



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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1 **THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

2 **TUESDAY, JULY 9TH, 2024**

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4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME
5 TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR REGULARLY
6 SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, JULY 9TH, 2024. WE TAKE NOTE
8 THAT A FULL COMPLIMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT, AS WELL AS OUR
9 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNCIL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
10 AND OUR SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE'LL BEGIN
11 TODAY'S BOARD MEETING WITH OUR COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

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13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR (VIDEO RECORDING):** THE COUNTY OF
14 LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND ORIGINALLY AND
15 STILL INHABITED AND CARED FOR BY THE TONGVA, TATAVIAM,
16 SERRANO, KIZH, AND CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND PAY RESPECT
17 TO THEIR ELDERS AND DESCENDANTS, PAST, PRESENT, AND EMERGING,
18 AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS.
19 WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION RESULTED IN LAND
20 SEIZURE, DISEASE, SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY, RELOCATION, BROKEN
21 PROMISES, GENOCIDE, AND MULTI-GENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS
22 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT
23 TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION, AND TO ELEVATING THE
24 STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF
25 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
26 LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO



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

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OUR INVOCATION TODAY WILL BE LED
12 BY MR. ROY TWO BEARS DELAROSA, SPIRITUAL ADVISOR AND KEEPER OF
13 THE EAGLE STAFF, NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS' ASSOCIATION FROM
14 THE FIRST DISTRICT FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WHICH
15 WILL BE LED BY PATRICIA JACKSON KELLY MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN
16 LEGION JACKIE ROBINSON POST NUMBER 252 FROM THE SECOND
17 DISTRICT IF YOU ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.

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19 **ROY TWOBARS DELAROSA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS ROY
20 MOTTANUPA DOLOROSA. MOTTANUPA MEANS TWO BEARS. I OFFER THIS
21 PRAYER TO YOU IN A GOOD WAY, THE WAY THAT WE, IN THE FASHION
22 THAT WE ALWAYS OFFER PRAYER AMONG THE NATIVE AMERICAN
23 VETERANS. SO, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN PRAYER AND
24 PRAY IN YOUR OWN WAY, AND I'LL PRAY IN MINE. BUT FIRST, I'M
25 GOING TO SING A LITTLE SONG FOR YOU SO THAT THE HEAVENS WILL



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1 OPEN UP AND THE CREATOR WILL HEAR OUR VOICE. [SPEAKING NATIVE
2 LANGUAGE] FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR THE
3 SUN THAT ROSE AND THE STARS THAT SHINED AT NIGHT. WE THANK YOU
4 FOR THIS DAY. WE THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PEOPLE THAT PRAYED
5 THROUGH THE NIGHT BACK HOME WHERE I COME FROM, IN ISLETA, IN
6 THE SAN CRISTOBAL MOUNTAINS, WHO LIT FIRES FOR YOU AND PRAYED
7 AND CALLED OUT TO THEIR ANCESTORS TO CONTINUE TO PROTECT THE
8 LAND. AND I'M GONNA CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF LOS
9 ANGELES, THE GREATEST CITY IN THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES AND IN
10 THE WORLD AND ASK FOR YOU TO BLESS THE INDIVIDUALS HERE TODAY,
11 OUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS, THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS HAVE GOOD HEARTS
12 AND GOOD THOUGHTS WHEN THEY ARE LOOKING AFTER THE PEOPLE, THE
13 ELDERS AND OUR CHILDREN. I ASK YOU CONTINUE TO SHIELD AND
14 PROTECT THEM, PROTECT ALL OUR LEADERSHIP AND GIVE THEM THE
15 STRENGTH AND WISDOM THAT THEY NEED. AND ALSO, FATHER, PLEASE
16 ALLOW THEM TO ALWAYS HEAR YOUR VOICE IN THEIR HEARTS. AHO. I
17 HOPE.

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19 **PATRICIA JACKSON-KELLEY:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE PLACE YOUR HAND
20 OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU'RE A VETERAN, YOU MAY RUN THE HAND
21 SALUTE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES
22 OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE
23 NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR
24 ALL.

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

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING TO EVERYONE HERE.
5 I'M JUST SO PROUD AND THANKFUL THAT WE COULD HAVE IN OUR
6 PRESENCE TODAY ROY TWO BEARS DELAROSA TO LEAD US TODAY IN OUR
7 PRAYER, I'M SORRY, INVOCATION. HE DID IT WELL, BEAUTIFUL TO
8 HEAR A SONG AND THOSE THOUGHTFUL WORDS COMING FROM YOUR HEART
9 AND THE MANY SPIRITS THAT SURROUND US HERE IN LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY. ROY IS A SPIRITUAL ADVISOR FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN
11 VETERANS' ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS BASED IN THE BOB HOPE
12 PATRIOTIC HALL IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. ROY IS FROM THE YAQUI
13 APACHE TRIBE. HE IS ALSO PART OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN ORTHODOX
14 CHURCH OF AMERICA, AND HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE NATIVE
15 AMERICAN VETERANS' ASSOCIATION FOR OVER 19 YEARS ON SPECIAL
16 COMMITTEES AS WELL AS ACTING VICE PRESIDENT IN 2001. IN HIS
17 ROLE, HE HAS FURTHERED SUPPORT FOR THE VETERAN COMMUNITY AND
18 FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY, AND HE'S ADVOCATED FOR SERVICES TO THE
19 NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND ASSISTANCE, ESPECIALLY TO OUR
20 VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. ROY IS A U.S. MARINE CORPS
21 VETERAN WHOSE LAST DUTY STATION WAS AT CAMP PENDLETON. AS A
22 VETERAN, ROY ALSO SERVES AS THE KEEPER OF THE EAGLE STAFF OF
23 THE NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION. IN ADDITION, ROY
24 FOUNDED INDIAN TALK, A GROUP OF NATIVE PUBLIC SPEAKERS WHO
25 LECTURE ON NATIVE CULTURE, FAITH, AND LIFE AT HIGH SCHOOLS AND



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1 UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. MY OFFICE AND OUR STAFF
2 ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE. I'M SO HONORED
3 THAT TODAY YOU LET US IN THE INVOCATION ON THIS MORNING. IT'S
4 A SPECIAL DAY FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND WE WANT TO
5 PRESENT YOU WITH THIS IMPORTANT CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION.
6 THANK YOU SO MUCH, ROY.

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8 **ROY TWOBARS DELAROSA:** THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

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10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND NEXT WE'LL HAVE A
11 PRESENTATION FROM SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT
14 GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU ALL MY APPOINTEE TO
15 THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION, LIEUTENANT COLONEL PATRICIA
16 JACKSON KELLY. SHE IS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
17 AND THE AIR FORCE, ARMY, AND NAVY RESERVE. SHE RETIRED IN 2003
18 AFTER 26 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO HER NATION AND HER
19 NATION'S PEOPLE, AND WE THANK YOU FOR THAT. SHE SERVED AS A
20 PROGRAM MANAGER FOR A 40-BED SUBSTANCE ABUSE WARD AT THE WEST
21 LA VA MEDICAL CENTER AND AS THE FIRST WOMAN VETERAN PROGRAM
22 MANAGER, WHERE SHE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE OPENING OF THE
23 WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC AT BIG VA. SHE HAS AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE
24 FROM NEW YORK CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
25 AND NURSING DEGREE FROM HUNTER COLLEGE, AND A MASTER'S IN



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1 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DEGREE FROM GOLDEN STATE UNIVERSITY.
2 LIEUTENANT COLONEL JACKSON KELLY IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HER
3 COMMUNITY SERVING ON THE FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN WARRIORS BOARD
4 OF DIRECTORS AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK MILITARY
5 WOMEN. SHE RECEIVED MANY AWARDS FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE,
6 INCLUDING THE 2010 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WOMEN VETERAN OF THE
7 YEAR AWARD, THE FORD FREEMAN FOUNDATION UNSUNG MILITARY
8 HONOREE, THE AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL AIR FORCE LONGEVITY
9 SERVICE AWARD RIBBON, AND ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL. SHE IS A
10 PROUD MENTOR TO MANY VETERANS. SHE IS HAPPILY MARRIED TO HER
11 HUSBAND GEORGE AND THEY HAVE 6 CHILDREN. THANK YOU SO MUCH
12 LIEUTENANT COLONEL JACKSON KELLY FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE TO
13 OUR COUNTY AND OUR COUNTRY AND FOR LEADING US IN TODAY'S
14 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. I THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WE'LL
17 HAVE THE PET PRESENTATION BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. COME HERE, LOLA.
20 I WANNA INTRODUCE YOU TO LOLA. LOLA IS A TERRIER AND IS 15
21 WEEKS OLD AND IS LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME. IF YOU'D LIKE TO
22 ADOPT LOLA, CALL THE DOWNEY ANIMAL CARE CENTER AT 562-940-
23 6898. YOU CAN ALSO DROP BY ONE OF OUR CENTERS BETWEEN THE
24 HOURS OF 11 TO 5 P.M. TO MEET YOUR PERFECT PET. YEAH, NO, THIS
25 IS, YEAH. LOLA, BABY, YEAH, LOOKS LIKE BENJI. AND THEN IF YOU



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1 WOULD DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SCREEN, I'D LIKE TO
2 INTRODUCE YOU TO A DOG FROM PALMDALE. THIS IS CHARLIE, A FOUR-
3 YEAR-OLD PIT BULL MIX. UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WE HAVE A
4 LOT OF ANIMALS LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES, USUALLY A LITTLE
5 OLDER. THE CENTER STAFF SAID HE'S PLAYFUL, CURIOUS, AND LOYAL.
6 BECAUSE HE IS SO EASYGOING AND WELL-MANNERED, HE'D MAKE A
7 GREAT COMPANION. SO, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING, YOU CAN
8 CALL THE PALMDALE CARE CENTER AT 661-575-2888 TO BRING HIM
9 HOME. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT I PARTNERED WITH THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN
11 AGAINST ILLEGAL BACKYARD BREEDING, SOMETHING THAT IS
12 INCREASING. ILLEGAL BREEDING CONTRIBUTES TO ANIMAL CRUELTY AND
13 NEGLECT, AND FURTHER STRAINS ARE ALREADY CROWDED SHELTERS. THE
14 CRISIS IS SERIOUS COUNTYWIDE AND ESPECIALLY IN THE ANTELOPE
15 VALLEY. YOU CAN BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION TO AN, I KNOW BABY,
16 TO ENSURE ANIMAL WELFARE AND BY NOT PURCHASING PETS FROM
17 BACKYARD BREEDERS AND BY REPORTING BREEDING OPERATIONS WHEN
18 YOU SEE THEM. SO, IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
19 ANIMALCARE.LACOUNTY.GOV TO GET INFORMATION ON THIS OR YOU CAN
20 CALL 661-261-0111 TO FILE A REPORT. THIS IS LOLA AND LOLA IS
21 CRYING A LITTLE. I KNOW, I KNOW. YEAH, YEAH. ALL RIGHT, THANK
22 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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



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1 AGENDA.

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3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
4 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, CONSENT
5 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEM 1 TO 21. ON ITEM 1, THIS
6 INCLUDES AN ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
7 ON ITEM 2, 4, 5, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS
8 BE HELD. ON ITEM 7, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
9 BE HELD. ON ITEM 9, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
10 HELD. ON ITEM 12 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
11 HELD. ON ITEM 16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
12 HELD. ON ITEM 18, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON
13 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ALSO ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR BARGER
14 WOULD LIKE TO AMEND SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HAHN'S MOTION TO ADD
15 DIRECTIVE NUMBER 4 AND INCLUDE IN THE REPORT BACK TO THE
16 BOARD, EVALUATE LEVERAGING THE COUNTY'S LOCAL STATE OF
17 EMERGENCY FOR HOMELESSNESS TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO EXPAND AND
18 STREAMLINE ESTABLISHING COOLING CENTERS OR OTHER EXTREME HEAT
19 RESOURCES. ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR BARGER IS RECUSING HERSELF
20 FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308
21 BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE
22 THAN \$250 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM RICHARD TERZIAN WHO
23 IS A PARTY PARTICIPANT OR AGENT OF A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN
24 THE PROCEEDING. ON PAGE 25, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 22
25 TO 75. ON ITEM 22, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM



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1 TO 75. ON ITEM 22, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
2 BE CONTINUED 1 WEEK TO JULY 16, 2024. ON ITEM 24, SUPERVISOR
3 BARGER RECUSES HERSELF FOR THE REASONS STATED ON THE POSTED
4 AGENDA. ALSO ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL NO LONGER HAS A
5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308. ON
6 ITEM 35, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 1090.5,
7 SUPERVISOR HORVATH IS DISCLOSING THAT SHE IS ENTITLED TO
8 RECEIVE A SALARY PER DM OR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE SANITATION
9 DISTRICT NUMBER 2. ON ITEM 43, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS
10 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD ON ITEM 46 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS
11 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 50 THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS
12 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS
13 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
14 AGENDA ON ITEM 73A SUPERVISOR HAHN WOULD LIKE TO REVISE HER
15 MOTION TO INCLUDE THE PUBLIC DEFENDER IN THE VERBAL REPORT
16 BACK TO THE BOARD ALSO SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO AMEND
17 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION TO INCLUDE IN THE REPORT BACK INPUT
18 IN THE JULY 26, 2024 MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON
19 REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS ALIGNMENT. ON PAGE 51, SPECIAL DISTRICT
20 AGENDAS, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
21 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ITEM 1D IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A
22 RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED UNDER TREASURY REGULATIONS TO UNDERTAKE
23 BOND FINANCING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65 MILLION TO
24 FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, AND OR
25 DEVELOPMENT OF THE SANKOFA PLACE AT CENTENELLA PROJECT, A 120



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1 UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY
2 OF INGLEWOOD. ON PAGE 54, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL
3 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE 57, NOTICE OF CLOSED
4 SESSION, THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE THROUGH CS1 IS BEFORE
5 YOU. THAT COMPLETES READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY
8 SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE
9 THIS ITEM. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
10 PLAY OUR CODE OF CONDUCT.

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



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

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18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** TODAY WE'LL BEGIN WITH ITEM 7
19 FOLLOWED BY ITEMS TO 2, 4, 5, 9, AND 12. THEN ITEMS 16 AND 46,
20 WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER AND FINISHING WITH ITEM 43,
21 FOLLOWED BY THE REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD AND
22 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
23 PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON
24 THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN OUR SPEAKING RULES.

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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO
2 PARTICIPATE REMOTELY AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL
3 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. MEMBERS
4 OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARD ROOM
5 WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE
6 MEETING. YOU WILL RECEIVE 1 MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
7 ITEMS HELD BY SUPERVISORS AND UP TO A TOTAL OF 3 MINUTES ON
8 ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR A TOTAL OF
9 6 MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING. PLEASE NOTE ONCE YOUR TIME HAS
10 EXPIRED, WE WILL IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE
11 MONITOR YOUR TIME AND ITEMS YOU ARE SIGNING UP FOR AS YOUR
12 NAME WILL NOT BE CALLED ONCE YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED. FOR
13 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY WHEN THE BOARD MOVES
14 TO THE ITEM YOU WISH TO ADDRESS PROMPTLY PRESS 1 THEN 0 TO BE
15 MOVED FROM THE LISTENING CUE TO THE SPEAKING CUE. REMEMBER TO
16 TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON YOUR DEVICE AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR
17 CALLS ON YOU OR THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. YOU WILL NEED TO PRESS
18 1, THEN 0 FOR EACH ITEM YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. TO ENSURE WE
19 HEAR FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS, WE WILL
20 ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE 2 SPEAKING CUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
21 WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME
22 DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE
23 BOARDROOM AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH
24 THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL BEGIN BY CALLING
25 IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL



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1 TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

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3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND JUST AS A REMINDER IF YOU
4 COULD PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES IF YOU HAVE THEM WITH
5 YOU THAT WOULD BE GREAT. WITH THAT WE'LL BEGIN WITH ITEM 7
6 EFFECTIVENESS, RESPONSIVENESS, AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF COUNTY
7 GOVERNMENT THROUGH CHARTER REFORM, WHICH I HELD. FOR MEMBERS
8 OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO
9 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. WITH US TODAY, WE HAVE FERNANDO GUERRA,
10 DIRECTOR FOR THE STUDY OF LOS ANGELES AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT
11 UNIVERSITY, AS WELL AS SARAH SADHWANI, PROFESSOR OF POLITICS
12 FROM POMONA COLLEGE. I KNOW THAT THESE ARE MEMBERS OF OUR
13 ACADEMIC COMMUNITY WHO HAVE STUDIED GOVERNANCE REFORM
14 EXTENSIVELY AND SO I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE INCLUDED IN
15 OUR DISCUSSION TODAY. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. AND BEFORE I
16 BEGIN, I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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18 **KENNETH HAHN (VIDEO RECORDING):** NOW THERE'S NOTHING NEW IN
19 THESE STUDIES WHATSOEVER. YOU DO NOT NEED TO STUDY, STUDY,
20 STUDY. THEY'VE BEEN STUDYING COUNTY GOVERNMENT SINCE 1851 AND
21 THERE'S TIME FOR CHANGE AND THE CHANGE AND THE TIME IS NOW.
22 1913 SINCE THE COUNTY CHARTER WAS ADOPTED BY THE PEOPLE
23 ACTUALLY WAS SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE IN 1912 IT WAS RATIFIED
24 TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR 1913. THERE IS A BASIC NEED FOR OVERHAUL
25 IN 1972. AND THERE'S NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK THAT THE PEOPLE OF



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1 THIS COUNTY SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO MORE SUPERVISORS THAN AN
2 ALPINE COUNTY WHERE THEY ONLY HAVE 5 SUPERVISORS FOR A
3 THOUSAND PEOPLE OR MODOC COUNTY 5 SUPERVISORS FOR 1200 PEOPLE
4 CERTAINLY THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE AT
5 LEAST ONE FOR A MILLION PEOPLE.

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7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN YOU SOUNDED A
8 LITTLE DIFFERENT THERE.

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10 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU. THE VIDEO OF MY FATHER
11 SPEAKING ABOUT EXPANDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY
12 GOVERNMENT REFORM FROM 1972, I THINK IT GIVES SOME CONTEXT TO
13 THE PROPOSAL THAT WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US TODAY. BACK THEN, THE
14 COUNTY'S POPULATION WAS BETWEEN 6 AND 7,000,000 PEOPLE. AND
15 EVEN THEN, THERE WAS WIDESPREAD CONSENSUS THAT THE BOARD WAS
16 FAR TOO SMALL AND THE DISTRICTS WERE FAR TOO BIG. AND IT'S
17 AMAZING THAT 52 YEARS LATER, SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT WE WOULD
18 NEVER GET TO THIS CHANGE AND THIS REFORM OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT.
19 BUT I THINK, AS HE SAID IN 1972, THE TIME FOR CHANGE IS NOW
20 AND WE SHOULD SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY. AND THE REFORMS THAT
21 SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND I ARE PROPOSING ARE BIG, BUT THEY'RE
22 NOT RADICAL. AND AS YOU HEARD FROM MY DAD, THEY'RE NOT NEW AND
23 THEY'VE BEEN STUDIED OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN. LA COUNTY
24 IS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE NATION, MORE POPULOUS THAN 40
25 STATES, HOME TO ONE OUT OF EVERY 34 AMERICANS. AND YET LA



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1 COUNTY HAS A SMALLER GOVERNING BODY THAN COUNTIES HALF OUR
2 SIZE. EACH OF US SUPERVISORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPRESENTING
3 THE DIVERSE INTERESTS AND OPINIONS OF 2 MILLION PEOPLE. PEOPLE
4 WHO WANT TO SEE US, THEY WANT TO HEAR FROM US, THEY WANT TO
5 SPEAK TO US. I ALONE REPRESENT 32 MAYORS AND OVER 150 COUNCIL
6 MEMBERS. AND I KNOW THAT EVERYONE ON THIS BOARD WORKS AS HARD
7 AS THEY CAN TO REPRESENT OUR MASSIVE DISTRICTS. BUT I THINK WE
8 WOULD ALL ADMIT IT'S NOT EASY. AND ESPECIALLY, I DON'T THINK
9 IT'S FAIR TO OUR CONSTITUENTS. THEY DESERVE MORE PEOPLE
10 REPRESENTING THEM AND I THINK IT'S TIME TO ADD MORE SEATS TO
11 THIS DAIS. AND IT'S TRUE THAT THIS PROPOSAL HAS BEEN TRIED AND
12 FAILED MANY TIMES BEFORE, BUT THIS TIME IS DIFFERENT. PEOPLE
13 ARE READY FOR THE CHANGE. THEY KNOW THAT A BIGGER BOARD IS NOT
14 BIGGER GOVERNMENT, IT'S BETTER GOVERNMENT. AND JUST IN THE
15 PAST FEW DAYS SINCE WE MADE THIS PROPOSAL PUBLIC, I'VE HEARD
16 AN OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT FROM PEOPLE ACROSS POLITICAL
17 SPECTRUMS WHO ARE EAGER TO SEE THIS HAPPEN. BUT THIS IS NOT
18 JUST ABOUT EXPANDING THE BOARD. IT'S A REFORM PACKAGE THAT WE
19 BELIEVE WILL MAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT MORE TRANSPARENT, MORE
20 RESPONSIVE, MORE EFFECTIVE, AND MORE REPRESENTATIVE. ONE OF
21 THE BIGGEST REFORMS THAT WILL MAKE THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL
22 DIFFERENCE TO THE FUNCTIONING OF OUR COUNTY IS TRANSITIONING
23 FROM AN APPOINTED CEO TO AN ELECTED ONE. AND FOR TOO LONG,
24 THIS BOARD HAS SERVED BOTH THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE POWER
25 FOR THE COUNTY. THAT MAY BE THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT WE'RE ALL



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1 MOST COMFORTABLE WITH, BUT IT'S NOT WHAT MOST EXPERTS AGREE IS
2 THE BEST FORM OF GOVERNMENT. IN FACT, 5 STUDIES HAVE ALREADY
3 RECOMMENDED TRANSITIONING TO AN ELECTED CEO. BY ELECTING A
4 COUNTY EXECUTIVE, WE CAN MAKE LA COUNTY MORE DEMOCRATIC AND
5 ACCOUNTABLE TO THE VOTERS. AND WE CAN ESTABLISH LONG OVERDUE
6 CHECKS AND BALANCES IN OUR COUNTY. WE'RE ALSO PROPOSING THAT
7 WE PUT IN PLACE AN INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION. THE PUBLIC
8 IS LOSING TRUST IN THEIR GOVERNMENT AND THEIR ELECTED
9 OFFICIALS, AND THEY HAVE PLENTY OF REASON TO. AN INDEPENDENT
10 ETHICS COMMISSION WOULD INCREASE TRANSPARENCY, ENSURE
11 ACCOUNTABILITY, AND BUILD BACK THE PUBLIC TRUST IN OUR
12 INSTITUTION. SOME PEOPLE ARE SAYING THAT WE'VE RUSHED THIS,
13 BUT IN MY VIEW, THIS HAS BEEN STUDIED OVER AND OVER AND OVER
14 AGAIN. AND I ECHO MY FATHER'S COMMENTS, WE DO NOT NEED ANOTHER
15 STUDY. WE NEED TO PUT THIS TO THE VOTERS AND LET THEM DECIDE.
16 I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU, CHAIR HORVATH, FOR LEADING ON THIS
17 IMPORTANT EFFORT. I LOVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WAS BORN AND
18 RAISED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IT'S AN HONOR TO GO TO WORK
19 EVERY DAY WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE SO COMMITTED TO HELPING OUR
20 RESIDENTS AND STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES, BUT I THINK WE
21 CAN MAKE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EVEN BETTER. THANK YOU, MADAM
22 CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WOULD AGREE TODAY IS
25 AN IMPORTANT DAY FOR THE FUTURE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 LAST TIME THE COUNTY MEANINGFULLY CHANGED ITS FORM OF
2 GOVERNANCE WAS IN 1912, BEFORE WOMEN HAD THE RIGHT TO VOTE,
3 FAR BEFORE THE END OF SEGREGATION, AND WELL BEFORE ROBUST
4 LABOR RIGHTS TOOK HOLD. TODAY, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I ARE
5 INTRODUCING THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE REFORM PACKAGE FOR LOS
6 ANGELES COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN OVER 100 YEARS, INCLUSIVE OF
7 CHANGES PROPOSED AND SUPPORTED BY ALL 5 OF US LAST YEAR.
8 THROUGH OUR MOTION, WE'RE PROPOSING REFORMS TO LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY'S CHARTER. REFORMS THAT WILL CREATE A MORE
10 REPRESENTATIVE, EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE, AND TRANSPARENT LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY. REFORMS THAT, IF APPROVED BY THE BOARD, WILL
12 GO BEFORE THE PEOPLE FOR A VOTE THIS NOVEMBER. THESE CHANGES
13 ARE NOT RADICAL. THEY ARE LONG OVERDUE AND DESPERATELY NEEDED.
14 AS SOMEONE WHO'S NEW TO THE BOARD, I HAD EXPECTATIONS COMING
15 IN ABOUT HOW THE COUNTY WORKS. AND A YEAR AND A HALF LATER, I
16 KNOW THERE IS A BETTER WAY TO GOVERN OUR COUNTY. WE NEED A
17 STRUCTURE THAT HELPS US MEET THE CHALLENGES OF TODAY. AND I
18 WANT TO BE CLEAR, THIS IS A STRUCTURAL PROBLEM. THE COUNTY
19 WORKFORCE WORKS INCREDIBLY HARD DAY IN AND DAY OUT TO SERVE
20 ANGELINO'S AND THEY DESERVE BETTER THAN WHAT THEY HAVE TO WORK
21 WITH TODAY. WE NEED A STRUCTURE THAT GIVES OUR COUNTY WORKERS
22 THE CLARITY AND ALIGNMENT THEY NEED TO CONTINUE THE IMPORTANT
23 WORK THAT THEY DO. WE NEED MORE DIVERSE VOICES TO HAVE A SEAT
24 AT THE TABLE. WE NEED A GOVERNMENT THAT TRULY MEETS OUR
25 COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY ARE. SO TODAY WE SHARE WITH YOU OUR



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SUPERVISORS

1 PLAN FOR GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS REFORM FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
2 THE MOST TRANSFORMATIVE PACKAGE ANGELINO'S HAVE SEEN IN OVER A
3 CENTURY. THERE ARE 3 KEY COMPONENTS TO OUR PLAN. FIRST, IT
4 CREATES AN ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVE. AN ELECTED COUNTY
5 EXECUTIVE LEADS TO A MORE EFFICIENT AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT
6 THAT IS TRULY ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PUBLIC. THIS IS HOW WE MOVE
7 FASTER. IT'S NOT NOVEL. IN FACT, THIS IS THE NORM. THE COUNTY
8 EXECUTIVE AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WOULD FUNCTION SIMILAR
9 TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL IN LOS ANGELES, OR A GOVERNOR
10 AND THE LEGISLATURE FOR THE STATE, OR THE PRESIDENT AND THE
11 CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES. AN APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF BUDGET
12 AND MANAGEMENT WOULD OVERSEE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS OF
13 THE COUNTY. SECOND, IT EXPANDS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM 5
14 TO 9. INCREASING THE BOARD TO 9 SUPERVISORS WOULD ALLOW MORE
15 VOICES THAT REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO BE
16 AT THIS TABLE TO SHAPE COUNTY POLICY. BY ESSENTIALLY CUTTING
17 THESE DISTRICTS IN HALF, WE ARE ENSURING OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE
18 BETTER ACCESS TO THE ELECTED SUPERVISORS WHO REPRESENT THEM.
19 GOOD GOVERNMENT IS ONE WITH CHECKS AND BALANCES, WHICH IS WHY
20 THE THIRD KEY COMPONENT IS ETHICS REFORM. THIS INCLUDES
21 CREATING AN INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION TO INCREASE
22 TRANSPARENCY AND BUILD PUBLIC TRUST. THE INDEPENDENT ETHICS
23 COMMISSION WOULD ENHANCE ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTEGRITY WITHIN
24 THE COUNTY'S GOVERNANCE, HOLDING OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES
25 TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT WITH PROTOCOLS TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 ROOT OUT CORRUPTION. THE PROPOSAL ALSO CREATES A PUBLICLY
2 SEARCHABLE LOBBYIST DATABASE AND EXTENDS THE REVOLVING DOOR
3 POLICY TO PREVENT COUNTY OFFICIALS FROM LOBBYING THE COUNTY
4 UNTIL 2 YEARS AFTER LEAVING THEIR SERVICE. THIS REFORM PACKAGE
5 ALSO REQUIRES OPEN BUDGET HEARINGS BY DEPARTMENTS EACH YEAR,
6 BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITIES DESERVE TO KNOW EXACTLY HOW THEIR TAX
7 DOLLARS ARE BEING SPENT AND HOW OUR \$46 BILLION BUDGET
8 DIRECTLY IMPACTS THEM. IT ALSO DESIGNATES THAT A TASK FORCE
9 LED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL OVERSEE REFORM
10 IMPLEMENTATION BECAUSE THE PROCESS REQUIRES COMMUNITY INPUT
11 AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH FROM OUR LABOR PARTNERS TO COMMUNITY-
12 BASED ORGANIZATIONS. THE PROPOSAL OPENS THE DOOR TO FUTURE
13 GOVERNANCE REFORMS BY CALLING FOR A PERMANENT COMMISSION TO
14 REVIEW THE CHARTER AT LEAST EVERY 10 YEARS. AND WE'RE GOING TO
15 DO THIS AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE TAXPAYER TO IMPLEMENT. WE
16 WILL TAKE OUR EXISTING BUDGET AND REALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO
17 IMPLEMENT THE MEASURE. COLLEAGUES, WE CANNOT ALLOW ANOTHER 100
18 YEARS TO GO BY. IT'S TIME TO EXPAND THE BOARD SO IT IS MORE
19 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BEAUTIFUL DIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY. THIS IS A ONCE IN A GENERATION OPPORTUNITY FOR CHANGE
21 AND OUR TIME TO ACT IS NOW. PRIOR ATTEMPTS TO DO THIS WERE
22 UNSUCCESSFUL BECAUSE THEY WERE DONE PIECEMEAL. EXPANSION
23 WITHOUT AN EXECUTIVE, AN EXECUTIVE WITHOUT EXPANSION, NONE
24 WITH ETHICS FRONT AND CENTER. WHAT WE'RE BRINGING FORWARD IS A
25 ROBUST, WELL-ROUNDED REFORM PACKAGE THAT SHOWS VOTERS THAT WE



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SUPERVISORS

1 AGREE WITH THEM. IT'S TIME FOR TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE. AS THE
2 VIDEO MAKES CLEAR, LA COUNTY GOVERNANCE REFORM HAS BEEN
3 STUDIED AND PROPOSED FOR DECADES, IN FACT, MORE THAN 50 YEARS.
4 EVEN ALL 5 OF US ON THIS BOARD HAVE VOTED TO EXPLORE THESE
5 CHANGES JUST LAST YEAR. AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE BRINGING THIS
6 FORWARD NOW. PEOPLE ARE FED UP WITH THE STATUS QUO. THIS IS
7 NOT UNIQUE TO LOS ANGELES, IT IS FELT ACROSS THE COUNTRY.
8 SCANDALS, CORRUPTION, THE PUBLIC EXPECTS MORE FROM THEIR
9 ELECTED OFFICIALS. THERE'S NOT JUST AN APPETITE FOR ETHICS AND
10 GOVERNANCE REFORM, THERE'S A HUNGER FOR IT. SIMPLY PUT, THIS
11 IS THE RIGHT TIME TO DO THE RIGHT THING. AS THE NEWEST
12 SUPERVISOR, I'M NOT JUST HERE TO START THE CONVERSATION. I'M
13 HERE TO SEE THIS CHANGE THROUGH, AND I WANT TO THANK
14 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CO AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION, AS WELL AS ALL
15 OF MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THIS CHANGE. LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY IS IN SUPERVISOR HAHN'S BLOOD, HOWEVER, AND WE
17 KNOW THAT. WE OWE A GREAT DEBT TO THE SUPERVISORS WHO CAME
18 BEFORE AND WHO HELPED SHAPE OUR PROCESS AND POLICY TO GET US
19 TO THIS POINT. AND IF YOU'RE READY FOR CHANGE, I ASK FOR AN
20 AYE VOTE. WITH THAT, I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR
21 GUESTS WHO JOIN US TODAY AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE JUST TO
22 PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT MORE CONTEXT. QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED
23 ABOUT CHOOSING 9 SUPERVISORS. IS THERE ANYTHING IN YOUR
24 RESEARCH THAT DEMONSTRATES AN IDEAL NUMBER?

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** WE HAVE STUDIED THIS NOT ONLY FOR THE
2 COUNTY, BUT FOR THE CITY, AND THERE IS NO RESEARCH THAT
3 INDICATES ONE NUMBER IS BETTER THAN THE OTHER. IT'S ALL
4 SITUATIONAL, MEANING THAT THE NUMBER SHOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO
5 THAT TIME AND THAT PLACE. AND SO, IF YOU WERE TO ASK ME WHAT
6 IS THE IDEAL NUMBER, I HAVE AN OPINION, BUT I DON'T HAVE THE
7 RESEARCH TO BACK THAT UP. SARAH?

8

9 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** YEAH, I'LL ONLY ADD THAT, AND I COMPLETELY
10 AGREE WITH FERNANDO ON THIS, THE COUNTY ALREADY HAS AN
11 INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, A PROCESS THAT IS FAIR
12 AND OPEN THAT COMMUNITY PARTNERS CAN ENGAGE IN. I KNOW ABOUT
13 THAT PROCESS VERY WELL. I SERVED ON THE STATE'S INDEPENDENT
14 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION. SO, WHEN IT COMES TO QUESTIONS OF
15 REPRESENTATION, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT COMMUNITIES, HAVING SEEN
16 THE PROCESS UNFOLD AT THE STATE LEVEL, I HAVE NO DOUBT THE
17 COMMUNITIES WILL BE INCREDIBLY ENGAGED TO ENSURE THAT THOSE
18 DISTRICTS ARE DRAWN IN A FAIR WAY THAT LEADS TO
19 REPRESENTATIONAL OUTCOMES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY, OF COURSE, HAS
20 NEARLY 10,000,000 PEOPLE AND IS INCREDIBLY DIVERSE. AT THE
21 STATE LEVEL, IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT PLACES TO REDRAW
22 THE LINES FOR OUR STATE LEGISLATURE AND FOR CONGRESS, AND NO
23 DOUBT, WHETHER IT'S 9 SEATS, 11 SEATS, OR 25 SEATS FOR A BOARD
24 OF SUPERVISORS, THERE WILL BE DIFFICULTIES THERE TOO. BUT IT
25 WILL BE A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS THAT COMMUNITIES CAN ENGAGE IN



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SUPERVISORS

1 IN ORDER TO SEEK THE REPRESENTATION THAT THEY DESIRE.

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND IS THERE ANYTHING IN YOUR
4 RESEARCH THAT SHOWS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO ENSURE CHECKS
5 AND BALANCES IN LA COUNTY GOVERNMENT?

6

7 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** ALMOST EVERY SINGLE MAJOR POLITICAL
8 JURISDICTION HAS AN EXECUTIVE. I'LL EVEN GO THIS FAR. I KNOW
9 OF NO JURISDICTION WITH 10,000,000 PEOPLE OR MORE IN THE
10 ENTIRE WORLD THAT DOESN'T HAVE AN EXECUTIVE. THE COUNTY, AN
11 ELECTED EXECUTIVE, CORRECT, AN ELECTED EXECUTIVE, THE COUNTY
12 OF LA IS UNIQUE IN THAT REGARD.

13

14 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** AND I'LL ONLY ADD THAT HAVING BOTH AN
15 EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH IS FUNDAMENTAL TO AMERICAN
16 STYLE DEMOCRACY. IT CREATES SOME LEVEL OF TENSION BETWEEN THE
17 BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT. THAT'S ACTUALLY A GOOD THING. THAT'S
18 NOT NECESSARILY A POLARIZED PIECE, BUT INSTEAD SOME LEVEL OF
19 TENSION OVER BUDGETARY DECISIONS, FOR EXAMPLE. WE SEE THAT AT
20 THE CITY LEVEL WHEN THE MAYOR PUTS OUT A PROPOSED BUDGET, THE
21 COUNCIL THEN REVIEWS IT WITH A FINE TOOTH COMB AND MAKES
22 RECOMMENDATIONS AND CHANGES. HAVING SOME LEVEL OF TENSION
23 BETWEEN AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND A LEGISLATIVE BRANCH IS A VERY
24 HEALTHY THING FOR DEMOCRACY.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND THIS PROCESS IS INTENDED TO
2 ALIGN WITH THE CENSUS REDISTRICTING TIMELINE THAT YOU HAD
3 REFERENCED. HOW DO YOU SEE AN EXPANDED BOARD IMPACTING
4 COMMUNITY-BASED REPRESENTATION?

5

6 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** I MEAN, IT'S SIMPLE MATH. THE MORE SEATS
7 YOU HAVE, THE MORE REPRESENTATIVE. AND NOT ONLY DESCRIPTIVE
8 REPRESENTATION, BUT ALSO GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION. AND SO
9 THAT THERE WILL BE MORE INTEREST AND MORE VOICES AT THE TABLE
10 JUST BY DEFINITION. AND SO YOU'RE GOING TO SEE GREATER
11 REPRESENTATION NO MATTER HOW YOU MEASURE THAT.

12

13 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** AND LOS ANGELES IS A UNIQUE PLACE WHERE WE
14 HAVE A VERY ROBUST ARRAY OF ADVOCATES WHO GET INVOLVED IN
15 QUESTIONS OF REPRESENTATION AND I THINK THE SKILL LEVEL OF
16 UNDERSTANDING REDISTRICTING PROCESSES HAS INCREASED
17 EXPONENTIALLY SINCE THE CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT
18 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION. REMEMBER, BACK IN 2008, WHEN THE
19 STATE ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT
20 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, MANY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, I KNOW
21 BECAUSE I WAS WORKING IN SOME OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS AT THE
22 TIME, OPPOSED THE CREATION OF THIS FORM OF INDEPENDENT
23 REDISTRICTING. BUT OVER TIME WHAT WE FOUND IS ACTUALLY MANY
24 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, COMMUNITIES WHOSE VOICES ARE OFTEN
25 UNHEARD, ACTUALLY BENEFIT FROM INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING. THEY



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1 CAN IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST THAT CAN BE
2 KEPT TOGETHER SO THAT THEY HAVE GREATER ELECTORAL POWER WITHIN
3 A DISTRICT. SO ON BALANCE, THIS CAN BE A VERY POSITIVE THING
4 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT COMMUNITIES WOULD BE INVOLVED.

5

6 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** YEAH, INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING AS A
7 REFORM AT THE STATE LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL LEVEL
8 ACTUALLY INCREASED DESCRIPTIVE REPRESENTATION, INCREASED
9 REPRESENTATION IN TERMS OF GENDER IN EVERY MEASURE. MANY
10 FEARED THAT IT WOULD ACTUALLY DECREASE IT IN CERTAIN AREAS. IT
11 ACTUALLY DID NOT. AND SO, YOU SAW THAT REPRESENTATION
12 INCREASE.

13

14 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** YES. THE STATE'S COMMISSION WAS VERY PROUD
15 TO VOTE UNANIMOUSLY ON A BOARD OF 14, BOTH DEMOCRATS,
16 REPUBLICANS, AND INDEPENDENTS, ON MAPS THAT EXPONENTIALLY
17 INCREASED REPRESENTATION FOR LATINOS, MAINTAINED
18 REPRESENTATION FOR BLACK AND ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES AND
19 KEPT TOGETHER LGBTQ COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST. AND WE HAD NOT A
20 SINGLE LAWSUIT AGAINST US. TELL ME HOW MANY STATES CAN SAY
21 THAT.

22

23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND MY LAST QUESTION, EFFORTS
24 HAVE BEEN MADE OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS TO DO THIS. WE SAW
25 EVIDENCE OF THAT TO START THE CONVERSATION TODAY. AND I KNOW



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SUPERVISORS

1 MANY OF US FEEL THE SENSE OF URGENCY RIGHT NOW, BUT IS THERE
2 ANY ADVANTAGE TO US WAITING ANOTHER 2 YEARS, SOME OTHER PERIOD
3 OF TIME? IS THERE AN ADVANTAGE TO WAITING?

4

5 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** WELL, I MEAN, THE ONLY THING I WOULD
6 DISAGREE WITH SUPERVISOR KENNETH HAHN IS THAT ONE SHOULD
7 STUDY, STUDY, STUDY. THAT'S WHAT I ALWAYS TELL MY STUDENTS,
8 NUMBER ONE. BUT THERE IS A TIME WHEN YOU COME UP TO TAKE THE
9 TEST WHERE YOU HAVE TO STOP STUDYING AND IMPLEMENT IT AND THIS
10 I THINK IS THE TEST AND THIS IS THE TIME. IF THIS MEASURE WERE
11 TO PASS NOTHING WOULD PREVENT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR ANY
12 COMMUNITY TO CONTINUE TO EXAMINE REFORM GIVEN WHAT YOU ARE
13 PROPOSING TO THEN IN ADDITION IF THERE WAS A NEED TO CONTINUE
14 AND PUT SOMETHING ELSE ON THE BALLOT IN 26 OR 28 TO FURTHER
15 TWEAK OR ADD TO THIS REFORM. SO I DON'T THINK OF THIS AS THE
16 END OF THAT LONG GROUP OF STUDIES THAT FORMER SUPERVISOR HAHN
17 MENTIONED, BUT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA OF REFORM.

18

19 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** SOUNDS LIKE FERNANDO IS GOING TO BE DOING
20 THOSE STUDIES. I'LL ONLY ADD 2024, THIS BALLOT, PARTICULARLY
21 WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, IS ALREADY THE GOVERNANCE
22 REFORM BALLOT THAT VOTERS WILL HAVE. AND HOW INCREDIBLE TO BE
23 ABLE TO EXTEND THAT OPPORTUNITY TO THE REST OF LOS ANGELES
24 VOTERS COUNTYWIDE. WE HAVE SEEN, AND BOTH FERNANDO AND I
25 WORKED ON MANY OF THE STUDIES FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE REFORMS THAT ARE MOVING FORWARD THERE. AND WE HAVE SEEN IN
2 POLLING DATA THAT THERE IS A HUNGER FOR REFORM. TRUST IN
3 GOVERNMENT, BOTH HERE IN LOS ANGELES AS WELL AS NATIONWIDE IS
4 LOW AND THESE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO INCREASE
5 PARTICIPATION AND INCREASE TRUST IN OUR GOVERNING STRUCTURES
6 FOR THE LONG TERM.

7

8 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** LET ME JUST ADD TO THAT IN TERMS OF
9 POLLING. WHEN WE POLL AND AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY WE
10 CONDUCT THE LARGEST ANNUAL SURVEY OF LA COUNTY, IT'S ACTUALLY
11 THE LARGEST ANNUAL SURVEY IN URBAN AMERICA, AND THE TRUST IN
12 GOVERNMENT HAS DECLINED, BUT THE TRUST IN GOVERNMENT
13 EMPLOYEES, WHETHER IT'S POLICE OFFICERS OR TEACHERS OR WHAT
14 HAVE YOU, HAS NOT DECLINED. THE TRUST IN ACTUAL INDIVIDUAL
15 ELECTED OFFICIALS HAS NOT DECLINED. SO, IF YOU THINK ABOUT THE
16 FACT THAT THE TYPICAL RESIDENT OR VOTER STILL TRUSTS ELECTED
17 OFFICIALS, STILL TRUSTS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, BUT THEY DON'T TRUST
18 THE SYSTEM, IT'S REALLY THE STRUCTURE THAT THEY'RE SAYING THEY
19 DON'T TRUST IN TERMS OF OUTCOMES. AND IN FACT, THIS IS AN
20 EXTRAPOLATION, BUT CAN FEEL THAT IT IS THE STRUCTURE THAT'S
21 HOLDING BACK THE EMPLOYEES OF LA COUNTY AND THE ELECTED
22 OFFICIALS OF LA COUNTY FROM DOING WHAT THEY THINK SHOULD BE
23 THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I WILL LEAVE IT THERE AND TURN IT



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SUPERVISORS

1 TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS NEXT IN QUEUE.

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH MADAM CHAIR AND TO YOU AND
4 SUPERVISOR HAHN. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR TAKING ON THIS
5 VERY BOLD PROPOSITION THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US AND I WANT TO
6 THANK OUR PANELISTS. I KNOW THAT YOU COME WELL QUALIFIED WITH
7 GOOD INFORMATION AND I KNOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE VERY, VERY
8 HELPFUL AS WE MOVE FORWARD TODAY, I HOPE. I TOO AM VERY
9 CONCERNED ABOUT EXPANSION OF THE BOARD IN TERMS OF WANTING TO
10 SEE IT HAPPEN. AND IN FACT, NOT TOO LONG AGO, SUPERVISOR HAHN
11 AND I CARRIED A MOTION TO DO EXACTLY THAT. IT DIDN'T GO
12 ANYWHERE. SO, I DO THINK THAT THIS APPROACH THAT'S PRESENTED
13 TODAY IS A PACKAGE OF DIFFERENT REFORMS AND IDEAS THAT HAVE
14 BEEN ARTICULATED AS LONG AS I HAVE BEEN ON THE BOARD. AND EVEN
15 BEFORE THAT, AND MY PREDECESSOR, GLORIA MOLINA, FOUGHT VERY
16 HARD FOR HER OWN REPRESENTATION AND THEN TO TRY UNSUCCESSFULLY
17 TO EXPAND THE BOARD. DIDN'T HAPPEN. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN OF THE
18 OPINION THAT WE DO NEED TO HAVE MORE REPRESENTATION. IN FACT,
19 WORKED VERY HARD ALONGSIDE SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES WHEN I WAS
20 SERVING ON THE RIO HONDO COLLEGE BOARD TO BREAK UP THE
21 DISTRICT-WIDE ELECTION SO THAT WE COULD HAVE INDIVIDUAL WARD
22 SYSTEMS. AND THAT WAS VOLCANIC BECAUSE IT WAS AN ERUPTION
23 BECAUSE PEOPLE JUST DID NOT WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT WASN'T
24 SO MUCH TAKING AWAY POWER IT WAS DISTRIBUTING IT MORE
25 EQUITABLY AND APPROPRIATELY TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE



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1 IMPACTED WHETHER THEY WERE IN AT THAT TIME WHITTIER, SOUTH EL
2 MONTE, EL MONTE, PICO RIVERA AND OTHER PARTS OF THAT THAT
3 DISTRICT BUT WHEN I LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE, AND WHEN I
4 JOINED THE BOARD, 10,000,000 PEOPLE IS A HARD NUMBER TO REALLY
5 PUT YOUR HANDS AROUND FOR ANY ONE OF US, INCLUDING OUR CEO AND
6 I KNOW OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS. AND IT HAS BEEN A CHALLENGE HERE.
7 AND I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT IN THE TIME THAT I'VE BEEN HERE
8 NOW, I BELIEVE I'M THE OLDEST MEMBER SERVING, NOT IN TERMS OF
9 AGE, BUT IN TERMS OF BEING HERE ON THE BOARD 9 1/2 YEARS JUST
10 KNOWING THAT WE HAVE TRIED TO GRAPPLE WITH SO MANY ISSUES AND
11 IT'S HARD IT CAN BE CUMBERSOME AND WE ALWAYS GET CRITICIZED
12 FOR WORKING TOO SLOWLY, NOT BEING ABLE TO REACT FAST AND
13 FURIOUS IN SOME TIMES TO ADDRESS THOSE DISASTERS THAT HAPPEN.
14 WE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL DURING COVID THAT WE NEED AND SAW THAT
15 THERE WERE MANY GAPS IN OUR SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
16 AND IT WASN'T SO MUCH THAT, AS YOU SAY, EMPLOYEES, YOU KNOW,
17 THAT WERE NOT UP TO SPEED OR WANTING TO DO THEIR JOB. IT WAS
18 OUR STRUCTURE. AND MANY TIMES, I KNOW I HAVE BEEN ONE OF THOSE
19 PEOPLE THAT WILL ASK OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS OR OUR CEO, WHY ARE
20 WE NOT DOING X, Y, AND Z? THIS ISSUE IS COMING UP AND IT TAKES
21 TIME TO GET THAT INTO A MOTION AND THEY COULD GET THE SUPPORT
22 OF THE BOARD AND THEN KIND OF GO THROUGH ALL THAT MASSAGING
23 THAT HAPPENS IT'S MUCH BETTER IN MY OPINION TO BE ABLE TO HAVE
24 MORE VOICES AT THE TABLE THAT ACTUALLY CAN SEE AND UNDERSTAND
25 BECAUSE THEY ARE GROUNDED IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND CAN SPEAK TO



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1 THOSE THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING ASIDE FROM JUST 5 MEMBERS OF
2 THE BOARD. AND I DO BELIEVE THAT IT IS TIME AND PERHAPS THIS
3 IS WHERE WE HAVE TO BITE THE BULLET AND REALLY SAY THAT THIS
4 IS WHAT WE NEED. WE NEED TRANSPARENCY, WE NEED ACCOUNTABILITY,
5 WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE APPROPRIATE OVERSIGHT, AND
6 WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT AS WE MOVE THROUGH THIS PROCESS,
7 IT'S FLUID, AS YOU SAID. IT CAN CHANGE IN 2 YEARS, AND OUR
8 BOARD IN 2 YEARS CAN SAY, YOU KNOW WHAT, WE'VE GOTTA TWEAK IT,
9 OR IT NEEDS TO LOOK LIKE THIS NOW. AND I'M OPEN TO THAT AS
10 WELL BECAUSE NOTHING IS SET IN CEMENT. AND I REALLY ALSO WANT
11 TO SAY THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE PAY DIGNITY AND
12 RESPECT TO THE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
13 AND I THINK THAT WAS PROVEN TO ME TIME AND TIME AGAIN, EVEN
14 BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, DURING THE PANDEMIC AND NOW AFTER THE
15 PANDEMIC. AND I THINK THAT THEY ALSO DESERVE TO HAVE A SEAT IN
16 THESE DISCUSSIONS AND AT THE TABLE. AND I KNOW THAT IT MAY NOT
17 BE CALLED OUT DIRECTLY IN THIS MOTION THAT'S BEFORE US, BUT I
18 DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO, I WOULD ASK THAT
19 OUR CHAIR AND HER CO-AUTHOR COULD ACCEPT. AND I BELIEVE IT IS
20 A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT BECAUSE AS YOU SAID, MADAM CHAIR, IT IS
21 OUR WORKFORCE. IT IS OUR PEOPLE THAT WE EMPLOY. SO, I WOULD
22 LIKE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT AND I WOULD ASK THAT YOU
23 CONSIDER IT. FOR DIRECTIVE 10, I WOULD LIKE TO READ THE FIRST
24 SENTENCE AND IT WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS. TO ESTABLISH A
25 GOVERNMENT REFORM TASK FORCE INCLUDING REPRESENTATION FROM THE



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1 COUNTY WORKFORCE AND REPORTING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2 RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT UPON
3 ADOPTION BY THE VOTERS, INCLUDING ROBUST COMMUNITY AND
4 STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH. I HOPE THAT THIS WILL CONFORM WITH THE
5 BODY AND INTENT OF WHAT WE WANNA DO TODAY, BUT I DO THINK IT
6 IS IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR WORKFORCE. SO,
7 MADAM CHAIR, IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS, IS THERE, I
8 THINK I'M...

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10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I'M HAPPY TO ACCEPT IT, AND MY
11 CO-AUTHOR WILL AS WELL.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND I WOULD JUST CONCLUDE BY SAYING THAT LET
14 OUR FUTURE BE ONE THAT TAKES US TO A HIGHER PLACE FOR ALL THE
15 10,000,000 PEOPLE AND THE DIVERSITY THAT IS THIRSTY FOR THAT
16 LEADERSHIP TO BE REFLECTED ON THIS BOARD AND TO ALSO SEE THAT
17 THERE IS MORE TRANSPARENCY IN TERMS OF DELIBERATIONS BUDGET
18 AND ALSO HOW WE PRIORITIZE AND ALSO MAKE TRANSPARENT ALL THE
19 WORK THAT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS DO. SO, WITH THAT, I WOULD
20 SAY I AM SUPPORTIVE AND THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING THIS FRIENDLY
21 AMENDMENT. THANK YOU AND THANK YOU TO THE PANEL.

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

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



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 YOU AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CREATING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO
2 HAVE TODAY'S CONVERSATION. I APPRECIATE IT. I AM REALLY
3 TICKLED TO HAVE SEEN THE VIDEO, THE ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE, OF THE
4 GRANDFATHER OF THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. AND AS I
5 LISTENED TO HIM, I THOUGHT, GEE, THAT SUPERVISOR OF THE SECOND
6 DISTRICT MIGHT HAVE INDEED SUPPORTED THE CURRENT DAY SECOND
7 DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S INITIAL MOTION, FRANKLY, ON REFORM THAT
8 DIDN'T GET PASSED OUT OF THIS BODY. AND THE SECOND ONE THAT
9 DID BROUGHT INTO, AT THE REQUEST OF SITTING BOARD MEMBERS, THE
10 STUDY THAT HE SAID WE DIDN'T NEED. SO, I'M LIKE, OKAY.
11 SUPERVISOR HAHN, SENIOR, I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED, BUT HERE WE
12 ARE. I AGREE AND ABSOLUTELY BELIEVE THAT EXPANDING THE BOARD
13 AND INCREASING EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION IS A CRITICAL PIECE OF
14 THE PUZZLE TO IMPROVE LA COUNTY'S GOVERNANCE MODEL WITHOUT
15 QUESTION. AS WE HEARD FROM THE DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR, HE HAS
16 AN OPINION ABOUT A NUMBER BUT WE DIDN'T HEAR IT, BUT AS WE
17 HEARD SUPERVISOR HAHN, IF 9 WAS THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER THEY
18 THOUGHT IN 1972 WITH HALF OUR CURRENT POPULATION, I'M NOT SURE
19 IF IT MAKES SENSE THAT 9 IS STILL OUR APPROPRIATE NUMBER IN
20 2024. AND THEREIN FOR ME LIES THE QUESTIONS THAT I WILL REALLY
21 BE ELEVATING TODAY. YOU KNOW, THE DICHOTOMY OF THE RALPH M.
22 BROWN ACT IS NOT LOST ON ME IN TODAY'S CONVERSATION. YOU KNOW,
23 THERE'S AN ELEMENT OF THE ACT THAT I THINK THE PUBLIC AND WE
24 ALL FOCUS ON THAT REALLY FOCUSES ON KIND OF SERIAL
25 COMMUNICATIONS. A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF A LEGISLATIVE



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SUPERVISORS

1 BODY SHALL NOT, OUTSIDE A MEETING AUTHORIZED BY THIS CHAPTER,
2 CHAPTER OF THE ACT, USE A SERIES OF COMMUNICATIONS OF ANY
3 KIND, DIRECTLY OR THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES TO COMMUNICATE,
4 UNLESS THE MEETING IS AGENDIZED. AND THE CHALLENGE WITH THAT
5 IS, THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD IS NOT ABLE TO BE INFORMED ABOUT
6 ACTS REALLY UNTIL THEIR AGENDAS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAS THE
7 OPPORTUNITY. SO, I'M GONNA MAKE SOME STATEMENTS TODAY BECAUSE
8 I WANT TO PROVIDE SOME REAL CLARITY. I THINK THERE WERE LOTS
9 OF ASSUMPTIONS, PERHAPS MISCOMMUNICATIONS, I'M NOT SURE WHICH,
10 THAT GAVE PEOPLE THE IMPRESSION THAT I WAS A PARTNER IN THIS
11 MOTION, AND I WAS NOT. I AM NOT. AND YOU KNOW, I'M SURE THE
12 BROWN ACT WAS FOLLOWED AND THERE WERE NO SERIAL COMMUNICATIONS
13 BETWEEN MORE OFFICES THAN THERE SHOULD BE. AND BECAUSE OF
14 THAT, I WAS NOT A PART OF THE CONVERSATION. SO, THIS IS MY
15 OPPORTUNITY TO ELEVATE QUESTIONS IN KEEPING WITH THE OTHER
16 MOTIONS BROUGHT FORWARD AND THE WORK THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING ON
17 THIS FOR QUITE SOME TIME. THERE'S LOTS OF OPINIONS ABOUT
18 WHETHER IT'S BEEN STUDIED OR OVERSTUDIED, AND I THINK THE
19 REALITY IS THE INITIAL MOTION BROUGHT FORWARD DID INCLUDE A
20 STUDY. THERE WAS AN EXPRESSED CONCERNS BY MY COLLEAGUES AND SO
21 FOR THE SECOND VERSION OF THE BILL THE STUDY WAS ADDED. IS IT
22 TAKING TOO LONG? IT ABSOLUTELY IS. BUT I THINK IT'S ALSO FAIR
23 TO TALK ABOUT PROCESS. MY COLLEAGUES KNOW THAT I TEND TO BE
24 THE PROCESS WONK ON THE BOARD. AND SO, LET'S TALK ABOUT THE
25 PROCESS THAT THE COUNTY ENGAGES IN. SO, IN AN EFFORT TO



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1 SHORTEN THE TIMEFRAME TO FIND A CONSULTANT TO DO THE WORK, WE
2 WERE ADVISED TO NOT GO THROUGH THE TYPICAL RFP PROCESS BUT GO
3 THROUGH A SHORTER TIMEFRAME CALLED A REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF
4 INTEREST. THAT'S WHAT WE DID. THERE WERE A SERIES OF
5 UNFORTUNATE, I THINK, MISHAPS. ATTEMPTED TO WORK THROUGH THE
6 EXECUTIVE OFFICE. I WANNA THANK THE STAFF FROM ALL OF THE
7 SUPERVISORIAL OFFICES FOR THE TIME THEY SPENT IN GOING THROUGH
8 THE PROCESS OF THE REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF INTEREST. WE ARE
9 ACKNOWLEDGING THE WORK OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES. I WANT TO
10 ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF OUR CHIEFS OF STAFF AND ADDITIONAL
11 STAFF WHO WENT THROUGH THIS PROCESS GOING BACK TO MARCH OF
12 2023 WHEN THE ORIGINAL STATEMENT OF WORK WAS CREATED AND
13 PUBLICLY POSTED FOR BID. WE WENT THROUGH IT. THERE WERE
14 QUESTIONS AS TO HOW THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE NOTIFIED THE PERSON
15 THAT RECEIVED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF POINTS. THERE WERE
16 QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW THE POINTS WERE CALCULATED, THERE WERE
17 QUESTIONS THROUGH THIS COUNTY PROCESS. IHR AND A I BELIEVE HAD
18 LMU PROFESSORS A PART OF THERE. WERE YOU A PART OF THE OF THE
19 BID TO --

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21 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** YES, WE WERE A SUBCONTRACTOR WE WERE
22 GOING TO DO A SURVEY

23

24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** YES, EXACTLY. SO I JUST WANT TO
25 CLARIFY AS PEOPLE SAID IT'S TAKING TOO LONG I COULDN'T AGREE



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SUPERVISORS

1 MORE IT WAS THE CONTRACTING PROCESS THAT WAS RECOMMENDED TO US
2 THAT AS WE TALK ABOUT COUNTY PROCESSES THAT CAN BE VERY
3 BUREAUCRATIC I LEARNED A GREAT DEAL THERE WERE SOME MISSTEPS
4 AND I WE'VE BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
5 ABOUT HOW WE HOPE IN FUTURE CONTRACTING PROCESSES THAT THEY
6 COULD BE CORRECTED. IN THEORY EXPANDING THE BOARD ALLOWS
7 SUPERVISORS TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES
8 NEEDS WITH DISTRICTS OF 2,000,000 PEOPLE WITH A WIDE RANGE OF
9 GEOGRAPHIES INFRASTRUCTURES AND DEMOGRAPHICS SERVICE DELIVERY
10 CAN BE CHALLENGING ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE OF US WHO REPRESENT
11 LARGE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, IN THE PREAMBLE TO
12 THE MOTION BEFORE US, WE SEE A WIDE RANGE OF EXAMPLES
13 PRESENTED OF THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATIVE TO
14 POPULATION SIZES FOR COUNTIES ACROSS THE COUNTY, BUT AGAIN I'M
15 NOT SURE HOW THIS MOTION SETTLED ON 9 GIVEN THAT WE HAVE NOT
16 YET HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE A DATA-INFORMED
17 RECOMMENDATION ON THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR OUR 10
18 PLUS MILLION POPULATION. AGAIN, THE PROCESS WE WERE ENGAGING
19 IN WAS FOR THE BOARD TO TAKE THE DATA-DRIVEN RECOMMENDATIONS
20 AND MAKE A DECISION ABOUT WHAT WE THOUGHT WE SHOULD BRING TO
21 THE TABLE. AND AGAIN, WHILE I BELIEVE THAT EXPANDING THE BOARD
22 IS PART OF THE SOLUTION I DON'T BELIEVE THAT EXPANSION ALONE
23 WILL SOLVE SOME OF THE GREATEST CHALLENGES WITH LA COUNTY'S
24 GOVERNANCE. IN FACT CHANGING OUR STRUCTURE WITHOUT EVOLVING
25 HOW WE DO BUSINESS COULD LEAD TO GREATER FRAGMENTATION



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SUPERVISORS

1 INTERNALLY AND GREATER CONFUSION EXTERNALLY ABOUT HOW
2 CONSTITUENTS CAN ENGAGE IN THE COUNTY'S POLICY AND BUDGET
3 DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES. EXPANSION MUST BE CONSIDERED ALONGSIDE
4 OTHER REFORMS THAT COULD CREATE MORE INCLUSIVE AND TRULY
5 TRANSPARENT COUNTY PROCESSES. THAT'S WHY IN THE PAST WE'VE
6 WORKED TO ADVANCE A BROAD HOLISTIC REVIEW OF THE BOARD'S
7 GOVERNANCE MODEL, ANALYZE BEST PRACTICES AND IDENTIFY
8 POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING HOW OUR BOARD VETS POLICY
9 PROPOSALS AND ITS IMPACT ON THE COUNTY BUDGET. ORGANIZATIONS
10 WE WORK WITH HAVE COMMENTED ON THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AROUND
11 THE COUNTY'S POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND THE LACK OF
12 OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO SEE IT AND ENGAGE IN IT. OTHER GROUPS
13 HAVE SHARED THAT IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO THOUGHTFULLY WEIGH IN
14 ON A MOTION WHEN SOME MOTIONS ARE PUBLISHED ON A FRIDAY
15 THROUGH OUR FRIDAY GREEN SHEETS, LEAVING THEM ONLY THE WEEKEND
16 AND MONDAY TO REVIEW THEM. THE POTENTIAL REFORMS PRESENTED
17 TODAY WILL NOT ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF ADVANCING FULL TRANSPARENCY
18 AND MORE EQUITABLE OUTCOMES FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS WITHOUT
19 REFORMS TO HOW THE BOARD AND PUBLIC REVIEWS AND ANALYZES
20 POLICY. SO AGAIN THE MOTION BEFORE US HAS LOTS OF REALLY
21 IMPORTANT ELEMENTS BUT IT'S A SUBSET OF ACTIONS I THINK TO
22 TAKE THAT WOULD BRING US TO A POINT OF TRUE FULL GOVERNANCE
23 POSSIBILITIES. AND THERE ARE THINGS THAT THIS BOARD COULD DO
24 THAT REALLY DON'T REQUIRE CHARTER CHANGE. I'LL GIVE YOU A
25 COUPLE OF EXAMPLES. WHEN I JOINED THE BOARD IN 2020, IT WAS



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1 DURING COVID, CHALLENGING TIME TO ONBOARD TO A NEW JOB WHEN
2 YOU'RE MEETING REMOTELY. AND SO, I ASK A COUPLE OF REALLY
3 BASIC QUESTIONS. HAVING COME FROM AN ELECTED BODY THAT HAS A
4 FULL TRAINING AND ONBOARDING PROCESS, THAT'S WHAT I EXPECTED
5 HERE. I GOT THE BIG BINDER THAT EVERY COUNTY EMPLOYEE GETS. SO
6 I WAS ONBOARDED INTO HOW TO BE A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, BUT THERE
7 WAS NO ONBOARDING PROCESS ABOUT OUR GOVERNANCE, WHICH LED ME
8 TO ASK MORE QUESTIONS. I ASKED FOR THE RULES OF THE HOUSE.
9 CONGRESS ADOPTS THEIR RULES OF THE HOUSE AT THE BEGINNING OF
10 EVERY CONGRESSIONAL SESSION, AS DOES THE LEGISLATURE. IT TOOK
11 A SURPRISINGLY LONG AMOUNT OF TIME FOR SOMEONE TO FIND THE
12 RULES OF THE HOUSE TO SHARE WITH ME. I REALIZED AS I WAS
13 HANDED A SHEET OF PAPER, I WAS TOLD, WELL, WE DON'T DO THAT
14 ANYMORE. THIS HAS CHANGED, THAT HAS CHANGED, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH,
15 BLAH. SO, OKAY, WELL, MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF COVID. I ALSO WAS
16 SURPRISED TO SEE IT'S NOT A DOCUMENT THAT THIS BODY REVIEWS
17 AND UPDATES ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. SECONDLY, BY MY SECOND YEAR I
18 WAS ELECTED CHAIR BECAUSE OF OUR ROTATING SCHEDULE. I WAS
19 ASKED, WELL, WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIR? THERE WAS NO
20 LIST. I TRIED TO CREATE ONE AS I WAS CHAIR. THE FINAL QUESTION
21 I ASKED THAT DEALS I THINK WITH IF WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT
22 TRANSPARENCY AUTHENTICALLY WAS THIS NOTION OF DELEGATED
23 AUTHORITY. THIS MOTION TALKS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF AN
24 ELECTED CEO. OF COURSE DURING COVID AND FOR WHATEVER REASONS
25 THE SUBSET OF THE CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD AND PAST



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1 BOARDS OFFERED DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE CEO. WHEN I WAS IN
2 THE LEGISLATURE DURING COVID, WE DID THE SAME THING TO THE
3 GOVERNOR. HOWEVER, WE MAINTAINED A LIST, AND ONCE WE CAME OUT
4 OF COVID, WE REVERSED THOSE DECISIONS. I COULD NEVER GET A
5 LIST OF ALL OF THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY DECISIONS THE BOARD HAD
6 GIVEN TO THE CEO SO AS A NEW BOARD MEMBER TO GET A SENSE OF
7 WHAT WAS IN MY PURVIEW WAS A BOARD MEMBER WHAT WAS IN
8 APPROPRIATE TO EXPECT OF THE CEO HOW WE WERE APPROPRIATELY
9 OVERSEEING THAT ARE MANAGING THAT? DIDN'T EXIST AND WHEN I
10 THINK ABOUT IT AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND WHEN I
11 THINK ABOUT A \$47,000,000,000 BUDGET AND ACTUALLY WHO'S IN
12 CHARGE, 5 MEMBERS, 9 MEMBERS, MY SUPERVISOR, A CEO ELECTED OR
13 APPOINTED. SOME OF THESE CORE ELEMENTS ARE CRITICALLY MISSING
14 FROM THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS TODAY AND ARE NOT REFLECTED IN THE
15 DRAFT LANGUAGE AS WE GO FORWARD. SO AGAIN, I THINK IF WE'RE
16 GOING TO TALK ABOUT TRUE TRANSPARENCY, WHICH IS WHAT THE
17 PUBLIC DEMANDS AND EXPECTS OF US, I THINK THERE ARE A NUMBER
18 OF ACTIONS WE COULD TAKE THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL 2032
19 TO MANIFEST THAT WE AS A BOARD COULD LEAN IN IN TERMS OF OUR
20 INTERNAL BUDGETING PROCESS AND RECLAIM FRANKLY OUR POWER AS A
21 BOARD. EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPENDS ON A BALANCE OF THE
22 POWERS OF POLICY MAKING AND POLICY IMPLEMENTATION AND WITH AN
23 ELECTED CEO AGAIN I HAVE QUESTIONS I'M NOT SURE HOW THE
24 SPECIFIC NEEDS OF OUR UNIQUE CONSTITUENTS CONSTITUENCIES WILL
25 BE APPROPRIATELY ELEVATED IT'S UNCLEAR THAT THE BOARD WOULD BE



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1 ABLE TO DIRECT THE CEO TO ALLOCATE RESOURCES, IMPLEMENT
2 PROGRAMS, OR RETURN TO THE BOARD WITH OPTIONS FOR FUNDING
3 BOARD PRIORITY PROGRAMS. I DO FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT TRANSPARENCY
4 WITH RESPECT TO HOW THE COUNTY'S BUDGET IS DEVELOPED IN
5 COORDINATION WITH OUR CONSTITUENTS MUST BE A PRIORITY AS
6 REFLECTIVE OF MOTIONS I'VE BROUGHT FORWARD THAT SOME HAVE BEEN
7 SUCCESSFUL, SOME NOT, IN TERMS OF WHAT ROLE WE MUST PLAY IN
8 THE BUDGET DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIZATION PROCESS. ALTHOUGH
9 THE AUTHORS OF THE MOTION CONTEND THAT THIS ISSUE HAS ALREADY
10 BEEN STUDIED, NO SUCH INDEPENDENT DATA-INFORMED ANALYSIS HAS
11 BEEN PERFORMED, AND CERTAINLY NOT SINCE THE PANDEMIC, WHICH
12 CREATED A NEW SENSIBILITY AND URGENCY AROUND POLICY AND BUDGET
13 DECISIONS ROOTED IN EQUITY. SO, I HOPE THAT WE CAN LOOK
14 STRATEGICALLY AT OUR GOVERNANCE MODEL TO IDENTIFY THE HOLISTIC
15 CHANGES NEEDED TO TRULY CREATE A COUNTY GOVERNMENT THAT BEST
16 SERVES ALL OF OUR CONSTITUENTS BUT THE REFORM IS PRESENTED
17 BEFORE US TODAY FOR ME REPRESENT A SUBSET OF ACTIONS WE SHOULD
18 TAKE MANY OF WHOM DON'T REQUIRE CHARTER CHANGE. IT REQUIRES
19 THIS BOARD TO TAKE ACTION AND PUT INTO PRACTICE OUR STATED
20 BELIEFS AROUND TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. SO, IF I MAY,
21 MADAM CHAIR, I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. LIKE I SAID, I'VE
22 GOT LOTS OF QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW THIS WOULD WORK. ONE GOES BACK
23 TO PROCESS, AND MAYBE COUNTY COUNCIL CAN CLARIFY. THE VOTE
24 TAKEN ON THE MOTION TODAY WOULD DIRECT COUNTY COUNCIL TO
25 DEVELOP THE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE THAT WOULD THEN COME BACK TO US



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1 TO BE FINALIZED?

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3 **DAWYN HARRISON:** SUPERVISOR, THE MOTION THAT'S BEFORE THE BOARD
4 TODAY, THE BOARD DOES 2 THINGS. THE BOARD WOULD APPROVE AN
5 ORDINANCE CALLING FOR AN ELECTION OF THE PROPOSED CHARTER
6 AMENDMENT AND WOULD APPROVE A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A
7 CONSOLIDATION OF THE ELECTION WITH THE NOVEMBER 2024 GENERAL
8 ELECTION.

9

10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR THAT.
11 QUESTION ABOUT FUNDING. I HEARD, MADAM CHAIR, CLEARLY
12 ARTICULATE THAT IT WILL HAVE NO ADDITIONAL COST TO TAXPAYERS.
13 AND AS I THINK ABOUT OUR BUDGET CONVERSATIONS SINCE I'VE BEEN
14 HERE AND THE PRESSURES ON NCC COUPLED WITH MY EXPERIENCE AT
15 THE LEGISLATIVE LEVEL AS BUDGET CHAIR WHERE WE HAD ALLEGED
16 ANALYST AND WE HAD SOME OF THESE ELEMENTS THAT THERE WERE
17 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THEM. AND SO, I'M WONDERING, PERHAPS
18 THIS IS TO THE CEO, WHEN I THINK ABOUT MEASURE J AND MEASURE J
19 PRESSURES ON NCC, WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE MYRIAD OF BOARD
20 MOTIONS THAT ARE PASSED BY THIS BODY, SOME OF WHICH ARE FUNDED
21 IN THE BUDGET, SOME OF WHICH AREN'T. WHAT WOULD WE HAVE TO
22 GIVE UP OR NO LONGER DO BASED ON A GUESSTIMATE OF STANDING UP
23 THESE NEW ENTITIES, ENTITIES THAT DON'T CURRENTLY EXIST, THE
24 ANALYST, THE BUDGET AND POLICY ANALYST, AND SOME OF THE
25 OTHERS. HOW WOULD WE DO THAT?



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2 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, A COUPLE OF THINGS, SUPERVISORS. ONE OF
3 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MOTION IS TO ESTABLISH A CHARTER
4 REVIEW COMMISSION, FOR EXAMPLE, AND THEN THERE'S A GOVERNANCE
5 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE. I WOULD ASSUME THAT THE GOVERNANCE
6 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE WOULD BE A ONE-TIME, MIGHT BE A
7 MULTI-YEAR, EXISTS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, BUT IT WOULD BE ONE-
8 TIME IN NATURE BECAUSE I BELIEVE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE MOTION
9 THAT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE TERMINATES ONCE THIS NEW STRUCTURE
10 IS IN PLACE. AND SO THAT WOULD BE A ONE-TIME COST. AND OFTEN
11 IN OUR BUDGET, WE ARE NOT NECESSARILY HARD PRESSED TO FIND
12 ONE-TIME FUNDS. MOST OF THE PRESSURE ON THE BUDGET EXISTS FOR
13 ONGOING FUNDING. AND SO ON THE OTHER BODIES, THE OFFICE OF
14 ETHICS COMPLIANCE, THE ETHICS COMMISSION, THE, YOU KNOW,
15 WHATEVER THE NEW COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE WOULD LOOK LIKE, THE
16 ELECTED EXECUTIVE, AND THEN THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYSTS, THOSE
17 WOULD ALL REQUIRE ONGOING COSTS. AND SO, WE, AS YOU CORRECTLY
18 POINTED OUT, THERE ARE A LOT OF PRESSURES ON THE BUDGET. IT
19 DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO THESE.
20 IT WOULD MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE TRADE-
21 OFFS. AND SO, THERE WOULD BE SOMETHING ELSE ON THE TABLE. I
22 DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WOULD BE IN, YOU KNOW, 2026, 28 WHEN WE
23 WERE STANDING THESE UP, BUT THERE WOULD BE A TRADE-OFF. WE
24 WOULD BE IN LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, OR OUR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS THAT
25 WE GO TO THE TABLE STARTING NEXT YEAR, THERE WOULD BE



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1 NEGOTIATIONS FOR, COLA, COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT INCREASES.
2 AND SO, WHAT WE WOULD DO TODAY IS WE WOULD START PUTTING THIS
3 ON WHAT WE CALL A FIVE-YEAR FORECAST. IT'S A DOCUMENT THAT WE
4 USE INTERNALLY IN A CEO'S OFFICE WHERE WE MAY NOT HAVE
5 EXCESSIVE PRECISION ABOUT WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE
6 TOMORROW, BUT WE KNOW THAT THERE IS AN OBLIGATION ON THE
7 HORIZON THAT WE WOULD TRY TO PREPARE FOR.

8

9 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND AS I HEAR FROM CONSTITUENTS
10 REGULARLY, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES
11 WHO FEEL LIKE, AM I GETTING MY FAIR SHARE OF LIVING
12 UNINCORPORATED? YOU KNOW, THOSE PRESSURES ARE REAL. AND AS A
13 STATE-LEDGED ANALYST, IT'S NOT ONE PERSON. IT'S A TEAM OF
14 PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE SHEER VOLUME OF
15 MOTIONS THAT PASS THROUGH THIS BODY. THERE WAS A POINT IN TIME
16 I WAS KEEPING COUNTING AT MY, I THINK, 3 1/4 YEAR POINT I HAD
17 VOTED ON 6,500. SO GIVEN THE SHEER VOLUME OF MOTIONS, IF WE'RE
18 TRULY GOING TO STAND UP AN ENTITY THAT'S GOING TO REVIEW
19 POLICY AND BUDGET, IT'S NOT JUST ONE PERSON. IT'S GOING TO
20 HAVE TO BE MULTIPLE PEOPLE TO AUTHENTICALLY DO THAT WORK. I'M
21 NOT SURE HOW WE PAY FOR THAT. AND WE CERTAINLY WANT TO
22 MAINTAIN OUR AAA PLUS BOND RATING THAT MANY OF OUR FELLOW
23 GOVERNANCE BODIES ACROSS THIS COUNTY DON'T SHARE. AND WE ALL
24 KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING THAT. SO HAVING AN HONEST
25 CONVERSATION ABOUT BUDGET IMPACT I THINK IS IMPORTANT TO THE



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1 VOTERS. AND I'M NOT SURE HOW WE COULD STAND UP THE
2 INFRASTRUCTURE AS PROPOSED WITH NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS WITH A
3 PERCEPTION OF SIMPLY REALLOCATING FUNDS. SECOND QUESTION, IN
4 THE CONCEPT OF AN ELECTED CEO, AND YOU SAID THAT THERE WERE
5 MULTIPLE EXAMPLES, SO PERHAPS YOU COULD HELP EDUCATE ME. YOU
6 KNOW, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OUR SALARY IS TIED TO JUDICIAL
7 SALARIES. I'M NOT SURE HOW OTHER COUNTYWIDE ELECTIVE OFFICERS'
8 SALARIES ARE SET. THE SHERIFF. SO, IN THOSE EXAMPLES, IF YOU
9 KNOW, HOW ARE THOSE SALARIES FOR AN ELECTED CEO BENCHMARKED?

10

11 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** TYPICALLY, JUST ABOUT EVERY JURISDICTION
12 HAS A DIFFERENT PROCESS BUT IT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR THE SALARY OF
13 THE CEO TO BE EQUAL TO OR 5 TO 10% MORE THAN A SUPERVISOR OR
14 THEN THE LEGISLATIVE. SO, YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE GOVERNOR
15 VERSUS THE STATE LEGISLATURE OR THE PRESIDENT VERSUS THE
16 CONGRESS. AND YOU'LL SEE THAT IN ALMOST MOST CASES, THE
17 EXECUTIVE DOES GET PAID A LITTLE BIT MORE. MANY CASES, THEY
18 GET PAID THE SAME. AND THERE IS NO CONSENSUS AS TO WHICH IS
19 BETTER. AND THAT WOULD REALLY BE UP TO THE BOARD IN TERMS OF
20 DECIDING WHAT SHOULD BE THE PAY FOR THE EXECUTIVE.

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22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THE BOARD WOULD DECIDE THAT?

23

24 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** IT'S NOT IN THE CHARTER. AND IT'S NOT IN
25 THE PROPOSAL. SO, SOMEBODY WOULD HAVE TO COME UP WITH THAT.



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2 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OK. AND I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THE POWER
3 DYNAMIC THEN BETWEEN A COUNTYWIDE ELECTED CEO AND 9, 11, 5,
4 15, AS YOU SAID, SUPERVISORS. THAT'S A COUNTYWIDE ELECTED.
5 WHAT'S THE POWER DYNAMIC? THEN I HAVE A SECOND QUESTION ABOUT
6 KIND OF THEIR GOVERNANCE.

7

8 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** WELL, THERE'S BOTH A FORMAL AND INFORMAL
9 ANSWER, AND THE FORMAL ANSWER IS THAT AS THE EXECUTIVE, THEY
10 ARE EQUAL TO THE LEGISLATURE AS A WHOLE. THE INFORMAL, IT
11 WOULD BE THE SAME AS WHEN YOU WERE IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE
12 AND THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNOR, MEANING THAT THE GOVERNOR WOULD
13 HAVE THIS VETO POWER, BUT COULD BE OVERTURNED, JUST LIKE IN
14 THE STATE LEGISLATURE. BUT THERE ARE, IT'S ALWAYS UNIQUE TO
15 THE SITUATION AND THE PERSONALITIES IN TERMS OF THE BALANCE OF
16 POWER. A MUCH MORE POPULAR GOVERNOR WOULD HAVE GREATER
17 STANDING INFORMALLY AND WOULD HAVE TO, THE LEGISLATURE WOULD
18 HAVE TO WORK WITH THAT, KNOWING THAT SITUATION. A VERY
19 WEAKENED EXECUTIVE WOULD HAVE LESS POWER. WE CAN'T MEASURE
20 THAT IN TERMS OF METRICS, BUT I THINK INTUITIVELY, ESPECIALLY
21 YOURSELF AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN HAVING
22 SERVED IN OTHER LEGISLATURES, I THINK UNDERSTAND THAT MUCH
23 BETTER THAN I.

24

25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S POPULARITY



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1 IN THE STATE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. IT'S PARTY AFFILIATION, AND
2 IT'S WHO THE MAJORITY PARTY IS IN THE LEGISLATIVE BODY AND THE
3 PARTY AFFILIATION OF THE EXECUTIVE MORE SO THAN I THINK
4 PERSONALITY. YOU KNOW WE'VE BEEN CHALLENGED AS MANY LOCAL
5 GOVERNMENTS IN TERMS OF ADMINISTERING, HOW WE ARE
6 OPERATIONALIZING A NEW LEGISLATIVE BILL BROUGHT FORWARD BY
7 SENATOR GLAZER, THAT IS REQUIRING, YOU HEARD AT THE BEGINNING,
8 SEVERAL RECUSALS WHERE WE AREN'T VOTING ON ACTIONS BECAUSE OF
9 DONATIONS. AND SO, WHAT OCCURRED TO ME FOR THIS COUNTYWIDE
10 ELECTED, GIVEN THEIR ROLE AS THE EXECUTIVE, HOW WOULD THAT
11 WORK? IF THEY'VE GOT TO RUN COUNTYWIDE, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE
12 TO RAISE A WHOLE BUNCH OF MONEY. THAT IS THE REALITY OF
13 POLITICS TODAY. AND SO, WOULD THEY HAVE TO RECUSE THEMSELVES
14 FROM LABOR NEGOTIATIONS IF BY CHANCE TO GET ELECTED, THEY'VE
15 ACCEPTED LABOR DONATIONS? HOW ARE OTHER ELECTED EXECUTIVES
16 MANAGING THAT TODAY BECAUSE THEY TOO, PERHAPS IF THERE ARE
17 OTHERS IN CALIFORNIA, ARE BOUND BY KIND OF THE GLAZER BILL,
18 BECAUSE IT'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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20 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** I'M NOT AWARE OF RESEARCH, BUT IT IS A
21 QUESTION THAT CAN BE RESEARCHED, BECAUSE WE DO HAVE SO MANY
22 SITUATIONS, AS YOU JUST MENTIONED, WHETHER IT'S THE MAYOR OF
23 LOS ANGELES OR ANY OF THE MAJOR CITIES OR EVEN THE GOVERNOR,
24 AND HOW DOES THE PROPOSED GLAZER BILL, HOW WOULD IT IMPACT
25 THEM? AND SO, I WOULD LOOK TO THE, YOU KNOW, THE STATE



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 LEGISLATURE AND THE LAO REPORT ON THAT. SARAH?

2

3 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** YEAH, I WOULD ALSO JUST ADD THAT THE WAY
4 THAT THIS PROPOSAL HAS BEEN PUT TOGETHER, THERE IS ALSO THE
5 ETHICS COMMISSION AS WELL AS A CHARTER REFORM COMMISSION THAT
6 WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THESE KINDS OF CONVERSATIONS. SO, TO ME,
7 THIS SEEMS TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO ANSWER
8 SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS ONCE PASSED, ONCE MOVING FORWARD WITH
9 THIS KIND OF REFORM.

10

11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** WHO APPOINTS THE GOVERNANCE REFORM
12 TASK FORCE? I HEARD AN AMENDMENT THAT WE WOULD WANT COUNTY
13 EMPLOYEES ON IT, BUT WHO ACTUALLY APPOINTS THOSE MEMBERS?

14

15 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** I MEAN, I WOULD DEFER TO COUNTY COUNCIL,
16 BUT THE WAY, I WOULD READ IT AND INTERPRET IT, YOU THE
17 SUPERVISORS WOULD APPOINT THEM.

18

19 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** OR AT LEAST YOU THE SUPERVISORS WOULD
20 DEVELOP THE PROCESS BY WHICH THEY ARE APPOINTED.

21

22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THE QUESTION WAS WHO SELECTS THE
23 MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE?

24

25 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** WHICH IS DIRECTIVE 10.



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

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2 **DAWYN HARRISON:** THE MOTION DOES NOT SET FORTH WHO WOULD.

3

4 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** APPOINT THEM.

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6 **DAWYN HARRISON:** WHO WOULD APPOINT THEM. IT MOST LIKELY WOULD
7 BE THE BOARD, BUT IT DOESN'T SET FORTH WHO WOULD BE THE
8 APPOINTING, THE TASK FORCE.

9

10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND JUST TO REMIND ME, THOSE ARE
11 ELEMENTS THAT WOULD COME ON BOARD, AS WE SAID, IN SOONER YEARS
12 VERSUS THE 2032 WHEN WE EXPAND THE BOARD. SO THAT WOULD BE
13 HAPPENING NOW, AND THIS BODY, WE'RE ASSUMING, WOULD MAKE THE
14 APPOINTMENTS.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, COULD I ASK A QUESTION? BECAUSE
17 ON SECTION 10 IT SAYS, ESTABLISH A GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK
18 FORCE REPORTING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESPONSIBLE FOR
19 IMPLEMENTATION. SO, I'M ASSUMING WHAT THAT MEANS IS THE TASK
20 FORCE, THE GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE WOULD MAKE A RECOMMENDATION
21 THAT WOULD COME TO THE BOARD AND THEN THE BOARD WOULD APPROVE
22 THAT.

23

24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** MY QUESTION IS WHO APPOINTS THE TASK
25 FORCE?



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **DAWYN HARRISON:** WHO APPOINTS THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE AND
3 THAT'S NOT IDENTIFIED. I THINK THAT WAS THE QUESTION.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I'M GOOD. AND I AGREE, WE NEED TO FIGURE
6 THAT, BUT I WOULD ASSUME THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE OUR INPUT
7 ALONG WITH OTHER PARTIES, INCLUDING THE UNIONS, THE WORKFORCE,
8 AND OTHER PEOPLE, STAKEHOLDERS. THAT'S WHAT IT SHOULD BE,
9 GOVERNANCE, YOU KNOW, SO WE'LL HAVE TO ESTABLISH THAT CRITERIA
10 I WOULD IMAGINE, BUT WE'RE NOT THERE YET TODAY, RIGHT? WE'RE
11 MOVING.

12

13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** WELL, I THINK IT'S ONLY FAIR IF I'M
14 GONNA BE ASKED TO CAST A VOTE THAT AT LEAST I HAVE THE
15 OPPORTUNITY TO POSE THESE QUESTIONS. I THINK THEY'RE QUESTIONS
16 AND I'M NOT ALONE IN THEM. SINCE THE DOCUMENT HAD BEEN PUBLIC
17 TO THE PUBLIC LONGER THAN I HAD ACCESS TO IT, YOU KNOW, WHEN
18 IT FIRST CAME TO MY ATTENTION IT WAS PEOPLE ASKING ME THESE
19 QUESTIONS ON A MOTION THAT I WASN'T PRIVY TO SO I THINK THESE
20 ARE QUESTIONS THAT THE PUBLIC HAVE AND SO I'M JUST ELEVATING
21 THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE QUESTIONS I SHARE AS WELL AND JUST YOU
22 KNOW I THINK ONE LAST QUESTION THAT YOU ALL MAY NOT HAVE THE
23 ANSWER, BUT I'M GONNA PUT IT OUT THERE FOR PUBLIC RECORD,
24 BECAUSE IT MADE ME THINK. WHAT IMPACT DOES BOARD EXPANSION
25 HAVE ON THE METRO BOARD? I KNOW THAT I RECALL IN RECENT YEARS



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SUPERVISORS

1 THAT THERE HAVE BEEN EFFORTS TO EXPAND THE METRO BOARD AND
2 THEY FAILED FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER PEOPLE HAVE VOTED
3 AGAINST THAT AND SO I'M ASSUMING IF WE ARE 9 THAT MEANS ON ALL
4 THE BODIES THAT WE ARE ALL REPRESENTED ON THAT WOULD INCLUDE
5 METRO BOARD THAT IT WOULD GROW BY THAT NUMBER. HAVE YOU
6 CONSIDERED THAT ALL? HAS THAT BEEN A PART OF ANYTHING YOU'VE
7 READ OR STUDIED?

8

9 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** YES, WE HAD THAT DISCUSSION, AND OF
10 COURSE, THIS IS MORE OF AN OPINION. IF YOU WERE TO EXPAND TO 9
11 AND METRO, WHICH IS BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE, ITS NUMBERS, YOU
12 WOULD THEN APPOINT, OUT OF THE 9, YOU WOULD APPOINT 5 TO BE ON
13 THE METRO BOARD UNLESS THE STATE AND THE METRO DECIDED TO
14 EXPAND, WHICH SEEMS LIKELY, AND YOU HAVE THAT ISSUE IN MANY
15 OTHER BOARDS THAT YOU GUYS REPRESENT WHERE NOT ALL 5 OF YOU
16 ARE ON THERE, AQMD OR OTHERS. SO, IT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR A CITY
17 LIKE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THEY HAVE 4, NOT ALL 15 ARE ON
18 THERE. THEY HAVE 4 SO THEY SELECT THAT YEAH IT'S NOT UNUSUAL
19 AT ALL FOR EITHER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR LOCAL LEGISLATIVE
20 BODIES TO HAVE TO SELECT 1, 2 SOMETIMES 3 OF THEIR MEMBERS TO
21 SIT ON REGIONAL BODIES AND SO THAT WOULD NOT BE UNIQUE THAT
22 YOU WOULD HAVE 5 OF THE 9 THERE OR MY OPINION ALL 9 OF YOU
23 SHOULD BE THERE.

24

25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GOT IT I JUST THINK THE DIFFERENCE IS



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 WHO MAKES THE SELECTION FOR THE CITY OF LA THE MAYOR -

2

3 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** THE MAYOR, CORRECT.

4

5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SELECTS WITH CITY COUNCIL SO THE ISSUE

6 HERE WOULD BE IF IT'S JUST THE 5 WHO MAKES THE SELECTION IT

7 WOULD -

8

9 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** AGAIN MY OPINION AND I WOULD DEFER TO

10 COUNCIL AND OTHERS IS BECAUSE THE METRO BOARD SAYS SUPERVISORS

11 THAT IT'S ALREADY

12

13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** IT WOULD BE ALL 9.

14

15 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** IT WOULD BE THAT THE SUPERVISOR WOULD

16 MAKE THAT DECISION RIGHT NOW NOT THE NEW EXECUTIVE. AGAIN

17 THERE'S A LOT OF IMPLEMENTATION I THINK THAT'S WHAT THE TASK

18 FORCE WOULD WORK ON. YOU DON'T GET TO 9 UNTIL 9 TO 2032, AND

19 THEREFORE YOU WOULD HAVE A LOT OF TIME TO GO TO THE STATE

20 LEGISLATURE, THE METRO BOARD, AQMD AND OTHERS, AND ALIGN THOSE

21 POLICIES WITH THE NEW REALITY.

22

23 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GOING BACK TO THIS TASK FORCE, BECAUSE

24 THEY GOT A LOT OF TASK FORCE IN TO DO. HOW ARE THE

25 REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS FUNDED? BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THAT'S



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 NOT FREE WORK. DO YOU KNOW HOW THE STATE, I DON'T RECALL IT
2 ALL EVER KNOWING.

3

4 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** THE STATE LEGISLATURE PROVIDES AN
5 ALLOCATION? YEAH, AN ALLOCATION FOR THE REDISTRICTING
6 COMMISSION EVEN BEFORE THE COMMISSION IS SET.

7

8 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** FOR THE COUNTY REDISTRICTING
9 COMMISSION, HOW WAS IT FUNDED?

10

11 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** WE FUNDED THAT WITH NCC. I THINK IT WAS A
12 LITTLE BIT OVER \$2,000,000 THAT FUNDING WAS BUDGETED IN THE
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FACILITATED THE
14 ESTABLISHMENT OF THAT COMMISSION.

15

16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY. SO, THIS, AS WE'RE RECOGNIZING
17 THIS TASK FORCE HAS A LOT OF WORK TO DO. IT WON'T BE JUST ONCE
18 EVERY 10 YEARS. THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA IN TERMS OF BUDGETING.
19 THE LAST PIECE I WOULD RAISE, AND I, IN LISTENING TO YOU VERY
20 INTENTLY, MADAM CHAIR, YOU REFERENCE SCANDALS AND CORRUPTION
21 IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL SENTIMENT ABOUT GOVERNMENT
22 ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY AND IT MADE ME THINK AGAIN
23 ABOUT OUR INTERNAL PROCESSES AND WHAT WE HAVE CONTROL OVER.
24 AND SO I WANTED TO ASK COUNTY COUNCIL, WE HAVEN'T HAD AN
25 UPDATE IN A WHILE ON OUR INTERNAL ANALYSIS AND REVIEW OF THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 COUNTY'S CONTRACTING PROCESS. SO COULD YOU GIVE US A QUICK
2 UPDATE ON WHERE WE ARE IN THAT?

3

4 **DAWYN HARRISON:** YES SUPERVISOR, THE CONSULTANTS THAT HAVE BEEN
5 RETAINED ARE ACTUALLY NEARING CONCLUSION OF THAT PROCESS AND
6 WE WERE EXPECTING TO HAVE A REPORT SHORTLY, SOON. I CAN'T,
7 PROBABLY WITHIN THE NEXT 2 MONTHS WE WOULD HAVE A REPORT BACK
8 ON THAT.

9

10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT. I THINK THAT'S
11 ANOTHER EXAMPLE IS IF WE'RE GONNA TALK ABOUT TRANSPARENCY AND
12 ACCOUNTABILITY AND NOT GIVING OUR CURRENT COLLECTIVE AND
13 INDIVIDUAL POWER AWAY, AS I KNOW SOME PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED
14 ABOUT ANY KIND OF CONVERSATION ABOUT GOVERNANCE, ABOUT GIVING
15 OUR POWER AWAY, THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN TO BE THE WAY I SEE IT.
16 CONTINUING TO PUSH THE ENVELOPE ON THESE INTERNAL PROCESSES
17 THAT ALLOW FOR GREATER TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IS I
18 THINK THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS BOARD AND ACTIONS WE SHOULD
19 BE TAKING IF INDEED WE ARE SINCERE ABOUT OUR COMMITMENT TO
20 CREATING A COUNTY GOVERNANCE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT MEETS THE
21 NEEDS THE UNIQUE AND INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE NEEDS OF
22 10,000,000 RESIDENTS IN A COUNTY AS DIVERSE AND EXPANSIVE AS
23 L.A. AGAIN, I'VE GOT QUESTIONS, AND I APPRECIATE YOU AND
24 SHARING YOUR EXPERTISE. APPRECIATE YOU FOR GOING THROUGH THE
25 BIDDING PROCESS TO ALLOW US TO HAVE A STUDY, HOPE THAT WE CAN



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SUPERVISORS

1 CONTINUE TO REALLY WORK THROUGH. I THINK, AS IT HAS BEEN
2 STATED, THERE HAVE BEEN PAST EFFORTS TO BRING FORWARD A MOTION
3 TO EXPAND. AND THOSE EFFORTS HAVE ALL HAD DIFFERENT ADDITIONAL
4 GOVERNANCE ELEMENTS ADDED TO THEM. AND THEY HAVE FAILED. I
5 HAPPEN TO THINK WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO GET THIS RIGHT. IT
6 IS TOO HARD AND IT COSTS TOO MUCH MONEY FOR A BALLOT
7 INITIATIVE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN A COUNTY THIS LARGE AND SO THE
8 NUMBER OF QUESTIONS AND LACK OF CLARITY AND MAYBE IT'S JUST A
9 MATTER OF TIME AND HAVING TIME TO FLUSH IT OUT MORE CLEARLY. I
10 JUST THINK THAT THERE'S TOO MUCH AT RISK FOR US TO TAKE A BITE
11 AT THE APPLE THAT'S NOT ABSOLUTELY IDEAL AND MEETS THE OVERALL
12 COMPREHENSIVE, EXPANSIVE GOVERNANCE REFORM NEEDS OF A COUNTY
13 OF 10,000,000. I ALSO THINK IT'S GOING TO BE INCUMBENT UPON US
14 AS A BOARD TO DO THE INTERNAL CORRECTIONS THAT WE AS A BOARD
15 CAN VOTE ON AND PUT INTO PLACE THAT BRING FORWARD TRANSPARENCY
16 AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO MEANINGFULLY
17 ENGAGE WITH LA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AROUND POLICY
18 SETTING AND FROM MY PERSPECTIVE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT BUDGET
19 DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET ALLOCATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM
20 CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** YES, BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO OUR
23 NEXT SPEAKER I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY SOME OF THE THINGS THAT
24 I THINK WERE DIFFICULT FOR SOME OTHERS TO ANSWER. FIRST, STATE
25 LAW ALREADY PROVIDES FOR HOW METRO IS COMPOSED. SO, STATE LAW



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SUPERVISORS

1 DIRECTS THAT METRO, SHOULD THE NUMBER OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2 CHANGE, THAT METRO IS DIRECTED TO COME UP WITH A PROCESS ON
3 HOW TO CHANGE THAT. SO, IT'S ALREADY, SO METRO WOULD HAVE TO
4 WORK ON THAT. THERE ARE MANY OPTIONS, I COULD SUGGEST SOME,
5 BUT MY OPINION DOESN'T MATTER WHAT IS PROVIDED FOR IN STATE
6 LAW IS WHAT SHOULD GUIDE THAT PROCESS. SIMILARLY, WE HEARD THE
7 CEO'S OPINION ON WHERE WE COULD BE MOVING FUNDING FROM AND SHE
8 INDICATED THAT COLA'S WERE A PLACE THAT SHE MIGHT LOOK. I
9 WOULD LOOK SOMEWHERE DIFFERENT. I THINK WE COULD CONSOLIDATE
10 OR ELIMINATE SOME OF OUR EXISTING COMMISSIONS. WE COULD REDUCE
11 OFFICE POSITIONS GIVEN THAT THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF OUR
12 DISTRICTS WOULD CHANGE. WE COULD REALLOCATE DUTIES THAT
13 CURRENTLY EXIST WITHIN THE CEO'S OFFICE. SO, THERE ARE A LOT
14 OF PLACES WITHIN THE CURRENT COUNTY GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE THAT
15 WE COULD GET SOME OF THE RESOURCES TO FUND IT, WHICH IS WHY
16 WE'RE CONFIDENT WE CAN WORK WITHIN OUR \$46,000,000,000 BUDGET.
17 AND IT WAS INTENTIONAL. I AGREE WITH WHAT YOU OUTLINED, THAT
18 THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY MORE OPTIONS THAT EXIST FOR US TO ENSURE
19 THAT WE ARE DOING THE BEST THAT WE CAN WITH GOVERNANCE REFORM.
20 AND AS YOU KNOW, AS YOUR CO-AUTHOR ON BOTH MOTIONS, I SUPPORT
21 MUCH MORE THAN WHAT IS OUTLINED IN THIS CURRENT PROPOSAL. BUT
22 WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT MANY MORE VOICES NEED TO BE PART OF
23 FINALIZING THAT, WHICH IS WHY THE GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE
24 IS EMPOWERED TO DO MUCH OF THAT WORK WITH STAKEHOLDER
25 ENGAGEMENT ON A YEARS GOING FORWARD PROCESS. BECAUSE WE KNOW



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 THAT THERE ARE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS THAT DESERVE PUBLIC INPUT
2 BEFORE THEY ARE SOLIDIFIED. IT SHOULDN'T BE MY OPINION OR
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S PERSONAL OPINION. WE WEREN'T PRESCRIPTIVE
4 ABOUT OUR IDEAS. WE CREATED BODIES TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THOSE
5 CONVERSATIONS BOTH FOR THIS IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH THE TASK
6 FORCE AND LONG TERM THROUGH THE CHARTER COMMISSION TO BE ABLE
7 TO REVIEW THAT ON AN ONGOING BASIS. SO MANY MORE OF THE THINGS
8 THAT YOU MENTIONED CAN BE CONSIDERED AND SHOULD BE IN MY
9 OPINION. SO, I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT FOR THE RECORD.
10 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU,
13 FERNANDO AND SARA. AND FERNANDA, THANK YOU FOR THE POLLS THAT
14 YOU DO. I KNOW THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THE OUTCOMES OF THEM,
15 AND THERE'S NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT YOU HAVE YOUR FINGER
16 ON THE PULSE AND WANT TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT. AND WHAT I WOULD SAY
17 TO PEOPLE, AND ACTUALLY IN THE LA TIMES ARTICLE, I THINK ZEV
18 YAROSLAVSKY SUMS IT UP THAT THE DAY-TO-DAY ISSUES THAT THEY
19 TACKLE ARE NOT GLAMOROUS. IT IS, AS FORMER SUPERVISOR ZEV
20 YAROSLAVSKY PUTS IT, POOR PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT MEANT TO CATCH
21 PEOPLE WITH NO INSURANCE, NO HOME, NO PARENTS, AND NO MONEY.
22 THIS JOB, AS SOMEONE WHO HAS SERVED FOR 35 YEARS AS A COUNTY
23 EMPLOYEE, WHILE I HAVE NOT BEEN ELECTED AS THE LONGEST ON THIS
24 BOARD, I WOULD ARGUE THAT I'VE BEEN HERE 35 YEARS AND SEEN
25 SOME CHANGE. WE CHANGED THE CAO TO THE CEO, AND I ALWAYS SAID



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SUPERVISORS

1 IT WAS DRIVEN MORE BY PERSONALITY THAN BY THE POSITION. THEN
2 THE BOARD WAS TOLD THAT DEPARTMENT HEADS WERE NO LONGER, THE
3 CEO WAS EQUAL TO DEPARTMENT HEADS. SO, YOU HAVE DEPARTMENT
4 HEADS THAT COUNT BY 3. AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR OR CHAIR HORVATH
5 HAS ASKED WHY IT TAKES SO LONG TO GET THINGS DONE. IT'S
6 BECAUSE WE ARE STUCK IN A BUREAUCRACY AND I WOULD ARGUE THAT
7 IS PERSONALITY DRIVEN AND NOT DRIVEN BY THE STRUCTURE. THAT IS
8 WHY, AND I'M GOING TO THANK PUBLIC LABOR SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
9 BECAUSE YOU BROUGHT THIS FORWARD IN THE BEGINNING AND DIDN'T
10 GET A SECOND AND THEN YOU BROUGHT A MOTION IN WITH SUPERVISOR
11 HORVATH TO LOOK AT A STUDY. AND IT WAS A UNANIMOUS VOTE,
12 BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY, I BELIEVE IT IS UP TO THE
13 VOTERS TO MAKE THAT DECISION. IT HAS FAILED WITH A CEO, OR AN
14 EXECUTIVE BEING ELECTED. I DON'T KNOW THAT BIGGER GOVERNMENT
15 NECESSARILY TRANSLATES TO BETTER. AND I DO BELIEVE THAT THERE
16 ARE REFORMS THAT NEED TO BE MADE AND NEED TO BE MADE
17 IMMEDIATELY. AND SO, I AM OPEN-MINDED, AND I THINK THAT IS
18 WHAT IS FRUSTRATING. I MEAN YOU TALK TRANSPARENCY THIS PROCESS
19 WAS ANYTHING BUT TRANSPARENT AS IT RELATES TO HOW THIS WAS
20 ROLLED OUT AND YOU KNOW FOR ME THERE WAS A PROCESS IN PLACE
21 THAT I FEEL WAS COMPLETELY UNDERCUT. AND TO ME, THAT GOES TO
22 THE CREDIBILITY OF WHAT THE INTENTION REALLY IS ON THIS. I
23 APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER HOW WE CAN IMPROVE THE
24 COUNTY AND ENSURE WE ARE MORE ACCOUNTABLE TO OUR CONSTITUENTS
25 AND PARTNERS AND CONTINUE EFFORTS TO BREAK DOWN SILOS AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 INCREASE RESPONSIVENESS, SOMETHING THAT I FEEL IS MISSING
2 RIGHT NOW. THERE ARE MANY WAYS THAT WE CAN ENHANCE COUNTY
3 GOVERNMENT TO MEET THE EVOLVING NEEDS OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE
4 COMMUNITIES, WHILE COLLABORATING WITH PARTNERS IN LOCAL,
5 STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. A LOT HAS BEEN SAID OVER THE
6 PAST WEEK ABOUT THE COUNTY'S INABILITY TO MOVE THE NEEDLE AND
7 GET THINGS DONE. AND WHILE THERE IS CERTAINLY A LOT OF BLAME
8 TO GO AROUND, WE SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT'S NOT USUALLY THE
9 STRUCTURE THAT PREVENTS US FROM MOVING FORWARD. IT IS OFTEN
10 THE INABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, OVER THE LAST 12
11 YEARS, WE'VE RECEIVED 3 INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT REPORTS TELLING
12 THE COUNTY THAT WE NEED TO TEAR DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND
13 REPLACE IT WITH A HUMANE CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY. THE
14 BOARD IN 2014 MADE THAT TOUGH DECISION WHICH WAS DEvised LATER
15 AND ULTIMATELY SCRAPPED. TODAY WE ARE BACK WHERE WE WERE MORE
16 THAN 12 YEARS AGO BECAUSE THERE IS NO WILL TO MAKE THE TOUGH
17 DECISION ON THE REPLACEMENT PLAN. WE HAVE THE ABILITY EVERY
18 TUESDAY, AND YOU SAID IT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, IN THIS REPORT THAT
19 YOU JUST NEED 3, I THINK THE QUOTE WAS, WE NEED 3 VOTES TO
20 MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. WE CAN DO THAT, AND WE CAN MAKE THOSE
21 DECISIONS TO MOVE. DO YOU REMEMBER SAYING THAT IN THE ARTICLE
22 WHERE YOU TALK ABOUT WE WANT YOU TO FIND THE MONEY, WHICH I
23 GUESS IS WHAT WE'RE GONNA TAKE THE STANCE ON WITH THIS, WE
24 WANT YOU TO FIND THE MONEY ON HOW WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS.
25 WE'LL MAKE A DECISION, YOU FIGURE IT OUT. BUT IT WAS A QUOTE



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SUPERVISORS

1 BY YOU THAT SAYS THAT ALL YOU NEED IS 3 VOTES TO MAKE THINGS
2 HAPPEN. SO, WHEN WE MAKE THOSE DECISIONS, MOVE MONEY WHERE IT
3 NEEDS TO GO AND HOLD DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE, IT'S UP TO US TO
4 HAVE THESE CONVERSATIONS TO MAKE TOUGH CHOICES AND TO DO SO IN
5 OUR PUBLIC BOARD MEETING WHERE ALL THE DECISION MAKERS ARE
6 PRESENT AND EQUALLY ACCOUNTABLE. IT IS UNCLEAR HOW ADDITIONAL
7 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHAT THAT WILL MEAN AND WHAT THE NUMBER
8 IS. AND I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, IN
9 TERMS OF IS IT 9, IS IT 15? WE DON'T KNOW. AND YOU SAID THAT
10 THERE REALLY ISN'T A STUDY TO SUPPORT ANY PARTICULAR NUMBER
11 RIGHT NOW. THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT CAN'T BE DONE, CORRECT,
12 FERNANDO?

13

14 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** IF THE QUESTION IS, CAN WE COME UP WITH
15 WHAT THE NUMBER SHOULD BE, I DON'T THINK SO. YOU, AT THE END
16 OF THE DAY, IT'S GOING TO BE A QUALIFIED DECISION BY THE BOARD
17 OR WHOEVER PUTS AN INITIATIVE ON THERE THAT THIS IS THE BEST.
18 I CANNOT THINK OF A CRITERIA THAT WOULD USE TO SAY 9 IS BETTER
19 THAN 11, 9 IS BETTER THAN 5. IT'S JUST, YOU KNOW, FROM WHAT
20 WE'VE TAKEN A LOOK AT BOTH FOR CITY COUNCILS AND BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS AND STATE LEGISLATURES, THEY'RE ALL OVER THE MAP
22 IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER AND WHAT WORKS BEST.

23

24 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** I WOULD DISAGREE WITH THAT. WE LOOKED AT
25 THIS QUESTION ALSO FOR THE CITY COUNCIL. OUR SCHOLARS GROUP



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SUPERVISORS

1 DEVELOPED A RECOMMENDATION THAT WAS A MIXED SYSTEM, 21 SEATS
2 WITH ADDITIONAL SEATS NESTED ON TOP OF IT, SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO
3 A STATE LEGISLATURE BETWEEN AN ASSEMBLY AND A SENATE.
4 COMMUNITY GROUPS COULD NOT COME TO AN ANSWER, AND THEY DID NOT
5 PROPOSE ANY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL. AND
6 ULTIMATELY, THE CITY COUNCIL, THE URGE FOR MAINTAINING THE
7 STATUS QUO WAS VERY STRONG, AND WE SEE NO COUNCIL EXPANSION
8 OCCURRING. I WOULD JUST- IT'S ALSO ABOUT- OH, PLEASE, I WOULD
9 JUST ADD ALSO, I MEAN, I THINK THIS 9 COULD ALSO BE A STARTING
10 POINT. IF THERE IS A CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE THAT IS MEETING
11 ON A DECENNIAL BASIS, THEN IT COULD BE 11 IN THE FUTURE. IT
12 COULD BE 15. MAYBE IT PULLS BACK TO 5. MAYBE THEY REALIZE 9
13 ACTUALLY ISN'T WORKING. SO, I THINK THAT THE WAY THAT IT'S
14 WRITTEN WITH THE CHARTER REFORM COMMISSION CREATES THE
15 OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO REVISIT THIS IF LA COUNTY
16 POPULATION EXPANDS OR EVEN IF IT DECLINES OVER TIME.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH, I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

19

20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** IF I COULD JUST ASK A QUICK FOLLOW-UP
21 ON THAT. THANK YOU. SO, WOULD THE REFORM COMMISSION THAT WOULD
22 DO THEIR WORK EVERY 10 YEARS, I THINK IT'S STIPULATED, WOULD
23 THAT THEN REQUIRE A NEW ORDINANCE TO MAKE THE CHANGE, OR WOULD
24 THEY BE EMPOWERED BASED ON THIS LANGUAGE TO MAKE CHANGES THAT
25 WOULD NOT HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE VOTERS.



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** MY READ OF IT AND I WOULD I SUPPOSE ONE
3 COUNTY COUNCIL'S PERSPECTIVE IS THAT NO, IT WOULD NEED TO GO
4 BACK TO THE VOTERS.

5

6 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY ALL RIGHT THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THAT'S CORRECT THEY'D MAKE A
9 RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GO BACK TO THE VOTERS EVERY 10 YEARS.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THAT'S CORRECT. THANK YOU. I REALLY AM
14 UNCLEAR ON HOW WHAT'S BEING BROUGHT TODAY WILL PROVIDE BETTER
15 REPRESENTATION BECAUSE I BELIEVE WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CHARGE
16 OF THIS BOARD, EVERYONE IS SILENT ON THE UNINCORPORATED
17 COMMUNITIES. I KNOW IN MY DISTRICTS, I'VE INCORPORATED TOWN
18 COUNCILS WHICH ARE ELECTED BY THE COMMUNITY LEADERS. SO, WHEN
19 DECISIONS ARE MADE IN MY UNINCORPORATED AREAS, I MAKE SURE
20 THAT THEY FEEL THAT THEY HAVE A VOICE BECAUSE THE
21 UNINCORPORATED FEELS THAT THEY ARE ALWAYS SLIGHTED AT THE
22 EXPENSE OF DECISIONS MADE BY THIS BOARD, NOT TAKING INTO
23 CONSIDERATION THAT WE ARE BASICALLY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY
24 COUNCIL. WHEN I LOOK AT THE BREAKDOWN OF OUR UNINCORPORATED
25 AND I THINK I'M GOING TO BE ASKING YOU A QUESTION ON THIS.



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SUPERVISORS

1 FIRST DISTRICT HAS THE LARGEST. SECOND DISTRICT HAS A SECOND
2 AND THEN THE FIFTH HAS THE THIRD AND THE THIRD HAS VERY LITTLE
3 2.17 AND FOURTH 11.76. HOW DO YOU SEE THIS DIVISION IMPACTING
4 THE UNINCORPORATED WHICH REALLY IS WHAT WE ARE CHARGED TO
5 PROVIDE ALL SERVICES BEYOND JUST THE HEALTH AND WELFARE.

6

7 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** IN HAVING THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER
8 ACADEMICS AND MY STUDENTS AND LAYING OUT THAT EXACT QUESTION
9 THAT THERE IS AN UNINCORPORATED SEGMENT OF THE COUNTY, IT
10 CONSISTS ROUGHLY OF A 1,000,000 PEOPLE, 1/10, BUT THAT THEY
11 ARE NOT CONCENTRATED, IT'S FRAGMENTED ALL OVER. THE ALMOST,
12 ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY, THE CONCLUSION IS, THAT'S WHERE THE
13 EXECUTIVE COMES IN. THE EXECUTIVE, AS THE 10TH ELECTED PERSON,
14 WOULD THEN TAKE ON THE OVERVIEW OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND WOULD
15 MORE LIKELY THAN NOT, IT WOULDN'T BE REQUIRED BY THE RULES,
16 BUT IT WOULD SEEM THAT THEY'RE THE NUMBER ONE CHAMPIONS OF THE
17 UNINCORPORATED. THEY ARE NOT ONLY THE MAYOR OF THE COUNTY AS A
18 WHOLE, BUT VERY MUCH THE MAYOR OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS
19 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND THAT THE FEELING AMONGST THE
20 DISCUSSIONS THAT I'VE HAD IS THAT WOULD BE THE BEST THINGS FOR
21 THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES TO HAVE AN EXECUTIVE FOR THEM
22 COLLECTIVELY.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** BECAUSE I KNOW THAT I'VE, I'LL GO AHEAD,
25 SARA.



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2 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** I WAS JUST GOING TO ADD, THIS IS ALSO A
3 REDISTRICTING QUESTION, IT COULD BE A REDISTRICTING QUESTION
4 AS WELL TO ENSURE THAT UNINCORPORATED AREAS STAY TOGETHER WHEN
5 PLACED IN DISTRICTS. AND THAT'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING THIS BOARD
6 COULD ADVOCATE TO AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION IN
7 THE FUTURE.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I KNOW THAT I HAVE CITIES NOW THAT I
10 TALKED TO YESTERDAY THAT ARE ACTUALLY CONSIDERING
11 INCORPORATING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS BECAUSE OF FEAR THAT
12 THEY ARE GOING TO BE DISENFRANCHISED. AND I KNOW THAT SOLIS'
13 ISSUE IN EAST LA, IT IS ABOUT REPRESENTATION AND IT IS ABOUT
14 FEELING THAT THEY DON'T HAVE A VOICE. AND MY CONCERN IS
15 THERE'S VERY LITTLE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE ROLE THAT THIS BOARD
16 PLAYS WHEN IT COMES TO THE UNINCORPORATED IN TERMS OF THE
17 QUALITY OF THE STREETS AND THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES THAT WE ARE
18 REQUIRED TO PROVIDE. AND SO THAT IS AN ISSUE AND IT UP IN THE
19 ANTELOPE VALLEY AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY THEY HAVE UNIQUE
20 CHALLENGES THAT DON'T MEET WHAT HAPPENS IN NORTH COUNTY. IT
21 SNOWS UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. IT DOESN'T HAPPEN DOWN BELOW
22 AND THEIR CONCERN IS ARE THEY GOING TO BE EVEN MORE TO THEIR
23 FIELD DISENFRANCHISED? AND I GUESS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SEE
24 WHAT THE TASK FORCE COMES UP WITH. AND IF YOU SAY THAT THE
25 COUNTY EXECUTIVE IS GOING TO BE THE KEY TO ENSURING THAT



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SUPERVISORS

1 THERE'S A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD THEN I THINK THE DEVIL IS GOING
2 TO BE IN THE DETAILS AS TO HOW THAT ROLLS OUT.

3

4 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** YEAH, I THINK I WOULD PHRASE IT THAT IT
5 HAS THE POTENTIAL TO DO THAT. IT IS NOT REQUIRED TO DO THAT.
6 IT DEPENDS ON WHO GETS ELECTED.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, YOU KNOW AND THERE HAVE BEEN SOME
9 COMPARISONS OF THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT AND HOW THE CITY
10 OF LA OPERATES. THE CITY HAS AN ELECTED EXECUTIVE, A LARGER
11 COUNCIL, A LEGISLATIVE ANALYST AND A CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
12 OFFICER TO HANDLE BUDGET MANAGEMENT. HOWEVER, THE CITY IS
13 SIMILARLY STRUGGLING TO ADDRESS KEY ISSUES AND SEEM EVEN MORE
14 DELAYED IN ACCESSING CRITICAL RESOURCES AND RESPONDING TO THE
15 NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THE
16 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. AND SO, THIS IS NOT GONNA BE A PANACEA.
17 AGAIN, I BELIEVE THAT A LOT OF IT IS DRIVEN BY INDIVIDUALS
18 THAT ARE ELECTED AND HAVE TO MAKE DECISIONS EACH AND EVERY
19 DAY. AND I DO BELIEVE THAT COUNTIES, NOT JUST LA COUNTY, BUT
20 ACROSS THE STATE, THIS IS A JOB. THIS IS NOT ABOUT RIBBON
21 CUTTING. IT COMES WITH IT, BUT I WILL TELL YOU EACH AND EVERY
22 DAY, I COME INTO WORK AND I WORK A FULL DAY'S WORK GOING OUT
23 INTO MY DISTRICT. IT'S NOT ABOUT JUST RIBBON CUTTING. SO IT'S
24 NOT LIKE A CITY COUNCIL. WELL, THAT HAS A CITY MANAGER THAT
25 DOES THE WORK. WE ARE GOING OUT INTO THE DISTRICTS, IDEALLY,



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1 WE'RE GOING OUT INTO THE DISTRICTS AND REPRESENTING OUR
2 CONSTITUENTS. I BELIEVE, YOU KNOW, MY CONCERN IS FOR THE
3 UNINCORPORATED. AND THEN THERE WAS A RECENT SURVEY BY THRIVE
4 LA, MORE THAN 2/3 OF THE PUBLIC OPINED THAT THE CITY OF LA IS
5 HEADED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION AND THEY HAVE A STRUCTURE THAT'S
6 IN PLACE. AND SO AGAIN, I'M ONLY POINTING THAT OUT TO SHOW
7 THAT IT'S NOT GOING TO NECESSARILY BE A PANACEA TO WHAT IS
8 GOING ON. I'M LOOKING AT, YEAH.

9

10 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** YEAH, NO, THE FIRST, VERY FIRST THING IS
11 THIS WILL NOT SOLVE A LOT OF ISSUES. IT HOPEFULLY PREPARES THE
12 GOVERNANCE TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES TO A MUCH BETTER
13 RESPECT. I WOULD SAY THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS A
14 CHALLENGE IN ISSUE AREAS WHERE THEY DON'T HAVE COMPLETE
15 CONTROL. HOMELESSNESS, WHERE THEY HAVE TO SHARE THAT
16 RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE COUNTY IS ONE OF THOSE. BUT WHERE THE
17 CITY HAS COMPLETE AND TOTAL CONTROL, I WOULD SAY THINGS ARE
18 HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, WHETHER IT'S AIR QUALITY THAT'S
19 BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED, WHETHER IT'S WATER AVAILABILITY. I CAN
20 GO ON AND ON ABOUT, YOU KNOW, WE TEND TO SAY GOVERNMENT IS NOT
21 SUCCESSFUL. THERE ARE MANY, MANY SUCCESS STORIES IN THE CITY
22 OF LOS ANGELES, AND THERE ARE MANY, MANY SUCCESS STORIES IN
23 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND THERE ARE MANY MORE SUCCESS
24 STORIES THAN HORROR STORIES. WE JUST TEND TO FOCUS ON THE
25 HORROR STORIES. LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKS. AND IF YOU HAVE THE



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1 STRUCTURE, IT WORKS EVEN BETTER.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. I HAVE CONCERNS THAT
4 AN ELECTED EXECUTIVE WILL POLITICIZE AN OFFICE THAT SHOULD BE
5 NONPARTISAN. YOU BROUGHT UP THE PARTISAN COMPONENT, BUT I
6 BELIEVE THAT IT SHOULD BE NONPARTISAN AND UNBIASED IN RUNNING
7 THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE COUNTY, ESPECIALLY IF IT INCLUDES
8 DIRECT OVERSIGHT OF NON-ELECTED POSITIONS AND THE EFFECTIVE
9 ALLOCATION OF COUNTY RESOURCES. THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT
10 GIVES A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY OF POWER AND DISCRETION OVER
11 COUNTY FUNDING TO AN ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVE. AND MY CONCERN,
12 AND TELL ME IF I'M WRONG, IS THAT IT MAY JEOPARDIZE THE
13 BALANCED WAY IN WHICH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SUPPOSED TO
14 WORK TO BENEFIT ALL THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY?

15

16 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** I MEAN, MY RESPONSE WOULD GO BACK TO A
17 STATEMENT I MADE EARLIER. THIS IS THE LARGEST JURISDICTION IN
18 THE WORLD, NOT IN CALIFORNIA, NOT IN THE UNITED STATES, IN THE
19 WORLD THAT DOESN'T HAVE AN EXECUTIVE FOR BALANCE IN TERMS OF
20 CHECKS AND BALANCES. I WOULD ACTUALLY MAKE THE ARGUMENT,
21 HYPOTHETICALLY, THAT IT'S THE OPPOSITE, THAT AN ELECTED
22 EXECUTIVE WOULD MAKE THE LEGISLATURE, THE MEANING OF THE
23 SUPERVISORS, THEIR WORK EASIER AND MORE PRODUCTIVE. A
24 HYPOTHESIS, OKAY, THAT WE COULD TEST OUT IN DIFFERENT AREAS.
25 AND WE SEE THIS THROUGHOUT DEMOCRACIES IN THE WORLD THAT ARE



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SUPERVISORS

1 DEPENDENT ON THE EXECUTIVE AND THE LEGISLATURE BALANCING AND
2 CHECKING EACH OTHER OUT AND ACTUALLY PUSHING EACH OTHER TO GET
3 TO SOLUTIONS. THE LITERATURE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE IS PRETTY
4 CLEAR THAT DEMOCRACIES NEED AN EXECUTIVE, AND THE PUBLIC
5 POLICY LITERATURE IS PRETTY CLEAR THAT AN EXECUTIVE AND
6 LEGISLATURE TEND TO LEAD TO MORE TRANSPARENT AND BETTER
7 OUTCOMES.

8

9 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** I WOULD ONLY ADD THAT AT PRESENT, CORRECT
10 ME IF I'M WRONG, THAT YOU HAVE A ONE-YEAR ROTATING CHAIR FOR
11 THIS BODY. AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU TALKED ABOUT WANTING
12 TO MAKE SOME OF THESE CHANGES WHEN YOU WERE THAT CHAIR. BUT NO
13 DOUBT, THEN YOUR YEAR WAS UP. HAVING AN EXECUTIVE CAN ALSO
14 ALLOW FOR SOME LEVEL OF SUSTAINED MOMENTUM ON VARIOUS
15 INITIATIVES. WE SEE THAT WITH MAYOR BASS AND HER INSIDE SAFE
16 PROGRAM. IT DOESN'T END AFTER ONE YEAR. IT CONTINUES ON AND
17 THEY REFINE AND THEY MOVE FORWARD. SO, I THINK HAVING AN
18 EXECUTIVE, I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH FERNANDO, IS PART AND
19 PARCEL OF MOST DEMOCRATIC ESTABLISHMENTS. BUT IT ALSO CAN
20 PROVIDE SOME OF THAT LONGER CONSISTENCY AND SUSTAINED MOMENTUM
21 ON POLICY INITIATIVES.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION THEN? WITH
24 THE CONCERN OVER THE CEO ELECTED BEING BECOMING POLITICAL, WHY
25 WOULDN'T THE PROPOSAL BE THEN AN ELECTED MAYOR OF THE COUNTY



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1 OF LOS ANGELES AND KEEP THE CEO POSITION SO THAT YOU HAVE A
2 STRUCTURE SIMILAR TO THE CITY OF LA?

3

4 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** I WOULD INTERPRET THIS PROPOSAL TO DO
5 EXACTLY THAT. IT CALLS FOR A CAO JUST LIKE THE CITY OF LA.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** BUT WHY WOULDN'T THE INDIVIDUAL BE 1 OF 9
8 BUT IN A COUNTY WIDE ELECTED POSITION ON THIS BOARD?

9

10 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** THAT'S ANOTHER PROPOSAL THAT IS A LITTLE
11 BIT DIFFERENT THAN THIS, BUT AS I SEE IT, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
12 ELECTED WOULD THEN HAVE STANDING AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL NUMBER
13 1 BUT WOULD BE GIVEN THE DUTIES MOSTLY LIKE WHAT THE MAYOR HAS
14 OR WHAT THE GOVERNOR HAS. AND THEN JUST LIKE THE MAYOR HAS A
15 CAO OR THE CITY OF LA HAS A CAO, THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE A CAO.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** RIGHT. AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
18 WHEN YOU WERE CHAIR, YOU BROUGHT FORWARD REQUESTS, FURTHEST
19 FORWARD, TO, FOR EXAMPLE, NOT PUT THINGS ON THE GREEN SHEET,
20 WHICH IS ON A FRIDAY PUBLISHED FOR TUESDAY, THAT HAD POLICY
21 IMPLICATIONS AND THAT NEEDED TO BE CLEARLY VETTED WITH THE
22 PUBLIC. AND SO, I KNOW THAT YOU TRIED TO MAKE THE PROCESS
23 TRANSPARENT WELL, I'M JUST POINTING OUT THAT THAT WAS
24 SOMETHING AGAIN DRIVEN BY PERSONALITY, NOT BY PROCESS.

25 PREVIOUS ITERATIONS OF THE PROPOSED BOARD EXPANSION ELECTED



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1 EXECUTIVE EITHER VIA STATE LEGISLATION OR BALLOT MEASURES HAVE
2 ADDRESSED INCREASED LOCAL COST AND FINANCIAL PRESSURES TO MAKE
3 NECESSARY OFFICE CHANGES AND REALIGN FUNCTIONS OF COUNTY
4 GOVERNMENT. THEY'VE ALSO SUGGESTED INCLUDING AN EXPENDITURE
5 CAP FOR THE GOVERNING BOARD AND ITS STAFF AT THE AMOUNT
6 BUDGETED FOR THE EXISTING FISCAL YEAR, WHICH COULD BE ADJUSTED
7 BASED ON ANNUAL BUDGET INCREASES OR CHANGES IN THE CPI. AND
8 IRONICALLY, THE CHARTER REFORM AMENDMENT, WHICH PLEDGES TO
9 RAISE NO TAXES, WILL BE SIDE BY SIDE WITH A BALLOT WITH
10 ANOTHER MEASURE THAT DOES ASK VOTERS TO RAISE TAXES IN
11 PERPETUITY TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESS CRISIS, A CONCERN THAT I
12 HAVE. BECAUSE AGAIN, THE NEED TO ADDRESS THE UNHOUSED IS, I
13 BELIEVE, GOING TO BE AN ONGOING STRUGGLE AND IS NOT GOING TO,
14 THE MEASURE H DOLLARS IS NOT GOING TO TAKE US TO WHERE WE NEED
15 TO GO. BUT TO HAVE SOMETHING ON THE BALLOT AT THE SAME TIME
16 THAT WE ARE ADVOCATING TO INCREASE WE'RE CONTINUING IT A WEEK,
17 BUT TO INCREASE THE FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR OUR FIRE
18 DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS IN A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT AND FACING A
19 CLIFF, AND THAT WE ARE ASKING OUR VOTERS TO ALLOCATE A HALF-
20 CENT SALES TAX FOR HOUSING AND FOR HOMELESSNESS. I JUST I'M
21 CONCERNED ABOUT THE TIMING ON IT, QUITE FRANKLY, AND THAT'S
22 NOT A QUESTION, THAT'S MORE OF A STATEMENT. HAVING SAID THAT,
23 THERE ARE CONCERNS THAT SHOULD BE FULLY ADDRESSED AND DOES
24 NEED TO BE PRESENTED TO THE VOTERS. I'D LIKE TO TURN MY
25 ATTENTION NOW TO THE DISCUSSION AROUND THE ETHICS REFORM. AND



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1 I AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUES THAT YOU HAVE RAISED A VERY
2 IMPORTANT POINT ABOUT ETHICS REFORM. THIS IS A MOMENT WHERE WE
3 NEED TO ADOPT CHANGES AND ETHICS REFORM MAY ENABLE US TO
4 MAINTAIN OUR STANDARDS NOT ONLY TO ADDRESS CURRENT ISSUES BUT
5 TO MANAGE NEW CHALLENGES AS THEY EMERGE. CLEARLY ETHICS REFORM
6 IS CRUCIAL IN PREVENTING CORRUPTION AND MISDEEDS AND EQUALLY
7 AS IMPORTANT IN BUILDING PUBLIC TRUST AND INTEGRITY AND
8 ENSURING FAIRNESS AND EQUITY. SO, I'D LIKE TO ASK COUNTY
9 COUNCIL A QUESTION ABOUT THE PROPOSED REFORM WE ARE DISCUSSING
10 TODAY. DAWYN, THE MOTION INCLUDES THE COMPONENTS SUCH AS AN
11 ETHICS COMMISSION, AN OFFICE OF ETHICS COMPLIANCE AND A
12 COOLING PERIOD THAT INCREASES THE AMOUNT OF TIME FORMER COUNTY
13 STAFF MUST WAIT BEFORE LOBBYING COUNTY OFFICIALS. IS A CHARTER
14 AMENDMENT NECESSARY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH EITHER OR ALL OF
15 THESE ITEMS OR CAN THE BOARD IN REAL TIME WITH 3 VOTES
16 ESTABLISH A POLICY RATHER THAN THROUGH A CHARTER AMENDMENT.

17

18 **DAWYN HARRISON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE 3 AREAS YOU
19 IDENTIFIED COULD ALL BE ESTABLISHED BY BOARD AS A POLICY
20 MATTER RATHER THAN CHARTER AMENDMENT. THE ONE THING I WILL SAY
21 IS WITH REGARDS TO THE REVOLVING DOOR, YOU WOULD NEED TO
22 DIRECT OUR OFFICE TO AMEND THE CURRENT ORDINANCE. SO, THERE
23 WOULD NEED TO BE AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR THAT ONE.

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, WE CAN DO IT RIGHT NOW. SO, IT IS A



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1 CHOICE. CORRECT?

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3 **DAWYN HARRISON:** YES. THAT'S CORRECT.

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5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OK. ETHICS REFORM IS NOT JUST ABOUT
6 COMPLIANCE WITH RULES, BUT ABOUT CREATING A CULTURE OF
7 INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY THAT WILL BENEFIT OUR REGION AS A
8 WHOLE. IT SETS A TONE ON HOW WE GOVERN AND HOW WE AS LEADERS
9 ARE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE, ENSURING A MORE ETHICAL FUTURE. I
10 SENSE THE URGENCY IN THESE NEEDED REFORMS AND I THINK THAT
11 THIS BOARD SHOULD RESPECT THE LEVEL OF IMMEDIATE RESOLVE BY
12 MOVING FORWARD ON THIS IMPORTANT INITIATIVE NOW. I WOULD LIKE
13 TO ASK COUNTY COUNCIL TO REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD IN 7 DAYS
14 ON THE CREATION OF A PROPOSED ETHICS COMMISSION AND
15 ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE OF ETHICS COMPLIANCE. AND AS PART
16 OF A COMPREHENSIVE FORM, I'D LIKE OUR COUNTY COUNCIL TO ALSO
17 REPORT BACK WITH THE DRAFT REVISED ORDINANCE THAT INCREASES
18 FROM 1 TO 2 YEARS THE COOLING OFF PERIOD FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES
19 TO LOBBY THE COUNTY AFTER LEAVING COUNTY SERVICE. AGAIN, THESE
20 ARE THINGS THAT WE CAN AND SHOULD DO RIGHT NOW IF THAT IS
21 TRULY WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. WE KNOW THAT THIS IS THE RIGHT THING
22 TO DO. WE DON'T NEED TO WAIT UNTIL NOVEMBER OR UNTIL 2026 TO
23 DO THIS AND ACT ON THIS URGENCY. WE OWE IT TO OUR RESIDENTS
24 AND THOSE WHO VOTED FOR US TO BE IN OFFICE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE
25 ACTION FOR THEIR SAKE AND TO SHOW AN EXAMPLE THE DECISIONS AND



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1 ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT ADDITIONAL LAYERS OF
2 BUREAUCRACY. I BELIEVE THAT THAT THESE ARE THINGS THAT THAT WE
3 CAN DO AND IN CLOSING I WILL JUST SAY YOU KNOW WHEN I WHEN I
4 READ THE EDITORIAL BY THE LA TIMES, THIS IS MORE AN INDICTMENT
5 ON THE PEOPLE SERVING ON THIS BOARD THAN IT IS AN INDICTMENT
6 ON THIS BUREAUCRACY. BECAUSE THE THINGS THAT THEY WRITE IN
7 HERE REFLECT THE INABILITY OF THIS BOARD TO MAKE DECISIONS.
8 AND AGAIN, I BRING UP BOTH THE JAIL REPLACEMENT, BUT ALSO
9 PROBATION. AND WHETHER IT'S 9 OR 5, I THINK WE SHOULD ALL LOOK
10 IN THE MIRROR AND SAY, IS THIS REALLY ABOUT GOVERNANCE OR IS
11 THIS ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE SERVING AS A BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS? AND THEN I WILL SAY ON THIS WITH THE PROFILE THAT
13 WAS DONE BY THE LA TIMES. WHEN YOU READ THINGS THAT THEY VOTED
14 TO MAKE PHONE CALLS FREE ON ALL COUNTY JAILS, EVEN IF THEY
15 DIDN'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW MUCH THAT WOULD COST, MAYBE
16 \$12,000,000, MAYBE DOUBLE THAT, IT DIDN'T MATTER. THAT IS,
17 AGAIN, AN INDICTMENT ON THIS BOARD. THIS WAS NOT WRITTEN IN A
18 FLATTERING WAY BY THE LA TIMES TO SHOW HOW POWERFUL WE ARE. IT
19 WAS WRITTEN IN A WAY TO SHOW THAT THIS BOARD ON ANY GIVEN
20 TUESDAY, AND YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, IF YOU
21 HAVE A GOOD IDEA, YOU ONLY NEED 2 OTHER PEOPLE WHO AGREE WITH
22 YOU, AND IT BECOMES A LAW. WHETHER IT'S 9, 15, 5, 7. AS
23 ELECTIVES, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAD. AND I AM OPEN TO
24 EXPANSION OF THIS BOARD BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THAT IT SHOULD BE
25 LOOKED AT. WHERE I'M CONCERNED IS THAT THIS WAS DONE IN A WAY



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1 THAT WE HAD BUY-IN FROM ALL 5 SUPERVISORS TO BRING FORWARD A
2 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF WHICH YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE RFP
3 THAT WAS RELEASED. SO THAT WHEN WE MAKE DECISIONS, THEY'RE
4 MADE TRANSPARENTLY AND WITH THE INPUT FROM EXPERTS THAT KNOW
5 WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO GET IT RIGHT. THIS WAS NOT DONE IN THIS
6 CASE. AND FOR THAT I AM SORRY. BECAUSE I FEEL THAT THERE ARE
7 MEMBERS ON THIS BOARD WHO LED THIS ISSUE AND WERE CUT OUT OF
8 THE PROCESS. BUT THAT'S NOT YOUR PROBLEM. AGAIN, LEADERS LEAD.
9 AND I, FOR ONE, BELIEVE THAT IF THIS BOARD IS SERIOUS ABOUT
10 ALL THESE CHANGES THEY WANT TO MAKE IN CORRUPTION, SOMETHING
11 THAT I SAY, I TAKE PRIDE IN MY REPUTATION AS A REPRESENTATIVE
12 OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT, BUT I ALSO TAKE PRIDE IN THE FACT THAT
13 YOU WILL NEVER HEAR ME SAY, I'LL DO IT FOR MONEY, I DO THIS
14 FOR THE LOVE OF THE COUNTY. YOU'LL NEVER HEAR ME SAY I'M GONNA
15 TRY TO COUNT TO 3. I WILL DO WHAT'S RIGHT. AND IF I'M ON THE
16 LOSING END OF A VOTE, I SLEEP WELL THAT NIGHT BECAUSE I DO
17 WHAT I BELIEVE IS RIGHT. AND IN THE END, IF YOU DO WHAT'S
18 RIGHT, THE POLITICS WORK OUT. SO, IF THIS BOARD IS SERIOUS
19 ABOUT MAKING CHANGES, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT THE
20 CREATION OF THIS ETHICS COMMISSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALL I
21 NEED ARE 2 MORE VOTES AND I CAN MAKE IT A LAW. SO, I HOPE WHEN
22 IT'S BROUGHT FORWARD THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT BEGINNING THIS
23 CHANGE THAT WE ALL FEEL IS SO DESPERATELY NEEDED TO ENSURE
24 THAT CORRUPTION DOES NOT TAKE PLACE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
25 ANGELES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF IT'S OKAY BEFORE I
3 GO TO YOU SUPERVISOR HAHN, I JUST WANTED TO RESPOND TO A
4 COUPLE OF THINGS. FIRST, YOU BOTH ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT THAT
5 THESE ARE, SOME OF WHAT'S PROPOSED HERE CAN BE DONE BY THE
6 BOARD WITHOUT CHARTER REFORM. I THINK SOME OF THESE THINGS,
7 HOWEVER, ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S WRITTEN
8 INTO THE CHARTER. FOR EXAMPLE, ELIMINATING THE GREEN SHEET
9 ISN'T UP TO WHOMEVER IS ON THE BOARD. ACCORDING TO THIS
10 PROPOSAL, IT'S GONE FOREVER.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** CAN I, MADAM CHAIR, SINCE YOU'RE
13 RESPONDING, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I KNOW THAT WAS PUT IN
14 THERE BECAUSE POLLING MATTERS? IT'S NOT A SCIENTIFIC POLL,
15 IT'S A POLL OF WHAT ARE VOTERS GOING TO VOTE FOR IN ORDER TO
16 GET SOMETHING PASSED. ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY. SO, I KNOW WHY
17 IT IS IN YOUR, I KNOW WHY YOU PUT IT IN THERE. YOU PUT IT IN
18 THERE BECAUSE YOU WANT TO GET THIS PASSED. AND POLLING SHOWS
19 THAT BIGGER GOVERNMENT IS NOT GOING TO SELL. AND NEITHER IS AN
20 ELECTED EXECUTIVE, BUT ETHICS WILL. BUT I'M HERE TO SAY THAT
21 IF YOU ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THE ETHICAL SIDE OF IT, THEN LET'S
22 BRING THAT FORWARD NOW.

23

24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** CAN I FINISH NOW? THANKS. SO, I
25 JUST WANTED TO ADDRESS THAT BECAUSE IT ACTUALLY CAME FORWARD



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1 FROM CONVERSATIONS I HAD WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
2 WHO EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO
3 PARTICIPATE IN CONVERSATIONS WHEN SOMETHING SUBSTANTIVE WAS
4 SUBMITTED ON THE GREEN SHEET. SO, IT WASN'T BASED ON POLLING.
5 I DON'T THINK WE EVEN POLLED THAT. WHAT WE DO IS ACTUALLY
6 ENGAGE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO WANNA HAVE
7 A VOICE IN OUR GOVERNMENT. AND THAT'S A PIECE OF THIS REFORM
8 THAT WE THINK SHOULD BE CODIFIED IN A CHARTER AMENDMENT. WE
9 ALSO THINK A TRANSPARENT BUDGETING PROCESS. YES, WE COULD
10 CHANGE THAT TOMORROW. WE THINK THAT CODIFYING IT IN A CHARTER
11 AMENDMENT SO IT CONTINUES PAST THIS BOARD IS VERY IMPORTANT. I
12 ABSOLUTELY AGREE WITH THE DESCRIPTION THAT WAS GIVEN. WE
13 DIDN'T WANNA GET CAUGHT UP IN THE SEMANTICS OF MAYOR OF
14 COUNTY, MAYOR OF CITY, SO IT'S CALLED AN ELECTED EXECUTIVE.
15 BUT IT IS AN ELECTED EXECUTIVE. THERE WILL BE A DEPARTMENT OF
16 BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT THAT IS UNDER THAT ELECTED EXECUTIVE.
17 THERE WILL BE A DIRECTOR OF THAT DEPARTMENT, WHICH YOU COULD
18 CALL A CEO. I'M CALLING IT IN THIS PROPOSAL, WHICH WITH
19 SUPERVISOR HAHN, A DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT. BUT
20 THAT'S ESSENTIALLY THE FUNCTION THAT WOULD BE HELD IN THAT
21 ROLE. SO, THEY ARE 2 SEPARATE THINGS. THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO
22 EXIST. I APPRECIATE THAT THERE'S QUESTION AROUND THE NUMBER,
23 AND AS YOU HEARD, EVEN FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE STUDIED IT FOR
24 MANY, MANY YEARS, THERE IS NO PERFECT NUMBER. 9 IS MEASURED,
25 IT'S BEEN DISCUSSED FOR DECADES, IT IS SOMETHING PEOPLE HAVE



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1 THOUGHT ABOUT, HAVE GRAPPLED WITH, HAVE DISCUSSED, AND YES, IN
2 THAT CASE, IT DOES HAVE STRONG PUBLIC SUPPORT. WE DID POLL
3 THAT. AND PEOPLE ARE, IN FACT, VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN SEEING
4 MORE THAN 5 PEOPLE REPRESENT THE 10,000,000 PEOPLE OF LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY. RIGHT NOW, 5 PEOPLE GATEKEEP THEIR ABILITY TO
6 WEIGH IN ON THINGS LIKE THIS. AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT
7 INSTEAD OF PROTECTING THAT POWER IN THESE 5 SEATS, WE OPEN UP
8 THAT POWER AND REMEMBER THAT IT ACTUALLY RESIDES WITH THE
9 PEOPLE AND GIVE MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT PUBLIC PROCESS,
10 WHICH IS WHY WE DIDN'T CODIFY IN THIS PROPOSAL MANY OF THE
11 SPECIFICS YOU'RE ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT. AND WE WANT THERE TO
12 BE AN ONGOING PUBLIC PROCESS THAT HAS STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT.
13 I APPRECIATE THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE IN A DIFFERENT WAY,
14 AND I ADMIT THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT PERFECT. I AM NOT
15 INTERESTED IN LETTING PERFECT BE THE ENEMY OF THE GOOD IN THIS
16 MOMENT BECAUSE I BELIEVE THERE IS AN INTEREST AND AN
17 UNDERSTANDING OF THE VALUE OF THIS KIND OF CHARTER CHANGE
18 GIVEN THE CONVERSATION THAT'S HAPPENING NEXT DOOR IN THE CITY
19 OF LOS ANGELES AND GIVEN THE CONVERSATIONS THAT I'M HAVING
20 WHILE I AM ALSO TOO OUT IN THE DISTRICT MEETING WITH MY
21 CONSTITUENTS AND HEARING FROM THEM DIRECTLY. AND I DON'T THINK
22 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT ANY ONE PERSON'S PRESCRIPTIVE IDEA SHOULD
23 BE WHAT TURNS INTO A PUBLIC PROCESS. I THINK WHAT WE ARE
24 PROPOSING HERE IS ARCHITECTURAL CHANGE THAT ALLOWS FOR A VERY
25 ROBUST PUBLIC PROCESS GOING FORWARD, NOT JUST ON THIS CHANGE,



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1 BUT ON PROPOSALS GOING FORWARD, AND I HOPE REMINDS THE PUBLIC
2 THAT THIS IS YOUR GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE, NOT THE 5 OF US TO
3 DECIDE. AND I ALSO WANT TO ADDRESS THAT I APPRECIATE, AND I
4 ACTUALLY READ BACK THE FIRST OP-ED FROM THE LA TIMES EDITORIAL
5 BOARD WHEN YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FIRST BROUGHT FORWARD
6 YOUR MOTION AND IT REFERENCED YOUR QUOTE IN THERE THAT THE
7 WORD ANGER WAS REFERENCED. AND I THINK A LOT OF THAT CAN BE
8 ATTRIBUTED TO HOW THE BROWN ACT PREVENTS US AS A BODY FROM
9 HAVING THIS KIND OF A CONVERSATION UNTIL WE GET INTO A SPACE
10 LIKE THIS. I CONCEDE THAT THERE IS A LOT OF FRUSTRATION WHEN
11 WE CANNOT HAVE THE KIND OF DELIBERATIVE PROCESS THAT PERHAPS
12 HAPPENS AT THE STATE OR FEDERAL LEVEL WHERE PEOPLE CAN ENGAGE
13 FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. AND COULD THERE HAVE BEEN A
14 DIFFERENT PROCESS LEADING TO THIS POINT? YES. IN FACT, I THINK
15 ALL OF US TRIED TO DO THAT. AND I THINK WHAT WE HAVE IN THIS
16 PROPOSAL IS THE BASIC ARCHITECTURE OF SOME CHANGE, NOT
17 EVERYTHING THAT WAS PROPOSED, NOT EVERYTHING THAT WAS
18 ULTIMATELY CONSIDERED, BUT HOPEFULLY A PATHWAY FOR MORE
19 CONSIDERATION GOING FORWARD IN THE FUTURE. AND I HOPE THAT,
20 NOT TO SOUND TOO, I DON'T KNOW WHAT, BUT WE ALWAYS TALK ABOUT
21 PURSUING A MORE PERFECT UNION. AND I THINK THAT'S REALLY WHAT
22 THIS EFFORT IS. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE PERFECT TODAY, WHETHER IT
23 PASSES OR NOT, BUT WHAT WE CAN DO IS CONTINUE TO WORK ON IT TO
24 MAKE IT A MORE PERFECT PROCESS THAT IS REFLECTIVE OF THE
25 DESIRES OF OUR PUBLIC. SUPERVISOR HAHN.



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2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND YEAH, JUST TO,
3 TAKE UP THAT NUMBER 9 AGAIN, AND I THINK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
4 WHEN MY DAD WAS TALKING, HE SAID HE THOUGHT THERE SHOULD BE NO
5 LESS THAN 1 PER 1,000,000 RESIDENTS. AND AT THAT TIME THERE
6 WERE 7,000,000. SO, I THINK HE WAS SPEAKING ABOUT 7, BUT LATER
7 I HEARD HIM MANY TIMES IN HIS LIFE SAY 9, 11, JUST THE IDEA OF
8 EXPANDING THE BOARD. BUT ALSO, I DON'T THINK ANYBODY MENTIONED
9 YET THAT OUR INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION HERE IN THE
10 COUNTY AFTER THAT PROCESS PUT FORTH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS. AND
11 ONE OF THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS WAS EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF
12 SUPERVISORS TO 9. AND I THINK IT WAS THAT REDISTRICTING
13 PROCESS THAT I THINK, I'VE BEEN THROUGH SEVERAL REDISTRICTING
14 PROCESSES IN MY LIFE, I THINK THIS ONE PARTICULARLY WAS
15 GARNERED THE MORE THAN USUAL INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY. NOW
16 THE SUPERVISORS UNDER THE RULES OF THE GAME WERE BARRED FROM
17 WEIGHING IN ON IT. WE WERE BARRED FROM EVEN TALKING TO A
18 COMMISSIONER. AND IT WAS A LITTLE BIT FRUSTRATING. WE WERE,
19 YOU KNOW, LISTENING OVER THE PHONE TO WHAT WAS HAPPENING. WE
20 LEARNED ABOUT NEW MAPS AS THEY WERE BEING DRAWN PRACTICALLY IN
21 THE ROOM. BUT I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE AFTER THAT PROCESS
22 REALIZED HOW DIFFICULT IT REALLY WAS FOR THIS INDEPENDENT
23 COMMISSION OR ANY COMMISSION TO CARVE UP 10,000,000 PEOPLE
24 TRYING TO KEEP TOGETHER COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST IN A PIE THAT
25 ONLY HAD 5 SLICES. AND I THINK THE COMMUNITIES WERE IN A



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1 LITTLE BIT OF SHOCK ON THAT FINAL MORNING WHEN I THINK THE MAP
2 THAT ENDED UP BEING ADOPTED WAS PUT OUT THAT LAST EVENING. IN
3 FACT, I DON'T EVEN THINK IT WAS CIRCULATED MUCH AMONG THE
4 COMMUNITIES. I REMEMBER MY STAFF SAYING, ARE YOU SITTING DOWN?
5 LET ME TELL YOU WHAT YOUR NEW DISTRICT IS. AND TO THINK THAT A
6 DISTRICT WOULD HAVE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST BETWEEN THE PALOS
7 VERDES PENINSULA AND PICO RIVERA, YOU KNOW, IT WAS REALLY, YOU
8 KNOW, THAT'S A STRETCH. THAT'S A STRETCH. AND YET THESE
9 INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONERS ONLY HAD 5 SEATS TO CARVE UP THE
10 ENTIRE COUNTY WITH. AND I THINK MORE PEOPLE ALSO IN SOME, YOU
11 REMEMBER SOME OF OUR COMMUNITIES WERE VERY UPSET WHEN THEY
12 WOKE UP AND FOUND OUT THEY'D LOST THEIR SUPERVISOR AND NOW
13 SOMEBODY NEW WAS REPRESENTING THEM. AND THEY REALIZED, I
14 THINK, AT THAT POINT, THIS WOULD WORK A LOT BETTER IF WE COULD
15 DIVIDE THIS UP IN LARGER PIECES THAN JUST 5. AND, YOU KNOW,
16 I'M REALLY, IT HURTS ME REALLY, PARTICULARLY FOR YOU,
17 SUPERVISOR BARGER, BECAUSE I THINK WE THINK ALIKE A LOT ON
18 THIS BOARD. SO, IT HURTS ME TO FEEL YOU'RE REALLY UPSET ABOUT
19 THIS. I CAN FEEL IT. AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ALSO IS FEELING,
20 YOU KNOW, JUST A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT HOW THIS ALL CAME TO
21 BE. BECAUSE TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, ALL 5 OF US HAVE AT ONE
22 TIME OR ANOTHER SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF EXPANDED BOARD. WE'VE
23 SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF REFORMS. WE'VE SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF
24 MAKING THIS GOVERNMENT BETTER. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WHEN YOU
25 CAME FROM SACRAMENTO, YOU SAID THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS WE



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1 DID IN SACRAMENTO THAT MADE SENSE. I NEVER SERVED IN
2 SACRAMENTO, I KNOW YOU DID, SO I DIDN'T THINK A LOT OF WHAT
3 YOU DID MADE SENSE, BUT NO. BUT YOU SAID LET'S INSTITUTE SOME
4 OF THOSE CHANGES HERE. AND I THINK WE CAN MAKE IT BETTER. SO,
5 I THINK ALL 5 OF US, AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WHEN YOU CAME IN
6 AS THE YOUNGEST MEMBER, YOUR INAUGURAL SPEECH WAS ON FIRE
7 ABOUT MAKING THIS COUNTY GOVERNMENT BETTER AND NOT WANTING TO
8 WAIT. YOU HAD SOME LINE ABOUT IF YOU THINK I'M GOING TO WAIT
9 FOR CHANGES TO COME TO THIS COUNTY, YOU'VE GOT ANOTHER THING
10 COMING BECAUSE ME AND ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT FOLLOW ME WANT
11 TO SEE CHANGES IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT. SO, I THINK ALL 5 OF US
12 HAS WANTED TO GET TO THIS POINT. I THINK FOR ME, AND I HOPE
13 YOU DON'T QUESTION OUR MOTIVES OF WHY WE BROUGHT THIS FORWARD
14 NOW. FOR ME, IT WAS JUST, AND MAYBE I'LL HAVE ONE OF YOU,
15 FERNANDO, SPEAK TO WHY IT IS DIFFERENT NOW. WHAT MADE IT
16 DIFFERENT? YOU KNOW, I'VE ADVOCATED FOR MORE SUPERVISORS FOR A
17 VERY LONG TIME. I WAS ON THE CHARTER REFORM COMMISSION IN THE
18 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I LEARNED A LOT ON THAT CHARTER REFORM
19 COMMISSION. ONE OF THE THINGS I LEARNED AT THAT TIME, VOTERS
20 WERE NOT READY TO ADD WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE MORE
21 POLITICIANS. WE HAD A CHARTER THAT WE ACTUALLY PROPOSED TO THE
22 VOTERS AND WE ADDED 2 AMENDMENTS ON THE BALLOT. ONE WAS TO
23 CREASE THE CITY COUNCIL, I'M TRYING TO REMEMBER MAYBE BY 21
24 AND 1 BY 25. SO SEPARATE AMENDMENTS. BOTH OF THOSE AMENDMENTS
25 FAILED. THE CITY CHARTER WAS OVERWHELMINGLY PASSED BY THE



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1 VOTERS. WHAT MAKES THIS TIME DIFFERENT? AND YES, I BELIEVE IT
2 IS THE PACKAGE, RIGHT? AND I DO BELIEVE THAT WE'RE ENSURING
3 THE VOTERS THAT IT'S NOT JUST ADDING MORE SEATS UP HERE.
4 THERE'S A LOT MORE TO THIS THAT WILL MAKE GOVERNMENT BETTER
5 FOR THEM. AND IN TERMS OF IN ANY WAY, SUPERVISOR BARGER, I WAS
6 THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT
7 PUTTING THIS SIDE BY SIDE WITH A PROPOSAL WHICH WE ALL CARE
8 VERY MUCH ABOUT MEASURE A. MY FEELING IS WHEN WE'RE ASKING
9 VOTERS TO RAISE THEIR TAXES, I ACTUALLY THINK HAVING THIS
10 REFORM PACKAGE ON THE SAME BALLOT GIVES THEM A MEASURE OF IT
11 IS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT, THE STATUS QUO IS GOING TO CHANGE,
12 IS IT GOING TO SOLVE HOMELESSNESS THAT WE HAVE 9 SUPERVISORS
13 AND A NEW COUNTY EXECUTIVE, ELECTED EXECUTIVE, BUT I THINK
14 IT'S THE IDEA THAT WE'RE PUTTING IN A LOT OF OTHER THINGS THAT
15 SHOULD MAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WORK BETTER. AND WHEN THE VOTERS
16 AGREE TO GIVE US THEIR TAXES TO SOLVE A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS, I
17 THINK THEY'LL FEEL MORE CONFIDENT THAT THIS STRUCTURE OF
18 GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPORT USING THEIR DOLLARS TO THE BEST
19 POSSIBLE WAY TO ADDRESS THOSE PROBLEMS. SO JUST BACK TO, I
20 WANT TO, YOU KNOW, I DO WANT TO SEE THESE REFORMS EMBEDDED IN
21 OUR CITY CHARTER SO THAT ANY FUTURE BOARD CAN'T CHANGE IT
22 WITHOUT GOING BACK TO THE VOTERS.

23

24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** COUNTY CHARTER.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** DID I SAY CITY CHARTER? YEAH. COUNTY
2 CHARTER. I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. AND THAT'S WHY I LIKE THAT
3 THEY'RE IN THIS MEASURE. WHY IS THIS DIFFERENT? WHAT ARE THE
4 VOTERS FEELING?

5

6 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** A LOT OF IDEAS OF WHY IT'S DIFFERENT, BUT
7 I THINK, NO, SARAH, YOU ALLUDED TO IT EARLIER ABOUT WHAT'S
8 HAPPENING WITH THE CITY AND WHAT'S GOING TO BE ON THE BALLOT
9 FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH MAKES UP 40% OF THE COUNTY.
10 AND SO THOSE VOTERS WILL BE FACED WITH REFORM ON THE BALLOT.

11

12 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** YEAH, I MEAN, ABSOLUTELY. AS I SAID BEFORE,
13 2024 WILL BE THE YEAR OF REFORM IN LOS ANGELES CITY FOR SURE,
14 AND HOPEFULLY WITHIN THE COUNTY ALSO. LET'S BE HONEST, THE
15 CITY AND COUNTY HAVE FACED SOME DARK DAYS BETWEEN COVID, THE
16 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS, SKYROCKETING HOUSING RATES. IT HASN'T
17 ALWAYS BEEN EASY TO LIVE IN LA COUNTY OR THE CITY. AND THIS IS
18 AN OPPORTUNITY THAT PEOPLE I THINK ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT
19 THESE KINDS OF REFORMS. I WOULD ALSO ADD SPECIFICALLY TO THE
20 ETHICS PIECE. THE ETHICS COMMISSION AT THE CITY IS EMBEDDED IN
21 THE CHARTER BECAUSE JUST AS THIS BODY COULD CREATE AN ETHICS
22 COMMISSION, A BODY 2 YEARS FROM NOW, 5 YEARS FROM NOW, COULD
23 GET RID OF IT. SIMILARLY, ONE OF THE ETHICS REFORMS AT THE
24 CITY LEVEL THAT WE'RE PUSHING FOR IS TO ENSURE A MANDATED
25 BUDGET FOR THE ETHICS COMMISSION, BECAUSE EVEN ONCE IT'S



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1 WRITTEN INTO THE CHARTER, IT'S ENTIRELY POSSIBLE, I'M NOT
2 SUGGESTING YOU ALL, BUT IT'S ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT A FUTURE
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COULD UNDERCUT THE FUNDING SO THAT THAT
4 ETHICS COMMISSION BECOMES NOTHING MORE THAN A PIECE OF PAPER.
5 SO, I WOULD VERY MUCH ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAINTAIN THE ETHICS
6 COMMISSION COMPONENT OF THIS BECAUSE IT IS AN IMPORTANT
7 COMPONENT TO HAVE IN THE CHARTER.

8

9 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** AND JUST THINK ABOUT THE LAST 5 YEARS OR
10 SO IN TERMS OF REFORM IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, CITIES AND
11 COUNTIES. WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF NEW INDEPENDENT
12 REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS TO BEGIN WITH. NUMBER 2, I SERVED AS
13 THE PRESIDENT OF THE ELECTORAL REFORM COMMISSION FOR THE CITY
14 OF LOS ANGELES IN 2016, WHICH PUT ON THE BALLOT TO MOVE THE
15 ELECTIONS FROM THE ODD YEAR TO THE EVEN YEAR, AND THAT
16 ACTUALLY PASSED WITH OVER 70%. SINCE THAT TIME, ANOTHER 50 OR
17 MORE CITIES IN CALIFORNIA HAVE DONE THE SAME. WE TALK ABOUT
18 REDISTRICTING. THERE'S NO NEED TO REDISTRICIT IF YOU HAVE AT
19 LARGE ELECTIONS, BUT JUST IN THE LAST 5 OR SO YEARS, OVER 75
20 CITIES IN CALIFORNIA HAVE HAD THE REFORM OF MOVING FROM AT
21 LARGE TO DISTRICT ELECTIONS. SO, THERE IS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT
22 OF REFORM OCCURRING AT THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL, AND WHEN WE LOOK
23 BACK AT THIS ERA, THIS WILL BE KNOWN AS THE ERA OF MUNICIPAL
24 STRUCTURAL REFORM IN CALIFORNIA, AND THIS IS PART OF IT.

25



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

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO BE
4 BRIEF ON THIS ITEM, AND IT WAS RAISED REGARDING UNINCORPORATED
5 AREAS. THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTS THE LARGEST
6 NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THEY'RE VERY
7 DISTINCT. EAST LA HAS ABOUT 119, 000. COMMUNITY HAS EXISTED
8 LONG BEFORE MANY OF US WERE AROUND, AND IT CONTINUES TO BE
9 THERE AND RESILIENT. WE ALSO IN MY DISTRICT NOW HAVE HACIENDA
10 HEIGHTS, WHICH IS, I BELIEVE, APPROXIMATELY 55, 000 PEOPLE,
11 AND ROWLAND HEIGHTS, WHICH IS CLOSE TO ALMOST 50,000, THEY ARE
12 VERY DIFFERENT PLACES GEOGRAPHICALLY, POLITICALLY, AND ALL THE
13 OTHER THINGS THAT YOU CAN THINK OF INCOME-WISE, EDUCATION-
14 WISE. SOME NEEDS ARE VERY DIFFERENT IN EAST LOS ANGELES, AND
15 THAT'S WHERE THE COUNTY HAS WEIGHED IN TO, AS I AND THE
16 PREVIOUS BOARDS TRY TO PROVIDE MORE ASSISTANCE. BUT I KIND OF
17 DISAGREE WITH THE NOTION THAT THE CEO OR ELECTED PERSON WOULD
18 OVERSEE ALL THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. I MEAN, WHY THEN ARE WE
19 GOING TO ELECT AND CREATE SEATS THAT ARE EVENTUALLY GOING TO
20 COVER THE FIRST DISTRICT? AND THAT WILL INCLUDE THESE 3
21 PARTICULAR AREAS. MAY IT BE 2 DIFFERENT SEATS THERE. AND PART
22 OF IT IS BECAUSE WE WANT COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST TO STAY
23 TOGETHER AND PART OF IT HAS TO DO WITH DEMOGRAPHICS AND MAKEUP
24 AND ALL OF THAT AND WE HEARD A LOT OF THAT DURING THE
25 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS WHEN OUR DISTRICTS WERE



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1 BEING RECONFIGURED. SO, CAN YOU PLEASE TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
2 THAT?

3

4 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** SURE, I DIDN'T MEAN IT AS A STATEMENT OF
5 FACT AND MORE OF A HYPOTHESIS THAT COLLECTIVELY WITH THE
6 INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISOR WHO REPRESENT THAT AREA AND ITS UNIQUE
7 ISSUES BECAUSE AS YOU STATED, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, EAST LA
8 IS DIFFERENT THAN ROLLING HEIGHTS. HOWEVER, ALL UNINCORPORATED
9 AREAS DO HAVE SOME SIMILAR ISSUES THAT THE COUNTY TAKES CARE
10 OF PUBLIC SAFETY LAND USE ETC AND THERE YOU CAN HAVE THE
11 ELECTED EXECUTIVE LOOK AT THOSE ISSUES COUNTYWIDE AND SO MORE
12 OF A HYPOTHESIS --

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND WITH THE SUPERVISOR

15

16 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** CORRECT ABSOLUTELY

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WHO REPRESENTS THE AREA WEIGHING IN AND
19 HOPEFULLY LEADING THAT DISCUSSION.

20

21 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** ABSOLUTELY.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE REALLY DIDN'T EVEN
24 TALK ABOUT THE DEPARTMENTS COMING IN TO JUSTIFY THEIR BUDGETS
25 BECAUSE THAT THEREIN ALSO LIES WHERE THE STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS I



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SUPERVISORS

1 THINK INHIBIT US FROM ACTUALLY PROVIDING BETTER SERVICES TO
2 RESIDENTS IN AN INCORPORATED AREA.

3

4 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT POINT THAT
5 YOU'RE MAKING AND JUST TO EMPHASIZE IT. IN THESE PROPOSALS
6 FROM MY OPINION, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS NOT GIVING UP
7 POWER, IT'S SHARING POWER. THAT'S A BIG DIFFERENCE. IS YOU'RE
8 NOT BEING ABSOLVED FROM TAKING CARE OF THE ISSUES THAT YOU'RE
9 CURRENTLY TAKING CARE OF. YOU'RE GONNA SHARE IN THAT POWER
10 FROM POLICY TO POLICY. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS NOT GIVING
11 UP ANY POWER. IT IS SHARING THAT POWER IN MANY AREAS.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND I AGREE WITH THAT AND I ALSO THINK THAT
14 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THERE WILL BE A HIGHER LEVEL OF
15 TRANSPARENCY BECAUSE THEREIN LIES THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR
16 NOT THERE IS EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO DIFFERENT
17 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND IN MY OPINION, SOMEWHAT WHAT ZEV
18 SAID OR WAS QUOTED ABOUT REGARDING THAT ALL WE DO IS TAKE CARE
19 OF THE POOR AND THE NEEDY AND THE UNCHARTERED. WELL, TO A
20 CERTAIN EXTENT, THAT'S CORRECT, BUT NOT COMPLETELY, BECAUSE WE
21 DO HAVE AREAS IN UNINCORPORATED EAST LA AND EVEN IN THE SAN
22 GABRIEL VALLEY THAT ARE VERY, VERY HARD PRESSED FOR SERVICES.
23 IN FACT, THERE ARE ISLANDS OF LACK OF SERVICE. THEY ARE ON
24 THEIR OWN ISLAND AND THAT IS NOT FAIR. SO, I'M HOPING THAT
25 THIS WILL HELP US REGENERATE AND RECONFIGURE AND ACTUALLY HAVE



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1 GOOD REPRESENTATION THERE THAT IS COMING FROM THOSE PARTICULAR
2 NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES. SO THOSE ARE JUST MY THOUGHTS,
3 BUT I UNDERSTAND, I JUST DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO BE CONFUSED.

4

5 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** IF I MAY JUST ADD, I THINK TO SUPERVISOR
6 HAHN'S POINT, WITH A LARGER NUMBER OF SEATS, THESE VARIOUS
7 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, DO CONSTITUTE
8 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST FROM A REDISTRICTING STANDPOINT.
9 CERTAINLY WE SAW THIS AND LOOKED VERY CLOSELY AT THESE
10 NEIGHBORHOODS AT THE STATE'S COMMISSION AS WELL. ROLAND
11 HEIGHTS AND HACIENDA HEIGHTS HAVE VERY LARGE ASIAN AMERICAN
12 POPULATIONS. THEY HAD SOME STRONG THOUGHTS ABOUT WHAT KIND OF
13 DISTRICTING THEY WANTED TO SEE. SIMILARLY WITH EAST LA, RIGHT,
14 A HISTORIC LATINO COMMUNITY. THERE CAN ALSO BE VOTING RIGHTS
15 ACT IMPLICATIONS, BUT WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A DISTRICT OF
16 2,000,000 PEOPLE, YOU LOSE MUCH OF THE VRA OPPORTUNITIES. IT'S
17 NOT THE SAME TIME PERIOD AS WHEN THE VRA LAWSUIT IN THE 1980S
18 OPERATED TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF THE EAST LA DISTRICT THAT
19 GLORIA MOLINA ULTIMATELY WON. THESE DISTRICTS ARE SO LARGE
20 THAT WE HAVE INCREDIBLE DILUTION OF VARIOUS COMMUNITIES OF
21 COLOR.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU, MADAM
24 CHAIR.

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. TO THAT LAST POINT IN TERMS
4 OF DELUSION AND HOW THE LAWSUITS, MALL DEATH, NAACP LEGAL
5 DEFENSE FUND, ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE FOUGHT IN TERMS OF EQUITY
6 AND DIVERSITY. IF WE'RE NOW TALKING ABOUT A COUNTYWIDE ELECTED
7 WHO ULTIMATELY HAS THE TRUE POWER OF THE PURSE STRINGS,
8 THEREIN LIES THE ONGOING CHALLENGE IN TERMS OF HOW TRUE EQUITY
9 IS EXPERIENCED AND MANIFESTED IN TERMS OF THE ALLOCATION OF
10 RESOURCES. I JUST WANNA PUT THAT BACK OUT THERE. SUPERVISOR
11 BARGER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. AS WE SAID IN THE STATE
12 LEGISLATURE, CLEARLY I HAD AN AUTHOR PROBLEM, BECAUSE THE
13 AUTHOR WAS ME, SO IT WAS PROBLEMATIC IN TERMS OF MOVING SOME
14 OF THOSE ISSUES FORWARD. YOU KNOW, AND I JUST WANTED TO
15 CLARIFY WHEN YOU SAID THAT WE COULD ADVOCATE BEFORE THE
16 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, NO WE CANNOT. HANDS OFF. I WOULDN'T
17 EVEN ON THE PHONE LOOKING AT MAPS WHEN I HEAR HANDS OFF. I
18 BELIEVE IT'S HANDS OFF AND I WAS WILLING TO REPRESENT WHOEVER
19 THE COMMISSION THOUGHT APPROPRIATE TO PUT IN THE SECOND
20 DISTRICT AND I'VE WORKED HARD TO DO THAT EVER SINCE THE MAPS
21 CAME OUT. YES

22

23 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** I WOULD JUST ADD THAT IT THERE ISN'T
24 ANYTHING PREVENTING THIS BOARD FROM SUBMITTING A LETTER, SOME
25 SORT OF TESTIMONY. MOST CERTAINLY WE RECEIVED ALL SORTS OF



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1 TESTIMONY FROM CITIES, COUNTIES, ET CETERA. AND CERTAINLY,
2 YOU'RE RIGHT, HANDS OFF FOR SURE, BUT A LETTER THAT'S SIGNED
3 BY THE ENTIRE BOARD ASKING FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS TO BE
4 CONSIDERED AS WHOLE, I DON'T THINK WOULD BE SEEN AS A
5 VIOLATION OF THOSE.

6

7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I THINK THAT
8 THERE IS FOLLOWING THE LETTER OF THE LAW AND PERCEPTION. AND
9 SO BASED ON THAT, I WILL REMAIN HANDS OFF ON ANY REDISTRICTING
10 COMMISSION DECISIONS. YOU KNOW, I GO BACK TO THE QUESTIONS I
11 HAVE AND MY CONCERN, AND YOU STATED, YOU KNOW, IT DEPENDS ON
12 WHO GETS ELECTED CEO. AND THEREIN LIES THE DANGER FROM MY
13 PERSPECTIVE. AND I THINK YOU TALKED ABOUT PERSONALITIES VERSUS
14 A CLEAR STRUCTURE, A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE JOB IS
15 BEFORE PEOPLE MAKE THE FOREVER LIFE-CHANGING DECISION TO RUN
16 FOR OFFICE IN THE FIRST PLACE. AND SO, IT'S NOT ABOUT WHO
17 SELF-SELECTS. I THINK I CAN DO THAT BASED ON THEIR PERCEPTION
18 OF WHAT THE JOB IS. IT REALLY NEEDS TO BE CLEARLY ARTICULATED
19 WHAT THE JOB IS FROM MY PERSPECTIVE TO EVEN FIGURE OUT FOR A
20 VOTER TO FIGURE OUT IF THIS PERSON WITH THIS SKILL SET IS THE
21 BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB. SO, THIS NOTION ABOUT IT DEPENDS ON
22 WHO THE ELECTED CEO IS MAKES ME INCREDIBLY NERVOUS. AS A
23 VOTER, THAT NEEDS TO BE CLEARLY ARTICULATED AND DOCUMENTED SO
24 ALL OF US UNDERSTAND THE SKILL SETS AND THE CAPACITY WE ARE
25 LOOKING FOR TO MEET THE NEEDS OF LA COUNTY. AND SO, MAKING



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1 SURE THAT'S DONE INITIALLY AS OPPOSED TO PERSONALITY POLITICS
2 I THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT. WITH REGARD TO ETHICS AND THE
3 LENGTHY CONVERSATION AROUND ETHICS, FOR ME, ETHICS IS THE
4 FLOOR. THERE HAVE BEEN ANY NUMBER OF ELECTED BODIES THAT HAD
5 ETHICS COMMISSIONS AND ETHICS OVERSIGHTS, AND ETHICS IS ALMOST
6 LIKE AN AUDIT. ETHICS CATCHES IT ON THE BACK END. NOW THEY MAY
7 PUT SOME CRITERIA INTO PLACE. SO THAT IS WHY FOR ME PROCESS IS
8 SO CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. THAT PROCESS IS TRANSPARENT AND
9 AVAILABLE TO ALL TO PREVENT ETHICS VIOLATIONS ON THE BACK END.
10 SO, I APPRECIATE WHETHER WE DO ETHICS NOW, WHETHER IT'S IN THE
11 CHARTER, IT CAN CHANGE. ETHICS COMMISSIONS IN ISOLATION IS NOT
12 ENOUGH TO PREVENT NOT ONLY INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR, BUT JUST A
13 LACK OF TRANSPARENCY THAT ISN'T WELCOMING AND TRULY REFLECTIVE
14 OF A DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT. SO, ETHICS I'M ABSOLUTELY
15 SUPPORTIVE OF WHETHER IT'S WE DO IT NOW, IT'S LATER. I JUST
16 WANTED TO YOU KNOW SAY OUT LOUD THAT WE SHOULDN'T ACCEPT
17 ASSUME THAT THAT'S THE CATCH-ALL. PUTTING PROCESS IN PLACE FOR
18 BETTER UPFRONT CLEARER GOVERNANCE, UPFRONT BUDGETING PROCESS
19 THAT ALLOWS AND ENCOURAGES PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, I THINK SHOULD
20 BE OUR NORTH STAR. AND SPEAKING OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, MADAM
21 CHAIR, YOU TALKED ABOUT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOOK PLACE, AND
22 WAS IT COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THAT HELPED INFORM IT?
23 WAS IT IN THE AUTHORS DISTRICTS ALONE? IF YOU COULD JUST
24 PROVIDE THAT CLARITY.
25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WHEN I TALKED ABOUT COMMUNITY
2 ENGAGEMENT, I TALKED ABOUT THE GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE
3 WILL ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY GOING FORWARD IN THAT PROCESS.

4
5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I MEANT YOU ALSO REFERENCED COMMUNITY
6 ENGAGEMENT HAPPENED TO HELP INFORM THE PROPOSAL BEFORE US AND
7 SO I'M WONDERING IF THAT WAS COUNTYWIDE OR DISTRICT SPECIFIC.

8
9 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I KNOW THAT I'VE ENGAGED MY
10 DISTRICT AND ENGAGED FOLKS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY PERSONALLY
11 AND I KNOW THAT SOME OF OUR PANELISTS HERE TODAY HAVE ALSO
12 WORKED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND MY
13 EXPECTATION IS THAT THIS OPENS THE DOOR FOR MUCH MORE
14 ENGAGEMENT.

15
16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I GET THE GO-FORWARD. I'M TRYING TO
17 GET CLEAR ABOUT WHO THE COMMUNITY WAS THAT WAS ENGAGED TO HELP
18 INFORM WHAT'S IN FRONT OF US. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. SEVERAL
19 REFERENCES HAVE BEEN MADE TO POLLING. ARE THE POLLING RESULTS
20 SOMETHING THAT WE ALL CAN SEEK AND THE POLLING RESULT, LIKE
21 WHO WAS POLLED, WHAT WAS, WHAT THE QUESTIONS WERE, CAN THAT BE
22 MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE?

23
24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE PUT OUT A POLLING MEMO THAT IS
25 PUBLICLY AVAILABLE. HAPPY TO MAKE SURE YOUR OFFICE GETS IT.



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2 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT, THANK YOU VERY
3 MUCH. THE REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT WE ROTATE CHAIRS ON AN
4 ANNUAL BASIS, THAT'S A POLICY DECISION OF THIS BODY. AND SO,
5 IF THAT WAS PRECEDED, BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN LOTS OF REFERENCES
6 BY THE 2 OF YOU WITH THE CITY OF LA AND I APPRECIATE THAT
7 THAT'S SOME OF THE MOST RECENT WORK YOU'VE DONE ON AND YOU
8 KNOW, THEY HAVE AN ELECTED BOARD COUNCIL CHAIR IF YOU WILL. SO
9 JUST TO BE CLEAR FOR YOU ALL, THAT'S NOT CHARTER. THAT WAS A
10 DECISION MADE BY A BOARD THAT WE TOO COULD DECIDE IN TERMS OF
11 GOVERNANCE AND CONTINUITY OF POLICIES AND DECISIONS TO ELECT A
12 CHAIR. THAT'S A DECISION THAT WAS MADE BY A PAST BOARD. THAT
13 WOULD REQUIRE ORDINANCE CHANGE. THAT FALLS INTO THE BUCKET OF
14 THINGS THAT COULD BE DONE NOW IF WE DEEM IT'S MOST APPROPRIATE
15 FOR THE BOARD THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR

16

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

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU AND SUPERVISOR HAHN WHEN I'M
20 PASSIONATE IT I'M NOT ANGRY AT ALL I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS
21 ISSUE I MEAN I GENUINELY LOVE LA COUNTY AND WHEN THIS GOES
22 INTO PLAY AND IT'S EXPANDED, I WILL BE TERMED OUT. SO, THIS IS
23 NOT ABOUT PROTECTING MY TERRITORY. IT'S ABOUT DOING WHAT IS
24 RIGHT. SO, MAKE NO MISTAKE, I'M SAD THAT A SUPERVISOR THAT
25 BROUGHT THIS FORWARD WAS LEFT OUT, AND THAT'S WHY I



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 ACKNOWLEDGE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, BECAUSE IF NOT FOR HER
2 BRINGING FORWARD A MOTION TO BEGIN WITH, WE WOULDN'T HAVE
3 GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE WE WERE GOING TO HIRE A CONSULTANT.
4 AND SO THAT'S, I'M NOT MAD, I'M DISAPPOINTED, BUT THIS TOO
5 SHALL PASS. SO, I JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT CLEAR. I'M BY NO
6 MEANS ANGRY, I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS ISSUE. BECAUSE AGAIN,
7 THIS COUNTY HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY GOOD TO ME, NOT ONLY AS AN
8 ELECTED, BUT AS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE. AND I WANT TO DO WHAT'S
9 RIGHT FOR MY COUNTY. AND TO YOUR POINT ABOUT THE ELECTEES THAT
10 OVERSEE, YOU KNOW, I ALWAYS SAY THIS. THERE ARE 88 CITIES.
11 THIS BOARD IS CHARGED WITH UNINCORPORATED WHO BY THE WAY, I
12 BET YOU AND THIS WOULD BE A FUN POLL TO DO WE SHOULD PULL
13 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES AND FEEL IF THEY FEEL THEY'RE
14 GETTING THEIR FAIR SHARE OF SERVICES. I WILL TELL YOU THAT IF
15 YOU GO AROUND AT LEAST IN MY UNINCORPORATED AREAS THEY FEEL
16 LIKE THE STEPCHILD OF THE COUNTY AND YET WE ARE THE CITY
17 COUNCIL FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. HAVE YOU DONE ANY SORT
18 OF POLLING ON THIS?

19

20 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** YES, ALL THE POLLS THAT WE DO BECAUSE WE
21 HAVE SUCH A LARGE SAMPLE, WE COULD TAKE EVERYBODY FROM THE
22 UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND COMPARE THEM TO THE REST OF THE
23 COUNTY. AND WE HAVE DONE THAT IN THE PAST. AND WE'D LOVE TO
24 SHARE THAT.

25



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH, AND I APPRECIATE THAT FOR NOW.
2 BECAUSE TO ME, I ALWAYS SAY, LIKE, MY CITIES, I'VE GOT 20
3 CITIES, THEY GET 2 FOR 1. THEY GET TO VOTE FOR THEIR CITY
4 COUNCIL AND THEN THEY VOTE FOR A COUNTY SUPERVISOR. SO, WHEN
5 THE REDISTRICTING TOOK PLACE AND I WOKE UP IN THE MORNING AND
6 I AM VERY OLD SCHOOL, I WAS TOLD, YOU KNOW, THERE'S A WALL UP,
7 TELL ME WHAT MY NEW DISTRICT IS AND I WILL SHOW UP. AND THAT
8 IS EXACTLY WHAT I DID. I REPRESENT WHERE I AM, WHERE MY FIFTH
9 DISTRICT IS AND I REPRESENT ALL IN A BALANCED WAY. AND SO, TO
10 ME, LOOKING AT THE CITIES AND OBVIOUSLY WITH REDISTRICTING,
11 YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO PUT TOGETHER DISTRICTS THAT, WHAT'S THE
12 TERM THAT WAS USED EARLIER? WHEN YOU'RE, WHAT IS IT? COMPACT.
13 YEAH, SO THAT YOU CAN'T, YOU CAN'T, COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST,
14 THANK YOU, COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, SO YOU CAN'T CUT UP, FOR
15 EXAMPLE, I COULDN'T CUT UP PASADENA. YOU BRING IT ALL
16 TOGETHER. SO THAT'S GOING TO BE LOOKED AT NO MATTER WHAT,
17 CORRECT? OKAY. AND THAT WOULD STILL APPLY UNDER THIS, UNDER
18 THE, WHETHER IT'S 7, 9, 15. RIGHT, IT WOULD, COMMUNITY OF
19 INTEREST WOULD BE LOOKED AT.

20

21 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** I DON'T BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN'T BREAK UP A
22 CITY. IT IS ENCOURAGED NOT TO. CERTAINLY, AT TIMES, AND WE SAW
23 THIS AT THE STATE LEVEL, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU DO NEED TO
24 BREAK A CITY FOR POPULATION. --

25



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND I STAND CORRECTED. LA CITY IS AN
2 EXAMPLE. ALL 5 OF US REPRESENT LA CITY. SO, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY
3 RIGHT. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. BUT I BELIEVE THAT MORE OFTEN
4 THAN NOT, THAT HAS NOT BEEN DONE.

5

6 **DR. SARA SADHWANI:** CORRECT. IN THE STATE LAW THAT GOVERNS THE
7 STATE COMMISSION, COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST ARE ON THE SAME
8 PLAYING FIELD AS MAINTAINING CITY AND COUNTY BOUNDARIES. SO
9 THOSE ARE DECISIONS THAT ULTIMATELY HAVE TO BE MADE BY
10 COMMISSIONERS AND THEY'RE NOT EASY DECISIONS.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** RIGHT. WELL, YOU KNOW, I MEAN, AGAIN, I
13 DON'T WANT IT TO BE PERCEIVED THAT I'M ANGRY BECAUSE I'M NOT.
14 I'M FRUSTRATED AND I GET FRUSTRATED WHEN I READ ARTICLES AND
15 EDITORIALS THAT MAYBE IT'S JUST ME THAT MAYBE I'M HYPER
16 SENSITIVE BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT'S MORE A REFLECTION ON THE
17 PEOPLE THAT ARE ELECTED THAN ON THE STRUCTURE. AND THE LACK OF
18 GETTING THINGS DONE IS ON US BECAUSE ON ANY GIVEN TUESDAY WE
19 CAN MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. 3 VOTES AND SO THAT TO ME IS NOT GOING
20 TO BE SOLVED BY A BALLOT MEASURE INCREASING THE BOARD. THAT'S
21 GOING TO BE SOLVED BY FINALLY MAKING DECISIONS THAT NEED TO BE
22 MADE THAT IMPACT THE RESIDENTS OF LA COUNTY. THANK YOU, MADAM
23 CHAIR.

24

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



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

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2 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR. I'M
3 SORRY I HAVE SO MANY SCRIBBLES ON MY NOTES, I MISS MY OWN
4 NOTE. I JUST WANTED TO RESPOND TO YOUR COMMENT WITH ALL DUE
5 RESPECT WITH REGARD TO THE COST. AND I HEARD YOU LOUD AND
6 CLEAR FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE ABOUT AREAS WHERE WE COULD CUT,
7 SAVE, AND REALLOCATE. I JUST DON'T SEE IT. WHEN I LOOK AT THE
8 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT A WOULD BE NEEDED AND B IS ACTUALLY
9 REFLECTED IN WHAT I HAVE READ IN THE PROPOSAL, I DON'T SEE HOW
10 WE PAY FOR THAT. AND SO, IT'S, I AM VERY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH
11 THE NOTION THAT IT IS BEING BILLED AS COST NEUTRAL, BECAUSE
12 KNOWING THAT TO THE DEGREE OF SPECIFICITY THAT I HAVE SPENT 4
13 YEARS AND DELVING DEEPLY INTO THIS COUNTY BUDGET, I JUST DON'T
14 SEE HOW IT'S COST NEUTRAL. AND I AM UNCOMFORTABLE IF THAT'S
15 THE WAY IT'S GOING TO BE COMMUNICATED TO THE VOTING PUBLIC
16 THAT YOU'LL GET MORE REPRESENTATION, YOU'LL HAVE THIS, AND IT
17 WON'T IMPACT THE COUNTY'S BUDGET OR COST YOU MORE. SO, I JUST
18 WANTED TO SAY THAT. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** APPRECIATE THAT. IT IS PROPOSED
21 AS PART OF THE COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT IT WILL NOT COME
22 AT ADDITIONAL COSTS TO THE TAXPAYER. BUT TO THE PREVIOUS POINT
23 THAT YOU RAISED, I THINK WHAT WE'RE REALLY STRUGGLING WITH IS
24 WHETHER WE KEEP THE STATUS QUO BECAUSE IT'S WHAT WE KNOW OR WE
25 TRY SOMETHING NEW THAT MOVES US IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION. I



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 DON'T HEAR ANYONE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES SAYING THAT
2 THEY'RE GOING TO GIVE UP THEIR ELECTED MAYOR AND GIVE ALL OF
3 THE MAYOR'S POWER TO THE CITY COUNCIL BECAUSE THEY'RE WORRIED
4 ABOUT WHO MIGHT GET ELECTED MAYOR AND I CERTAINLY DON'T SEE
5 THAT IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SAYING THAT WE SHOULD CEDE OUR
6 GOVERNOR POSITION AND GIVE ALL OF THE AUTHORITY TO THE
7 LEGISLATURE IT'S WHAT WE'RE FAMILIAR WITH AND I APPRECIATE
8 THAT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, THE COUNTY HAS BEEN DIFFERENT, AND
9 IT'S WHAT WE KNOW. AND THIS PROPOSAL, AS I SAID EARLIER, MIGHT
10 NOT BE PERFECT, AND IT MIGHT NOT MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL 5
11 MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD IN ORDER FOR IT TO PASS UNANIMOUSLY. BUT
12 I MAINTAIN THAT THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. IT IS THE RIGHT
13 CHANGE TO MAKE AT THIS MOMENT. AND IT IS THE RIGHT CHANGE TO
14 PROPEL MORE CHANGE GOING FORWARD AND PUTTING MORE POWER INTO
15 THE HANDS OF THE COMMUNITY. SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND THEN I'M
16 GONNA GO TO THE PUBLIC.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I ACTUALLY WANT CLARIFICATION. SO, THE
19 CITY'S ETHICS IS PART OF THEIR CHARTER. AND AS I RECALL, THAT
20 IS NOT PROTECTED FROM CORRUPTION, CORRECT? CORRECT?

21

22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** IN WHAT REGARD?

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** WELL, I KNOW ONE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER THAT
25 I RAN AGAINST ENDED UP GOING AND SERVING A LITTLE BIT OF TIME.



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 SO, I GUESS WHAT MY POINT IS, IS THAT WHETHER IT'S IN THE
2 CHARTER OR IT'S NOT, IT'S NOT GOING TO GUARANTEE THAT YOU'RE
3 NOT GOING TO HAVE BAD POLITICIANS, LIKE THERE ARE BAD, NO
4 OFFENSE TO ON BAD LAWYERS, BAD ACCOUNTANTS. AND SO, I JUST
5 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT WHETHER IT'S
6 BAKED INTO THE CHARTER OR IT'S DONE BY THIS BOARD, THERE'S
7 ALWAYS GOING TO BE SOMEONE WHO THINKS THEY'RE SMARTER AND
8 GOING TO GET AWAY WITH IT.

9

10 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THERE'S NO
11 GUARANTEE, BUT IT DOES SET THE VALUES OF WHAT YOU THINK

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** 100%

14

15 **DR. FERNANDO GUERRA:** AND IT DOES CREATE AN INCREASED
16 TRANSPARENCY.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** 100% AND THAT'S WHY I WILL BE INTRODUCING
19 A MOTION NEXT WEEK TO CREATE UNTIL IT'S DONE IN THE CHARTER AN
20 ETHICS OFFICE SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN THIS PROCESS NOW AND MAKE
21 SURE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE LEAD BY EXAMPLE. THANK YOU.

22

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



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL MIGUEL SANTANA, AZEEM KHAN MALIK,
3 ALYSSA BERNSTEIN, ANDREA MACK, ANDREA MCPHERSON, BOBBY
4 WASSERMAN, BRENT WOODWORTH, CARRIE CARRIER, DAVID PHELPS,
5 DAVID RODRIGUEZ, DAVID UBERSAX, DONALD HARLAN, ELI LIPPMAN,
6 EMMA TOM, ENRIQUE VELA, EVA BARAGON, EVELYN ALAMON, FABIAN
7 RIOS, GEORGE ACEVEDO, GIOVANNI POPE, HERB ATANACA, JACOB
8 WASSERMAN, JASON SUGARS, JESSICA WILSON, JOEY CLASHES, JOSHUA
9 MARIN MORA, AND JUAN CARDENAS, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
10 WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE
11 SPEAKER PLEASE.

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS BEATRIZ BORQUEZ. PLEASE
14 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS BEATRIZ PUJARQUEZ AND I AM WITH CASA
17 CULTURAL SABRE, A NONPROFIT, OUR PROGRAM THAT WAS ESTABLISHED
18 IN 2004. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND THE
19 SUPERVISORS FOR MAKING THIS MOTION. I THINK SUPERVISORS IS
20 DOING AN AMAZING JOB. 5 SUPERVISORS FOR SUCH A BIG AND DIVERSE
21 COUNTY IS PROBABLY SOMETIMES OVERWHELMING. HAVING MORE
22 SUPERVISORS WILL MAKE THIS COUNTY STRONGER AND MORE VOICES
23 WILL BE HEARD. I SUPPORT THIS 100%. THANK YOU.

24

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



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOSE BARRERA. PLEASE UNMUTE
3 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOSE
6 BARRERA, REPRESENTING THE LEAGUE OF UNITED NON-AMERICAN
7 CITIZENS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS LULAC, THE LARGEST LATINO CIVIL
8 RIGHTS ORGANIZATION IN THE COUNTRY. IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION,
9 WE BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL HELP INCREASE REPRESENTATION FOR OUR
10 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IN THE ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER
11 COMMUNITIES AND IN THE LATINO COMMUNITIES AND HAVE BETTER
12 REPRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALICIA GONZALEZ. PLEASE
17 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM SUPERVISORS. I'M SPEAKING AS
20 PRESIDENT OF THE MONTANITO VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION WE
21 WOULD LIKE TO VOICE OUR STRONG SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY
22 GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS REFORM MOTION THAT IS BEFORE YOU TODAY
23 IT IS LONG OVERDUE. ONCE THE SIZE OF THE BOARD HAS BEEN
24 INCREASED AND THE DISTRICTS ARE REAPPORTIONED, WE TRULY HOPE
25 THAT SUPERVISOR HORVATH WILL CONTINUE TO REPRESENT THOSE OF US



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 WHO LIVE IN THE RURAL VILLAGES OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
2 AND PROTECT ITS OPEN SPACES FOR ALL OF LA COUNTY. WE
3 ESPECIALLY LOOK FORWARD TO MORE TRANSPARENCY REGARDING LAND
4 USE DEVELOPER CONFLICTS AND LOBBYING ACTIVITY. THANK YOU AND
5 ONWARD.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS STEPHEN SAN. PLEASE UNMUTE
10 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

13

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

15

16 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME IS STEVEN SAN. I'M A
17 LIFELONG RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY I'M THE CHAIRMAN OF
18 THE WESTERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL. I'M SPEAKING TODAY AS AN
19 INDIVIDUAL. I HAVE BEEN A STUDENT OF COUNTY MUNICIPAL CITY
20 GOVERNMENTS FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS. I WAS A STUDENT OF
21 PROFESSOR LEOBARDO ESTRADA WHO WAS AN EXPERT WITNESS IN THE
22 MALDIVES CASE THAT WAS REFERENCED WHICH LED OF COURSE TO THE
23 ELECTION OF THE FIRST FEMALE AND THE FIRST LATINA IN HISTORY.
24 I'M HONORED TO ADDRESS THE WOMEN THAT I CALL THE 5 REINAS, THE
25 5 QUEENS OF THE COUNTY, GIVEN A COUNTY THAT WAS FOR DECADES



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 AND CENTURIES LITERALLY 5 WHITE MEN. I SUPPORT THESE REFORMS.
2 I WOULD URGE YOU NOT TO LET THE PERFECT BE THE ENEMY OF THE
3 GOOD. THIS MAY NOT BE A PERFECT PROCESS, BUT I THINK ALL 5 OF
4 YOU ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THE COUNTY IS IN NEED OF SIGNIFICANT
5 REFORM, ETHICS REFORM, EXPANSION OF THE BOARD, AND THE
6 CREATION OF AN ELECTED EXECUTIVE. AND I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT
7 THIS. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KIM LEMAURIE. PLEASE UNMUTE
12 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, KIM LEMAURIE, PRESIDENT OF THE
15 LOS VIRGINIAS HOMEOWNERS FEDERATION OF THE SANTA MONICA
16 MOUNTAINS. THIS IS A HISTORIC AND EXCITING MOMENT. KUDOS TO
17 OUR SUPERVISOR FOR TAKING THE LEAD ON THIS MONUMENTAL, LONG
18 OVERDUE, REAL REFORM. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT PUTTING THE PROPOSED
19 CHARTER AMENDMENT ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER. THE NATIONAL
20 RECREATION AREA IS HOME TO THE COUNTY'S UNINCORPORATED
21 COMMUNITIES IN THE LCP IN THE NORTH AREA AND THUS DIRECTLY
22 GOVERNED BY THE BOARD, INCLUDING OF COURSE ALL THE WILDLIFE
23 TOO, IN ONE OF ONLY 6 MEDITERRANEAN ECOSYSTEMS IN THE ENTIRE
24 WORLD. EXPANDING THE BOARD BENEFITS ALL VOICES, INCREASING AND
25 STRENGTHENING EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION IS A NECESSITY, FORMING



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 AN ETHICS COMMISSION, AND SO MANY OTHER MEASURES THAT INCREASE
2 THE EFFECTIVENESS, RESPONSIVENESS, AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF OUR
3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT. THIS REAL REFORM HITS ALL THE RIGHT BUTTONS,
4 INCLUDING TRANSPARENCY AND OVERSIGHT TO ENHANCE PUBLIC TRUST
5 AND TAKING ON THE COMPLEX CHALLENGES OF TODAY AND THE FUTURE.
6 BOLD AND ENCOMPASSING. TIME TO MOVE FORWARD IS NOW. THANK YOU.

7

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HENRY LOWE. PLEASE UNMUTE
11 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HI THIS IS HENRY LOWE, COUNCILMEMBER FOR CITY OF
14 MONTEREY PARK AND I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 7. LA
15 COUNTY IS A DIVERSE COMMUNITY AND WE HAVE REPRESENTATION THAT
16 REFLECTS THE DIVERSITY OF ALL OUR COMMUNITIES AND SO I URGE
17 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH APPROVING AGENDA
18 ITEM 7. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROSS WEISTROLLER. PLEASE
23 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ROSS



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 WEISTROLLER, MEMBER OF THE FAIR REP LA COALITION, SPEAKING AS
2 AN INDIVIDUAL AND RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND I WANT
3 TO VOICE MY EXCITEMENT ABOUT THIS HOLISTIC, NECESSARY REFORM.
4 EXPANDING THE BOARD WILL INCREASE MINORITY REPRESENTATION IN
5 OUR DIVERSE COUNTY AND AN ETHICS COMMISSION THAT ISN'T JUST
6 CREATED BY ORDINANCE, BUT IS MADE TRULY INDEPENDENT BY BEING
7 ENSHRINED IN THE CHARTER BY THE VOTERS THAT WILL TRULY ENHANCE
8 ACCOUNTABILITY AND ALL VOTERS ESPECIALLY THOSE IN
9 UNINCORPORATED AREAS DESERVE A DIRECT SAY ABOUT WHO LEADS
10 THEIR LOCAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH AN ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVE
11 POSITION AND EACH OF THESE SMALL CHANGES ARE STEPS TOWARDS A
12 BETTER FUTURE FOR THE COUNTY, BUT IT'S STILL A MAJOR SHAKEUP
13 IN HOW COUNTY GOVERNANCE IS DONE FOR 10,000,000 PEOPLE. WITH
14 THAT IN MIND, I ASK YOU ALL TO PLEASE HOLD AN EVENING MEETING
15 ON THIS ITEM AFTER OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IS DRAFTED TO MAXIMIZE
16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE REFORM PROCESS AND ENSURE A
17 SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME IN NOVEMBER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TANYA IBANEZ. PLEASE UNMUTE
22 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I FULLY SUPPORT THIS
25 PETITION. I THINK IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. I DON'T THINK THAT



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 5 SUPERVISORS CAN ADEQUATELY REPRESENT THE VAST POPULATION AND
2 THE DIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WHILE I DO APPRECIATE THE
3 COMMENTS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND BARGER, AGAIN AND TO
4 QUOTE MS. HORVATH, WE SHOULD NOT LET PERFECTION BE THE ENEMY
5 OF GOOD. A LOT OF GOODNESS CAN TAKE PLACE WITH THIS REFORM. I
6 AM A BIT CONCERNED ABOUT THE PAY OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND
7 THE LEVEL OF AUTHORITY THAT THEY WILL HAVE BUT AGAIN ALL OF
8 THESE DETAILS CAN BE HASHED ON LATER ON THROUGH THE PROPOSAL
9 TO STUDY THIS REFORM SO I SUPPORT THIS. THANK YOU

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PAT HENKL. PLEASE UNMUTE
14 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS PAT, LAST NAME H-E-N-K-L. I LIVE IN
17 LAKESIDE COMMUNITY AREA, AN UNINCORPORATED AREA, AND MY
18 CONCERNS ARE VERY MUCH FOR US, BUT ALSO TOO, I AM VERY PLEASED
19 AND PROUD THAT I SUPPORT THIS ISSUE VERY, VERY MUCH, AND I
20 THINK OUR COMMUNITY DOES AS WELL. OUR VOICES NEED TO BE HEARD,
21 AND I VERY MUCH THANK LINDSEY FOR BEING SO OPEN AND HONEST
22 WITH OUR COMMUNITY. I GIVE THIS MY FULL, FULL SUPPORT. THANK
23 YOU SO VERY MUCH.

24

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



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROSE VANWAER-HYNNE. PLEASE
3 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROSE VANWAER-HYNNE AND I'M
6 REPRESENTED IN 2 DISTRICTS. THE THIRD DISTRICT BY SUPERVISOR
7 HORVATH AT OUR RANCH FOR SPECIAL NEEDS YOUNG ADULTS GOLDEN
8 HEART RANCH IN AGOURA HILLS AND THE FOURTH DISTRICT AT MY HOME
9 IN THE SOUTH BAY BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. I'M IN FULL AGREEANCE
10 THAT EXPANDING THE BOARD FROM 5 TO 9 MEMBERS WILL ALLOW OUR
11 SUPERVISORS TO BETTER ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT ANGELINO'S FACE
12 ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS. IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE IN A COUNTY THE
13 SIZE OF LOS ANGELES THAT WE HAVE AN EXPANSION OF THE BOARD.
14 10,000,000 PEOPLE CARVED UP INTO ONLY 5 SUPERVISORS IS AN
15 ANTIQUATED SYSTEM. A CHANGE THAT SEEMS LONG OVERDUE. IN
16 REGARDS TO THE INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMITTEE, IT IS A MUST TO
17 HAVE THE OVERSIGHT OF A COMMITTEE THAT SERVES AS A SENTINEL
18 AGAINST CORRUPTION AND MISCONDUCT AND WITHOUT QUESTION, SHOULD
19 BE PUT IN PLACE. AND WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
20 SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND HAHN FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN BRINGING
21 THIS IMPORTANT REFORM TO THE TABLE. THANK YOU.

22

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALISA WEINTRAUB. PLEASE



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** HI, THANK YOU. AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS,
4 I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MOTION
5 REGARDING GOVERNMENT REFORM. WE GREATLY VALUE OUR RELATIONSHIP
6 WITH THE COUNTY AND ESPECIALLY THE RESPONSIVENESS WE RECEIVE
7 FROM SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AND I BELIEVE THE PROPOSED MOTION
8 WILL MAKE THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT MORE REPRESENTATIVE,
9 ACCOUNTABLE, AND TRANSPARENT. INCREASING THE NUMBER OF
10 SUPERVISORS FROM 5 TO 9 WILL PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
11 RESIDENTS TO ENGAGE DIRECTLY WITH THEIR COUNTY
12 REPRESENTATIVES. A KEY COMPONENT OF THIS REFORM IS ENHANCING
13 GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY WHICH OUR CONSTITUENTS WHOLEHEARTEDLY
14 APPLAUD. OUR CITIES LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING IN THIS
15 PROCESS AND WITNESSING THE POSITIVE IMPACT THIS REFORM WILL
16 HAVE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
17 TODAY.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO GO TO
22 SPEAKERS IN PERSON NEXT. PLEASE GO AHEAD. LET'S MAKE SURE THE
23 SPEAKER'S MIC IS ON, AND IF WE COULD MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE
24 KEEPING THE VOLUME DOWN UP HERE ON THE SIDES OF THE DAIS, I
25 WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HEAR ALL OF OUR PUBLIC SPEAKERS. THANK



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SUPERVISORS

1 YOU.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MIGUEL SANTANA. I'M THE
4 PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. I'M
5 HERE FOR 3 REASONS. THE FIRST IS CCF HAS INVESTED
6 SIGNIFICANTLY IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE REFORM THIS LAST 2 YEARS,
7 FOCUSING IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND WE'RE PREPARED TO DO
8 SO HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MAKING SURE THAT THERE'S
9 COMMUNITY VOICE AND COMMUNITY DRIVEN RESEARCH AS YOU EMBARK ON
10 THIS JOURNEY. THE SECOND IS TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS MEASURE HAS
11 THE POTENTIAL OF BEING IN ALIGNMENT WITH MEASURE A, ONCE FULLY
12 IMPLEMENTED, TO BRING BETTER ACCOUNTABILITY, GREATER
13 TRANSPARENCY, AND OUTCOME-DRIVEN EFFORTS THAT THE COUNTY'S
14 INITIATING AROUND HOMELESSNESS. AND THE THIRD IS TO, AS A
15 DISCIPLE OF SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, IS TO BE REMINDED THAT
16 THIS WAS HER UNFINISHED WORK. HER HISTORIC ELECTION MADE SURE
17 THAT THERE WAS A WOMAN, A WOMAN OF COLOR, A CHICANA
18 REPRESENTING LOS ANGELES. --

19

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS AZEEM KHAN MALIK AND I'M THE
23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ABUNDANT HOUSING LA. WE SEE EVERY DAY IN
24 JURISDICTIONS ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY HOW GOVERNANCE AND FAIR
25 REPRESENTATION IMPACTS HOUSING POLICY. SOLVING THIS CRISIS



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SUPERVISORS

1 ACROSS OUR COUNTY REQUIRES THE CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION THAT
2 A MORE REPRESENTATIVE, TRANSPARENT, AND ACCOUNTABLE LOCAL
3 GOVERNMENT CAN BRING. HOWEVER, AT THE SAME TIME, WHILE I
4 SUPPORT THE GENERAL MOVE TOWARDS BOTH A LARGER COUNTY BOARD
5 AND A MORE TRANSPARENT COUNTY BOARD, I DO WANT TO UPLIFT AND
6 WE SHARE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S CONCERNS ABOUT FINDING THE
7 RIGHT NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES AND A SYSTEM THAT ACTUALLY
8 FUNCTIONS TO CREATE A TRANSPARENT AND REPRESENTATIVE LA COUNTY
9 AND ENSURING THAT OUR LIMITED RESOURCES GO TO SERVE THE PEOPLE
10 OF OUR COUNTY AND NOT ADDITIONAL BUREAUCRACY. I WANT TO THANK
11 SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND HAHN FOR THEIR BOLDNESS IN INTRODUCING
12 THESE MOTION. THESE ISSUES ARE URGENT AND PRESSING. AND I LOOK
13 FORWARD TO A MORE TRANSPARENT AND EQUITABLE LA COUNTY BOARD.
14 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, EVERYBODY. IT'S LOVELY TO SEE YOU ALL. MY NAME
19 IS ALYSSA BERNSTEIN WITH AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE. I'M HERE
20 TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR
21 HAHN'S INTRODUCED MOTION, WHICH INCLUDES THE LARGEST
22 GOVERNMENTAL REFORM PACKAGE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS SEEN IN 100
23 YEARS. LA COUNTY'S FORM OF GOVERNMENT HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE
24 1912 WHEN THE POPULATION WAS 500,000 BEFORE WOMEN HAD THE
25 RIGHT TO VOTE. TODAY, THE SAME NUMBER OF ELECTED SUPERVISORS



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SUPERVISORS

1 SERVE THE MOST POPULOUS COUNTY IN THE NATION, WITH EACH
2 SERVING 2,000,000 CONSTITUENTS. BY REFORMING THE COUNTY
3 CHARTER, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A GOVERNANCE MODEL
4 THAT IS MORE EFFECTIVE, REPRESENTATIVE, AND ACCOUNTABLE TO
5 ANGELENOS. EXPANDING THE BOARD FROM 5 TO 9 WILL ALLOW MORE
6 DIVERSE VOICES REFLECTIVE OF THE MAKEUP OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 TO SHAPE COUNTY POLICY, BRINGING PEOPLE CLOSER TO THEIR
8 ELECTED SUPERVISORS. FURTHERMORE, ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT
9 ETHICS COMMISSION INCREASES TRANSPARENCY, BUILDS PUBLIC TRUST,
10 AND FIGHTS CORRUPTION. AS A JEWISH PROFESSIONAL, I DEEPLY
11 UNDERSTAND THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS AND I HOPE THAT YOU
12 ALL VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. I'M A RESIDENT OF
17 DISTRICT 1 OF L.A. COUNTY AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT AGENDA
18 ITEM NUMBER 7 THAT INCLUDES CHARTER REFORM THAT WOULD EXPAND
19 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AT 15% OF THE COUNTY, API
20 COMMUNITIES ARE THE FASTEST GROWING IN LA COUNTY. GROWING UP
21 IN LOS ANGELES AS AN ASIAN AMERICAN MYSELF, I'VE BEEN IN
22 SEVERAL SPACES WHERE MANY OF MY API FRIENDS, FAMILY AND
23 COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE FELT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN UNHEARD AND
24 UNDERREPRESENTED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS A RESULT OF LACK OF
25 REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD. THROUGH BOARD EXPANSION, SMALLER



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SUPERVISORS

1 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST WILL HAVE AN INCREASED POSSIBILITY TO
2 VOTE FOR REPRESENTATION THAT IS FAMILIAR WITH THEIR DIVERSE
3 COMMUNITY NEEDS. I BELIEVE THAT EXPANDING THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVE THAT
5 ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITIES WILL HELP LA COUNTY FEEL MORE HEARD.
6 I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE WAYS IN WHICH THIS WILL CREATE
7 OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE COLLABORATIONS WITH COLOR COMMUNITIES
8 THAT REPRESENT THE DIVERSITY OF LA COUNTY. THAT SAID, I AM IN
9 SUPPORT OF NUMBER 7. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M EVELYN ALEMAN, CO-
14 FOUNDER OF THE LA RIVER WALKERS AND WATCHERS, A GROUP OF
15 VOLUNTEER NEIGHBORS FROM THE WEST VALLEY WHO SINCE 2015 WORK
16 TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE UPPER RIVER AND ITS ADJACENT BIKE
17 PATH. WE RELY ON A COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
18 PRIMARILY THE CITY AND COUNTY TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. WHILE THE
19 CITY OF VIET COUNCILMEMBER BOB BLUMENFIELD WAS RESPONSIVE FROM
20 THE VERY BEGINNING. IT TOOK NEARLY 8 YEARS FOR A SUPERVISOR TO
21 VISIT OUR AREA AND RECEIVE PROPER SUPPORT, WHICH DIDN'T HAPPEN
22 UNTIL SUPERVISOR HORVATH WAS ELECTED. THIS MEANT THAT OUR
23 VOLUNTEERS CONTINUED TO CLEAR HEAVY DUMPED ITEMS FROM THE
24 RIVER BASIN, REACH OUT TO HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THE AREA, AND
25 CLEAR DANGEROUS BRUSH ADJACENT TO OUR HOMES. THE COUNTY WAS



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE MISSING LINK NEEDED TO MAKE SURE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND
2 SUBCONTRACTORS WERE ACCOUNTABLE. WE FEEL THAT NEIGHBORS
3 SHOULDN'T HAVE TO WAIT ALMOST A DECADE TO HEAR FROM THE
4 COUNTY. THIS IS WHY I AM HERE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO REFORM
5 THE COUNTY CHARTER BY EXPANDING THE BOARD, IMPROVING
6 ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPRESENTATION, AND CREATING AN INDEPENDENT
7 ETHICS COMMISSION. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YES, HI, ELI LITMAN. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
12 MOVE LA, SPEAKING AS AN INDIVIDUAL. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF
13 ITEM 7 AND ALSO ITEM 4. THIS HAS BEEN AN INFORMATIVE,
14 EXCITING, ENGAGING AND ENLIGHTENING CONVERSATION. I WANT TO
15 THANK SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING IT
16 FORWARD AND TO THIS BOARD FOR FINALLY DISCUSSING THESE TOUGH
17 ISSUES IN AN OPEN FORUM. THE EXPANSION OF THE BOARD IS LONG
18 OVERDUE AND WE HAVE BEEN SEEKING FOR MORE TRANSPARENCY AND
19 ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE \$42,000,000,000 BUDGET PROCESS AND HOW
20 WE SPEND THOSE MONIES, PARTICULARLY ON PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE
21 AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE. I WANT TO POINT OUT 2
22 ISSUES. THE NEED TO ADDRESS THE METRO ISSUE OF GOVERNANCE
23 BROUGHT UP BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SHOULD HAPPEN SOONER RATHER
24 THAN WAIT UNTIL 2028 OR 2030. THAT'S PRETTY SERIOUS AND VERY
25 POLITICAL. AND 2, AS THE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD



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1 COUNCIL SYSTEM, I AM A BIG SUPPORTER OF PARTICIPATORY
2 DEMOCRACY. SO, I WANNA ALSO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR ITEM 4 BY
3 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, CURRENT WAYS TO BRING THE PEOPLE INTO THE
4 BUDGET AND POLICY MAKING PROCESS. THANK YOU.

5

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BRENT WOODWORTH. I'M THE
9 CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF THE LA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOUNDATION.
10 I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO THE CHAIRPERSON AND ALSO ALL THE
11 SUPERVISORS FOR THIS TIME. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO
12 INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS, RESPONSIVENESS, ACCOUNTABILITY OF
13 COUNTY GOVERNMENT THROUGH CHARTER REFORM. THE LA EMERGENCY
14 PREPAREDNESS FOUNDATION, WHICH I REPRESENT, WE'RE FOCUSED ON
15 TRAINING PROACTIVE MEASURES OR TAKING PROACTIVE MEASURES TO
16 INCREASE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FROM NATURAL AND MAN-MADE
17 DISASTERS. WE BELIEVE THE PROPOSAL CHARTER CHANGE WILL ALLOW
18 FOR AN INCREASED LEVEL OF LOCALIZED SUPPORT FOR RISK
19 ASSESSMENT, PREPAREDNESS, MITIGATION, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY
20 ACTIONS THROUGHOUT MULTIPLE COMMUNITIES. WE'RE LIVING IN A
21 FIRE AGE AND FIRE IS A LONG GAME PROCESS. WE BELIEVE THAT A
22 CULTURAL CHANGE AND REFOCUS OF SOCIAL, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC
23 ISSUES IS REQUIRED. AND YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS MEASURE WE THINK
24 IS CRITICAL. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BE INNOVATIVE, COLLABORATIVE,
25 SUSTAINABLE, MEASURABLE, AND TRANSPARENT. THANK YOU.



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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS GEORGE ACEVEDO. I'M A
5 PASADENA CITIZEN AND CURRENT RESIDENT. I DO SUPPORT THIS.
6 THANK YOU, GUYS, FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE AND KEEP ON EXPANDING.
7 THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YES, HI, MY NAME IS FABIAN RIOS AND I'M CITY OF VAN
12 NUYS AND I AGREE WITH THIS PROPOSAL BECAUSE WE NEED MORE HELP
13 WITH THE HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. ARE WE
16 GOING BACK TO THE PHONES? OKAY. MODERATOR, PLEASE INDICATE OUR
17 NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GAY YUAN. PLEASE UNMUTE AND
20 SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. MY
23 NAME IS GAY YUAN. I'M CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF THE CHINESE
24 AMERICAN MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES. OUR MUSEUM IS THE KEEPER OF
25 THE HISTORY OF THE CHINESE IN AMERICA SINCE THE 1800S. I'M



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1 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 7 TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ALSO TO MOVE TOWARDS AN ELECTED
3 COUNTY EXECUTIVE. AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S POPULATION CONTINUES
4 TO DIVERSIFY, WE MUST LOOK AT HOW THE CHANGING RESIDENTS'
5 DIVERSE NEEDS ARE RECOGNIZED AND SUPPORTED AS EQUITABLY AND AS
6 SENSITIVELY AS POSSIBLE. AS OF THE 2020 CENSUS, THERE ARE
7 1,500,000 ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY, AND WE CONTINUE TO GROW. WITH AN EXPANDED NUMBER OF
9 SUPERVISORS, WE CAN BETTER ENSURE THAT OUR DIVERSE VERSES ARE
10 NOT ONLY HEARD, BUT ARE GIVEN THE REPRESENTATION THEY DESERVE
11 IN THE DECISIONS THAT THE SUPERVISORS MAKE AS WITH DECISIONS
12 THAT IMPACT HOW --

13

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ENIKO GOLD. PLEASE UNMUTE
18 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HI THIS IS ENIKO GOLD, MAYOR OF HIDDEN HILLS. I'M
21 ALSO AN IMMIGRANT AND THUS STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS REFORM
22 PACKAGE THAT INVITES MORE PEOPLE AND MORE DIVERSE VOICES TO
23 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND
24 HAHN FOR THE COURAGE TO BRING SUCH A MEANINGFUL REFORM PACKAGE
25 FORWARD. THANK YOU.



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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ELIZABETH HERRON. PLEASE
5 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HI. I AM ELIZABETH HERRON, A RESIDENT AND HOMEOWNER
8 OF 35 YEARS IN THE VIEW RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD OF TOPANGA CANYON.
9 AND I AM DEFINITELY IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION SET FORTH BY
10 SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND HAHN. AND IN ADDITION, I WANT TO THANK
11 EACH SPEAKER TODAY THAT I HAVE LISTENED TO FOR THE PAST 2
12 HOURS FOR YOUR OPEN AND RESPECTFUL DIALOGUE. IT WAS A PLEASURE
13 TO HEAR THAT. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RONALD FOMALONT. PLEASE
18 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M RON FOMALONT, PRESIDENT OF THE
21 TOPANGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. WE'RE AN ORGANIZATION THAT'S
22 EXISTED SINCE 1948. AND WE'RE IN AN UNINCORPORATED AREA. AND
23 UNINCORPORATED AREAS LIKE OURS REALLY RELY ON THE COUNTY AND
24 OUR SUPERVISOR. FOR A LOT, THE RECENT MUDSLIDE ON TOPANGA
25 CANYON BOULEVARD WHERE THE RIVER SHUT DOWN FOR 3 MONTHS IS A



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1 PRIME EXAMPLE. IT'S EXCEEDINGLY RARE FOR A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL
2 TO VOLUNTARILY GIVE UP POWER, AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT
3 SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND HAHN ARE DOING, GOING FROM 1 OUT OF 5
4 TO 1 OUT OF 9. AND THEIR EFFORTS SHOULD BE APPLAUDED. WE
5 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE REFORM PROPOSAL. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SHANNON JEM. PLEASE UNMUTE
10 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I'M SHANNON JEM, SECRETARY OF THE LOST
13 VIRGINAS HOMEOWNERS FEDERATION AND A RESIDENT OF BEAUTIFUL
14 MELVILLE LAKE WITHIN THE FEDERAL BOUNDARY OF THE SANTA MONICA
15 MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, AN UNINCORPORATED
16 COMMUNITY IN THE THIRD DISTRICT THAT PREDATES THE COUNTY. I'M
17 IN SUPPORT OF NUMBER 7 BECAUSE I'M VERY POSITIVE ON THE FUTURE
18 OF OUR INCREDIBLE SHARED COUNTY IN ALL OF ITS COMPLEXITY AND
19 DIVERSITY. SERVING IN HYPER LOCAL ELECTED SERVICE IN THE
20 UNINCORPORATED WHEN YOU NEED YOUR SUPERVISOR YOU REALLY NEED
21 YOUR SUPERVISOR BECAUSE UNFORTUNATELY IT'S NEVER ABOUT RIBBON
22 CUTTING AND IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT DISASTER RECOVERY AND CRITICAL
23 RESIDENT SUPPORT. IT'S TIME TO ADD RESOURCES. TRYING NOTHING
24 IS SO MUCH EASIER THAN TRYING SOMETHING BUT PLEASE TRY
25 SOMETHING FOR THE CITIZENS SAKE. I HEAR YOUR PASSION FOR YOUR



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1 DISTRICT AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARE AND SERVICE. PLEASE TRY
2 SOMETHING NEW. THIS MAGICAL PLACE IS WORTH IT.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS WILL L. FORD. PLEASE UNMUTE
7 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** CANYON AND I'M A PROUD ANGELINO FOR OVER 25 YEARS AS
10 A BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTING THE TOPANGA ASSOCIATION FOR SINA
11 COMMUNITY I WANT TO SAY THAT WE ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE
12 MOTION PUT FORTH BY LINDSAY HORVATH AND JANICE HAHN. WE CANNOT
13 CONTINUE WITH PARALYSIS BY ANALYSIS. EXPANDING OF THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS IS LONG OVERDUE. THIS CHANGE WILL NOT ONLY ALLOW
15 OUR LEADERSHIP BETTER FOCUS AND REPRESENTATION OF THE DIVERSE
16 POPULATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IT ALSO ALLOWS CITIZENS TO
17 INCREASE OUR ACCESS TO THE SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR PUTTING
18 THIS MOTION FORTH AND WE'RE IN FULL SUPPORT.

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RHONDA NOVAK. PLEASE UNMUTE
23 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, I'M RHONDA NOVAK FROM THE UNINCORPORATED WEST



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SUPERVISORS

1 HILLS AND I STRONGLY SUPPORT THESE WONDERFUL INITIATIVES.
2 WE'RE IN A VERY HIGH FIRE RISK AREA ADJACENT TO THE SANTA
3 MONICA MOUNTAINS AND APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT WE HAVE GOTTEN
4 FROM SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S OFFICE FOR PROTECTING US AND
5 PROVIDING THE SERVICES THAT WE WOULD NORMALLY GET FROM A CITY.
6 AND AGAIN, I APPLAUD BOTH SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND HAHN FOR YOUR
7 BOLDNESS AND CONCERN FOR LA RESIDENTS. WE APPRECIATE ALL THE
8 SUPPORT WE'VE GOTTEN AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE BOARD, WHICH IS
9 AMAZING, TAKING ALL OUR DIFFERENT INSIGHTS AND BUILDING A MUCH
10 STRONGER LA COUNTY. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE.

11

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SHAYLA WILSON. PLEASE
15 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON NOW. MY NAME IS SHAYLA
18 WILSON. I AM A POLICY AND ADVOCACY ADVISOR AT LABSA-ENSA. WE
19 APPRECIATE THE SUPERVISORS FOR BRINGING FORTH THIS MOTION AND
20 ARE EAGER TO LEARN MORE IN A RESPECTFUL FORM AND REQUEST TO BE
21 AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE ROBUST DISCUSSION WITH THE COMMUNITY
22 ABOUT THIS MOTION. WE ARE CURRENTLY IN TENTATIVE SUPPORT OF
23 THIS MOTION GIVEN OUR ONGOING ADVOCACY RELATING TO INCREASED
24 ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
25 AND COUNTY OPERATIONS AT LARGE. OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS CLEARLY



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1 REMAIN FOR US ON THE BOARD THOUGH ABOUT HOW NEW DISTRICTS WILL
2 BE DRAWN, BY WHO AND HOW THEY MIGHT DILUTE OR STRENGTHEN
3 CERTAIN VOTING BLOCKS, AS WELL AS THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF
4 BOARD MEMBERS FOR A COUNTY OF THIS SIZE. IF I COULD OFFER SOME
5 EXAMPLES, CHICAGO, A CITY A QUARTER OF THE SIZE OF OUR COUNTY,
6 HAS MORE THAN 50 OLDER PEOPLE THAT SIT ON OUR COUNCILS. IN NEW
7 YORK CITY, A CLOSER COMPARISON, EVEN GIVEN STRUCTURAL
8 DIFFERENCES IN THEIR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HAS 51 CITY COUNCIL
9 MEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MAYA HENDRICKS. PLEASE
14 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS MAYA HENDRICKS. I'M A RESIDENT OF
17 SUPERVISORY DISTRICT 2, AN EMPLOYEE OF LA DEFENSA, AND A
18 MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE LA COALITION. WHILE WE ARE OPTIMISTIC
19 ABOUT THE POTENTIAL IN THIS MOTION FOR INCREASED VOTER
20 ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY WITH THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICE, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT SUCH A PACKED AND POWERFUL
22 MOTION SPRING UP OVER THE HOLIDAY WEEK. I APPRECIATE
23 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL'S CONCERNS ESPECIALLY THE POINTS
24 ABOUT THE NCC DOLLARS AND MEASURE J FUNDING. MORE TIME AND
25 RESEARCH IS NEEDED FOR THE SUPERVISORS AND MORE IMPORTANTLY



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1 THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND THIS MOTION. THE UNINTENDED POSSIBLE
2 CONSEQUENCES THIS MAY POSE IN DISTRICT RESTRUCTURING AND THE
3 EFFECTS THAT THIS WILL HAVE ON THE BUDGET. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BYRON JOSE. PLEASE UNMUTE
8 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BYRON
11 JOSE. I'M A CONSTITUENT WITH THE TRANS-LATINO COALITION, CO-
12 CHAIR OF RE-IMAGINE LA AND IMMIGRANTS RLA. THANK YOU
13 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR CALLING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND
14 TRANSPARENCY NOW. AND THANK YOU CHAIR HORVATH FOR YOUR WORK TO
15 INTRODUCE THIS MOTION AND MOVING FORWARD THIS WORK. BEYOND
16 STAKEHOLDERS, LA COUNTY VOTERS AND CONSTITUENTS DEMAND TO BE
17 INCLUDED IN THIS TASK FORCE AND ETHICS COMMISSION, NOT JUST
18 BUREAUCRATS APPOINTED TO THESE BODIES. AND BEYOND THE
19 PERSONALITY POLITICS, THIS BOARD CAN INDEED GET A LOT OF WORK
20 DONE EVERY TUESDAY. YOU CAN FULLY FUND MEASURE J. YOU CAN
21 ENGAGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN THE BUDGET PROCESS. YOU CAN SHUT
22 DOWN MCJ. AS PART OF THE GREEN SHEET REFORM, WE LOOK FORWARD
23 TO IT TO ALLOW MORE ON THE FLOOR, ON THE RECORD DISCUSSIONS ON
24 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON THE VARIOUS MOTIONS AND BUDGET
25 DECISIONS THAT YOU SET FORTH. AND THAT DEFINITELY INCLUDES



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1 ENSURING THAT THE CEO NOW, NOT IN 8 YEARS OR NOT IN THE FUTURE
2 WHERE MOST OF YOU ARE GONE. NOW THE CEO IS ENGAGED IN THE
3 COMMUNITY AND PRIORITIZING NOT JUST THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET,
4 BUT THE BUDGET PROCESS YEAR ROUND. THANK YOU.

5

6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

7

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ANDREA MCPHERSON. I'M A HEALTHCARE
12 ADVOCATE AND A STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPANT WITH LA CARE PUBLIC
13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE. MADAM CHAIR THIS IS WHY THIS MOTION IS SO
14 IMPORTANT AND I AM FOR THE MOTION IF YOU WOULD ALLOW ME TO
15 ADDRESS THE BOARD BECAUSE MY COMMENT IS FOR ALL SUPERVISORS IT
16 WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU. I FEEL EVERYONE
17 SHOULD KNOW THAT THIS MOST INCONSISTENT, CONSISTING OF MORE
18 CHAIRS PROVIDING MORE DIVERSITY SHOWS EQUITY DURING LOBBYING
19 ACTIVITIES AND MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES, HOWEVER, IT SHOULD ALSO
20 BE IN ALIGNMENT WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
21 OPPORTUNITIES AND THE OVERVIEW OF ACCOUNTABILITY TO ALL OF
22 THOSE WHO SERVE PEOPLE OF LA COUNTY FROM AN EQUAL PERSPECTIVE.
23 THIS INCLUDES ALL COMPANIES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS LIKE
24 LA CARE. YOU OVERSEE THE COUNTY, INCLUDING ACTIONS OF THIS
25 HEALTHCARE COMPANY WITH HILDA SOLIS. SO THAT'S THE REASON WHY,



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1 FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, ALL PERSPECTIVES, WE SHOULD BE
2 REPRESENTED. SORRY, THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS DAVID RODRIGUEZ, I'M FROM THE CITY OF
7 SYLMAR. I'M FOR PROPOSAL 7, ESPECIALLY IF IT MEANS AN INCREASE
8 IN REPRESENTATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY, THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HELLO EVERYBODY, EXCUSE ME IF I STUMBLE, I'M NOT A
13 PUBLIC SPEAKER AND I'M USING NOTES. MY NAME IS JASON SUGARS,
14 FOURTH OF 6 GENERATIONS NATIVE TO VENICE, CALIFORNIA, WHICH IS
15 A SMALL POCKET HERE IN AN IMMENSELY LARGE AND INCREDIBLY
16 DIVERSE COUNTY. CURRENTLY SERVING ALSO AS, IN MY THIRD YEAR,
17 AS A MEMBER OF THE VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, ALTHOUGH TODAY
18 I SPEAK AS AN INTERESTED AND PROUD PRIVATE CITIZEN. WHEN I SAY
19 4 OUT OF 6, IT MEANS THAT WHILE I UNDERSTAND IT'S COOL, WE GOT
20 THIS GOING BACK BEFORE WOMEN COULD VOTE. IT WAS AN ADDITIONAL
21 50 YEARS BEFORE A LOT OF OTHERS COULD VOTE, SO I'M JOINING A
22 LITTLE LATE TO THE GAME. I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOVEMENT,
23 ABSOLUTELY, ALTHOUGH I DO UNDERSTAND THERE WILL ALWAYS BE
24 QUESTIONS AND TWEAKS, AND I APPRECIATE SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND
25 HAHN FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD, MADAM SOLIS FOR HER SUPPORT. AS



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SUPERVISORS

1 MUCH AS I APPRECIATE SUPERVISORS BARGER AND MITCHELL FOR
2 ASKING QUESTIONS, I WOULD NEVER KNOW TO ASK. IT WILL NEED
3 TWEAKS, EVERYTHING DOES, DOING NOTHING DOES NOTHING. THIS
4 MIGHT BE A GOOD GIANT LEAP WHERE WE NEED A SMALL STEP. THANKS.

5

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS DAVID HUBERT-SACHS. I LIVE IN
9 WINNETKA. I'M PAST PRESIDENT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
10 THERE. I'M ALSO CURRENT VICE CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES
11 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COALITION, BUT WE DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO
12 PUT THIS ON OUR AGENDA SATURDAYS. SO, I'M SPEAKING AS A LONG-
13 TERM LA COUNTY RESIDENT. ORIGINALLY IN AN UNINCORPORATED AREA,
14 NOT FAR FROM SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S OFFICE IN LAS VIRGINAS,
15 WHERE WE HAD A WATER DISTRICT AND A SCHOOL DISTRICT AND NO
16 OTHER REPRESENTATION. IT'S GOOD TO HEAR FROM THE FEDERATION,
17 THE HOMEOWNERS' FEDERATION, THE CITY OF CALABASAS. WE FORMED
18 CITIES, SOME OF US, ALTHOUGH WE WERE LIMITED BY LAFCO RULES AT
19 THE TIME. FIRST WEST LAKE VILLAGE, AGOURA HILLS. OUR FIRST
20 MAYOR FOUGHT A JAIL, HER NAME WAS FRAN PAVLEY, FOUGHT A JAIL
21 RIGHT NEXT TO THE LANDFILL THERE. NOW THAT'S PARKLAND. HAVING
22 THE INCREASE IN SEATS WILL HELP A LOT OF THAT AND SAVE SOME OF
23 THE AREAS THAT ARE STILL UNINCORPORATED. AND LA CITY, WE HAVE
24 3 LEVELS WHERE PEOPLE TALK TO US. WE'D LOVE TO BE ABLE TO KEEP
25 YOU SEATED AT THE TABLE AND BE THAT EXTRA VOICE.



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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M BOBBI WASSERMAN. I'M A STAKEHOLDER IN
5 WOODLAND HILLS, AND I AM STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 7. REFORM
6 IS LONG OVERDUE. LAST TIME THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WAS REFORMED,
7 THE COUNTY HAD 500,000 RESIDENTS. WE NOW HAVE ALMOST 10
8 MILLION LARGER THAN MANY STATES. A LOT HAS CHANGED SINCE 1912.
9 THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT PROVIDES A SOLID FRAMEWORK OF NEEDED
10 REFORM ON MANY IMPORTANT LEVELS TO SERVE THE EVER-EVOLVING
11 NEEDS OF THIS COUNTY, AND I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF ITEM 7.
12 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND HAHN, FOR BRINGING THIS
13 FORWARD.

14

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DAVID PHELPS. I AM THE CO-
18 CHAIR OF THE UNITED CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
19 COMMITTEE, AND I'M EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CHATSWORTH
20 PORTER RANCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I WANNA THANK SUPERVISORS
21 HAHN AND HORVATH FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. AS A SMALL
22 BUSINESS MEMBER, I WANT TO APPLAUD THEM FOR REACHING OUT TO
23 US. WE'RE A STAKEHOLDER AND WE WERE REACHED OUT TO AND SO MANY
24 TIMES AS A BUSINESS LEADER, WE ARE NOT GIVEN THAT
25 AFFORDABILITY. AND OFTENTIMES WE ARE REACTING TO THINGS. SO,



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1 YOU KNOW, WE FEEL LIKE WE'RE A PART OF THE CONVERSATION. WE
2 NEED YOU SUPERVISORS TO CROSS THE T'S AND DOT THE I'S AND ASK
3 THE HARD QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, CONTINUE TO ASK THOSE
4 HARD QUESTIONS. CHALLENGE THE MOTION, MAKE THOSE TWEAKS, BUT
5 WHAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING RIGHT NOW, WHAT YOU LADIES ARE DOING
6 RIGHT NOW IS IMPORTANT. THESE ISSUES NEED TO BE HAD AND THE
7 DISTRICTS NEED TO BE EXPANDED. THE SUPERVISORS NEED TO BE
8 EXPANDED. --

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M TERI CARRIER, PRESIDENT OF THE TOPANGA TOWN
13 COUNCIL, SPEAKING AS AN INDIVIDUAL. I APPLAUD SUPERVISORS
14 HORVATH AND HAHN FOR BRINGING FORTH THIS MOTION TO
15 SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE GOVERNANCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IF WE
16 ARE TO HAVE A MORE RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT, WE MUST BREAK EACH
17 DISTRICT INTO A REASONABLY SIZED CONSTITUENCY. HAVING ELECTED
18 COUNTY EXECUTIVE WILL ALSO HELP ESTABLISH MUCH NEEDED CHECKS
19 AND BALANCES. THE INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION COULD BE
20 GROUNDBREAKING IF IT IS PROPERLY AND TRANSPARENTLY FORMED.
21 COMMUNITY MEMBERS SHOULD BE ENGAGED IN SHAPING THIS COMMISSION
22 FROM THE START. EVERYDAY PEOPLE WITH A DEMONSTRATED HISTORY OF
23 CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMUNITY ADVOCACY SHOULD BE FORMALLY
24 INCLUDED ON ANY PROPOSED ETHICS COMMISSION AND ANY TASK FORCES
25 FORMED. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE MILLION OR SO OF



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1 US IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS FOR WHOM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2 IS OUR ONLY FORM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT. THANK YOU AGAIN, I
3 SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING IT DEVELOP.

4

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

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS EMMA TOM AND
8 I'M A RISING JUNIOR AT POMONA COLLEGE IN CLAREMONT,
9 CALIFORNIA. I AM SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7
10 SPECIFICALLY IN REGARDS TO BOARD EXPANSION. AS A SECOND
11 GENERATION CHINESE AMERICAN GROWING UP IN PREDOMINANTLY NON-
12 ASIAN SPACES, I WAS ALWAYS EAGER FOR REPRESENTATION, NAMELY ON
13 ADMINISTRATIVE AND GOVERNMENTAL LEVELS WHERE I RARELY IF EVER
14 SAW SOMEONE THAT LOOKED LIKE ME AND COULD SPEAK ON BEHALF OF
15 MY COMMUNITY'S NEEDS. NOW LIVING IN LA WITH THE LARGEST API
16 POPULATION IN ANY COUNTY, I'VE BEEN INSPIRED SEEING API
17 ADVOCATES LEADING IN POSITIONS OF POWER. EXPANDING THE BOARD
18 OF SUPERVISORS WILL NOT ONLY OFFER MORE EQUITABLE
19 REPRESENTATION FOR OUR COUNTY'S DIVERSE POPULATION, BUT IT
20 WILL ALSO LEAD TO BETTER POLICY MAKING, FOR EXAMPLE,
21 INCREASING LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY, AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
22 CONSTITUENTS TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD. AGAIN, I AM IN
23 SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7, BOARD EXPANSION, AND LOOK
24 FORWARD TO FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK.
25 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.



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SUPERVISORS

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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M HERB HATANAKA. I'M
5 HERE TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION BY SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND HAHN. I
6 APPLAUD THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR EVEN HAVING A FRANK OPEN
7 DISCUSSION ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND THE
8 NEED FOR REFORM. YOU KNOW THIS MOTION FOR OUR API COMMUNITIES
9 AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE COMMUNITIES IS CLEARLY AN OPPORTUNITY
10 FOR GREATER EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN THE COUNTY GOVERNING
11 STRUCTURE. BUT OF COURSE, THE HEAVY LIFT IS CONVINCING THE
12 ELECTORATE. FOR OUR API COMMUNITIES, I HOPE YOU ALLOW SOME
13 TWEAKING OF THE MESSAGE IN TERMS OF LANGUAGE ACCESS AND
14 CONTENT SINCE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SPEAK IS UNFAMILIAR TO MY
15 PEOPLE. THIS WILL GIVE MY COLLEAGUES AND I A GREATER ABILITY
16 TO CONVINCING OUR COMMITTEES THAT THIS IS INDEED A GOOD THING.
17 THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS.

18

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

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21 **SPEAKER:** HELLO THANK YOU SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JACOB
22 WASSERMAN. I'M A RESIDENT OF SANTA MONICA, AND I'M HERE TO
23 SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ITEM 7. I'M HERE IN MY INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY,
24 BUT I'M A PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCHER AND THE SECRETARY OF THE
25 NORTHWEST WOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. AND IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD,



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SUPERVISORS

1 WE HAVE A LOT OF NEEDS FROM THE COUNTY, THINGS LIKE A BIKE
2 BENCH OR A BUS BENCH NEAR THE VA OR NEW BIKE SIGNAGE IN
3 UNINCORPORATED COUNTY LAND. AND AS AMAZING WORK AS THE COUNTY
4 STAFF DOES, AND THEY DO, THERE'S A LOT THAT NEEDS TO BE FIXED
5 ON OUR STREETS IN REGARDS TO HOMELESSNESS, AND IT WOULD BE
6 HELPFUL TO HAVE SMALLER, MORE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS SO THAT
7 THEY CAN RESPOND TO THOSE LOCAL NEEDS MORE EFFECTIVELY. AND
8 SECOND, I'D LOVE TO SEE THE ETHICS COMMISSION IN THE CHARTER,
9 BUT I WOULD ALSO LOVE TO SEE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I DON'T
10 SEE WHY WE CAN'T DO BOTH. AND SO, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT
11 PASSED AS WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW GO BACK TO
14 THE SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE. PLEASE GO AHEAD MODERATOR.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL CHEROKEE LAR ODEA, DOLORES CANALES,
17 KATHLEEN ROSSON, KEN MAZUR, MELANIE GOMEZ, MICHELLE MIRANDA,
18 MIRAN KALAJIAN, NANCY YAP, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, RED CHIEF
19 HUNT, REYNA MCCAHEY, RICARDO BENITEZ, ROB KWAN, ROBINSON LEE,
20 ROGER PUGLIA, ROSALIA CONTRERAS, SAMANTHA GERADOR, SANDRA
21 GONZALES, SARAH MIJARES, SHELLY RIVLIN, STEVEN MARTINEZ, SUSAN
22 CLARK, SUSAN FOREMAN-ODEA, TERRY DIPPEL, AND YVONNE CHAN,
23 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL
24 REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE
25 TO ADDRESS ITEM 7, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE



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SUPERVISORS

1 PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE.

2 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ELISE BUCKLEY-WEBER. PLEASE
5 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE CHAIR AND COUNTY
8 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ELISE BUCKLEY-WEBER. ALTHOUGH I AM THE
9 PRESENT MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, I AM ONLY
10 TESTIFYING TODAY AS A 32-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE CITY, WHICH IS
11 THE GATEWAY TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. I SUPPORT THE
12 PROPOSED REFORMS TO THE L.A. COUNTY CHARTER. SUPERVISOR
13 HORVATH HAS REPRESENTED AGOURA HILLS IN EXEMPLARY FASHION. MY
14 SUPPORT OF THE MOTION IS NOT A COMPLAINT. IT'S IN HOPES OF
15 IMPROVEMENT AND REFORM. EXPANDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
16 9 MEMBERS WILL ALLOW FOR MORE DIVERSE REPRESENTATION NOT ONLY
17 BY RACE, CULTURE, ECONOMICS, BUT BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS AS
18 WELL. MOUNTAIN AND COASTAL AREAS HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS AND
19 CONCERNS THAN OTHER COUNTY AREAS. EFFORTS TO IMPROVE UPON
20 ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT WILL IMPROVE THE
21 COMMUNITY'S TRUST OF THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND ARE KEY
22 TO THE FUTURE OF OUR DEMOCRACY. CHECKS AND BALANCES ARE
23 NEEDED. SMALLER DISTRICTS WILL BE MORE EFFICIENT AND
24 MANAGEABLE FOR OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES. THESE CHARTER
25 REFORMS ARE BOLD AND TIMELY FOR THE COUNTY OF LA, AND I



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SUPERVISORS

1 APPLIED ALL SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU.

2

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

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5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MAYA DANIEL. PLEASE UNMUTE
6 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HELLO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MAYA DANIELS
9 FROM TRANS LATINA COALITION. I ALSO WORK CLOSELY WITH BOTH
10 REIMAGINE LA AND IMMIGRANTS RLA. I AM TENTATIVELY OPTIMISTIC
11 ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MORE SUPERVISORS ON THE BOARD AND
12 ALSO THE PROMISE OF VOTER ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY BY
13 THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE. I HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL
14 CONTINUE TO BE OPEN AND PROACTIVELY HONEST ABOUT THE DISTRICT
15 RESTRUCTURING AND THE SHARED POWER THAT ALL MEMBERS WILL HOLD
16 EQUALLY. TOO MANY TIMES CORRUPT MOTIVES ARE HIDDEN IN GREAT
17 PROMISES FOR CHANGE OR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGE CAN BE
18 SKEWED OVER TIME WITHOUT GUIDED STRUCTURE AND ACCOUNTABILITY.
19 I WANT TO ECHO SOME OF THE CONCERNS I HAVE HEARD IN SAYING I'M
20 CAUTIOUSLY AWAITING FURTHER INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION AND
21 RESEARCH INTO THE BEST WAYS FORWARD FOR REFORM. THANK YOU FOR
22 YOUR TIME.

23

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

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SONIA BERNDT. PLEASE UNMUTE
2 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE FIFTH
5 DISTRICT OF LA COUNTY, AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE LA COUNTY
6 GRASSROOTS ACTIVIST GROUP HANGOUT DO GOOD. I STRONGLY SUPPORT
7 INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SUPERVISORS ON THE BOARD FROM 5 TO 9
8 MEMBERS THROUGH THE CHARTER REFORM PROCESS. REPRESENTING 2
9 MILLION CONSTITUENTS IS NOT EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION.

10 INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SUPERVISORS GIVES US A BETTER CHANCE
11 OF GETTING THE RIGHT DECISIONS RATHER THAN A MERE 3 VOTES
12 BEING REQUIRED. ALSO, PLEASE INCLUDE A CHARTER AMENDMENT
13 ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVES TO BE ELECTED BY
14 VOTERS COUNTYWIDE NOT APPOINTED. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT THE
15 COUNTY EXECUTIVE IS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTY
16 AND NOT SIMPLY BEHOLDEN TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK
17 YOU.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MIKE FEINSTEIN. PLEASE
22 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HI. MIKE FEINSTEIN, FORMER SANTA MONICA MAYOR
25 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY GREEN PARTY. WE THINK THAT IF



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SUPERVISORS

1 YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE ELECTORAL REFORM SERIOUSLY, YOU NEED TO
2 GIVE THE COUNTY REGISTRARS OFFICE DIRECTION TO LOOK AT HOW TO
3 IMPLEMENT RANK CHOICE VOTING FOR YOUR ELECTIONS. YOU USE A
4 TERRIBLE CONTINGENT RUNOFF SITUATION RIGHT NOW THAT HAS PEOPLE
5 ELECTED IN LOWER TURNOUT AND LESS DIVERSE PRIMARIES. YOU'RE
6 ALSO HOLDING UP REFORM IN OTHER CITIES LIKE BURBANK WHO WANTS
7 TO ADDRESS VOTING RIGHTS ISSUES BY USING SOME FORM OF RANK
8 CHOICE VOTING. LOS ANGELES SHOULD BE LOOKING AT PROPORTIONAL
9 RANK CHOICE VOTING WITH THIS CHARTER REFORM COMMISSION, BUT IT
10 NEEDS YOU TO BE ABLE TO PERFORM FOR IT. DEAN LOGAN HAS NOT
11 BEEN RESPECTFULLY BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IMPLEMENTING IT. I
12 THINK YOU NEED TO COMPLETE YOUR PACKAGE OF REFORMS. YOU NEED
13 TO GIVE HIM DIRECTION NOW TO START COMING UP WITH A PLAN TO
14 USE IT. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RYAN ULLEYATE. PLEASE
19 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HI, THIS IS RYAN ULLEYATE. AS CO-PRESIDENT OF THE
22 TOPANGA CANYON FIRE SAFETY COUNCIL, WE'VE WORKED WITH
23 SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S OFFICE TO ADDRESS THE CRITICAL ISSUE OF
24 MITIGATING THE RISK OF WILDFIRE IN OUR COMMUNITY. SPEAKING AS
25 AN INDIVIDUAL AND A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SANTA MONICA



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1 MOUNTAINS, I HEARTILY ENDORSE THIS REFORM PLAN. I BELIEVE IT
2 WILL MAKE OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT EVEN MORE RESPONSIVE TO ITS
3 CONSTITUENTS AND ITS COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JASON BAUTISTA. PLEASE
8 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. HI, MY NAME IS JASON BAUTISTA. I'M WITH
11 THE THAI DEVELOPMENT CENTER. WE'RE A NONPROFIT BASED IN EAST
12 HOLLYWOOD'S HIGHTOWN IN THE FIRST DISTRICT WHERE WE PROVIDE A
13 BROAD RANGE OF SERVICES TO MARGINALIZED IMMIGRANTS, EDUCATION
14 AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS AND COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
15 STRATEGIES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR THE MOTION. I WANT TO
16 EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR ITEM 7 TO EXPAND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
17 AND ELECT A COUNTY EXECUTIVE. AS LA COUNTY IS THE LARGEST
18 COUNTY IN THE NATION WITH ITS POPULATION CONTINUING TO GROW
19 AND DIVERSIFY. IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO INNOVATE AND RE-
20 EVALUATE HOW WE CAN BEST MEET RESIDENTS' CHANGING NEEDS TO
21 ENSURE WE DELIVER THE SUPPORT THEY NEED AS INCLUSIVELY,
22 TRANSPARENTLY, AND EQUITABLY AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY
23 CRITICAL FOR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE HISTORICALLY
24 BEEN LEFT OUT OF THESE CONVERSATIONS AND DESERVE EQUAL
25 REPRESENTATION AND HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR COMMITMENT TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 DELIVER IT. BASED ON THE 2020 CENSUS, THERE'S OVER 4,800,000
2 LATINOS AND 1,500,000 ASIAN-AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN
3 LA COUNTY, WHICH COMBINED MAKE UP OVER 60% OF THE COUNTY'S
4 TOTAL POPULATION. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE DIVERSE
5 VOICES. --

6

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SAMANTHA JOKOBER. PLEASE
11 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS SAM AND I LIVE IN TOPANGA CANYON. I
14 STARTED PAYING ATTENTION TO LOCAL POLITICS FOR THE FIRST TIME
15 OVER THE PAST YEAR BECAUSE OF AN ISSUE THAT MEANT A LOT TO ME
16 AND MY COMMUNITY AND WAS SURPRISED TO SEE HOW DIVERSE AND
17 DISPARATE UNINCORPORATED LA COUNTY IS. AND I REALIZED HOW
18 INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT IT IS TO CONSIDER EACH COMMUNITY'S UNIQUE
19 NEEDS WHETHER IT BE URBAN, SUBURBAN, EX-URBAN, OR RURAL. AND
20 I'M ALSO A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE SANTA
21 MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA. SO, I SUPPORT AN
22 EXPANSION OF THE BOARD AND THE TRANSITION TO AN ELECTED COUNTY
23 EXECUTIVE WITH THE HOPE THAT IT WILL INCREASE SPECIFIC
24 REPRESENTATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY. SO, THANK YOU SUPERVISOR
25 HORVATH AND HAHN FOR BRINGING FORTH THIS POWERFUL CHANGE.



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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ADAM WOLMAN. PLEASE UNMUTE
5 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** I'M ADAM WOLMAN. I'M ON THE BOARD OF THE PACIFIC
8 PALISADES DEM CLUB AND THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE WESTSIDE
9 DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS, BUT SPEAK TODAY AS A CITIZEN, NOT ON
10 BEHALF OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS. I WANT TO COMMEND SUPERVISORS
11 HORVATH AND HAHN FOR INTRODUCING THIS THOUGHTFULLY STRUCTURED
12 REFORM PLAN AND PRE-COMMEND THE FULL BOARD FOR YOUR
13 CONSIDERATION OF IT. AND HOPEFULLY FOR YOUR SUPPORT, DESPITE
14 THE RESERVATIONS I'M HEARING EXPRESSED, EVERYTHING I'VE READ
15 ABOUT THE PROPOSAL SEEMS ESSENTIAL FROM INCREASED
16 REPRESENTATION TO THE ETHICAL FRAMEWORK IT CREATES. YOU KNOW,
17 TO ME NOTHING IS MORE IMPRESSIVE AND BEAUTIFUL A THING IN OUR
18 DEMOCRACY THAN WHEN PEOPLE IN THE OFFICE ARE WILLING TO SHARE
19 AND CHECK EVEN A LITTLE BIT OF THEIR POWER FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD
20 SO I URGE AYE VOTE AND IF IT GETS ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER
21 I'LL DO WHATEVER I CAN TO HELP GET IT PASSED AND I DON'T THINK
22 IT'LL BE A HARD SELL THANK YOU

23

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

25



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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY BARSTOW. PLEASE
2 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS ANTHONY BARSTOW. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 1
5 AND I AM IN FAVOR OF ITEM 7 AND SUPPORT ANY PROPOSAL THAT
6 INCREASES REPRESENTATION IN A COUNTY AS LARGE AND DIVERSE AS
7 LOS ANGELES. I THINK PROGRESS REQUIRES CONTINUALLY LOOKING AT
8 THE WAY THINGS HAVE BEEN DONE AND EVALUATING WHETHER THEY
9 SHOULD STILL BE DONE THAT WAY. AND FOR A COUNTY AS BIG AS LOS
10 ANGELES, THE TIME FOR EVALUATION AND CHANGE IS LONG OVERDUE. I
11 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND HAHN FOR PUTTING THIS
12 PROPOSAL FORTH, AND IT HAS MY FULL SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS YESENIA KUH. PLEASE UNMUTE
17 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS YESENIA
20 KUEH. I'M A CONSTITUENT IN DISTRICT NUMBER 2. I WOULD LIKE TO
21 THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR PUTTING THIS
22 MOTION FORWARD. I BELIEVE THAT BY REFORMING THE COUNTY
23 CHARTERS WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A GOVERNANCE MODEL
24 THAT IS MORE EFFECTIVE, REPRESENTATIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE TO ALL
25 ANGELENOS. EXPANDING THE BOARD FROM 5 TO 9 WILL ALLOW MORE



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1 DIVERSE VOICES REFLECTIVE OF THE MAKEUP OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
2 TO SHAPE COUNTY POLICY, BRINGING PEOPLE CLOSER TO THEIR
3 ELECTED SUPERVISORS. ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT ETHICS
4 COMMISSION INCREASES TRANSPARENCY, BUILDS PUBLIC TRUST, AND
5 FIGHTS CORRUPTION. THANK YOU. HAVE A REST OF YOUR DAY.

6

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

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS JESSICA M. WILSON. I'M A RESIDENT OF
11 SAN FERNANDO AND I'M ALSO A NATIVE ANGELINO. I'M THE FOUNDER
12 AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LA POETS SOCIETY, A NONPROFIT
13 LITERARY ARTS ORGANIZATION SERVING LA COUNTY. I AM IN FAVOR OF
14 ACTION ITEM 7. AND I'M SO PROUD TO BE SPEAKING IN FRONT OF A
15 BODY OF WOMEN GOVERNING THE COUNTY. JUST SO WONDERFUL. AND
16 WITH THAT, TO HAVE THE LARGEST METROPOLITAN POPULATION OF
17 10,000,000 PEOPLE AND REMAIN FOLLOWING A GOVERNANCE MODEL THAT
18 WAS BUILT IN 1912 BEFORE WOMEN EVEN HAD THE RIGHT TO VOTE, AND
19 HERE YOU'RE ALL HERE WITH US. IT'S INCREDIBLE. AND I FEEL THAT
20 IT IS EXTREMELY OUTDATED THAT WE ARE LIMITING OUR
21 REPRESENTATION OF MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WITHOUT A
22 VOICE. I ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR
23 HAHN'S INITIATIVE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LA COUNTY
24 SUPERVISORS FROM 5 TO 9 TO BETTER REPRESENT LOS ANGELES WITH
25 MANY DIVERSE COMMUNITIES WITHIN. WITH THIS ENHANCEMENT, MORE



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SUPERVISORS

1 LOCALLY FOCUSED REPRESENTATION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR
2 COMMUNITIES CAN BE VOICED. --

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS EVA BERGEN FROM THE SOUTH WHITTIER
7 UNCORPORATED COMMUNITY. I AM A RESIDENT, I DO SUPPORT CURRENT
8 AGENDA NUMBER 7 FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE 5, ON THE NUMBER
9 FIFTH BALLOT. I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR OUR COMMITTEE.
10 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND HAHN FOR PUTTING THIS
11 MOTION. I DO SUPPORT THIS MOTION, THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JUAN CARDENAS. I'M FROM
16 THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND I'M A POETRY TEACHER. I'VE TAUGHT
17 FROM WATTS ALL THE WAY TO SAN FERNANDO AND I'M REALLY IN
18 SUPPORT OF THIS AND HAPPY FOR THE REPRESENTATION THAT OUR
19 YOUTH ARE GONNA BE GETTING IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

20

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
24 OF SUPERVISORS. THERE IS A HISTORICNESS TO THIS MOMENT THAT
25 I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT VERY BRIEFLY. MY NAME IS JUVANI KRISTEN



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1 POPE. I AM A MEMBER OF DISTRICT 5 FOR MY ENTIRE LIFE. I AM AN
2 11-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY OF ANTELOPE VALLEY AND
3 BEFORE THAT A RESIDENT OF PASADENA, ALTADENA. TODAY I'M HERE
4 TO AMPLIFY THE VOICES OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS STANDING UP FOR
5 THE PASSING OF THE COUNTY GOVERNANCE REFORM MEASURE. THIS
6 MEASURE IS ABOUT EMBRACING THE RICH TAPESTRY OF VOICES THAT
7 MAKES LA COUNTY SO UNIQUE. BY EXPANDING THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SURE THAT DIVERSE
9 COMMUNITIES HAVE THEIR NEEDS ACTUALLY ADDRESSED. THIS REFORM,
10 50 YEARS IN THE MAKING, WILL ENSURE THAT RESPONSIBILITIES AND
11 PRIORITIES OF EACH COMMUNITY ARE GIVEN EQUAL WEIGHT AND MERIT,
12 REFLECTING OUR SHARED AMBITIONS. THE VERY IMPORTANT CONCERNS
13 WERE BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS WHOSE POINTS SHOULD ALL BE CONSIDERED, BUT WE
15 SHOULD REALLY GET THE BALL ALL MOVING ON THIS MOTION. THE TIME
16 IS NOW, SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

17

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT, HELLO, MY NAME IS JOEY CLAUDIUS. I'M FROM
21 I'M A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF PALMDALE IN THE HIGH DESERT OF THE
22 FIFTH DISTRICT. I MADE THE DRIVE DOWN HERE DURING TRAFFIC THIS
23 MORNING TO ASK THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS ITEM AND ALLOW VOTERS
24 TO DECIDE THIS IN NOVEMBER. OUR COUNTY'S GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE
25 HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE 1912 DESPITE THE VAST GROWTH AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 DIVERSITY WE'VE SEEN SINCE THEN AND IT'S CLEAR THAT WE NEED A
2 MORE RESPONSIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. THE COMMUNITIES
3 WITHIN DISTRICT 5 AND ALL DISTRICTS ARE VERY DIFFERENT AND AT
4 TIMES HAVE COMPETING NEEDS. THE PEOPLE WOULD BE BETTER SERVED
5 WITH A LARGER BOARD TO TRULY REPRESENT THEM AND EFFECTIVELY
6 MANAGE OUR COUNTY SIZE AND COMPLEXITY. ESTABLISHING AN
7 INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION WILL ENHANCE TRANSPARENCY,
8 COMBAT CORRUPTION, AND SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF OUR
9 GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS. AND ELECTING A COUNTY EXECUTIVE WILL BE
10 IN LINE WITH THE DYNAMIC THAT WE'RE USED TO IN OUR GOVERNMENT
11 AND ALLOW FOR CHECKS AND BALANCES. NOW IS OUR CHANCE TO SHAPE
12 A GOVERNMENT THAT REFLECTS OUR COUNTY'S DIVERSITY MEETS THE
13 NEEDS OF ALL OF US. PLEASE DON'T LET PERFECTION BE THE ENEMY
14 OF GOOD. NOTHING GETS DONE IF THAT'S HOW YOU VIEW MATTERS AND
15 FRANKLY, USUALLY IT'S JUST AN EXCUSE. WE HAVE TO START
16 SOMEWHERE.

17

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M DONALD HARLAN. I LIKE SPEAKING TO AGENDA
21 ITEMS 2, 4, 5, 12, 16, 43 AND 7. WE'RE JUST ON ITEM 7 RIGHT
22 NOW. YOU CAN SPEAK ON THOSE LATER. OKAY, ITEM NUMBER 7, THE
23 CHARTER REFORM. YOU SHOWED US A FAKE VIDEO, A PHOTOSHOP VIDEO
24 OF KENNETH HAHN. THAT PERSON IN THE VIDEO WASN'T KENNETH HAHN.
25 THAT WAS TOTALLY FAKE. YOU KNOW, THIS BUILDING WASN'T EVEN



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SUPERVISORS

1 HERE TILL 1983, AND YOU'RE SHOWING US A VIDEO OF THE GUY
2 SITTING THERE IN 1972. WHAT YOU HAVE IS A BUNCH OF FACTORY
3 WORKERS FROM THE SPARK PLUG FACTORY TRYING TO MAKE A
4 GOVERNMENT AND SPEND ALL THE MONEY OUT OF THE SPARK PLUG
5 FACTORY. NONE OF THAT IS REAL. I'M DIRECTING THE COUNTY AND
6 THE SHERIFFS TO IMMEDIATELY APPREHEND JANICE HAHN AND HOLLY
7 MITCHELL FOR COMMITTING FRAUD. LET'S SEE THERE'S NO TO BE NO
8 STATEWIDE BALLOT FOR A CHARTER REFORM.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
11 SPEAKER, PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OKAY. OUR NEXT SPEAKER
12 PLEASE.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, HONORABLE BOARD. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS
15 CHEROKEE LAHR. CATHERINE BARGER, I MISS YOU. LINDSAY, THANK
16 YOU. AND MY MOM BACK HERE, SUSAN O'DAY, SHE'S BEEN ADVOCATING
17 SINCE SHE WAS 12 YEARS OLD. I WON'T DISCLOSE HER AGE NOW. BUT
18 FOR 200 YEARS, MY FAMILY HAS BEEN A PART OF PIVOTAL CHANGE
19 FROM SIGNING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE TO THE FIRST
20 CHEROKEE NATION CONSTITUTION. FOR THE PAST 60 YEARS, MY FAMILY
21 HAS LOOKED AFTER THE NORTHWEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY MOUNTAIN
22 RANGE OF THE SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAINS. OUR BIGGEST ISSUE IS
23 BEING A MIXED JURISDICTIONAL COMMUNITY. BEING A GRASSROOTS
24 ORGANIZATION, WE ENCOUNTER A LOT OF SETBACKS FROM NOT BEING A
25 STATE AGENCY. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE CHARTER AMENDED,



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SUPERVISORS

1 TOTALLY SUPPORT IT ACROSS THE BOARD, WHATEVER REVISIONS TO
2 HAVE EVERYBODY ON THE SAME PAGE. I LOVE YOU GUYS ALL SO MUCH.
3 IT'S REALLY EXCITING TO BE HERE. AND I WOULD LOVE TO SEE
4 SOMETHING IN THERE THAT TALKS ABOUT THE MIXED JURISDICTION AND
5 HAVING SPECIAL INTEREST FOCUSED ON OUR LITTLE POCKET AREAS. --

6

7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR BEING
8 HERE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KATHLEEN ROSS AND I'M THE
11 PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE HOLLYWOOD PARTNERSHIP. I'M ALSO A
12 MOM. I'M A RESIDENT. I'M A CHRONIC VOLUNTEER. I DO IT ALL JUST
13 LIKE YOU DO. SO AGAIN, YOUR DEEP APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORK
14 AND COMMITMENT TO THIS COMMUNITY. I ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT THIS
15 INITIATIVE LA COUNTY IS JUST SO BIG I MEAN IF YOU HAD A FIVE-
16 MINUTE CONVERSATION WITH EVERY ONE OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS YOU
17 JUST WOULDN'T EVEN GET DONE AND SO IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO WORK
18 TOGETHER TO MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPEN. AND IT'S
19 CHALLENGING FOR YOU AS SITTING BOARD MEMBERS TO DILUTE OR MAKE
20 YOUR AREAS SMALLER. SO, THANK YOU CHAIR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR
21 HAHN FOR THE INITIATIVE HERE TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
22 STEADFAST LEADERSHIP, YOUR COMMITMENT AND YOUR IMPATIENCE. AND
23 I'M GONNA LEAVE YOU WITH THE WORDS OF THE FAMOUS ANGELA DAVIS,
24 I AM NO LONGER ACCEPTING THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE. I AM
25 CHANGING THE THINGS I CANNOT ACCEPT. THANK YOU.



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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** PATRICIA MCALLISTER. NOWHERE IN THIS AGENDA ITEM DOES
5 IT MENTION REPLACING THE NON-CONTROLLER OSCAR VALDEZ. HE IS A
6 BUSINESSMAN WHO WAS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAVE THEIR HAND IN THE KITTY OF ALL THE
8 BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT COME THROUGH
9 HERE. THIS MAN IS A BUSINESSMAN. HE HAS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN
10 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. HE HAS NO ACCOUNTING BACKGROUND AND
11 WE NEED A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT IN THIS POSITION, AND HE
12 SHOULD NOT BE APPOINTED BY THIS BOARD. HIM BEING APPOINTED BY
13 THIS BOARD GIVES YOU ALL THE POWER --

14

15 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** BUT CAN WE FOCUS ON GOVERNMENT
16 REFORM, PLEASE? IT'S NOT ONLY ABOUT THAT POSITION.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** AND GIVES YOU ALL THE MONEY. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THAT
19 POSITION.

20

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** WE NEED A CONTROLLER, A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
24 WHO IS CERTIFIED WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THAT MEANS IF
25 HE DOES ANYTHING WRONG WITH THAT MONEY, HE COULD LOSE HIS



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SUPERVISORS

1 LICENSE. THIS MAN HAS NO...

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ARE YOU SUGGESTING THIS IS PART
4 OF CHARTER REFORM?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HE HAS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT? OKAY, WE NEED HIM OUT
7 OF THERE. WE NEED THIS PERSON ELECTED, JUST LIKE THE CITY. --

8

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS MIRAN KALAJIAN. GOOD EVENING. I WOULD LIKE
12 TO TAKE A MOMENT AND SAY THANK YOU TO ALL THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO OUR COMMUNITY. YOU HAVE ALL
14 MENTIONED SIMPLE THINGS. ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT ETHICS
15 COMMISSION WILL INCREASE TRANSPARENCY, BUILD TRUST AND FIGHT
16 CORRUPTION, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT. BUT WHEN WE TOOK AT THE
17 BREATH OF WHAT WE HAVE IN THE CHARTER, THE NUMBER OF THE
18 ISSUES THAT IT TOUCHES UPON, IT'S REALLY INCUMBENT UPON US TO
19 REGULARLY UPDATE THESE AND TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ENSURING
20 THAT THE CITY AND THE COUNTY IS OPERATING AS EFFECTIVELY, AS
21 EFFICIENTLY WITH THE GREATEST TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
22 POSSIBLE. I THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS MOTION AND KEEP UP YOUR
23 HARD WORK.

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING BACK TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE. MODERATOR, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS XOCHITL CARVAJARIAS. PLEASE
4 UNMUTE YOU AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** BUENOS TARDES, HONORARY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
7 IS XOCHITL CARVAJARIAS. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF LACLA LOS
8 ANGELES. LACLA IS AN ORGANIZATION FOR LATINOS, WORKERS, AND
9 THEIR FAMILIES. AND SPEAKING AS AN INDIVIDUAL, I SUPPORT ITEM
10 7 TO EXPAND THE WORLD SUPERVISORS AND ELECT A COUNTY
11 EXECUTIVE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL FOR RESIDENTS IN
12 COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN LEFT OUT OF THIS
13 CONVERSATION AND WHO DESERVE EQUAL REPRESENTATION AND CAN HAVE
14 CONFIDENCE IN OUR COMMITMENT TO DELIVER IT. I SUPPORT ITEM 7
15 TO EXPAND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ELECT A COUNTY
16 EXECUTIVE. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR THE
17 MOTION AND I WANT TO THANK EACH ONE OF YOU GUYS. THANK YOU.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SUZETTA DUBUSCO. PLEASE
22 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YES, HI. I AM IN DISTRICT 5. I AM A HOMEOWNER IN
25 KATHRYN BARGER'S DISTRICT AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SUPPORT



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SUPERVISORS

1 AGENDA ISSUE 7. I DON'T SEE HOW MORE REPRESENTATION AND
2 ACCOUNTABILITY COULD BE A BAD THING AND I JUST WOULD LIKE TO
3 SAY THANK YOU TO REPRESENTATIVE HORVATH AND HAHN FOR ALL THE
4 WORK THAT YOU DO FOR YOUR CONSTITUENTS AND EVERYBODY IN LA
5 COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PAUL HENNESSY. PLEASE
10 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** I SUPPORT THIS FORM MY NEIGHBORHOOD IS VASTLY
13 DIFFERENT FROM OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS IN MY COUNTY WE ALL HAVE
14 DIFFERENT NEEDS. EXPANDING THE BOARD WILL HELP US. WE NEED
15 MORE TRANSPARENCY MORE BOARD NUMBERS AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO
16 ENGAGE OUR ENGAGE BECAUSE OUR CURRENT SUPERVISORS REALLY DON'T
17 HAVE TIME TO LISTEN TO ALL THEIR CONSTITUENTS AND IT SHOWS SO
18 THIS WILL HELP. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. PLEASE UNMUTE
23 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVIN. IT'S 3 AND A HALF HOURS



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SUPERVISORS

1 . THIS IS LAUDABLE TO GO IN THIS DIRECTION BUT IT'S TOO FAST.
2 IT'S HASTILY CONCEIVED AND IT'S PRIORITIZING KIND OF POLITICAL
3 EXPEDIENCY OVER REAL IMPROVEMENT. THE POINT ABOUT THE ETHICS
4 COMMISSION, I MEAN, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW THAT I WANT TO GET
5 BEHIND THE BIG ETHICS COMMISSION BECAUSE IT'S TOTALLY
6 INEFFECTUAL AT THE CITY, BUT IT DOES RAISE THE QUESTION OF IS
7 IT THE PERSON, I THINK BARGER WAS SAYING IT, THE PERSON HAS A
8 NUMBER OF POSITIONS. THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT IF YOU EXPAND,
9 SERVING 1,000,000 IS AS HARD AS SERVING 2,000,000. WHAT YOU
10 NEED IS SERVICE, AND MINDED THINKING. AND WE'VE HAD SO MANY
11 FAILURES WITH THE MCJ AND WITH THE PROBATION, AND THESE ARE
12 ALL RIGHT UNDER YOUR IMMEDIATE BURDEN. AND ALL THAT'S
13 HAPPENING IS WE'RE POLISHING UP THE AAA BOND RATING AS WE FALL
14 FURTHER INTO A HOLE. SO, IT'S UNFORTUNATE. WHAT I WOULD
15 SUGGEST WE DO IS SET UP A WAY PERHAPS, WE COULD MOVE FORWARD
16 WITH THIS, FOR CAMPAIGNS TO HAVE FREE EXPOSURE TO THE COUNTY
17 RESIDENTS. MAHAN WAS ON IT FOR A WEBSITE BUT IT NEEDS TO BE
18 LIKE TO BUY A STATEMENT AND A CANDIDATE BOOKLET THAT COSTS
19 50,000. THAT'S NOT HAPPENING. --

20

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KACHIN MATU. PLEASE UNMUTE
25 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS KACHIN MATU. I'M MY CO-FOUNDER OF
3 THE HOLLYWOOD FRINGE FESTIVAL, LA'S LARGEST NON-PROFIT
4 PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL. I'M SPEAKING AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
5 HAS LIVED IN SHERMAN OAKS FOR 17 YEARS. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY
6 STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE MEASURE PUT FORTH BY SUPERVISORS
7 HORVATH AND HAHN. AFTER OVER A HUNDRED YEARS, IT'S TIME THAT
8 WE PUT FORTH MAJOR CHANGES TO THE COUNTY'S FORM OF GOVERNMENT.
9 IT IS VITAL TO START THE PROCESS TO CREATE BETTER
10 REPRESENTATION FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY. I BELIEVE THAT
11 EXPANDING THE BOARD TO 9 WILL ALLOW FOR MORE DIVERSE VOICES
12 FOR THE BOARD AND BRING BETTER REPRESENTATION. I WANT TO THANK
13 SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND HAHN AND ALL THE SUPERVISORS FOR BEING
14 LEADERS IN BRINGING BETTER GOVERNANCE TO OUR COUNTY. THANK
15 YOU.

16

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DEBORAH KLEIN-LOPEZ. PLEASE
20 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS DEBORAH KLEIN-LOPEZ. I AM A
23 COUNCIL MEMBER IN THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS SPEAKING AS AN
24 INDIVIDUAL. I SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION, PARTICULARLY
25 FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE BOARD TO 9 MEMBERS. IN ADDITION TO MY



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1 ROLE ON THE COUNCIL, I ALSO SERVE AS A CASEWORKER FOR A STATE
2 AGENCY THAT WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE COUNTY. AND SO, ON A NEAR
3 DAILY BASIS IN THESE VARIOUS ROLES, WE TURN TO YOU FOR LIFE
4 AND DEATH ISSUES SUCH AS PUBLIC HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES,
5 SHERIFF, FIRE, DISASTER PREP AND RECOVERY, AND SO MUCH MORE.
6 WE APPRECIATE YOU SO MUCH, BUT WE SEE THAT IT RUNS YOUR
7 OFFICES RAGGED SERVING 2,000,000 PEOPLE EACH. SO, EXPANDING TO
8 9 WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE MORE SERVICES. I DON'T SEE THIS
9 AS QUOTE BIGGER GOVERNMENT OR QUOTE ADDITIONAL LAYERS OF
10 GOVERNMENT, BUT QUITE THE OPPOSITE. IT RESULTS IN MORE
11 REPRESENTATION PER RESIDENT, MAKING YOU MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE.
12 THESE REFORMS ARE WELL KNOWN, NEEDED, LONG OVERDUE, AND WE
13 HAVE A LONG RAMP UP TIME TO GET THIS RIGHT. SUPERVISOR HAHN
14 WAS 100% RIGHT IN REFERENCING SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S
15 INAUGURATION SPEECH. --

16

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHRIES. PLEASE
21 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YES, ROY HUMPHRIES OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS AND I LIKE THE
24 USE OF THE INCREASE TO TRANSPARENCY WHICH BRINGS INTO QUESTION
25 WHAT ARE YOU HIDING, WHAT ARE YOU OBSTRUCTING, I.E. THE BROWN



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SUPERVISORS

1 ACT. WE REALLY NEED A TRANSPARENCY COMMISSION TO SHOW ME THE
2 MONEY. TIME IS EVERYTHING. AND HERE THE COUNTY, STATE, AND THE
3 NATION ARE IN AN ECONOMIC CRISIS. LET'S SEE THE NUMBERS. WHERE
4 ARE YOU GETTING THE MONEY? IS THIS ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL
5 AS YOU USUALLY DO. THE STATE, YOU STATE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO
6 DO ALL THIS ON THE CURRENT BUDGET, WHICH IS STATING THAT THE
7 PEOPLE, WE THE PEOPLE, ARE TOO STUPID TO DO THE MATH. THAT WE
8 SHOULD TRUST YOU IS LAUGHABLE BUT NOT FUNNY. THANKS TO
9 SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND BARGER FOR BRINGING A LEVEL OF LUCID
10 THOUGHT TO THE TABLE AND DO NOT GET ME GOING ON MEN'S CENTRAL
11 JAIL WHERE SUPERVISOR BARGER WAS THE ONLY RATIONAL MIND IN THE
12 MIX. AND YOU STILL REFUSE TO ESTABLISH COUNTYWIDE SYSTEM OF
13 TRENDS IN CAMPSITES WITH THE JACK IN THE BOX GUY RETURNING TO
14 --

15

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LIONEL MARIS. PLEASE UNMUTE
20 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

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

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YES, MY NAME IS LIONEL MARIS AND I AM SPEAKING ON
25 ITEM NUMBER 7. I BELIEVE IN INDEPENDENT CHARTER REFORM. I



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SUPERVISORS

1 SUPPORT THIS ITEM.

2

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MIKE MCNUTT. PLEASE UNMUTE
6 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YES, HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, DISTINGUISHED L.A. COUNTY
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MIKE MCNUTT, CHAIR OF THE
10 BOARD FOR THE CALABASAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I'M HERE TO
11 PROVIDE THE CHAMBER'S SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT ETHICS REFORM
12 PACKAGE, AND I ASK THE QUESTION, IF NOT NOW, WHEN? AS AN
13 ADVOCATE FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ECONOMIES, THE CHAMBER
14 BELIEVES THIS REFORM MEASURE WILL CERTAINLY ASSIST SMALL,
15 MEDIUM, OR LARGE BUSINESSES TO MORE EFFECTIVELY AND
16 IMPACTFULLY OPERATE AND FLOURISH. CREATING AN ETHICS
17 COMMISSION IS CRITICAL TOWARDS CONTINUING AND ENHANCING THE
18 PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT DURING A VERY DIVISIVE MOMENT
19 IN OUR COUNTRY. THIS REFORM PACKAGE INITIATES A PLAN AND
20 PROVIDES THE FRAMEWORK TO REINTRODUCE THE COMMITMENT OF LA
21 COUNTY'S GOVERNMENT TO THE COMMUNITY, OUR RESIDENTS,
22 BUSINESSES, AND ALL OTHER CITIES THAT LOOK TO LA COUNTY FOR
23 LEADERSHIP. WHAT YOU DO OR WHAT WE COLLECTIVELY DO GETS
24 NOTICED AND THAT RESPONSIBILITY CARRIES A LOT OF WEIGHT. I
25 REITERATE THE CALABASAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UNCONDITIONAL



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SUPERVISORS

1 SUPPORT FOR THIS INITIATIVE AND APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO
2 REDEFINE WHAT 21ST CENTURY GOVERNMENT LOOKS LIKE. --

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MICHAEL YOUNG. PLEASE
8 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS MIKE YOUNG SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF
11 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL VOTERS AND AS AN LA RESIDENT AND
12 SUPPORTED REFORMING THE COUNTY CHARTER. YOU KNOW AT A TIME
13 WHEN WE'RE SEEING AGGRESSIVE ATTACKS IN OUR DEMOCRACY ACROSS
14 THE COUNTRY THAT REALLY LIMITS ACCESS OF PUBLIC HAS TO OUR
15 ELECTED OFFICIALS AND REDUCES TRANSPARENCY. THIS PROPOSAL BY
16 CHAIR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR HAHN TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY AND
17 REPRESENTATION REALLY DESERVES TO BE SUPPORTED AND APPLAUDED.
18 EACH SUPERVISOR CURRENTLY REPRESENTS ABOUT 2,000,000 PEOPLE
19 AND FOR COMPARISON THAT'S ALMOST 3 TIMES AS MANY PEOPLE AS A
20 CONGRESS MEMBER AND MORE THAN A FIFTH OF THE GOVERNORS IN THIS
21 COUNTRY. EXPANDING THE BOARD FROM 5 TO 9 WILL ALLOW MORE
22 DIVERSE VOICES REFLECTIVE OF THE MAKEUP OF LA COUNTY TO SHAPE
23 POLICY AND REALLY HELP BRING PEOPLE CLOSER TO THEIR ELECTED
24 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU AND THANK YOU TO CHAIR HORVATH AND TO
25 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THIS PROPOSAL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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SUPERVISORS

1 AND YOUR TIME.

2

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS STEVEN MARTIN. PLEASE
6 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS STEPHEN MARTIN. I'M FROM THE 5TH
9 DISTRICT, KATHRYN BARGER'S DISTRICT. I JUST WANTED TO SAY I'M
10 IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7. I THINK IT WOULD HAVE A
11 GREAT EFFECT ON GETTING MORE PEOPLE TO TURN OUT TO VOTE IN
12 DEMOCRACIES. WE NEED TO BE DOING THAT. THE POWER OF VOTE IS
13 VERY IMPORTANT. AND I THINK MORE REPRESENTATIVE DIVERSE
14 COMMUNITIES WOULD HAVE BETTER OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE WHY THEY
15 WANT TO BE REFLECTED IN MORE CANDIDATES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEL BAILEY. PLEASE UNMUTE
20 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON TO EVERYONE. OVER THE PAST 2 ½
23 YEARS I KNOW I HAVE DISAPPOINTED AND SIGNIFICANTLY DISAGREED
24 WITH A LOT OF THE MOTIONS AND A LOT OF THE NAVIGATIONS THAT
25 THIS BOARD HAS DONE FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. WHILE I DO RECOGNIZE



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE EXPANSION OF 9 MAY INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD AND PROPENSITY
2 THAT THE ESPESSALS THAT I REQUESTED THE INVESTIGATIVE WOULD BE
3 ADDRESSED. IT'S JUST A HOW. OMITTING THE ONLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN
4 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CONVERSATION MAKES ME VERY NERVOUS.
5 WE ALWAYS HEAR SCAMMERS ALWAYS TRY TO MAKE YOU RUSH INTO
6 THINGS. AND SO, I WOULD JUST ASK YOU TO TAKE A STEP BACK AND
7 JUST RECONSIDER AND JUST THINK ABOUT IT. AND LASTLY, DIVERSITY
8 IS HERE. WE HAVE 5. THAT IS A DIVERSE GROUP IF THE INDIVIDUALS
9 ARE RUNNING AND GET VOTED INTO THE POSITION. SO, I JUST ASK
10 YOU TO TAKE A STEP BACK, NOT SAYING NO, JUST SAYING LET'S TAKE
11 OUR TIME, TAKE A BETTER LOOK AT IT, AND BE INCLUSIVE WITH ALL
12 BOARD MEMBERS. --

13

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KAREN WATERS. PLEASE UNMUTE
18 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. YES, GOOD AFTERNOON.

23

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

25 GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS.



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1

2 **SPEAKER:** HELLO? DO YOU HEAR ME?

3

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** OH, GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO APPLAUD
7 SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THIS WELL AUTHORED
8 MOTION AS A 42 YEAR RESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT 3 NOW WHICH WAS
9 DISTRICT 5. THIS IS I ECHO ALL OF THE OTHER CALLERS THAT THE
10 TRANSPARENCY, YOU KNOW, IT'S OVER A 100 YEARS THE BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS DID NOT REFLECT THE CITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
12 ANGELES AND THE DIVERSITY IS NOW REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL
13 COMMUNITIES AND TAXPAYERS AND SO I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK
14 YOU.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RUDOLFO CORTEZ. PLEASE
19 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS RODOLFO CORTEZ. I'M A RESIDENT OF
22 DISTRICT 4. SO, WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED IS AN IMPROVEMENT FROM
23 WHAT WE HAVE TODAY, BUT IT'S STILL NOT GOOD ENOUGH. FOR
24 EXAMPLE, AS THE AGENDA DOCUMENTS SAY, SAN FRANCISCO HAS 11
25 SUPERVISORS. AND THAT COMES OUT TO ONE SUPERVISOR FOR EVERY



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SUPERVISORS

1 80, 000 RESIDENTS. OR LOOK AT NEW YORK, WHICH WE'RE TOLD HAS
2 51 REPRESENTATIVES. SO THAT'S ONE REPRESENTATIVE FOR EVERY
3 160, 000 RESIDENTS. SO, IN LA COUNTY, WE DESERVE SIMILAR
4 LEVELS OF REPRESENTATION. 9 SUPERVISORS IS JUST NOT ENOUGH.
5 LET'S GO BACK TO THAT IDEA FOR 11 AND THINK EVEN BIGGER LIKE
6 FOR EXAMPLE NEW YORK WITH ITS 51 REPRESENTATIVES. WE CAN DO A
7 LOT BETTER THAN 9. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JEANETTE ELLIS ROYSTON.
12 PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

16

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

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JEANETTE ELLIS ROYSTON. I'M THE
20 PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP, THE POMONA VALLEY BRANCH, WHICH SERVES
21 5 CITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH ARE LA VERNE, SAN DIMAS,
22 DIAMOND BAR, CLAREMONT, AND OF COURSE, CITY OF POMONA, WHERE I
23 ACTUALLY AM A RESIDENT. I WOULD LOVE TO ACTUALLY SUPPORT ITEM
24 7, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER SPEAKERS ON THE CALL AND TO EXPAND TO
25 WHETHER IT'S 9 OR 11 SUPERVISORS AND ELECT A COUNTY EXECUTIVE.



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SUPERVISORS

1 MY REASON FOR THIS IS AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY POPULATION GROWS
2 AND DIVERSIFIES, WE MUST INNOVATE AND ELEVATE HOW WE CAN BEST
3 MEET RESIDENTS' NEEDS. FOR EXAMPLE, THIS IS ESPECIALLY
4 CRITICAL FOR --

5

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RUBEN RODRIGUEZ. PLEASE
10 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HELLO?

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** HELLO, GO AHEAD, RUBEN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS RUBEN RODRIGUEZ, AND I'M
17 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE LATINO COALITION FOR FAIR
18 REDISTRICTING IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED
19 WITH THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS FOR PROBABLY THE LAST 30 YEARS
20 AND I'M JUST CALLING IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND
21 HAHN'S MOTION TO EXPAND FROM 5 TO 9 DISTRICTS. IT'S GOING TO
22 BE A LITTLE COMPLICATED. WE HAD ADVOCATED FOR 7 DISTRICTS
23 BACK, I GUESS, WHEN HAN SENIOR WAS STILL INVOLVED. BUT BE THAT
24 AS IT MAY, IT'S PROGRESS. SO, I HOPE IT HAPPENS. JUST BE
25 MINDFUL THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT THERE'S SOME COMPLIANCE WITH THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 FEDERAL LAW AND THAT, YOU KNOW, DON'T FORGET THE VOTING RIGHTS
2 DISTRICTS THAT WILL BE NECESSARY IN THE NEW PLAN. BUT THIS IS
3 A GREAT STEP FORWARD AND I THINK IT WILL MAKE FOR BETTER
4 REPRESENTATION. --

5

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

7

8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THAT COMPLETES OUR SPEAKERS ON
9 THE PHONE. WE'LL NOW GO TO THE REMAINDER OF OUR SPEAKERS IN
10 PERSON. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HELLO SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DOLORES GANALES AND I'M
13 HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND TO THANK YOU FOR
14 BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I DO BELIEVE WE NEED MORE
15 REPRESENTATION AS A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER AND CO-CHAIR TO
16 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION.
17 WE DID HEAR THIS OFTEN GOING INTO THE COMMUNITY, MORE
18 REPRESENTATION, BUT I ALSO WANT TO ADDRESS AND UPLIFT, I FEEL,
19 THE VERY SERIOUS CONCERNS THAT WERE RAISED BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY
20 MITCHELL, YOU KNOW, BUDGET OVERSIGHT, ACCOUNTABILITY, THE
21 ONBOARDING PROCESS IS SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS THAT. WHEN I
22 HEARD THAT, I WAS EVEN LIKE, YOU KNOW, I HAD CONCERNS EVEN IF
23 I SHOULD COME UP AND GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT. ALSO, SUPERVISOR
24 BARGER MENTIONING, YOU KNOW, WHERE WE'RE AT WITH PROBATION,
25 WHERE WE'RE AT WITH CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL HERE YEARS



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SUPERVISORS

1 LATER AFTER THOSE MOTIONS WERE PASSED. SO, I DO SUPPORT THIS
2 MOTION, BUT I THINK, YOU KNOW, I HOPE WE'RE NOT STANDING HERE
3 LATER AND SAYING, WELL, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAID
4 THIS, AND I HOPE THAT IT'S A SMOOTH PROCESS.

5

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M KEN MAZUR, A VOLUNTEER WITH TOPANGA ANIMAL
9 RESCUE IN TOPANGA, CALIFORNIA. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK
10 SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND HAHN FOR MOVING TO INCREASE
11 RESPONSIVENESS OF OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT. THE UNINCORPORATED
12 AREAS OF THE COUNTY HAVE SPECIFIC AND UNIQUE CHALLENGES, AND
13 OUR COUNTY OF 10,000,000 IS ALSO THE HOME OF THOUSANDS OF
14 OTHER SPECIES. AND I WOULD LIKE TO URGE THE LA COUNTY
15 GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THE URGENCY TO PROTECT ALL
16 LIFE IN OUR AMAZING AND DIVERSE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE
17 BETTER FUTURE OF ALL OF US. AND I SUPPORT THIS MOTION
18 COMPLETELY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** I AM SUSAN CLARK, CEO OF TOPANGA ANIMAL RESCUE, A 24-
23 7 EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE UNIT SERVING LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
24 WE GIVE OUR FULL SUPPORT TO THIS CHARTER REFORM AND TO THAT
25 FACT I THINK I'M WELL QUALIFIED TO PRONOUNCE AYE. SO,



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SUPERVISORS

1 SUPERVISORS, LADIES, I URGE YOU TO VOTE AYE ON THIS. THANK
2 YOU.

3

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
7 TIME. MY NAME IS NANCY YAP AND I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5,
8 AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTER FOR ASIAN AMERICANS
9 UNITED FOR SELF-EMPOWERMENT IN DISTRICT 1. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT
10 AGENDA ITEM 7, SPECIFIC TO CHARTER REFORM THAT WOULD EXPAND
11 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SMALLER DISTRICTS WILL ALLOW FOR
12 INCREASED ENGAGEMENT AND STRONGER RELATIONSHIP BUILDING. I'M
13 LOOKING FORWARD TO THE WAY THIS CAN CREATE OPPORTUNITIES TO
14 EXPAND THE DIVERSITY OF LEADERSHIP THAT WILL REPRESENT AND
15 REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I GREW UP IN A
16 STATE THAT HAS A POPULATION THAT IS ONLY 2% IN ASIAN AND
17 PACIFIC ISLANDER. I OFTEN FELT MY VOICE COULD DO LITTLE FOR
18 THE GROWING API COMMUNITY AND THEIR POLICY NEEDS. HOWEVER, IN
19 THIS DIVERSE COUNTY WITH A THRIVING API COMMUNITY, I FEEL
20 CONTINUOUSLY INSPIRED BY THE WAYS THAT LA COUNTY CONTINUES TO
21 LEAD IN DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION. TODAY'S BOARD CONVERSATION
22 AROUND TRANSPARENCY AND PROCESS IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THAT.
23 LA COUNTY HAS BEEN HOME TO MANY FIRSTS FOR THE API COMMUNITY
24 AND I HOPE THAT LA COUNTY WILL SEE THE FIRST API SUPERVISOR.

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ROGER PUGLIESE. I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF
5 THE LAS VIRGINAS HOMELESS FEDERATION, AS WELL AS THE
6 CHAIRPERSON OF THE TOPANGA ASSOCIATION FOR SCENIC COMMUNITY
7 AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE TOPANGA TRASH WARRIORS. I'M IN FULL
8 SUPPORT OF THE MEASURE BEFORE YOU. IT IS LONG OVERDUE, AND FOR
9 ALL THE REASONS STATED BY EVERYONE ALREADY, ALTHOUGH THIS HAS
10 BEEN TALKED ABOUT BEFORE, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN THE NEED ANY
11 GREATER THAN THERE IS NOW. THE MOTION WILL INVITE MUCH MORE
12 PARTICIPATION WITH ALL THE RESIDENTS OF LA COUNTY. AND I WANNA
13 THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR YOUR
14 LEADERSHIP ON THIS. AND LINDSAY, WE'RE WITH YOU.

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE YOUR ROGER. NEXT
17 SPEAKER.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HOPE ALL IS
20 WELL. MY NAME IS MELANIE GOMEZ AND I AM HERE TODAY
21 REPRESENTING THE YWCA GLA UNION PACIFIC IN AN NONPROFIT
22 ORGANIZATION AIMING TO ELIMINATE RACISM AND EMPOWER THE NEXT
23 GENERATION. WITH THAT BEING SAID, I AM HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT
24 OF ITEM NUMBER 7. AS MENTIONED, LA COUNTY IS ONE OF THE
25 LARGEST AND MOST DIVERSE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO FULLY REPRESENT



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 THE VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY BY EXPANDING ITS BOARD MEMBERS.
2 AND IT IS ALSO AS OUR COUNTY CONTINUES TO GROW, IT'S ALSO
3 IMPORTANT THAT LA IS HOME TO MANY DREAMERS AND AMBITIONERS.
4 THIS IS HOME TO INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO BREAK GENERATIONAL
5 BARRIERS AND CREATE A BETTER FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES. I BELIEVE
6 THIS IS ALL TRULY POSSIBLE WITH EXPANDING THE CAPACITY OF
7 SUPERVISORS AND ELECTING MEMBERS WHO TRULY CARE AND ARE
8 PASSIONATE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROBINSON LEE. I'M A
13 STUDENT AT PITZER COLLEGE IN CLAREMONT STUDYING GOVERNMENT AND
14 POLITICS. I WANT TO ENDORSE A MOVE TOWARDS EXPANDING THE BOARD
15 OF SUPERVISORS. I COME FROM A KOREAN-CHINESE AMERICAN FAMILY
16 MYSELF, AND THIS WAS DRAFTED IN AN AGE THAT MY FAMILY COULD
17 NOT HAVE A VOICE IN THIS PROCESS. BUT FURTHERMORE, I'M AN
18 ARCADIAN. I LIVE IN ARCADIA, I'VE LIVED THERE MY WHOLE ENTIRE
19 LIFE, AND I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW ELECTORAL REFORM CAN CHANGE
20 THE WHOLE ENTIRE MAKEUP OF OUR GOVERNMENT. IN 2020, WE ONLY
21 HAD ONE ASIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTING 60% OF OUR
22 CITY, WHICH WAS ASIAN AMERICAN AT THE TIME. AND NOW WE HAVE 4
23 DIFFERENT ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE.
24 I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS
25 ANGELES SHOULD TAKE IN ORDER TO ENSURE REPRESENTATION FOR ALL.



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SUPERVISORS

1 BUT AT THE SAME TIME, JUST LIKE OTHER SUPERVISORS BROUGHT UP,
2 THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME NUANCED DIFFERENCES HERE. AND ONE OF
3 THOSE THINGS, I BELIEVE, IS LANGUAGE ACCESS. WE NEED TO ENSURE
4 THAT SPANISH, CHINESE, KOREAN, VIETNAMESE, ALL THESE DIFFERENT
5 LANGUAGES ARE BEING CATERED TO THE VARIOUS DIVERSE POPULATIONS
6 OF LOS ANGELES. I SUPPORT THIS MOVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY, BUT WE
7 NEED TO ENSURE THAT WE PAY ATTENTION TO THE NUANCES. THANK
8 YOU.

9

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ADA MIJARES. I'M A MAYA YUCATEC
13 INDIGENOUS IMMIGRANT. I LIVE 40 YEARS IN DISTRICT 1,
14 UNINCORPORATED AREA WHERE SOMETIMES THE SERVICES WERE HARD TO
15 GET. I LIVE IN JANICE HAHN'S DISTRICT AS WELL, AND NOW AT
16 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THIS
17 INITIATIVE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND HAHN, FOR THE
18 INITIATIVE. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT ITEM 7 TO EXPAND THE BOARD FOR
19 THE CEO TO BE VOTED BY VOTERS AND TO CREATE AN ETHICS AND
20 STRATEGIC STAKEHOLDERS ADVISORY COUNCIL WHERE COMMUNITIES OF
21 COLOR ARE INCLUDED. LA COUNTY IS THE 19TH ECONOMY OF THE WORLD
22 RUN BY 5 SUPERVISORS. I INVITE YOU TO MAKE A CHANGE, NOT JUST
23 FOR TODAY, BUT LOOKING AT 2050 AS WELL, WHEN LA COUNTY WILL
24 GAIN 3,500,000 MORE PEOPLE. IF THINK FORWARD, IF IN 20, IF
25 WITH 9 NEW MEMBERS IN 2025, YOU'LL SERVE 1,111,000 IN 2050,



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SUPERVISORS

1 IT'LL GO BACK TO ALMOST 1,500,000. WITH 13 MEMBERS. --

2

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** LITTLE SHORT HERE. WELL, GOOD AFTERNOON AND
6 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS YVONNE CHAN AND I'M AN EDUCATOR. AND I
7 REALLY, REALLY WANT TO SUPPORT THIS EXPANSION OF THIS AMAZING
8 BOARD. AS A TEACHER AND A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, I SERVE ALL THE
9 WAY FROM ANTELOPE VALLEY ALL THE WAY TO LONG BEACH, AND IT
10 DOES SADDENS ME TO SEE MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES THAT LIVE IN
11 DISTRESS, AND WE NEED TO HEAR FROM THEM, AND THEY WANT TO BE
12 CONNECTED. BUT THE GOOD THING IS SEEING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE,
13 YOUNG FAMILY COMING IN, NEWCOMERS, WANT TO BE ACTIVELY
14 ENGAGED. SO, EXPANDING THIS AMAZING BOARD WITH VERY IMPACTFUL
15 AND DECISIVE LEADERS AND ONGOING REFORM WILL STRENGTHEN THAT
16 POWER OF CONNECTION. AND IT'S THAT CONNECTION THAT WILL HELP
17 US TO SHAPE A BETTER AND SHARED FUTURE. THANK YOU.

18

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

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS SUSAN FORMAN-ODAY AND I'M FROM THE
22 CHATHAM LAKE COMMUNITY AND UNINCORPORATED AREA. I'M HERE AND
23 I'D LIKE TO GIVE MY FULL SUPPORT TO THE EXPANSION OF THE BOARD
24 OF SUPERVISORS AND TO THE ETHICS COMMITTEE FILE THAT YOU'RE
25 WORKING ON. I WAS VERY IMPRESSED TODAY. I'VE BEEN TO I DON'T



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SUPERVISORS

1 KNOW HOW MANY HEARINGS. I'VE BEEN COMING TO HEARINGS HERE
2 SINCE I WAS 1963 ALWAYS AS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST. SO, I'M VERY
3 IMPRESSED TODAY. I LEARNED SO MUCH AND I THINK YOU GUYS ARE
4 DOING A WONDERFUL JOB. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HI, ROB KWAN WITH UNREG LA. LAST TIME I WAS HERE
9 ASKING YOU TO DO MORE THAN EXPAND AND TO ADD AN ELECTED COUNTY
10 CEO. SO, I'M VERY HAPPY WITH THE MOTION FROM SUPERVISORS
11 HORVATH AND HAHN. I UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS ABOUT PROCESS, AND
12 I JUST HOPE THAT WHEN THIS COMES BACK, WHEN WE HAVE THE
13 LANGUAGE, THE PUBLIC HAS A WEEK TO DIGEST IT AND MAYBE YOU
14 HOLD AN EVENING MEETING. THERE'S NO LIMIT TO HOW MANY MEETINGS
15 YOU CAN HAVE AS WE I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE
16 A COMPREHENSIVE PROCESS AND A COMPREHENSIVE PROCESS AS WE MOVE
17 FORWARD. MY MAIN CONCERN IS THAT WE'RE WAITING A BIT TOO LONG.
18 I DON'T VIEW THIS AS A COMPLIMENTARY THING FOR MEASURE A. I
19 THINK IT'S NECESSARY. I DON'T THINK VOTERS ARE GOING TO TRUST
20 YOU UNLESS YOU DO THESE CHANGES NOW. AND COUNTY CEOS SHOULDN'T
21 WAIT UNTIL 2028. ETHICS COMMISSION SHOULDN'T WAIT UNTIL 2026.
22 AND I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THAT ACTUALLY BE TRULY
23 INDEPENDENT AND NOT A SHAM THING DONE THROUGH ORDINANCE THAT
24 CAN BE EASILY UNDONE. LASTLY, I DON'T THINK THIS BOARD, THIS
25 GOVERNMENT IS FLAWED BECAUSE OF FLAWED PERSONALITIES OF



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SUPERVISORS

1 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OR Y'ALL BEING INDECISIVE. IT'S A BROKEN
2 SYSTEM. --

3

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS SAMANTHA HARRODOR AND I'M A RESIDENT OF
7 PALMDALE AND DISTRICT 5. I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
8 SUPPORT THE MOTION TO EXPAND THE BOARD AND REFORM THE LA
9 COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE SO THAT OUR COMMUNITIES MAY HAVE
10 BETTER REPRESENTATION AT THE COUNTY LEVEL AND SO THAT HIGH
11 DESERT COMMUNITIES MAY REESTABLISH THEIR TRUST IN THE COUNTY.
12 DISTRICT 5 RANGES FROM LANCASTER TO BURBANK AND LAVERNE, THE
13 LATTER OF WHICH ARE AREAS THAT HAVE LITTLE IN COMMON WITH THE
14 HIGH DESERT COMMUNITY TO WHICH I BELONG. WE NEED TO EXPAND THE
15 BOARD SO THAT COMMUNITIES LIKE MINE ARE NOT ONLY REPRESENTED
16 BY LOCALS FROM THE AREA, BUT SO THAT ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES
17 ARE BETTER ABLE TO UNDERSTAND AND MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE
18 THEY ARE ELECTED TO SERVE. I HOPE YOU CAN VOTE IN A WAY THAT
19 MEMBERS OF MY COMMUNITY CAN BE PROUD OF. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. HOLD ON,
22 JUST 1 SECOND, TERRY, YOUR MIC ISN'T ON. CAN WE MAKE SURE THAT
23 MIC IS ON PLEASE? GO AHEAD.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS TERRY DIPPLE. I'M THE EXECUTIVE



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SUPERVISORS

1 DIRECTOR OF THE LAS VIRGINAS MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND
2 I DO HAVE SOME COMMENTS TO MAKE, BUT I WANT TO TAKE A SIDEBAR
3 AND THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN, HER FATHER. THE FIRST TIME I EVER
4 SPOKE BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I HAD MY SIX-YEAR-OLD
5 SON WITH ME, AND OBVIOUSLY IT WAS IN A DIFFERENT CAPACITY, BUT
6 YOUR DAD INVITED MY SON TO COME UP TO THE DAIS AND SIT WITH
7 HIM FOR AT LEAST A HALF HOUR. IT WAS THE CUTEST THING EVER, SO
8 JUST A SIDEBAR JUST TO KIND OF HUMANIZE THIS THING FOR A
9 MOMENT. BUT AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL OF
10 GOVERNMENTS, I WANT TO SAY THAT WHILE OUR BOARD HASN'T TAKEN
11 ACTION ON THE PROPOSAL, IT DOES ALIGN WITH OUR COGS GOAL OF
12 GOOD GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY. AND IF APPROVED TO PUT IT ON
13 THE BALLOT, WE WILL SURELY PUT IT ON OUR AGENDA FOR A VOTE AND
14 I BELIEVE IT WOULD HAVE THE SUPPORT. --

15

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS RICARDO BENITEZ, ALSO
19 ON BEHALF OF FORMER ASSEMBLY, PATTY LOPEZ. JUST TO SAY THANK
20 YOU FOR THIS INITIATIVE OF INCREASING THE SUPERVISOR. I THINK
21 WE'RE BEING IN NEED FOR THIS FOR A LONG, LONG, LONG TIME. SO
22 DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING TO COME FROM. THIS
23 IS JUST ANOTHER OPENING FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOS ANGELES. SO,
24 I APPRECIATE ALL OF THAT AND BEHALF FOR ALSO PATTY LOPEZ FOR
25 WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING. THANK YOU, MS. LINDSEY AND HAHN, FOR



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SUPERVISORS

1 ALL THIS EFFORT TO MAKE BETTER LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

2

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

6 GUESS WHAT? THE RED CHIEF HUNT HAS A SEAT UP THERE NOW. HIS

7 SEVENTH DISTRICT. RED CHIEF HUNT FOR OFFICE AND THINGS LIKE

8 THAT, FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS IS A GOOD MEASURE. THIS

9 REPRESENTS GOVERNMENT AT ITS BEST AND THINGS LIKE THAT. WE

10 NEED MORE SUPERVISORS TO GOVERN ALL THE PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE.

11 SO, KEEP IN MIND THAT THE MORE PEOPLE WE HAVE, THE BETTER

12 GOVERNMENT WE HAVE. THE RED CHIEF HUNT IS RUNNING FOR BOARD OF

13 SUPERVISORS AND PROBABLY 2025 OR WHATEVER SO JUST COUNT ME IN

14 UP THERE GET MY PLAQUE UP THERE LET'S GET READY TO GO RED

15 CHIEF HUNT FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** EXCITING ARE THERE ANY OTHER

18 SPEAKERS? OKAY WITH THAT I'LL TURN IT TO SUPERVISOR BARGER.

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR A

21 PUBLIC COMMENT. I HAVE A QUESTION THAT I WAS TALKING TO

22 FERNANDO ABOUT AND IT OCCURRED TO ME. TERM LIMITS. UNDER ITEM

23 NUMBER 1, THE CEO IS GOING TO BE A COUNTYWIDE POSITION. AND I

24 KNOW THAT WHEN TERM LIMITS WERE ESTABLISHED FOR THIS BOARD,

25 THE ASSESSOR, THE DA, AND THE SHERIFF WERE INCLUDED AND THEN



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE COURTS DETERMINED THAT IN FACT THEY WOULD NOT BE A PART OF
2 TERM LIMITS. IS THAT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE LOOKED AT OR IS
3 YOUR INTENTION TO HAVE THIS NOT BE PART OF THE TERM LIMITS?
4 BECAUSE I THINK AS WRITTEN, IT WOULD NOT QUALIFY FOR TERM
5 LIMITS.

6

7 **DAWYN HARRISON:** I AGREE AS IT'S WRITTEN IT WOULD NOT HAVE TERM
8 LIMITS. WE CAN CERTAINLY LOOK INTO THAT.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** BY STATE LAW, STATE LAW REQUIRES
11 THAT COUNTYWIDE ELECTED POSITIONS. --

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NO, I UNDERSTAND WHY BECAUSE I WAS HERE
14 BUT MY POINT BEING.

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SURE, I'M JUST EXPLAINING.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NO, I UNDERSTAND THE STATE LAW BECAUSE
19 THAT'S WHY IT WAS THROWN OUT OF COURT AT THE COURT LEVEL. SO,
20 I GUESS MY QUESTION IS, IS THE INTENT FOR THIS, I MEAN, I JUST
21 WANT TO KNOW, IS IT YOUR THOUGHT THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE
22 SIMILAR TO AN EVERGREEN CONTRACT, AN EVERGREEN POSITION THAT'S
23 NOT TERM LIMITED AS THE AUTHOR OF THE MOTION?

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** NO, AS THE AUTHOR OF THE MOTION,



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SUPERVISORS

1 I'M TELLING YOU THAT STATE LAW DOES NOT CURRENTLY ALLOW FOR IT
2 TO BE TERM LIMITED, BUT WE CAN WORK WITH STATE LEGISLATORS FOR
3 IT TO BE TERM LIMITED.

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5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** WHILE WE WORK WITH THE STATE LEGISLATURE
6 TO GET THE DYD FUNDED.

7

8 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND I ALWAYS SAY WE HAVE TERM LIMITS,
9 THEY'RE CALLED ELECTIONS.

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11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** KIND OF. SO, I GUESS THE ANSWER IS IT'S
12 GONNA BE,

13

14 **DAWYN HARRISON:** THIS OFFICE WOULD NOT HAVE TERM LIMITS.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** RIGHT, THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** BY STATE LAW, IT CAN'T. IN AN
19 ORIGINAL DRAFT OF THIS MOTION, WE INCLUDED TERM LIMITS, AND BY
20 EXPLORING STATE LAW, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THAT'S NOT WITHIN OUR
21 PURVIEW. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING ON THAT I'M HAPPY TO
22 WORK ON IT WITH YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS
23 OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. I'M
24 SORRY. ITEM 7 IS BEFORE US. APOLOGIES. ITEM 7 AS AMENDED IS
25 BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE IT SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

2

3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES.

6

7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YES, AYE. SUPERVISOR

8 MITCHELL?

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10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** ABSTAIN.

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12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, ABSTAIN. SUPERVISOR

13 HAHN?

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15 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** ABSTAIN.

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR

22 HORVATH?

23

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

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SUPERVISORS

1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 3-
2 0, 2 ABSTENTIONS.

3

4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WELL NOW,
5 AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SPOKE IN PUBLIC COMMENT. WE
6 APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY AND IF YOU CHOOSE TO LEAVE, WE WILL
7 CONTINUE WITH OUR AGENDA. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR
8 PANELISTS FOR BEING HERE TO SHARE YOUR INSIGHTS AND CONTEXT
9 FOR THE CONVERSATION. THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 2,
10 ENSURING ECONOMIC PROTECTIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND
11 NONPROFITS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR
12 MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE
13 PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

14

15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. IN
16 CALIFORNIA, SMALL BUSINESS AND NON-PROFIT COMMERCIAL TENANTS
17 CONTINUE TO HAVE FAR FEWER PROTECTIONS THAN RESIDENTIAL
18 TENANTS, AND THEIR DISPLACEMENT HAS CONTINUED AT AN ALARMING
19 RATE. SMALL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS, I TYPICALLY USE THE
20 TERM SMALL EMPLOYERS BECAUSE I THINK WHEN WE USE THE TERM
21 SMALL BUSINESS, NONPROFITS DON'T ALWAYS HEAR THEMSELVES, BUT
22 WE INTEND FOR BOTH. THEY LACK STANDARDS AND TRANSPARENCY WITH
23 RESPECT TO COMMON AREA MAINTENANCE FEE CALCULATIONS LEADING TO
24 EXORBITANT HIDDEN COSTS. IN ADDITION, SMALL COMMERCIAL TENANTS
25 LACK ACCESS TO LEASES TRANSLATED INTO NATIVE LANGUAGES AND ARE



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SUPERVISORS

1 NOT ENTITLED TO RELOCATION EXPENSES WHEN RENTS ARE INCREASED.
2 IN MY DISTRICT ALONE, I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW TENANTS ARE
3 SERVED WITH 200% RENT INCREASES WITH LESS THAN A MONTH TO FIND
4 THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS. CITING AN INABILITY TO PAY, THESE
5 BUSINESSES WILL BE FORCED TO RELOCATE AFTER SERVING THEIR
6 COMMUNITIES FOR OVER 30 YEARS. OUR BOARD HAS LONG PRIORITIZED
7 SMALL COMMERCIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT. WE ESTABLISHED THE
8 EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP LA COUNTY PROGRAM TO PRESERVE LEGACY
9 BUSINESSES AND HELP WORKERS BUILD WEALTH. WE ESTABLISHED THE
10 COMMERCIAL ACQUISITION FUND TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES AND
11 NONPROFITS PURCHASE THEIR COMMERCIAL SPACE. AND WE ESTABLISHED
12 THE ECONOMIC MOBILITY INITIATIVE WITH ITS CORRESPONDING
13 ENTREPRENEURSHIP INITIATIVE AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
14 EXPLORING ADDITIONAL POLICY INTERVENTIONS TO PROTECT THESE
15 CULTURAL ANCHORS WILL COMPLEMENT THESE EXISTING PROGRAMS. THE
16 MOTION BEFORE US TODAY WILL STRENGTHEN SUPPORT FOR SMALL
17 COMMERCIAL TENANTS AND ESTABLISH ANTI-DISPLACEMENT MEASURES TO
18 SAFEGUARD SMALL BUSINESSES AND SMALL NONPROFITS ACROSS LA
19 COUNTY. SPECIFICALLY, THIS MOTION WILL ESTABLISH COMMERCIAL
20 TENANT RELOCATION ASSISTANCE POLICIES WHEN RENTS ARE INCREASED
21 OVER A THRESHOLD AMOUNT. IT WILL IMPLEMENT A LEGACY BUSINESS
22 REGISTRY PROGRAM TO STABILIZE LONG-TERM SMALL BUSINESSES AND
23 NONPROFITS. IT WILL DEVELOP A MODEL COMMERCIAL LEASE WITH FAIR
24 TERMS FOR SMALL COMMERCIAL TENANTS AND INCENTIVES FOR
25 LANDLORDS TO USE THE MODEL LEASE. IT WILL IDENTIFY WHAT



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SUPERVISORS

1 MINIMUM HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS ARE APPLICABLE TO
2 COMMERCIAL TENANCIES AND ENSURE WHETHER THEY ARE BEING
3 ENFORCED. AND IT WILL EXAMINE WHETHER THE COUNTY CAN ADOPT
4 ADDITIONAL LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR SMALL COMMERCIAL TENANTS
5 RELATED TO PRICE GOUGING AND UNFAIR COMPETITION. I'M PROUD
6 THAT WE'RE TAKING THE APPROPRIATE NEXT STEPS TO PREVENT
7 DISPLACEMENT AND GENTRIFICATION IN OUR COMMERCIAL QUARTERS
8 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
13 MITCHELL, AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THE
14 MOTION WITH YOU. I HAVE BEEN A LONG-TIME SUPPORTER OF SMALL
15 BUSINESSES AND MICRO ENTERPRISES AND I CONTINUE TO BE
16 PASSIONATE ABOUT THAT AND I'M EXCITED THAT WE CONTINUE
17 ADVOCATING FOR THEM THROUGH THE MOTION. IT'S IMPERATIVE TO
18 RECOGNIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SMALL BUSINESSES AS THE LIGHT
19 BLOOD OF OUR COUNTY AND IMPLEMENT PROTECTIONS SUCH AS THOSE
20 PROPOSED IN THE MOTION TO ENSURE THEIR SUSTAINABILITY. IT'S
21 UNACCEPTABLE TO WITNESS SMALL BUSINESSES, MANY OF WHICH
22 CONTRIBUTE TO OUR UNIQUE CHARM AND CHARACTER OF OUR
23 NEIGHBORHOODS, BEING PUSHED OUT DUE TO SOARING RENTS. IN
24 PARTICULAR, I BELIEVE IT'S UNFAIR WHEN THESE RENT INCREASES
25 ARE DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE CHARM OF THOSE BUSINESSES THAT WERE HELPED TO CREATE THE
2 AREAS. THE ISSUE WAS ESPECIALLY PREVALENT DURING THE PANDEMIC
3 AND ITS AFTERMATH. THE EAST LOS ANGELES ENTREPRENEUR CENTER,
4 UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEO, HAS BEEN A CORNERSTONE IN
5 PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SUPPORT SERVICES TO MANY OF OUR SMALL
6 BUSINESSES IN THAT REGION. THROUGH COUNSELING, WORKSHOPS, AND
7 REFERRALS FOR FINANCIAL AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE, MANY BUSINESSES
8 HAVE GAINED AND OBTAINED KNOWLEDGE TO HELP THEM CONTINUE TO
9 STRIVE. THIS IS HOW WE CAN INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND HELP
10 THEM CONTINUE TO BUILD OUT ON GENERATIONAL WEALTH. IN
11 RECOGNITION OF THE CHALLENGES FACED BY MANY OF THE SMALL
12 BUSINESSES, I ALSO ALLOCATED \$1,400,000 FOR MY COMMUNITY BLOCK
13 GRANT FUNDING TO PROVIDE DIRECT GRANTS TO THOSE IN
14 UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT LIKE EAST LA AND
15 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. AND I HAVE TO SAY IT WAS A VERY
16 DIVERSE GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN REPRESENTING VERY DIFFERENT
17 BACKGROUNDS AND ETHNICITIES. FOR MANY OF THESE BUSINESSES,
18 THIS WAS THEIR FIRST EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
19 FROM THE COUNTY. AND AS WE AIM TO REBUILD OUR COMMUNITIES FROM
20 THE CHALLENGES OF THE PANDEMIC AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE, I
21 BELIEVE IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT WE CONTINUE TO INVEST AND SUPPORT
22 ALL OF OUR SMALL BUSINESSES. THIS MOTION WILL PROVIDE AN
23 ADDITIONAL LAYER OF PROTECTION AND RESOURCES FOR THESE
24 BUSINESSES, AND I'M HONORED TO SUPPORT IT WHOLEHEARTEDLY. AND
25 I'M GLAD THAT OUR DEO, KELLY LOBIANCO, OUR DIRECTOR IS HERE.



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SUPERVISORS

1 SHE'S DONE A FANTASTIC JOB IN HELPING US REACH OUT MANY
2 CORNERS I KNOW OF THE COUNTY THAT ARE IN DISTRESS, ESPECIALLY
3 THESE MOM AND POP BUSINESSES. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND YES,
4 I SUPPORT THE MOTION. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

5

6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU,
7 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. WE
8 LEARNED SO MUCH DURING THE PANDEMIC. SO MANY VULNERABILITIES
9 WERE HIGHLIGHTED THAT I DON'T THINK WE EVER THOUGHT ABOUT
10 UNTIL WE SAW PEOPLE STRUGGLING. UNDER SOME OF THE VERY HEALTH
11 PROTOCOLS THAT WE ENACTED ACTUALLY HAD SOME VERY ADVERSE
12 EFFECTS ON OUR RESIDENTIAL TENANTS AND OUR SMALL BUSINESSES
13 AND OUR COMMERCIAL TENANTS. I LEARNED A LOT FROM THEM AND HOW
14 THEY WERE COMPLETELY ILL PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO PAY THEIR
15 RENTS TO THEIR COMMERCIAL LANDLORDS. SO, THANK YOU FOR
16 BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I SUPPORT IT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
17 SEEING HOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO UPLIFT OUR SMALL BUSINESSES, OUR
18 COMMERCIAL TENANTS AS WE STRIVE TO MAKE IT EQUITABLE AND FAIR,
19 AND PREPARING FOR WHAT MIGHT BE THE NEXT INCIDENT THAT HAPPENS
20 THAT COULD THREATEN THEIR LIVELIHOOD.

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

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24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU, KELLY. SO, I
25 THINK WE ALL GOT A LETTER FROM THE NAIOP, THE COMMERCIAL REAL



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SUPERVISORS

1 ESTATE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
2 CHAPTER AND THEY HAD IN THEIR LETTER EXPRESSED CONCERNS FOR
3 THIS MOTION AND SAID IT WOULD HARM SMALL AND MINORITY
4 BUSINESS-OWNED BUSINESSES WHICH I KNOW IS NOT WHAT THE
5 INTENTION IS. THEY WROTE IN THEIR LETTER TO THE BOARD THAT THE
6 IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW LEASING TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCLUDING
7 MANDATORY RELOCATION EXPENSES, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MODEL
8 LEASE AND HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS COULD CREATE ADDITIONAL
9 ENTRY BARRIERS FOR NEW SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES.
10 AND THESE BUSINESSES, AS WE KNOW, AS WAS SAID, ARE ALREADY
11 STRUGGLING WITH HIGHER INITIAL COSTS AND LIMITED ACCESS TO
12 CAPITAL, WHICH IS DRAWING UP. AND THE PROPOSED MOTION, THEY
13 FEEL, WOULD EXACERBATE THOSE CHALLENGES. AND ANOTHER LETTER
14 FROM BOMA, THE BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION STATES
15 A SIMILAR CONCERN NOTING THAT INSTEAD OF HELPING SMALL
16 BUSINESS TENANTS, IT WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO
17 LEASE. CAN YOU, WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT IN TERMS OF,
18 BECAUSE I ALWAYS SAY THAT WHEN WE DO SOMETHING WITH INTENTIONS
19 THAT ARE HONORABLE, THERE COULD BE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES.
20 AND MY CONCERN IS, IS THAT GOING TO CREATE MORE BARRIERS FOR
21 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE TRYING TO GET INTO SMALL BUSINESS AND HOW
22 WOULD YOU RESPOND TO WHAT THEY CITED?

23

24 **KELLY LOBIANCO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR THE COMMENT.
25 MY UNDERSTANDING FOR THIS MOTION IS THAT IT'S ASKING US TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 EXAMINE THE STATE OF OUR COMMERCIAL RENTS AND ALSO MAKE A
2 CHOICE TO EXAMINE ANTI-DISPLACEMENT STRATEGIES FOR COMMERCIAL
3 TENANTS IN THE WAKE OF THE PANDEMIC AND AS WE'RE, YOU KNOW,
4 PURSUING GROWTH IN THE REGION. SO, THIS MOTION RIGHT NOW IS
5 ASKING FOR AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS ON COMMERCIAL RENTS AND
6 RECOMMENDATIONS ON A POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL TENANT REALLOCATION
7 ASSISTANCE FRAMEWORK BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THAT ANALYSIS.
8 SO, I'M NOT AT A POINT RIGHT NOW TO BRING INFORMATION ON THE
9 POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THAT FRAMEWORK. AND THERE ARE NO
10 IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS CURRENTLY AS PART OF THE
11 MOTION. ANY IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD HAVE TO COME
12 BACK BEFORE THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL. BUT WHAT I WILL SAY IS
13 THAT DEO IN DOING THIS ECONOMIC ANALYSIS IS COMMITTED TO
14 MAKING SURE THAT ALL RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS, SO THAT INCLUDES
15 THE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, AND
16 BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION, ARE PART, ARE
17 ENGAGED AS PART OF OUR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, AND THAT WE CONSIDER
18 ANY POTENTIAL IMPACTS FOR MOM AND POP LANDLORDS, MINORITY AND
19 WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES, ET CETERA, WE WOULD MAKE SURE THAT WE
20 ARE CONSIDERING THOSE POTENTIAL UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. SO,
21 WHETHER IT RAISES LEASE COSTS OR CREATES OTHER BARRIERS TO
22 SMALL BUSINESSES, WE'D WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT'S FACTORED
23 IN. BUT WE WILL DO THAT AS PART OF THE ANALYSIS.

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO THAT ANSWERS MY QUESTION, AND THAT IS



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SUPERVISORS

1 GOING TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

2

3 **KELLY LOBIANCO:** FOR SURE. THANK YOU.

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

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7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO RESPOND TO
8 SUPERVISOR BARGER. MY OFFICE WAS NOT IN RECEIPT OF EITHER
9 LETTER, SO I'M GLAD THAT SHE WAS ABLE TO RESPOND BECAUSE I,
10 WELL THANK YOU, I'LL READ IT VERY QUICKLY. BUT I WAS GOING TO
11 SAY THAT I KNOW THAT SENATOR MENJIVAR HAS A SIMILAR BILL AT
12 THE STATE LEVEL, AND I HAVE HEARD THE ORGANIZATIONS YOU
13 REFERENCED ARE IN OPPOSITION TO HER BILL TO DO THE SAME THING
14 AT THE STATE LEVEL. BUT I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW I WAS NOT IN
15 RECEIPT OF THE LETTER, SO I'LL TAKE A LOOK AT IT. AND AS YOU
16 SAID, IT'S NOT OUR INTENT TO COMPLICATE MATTERS, BUT IT IS
17 IMPORTANT AS WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT GENTRIFICATION IS VERY REAL
18 IN THE COMMERCIAL TENANT WORLD THAT WE LOOK AT ALL OPTIONS
19 AVAILABLE TO US TO PROVIDE SUPPORT. SO, THANK YOU FOR THE
20 COPIES OF THE LETTER.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH, THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I TOO FULLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION.
25 I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND THE IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES, THE RISING



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1 COSTS OF RENTS AND THE DIFFICULTY THAT THEY FACE. EVEN A
2 RECENT SURVEY IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE I LIVE, BUSINESS OWNERS
3 INDICATED THAT THE RISING COST OF RENT WAS THEIR NUMBER 1
4 CONCERN. SO, THIS MOTION IS VERY MUCH NEEDED AND I'M GRATEFUL
5 FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF MY COLLEAGUES BRINGING IT FORWARD AND
6 THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE THIS ACTION TODAY. WITH THAT,
7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
8 WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

9

10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
11 FORWARD? ANDREA MCPHERSON, BLAKE PEREZ, CARRIE MARTIN, DONALD
12 HARLAN, FRANCISCO ARIZU, JOSE CONEJO, LORENA MARTINEZ,
13 PATRICIA MCCALLISTER, RED CHIEF HUNT AND SARAH MEJERES THIS
14 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STEPH WILL ASSIST YOU.

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE'RE GONNA START WITH
17 SPEAKERS IN PERSON. SO, I'LL GO AHEAD AND CALL THE SPEAKERS
18 UP. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, PLEASE EXCUSE ME. I WASN'T QUITE READY FOR THIS
21 RIGHT HERE BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT CONSISTED OF
22 COMPLETELY, BUT MY NAME IS ANDREA MCPHERSON. I AM AN ADVOCATE
23 FOR PROPER HEALTHCARE. AND I ADVOCATED WITH THE STAKEHOLDER
24 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, LA CARE, FOR 11 YEARS. BUT STAFF
25 MEMBERS HAVE BEEN, I DON'T KNOW, THEY HAVEN'T BEEN RIGHT. AND



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1 THE DECISIONS THAT ARE BEING MADE BY THIS NONPROFIT
2 ORGANIZATION, IT NEEDS HELP WITH THIS MOTION, OKAY? IT NEEDS
3 HELP BECAUSE WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE EQUAL, TO BE DIVERSE,
4 TO HAVE A VOICE, TO TALK ABOUT DIFFERENT INSTANCES WHERE WE
5 HAVE NOT RECEIVED PROPER HEALTH CARE AND THAT WE MAY HAVE HAD
6 CHRONIC ILLNESSES AND JUST THINGS LIKE THAT. SO IF THIS MOTION
7 CAN OVERSEE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND MAKE IT SO THAT WE
8 HAVE AN EQUAL VOICE AND BETTER OUR CONDITIONS, THAT WOULD BE
9 GREAT. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME
14 IS BLAKE PEREZ. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING OWNERS
15 AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LA. WE REPRESENT
16 135,000,000 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE IN COMMERCIAL SPACE
17 THROUGHOUT LA COUNTY. WE ARE OPPOSED TO THIS MOTION. WE HAVE
18 SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT MANY OF THE PROPOSALS WITHIN AS POLICY
19 IDEAS THAT WILL WORK AGAINST THE STATED GOALS OF THE MOTION.
20 ONE OF THE MOST CONCERNING ASPECTS IS THE AFOREMENTIONED
21 RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, MANNING RELOCATION EXPENSES FOR
22 LANDLORDS, WHERE RENT INCREASES REACH A CERTAIN THRESHOLD,
23 IMPOSES UNSUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL BURDENS, ESPECIALLY ON SMALLER
24 PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE MORE LIKELY THAN NOT JUST BE DRIVEN
25 FROM THE MARKET AND YOU'LL SEE LARGER COMPANIES MOVE IN



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1 INSTEAD. THESE UNSUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL AND REGULATORY BURDENS
2 INTRODUCED BY THIS MISSION WILL DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT
3 SMALL MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES BECAUSE SMALL PROPERTY OWNERS
4 ARE ALSO SMALL BUSINESSES. SO, WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU
5 EXPAND YOUR ANALYSIS TO LOOK AT CAUSES FOR ECONOMIC
6 DISPLACEMENT OF SMALL BUSINESSES BEYOND JUST COSTS OF RENT.
7 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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11 **SPEAKER:** PATRICIA MCALLISTER, I THINK THIS IS A GREAT IDEA TO
12 HELP SMALL BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFIT PROFITS, BUT I THINK YOU
13 NEED TO DO YOUR AUDITING. NOW, I WENT TO THIS BET TO THIS
14 THICK LEGAL SERVICES. SEE, WHEN YOU GIVE MONEY TO THE
15 COMMUNITY, YOU'RE GIVING IT TO THESE AGENCIES HERE, AND THEY
16 DON'T HELP THE PEOPLE. I WENT BY THERE ONE DAY, AND I HAD A
17 SOUL IN THE WAITING AREA. AND WHEN THEY SAW ME, THEY THOUGHT
18 THEY SAW A GHOST. AND THE FIRST THING HE ASKED, WHO TOLD YOU
19 ABOUT US? SEE, I KNOW HOW TO FIND OUT WHERE THE MONEY IS
20 GOING. SO, I WENT THERE. AND THEY WERE SO FRIGHTENED THAT I
21 TOLD THEM, NO, THANK YOU. I LEFT. I SAID, THEY WANTED MY
22 PAPERWORK. I DIDN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE. SO, THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT
23 TELLING THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY'RE GETTING FUNDS
24 FROM THE COUNTY, THE CITY, AND EVERYWHERE ELSE TO HELP THE
25 PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. NOW, I DO SEE THEM SOMETIMES AT THE



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1 LAW LIBRARY. THEY MAY TAKE 2 OR 3 PEOPLE IN THERE AND GIVE
2 THEM SOME ADVICE. THAT'S ABOUT IT. BUT WHAT ARE THEY DOING
3 WITH THE MONEY? OF COURSE, THEY'RE PUTTING IT IN THEIR
4 POCKETS. SO, WE NEED YOU GUYS TO START AUDITING THEM, GETTING
5 INFORMATION ON WHO THEY'RE HELPING, GET NAMES AND ADDRESSES.
6 THANK YOU.

7

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

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10 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, I AM CARRIE MARTIN, A LAW FELLOW IN THE
11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT PUBLIC COUNCIL SPEAKING ON
12 ITEM 2 I'M HERE TODAY TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO PASS THIS
13 MOTION TO ESTABLISH ANTI DISPLACEMENT MEASURES AND SAFEGUARD
14 SMALL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY-SERVING NONPROFITS ACROSS LA
15 COUNTY PUBLIC COUNCIL HAS THIS PUBLIC COUNCIL HAS ASSISTED
16 NUMEROUS LOW-INCOME BIPOC LGBTQIA+ AND WOMAN-OWNED SMALL
17 BUSINESS COMMERCIAL TENANTS WHO ARE BATTLING RISING RENTS,
18 INFLATION, AND GENTRIFICATION, MAKING IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT
19 FOR OUR CLIENTS TO FIND AND STAY IN COMMERCIAL SPACES. UNDER
20 CURRENT LAW, COMMERCIAL TENANTS ARE ONLY AFFORDED 30 DAYS
21 NOTICE FOR RENT INCREASES AND TERMINATION OF THEIR TENANCIES.
22 FOR EXAMPLE, ONE CLIENT'S 40-YEAR TENANCY IS BEING TERMINATED
23 WITH 30 DAYS NOTICE, AND AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL MENTIONED,
24 ANOTHER LONG-TERM TENANT WAS JUST ISSUED A 200% RUN INCREASE
25 WITH 30 DAYS NOTICE. DISPARATE FACTORS SUCH AS THESE CAUSE



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1 PREVENTABLE BUSINESS CLOSURES AND THE LOSS OF CRITICAL
2 COMMUNITY-BASED GOODS AND SERVICES IN PREDOMINANTLY LOW INCOME
3 AND COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. STRONGER COMMERCIAL
4 TENANT SUPPORT AND ANTI-DIS --

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

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9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOSE CORNEJO.
10 I REPRESENT NAOP, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OFFICE
11 INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES. WE HAVE SOME VERY GRAVE CONCERNS WITH
12 THIS, PARTLY BECAUSE IT GOES INTO THE BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS
13 RELATIONSHIP. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE IMPACT IT HAS ON
14 MINORITY BUSINESSES AS SOMEONE WHO RAN A NONPROFIT THAT DID
15 START-UPS, I CAN TELL YOU THAT ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS ARE
16 BARRIERS TO ENTRY OR CAPITAL. AND WHEN YOU'RE GONNA HAVE
17 SOMEBODY THAT'S GONNA COME AND TRY TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE,
18 YOU'RE LOOKING AT THEIR CREDIT WORTHINESS. CAN THEY PAY YOUR
19 LEASE? CAN THEY MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY IN A LEVEL THAT IT
20 DOESN'T BRING ON MORE LIABILITY TO A SMALL PROPERTY OWNER. IF
21 YOU'RE LOOKING AT WHAT OTHER COSTS ARE GOING INTO LEASES, YOU
22 GOTTA TALK ABOUT INSURANCE COSTS THAT ARE NOW GOING UP,
23 REGULATORY COSTS, ALL KINDS OF OTHER THINGS. LASTLY, I'LL ADD
24 THAT MOST OF THESE LEASES ARE FOR LONG TERM. THE RATES ARE
25 DETERMINED IN THE LEASE. SO, IT'S A 5 YEARS, THEY'RE



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SUPERVISORS

1 ESCALATORS AND THERE'S A COMMUNITY. --

2

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

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

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8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TRANSLATION, PLEASE.

9

10 **INTERPRETER:** SO, HELLO MY NAME IS LORENA MARTINEZ. I AM A
11 SMALL BUSINESS OWNER. I RECENTLY GOT AN INCREASE OF 200% ON MY
12 LOCATION. I'VE BEEN THERE 14 YEARS. THERE IS NO AGREEMENT. WE
13 HAVE NOT COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER. I WAS PAYING
14 \$1,200 IN RENT AND HE BUMPED IT UP TO \$2,500. I'M ON MAIN AND
15 SLAUSON LOCATION. THERE ARE OTHER TENANTS THERE TOO WHOSE RENT
16 HAS ALSO BEEN BUMPED UP. ONE OF THEM WAS \$1,300, AND HE WENT
17 ALL THE WAY UP TO \$4, 000. BECAUSE OF THIS LAWS THAT HE CLAIMS
18 THAT ONLY PROTECT HIM, AND I'M ALMOST FEELING LIKE THEY ONLY
19 DO. COMMERCIAL TENANTS, WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING BACKING US UP.
20 WE'VE LOOKED FOR HELP, WE'VE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. NO LAW IS
21 COMPLETELY BACKING US UP FOR THE COMMERCIAL TENANTS. NOW, I'M
22 HERE TO RAISE THE VOICE, MY VOICE, AND THE VOICE FOR MY FELLOW
23 COLLEAGUES AND ASK YOU TO APPROVE ITEM 2 AND TO HELP US OUT.
24 ALSO, WE NEED A BREAK. WE NEED A BREAK. COMMERCIAL TENANTS,
25 YOU KNOW, WE'RE GONNA GO OUT OF BUSINESS IF YOU DON'T HELP US,



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1 AND IF ANYBODY DOESN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. WE ARE HERE FOR
2 RIGHTS AND EQUALITY FOR ALL.

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

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6 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS FRANCISCO. I AM THE ASSISTANT
7 DIRECTOR FOR THE DISPLACEMENT ABORDANCE PROJECT AT STRATEGIC
8 ACTIONS FOR A JUST ECONOMY, SAGE. AND I'M HERE SPEAKING IN
9 SUPPORT OF ITEM 2 TODAY. I REALLY WANNA THANK HOLLY MITCHELL
10 AND HILDA SOLIS FOR PUTTING THIS IN THE AGENDA. BUT SINCE
11 FEBRUARY, SAGE HAS MET WITH MORE THAN 250 COMMERCIAL TENANTS
12 AS PART OF OUR DISPLACEMENT AVOIDANCE PLAN FOR THE ECOLAB
13 PROJECT, CANVASSING A 3.9-MILE AREA IN THE HEART OF SOUTH
14 CENTRAL LOS ANGELES. THE VAST MAJORITY OF TENANTS ARE ALSO
15 RENTERS, MAYBE IMMIGRANTS AND FIRST TIME ENTREPRENEURS WHO
16 SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH. THE BUSINESSES ARE
17 IMPORTANT PART OF THE COMMUNITY FABRIC, CREATING JOBS AND
18 ENSURING QUICK AND EASY ACCESS TO FOOD, GROCERY, MEDICINE AND
19 CLOTHING TO OTHER NECESSITIES AND OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS. BUT
20 BECAUSE --

21

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

24

25 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M DONALD HARLAN SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEM.



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1 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2, ECONOMIC PROTECTIONS FOR SMALL
2 BUSINESSES. THERE'S NO ECONOMIC PROTECTIONS FOR SMALL
3 BUSINESSES. THERE'S NO RELOCATION FUNDS. FROM THE COUNTY OF
4 LOS ANGELES, THAT'S WAY MORE THAN THE COUNTY SHOULD BE DOING.
5 IT SHOULD BE REALLY EASY TO SETTLE WHEN THEY CAN'T PROVE THEY
6 OWN THAT PROPERTY, WHETHER THEY'RE OWED ANY MONEY FOR
7 RELOCATION OR NOT, BECAUSE A LOT OF, YOU'RE NOT GONNA FIND
8 ANYBODY LIKE THAT. WHAT THERE'S A BIG PROBLEM WITH ITEM NUMBER
9 2, THIS IS CLEANUP MONEY THEY'RE TRYING TO SPEND. YOU KNOW, IF
10 THEY SEND A 1,000,000 TO THE TOWN TO CLEAN IT UP, YOU KNOW,
11 IT'S TRASH BAGS AND BROOMS AND STUFF. AND THEY USED THE MONEY
12 TO BUILD STUFF. AND THEN THEY DOUBLE SPENT, AND NOW THEY NEED
13 HELP SUPPORTING THEIR ILLEGAL BUSINESSES. AND NOW THEY NEED
14 MONEY FOR RELOCATION. HOW ABOUT NO?

15

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THE RED CHIEF HUNT. I TOO LIKE TO HAVE AN AYE VOTE ON
19 THIS. I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE GIVE BACK TO THE
20 COMMUNITY. I THINK \$1,400,000 IS NOT ENOUGH. I THINK I WOULD
21 GO AS FAR AS \$20,000,000 ACROSS THE BOARD FOR EVERYBODY. SO, I
22 NEED AN AYE VOTE ON THIS ONE BECAUSE SMALL ENTREPRENEURS MAKE
23 THE WORLD GO AROUND AND MAKE THE BUSINESSES GO AROUND AND
24 THINGS LIKE THAT IN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
25 SO, UNTIL YOU HAD THAT POSITION BEING A SMALL OWNER OR A SMALL



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1 BUSINESS, YOU WOULD KNOW I HAD THAT OPPORTUNITY AT VENICE
2 BEACH. SO, I TOO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN AYE VOTE ON THIS. RED
3 CHIEF HUNT AYE ON THIS. THANK YOU, GUYS.

4

5 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE'LL NOW GO TO
6 SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE. MODERATOR, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ROSLYN SAGARA. PLEASE
9 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROSLYN CIGARA AND I'M WITH
12 THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 2. THE
13 CONSERVANCY IS A NONPROFIT HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORGANIZATION
14 SERVING THE COUNTY OF LA SINCE 1979. WHILE LEGACY BUSINESSES
15 ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO OUR REGION'S HERITAGE AND ECONOMY,
16 THEY REMAIN VULNERABLE DUE TO SOARING RENTS, PREDATORY LEASING
17 PRACTICES, DEVELOPMENT PRESSURES, LACK OF SUCCESSION PLANS,
18 AND THE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC. IN 2019, THE CONSERVANCY
19 LAUNCHED A LEGACY BUSINESS INITIATIVE TO RAISE AWARENESS AND
20 SUPPORTS FOR LONGTIME BUSINESSES IN LA COUNTY. THANK YOU TO
21 SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR YOUR MOTION TO STRENGTHEN
22 SUPPORTS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS IN LA COUNTY.
23 LEGACY BUSINESSES PROVIDE ANGELINOS WITH NEEDED JOBS AND HELP
24 DEFINE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS BY FOSTERING A SENSE OF IDENTITY,
25 PRIDE AND BELONGING. WE MUST ACT NOW TO SUPPORT AND INVEST IN



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1 OUR SMALL AND LONG-TIME COMMUNITY-SERVING BUSINESSES AND
2 NONPROFITS. PLEASE VOTE YES ON ITEM 2. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DIEGO CARTAGENA. PLEASE
7 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** DIEGO CARTAGENA GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
10 THIS IS DIEGO CARTAGENA, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF PETSETIC LEGAL
11 SERVICES. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 2. AS AN AGENCY THAT
12 PROVIDES FREE LEGAL SERVICES TO SMALL BUSINESSES WE HAVE SEEN
13 FIRSTHAND SCORES OF SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS WHO HAVE BEEN
14 OVERWHELMED AND DO NOT HAVE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD WHEN IT
15 COMES TO ISSUES RELATED TO COMMERCIAL TENANCY. WE HAVE BEEN IN
16 CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH SENATOR MENJIVAR ON THE STATE LEVEL
17 LAW, WHICH THIS MIRRORS, AND HAVE WORKED WITH THE BUSINESS
18 COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS CONCERNS, AND EVERYONE AGREES THAT THESE
19 PROTECTIONS ARE NEEDED SO THAT THE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE
20 THE BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY CAN CONTINUE TO THRIVE IN LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

22

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ADELITA VALENTINE. PLEASE



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1 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ADELITA VALENTINE AND I
4 OPERATE A SMALL BARBER SHOP IN DISTRICT 2. I'M SPEAKING IN
5 SUPPORT OF ITEM 2 TODAY. DURING THE STORMS WE EXPERIENCED OVER
6 THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, THERE WAS HEAVY FLOODING IN MY
7 COMMERCIAL SPACE. THE LANDLORD FAILED TO MAKE THE REPAIRS AND
8 MY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES WERE DAMAGED ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS.
9 OUR LANDLORD REFUSED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY OF THE
10 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES CAUSED BY THE LACK OF REPAIRS AND IT
11 ULTIMATELY FORCED US TO RELOCATE OUR LONG-TERM TENANCY WITH
12 NOTHING. WE LOST ALL THE TIME, MONEY AND SWEAT WE PUT INTO
13 REMODELING OUR SPACE AND THE GOODWILL WE HAD BUILT. I'M HERE
14 TODAY TO ASK THE BOARD TO PASS A MOTION BEFORE YOU THAT WILL
15 STRENGTHEN SUPPORT FOR SMALL COMMERCIAL TENANTS AND ESTABLISH
16 ANTI-DISPLACEMENT MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD SMALL BUSINESSES AND
17 SMALL NONPROFITS ACROSS LA COUNTY. WE MUST PASS THIS MOTION
18 TODAY. THIS MOTION IS CRITICAL TO ENSURE WE PROTECT OUR SMALL
19 BUSINESSES FROM THE THREAT OF PREDATORY LEASING PRACTICES AND
20 COMBAT THEIR DISPLACEMENT AND CREATE AN INCLUSIVE ECONOMY. --

21

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LEANNA AUSTIN. PLEASE



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1 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS LEANNA AUSTIN. I'M SPEAKING ON
4 ITEM 2 ON BEHALF OF DISCOVERY WORLD EARLY EDUCATION CENTER, AN
5 INFANT CENTER AND PRESCHOOL WITH OVER 100 ENROLLED STUDENTS IN
6 DISTRICT 4. COMMERCIAL LEASES ARE IN NEED OF MORE REGULATION
7 EVEN THAN RESIDENTIAL BECAUSE THE LEASEHOLDS REQUIRE THE
8 SIGNIFICANT UPFRONT INVESTMENT SMALL BUSINESSES CANNOT SIMPLY
9 RELOCATE WHEN A LANDLORD IS NOT PERFORMING OR IN DEFAULT OF
10 THEIR LEASE OBLIGATIONS WE NEED PROTECTIONS THAT HOLD
11 LANDLORDS TO CERTAIN HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS. OUR SCHOOL
12 IS SUFFERING FROM MULTIPLE ROOF AND PLUMBING LEAKS AND EXTREME
13 NOISE AND VIBRATIONS FROM AN ADJACENT INCOMPATIBLE USE WHICH
14 HAS CAUSED FALLING OBJECTS. ISSUES HAVE PERSISTED FOR MORE
15 THAN 5 YEARS AND THE LANDLORD IS NOT RESPONDING TO OUR REPAIR
16 REQUEST AND INSTEAD TELLS TENANTS TO HAVE THEIR INSURANCE DEAL
17 WITH IT. ADDITIONALLY WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT RECONCILED
18 EXPENSES SUCH AS CANS AND UTILITIES AND THERE ARE VERY FEW
19 TENANT PROTECTIONS FOR TRANSPARENCY THERE WHICH WE WOULD
20 REQUEST THAT YOU REVIEW FOR YOUR MOTION. A MODEL COMMERCIAL
21 LEASE WITH CLEAR AND FAIR TERMS, PARTICULARLY WITH CANS AND
22 HEALTH AND SAFETY TERMS, BEING CLEAR WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT
23 IMPROVEMENT FOR SMALL COMMERCIAL TENTS AND WOULD BENEFIT SMALL
24 BUSINESS.

25



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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEGAN TERREMOTO. PLEASE
5 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** I WORK AS A SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM COORDINATOR AT
8 LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER. AND TODAY I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT
9 OF ITEM 2. LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER IS A NON-PROFIT AND WE
10 PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND COUNSELING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN OUR
11 NEIGHBORHOOD. AND JUST WITHIN THE LAST 3 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR,
12 2024, WE LOST 6 OF OUR LEGACY BUSINESSES THAT SERVED OUR
13 COMMUNITY FOR OVER 25 YEARS, NOT ONLY DUE TO THIS PANDEMIC,
14 BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF LACK OF PROTECTIONS FOR OUR COMMERCIAL
15 TENANTS. SO, I'M REALLY HERE TODAY JUST AS A BOARD TO PASS
16 THIS MOTION AND BECAUSE IT WILL STRENGTHEN SUPPORT FOR OUR
17 SMALL COMMERCIAL TENANTS AND ESTABLISH ANTI-DISPOSAL MEASURES
18 THAT WILL PROTECT OUR SMALL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS ACROSS
19 LA COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY TO CREATE A LEGACY BUSINESS PROGRAM
20 AND REGISTRY AND DEVELOP A MODEL COMMERCIAL LEASE WITH FAIRER
21 TERMS FOR SMALL COMMERCIAL TENANTS. THANK YOU.

22

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. PLEASE UNMUTE



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1 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I SUPPORT THIS AND I THINK THERE DO NEED
4 TO BE SOME GROUND RULES BECAUSE IT IS HARD TO, YOU CAN'T JUST
5 MOVE YOUR BUSINESS IMMEDIATELY IF A LANDLORD DOESN'T FOLLOW
6 THROUGH. NOW ONE LITTLE THING THOUGH YOU HAVE TO BE THERE ARE
7 PROBLEMS WE'VE JUST HAD A THE SECURITY DEPOSIT BEING REDUCED
8 TO JUST ONE MONTH SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT IDEA TO PROTECT PEOPLE
9 FROM CHARGING TOO MUCH SECURITY DEPOSIT. BUT SOME OF US, MOM
10 AND POPS GET SCREWED BY THAT BIG TIME. AND I JUST THINK WE
11 HAVE TO HAVE A BALANCE AT ALL TIMES. THAT'S WHY HOPEFULLY HAHN
12 WILL WAKE UP, BARGER WILL COME BACK FROM THE BUFFET TO AT
13 LEAST REMIND EVERYBODY THAT NOT EVERYBODY AGREES WITH THIS,
14 BUT IT IS A GOOD ONE. SO, THANK YOU, MITCHELL.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BARAKA RAMOS. PLEASE UNMUTE
19 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS VERONICA RAMOS AND I
22 OPERATE A WOMAN AND MINORITY OWNED PRINTING BUSINESS IN
23 DISTRICT 1. I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 2 TODAY. DURING THE HEAVY
24 RAINS AND STORMS, WE EXPERIENCED LATE LAST YEAR AND EARLY THIS
25 YEAR, THE ROOF AND CEILING FOR OUR COMMERCIAL SPACE COLLAPSED.



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1 THE LANDLORD FAILED TO MAKE THE REPAIRS, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE
2 HIS RESPONSIBILITY UNDER MY LEASE. AND MY MERCHANDISE AND
3 EQUIPMENT WERE DAMAGED. HE CONTINUES TO HARASS US AND JUST
4 ISSUE A 30-DAY NOTICE TO TERMINATE OUR TENANCY FOR SPEAKING UP
5 ABOUT THE LACK OF REPAIRS. COVID-19 LEFT A LASTING IMPACT ON
6 OUR BUSINESS AND THE LACK OF COMMERCIAL TENANT PROTECTION HAS
7 US ON THE BRINK OF SHUTTING OUR DOORS. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK
8 THE BOARD TO PASS THE MOTION BEFORE YOU THAT WILL STRENGTHEN
9 SUPPORT FOR SMALL COMMERCIAL TENANTS AND ESTABLISH ANTI-
10 DISPLACEMENT MEASURES TO SAVE SMALL BUSINESSES AND SMALL NON-
11 PROFITS ACROSS THE --

12

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS AMY CHONG. PLEASE UNMUTE
17 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** HELLO.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES, PLEASE.



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2 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. HI, MY NAME IS AMY CHONG. I'M
3 HERE REPRESENTING INCLUSIVE ACTION FOR THE CITY. WE STRONGLY
4 SUPPORT ITEM 2 AND WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND
5 SOLIS FOR LEADING THIS VERY IMPORTANT EFFORT. WE WORK WITH
6 SMALL BUSINESSES ACROSS THE COUNTY FROM STREET VENDORS LOOKING
7 TO LEVEL UP TO BRICK AND MORTAR BUSINESSES TO BIKE REPAIR
8 SHOPS, BARBER SHOPS AND SO MANY BUSINESSES THAT PROVIDE
9 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT GOODS AND SERVICES. WHEN THESE SMALL
10 COMMERCIAL TENANTS RECEIVE LARGE RENT INCREASES, THEY LEASE
11 THEIR LOCATION AND THEY OFTEN GO OUT OF BUSINESS ENTIRELY. A
12 RELOCATION ASSISTANCE POLICY IS A CRITICAL WAY TO GIVE SMALL
13 BUSINESSES A FIGHTING CHANCE TO FIND A NEW LOCATION SO THEY
14 CAN CONTINUE SERVING THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. I WOULD ALSO
15 LIKE TO EXPRESS STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE MOTIONS DIRECTIVE TO
16 ESTABLISH A MODEL LEASE WHICH WOULD EDUCATE SMALL BUSINESS
17 OWNERS ON THEIR RIGHTS AND HELP THEM NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF
18 THEIR LEASES TO MAKE BETTER BUSINESS DECISIONS. THIS WILL
19 ENABLE THEM TO THRIVE AND CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE
20 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF LA COUNTY.

21

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NAYIRI BAGDASARIAN. PLEASE



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1 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE SAN
4 GABRIEL VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP. WHILE THE PARTNERSHIP
5 APPRECIATES THE AUTHOR'S INTENTIONS TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES,
6 WE MUST EXPRESS OUR OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION DUE TO THE
7 DISPROPORTIONATE HARM THAT THEY AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES
8 WILL EXPERIENCE THROUGH THE IMPOSITION OF UNSUSTAINABLE
9 FINANCIAL BURDENS AND THE REDUCTION OF AVAILABLE, AFFORDABLE
10 COMMERCIAL SPACE. THIS MOTION IS HANDICAPPED BY AN INCOMPLETE
11 UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES FACING SMALL BUSINESSES, AND THERE
12 IS RATHER A NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE EXAM OF THE CHALLENGES
13 FACING SMALL BUSINESSES INSTEAD. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PAUL HENNESSEY. PLEASE
18 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** YOU KNOW, IF I WANT TO KNOW, L.A., WHO HAS A SMALL
21 BUSINESS, I NEED HELP UPDATING MY VENTILATION SYSTEM. YOU
22 MENTIONED VULNERABILITIES THAT OCCURRED DURING THE PANDEMIC,
23 AND THAT'S CERTAINLY ONE OF THEM THAT WOULD HAVE HELPED A LOT
24 OF BUSINESSES STAY OPEN. ONE THING I'D LIKE TO SEE IN THIS OR
25 FUTURE FUNDING IS ALLOCATING GRANTS FOR INCENTIVES FOR SMALL



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1 BUSINESSSES AND NONPROFITS WHO IMPLEMENT CLEAN INDOOR AIR SUCH
2 AS HEPA FILTRATION, UV LIGHTS, AND AIR SCRUBBERS, ALL OF WHICH
3 REDUCE ILLNESS SPREAD, POLLUTION, AND WILDFIRE SMOKE. THESE
4 INCENTIVES WILL KEEP STAFF HEALTHY, REDUCE SICK DAYS, PREPARE
5 FOR INEVITABLE FUTURE PANDEMICS, AND ATTRACT CUSTOMERS, IN
6 TURN DECREASING ECONOMIC BURDEN. SO PLEASE CONSIDER ALLOCATING
7 CLEAN AIR GRANTS THROUGH THIS OR A SIMILAR BILL. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRIS WILSON. PLEASE UNMUTE
12 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHRIS WILSON
15 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION. WE ARE
16 OPPOSED TO ITEM NUMBER 2 FOR 4 REASONS. THAT IMPOSED MANDATORY
17 RELOCATION EXPENSES WILL BE PAID FOR AND BY PROPERTY OWNERS
18 FAILS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND
19 RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE DYNAMICS GOES EVEN FURTHER THAN THEN
20 ST 1103 BY REQUIRING A MODEL LEASE AND EMPOWERING THE COUNTY
21 TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN BUSINESS AND BUSINESS TRANSACTION
22 CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS TO FAVOR ONE PARTY. THIS IS CHRIS
23 WOOTEN AND WE ARE OPPOSED TO ITEM NUMBER 2. THANK YOU.

24

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



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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CARLA ESTRADA. PLEASE
3 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CARLA ESTRADA AND I
6 AM CALLING FROM PETETIC LEGAL SERVICES. I AM CALLING IN FAVOR
7 AND IN SUPPORT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY SUPERVISORS
8 MITCHELL AND SOLIS TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC
9 OPPORTUNITY TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND AMEND AS NECESSARY IN
10 AGREEMENT WITH A CONSULTANT TO PERFORM AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF
11 COMMERCIAL RENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND DEVELOP A
12 COMMERCIAL LEASE WITH FAIR TERMS FOR SMALL COMMERCIAL TENANTS.
13 WE ARE IN FAVOR BECAUSE WE SEE AN ISSUE AND THE ISSUE IS THAT
14 MANY OF OUR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS THAT ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO
15 OUR COMMUNITIES CANNOT AFFORD THEIR COMMERCIAL RENT AND IT IS
16 TIME THAT SOMETHING CHANGES IN THEIR FAVOR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
17 ATTENTION TODAY AND HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DONNIE TADESI. PLEASE
22 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DONNIE TADESI.
25 I'M HERE REPRESENTING RICE ECONOMY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION NUMBER



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1 2. I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL, FOR
2 THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS. OUR ORGANIZATION IS A MEMBER-LED
3 ALLIANCE OF AROUND 300 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO
4 ADDRESS THE LEGACY OF REDLINING BY HOLDING BANKS ACCOUNTABLE
5 FOR THEIR ROLE IN CREATING COMMUNITIES THAT ARE IN ECONOMIES.
6 WE UNDERSTAND FIRST AND FOREMOST HOW SMALL BUSINESSES AND
7 NONPROFITS PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN PROMOTING THESE KINDS OF
8 ECONOMIES WHERE MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES CAN BUILD WEALTH AND
9 THRIVE. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, SYSTEMIC DISINVESTMENT IN THESE
10 COMMUNITIES HAS MADE IT SO SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS BY A PARK AND
11 LOW MODERN INCOME, SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS LACK THE NECESSARY
12 CAPITAL TO OWN THEIR COMMERCIAL SPACE AND WITH THE LACK OF
13 RENT CIVILIZATION PROTECTIONS FOR THESE TENANTS, LONG-STANDING
14 BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ARE LEFT VULNERABLE TO
15 DISPLACEMENT AND THEN FURTHERMORE ANONYMOUS LLCs, SHALL
16 COMPANIES ARE CONTINUING TO CONSOLIDATE THE OWNERSHIP OF
17 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN CALIFORNIA, SUBJECTING OUR COMMUNITIES
18 TO MORE EXTRACTIVE MODELS AND WITH SIGNIFICANTLY MORE CASH ON
19 HAND AND OTHER FINANCIAL RESOURCES. --

20

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS YANO SENES. PLEASE UNMUTE
25 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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1

2 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS YANO SENES FROM THE GROUP
3 JUNTO FLORENCE FIRESTONE TOGETHER FROM UNINCORPORATED FLORENCE
4 FIRESTONE AND SD2 AND I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 2 TODAY.
5 I'M SPEAKING TODAY TO ASK THE BOARD TO PASS THIS MOTION. WE
6 BELIEVE IT'S A GOOD FIRST STEP TO PROTECT SMALL BUSINESSES
7 FROM DISPLACEMENT AND GENTRIFICATION. WE PREVIOUSLY
8 PARTICIPATED IN THE EFFORT FOR THE METRO AREA PLANTS HISTORIC
9 RESOURCES SURVEY FOR FLORENCE FIRESTONE AND IDENTIFIED MANY
10 BELOVED SMALL BUSINESSES AND LEGACY BUSINESSES IN FLORENCE
11 FIRESTONE THAT ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR COMMUNITY AND
12 COMMUNITY IDENTITY THAT WE NEED TO PROTECT FROM DISPLACEMENT.
13 WE RECOMMEND THAT THE MOTION BE MORE EXPLICIT IN ITS
14 DEFINITION OF LEGACY BUSINESSES. WE RECOMMEND THAT LEGACY
15 BUSINESSES BE IDENTIFIED AS BUSINESSES THAT HAVE BEEN IN
16 OPERATION FOR 20 YEARS AND SUGGEST THAT THE LANGUAGE MIRRORS
17 THE CITY OF LA'S LEGACY BUSINESS PROGRAM. AND WE ALSO
18 RECOMMEND COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING ON
19 THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE METRO AREA PLAN ON LEGACY
20 BUSINESSES SO THAT THERE ISN'T A DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS.
21 PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR OF ITEM 2, THANK YOU.

22

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS TO



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1 ADDRESS THE BOARD.

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, ITEM 2 IS
4 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
6 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

9

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

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

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

15

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

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

19

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

21

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

23

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

25



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

2

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

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6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 4,
7 DELIVERING A MORE EQUITABLE AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE MODEL
8 FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.
9 FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND
10 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. I'LL TURN IT TO YOU, SUPERVISOR
11 MITCHELL.

12

13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS THE
14 TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT DAY, AND I APPRECIATE MY COLLEAGUES
15 GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT THIS MOTION AS WELL.
16 AS WE'VE SAID, TRANSPARENCY IS THE CORNERSTONE OF ACCOUNTABLE
17 GOVERNANCE, AND IN LA COUNTY, THE COMPLEXITY OF DECISION-
18 MAKING PROCESSES OFTEN OBSCURES THE REASONS BEHIND POLICY
19 OUTCOMES FROM PUBLIC VIEW. I'VE OFTEN HEARD FROM MY
20 CONSTITUENTS ABOUT THEIR FRUSTRATION THAT LEGISLATION COULD BE
21 PLACED ON AN AGENDA ON A FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AND BY TUESDAY,
22 IT'S BEING VOTED ON INTO LAW WITH LIMITED OPPORTUNITY OR
23 PUBLIC VIEW. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE INCREASINGLY EXPERIMENTING
24 WITH INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO ADVANCE MORE EQUITABLE AND
25 INCLUSIVE POLICY AND BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES. FOR



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SUPERVISORS

1 EXAMPLE, IN MY OWN DISTRICT, WE'VE DEDICATED A \$1,000,000 TO A
2 PARTICIPATORY BUDGET PILOT TO EMPOWER COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN 2
3 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF FLORENCE FIRESTONE AND LADERA
4 HEIGHTS TO DIRECTLY INFLUENCE AND DECIDE HOW THOSE PUBLIC
5 FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITY. WHILE THE
6 COUNTY HAS INFORMAL POLICY COMMITTEES KNOWN AS CLUSTERS, THERE
7 IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT PROPOSED LEGISLATION ALSO KNOWN AS
8 MOTIONS MUST BE IN PRINT OR BE REVIEWED FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD
9 OF TIME BEFORE BEING VOTED ON. OTHER COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE
10 STATE USE A POLICY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE TO DELIBERATE AND VET
11 POLICIES AMONGST ELECTED OFFICIALS BEFORE THEY ADVANCE TO THE
12 FULL BOARD OR COUNCIL. IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS, THIS PROCESS
13 ALSO INCLUDES A PUBLIC BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
14 THROUGH WHICH COMPREHENSIVE PRIORITIES AND KEY CONSIDERATIONS
15 ARE DISCUSSED BEFORE FINAL DECISIONS ARE MADE. IF WE'RE TO
16 HAVE A FULL DISCUSSION OF THE BEST WAY TO REFORM OUR COUNTY
17 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND WELCOME IN A NEW AIR OF TRANSPARENCY,
18 I THINK WE CAN'T DO SO WITHOUT ALSO REVIEWING THE APPROPRIATE
19 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE FOR THE BOARD. MY MOTION TODAY ASKS COUNTY
20 COUNCIL TO RETURN WITH AN ANALYSIS OF OUR BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO
21 CREATE A COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND HOW MANY BOARD MEMBERS CAN BE
22 ON EACH COMMITTEE. I STARTED MY COMMENTS EARLIER ON THE
23 GOVERNANCE MOTION, REALLY TALKING ABOUT KIND OF THE DICHOTOMY
24 OF THE BROWN ACT. AND I SPENT LAST NIGHT REREADING THE BROWN
25 ACT. AND I THINK IT'S OFTEN EITHER MISQUOTED OR ONLY A PORTION



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1 OF THE BROWN ACT IS PULLED OUT. AND THE REALITY IS, YOU KNOW,
2 THE BROWN ACT REQUIRES PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETINGS, WHICH WOULD
3 ALLOW US TO DISCUSS POLICY ISSUES. THE BROWN ACT ALSO DOES NOT
4 PREVENT AN EMPLOYEE OF A LOCAL AGENCY OR AN OFFICIAL FROM
5 ENGAGING IN CONVERSATION ABOUT THE POLICY IN THE CONTEXT OF
6 ANSWERING QUESTIONS. SO, I THINK WE OFTEN GET STUCK WITH ABOUT
7 WHAT CAN'T BE DISCUSSED WITH WHOM, BUT IT REALLY IS IMPERATIVE
8 THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE NUANCES AND WHAT IS ALLOWED UNDER THE
9 BROWN ACT. AND AGAIN, WITH A COMMITTEE INFRASTRUCTURE, I THINK
10 IT WOULD ALLOW FOR POLICY IDEAS AND MOTIONS TO BE IN PRINT AND
11 TO BE DISCUSSED IN A LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT BEFORE A FINAL
12 DECISION IS ACTUALLY MADE IN A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, WHICH
13 IS A FULL BOARD MEETING. SO, WITH THAT, I ASK FOR YOUR AYE
14 VOTE.

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** DOES ANYONE ELSE WANT TO SPEAK ON
17 THIS ITEM? I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE MOTION
18 FORWARD. I KNOW IN THE GOVERNANCE MOTION THAT WE JUST
19 DISCUSSED IN ITEM 7 THERE'S REFERENCE TO THE 2,000 CHARTER
20 AMENDMENT, WHICH DOES INDICATE ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE
21 STRUCTURE. SO, I FULLY SUPPORT EXPLORING THAT, AND I THINK
22 THAT ESPECIALLY SHOULD THE BOARD EXPAND, IT'S GONNA BE
23 NECESSARY. I HAVE NOT HEARD OF BODIES OF 5 THAT REVIEW POLICY
24 IN A SUBCOMMITTEE LEVEL BECAUSE THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN MY
25 UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS A BROWN ACT VIOLATION BY SERIAL



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1 MEETING, BUT I AM VERY MUCH OPEN TO GETTING A REPORT BACK ON
2 WHAT THAT CAN LOOK LIKE. I'D LIKE TO GIVE COUNTY COUNCIL
3 LONGER THAN A WEEK UNLESS YOU ALREADY KNOW THE ANSWER AND YOU
4 JUST WANT TO TELL US NOW, BECAUSE I THINK IT MIGHT TAKE LONGER
5 THAN A WEEK GIVEN WHAT ALL WE JUST PUT ON YOUR PLATE TODAY BUT
6 HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT THAT.

7

8 **DAWYN HARRISON:** I MEAN IF THE WILL IS A WEEK WE CAN WE CAN DO
9 IT WITHIN A WEEK I MEAN CERTAINLY I WILL JUST SAY THAT THE
10 BROWN ACT IS VERY CLEAR THAT THIS BOARD DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S
11 5 OR MORE, CAN ESTABLISH BOTH STANDING COMMITTEES AND AD HOC
12 COMMITTEES. THERE'S DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH. THOSE CAN
13 EXIST EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE ONLY A BODY OF 5. BUT WE WILL TAKE
14 THE WEEK TO DO A MORE IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS.

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** TO REVIEW LEGISLATION?

17

18 **DAWYN HARRISON:** IF THAT'S --

19

20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** EXCUSE. ME, JUST ONE SECOND. YOU
21 CANNOT SPEAK OUT LIKE THAT. YOU HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE
22 CALLED UPON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **DAWYN HARRISON:** WE WILL DO A DEEPER DIVE INTO THAT, BUT I
25 BELIEVE IF THAT'S A SPECIFIC SUBJECT MATTER, THAT WOULD BE



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SUPERVISORS

1 MORE OF A STANDING COMMITTEE WOULD NOT BE AN AD HOC IT WOULD
2 BE STANDING. IT WOULD REQUIRE BROWN ACT NOTICES BROWN ACT
3 WOULD APPLY TO STANDING COMMITTEES ANYWAY, BUT WE WILL DO A
4 DEEPER DIVE INTO THE--

5

6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** NEWS TO ME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
7 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

8

9 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** INITIALLY, BROUGHT THIS FORWARD AND
10 BEGAN TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH BOARD MEMBERS, LITERALLY
11 EVERY BOARD IN CALIFORNIA, BECAUSE WE POLLED CSAC, ALAMEDA
12 COUNTY, THEY ALL HAVE COMMITTEES. SO, SINCE MOST OF THE BOARDS
13 OF SUPERVISORS ACROSS THE STATE ARE 5, THEY ALL HAVE
14 COMMITTEES AND HAVE FIGURED IT OUT. AND SO, I APPRECIATE YOU
15 CLARIFYING THAT WITHIN THE BROWN ACT. THAT'S THE NUANCE I
16 THINK. I THINK WE THINK BROWN ACT SAYS WE CAN'T. BROWN ACT
17 SAYS IT MUST BE NOTICED IN PUBLIC. YOU CAN HAVE THE
18 CONVERSATION. IT JUST HAS TO BE PUBLIC.

19

20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ON A BROWN ACTED
21 BODY, AND I WAS VERY CLEARLY ADVISED BY OUR CITY ATTORNEY
22 ABOUT HOW THINGS COULD AND COULDN'T BE CONSIDERED BY A
23 MAJORITY OF THE BOARD, OR BY THE MAJORITY OF OUR COUNCIL AT
24 THE TIME. SO, I KNOW WHAT I WAS ADVISED PREVIOUSLY THIS IS NEW
25 INFORMATION SO WE'LL SEE WHAT COUNTY COUNCIL'S INTERPRETATION



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1 OF THE BROWN ACT IS. ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS? OKAY.
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE
3 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
6 FORWARD? ANDREA MCPHERSON, DONALD HARLAN, ELLIE LIPMAN, MIGUEL
7 SANTA, AND RED CHIEF HUNT, PLEASE COME FORWARD. STAFF WILL
8 ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
9 TELEPHONE, YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 4. IF YOU
10 HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO BE
11 PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, WILL WE HAVE THE
12 FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS JOANNA LUEN. PLEASE UNMUTE
15 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M WAITING 3 HOURS TO TALK TO THE NUMBER 2 BUT I
18 FORGOT TO PRESS 1, 2 FOR THE TOPIC. MAY I ADD IT ON? SO, MY
19 NAME IS JOANNA LUAN WITH-

20

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** SO, MY NAME IS JOANNA LUAN WITH PENINSULA ACADEMY, A
24 STUDENT TUTORING CENTER DISTRICT NUMBER 4. I'M SPEAKING IN
25 SUPPORT OF ITEM 2 TODAY, WE HAVE SUFFERED 2 SIGNIFICANT



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SUPERVISORS

1 ISSUES. ONE WITH THE LANDLORD. ONE, WE'VE RUN THE SMALL
2 BUSINESS FOR OVER 15 YEARS. FIRST, WE HAVE EXCESSIVE
3 CONTINUOUS WATER LEAKS EACH YEAR, BUT THE LANDLORD NEVER
4 REPAIRS AND ASKS FOR WEIGHT. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE MOLD
5 AND WE HAVE CEILING TILES FALL FROM THE CLASSROOM AND
6 CHILDREN'S BEDS BECAUSE OF WATER DAMAGE. SECOND, THIS MOLD
7 NEEDS TO INCLUDE TEEN AND PROJECTS OF CAMPS. THERE IS LACK OF
8 TRANSPARENCY. THE LANDLORD ADDS THEIR PERSONAL HOMES,
9 INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL TEEN AND BUILD OUT OTHER FRAUDULENT
10 EXPENSES. --

11

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. PLEASE UNMUTE
16 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. AS AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BROWN ACT
19 EXPERT, UNFORTUNATELY I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO WEIGH IN
20 100% ON IT BECAUSE I WAS IN THE CANYON AND I MISSED PART OF
21 IT. BUT I UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WAS ABOUT THE GREEN SHEET AND
22 HOLLY MITCHELL'S OBSESSION, WHICH I SHARE A LITTLE BIT WITH,
23 ABOUT TRANSPARENCY. AND OBVIOUSLY EVERYBODY RESPECTS THE WEST
24 HOLLYWOOD PROCESS AND ALL THE GREAT BROWN ACT ADVISORIES
25 THEY'VE BEEN GIVEN THERE. BUT, YOU KNOW, IT'S REALLY ABOUT,



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1 AGAIN, THE PARTICIPANT SO MUCH MORE THAN THE PHYSICALLY,
2 BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT IT ON THE AGENDA FRIDAY, BUT YOU
3 CAN HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING AND THEN YOU HAVE TO LET PEOPLE
4 SPEAK ON THE ITEM. SO, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANNA MAKE LIKE
5 BOARD RULES ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN AND YOU CAN'T DO. MAYBE YOU DO.
6 I MEAN, I GUESS IT'S ALWAYS BEEN USED AS A SNEAKY BACK DOOR.
7 SO, IF YOU'RE TRYING TO SHUT THE BACK DOOR, THEN YOU SHOULD
8 DEFINITELY DO THAT. BUT SOMETIMES YOU NEED THE BACK DOOR TO
9 PROPERLY TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS. I DON'T KNOW. I WOULD SAY ONCE
10 AGAIN, WAKE UP AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO WRITE A REPORT FOR THE
11 REASONABLE GOING RATE AND WE CAN GET THIS COUNTY IN BETTER
12 SHAPE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DILIGENCE.

13

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

15

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

18

19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** GREAT. WE'LL GO TO SPEAKERS IN
20 PERSON. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. AGAIN, MY NAME IS ANDREA MCPHERSON. I AM A
23 HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE AND A STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPANT WITH LA CARE
24 AND A FORMER CO-CHAIR WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,
25 THE LA COUNTY AS WELL, THE SALT 5 SPECIFICALLY. BUT WITH THAT,



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1 I'M SPEAKING TODAY ABOUT THE MOTION AND ABOUT LA CARE
2 SPECIFICALLY. MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS WHY THIS MOTION IS SO
3 IMPORTANT AND I APPROVE OF THIS MOTION IF ONCE AGAIN YOU WOULD
4 ALLOW ME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD BECAUSE MY COMMENT IS FOR ALL
5 SUPERVISORS IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. IF THIS MOTION
6 CONSISTS OF DELIVERING MORE EQUITABLE AND TRANSPARENT
7 GOVERNMENT WITH THE STAKEHOLDER RIGHTS AND OR ENGAGEMENT
8 OPPORTUNITIES AND THE OVERVIEW ACCOUNTABILITY TO ALL THOSE WHO
9 SERVE THE PEOPLE OF LA COUNTY, THAT WOULD BE GREAT. IT IS
10 INCLUSIVE OVERSIGHT FOR ALL COMPANIES AND NONPROFIT
11 ORGANIZATIONS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR OVERSEES.

12

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

15

16 **SPEAKER:** YES, THE RED CHIEF HUNT. THE BROWN ACT SPECIALIST.
17 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT WHAT YOU JUST
18 SAID ABOUT THE BROWN ACT. I'M AN EXPERT IN IT. KEEP ON DOING
19 WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND GET YOUR MOTION PASSED, BUT YOU'RE
20 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. I'VE STUDIED IT BACK AND FORTH. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **SPEAKER:** ITEM NUMBER 4, I'M DONALD HARLAN. THIS IS ABOUT THE
25 EQUITABLE AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE MODEL. NONE OF THE PEOPLE



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1 WORKING HERE AT THE COUNTY SHOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO CREATE ANY
2 COMMITTEES. THAT THE COMMITTEES DID EVERYTHING CONTRARY TO
3 WHAT THE COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION SAID AND THEY WERE DOING ALL
4 KINDS OF THE COMMITTEES YOU ARE DOING ALL KINDS OF THINGS
5 THEY'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE DOING. YOU GUYS SHOULDN'T BE TRYING
6 TO EMPOWER OTHER PEOPLE FOR THINGS THEY HAVE NO POWERS FOR OR
7 THINGS THAT YOU HAVE NO POWERS FOR THAT'S A LOT OF THE
8 PROBLEMS ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4 I'M GONNA GO AHEAD AND TELL
9 YOU THAT ANY MOTIONS OR AGENDA ITEMS BY HOLLY MITCHELL OR
10 JANICE HAHN SHOULD BE DISREGARDED TODAY. AND INCLUDING AGENDA
11 ITEM NUMBER 4.

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT
14 SPEAKER. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS? OKAY. WITH THAT, ITEM 4
15 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY
16 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
17 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ABSTAIN.

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR
24 MITCHELL?

25



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

2

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

4

5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE .

6

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

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE .

10

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

12

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

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4

16 TO 0, 1 ABSTENTION.

17

18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, WE WILL MOVE ON TO

19 ITEM 5, SUPPORTING YOUTH CENTERED PROGRAMMING AT JUVENILE

20 PROBATION FACILITIES, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

21 FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND

22 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

23

24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I KNOW

25 THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF ADVOCATES WHO WERE HERE TODAY.



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1 COME ON UP, MR. DYD DIRECTOR, IN CASE ANYBODY HAS QUESTIONS. I
2 KNOW THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF ADVOCATES WHO'VE BEEN HERE
3 ALL MORNING WHO HAD TO LEAVE, SO I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE
4 THAT THEY WERE HERE AND APPRECIATE THEIR COMMITMENT. THE
5 MOTION WOULD GRANT THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TIME-
6 LIMITED DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO EXPEDITE CONTRACTS FOR YOUTH
7 PROGRAMMING. THE PURPOSE IS TO MEET THE URGENT NEEDS OF YOUTH
8 IN PROBATION'S CARE AS WELL AS DURING THEIR REENTRY. OUR
9 OFFICE HAS RECEIVED HUNDREDS OF COMMENTS FROM YOUTH, PARENTS,
10 ADVOCATES, AND OTHER CONSTITUENTS PERTAINING TO THE LACK OF
11 CONSISTENCY OF PROGRAMMING AT LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL.
12 WHILE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE RAISED THE LEVEL OF URGENCY,
13 THIS MOTION HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS. IT
14 TOOK A HERCULEAN EFFORT TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE
15 BSCC'S REGULATIONS, AND THIS INCLUDED MEETING THE REQUIREMENT
16 OF PROVIDING A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF CONSISTENT PROGRAMMING IN OUR
17 JUVENILE HALLS. AS WE ALL KNOW, MAINTAINING COMPLIANCE IN THIS
18 AREA IN THE EYES OF THE BSEC CONTINUES TO BE A CHALLENGE. SO
19 IT'S CRITICAL TO NOT ONLY MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE, BUT TO
20 GENERALLY PROVIDE THE SERVICES OUR YOUTH, FRANKLY, NEED AND
21 DESERVE. COMPLIANCE IS THE FLOOR. OUR GOAL IS TO TRULY PROVIDE
22 THEM THE SERVICES THEY DESERVE. AND DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
23 DEVELOPMENT IS WELL POSITIONED TO DELIVER QUALITY PROGRAMMING
24 THAT ENGAGES YOUTH AND SUPPORTS THEIR DEVELOPMENT. THESE KINDS
25 OF PROGRAMS ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO THEIR WELL-BEING AND THE



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1 OVERALL SAFETY OF PROBATION FACILITIES. D Y D HAS TAKEN STEPS
2 WITHIN ITS CURRENT AUTHORITY TO RESPOND TO URGENT PROGRAMMING
3 NEEDS, AND WE APPRECIATE YOU FOR THAT. THIS INCLUDES INVESTING
4 IN EXISTING CONTRACTS AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS
5 TO EXPAND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. D Y D HAS ALSO BEEN ABLE TO,
6 USING DELEGATED AUTHORITY, BRING CREDIBLE MESSENGERS TO
7 MULTIPLE FACILITIES. D Y D ALSO USED DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO
8 QUICKLY BRING THE DRUM CORPS PROGRAM TO BARRY J. NIDORF
9 JUVENILE HALL. THE INNER CITY YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF L.A. WAS THE
10 ONLY ORGANIZATION THAT WAS WILLING AND ABLE TO PROVIDE THIS
11 TYPE OF CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING, AND THAT WAS IN
12 RESPONSE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE SAYING WHAT THEY WANTED IN THEIR
13 PROGRAMMING. IT WASN'T JUST WHAT WE THOUGHT WOULD BE A BROAD
14 IDEA FOR THEM, BUT IN OUR EFFORT TO RESPOND TO WHAT THEY'VE
15 ASKED FOR, WE'RE HAVING TO FIND ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE THE
16 CAPACITY AND ARE WILLING TO DO THAT. HOWEVER, THERE REMAINS A
17 NEED TO ADDRESS PROGRAMMING GAPS WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY.
18 WHILE OUR BOARD TYPICALLY RELIES ON THE COMPETITIVE BID
19 PROCESS TO PROCURE SERVICES, THE COUNTY CANNOT WAIT A FULL
20 YEAR TO FILL THESE CRITICAL SERVICE GAPS. SO AGAIN, THIS IS A
21 TIME LIMITED, EMPHASIZING TIME LIMITED, DELEGATED AUTHORITY
22 THAT WOULD ENABLE D Y D TO CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY-BASED
23 ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH AN EXPEDITED PROCESS. TO ENHANCE
24 TRANSPARENCY AND OVERSIGHT, D Y D WOULD NOTIFY THE BOARD A MONTH
25 IN ADVANCE ABOUT INTENDED CONTRACT AWARDS. D Y D HAS IDENTIFIED



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1 SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS WHO CAN RAMP UP SERVICES QUICKLY UPON
2 CONTRACT EXECUTION, ALLOWING US TO SAVE CRITICAL TIME AND
3 STEPS. SO, IT'S CRITICAL THAT THE BOARD GIVE DYD THE
4 FLEXIBILITY IT NEEDS TO MEET THESE URGENT NEEDS QUICKLY, NOT
5 ONLY FOR BSCC'S EXPECTATION, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY FROM MY
6 PERSPECTIVE, TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR
7 CARE. AND I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING
12 THIS MOTION FORWARD, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. THERE IS NO QUESTION
13 THAT THERE'S A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES
14 INSIDE THE HALLS AND CAMPS. AS YOU SAID, THE VSEC, THEY'VE
15 BEEN VERY CRITICAL OF THE INCONSISTENCY OR LACK OF PROGRAMMING
16 ALTOGETHER. WE'VE SEEN THAT NOT ONLY AT LOS PADRINOS, BUT ALSO
17 AT BARRY NIDORF. AND I'VE EXPERIENCED IT MYSELF WHEN I VISITED
18 BARRY J. AND OTHER FACILITIES. I'VE SAID IT MANY TIMES BEFORE,
19 YOUTH SHOULD LEAVE OUR FACILITIES BETTER OFF THAN WHEN THEY
20 ENTERED. AND BY FORCING THEM TO SIT IN A ROOM WITH NOTHING TO
21 DO OTHER THAN WATCH EITHER IF THEY'RE LUCKY A MOVIE OR PLAY
22 VIDEO GAMES IS NOT A GOOD INVESTMENT IN THEIR FUTURE.
23 PROGRAMMING IS AN ESSENTIAL PIECE OF IT. WE'VE HEARD BEFORE
24 HOW SOME PROVIDERS ARE NOT ALWAYS IN THE FACILITIES WHEN THE
25 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES SAYS THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE, WHICH WAS



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1 FRUSTRATING TO ME WHEN I TOURED BARRY NIDORF AND ASKED ONE OF
2 THE PEOPLE THAT DOES PROGRAMMING WHY THERE WAS NOT MORE
3 PROGRAMMING, THEY SAID THAT THEY COULDN'T BE THERE THE HOURS
4 THEY NEEDED THEM. AND I SAID, ARE THEY VOLUNTEERS? AND THEY
5 SAID, NO, WE PAY THEM. AND I SAID, SO YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT
6 PEOPLE WE HIRE TO DO A JOB ARE TELLING US WHEN THEY'RE GONNA
7 SHOW UP. AND I FOUND THAT NOT ONLY UNACCEPTABLE, BUT ACTUALLY
8 AN INSULT. AN INSULT NOT ONLY TO THE KIDS THAT ARE IN THESE
9 FACILITIES, BUT ALSO TO THE STAFF THAT ARE WORKING THERE THAT
10 THINK IT'S OKAY FOR THAT TO HAPPEN. AND THAT WAS ON A VISIT,
11 CHAIR HORVATH, WITH YOU WHEN WE TOURED BARRY J. NIDORF. SO, I
12 SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND I WANT TO URGE DYD, WHO I AM SO
13 GRATEFUL, WHEN WE REACH OUT TO YOU TO PUT PROGRAMS IN PLACE,
14 YOU DO IT, I MEAN, THE NEXT DAY. I'M AMAZED AT HOW QUICKLY YOU
15 CAN GET THINGS DONE AND YOU DO IT WITH QUALITY IN MIND. AND I
16 APPRECIATE THAT. BUT I WOULD ASK, COULD WE INCORPORATE A DATA
17 PIECE THAT TRACKS SERVICE PROVIDERS FREQUENCY OF ATTENDANCE
18 SERVICE DELIVERY IN DYDS 180 DAY PROGRESS REPORT TO THE BOARD.
19 WOULD THAT BE POSSIBLE.

20

21 **DAVID CARROLL:** CERTAINLY, THEN THANK YOU ALL FOR HAVING WOW
22 SORRY I'M LOUD. THANK YOU ALL FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY. THAT
23 IS ABSOLUTELY A PIECE THAT WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT. WE'RE TRYING
24 TO KEEP TRACK OF CERTAINLY NOT JUST THE OUTPUT DATA, WHICH IS
25 THE NUMBER OF KIDS THAT PARTICIPATE IN A NUMBER OF HOURS, BUT



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1 ALSO THE OUTCOMES, RIGHT, TO SEE EXACTLY WHAT IMPACT THAT
2 WE'RE HAVING ON THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE. SO THAT IS
3 ABSOLUTELY SOMETHING THAT WE CAN TRACK AND CERTAINLY WORKING
4 WITH THE DATA TEAM TO FIGURE OUT EXACTLY WHAT THE DETAILS ARE.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** IS THAT OKAY WITH YOU, THE AUTHOR,
7 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

8

9 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I'M FINE WITH THAT.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. BECAUSE AGAIN, I DO
12 BELIEVE THAT ON PAPER, IT MAY LOOK GOOD, BUT IF IT'S NOT BEING
13 PLAYED OUT, THEN IT'S NO BETTER THAN THE PAPER IT'S WRITTEN
14 ON. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, CHAIR HORVATH. THANK YOU,
19 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR THIS MOTION. SINCE THIS BOARD TASKED
20 THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WITH TAKING THE LEAD ON
21 ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS FOR OUR YOUTH IN PROBATION FACILITIES,
22 IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO QUICKLY BUT
23 TRANSPARENTLY EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH ORGANIZATIONS THAT
24 PROVIDE THESE PROGRAMS. AND I LIKE IT THAT THIS MOTION WILL
25 ALLOW OUR DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TO CUT THROUGH SOME



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1 OF THE RED TAPE THAT SLOWS DOWN GOOD AND NECESSARY PROGRAMS
2 FROM ENTERING OUR FACILITIES. I THINK WE'VE ALL HAD THESE
3 EXPERIENCES, BUT I KNOW FIRSTHAND HOW DIFFICULT IT CAN BE TO
4 GET ORGANIZATIONS INTO OUR PROBATION FACILITIES BECAUSE OF THE
5 RED TAPE. IN FACT, COLLEAGUES YOU SUPPORTED ME AND WE PASSED A
6 BOARD MOTION TO ALLOW THE DOG TRAINING PROGRAM, PAWS FOR LIFE,
7 INTO BARRY J. NIDORF QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY. IT WAS JUST
8 BOGGED DOWN, BOGGED DOWN, BOGGED DOWN BY RED TAPE. AND THIS
9 MOTION, I BELIEVE, WILL ALLOW PROGRAMS LIKE PAWS FOR LIFE TO
10 EXPAND TO OTHER FACILITIES SO THAT MORE YOUTH CAN HAVE ACCESS
11 TO SOME OF THESE EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS. AND WHILE THE DEPARTMENT
12 OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH PROBATION TO RAMP
13 UP MORE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH, THE BOARD OF STATE
14 AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CONTINUES TO FIND THERE'S AN URGENT
15 NEED FOR WHAT? MORE STRUCTURED PROGRAMS AND DOCUMENTATION. IN
16 FACT, LAST WEEK, UNFORTUNATELY, WE FOUND OUT THAT BSCC SAID
17 THAT LOS PADRINOS IS OUT OF COMPLIANCE, AGAIN WITH PROGRAMMING
18 AND DOCUMENTATION. AND PART OF THEIR AUDIT FOUND THAT MANY
19 YOUTHS ARE UNHAPPY, VERY MUCH LIKE WHAT YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR
20 MITCHELL, WITH THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE, AND SOME OF
21 THEM ARE NOT ATTENDING BECAUSE THEY DON'T LIKE THE PROGRAM.
22 SO, IT'S MORE ABOUT WHAT DO THEY WANT THAN WHAT WE WANT. I
23 KNOW THEY HAVEN'T SAID THAT ABOUT THE PAWS FOR LIFE. THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT HAS WORKED HARD TO IDENTIFY
25 WHAT TYPES OF PROGRAMMING GAPS NEED TO BE FILLED. THANK YOU,



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SUPERVISORS

1 DAVID. AND YOU HAVE PLANS TO BRING ONBOARD PROGRAMS THAT WILL
2 BETTER SERVE OUR YOUTH, LIKE FINANCIAL LITERACY, EDUCATION,
3 AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING. I THINK EVERYBODY REALLY WANTS TO SEE
4 THOSE PROGRAMS GET IN OUR FACILITIES. SO, I'M GLAD WE'RE
5 GIVING YOU THE AUTHORITY TO QUICKLY BRING IN THESE PROGRAMS
6 INTO OUR FACILITIES SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE THAT MUCH NEEDED
7 STRUCTURE AND GOOD ENHANCING PROGRAMMING FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
8 IN OUR CARE. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
13 MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION TO OUR ATTENTION. AND TO OUR
14 DIRECTOR, I KNOW THAT IT'S BEEN A CHALLENGE GETTING
15 PROGRAMMING SERVICES IN THE HALLS. SO, CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE
16 BIT ABOUT WHAT THE CHALLENGES ARE THERE?

17

18 **DAVID CARROLL:** WE HAD THE AUTHORITY FOR THE DELEGATED
19 AUTHORITY FOR CREDIBLE MESSENGER. SO, WHAT WE HAD BEEN TRYING
20 TO DO WAS TO SUBCONTRACT WITH SOME OF OUR CREDIBLE MESSENGER
21 PROVIDERS, WHICH PUTS A LITTLE BIT OF A BURDEN ON THEM TO
22 INVITE IN AN ORGANIZATION THAT THEY DON'T REALLY KNOW ANYTHING
23 ABOUT, BUT THAT WE HAVE RECOMMENDED. WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN
24 GETTING A COUPLE OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS INTO THE CAMPS AND
25 HALLS, BUT WE DO WANT TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE ORGANIZATION.



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SUPERVISORS

1 WE'VE ALSO IN FAIRNESS WORKED WITH PROBATION AND IDENTIFIED A
2 COUPLE OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT THEY CONTRACTED DIRECTLY WITH
3 BASED ON KIND OF A MUTUAL RECOMMENDATION FOR SOME PHYSICAL
4 FITNESS RECREATION PROGRAMMING AND SOME OTHER THINGS. SO, THE
5 CHALLENGE HAS REALLY BEEN THE AUTHORITY TO BRING IN THESE NON-
6 CREDIBLE MESSENGER ORGANIZATIONS. AND WE REALLY KIND OF TOILED
7 ABOUT WHETHER WE COULD DO SOME KIND OF MENTAL MANIPULATION AND
8 CALL THESE ORGANIZATIONS CREDIBLE MESSENGERS. AND WE CHOSE NOT
9 TO DO THAT BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO WATER DOWN WHAT A CREDIBLE
10 MESSENGER REALLY IS. SO, WE BELIEVE THAT WITH THIS AUTHORITY,
11 WE CANVASED OVER 60 ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE ASKED IF THEY COULD
12 OPERATE IN THE CAMPS AND HALLS. THIS HAS BEEN OVER A YEAR IN
13 THE MAKING. WE'VE NARROWED IT DOWN TO 5 OR 6 THAT ARE READY TO
14 GO LIKE RIGHT NOW IN THOSE AREAS THAT WERE MENTIONED EARLIER,
15 FINANCIAL LITERACY, WELLNESS, VOCATIONAL ARE THE PRIMARY KIND
16 OF 3 AREAS THAT WE BELIEVE WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS WE COULD
17 GET UP AND RUNNING SO --

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ABOUT YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LA COUNTY
20 OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND SOME OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS THERE,
21 HOW'S THAT WORKING?

22

23 **DAVID CARROLL:** THOSE ARE STILL DEVELOPING. I'M HAVING ONGOING
24 MEETINGS WITH DR. DUARTEAU WITH LACO TO TALK ABOUT HOW WE CAN
25 FURTHER PARTNER. I KNOW THAT SOME OF THE CREDIBLE MESSENGERS



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SUPERVISORS

1 VERY RECENTLY HAVE BEEN INVITED TO BE IN THE CLASSROOMS WITH
2 THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHILE THEY'RE COMPLETING THEIR EDUCATION, NOT
3 AS A DISTRACTION, BUT TO SUPPORT ANOTHER CARING ADULT IN THE
4 ROOM. AND THAT'S A RELATIVELY NEW CHANGE OR A NEW ADDITION.
5 BUT THAT IS AN ONGOING RELATIONSHIP. AGAIN, WE MENTIONED ARTS
6 AND CULTURE EARLIER WITH REGARDS TO INNER CITY YOUTH ORCHESTRA
7 THAT WE'VE PARTNERED WITH AND SEVERAL OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT
8 WE'RE HAVING ONGOING CONVERSATIONS. I MEAN, WE'VE BEEN TALKING
9 ABOUT TRYING TO INCORPORATE DELETE THE DIVIDE INTO THE CAMPS
10 AND HALLS, YOU KNOW, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ISD. THERE ARE QUITE
11 A FEW DIFFERENT INNOVATIVE IDEAS THAT WE'RE WORKING ON
12 CONSISTENTLY WHILE WE TRY TO MEET THE EMERGENT CRISIS THAT WE
13 FACE.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND JUST LASTLY, I KNOW THAT AT THE
16 BEGINNING IT WAS A LITTLE ROUGH TO EVEN ESTABLISH THOSE
17 MEETINGS WITH THE DIRECTOR, OUR CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER. HOW'S
18 THAT GOING?

19

20 **DAVID CARROLL:** I WOULD SAY OUR RELATIONSHIP IS DEFINITELY
21 STRENGTHENED. WE BOTH RECOGNIZE THAT WE COME FROM DIFFERENT
22 PERSPECTIVES. I INTRODUCE THE SOCIAL JUSTICE PERSPECTIVE. HE
23 INTRODUCES MORE OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SAFETY PERSPECTIVE. WE
24 TRY TO WORK TOWARDS WHAT'S BEST FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE. AND OF
25 COURSE, I'M KEEPING IN MIND THE CONSTITUENTS OF BOTH THE BOARD



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SUPERVISORS

1 AND THE COUNTY, BUT ALSO THE COMMUNITY THAT IS REALLY ACTIVE
2 AROUND PROTECTING THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE IN OUR CUSTODY.
3 SO, WE TALK REGULARLY, HAD A CONVERSATION WITH HIM YESTERDAY
4 ABOUT SOME OTHER ISSUES WITH REGARDS TO PROGRAMMING. I HAVEN'T
5 HAD ANY PUSHBACK IN TERMS OF INTRODUCING NEW PROGRAMMING. AND
6 IN FACT, IF THIS MOTION WAS NOT TO PASS, WHICH WE HOPE IT
7 DOES, HE'S EVEN OFFERED TO USE HIS EMERGENCY AUTHORITY TO GET
8 SOME OF THE ORGANIZATIONS IN THAT WE ARE RECOMMENDING,
9 ALTHOUGH I WOULD RATHER IT COME THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM
13 CHAIR.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THOSE
18 QUESTIONS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY, AS I
19 LISTENED TO YOUR RESPONSE, YOU ALL DO COME TO YOUR WORK FROM A
20 DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, BUT I THINK THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER
21 IS CLEAR ABOUT WHAT IMPROVES SAFETY IN HIS FACILITIES AND WHAT
22 THE BSCC IS DEMANDING OF HIM. SO, I DON'T KNOW THAT YOU COME
23 FROM THE NEED FOR PROGRAMMING FROM DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES,
24 JUST SAYING. IF HE IS WILLING TO STEP UP, HE CAN DO IT TOO. IF
25 HE HAS DELEGATED AUTHORITY, WE CAN'T HAVE ENOUGH PROGRAMMING



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1 FROM MY PERSPECTIVE. THE LAST PIECE I WANTED TO ADD, IT HIT
2 ME. I GOT, I DON'T KNOW IF OTHERS RECEIVED WRITTEN
3 CORRESPONDENCE FROM SOME ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAD BEEN DOING
4 PROGRAMMING THAT HIT A WALL, YOU KNOW, WHERE SOMEONE WAS ASKED
5 TO LEAVE. I THINK IT WAS A CREDIBLE MESSENGER IN THE MIDDLE OF
6 A PROGRAM. SO I AM HOPING THAT, YOU KNOW, IT'S ONE THING WHEN
7 THE DIRECTORS HAVE AGREEMENT, BUT THE PEOPLE ON SITE DOING THE
8 SECURITY SCREENING WHEN PEOPLE COME IN EVERY DAY, MAKING SURE
9 THAT THE COMMUNICATION IS PERMEATING THROUGHOUT PROBATION. AND
10 SO, WHILE WE DO ALL WE CAN TO GIVE YOU THE LIMITED TIME
11 DELEGATED AUTHORITY WHILE THE PROBATION CHIEF IS WILLING TO DO
12 SO. AND WE SET ALL THIS UP THAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY ARE ALLOWED
13 INTO THE FACILITIES TO PROVIDE THE PROGRAMMING. SO, I HOPE I
14 HAVEN'T HEARD ANY FOLLOW-UP FROM THE COMMUNITY-BASED
15 ORGANIZATION IN THE SECOND DISTRICT THAT HAD A VERY
16 UNFORTUNATE EXPERIENCE, BUT I HOPE THAT THOSE THINGS HAVE BEEN
17 RESOLVED. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

18

19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANKS FOR THIS
20 MOTION. I THINK IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, AND I'M GRATEFUL TO
21 OUR DIRECTOR OF DYD FOR YOUR CREATIVITY, WHICH YOU'VE SHARED
22 HERE WITH US TODAY, HOW YOU'RE TRYING TO PUSH, AND I
23 APPRECIATE THAT YOU ARE PUSHING US TO DO MORE. I AM THRILLED
24 THAT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO EXPAND MORE PROGRAMMING THROUGH
25 YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND I'M INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THAT



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SUPERVISORS

1 YOU'RE DOING TO MAKE MORE AVAILABLE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SO
2 THEY HAVE MORE OPTIONS. I THINK THIS IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY
3 FOR US TO TAKE A LOOK AT, AS HAS BEEN MENTIONED, PROGRAMMING
4 THAT IS POORLY ATTENDED OR MIGHT NO LONGER SERVE THE PURPOSE
5 THAT WE HAD ORIGINALLY INTENDED AND MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE
6 INVESTING AND EXPANDING THOSE PROGRAMS THAT PEOPLE ARE REALLY
7 EXCITED ABOUT. AND I'M GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE WHO STAYED THROUGH
8 THIS LONG MEETING TO SHARE THEIR OPINIONS WITH US VERY
9 IMMINENTLY. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE COLLABORATION AND
10 PARTNERSHIP AND THIS WILL LEAD TO BETTER OUTCOMES. THANK YOU.
11 WITH THAT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
12 PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
15 FORWARD? ANDREW GONZALEZ, ANTHONY LOU, DHARMIN HAMMOND,
16 DOLORES CANALES, DONALD HARLAN, FRANCISCO LOZANO, GIOVANNI
17 HERNANDEZ, JOHN JOHNSON, JORDAN SUN, KATE TEAGUE, LENA MALLET,
18 MICHAEL ARGUELLU, NATHAN HARVEY, NICOLE AMNAUS, OLIVIA
19 SHIELDS, OSCAR ALIS, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, RINA SANCHEZ, RED
20 CHIEF HUNT, ROBERT MARTINEZ, ROLANDO VIEDA, SAL CAMPOS,
21 SERAFIN LEON, C. ROMERO, STACY NUNEZ, STYBIN MAJANGO, TROYE
22 BUU, TURKEY SHIP, WENDELIN JULIAN, AND ZOE RONSON. PLEASE COME
23 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR
24 PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS
25 ITEM NUMBER 5, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1



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SUPERVISORS

1 AND 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR MAY
2 HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER.

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS HELEN EIGENBERG. PLEASE
5 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS HELEN EIGENBERG, AND THANK YOU TO
8 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR WRITING UP THIS MOTION. I'M IN FULL
9 SUPPORT OF IT. I'VE BEEN ATTENDING POC MEETINGS. WE KNOW
10 PROGRAMMING IS NOT HAPPENING AND IT'S REALLY DISHEARTENING AND
11 THESE YOUTH ARE IN OUR CARE AND WE ARE FAILING THEM AND THEIR
12 FAMILIES. SO, IF WE CAN REMOVE THE OBSTACLES AND LET DYD DO
13 THEIR JOB AND WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO GET PROGRAMMING IN. MP3
14 PLAYERS IS NOT PROGRAMMING FOR THESE KIDS. THESE KIDS WANT
15 SOMETHING TO DO. THEY NEED IT AND THEY DESERVE IT. SO WE
16 REALLY NEED TO STEP UP AND DO RIGHT BY THESE KIDS IN THE HALLS
17 AND THE CAMPS. RISING SCHOLARS WAS NOT ABLE TO REALLY BE FULLY
18 IMPLEMENTED. I KNOW THAT THE CREDIBLE MESSENGERS HAVE NOT BEEN
19 ABLE TO GET IN, AND WE'RE FAILING OUR KIDS, AND IT'S JUST
20 UNACCEPTABLE. SO, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND I HOPE
21 THAT YOU WILL ALL VOTE AND PASS THIS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
22 LETTING ME SPEAK.

23

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

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LEILA MURPHY. PLEASE UNMUTE
2 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LEILA. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT
5 5, AND I'M SPEAKING TODAY WITH THE JUSTICE LA COALITION. I
6 WANT TO THANK YOU SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING FORWARD
7 THIS MOTION TODAY, WHICH WILL PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED RESOURCES
8 FOR SYSTEM IMPACTED YOUTH IN LA COUNTY. JUSTICE LA STANDS IN
9 FULL SUPPORT OF ANY MOTION WHICH WORKS TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH
10 IMPACTED BY THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, MOVING RESOURCES AWAY
11 FROM THE HARMFUL CARCERAL SYSTEM AND INTO COMMUNITY CARE. WE
12 ALL AGREE THAT A CARE FIRST LOS ANGELES REQUIRES SIGNIFICANT
13 INVESTMENT IN THE WELLBEING OF SYSTEM IMPACTED YOUTH. WE HEARD
14 FROM ALL SUPERVISORS IN THE JUNE 25TH BOARD MEETING ABOUT THE
15 IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY.
16 FUNDING COMMUNITY-BASED YOUTH PROGRAMMING IS A COMMON-SENSE
17 WAY TO MAKE THIS REALITY. SUPPORTING INCARCERATED YOUTH MEANS
18 BE-CARCERATING YOUTH. SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH THROUGH
19 COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMMING AND CARE IN THE COMMUNITY AS OPPOSED
20 TO THROUGH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS URGENT AND ESSENTIAL.
21 THANK YOU AGAIN HOLLY MITCHELL FOR GIVING MONEY TO JCOT AND
22 DYD INSTEAD OF PROBATION. THIS IS THE KIND OF CULTURE CHANGE
23 WE NEED, MONEY AWAY FROM YOUTH INCARCERATION AND INTO YOUTH
24 JUSTICE. THANK YOU.

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NICOLE ABNUS. PLEASE UNMUTE
4 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HI ALL. GOOD MORNING. GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU ALL
7 FOR LETTING ME SPEAK. MY NAME IS NICOLE ABNUS AND I AM WITH
8 THE YOUTH JUSTICE EDUCATION CLINIC AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL. I
9 SUPPORT GIVING THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT MORE POWER
10 TO BRING MORE PROGRAMMING INSIDE CAMPS AND HALLS. AS A CHILD,
11 I COULDN'T WAIT TO ATTEND MY WEEKLY ART CLASSES AND CREATE A
12 NEW PROJECT. I ATTENDED THESE CLASSES AT MY LOCAL ART STORE
13 WITH MANY OTHER ADOLESCENTS JUST AS EXCITED TO MAKE SOMETHING
14 NEW FOR THE WEEK. HAVING THAT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND
15 INTELLECTUAL STIMULATION SHAPED MY YOUTH EXPERIENCES FOR THE
16 BETTER AS I FIND MYSELF GOING BACK TO OUR PROJECT THAT I WOULD
17 HAVE ENJOYED CREATING AS A CHILD. I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE
18 THAT THE PROJECT ITSELF DOES NOT MATTER. WHAT TRULY RESONATES
19 IS THE FEELING OF CREATING SOMETHING AND BEING A PART OF A
20 BIGGER COMMUNITY. I BELIEVE THIS ENGAGEMENT AS A YOUTH IS
21 EXTREMELY REJUVENATING AND IMPORTANT FOR CULTIVATING SKILLS.
22 WHETHER IT IS THROUGH ART, EXERCISE, OR OTHER PROGRAMS, THESE
23 PROGRAMS PROMOTE INSPIRATION AND POSITIVE QUALITIES THAT WILL
24 MAKE AN IMPACT IN THE LONG RUN. THIS IS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO
25 IMPLEMENT THESE PROGRAMS AS QUICKLY AND CONSISTENTLY AS



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SUPERVISORS

1 POSSIBLE. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR LISTENING.

2

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS STACY NUNEZ. PLEASE UNMUTE
7 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS STACY NUNEZ, AND I'M FROM
10 THE YOUTH JUSTICE EDUCATION CLINIC AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL. I
11 SUPPORT GIVING THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT THE
12 AUTHORITY TO MANAGE PROGRAMS INSIDE FACILITIES AND EXPEDITE
13 CONTRACTING. I HAVE CLIENTS THROUGHOUT THE CAMPS AND HALLS AND
14 THE LACK OF PROGRAMMING HAS BEEN DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR GROWTH
15 AND WELL-BEING. SOLICITING AND CONTRACTING WITH PROGRAM
16 PROVIDERS CURRENTLY TAKES 9 TO 12 MONTHS, AND EVEN IF A
17 PROGRAM PROVIDER DOES EVENTUALLY GET A CONTRACT, THEY STILL
18 RUN INTO BARRIERS WITH SCHEDULING AND COOPERATION FROM
19 PROBATION. THERE IS CURRENTLY A LACK OF CLARITY ON WHO THE
20 CONTACT PERSON FOR PROGRAMMING EVEN IS. MY ORG WAS SET TO
21 CONDUCT TRAININGS ON ED RIGHTS TO STUDENTS AT LP, BUT BECAUSE
22 OF THE RECENT REASSIGNMENT, OUR CONTACT PERSON WAS REASSIGNED
23 AND NOW WE ARE LEFT WITHOUT ANY POINT PERSON AND DON'T EVEN
24 KNOW IF WE WILL STILL GET TO CONDUCT THE TRAINING. HAVING DYD
25 FOCUS ON PROGRAMMING WOULD HELP ENSURE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE



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SUPERVISORS

1 CONSISTENT ACCESS TO THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO DEVELOP AND STAY
2 CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY. WHILE THE ONLY TRUE WAY TO ENSURE
3 YOUTH SAFETY AND DEVELOPMENT IS TO END YOUTH INCARCERATION,
4 GRANTING DYD THE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROGRAMMING. --

5

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SIR BAILEY. PLEASE UNMUTE
9 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, FOR
12 THIS MEASURE. MY NAME IS SIR JAMES BAILEY, REPRESENTING THE
13 INFORMATION PROJECT, LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING. WE FULLY
14 SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT HAVING NO
15 JUSTIFICATION, SOLE SOURCE AUTHORITY FOR MANAGING PROGRAMS AND
16 INSIDE THE FACILITIES AND EXPEDITING CONTRACTING. EXCITED
17 BECAUSE THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
18 FOLLOW THROUGH ON THEIR COMMITMENT TO YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINES
19 AND PHASE OUT THE HARMFUL SYSTEM THAT SUPPRESSES THE GROWTH
20 AND HEALING OF OUR YOUTH. THIS IS ONE STEP TOWARDS EMPOWERING
21 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY-BASED
22 ORGANIZATIONS, BOTH INSIDE THE FACILITIES AND MOST IMPORTANTLY
23 OUTSIDE, TO MAKE A WELCOME HOME, A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO
24 MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION THAT EACH OF US ARE. EACH OF US ARE,
25 YOU KNOW, A CHEERFUL HEART IS GOOD MEDICINE BUT A CRUSHED



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 SPIRIT DRIVES OUR BONES.

2

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EZEKIEL CAL. PLEASE UNMUTE
7 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE.

8

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

10

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT, HELLO MY NAME IS IZUKO AND I AM A CONFLICT
14 COLLABORATOR. I HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE LACO COALITION AND I
15 AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS AGENDA ITEM BECAUSE IT ALIGNS WITH THE
16 HEART OF WHITE, NO, JUSTICE REIMAGINED. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS YASMIN MEMORIAN. PLEASE
21 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS YASMIN AMANI MCMORRIN. I'M HERE ON
25 BEHALF OF MY DAY JOB, CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA, THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION EQUITY, AND WE SUPPORT MANY EFFORTS TO
2 END THE SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE AND ENSURE FOR OUR YOUNG
3 FOLKS WHO ARE JUSTICE IMPACTED THAT THEY ARE RECEIVING THE
4 EDUCATION SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED. SO, I JUST REALLY WANNA
5 THANK SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. I
6 HOPE TO SEE MORE INVESTMENT IN CARE FOR SOLUTIONS AND TRULY TO
7 SUPPORT THE CENTERING OF THE NEEDS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE BUT I
8 JUST WANT TO BE REALLY CLEAR THAT I DEFINITELY SUPPORT THIS
9 MOTION AND SUPPORT MORE PROGRAMMING THROUGH DYD AND JUST
10 LOOKING FORWARD FOR MORE CARE FIRST AND MORE YOUTH CENTERED
11 LEFT CARCERAL APPROACHES TO SUPPORTING THIS MATTER. THANK YOU
12 SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR WORK.

13

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ORLANDO ZALIVA. PLEASE
17 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

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

20

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ROBALDO VILLEDA. I AM A
24 FORMERLY INCARCERATED 707TH YEAR DEFENDER. WE'LL NEED A LIFE
25 CASE TO COME HOME. I AM NOW THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOOPS



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SUPERVISORS

1 FOR JUSTICE. HOOPS FOR JUSTICE IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH OVER
2 100 YOUNG PEOPLE PROVIDING PROGRAMMING AT LOS PADRINOS
3 JUVENILE HALL. WE HAVE EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND HOW ENGAGING IN
4 PROGRAMS THAT ALIGN WITH THEIR PASSION CAN CATALYZE
5 TRANSFORMATIONS FOR THIS YOUTH. WE HAVE SEEN YOUTH WHO WERE
6 COMPLETELY HOPELESS IDENTIFY THEIR INTEREST THROUGH THESE
7 PROGRAMS, LEADING TO A NEWFOUND DESIRE FOR MORE IN LIFE. WE
8 FULLY SUPPORT GIVING THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT MORE
9 POWER TO FUND PROGRAMS IN THE HALLS, CAMPS, AND COMMUNITIES.
10 WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT NYD UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE
11 RESOURCES FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE YOUTH. WE HAVE WITNESSED
12 LEADERSHIP FROM THE DEPARTMENT, TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW
13 THE YOUTH AND INDIVIDUALS, WHICH IS CRUCIAL TO UNDERSTANDING
14 THEIR NEEDS. PLEASE SUPPORT ITEM 5 AND GIVE YOUTH ACCESS TO
15 MORE --

16

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JENNIFER LEVIN. PLEASE
21 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** HI, THANK YOU. YES, MY NAME IS JENNIFER LEVIN. I'M A
24 CONSTITUENT OF HOLLY MITCHELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR
25 MITCHELL, FOR PUTTING THIS FORWARD. I'M ALSO PART OF HANGOUT



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SUPERVISORS

1 DO GOOD. HELEN, ONE OF OUR MEMBERS, SPOKE EARLIER AND AS SHE
2 MENTIONED EARLIER, WE HAVE SPENT OVER A YEAR TRYING TO HELP
3 BRING BETTER PROGRAMMING TO THE SYSTEM. SPECIFICALLY, WE WERE
4 WORKING ON THE RISING SCHOLARS PROGRAM. AND WE WERE
5 INTERESTED, IT WAS SPURRED ON BY THE DEATH OF BRIAN DIAZ. AND
6 WHAT WE LEARNED IS THAT THE SYSTEM IS CRAZY CONFUSING. SO,
7 ANYTHING THAT MAKES DYD ACCOUNTABLE AND EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT
8 DYD IS IN CHARGE WOULD BE SO HELPFUL BECAUSE WE WOULD GO TO
9 THESE MEETINGS AND NO ONE KNEW WHO WAS IN CHARGE. WE MET WITH
10 PROBATION, DYD, WE NEVER MET WITH LACO, THEY WERE NEVER THERE,
11 BUT THERE'S SO MANY CARING AMAZING FOLKS WORKING IN THIS AREA
12 AND THEY JUST NEED A SYSTEM THAT WORKS AND WHERE PEOPLE ARE
13 ACCOUNTABLE. ONE THING TO KEEP IN MIND THAT REALLY SCARES ME
14 IS THE PROPOSITION THAT'S COMING DOWN THE PIKE TO CHANGE PROP
15 47. --

16

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY ARREDOS. PLEASE
20 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY TO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARREDOS FROM DISTRICT 3 AND
23 THE LEAD VIRTUAL ACTION ORGANIZER WITH THE JUSTICE LA
24 COALITION. I WANNA SAY THANK YOU SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR
25 BRINGING THIS MOTION TODAY WHICH IS GOING TO PROVIDE MUCH



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1 NEEDED RESOURCES FOR SYSTEM IMPACTED YOUTH IN LA COUNTY AND I
2 ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR GIVING THIS MONEY TO JCOT
3 INSTEAD OF PROBATION. THIS IS THE KIND OF CULTURE CHANGE THAT
4 WE NEED, MONEY AWAY FROM YOUTH INCARCERATION AND INTO YOUTH
5 JUSTICE. SUPPORTING INCARCERATED YOUTH MEANS DECARCERATING
6 YOUTH. SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMMING
7 AND CARE IN THE COMMUNITY IS URGENT AND ESSENTIAL. IT'S TIME
8 TO MOVE FUNDING FOR SYSTEM IMPACTED YOUTH WHERE WE ALL KNOW
9 IT'S ACTUALLY NEEDED IN COMMUNITY-BASED HOUSING, EDUCATION,
10 AND MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO GIVE
11 THE BLOATED PROBATION DEPARTMENT ANY MORE OF OUR TAX DOLLARS
12 JUST TO WASTE WHILE OUR LOVED ONES SUFFER INSIDE AND OUTSIDE
13 JAILS AND JUVENILE CENTERS. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. PLEASE UNMUTE
18 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU AND YOU KNOW IT'S A LITTLE UPSETTING TO
21 HEAR THAT PEOPLE ARE HAVING A HARD TIME STILL GETTING IN. I
22 REMEMBER WHEN THE DOGGIE WAIVER WAS SOUGHT TO GET PEOPLE IN
23 AND OUT OF THE FACILITY. BUT I WANT TO THANK THE CHAIR FOR
24 SCHEDULING THIS AFTER THE GREAT EXPANSION. BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE
25 SAID, MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE INSTEAD OF ONE HEAD OF PROBATION,



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1 WE SHOULD HAVE 9 HEADS OF PROBATION. THAT MIGHT MAKE IT
2 BETTER. OR ONE DEDICATED DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR EVERY BUNGLED
3 SITUATION. I DON'T KNOW. I FEEL LIKE THIS ONE IS SOMETHING
4 THAT WE'RE MANAGING AS BEST WE CAN. AND THANKS, MITCHELL, FOR
5 THIS MOTION.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEL BAILEY. PLEASE UNMUTE
10 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I DO UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE
13 MOTION. I DO HAVE ONE CONCERN WITH DYD. I'VE BEEN A JUSTICE
14 INVOLVED ADVOCATE FOR JUST UNDER 25 YEARS AND OVER THE PAST
15 COUPLE OF YEARS I HAVE PERSONALLY REACHED OUT TO DYD FOR
16 ASSISTANCE. AND THE REASON BEING SO IS BECAUSE RATHER THAN
17 WAITING UNTIL THE YOUTH IS BECOMING JUSTICE INVOLVED IT WOULD
18 BE GOOD TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE SAME PROGRAMMING DONE IN THE
19 COMMUNITY TO AVOID THESE SITUATIONS AND I SAY THIS
20 SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE I REACHED OUT TO TRY TO GET ASSISTANCE
21 FOR A COUPLE OF INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES I WAS WORKING WITH AND
22 I GOT NO RESPONSE FROM DYD. SO, I'M JUST HOPING THAT THIS
23 MOTION COULD INCLUDE NOT JUST THE JUSTICE INVOLVED, NOT JUST
24 THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED OR DETAINED BUT THOSE THAT ARE IN
25 THE COMMUNITY AND KEEP IN MIND PROBATION DOES NOT DETAIN AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 KEEP INDIVIDUALS DETAINED. THE COURTS ARE THE ONLY PERSON THAT
2 HAVE COMPLETE DEMEANING CONTROL OVER THE MOVEMENT OF A MINOR,
3 AN INDIVIDUAL, OR A JUSTICE INVOLVED INDIVIDUAL. ALL RIGHT,
4 THANK YOU.

5

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

7

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

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, THE PHONES ARE CLOSED.

12 WE'LL NOW TURN TO SPEAKERS IN PERSON. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HI, THANK YOU. I'M JORDAN, I WENT WITH LA YOUTH
15 UPRISING, AND I'M HERE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR THIS MOTION
16 TO SUPPORT YOUTH-CENTERED PROGRAMMING AT JUVENILE PROBATION
17 FACILITIES. FOR YEARS, PROBATION HAS FAILED TO CONSISTENTLY
18 MEET THE BARE MINIMUM STANDARDS OF SUITABILITY FOR THE
19 FACILITIES THEY OVERSEE, AND I HAVE TO SAY IT'S DISAPPOINTING,
20 BUT NOT A SURPRISE TO HEAR THAT LOS PADRINOS HAS ONCE AGAIN
21 BEEN FOUND TO BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE. EVERY DAY, CHILDREN AS
22 YOUNG AS 13 ARE RELEGATED TO ENCLOSED FACILITIES FOR HOURS AT
23 END WITH LITTLE TO NO PROGRAMMING. THE BOARD HAS AN
24 EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE HEAL AND BECOME
25 THE BEST VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES. I URGE THE BOARD TO FOLLOW



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1 THROUGH IN THEIR COMMITMENTS THEY MADE TO YOUTH JUSTICE
2 REIMAGINE ALMOST 4 YEARS AGO TO PHASE OUT CARCERAL SYSTEMS
3 INVESTED IN MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY
4 HARM BLACK AND BROWN YOUTH AND TO EMPOWER DYD TO DO THE JOB
5 THEY WERE CREATED TO DO IN HOPES THAT YOUTH NEVER HAVE TO BE
6 INCARCERATED IN THE FIRST PLACE TO RECEIVE THE CARE THEY
7 DESERVE. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** PATRICIA MCALLISTER, I TAUGHT AS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
12 FOR 7 YEARS WITH THE LA COUNTY OF EDUCATION, LAUSD,
13 KILPATRICK, AND MALIBU, EASTLAKE, KIRBY, JUST TO NAME A FEW. I
14 SEE SOME OF MY STUDENTS, FORMER STUDENTS TODAY AND THEY'RE
15 DOING GOOD. I HOPE I HAD AN INFLUENCE ON THEM. HERE'S THE
16 DEAL, IN KILPATRICK THEY HAD SPORTS. I THINK IT WAS FOOTBALL
17 OR BASKETBALL. THOSE BOYS WERE CALM. IN CLASS YOU DIDN'T HEAR
18 A THING. THEY WERE JUST CALM. WE NEED MORE SPORTS IN THESE
19 HALLS AND CAMPS. OKAY, THAT'S WHAT WE NEED. AND WE NEED TO
20 HIRE AIDES, OKAY, SO THAT THEY CAN BE IN THE PRESENCE WHEN
21 PROBATION AND THE STUDENTS ARE COMMUNICATING. AND GIVE THE
22 YOUTH A BREAK. I REMEMBER WE WOULD BE THERE 5 DAYS A WEEK AND
23 THEY WOULD BE SO STRESSED OUT, THE BOYS. GIVE THEM A DAY OFF.
24 LET THEM PLAY SOME GAMES, SNACKS. SO HAVE THEM GO TO SCHOOL 4
25 DAYS A WEEK AND GIVE THEM A DAY OFF, SOMETHING THEY CAN LOOK



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SUPERVISORS

1 FORWARD TO. THANK YOU.

2

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

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5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD, OLIVIA SHIELDS WITH URBAN PEACE
6 INSTITUTE AND ELLIOTT UPRISING COALITION. WE HAD A BIG GROUP
7 OF US HERE TODAY TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT BUT MOST OF THEM HAD
8 TO LEAVE. NONETHELESS, WE FELT IT IS CRUCIAL TO SHARE WITH YOU
9 THESE POSTERS THAT WERE MADE BY YOUTH WHO ARE CURRENTLY
10 INCARCERATED IN LOS PADRINOS WHO ARE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.
11 SO, THIS POSTER RIGHT HERE SAYS, MY NAME IS JAYLEN FROM LOS
12 PADRINOS. I SUPPORT GIVING DYD MORE POWER TO BRING IN
13 PROGRAMMING BECAUSE IT HELPS THE ONES WITH TRAUMA TO CONTROL
14 BAD HABITS, TO CREATE NEW AND BETTER ONES, AND TO THRIVE
15 TOWARDS OUR VISIONS. THESE PROGRAMS REALLY HELP TO KEEP ME
16 FOCUSED. HOW TO HANDLE PRIORITIES FIRST AND HOW TO SEPARATE
17 YOURSELF FROM THE MIX AS AN INDIVIDUAL SO WE CAN BECOME THE
18 BEST VERSIONS OF OURSELVES. EXAMPLES, HOOPS FOR JUSTICE, ARC,
19 JAIL GUITAR DOORS, ARTS PROGRAMS, SELF-IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS,
20 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, INSIDE OUT WRITERS, JOURNALING,
21 CAREER PROGRAMS, TRADES, CODING, NATURE PROGRAMS, AND FITNESS
22 PROGRAMS. THANK YOU.

23

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

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SPEAKER:** GONNA CONTINUE THE SUPPORT FROM THE YOUTH INSIDE. I'M
2 LINA WITH THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND, LAY UP AND REIMAGINE LA
3 COALITION. THE FIRST I'LL READ IS FROM JIMMY WHO'S IN LOS
4 PADRINOS CURRENTLY AND IS IN SUPPORT OF DYD GETTING MORE POWER
5 AND GETTING MORE PROGRAMMING INSIDE THE HALL SO THAT THEY CAN
6 WORK WITH MORE PROGRAMS LIKE HOOPS FOR JUSTICE. THE SECOND IS
7 FROM A YOUTH NAMED MARCELINO FROM LOS PADRINOS, WHO ALSO
8 SUPPORTS DYD GETTING MORE POWER TO BRING IN PROGRAMMING TO
9 HELP US. AND THE LAST THAT WE HAVE IS FROM BRANDON WHO'S AT
10 LOS PADRINOS AS WELL, WHO'S ALSO IN SUPPORT OF GIVING DYD MORE
11 POWER TO BRING IN PROGRAMMING SO THAT THEY HAVE THE RESOURCES
12 TO UTILIZE THEIR POTENTIAL. HAVING MORE RESOURCES EXPANDS
13 THEIR KNOWLEDGE. AND LASTLY, I JUST WANNA, WHILE I'M GRATEFUL
14 FOR THIS SHORT-TERM SHIFT, I'M WARY OF CBOS WHO ARE ALREADY
15 ENTRENCHED AND HAVE EXISTING COUNTY CONTRACTS MONOPOLIZING
16 ACCESS EVEN FURTHER. AND I HOPE THAT THE BOARD REMAINS
17 DILIGENT IN CREATING LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS THAT DON'T ECLIPSE
18 EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALLER ORGS AND THAT THE COUNTY
19 EXPEDITES ITS DIVESTMENT.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST SAY, I WOULD REALLY
24 APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD GET BACK TO THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO
25 TOOK THE TIME TO WRITE TO US TO WEIGH IN ON THIS ITEM? I DON'T



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1 KNOW IF I REMEMBER, YOU KNOW, HAVING THIS IMPORTANT OF A
2 MESSAGE COMING FROM LP ON SOMETHING WE'RE DOING. AND DAVID,
3 DID YOU GET A, YOU KNOW, THE LIST OF ALL THOSE PROGRAMS ARE
4 TALKING ABOUT?

5

6 **DAVID CARROLL:** ABSOLUTELY AND I HAD A CHANCE TO MEET THE YOUNG
7 PEOPLE THAT BEFORE THEY MADE THE SIGNS IT WAS ACTUALLY I WAS
8 HOPING THAT THEY COULD MAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS SOME KIND OF WAY,
9 AND THIS WAS THE SOLUTION THAT THEY CAME UP WITH.

10

11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** PLEASE LET THEM KNOW THAT WE APPRECIATE IT.

12

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

14

15 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS ROBERT MARTINEZ, AND I AM
16 A CREDIBLE MESSENGER WITH THE ANTI-RECIVISM COALITION, AND I'M
17 IN FULL SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 5. I'M HERE TO HIGHLIGHT HOW
18 CREDIBLE MESSENGERS CAN BE PART OF THIS PROGRAM IN NEED.

19 CREDIBLE MESSENGERS HAVE WALKED THE PATH THAT THESE YOUNG

20 INDIVIDUALS ARE CURRENTLY NAVIGATING. THEY UNDERSTAND AT A

21 DEEPLY PERSONAL LEVEL THE STRUGGLES, THE TEMPTATIONS, AND THE

22 SOCIAL PRESSURES THAT LEAD TO POOR CHOICES. THE PRESENCE OF A

23 CREDIBLE MESSENGER AS PROGRAM WE NEED IN JUVENILE HALL IS NOT

24 JUST BENEFICIAL, IT IS ESSENTIAL. THESE MENTORS PROVIDE

25 GUIDANCE, HOPE, AND A LIVING EXAMPLE. THAT BEING SAID, I HAVE



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SUPERVISORS

1 BEEN WAITING 5 MONTHS TO RECEIVE CLEARANCE TO GO INTO JUVENILE
2 HALL TO BE THIS BEACON OF HOPE, I AM ASKING, I'M URGING TO
3 PLEASE SOMEHOW CONTACT PROBATION FOR A SPEEDIER PROCESS OF
4 CLEARANCE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT INFORMATION.
7 NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TYREE
10 SHIP. I'M THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM
11 COALITION. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 5. I THINK DYD TRIES TO
12 DO ITS BEST TO FOCUS ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND REALLY HELPING
13 THE YOUTH AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND CONTRACTING WITH A LOT OF
14 DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS AND GIVING THE YOUTH A LOT OF
15 DIFFERENT OPTIONS TO CHOOSE WHAT THEY WANNA DO. NOW WE FIND
16 THE ISSUE OF CLEARANCES BECAUSE IF THIS IS AN URGENT NEED, WE
17 NEED TO ADDRESS THAT PEOPLE CAN'T EVEN GET INSIDE EVEN IF
18 THERE IS A CONTRACT. AND THAT'S ALL I'M HERE TO SAY. THANK
19 YOU.

20

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M WENDY JULIAN, THE EXECUTIVE
24 DIRECTOR OF YOUR PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. THANK YOU,
25 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR THIS IMPORTANT MOTION AND SUPERVISOR



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1 BARGER FOR ADDING THE POINT ABOUT DATA. DATA IS MY LOVE
2 LANGUAGE. WHEN CHIEF VIERA ROSA PRESENTED TO YOU A COUPLE OF
3 MONTHS AGO, HE SAID THAT HE HOPED IT WAS THE LAST TIME HE WAS
4 HERE BY HIMSELF PRESENTING ABOUT THE OPTIONS INSIDE JUVENILE
5 HALL. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED DYD AS A PARTNER. I CAN NOT
6 MORE FULLY SUPPORT THAT FROM THE POSITION OF THE PROBATION
7 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE
8 IN THE INSPECTIONS, IN TERMS OF BUILDING A TRULY THERAPEUTIC
9 APPROACH THAT HAS A GOAL OF GETTING OUR YOUTH BACK TO THEIR
10 COMMUNITY, WHICH IS THE STATE LAW, AND ALSO THE GOAL OF THIS
11 COUNTY THROUGH YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO
12 ADD A PIECE OF DATA FROM MYSELF, WHICH IS THAT WITH THE
13 INSPECTIONS, WE FOUND THAT ABOUT HALF OF OUR YOUTH ARE 17 AND
14 OVER. THEY HAVE MORE NEED FOR PROGRAMS. THERE ARE MORE
15 GRADUATES, MORE KIDS WHO ARE NOT IN SCHOOL ALL DAY. SO PLEASE
16 GRANT DYD THIS ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DOLORES CANALES. I AM A
21 COMMUNITY ADVOCATE. I AM ALSO A COMMISSION ON THE PROBATION
22 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN BUT I
23 AM NOT HERE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION TODAY. I JUST
24 WANT TO SHARE I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I THANK YOU
25 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD. I ASK FOR YOUR



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1 AYE VOTE. BEING IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE YOUTH, I AM ABLE TO
2 HEAR FROM THEM WHEN THEY'RE SAYING, WE'RE BORED. ONE WEEKEND I
3 WAS THERE WITH THE YOUTH AND I SAID, WELL, WHAT IS IT THAT
4 YOU'RE DOING? HE SAID, YOU'RE LOOKING AT IT. AND THEY WERE
5 JUST SITTING ON THE COUCH WATCHING TV AS YOU CONVEYED AND
6 COMMUNICATED. YET WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE SO MANY COMMUNITY-
7 BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE DIRECTLY IMPACTED PEOPLE THAT
8 ARE HERE TODAY. I THINK THE AUDIENCE IS INSPIRING IN ITSELF
9 THAT THEY CAME FROM THESE SAME FACILITIES AND NOW THEY'RE HERE
10 TO GIVE BACK. AND THEY ARE PROVIDING INSPIRATION. AS A MATTER
11 OF FACT, ONE TIME WHEN I WENT INTO A FACILITY WITH MY BADGE,
12 HE SAID, YOU HAVE THAT BADGE AND YOU'VE BEEN INCARCERATED. I
13 SAID, I HAVE THIS BADGE BECAUSE I'VE BEEN INCARCERATED AND I'M
14 AN EXPERT AND SO ARE YOU. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS FRANCISCO LOZANO. I'M FROM
19 THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M AN INCREDIBLE MESSENGER.
20 I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THE YOUTH CENTER PROGRAMMING THAT WE'RE
21 DOING HERE TODAY, AND I HEARD A LOT OF EACH ONE OF YOU GUYS
22 SAY THAT THIS IS VERY ESSENTIAL FOR THE YOUTH. AS MY COLLEAGUE
23 WAS MENTIONING, I'VE ALSO BEEN WAITING 5 MONTHS TO GO IN TO
24 HELP THESE YOUTH, TO HELP THESE PEOPLE, TO RUN THESE GROUPS.
25 AT THIS TIME, I AM RUNNING GROUPS AT OUR OFFICE, BUT MY JOB



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1 WAS TO GO BACK INSIDE SO WE COULD HELP THESE YOUTH TO DEAL
2 WITH THEIR OWN RESOLVE ISSUES, TO HELP THEM OUT, TO CARE FOR
3 THEM, TO SHOW THEM THAT THERE IS A BETTER LIFE, WHY FOR THE
4 SIMPLE FACT THAT I WAS THEM. AND I URGE AND BEG YOU GUYS, IF
5 YOU GUYS COULD CONTACT PROBATION TO GET US CLEARED, BECAUSE
6 WE'VE BEEN WAITING 5 MONTHS. AND BY US BEING HELD BACK, WE'RE
7 NOT HELPING THESE YOUTH AT ALL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SO, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN IN THE
10 FACILITY IN 5 MONTHS?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** NO, WE HAVEN'T EVEN GOT CLEARED IN 5 MONTHS.

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I SEE.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** SO THAT'S THE THING THAT WE'RE WAITING ON. WE'RE
17 WAITING FOR CLEARANCE. AND PROBATION IS TAKING A LONG TIME TO
18 GET US CLEARED.

19

20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION.
21 NEXT SPEAKER.

22

23 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** CAN WE ASK DAVID, WHAT ARE THEY TALKING
24 ABOUT AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN AND WHOSE PROBLEM?

25



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1 **DAVID CARROLL:** YEAH, SO I QUICKLY, I KNOW IT'S A LITTLE BIT,
2 BUT QUICKLY I'VE BEEN WORKING. SO, THE LONG STORY SHORT IS
3 THAT THERE WAS AN OVERRIDE WHERE THEY WOULD PROVIDE
4 CLEARANCES. THE OVERRIDE WENT AWAY A FEW MONTHS AGO. THEY
5 RETURNED TO A MORE RESTRICTIVE POLICY THAT HADN'T BEEN ENACTED
6 IN YEARS. SO, OVER THE PAST COUPLE MONTHS, I'VE BEEN WORKING
7 WITH PROBATION AND IT'S REALLY RAMPED UP OVER THE LAST COUPLE
8 WEEKS. I TALKED TO CHIEF VIERA ROSA YESTERDAY. WE'VE BEEN
9 NEGOTIATING A NEW POLICY. I SHARED THAT POLICY WITH OUR
10 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS LEADERSHIP LAST WEEK. SO, THIS
11 THURSDAY IN THE PLC MEETING THAT WHERE WE ENDED UP WILL BE
12 REVEALED. IT'S NOT 100% TO MY LIKING AND I DON'T THINK IT'S
13 100% TO PROBATION'S LIKING EITHER. I TOLD THEM THAT I WOULDN'T
14 AGREE TO IT UNTIL IT WAS SHOPPED AND THEY HAD A CHANCE TO
15 RESPOND IN A PUBLIC FORUM TO SOME OF THE ITEMS. BUT I DO
16 BELIEVE THAT IT IS A POLICY THAT WOULD GET THE VAST MAJORITY
17 OF THE CREDIBLE MESSENGERS THAT ARE AWAITING CLEARANCE
18 CLEARED, BUT IT WOULDN'T GET EVERYONE CLEARED. AND IF YOU WANT
19 MORE INFORMATION, I KNOW THIS ISN'T THE FORUM, BUT I'M HAPPY
20 TO SHARE MORE.

21

22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL GO ON TO OUR
23 NEXT SPEAKER.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MICHAEL ARREGE, AND I



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1 AM A CREDIBLE MESSENGER WITH THE ANTI-RESIDIVISM COALITION AS
2 WELL. I ALSO HAVE NOT BEEN CLEARED TO GO IN. HOWEVER, I DO
3 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE YOUTH COMING OUT OF
4 THESE DETENTION CENTERS, AND I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF DYD BEING
5 ABLE TO GO IN AND BRING THESE PROGRAMS THAT ARE NEEDED TO THE
6 YOUTH, BECAUSE BEING A FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL WHO
7 WAS ALSO 17 YEARS OLD WHEN I COMMITTED MY CRIME, RECEIVED 69
8 YEARS TO LIFE, SPENT 22 YEARS IN PRISON, AND HAVE ONLY BEEN
9 HOME FOR 6 MONTHS NOW, WORKING WITH THESE YOUNG GENTLEMEN, NOT
10 ONLY HAVE I LEARNED, BUT I'M ALSO NAVIGATING MY LIFE AND WITH
11 THEM IN REENTRY TO UNDERSTAND THE STRESSORS THAT LIFE BRINGS.
12 SO, WE DEFINITELY NEED TO BRING ALL THESE PROGRAMS AND WE ARE
13 MOTIVATED AND WE WANT TO HELP THESE YOUTH. WE WANT TO GUIDE
14 THEM. WE WANT TO MOLD THEM. THEY NEED US JUST AS MUCH AS WE
15 NEED THEM TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY SAFER. AND THAT'S WHAT WE
16 WANNA DO. AND I'M FULL SUPPORT AND I ASK YOU ALL TO SUPPORT US
17 AS WELL TO GET IN. THANK YOU.

18

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

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS KATE TEAGUE AND I'M WITH THE
22 CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONNECTION AND A PART OF THE LAYUP COALITION.
23 WE SUPPORT GIVING THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT MORE
24 POWER TO BRING PROGRAMMING INSIDE THESE CAMPS AND HALLS. THIS
25 WOULD MOVE FORWARD THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF YOUTH JUSTICE



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1 REIMAGINED REPORT APPROVED BY THIS BOARD. THERE'S A GREAT NEED
2 FOR CONSISTENT PROGRAMMING INSIDE THESE FACILITIES AND THAT IN
3 ADDITION THAT THE PROGRAMMING CONTINUES WHILE YOU ARE
4 INCARCERATED AND BEING CONNECTED TO SUPPORTS AND OPPORTUNITIES
5 IN THE COMMUNITY TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF POSITIVE YOUTH
6 DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS A GOOD STEP IN THAT DIRECTION, AND WE
7 LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO BUILD THE CAPACITY OF DYD TO DO
8 WORK WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND PROVIDE
9 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HELLO EVERYONE, MY NAME IS OSCAR CANALES. I HAD AN
14 OPPORTUNITY TO BE ON BOTH SIDES, BOTH ENDS OF PROGRAMMING WHEN
15 WE HAD A LOT OF PROGRAMMING AND WE HAD LIMITED PROGRAMMING.
16 AND I CAN TELL YOU FIRST TIME FROM EXPERIENCE THAT BEING
17 CONFINED TO YOUR ROOM AND BEING IN A ROOM IS JUST, IT'S NOT
18 CONDUCIVE FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH. AND I WAS IN A PLACE WHERE
19 WE WERE IN THE COMPOUND AND SCOTT BUDNICK, THE FOUNDER OF ARC
20 CAME AND HE OPENED THE POOL FOR US. HE LET US GO IN THE POOL
21 TO GO SWIM. WE HAD PIZZA. WE HAD LIKE A GLIMPSE OF WHAT WE
22 SHOULD HAVE HAD, WHICH IS CHILDHOOD. MIND YOU, IT COSTS
23 1,000,000 TO INCARCERATE A YOUTH. IF YOU GIVE \$1,000,000 TO
24 EVERY YOUTH THAT'S INCARCERATED RIGHT NOW, YOU'LL CHANGE THEIR
25 LIFE FOREVER. THANK YOU, AND I SUPPORT THIS MOTION TO ALLOW



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1 D Y D T O G O I N T O T H E S E F A C I L I T I E S T O H A V E C O N D U C I V E P R O G R A M M I N G
2 F O R T H E S E Y O U T H , M E A N W H I L E T H A T I N C A R C E R A T I O N I S I N P L A C E
3 R I G H T N O W . T H A N K Y O U .

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5 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** T H A N K Y O U , N E X T S P E A K E R .

6

7 **SPEAKER:** M Y N A M E ' S J O H N J O H N S O N , I ' M H E R E W I T H H E A L I N G
8 D I A L O G U E I N A C T I O N . I W A S H I R E D A S A C R E D I B L E M E S S E N G E R I N
9 O C T O B E R A N D I W E N T T H R O U G H T H E T R A I N I N G W I T H D Y D T O B E I N S I D E
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11 I M P O R T A N C E T H A T T H E S O O N E R W E C A N R E A C H T H E M T H E B E T T E R A N D
12 A L L O W M O R E P R O G R A M S T H E B E T T E R C H A N C E W E H A V E A N D W O U L D B E
13 S U C C E S S F U L U P O N T H E I R R E L E A S E B A C K I N T O T H E C O M M U N I T Y W H I C H
14 M A K E S E V E R Y B O D Y W I N A S A W H O L E S O C I E T Y S O I ' M H E R E T O D A Y T O
15 S U P P O R T I T E M 5 O N C E A G A I N A N D T O S A Y T H E I M P O R T A N C E O F T H E
16 I N C R E D I B L E M E S S E N G E R S I N T H I S F I E L D O F W O R K A N D I ' M J U S T
17 H O P I N G O N E D A Y T H A T W E C A N F I G H T B A C K A N D G E T A C L E A R T O G O
18 I N S I D E A N D D O T H I S J O B .

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20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** T H A N K Y O U V E R Y M U C H . N E X T
21 S P E A K E R .

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23 **SPEAKER:** G O O D M O R N I N G B O A R D O F S U P E R V I S O R S . M Y N A M E I S A N T H O N Y
24 L O N E . I ' M A Y O U T H A D V O C A T E W I T H T H E A N T I - R E C I D I V I S M C O A L I T I O N .
25 T O D A Y W E A R E H E R E T O V O I C E O U R S U P P O R T F O R T H I S M O T I O N . I W A S



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 DETAINED FOR ALMOST THREE YEARS AND I WORKED WITH A GOOD
2 AMOUNT OF CREDIBLE MESSENGERS THAT WORKED IN THE HALLS AND THE
3 CAMP. I FOUND THESE CREDIBLE MESSENGERS EXTREMELY HELPFUL AND
4 A PERFECT OUTLET FOR SUPPORT. I FELT MORE COMFORTABLE SPEAKING
5 TO THESE CREDIBLE MESSENGERS AND MY OWN THERAPIST BECAUSE THE
6 SIMPLE FACT THAT THEY COME FROM SIMILAR SITUATIONS AS
7 INCARCERATED YOUTH. I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF MORE PROGRAMMING
8 FOR THE YOUTH AND I BELIEVE THAT THE CLEARANCE PROCESS IS
9 CREATING A BARRIER FOR THE AMOUNT OF CREDIBLE MESSENGERS AND
10 ABLE TO ENTER THE FACILITIES. SINCE I HAVE BEEN RELEASED, I
11 MET PLENTY OF NEW ARC AND HDA STAFF THAT I HAVE NOTICED THEY
12 HAVE A GENUINE PASSION FOR SUPPORTING YOUTH. IF THESE STAFF
13 WERE ABLE TO ENTER THE FACILITIES QUICKER, I FIRMLY BELIEVE
14 THAT YOUTH INCARCERATED WOULD LOVE TO WORK WITH THEM. THANK
15 YOU FOR THIS MOTION AND WE ARE ALL THANKFUL FOR IT.

16

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

18

19 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS STEVEN
20 MIHONGO AND I'M A YOUTH ADVOCATE WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM
21 COALITION. I AM HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR
22 THIS MOTION AS I BELIEVE THAT PROGRAMMING IS CRUCIAL FOR
23 INCARCERATED YOUTH. AS SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCED
24 INCARCERATION FIRST HAND, SPENDING A COUPLE OF YEARS IN
25 FACILITIES AND HAVING ONLY BEEN RELEASED FOR A FEW MONTHS, I



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SUPERVISORS

1 CAN ATTEST TO THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THESE PROGRAMS
2 DURING MY OWN TIME OF CONFINEMENT. HOWEVER, I MUST EMPHASIZE
3 THE NEED FOR A MORE EFFICIENT CLEARING PROCESS FOR CREDIBLE
4 MESSENGERS. CURRENTLY, THE LENGTHY PROCESS OF GRANTING
5 CONTRACTS AND CLEARANCES HINDERS THE TIMELY INTRODUCTION OF
6 THESE VALUABLE INDIVIDUALS INTO THE SYSTEM. THIS PROCESS OFTEN
7 TAKES MONTHS, DELAYING THE MUCH NEEDED SUPPORT FOR THE YOUTH.
8 SINCE MY RELEASE, I HAVE ENCOUNTERED NUMEROUS CREDIBLE
9 MESSENGERS WHO HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON MY LIFE BOTH
10 DURING AND AFTER MY INCARCERATION. YET MANY OF THESE
11 REMARKABLE INDIVIDUALS ARE STILL AWAITING CLEARANCE AND THEIR
12 CONTRIBUTIONS COULD GREATLY BENEFIT THE YOUTH IN DETENTION.
13 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

14

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU,
18 CHAIR, FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY. MY NAME IS SERAFINE
19 LEON. I AM A CREDIBLE MESSENGER SUPERVISOR FOR THE ANTI-
20 RESIDIVISM COALITION. I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT, ACTUALLY GIVE
21 2 EXAMPLES OF HOW THE CLEARANCE PROCESS IS BROKEN. I USED TO
22 BE A LIFE COACH FOR ARC IN THE ADULT PRISONS WITH CDCR. I WAS
23 CLEARED WITHIN A MONTH OR 2, I WAS CLEARED TO GO INSIDE AND
24 PROVIDE SERVICES TO OUR INCARCERATED MEN. IT TOOK ME ABOUT 4
25 OR 5 MONTHS TO GET CLEARED THROUGH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT.



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SUPERVISORS

1 AND NOW I WAS GOING INSIDE, EXCUSE ME, I WAS GOING INSIDE
2 BARRY J. NIDORF AND CAMPUS Q. PATRICK FOR A YEAR. MY CLEARANCE
3 HAS BEEN REVOKED BECAUSE OF MY IMMIGRATION STATUS. MY
4 IMMIGRATION STATUS, I'M HERE LEGALLY. I HAVE A VALID SOCIAL
5 SECURITY CARD. I HAVE A VALID WORK PERMIT AND I'M NOT CLEAR TO
6 GO IN ANYMORE.

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

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11 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M DONALD HARLAN SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
12 5, SUPPORTING YOUTH CENTER PROGRAMMING AT JUVENILE PROBATION
13 FACILITIES. FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO SAY THAT IF YOU'RE IN JAIL
14 THEN THE JAIL DOESN'T OWE YOU ENTERTAINMENT. IF YOU'RE A KID
15 AND YOU DON'T WANT TO SCHOOL OR GO TO SCHOOL OR YOU END UP IN
16 JAIL OR DON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL AND THEY PUT YOU IN JAIL,
17 EVEN WHEN YOU'RE IN JAIL, YOU STILL HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL.
18 THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT. IT REALLY BOTHERS ME THAT THERE'S
19 ALL THESE YOUTH MENTORS FROM THE PRISON TRYING TO BREAK INTO
20 THE JUVENILE HALL. IT'S REALLY SICKENING. I THINK THEY'RE
21 ENCOURAGED BY THESE PERVERT COUNTY SUPERVISORS UP HERE. THEY
22 HEAR ALL THIS WEIRD SHIT YOU GUYS ARE DOING AND THINKING
23 THEY'RE GONNA GET A SHOT AT JUVENILE HALL. ANOTHER THING IS,
24 TOO MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT OF HOUSING FOR --

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SUPERVISORS

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

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4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KENT
5 MENDOZA, THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY AT ARC. I'M HERE
6 JUST TO UPLIFT THE STORIES OF THE CREDIBLE MESSENGERS AND THE
7 YOUTH THAT SPOKE A FEW MINUTES AGO. I THINK THAT I REALLY
8 WANNA UPLIFT THE BOARD TO COMMEND YOU FOR THIS MOTION, BUT
9 REALLY CONTINUE TO PASS MOTIONS LIKE THIS AND ENCOURAGE DYD TO
10 WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH PROBATION TO GET THE CREDIBLE
11 MESSAGE JUST CLEARED TO GO INSIDE. I WILL SAY 10 YEARS AGO
12 WHEN I WAS RELEASED FROM ICE DETENTION CENTER AFTER DOING 5
13 YEARS OF INCARCERATION, I REMEMBER WALKING INTO AN
14 ORGANIZATION WHICH IS THE ANTI-RESIDIVISM COALITION IN 5TH AND
15 HILL AND AT THAT TIME THERE WAS ONLY 7 STAFF OR 5 STAFF AND
16 LIKE ONE CREDIBLE MESSENGER. WHEN CREDIBLE MESSENGER WAS NOT A
17 THING. AND NOW LOOK AT IT, NOW IT'S LIKE I SEE ALL THE
18 CREDIBLE MESSAGES THAT ARE IN THE OFFICE EVERY SINGLE DAY
19 WALKING IN THE OFFICE, WALKING WITH THESE YOUTH, AND IT JUST
20 SHOWS THE PASSION. AND YOU KNOW, WE DO THIS NOT BECAUSE WE
21 WANT A JOB OR BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO LOOK COOL. WE DO THIS
22 BECAUSE WE'RE REALLY, IT'S PART OF OUR REDEMPTION JOURNEY,
23 IT'S PART OF OUR LEGACY AS PEOPLE THAT DID BAD THINGS.

24
25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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SUPERVISORS

1 ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM? I THINK IT GOES
2 WITHOUT SAYING THAT THIS BOARD WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS CREDIBLE
3 MESSENGER ISSUE RESOLVED QUICKLY. IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S A
4 BUREAUCRATIC ISSUE. I WOULD ASK MAYBE IF OUR CEO CAN WORK WITH
5 THE CHIEF OF PROBATION TO FIGURE THAT OUT, DIAGNOSE WHAT THE
6 ISSUE IS AND MOVE THROUGH IT QUICKLY. UNLESS THERE'S
7 OBJECTION. ITEM 5 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
8 MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ON ITEM 5 AS AMENDED, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

14

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

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

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

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21 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER. AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

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

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH. AYE. MOTION PASSES 5 TO
7 0.

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9 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 9 WAS RELEASED SO
10 WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 12, HOUSING SUPPORTS FOR FOSTER
11 YOUTH WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
12 PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT
13 ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR BARGER, I'LL TURN IT TO YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN THE INTEREST
16 OF TIME, I'M JUST GONNA SAY I'M PLEASED TO INTRODUCE THIS
17 MOTION WITH OUR CHAIR, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, TODAY, WHICH IS OUR
18 SECOND BOARD MOTION STEMMING FROM A VISIT OF THE NATIONAL
19 FOSTER YOUTH INSTITUTE TO THE BOARD. ONE OF THE DISCUSSION
20 TOPICS WAS HOUSING. THIS BOARD IS AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES IN
21 ASSESSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE REGION ON TOP OF THE
22 INFLATION THAT IS IMPACTING GAS PRICES, ELECTRICITY BILLS AND
23 FOOD COSTS. THE COST OF LIVING IS NOT KEEPING UP WITH
24 INFLATION EVEN WITH OUR OWN COUNTY WORKERS. THIS HAS HAD A
25 STRONG IMPACT ON OUR FOSTER YOUTH WHO ARE UNDER OUR CARE



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SUPERVISORS

1 THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN. WE KNOW THAT FOSTER YOUTH
2 OVERWHELMINGLY END UP UNHOUSED ON THE STREET BECAUSE THEY HAVE
3 NOWHERE TO GO. WE ARE TRULY THEIR SAFETY NET. SO, WHAT DO WE
4 NEED TO DO TO ENSURE THAT THESE TRANSITIONAL-AGED YOUTH ARE
5 GETTING THE HOUSING THAT THEY NOT ONLY NEED, BUT QUITE FRANKLY
6 THAT THEY DESERVE? I'VE HEARD FROM BRANDON NICHOLS OF DCFS
7 THAT ABOUT 24% OF THE TRANSITION-AGED YOUTH EXPERIENCE A
8 PERIOD OF HOMELESSNESS AFTER LEAVING THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM.
9 AND ONE OF THE BARRIERS IS ACCESS TO HOUSING, ACCESS TO
10 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THAT'S WHERE THIS BOARD MOTION COMES IN,
11 TO HAVE US LOOK AT MASS LEASING OF PROPERTIES SO THAT WE CAN
12 ENSURE THAT THESE YOUTH HAVE A PLACE TO GO TO USE AND USE
13 THEIR HOUSING VOUCHERS AS PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
14 WE DISCUSSED THIS A FEW WEEKS AGO WITH MANY OF OUR DEPARTMENT
15 HEADS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING BACK ON WAYS WE CAN MOVE
16 FORWARD WITH THIS ISSUE. WE WANT TO CONNECT THESE YOUTH TO
17 HOUSING AND TRAIN OUR COUNTY STAFF AND OUR CONTRACTORS ABOUT
18 THESE VOUCHERS SO ALL YOUTH ARE AWARE OF THE PROGRAMS AND
19 SERVICES THEY DESERVE TO HAVE. THERE ARE FEDERAL TERM TIME
20 LIMITS ON THESE VOUCHERS, 36 MONTHS, WHICH I DID NOT KNOW.
21 THAT TIME CAN GO BY VERY QUICKLY. AND WE WANT TO ENSURE OUR
22 FEDERAL ADVOCACY ENCOURAGES AN END TO THIS TIME LIMIT SO THAT
23 WE CAN TRULY STABILIZE OUR FOSTER YOUTH AT A TIME IN THEIR
24 LIFE THAT THEY NEED STABILIZATION THE MOST. I WOULD ASK FOR
25 YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I
3 APPRECIATE BEING INCLUDED AS A CO-AUTHOR. I AGREE THAT WE HAVE
4 TO CAPITALIZE ON EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO UTILIZE ANY RESOURCE TO
5 ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN LA COUNTY, INCLUDING HOUSING CHOICE
6 VOUCHERS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
7 URBAN DEVELOPMENT THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO PHA'S, AS WELL AS
8 PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES. THESE FEDERAL FOSTER YOUTH TO
9 INDEPENDENCE AND FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM VOUCHERS ARE
10 CRUCIAL TOOLS TO HOUSE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. WE'VE HEARD FROM THEM
11 DIRECTLY HOW CRITICAL THEY ARE, AND THIS INCLUDES DUAL STATUS
12 YOUTH WHO HAVE JUSTICE SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT. THE VOUCHERS ARE
13 RESOURCES WE HAVE, IN SOME CASES, BEEN LEAVING ON THE TABLE IN
14 THE REGION AND THIS NEEDS TO STOP. THIS MOTION BUILDS ON THE
15 IMPORTANT WORK OUR OWN YOUNG PEOPLE AS WELL AS DCF'S, LACDA,
16 COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND OUR PUBLIC HOUSING
17 AUTHORITIES HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO DRAW DOWN THESE FEDERAL
18 VOUCHERS. AND I WANNA GIVE A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO SAFE PLACE
19 FOR YOUTH, SPI, WHICH HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY FOCUSED ON THIS WORK
20 MOVING FORWARD. I KNOW THEY DO INCREDIBLE WORK IN MY DISTRICT
21 AND THROUGHOUT THE REGION, WE THANK THEM. WE KNOW THAT WE'RE
22 MAKING PROGRESS, BUT WE HAVE TO DO EVEN MORE. I AM GRATEFUL TO
23 BE INCLUDED IN THE WORK OF THIS MOTION AND WOULD ALSO ASK FOR
24 AN AYE VOTE. SEEING NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN THE QUEUE, EXECUTIVE
25 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED



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SUPERVISORS

1 UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
4 FORWARD? DANIEL HEMPEL, DIANE ZIMMERMAN, DONALD HARLAN, KATE
5 TEGU, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, PIP GILG, AND RED CHIEF HUNT,
6 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL
7 REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE
8 TO ADDRESS ITEM 12, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE
9 PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE.
10 MODERATOR, WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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12 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS BRENDA TULLY. PLEASE
13 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE
17 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BRENDA TULLY. I AM A RESEARCHER WITH
18 THE UCLA PRITZKER CENTER SPEAKING ON MY OWN BEHALF. AS YOU ARE
19 AWARE, THE FYI HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS ARE CURRENTLY
20 UNDERUTILIZED ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. ADDITIONALLY, A RESEARCH
21 STUDY THAT I AM LEADING SHOWS THAT EVEN WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE
22 RECEIVE AN FYI VOUCHER, GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS AND LACK OF
23 SUPPORT TO LOCATE AND LEASE APARTMENTS MAKES USING THE VOUCHER
24 DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THESE FIRST-TIME RENTERS.
25 MOREOVER, THESE CHALLENGES ARE COMPOUNDED BY OTHER OBSTACLES



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SUPERVISORS

1 FOSTER YOUTH OFTEN FACE, INCLUDING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON
2 RACE, GENDER, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION, LIMITED FAMILY SUPPORT,
3 AND MINIMAL FINANCIAL SECURITY. THANK YOU CHAIR HORVATH AND
4 SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR YOUR MOTION WHICH PROPOSES SOLUTIONS TO
5 THESE ISSUES. WE URGE THE UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SUPPORT FOR ITEM
6 12. THANK YOU.

7

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. PLEASE UNMUTE
11 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THANK YOU. WE'RE GETTING TO THE END OF THAT
14 SOON, BUT THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. I NEED VOUCHERS. YOU KNOW,
15 NOBODY WANTS TO DO THIS SHOW AND TELL ABOUT HOW GREAT THE
16 VOUCHER PROGRAM WORKS BUT IF WE HAVE FEDERAL MONEY TRANSITION
17 AGE YOUTH NEED HOUSING IT'S SO HARD ALL TRANSITION AGE YOUTH
18 EVEN PEOPLE IN AND OUT OF THE SYSTEM IT'S GETTING HARDER AND
19 HARDER SO THIS IS OBVIOUSLY VERY GOOD I WONDER IF WE HAD 9
20 SUPERVISORS THIS WOULD BE BETTER BUT IT'S SO BAD RIGHT NOW I
21 WONDER MAYBE THAT'S NOT WHAT I DON'T KNOW. SO, IT'S WORTH
22 MEDITATING ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT WE LET'S NOT RUN AT FULL SPEED
23 UNTIL WE CAN START WALKING AND YOU KNOW EVEN TROTTING A LITTLE
24 TROTting IS GOOD. THANK YOU FOR THIS. GOOD WORK.

25



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

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

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3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRISTOPHER MIDDLETON.

4 PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY
5 BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CHRISTOPHER MIDDLETON AND
8 I'M AN ATTORNEY AT THE YOUTH LAW CENTER WORKING WITH YOUNG
9 PEOPLE IN AND LEAVING FOSTER CARE. I ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT
10 AGENDA ITEM 12. BASED ON THE WORK WE ARE DOING IN COALITION
11 WITH ORGANIZATIONS IN LA, WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THE GREAT
12 UNMET NEED FOR FYI VOUCHERS IN LA COUNTY. WITH THE YOUNG
13 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES IN MIND AND THE MANY STAKEHOLDERS
14 AVAILABLE TO COLLABORATE WITH SUPPORTIVE SUPERVISORS IN
15 EXECUTING THIS MOTION, WE ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT ITEM 12. THANK
16 YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS WENDY WANG. PLEASE UNMUTE
21 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS WENDY WANG WITH SYCAMORE.
24 AS THE LEAD COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION FOR THE YOUTH
25 COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM IN SPA 3 AND A LONG-STANDING SERVICE



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SUPERVISORS

1 PROVIDER FOSTER YOUTH, WE ARE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM
2 12. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS BARGER AND HORVATH IN RECOGNIZING
3 THE IMPORTANCE OF A MORE COHESIVE REGIONAL EFFORT TO MEET THE
4 HOUSING NEEDS AND SERVICES AND SUPPORTS NECESSARY FOR OUR
5 TRANSITION AGE YOUTH.

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

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9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOSH BOYKIN. PLEASE UNMUTE
10 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** GREETINGS, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH.
13 I'M JOSH BOYKIN FROM CYC, AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK
14 YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON GETTING HOUSING FOR THESE FORMER
15 FOSTER YOUTH AND REALLY PUSHING THIS ACTION FORWARD AND REALLY
16 MAKING THIS VOUCHER, TRYING TO STREAMLINE THIS VOUCHER PROCESS
17 WE APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS IN IN CASE YOU NEED ANY ASSISTANCE
18 CYC FULLY SUPPORTS YOU AND IS READY TO ASSIST YOU THANK YOU

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

21

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

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL GO TO SPEAKERS



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1 IN PERSON. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** HI THERE. MY NAME IS DANIEL HEIMPEL. I'M A RECOVERING
4 JOURNALIST WHO COVERED FOSTER CARE FOR A LONG TIME, AND NOW
5 I'M SQUARELY FOCUSED ON ENDING THIS PERNICIOUS FOSTER CARE TO
6 HOMELESSNESS PIPELINE. DEALING WITH THE GREATER ISSUE OF
7 HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COUNTY REQUIRES BOTH DEALING WITH THE
8 OUTFLOW, TAKING PEOPLE OFF OF THE STREET, AND THE INFLOW,
9 KEEPING PEOPLE FROM EVER ENTERING INTO IT. THE FACT THAT SO
10 MANY YOUNG PEOPLE EXIT AND FIND THEMSELVES WITH HOUSING
11 SCARCITY IS PRETTY SHAMEFUL FRANKLY. AND I THINK THIS MOTION
12 IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO MOVE FORWARD RECOGNIZING THAT THERE ARE
13 UNSPENT FEDERAL DOLLARS SITTING THERE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THAT
14 COULD BE SPENT TO HOUSE YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE JOSH BOYKIN WHO JUST
15 SPOKE. SO, I WOULD JUST SAY GREAT JOB. I'M JUST HERE TO
16 CELEBRATE YOU GUYS. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS KATE TEAGUE AND I'M WITH CALIFORNIA
21 YOUTH CONNECTION. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS FOCUS ON MAKING
22 SURE THAT THERE'S HOUSING FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH. WE SUPPORT
23 THE MOTION TO BETTER COORDINATE SUPPORT FOR FORMER FOSTER
24 YOUTH AND ACCESSING AND USING THE FYI VOUCHERS AND FOR STABLE
25 HOUSING IN GENERAL. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE SUPPORTIVE



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SUPERVISORS

1 HOUSING DIVISION AT DCS AROUND INCREASING ACCESS TO HOUSING
2 RESOURCES. AND THIS MOTION COMES AT A CRITICAL TIME. AND THE
3 FOCUS ON ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE NEED TO BE MORE RESOURCES
4 INVESTED IN THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DIVISION OF DCFS IS REALLY
5 IMPORTANT. THANK YOU SO MUCH AND WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE AND
6 LOOK FORWARD TO COLLABORATING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF
7 OPTIONS FOR HOUSING AVAILABLE TO YOUTH BOTH TO USE THE VOUCHER
8 AND IN OTHER WAYS AND WE WANT TO WORK WITH THE CEO'S OFFICE,
9 DCFS AND OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO ENSURE THAT ALL FOSTER
10 YOUTH ARE ABLE TO ACCESS STABLE HOUSING.

11

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

13

14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PIP KYO, THE LA ORGANIZING
15 DIRECTOR FOR THE NATIONAL FOSTER YOUTH INSTITUTE. WE EMPOWER
16 CURRENT AND FORMER FOSTER YOUTH AGE 18 TO 30 TO USE THEIR
17 LIVED EXPERIENCE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT IMPACT THEM THE
18 MOST. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK BOARD CHAIR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR
19 BARGER FOR SUBMITTING THIS MOTION BUT I ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS
20 MY GRATITUDE TO ALL SUPERVISORS FOR MEETING WITH OUR MEMBERS
21 DURING LA FOSTER YOUTH SHADOW DAY LAST MONTH, WHERE THEY HEARD
22 DIRECTLY FROM PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE ABOUT THESE ISSUES.
23 YOU WOULD HAVE HEARD STORIES, I'M SURE YOU REMEMBER, OF YOUNG
24 PARENTS WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES WHILE
25 TRYING TO FIND HOUSING, TRYING TO LOOK AFTER THEIR OWN MENTAL



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SUPERVISORS

1 HEALTH WHILE LOOKING FOR HOUSING, AND EXPERIENCING THE FOSTER
2 CARE TO PRISON TO HOMELESSNESS PIPELINE. THE KEY ISSUE IS
3 HOUSING. HOUSING CONNECTS ALL OF THOSE ISSUES AND ONCE YOU
4 HAVE A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD, YOU'RE ABLE TO WORK ON ALL OF
5 THOSE OTHER ISSUES. WE HEAR A LOT OF STATISTICS ABOUT HOUSING,
6 BUT ONE OF THE STATS THAT REALLY JUMP OUT IS THAT ABOUT 100
7 YOUTH AGE OUT OF FOSTER CARE EVERY MONTH AND 20 OF THOSE WILL
8 EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS IMMEDIATELY. THEY CAN BE HOUSED AND
9 THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS MOTION.

10

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** PATRICIA MCALLISTER, I CLEARLY REMEMBER 3 YEARS AGO
14 WHEN JOE BIDEN OPENED THE BORDER AND THOSE CHILDREN WERE
15 BROUGHT IN HERE, UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN. AND A FOSTER PARENT
16 DID A VIDEO, THE NEWS MEDIA INTERVIEWED HIM AND HE WAS UPSET
17 BECAUSE THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TOLD THE FOSTER PARENTS IN
18 THE UNITED STATES TO PUT THOSE KIDS OUT AND TAKE THOSE BORDER
19 CHILDREN IN. I REMEMBER DISTINCTIVELY AND HE WAS UPSET AND HE
20 SAID WHERE ARE WE GOING TO PUT THEM ON THE STREET? THAT'S WHY
21 WE HAVE SO MANY FOSTER CHILDREN TODAY. I REMEMBER CLEARLY, AND
22 THAT'S WHY WE GOT ALL THE AMERICAN FOSTER CHILDREN, BECAUSE
23 THEY'RE STILL PUTTING THESE ILLEGAL ALIEN BORDER CHILDREN IN
24 FOSTER CARE AND THROWING OUR KIDS ON THE STREET. THIS BOARD
25 SAID OR DID NOTHING. THIS WAS 3 YEARS AGO. YOU DID NOTHING AND



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1 YOU SAID NOTHING. YOU JUST FOLLOWED JOE BIDEN. WHATEVER HE
2 DID, YOU WENT ALONG WITH IT. WE MUST STOP THIS. WE MUST LEARN
3 HOW TO SPEAK UP FOR OURSELVES INDIVIDUALLY AND TAKE CARE OF
4 AMERICANS, NOT FOREIGNERS.

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

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8 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M DONALD HARLAN SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
9 12, HOUSING SUPPORT FOR FOSTER YOUTH. I KNOW THAT YOUTH ARE
10 VULNERABLE BECAUSE IT'S HARD FOR THEM TO GET HOUSING. BUT
11 THAT'S NOT SOMETHING THE COUNTY SHOULD BE DOING. THIS IS
12 REVEALING INTO YOUR PLOT WITH YOUR SUPPORTING THE PROBATION
13 DEPARTMENT AND THE JUVENILE HALL THAT YOU WANT TO FEED THEM
14 INTO A HOMELESS SITUATION. YOU WANT TO SEND THEM INTO A
15 HOMELESS SITUATION WHERE YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE MONEY OFF THEM.
16 PEOPLE HERE WORKING AT THE COUNTY ARE REALLY SICK. YOUR IDEA
17 OF THESE ALTERNATE JUSTICE SYSTEMS NEED TO BE STOPPED. THERE'S
18 NO ALTERNATE JUSTICE SYSTEM YOU NEED TO GET WITH THE PROGRAM.
19 AND YOU GUYS DON'T REALLY BELONG HERE AT THE COUNTY. I'D LIKE
20 TO REMIND ANYBODY WHO CAN HEAR ANY OF THE PUBLIC THAT HOLLY
21 MITCHELL AND

22

23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS ABOUT HOUSING
24 SUPPORT FOR FOSTER YOUTH SO YOU NEED TO FOCUS ON THAT.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SPEAKER:** JANICE HAHN ARE USING STOLEN IDENTITIES --

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THAT IS NOT ABOUT FOSTER YOUTH.

4 YOU HAVE TO FOCUS YOUR COMMENTS ON HOUSING FOR FOSTER YOUTH.

5 THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. SARAH RUSCON, DIRECTOR OF

8 COUNTY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL

9 AFFAIRS. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES MAYOR KAREN BASS TO

10 EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE BOARD'S UNWAVERING COMMITMENT AND

11 SUPPORT OF FOSTER YOUTH. THANK YOU. AS YOU KNOW, TOGETHER WE

12 LOCKED ARMS AND HOSTED THE FIRST LOCAL LOS ANGELES FOSTER

13 YOUTH SHADOW DAY IN MAY. YOUNG PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE

14 SHARED THEIR PERSONAL STORIES AND PROPOSED POLICY SOLUTIONS TO

15 IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THOSE IMPACTED BY THE CHILD WELFARE

16 SYSTEM. THIS MOTION IS A DIRECT AND TANGIBLE RESULT OF THE

17 SHADOW DAY DELEGATES' ADVOCACY. WE THANK OUR YOUTH FOR

18 PARTICIPATING AND WE THANK YOU FOR HEARING THEM. WHEN WE WORK

19 TOGETHER, THIS IS THE KIND OF POSITIVE REFORM WE CAN MAKE.

20 AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF MAYOR KAREN BASS, THANK YOU FOR

21 IMPLEMENTING CHANGE THROUGH THIS MOTION THAT OUTLINES 7 ITEMS

22 IN WHICH THE COUNTY HAS INSTRUCTED POSITIVE CHANGE FOR FOSTER

23 YOUTH HOUSING SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

24

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



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SUPERVISORS

1 THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS? OKAY, WITH THAT, ITEM 12 IS BEFORE
2 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE
3 THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

12

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

14

15 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

20

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

22

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

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5



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1 TO 0.

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3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 16,
4 TRAFFIC SAFETY, ADDRESSING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
5 LIABILITY AND RISK RELATED TO TRAFFIC COLLISIONS. AND ITEM 46,
6 SETTLEMENT FOR MATTER ENTITLED REMILIA-CAIDEZ ET AL. VERSUS
7 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ET AL. WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE
9 PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. SUPERVISOR
10 SOLIS, I WILL TURN IT TO YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO
13 WANNA THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BEING MY CO-AUTHOR AND HER
14 TEAM FOR WORKING WITH MY OFFICE ON THIS MOTION. IN THE LAST 3
15 YEARS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS INVOLVED IN 162 TRAFFIC
16 COLLISIONS THAT RESULTED IN A LITTLE OVER \$22,000,000 IN
17 PAYOUTS. BEHIND THE NUMBER OF COLLISIONS AND THE DOLLARS IN
18 SETTLEMENTS ARE RESIDENTS OF LA COUNTY WHO WERE HARMED, LEFT
19 WITH SERIOUS INJURIES, AND EVEN KILLED DUE TO THESE ACCIDENTS.
20 JUST THIS LAST YEAR ALONE, THE NUMBERS HAVE BEEN STAGGERING.
21 THERE HAVE BEEN 10 SETTLEMENTS TOTALING OVER \$10,000,000. THAT
22 DOESN'T EVEN INCLUDE THE \$17,200,000 SETTLEMENT THAT I AM
23 JOINTLY HOLDING WITH THIS MOTION CONCERNING PLAINTIFF ROMELIA
24 CHALDES AND ALLEGATIONS OF A TRAFFIC COLLISION INVOLVING A
25 SHERIFF DEPUTY. THESE ARE ASTONISHING NUMBERS GIVEN THAT WE'RE



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1 HALFWAY THROUGH THE YEAR AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS EXCEEDED THE
2 SETTLEMENT AMOUNT FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS COMBINED. IN REVIEW OF
3 THESE SETTLEMENTS, THERE ARE A MYRIAD OF FACTORS AS TO WHY A
4 DEPUTY IN RESPONDING TO A CALL FOR SERVICE MAY HAVE HIT A
5 PEDESTRIAN OR DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS IN VEHICLES SUCH AS
6 DISTRACTED DRIVING, UNSAFE AND RECKLESS DRIVING AND LACK OF
7 DRIVING EXPERIENCE. IMAGINE A CALL FOR SERVICE BEING DELAYED
8 DUE TO THE RESPONDING DEPUTY CAUSING AN ACCIDENT ON THE WAY.
9 MY OFFICE RAISED NUMEROUS CONCERNS WHEN BRIEFED ON THESE
10 TRAFFIC COLLISION SETTLEMENTS ABOUT WHAT STEPS LASD WAS TAKING
11 TO ADDRESS THESE ACCIDENTS AND WHAT WE HEARD WAS TRAINING AND
12 RETRAINING, AN AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNAL DRIVING TRACK
13 RECORD POINT SYSTEM NEEDED TO BE REVIEWED AND EVEN UPDATED.
14 THERE ARE, HOWEVER, MORE THAT CAN BE DONE TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE
15 KEEPING OUR RESIDENTS SAFE AND AVOIDING UNNECESSARY ACCIDENTS
16 AS WELL AS PROVIDING SAFETY FOR DEPUTIES DURING THESE CALLS
17 FOR SERVICE. EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY FROM TRAFFIC
18 ACCIDENTS ARE NOT NEW. RATHER IN 2019 UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
19 THIS BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ISSUED A REPORT
20 ABOUT THE VISION 0 PROGRAM. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM WAS TO
21 ADDRESS TRAFFIC SAFETY AS WELL AS REDUCE COLLISIONS
22 COUNTYWIDE. IN THE SAME THREAD THE MOTIONS DIRECTIVES DO A FEW
23 THINGS TO HELP REDUCE THE NUMBER OF LASD INVOLVED TRAFFIC
24 COLLISIONS AND SETTLEMENTS SUCH AS UPDATING AND REDEVELOPING
25 THE TRAFFIC COLLISION POINT SYSTEM, REVIEWING EXISTING



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1 TRAININGS AND ACCESSING EFFICACY, PROVIDING EXTENDED AND
2 ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND MENTORSHIP FOR NEW DRIVERS OR DRIVERS
3 WITH LIMITED DRIVING EXPERIENCE, AND RESEARCHING NEW
4 TECHNOLOGIES THAT CAN HELP REDUCE ACCIDENTS. THE BOARD ALSO
5 NEEDS TO BE INFORMED ON A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND CONSISTENT
6 BASIS THROUGH REGULAR REPORTING ON THESE COLLISIONS TO ASSESS
7 FOR TRENDS AND ASSIGNING RESOLUTIONS TO ENSURE SAFETY FOR ALL.
8 MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU AND I WILL TURN IT OVER TO MY CO-
9 AUTHOR.

10

11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR
12 THIS MOTION. I'M GLAD TO BE YOUR CO-AUTHOR ON IT. I'M TOO VERY
13 CONCERNED THAT OUR DEPUTY CAUSED TRAFFIC COLLISIONS. AND AS
14 YOU SAID, NOT JUST BECAUSE OF THE SETTLEMENTS THEY LEAD TO,
15 BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY BECAUSE OF THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THEY'RE
16 HAVING ON PUBLIC SAFETY BY CAUSING INJURIES AND DELAYING
17 EMERGENCY RESPONSES. I THINK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO
18 REEXAMINE THE WORK THAT IS BEING DONE TO TRAIN DEPUTIES AND
19 PERSONNEL TO HELP MITIGATE PREVENTABLE TRAFFIC COLLISIONS AND
20 ALSO TAKE A LOOK AT THE DISCIPLINE AND CORRECTIVE ACTION
21 PROCESSES THAT OCCUR AFTER AN ACCIDENT TO REVIEW WHETHER OR
22 NOT THESE EFFORTS ARE ACTUALLY WORKING. THAT'S WHY THIS MOTION
23 IS ASKING FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO ANALYZE ITS
24 POLICIES, COME UP WITH A PLAN TO IMPROVE TRAINING PROTOCOLS,
25 AND REVAMP THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION SYSTEM TO AID IN LOWERING



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE NUMBER OF AVOIDABLE DEPUTY-INVOLVED TRAFFIC COLLECTIONS.
2 AND THE REASON THESE 2 ITEMS ARE HELD TOGETHER IS BECAUSE THE
3 OTHER ONE IS A \$17,200,000 SETTLEMENT ON THIS AGENDA,
4 HIGHLIGHTS HOW IMPORTANT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS. IT'S
5 DEVASTATING NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE HIGH DOLLAR AMOUNT, BUT
6 ALSO BECAUSE OF THE INJURIES TO THE VICTIMS OF THE COLLISION
7 AND THE RECKLESS DRIVING OF THE DEPUTY WHO CRASHED INTO THEM.
8 AND ALTHOUGH IT'S AN OUTLIER IN TERMS OF THE HIGH COST, IT'S
9 UNFORTUNATELY PART OF A LARGER TREND WE'VE SEEN AT THE
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, DEPUTIES GETTING INTO HARMFUL AND
11 SOMETIMES FATAL CAR CRASHES. THE BOARD NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT
12 THESE TRENDS AND TRAFFIC COLLISIONS THAT OUR SHERIFF'S
13 DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ARE INVOLVED IN, WHEN THEY HAPPEN AND THE
14 SEVERITY OF THEM INSTEAD OF WAITING UNTIL YEARS LATER AFTER A
15 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IS REACHED. THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT
16 THAT THIS MOTION ALSO REQUESTS QUARTERLY DATA ON THE NUMBER
17 AND TYPES OF TRAFFIC COLLISIONS WITHIN OUR SHERIFF'S
18 DEPARTMENT. THAT WAY WE CAN ALL SEE TRENDS IN REAL TIME. I
19 KNOW THAT WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES CONCERNED ABOUT THESE
20 TRAFFIC COLLISIONS. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS ALSO WORRIED
21 AND HAS TALKED ABOUT MAKING EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. SO,
22 I HOPE THIS MOTION OFFERS INFORMATION AND TRANSPARENCY TO THE
23 BOARD AND THE PUBLIC AND WHAT THIS COUNTY IS DOING TO REDUCE
24 DEPUTY INVOLVED TRAFFIC COLLISIONS TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.
25 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.



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

3

4 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'VE SEEN THE
5 NUMBER OF SETTLEMENTS AND THE DOLLAR VALUE OF SETTLEMENTS TO
6 TRAFFIC RELATED COLLISIONS JUST INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. AND
7 WHILE I'M CLEAR THAT THE FOCUS OF THIS MOTION IS ON THE
8 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE LOTS OF COUNTY
9 EMPLOYEES THAT DRIVE COUNTY VEHICLES. AND SO WE'VE GOT, I
10 THINK IT'S WORTH LOOKING CLOSELY AT HOW WE AS A COUNTY ARE
11 MITIGATING AND ARE CORRECTING DANGEROUS DRIVING BEHAVIORS
12 ACROSS THE BOARD. AND SOME INSTANCES, GOING BACK TO THE
13 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THERE ARE DEPUTIES WHO ARE INVOLVED IN
14 MULTIPLE CRASHES WITHIN A FEW YEARS, SOME THAT INVOLVE SERIOUS
15 INJURY AND NEGLIGENCE WHO MAY HAVE OBTAINED POINTS IN THEIR
16 DRIVING RECORD, BUT IT'S NOT REFLECTED IN THEIR OVERALL
17 EVALUATION OF THEIR ABILITY TO DO THEIR JOB. SO THAT'S REALLY,
18 I THINK, COUNTERINTUITIVE. TRUE CORRECTIVE ACTION IS
19 IDENTIFYING TRENDS IN BEHAVIOR AND IDENTIFYING WAYS TO
20 MITIGATE THROUGH ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND OUR MORE IN-DEPTH
21 TRAINING DURING AN EVALUATION PERIOD SO I APPRECIATE THAT THE
22 MOTION IS A STEP TOWARD LOOKING AT HOW WE FACILITATE TRUE RISK
23 MANAGEMENT AND HOW THIS BEHAVIOR MAY BE CURBED TO AVOID
24 FURTHER HARM TO COMMUNITIES. AND I ALSO HOPE THAT THE LESSONS
25 LEARNED FROM TODAY WILL HELP INFORM A COUNTY-WIDE RISK



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1 MANAGEMENT APPROACH TO HELP MITIGATE ACCIDENTS FOR COUNTY
2 EMPLOYEES DRIVING OFFICIAL COUNTY VEHICLES ON OFFICIAL
3 BUSINESS. I ASSUME THAT ONCE THE ITEM WAS HELD THAT SOMEONE
4 FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WOULD BE HERE TO ANSWER
5 QUESTIONS. I SEE THEY ARE NOT. SO, I WOULD JUST STATE FOR THE
6 RECORD QUESTIONS I WOULD HAVE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I
7 UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A POINT SYSTEM BY WHICH THE SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT HOLDS DEPUTIES ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR DRIVING
9 ACTIONS. BUT I'M NOT SURE HOW I UNDERSTAND HOW MANY POINTS A
10 DEPUTY IS GIVEN AND HOW THE POINTS ARE DETERMINED BASED ON
11 EACH ACCIDENT AND WHO MAKES THE FINAL DETERMINATION. SO, I'M
12 HOPING THAT AT A FUTURE DATE THE DEPARTMENT CAN WALK ME
13 THROUGH THE CURRENT POINT SYSTEM PROCESS, THAT I UNDERSTAND
14 WHAT THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF POINTS A DEPUTY CAN RECEIVE AND
15 KEEP THEIR JOB AND CONTINUE TO DRIVE, AND WHAT IS THE PENALTY
16 OR DISCIPLINE STRUCTURE FOR THE POINT SYSTEM. ALSO, WHAT
17 DRIVING TRAININGS ARE AVAILABLE, AND ARE THOSE TRAININGS
18 SUPPLEMENTAL TO THEIR REGULAR ANNUAL TRAININGS? HOW DOES THEIR
19 DRIVING TRAINING COMPARE TO THAT OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY
20 PATROL? AND ARE THEY CURRENTLY TRACKING ANY DRIVING TRENDS?
21 SO, THANK YOU FOR THE MOTION TO YOU BOTH. AND I HOPE TO GET
22 ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

23

24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I'M RIGHT THERE WITH YOU. WE KNOW
25 WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO IMPROVE SAFETY, AND LAKEWOOD STATION



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SUPERVISORS

1 SHOWED US THAT THEIR TRAINING ON SAFE DRIVING PRACTICES
2 RESULTED IN SAFER DRIVING. SO, THE REPORT BACK REQUESTED
3 SHOULD ADDRESS IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAINING, REVISIONS TO THE
4 TRAFFIC COLLISION POINT SYSTEM AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
5 MENTIONED, AND CHANGES TO THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S CORRECTIVE
6 ACTION PLANS AND PROCESSES TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE ACTUALLY
7 MEANINGFUL AND LIKELY TO CHANGE BEHAVIOR. OUR REPORT BACK
8 SHOULD ALSO FOCUS ON HOW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CAN IMPROVE
9 ITS PROCESSES TO REDUCE THESE ACCIDENTS, REDUCE THEIR
10 SEVERITY, ANYTHING TO REDUCE RISK, MORE ACCURATELY RESPOND TO
11 RISK, AND MORE AND BETTER MONITORING, AS WELL AS ADDRESSING
12 EMPLOYEES WHO DO NOT CHANGE THEIR BEHAVIOR. OUR CORRECTIVE
13 ACTION PLANS AND SETTLEMENTS SHOULD NOT ACCEPT OR RELY ON
14 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS THAT DON'T ACTUALLY RESULT IN CHANGE. AND
15 THIS IS SOMETHING WE'VE LONG HEARD, ESPECIALLY FROM THE
16 CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION FOR A LONG TIME IN THE
17 LIABILITY TRUST FUND. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT CONVERSATIONS
18 HAVE BEEN HAPPENING FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS THERE. AND THE
19 AMOUNT OF MONEY AND THE DEGREE OF LIABILITY THAT THE COUNTY
20 HAS HAD TO DEAL WITH IS CONCERNING, AND I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT
21 THIS MOTION IS CALLING IT INTO ATTENTION. WITH THAT, EXECUTIVE
22 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED
23 UP TO SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME



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SUPERVISORS

1 FORWARD? RED CHIEF HUNT, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND THE STAFF
2 WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
3 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEMS AT 16 AND 46. IF
4 YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO BE
5 PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, WILL YOU HAVE THE
6 FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER PLEASE?

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS DENNIS ANARES. YOU PLEASE
9 UNMUTE YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** DENISE ARENAS. DENISE ARE YOU
12 THERE?

13

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

15

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS FOR ANTHONY ARENAS. SORRY, I DON'T THINK I
19 HEARD MY NAME.

20

21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, ANTHONY. THE LIST SAYS
22 DENISE ARENAS AND THEY CLEARLY GOT YOUR NAME WRONG SO PLEASE
23 GO RIGHT AHEAD.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** OKAY MY NAME IS ANTHONY AND THAT'S FROM DISTRICT 3



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SUPERVISORS

1 AND THE LEAD VIRTUAL ACTION ORGANIZER WITH THE JUSTICE LA
2 COALITION AND I'M SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION TO AGENDA ITEM 16.
3 PROCESSING NEARLY A \$1,000,000,000 SHERIFF TRAFFIC STOPS HAVE
4 BEEN A WASTE OF PRECIOUS COUNTY TAXPAYER RESOURCES. SHERIFF ON
5 THE STREET POSE A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT AND THEY SHOULD NOT BE
6 INVOLVED IN PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN THE FIRST PLACE. IT'S TIME
7 TO MOVE PARKING ENFORCEMENT TO PUBLIC WORKS. A 2019 STUDY
8 SHOWED THAT 89% OF DEPUTY TIME IN THE FIELD IS SPENT ON DEPUTY
9 INITIATED STOPS. 89%. AND ONLY 2% OF THOSE STOPS INVOLVE
10 SUSPECTED FELONIES. 97% OF TRAFFIC STOPS RECOVERED NO
11 CONTRABAND. AND LESS THAN HALF, LESS THAN ½ OF 1% OF STOPS
12 RECOVER ANY WEAPONS. SO, IS IT REALLY TIME FOR ANOTHER REPORT
13 BACK? --

14

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. PLEASE UNMUTE
19 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONES MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU AND GOOD THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
22 BRINGING US UP YOU KNOW GLORIA MOLINA THE PREVIOUS SUPERIORS
23 ARE VERY FOCUSED ON COUNTY COUNCIL. THAT HAT GOES OFF TO
24 COUNTY COUNCIL FOR YOU KNOW BUNGLING THIS. WE NEED, WHERE
25 STEVE ROBLES BY THE WAY, DID HE RETIRE? BECAUSE WHAT WE USED



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SUPERVISORS

1 TO HAVE WAS CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS AND BEFORE SHEILA KUEHL
2 MIXED IT THESE LIABILITY MATTERS WOULD COME BEFORE THE BOARD
3 AND THE BOARD COULD LOOK DOWN THEIR NOSE AND BE LIKE, HEY,
4 WHAT'S GOING ON? THIS IS NOT A GOOD STRATEGY. WE NEED TO DO
5 SOMETHING DIFFERENT. NOW, IT'S ALL BEEN BURIED AS A, YOU KNOW,
6 RECEIVING THE FILE, WHICH IS JUST LIKE SLAP AND PINCH. IT'S
7 NOT NICE. SO, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT UP. AND THE SHERIFFS
8 CERTAINLY NEED HOLLY MITCHELL TO LOOK AT THE POINT SYSTEM
9 CLOSELY. AND PERSONALLY, GOOD ARBOR, WHETHER OR NOT WHO GETS
10 THE POINTS COULD BE HER AND HER TEAM. I MEAN, WHAT ARE YOU
11 TALKING ABOUT? WE NEED TO, PEOPLE CAN'T DRIVE OVER AT 100
12 MILES AN HOUR. WE CAN'T HAVE HELICOPTER CHASES ON TV THAT'S A
13 GOOD START THANK YOU GREAT WORK

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT IS PAUL HENNESSY. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF
18 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** I AGREE WITH MOVE THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER OF MOVING
21 PARKING ENFORCEMENT TO PUBLIC WORKS. I AM IN FAVOR OF THINGS
22 THAT WILL HOLD POLICE MORE ACCOUNTABLE INCLUDING MOVING THEIR
23 TRAFFIC RECORD. I DO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS FOCUS SHOULD
24 NOT JUST BE ON HIGH-INCOME AREAS. A LOT OF LOW-INCOME AREAS IN
25 LA DON'T HAVE SIDEWALKS OR THEY HAVE BROKEN SIDEWALKS WHERE



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1 YOU HAVE TO WALK PARTIALLY IN THE STREET BEFORE GETTING BACK
2 ON THE SIDEWALK SO YEAH, THESE TRAFFIC PILOT PROGRAMS SHOULD
3 ALSO BE COGNIZANT OF THAT AND FOCUSING ON LOW-INCOME AREAS
4 WHERE TRAFFIC DEATHS ARE HIGHER.

5

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE'S CURRENTLY NO OTHER REMOTE
9 SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, AND THERE ARE NONE HERE IN
12 THE HALL. SO, ITEM 16 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN,
13 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

19

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

21

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

23

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

25



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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

6

7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER. AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

8

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

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH. AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-

12 0.

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ITEM 46 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
15 SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE
16 ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

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

21

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

23

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

25



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

2

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

4

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

6

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

8

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

10

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

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH. AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-

14 0.

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 43

17 COUNTY CODE TITLE TO ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT, WHICH WAS HELD

18 BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE

19 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM

20 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ALTERNATE TO YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS

23 FOR COUNTY COUNCIL IF I MAY MADAM CHAIR. SO, AS I UNDERSTAND

24 IT THE GENERAL LANGUAGE OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS AN

25 INITIAL FOUNDATION AND SO I WANTED TO HOLD THE ITEM TODAY TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 CLARIFY FOR ALL OF THE STAKEHOLDERS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL KIND
2 OF WHERE WE GO FROM HERE AND AGAIN TO ASK THESE COUPLE OF
3 QUESTIONS WE'VE HAD CONVERSATIONS ABOUT IT IN MY BRIEFING, BUT
4 I WANTED TO GET THEM ON THE RECORD. FIRST OF ALL, I NOTE THAT
5 SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE ENSURING THAT PEOPLE IN
6 HEARINGS HAVE ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE
7 ABILITY TO CHALLENGE THE ASSIGNMENT OF A HEARING OFFICER OR TO
8 SEEK A REHEARING. CAN ALL OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS BE ADOPTED
9 BY INCORPORATION IN COUNTY COUNCIL'S RULES AND REGULATIONS OR
10 WOULD SOME OF THEM REQUIRE A FUTURE ORDINANCE?

11

12 **DAWYN HARRISON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THOSE TYPE OF RULES AND
13 REGULATIONS WOULD NOT NEED TO BE IN THE CURRENT ORDINANCE AND
14 WOULD NOT NEED TO BE ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE. THEY WOULD BE IN
15 THE RULES AND PROCEDURES THAT WE WOULD DEVELOP FOR THE
16 ADMINISTRATION OF THE HEARINGS, WHICH WE WILL BE BRINGING TO
17 CLUSTER AND WE'LL HAVE A FULL DISCOURSE WITH THE PUBLIC
18 AVAILABLE TO SPEAK.

19

20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** EXCELLENT. SPEAKING OF THAT, I KNOW
21 THAT ONCE THE DRAFT LANGUAGE WENT PUBLIC, WE THEN BEGAN TO GET
22 LETTERS AND QUESTIONS, SOME PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL QUESTIONS AND
23 COMMENTS. SO, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU'LL GO TO CLUSTER, WE
24 APPRECIATE THAT. DO YOU HAVE AN ESTIMATED TIMELINE FOR WHEN
25 YOU EXPECT THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO COME TO CLUSTER FOR



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1 PUBLIC COMMENT AND REVIEW?

2

3 **DAWYN HARRISON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. YES. SO, OUR GOAL WOULD
4 BE TO PREPARE DRAFT RULES AND PROCEDURES, I WOULD SAY, BY THE
5 END OF SEPTEMBER, ALLOWING FOR CLUSTER MEETING IN OCTOBER,
6 EVEN IN NOVEMBER IF NECESSARY, IF MORE THAN ONE CLUSTER
7 MEETING WERE WARRANTED. WE THEN EXPECT TO HAVE CONCURRENTLY
8 HEARING OFFICER TRAINING BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER.
9 EDUCATION AND OUTREACH TO BOTH DEPARTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC
10 WOULD OCCUR BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND JANUARY. AND WE WOULD EXPECT
11 THE ROLLOUT OF HEARING OFFICERS AVAILABLE TO HOLD HEARINGS
12 BEGINNING IN JANUARY, WHICH IS ALSO THE BEGINNING OF A NUMBER
13 OF THE OTHER ORDINANCE PROGRAMS THAT YOUR BOARD HAS PUT IN
14 PLACE THAT TAKEN TO EFFECT IN JANUARY.

15

16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU,
17 MADAM CHAIR.

18

19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY, ARE THERE ANY OTHER
20 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SEEING NONE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
21 CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS
22 ITEM.

23

24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME
25 FORWARD? RED CHIEF HUNT, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND THE STAFF



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1 WILL ASSIST YOU. AS FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
2 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 43 IF YOU HAVE
3 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW AND WE PLACE IN
4 THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE
5 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ABBA ALSTRAND. PLEASE
8 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY
9 BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS LISA ALSTRAND, AND I MAKE THIS
12 COMMENT ON BEHALF OF NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY, NLSLA. NLSLA REPRESENTS LOW-INCOME PEOPLE IN
14 VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE AND COURT PROCEEDINGS. WE KNOW THE
15 IMPORTANCE OF IMPARTIAL DECISION MAKERS AND DETAILED HEARING
16 PROCEDURES IN ENSURING FAIR HEARING OUTCOMES. FIRST, HOUSING
17 OFFICES AND COUNTY COUNCIL THREATENS IMPARTIALITY BECAUSE
18 COUNTY COUNCIL WILL DEFEND ANY APPEALS. THE SPSC COUNTY
19 REPLACES OFFICE WITHIN A DIFFERENT AGENCY OR SECTION OF THE
20 COUNTY OR CREATE CLEAR PARAMETERS. SECOND, THE ORDINANCE IS
21 SILENT ON CRUCIAL ELEMENTS OF DUE PROCESS AND ACCESSIBILITY
22 CONTAINED IN OTHER COUNTIES' BOARD USES, INCLUDING LANGUAGE
23 ACCESS, STANDARDS FOR APPEALS, JUDICIAL REVIEW, HEARING
24 NOTICES, AND DECISIONS, BURDENS APPROVED, PROCEDURES FOR THE
25 RECORDING OF HEARINGS AND PREPARATION OF TRANSCRIPTS AND



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1 INCORPORATION OF AN IMPROVEMENT TO CHAPTER 1.25. PLEASE REFER
2 TO NLSLA PUBLIC COUNCIL AND BLAP-LAS SUBMITTED WRITTEN COMMENT
3 THAT DETAILS OUR CONCERNS AND LANGUAGE ADVOCATES WOULD LIKE TO
4 SPEAK. PLEASE INCLUDE ADVOCATES IN ANY NEXT STEPS. THANK YOU.

5

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SOPHIA WRENCH. PLEASE SPEAK
9 INTO YOUR PHONE AND UNMUTE IT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS SOPHIA WRENCH. I AM A FELLOW AND A
12 STAFF ATTORNEY AT PUBLIC COUNCIL. I'M COMMENTING ON ITEM 43
13 REGARDING THE COUNTY HEARING OFFICER OFFICE. PUBLIC COUNCIL,
14 ALONG WITH NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES, THE LOS ANGELES
15 COUNTY, AND THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES HAVE
16 SUBMITTED A MUCH LONGER LETTER WITH OUR DETAILED FEEDBACK, AND
17 WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU TO READ IT. I ANTICIPATE THAT MANY OF
18 OUR COMMENTS WILL BE ADDRESSED WITH THE DRAFTING OF THE
19 REGULATIONS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENTS
20 OF THIS OFFICE, AND WE'LL MAKE OURSELVES AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER
21 COMMENT. SOME OF OUR CONCERNS INCLUDE THE TRAINING AND
22 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS, HOW OFFICERS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO
23 CASES, TO MAINTAIN IMPARTIALITY AND TO AVOID CONFLICTS OF
24 INTEREST, ALSO INCREASING NOTICE PERIODS TO BE REALISTIC FOR
25 WORKING FAMILIES, ACCESS TO REPRESENTATION, TRANSLATION AND



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1 INTERPRETATION AND HARDSHIP WAIVERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
2 YOUR TIME.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS YOLANDA ERIS. PLEASE UNMUTE
7 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, THIS IS YOLANDA ADIAS FROM THE LEGAL AID
10 FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES. MY POINTS ARE THE DRAFT ORDINANCE
11 IS BARE ON DETAILS AND NEEDS MORE FLESHING OUT TO ENSURE DUE
12 PROCESS. OUR SECOND CONCERN IS CONFLICT OF INTEREST. IF COUNTY
13 COUNCIL IS GOING TO ACT AS HEARING OFFICERS, THAT POSES A
14 SERIOUS CONFLICT OF INTEREST WHEN THE COUNTY COUNCIL IS ALSO
15 SERVING THE INTEREST OF THE COUNTY. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A
16 BACKLOG BEING CREATED. WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE ENOUGH
17 STAFF AND HEARING OFFICERS AVAILABLE TO AVOID DELAY IN GETTING
18 MATTERS HEARD AND TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO BACKLOG IN
19 HEARINGS CREATED. OUR FOURTH POINT IS LANGUAGE ACCESS. WE ARE
20 VERY CONCERNED THAT LANGUAGE ACCESS BE INSURED THROUGHOUT THE
21 NOTICE AND HEARING PROCESS AND OUR LAST POINT IS THAT MORE
22 COMMUNITY INPUT IS NEEDED --

23

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



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1

2 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS TO
3 ADDRESS THE BOARD.

4

5 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, ITEM 43 IS
6 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I WILL SECOND TO
7 APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

12

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

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

16

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

18

19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER. AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?



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1

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

3

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

6

7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING
8 THERE ARE NO SPECIALS TODAY AND WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM MEMBERS
9 OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING
10 ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AS WELL AS GENERAL PUBLIC
11 COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE
12 PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. YOU MUST
13 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS,
14 INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IN ORDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE
15 THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ
16 THE CALL-IN INFORMATION AND CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
17 WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE REMAINING ITEMS AS WELL AS
18 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

19

20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO
21 3 MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND
22 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU WILL HAVE 1 MINUTE FOR 1 ITEM, 2
23 MINUTES FOR 2 OR MORE ITEMS, AND 1 ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR
24 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND CLEARLY
25 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING. YOU



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1 MAY ONLY ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. WE WILL NOW CALL
2 IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL
3 TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
6 FORWARD? HARRIET ELLIOTT, DONALD HARLAN, KEVIN CUTLIFFE,
7 PATRICIA MCALLISTER, OSCAR CANALES, REGGIE FUNT, VIOLET
8 AFFLECK, DIANE ZIMMERMAN, DOLORES CANALES, ANDREA MCPHERSON,
9 KATE TEGU, PIP COY, AND SARAH RASKOLM, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
10 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, WHEN WE HAVE THE FIRST
11 REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS PAUL HENNESSY. PLEASE UNMUTE
14 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M CALLING ON ITEM 1, ITEM 25 IN GENERAL PUBLIC
17 COMMENT. I'M CALLING TO URGE THE BOARD TO PERMANENTLY REQUIRE
18 HIGH QUALITY MASKS IN THE HEALTH CARE SETTINGS. I ALSO WANT TO
19 SPEAK OUT AGAINST MAYOR BASS'S PROPOSED MASK RESTRICTIONS UPON
20 PROTESTS AND URGE THE BOARD TO PASS PROTECTION FOR THOSE OF US
21 WHO ARE SMART ENOUGH TO MASK. MASKS ARE LESS EFFECTIVE AT
22 CONCEALING YOUR IDENTITY THAN SOME CLASSES. A MASK BAN DOES
23 NOT ADDRESS ANTI-SEMITIC ACTS. INSTEAD, IT TARGETS DISABLED
24 ACTIVISTS WHO ARE AT INCREASED RISK OF SERIOUS ILLNESS FROM
25 COVID-19 OR OTHER RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES. ASKING SOMEONE TO



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1 UNMASK TEMPORARILY OR REQUIRING THEM TO EXPLAIN WHY THEIR
2 MASKING IS A VIOLATION OF THE ADA AND OPENS UP THE COUNTY TO
3 LAWSUITS. RATHER THAN MEETING WITH AN EXTREMIST RIGHT WING
4 INFOWARS PODCASTER LIKE LINDSAY HORVATH DID, I'D LIKE THE
5 BOARD TO LISTEN TO THEIR ACTUAL CONSTITUENTS. WHERE OVER 65
6 WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE SUBMITTED IN THE PAST 2 DAYS OPPOSING
7 ANY FUTURE MASK BANS. LET'S GET SOME PRO-MASK LEGISLATION ON
8 THE AGENDA. INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON TAKING AWAY RIGHTS TO
9 PROTECT OURSELVES FROM ILLNESS, SMOKE AND POLLUTION, I URGE
10 THE BOARD TO MAKE INVESTMENTS TO CLEAN INDOOR AIR TECH IN
11 PUBLIC SPACES, SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC TRANSIT. INFORMATION, IF YOU
12 WANT LESS MASKING, LA SHOULD INVEST IN CLEAN INDOOR AIR FOR
13 INSTANCE SANTA CLARITA CITY HALL USES UV LIGHTS AND UPGRADED
14 AIR FILTERS BUT INCENTIVIZE BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS TO DO THE
15 SAME AS FOR ITEM 25 THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS TO
16 ACKNOWLEDGE THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF COVID ON CHILDREN SUCH AS
17 CHILDHOOD DIABETES, LONG COVID, CARDIAC ISSUES, AND
18 LYMPHOCYTOPENIA. THIS GRANT FUNDING SHOULD INCLUDE CLEAN
19 INDOOR AIR PILOT PROGRAMS AND EDUCATING PARENTS ON LONG COVID
20 IN CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JESSE JACOBS. PLEASE UNMUTE
25 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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1

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

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** YES. HELLO. YES. I'D LIKE TO SAY KIND OF SECOND, BUT
7 SOME OF THE THINGS PAUL WAS SAYING, WE NEED TO MAKE MASKS
8 PERMANENT IN ALL HEALTHCARE SETTINGS. WE ARE ALL VULNERABLE TO
9 THE LONG-TERM RAMIFICATIONS THAT COVID CAUSES, AND WE REALLY
10 NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE'RE IN A SURGE RIGHT NOW. AND THE
11 LAST THING WE SHOULD BE DOING IS ANY FORM OF A MASK BAN. WE
12 SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND OTHERS WHEREVER
13 WE ARE IN SOCIETY. AND THERE'S PLENTY OF STUDIES ON THIS. IT'S
14 AN INEFFECTIVE WAY TO HIDE YOUR IDENTITY WITH A MASK. AND
15 THAT'S NOT WHY PEOPLE ARE DOING IT. PEOPLE ARE DOING IT TO
16 PROTECT THEMSELVES AND TO PROTECT OTHERS. SO, WE NEED TO COME
17 DOWN STRONG ON THIS. NO MASK BAN, NO TOLERANCE, NO MASK BAN
18 AND BRING MASKS BACK INTO HEALTHCARE AND MAKE THEM PERMANENT.
19 THANK YOU.

20

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY ANARES. PLEASE
24 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY
25 BEGIN.



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1

2 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS FROM DISTRICT 3 AND THE
3 WE VIRTUAL ACTION ORGANIZER WITH THE JUSTICE LA COALITION AND
4 I WANTED TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM 14. I FULLY SUPPORT
5 REDUCING THE EGREGIOUS INFLATED CRISIS OF LA COUNTY JAILED
6 COMMISSARIES. INACCEPTABLE COMMISSARY CRISIS ARE JUST ONE MORE
7 WAY THAT OUR JAILS EXPLOIT AND HARM OUR INCARCERATED COMMUNITY
8 MEMBERS. HOWEVER, IN NO WAY CAN THIS EFFORT TO LOWER
9 COMMISSARY PRICES BE USED TO JUSTIFY MORE MONEY TO GO TO THE
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IF THEY WANTED TO MAKE COMMISSARY PRICES
11 A PRIORITY, THEY HAVE THE FUNDING TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN ALREADY.
12 AND WE CANNOT AFFORD TO GIVE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANY MORE
13 OF OUR TAX DOLLARS TO WASTE WHILE OUR LOVED ONES SUFFER
14 INSIDE. WE NEED TO SAVE OUR TAX DOLLARS FOR COMMUNITY CARE AND
15 LOWER BARRIERS FOR FOOD AND HYGIENE PRODUCTS FOR OUR LOVED
16 ONES INSIDE WITHOUT GIVING ANY MORE MONEY TO THE CORRUPT
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE. MADAM
20 CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE
21 BOARD.

22

23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WONDERFUL. OUR PHONE LINE IS NOW
24 CLOSED. WE'LL GO TO SPEAKERS IN PERSON. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** 2 MINUTES. WHERE ARE MY 2 MINUTES? I GET 2 MINUTES.

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE NEED TO KNOW WHICH ITEMS
4 YOU'RE SPEAKING ON.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 20, CANCELING THE SALE OF
7 PROPERTIES AND 3D, D AS IN DAVID. OKAY, LACDA APPROVAL OF
8 THEIR MINUTES. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
9 WE NEED A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION. I HAVE PROOF THAT THEY ARE
10 CALCULATING RENTS INCORRECTLY. THEY ARE ALSO NOT REDUCING RENT
11 OF TENANTS WHOSE INCOME IS DECREASED. THEY'RE JUST STEALING,
12 JUST BOTTOM LINE, JUST STEALING, EMBEZZLING FUNDS. SO THAT'S
13 ONE OF YOUR AGENCIES YOU NEED TO INVESTIGATE. AND I DON'T
14 KNOW, I'M SURE YOU'RE GOING AND YOU'RE LOOKING TO SEE THEY
15 HAVE COURT CASES AGAINST THEM BY TENANTS. THEY'RE JUST VERY
16 BOLD IN WHAT THEY'RE DOING. AND OF COURSE, YOU KNOW ME. WHEN I
17 FIND OUT THINGS LIKE THAT, I REPORT IT. SO PLEASE LOOK AT
18 LACDA AND SOME OF THE COURT CASES THAT THEY HAVE FROM TENANTS.
19 AND THEY'RE VERY BOLD IN WHAT THEY'RE DOING. CANCELLATION SALE
20 OF PROPERTIES. I'M WITH THIS HOME KEY SITUATION, AND I HAVE
21 PROOF THAT YOU'RE GETTING THESE HOME KEY PROPERTIES AND YOU'RE
22 FIXING THEM UP AND LEAVING THEM VACANT. NOW WE'VE GOT ONE
23 THAT'S BEEN VACANT FOR 9 YEARS, AND WE'VE GOT A COMPANY IN
24 THERE WHO IS MATTHEW ESTATE INVESTMENT SERVICES WHO'S LEASING
25 OUT THE FIRST FLOOR AND HE'S LEASING THEM OUT TO HIGH-CLASS



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1 BUSINESSSES SO YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT GONNA YOU IT'S THE 101 UNITS
2 YOU'RE NOT GONNA HAVE HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THERE SO WHAT YOU'RE
3 DOING IS YOU'RE TAKING THE HOME KEY MONEY, YOU'RE FIXING UP
4 THE PROPERTIES, LET THEM SIT THERE, THINKING PEOPLE WILL
5 FORGET ABOUT THEM, AND THEN YOU SELL THEM AND POCKET THE
6 PROCEEDS. SIMPLE AS THAT. WHO'S GETTING THE MONEY? I'M SURE
7 THESE PEOPLE ARE PAYING FOR THEIR PROPERTY. AND IT'S LOCATED
8 AT 21121 VAN OWEN STREET IN CANOGA PARK, CALIFORNIA, 91301.
9 101 UNITS. AND I HAVE MORE, JUST LIKE THAT. SO THAT'S CALLED
10 THEFT. IT'S EMBEZZLING. WE NEED A FEDERAL. --

11

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

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. FIRST OFF AND FOREMOST, I
16 JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY ANCESTORS THAT CAME BEFORE ME, FOR
17 I COULD BE BORN AND ALIVE HERE AT THIS VERY SECOND, AND ALL
18 THE EFFORT THAT'S BEEN PUT FOR THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE SCENES.
19 THANK YOU. I JUST WANNA SHARE A VISION THAT I HAD ABOUT 4
20 YEARS AGO, 2020. I SEEN CAUCASIAN PEOPLE HELPING ME. I SEEN ME
21 BEING BROADCASTED ALL OVER TELEVISION AND I'M SAYING THIS NOT
22 FOR MY GAIN BUT FOR HUMANITY'S GAIN. I CAME HERE TO REDEEM
23 HUMANITY. I'M BEING USED AS A TEST TO SEE WHAT HUMANITY WOULD
24 DO. I CAME HERE FOR PEACE FOR THE WORLD. AND I JUST WANT TO, I
25 DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME, BUT THERE'S SO MUCH I CAN SAY. I JUST



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1 WANT TO THANK EVERYONE. AND I WEAR DIFFERENT HATS, YOU KNOW.

2 SOME OF YOU GUYS ARE FATHERS, SOME OF YOU GUYS ARE CHILDREN. -

3 -

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

6 SPEAKER.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** I'M HARRIET ELLIOTT, I'M IN HOLLY MITCHELL'S

9 DISTRICT. MY SON DIED IN 1992. THE TEACHER, JOHN HIDNERY

10 WATSON TOLD ME, HE WAS A GOOD KID, HE SAID, HE NEVER GAVE ME

11 ANY PROBLEMS. ALSO, HIS HOMEROOM TEACHER SAID, I HAVE NOT ONE

12 COMPLAINING ABOUT YOUR SON. I CAN'T GET THE REPORT CARD. AND

13 WHY CAN'T I GET THE REPORT CARD? YOU KNOW IT'S POSSIBLE THAT

14 THEY KILLED HIM? THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE DEAD AROUND MY CASE.

15 MY SISTER SAID SHE HAS AN MFCC AND SHE SAID THERE'S NO

16 PEDOPHILIA, NO SIGNS OF CHILD ABUSE ON YOUR SON. AND THIS IS

17 WHAT THE CIA DOES. AND HERE'S THE THING, CAROL RUTZ, THEY

18 DON'T EVEN SAY THIS BOOK ANYMORE. IT'S NOT IN THE LIBRARY.

19 NATION BETRAYED, THEY ARE ACTUALLY SAYING LIES ABOUT MANY,

20 MANY PEOPLE. AND THAT'S WHY THEY KILLED MY SISTER, I BELIEVE.

21 ANYWAY, I KNOW IT'S SO FAR-FETCHED. NO ONE CAN BELIEVE

22 DIRECTED ENERGY. READ WAR AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT. THAT'S A

23 MILITARY BOOK.

24

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



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1 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS KEVIN CUTLIFF. I'M A TOURIST,
4 ACTUALLY. I COME FROM COBB COUNTY, METRO ATLANTA, AND I'M AN
5 ACTOR TRYING TO MOVE TO LA, BUT I ALSO AM A VOLUNTEER FOR MY
6 COUNTY COMMISSIONER OVER IN COBB COUNTY, SO I WANTED TO COME
7 SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE IN LA. I'M 22, GEN Z, YOUNG PEOPLE GOTTA
8 COME OUT IN POLITICS. AND HONESTLY, GOING FROM A SMALL ROOM
9 WHERE MY COMMISSIONER REPRESENTS 200K PEOPLE TO SEEING 5
10 COMMISSIONERS REPRESENT 2,000,000 PEOPLE, IT'S BEEN
11 OVERWHELMING. SO YEAH, I'VE JUST BEEN REALLY GRATEFUL TO COME
12 AND WITNESS A HUGE COUNTY COMMISSION VERSUS KIND OF COBB
13 COUNTY, WHICH IS ALMOST 1,000,000 PEOPLE NOW. AS I START TO
14 MOVE TO LA, I HOPE TO START A DIALOGUE WITH THE BOARD, WHOEVER
15 I MOVE INTO WHOSE DISTRICT AND HOPEFULLY I CAN WORK WITH ALL
16 ONE DAY AS WELL.

17

18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** CHOOSE 3, CHOOSE 3. I'LL HAVE
19 SOMEBODY FROM MY TEAM COME TALK TO YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, MY NAME IS ANDREW MCPHERSON, AN ADVOCATE FOR
22 MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I SPEAK ABOUT
23 A4, A6, AND A9. SO, CAN YOU PLEASE GIVE ME THE MEETINGS
24 ACCORDINGLY? I WANT TO INVITE EVERYONE TO BECOME A MEMBER, A
25 PUBLIC MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE AREA



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1 LEADERSHIP TEAM. WE HAVE NOBODY IN SERVICE AREA 5 TO COME AND
2 SPEAK. SO, THE MEETING TO JOIN IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 17TH, AT 10
3 A.M. TO 12 P.M. AND AS FAR AS THAT LINK, WE CAN GIVE THE LINK
4 TO EVERYONE SO THAT THEY CAN PARTICIPATE. AS FAR AS THAT GOES,
5 YOU CAN GO TO THE WEBSITE, LA COUNTY WEBSITE, DEPARTMENT OF
6 MENTAL HEALTH AND GO TO THE CALENDAR AND THEY HAVE THAT
7 INFORMATION ALSO. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT MADAM CHAIR, I CAN
8 ADDRESS THE BOARD AND HILDA SOLIS, PLEASE VOTE NO ON. --

9

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** YES, THE RED CHIEF HUNT. VOTE RED CHIEF HUNT. LOS
14 ANGELES CITY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE'RE IN A CRISIS. THE
15 HOUSING CRISIS HAS BECOME PHENOMENAL. IF WE DON'T BRING ALL
16 THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT'S RENTING
17 HOUSES AND APARTMENTS, WE'RE IN A LOT OF TROUBLE. 20 YEARS
18 AGO, WE STARTED THIS, AND 20 YEARS LATER, WE'RE AT 70 TO
19 100,000 PEOPLE. THE REASON WHY IS BECAUSE ONCE YOU FILL OUT
20 YOUR APPLICATION, THEY ASK THE HOMELESS PEOPLE, WELL, DO YOU
21 GOT GOOD CREDIT? WELL, NO, THEY AIN'T GOT NO GOOD CREDIT. NO,
22 DO YOU PASS BACKGROUND CHECK? NO, YOU DON'T PASS BACKGROUND
23 CHECK. THAT'S JUST SO SORRY. BUT IF WE DON'T BRING THESE
24 PEOPLE TOGETHER, 20 MORE YEARS LATER, WE'RE GONNA BE LOOKING
25 AT THE SAME CRISIS. AND I KNOW BECAUSE I'M PART OF THE FRONT



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1 LINE AND STUFF LIKE THAT, IT'S REALLY RIDICULOUS. AND THE CASE
2 MANAGERS, I DON'T KNOW IF THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING. WE
3 NEED TO BUILD A NEW SYSTEM FOR THE HOMELESS AND GET ON IT
4 RIGHT AWAY. RED CHIEF HUNT, BRING ALL THE DEVELOPERS TOGETHER.
5 THANK YOU.

6

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

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HI. VIOLET AFFLECK, LOS ANGELES RESIDENT, FIRST TIME
10 VOTER IN 18. I CONTRACTED A POST-VIRAL CONDITION IN 2019. I'M
11 OKAY NOW, BUT I SAW FIRSTHAND THAT MEDICINE DOES NOT ALWAYS
12 HAVE ANSWERS TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF EVEN MINOR VIRUSES. THE
13 COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS THROWN THE INTO SHARPER RELIEF. 1 IN 10
14 INFECTIONS LEADS TO LONG COVID, WHICH IS A DEVASTATING
15 NEUROLOGICAL CARDIOVASCULAR ILLNESS THAT CAN TAKE AWAY
16 PEOPLE'S ABILITY TO WORK, MOVE, SEE, AND EVEN THINK STANDS TO
17 EXACERBATE OUR HOMELESSNESS CRISIS, AS WELL AS THE SUFFERING
18 OF MANY PEOPLE IN OUR CITY. IT HITS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR,
19 DISABLED PEOPLE, ELDERLY PEOPLE, TRANS PEOPLE, WOMEN, AND
20 ANYONE IN A PUBLIC FACING ESSENTIAL JOB THE HARDEST. TO
21 CONFRONT THE LONG COVID CRISIS, I DEMAND MASK AVAILABILITY,
22 AIR FILTRATION, AND FAR UVC LIGHT IN GOVERNMENT FACILITIES,
23 INCLUDING JAILS AND DETENTION CENTERS, AND MASK MANDATES IN
24 COUNTY MEDICAL FACILITIES. WE MUST EXPAND THE AVAILABILITY OF
25 HIGH QUALITY FREE TESTS AND TREATMENT, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY,



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1 THE COUNTY MUST OPPOSE MASK BANS FOR ANY REASON. THEY DO NOT
2 KEEP US SAFER. THEY MAKE VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY
3 LESS SAFE AND MAKE EVERYONE LESS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN LOS
4 ANGELES TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING
7 HERE TODAY. NEXT SPEAKER.

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9 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M DONALD HARLAN SPEAKING ON GENERAL COMMENT.
10 FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE EVERYTHING LABELED WITH GLORIA MOLINA
11 REMOVED. ANY SIGNS THAT SAY GLORIA MOLINA MAY BE REMOVED.
12 GLORIA MOLINA WAS NEVER A COUNTY WORKER, WAS NEVER A STATE
13 WORKER. THAT'S NOT A REAL PERSON. AGENDA ITEMS 1D AND 3D
14 CONCERNING, THROUGH 3D, 2D AND 3D CONCERNING THE LA COUNTY
15 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES TO BE TOTALLY STRUCK IN FROM THE
16 COUNTY RECORD. THE LA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IS NOT AN
17 OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, THEY'RE A CRIMINAL AGENCY, AND
18 THEY SHOULD BE TREATED THAT WAY. I DON'T REALLY APPRECIATE
19 YOUR ALTERNATE JUSTICE SYSTEMS YOU'RE TRYING TO CREATE HERE.
20 YOU NEED TO STICK WITH THE PROGRAM AND SERVE YOUR PENANCE.
21 ALSO, ANOTHER THING ABOUT YOUR FAKE 100-YEAR HISTORY OF THE
22 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, FOR SURE THAT'S NOT TRUE. I STARTED THE
23 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COUNT IN 1981 AND NOBODY KNEW ABOUT IT.

24

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



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1 NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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3 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M BOARD MEMBERS, BOARD SUPERVISORS.

4 MY NAME IS LIONEL MORRIS FROM THE SUN VALLEY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD

5 COUNCIL SPEAKING AS AN INDIVIDUAL. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD

6 SUPERVISOR FOR PASSING CHARTER REFORM. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'D

7 LIKE TO THANK SAVANNAH FROM HORVATH'S OFFICE FOR INVITING US.

8 BY REFORMING THE COUNTY CHARTER, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO

9 CREATE A GOVERNANCE MODEL THAT'S MORE EFFECTIVE,

10 REPRESENTATIVE, AND ACCOUNTABLE TO ANGELENOS. ESTABLISHING AN

11 INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION INCREASE TRANSPARENCY ON BUILT

12 PUBLIC TRUST AND FIGHTS CORRUPTION THIS BODY WILL INVESTIGATE

13 ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT AND WILL SERVE AS A GATEKEEPER ON

14 CAMPAIGN FINANCE, LOBBYING, CONTRACTS, AND DEVELOPERS. I'D

15 LIKE MORE REPRESENTATION FOR THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY,

16 PARTICULARLY IN THE EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, WHICH IS

17 PREDOMINANTLY UNDERSERVED MINORITY RESIDENTS LIKE MYSELF, AND

18 WE STRIVE FOR BETTER TRANSPARENCY REPRESENTATION. THANK YOU

19 VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU'RE

22 DOING. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS? OKAY, WITH THAT, THAT

23 CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,

24 PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE'LL BE

25 VOTING.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. 1,3, 6,
3 8 THROUGH 11, 13 THROUGH 15, 17, 18 AS AMENDED, 19 WITH
4 SUPERVISOR RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE SUPERVISOR BARGER,
5 RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
6 SECTION 84308, 20 AND 21, 23, 24. WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER
7 RECUSING HERSELF FOR THE REASONS STATED IN THE POSTED AGENDA.
8 25 THROUGH 42, 44 AND 45, 47 THROUGH 72, 73A AS AMENDED, 73B
9 AND 73C, 1D THROUGH 3D, 1P, THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** MOVE BY SUPERVISOR HANS, SECONDED
12 BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH THE
13 EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
14 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

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

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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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

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5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

12 0.

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14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE

15 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS WE WILL START WITH SUPERVISOR

16 MITCHELL

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18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR I HAVE

19 NONE TODAY.

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21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY I HAVE 2 I MOVE THAT WHEN WE

22 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CYNTHIA LAMAY ELIZONDO,

23 WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 3RD AT THE AGE OF 63. ELIZONDO WAS

24 BORN AND RAISED IN MICHIGAN. SHE WAS A LOVING MOTHER OF 4. HER

25 SON, JOSHUA, IS THE THIRD DISTRICT APPOINTEE TO THE LOS



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1 ANGELES COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION. SHE SURVIVED BY HER SONS,
2 JEFFREY, JEREMIAH, JOSHUA, AND JACOB. HER BROTHERS, GREGORY
3 AND STEPHEN, ONE GRANDDAUGHTER, AND HER DOG APOLLO. AND I MOVE
4 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ZACHARY
5 SEFF, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 14TH AT THE AGE OF 86. CEPH WAS
6 BORN IN CINCINNATI, OHIO. HE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES AT THE START
7 OF HIS CAREER, WHERE HE WORKED AS A STOCKBROKER AND BECAME A
8 PROBATE REFEREE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE WAS APPOINTED AS A
9 LOS ANGELES ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD MEMBER IN 1994 BY 3RD
10 DISTRICT SUPERVISOR ED EDELMAN. SETH WAS A PUBLIC ARBITRATOR
11 WITH THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION, THE NEW YORK STOCK
12 EXCHANGE AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITY DEALERS.
13 SETH'S EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, AND EXPERTISE IN PROPERTY TAX
14 APPEALS MADE HIM A VALUABLE ASSET TO THE AAB. SETH WAS
15 RESPECTED AND ADMIRER BY HIS PEERS AND COLLEAGUES, AND THE AAB
16 FAMILY REMEMBERS SETH FOR HIS KINDNESS, HONESTY, AND GUIDANCE.
17 HE IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS WIFE, JONI, AND IS SURVIVED BY
18 HIS STEPSON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND GRANDCHILDREN. WE EXTEND
19 OUR CONDOLENCES TO THEM. WITH THAT, I'LL TURN IT TO SUPERVISOR
20 HAHN.

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22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
23 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOSEPH ZADIK.
24 JOSEPH WAS THE HUSBAND OF ONE OF MY LONGTIME FRIENDS, ANNE
25 BACCAR. JOSEPH WAS BORN IN IRAN AND RAISED IN ISRAEL. WHILE IN



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1 HIGH SCHOOL, HE WORKED MANY JOBS TO HELP SUPPORT HIS FAMILY.
2 JOSEPH SERVED IN THE 6 DAY WAR AND THEN IMMIGRATED TO THE
3 UNITED STATES TO ATTEND COLLEGE IN 1969. HE WAS AN
4 ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS WITH A CAREER THAT SPANNED OVER 30
5 YEARS. HE ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MENTOR OTHERS, WHETHER
6 THE IMMIGRANT CONTRACTOR FROM MEXICO OR THE SMALL GROCERY
7 STORE OPERATOR FROM IRAN. JOSEPH PASSED DOWN JEWISH VALUES TO
8 HIS CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY THE VALUE OF CHARITY. HE MADE
9 SIGNIFICANT AND FREQUENTLY ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SHABBAT
10 OF OAKLAND, BETH JACOB CONGREGATION, APAC, AND OTHER COMMUNITY
11 ORGANIZATIONS. HE WAS A HUMBLE MAN WITH A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
12 THAT TOUCHED COUNTLESS LIVES BEYOND HIS FAMILY. HE IS SURVIVED
13 BY HIS BELOVED WIFE OF 27 YEARS, ANN BACAR. HIS 5 CHILDREN,
14 AMNON, BENZIE, JACKIE, MORTY, AND ELI. HIS 6 GRANDCHILDREN,
15 JOSH, JONAH, JEREMY, JACOB, DANIELLE, AND JOEY, AND HIS
16 SIBLINGS, SHLOMO, AYALA, AND LEORA. MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO
17 ANNE. I KNOW SHE WILL MISS HIM VERY MUCH. I ALSO MOVE THAT
18 WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF GENE
19 MICHAEL, WHO WAS BORN IN 1925 IN AVONDALE, ARIZONA, AND PASSED
20 AWAY JUST RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 99. JEAN WAS MARRIED TO
21 WILFORD M. MICHAEL, JR., FORMER PRESIDENT AND SUPERINTENDENT
22 OF CERRITOS COLLEGE. JEAN AND WILFORD ENJOYED TRAVELING
23 TOGETHER AND RARELY MISSED STUDENT EVENTS ON CAMPUS. IN 2018
24 THEY CELEBRATED THEIR 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. JEAN WAS A
25 DEVOUT CHRISTIAN, AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF POMONA FIRST BAPTIST



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1 CHURCH, THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SANTA ANA, AND CALVARY
2 CHURCH. JEAN WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AS PART OF THE
3 BELLFLOWER ROTARY CLUB, THE CERRITOS COLLEGE FOUNDATION, AND
4 THE PACERS WALKING GROUP. SHE SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS,
5 MARSHA AND DEBORAH, AND 2 GRANDCHILDREN. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN
6 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF NEIL BOCANFUSCO.
7 NEIL, A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, PASSED AWAY AT AGE 77. NEIL WAS
8 BORN ON THE ISLAND OF ISCA OFF THE COAST OF NAPLES. HE CAME TO
9 AMERICA AT THE AGE OF 20. ALTHOUGH NEAPOLITAN, THROUGH AND
10 THROUGH, AND A LOYAL FAN OF THE NAPOLI SOCCER TEAM, HE WAS A
11 PROUD AMERICAN CITIZEN WITH AN APPRECIATION FOR THE
12 OPPORTUNITIES THIS COUNTRY AFFORDED HIM. NEIL WAS THE OWNER
13 AND CHEF OF NEIL'S PASTA AND SEAFOOD GRILL IN SAN PEDRO FOR 21
14 YEARS UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 2019. HE WAS A STAPLE IN THE
15 COMMUNITY AND EVERYONE WAS SO SAD TO SEE THE RESTAURANT CLOSE,
16 MAINLY BECAUSE IT WAS GOOD FOOD BUT ALSO NEIL WOULD ALWAYS BE
17 THERE TO GREET YOU AND MAKE YOU FEEL SO COMFORTABLE LIKE HE
18 WAS WELCOMING YOU INTO HIS HOME. HE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY
19 HIS WIFE OF 50 YEARS, LILY, HIS 3 DAUGHTERS, MARIA, GINA, AND
20 VICTORIA, AND 5 GRANDCHILDREN. AND I ALSO WANT US TO ADJOURN
21 TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF GUSTAVO CAMACHO LOPEZ, WHO PASSED AWAY
22 AT THE AGE OF 80. GUSTAVO IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES IN
23 1973 FROM JALISCO, MEXICO. HE SETTLED IN BOYLE HEIGHTS, WHERE
24 HE LIVED UNTIL MOVING TO WHITTIER IN 2008. GUSTAVO RAISED
25 MONEY AND OBTAINED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO HELP SENIOR CITIZENS



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1 IN HIS HOMETOWN OF SAN MARTIN DE HILDAGO. IN THE 1980S, HE
2 BEGAN WORKING AS A COMMUNITY ADVOCATE FOCUSING ON SOCIAL
3 JUSTICE ISSUES AND AS AN IMMIGRANT HIMSELF, GUSTAVO HELPED
4 MANY OF HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILIES SETTLE INTO CALIFORNIA AS
5 THEY SOUGHT THE AMERICAN DREAM. HE LOVED TO LAUGH AND MADE
6 OTHERS LAUGH BY TELLING JOKES. AND ALTHOUGH HE WAS A NO-
7 NONSENSE TYPE OF GUY, HE WAS ALWAYS READY TO HELP ANYONE WHO
8 NEEDED IT. HE WAS AN AVID SPORTS FAN. HE LOVED THE DODGERS,
9 THE LAKERS, THE RAIDERS, AND HIS BELOVED MEXICO SOCCER TEAM.
10 HE WAS FROM GUADALAJARA. GUSTAVO IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDHOOD
11 FRIEND AND WIFE OF 59 YEARS, YOLANDA. 3 CHILDREN, AND MANY OF
12 YOU KNOW HIS SON, GUSTAVO, WHO'S A COUNCIL MEMBER IN PICO
13 RIVERA, AND HIS 6 GRANDCHILDREN. I KNOW YOU KNOW HIM FROM
14 CONTRACTS. YES, WOULD YOU LIKE, YEAH, I'D LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN
15 IT. YEAH, THANK YOU. YEAH, OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO GUSTAVO,
16 THE ONE WE KNOW, AND HIS FAMILY. THANK YOU.

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

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20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
21 TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF SANDRA SANDY WALLACE-BLADO, A
22 LONGTIME COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75.
23 SANDY WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 22ND, 1948. SHE EARNED HER
24 BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.
25 SHE THEN EARNED HER MASTER'S DEGREE FROM CALIFORNIA STATE



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1 UNIVERSITY. SHE SERVED THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR
2 OVER 35 YEARS UNTIL HER RETIREMENT. SANDY SPENT HER RETIREMENT
3 YEARS TRAVELING, GARDENING, AND READING, AND SHOPPING BECAUSE
4 SHE WAS DEFINITELY A SHOPAHOLIC AND ALWAYS DRESSED PERFECTLY.
5 SANDY'S DEPARTURE LEFT AN IMMENSE VOID IN THE HEARTS OF ALL
6 WHO KNEW HER AND WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER GENEROUS, GENEROUS
7 HEART. SHE WILL TRULY BE MISSED. SANDY IS SURVIVED BY HER SON,
8 SEAN, WHO'S ALSO PART OF THE COUNTY FAMILY, AND HER 2
9 GRANDCHILDREN, ISAIAH AND SETH. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN
10 MEMORY OF BERNARD LATTIE LAMB, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PASTINA
11 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. BERNARD WAS BORN AT
12 HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL IN PASADENA IN 1932. HE BECAME A PHYSICIST
13 AND LOVED TO MAKE EVERYTHING. BERNARD WORKED FOR CARTER LABS
14 AND THEN AEROJET GENERAL, WHERE HE FIXED SATELLITES, MISSILES,
15 TORPEDOES, AND PROBES. HE LOVED NATURE AND COLLECTED ORCHIDS
16 ON HIS TRIPS TO MEXICO. UPON MARRYING AND HAVING CHILDREN, HE
17 DONATED HIS COLLECTION OF 1,000 ORCHIDS TO THE LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY ARBORETUM. BERNARD ADORED HIS WIFE, NONA, AND WROTE
19 POEMS TO HER THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES. BERNARD IS SURVIVED BY
20 HIS WIFE, 2 SONS, AND GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN
21 MEMORY OF RONALD RON HUGH MORRIS 1960 OLYMPIC SILVER MEDALIST,
22 EDUCATOR BUSINESS OWNER, AND BURBANK'S HOMETOWN HERO WHO
23 PASSED AWAY ON MAY 31ST AT THE AGE OF 89. HE WAS BORN IN
24 GLENDALE ON APRIL 27, 1935 TO LAWRENCE AND THOR MORSE. RON
25 ATTENDED JOHN BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL AND COMPETED AS A POLE



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1 VAULTER. IN 1953 AND 54, HE BECAME A TWO-TIME CALIFORNIA STATE
2 RECORD HOLDER AND CHAMPION, AS WELL AS A 1953 U.S. NATIONAL
3 RECORD HOLDER. HE WENT ON TO COMPETE FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF
4 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SETTING USC'S POLE VAULT RECORD AND
5 MAKING THE LIST OF NCAA ALL-AMERICANS TWICE. IN 1956, HE
6 BECAME THE SIXTH MAN EVER TO CLEAR 15 FEET ON THE POLE VAULT.
7 OVER THE NEXT DECADE, RON WAS RANKED 8 TIMES AS AN AMATEUR
8 ATHLETE, ALL-AMERICAN, PLACING HIM AMONG THE TOP 10 IN HIS
9 EVENT IN THE COUNTRY. IN 1960, HE WON THE OLYMPIC SILVER
10 MEDAL, AND IN 1962, HE RANKED NUMBER ONE IN THE WORLD. IN
11 1978, TRACK AND FIELD NEWS IDENTIFIED RON AS THE SECOND BEST
12 POLE BALLER IN THE HISTORY TO THAT DATE. RON LATER SERVED AS
13 AN ASSISTANT AND THEN HEAD COACH AT CALIFORNIA STATE
14 UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES. HE EVENTUALLY WOUND DOWN HIS COACHING
15 CAREER. RON RESOLVED, STAY WITH THE SPORT AND TO GIVE BACK TO
16 IT. RON MORRIS ON TRACK, A SPECIALTY SPORTS GOOD COMPANY,
17 LAUNCHED HUMBLY IN THE FALL OF 1978 IN BURBANK. GUIDED BY HIS
18 MOTTO, EXCELLENCE THROUGH EXPERIENCE, RON BUILT HIS BUSINESS
19 AROUND SERVICE TO HIS CALIFORNIA COLLEAGUES. RON BECAME A
20 SOURCE OF WISDOM FOR THOSE CALLING IN FOR ADVICE ON
21 MERCHANDISE AND CHALLENGING TRAINING SITUATIONS. RON'S COMPANY
22 CONTINUES TO THRIVE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT KNOWN AS ON TRACK AND
23 FIELD, INC. LOCATED IN SIMI VALLEY. AT THE AGE OF 85, MORE
24 THAN 42 YEARS AT THE HELM OF THE COMPANY HE FOUNDED, RON BEGAN
25 YET ANOTHER ADVENTURE, A WELL-EARNED RETIREMENT IN BURBANK.



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1 RON WILL BE DEEPLY MISREMEMBERED AS A BELOVED FATHER AND
2 HUSBAND. HE SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE PAULA MORRIS, DAUGHTER DANA
3 MORRIS, SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW BROOKS AND ELAINE MORRIS AND
4 GRANDSON FISHER HUGH MORRIS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THANK
7 YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
8 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JENNA PAIGE CARRASCO. JENNA WAS A
9 RESIDENT OF ALHAMBRA AND A LONGTIME COUNTY EMPLOYEE. SHE BEGAN
10 HER CAREER FIRST WORKING AS A STUDENT WORKER WITH THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN MARCH OF 2007 AND THEN AS AN
12 ACCOUNTANT WITH THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER IN MAY OF 2016. SHE WAS
13 THEN PROMOTED AS PROGRAM SPECIALIST WITH THE AUDITOR
14 CONTROLLER DISBURSEMENTS DIVISION LAST YEAR. IN HER ROLE, SHE
15 SUPPORTED THE COUNTYWIDE TRAVEL PROGRAM, PROVIDING EXCELLENT
16 GUIDANCE TO ALL 38 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ON TRAVEL POLICY. JENNA
17 ALWAYS MANAGED AND LED HER TEAM WITH ENTHUSIASM. SHE HAD A
18 CREATIVE SPIRIT WHICH WAS REFLECTED IN HER ARTISTIC
19 PERSONALITY AND LOVE FOR PLANTS, PARTICULARLY SUCCULENTS. SHE
20 WAS KNOWN TO BE AN AVID BARGAINER AND METICULOUS PLANNER.
21 JENNA'S PERSONAL INTEREST SPANNED FROM LITERATURE TO TRAVELING
22 ADVENTURES. SHE ALSO HAD A DEEP APPRECIATION OF HISTORY,
23 EAGERLY LEARNING AND EXPLORING MUSEUMS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
24 JENNA IS SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER ESMERALDA ANAYA, FATHER WALTER
25 CARRASCO, BROTHER EDDIE CARRASCO, AND AUNT LUPE ANAYA. JENNA



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1 WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY HER AUDITOR CONTROLLER TEAM MEMBERS
2 AND WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER STEADFAST WORK ETHIC AND
3 EXEMPLARY SERVICE. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM
4 CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO THE FAMILY THAT IS HERE IN HER
5 RECOGNITION. GOD BLESS YOU.

6

7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE ALL OF
8 THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED, AND IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A
9 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
10 AND COLLEAGUES, WE'RE NOW GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION, AND WHILE
11 WE ARE IN CLOSED SESSION, WE'LL BE SHOWING VIDEO
12 REPRESENTATIONS. I HAVE A COUPLE RECOGNIZING THE NEWLY
13 ESTABLISHED LOS ANGELES COUNTY LGBTQ+ ELECTED OFFICIALS AS
14 CEIU 2015 AND THE LONG TERM CARE WORKFORCE AND CELEBRATING OUR
15 LGBTQ PLUS COMMUNITY EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE READ US INTO
16 CLOSED SESSION.

17

18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
19 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
20 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS1,
21 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
22 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

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24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR [VIDEO RECORDING]:** HI, I'M LINDSEY
25 HORVATH, CHAIR OF THE LA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS



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1 PRIDE MONTH, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS I'M
2 INCREDIBLY EXCITED TO BE JOINED BY LA COUNTY ASSESSOR JEFFREY
3 PRANG, DOWNEY MAYOR MARIO TRUJILLO, AND BURBANK VICE MAYOR
4 NIKKI PEREZ TO RECOGNIZE THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY LGBTQ PLUS ELECTED OFFICIALS, AN ORGANIZATION THAT
6 BRINGS TOGETHER LGBTQ PLUS ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM ACROSS LA
7 COUNTY. CHAIRED BY ASSESSOR PRANG THE ORGANIZATION CURRENTLY
8 COMPRISES OVER 50 LGBTQ PLUS ELECTED OFFICIALS THROUGHOUT LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY TO EMPOWER THE VOICES AND BUILD THE CIVIC
10 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR LGBTQ PLUS COMMUNITIES ACROSS LOS ANGELES.
11 AT A TIME WHEN REGRESSIVE ATTACKS AGAINST THE LGBTQ PLUS
12 COMMUNITY ARE OCCURRING NATIONWIDE AND RIGHT HERE IN LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY, THE WORK OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS ESPECIALLY
14 CRITICAL.

15

16 **JEFFREY PRANG [VIDEO RECORDING]:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE
17 RECOGNITION, SUPERVISOR HORVATH. IN THE MANY YEARS THAT WE'VE
18 KNOWN ONE ANOTHER, YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE ALLY AND
19 CHAMPION OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY. AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR
20 LEADERSHIP. AS YOU INDICATED AS WE CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH I'M
21 REALLY EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEW ASSOCIATION
22 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LGBTQ ELECTED OFFICIALS OR LACLEO AS
23 WE'RE CALLING IT AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT. AS LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY'S HIGHEST RANKING OUT ELECTED OFFICIAL I FOUND IT VERY
25 DISCOURAGING THAT THE LGBTQ CIVIC INFRASTRUCTURE SEEMED TO



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1 STOP AT THE BOUNDARIES OF WEST HOLLYWOOD WHEN THE REALITY IS
2 THE LGBTQ ELECTED OFFICIALS REPRESENT CITIES, WATER DISTRICTS,
3 AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT LA COUNTY. THE
4 ORGANIZATION IS MORE THAN A SYMBOLIC GATHERING. IT'S A
5 COMMITMENT TO OUR LGBTQ LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT
6 THEY ARE SEEN AND HEARD. WITH OVER 50 ELECTED OFFICIALS
7 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, OUR MEMBERS REPRESENT THE
8 DIVERSE FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITY. AND TODAY I'M REALLY HAPPY TO
9 BE JOINED BY DOWNEY MAYOR MARIO TRUJILLO AND BURBANK VICE
10 MAYOR NIKKI PEREZ TO SHARE MORE ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION.

11

12 **MARIO TRUJILLO [VIDEO RECORDING]:** THANK YOU, ASSESSOR. THANK
13 YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HORVATH. WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE TRUE
14 STRONG ALLIES IN THE LA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND I AM
15 HONORED TO BE PART OF THIS ORGANIZATION. THANK YOU, ASSESSOR
16 PRANG, FOR ORGANIZING US AS WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE POWER IN
17 NUMBERS AND WHEN THERE'S SO MUCH WORK TO DO TO PROTECT THE
18 LGBT COMMUNITY, WHICH CONTINUES TO BE MARGINALIZED ACROSS NOT
19 JUST LA COUNTY, BUT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. IT'S SO IMPORTANT
20 THAT WE LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE PERSECUTED
21 BECAUSE OF WHO THEY CHOOSE TO LOVE. HERE IN LA COUNTY, WE'VE
22 CREATED A SAFE SPACE. THANK YOU TO OUR SUPERVISORS FOR DOING
23 THAT AND LETTING PEOPLE KNOW THAT THEY'RE SAFE IN LA COUNTY.
24 AND THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT WE'RE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON WITH
25 THIS ORGANIZATION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK



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1 CLOSELY WITH THE LA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

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3 **NIKKI PEREZ [VIDEO RECORDING]:** YES, THANK YOU FOR THE
4 RECOGNITION SUPERVISOR HORVATH. LA COUNTY IS AMONG THE MOST
5 DIVERSE COUNTIES IN THE NATION. OUR ORGANIZATION IS
6 REPRESENTING THAT DIVERSITY. I ALSO WANT TO THANK ASSESSOR
7 PRANG FOR BRINGING US TOGETHER TO FILL THIS CRITICAL ADVOCACY
8 NEED. OUT OF 50 PLUS, THE MAJORITY OF US ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR
9 FROM THROUGHOUT PARTS OF THE COUNTY LIKE BURBANK, DOWNEY, AND
10 THE SAN FERNANDO AND SAN GABRIEL VALLEYS. I THINK IT'S
11 IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THE DIVERSITY OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY
12 ACROSS THE COUNTY. OUR UNIQUE STORIES AND BACKGROUNDS MIRROR
13 THE WIDE RANGE OF LIFE EXPERIENCES OF THE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE OF
14 OUR COUNTY AND COLLECTIVELY WE CAN ADVOCATE FOR ALL OF THEM.
15 WE'RE COMMITTED TO EDUCATION, ADVOCACY AND MUTUAL SUPPORT OF
16 LGBTQ ELECTED OFFICIALS. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE A PART OF THIS
17 HISTORIC ORGANIZATION AT A TIME WHEN IT IS NEEDED THE MOST.

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19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR [VIDEO RECORDING]:** AND IT IS
20 INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT TO UPLIFT THE COMMUNITY AT SUCH A
21 DIFFICULT TIME. THANK YOU FOR BEING OUT AND PROUD AND FOR
22 INVESTING THIS TIME AND YOUR TALENT IN MAKING SURE THAT OUR LA
23 COUNTY IS SUPPORTIVE OF OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU FOR
24 ALL THAT YOU DO AND YOU CAN COUNT ON LA COUNTY TO BE A STRONG
25 PARTNER IN SUPPORTING AND EMPOWERING OUR LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR [VIDEO RECORDING]:** HI I'M LINDSEY
3 HORVATH, CHAIR OF THE LA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS
4 MONTH ON BEHALF OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I AM
5 THRILLED TO BE JOINED BY SCIU 2015 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
6 CARMEN ROBERTS AND REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS ACROSS LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY, BLANCA CARIAS, MARIA CIBRIAN, LEILANI REED, AND
8 VICTORIA MACKEY, TO RECOGNIZE OUR LONG-TERM CARE WORKFORCE,
9 INCLUDING IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICE WORKERS, AND NURSING HOME
10 STAFF WHO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL CARE TO OUR OLDER ADULTS AND
11 DISABLED COMMUNITIES. THESE DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS ENABLE
12 MANY TO LIVE COMFORTABLY AT HOME AND LIVE THEIR FULLEST LIVES
13 DESPITE FACING FINANCIAL STRUGGLES THEMSELVES. WE MUST DO
14 EVERYTHING WE CAN TO SUPPORT THEM WITH LIVABLE WAGES AND
15 EMPOWER THEM AS THEY PROVIDE SUCH VITAL CARE FOR OUR
16 COMMUNITY. TODAY WE SHARE OUR HEARTFELT APPRECIATION ON
17 NATIONAL CAREER NURSE ASSISTANCE DAY.

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19 **CARMEN ROBERTS [VIDEO RECORDING]:** HELLO EVERYONE MY NAME IS
20 CARMEN ROBERTS AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF SEIU
21 2015, OUR STATE'S LARGEST LABOR UNION AND THE NATION'S LARGEST
22 LONG-TERM CARE UNION REPRESENTING MORE THAN 470,000 NURSING
23 HOME AND HOME CARE WORKERS. ON BEHALF OF ALL SCIU 2015
24 WORKERS, I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR THIS
25 RECOGNITION. I'M HONORED TO BE HERE WITH YOU ALL TODAY AND



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1 ACCEPT THIS PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF THE NEARLY 210,000 CARE
2 PROVIDERS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'VE BEEN A CAREGIVER
3 AND UNION LEADER FOR NEARLY 2 DECADES. IT'S NOT LOST ON ME
4 THAT MOST CARE PROVIDERS ARE WOMEN, AND SPECIFICALLY WOMEN OF
5 COLOR AND IMMIGRANTS. OUR STRENGTH IS IN OUR DIVERSITY, AND
6 SCIU 2015 MEMBERS ARE AS DIVERSE AS CALIFORNIA'S POPULATION
7 AND UNITED IN THEIR COMMITMENT TO CARING FOR OUR LOVED ONES.
8 I'M THE FIRST ELECTED OFFICER OF THE UNION TO COME DIRECTLY
9 FROM OUR RANKS.

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR [VIDEO RECORDING]:**

12 CONGRATULATIONS.

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14 **CARMEN ROBERTS [VIDEO RECORDING]:** CAREGIVING BECAME MY SECOND
15 CAREER THE WAY IT DOES FOR MANY WOMEN MY AGE, MY AGING FATHER
16 NEEDED MY HELP. NOW, HAVING SEEN SO MANY OF MY FELLOW HOME
17 CARE PROVIDERS WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK AND STILL STUCK IN
18 POVERTY, I'VE COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT OUR PROFESSION
19 NEEDS IS INVESTMENT, PROTECTIONS, AND THE RESPECT THAT WE
20 DESERVE. NATIONAL CAREER NURSING ASSISTANCE DAY IS AN
21 IMPORTANT REMINDER TO RECOGNIZE THOSE FRONTLINE HEROES ACROSS
22 LA, CALIFORNIA, AND THE COUNTRY. ACROSS CALIFORNIA, NURSING
23 HOME WORKERS ARE DEMANDING AN END TO SKYROCKETING STAFF
24 TURNOVER AND SAFER STAFFING LEVELS TO ENSURE THAT ALL
25 RESIDENTS RECEIVE THE HIGH QUALITY CARE THAT THEY DESERVE. AS



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1 THE NURSING HOME INDUSTRY IS CURRENTLY IN CRISIS, SCIU 2015 IS
2 FIGHTING FOR BETTER STAFFING STANDARDS, INCLUDING BENEFITS AND
3 WAGES FOR LONG-TERM CARE WORKERS. TODAY AND EVERY DAY, WE WORK
4 TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE LIVELIHOOD OF NURSING HOME PROVIDERS.
5 OUR NURSING HOME PROVIDERS WORK TIRELESSLY TO PROVIDE VITAL
6 CARE TO OUR LOVED ONES, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS, AND WE
7 MUST ENSURE THEY ARE RECOGNIZED AS THE SKILLED, DEDICATED,
8 ESSENTIAL HEALTH CARE WORKERS THEY ARE IN THE WAY THEY ARE
9 RESPECTED, PROTECTED, AND PAID. WE CAN BETTER REALIZE THIS
10 REALITY WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR ALLIES AND SUPPORTERS, LIKE
11 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AS WE UNITE IN SOLIDARITY TO SUPPORT OUR
12 FRONTLINE HEROES WHO PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AS WE
13 BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR NURSING HOME PROVIDERS, THEIR
14 FAMILIES, AND THE FAMILIES THEY CARE FOR. THIS PROCLAMATION IS
15 DEDICATED TO ALL OF SCIU 2015'S NURSING HOME PROVIDERS AND
16 THEIR ESSENTIAL WORK. THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR.

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18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR [VIDEO RECORDING]:** AND I
19 APPRECIATE YOUR KIND WORDS BUT THIS IS REALLY ABOUT ALL OF
20 YOU. THANK YOU SEIU 2015 AND LONG-TERM CARE WORKERS FOR YOUR
21 UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY. LA COUNTY IS PROUD TO
22 STAND WITH YOU AND TO SUPPORT YOU. HAPPY PRIDE, EVERYONE!

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24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR [VIDEO RECORDING]:** LET'S GET LOUD
25 IN THE 818! IN THE 818! IT IS AN IMPORTANT TIME TO CELEBRATE



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1 OUR LGBTQ PLUS COMMUNITY BUT WE SHOULDN'T JUST DO IT THIS
2 MONTH. WE'VE GOT TO DO IT ALL YEAR LONG. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT
3 WE SPEAK UP AND STAND UP AND WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE
4 THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY DESERVE THAT EVERYONE IS INCLUDED. AS
5 YOU CAN HEAR, IT IS INCREDIBLY JOYOUS. IT IS A RAUCOUS
6 IRREVERENCE. IT IS SO MUCH FUN. AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT THIS IS
7 ABOUT, MAKING SURE THAT EVERYONE FEELS WELCOME AND INCLUDED
8 AND CELEBRATED FOR ALL OF THE PARTS OF THEM. WE HAVE TO MAKE
9 SURE THAT THE COMMUNITY KNOWS THIS, THIS PLACE AND EVERY PART,
10 EVERY CORNER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS A PLACE THAT WELCOMES
11 AND CELEBRATES OUR LGBTQ COMMUNITY. HAPPY PRIDE!

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13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ
14 OUR REPORT OF ACTION. THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION.

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16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
17 IN CLOSED SESSION ON JULY 9 2024 ITEM NUMBER CS1 CONFERENCE
18 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INTENSE ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.
19 NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN.

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21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING
22 OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
23 TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024, AT 9:30 A.M. THE NEXT
24 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY
25 23RD 2024 AT 9:30 A.M. WE ARE ADJOURNED.



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I, KATHRYN J, ROBSON, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
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1 hereby certify:

2 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
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4 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
5 supervision;

6 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
7 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
8 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
9 me.

10 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
11 related to any party to the said action; nor in anywise
12 interested in the outcome thereof.

13 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
14 19th day of July 2024, for the County records to be used
15 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
16 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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