
22 CAREER AT LAUSD, HE WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT
23 MCKINLEY AVENUE AND MANHATTAN PLACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. DR.
24 ASHE LATER SERVED AS PRINCIPAL OF 122ND STREET SCHOOL, PASEO
25 DEL REY MAGNET AND 75TH STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. HE RETIRED



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1 FROM THE DISTRICT IN 1987 AND BEGAN LECTURING AT CAL STATE
2 UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS IN THEIR TEACHER EDUCATION
3 PROGRAM. AMONG HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HE WAS MOST PROUD TO
4 BE SELECTED AS ONE OF THE TOP 50 OUTSTANDING PRINCIPALS IN
5 LAUSD BY THE LA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. HE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN
6 HIS COMMUNITY, INCLUDING AS PAST PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP SAN
7 PEDRO WILMINGTON BRANCH. HE WAS A LIFELONG MEMBER OF THE CITY
8 OF LOS ANGELES'S 10TH COUNCIL DISTRICT PARENT TEACHERS
9 ASSOCIATION AND SERVED AS CHAIR OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL AT
10 WILMINGTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. DR. ASHE WILL BE
11 REMEMBERED AS A LIFELONG EDUCATOR AND FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS IN
12 EDUCATION, CIVIC LEADERSHIP, AND DEDICATION TO HIS FAMILY AND
13 FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE OF 54 YEARS, DOLLY,
14 3 CHILDREN, PAMELA, BURCHAM AND DAVID, 3 GRANDCHILDREN, AND A
15 HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY.
16 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
17 RUTH LEEANNA JORDAN. MS. JORDAN WAS BORN ON AUGUST 16, 1925 IN
18 FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA, AND PASSED AWAY MARCH 21 OF THIS YEAR
19 HERE IN LA AT THE PHENOMENAL AGE OF 98. SHE WAS THE YOUNGEST
20 OF 14. SHE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES WITH HER SISTER AFTER
21 THEIR MOTHER'S PASSING AND GRADUATED FROM JOHN MARSHALL HIGH
22 SCHOOL. AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, SHE ENROLLED AT LOS ANGELES CITY
23 COLLEGE, WHERE SHE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF A SOCIAL JUSTICE
24 STUDENT ORGANIZATION, THE JAMES WELDON JOHNSON CLUB. SHE WAS A
25 COUNTY EMPLOYEE AND BEGAN HER CAREER WITH THE LA COUNTY



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1 PROBATION, WHERE SHE SERVED FOR 16 YEARS. SHE TRANSFERRED TO
2 THE WEST ADAMS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND NATIONAL MEDICAL
3 ENTERPRISES WHERE SHE ENDED HER CAREER AS A HUMAN RESOURCES
4 PROFESSIONAL. ON AUGUST 25TH, 1964, SHE MARRIED HER HUSBAND
5 KEN AND 2 CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THIS LOVING UNION, BRIAN AND
6 ERIC. SHE WAS A PROUD RESIDENT OF VIEW PARK FOR MANY YEARS AND
7 LOVED VOLUNTEERING AT HER LOCAL LIBRARY, THE VIEW PARK B.B.
8 MOORE CAMPBELL LIBRARY AND AT 54TH STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
9 SHE ALSO REGULARLY ATTENDED THE CONGREGATION CHURCH OF
10 CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, WHERE SHE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE
11 CHURCH CHOIR. SHE ENJOYED HELPING OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THE
12 YOUTH, THROUGH MENTORSHIP AND ADVICE. MRS. JORDAN WILL BE
13 REMEMBERED FOR HER OPTIMISM AND UNWAVERING FAITH. SHE IS
14 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF ALMOST 60 YEARS, HER 2 SONS, 3
15 GRANDCHILDREN, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO
16 WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE BY HER MOTTO, WHICH IS LIFE IS
17 BEAUTIFUL, ALL ONE NEEDS TO DO IS SHOW UP. COLLEAGUES, WHEN WE
18 ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF TAMIKA
19 NELSON STEWART. MS. STEWART WAS BORN SEPTEMBER 21ST, 1973,
20 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AND PASSED AWAY APRIL 6TH AT THE YOUNG
21 AGE OF 50. HER EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY BEGAN AT DICKINSON
22 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOLLOWED BY DAVIS MIDDLE SCHOOL IN COMPTON
23 HIGH. HER DEDICATION TO CARING FOR OTHERS LED HER TO BECOME A
24 CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT AND A LICENSED PHLEBOTOMIST
25 TECHNICIAN, WHERE SHE SERVED THE COMMUNITY THROUGH HER WORK



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1 WITH THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE ACCEPTED
2 CHRIST AT A YOUNG AGE, BECOMING A MEMBER OF MARY MAGDALENE
3 MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. HER FAITH WAS UNWAVERING, AND IN
4 2015, SHE ANSWERED THE CALL TO MINISTRY AND FOUNDED WOMEN
5 HELPING WOMEN, WHERE SHE TOUCHED COUNTLESS LIVES, SPOKE AT
6 SEVERAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCES, AND SERVED AS A MENTOR TO MANY.
7 MS. STEWART'S GREATEST JOY IN LIFE WAS BEING A DEVOTED MOTHER
8 TO HER 4 CHILDREN, ANTHONY, BARACK, DIAMOND, AND MARVIN. SHE
9 WAS ALSO A PROUD GRANDMOTHER. SHE LEAVES BEHIND A LEGACY OF
10 LOVE AND KINDNESS THAT WILL FOREVER LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF HER
11 CHILDREN AND HER GRANDDAUGHTER, FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE WILL
12 BE DEEPLY MISSED, YET HER SPIRIT WILL CONTINUE TO SHINE
13 BRIGHTLY IN THE MEMORIES AND THE LIVES THAT SHE TOUCHED. THANK
14 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
19 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CHUCK HART, WHOSE
20 LIFE WAS MARKED BY FAITH, INTEGRITY, JUSTICE, AND SERVICE.
21 CHUCK WAS KNOWN AS THE HAWK WHEN HE WORKED AS A HOMICIDE AND
22 ROBBERY DETECTIVE FOR THE LAPD HARBOR DIVISION. AND FOLLOWING
23 HIS RETIREMENT, HE BECAME A DEDICATED COMMUNITY LEADER. I KNEW
24 HIM MOSTLY AS HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE SAN PEDRO
25 PENINSULA HOMEOWNERS UNITED FOR OVER 15 YEARS AND NEVER CEASED



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1 IN HIS FERVENT EFFORTS TO REDUCE PORT POLLUTION AND INCREASE
2 PUBLIC SAFETY FOR HIS COMMUNITY. HE WAS ALSO A MASTER MASON OF
3 LA HARBOR MASONIC LODGE, A MEMBER OF THE SCOTTISH RITE, AND A
4 SHRINER. CHUCK WAS PRECEDED BY HIS PRE-DECEASED BY HIS BELOVED
5 WIFE SYLVIA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS 4 CHILDREN, 12
6 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 17 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT
7 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DEPUTY
8 DANIEL OKAMOTO, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 28 IN A
9 MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT. HE JOINED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN
10 2017 AND WAS ASSIGNED TO MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. HE THEN MOVED TO
11 THE LUMITA SHERIFF'S STATION IN 2018. HE PROUDLY SERVED THE
12 CITIES OF LUMITA, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES,
13 ROLLING HILLS, AND THE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED NEIGHBORHOOD OF
14 LA RAMBLA. ASSIGNED TO THE EARLY MORNING SHIFT, HIS COMMITMENT
15 TO DUTY WAS UNMATCHED. IN 2020, HE BECAME A TRAINING OFFICER,
16 FURTHER EXEMPLIFYING HIS DEDICATION TO SERVICE. THROUGHOUT HIS
17 TENURE, DEPUTY OKAMOTO'S PROFESSIONALISM AND PASSION FOR LAW
18 ENFORCEMENT EARNED HIM MANY ACCOLADES, INCLUDING THE
19 PRESTIGIOUS SOUTH PATROL DIVISION ALL-STAR AWARD IN 2022.
20 DEPUTY OKAMOTO IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, HIS GRANDMOTHER,
21 AND HIS BROTHER. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM
22 AND HIS COUNTY FAMILY. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE
23 ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF DOMENICK SARDISCO, WHO WAS THE
24 OWNER OF DOMENICK'S PIZZA HOUSE IN SAN PEDRO AND CARSON. HE
25 WAS A BELOVED FATHER, PAPA, FRIEND, AND BOSS. I WAS HONORED TO



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1 ATTEND HIS CELEBRATION OF LIFE YESTERDAY, AND THE CHAPEL WAS
2 OVERFLOWING WITH SO MANY PEOPLE WHO KNEW AND LOVED HIM, WHICH
3 WAS A GREAT TESTAMENT TO HIS FAMILY ON HOW MUCH HE AND HIS
4 FOOD WAS LOVED. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. HE IS SURVIVED BY MY
5 FRIEND, HIS DAUGHTER, TERESA, AND HIS EXTENDED FAMILY. I ALSO
6 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
7 KATHLEEN CORDERO D'AMROSI. KAY WAS A KIND AND CARING WOMAN. AS
8 A NURSE, SHE DEDICATED HER CAREER TO CARING FOR HER PATIENTS.
9 AS A WIFE AND MOTHER, SHE DEDICATED HER LIFE TO HER FAMILY.
10 SHE WAS 85 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. AS A YOUNG GIRL, SHE MOVED
11 WITH HER FAMILY TO SAN PEDRO, AND AFTER GRADUATING FROM
12 MARYMOUNT PALOS VERDES HIGH SCHOOL, SHE WENT ON TO STUDY AT
13 ST. VINCENT'S NURSING SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES. KAY AND HER FIRST
14 HUSBAND, BILL, ALONG WITH THEIR 5 CHILDREN WERE STATIONED IN
15 THE PHILIPPINES DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. SADLY, BILL WAS KILLED
16 IN ACTION, AND KAY DECIDED IT WAS BEST TO MOVE THE CHILDREN
17 BACK TO SAN PEDRO TO BE CLOSE TO THE FAMILY. AND THAT'S WHERE
18 SHE MET MARIO. THE 2 WOULD GO ON TO WELCOME 3 MORE CHILDREN.
19 AND DESPITE HAVING A HOUSE FULL OF KIDS, KAY RETURNED TO HER
20 LIFELONG DREAM OF BECOMING A REGISTERED NURSE. SHE SPENT 20
21 YEARS CARING FOR HER PATIENTS AT SAN PEDRO PENINSULA HOSPITAL
22 AND AT CANCER CARE ASSOCIATES IN TORRANCE. BEING A GOLD STAR
23 WIFE AND A SISTER MADE KAY A PATRIOTIC AMERICAN. THE WORK SHE
24 AND MARIO DID IN SUPPORT OF GOLD STAR FAMILIES WAS HONORED AT
25 THE WHITE HOUSE IN 2018. KAY WAS PREDECEASED BY HER 2



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1 HUSBANDS, MAJOR WILLIAM E. CORDERO AND MARIO D'AMBROSI, HER
2 SON RICHARD, HER GRANDDAUGHTER BRITT, HER PARENTS EDWIN AND
3 ANNA CAROL, AND ALL 7 OF HER SIBLINGS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
4 CHILDREN BILL, TERRY, TONY, JIM, JOE, PHILIP, AND MARIANNA.
5 SHE ALSO SURVIVED BY 16 GRANDCHILDREN AND 10 GREAT-
6 GRANDCHILDREN. I'VE KNOWN HER SON TONY CORDERO FOR A VERY LONG
7 TIME, AND HE WAS ONLY 2 YEARS OLD WHEN HE LOST HIS FATHER IN
8 VIETNAM AND REALLY WAS AN ADVOCATE AND A VOICE FOR SO MANY
9 CHILDREN OF THAT VIETNAM ERA WHO EITHER LOST THEIR DADS VERY
10 YOUNG OR GREW UP WITHOUT EVER KNOWING THEM. AND TONY IS A
11 GREAT TESTAMENT TO THE RESILIENCE, PARTICULARLY OF HIS MOTHER
12 KAY. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE
13 MEMORY OF KRUNO JAKSIC, WHO WAS A NEIGHBOR OF MINE. HE WAS 93,
14 AND AFTER IMMIGRATING TO THE US, KRUNO WORKED AS A MACHINIST
15 FOR STAR KISS CANARY AND EVENTUALLY BECAME A CHIEF ENGINEER IN
16 THE LOCAL FISHING INDUSTRY. AND AFTER RETIRING FROM FISHING,
17 KRUNO FINISHED HIS CAREER AS AN ENGINEER FOR VARIOUS TUGBOAT
18 COMPANIES IN THE LOS ANGELES HARBOR. AND LATER IN LIFE, HE
19 ENJOYED TAKING HIS DAILY WALKS, TENDING HIS VEGETABLE GARDEN,
20 COOKING HIS TRADITIONAL CROATIAN MEALS, AND GOING TO THE PARK
21 TO PLAY BOCCE BALL WITH HIS FRIENDS. KRUNO WAS PRECEDED IN
22 DEATH BY HIS WIFE MARY, HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON NICHOLAS,
23 HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW LISA, AND HIS GRANDSON STEPHEN. I WOULD
24 SEE KRUNO EVERY DAY WALKING BY MY HOUSE. HE WAS SUCH A
25 GENTLEMAN, AND HE ALWAYS WAS CHIDING ME THAT I NEED TO DO A



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1 BETTER JOB OF WALKING IF HE COULD BE DOING IT EVERY DAY AT AGE
2 93. A GOOD MAN, A GOOD NEIGHBOR, WE CERTAINLY WILL MISS HIM
3 WHERE WE LIVE ON OUR BLOCK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN
8 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF CANYON COUNTRY OR
9 CANYON COUNTRY RESIDENT CONRAD DAMANN WHO SERVED AS
10 FIREFIGHTING HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR FOR 37 YEARS AND PASSED
11 AWAY FEBRUARY 19TH AT THE AGE OF 81. BORN ON AUGUST 11TH 1942
12 CONRAD GREW UP IN LAKE HUGHES ON MUNS RANCH. HE WORKED
13 ALONGSIDE HIS GRANDFATHER, ELI MUNS, AS WELL AS HIS FATHER AND
14 YOUNGER BROTHER. GROWING UP ON THE RANCH GAVE CONRAD AN
15 EDUCATION IN OPERATING HEAVY EQUIPMENT AT A VERY EARLY AGE.
16 AFTER GRADUATING FROM ANTELOPE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, CONRAD WENT
17 TO WORK FOR PRIVATE CONTRACTORS BUILDING FIRE BREAKS. IN 1972,
18 HE WAS HIRED AS A HEAVY FIRE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR BY THE
19 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, WHERE HE WORKED FOR 14
20 YEARS. IN 1986, HE JOINED THE VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
21 AND WORKED UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 2009. CONRAD IS SURVIVED BY
22 HIS WIFE, LORETTA, HIS WIFE OF 59 YEARS, 4 CHILDREN, 7
23 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 3 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, WE ADJOURN A
24 MEMORY OF WOODY NORMAN DOUGLAS, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF
25 CLAREMONT, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 26TH AT THE AGE OF 87. HE



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1 WAS BORN ON JULY 9TH, 1937 IN LOS ANGELES. FROM A YOUNG AGE,
2 HE EXHIBITED REMARKABLE ATHLETIC TALENTS. HE WAS A FOOTBALL
3 PLAYER AND ACCOMPLISHED POLE VAULTER AND A TRACK STAR. HIS
4 TALENTS ON THE TRACK FIELD EARNED HIM A SCHOLARSHIP TO
5 OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE. HE MARRIED HIS CHILDHOOD SWEETHEART,
6 DIANA, IN 1955 AND RAISED 4 CHILDREN WITH HER UNTIL HER
7 PASSING IN 1975. HE THEN EMBARKED ON A NEW CHAPTER IN
8 CLAREMONT. HE FOUND LOVE AGAIN WITH ROXANNE RAWLINGS AND
9 BECAME A FIXTURE IN THE COMMUNITY. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE
10 CLAREMONT KIWANIS CLUB AND INITIATED THE READ ME PROGRAM,
11 WHICH HAS GIVEN MORE THAN 50,000 BOOKS TO CLAREMONT STUDENTS.
12 HE LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK IN THE COMMUNITY AND WILL BE MISSED.
13 WOODY IS SURVIVED BY HIS 8 CHILDREN, STEPHEN, CINDY, GLENN,
14 DEBBIE, DANIELLE, ALLISON, AMANDA, AND DEVON, AND HIS 22
15 GRANDCHILDREN AND HIS 17 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO I MOVE THAT
16 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DEPUTY ALFREDO "FREDDY" FLORES, WHO
17 TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY FOLLOWING A FIGHT FOR RECOVERY FROM
18 INJURIES SUSTAINED IN THE LINE OF DUTY 6 MONTHS AGO. DEPUTY
19 FLORES WAS 51. HE GRADUATED FROM THE ACADEMY CLASS NUMBER 327
20 AND HONORABLY SERVED THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR
21 22 YEARS. DURING HIS TENURE, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO SEVERAL UNITS
22 INCLUDING NORTH COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, OPERATION SAFE
23 JAILS, ALTADENA STATION, AND MOST RECENTLY THE SYLMAR JUVENILE
24 COURT AT COURT SERVICES WEST BUREAU. DEPUTY FLORES WAS A
25 BEACON OF STRENGTH, EARNING THE RESPECT OF BOTH HIS PEERS AND



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1 THE COMMUNITY HE SERVED. HIS SUDDEN DEPARTURE HAS LEFT AN
2 IMMENSE VOID IN THE HEARTS OF ALL WHO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF
3 KNOWING HIM. DEPUTY FLORES IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CHILDREN,
4 AND PARENTS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DONALD WHALEY,
5 A FORMER RESIDENT OF STEVENSON RANCH WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE
6 AGE OF 91. HE SERVED IN THE US ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR AND
7 RETIRED FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AS AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER
8 AND WENT ON TO ESTABLISH HIS OWN BUSINESS. DON WAS ONE OF THE
9 ORIGINAL HOMEOWNERS IN THE STEVENSON RANCH AREA. HE WAS DEEPLY
10 COMMITTED TO SERVING HIS COMMUNITY. OVER THE PAST 29 YEARS, HE
11 VOLUNTEERED FOR ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE WEST RANCH TOWN
12 COUNCIL AND STEVENSON RANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE WAS ALSO ON
13 COMMUNITY COMMITTEES, INCLUDING THE LANDSCAPE SECURITY,
14 FILMING AND CIVIC COMMITTEES. DON WAS A CARING FRIEND TO ALL
15 THE COMMUNITY. HE WILL REMEMBER FOR GIVING THE BIGGEST AND
16 TIGHTEST HUGS. HE'LL BE MISSED DEARLY BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. HE
17 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, KAY, AND HIS 2 SONS. LAST, I MOVE THAT
18 THE BOARD OF SURVISORS ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING
19 INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY
21 BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY
22 IN THE LAST MONTH. JAMES WILLIAM PARSONS ARMY, JEROME
23 BILDERRIAN NAVY, ERLEEN ELMA BARNETT ARMY, GARY ADRIAN JOHNSON
24 NAVY, OMAR B. HUMPHREY NAVY, JOSEPH CHARLES MCFADDEN AIR
25 FORCE, FRANK WILLIAM RUSSELL AIR FORCE, CARLOS CANTU SALAZAR



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1 ARMY, CHARLES EDWARD ISOM MARINES, GERALD WARNER SCHLENKER AIR
2 FORCE, ARTHUR JAMES PETERSON AIR FORCE, RANDOLPH ALAN
3 OSTERKORN ARMY, THOMAS JOSEPH HAVEN ARMY, GEORGE HIROSHII
4 ISERI ARMY, ADRICH NEAL ARMY, JOSEPH RICHARD LEYVA AIR FORCE,
5 DONALD ANDERS ARMY, MELENCIO ALADANO ARMY, ROBERT RAY SHAVEZ
6 ARMY, AUGUSTINE PAUL GUTIERREZ MARINES. MAY THEIR
7 CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER
8 BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU.

9
10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT
13 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FRED
14 NAKAMURA. HE WAS A RENOWNED, DEDICATED COMMUNITY LAWYER FOR
15 MORE THAN 40 YEARS. FRED WAS A STAFF ATTORNEY IN THE LEGAL AID
16 FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES EVICTION DEFENSE CENTER FROM 1990 TO
17 1995, GREATLY EXPANDING THE FOUNDATION'S WORK FOR AAPI
18 COMMUNITIES. HE WENT ON TO JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF
19 LOS ANGELES WHERE HE SERVED FOR DECADES UNTIL HIS RECENT
20 RETIREMENT. FRED WAS A RECOGNIZED EXPERT IN EVICTION DEFENSE,
21 RENT CONTROL, RELOCATION ASSISTANCE, FEDERALLY SUBSIDIZED
22 HOUSING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, AND HOMEOWNER FRAUD
23 AND MOBILE HOME ISSUES. HE ALSO LED LITIGATION AND POLICY
24 ADVOCACY IN AREAS OF CONSUMER FRAUD, MEDICAL DEBT, PUBLIC
25 BENEFITS, FAMILY LAW, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND EMPLOYMENT LAW.



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1 FRED REPRESENTED THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES
2 THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER. HE DID ALL THIS WORK IN THE COMMUNITY
3 FOR THE COMMUNITY WITH TENANTS VOICES SQUARELY CENTERED. HE
4 ALSO TRAINED AND MENTORED HUNDREDS OF LAWYERS. GIVEN HIS
5 LEADERSHIP IN 2022, FRED RECEIVED THE NATIONAL LEGAL AID AND
6 DEFENDER ASSOCIATION'S KUTAK DODDS PRIZE FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO
7 THE DIGNITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES. THE
8 NATIONAL PRIZE IS AWARDED TO JUST ONE LEGAL AID ATTORNEY FROM
9 ACROSS THE COUNTRY EACH YEAR. FRED'S DEEP CARE FOR TENANTS
10 MOTIVATED HIS WORK FOR JUSTICE. HIS COLLEAGUES RECALLED THAT
11 WHEN HE VISITED TENANTS, HE WOULD BRING A TOOLBOX SO THAT HE
12 COULD HELP PREPARE THEIR HOMES. AT THE SAME TIME, HE FOUGHT
13 FOR THEIR RIGHT TO DECENT LIVING CONDITIONS. HE FORMED STRONG
14 RELATIONSHIPS WITH ORGANIZERS. HE WAS OFTEN THEIR FIRST CALL
15 WHEN TENANTS RIGHTS WERE BEING VIOLATED. IN 2021, HE WORKED
16 CLOSELY WITH MY OFFICE TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF DISREPAIR OF A 16-
17 STORY, 270-UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX BUILDING THAT WAS HOME TO
18 HUNDREDS OF SENIORS IN CHINATOWN, KNOWN AS CAFE MANOR. WITHOUT
19 A SINGLE WORKING ELEVATOR, FRED WOULD GO UP AND DOWN THE
20 STAIRS TO DELIVER WATER, FOOD, AND OTHER NECESSITIES TO OLDER
21 ADULTS AND RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE BUILDING. FRED
22 WILL BE DEARLY MISSED. MAY WE CONTINUE TO HONOR HIS LEGACY BY
23 ENDURING OUR FIGHT FOR A MORE JUST SYSTEM FOR THE BETTERMENT
24 OF TENANTS AND LOW-INCOME FAMILIES IN LA COUNTY.

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1 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU MIND IF I
2 JOIN YOU? I KNEW FRED WHEN I WORKED AT THE WESTERN CENTER ON
3 LAW AND POVERTY.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SURE.

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7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SURE. MADAM CHAIR, I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE
10 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FIRE CAPTAIN HENRY
11 FLORES. HENRY GREW UP IN WEST COVINA. HE DEDICATED 23 YEARS TO
12 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT, PROTECTING THE
13 LIVES AND PROPERTY OF RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES. HENRY WAS
14 HIRED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A
15 FIREFIGHTER BACK IN 2001. HE STARTED AS A FIREFIGHTER AND WAS
16 THEN PROMOTED TO THE RANKS OF FIREFIGHTER SPECIALISTS IN 2006
17 AND FIRE CAPTAIN IN 2019. AS A COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
18 FIREFIGHTER, HENRY WORKED AT MULTIPLE FIRE STATIONS THROUGHOUT
19 HIS CAREER, IN ADDITION TO THE LANCASTER FIRE PREVENTION
20 OFFICE, WITH HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT BEING AT FIRE STATION 169 IN
21 MY HOMETOWN IN EL MONTE. HE WORKED CLOSELY WITH MY OFFICE,
22 VOLUNTEERING HIS TIME WHEN WE HOSTED VACCINE SITES DURING THE
23 PANDEMIC, FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS AND TOY DISTRIBUTIONS DURING THE
24 HOLIDAYS. HENRY WAS A DEVOTED FIREFIGHTER, PROTECTING OTHERS
25 AND BEING OF SERVICE WHEN SOMETHING WAS OF SERVICE TO MANY. IT



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1 CAME TO HIM NATURALLY. HE TOUCHED COUNTLESS LIVES AND HIS
2 PASSING IS FELT DEEPLY TO ALL WHO KNEW HIM INCLUDING THE
3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FAMILY. HENRY IS
4 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AMY, HIS 3 CHILDREN JESSICA, MELISSA AND
5 TYLER, MOTHER VICTORIA AND SIBLINGS, EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS
6 AND COLLEAGUES. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. AND LASTLY MADAM CHAIR,
7 I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
8 FIREFIGHTER JONATHAN EDWARD VAN OEFFELEN. JONATHAN DEDICATED
9 20 YEARS TO THE FIRE SERVICE, PROTECTING THE LIVES AND
10 PROPERTY OF RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES. AS A COUNTY OF LOS
11 ANGELES FIREFIGHTER, JONATHAN WORKED AT FIRE STATIONS 143 IN
12 CASTAIC, 94 IN LAKEWOOD, 83 IN RANCHO'S PALOS VERDES, AND 52
13 IN VERNON. HIS PASSION STARTED AS A YOUNG FIRE EXPLORER WITH
14 THE COSTA MESA FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE CONTINUED HIS CAREER AS AN
15 AMBULANCE OPERATOR WITH THE HUNTINGTON BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT.
16 HE WAS THEN HIRED BY THE CITY OF VERNON AS A FIREFIGHTER IN
17 2004. HE SPENT 16 YEARS WITH THE CITY OF VERNON BEFORE
18 BECOMING A FIREFIGHTER FOR LA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. EXCUSE
19 ME. HE SPENT 16 YEARS WITH THE CITY VERNON BEFORE BECOMING A
20 FIREFIGHTER FOR LA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. WHEN VERNON'S FIRE
21 SERVICES TRANSITIONED TO LA COUNTIES IN 2020, I HAD THE
22 OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HIM AT THE TRANSITION OF COMMAND CEREMONY
23 WHEN I REPRESENTED VERNON BEFORE REDISTRICTING. HE CONTINUED
24 TO WORK WITH MY OFFICE TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE HEALTH AND
25 SAFETY OF RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF VERNON.



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1 JONATHAN POURED EVERY OUNCE OF CARING INTO HIS WORK EVERY DAY
2 WITHOUT HESITATION OR REGARD FOR HIS OWN SAFETY. HE TOUCHED
3 MANY LIVES AND HIS PASSING IS FELT DEEPLY BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM,
4 INCLUDING HIS COUNTY AND FIRE DEPARTMENT FAMILY. JONATHAN IS
5 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE KELLY, HIS 4 SONS, EVAN, NATHAN, AUSTIN,
6 AND RYAN. MOTHER LYNN, FATHER JOHN, SIBLINGS, EXTENDED FAMILY,
7 FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES. MAY HE REST IN PEACE, A WONDERFUL
8 HUMAN BEING, AND I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR.

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10 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** HE WAS. I ACTUALLY DID THIS ADJOURNMENT LAST
11 TIME, BUT I'M GLAD YOU DID IT AGAIN BECAUSE YOU DID SOME
12 THINGS THAT I DIDN'T MENTION. SO I AT LEAST WANNA JOIN YOU ON
13 THIS ONE TOO.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** IT WAS A HUGE TRAGEDY FOR OUR FIRE
18 DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY, THANK YOU ALL. WE'LL
21 TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A
22 UNANIMOUS VOTE THAT WILL BE THE ACTION MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
23 AND COLLEAGUES WERE NOW GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION WHILE WE'RE
24 IN CLOSED SESSION WILL BE SHOWING VIDEO PRESENTATIONS.
25 SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS A VIDEO PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING



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1 NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS A VIDEO PRESENTATION IN SUPPORT OF THE
3 LGBTQ COMMUNITY EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSE
4 SESSION.

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS
7 NOTICES HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
8 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS1,
9 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, ITEM NUMBER CS2,
10 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES
11 FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE
12 BOARD, ITEM NUMBER CS3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS,
13 FESIA DAVENPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF, ITEM NUMBER CS4, PUBLIC
14 EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AND ITEM NUMBER CS5,
15 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, FESIA DAVENPORT AND
16 DESIGNATED STAFF, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL
17 AGENDAS. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I'M JOINED TODAY BY BILL PELMAN AND
20 KATHLEEN FORMANEK WHO ARE THE LUCKY AND PROUD OWNERS OF THEIR
21 ADORABLE DOG NOODLE. NOODLE IS A FIVE-YEAR-OLD AUSTRALIAN
22 LABRADOODLE AND A CERTIFIED THERAPY ANIMAL. HE DEVOTES HIS
23 TIME TO PUTTING SMILES ON THE FACES OF THOSE WHO NEED IT THE
24 MOST. BILL, KATHLEEN, AND NOODLE TRAVEL TO MEDICAL FACILITIES
25 LIKE HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL TO HELP PATIENTS ON THEIR HEALING



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1 JOURNEYS AND TO SCHOOLS LIKE CALTECH TO EASE THE PRESSURE ON
2 STUDENTS DURING FINALS WEEK. NOODLE IS ONE OF MANY CERTIFIED
3 THERAPY ANIMALS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO ARE MAKING A
4 POSITIVE PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND EMOTIONAL DIFFERENCE
5 EVERY DAY. TO CELEBRATE ALL THE INCREDIBLE ANIMALS WHO ARE
6 BRINGING COMFORT TO PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I'M PROUD TO
7 PROCLAIM APRIL 30TH AS THERAPY ANIMAL DAY HERE IN LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY. THERAPY ANIMAL DAY RAISES AWARENESS ABOUT THE ROLE OF
9 THERAPY ANIMALS TO ENHANCE OUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING AND LOWER
10 OUR BLOOD PRESSURE AND BOOST OUR MOOD. THE CELEBRATION HONORS
11 THE THOUSANDS OF FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS AND THEIR DEDICATED
12 HANDLERS WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AT HOSPITALS, PEDIATRIC
13 CARE UNITS, SCHOOLS, AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES. WHETHER
14 THEY'RE BRINGING SMILES TO KIDS FIGHTING CANCER, VISITING
15 SENIORS TO COMBAT LONELINESS, HELPING YOUNG READERS BUILD
16 CONFIDENCE AT THE LOCAL LIBRARY, OR GIVING BACK TO VETERANS,
17 TIME SPENT WITH THERAPY ANIMALS HAS BENEFITS FOR EVERYONE.
18 TODAY I'M HONORED TO SPOTLIGHT THE WORK OF BILL AND KATHLEEN
19 AND NOODLE, WHO HAVE BEEN GENEROUS WITH THEIR TIME AND HAVE
20 DEVOTED COUNTLESS HOURS TO MAKING OTHERS' LIVES HEALTHIER AND
21 HAPPIER. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO TO BRING JOY TO
22 THOSE THAT REALLY NEED IT. I AM HONORED TO PRESENT YOU WITH
23 THIS PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THERAPY ANIMAL DAY IN LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY. THIS IS FOR YOU AND OF COURSE FOR NOODLES.

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

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3 **SPEAKER:** ON MARCH 28TH AT ABOUT 925 IN THE EVENING, A MALE
4 IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS HENRY, CALLED A NATIONAL SUICIDE
5 HOTLINE, AND MADE SEVERAL STATEMENTS REGARDING THE BOMBING OF
6 THE TRANS-LATINA COALITION BUSINESS ON JUNETEENTH, AND ALSO
7 REFERENCED SETTING THEIR BUILDING ON FIRE.

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9 **SPEAKER:** WE KNOW THAT THE TRANS COMMUNITY IN PARTICULAR
10 EXPERIENCES THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF HATE CRIMES THEY'VE EVER
11 EXPERIENCED IN THE HISTORY OF US TAKING THEIR POINT. THAT'S
12 OVER 4 DECADES.

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14 **SPEAKER:** THE BOMB THREAT AND HATE MAIL THAT TLC AND OTHER
15 LGBTQ+ ORGANIZATIONS HAVE RECEIVED IS CRIMINAL AND A
16 THREATENING AND VIOLENT ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE THE LGBTQ+
17 COMMUNITY.

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19 **SPEAKER:** WE ARE HERE TO PROTECT ALL THE RESIDENTS OF LA
20 COUNTY. THEIR BELIEF AND RIGHT TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES WITHOUT
21 SPITEFUL HATE OR VIOLENT ACTIONS.

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23 **SPEAKER:** WE NEED TO DO BETTER TO ENSURE THAT TRANS PEOPLE ARE
24 INTEGRATED IN THE TAPESTRY OF OUR SOCIETY. WE NEED TO DO
25 BETTER IN MAKING SURE THAT THERE ARE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE



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1 LIVELIHOOD OF OUR COMMUNITY. DESPITE THEIR EFFORTS TO ERASE
2 WHO WE ARE AS PEOPLE, AS A COMMUNITY, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO
3 SUCCEED. AND THAT'S WHY WE NEED ALL OF YOU TO ENSURE THAT WE
4 SEND THE APPROPRIATE MESSAGE TO SAY THAT HATE IS NOT WELCOME
5 IN LA.

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7 **SPEAKER:** THE GOAL THAT WE HAVE, OF COURSE, IS TO NOT ONLY KNOW
8 THE TRUE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM HERE IN LA COUNTY BY HAVING ALL
9 THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE HATE TO REPORT IT, BUT WE ALSO WANT TO
10 HELP PEOPLE SO WE HAVE FREE ASSISTANCE IN ANY LANGUAGE 24
11 HOURS 7 DAYS A WEEK TO ANYONE WHO CALLS 211 OR GOES TO
12 LAVSHATE.ORG AND REPORTS IT.

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14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ
15 THE REPORT OF ACTION.

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
18 IN CLOSED SESSION ON APRIL 23RD 2024. ITEM CS1, CS2, CS3, CS4,
19 AND CS5. THERE'S NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING.
22 THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE A POLICY PRESENTATIONS
23 MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2024 AT 9:30 AM THE
24 NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY
25 7TH, 2024 AT 9:30 AM. WE ARE ADJOURNED.



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1 I, KATHRYN J, ROBSON, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors April 23, 2024, were
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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
13 related to any party to the said action; nor in anywise
14 interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 1st day of May 2024, for the County records to be used
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