



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH, 2024

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS WEDNESDAY MAY 15TH 2024. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNCIL, INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE 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 MULTI-GENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING AND RECONCILIATION AND TO ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO GROWING AND SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE PEOPLES AND



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1 LOCAL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER,
2 THE FERNANDENO-TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, GABRIELINO
3 TONGVA INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COUNCIL, GABRIELENO/TONGVA
4 SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, GABRIELEÑO BAND OF
5 MISSION INDIANS - KISH NATION, SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION
6 INDIANS, SAN FERNANDO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS. TO LEARN MORE
7 ABOUT THE FIRST PEOPLES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PLEASE VISIT
8 OUR WEBSITE.

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10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY
11 OUR CODE OF CONDUCT.

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13 **[AUDIO RECORDING]:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE
14 YOUR ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
16 BE READ AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
17 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
18 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
19 HEARING AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
20 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
21 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
22 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
23 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
24 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
25 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT



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1 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
2 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
3 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
4 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM
5 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
6 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
7 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY
8 OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF
9 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS, AND
10 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
11 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
12 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
13 BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR
14 BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO
15 REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY
16 THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
17 COOPERATION.

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19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** TODAY WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE REPORT
20 BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THEN WE'LL HEAR FROM
21 SUPERVISORS, FOLLOWED BY THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, AND THEN
22 WE WILL HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT. WE'LL BEGIN WITH ITEM NUMBER 1,
23 WHICH IS A REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND ITEM
24 NUMBER 2 IS A PUBLIC HEARING. THESE ITEMS ARE RELATED AND
25 THEREFORE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. WE'LL BEGIN WITH OUR CHIEF



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1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT, WHO WILL MAKE A
2 PRESENTATION.

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4 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD MORNING,
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY, WE ARE HERE FOR THE PUBLIC
6 HEARING PHASE OF OUR BUDGET PROCESS, AND THIS IS THE PHASE OF
7 THE BUDGET PROCESS WHERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN COMMENT ON
8 THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET THAT WE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD IN
9 APRIL. TODAY I WILL KEEP MY COMMENTS AND MY REMARKS BRIEF
10 SINCE MUCH OF THE INFORMATION THAT YOU WILL SEE TODAY WAS ALSO
11 PRESENTED DURING THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET PRESENTATION IN APRIL.
12 CAN WE BRING THE SLIDES UP? THANK YOU. CAN WE GO TO THE FIRST
13 SLIDE, PLEASE? SO, THIS SLIDE REALLY JUST PROVIDES A HIGH-
14 LEVEL OVERVIEW WHERE WE ARE BUDGETARILY. AS A REMINDER, THE
15 COUNTY'S 24-25 RECOMMENDED BUDGET TOTALS \$45,400,000,000.
16 THAT'S \$1,400,000,000 LESS THAN THE FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET,
17 WHICH THE BOARD APPROVED LAST OCTOBER. AND THAT DIFFERENCE IS
18 IN PART BECAUSE THE NEW BUDGET DOES NOT YET REFLECT ANY
19 AVAILABLE YEAR-END SURPLUSES THAT MAY BE CALCULATED AT THE END
20 OF OUR FISCAL YEAR WHICH ENDS ON JUNE 30TH. THIS NEW
21 RECOMMENDED BUDGET PROVIDES A TOTAL OF 116, 159 BUDGETED
22 POSITIONS IN THE COUNTY WORKFORCE, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 835
23 POSITIONS OVER LAST YEAR. MORE THAN HALF OF THOSE NEWLY
24 BUDGETED POSITIONS ARE FOR MENTAL HEALTH ROLES, WHICH DRIVE
25 OUR RESPONSE TO CRITICAL PRIORITIES RANGING FROM HOMELESSNESS



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1 TO REDUCING OUR JAIL POPULATION. AS ALWAYS, WE CONTINUE TO
2 FACE A VAST ARRAY OF UNMET NEEDS FROM OUR HARDWORKING COUNTY
3 DEPARTMENTS. OF THE \$1,900,000,000 IN UNMET NEEDS REQUESTS
4 THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED, \$1,100,000,000 WERE DENIED AND
5 \$833,000,000 WERE DEFERRED TO FUTURE BUDGET PHASES. CAN WE
6 HAVE THE NEXT SLIDE PLEASE? THE SLICES ON THIS PIE PROVIDE A
7 GOOD BIG PICTURE VISUAL OF WHERE THE COUNTY BUDGET IS
8 ALLOCATED. BY FAR, THE LARGEST SHARE IS DEVOTED TO HEALTH,
9 WHICH INCLUDES OUR EXTENSIVE HOSPITAL SYSTEM AS WELL AS MENTAL
10 HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES. A MUCH SMALLER PORTION OF
11 THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES FUNCTIONS LIKE THE SEWER, MAINTENANCE,
12 AND GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICTS, WHICH ARE OVERSEEN BY PUBLIC
13 WORKS. NEXT, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, WHICH INCLUDES BENEFITS LIKE
14 CALFRESH, CALWORKS, AND GENERAL RELIEF. THEN COMES PUBLIC
15 PROTECTION, WHICH INCLUDES NOT JUST THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
16 AND FIRE, BUT ALSO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER,
17 AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, AS WELL AS THE JUSTICE, CARE,
18 AND OPPORTUNITY DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS. ROUNDING OUT THIS PIE
19 CHART ARE GENERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH INCLUDES THE ASSESSOR,
20 AUDITOR, CONTROLLER, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY COUNCIL, THE
21 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
22 OPPORTUNITY, THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, AND MORE. AND
23 THEN THE OTHER PORTION OF THIS SLIDE IS PRIMARILY PUBLIC WORKS
24 ALONG WITH SOME LIBRARY FUNDING AND RECREATION AND CULTURE.
25 I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. THIS SLIDE IS A REMINDER OF



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1 SOME OF THE LARGEST ALLOCATIONS IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET,
2 WHICH ARE DRIVEN BY YOUR BOARD-DIRECTED PRIORITIES. THE 452
3 NEWLY BUDGETED MENTAL HEALTH POSITIONS WILL HELP INCREASE OUR
4 MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC CAPACITY, FURTHER EXPAND THE INTENSITY
5 AND SCOPE OF OUR HOMELESS OUTREACH, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT
6 FOR PRETRIAL SERVICES, AND SUPPORT ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
7 FOR DIVERSION. THIS BUDGET ALSO INVESTS \$728,000,000 TO FUEL
8 OUR URGENT RESPONSE TO THE HOMELESSNESS EMERGENCY FUNDED
9 THROUGH THE MEASURE H QUARTER CENT SALES TAX. COMBINED WITH
10 THE HOMELESS EMERGENCY DECLARATION BY YOUR BOARD LAST YEAR,
11 WHICH ALLOWED US TO CUT RED TAPE AND INTENSIFY OUR RESPONSE ON
12 THE GROUND. THIS INVESTMENT WILL ALLOW US TO SIGNIFICANTLY
13 GROW AVAILABLE INTERIM HOUSING WHILE WE ALSO EXPAND THE USE OF
14 SUBSIDIES FOR PERMANENT HOUSING AND WRAP-AROUND SERVICES AMONG
15 OTHER CRITICAL SUPPORTS. WHILE MAINTAINING KEY SAFETY NET
16 SERVICES, WE ARE ALSO INNOVATING AND INVESTING IN NEW
17 SOLUTIONS WITH A FOCUS ON COMMUNITY AND ON EQUITY. NOT CAUGHT
18 OUT ON THE SLIDE, BUT WELL WORTH NOTING IS THE \$300,600,000 IN
19 ONGOING ANNUAL FUNDING FOR CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT.
20 THIS REPRESENTS A FULFILLMENT OF THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT
21 ORIGINATING WITH MEASURE J TO ALLOCATE 10% OF THE COUNTY'S
22 LOCALLY GENERATED UNRESTRICTED REVENUES TO PROVIDE
23 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND DIRECT COMMUNITY
24 INVESTMENTS. AS I MENTIONED DURING MY APRIL PRESENTATION OF
25 THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET, IF CFCI JUST ESTABLISHED 4 YEARS AGO



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1 WERE A COUNTY DEPARTMENT, IT WOULD BE THE SIXTH LARGEST
2 DEPARTMENT WHEN MEASURED BY THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT OF LOCAL
3 REVENUES. AND CFCI IS FAR FROM THE ONLY COMMITMENT BY THE
4 BOARD TO CARE FIRST PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. TAKEN TOGETHER,
5 WHEN COUNTY EFFORTS ALIGNED WITH THE BOARD'S CARE FIRST VISION
6 ARE COMBINED WITH THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE AND PROGRAMS AIMED
7 AT POVERTY ALLEVIATION. THEY AMOUNT TO 22% OF THE COUNTY'S
8 OVERALL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25. BEFORE WE MOVE TO THE
9 NEXT SLIDE, I'D LIKE TO UNDERSCORE A COUPLE OF POINTS IN THE
10 INTEREST OF PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING AND CLARITY ON THIS IMPORTANT
11 ISSUE. FIRST, THE LANGUAGE ON THE SET-ASIDE REQUIREMENT IN THE
12 COUNTY'S CFCI POLICY AND THE LANGUAGE IN MEASURE J ARE
13 MATERIALLY IDENTICAL AND MANDATE THE EXACT SAME OBJECTIVE,
14 WHICH IS TO SET ASIDE 10 PERCENT OF LOCALLY GENERATED
15 UNRESTRICTED REVENUE FOR CARE FIRST PURPOSES. THE METHODOLOGY
16 FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS SET ASIDE IS SET OUT CLEARLY IN THE
17 BUDGET POLICY. THE MARCH 24TH COURT DECISION AFFIRMING MEASURE
18 J DOES NOT CHANGE THIS IN ANY WAY. THIS IS BECAUSE THE BOARD
19 DECIDED EARLY IN THAT LEGAL PROCESS TO DECLARE ITS SUPPORT FOR
20 MEASURE J'S INTENDED APPLICATION, REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF
21 ANY LEGAL CHALLENGE. THE AMOUNT OF THE SET-ASIDE SHIFTS
22 ANNUALLY, DEPENDING ON FLUCTUATIONS OF REVENUE AND THE AMOUNT
23 THAT IS DETERMINED TO BE RESTRICTED AND CONSEQUENTLY
24 UNRESTRICTED. MEASURE J DOES NOT AND HAS NEVER SPECIFIED A
25 SPECIFIC TARGET DOLLAR AMOUNT TO BE SET ASIDE DESPITE



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1 ASSERTIONS BY SOME THAT A \$900,000,000 ANNUAL SET ASIDE IS
2 REQUIRED. IT IS NOT. THAT \$900 MILLION ASSERTION IS SIMPLY NOT
3 ACCURATE AND THE \$300,600,000 IN ONGOING ANNUAL FUNDING
4 RECOMMENDED IN THIS BUDGET FULLY MEETS THE 10% SET-ASIDE
5 REQUIRED BY MEASURE J AND MANDATED BY YOUR BOARD IN ITS CFCI
6 BUDGET POLICY. ONE FINAL NOTE ON THE BUDGET PROCESS AS IT
7 RELATES TO CFCI. CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IS UNIQUE
8 AMONG COUNTY BUDGET UNITS IN THAT ANY UNSPENT FUNDING IN A
9 GIVEN BUDGET YEAR IS PERMITTED TO BE ROLLED OVER WITHOUT
10 MAKING A REQUEST AS OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO
11 DO. SO, IT'S ROLLED OVER AND USED IN THE SUBSEQUENT FISCAL
12 YEAR. IN THE 24-25 RECOMMENDED BUDGET, THIS UNSPENT FUNDING
13 TOTALS \$223,400,000. WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT FOR FISCAL YEAR
14 24-25, THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY
15 INVESTMENTS AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION IS \$300,600,000
16 IN THE SET-ASIDE, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$223,400,000 CARRIED OVER
17 FROM LAST YEAR. THIS ADDS UP TO MORE THAN A HALF A BILLION
18 DOLLARS AVAILABLE TO BE PUT TO USE SERVING INDIVIDUALS AND
19 COMMUNITIES IN THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR. THERE ARE OTHER
20 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES NOT DETAILED HERE, BUT ARE WORTH
21 MENTIONING, LIKE OUR FUNDING FOR IMMIGRANT SERVICES. THE
22 COUNTY CURRENTLY RECEIVES AND PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THIS
23 POPULATION. FOR EXAMPLE, DPSS PROVIDES \$136,200,000 FOR A
24 MULTITUDE OF SERVICES, INCLUDING CASH ASSISTANCE FOR
25 IMMIGRANTS, REFUGEE ASSISTANCE, AND REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT



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1 SERVICES. OVER THE LAST 2 YEARS, THE BOARD HAS FUNDED THE
2 OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE OR COORDINATE A VARIETY
3 OF SERVICES FOR IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS, INCLUDING \$15,000,000 FOR
4 REPRESENT LA, \$8,000,000 FOR GRANTS TO IMMIGRANT-SERVING
5 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, \$5,000,000 FOR SERVICES FOR
6 IMMIGRANTS ENROLLED IN ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION PROGRAMS AS
7 WELL AS OTHER SERVICES. THIS BUDGET ALSO RECOMMENDS FUNDING,
8 ADDITIONAL FUNDING, TO THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS FOR
9 VARIOUS PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE NOTARIO PROGRAM WHICH IS
10 ADMINISTERED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THE PUBLIC
11 DEFENDERS IMMIGRATION PROGRAM, AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES
12 PROVIDED DIRECTLY BY OIA, SUCH AS OUTREACH, SCREENING SERVICES
13 FOR ELIGIBILITY, COUNSELING, AND SUPPORTING IMMIGRANT
14 SERVICING COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT
15 SLIDE, PLEASE. THE CHALLENGES. SO, THE COUNTY FACES A NUMBER
16 OF CHALLENGES IN THE NEAR AND INTERMEDIATE TERM. I'VE LISTED A
17 NUMBER OF THEM HERE AS A REMINDER TO YOUR BOARD AND TO THE
18 PUBLIC THAT WE WILL BE DEALING WITH PRESSURES, SOME
19 UNPRECEDENTED, THAT WE NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR. I'LL START
20 WITH THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET. LAST FRIDAY, THE GOVERNOR RELEASED
21 THE FRAMEWORK OF HIS MAY BUDGET REVISION, AND LAST NIGHT
22 ADDITIONAL DETAILS WERE RELEASED. AS ANTICIPATED, THE STATE'S
23 REVENUE SHORTFALL GREW FROM THE GOVERNOR'S JANUARY
24 PROJECTIONS. THE GOVERNOR'S LATEST PROJECTIONS SUGGEST THE
25 SHORTFALL IS NOW IN \$45,000,000,000, AN INCREASE OF



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1 \$7,000,000,000 FROM JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO. THE GOVERNOR IS
2 ALSO PROJECTING A MULTI-YEAR STRUCTURAL DEFICIT. THEREFORE,
3 THIS MAY REVISE INCLUDES SOLUTIONS THAT AFFECTS THE UPCOMING
4 YEAR, FISCAL YEAR 24-25, AS WELL AS FUTURE YEARS. AS IT
5 RELATES TO THE BUDGET, THE COUNTY REMAINS CONCERNED WITH
6 REDUCTIONS TO KEY PROGRAMS LIKE THE HOUSING SUPPLEMENT FOR
7 FOSTER YOUTH AND SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS, WHICH
8 WE CALL SILP, THE HOUSING NAVIGATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM,
9 LA COUNTY'S CHILD WELFARE SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE
10 NURSING EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM. PUBLIC DEFENDER PILOT
11 PROGRAMS AND THE CALWORKS SINGLE ALLOCATION. THE MAY REVISE
12 PROPOSES NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL CUTS THAT WE ARE MONITORING,
13 WHICH INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE
14 REDUCTION, REDUCTIONS IN THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONTINUUM
15 INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BRIDGE HOUSING
16 PROGRAM, THE IHSS EXPANSION FOR UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS, AND
17 THE DIVERSION OF THE MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONAL TAX, CALLED
18 THE MCO TAX, REDUCTIONS AWAY FROM MEDI-CAL PROVIDER RATES
19 AMONG OTHER PROGRAMS. THE COUNTY'S ANALYSIS OF THE MAY REVISE
20 IS ONGOING TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE TRUE AND ACTUAL IMPACTS TO
21 THE COUNTY, TO ITS PROGRAMS, AND TO OUR RESIDENTS. AS A
22 REMINDER, THE MAY REVISE IS THE GOVERNOR'S UPDATED PROPOSAL
23 FOR THE STATE BUDGET AND THE LEGISLATURE WILL MAKE
24 MODIFICATIONS TO THIS PROPOSAL DURING BUDGET COMMITTEE
25 HEARINGS. CEO LAIR, THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND



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1 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS UNIT, IS WORKING WITH BOARD
2 OFFICES, WITH OUR BUDGET TEAM, AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO
3 PERFORM A THOROUGH ANALYSIS AND WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THE
4 BOARD INFORMED. ON THE LOCAL FRONT, AS IT RELATES TO BUDGETARY
5 PRESSURES, THE ASSESSOR IS EXPECTED TO SHARE HIS FORECAST FOR
6 THE FISCAL YEAR 24-25 ASSESSMENT ROLL TODAY. I SEE HIM HERE IN
7 THE CHAMBER. WHILE WE DON'T EXPECT TO SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGE OUR
8 BUDGET PROJECTIONS FOR THIS YEAR, FUTURE INTEREST RATE CHANGES
9 AND THE REAL ESTATE MARKET, PARTICULARLY THE COMMERCIAL REAL
10 ESTATE MARKET, REMAIN UNPREDICTABLE, LEAVING PROPERTY TAX
11 GROWTH IN THE YEARS AHEAD AN OPEN QUESTION. AS THE BOARD IS
12 WELL AWARE, WE ARE ALSO FACING LARGE, BUT STILL UNDETERMINED
13 FISCAL IMPACTS FROM LITIGATION BROUGHT UNDER AB 218, WHICH
14 EXTENDED THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE
15 CLAIMS. AT THE SAME TIME, SOME OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE
16 STRUGGLING WITH STRUCTURAL DEFICITS, WHICH I DETAILED EARLIER
17 DURING THE APRIL RECOMMENDED BUDGET PRESENTATION THAT MAY
18 REQUIRE NEW FUNDING COMMITMENTS. ALL IN ALL, WE ARE FACING A
19 CHALLENGING ROAD AHEAD. CAN I HAVE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE?
20 THIS IS MY FINAL SLIDE. IN CLOSING, I'D LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT
21 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS PHASE OF
22 THE COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS. THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS
23 OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK WITH YOUR BOARD DIRECTLY ABOUT THE
24 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES INCLUDED IN THIS BUDGET AND TO MAKE
25 SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THEIR COMMUNITIES



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1 NEED. WE WILL RETURN TO THE BOARD IN JUNE WITH WHAT WE CALL
2 FINAL CHANGES TO THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET BEFORE THE BUDGET
3 PROCESS CONCLUDES IN OCTOBER WITH THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET
4 PHASE. THANK YOU, AND THAT CONCLUDES MY REMARKS, MADAM CHAIR.

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6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND NOW WE'LL TURN TO
7 SUPERVISORS. WE WILL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, FESIA.
10 THANK YOU TO, OF COURSE, YOUR STAFF FOR EVERY YEAR REALLY
11 WORKING SO HARD TO PRESENT US A BALANCED BUDGET AND BALANCE
12 ALL OF OUR PRIORITIES. AND YEAH, I THINK WE'RE ALL FEELING THE
13 PAIN FROM WHAT WE'VE SEEN IN THE GOVERNOR'S REVISED REVISE,
14 THE MAY REVISE TOO. AND SO, I THINK IT'S A GOOD REMINDER TO
15 EVERYONE, TO THE PUBLIC TOO, HOW MUCH CERTAINLY COUNTY
16 GOVERNMENT DEPENDS ON STATE REVENUE. AND THIS IS GONNA BE A
17 VERY TOUGH YEAR. WE'VE GOT SOME SIGNIFICANT CUTS TO IMPORTANT
18 PROGRAMS, EVEN AROUND THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SAFETY NET
19 SERVICES, WHICH MAKES IT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE MADE
20 THIS A PRIORITY, YOU MADE IT A PRIORITY TO MAKE MAJOR
21 INVESTMENTS IN MENTAL HEALTH, WHICH I THINK ARE UNPRECEDENTED
22 IN OUR COUNTY BUDGET. AND I APPRECIATE THAT BECAUSE I THINK SO
23 MUCH OF THE NEED OUT THERE WITH OUR PUBLIC REALLY SURROUNDS
24 AND IS INVOLVED IN MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES. AND I'M JUST
25 GONNA SAY ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT I THINK DCFS PUT IN THEIR



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1 BUDGET REQUEST WAS FOR CREATING A YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
2 DIRECTOR. AND WE KNOW THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IMPACTS
3 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA
4 IN FOSTER CARE. AND I THINK THEY HAVE A MENTAL, THEY HAVE A
5 MEDICAL DIRECTOR, BUT I DO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THEY ALSO
6 HAVE A DEDICATED LEADER WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT WHO SOLELY
7 FOCUSES ON YOUTH, MENTAL, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH. SO, I HOPE,
8 FESIA, YOU CAN WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND SEE WHERE WE MIGHT
9 SOLVE THAT PROBLEM. AND TODAY IS ABOUT THE PUBLIC MOSTLY, AND
10 REALLY WANT TO APPRECIATE THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE TAKEN THE TIME
11 TO COME DOWNTOWN LA TO SPEAK WITH US. SO, IF YOU'RE EITHER IN
12 PERSON OR YOU'RE ON THE PHONE, WE APPRECIATE YOU WEIGHING IN
13 ON THIS. OUR BOARD HAS HAD TIME TO DELIBERATE THIS BUDGET AND
14 WE'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT OUR PRIORITIES, BUT
15 TODAY'S MEETING IS REALLY ABOUT YOU, THE PUBLIC HAVING AN
16 OPPORTUNITY TO TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS AND YOUR PRIORITIES. I
17 THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE REPRESENTATIVES FROM IMMIGRANTS RLA
18 HERE TODAY TO RAISE THEIR CONCERN ABOUT IMMIGRANT HOUSING AND
19 SERVICES. FOLKS FROM REIMAGINE LA, I THINK, ARE GOING TO BE
20 HERE SHARING THEIR VIEWS ON WHETHER THEY THINK YOU THINK WE'RE
21 DOING ENOUGH TO ADVANCE OUR CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST
22 INITIATIVES. SO, THANKS FOR BEING HERE, GETTING INVOLVED,
23 RAISING YOUR CONCERNS. AND YOU KNOW, I'M PRETTY SURE I CAN
24 SPEAK FOR MY COLLEAGUES THAT WE ARE ALWAYS INSPIRED BY YOUR
25 COMMITMENT, YOUR PASSION, AND TO KNOW THAT TODAY, CERTAINLY,



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1 EVEN SOMETIMES IF IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT, WE ARE LISTENING TO
2 YOU, WE'RE PAYING ATTENTION TO YOU, AND WE APPRECIATE THE
3 COMMITMENT YOU ALSO HAVE TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF SO MANY
4 PEOPLE WHO RESIDE IN LA COUNTY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I ALSO WANNA THANK YOU,
9 FESIA, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION AND TO YOUR STAFF. THIS IS AN
10 ONGOING PRODUCT, AND OBVIOUSLY I THINK WE ARE ALL COGNIZANT OF
11 THE FACT THAT THE STATE'S BUDGET HAS INCREASED, THE SHORTFALLS
12 INCREASED BY \$7,000,000,000, AND WE WERE ALREADY FEELING THAT
13 PAIN, AND SO I THINK WE'RE WAITING FOR THE SHOE TO DROP, I
14 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US AS A COUNTY TO ENGAGE WITH THE
15 STATE REPRESENTATIVES AS IT RELATES TO OUR PRIORITIES BECAUSE
16 THIS DOCUMENT TRULY DOES REFLECT THE PRIORITIES, NOT ONLY OF
17 THIS BOARD, BUT I WOULD ARGUE THE ENTIRE COUNTY, THE 88 CITIES
18 THAT WE WORK WITH TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH, HOMELESSNESS,
19 INVESTING IN PROGRAMS THAT KEEP PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND
20 OUT OF OUR JAILS. THIS DOCUMENT TRULY HAS PRIORITIZED OUR
21 LIMITED REVENUE IN A WAY THAT BENEFITS THE ENTIRE COUNTY. I'M
22 THANKFUL THAT THE BUDGET REMAINS STABLE, WHICH IS ALLOWING US
23 TO MAKE THE NECESSARY INCREASES IN OUR PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE
24 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. I'M CONCERNED THAT THE CUTS AT THE STATE
25 LEVEL ARE GONNA IMPACT THE INCREASE, ESPECIALLY ON THE MENTAL



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1 HEALTH SIDE THAT WE HAVE COMMITTED TO DOING. AND I'M CONFIDENT
2 THAT DR. WONG WILL BE ENGAGING WITH THE STATE TO MAKE SURE
3 THAT WE CAN EXPAND WHERE NEEDED BECAUSE THIS IS NOT SOMETHING
4 THAT'S ARBITRARY. THESE ARE SERVICES THAT ARE INVALUABLE AND
5 ARE LIFE-SAVING FOR MANY PEOPLE. I WANNA SAY THAT WHEN WE TALK
6 ABOUT TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH, WHICH I KNOW IS THE GOVERNOR'S
7 IMPACT ON THAT, THIS BOARD HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH
8 YOUTH THAT HAVE TRANSITIONED OUT OF OUR SYSTEM, WHO TALK ABOUT
9 HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO GET HOUSING AND NOT END UP ON THE
10 STREET. AND THEY HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN SCHOOL, WORK, AND EVEN
11 SOMETIMES THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE THAT CHOICE. THEY CAN'T FIND
12 HOUSING. SO, I HOPE THAT WE MAINTAIN A PRIORITY FOR THOSE THAT
13 ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE. WHEN YOU LOOK AT OUR BUDGET, AND I
14 APPRECIATED THE PIE CHART, I ALWAYS TELL PEOPLE ALMOST 3
15 QUARTERS OF OUR BUDGET GOES TOWARD THE MOST VULNERABLE. AND
16 THAT MEANS THAT EVERY TIME WE TAKE BACK OR CUT, WE'RE
17 IMPACTING THOSE THAT DEPEND UPON US AS A SAFETY NET PROVIDER.
18 BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS WE ARE THOUGHTFUL IN HOW WE ARE GOING TO
19 GO ABOUT AS A BOARD ADDRESSING OUR BUDGET AND I LOOK FORWARD
20 TO HAVING THOSE DISCUSSIONS. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY
21 TEAM AND THE TEAM OF THE ENTIRE BOARD THAT IS WORKING ON THE
22 BUDGET BECAUSE COMMUNICATION IS GOING TO BE KEY MOVING FORWARD
23 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE DELIBERATE AND THOUGHTFUL IN HOW WE
24 GO ABOUT FINALIZING OUR BUDGET. I AM ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO
25 HEARING FROM OUR COUNTY ASSESSOR, JEFF PRANG, TODAY. THE WORK



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1 OF THE ASSESSOR IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST ESSENTIAL
2 FUNCTIONS IN THE COUNTY, AND IT ENSURES THE COUNTY HAS THE
3 FUNDS WE NEED TO SUPPORT SO MANY OF OUR CRITICAL SOCIAL
4 SERVICES. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU, JEFF, FOR BEING HERE AND
5 YOUR OUTSTANDING STAFF WHO CONTINUES TO PROVIDE US WITH THE
6 RELEVANT INFORMATION THAT WE NEED TO BRING FORWARD OUR BUDGET.
7 THE BOARD RECENTLY APPROVED THE MOTION THAT WAS BROUGHT IN,
8 THAT I BROUGHT IN, TO HELP FURTHER SUPPORT THE OFFICE OF THE
9 ASSESSOR ALONG WITH THE TREASURY TAX COLLECTOR AND THE
10 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IN HELPING TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY. I
11 BELIEVE THAT WILL GO A LONG WAY THAT'S AN INVESTMENT THAT WILL
12 HAVE LONG-TERM BENEFITS. SO, WITH THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO
13 HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC TODAY BUT I RECOGNIZE THAT WHEN WE'RE
14 TALKING ABOUT SERVICES SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH THE MOST
15 VULNERABLE ON OUR STREETS ARE NOT GOING TO BE HERE TO TESTIFY
16 BUT WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT WE ARE THE VOICE FOR THOSE THAT
17 CAN'T USE THEIR VOICE. SO, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR WHAT YOU
18 BROUGHT TODAY.

19
20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

21
22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. KUDOS TO YOU, FESIA,
23 GIVEN THIS LATE NOTICE THAT WE'RE RECEIVING ABOUT THE
24 SITUATION IN SACRAMENTO, WHICH I THINK MANY OF US HAD
25 ANTICIPATED. HOWEVER, I THINK IT HASN'T TOTALLY REALLY BEEN



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1 ABSORBED BY EVERYONE IN THE PUBLIC. AND WHILE I KNOW THERE ARE
2 MANY MEMBERS THAT REPRESENT US IN OUR DELEGATION, THEY TOO ARE
3 GOING TO BE FACED WITH MAKING SOME VERY, VERY DIFFICULT
4 CHOICES. AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO REALLY WORK AS A TEAM TO
5 MAKE SURE THAT WE TRY TO MINIMIZE WHEREVER WE CAN. IT DOESN'T
6 LOOK LIKE A GOOD PICTURE. IT ALMOST FEELS LIKE WE'RE GOING
7 BACK 30 YEARS AT A TIME WHEN I THINK I WAS IN THE LEGISLATURE
8 AND PEOPLE WERE ACTUALLY LAID OFF AT THE COUNTY. I HOPE WE
9 DON'T HAVE TO GO TO THAT, BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE WE ARE WITH
10 THAT YET UNTIL WE GET MORE FIGURES FROM THE STATE. AND ON TOP
11 OF THAT, COVID MONEY, THE ARPA MONEY IS GOING AWAY. AND I'M
12 NOT SURE THAT THE PUBLIC FULLY APPRECIATES THAT. SO, I WOULD
13 HOPE THAT IN YOUR ANALYSIS AND INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE,
14 THAT YOU COULD PUT THAT IN CHARTS. AND I REALLY ENJOYED
15 HEARING WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY ABOUT CFCI, MEASURE J AND THE
16 FUNDING, BUT I THINK IT WOULD BEHOOVE US TO HAVE IT IN A CHART
17 SO THAT IT IS PUBLIC AND IT IS OUT THERE AND WE'RE EXPLAINING
18 EXACTLY WHERE THE FUNDING IS GOING, WHERE WE'RE LANDING THERE.
19 AND THEN ADDITIONALLY, I'M GLAD THAT YOU MENTIONED OUR EFFORTS
20 WITH THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY AND THE MIGRANT COMMUNITY AND ALL
21 THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE DONE IN SPITE OF THIS TIGHT BUDGET TO
22 PUT IN \$15,000,000 FOR OIA AND ALL THE SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTS
23 THAT DPSS PROVIDES FOR REFUGEE ASSISTANCE AND EMPLOYMENT AND
24 ALL THE THINGS THAT WE, IN ADDITION, WANT TO CONTINUE TO DO. I
25 JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS, AS WAS SAID EARLIER, IT'S A



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1 TIME TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC. THEY'RE GOING TO BE COMING
2 FORWARD. I REALIZE THAT. IT MAY NOT BE A ROSY PICTURE AT THIS
3 POINT, BUT WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER. SO, I HOPE
4 THAT PEOPLE WILL UNDERSTAND THAT OUR BUDGET IS OUR DOCUMENT
5 RIGHT NOW AND WE'RE IN A PLACE, I THINK, A BETTER SITUATION
6 THAN SACRAMENTO, QUITE FRANKLY, BECAUSE I THINK WE HAVE DONE A
7 BETTER JOB AND OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE. SO, I WANT TO THANK ALL
8 OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THE EMPLOYEES THAT CONTINUE TO DO THE
9 HARD WORK, BECAUSE I DON'T SEE ANY CUTS IN OUR PROGRAM. MAYBE
10 WE'RE NOT EXPANDING AS MUCH AS WE WANT TO IN CERTAIN AREAS,
11 BUT NONETHELESS, AS YOU'VE ALREADY STATED, THERE'S A
12 SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY GOING INTO MENTAL HEALTH. AND WE
13 HEARD IT LOUD AND CLEAR FROM OUR POPULATIONS THAT MENTAL
14 HEALTH ON THE STREET OR TREATMENT IS WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE
15 PLACED. AND I THINK THAT IS AN APPROPRIATE STATEMENT TO BE
16 MADE HERE. JUST WANT TO SAY THAT FOR THE GROUPS THAT ARE OUT
17 HERE TODAY, KEEP IN MIND WE STILL HAVE A COMMITMENT TO OUR
18 YOUTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. OUR YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM
19 CONTINUES TO BE FUNDED, AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE KNOW IS
20 IMPORTANT TO LIFT UP ALL OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND WOULD
21 ENCOURAGE OUR ADVOCACY GROUPS TO REALLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT
22 TO HELP US PUSH THAT OUT, AND ESPECIALLY FOR OUR JUSTICE-
23 INVOLVED YOUTH THAT NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT. I CONTINUE
24 TO HEAR CONCERNS OUT IN THE FIELD REGARDING ACCESS TO ELDERLY
25 NUTRITIONAL PROGRAMS. SO, I HOPE THAT WE COULD LOOK AT ANY



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1 SAVINGS THAT MIGHT BE REDIRECTED TO HELP PROVIDE THAT
2 ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. I KNOW DPSS IS DOING SOME OF THAT FOR OUR
3 SENIORS, BUT I WOULD REALLY WANT TO STRESS THAT WHAT I'M
4 HEARING IS BECAUSE OF INFLATION AND BECAUSE OF LIMITATIONS
5 WITH SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS AND WHAT-HAVE-YOU THAT PEOPLE
6 REALLY AREN'T ABLE TO MEET THEIR NUTRITIONAL NEEDS NOT JUST
7 FOR THEMSELVES, BUT WE HAVE A SITUATION WHERE WE HAVE
8 INTERGENERATIONAL FAMILIES AND THEY ARE STRIVING TO TRY TO
9 FEED THEIR YOUNGSTERS AS WELL AS THEMSELVES. AND IT IS A BIG
10 STRUGGLE AND I'D REALLY LIKE TO SEE US MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION.
11 THIS BOARD HAS DONE A GREAT JOB, I THINK, IN THE LAST 2 YEARS
12 ADVOCATING IN SACRAMENTO AS WELL AS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND
13 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RECEPTIVE, BUT NOW WE'RE GOING TO GO THROUGH
14 A DIFFERENT SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND WE ALL NEED TO PULL
15 TOGETHER. SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MY COLLEAGUES AND
16 WITH OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE LEGISLATURE AT BOTH ENDS. AND WITH
17 THAT, MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I WANT TO THANK MY
18 STAFF AND ALL OUR BUDGET STAFF AND ALL OF OUR TEAMS THAT HAVE
19 WORKED SO HARD OUT THERE BECAUSE I THINK OUR WORK RIGHT NOW IS
20 JUST GOING TO START. IT'S JUST BEGUN. THANK YOU. THANK YOU,
21 MADAM CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.



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1 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WANNA ECHO
2 COMMENTS MADE BY ALL MY COLLEAGUES. WANNA THANK YOU, MS.
3 DAVENPORT, YOUR BUDGET TEAM. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR BUDGET
4 TEAM FOR THE WORK THAT THEY DO TO PREPARE US TO HAVE THIS
5 CONVERSATION. I REALLY WANT TO THANK THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN
6 OUR BUDGET TOWN HALLS. WE HAD ONE LATE MONDAY, OUR SECOND ONE,
7 WHERE WE'VE REALLY CONTINUED TO TRY TO WORK WITH COMMUNITY TO
8 TALK ABOUT OUR BUDGET PROCESS, ENGAGE THEM IN DIALOGUE. WANT
9 TO THANK ALL OF THE KIND OF GRASS TOPS AND GRASSROOTS
10 ORGANIZATIONS. THERE WERE ABOUT 2 DOZEN WHO PARTICIPATED
11 MONDAY FOR THEIR PERSPECTIVE AND INPUT. AND THEN I WOKE UP
12 TODAY WITH A GUT PUNCH AND THOUGHT, WOW, THIS FEELS LIKE, YOU
13 KNOW, WHEN I WENT TO THE LEGISLATURE IN 2010, OR WHEN I MADE
14 THE DECISION TO GO TO THE LEGISLATURE IN 2008, AND I WAS
15 TRYING TO LOOK IT UP TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE DEFICIT WAS IN
16 2008 WHEN I WAS, YOU KNOW, RUNNING A SERVICE-PROVIDING
17 ORGANIZATION AND HAD TO TAKE OUT A LINE OF CREDIT TO PAY CHILD
18 CARE PROVIDERS BECAUSE THE STATE BUDGET WAS LATE. AND IT WAS
19 ABOUT THE SAME. THE 2009-10 BUDGET HAD A \$60,000,000,000
20 PROBLEM. THE 2008-09 BUDGET HAD WHAT BEGAN AS A
21 \$24,000,000,000 DEFICIT THAT I BELIEVE GREW. AND I REMEMBER
22 THE CUTS AND THE PAIN THAT THAT CAUSED RESIDENTS. SO, IF I
23 COULD START WITH A COUPLE QUESTIONS WITH MS. DAVENPORT, YOU
24 KNOW, I LOOK AT YOUR PIE CHART THAT I APPRECIATE. THANK YOU.
25 AND, YOU KNOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PRIMARY BUCKETS OF MONEY



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1 THAT WHICH ARE THE INGREDIENTS IN YOUR PIE, WOULD BE FEDERAL,
2 STATE, AND PROPERTY TAXES. SO, HELP ME UNDERSTAND, WHEN I LOOK
3 AT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH AND OUR HEALTH AND HUMAN
4 SERVICES BUDGET, RIGHT, THAT 26% TO 33%, LIKE WHAT PERCENTAGE
5 OF THAT RELIES ON STATE FUNDING?

6

7 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT PERCENTAGE, BUT I
8 WOULD SAY IT'S THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY. AND SO, WE CALL THAT
9 FEDERAL AND STATE SUBVENTION. THE WAY THAT FUNDING WORKS IS
10 THAT THE COUNTY SOMETIMES IS REQUIRED TO MATCH, PUT MATCHING
11 FUNDS ON THE TABLE. SO, WE PUT OUR LOCAL DOLLARS ON A TABLE,
12 AND THEN WHAT IT ALLOWS US TO DO IS DRAW DOWN AN EVEN GREATER
13 AMOUNT. SO, FOR OUR SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS AND OUR HEALTH
14 DEPARTMENTS, THEY ARE OVERWHELMINGLY FUNDED BY FEDERAL AND
15 STATE DOLLARS.

16

17 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, WHEN IN OUR BUDGET PROCESS, SO THE
18 STATE HAS TO PASS THEIR BUDGET BY JUNE 15, THE CONSTITUTIONAL
19 DEADLINE, IT GOES INTO EFFECT JULY 1. WHEN IN OUR BUDGET
20 PROCESS DO, WE THEN FACTOR IN THAT REALITY? BECAUSE WE COULD
21 PASS A, YOU KNOW, WHEN DOES THAT HAPPEN? YES. I GO BACK TO
22 YOU.

23

24 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, IN A GOOD BUDGET YEAR, WE WOULD LOOK AT
25 WHAT'S SIGNED AND WHAT'S PROPOSED IN THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED



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1 BUDGET IN JANUARY. AND THAT SORT OF GIVES US IN SOME WAYS A
2 NORTH STAR IN TERMS OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS FOR OUR RECOMMENDED
3 BUDGET IN APRIL. SO OFTENTIMES WE ARE NEGOTIATING, ARE
4 ADVOCATING WITH THE STATE FOR MORE RESOURCES, NOT NECESSARILY
5 TO AVOID CUTS. IN A SITUATION SUCH AS THIS, WE HAVE A COUPLE
6 OF OPPORTUNITIES DEPENDING ON WHEN WE HAVE FINALITY. WE HAVE
7 THE FINAL CHANGES BUDGET THAT'S COMING UP IN JUNE TO MAKE
8 ADJUSTMENTS IF WE HAD TO PIVOT QUICKLY. BUT IF THERE ARE
9 ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY ENACTMENTS, LET'S SAY, YOU KNOW, EVEN
10 LATER AFTER THE JUNE 15TH DATE FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE, WE
11 ALSO HAVE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. SO, OUR BUDGET IS SO LARGE THAT
12 WE REALLY CAN'T BUTTON UP OUR BUDGET IN FINAL CHANGES IN JUNE.
13 AND SO, THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THE THREE-PHASE BUDGET
14 PROCESS GIVES US FLEXIBILITY TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS. IDEALLY FOR
15 US SUPERVISOR, WE WOULDN'T WANT ANY CUTS OR CURTAILMENTS TO
16 OUR PROGRAMS. THE EARLIER WE KNOW IN OUR BUDGET PROCESS, THE
17 MORE TIME WE HAVE TO PREPARE. AND SO NOW I FEEL LIKE WE'RE ON
18 A VERY LIMITED TIMELINE. SO, WE'RE GONNA SEE WHAT HAPPENS. I
19 UNDERSTAND THIS INFORMATION IS BEING ROLLED OUT IN PHASES. AND
20 SO, WE AND OUR TEAM AND YOUR TEAMS AND THE DEPARTMENTS, WE'RE
21 GONNA BE HUDDLING DOWN OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS TO SEE
22 WHAT ADJUSTMENTS IF ANY NEEDS TO BE MADE FOR FINAL CHANGES.
23 AND IF WE CAN'T MAKE GET THEM ALL DONE BY FINAL CHANGES, THEN
24 WE'RE LOOKING TO SUPPLEMENTAL IN OCTOBER.

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1 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND THE COUNTY UNLIKE THE STATE, YOU
2 KNOW, WHEN JERRY BROWN WAS ELECTED GOVERNOR, HIS SECOND GO
3 ROUND, HE CREATED, YOU KNOW, SET UP THE RAINY DAY FUNDS. THERE
4 ARE A NUMBER OF RAINY DAY FUNDS. THERE'S AN ENTITLEMENT
5 PROGRAM RAINY DAY FUND THAT WAS CREATED TO TRY TO STOP THE
6 HUGE KIND OF EBB AND FLOW EXPANSION OF CALWORKS, CUT OF CAL, I
7 MEAN, AND SO THEY HAVE RESOURCES, THEY HAVE A FUND THEY CAN
8 TAP INTO. THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE THAT KIND OF RAINY DAY FUND,
9 IF YOU WILL, I ASSUME, WHERE IF THE CUTS TO OUR SAFETY NET
10 PROGRAMS ARE SO DRACONIAN THAT WE CAN TAP INTO TO TRY TO--

11
12 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. WE DO HAVE A
13 RAINY DAY FUND. WE CONTRIBUTE TO IT EVERY YEAR AS PART OF OUR
14 NORMAL FISCAL PRACTICE. BUT IF WE WERE LOOKING AT SUSTAINED
15 ONGOING CUTS AS IS PROPOSED IN THE MAY REVISE, WE WOULD NOT BE
16 ABLE TO ABSORB THOSE CUTS WITH OUR RAINY DAY FUND BECAUSE SOME
17 OF THOSE CUTS ARE ONGOING AND THEY ARE NOT SMALL AMOUNTS AND
18 SO EVEN IF WE WERE ABLE TO DEPLOY SOME OF THE FUNDS IN A RAINY
19 DAY FUND THEY WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER ONGOING CUTS IN
20 THE OUT YEARS.

21
22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND WHEN YOU RECOGNIZE THAT BASICALLY
23 THE LA COUNTY IS 1/3 OF THE STATE, AND SO WHEN I ALWAYS LOOKED
24 AT THE BUDGET AT THE STATE LEVEL, 1/3 OF AN EXPANSION WOULD
25 BENEFIT LA COUNTY. 1/3 OF A CUT HITS LA COUNTY. AND WE'RE



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1 TALKING ABOUT CUTS, TOO. I THINK SOMEBODY TALKED ABOUT
2 TRANSITION AGE YOUTH HOUSING. AND WE KNOW THAT'S THE
3 POPULATION THAT, IF WE DON'T SUPPORT THEM, FUELS OUR HOMELESS
4 YOUTH POPULATION. WE TALKED ABOUT, I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE
5 CUTS TO CHILDCARE SLOTS THAT PREVENT PEOPLE FROM GOING TO WORK
6 OR GOING TO SCHOOL. THE CALFRESH EXPANSION, THAT'S BEEN CLAWED
7 BACK. SO, YOU KNOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD A
8 PRESSER YESTERDAY WHERE HE KIND OF CAME FOR THE COUNTIES, NOT
9 JUST L.A. COUNTY, BUT HE, YOU KNOW, HE PUT COUNTIES ON BLAST,
10 AND WE CAN TAKE IT. WE ARE CLEAR, WE ARE THE SAFETY NET. AND
11 WE ALSO STEPPED UP AND ARE WILLING ON THE EXPANSION PROGRAMS
12 THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO HIM. I'M NOT SURE HOW WE ARE EXPECTED
13 TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, TO KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED, TO
14 PREVENT THE INFLOW, AS WAS TALKED ABOUT YESTERDAY, INTO OUR
15 HOMELESS POPULATION IF BOTH OF OUR ARMS ARE TIED BEHIND OUR
16 BACK. AND THE CUTS THAT I READ ABOUT BRIEFLY LAST WEEK, LAST
17 NIGHT FROM CSAC, THE TEXTS I RECEIVED THIS MORNING FROM
18 SERVICE PROVIDERS AND LEGISLATORS ASKING ABOUT HOW WILL LA
19 COUNTY MANAGE THIS, I VERY QUICKLY SAID NOT WELL. I'M NOT SURE
20 HOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO IT. I DON'T BELIEVE WE AT THE COUNTY
21 LEVEL ARE SHYING AWAY FROM OUR RESPONSIBILITIES. WE ARE
22 LEANING IN, BUT WE CAN'T DO IT BASED ON WHAT YOU JUST HELPED
23 ME TO UNDERSTAND, THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDING FOR US TO DO IT.
24 SO YOU CAN'T GIVE US NEW PROGRAMS TO IMPLEMENT IF YOU ARE
25 PULLING THE RUG OUT FROM UNDER US, WHICH IN EFFECT PULLS THE



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1 RUG OUT FROM UNDER OUR SHARED CONSTITUENCY. SO, `AFTER MY GUT
2 PUNCH YESTERDAY, I THEN SAID TO MY TEAM, OKAY, WELL, WHERE IS
3 THE MONEY IN THE STATE BUDGET? AND YOU KNOW, WE CANNOT BE SO
4 NAIVE AS TO SAY, WELL, IF WE CLOSE 2 MORE PRISONS, WELL, ON
5 THE POLICY LEVEL, I SUPPORT THAT. BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE MONEY
6 APPEAR OVERNIGHT IN JULY 1. THEY HAVE AN MOU WITH THE
7 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION THAT THEY'RE LOCKED INTO FOR
8 MULTIPLE YEARS. SO, THEY COULD PROBABLY CLOSE THEM ALL AND WE
9 WOULDN'T SCORE ENOUGH SAVINGS TO FILL THIS KIND OF HOLE. SO,
10 WE'RE ALL GOING TO HAVE TO GET BE THOUGHTFUL, CREATIVE. THE
11 ADVOCACY COMMUNITY IS GOING TO HAVE TO HELP US BE THOUGHTFUL
12 AND CREATIVE ABOUT HOW WE HELP THE STATE IDENTIFY RESOURCES
13 AND HOW WE CONTINUE TO HAVE THE PRIORITIZATION CONVERSATION,
14 RECOGNIZING THAT WE ARE THE SAFETY NET. WE ARE THE SAFETY NET.
15 PRIORITY, STATE NEEDS TO COME UP WITH THEIR PRIORITY MOUNTAIN
16 AND IT NEEDS TO NOT PUSH POOR PEOPLE OFF THE SIDE OR PEOPLE
17 WHO ARE UNHOUSED OR PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL
18 ILLNESS OR PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED. I'M JUST NOT SURE HOW
19 THEY EXPECT US TO DO ALL THE WORK THEY ARE ASKING OF US WITH
20 THE PROPOSAL WE SAW YESTERDAY. IT GIVES ME GREAT, GREAT CAUSE
21 FOR CONCERN. WE WILL HAVE PEOPLE I'M SURE WHO ARE GOING TO BE
22 HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT EXPANSION AND THE QUESTION WILL BE
23 EXPAND WITH WHAT? WITH THE KIND OF CUTS, WE SAW. SO, I HOPE
24 THAT WE TOO CAN PUT ON OUR COUNTY WEBSITE THE INFORMATION
25 ABOUT THE PROPOSED STATE CUTS, A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE



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1 PIE CHART, ABOUT WHERE THE LION'S SHARE OF OUR MONEY COMES
2 FROM. AND IF THE STATE IS TALKING ABOUT A \$7,000,000,000 CUT
3 OR WHATEVER CUT, THAT 1/3 OF THAT, CONSERVATIVELY SPEAKING, IS
4 GONNA HIT LA COUNTY.

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6 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SUPERVISOR, WE'LL GET SOME EASY TO COMPREHEND
7 CLEAR CHARTS THAT WE'LL PUT ON OUR WEBSITE AND THAT THE BOARD
8 CAN PLACE ON THEIR WEBSITES AND DEPARTMENTS CAN PLACE ON THEIR
9 WEBSITES IF THEY CHOOSE TO DO SO.

10

11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
12 DILIGENT WORK. I MEAN, I CAN'T IMAGINE THE FRUSTRATION TO WORK
13 FOR THE YEAR TO PUT TOGETHER A BUDGET, TO HAVE A PLAN, AND TO
14 GET KNOCKED UPSIDE THE HEAD BY THE NEWS OF LAST NIGHT. IT'S
15 PAINFUL AND I'M DEEPLY, DEEPLY CONCERNED. AND IT'S NOT FOR ANY
16 FAULT OF US, THAT LA COUNTY HAS CLEARLY DONE RESPONSIBLE
17 BUDGETING. BUT WHEN WE THINK ABOUT, AND AT THE STATE LEVEL
18 TOO, IT'S NOT ABOUT OVERSPENDING AND WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE.
19 IT'S THE WAY IN WHICH OUR, AT THE STATE LEVEL, BUDGETING HOW
20 THE STATE EARNS MONEY AND ALL OF THE FACTORS THAT WE HAVE NO
21 CONTROL OVER IN TERMS OF INTEREST RATES AND JUST THE WAY IN
22 WHICH OUR STATE BUDGET IS BUILT. IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT WE
23 CONTINUE TO HAVE THESE EXTREME EBBS AND FLOWS. AND I KNOW THE
24 PUBLIC IS LIKE, YOU KNOW, THEY HAD SO MUCH MONEY LAST YEAR AND
25 THE YEAR BEFORE IT WAS LIKE, YOU KNOW, THROWING MONEY OUT THE



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1 WINDOW. AND NOW, YOU KNOW, THE NEWS GETS WORSE AND WORSE EVERY
2 DAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR THE
3 PRESENTATION, MS. DAVENPORT.

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5 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM SUPERVISOR, AND
8 FOR KEEPING IT REAL, BECAUSE I THINK WE ALL NEED TO IN THIS
9 SEASON OF BUDGETS. I TOO WANT TO THANK OUR CEO FOR HER BUDGET
10 PRESENTATION, AS WELL AS ALL OF HER STAFF AND MY TEAM AND ALL
11 OF OUR COLLECTIVE STAFF ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR, WORKING HARD TO
12 MAKE SURE THAT OUR BUDGET DOES MEANINGFULLY ADDRESS THE
13 CONCERNS THAT WE KNOW ARE REAL AND THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF FAR
14 TOO MANY ANGELENOS. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE LAST YEAR WE HAD
15 AROUND A \$46,000,000,000 BUDGET. SO, WHEN WE SAY THINGS LIKE
16 THERE ARE LIMITED DISCRETIONARY FUNDS, IT CAN SOUND SORT OF
17 COUNTERINTUITIVE. BUT AS WE'RE HEARING, SOME OF THOSE FUNDS
18 ARE ALREADY COMMITTED TO WORK THAT THE COUNTY MUST DELIVER.
19 AND INCREASINGLY, THOSE FUNDS ARE BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM US,
20 THE FUNDS THAT ACTUALLY WE HAVE TO GIVE TO OUR DISCRETIONARY
21 EFFORTS. SO, WE WILL BE WORKING DILIGENTLY TO FIND CREATIVE
22 BUDGETARY SOLUTIONS. WE ASK OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO BE IN
23 THAT WORK WITH US. SO, WE CAN ALL BE WORKING TO THE BEST OF
24 OUR ABILITY, RECOGNIZING THE GREAT NEED THAT EXISTS IN ALL OF
25 OUR COMMUNITIES. IN ADDITION TO WHAT WE KNOW WE WILL HEAR



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1 TODAY, AND I WANT TO THANK IN ADVANCE ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF
2 THE PUBLIC WHO ARE HERE WHO WILL JOIN US WHETHER IN PERSON OR
3 VIRTUALLY TO ENGAGE IN THE CONVERSATION AND JUST REMIND US
4 THAT TODAY IS A MEANINGFUL STEP IN OUR BUDGET. IT IS IT IS NOT
5 THE LAST STEP. AND AS WE CONTINUE TO HEAR COMMENTS BEYOND
6 TODAY, AS WE'RE MOVING TOWARDS FINAL BUDGET, MY OFFICE IS
7 WATCHING THOSE VERY CLOSELY, AND WE WELCOME YOUR CONTINUED
8 INPUT. AND AS YOU REVIEW THE STATE BUDGET, YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT
9 HOW WE CAN MAKE CREATIVE ADJUSTMENTS TO MEET THE NEEDS THAT WE
10 KNOW WE ARE ALL COMMITTED TO. I WANTED TO FOCUS ON 4 AREAS AND
11 THEN END WITH A QUESTION IF I MAY. FIRST I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT
12 OUR HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE AND I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT WE'RE
13 INCREASING FUNDING TO \$728,000,000, OUR HIGHEST AMOUNT EVER,
14 WHICH INCLUDES FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH POSITIONS IN THE
15 BUDGET, AS WELL AS THOSE DEDICATED TO OUR HOMELESSNESS
16 RESPONSE. WE HEAR CLEARLY THAT MENTAL HEALTH IS A CRITICAL
17 COMPONENT TO ADDRESSING THE EMERGENCY WE'RE SEEING ON OUR
18 STREETS IN THE FORM OF HOMELESSNESS. AND WE ARE ALSO BEING
19 ASKED TO FOCUS ON A VARIETY OF MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSES WITHOUT
20 ADDITIONAL FUNDING. SO, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT AS WE ARE
21 TRYING TO MEET ALL OF THE EXPECTATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN CREATED,
22 WE ARE ALSO MEANINGFULLY ADDRESSING THE CONCERNS THAT WE'RE
23 SEEING ON OUR STREETS. OUR RESPONSE TO THOSE CURRENTLY
24 UNHOUSED IS ONLY PART OF THE SOLUTION AND WE MUST PREVENT
25 THOSE WHO ARE ON THE VERGE OF HOMELESSNESS FROM LOSING THEIR



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1 HOMES. WE HEARD YESTERDAY JUST HOW IMPORTANT PREVENTION IS AS
2 A KEY ROLE IN MAKING SURE WE'RE ADDRESSING THIS CRISIS. AND
3 SO, I WAS GLAD TO SEE THAT OUR RECOMMENDED BUDGET, THE CEO
4 CONFIRMED THAT STAY HOUSED LA IS FULLY FUNDED THROUGH 2025
5 WITH ARPA FUNDS. HOWEVER, AT THE SAME HEARING, THE CEO
6 CONFIRMED THAT OUR SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS WERE NOT
7 FULLY FUNDED IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND THAT THE \$3,000,000
8 THAT DCBA NEEDS TO FUND THOSE SERVICES WAS DEFERRED TO A
9 FUTURE BUDGET PHASE. WE KNOW THESE LEGAL SERVICES ARE CRITICAL
10 TO OUR NEEDIEST RESIDENTS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT HAVE RECEIVED
11 LEGAL NOTICES TO REMOVE THEM FROM THEIR HOMES AND DESERVE TO
12 HAVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION SO THEY CAN FIGHT TO THE BEST OF
13 THEIR ABILITY TO STAY IN THEIR HOUSING. AND SO, I WILL BE
14 WATCHING TO SEE THAT THE \$3,000,000 NEEDED FOR DCBA BE
15 INCLUDED IN THE FINAL CHANGES BUDGET. SECONDLY, OUR COMMITMENT
16 TO CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY HAS LED TO INVESTMENTS IN
17 CURRENT AND FUTURE CLIMATE ACTION AND MEANINGFUL CHANGES IN
18 THE WAY WE OPERATE, ALL OF WHICH ARE IMPERATIVE TO RESPONDING
19 TO THE EXISTING IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, AS WELL AS
20 LESSENING FUTURE IMPACTS. AND SO, WITH THAT IN MIND, ON
21 DECEMBER 19TH, 2023, I AUTHORED A MOTION THAT WE UNANIMOUSLY
22 SUPPORTED AS A BOARD WITH A NUMBER OF CLIMATE RELATED
23 DIRECTIVES INCLUDING A DIRECTIVE TO CREATE A CLIMATE BUDGET
24 AND WHILE WE KNOW IT'LL TAKE MORE TIME TO FULLY COMPLETE THAT
25 CLIMATE BUDGET WE NEED TO START INVESTING NOW AND THE



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1 INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED FOR THAT COMPLETE CLIMATE BUDGET. AND
2 THAT INCLUDES A GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY, A MUNICIPAL CLIMATE
3 ACTION PLAN, AND A PILOT CLIMATE BUDGETING PROCESS WITHIN OUR
4 DEPARTMENT. SO, WE UNDERSTAND WHERE THOSE INVESTMENTS ARE
5 BEING MADE. THESE INITIAL STEPS ARE PROJECTED TO COST US ABOUT
6 \$1,200,000 AND WILL BE A CRITICAL FIRST STEP IN OUR CLIMATE
7 BUDGET PROCESS THAT WE NEED TO INITIATE THIS YEAR. SO, WE'LL
8 BE WATCHING TO SEE THAT THAT IS FUNDED IN THE BUDGET THIS YEAR
9 AS WELL. THIRD, I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT OUR FOCUS ON GENDER-
10 BASED VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND OUR TGI COMMUNITY
11 INVESTMENTS. GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, THANK YOU. PLEASE STAY
12 QUIET, BUT WE WILL HEAR FROM YOU VERY SOON. THANK YOU. GENDER-
13 BASED VIOLENCE IS ONE OF MY 3 PRIORITIES AS CHAIR BECAUSE IT
14 UNFORTUNATELY REMAINS PERVASIVE AND IMPACTS FAR TOO MANY
15 PEOPLE. IT ALSO LEADS TO VARIOUS OTHER NEGATIVE OUTCOMES,
16 INCLUDING HOMELESSNESS, ADDITIONAL VIOLENCE, FROM GANG
17 VIOLENCE TO GUN VIOLENCE AND SO MUCH MORE, HEALTH IMPACTS AND
18 OTHER SIGNIFICANT LIFE IMPACTS. AND SO, TO ADDRESS GENDER
19 BASED VIOLENCE, I BROUGHT FORWARD A MOTION ON DECEMBER 5TH,
20 2023 TO PRIORITIZE OUR COUNTY'S RESPONSE AND TO ADDRESS THAT
21 MOTION ON JANUARY 17 OF THIS YEAR, AS A PART OF THE
22 RECOMMENDED BUDGET REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
23 SUBMITTED A \$5,100,000 REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT A PLAN
24 TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE MOTION. THAT PLAN
25 FOCUSED ON PREVENTION PROGRAMMING, CROSS-SECTOR COLLABORATION,



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1 POLICY WORK, RESEARCH AND EVALUATION, AND COMMUNITY GRANT
2 FUNDING. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE CEO IS ALSO PREPARING A
3 REPORT BACK, WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF JUNE, AND I
4 ASK THAT THE 2 DOCUMENTS, THAT OF THE DPH'S BUDGET REQUEST, AS
5 WELL AS THE CEOS REPORT BACK BE RECONCILED ASAP SO THE NEED OF
6 FUNDING CAN BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FINAL BUDGET AND CONFIRMED
7 BY OUR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET OUR RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
8 IS IMPORTANT. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, \$5,000,000 WAS ADDED TO THE
9 COUNTY BUDGET FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER BEDS, WHICH WAS A
10 CRUCIAL FIRST STEP IN HELPING SURVIVORS. AND WE NOW HEAR THAT
11 VOCA CUTS ARE IMPACTING ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE
12 PROVIDERS. WE NOW NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC
13 VIOLENCE SERVICES. PUBLIC HEALTH SUBMITTED A \$6,400,000
14 REQUEST FOR THESE SERVICES, AND I ASK THAT WE PROVIDE FUNDING
15 FOR THESE SERVICES OR AT LEAST BEGIN TO PHASE IN THAT FUNDING.
16 FINALLY, AS WE KNOW, MANY OF OUR ALLIES IN THE TGI COMMUNITY
17 HAVE RECENTLY ATTENDED BOARD MEETINGS, I SEE SOME OF THEM HERE
18 TODAY AS WELL, REQUESTING FUNDING SPECIFICALLY DEDICATED TO
19 THE NEEDS OF OUR TGI COMMUNITY. THIS IS WHY AT RECOMMENDED
20 BUDGET, I REQUESTED A REPORT BACK DURING OUR FINAL CHANGES
21 DETAILING HOW WE'RE PROVIDING FUNDING TO SUPPORT OUR TGI
22 COMMUNITY SO THAT WE AS A BOARD CAN ASSESS ALONG WITH OUR
23 COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHERE ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS MUST BE MADE
24 TO MEET OUR NEEDS. FOURTH AND FINALLY, I WANNA TALK ABOUT
25 PROBATION, CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND COMPLIANCE WITH



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1 LEGAL ACTION. AT OUR RECOMMENDED BUDGET HEARING, WE HEARD FROM
2 THE CEO THAT THERE ARE ADEQUATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE
3 TO PROBATION TO CONTINUE THEIR WORK TO MAINTAIN BSCC
4 SUITABILITY AND ALSO ENHANCE PROGRAMMING AND IMPROVE
5 OPERATIONS. WE HEARD YESTERDAY EVEN MORE DETAIL ABOUT WHAT
6 THAT LOOKS LIKE, INCLUDING INTERDISCIPLINARY WORK, NOT JUST IN
7 PROBATION, BUT INCLUDING DYD, LAY CODE, DMH, AND SO MANY OF
8 OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO CARING FOR OUR
9 YOUNG PEOPLE. WE ALSO HEARD WE HAVE INCREASED FUNDING FOR DOJ
10 COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES, JCOD, AND ODR TO CONTINUE WORK TOWARDS
11 THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND WHILE I'M GLAD TO SEE
12 WE'VE INCREASED INVESTMENTS, AND I WOULD ASK THAT WE COULD
13 CONTINUE TO EVALUATE AND COMMIT INVESTMENTS THAT ARE NECESSARY
14 TO QUICKLY CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WHICH WE KNOW WE WILL
15 ABSOLUTELY NEED TO DO. FROM THE PRESENTATIONS WE HAVE RECEIVED
16 REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, IT'S EVIDENT WE
17 WILL NEED SIGNIFICANTLY MORE INVESTMENT WITHIN THE UPCOMING
18 YEARS TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. I ASK THAT WE CONTINUE TO
19 EVALUATE WHAT THOSE INVESTMENTS MUST BE AND CONTINUE TO
20 INCREASE RESOURCES AND FUTURE BUDGETS BECAUSE THESE ARE
21 REQUIREMENTS THAT WE MUST UNIQUELY MEET AS THE COUNTY. THESE
22 ARE SOME OF THE CORE AREAS I'LL CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON, BUT
23 TODAY IS REALLY ABOUT HEARING FROM OUR PUBLIC. AND SO, I WILL
24 BE LISTENING TO WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE US PRIORITIZE AND
25 HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. ENDING WITH MY



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1 QUESTION, MADAM CEO, WE HEARD THROUGH SOME OF THE RECENT
2 ACTION THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS THEIR RESPONSE AT THE
3 UCLA PROTESTS, FOR EXAMPLE, WERE BEING FUNDED BY THE STATE.
4 SO, CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THE STATE IS REIMBURSING THE
5 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE COSTS THEY INCURRED RESPONDING TO
6 PROTESTS AT UCLA AND THAT IT IS NOT COMING FROM THE COUNTY
7 BUDGET?

8

9 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, WE HAVE BEEN IN
10 DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE COST FOR THOSE
11 SERVICES AND FOR THAT RESPONSE WILL NOT BE COMING FROM THE
12 COUNTY COFFERS THAT ARE IN THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET. WE UNDERSTAND
13 THAT THEY ARE CONTEMPLATING AN AGREEMENT DIRECTLY WITH UCLA
14 WHERE UCLA WILL BE FUNDING THE SERVICES AND OF COURSE UCLA'S
15 FUNDING AS A PUBLIC ENTITY COMES FROM THE STATE.

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THAT'S HELPFUL CLARIFICATION. SO,
18 FOR THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING THAT AND QUESTIONING THAT RESPONSE,
19 THAT FUNDING IS NOT COMING FROM THE COUNTY AS I HEAR IT AND
20 WE'LL BE WATCHING TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT IS THE CASE. SEEING
21 NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM THE COUNTY
22 DEPARTMENT HEAD WHO REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. MR.
23 ASSESSOR JEFFREY PRANG, WE WELCOME YOU TO THE DAIS TO SHARE
24 YOUR PRESENTATION.

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1 JEFFREY PRANG: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
2 BOARD. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH YOU AND
3 TESTIFY TO MY BUDGET THIS MORNING. FIRST LET ME STATE
4 UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT I AM VERY PLEASED WITH THE RECOMMENDED
5 BUDGET THAT THE CEO WAS PRESENTED FOR MY OFFICE. AND I WANT TO
6 EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO YOUR BOARD AND THE CEO FOR THE
7 SUPPORT OF THIS BUDGET AND FOR THOSE IN PREVIOUS YEARS DEALING
8 WITH THE IMPORTANT INITIATIVES OF MY OFFICE. I DO WANT TO
9 EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE OF MY OFFICE AS THE
10 FOUNDATION OF COUNTY BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND THE BROADER
11 PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM. OUR OFFICE, AS YOU KNOW,
12 PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN THIS SYSTEM ON WHICH THE FINANCIAL
13 SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR COUNTY DEPENDS. THE ASSESSMENTS WE
14 PRODUCE ARE NOT MERELY FIGURES ON PAPER. THEY ARE THE
15 FOUNDATION THAT FUELS LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ULTIMATELY BEING
16 APPLIED TO DETERMINE PROPERTY TAXES THAT FUND VITAL PUBLIC
17 SERVICES THAT DIRECTLY IMPACT THE LIVES OF OUR CONSTITUENTS. I
18 FIRST WANT TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE CRUCIAL MATTER OF
19 STAFFING IN OUR OFFICE AND ITS EFFECT ON ASSESSMENT PRODUCTION
20 AND THE RESULTING REVENUE. OUR PRIORITY IS A THOROUGH,
21 ACCURATE, AND COMPLETE PRODUCTION CAPACITY, WHICH SIMPLY
22 STATED MEANS THAT WE PROCESS ALL OF THE WORK GENERATED IN THE
23 PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR IN THAT FISCAL YEAR. INCREASING OUR STAFF
24 CAPACITY NOT ONLY ENSURES THE EFFICIENCY AND COMPLETENESS OF
25 OUR OPERATIONS, BUT ULTIMATELY IT WILL RESULT IN A MORE



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1 COMPLETE ASSESSMENT ROLE WHICH IN TURN WILL GENERATE MORE
2 PROPERTY TAX REVENUES THAT WILL BE APPLIED TO THE CURRENT
3 FISCAL BUDGET YEAR. WE HAVE EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE IN
4 WORKLOAD IN RECENT YEARS FROM PROPOSITION 19 AND THE DIVERSION
5 OF MORE LINE PRODUCTION STAFF TO ASSESSMENT APPEALS, ALSO
6 CONTRIBUTING TO OUR PRODUCTION CHALLENGES IS THE HIGHER THAN
7 NORMAL AMOUNT OF ATTRITION IN RECENT YEARS. ON THE ISSUE OF
8 ATTRITION, I CAN REPORT THAT WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY HIRED 210
9 NEW APPRAISERS SINCE 2020, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE ABOUT A 30%
10 ATTRITION RATE OF THOSE APPRAISERS. WHILE WE'RE CLOSE TO
11 HAVING FILLED ALL OF OUR FUNDED POSITIONS FOR APPRAISERS, THE
12 ONGOING STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES WITH PROCESSING ALL OF THE
13 ANNUAL TRANSACTIONS CLEARLY INDICATES THAT THERE'S A NEED FOR
14 MORE PRODUCTION PERSONNEL RESOURCES, WHICH IS REFLECTED IN OUR
15 BUDGET REQUEST. I DO NEED TO NOTE THAT ONCE HIRED, IT TAKES AN
16 APPRAISER ABOUT 2 YEARS BEFORE THEY CAN ACTUALLY BE
17 PRODUCTIVE. IT TAKES 5 YEARS TO TRAIN A COMMERCIAL APPRAISER
18 TO BE FULLY PRODUCTIVE. THE RECENT LOSS OF SO MANY EXPERIENCED
19 STAFF MEMBERS COMBINED WITH THE HIRING OF SO MANY NEW AND LESS
20 EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL HAS HAD AN IMPACT ON OUR PRODUCTION
21 ACTIVITIES. ON ANOTHER NOTE, A VERY POSITIVE NOTE, I'M PLEASED
22 TO REPORT THAT OUR SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN OUR TECHNOLOGY
23 PROJECT WILL ACHIEVE ITS MOST MEANINGFUL MILESTONE THIS YEAR.
24 THIS SUMMER, WE WILL SWITCH OFF THE OLD MAINFRAME COMPUTER
25 SYSTEM AND OPERATE EXCLUSIVELY ON OUR NEWLY CONSTRUCTED CLOUD-



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1 BASED SYSTEM. AND FINALLY, WE CONTINUE TO REMEDIATE HEALTH AND
2 SAFETY CONCERNS BROUGHT ON BY FLOODING IN THE HALL OF RECORDS
3 BASEMENT STORAGE AREA, WHICH CAUSED MOLD CONTAMINATION AND
4 EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO OUR HISTORIC MAP BOOKS. THE REMEDIATION
5 PLAN INCLUDES RESTORATION OF THE DAMAGED DOCUMENTS THAT
6 SUSTAINED DAMAGE AND THE DIGITIZATION OF THOSE SINGULAR
7 DOCUMENTS. THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING AND PRESERVING THESE
8 MAPS CAN BE UNDERScoreD BY THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT THEY PLAYED
9 IN HELPING ESTABLISH THE HISTORY AND CHAIN OF OWNERSHIP FOR
10 BRUCE'S BEACH. IF THESE MAP BOOKS ARE NOT PRESERVED,
11 RECOVERING DATA FOR OTHER PROPERTIES OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE,
12 SUCH AS CHAVEZ RAVINE, WILL BE COMPROMISED. IN CLOSING, BY
13 INVESTING IN OUR OFFICE'S PRODUCTION CAPACITY BUILDING EFFORTS
14 TO ENSURE THAT THE ASSESSMENT ROLE IS ACCURATE, THOROUGH, AND
15 COMPLETE, WE CAN BETTER SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF OUR
16 PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM AND ENSURE A MORE
17 PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR OUR COUNTY AND ITS RESIDENTS. AND AGAIN,
18 I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT THAT YOU AND THE CEO HAVE GIVEN ME
19 OVER THE YEARS THAT WILL HELP US ACHIEVE OUR OPERATIONAL
20 OBJECTIVES. AND AS WAS MENTIONED BY THE CEO, I WAS GOING TO
21 SEND YOU A LETTER LATER TODAY, BUT I HAVE SOME REALLY GOOD
22 NEWS THAT TODAY WE'RE GOING TO ISSUE OUR ASSESSMENT ROLL
23 FORECAST. WE ARE PROJECTING THAT PROPERTY VALUES WILL GROW
24 COUNTYWIDE BY 4.75%. IT'S ABOUT 1% LESS GROWTH THAN WE HAD
25 LAST YEAR, ALTHOUGH LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME, WE THOUGHT IT WAS



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1 GONNA BE A SLOWER NUMBER, SO IT'S A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN WE
2 ANTICIPATED. AND THE NET ASSESSED VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY IN LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE FIRST TIME NOW EXCEEDS
4 \$2,000,000,000.000. MADAM CHAIR, BOARD, THAT CONCLUDES MY
5 REMARKS.

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7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO ANY OF MY
8 COLLEAGUES HAVE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

9

10 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** OKAY. MADAM CHAIR, MAY I JUST MAKE ONE
11 COMMENT? ABSOLUTELY. FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION, THAT
12 \$2,000,000,000,000 DOES NOT ALL COME TO THE COUNTY OF LOS
13 ANGELES. IT IS ALLOCATED AMONGST MULTIPLE ENTITIES, SCHOOL
14 DISTRICTS, AND JPAS, ET CETERA. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND
15 THEN THE 4.75% THAT THE ASSESSOR IS COMING IN WITH, THAT IS
16 THE PERCENTAGE OF GROWTH THAT OUR RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS BASED
17 ON. THANK YOU.

18

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

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21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. TO OUR CEO, BASED ON THAT
22 LAST COMMENT, WHAT PERCENTAGE DOES COME TO THE COUNTY?

23

24 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** I BELIEVE IS IT ABOUT 20, 26%?

25



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1 JEFFREY PRANG: YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

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3 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YEAH, 26%.

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5 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. SEEING NO OTHER

6 QUESTIONS, I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS IN

7 QUEUE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PRESENTATION, MR.

8 ASSESSOR. ALWAYS NICE TO SEE YOU. WE WILL NOW TURN TO PUBLIC

9 COMMENT ON BOTH AGENDA ITEMS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE

10 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT

12 WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN OUR SPEAKING

13 RULES.

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO

16 PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL

17 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. MEMBERS

18 OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARDROOM, YOU

19 WILL RECEIVE UP TO 1 MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE 2

20 AGENDA ITEMS. PLEASE CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME AND NOTE, ONCE

21 YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, WE WILL IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO THE NEXT

22 SPEAKER. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON

23 TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN.

24 IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU'RE

25 SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM



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1 COUNTY COUNCIL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR
2 CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL
3 FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE ON TO
4 THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU'RE ALSO LISTENING TO
5 THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED
6 TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE
7 MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DON'T TURN DOWN THE VOLUME,
8 THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. TO ENSURE WE HEAR FROM BOTH IN-PERSON
9 AND TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS, WE WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE 2
10 SPEAKING CUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE,
11 WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE
12 COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM AND STAFF WILL ASSIST
13 YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM ITSELF UNTIL YOU ARE
14 DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL BEGIN BY CALLING IN-PERSON SPEAKERS
15 AND WHILE THEY'RE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC
16 SPEAKERS.

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18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND I SUSPECT SOME PEOPLE WILL BE
19 EXCITED ABOUT THE COMMENTS THAT YOU HEAR. IF THAT IS THE CASE,
20 IF YOU COULD INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT SILENTLY BY DOING THIS, OR
21 THUMBS DOWN IF YOU DISAGREE, JUST SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO MOVE
22 THROUGH THE COMMENTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL NOW GO TO OUR
23 MODERATOR FOR OUR SPEAKERS.

24
25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME



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1 FORWARD? ANNA GONZALEZ, ANDREA VOUKOS, ARBERTA FRANKLIN, BAMBI
2 SALCIDO, BEA CUREL, BILLY ARRIAGA, BRIAN BOWENS, BRIAN JOSE,
3 CYNTHIA MEZA, DIAMOND CRUZ, DONALD HARLAN, EMMA MORKECHO.
4 ERICA MOSLEY. GIOVANNI HERNANDEZ. JANET ASANTE. JUSTIN MARKS.
5 KIANA TYSON. LORETTA LORRAINE, LUZ CASTRO, MARIA CASILLAS,
6 MATT NGOIU, MEGAN CASTILLO, MILDRED DIAZ, NADIA SEGURA, NORMA
7 TICK, OLIVIA SHIELDS, RED MARTINEZ, RICKY ABIELZ, RITU
8 MAHAJAN, SAL CAMPOS, TANYA BARROW, TERRY J, TRICK SHIP,
9 YESENIA TEISEL. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.
10 AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU
11 WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEMS 1 AND 2, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY
12 DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING
13 QUEUE. MODERATOR, WHEN WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER,
14 PLEASE.

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16 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS LENA AUSTIN. YOU MAY
17 BEGIN. THANK YOU.

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19 **SPEAKER:** I'M CALLING FROM DISCOVERY WORLD EARLY EDUCATION
20 CENTER TO SPEAK ABOUT LA COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS LEGAL AID
21 PROGRAM. WE ARE A LICENSED INFANT CENTER AND PRESCHOOL WITH
22 OVER 100 INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN AND 40 EMPLOYEES. WE HAVE
23 PROVIDED EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1988.
24 LEGAL ASSISTANCE IS VITAL IN MAINTAINING AFFORDABLE EARLY
25 EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE, A CONTEMPORARY CRISIS. SMALL



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1 BUSINESS LEGAL AID ENABLES OUR CRITICAL LOW MARGIN SECTOR TO
2 OPERATE ON A MORE LEVEL PLAYING FIELD, WHICH ENABLES OUR
3 SECTOR TO ENFORCE OUR RIGHTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHILDREN
4 UNDER OUR CARE, ESPECIALLY WHEN LARGE HIGH MARGIN ENTITIES
5 SUCH AS LANDLORDS IGNORE THEIR HEALTH AND SAFETY DUTIES.
6 FINALLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WE APPRECIATE THE
7 LEANNESS OF PUBLIC COUNSEL. WITH FEW AVAILABLE HOURS, THEY
8 PROVIDE 1, EXPONENTIAL PUBLIC GOODS THROUGH ECONOMIES OF SCALE
9 OF ADVISING WHOLE SECTORS, 2, REFER SMALL BUSINESSES TO FREE
10 RESOURCES, AND 3, OBTAIN PRO BONO ASSISTANCE THROUGH FOR-
11 PROFIT BUSINESSES WHICH DO NOT IMPACT THE TAXPAYER YET PROVIDE
12 SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC BENEFIT. THANK YOU.

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

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16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JADE NGUYEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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18 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. MY
19 NAME IS JADE NGUYEN AND I AM A PROJECT MANAGER WITH NATURE FOR
20 ALL. OUR WORK INCLUDES EFFORTS TO CONNECT PEOPLE THROUGHOUT LA
21 COUNTY AND ESPECIALLY THOSE IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES TO
22 NATURE IN OUR PUBLIC LANDS THROUGH TRANSIT, TRAIL, AND PARK
23 INITIATIVES. WE ARE ALSO THE LEAD ORGANIZATION IN THE
24 COALITION WORKING TO IMPLEMENT THE COUNTY'S PARK NEEDS
25 ASSESSMENT PLAN. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS SUPPORT THE PARKS BUDGET IN FULL. PARKS PROVIDE
2 COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACE AND DATA SHOWS THAT ACCESS TO PARKS
3 HAVE POSITIVE EFFECTS ON MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH. AT RISK
4 IS FUNDING THAT WILL HELP KEEP OUR PARKS SAFE AND CONTINUE THE
5 DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE VITAL RESOURCES TO COMMUNITY
6 MEMBERS. GUIDED BY THE PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PARK NEEDS
7 ASSESSMENT PLUS, CPR HAS ADDED SEVERAL NEW PARKS IN HIGH AND
8 VERY HIGH NEED AREAS, AND THESE INVESTMENTS, THESE REPRESENT
9 IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS IN PARK EQUITY AND MUST NOW BE FULLY
10 FUNDED FOR ONGOING OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE. WE ASK THAT YOU
11 CONTINUE TO INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND PARK EQUITY THROUGH
12 SUPPORTING THE PARKS BUDGET. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR
13 COMMITMENT TO PARKS AND OPEN SPACE.

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

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17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BENJAMIN OAKES. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

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20 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS BENJAMIN OAKES. I'M A RESIDENT OF
21 DISTRICT 3 AND A MEMBER OF ACTIVISM THROUGH POLICY AT UCLA.
22 I'M CALLING TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE COUNTY
23 BUDGET. DIVERSION PROGRAMS WHICH DIVERT PEOPLE WITH SEVERE
24 MENTAL, PHYSICAL, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS OUT OF LA COUNTY
25 JAILS AND INTO COMMUNITY-BASED CARE ARE A PROVEN MEANS OF



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1 REDUCING OVERCROWDING AND RECIDIVISM. IN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET,
2 DIVERSION PROGRAMS FOR LA COUNTY RECEIVED \$1,000,000 IN ANNUAL
3 FUNDING FROM A \$43,400,000,000 YEARLY COUNTY BUDGET WITH
4 \$4,000,000,000 SET ASIDE FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND
5 ANOTHER \$1,000,000,000 FOR PROBATION AND DEPARTMENT, THE
6 DIVERSION PROGRAMS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERFUNDED. EVEN WITHIN
7 ITS CURRENT BUDGET, LA COUNTY'S OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
8 REENTRY HAS RELOCATED 10,000 PEOPLE FROM JAILS TO COMMUNITY-
9 BASED CARE. THE PROGRAM WORKS, IT JUST NEEDS MORE FUNDING.
10 THANK YOU.

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

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14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KRISTI ANDERSON. YOU MAY
15 BEGIN.

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17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS KRISTI ANDERSON AND I COME
18 BEFORE THE BOARD AS AN ACTIVE RESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY, A
19 PARENT OF YOUTH THAT ARE IN THE SPORTS PROGRAM, A COACH OF
20 THOSE SPORTS PROGRAMS, AND ALSO AN EDUCATOR. I WOULD LIKE TO
21 ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO FULLY FUND THE PARK AND REC SPORTS
22 PROGRAM. GROWING UP IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, THE PARKS WERE A
23 SCARY PLACE TO GO TO, BUT THAT'S NO LONGER THE CASE. AND I
24 BELIEVE THAT THE SPORTS PROGRAMS ARE PROVIDING A SAFE PLACE
25 FOR THE YOUTH TO GO AND GROW. I BELIEVE THAT BY INVESTING IN



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1 OUR YOUTH, WE ARE INVESTING IN A FUTURE WHERE THE COMMUNITY
2 MEMBERS WILL HAVE PRIDE AND RESPECT FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.
3 SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN MENTIONED THAT THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH
4 PROGRAMS ARE BEING AFFECTED BUT I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU THAT
5 THE SPORTS PROGRAM ALSO ENCOURAGES THE YOUTH FOR THEIR MENTAL
6 HEALTH. AND IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE HOMELESSNESS FOR
7 THE YOUTH, WE DO HAVE SEVERAL HOMELESS YOUTH THAT ARE IN OUR
8 SPORTS PROGRAM, AND THAT ALSO GIVES THEM PRIDE AND SOMEWHERE
9 TO GO AT TIMES DURING THE DAY. --

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

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14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS AMANDA STEMEN. YOU MAY
15 BEGIN.

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17 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M COMMENTING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2. I'M THE
18 SIERRA CLUB ANGELES CHAPTER CENTRAL GROUP PARKS COMMITTEE
19 CHAIRPERSON, REPRESENTING 50,000 MEMBERS, ASKING YOU TO
20 SUPPORT THE PARKS BUDGET IN FULL FOR ALL OF THE REASONS
21 ALREADY PUT FORTH IN PUBLIC COMMENTS. AND I ALSO WANT TO ADD
22 AS AN INDIVIDUAL I'M A LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST WHO
23 SPECIALIZES IN ECO THERAPY OR NATURE BASED THERAPY. A MASSIVE
24 AMOUNT OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SHOWS THAT GREEN SPACE AND
25 ACTIVITIES THAT TAKE PLACE IN THESE SPACES ARE ABSOLUTELY



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1 VITAL TO OUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING AS WELL AS THE ECONOMY. SO,
2 SUPPORTING OUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ALSO SUPPORTS
3 MANY, IF NOT ALL, OTHER COUNTY PRIORITIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
4 COMMITMENT TO PARKS AND GREEN SPACES.

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

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8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GLORIA CRUZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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10 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS GLORIA CRUZ. I'M THE POLICY AND
11 ADVOCACY DIRECTOR AT THE COALITION FOR HUMANE IMMIGRANT
12 RIGHTS, CHILA, A MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF
13 IMMIGRANTS RLA. I'M CALLING TODAY TO ADVOCATE FOR IMMIGRANTS
14 RLA'S PROPOSAL TO ADVANCE ACCESS TO LANGUAGE JUSTICE, HOUSING,
15 WORKER JUSTICE, AND STRONGER SOCIAL SAFETY NET PROGRAMS FOR
16 IMMIGRANTS REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS. IMMIGRANTS MAKE
17 UP 34% OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES OVERALL POPULATION. WE
18 CONTRIBUTE \$11,000,000,000 OF LOCAL AND STATE TAXES AND HAVE A
19 SPENDING POWER OF \$84,000,000,000 TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY. BUT WE
20 CONTINUE TO BE AN AFTERTHOUGHT WHEN IT COMES TO ACCESS TO
21 PERMANENT HOUSING SOLUTIONS AND ACCESS TO HOMELESS SHELTERS.
22 THIS COUNTY NEEDS TO STEP UP AND CREATE INCLUSIVE POLICIES AND
23 BUDGET PRIORITIES THAT CREATE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO IMMIGRANTS
24 REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS. WE URGE YOU TO CONSIDER
25 IMMIGRANTS RLA'S BUDGET PRIORITIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.



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

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DANE MOLINA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** DANE, ARE YOU THERE? DANE MOLINA?

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8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE LINE IS OPEN.

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10 **SPEAKER:** I APOLOGIZE. I THINK IT'S DIANA. SO, I THINK IT'S ME.

11 I'M ASSUMING NOBODY HAS DIANA MOLINA.

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13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MY APOLOGIES, I HAD YOUR NAME ENTERED

14 DIFFERENTLY. SORRY ABOUT THAT. GO AHEAD.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, BOARD MEMBERS, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO

17 PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS DIANA MOLINA AND I'M A

18 COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH THE TRUST REPUBLIC LAND AND A MEMBER

19 OF THE PNA PLUS COALITION AND PARKS EQUITY ALLIANCE. TODAY I'M

20 HERE TO URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THE PARKS

21 BUDGET IN FULL. EFFORTS GUIDED BY THE PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT

22 AND PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT PLUS HAVE RESULTED IN ESTABLISHING

23 NEW PARKS IN AREAS WITH THE HIGHEST NEEDS. THIS HELPED TO

24 ADDRESS SOME OF THE INEQUITIES OF ACCESS TO PARKS AND OPEN

25 SPACE THAT WERE FURTHER EXACERBATED DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND



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1 WE'RE STILL CONTINUING THOSE AFTER EFFECTS. PARKS ARE A
2 CRUCIAL INVESTMENT IN ACHIEVING PARK EQUITY IN HEALTHIER
3 COMMUNITIES. FULL FUNDING FOR ONGOING OPERATIONS AND
4 MAINTENANCE OF THESE PARKS IS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURING THEIR
5 LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY TO ALL RESIDENTS.
6 THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR COMMUNITIES LIKE SOUTH LOS
7 ANGELES, PICO UNION, THE CELLA REGION, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND
8 OTHER SIMILAR COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. APPROVING A
9 FULL BUDGET IS NOT JUST ABOUT ALLOCATING FUNDS, IT'S ABOUT
10 MAKING MEANINGFUL INVESTMENTS.

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

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15 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GABRIEL GUTIERREZ. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS GABRIEL GUTIERREZ HERE WITH
21 REPRESENTING ARTS4LA. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
22 FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE ARCTIC CULTURE DESPITE THIS
23 BUDGET YEAR. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY CEO FOR
24 PRIORITIZING INCREASE TO THE OGP PROGRAM AND JUST WANTED TO
25 SHARE THAT BETWEEN 2021 TO 2022 ALONE, 431 GRANTEEES SHARE THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 TOTAL OF 72,700,000 PEOPLE. AS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE
2 WRAPAROUND SUPPORTS AND GETTING THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT BUDGET
3 YEAR, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE HISTORIC INVESTMENT IN THE ARTS
4 TO CONTINUE. AND JUST WANNA CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO
5 APPROVE THIS FUNDING IN THE FINAL BUDGET AND CONTINUE TO
6 PRIORITIZE THE ARTS AND CULTURE. THANK YOU.

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

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

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12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVIN. AND WHAT A SOBERING
13 REPORT FROM DAVENPORT. OBVIOUSLY, EVERYTHING THAT GETS ADDED
14 OR ENTERED INTO THE NEW BUDGET IS GOING TO HAVE TO COME OUT
15 SOMETHING ELSE. AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW, BUT YOUR
16 PARTNERS OVER AT THE CITY OF LA ARE ALSO FACING AN ENORMOUS
17 \$300,000,000 DEFICIT WITH THE SAME KIND OF THING. AND OF
18 COURSE, THE STATE NEWS OF THE \$30,000,000,000. SO, THIS IS
19 DISASTER. AND I WOULD LIKE DAVENPORT TO KIND OF REFLECT FOR
20 THE PUBLIC WHAT SPECIFICALLY IS BEING CALCULATED ABOUT THE
21 3,000 SO-CALLED CLAIMS ABOUT THE CLARION. THE PUBLIC WANTS TO
22 UNDERSTAND THAT WE CAN'T BE LOOMING THIS IDEA THAT WE'RE GONNA
23 PAY OUT THESE ASTRONOMICAL, PHENOMENALLY HUGE FEES AND LAWYER
24 ACTIVITY FOR HORRIBLE ACTIVITY THAT HAPPENED GENERATIONS AGO
25 WITHOUT CLARITY. THAT'S CALLED BEING FLEECE. SO, LET'S GET



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE CLARITY SO WE DON'T HAVE TO CUT THE DEPARTMENTS THAT WE
2 CHARGE AND I KNOW YOU KNOW--

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

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7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ELI LIPPMAN YOU MAY BEGIN

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9 **SPEAKER:** YES, THIS IS ELI LIPMAN ON BEHALF OF MOVE LA. I'M
10 ALSO A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2. I'M CALLING BECAUSE I'M VERY
11 CONCERNED THAT THERE IS NO MONEY, THAT THE MONEY FOR THE
12 VISION ZERO PROGRAM HAS BEEN ZEROED OUT, ZERO DOLLARS IN THIS
13 BUDGET. YOU KNOW, THERE'S A LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR
14 CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY AND MORE PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN TRAFFIC
15 VIOLENCE LAST YEAR THAN PEOPLE IN HOMICIDES IN THE CITY OF LA.
16 AND SO I'M REALLY CALLING TO EXPRESS CONCERN AND URGE THE
17 BOARD TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S VISION CERE ACTION PLAN. YOU
18 CANNOT HAVE AN ACTION PLAN AND THE DPW REQUEST OF \$7,500,000
19 IS LITERALLY THE BARE MINIMUM OF WHAT'S REQUIRED TO ADDRESS
20 TRACK OF VIOLENCE CRISIS. IT SHOULD BE \$7,500,000 FOR EACH
21 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. WE'RE ACTUALLY SERIOUS ABOUT HELPING
22 KIDS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES ENJOY OUR SIDEWALKS AND
23 STREETS OF COMFORT AND SAFETY. AND I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT IN
24 SD2 ALONE, 15 OF EACH ONE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED --



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SUPERVISORS

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRIS MILLER. YOU MAY
5 BEGIN.

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7 **SPEAKER:** HI. THIS IS CHRIS MILLER WITH SOUTHBATS ACTIVE. I
8 ACTUALLY WANT TO ECHO THE COMMENTS FROM THE LAST SPEAKER
9 REGARDING THE COMPLETE LACK OF FUNDING FOR THE VISION ZERO
10 ACTION PLAN. I THINK THE CRISIS OF TRAFFIC VIOLENCE ON OUR
11 STREETS IS SOMETHING THAT PROBABLY ALL OF US HAVE EXPERIENCED
12 IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. AND TO SEE JUST A COMPLETE STAND
13 STILL POTENTIALLY BY CUTTING THAT BUDGET ENTIRELY IS SOMETHING
14 THAT I FIND REALLY SHOCKING. I THINK WE NEED TO FIND A WAY TO
15 CONTINUE THE VISION ZERO PLAN, MOVE THAT FORWARD SO THAT
16 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY CAN ACTUALLY
17 ENJOY GETTING OUT AND MOVING ABOUT ACTIVELY. THANK YOU FOR
18 YOUR TIME.

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20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW GO TO SPEAKERS IN
23 PERSON AND THEN GO BACK TO THE REMAINING SPEAKERS IN THE QUEUE
24 VIRTUALLY. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANA
2 GONZALEZ AND I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1. I STUDENT AND
3 PROBABLY WORKING AT THE TRANS-LATINA COALITION. EVERY DAY I
4 SEE THE FIRST-HAND STRUGGLES FACED BY OUR TRANSGENDER NON-
5 CONFORMING AND INTERSEX COMMUNITY WHEN IT COMES TO MEETING OUR
6 BASIC NEEDS. WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY
7 WELL-BEING. THIS COULD TAKE MANY FORMS SUCH AS AFFORDABLE
8 HOUSING, INCREASED ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AND SUPPORT
9 FOR EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THAT EMPOWER TGI
10 PEOPLE TO THRIVE. BY INVESTING ON OUR TGI COMMUNITY, YOU ARE
11 INVESTING IN A BRIGHTER FUTURE, ALL OF DISTRICT 1. WE HAVE THE
12 POTENTIAL TO CONTRIBUTE SO MUCH, BUT RIGHT NOW, MANY OF US ARE
13 STRUGGLING TO SIMPLY SURVIVE.

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

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17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BEAUTIFUL AND AMAZING BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN
19 COMMUNITY WITH ALL OF YOU. MY NAME IS BAMBI SALCEDO AND I DO
20 HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO BE THE PRESIDENT AND THE CEO OF NOW THE
21 BIGGEST TRANS LED ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES. I AM HERE
22 TO CONTINUE TO ASK THAT IT IS TIME FOR ALL OF US TO INVEST IN
23 THE FUTURE OF TRANS PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS YOU KNOW,
24 WE ARE REQUESTING FOR THE TRANS WELLNESS AND CARE COORDINATION
25 INITIATIVE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN LOS ANGELES. I THINK WE ARE IN



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1 A PIVOTAL MOMENT TO WHERE WE CAN SET PRECEDENCE FOR THE REST
2 OF THE COUNTRY TO FOLLOW. UNFORTUNATELY, EVERYTHING THAT IS
3 HAPPENING AROUND THE COUNTRY AGAINST OUR COMMUNITY, IT'S
4 TERRIBLE, AND WE HAVE A MOMENT, WE HAVE THE TIME RIGHT NOW TO
5 ENSURE THAT WE SHOW THE LOVE AND SUPPORT AND THE VALUE THAT
6 TRANS PEOPLE DESERVE HERE IN LOS ANGELES. SO, I APPRECIATE
7 YOUR SUPPORT.

8

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

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12 **SPEAKER:** YES. HELLO. MY NAME IS ARBERTHA FRANKLIN. I AM THE
13 PROGRAM'S COORDINATOR FOR THE TRANS-LATINO COALITION'S REENTRY
14 PROGRAM. I NEED YOU TO SEE WHO WE ARE AND THE CAPABILITIES OF
15 US WHEN WE ARE INVESTED IN. WE WANT A BRIGHTER FUTURE. WHEN IT
16 COMES TO MENTAL HEALTH, THAT SHOULD BE FOR ALL, NOT JUST FOR A
17 FEW. WHEN IT COMES TO HOUSING, THAT SHOULD BE A HUMAN RIGHT,
18 NOT JUST AN IDEA. WHEN IT COMES TO EQUALITY IN THE WORKFORCE,
19 THE TRANS COMMUNITY IS ALWAYS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. THE FUND
20 THAT WE ARE ASKING FOR, THE \$7,000,000 MILLION FOR THE TGI
21 WELLNESS EQUITY AND CARE OF 2024. PASS. APPROVE IT. THANK YOU
22 SO VERY MUCH.

23

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



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2 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS B CORIEL AND I SERVE AS THE TRAINING
3 COORDINATOR FOR THE TRANS LATINO COALITION. I'M ALSO A
4 RESIDENT OF SC5. PART OF MY ROLE IS TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO
5 MANY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE FUNDED PUBLICLY BY LA
6 COUNTY. THIS INCLUDES HOMELESSNESS SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH,
7 WITH OTHER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. AND I'M HERE TO TELL YOU
8 THAT A LOT OF THESE SERVICES AND ORGANIZATIONS STILL REMAIN
9 INACCESSIBLE TO OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE A LOT OF THESE
10 ORGANIZATIONS DO NOT MAKE THE NECESSARY COMMITMENT AND STRIDES
11 TOWARDS INCLUDING OUR COMMUNITY.

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13 WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO HAVE PUBLICLY FUNDED SERVICES REMAIN
14 INACCESSIBLE TO OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF
15 DISCRIMINATION AND HARM THAT THEY EXPERIENCE AT THE HANDS OF
16 THESE ORGS. BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS SHOULD NOT GET IN THE WAY
17 OF THESE EFFORTS. WE ARE A SMALL POPULATION WITH VERY LARGE
18 DISPARITIES, AND THESE ARE OUR TAX DOLLARS TOO. YOU CANNOT
19 TALK ABOUT ALLEVIATING HOMELESSNESS OR REDUCING JAIL
20 POPULATION WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE CLEAR UNMET NEEDS --

21

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

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25 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS ANDREA VOKOS. I'M A RESIDENT OF



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1 DISTRICT 1 AND I'M THE HOUSING COALITION'S MANAGER FOR UNITED
2 WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES AND THE COORDINATOR FOR OUR FUTURE
3 LA COALITION. I OPPOSE THE BUDGET AS IT'S CURRENTLY WRITTEN.
4 BUDGETS ARE VALUE STATEMENTS AND THIS BUDGET STILL CHOOSES
5 INCARCERATION OVER YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. DESPITE THE BOARD
6 OF SUPERVISORS' PROCLAIMED COMMITMENT TO EXPEDITED INVESTMENTS
7 IN ALTERNATIVE INCARCERATION, THE 2024-2025 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
8 STILL REFLECTS AN OUTSIZED APPROPRIATION FOR A DEPARTMENT
9 SATURATED BY A CULTURE OF PUNISHMENT, TOXICITY, AND RACIALIZED
10 VIOLENCE. THIS YEAR, LIKE WITH SO MANY BEFORE, IT WAS MARKED
11 BY HEADLINES HIGHLIGHTING DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS, IRREPARABLE
12 HARMS, ABUSES, AND CORRUPTION WITHIN LA COUNTY'S PROBATION
13 DEPARTMENT. HUNDREDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, ROUGHLY 94% OF THEM
14 BLACK AND LATINX HAVE SPENT 284 DAYS OF THE 2023-24 YEAR IN
15 FACILITIES THAT VIOLATED THE LAW'S MOST BASIC STANDARDS. I
16 URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT A CARE FIRST --

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

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21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD DAY, MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD. MY NAME IS
22 BILLY ARRIAGA AND I'M A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
23 DISTRICT 2. I'M HERE TODAY TO EXPLICITLY REQUEST THAT YOU
24 APPROVE THE PROPOSED \$7,000,000 INVESTMENT IN TGI WELLNESS,
25 EQUITY AND CARE. I WORK AT THE TRANS LATINA COALITION AS A



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1 HOPE HOUSE COORDINATOR WHICH AIMS TO IMPROVE AND PROVIDE
2 EMERGENCY HOUSING TO TGI INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND
3 HOW CRITICAL IT IS THAT WE FIND THE PROPER SUPPORT TO HELP OUR
4 COMMUNITY. OUR PROGRAM IS ABLE TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY SHELTER
5 FOR UP TO 13 PEOPLE, BUT THE NEED IS MUCH GREATER THAN JUST
6 THE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE COME THROUGH OUR DOORS. IN JUST ONE
7 MONTH, WE PROVIDED SUPPORT TO 27 INDIVIDUALS, EACH AT A PLACE
8 IN THEIR LIVES WHERE THEY DID NOT KNOW WHERE ELSE TO TURN. THE
9 INVESTMENT IS CRUCIAL TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF
10 TRANSGENDER, GENDER NONCONFORMING, AND INTERSEX PEOPLE, OUR
11 MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THIS FUND WILL ALLOW TGI-
12 LED ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE CRUCIAL SERVICES THAT PROMOTE
13 MENTAL HEALTH, ADDRESS SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND OFFER SUPPORT TO
14 THOSE IN NEED. THE TRANSGENDER, GENDER NONCONFORMING AND
15 INTERSEX COMMUNITY FACES DISPROPORTIONATE BURDEN OF FOOD AND
16 HOUSING INSECURITY. THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE HATE
17 CRIMES, DISCRIMINATION, AND CHALLENGES FINDING EMPLOYMENT.
18 FURTHERMORE, A LACK OF -

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

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23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING, BOARD. BYRON
24 JOSE WITH TRANS LATINA COALITION AND REIMAGINE LA, DISTRICT 2
25 CONSTITUENT. THANK YOU, CHAIR, FOR UPLIFTING THE NEEDS OF TGI



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1 COMMUNITIES, AS WELL AS ALL THE OTHER OFFICES AND THEIR BUDGET
2 DEPUTIES, THEIR CHAIRS, FOR ENGAGING WITH OUR COMMUNITIES AS
3 WE UPLIFT OUR PRIORITIES. THE CEO'S CONCERNS ARE AB 2118,
4 RIGHT, DGO CONSENT DECREE AND THE ONGOING SETTLEMENTS AND
5 PAYOUTS TO THE SHARED DEPARTMENT AND PROBATION. AND YET THE
6 CEO'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET CONTINUES TO INVEST BILLIONS AND
7 BILLIONS IN DOLLARS ON THE SHARED DEPARTMENT, PROBATION
8 DEPARTMENT, AND THE COUNTY CARCERAL SYSTEMS. RD, CFCI, EQUITY
9 AND CONTRACTING, HOUSING FUNDING, TIME AND TIME AGAIN WE
10 CONTINUE TO SEE TRANSGENDER EXPENSIVE AND IN EXCESS
11 COMMUNITIES CONTINUE TO BE LEFT OUT. MS. DAVENPORT, WE ASK YOU
12 TO MEET WITH TGI COMMUNITIES TO ENSURE THAT WE MAKE IT TO THE
13 TOP OF YOUR PRIORITY LIST. PLEASE CONTINUE TO MAKE SURE THAT
14 THE CARE COORDINATION FOR COMMUNITIES ARE BEING TAKEN CARE OF
15 AND NOT JUST HARM AND CRIMINALIZATION. THANK YOU.

16
17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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19 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BRIAN BONDS. I'M
20 A RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AS WELL AS I'M A GRADUATE OF
21 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS. SO OF COURSE
22 I WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT YOU CONTINUE TO FUND THE ARTS AND
23 PROGRAMS AND PARKS BUT MORE SPECIFICALLY TO ECHO SOME OF MY
24 PREVIOUS SPEAKERS, WHEN WE WERE LOOKING AT VISION ZERO, THIS
25 IS A PLAN THAT YOU GUYS HAVE REALLY LOOKED INTO AND THE



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1 FUNDING OF IT IS NOT THAT MUCH AND THE RESULTS OF IT ARE
2 TREMENDOUS. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU GUYS TO LOOK AT A
3 PLAN THAT HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED WELL IN HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY
4 WHERE THEY HAVE SEEN AN ELIMINATION OF THEIR PEDESTRIAN AND
5 THEIR BICYCLE DEATHS. SO, IF THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU
6 GUYS TO SPEND A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY AND GET A LARGE RETURN,
7 VISION ZERO IS IT. AND WE CANNOT BE SHONE OUT BY HOBOKEN, NEW
8 JERSEY.

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EMMA MORQUECHO. I'M A
14 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1. I'M THE MANAGER OF WELLNESS PROGRAMS
15 AT THE TRANS LATINA COALITION FOR LA AND EL MONTE SITE. I'M
16 HERE TO SPEAK TODAY FOR THOSE SISTERS AND BROTHERS WHO DON'T
17 HAVE A VOICE. WE ARE HUMANS THAT AT AN EARLY AGE, WE HAVE BEEN
18 HURT MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY. AS TRANS PEOPLE, WE
19 HAVE TO LEARN TO THRIVE AND BE RESILIENT BECAUSE WE HAVE NO
20 CHOICE. I AM LATINA, I AM A TRANS WOMAN, I AM A SURVIVOR OF
21 HATE CRIMES, I AM AN IMMIGRANT, I AM A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN
22 PUSHED ASIDE, I'VE BEEN DISCRIMINATED, I'VE BEEN TOLD I DON'T
23 DESERVE, AND I'M STILL HERE STANDING TODAY FIGHTING FOR
24 VISIBILITY, ACCEPTANCE, EQUITY AND INCLUSION. AND REMEMBER,
25 IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. WE ARE HUMAN FIRST, THEN WE ARE TRANS



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1 PEOPLE. PLEASE INVEST IN OUR LIVES BY APPROVING THE \$7,000,000
2 BUDGET FOR THE TGI SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

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

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7 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS DIAMOND CRUZ AND I'M A PARTICIPANT
8 WITH THE TRANS LATINO CORRELATION ADVOCATING FOR THE TGI 24
9 \$7,000,000 WELLNESS EQUITY AND CARE. THE REENTRY PROGRAM HAS
10 BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN SUPPORTING ME UPON MY RELEASE FROM
11 PRISON. THROUGH ITS COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES AND RESOURCES, I
12 HAVE RECEIVED GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MY
13 LIFE, ENABLING ME TO SUCCESSFULLY REINTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.
14 THE PROGRAM HAS HELPED ME SECURE STABLE HOUSING, FIND
15 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND DEVELOP ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS.
16 ADDITIONALLY, IT HAS PROVIDED ME WITH ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL
17 AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING, WHICH HAS EXPANDED MY CAREER
18 PROSPECTS. THE REENTRY PROGRAM HAS ALSO CONNECTED ME WITH A
19 SUPPORTIVE NETWORK AND MENTORS AND PEERS WHO UNDERSTAND THE
20 CHALLENGES I FACE AND OFFER VALUABLE ENCOURAGEMENT AND
21 GUIDANCE. OVERALL, THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN A VITAL LIFELINE IN MY
22 JOURNEY TO REBUILD MY LIFE, OFFERING ME THE NECESSARY TOOLS
23 AND SUPPORT TO ACHIEVE PERSONAL GROWTH AND BECOME A PRODUCT OF
24 SOCIETY, A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY AGAIN. THANK YOU, HAVE
25 A NICE DAY.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE NOW GOING TO GO
3 BACK TO SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE. MODERATOR, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ANOTHER REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
6 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEMS 1 AND 2, IF YOU
7 HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE
8 PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, WILL WE HAVE THE NEXT
9 SPEAKER PLEASE?

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11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GARRETT MILLER. HE MAY
12 BEGIN.

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14 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS GARRETT MILLER. I AM A DEPUTY
15 PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS'
16 UNION, REPRESENTING ALL ATTORNEYS IN OUR OFFICE. I APPRECIATE
17 THE BOARD'S EMPHASIS ON MENTAL HEALTH. IT'S SOMETHING THAT, AS
18 PUBLIC DEFENDERS, WE'RE VERY FAMILIAR WITH. HOWEVER, IT'S ALSO
19 JUST ONE OF MANY REASONS THAT MAKES PRACTICING PUBLIC DEFENSE
20 THE MOST COMPLEX I THINK THAT IT'S EVER BEEN. AND SO, WE WOULD
21 URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST TO
22 ADD ADDITIONAL DPD-4 POSITIONS AS THEY ARE ESSENTIAL TO
23 ENSURING WE REPRESENT OUR CLIENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
24 TIME.

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS THERESE SANAGO. YOU MAY
4 BEGIN.

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6 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS THERESE SANAGO. I AM AN
7 OUTREACH COORDINATOR WITH COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER
8 ENVIRONMENT. WE WORK FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN SOUTHEAST LA
9 AND BLOOMINGTON WITHIN DISTRICT STEWARDED BY SUPERVISOR
10 MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND WE ARE A MEMBER ORGANIZATION
11 OF THE PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT PLUS COALITION. AND TODAY I'M
12 REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD SUPPORT THE PARK'S BUDGET IN FULL.
13 BECAUSE PARKS IN OUR HIGHLY POLLUTED COMMUNITIES ARE CLIMATE
14 RESILIENCE AND SOCIAL STABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE. WHILE RESOURCE
15 PARKS ARE SAFE SPACES FOR ANGELENOS OF ALL AGES TO CONNECT
16 WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, LEARN, EXERCISE, AND FIND
17 RELIEF FROM EXTREME HEAT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO
18 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE, ESPECIALLY FOR OUR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
19 COMMUNITIES.

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS WALTER CADERA. HE MAY
24 BEGIN.

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THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS WALTER CABRERA,
2 OWNER OF THE OPTICAL STOP AND OPTICAL DESTINATION, BRIDGING
3 THE GAP OF HIGH QUALITY OPTICS AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES
4 LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LINWOOD WHERE I WAS BORN AND RAISED.
5 HERE SUPPORTING LA COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS LEGAL AID PUBLIC
6 COUNCIL. THEY HAVE SUPPORTED ME THROUGH MY BUSINESS JOURNEY BY
7 HELPING ME WITH SO MUCH, LOOKING OVER LEGAL DOCUMENTS,
8 INCORPORATING DOCUMENTS, MY BUSINESS STRUCTURE, HELPING ME
9 WITH MY LEASE, AND ALSO AMAZING WEBINARS, BUT BEST OF ALL
10 PROVIDING ME PEACE OF MIND THAT THEY ARE ALWAYS HERE FOR ME
11 AND MY BUSINESS. I CAN TRULY SAY WITHOUT PUBLIC COUNCIL
12 SUPPORT MY BUSINESS WOULD NOT BE HERE. THEY ARE MOST IMPORTANT
13 FOR ALL SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITY SO
14 I TRULY FEEL THAT THEY SHOULD BE SUPPORTED IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE
15 BECAUSE THEY DO SO MUCH FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY.
16 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHRIES. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

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23 **SPEAKER:** OK, NUMBER 1, AIDING AND ABETTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION
24 AND USING THOSE FUNDS FOR THAT IS A CRIME. THANK YOU. NUMBER
25 2, \$38,000,000,000 OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA SPENT ON CLIMATE



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SUPERVISORS

1 COMPENSATION DURING COVID TO PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T QUALIFY FOR IT.
2 AND THEN WE HAVE LOCALLY SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS ALLOWING
3 THE BURNING 3 TIMES OF THE MARTINEZ PROPERTY IN SPIKE OF ROY
4 HUMPHREY'S TELLING THEM THEY NEED TO GET THOSE BUILDINGS DONE
5 AND THEY HAD THE POWER TO DO IT AND THEY FAILED TO DO IT.
6 HENCE WE HAD 3 FIRES. WHO PAID FOR THOSE THAT SHOULD COME OUT
7 OF THE SUPERVISOR'S POCKET SPECIFICALLY? AND THEN THEY
8 CONTINUED, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, RYAN SERRANO IS NO CREDIT TO YOU
9 OR ANYTHING WHAT HE PROJECTED AT THE COORDINATING COUNCIL
10 MEETING REGARDING HOW THAT ARBINE PROPERTY. IT IS SHAMEFUL
11 WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND CRIMINAL THAT YOU SHOULD WRONGFULLY
12 ENDANGER THIS COMMUNITY AND DEGRADE IT AS SUCH. IT'S
13 ABSOLUTELY PATHETIC --

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

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18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALEXANDER LOPEZ. HE MAY
19 BEGIN.

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

22
23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ALEXANDER LOPEZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN, GO
24 AHEAD.



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ALEXANDRA? OKAY, WE'LL GO TO THE
2 NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SHANE YORK YOU MAY BEGIN.

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6 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU EVERYBODY I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF SAFE
7 STREET FOR EVERYONE TO TALK ABOUT THE VISION ZERO. I URGE THE
8 BOARD TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN WITH
9 ONGOING INVESTMENTS IN EXECUTING THE PLAN. JUST IN THE SECOND
10 DISTRICT UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF ABOUT 200,000 PEOPLE,
11 THERE ARE ABOUT 40 TRAFFIC DEATHS EACH YEAR. THE COUNTY HAS A
12 VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN AND 15 OF THE 20 CORRIDORS FOR
13 PEDESTRIAN INJURY AND FATALITIES ARE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT.
14 THE \$7,500,000 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS THAT THEY
15 ARE REQUESTING IS A BARE MINIMUM FOR WHAT IS REQUIRED TO
16 ADDRESS THE TRAFFIC VIOLENCE CRISIS AND IT WILL TAKE MUCH
17 MORE. YET THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET AS 0 DOLLARS DEDICATED TO
18 VISION ZERO IS INADEQUATE. IF THE COUNTY WANTS TO ELIMINATE
19 PEDESTRIAN DEATHS AND FATALITIES BY 2035 THEN THE DEPARTMENT
20 OF PUBLIC WORKS NEEDS A FULL TEAM DEDICATED TO THAT WORK WITH
21 A BUDGET TO MATCH. WE NEED TO INVEST A LOT MORE IN DIVISION
22 ZERO AND PROGRAMS LIKE IT SO OUR KIDS, FAMILIES AND
23 COMMUNITIES CAN ENJOY OUR SIDEWALKS AND STREETS WITH COMFORT
24 AND SAFETY. THANK YOU.



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SUPERVISORS

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

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3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CRUZ LYRUS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** CRUZ, ARE YOU THERE? CRUZ LYRUS?

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7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE LINE IS OPEN.

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9 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** CRUZ? OKAY, WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT
10 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS AHMED NOURZEH. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

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15 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS
16 AHMED NOURZEH, AND I AM CALLING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANTS
17 OF LOS ANGELES COALITION. I REPRESENT AFGHAN-AMERICAN MUSLIM
18 OUTREACH, SERVING THE AFGHAN COMMUNITY, AND LA DISTRICT 3
19 SUPERVISOR HORVATH. IMMIGRANTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE
20 PROMINENT, PART OF THIS COUNTY, AND ONE THAT CANNOT BE
21 OVERLOOKED WHEN IT COMES TO THE PROBLEMS OF OUR COMMUNITY
22 CASES OR SOLUTIONS, WE CAN ALL PUT IN PLACE. A COUNTY
23 SUPERVISOR MUST RESPOND TO THE [INAUDIBLE] AND INCLUDE
24 IMMIGRANTS BECAUSE WE ARE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THEIR
25 CONTINGENCY. WE CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO THIS COMMUNITY WHETHER



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SUPERVISORS

1 THROUGH TAX REVENUES AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES OR THROUGH POLICY
2 IDEAS AND THAT CAN HELP THIS COUNTY SOLVE TRULY BIG PROBLEMS.
3 OUR RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS BASED ON OUR
4 UNDERSTANDING THAT DESPITE OUR PRIORITIES BEING MOSTLY LEFT
5 OUT OF THIS, WE MUST --

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

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10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JESSICA ESTES. YOU MAY
11 BEGIN.

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13 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M JESSICA ESTES AND SD3. AND I JUST LISTENED TO
14 THIS BOARD SAY THE BUDGET REFLECTS OUR VALUES AND WE HOPE
15 STATE CUTS DON'T REQUIRE LAYOFF. THAT'S WILD BECAUSE WE KNOW
16 DEPARTMENTS LIKE PROBATION AND LSLASD. THAT ACTIVELY HARM OUR
17 COMMUNITIES GET TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR BULLSHIT
18 PROGRAMS LIKE HOST, OPEN POSITIONS THAT WILL NEVER BE FILLED
19 AND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN FUNDING THAT INCREASES YEARLY. WE
20 DON'T TALK ABOUT CUTTING POLICING BUT CRUCIAL SERVICES LIKE
21 MENTAL HEALTH, HOUSING SUPPORT, YOUTH SUPPORT AND NOW THIS
22 SPECTER OF COUNTY LAYOFFS. THIS IS GASLIGHTING. I URGE YOU TO
23 WORK HARDER TO FIND THE FULL FUNDING FOR CARE FOR SERVICES
24 THAT VOTERS VOTED FOR IN 2020. THANK YOU.

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SUPERVISORS

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

2

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

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6 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS FROM DISTRICT 3 AND
7 JUSTICE LA. OUR MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND, THE JUSTICE LA COALITION
8 STOOD WITH MOTHERS WHO LOST THEIR LOVED ONES WHILE IN CUSTODY.
9 AND UPON GATHERING OUTSIDE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND TWIN
10 TOWERS, WE WERE MET WITH DEPUTIES IN RIOT GEAR COVERING UP
11 THEIR NAME TAGS AND THREATENED US WITH CITATIONS AND POTENTIAL
12 DETENTION. AND WITH THE \$4,000,000,000 BUDGET, THIS IS HOW THE
13 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS USING ITS RESOURCES TO INTIMIDATE
14 GRIEVING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN ON A SATURDAY AFTERNOON. SO,
15 CONTINUING TO FUND LASD AT THIS RATE EACH YEAR DOES NOTHING
16 FOR ACCOUNTABILITY. A CARE FIRST BUDGET MEANS INCREASED DATA
17 TRANSPARENCY, INVESTMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, FUNDING SMALL
18 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND EXPANDING THE DIVERSION
19 PROGRAMS THAT WE ALREADY KNOW WORK. OTHERWISE, WE'RE NOT GONNA
20 BE ABLE TO MAKE GOOD ON THIS BOARD'S PROMISE, WHICH IS CLOSING
21 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND THE CARE FIRST JAIL, LAST LOS ANGELES.
22 THANK YOU.

23

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

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARIO AMORO, I BELIEVE JUST
2 ONE MOMENT ONE MOMENT PLEASE OKAY MARIO YOUR LINE IS OPEN GO
3 AHEAD PLEASE

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARIO MORAL. I'M A LACK
6 OF SOCCER PROVIDER IN LA COUNTY I URGE THE COMMITTEE TO
7 CONTINUE FUNDING THE PUBLIC COUNCIL ON ITEMS NUMBER 2 THEY ARE
8 A PILLAR TO OUR COMMUNITY ESPECIALLY AS AN INDUSTRY THAT
9 DOESN'T FOCUS MORE ON REVENUE BUT CHANGING LIVES. ALSO TO
10 EXPAND THE EXPANSION OF THE CALFRESH PROGRAM FOR CHILD CARE
11 PROVIDERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HAVE A NICE DAY.

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KAREN VILLANUEVA. YOU MAY
16 BEGIN.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** I JUST WANT TO SAY PERSONALLY FOR MYSELF THAT THE
19 SPORTS PROGRAMS ARE BENEFICIAL TO OUR COMMUNITY KIDS. I MYSELF
20 HAVE KIDS THAT HAVE ALL SHOWED INTEREST IN PLAYING SPORTS. MY
21 KIDS HAVE CURRENTLY BEEN DOING EVERY SPORT AVAILABLE TO THEM
22 AND ARE GROWING EXCEPTIONALLY AND ENJOYING MAKING NEW FRIENDS
23 WITH THEIR KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY. I HAVE MET A LOT OF PARENTS
24 IN THESE SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN GRATEFUL TO
25 BE ABLE TO FIND THESE SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTY PARKS



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1 THAT IT HAS BEEN BENEFICIAL TO KEEP THEIR KIDS BUSY AND
2 MOTIVATED RATHER THAN BEING ON THE STREETS. IT'S ALSO
3 BENEFICIAL AT THE AFFORDABLE PRICE. THANK YOU.

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5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW GO BACK TO
8 SPEAKERS IN PERSON. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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10 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CYNTHIA MESA. I AM
11 THE LEGAL CLINIC ASSISTANT AT THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION IN
12 SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES. I WAS INCARCERATED AS A JUVENILE
13 AND I MUST SAY I DO NOT SEE THE CARE YOUR DEPARTMENT SPEAKS OF
14 WHEN IT COMES TO THE FUTURES OF OUR YOUTH. BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS, YOU HAVE STATED THAT CDCR AND SHERIFF'S CONTRACTS
16 ARE ALREADY PROMISED AND CLOSING THE FACILITIES WILL NOT FREE
17 UP MONEY. I'M PRETTY SURE YOU WERE ALL AWARE OF CANCELING A
18 CONTRACT DUE TO BREACH OF CONTRACT. CDCR, PROBATION, SHERIFFS
19 HAVE ALL CLEARLY AND REPEATEDLY BROKE THEIR OATH BY VIOLATING
20 CIVILIAN CIVIL RIGHTS. IF YOUR OFFICE STOPPED PAYING MILLIONS
21 IN LAWSUITS THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO
22 REPEATEDLY COST THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ALSO STOP
23 APPROVING PAY INCREASES FOR OFFICERS THAT DO NOT SHOW UP TO
24 WORK OR ARE PHYSICALLY AND SEXUALLY ABUSING OUR YOUTH OR THOSE
25 THAT ARE HELPING KEEP IT AWAY FROM THE PUBLIC, I'M PRETTY SURE



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SUPERVISORS

1 THAT WOULD HELP THE COUNTY'S BUDGET. THANK YOU.

2

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING, ESTEEMED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

6 MY NAME IS JOALA WALLACE AND I AM WITH THE TRANS LATINA

7 COALITION. I AM A PEER NAVIGATOR AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES

8 DISTRICT 3. I AM HERE TO SUPPORT THE WELLBEING AND THE EQUITY

9 OF THE TGNU 2024 CARE. WE ARE DEMANDING THAT YOU INVEST IN THE

10 BUDGET, \$7,000,000 FOR OUR TRANS COMMUNITY AND GENDER-

11 EXPENSIVE INTERSEXUAL. WE ASK THE SUPERVISORY BOARD FOR

12 SUPPORT IN DESIGNING FUNDS FOR THE CONTRIBUTION OF CARE AND

13 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND FOR OUR MEMBERS

14 AND CLIENTS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PART OF THE COUNTY OF LOS

15 ANGELES. AND WE ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE INVEST

16 IN OUR TRANSGENDER COMMUNITIES AND THE LIVES TO BETTER THE

17 LIVES OF OUR TRANSGENDER COMMUNITIES.

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

20 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** HI LADIES. HOW ARE WE DOING TODAY? HAPPY MOTHER'S

23 DAY. YOU ALREADY KNOW ME. I'M MS. LORETTA LORRAINE. AND LET'S

24 KEEP IT REAL. LIKE SHE SAID OVER THERE, I LOVE REALNESS. I'M

25 OLD SCHOOL. BUT ANYWAY, REJECTION IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE IN



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SUPERVISORS

1 OUR COMMUNITY. AND WE GOT, I KNOW ABOUT REJECTIONS BECAUSE
2 I'VE BEEN REJECTED ALL MY LIFE. I STARTED IN 1968, I'M AN OG.
3 BUT REJECTION ALWAYS IS GOING ON. AND THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO
4 MAKE FUNDS FOR ALL THIS ORGANIZATION, FOR TRAN LATINA, ALSO TO
5 HELP OUR COMMUNITY TO KEEP THEM OFF THE STREETS AND KEEP THEM
6 ALIVE. THERE'S CHILDREN BEING KILLED EVERY DAY, EVERY DAY
7 BECAUSE WHO THEY ARE. THEY CANNOT LIVE THEIR LIFE. THEY WANT
8 TO BE WHO THEY ARE. AND WE GOT TO MAKE PLACES, MENTAL HEALTH,
9 TO HELP THEM TO KEEP THEM OFF THE STREETS, TO GIVE THEM OFF
10 DRUGS, AND ALSO TO HAVE THOSE COMMUNITIES, YOUNG LADIES THAT
11 WORK FOR THE COMMUNITY PATRE LATINAS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
12 TO KEEP THEM GOING AND TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN LIVING AND ALIVE.
13 YOU ARE ALL MOTHERS IN MOTHER'S DAY, HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY AND
14 KEEP OUR PEOPLE ALIVE.

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

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19 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS YESENIA
20 CUSH. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANTS RLA. I'M ORIGINALLY
21 FROM GUATEMALA. I AM A NATIVE MAYAN INDIGENOUS WOMAN, AND I'M
22 A CONSTITUENT OF DISTRICT NUMBER 2. IMMIGRANTS ARE AN
23 INDELIBLE, PROMINENT PART OF THIS COUNTY, ONE THAT CANNOT BE
24 OVERLOOKED WHEN IT COMES TO THE PROBLEMS OUR COMMUNITY FACES.
25 IMMIGRANTS CONTRIBUTED TREMENDOUSLY TO OUR COUNTY. IN 2019, WE



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SUPERVISORS

1 CONTRIBUTED NEARLY \$11,000,000,000 IN LOCAL STATE TAXES AND
2 ALMOST \$84,000,000,000 IN SPENDING POWER. BUT WE GET THE LIST
3 WHEN IT COMES TO THE COUNTY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS. DURING THE
4 COVID-19, WE WERE ESSENTIALS. WE WILL NOT BE DISPENSABLE NOW
5 THAT THE COUNTY FACES BUDGET CUTS. COUNTY SUPERVISORS MUST
6 RESPOND TO AND INCLUDE IMMIGRANTS BECAUSE WE ARE A SIGNIFICANT
7 PART OF THEIR CONSTITUENCY. OUR RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDED
8 BUDGET IS BASED ON OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT DESPITE OUR
9 PRIORITIES BEING MOSTLY LEFT OUT OF IT, WE MUST CONTINUE TO
10 ENGAGE IN THE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY -

11
12 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
13 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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15 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TERI
16 J. RECENTLY AND FORMALLY THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR OF THE READ
17 AND CHEW PROGRAM WITH TRANS-LATINO COALITION. I AM NOW THE
18 PROGRAM MANAGER FOR THE HOUSING PROGRAMS WITH TRANS LATINO
19 COLLISION. WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND INVESTMENT OF
20 \$7,000,000 OF THE TGI WELLNESS EQUITY AND CARE OF 2024. AND
21 CARE OF 2024. THIS MEANS AND THIS INCLUDES WORKFORCE
22 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS, ALSO WITH HOUSING
23 AND SUBSTANCE USE FACILITY FOR OUR TGI POPULATION. OUR PRIMARY
24 CONCERN AT THE MOMENT RIGHT NOW AS A PROVIDER WORKING FOR TGI,
25 THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING, FACED, AND AT RISK FOR



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SUPERVISORS

1 HOMELESSNESS AND LIVING ON THE STREET. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE
2 ARE HOUSING OUR TGI POPULATION FOR SAFE HOUSING SO THEY CAN
3 GAIN ACCESS TO SUCCESSFUL LIVING, WORKFORCE, EMPLOYMENT,
4 HEALTHCARE, AND ON AND ON AND ON. TGI, OUR IMPORTANT --

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

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9 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M DONALD HARLAN. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA
10 ITEMS NUMBER 1 AND 2 AND GENERAL COMMENT. CONCERNING 1,
11 MEASURE J, MEASURE J DOESN'T EXIST. THERE'S NO MONEY FOR THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. THERE'S TO BE NO PAYMENTS TO
13 FAMILIES PROGRAM. THERE'S NO TAX ROLL SPENDING OF LEFTOVERS.
14 AND THERE'S NO TAX ROLL SPENDING OF SAVINGS. THERE'S NO
15 FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. THERE'S NO
16 FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS. ON NUMBER 2, THE COUNTY ASSESSOR.
17 BOY, WE GOT A BIG PROBLEM WITH HIM. HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT
18 PAYS FOR WHAT, FEDERAL, STATE, PROPERTY TAXES OR WHATEVER.
19 HEY, WHAT'S FEDERAL PROPERTY TAX? WHAT'S STATE FEDERAL
20 PROPERTY TAX? WHAT'S COUNTY FEDERAL? HE DOESN'T EVEN
21 [EXPLETIVE] KNOW. EXCUSE ME.

22

23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SECOND WARNING.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** ABOUT USC, YEAH, THAT'S SOME CRAP HE MADE UP ABOUT



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SUPERVISORS

1 BRUCE'S BEACH AND CHAVEZ RAVINE. YOU GOT TO GO AFTER HIM JUST
2 FOR THAT.

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

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARIA
8 CASILLAS. I AM FORMERLY INCARCERATED FIRST GENERATION
9 IMMIGRANT WITH PRIDE AND TRUTH YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION,
10 REENTRY HEALTH ADVISORY COLLABORATIVE, THE RAC, AND RE-
11 IMAGINE LA COALITION. AS A CONSTITUENT OF LA COUNTY, I WALK IN
12 SOLIDARITY WITH ALL UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, NORTHEAST LA AREA
13 AND SOUTH CENTRAL LA. WHEN I SEE, WHERE I SEE DAY TO DAY BASIS
14 THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THAT OUR YOUTH FACE, A HUGE DEMAND IS YES
15 TO ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND NO TO INCARCERATION.
16 VIDEO FOOTAGE DOES NOT LIE. PROBATION HAS VIOLATED YOUTH
17 SAFETY AND HUMAN RIGHTS BY CREATING FIGHTS. LIKE MY HAT SAYS,
18 AIN'T NO HOOD LIKE MOTHERHOOD. LET'S SAVE OUR FUTURE
19 GENERATIONS. HOLD PROBATION ACCOUNTABLE. RELEASE MEASURE J
20 FUNDING COMPLETELY TO COMMUNITY FIRST AND NOT JAILS. LET'S
21 INVEST IN OUR FUTURE GENERATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
24 SERVICE ON THE COMMITTEES. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LUZ CASTRO. I LIVE IN
2 SOUTHEAST LA AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING INCLUSIVE ACTION FOR
3 THE CITY AND IMMIGRANTS RLA. I'M HERE TO AGAIN SAY THAT WE
4 REMAIN COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT THE COUNTY UPHOLDS OUR
5 BUDGET PRIORITIES IN HOUSING, LANGUAGE ACCESS, WORKER JUSTICE,
6 AND SOCIAL SAFETY NET. I SPECIFICALLY WANNA HIGHLIGHT THE NEED
7 FOR STRONGER SOCIAL SAFETY NET FOR UNDOCUMENTED SENIORS THAT
8 ARE AT THE AGE OF 60 AND OLDER. BY 2030, DATA SHOWS THAT
9 SENIORS WILL BE 28%, 28% OF LA COUNTY'S POPULATION. AND
10 BECAUSE MANY OF THEM IN OUR COMMUNITY LIVE FULLY UNDOCUMENTED,
11 THEY DO NOT QUALIFY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY OR CAPI FOR THAT
12 MATTER. WHILE WE APPRECIATE ALL THE INVESTMENTS TO SUPPORT
13 SENIORS AND WE FULLY SUPPORT THE ADDITIONAL \$2,500,000 FOR GBI
14 FOR FOSTER YOUTH. WE ASK THE COUNTY TO EXPAND GBI FOR
15 UNDOCUMENTED SENIORS THAT DON'T HAVE A STRONG SAFETY NET AS
16 THEY'RE REACHING RETIREMENT. THANK YOU.

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

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20 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS ERICA MOSLEY. I REPRESENT THE TRANS-
21 LATINA COALITION. I'M A MEMBER OF THE REENTRY PROGRAM. I WAS
22 INCARCERATED AS A YOUTH, AND I DID THE HARD WORK OF
23 REHABILITATING AND CHANGING WHO I WAS AS A PERSON. AND THE
24 TRANS-LATINA COALITION SUPPORTED ME THROUGHOUT MY TIME AND
25 THEN UPON BEING RELEASED. AND THEY DO A LOT TO SUPPORT ME AND



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1 THE TRANS COMMUNITY AS FAR AS FOOD AND HOUSING AND CLOTHING,
2 JUST DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES, ANYTHING THAT THEY CAN, BUT WE
3 NEED MORE. AND SO, I ASK THAT YOU INVEST THE \$7,000,000 FOR
4 THE TGI WELLNESS, THE EQUITY AND THE CARE. WE'RE JUST, WE'RE
5 HUMAN BEINGS AND WE'RE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF WHO WE
6 ARE. AND THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE. AND SO, WE ASK THAT YOU CREATE
7 MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US BY APPROVING THESE FUNDS OR THIS
8 INVESTMENT. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS KIANA TYSON, AND I'M A MEMBER OF
13 THE 4TH DISTRICT, AN EMPLOYEE OF BRILLIANT CORNERS AND A
14 MEMBER OF REIMAGINE LA. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, I AM A
15 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN. WE
16 ARE IN NEED. WE NEED A PROMISE OF CARE FIRST AND JAILS LAST. I
17 KEEP HEARING ABOUT THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE MEANT TO HELP OUR
18 MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION, BUT HOW IS THAT WHEN THE PROGRAMS
19 ARE ACTUALLY HELP OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION ARE BEING
20 CUT? THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT GET OVER \$4,000,000,000 IN
21 FUNDING. CFCI HAS ONLY ALLOCATED \$500,000,000 OF THE 10%
22 PROMISE. I THE BOARD TO ALLOCATE \$900,000,000 TO CFCI. WE WANT
23 MORE FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND WE WANT WHAT WE WERE PROMISED. SO,
24 I LEAVE YOU WITH THIS QUESTION. WHEN WILL YOU FINALLY COMMIT
25 TO THE PEOPLE AND NOT THE INSTITUTIONS THAT HOLD THEM DOWN?



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE NOW GOING TO GO
3 BACK TO CALLERS ON THE LINE. GO AHEAD MODERATOR.

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS AMANDA RAMOS. YOU MAY
6 BEGIN.

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8 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS AMANDA RAMOS. I AM CURRENTLY
9 REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION. I AM
10 A DEDICATED DOCENT AND SECRETARY FOR THE GROUP. I AM ASKING
11 YOU TODAY TO PLEASE ENSURE THAT WE HAVE LONG-STANDING
12 COMMITMENT TO PARKS AND RECREATION, AS MANY OTHERS MENTIONED
13 PREVIOUSLY ON THE CALL, THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
14 KEEPING OUR PARKS AND RECREATION OPEN, NOT ONLY TO ENCOURAGE
15 OUR COMMUNITIES TO ENGAGE AND COLLABORATE TOGETHER, BUT ALSO
16 TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIVERSE GROUPS TO
17 WORK TOGETHER ON CREATING NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENSURING THAT
18 THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THESE 3 ENVIRONMENTS THAT DRIVE COMMUNITY
19 HEALTH. SO PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU CONTINUE TO FUND THESE
20 PROGRAMS AND WE APPRECIATE YOU GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO
21 RESPOND AND REVIEW TODAY. I WISH THE BEST TO THE BOARD IN
22 DEALING WITH SOME OF THESE DIFFICULT CHALLENGES AND SITUATIONS
23 AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE CONTINUED REVIEW OF FUNDING FOR THE
24 ORGANIZATION. THANK YOU.

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SUPERVISORS

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

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3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANGEL TURNER. YOU MAY
4 BEGIN.

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

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8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ANGEL TURNER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. GO AHEAD,
9 PLEASE.

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ANGEL TURNER.

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13 **SPEAKER:** MY APOLOGY. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?

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

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18 **SPEAKER:** I'M JUST LISTENING. YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND MOVE
19 FORWARD. I'M JUST TAKING ALL OF THIS IN BUT THANK YOU.

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

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22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SUE CALDERON. YOU MAY
23 BEGIN.

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25 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SUSIE CALDERON



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SUPERVISORS

1 AND I HAVE LIVED IN [INAUDIBLE] HILLS FOR 12 YEARS. IT'S PART
2 OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREA IN SPA ONE. I RECENTLY JOINED THE
3 POWER BLAST ON 130 SAFE BOATS INITIATIVE TEAM TO SHED LIGHT ON
4 THE INCREASING NUMBER OF MOTOR ACCIDENTS, INJURIES, AND DEATHS
5 ALONG 138, WHICH IS KNOWN AS BLOOD ALLEY, BETWEEN THE 14 AND
6 15 FREEWAYS. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WERE 6 FATALITIES IN 2
7 SEPARATE CAR, RIDING CAR ACCIDENTS ON 138, BUT IN A 24-HOUR
8 PERIOD BETWEEN APRIL 28 AND APRIL 29. IRONICALLY, WE HELD A
9 LISTENING SESSION ON APRIL 26 THAT INCLUDED THE NEW PROJECTS
10 WITH CALTRANS AND VISION 0 PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE SAFE ROADS
11 IN RURAL AREAS IN SPA ONE. WE MET THE WONDERFUL AND EFFECTIVE
12 VISION ZERO TEAM THAT PROPOSED PLANS TO HELP ELIMINATE
13 PEDESTRIAN DEATHS AND MOTORIST ACCIDENTS IN LA COUNTY. WE'RE
14 HOPING TO GO INTO THE NEXT PHASE TO WORK TOGETHER WITH
15 CALTRANS IN LA COUNTY IN REDESIGNING THE ARCHAIC STATE AND
16 COUNTY ROAD LAYOUTS THAT NO LONGER MEET THE SAFE ROADS
17 CRITERIA FOR OUR GROWING RURAL AREAS. WE HAVE A HIGHER NUMBER
18 OF RESIDENTS COMING IN FROM OUR SPOTS --

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

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23 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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25 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANDREW MINNOR. HE MAY



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SUPERVISORS

1 BEGIN.

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3 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ANDREW MINNOR. I AM THE POLICY
4 COORDINATOR WITH ASIAN RESOURCES, INC. WE'RE A PROUD MEMBER OF
5 THE L.A. LANGUAGE JUSTICE COALITION AND SUPPORTER OF
6 IMMIGRANTS RLA. BECAUSE OVER HALF OF L.A. COUNTY'S 10,000,000
7 RESIDENTS SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, AND 2,000,000
8 ARE LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT AND FACE MANY LANGUAGE BARRIERS
9 THROUGH CRITICAL COUNTY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS. WE'RE ASKING
10 THE BOARD TO SUPPORT IRLA'S PRIORITIES TO IMPROVE LANGUAGE
11 ACCESS, WHICH INCLUDE ALLOCATING FUNDING FOR AT LEAST 3 STAFF
12 MEMBERS AND \$500,000 FOR THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS TO
13 ALLOCATE AT LEAST \$5,000,000 FOR LOCAL CBOS TO PROVIDE
14 LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES SUCH AS INTERPRETERS AND
15 TRANSLATORS TO THE COUNTY AS WELL AS \$3,000,000 FOR CAPACITY
16 BUILDING FOR CBOS. AND FINALLY, TO ESTABLISH A LANGUAGE
17 JUSTICE COMMUNITY WORK GROUP TO COLLABORATE WITH OIA AND THE
18 COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT THE LANGUAGE ACCESS POLICY ACROSS ALL OF
19 ITS DEPARTMENTS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
20 SHARE OUR COMMENTS AND WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE SUPPORT LANGUAGE
21 ACCESS AND EQUITY IN OUR COUNTY FOR ALL RESIDENTS. THANK YOU
22 VERY MUCH.

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

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SUPERVISORS

1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RICHARD GOMEZ. YOU MAY
2 BEGIN.

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4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** RICHARD GOMEZ, GO AHEAD.

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6 **SPEAKER:** HI, YES. GOOD MORNING. HI, YES. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME
7 IS RICHARD GOMEZ. I'M AN ADVISOR AT ROSE HILLS. I'VE BEEN PART
8 OF THE COMMUNITY HERE AT SABRE PARK. I JUST WANTED TO COMMENT
9 AND SEE WHY THIS IS EVEN A CONSIDERATION TO TAKE FUNDS FROM
10 THE PARK. I'VE BEEN VOLUNTEERING AT THE PARK FOR A FEW YEARS
11 NOW. I HAVE MY FAMILY THERE, YOU KNOW, I HAVE 3 KIDS SINCE MY
12 16 YEAR OLD WAS 5 YEARS OLD I'VE BEEN TAKING THEM THERE. I
13 DON'T KNOW WHY, YOU KNOW, THIS WOULD EVEN BE CONSIDERED WHEN,
14 YOU KNOW, THERE IS KIDS, YOU KNOW, BEING DISTRACTED WITH OTHER
15 THINGS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY THAT ARE NEGATIVE IMPACTS.
16 AND, YOU KNOW, THIS IS REALLY, THIS IS HEARTBREAKING, YOU
17 KNOW? THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULDN'T EVEN BE CONSIDERED. WE
18 SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE, YOU KNOW, MORE OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES
19 AND THE COMMUNITY GET INVOLVED WHEN THESE HEARINGS ARE A
20 LITTLE BIT MORE DIFFICULT FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO BE INVOLVED IN.
21 BUT THAT'S ALL I REALLY HAVE TO SAY, YOU KNOW, I APPRECIATE
22 YOUR TIME. THANK YOU.

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



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SUPERVISORS

1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALEXANDRIA LOPEZ. YOU MAY
2 BEGIN.

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4 **SPEAKER:** HELLO.

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6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** HELLO. GO AHEAD, ALEXANDRIA.

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8 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALEXANDRA. I'M CALLING
9 ON BEHALF OF ACTIVE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. WE'RE A LOCAL
10 NONPROFIT DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING A MORE SUSTAINABLE,
11 EQUITABLE AND LIVABLE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. I'M CALLING TODAY TO
12 URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THE ACTION PLAN WITH ONGOING
13 INVESTMENT IN EXECUTING THE PLAN. THE \$7,500,000 IS REQUESTING
14 AS A BARE MINIMUM FOR WHAT IS REQUIRED TO ADDRESS THE TRAFFIC
15 VIOLENCE CRISIS. AND THIS WILL TAKE MUCH MORE, YET THE
16 RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS THAT \$0 DEDICATED TO VISION ZERO. IF THE
17 COUNTY WANTS TO ELIMINATE PEDESTRIAN DEATHS AND FATALITIES BY
18 2035, THEN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NEEDS A FULL TEAM
19 DEDICATED TO THAT WORK AND A BUDGET TO MATCH.

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

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23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RAVEN CRASS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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25 **SPEAKER:** YES, RAVEN CRASS, CHILD CARE PROVIDER SANTA MONICA.



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1 I'M HERE SUPPORTING PUBLIC COUNSEL FOR LEGAL AID. THEY HAVE
2 BEEN HELPFUL WITH PARENT CONTRACTS, PPP CONTRACTS DURING
3 COVID. THE IDEA ALLOWED TO COMPLY, GRANT PAPERWORK, ISSUES
4 WITH LANDLORDS AND ALLOWING MENTORS TO OPEN A CHILD CARE.
5 STARTING A DIALOGUE OF THE RESOURCES I HAVE REGARDING
6 RESTRAINING ORDERS, PARENTS, CHILD ABUSE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
7 CHILDREN WITH CHALLENGES. AT THE MOMENT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AN
8 ATTORNEY, I WILL HAVE TO PUT \$5,000 IN A RETAINER. THANK YOU.

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

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12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BROOKE LANGEVIN. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

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15 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BROOKE LANGEVIN. I'M THE
16 VICE PRESIDENT OF THE LA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS' UNION, LOCAL
17 148. I'M CALLING IN IN SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER BUDGET.
18 WE ARE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING A WORKLOAD CRISIS IN OUR OFFICE.
19 OUR WORKLOADS ARE DOUBLE THE NATIONAL STANDARDS. WE ARE IN
20 DESPERATE NEED OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND FUNDING IN ORDER TO
21 BE ABLE TO ENACT THE COUNTY'S CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST
22 INITIATIVES. WE ALSO DESPERATELY NEED ADDITIONAL DPD-4
23 POSITIONS TO STEM OUR CURRENT ATTRITION RATES AND GIVE
24 ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION TO OUR CLIENTS WHO ARE FACING THE MOST
25 SERIOUS CHARGES. THANK YOU.



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SUPERVISORS

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SONIA SINGHAL. YOU MAY
5 BEGIN.

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7 **SPEAKER:** HI, BOARD. I AM SONIA SINGHAL, AND I AM CALLING IN IN
8 SUPPORT OF ANY MEASURES THAT SUPPORT THE JESSE OWEN SWIMMING
9 POOL. I'VE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE POOL FOR 2 TO 3 YEARS AND SO
10 HAS MY BROTHER. AND I'M CALLING IN MULTIPLE DIFFERENT VIEWS. I
11 AM ALSO A LICENSED MIDWIFE IN THE CITY OF LA AND THIS POOL
12 SUPPORTS MANY OF MY CLIENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR
13 PARENTS. THIS POOL ALSO, MY BROTHER HAPPENS TO BE
14 SCHIZOPHRENIC AND IT SUPPORTS HIM AND HIS CLASSMATES WHO ALSO
15 USE THE POOL AND IT'S THEIR PRIMARY SOURCE OF EXERCISES. THEY
16 CAN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING ELSE SOCIALLY. THANK YOU, BOARD.

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EDITH CARRILLO. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

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23 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

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



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2 **INTERPRETER:** OH, MY NAME IS EDITH CARRILLO, AND I AM HERE TO
3 SUPPORT ALLOCATION FOR FUNDS FOR HOMELESSNESS AS MY DAUGHTER
4 WAS LEFT OUT IN THE STREETS FOR A LONG TIME, FOR QUITE SOME
5 TIME, AND SO THAT'S WHAT I'M CALLING TO SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

6

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

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9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LUCIA COWELL. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

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12 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M CALLING THE KIDS. FIRST OF ALL, THESE
13 ACTIVITIES FOR OUR PARK IS VERY IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY RIGHT
14 NOW THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH OF OUR KIDS AND YOUTHS ARE IN
15 DANGER. THESE ACTIVITIES THAT THE KIDS SHOW UP RAIN OR SHINE
16 SOLVE A LOT OF PROBLEMS FOR THEM. THEY DE-STRESS THEM. THEY
17 COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR COACHES AND THE COACHES HELP THEM TO
18 UNDERSTAND A LITTLE BIT BETTER OF WHAT'S GOING ON. SO, THEY'RE
19 NOT ONLY A MENTOR IN SHOWING THEM HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
20 SPORTS OR THE WATER ACTIVITIES, THEY ALSO HELP THEM IN OTHER
21 ACTIVITIES WITH THEIR HEALTH. AND MY BABY HAS BEEN THERE SINCE
22 SHE WAS 6. SHE'S ALMOST TURNING INTO A 15-YEAR-OLD GUIDED
23 THROUGH THE PARK AND THIS PARK BEING THE PARK BEING TARGETED
24 RIGHT NOW, IT'S NO FUN, OUR KIDS DON'T EVEN HAVE OPTIONS
25 BECAUSE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WE COME FROM. SO, I DON'T



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1 EVEN THINK THE BOARD SHOULD EVEN CONSIDER CUTTING ANY OF THE
2 ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING THE PARK.

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

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7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS FRANCISCO MORENO. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

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12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
13 FRANCISCO MORENO AND I'M CALLING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE
14 IMMIGRANTS ARE LOS ANGELES COALITION. I REPRESENT COFEM,
15 COUNCIL OF MEXICAN FEDERATIONS. I WORK IN DISTRICT 1.
16 IMMIGRANTS ARE AN INEVITABLE PROMINENT PART OF THIS COUNTY,
17 ONE THAT CANNOT BE OVERLOOKED WHEN IT COMES TO THE PROBLEMS OR
18 COMMUNITY FACES OF THE SOLUTIONS, WE CAN ALL PUT IN PLACE.
19 TODAY, I WILL ADVOCATE FOR LANGUAGE ACCESS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
20 THE LANGUAGE ACCESS PRIORITY IS BEING DEALT WITH SEPARATELY.
21 THE POLICY WAS ONLY APPROVED BY THE SUPERVISORS LAST MONTH,
22 WHICH WAS A BIG WIN FOR IMMIGRANTS. WE WILL CONTINUE
23 MONITORING THE PROCESS AND WE EXPECT TO GIVE DEPARTMENTS
24 FEEDBACK THROUGH THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION GROUP THAT TOPS
25 OUR REQUEST IN THAT AREA. AND THAT DOES NOT DEPEND ON A BUDGET



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1 ALLOCATION. 224 LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN
2 A REGION OF SUCH LANGUAGE DIVERSITY, LANGUAGE ACCESS MUST BE
3 AN EXPLICIT PART OF THE COUNTY BUDGET. WE WILL CONTINUE TO
4 LIVE THIS NEED IN OUR ADVOCACY WITH THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS
5 OFFICES. THANK YOU.

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

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9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SUSAN DE LA ROSA. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

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12 **SPEAKER:** HI, YES. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I AM IN SUPPORT OF
13 STOPPING SPENDING IN GENERAL. I THINK WE SPEND TOO MUCH MONEY
14 ON THERE'S I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING TO COME FROM.
15 SO, WE JUST NEED TO TIGHTEN OUR BELTS AND EVERYBODY ELSE JUST
16 CHIPPING FOR THINGS ON THEIR OWN TO AND GEO ORGANIZATIONS.
17 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. HAVE A NICE DAY.

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

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

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25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, WE'LL NOW GO



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1 TO SPEAKERS IN PERSON.

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3 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE GO RIGHT AHEAD. HELLO, MY NAME IS RICKY
4 ABELES. MY PRONOUNS ARE THEY, THEM, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF
5 DISTRICT 5, AND I'M HERE WITH ARTS FOR LA. I DID WANT TO START
6 BY SAYING I HOPE YOU'LL LISTEN TO MY TGI SIBLINGS BECAUSE WE
7 MATTER AND WE DESERVE TO BE REFLECTED IN THE FINAL BUDGET. I
8 ALSO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR ONGOING
9 SUPPORT OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE AND THE COUNTY CEO FOR
10 PRIORITIZING AN INCREASE FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM.
11 NON-PROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE HAD TO NAVIGATE HISTORIC
12 UNDERCAPITALIZATION, PANDEMIC IMPLICATIONS, AND SO MUCH MORE.
13 NONPROFITS LIKE DESTINATION CRENSHAW, BOSTON COURT, PASADENA,
14 CELEBRATION THEATER, OPHELIA'S JUMP, AND STAY GALLERY. AND NOW
15 WE FACE SIGNIFICANT SETBACKS AT THE CITY AND STATE LEVELS.
16 THIS GRANT PROGRAM IS OFTEN THE ONLY SOURCE OF GENERAL
17 OPERATING SUPPORT FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE AND ARE LED BY
18 PEOPLE OF COLOR. IT IS QUITE LITERALLY A LIFELINE. THANK YOU
19 FOR UNDERSTANDING, AND I HIGHLY, HIGHLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO
20 INCLUDE THIS INCREASE IN THE FINAL BUDGET. THANK YOU.

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

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24 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RITU MAHAJAN, AND I'M A
25 DIRECTING ATTORNEY AT PUBLIC COUNCIL. I GREW UP IN AND I'M A



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1 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 4. I'M REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD CONTINUE
2 FUNDING THE LA REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESS LEGAL AID PROGRAM,
3 WHICH OFFERS FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAININGS TO LOW INCOME
4 ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS, MANY OF WHOM ARE
5 WOMEN, IMMIGRANTS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR. OVER THE LAST 2 YEARS,
6 PUBLIC COUNCIL AND BETSETIC, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEO, HAVE
7 PROVIDED ESSENTIAL LEGAL SERVICES TO HUNDREDS OF LOW-INCOME
8 SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS. THROUGH THIS PROGRAM, WE HAVE DEFENDED
9 BLOCKS OF BUSINESS OWNERS BEING SUED BY SERIAL PLAINTIFFS OVER
10 ALLEGED ADA VIOLATIONS. WE HAVE HELPED COMMERCIAL TENANTS
11 WHOSE RENTS ARE BEING DOUBLED OVERNIGHT AND WHOSE LANDLORDS
12 REFUSE TO MAKE REPAIRS. AND WE HAVE SUPPORTED SMALL BUSINESS
13 OWNERS STRUGGLING WITH CRIPPLING DEBT. WITHOUT FUNDING, THIS
14 PROGRAM WILL END, LEAVING BUSINESS OWNERS IN A LURCH, MANY OF
15 WHOM ARE ON THE BRINK OF HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

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

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18 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS NADIA SEGURA AND I'M
19 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CEDEC LEGAL SERVICES. WE WOULD LIKE TO
20 REQUEST THE BOARD TO CONTINUE THE LA COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS
21 LEGAL AID PROGRAM AND MAINTAIN ITS FUNDING IN ORDER FOR SMALL
22 BUSINESSES TO ACCESS FREE LEGAL REPRESENTATION. THE AMERICAN
23 RESCUE PLAN ACT PRIORITIZES EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO SUPPORT
24 LONG-TERM GROWTH IN THE COMMUNITIES BENEFITED BY ARPA,
25 ASSISTING SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND ENTREPRENEURS WITH THEIR



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1 LEGAL NEEDS ALIGNS WITH ARPA'S MISSION AS LEGAL SERVICES HELP
2 BUSINESSES START, SCALE, AND STAY OPEN FOR THE LONG TERM.
3 FURTHER, THE PROGRAM IS CRITICAL FOR THE SUCCESS OF COUNTLESS
4 OTHER COUNTY INITIATIVES, INCLUDING ECONOMIC MOBILITY, WORKER
5 OWNERSHIP, COMMUNITY, REAL ESTATE OWNERSHIP, STREET VENDING
6 AND MICRO ENTERPRISE HOME KITCHEN OPERATIONS, WHICH SHALL
7 REQUIRE LEGAL ASSISTANCE. WE REQUEST THAT THE PROGRAM BE
8 MAINTAINED THROUGH THE ARPA FUNDING. THE PROGRAM HAS ALREADY
9 HAD A GREAT BENEFIT IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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

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13 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, LA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
14 MATT INOUE AND I'M THE MANAGER OF POLICY AND COMMUNITY
15 ENGAGEMENT WITH THE TRANS LATINAS COALITION. I'M HERE TODAY
16 ALONGSIDE MY TEAM WHO IS NO LONGER HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR THE
17 TGI COMMUNITY. I GO TO WORK EVERY DAY SURROUNDED BY BEAUTIFUL,
18 BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE WHO CONTINUE TO GO THROUGH HARDSHIPS SUCH AS
19 HATE CRIMES, MENTAL HEALTH CRISES, HOUSELESSNESS AND SO MUCH
20 MORE THAT AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO THRIVE, A LOT OF THEM WERE
21 HERE TODAY TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES. TRANS-LED ORGANIZATIONS
22 DO SO MUCH WITH SO VERY LITTLE. THE TRANS LATINA COALITION
23 ADVOCATES FOR MORE RESOURCES FOR CAPACITY BUILDING AND FOR
24 COMMUNITY CARE. MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS
25 LIKE THE TRANS LATINO COALITION, UNIQUE WOMEN'S COALITION,



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1 TRANS CAN WORK, GENDER JUSTICE LA, MAYOR MEMOIRS, AND TGMB
2 PROJECT. AND WE WANT MORE TRANS LED ORGANIZATIONS TO THRIVE.
3 TRANS PEOPLE NEED YOUR HELP AND THEY NEED IT NOW. I LOOK
4 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOUR OFFICES TO MAKE TGI LIVES A
5 PRIORITY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

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9 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS JANET ASANTE AND I'M WELL REPRESENTED
10 BY HOLLY MITCHELL. AND I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ABOUT WHAT
11 HAPPENED THIS PAST WEEKEND, MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND OUTSIDE OF
12 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WE WERE THERE WITH THE MOTHERS WHO HAVE
13 LOST LOVED ONES INSIDE THE JAILS, MOTHERS LIKE TERRI LOVETT,
14 DR. LUCAS, JANICE HAHN, YOU MIGHT REMEMBER SILENCING HER WHEN
15 SHE CAME HERE. BUT WE WERE THERE TO SUPPORT THEM BECAUSE THEY
16 HAVE ALREADY PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE. MOTHER'S DAY WILL NEVER
17 BE THE SAME FOR THEM. THEY HAVE LOST THEIR LOVED ONES INSIDE.
18 SO, FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES TO BE ABLE TO NOT ONLY RESPOND
19 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE EVENT, BUT THEN 15 MINUTES AFTER WE
20 HAD ALREADY RELOCATED ACROSS THE STREET WITH RIOT SHIELDS AND
21 TAPE OVER THEIR NAMES. MEANWHILE, THERE ARE FAMILIES WHO CAN'T
22 GET A CRISIS RESPONSE WHEN THEIR LOVED ONE IS HAVING A MENTAL
23 HEALTH EPISODE AND PEOPLE CAN'T FIND A PLACE FOR DIVERSION
24 WHEN A JUDGE GIVES THEM THAT DIVERSION IN A COURTROOM, THAT IS
25 A PROBLEM WITH FUNDING. WE DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING ALLOCATED IN



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1 THE RIGHT PLACES, AND IT'S UP TO YOU ALL, INCLUDING YOU, FESIA
2 DAVENPORT, TO FIND THAT FUNDING AND PLACE IT IN OUR
3 COMMUNITY'S HANDS. THANK YOU.

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

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7 **SPEAKER:** WHAT'S GOOD? MY NAME'S RED MARTINEZ. THIS SATURDAY,
8 IN PACOIMA TIA CHUCHA'S IS HOSTING ITS 19TH ANNUAL CELEBRATING
9 WORDS FESTIVAL, GIVING OUT 1,300 BOOKS, PROVIDING ART
10 WORKSHOPS, MUSICAL PERFORMANCES, AND THE COMMUNITY THAT HAS
11 BEEN UNDERSERVED AND POLICED FOR GENERATIONS. WE HAVE BEEN
12 ABLE TO CREATE A COMMUNITY OF OVER 200 BOOKS, PROVIDING ART
13 WORKSHOPS, MUSICAL PERFORMANCES, AND THE COMMUNITY THAT HAS
14 BEEN UNDERSERVED IN POLICE FOR GENERATIONS. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE
15 TO CREATE JOY, LOVE, PEACE, AND LIBERATION WITH NO POLICE. WE
16 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROMOTE LITERACY, IMAGINATION, CONNECTION
17 WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. TIA CHUCHA'S SUPPORTS THE BLUEPRINT FOR
18 YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINE BECAUSE ITS UNDERLYING EFFORTS ARE
19 BASED ON CARE FIRST AND NOT POLICE AND PUNISHMENT LAST. THIS
20 DOESN'T MEAN MAKE THE JAIL THE BIGGEST MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER,
21 A MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THIS MEANS FUND THE COMMUNITY
22 INITIATIVES TO BUILD COMMUNITY CENTERS, FAMILY SUPPORT
23 CENTERS, MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS, AND RESOURCES PEOPLE NEED. WE
24 COULD HAVE SPACES WHERE ELDERS CAN COME TOGETHER AND TALK
25 ABOUT HOW TO ORGANIZE THEIR COMMUNITY. AS THE WAY IT STANDS,



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1 IT SEEMS THAT THE STATE WANTS TO LOCK PEOPLE UP RIGHT NOW. TO
2 DETERMINE THEIR OWN FREEDOM.

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

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7 **SPEAKER:** I ECHO BOTH THE LAST 2 SPEAKERS. I'M AN LA COUNTY
8 RESIDENT. DIVEST FROM THE LA COUNTY SHERIFF'S AND PROBATION
9 AND SUPPORT FUNDING FOR ORGANIZATIONS LIKE YOUTH JUSTICE
10 COALITION, THE LAYUP COALITION, REIMAGINE LA AND TRANS-LATINO
11 COALITION. IN THE NAME OF JOHN HORTON AND BRIAN DIAZ, CLOSE
12 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND THE JUVENILE PRISONS. WE STAND ON THE
13 SHOULDERS OF MANY WHO DID SO MUCH MORE WITH SO MUCH LESS. WE
14 RESOLVE TO HONOR THEIR LEGACY AND CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE. MS.
15 DAVENPORT, WE ASK THAT YOU MEET WITH COMMUNITY AND READ THE
16 YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINE REPORT. IT'S REALISTIC, THOUGHTFUL,
17 AND CREATIVE. ACCORDING TO PROBATION CHIEF GUILLERMO VIEIRA
18 ROSA, YOU ARE FUNDING ABUSE, DRUG SMUGGLING, SEXUAL MISCONDUCT
19 WITH YOUTH BY PROBATION OFFICERS, GLADIATOR FIGHTS, AND
20 DISRUPTED EDUCATION, AS WELL AS SEVERED FAMILY CONNECTIONS.
21 REJECT THIS BUDGET. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PASS THIS BUDGET AS
22 IT'S BEEN DELIVERED. IN THE WORDS OF THE GREAT PHILOSOPHER E-
23 40, EVERYBODY GOT CHOICES. MORE MONEY FOR PROBATION AND COPS?
24 NOPE. FULLY FUND YJR? YUP. KEEP MCJ OPEN? NOPE. MOVE
25 \$75,000,000 AWAY FROM PROBATION? YUP.



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

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5 **SPEAKER:** LENA MALLETTE WITH THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND,
6 LAYUP, AND A MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE LA COALITION ADAMANTLY IN
7 OPPOSITION TO THE BUDGET AS WRITTEN. THE EMPTY PROMISES YOU
8 HEARD YESTERDAY FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ARE NOTHING MORE
9 THAN ECHOES FROM YEARS BEFORE AND YOU KNOW THAT. AS THIS YEAR,
10 LIKE SO MANY BEFORE, IT CONTINUES TO BE MARKED BY HEADLINES
11 REVEALING THE DECADES-LONG TERROR, CALCULATED NEGLIGENCE, AND
12 RACIALIZED VIOLENCE THAT HAS GOVERNED THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
13 FOR DECADES, SYSTEMIC HARMS THAT THIS BOARD HAS ACKNOWLEDGED
14 AND PROMISED TO DISMANTLE THROUGH BUILDING OUT COMMUNITY-BASED
15 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES. BUT WHEN WE SEE INCREASED
16 INVESTMENTS, RECORD INVESTMENTS IN THE PROBATION AND SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT, WHEN WE SEE OVER A \$1,000,000 DEDICATED TO THE
18 CAGING OF ONE SINGLE YOUNG PERSON, IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS
19 BOARD'S INTENTION IS TO MAINTAIN A CITY GRIPPED BY CARCERAL
20 SURVEILLANCE. THE BOARD CANNOT EXPECT DYD TO DELIVER ON ALL
21 THAT HAS BEEN ASKED OF THEM WITHOUT INVESTING IN AND BUILDING
22 THEIR CAPACITY. THIS REQUIRES, YES, MORE THAN ONE ADDITIONAL
23 POSITION. IT REQUIRES A REAL FISCAL COMMITMENT AND IT IS
24 REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY.



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

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3 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. OLIVIA SHIELDS WITH URBAN PEACE
4 INSTITUTE, LA UPRISING COALITION AND REIMAGINE LA COALITION. I
5 WAS IN LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL LAST WEEK WITH A GROUP OF 12
6 AND 15 YEAR OLDS. WE DISCUSSED PROBATION'S MASSIVE BUDGET,
7 INCLUDING THE PROPOSED \$439,200,000 JUVENILE BUDGET, WHICH IS
8 A \$36,000,000 INCREASE FROM THE ACTUAL 22, 23 BUDGET. WHEN I
9 TOLD THEM PROBATION SPENDS \$855,215 A YEAR TO INCARCERATE
10 THEM, THESE CHILDREN HAD A FEW IDEAS OF HOW THEY'D WANT TO
11 SPEND THESE DOLLARS INSTEAD. HOUSING THEIR FAMILIES,
12 INVESTMENT TO BUILD WEALTH FOR THEIR FAMILIES, STARTING THEIR
13 OWN BUSINESSES. THESE KIDS WANT THEIR DOLLARS TO GO TO CARE,
14 NOT THEIR INCARCERATION. AND THAT LOOKS LIKE DIVESTING FROM A
15 PROBATION DEPARTMENT THAT INCARCERATES OVERWHELMINGLY BLACK
16 AND BROWN YOUTH WHOSE OFFICERS CONTINUE TO HARM AND MISERABLY
17 FAIL OUR CHILDREN. THAT LOOKS LIKE GRANTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ALL 59 REQUESTED POSITIONS PAID FOR FROM
19 THEIR EXISTING BUDGET RATHER THAN JUST ONE TO COMPLETE THE
20 MASSIVE TASK OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINE IMPLEMENTATION. THAT
21 INCLUDES CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, ALLOCATING THE CHAIR'S
22 RIDICULOUS \$4,000,000,000 BUDGET TO HOUSING, IMPROVE PUBLIC
23 SERVICES, AND FULLY FUNDING CARE FOR HIS COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
24 AT \$900,000,000.

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

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3 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TYREEK
4 SHIPP AND I'M WITH THE ANTI-RESIDIVISM COALITION. EVEN WITH
5 THE STATE DEFICIT AND BUDGET AND ALL THE BUDGET CUTS THAT'S
6 GOING ON, WE STILL NEED TO DOUBLE DOWN AND INVEST IN OUR
7 YOUTH. WE GOT A WHOLE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT THAT
8 REQUESTED 59 POSITIONS, AND SO FAR, ONLY RECEIVED ONE. AND WE
9 NEED TO INVEST IN THAT BECAUSE WE NEED TO INVEST IN OUR YOUTH.
10 AND IT DOESN'T START FROM WHEN THEY GO TO JAIL OR WHEN THEY
11 ENTER OUR JUVENILE SYSTEM, BUT IT STARTS FROM WHEN THEY'RE
12 BORN. WHEN THEY GO TO THESE SCHOOLS, WE SHOULDN'T CONTINUE TO
13 INVEST INSIDE OF HALLS AND CAMPS ONLY, BUT REALLY INVEST INTO
14 OUR YOUTH, OUR CREDIBLE MESSENGERS, OUR YES TEAMS, DIVERSION,
15 GETTING THEM OUT OF THESE PLACES AND GETTING THEM INTO MORE
16 BETTER PLACES. I'M SOMEBODY WHO COME FROM SD2, AND AS YOU
17 KNOW, THAT'S SOUTH CENTRAL AREA. SOMEBODY INVESTED IN ME, AND
18 I'M PROOF THAT IF WE INVEST IN OUR YOUTH, WE CAN BE FULLY
19 DEVELOPED. I'M A COLLEGE GRADUATE NOW BECAUSE OF THAT. I'M NOT
20 FORMERLY INCARCERATED BECAUSE OF THAT. BUT IF SOMEONE DIDN'T
21 INVEST IN ME, THEN I WOULD BE EXACTLY WHERE YOU, THESE OTHER
22 KIDS ARE INSIDE OF OUR JUVENILE SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS GIOVANNI HERNANDEZ
2 WITH THE ANTI-RECIVITANT COALITION. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON THE
3 BUDGET AND FOCUS ON OUR YOUTH FUTURE. I'D LIKE TO EMPHASIZE
4 THAT \$855,000 ARE USED TO INCARCERATE ONE YOUTH PER YEAR. THAT
5 TRANSLATES TO PUTTING 6 KIDS THROUGH FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE AT
6 UCLA. AS A YOUNG KID, AT 13 YEARS OLD, IT WAS MY DREAM TO GO
7 TO UCLA. THOSE DREAMS WERE DEFERRED BECAUSE I WAS AT 14 YEARS
8 OLD, WAS ARRESTED FOR A CRIME THAT I DID NOT COMMIT. I SERVED
9 17 YEARS. I'M PROUD TO SAY NOW THAT I WAS RECENTLY ACCEPTED
10 INTO UCLA. I WILL BE STARTING IN A COUPLE MONTHS. AND WHAT I
11 WANNA EMPHASIZE IS PUTTING, LIKE TYREEK SAID, YOU KNOW,
12 PUTTING INVESTING IN OUR KIDS' FUTURE SO THAT THEIR DREAMS AS
13 A KID CAN BE REALIZED AND BE A REALITY AND NO LONGER FANTASY.
14 THAT WAY THESE FUNDS COULD BE USED TO BE INVESTED IN OUR KIDS'
15 FUTURE AND BE USED WISELY AND NOT TO JUST BE THROWN AWAY LIKE
16 WE SEE NOWADAYS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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20 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SAUL
21 CAMPOS, AND I AM A YOUTH ADVOCATE WITH THE ANTI-RECIVEDISM
22 COALITION. AND TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BUDGET. SO,
23 I SEE THAT 24% IS GOING TO PUBLIC PROTECTIONS, WHICH IS A GOOD
24 THING. AND I ALSO SEE OTHERS, THE JUSTICE AND CARE
25 OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT. I BELIEVE THAT WILL BE VERY



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1 BENEFICIAL TO DIVERT FROM, TO ACTUALLY INVEST MORE INTO THAT
2 AND ALLOW CBOS TO COME IN TO THE JUVENILE FACILITIES AND
3 EDUCATE THE YOUTH ON HOW THEY COULD CHANGE THEIR LIVES AND
4 BECOME BETTER PEOPLE. EDUCATION IS POWERFUL AND I BELIEVE IT
5 IS IMPORTANT TO START NOW WITH OUR YOUTH SO WE CAN HAVE A
6 BETTER FUTURE. WHEN IT COMES TO PUBLIC PROTECTION, I BELIEVE
7 THAT WILL BE BEST. AND THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

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

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11 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MEGAN CASTILLO AND I AM THE
12 POLICY AND ADVOCACY MANAGER AT LA DEFENSA AND A MEMBER OF THE
13 REIMAGINE LA COALITION. LOS ANGELES VOTERS ENDORSED MEASURE J
14 FOR SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENTS IN COMMUNITY CARE OVER
15 INCARCERATION, BUT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FALLS SHORT OF THE
16 COMMUNITY'S EXPECTATIONS, REFLECTING A PRESERVATION OF THE
17 STATUS QUO RATHER THAN THE TRUE TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE THAT
18 WE'RE SEEKING. SO, WE'RE DEMANDING MEANINGFUL IMPROVEMENTS IN
19 HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, YOUTH PROGRAMS, AND THIS
20 TRULY CANNOT BE DONE IF WE CONTINUE TO INVEST IN A POLICE
21 STATE. I ALSO WANT TO UPLIFT THAT THE LANGUAGE FOR MEASURE J
22 SAYS A MINIMUM OF 10% WHICH IS ACTUALLY THE FLOOR. THE BOARD
23 CAN DECIDE TO INVEST WELL BEYOND THAT. AND I'LL ALSO SAY IT'S
24 VERY PROBLEMATIC TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
25 WEEK, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY. THIS IS TRULY NOT ACCESSIBLE



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1 TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE HAD A LOT OF FOLKS WHO HAD TO LEAVE
2 BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T TAKE OFF FOR WORK OR HAD TO RETURN TO
3 WORK. SO, THANK YOU, I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

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

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7 **SPEAKER:** MELINDA CACANI WITH CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND
8 CALIFORNIA. OH, SO GLAD THAT JANICE HAHN COULD JOIN US. LAST
9 SUMMER, MY KIDS WERE HERE GIVING COMMENT ON YOUR BUDGET. MY
10 10-YEAR-OLD NAMED ALL OF THE THINGS HE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF
11 ENJOYING, THE THINGS THAT MADE HIM FEEL SAFE, HEARD, SEEN, AND
12 THAT YOUR BUDGET LACKED ANYTHING THAT SHOWED A PRIORITY OF
13 THESE THINGS. I ASKED MY KIDS IF THEY WANTED TO MISS SCHOOL
14 TODAY TO GIVE COMMENT. MY 10-YEAR-OLD RESPONSE, WHAT'S THE
15 POINT? IT'S NOT LIKE THEY CARE. MY 10-YEAR-OLD, MY FIRST BABE,
16 MY LITTLE MUFFIN AT THE RIPE AGE OF 10 IS ALREADY AWARE OF
17 YOUR OBSESSION WITH MAINTAINING YOUR POWER, MAINTAINING THE
18 STATUS QUO AT THE EXPENSE OF ACTUALLY CARING FOR THE WELL-
19 BEING OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT MAKE UP THIS COUNTY. NOT SURE
20 HOW MANY OF YOU ARE PARENTS, BUT ALL I WANT IS FOR MY KIDS TO
21 BE ABLE TO DREAM, TO HOPE, TO BELIEVE IN THE INHERENT GOODNESS
22 IN EACH OF US AND EVERY DOLLAR YOU APPROVE FOR THE SHERIFF'S
23 BUDGET AND PROBATION'S BUDGET IS THE ACTIVE KILLING OF THOSE
24 DREAMS, THOSE HOPES, THE BELIEF IN INHERENT GOODNESS --



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

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4 **SPEAKER:** I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION OF THE BUDGET AS IT
5 CURRENTLY STANDS. MY NAME IS TATA SHAKUR WITH YOUTH JUSTICE
6 COALITION. THIS PAST WEEKEND WAS MOTHER'S DAY. AND BRIAN DIAZ,
7 A YOUNG PERSON THAT LOST HIS LIFE INSIDE THE JUVENILE HALLS
8 Y'ALL KEEP INVESTING IN. HIS MOM WILL NOT GET A CALL FROM HIM
9 WISHING HER A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY. A MOTHER LOST HER CHILD
10 BECAUSE OF Y'ALL. I URGE YOU TO FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED
11 BY SHIFTING A MINIMUM OF \$75,000,000 OUT OF PROBATION AS A
12 PART OF THE CARE FIRST BUDGET. YOUTH LIVES ARE AT STAKE. BRIAN
13 DIAZ SHOULD BE HERE, BUT HE IS NOT BECAUSE OF THE SYSTEMS
14 Y'ALL KEEP INVESTING IN. THIS IS NOT A GAME. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
17 SPEAKERS IN THE ROOM? OKAY, GO RIGHT AHEAD.

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19 **SPEAKER:** YES. HI, MY NAME IS LAURA CAHOLAN. I'M A RESIDENT OF
20 SD2 AND I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH THE REIMAGINE LA COALITION AND
21 LA DEFENSA, AND I'M VERY TROUBLED BY THE BOARD'S RECOMMENDED
22 BUDGET FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR. THE BOARD IS CHOOSING TO SPEND
23 OVER \$5,000,000,000 ON PROBATION AND THE SHERIFF COMBINED
24 WHILE ONLY FUNDING CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TO THE TUNE
25 OF \$50 PER RESIDENT. AND THIS IS NOT THE FUNDING ALLOCATION



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1 THE COMMUNITY HAS ASKED FOR AND SPILLED THEIR TRAUMA IN THIS
2 BOARDROOM FOR TIME AND TIME AND TIME AGAIN. OF THE NET COUNTY
3 COSTS, THE COUNTY IS SPENDING 1 IN 6 OF THESE DOLLARS ON THE
4 SHERIFF. 1 IN 6, WOULD YOU SPEND 1 IN 6 DOLLARS ON A GUARDED
5 SECURITY PERSON TO STAND OUTSIDE YOUR HOME? I DON'T THINK SO.
6 THAT IS A MASSIVE OVERINVESTMENT IN THE CARCERAL STATE. THE
7 RECOMMENDED BUDGET, IF PASSED AS PROPOSED, IS GOING TO
8 CONTINUE THE LEGACY OF MURDER AND HARM IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
9 \$150,000,000 IN SHERIFF LAWSUITS IN FISCAL YEAR 2022, 2023.
10 WHERE ARE WE GOING? PLEASE CHANGE COURSE, INVEST IN CARE
11 FIRST.

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13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THAT OUR LAST
14 SPEAKER? OKAY, I'M SEEING NO OTHERS IN THE QUEUE ON THE PHONE.
15 I WANNA THANK ALL OF OUR PUBLIC SPEAKERS. THAT CONCLUDES OUR
16 PUBLIC COMMENT FOR TODAY. AND NOW AT THIS TIME, ESPECIALLY IN
17 RECOGNITION OF THE REQUEST FOR THERE TO BE CONTINUED
18 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OUTSIDE OF THIS TIME TODAY, I
19 MOVE THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE AND FILE AND TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT
20 VARIOUS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS AND COMMENTS MADE DURING
21 THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS COMMENCING MAY 15TH, 2024, AND MAKE
22 A FINDING THAT A NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS WAS GIVEN IN
23 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 29080 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE THAT SAID
24 HEARINGS COMMENCED ON THE 15TH DAY OF MAY 2024 PURSUANT TO
25 SAID NOTICE AND AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 29081 OF THE GOVERNMENT



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1 CODE. I ALSO MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC BUDGET
2 HEARINGS FOR THE PURPOSES OF ORAL TESTIMONY, FINDING THAT
3 THERE ARE NO PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY
4 TO BE HEARD, BUT TO ALLOW MAXIMUM PUBLIC INPUT, PERMIT
5 ADDITIONAL WRITTEN TESTIMONY AND REQUESTS TO BE FILED THROUGH
6 THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS FRIDAY, MAY 24TH, 2024. I FURTHER MOVE
7 THAT THE BOARD RECONFIRMS THAT BUDGET DELIBERATIONS WILL BEGIN
8 ON MONDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2024 AT 930 A.M. I SO MOVE TO APPROVE,
9 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
10 THE ROLL.

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

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE

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

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

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

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22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE

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



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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE

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

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

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

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10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S BUDGET

11 HEARING MEETING. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE

12 HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 21ST, 2024 AT 930 A.M. THANK YOU.

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