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## BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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1 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

2 TUESDAY, JULY 30TH, 2024

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4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. GOOD  
5 MORNING. WELCOME TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO OUR POLICY  
6 PRESENTATIONS MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
7 SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024. OUR CHIEF  
8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND  
9 SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE'LL BEGIN TODAY'S  
10 BOARD MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

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



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

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10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW BEGIN WITH OUR SCROLL  
11 PRESENTATIONS AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IS UP FIRST.

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13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING, COLLEAGUES, AND GOOD  
14 MORNING, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT'S GREAT TO SEE EVERYBODY  
15 TODAY. IT GIVES ME IMMENSE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU ALL THE  
16 2028 CLASS FROM CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.  
17 CHARLES DREW, OF COURSE, IS A UNIVERSITY, IS A NAME THAT YOU  
18 ALL WILL RECOGNIZE. IT'S A 58-YEAR-OLD INSTITUTION IN THE  
19 HEART OF SOUTH L.A. BUT GOT ITS OFFICIAL MEDICAL SCHOOL  
20 DESIGNATION JUST LAST YEAR. WE INVITED THE FIRST CLASS OF MED  
21 STUDENTS HERE AND NOW WE HAVE THE SECOND CLASS. LET YOU ALL,  
22 YOU ALL KNOW THIS, BUT LET ME TELL THE REST OF THE WORLD.  
23 WE'RE SELECTED FROM OVER 4,000 APPLICANTS. YOU RANGE IN AGE  
24 FROM 21 TO 35. MORE THAN HALF OF THE CLASS ARE FEMALE. 44 ARE  
25 FROM CALIFORNIA AND 25 HAIL FROM L.A. COUNTY. FROM ALL 5



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1 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT COLLEAGUES, YOU'RE WELCOME. WE TALK  
2 OFTEN ABOUT THE NEED FOR DIVERSITY IN OUR HEALTH CARE  
3 PROFESSIONAL SYSTEM, AND WE'VE GOT A MEDICAL SCHOOL RIGHT HERE  
4 IN L.A. COUNTY THAT IS DOING IT. WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT  
5 THAT, BASED ON ALL THE RESEARCH THAT WE'VE SEEN, IS THE  
6 COMMITMENT YOU ALL HAVE MADE PRIOR TO YOUR ENTRANCE IN MEDICAL  
7 SCHOOL, BUT THE COMMITMENT YOU'RE GONNA MAKE TO ALL OF US UPON  
8 YOUR SUCCESSFUL GRADUATION. ALL HAVE WORKED TO IMPROVE HEALTH  
9 AND WELLNESS IN COMMUNITIES SIMILAR TO THE COMMUNITY I  
10 REPRESENT IN SOUTH L.A., AND ALL ARE COMMITTED TO SERVING  
11 UNDER-RESOURCED AND UNDER-SERVED COMMUNITIES AFTER YOU'RE DONE  
12 WITH YOUR TRAINING. I SKIPPED AN IMPORTANT DATA POINT. 34 ARE  
13 FLUENT SPANISH SPEAKERS AND 2 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE. SOME OF  
14 THE SITES WHERE THE STUDENTS WILL TRAIN ARE RANCHO LOS AMIGOS  
15 NATIONAL REHAB CENTER, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, MLK  
16 OUTPATIENT CENTER. THEY'LL ALSO TRAIN AT MLK COMMUNITY  
17 HOSPITAL, LONG BEACH VA, CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL, ST. MARY'S  
18 HOSPITAL, HARBOR HOSPITAL, CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF L.A., AND  
19 WATTS HEALTH CENTER. THE STUDENTS ARE ACCOMPANIED TODAY BY  
20 SENIOR LEADERS AND FACULTY FROM THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT  
21 CDU. COLLEAGUES, PLEASE MEET OUR FUTURE DOCTORS AND MEDICAL  
22 EXPERTS AND GIVE THEM ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE. I DIDN'T MAKE  
23 THIS YEAR'S WHITE COAT CEREMONY, BUT THE WHITE COAT CEREMONY  
24 IS A BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY TO SEE YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND THE  
25 PEOPLE WHO YOU HOLD MOST DEAR PUT THOSE WHITE COATS ON YOU.



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1 AND I COULD SEE IN THEIR FACES AND IN YOUR FACES THAT YOU  
2 DIDN'T GET WHERE YOU ARE BY YOURSELF. MANY, FOR MANY OF YOU,  
3 IT WAS AN ENTIRE VILLAGE. IT WAS PEOPLE RELATED TO YOU BY  
4 BLOOD OR OTHERWISE, BUT THEY ARE PEOPLE WHO WERE COMMITTED TO  
5 YOUR SUCCESS. AND I HOPE THAT YOU KNOW THAT THE LEADERS OF  
6 L.A. COUNTY, MY COLLEAGUES AND I, SHARE IN THAT COMMITMENT.  
7 BECAUSE YOUR SUCCESS LEADS TO THE SUCCESS OF ALL OF OUR  
8 CONSTITUENTS, ALL 10,000,000 PEOPLE WHO CALL L.A. COUNTY HOME.  
9 SO, AS WE CELEBRATE YOUR INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, WE  
10 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SACRIFICES MADE BY YOUR FAMILIES AND  
11 YOUR SUPPORT NETWORKS. DR. GOMEZ, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME JOIN  
12 ME, SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN OF MEDICAL EDUCATION. ONCE WE GET  
13 THE DOOR UNLOCKED AND WAS THERE WAS A STUDENT GOING TO JOIN  
14 YOU OR JUST YOU DR. GOMEZ. COME ON DR. GOMEZ. COME ON DR.  
15 GOMEZ. YEAH, NO, THEY'RE NOT SHY.

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17 **DR. ARTHUR GOMEZ:** CHAIR HORVATH, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, I  
18 INTRODUCE YOU TO THE CLASS OF 2028 IF THEY CAN ALL STAND,  
19 PLEASE. AS MENTIONED BY OUR HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE, HOLLY  
20 MITCHELL OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, THIS SCHOOL LAYS IN HER  
21 DISTRICT AND IS COMMITTED TO TAKE CARE OF THE UNDERSERVED. OUR  
22 STUDENTS ARE DONNING THEIR WHITE COATS REPRESENTATIVE OF  
23 EMPATHY AND SERVICE TO COMMUNITIES, ALL COMMUNITIES,  
24 ESPECIALLY THOSE VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES OF THOSE  
25 WHO ARE ILL, THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN UNDERSERVED IN THE PAST. NO



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1 MORE IS THE WHITE COAT GOING TO BE A SYMBOL OF DISPARAGING  
2 CARE, RESOURCE CARE ONLY FOR THE WEALTHY. WE COMMIT THAT THIS  
3 WHITE COAT WILL REPRESENT TRUE EMPATHY AND TRUE CARE FOR ALL  
4 COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, LGBTQ, COMMUNITIES OF  
5 DISABILITY, ALL COMMUNITIES THAT ARE DESERVING OF CARE. AND I  
6 KNOW THE PASSION OF THESE STUDENTS. WE'VE MET THEM NOW FOR THE  
7 LAST 4 WEEKS, AND WE LOVE THEM, AND WE'RE GONNA NURTURE THEM,  
8 AND WE'RE GONNA PREPARE THEM TO TAKE CARE OF OUR COMMUNITY IN  
9 LOS ANGELES AND BEYOND. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD  
12 MORNING, THIS MORNING I AM THRILLED TO ALSO CELEBRATE THE  
13 SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 2024 CULTURAL  
14 OLYMPIAD POSTER COMPETITION. I WANNA THANK OUR DIRECTOR OF THE  
15 L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE, KRISTEN SECODA, AS  
16 WELL AS THE GENERAL MANAGER OF L.A. CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
17 CULTURAL AFFAIRS, DANIEL TARICA, OUR FRENCH DEPUTY COUNCIL  
18 GENERAL, DIMITRI DEMIANENKO, LEADERSHIP AND STUDENTS FROM  
19 CALIFORNIA ART INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS, ART CENTER COLLEGE OF  
20 DESIGN, AND OTIS COLLEGE OF ARTS AND DESIGN, AS WELL AS L.A.  
21 28, REPRESENTED BY ABIGAIL WEINTRAUB AND PATRICIA FAUX. AS  
22 MANY OF US SAW DURING THE OPENING CEREMONIES FOR THE PARIS  
23 GAMES, ART HAS THE POWER TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL CONTEXT THAT  
24 REFLECTS LOCAL IDENTITIES AND GIVES A VOICE TO THE HOST CITY  
25 AND THE COUNTRY AS WELL AS OPEN THE DOOR FOR INTERNATIONAL



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1 CULTURAL EXCHANGE. THE POSTER COMPETITION WE'RE CELEBRATING  
2 TODAY IS PART OF A HISTORIC COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
3 PARIS, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE  
4 ST. SAINTE-DENIS REGION. THE COLLABORATION INCLUDES OLYMPIC  
5 LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE ON THE ROLE OF ARTS AND CULTURE IN THE  
6 GAMES AND A HISTORIC MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR CULTURAL  
7 COOPERATION FOR THE 2024 AND 2028 GAMES. IT'S A SERIES OF  
8 L.A.-PARIS ARTISTIC COLLABORATION PROJECTS AS PART OF THE 2024  
9 PARIS CULTURAL OLYMPIAD. STUDENTS FROM OTIS COLLEGE OF ART AND  
10 DESIGN, ART CENTER COLLEGE OF DESIGN, CAL ARTS, AND EPSA IN  
11 PARIS CREATED BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED POSTER DESIGNS  
12 HIGHLIGHTING THEIR TALENT, CREATIVITY, AND OLYMPIC THEMES. AS  
13 WE CAN SEE, THE 24 WINNING POSTERS ILLUSTRATE AND CELEBRATE  
14 THE STRONG BOND BETWEEN PARIS AND LOS ANGELES, OUR SHARED  
15 CULTURAL RICHNESS, AND THE VALUES THAT BIND US ACROSS THE  
16 ATLANTIC. THE POSTERS ARE ON EXHIBIT NOW IN PARIS THROUGH  
17 SEPTEMBER 9TH, WHICH I'LL GET TO SEE NEXT WEEK. I'M VERY  
18 EXCITED. AND DIGITALLY AT THE CITY OF PARIS' WEBSITE. HERE IN  
19 LOS ANGELES, THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE  
20 HAS PARTNERED WITH THE MUSIC CENTER TO EXHIBIT THE POSTERS ON  
21 DIGITAL SCREENS IN THE JERRY MOSS PLAZA, ADJACENT TO THE  
22 GLORIA MOLINA GRAND PARK, AND WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO  
23 EXHIBIT THE POSTERS IN CITY HALL'S BRIDGE GALLERY. SO, LOTS OF  
24 OPPORTUNITIES TO CHECK OUT THE BEAUTIFUL CREATIVITY  
25 REPRESENTED BY EVERYONE HERE. ALL OF THESE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS



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1 HELP FOSTER GREATER CULTURAL DIPLOMACY, SUPPORT THE ARTS, AND  
2 CULTIVATE LEARNINGS FOR THE 2028 GAMES IN LOS ANGELES. AND ON  
3 A PERSONAL NOTE, PRIOR TO MY SERVICE AS A SUPERVISOR, I WORKED  
4 IN CREATIVE ADVERTISING IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY. SO, IT  
5 WAS PERSONALLY GRATIFYING TO SEE THE INCREDIBLE TALENT  
6 REPRESENTED HERE IN ALL OF THESE POSTERS AND TO BE ABLE TO USE  
7 SOME OF THOSE OLD SKILLS TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE BEAUTIFUL  
8 CREATIVITY THAT IS REPRESENTED AND REFLECTED HERE. I THINK IT  
9 ALSO GOES TO SHOW THAT WHILE THE OLYMPICS HAPPEN IN ONE PLACE  
10 AT ONE TIME, THEY CERTAINLY CONNECT US ALL AROUND THE GLOBE  
11 AND GIVE US ALL AN OPPORTUNITY THROUGH ARTS AND CULTURE TO  
12 ENGAGE WITH THE GAMES AND TO ENGAGE WITH ONE ANOTHER AND TO  
13 EMBODY WHAT INCLUSIVITY CAN AND SHOULD MEAN WHEN WE'RE  
14 THINKING ABOUT THESE GAMES AND HOW THEY CAN TOUCH ALL OF OUR  
15 LIVES. SO, I WANNA THANK ALL OF THE PARTNERS WHO HAVE JOINED  
16 US HERE TODAY, ESPECIALLY OUR STUDENTS WHO HAVE SHOWN OFF  
17 THEIR FINE TALENTS. AND I'D NOW LIKE TO WELCOME THE DEPUTY  
18 CONSUL GENERAL, DIMITRI DEMIANENKO, TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

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20 **DIMITRI DEMIANENKO:** YES. BONJOUR. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TODAY  
21 I FEEL SO GLAD AND SO HONORED TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU A UNIQUE  
22 BLEND OF MUSCLES AND MIND, A PHRASE COINED BY PIERRE DE  
23 COUBERTIN THAT PERFECTLY CAPTURES THE CORNERSTONE OF OLYMPIC  
24 VALUES. INDEED, IN THE GRAND TRADITION OF THE GAMES, WE ARE  
25 NOT JUST PASSING THE TORCH BUT ALSO THE CREATIVE BATON BETWEEN





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1 PARIS AND LOS ANGELES. WHAT BETTER WAY TO MARK THIS HISTORIC  
2 COLLABORATION THAN THROUGH OUR AMAZING POSTER COMPETITION,  
3 WHICH IS A VIBRANT FUSION OF IMAGINATION AND OLYMPIC FERVOR.  
4 STUDENTS FROM THE ECOLE PROFESSIONNELLE SUPERIORE D'ART  
5 GRAPHIQUE IN PARIS AND TALENTED DESIGNERS FROM ARTS CENTRE  
6 COLLEGE OF DESIGN, CAL ARTS, AND HOTTEST COLLEGE OF ARTS AND  
7 DESIGN HAVE DAZZLED US WITH THEIR ARTISTIC PROWESS. THEIR WORK  
8 DOESN'T JUST DECORATE WALLS, IT CONNECTS CONTINENTS AND  
9 CULTURES, AND IS A VISUAL REMINDER OF THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY  
10 FROM PARIS 2024 TO LOS ANGELES 2028. SO, WHETHER YOU'RE  
11 STROLLING ALONG THE SAINT-MARTIN CANAL IN PARIS OR CATCHING A  
12 GLIMPSE OF THE DAZZLING DISPLAYS IN L.A.'S JERRY'S MOS PLATA,  
13 REMEMBER THESE POSTERS AREN'T JUST ABOUT HEART. THEY ARE ABOUT  
14 OUR SHARED PASSION, CREATIVITY, AND THE BEAUTIFUL AND  
15 BREAKABLE BOND BETWEEN OUR CITIES. I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY  
16 DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO THE CITY OF PARIS, THE CITY OF LOS  
17 ANGELES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE ST. SAINTE-DENIS REGION  
18 FOR THEIR UNWAVERING SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP. SPECIAL THANKS  
19 ALSO GO TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE OF LOS ANGELES  
20 COUNTY, THE MUSIC CENTER, AND THE CITY OF L.A. FOR THEIR  
21 DEDICATED EFFORTS IN BRINGING THESE REMARKABLE ARTWORKS TO THE  
22 PUBLIC. THANK YOU TO ALL THE STUDENTS ALSO, JURY MEMBERS AND  
23 PARTNERS WHO HAVE MADE THIS PROJECT AN INSPIRING REALITY. HERE  
24 IS TO A FUTURE WHERE ART AND SPORTS CONTINUE TO LIGHT UP OUR  
25 LIVES. SITIUS, ADIUS FORTIUS. MERCI INFINIMENT A TOUS. THANK



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1 YOU.

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3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I WAS SPEAKING WITH THE DEPUTY  
4 CONSUL GENERAL THIS MORNING ABOUT JUST HOW POWERFUL AN IMPACT  
5 THIS CULTURAL OLYMPIAD HAS BEEN. AND HE, AND I ASKED HIM A  
6 LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT YOUR IMPRESSION HAS BEEN OF THE GAME SO  
7 FAR. AND HE CASUALLY THREW IN THERE. AND, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE  
8 WON SOME MEDALS ALREADY, TOO. AND SO, AND I THINK THAT THAT'S  
9 SUCH A BEAUTIFUL THING THAT WE'RE TAKING PRIDE IN OUR CULTURE,  
10 THAT WE'RE TAKING PRIDE IN THE PEOPLE WHO ARE REPRESENTING OUR  
11 COUNTRIES AND WHO WE ARE. AND I'M JUST SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR  
12 PARTNERSHIP, NOT ONLY DURING THIS TIME OF THE OLYMPICS, BUT  
13 ALL YEAR ROUND. WE KNOW THAT YOU DO SO MUCH FOR LOS ANGELES,  
14 SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP. NEXT, I WOULD LIKE TO  
15 INVITE OLIVIA BRETT, WHO'S A STUDENT FROM OTIS COLLEGE OF ART  
16 AND DESIGN TO SHARE A FEW WORDS.

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18 **SPEAKER:** OKAY HELLO EVERYONE MY NAME IS OLIVIA AND I'M SO  
19 EXCITED TO BE HERE, SO THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. I'D LIKE TO  
20 START OFF BY THANKING THE BOARD ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE  
21 STUDENTS THAT PARTICIPATED. WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS  
22 COMMUNITY AND THE CELEBRATIONS, SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME  
23 IS OLIVIA BRETT, AS I SAID, AND I JUST FINISHED MY MASTER OF  
24 FINE ARTS IN GRAPHIC DESIGN AT ART CENTER COLLEGE OF DESIGN. I  
25 WAS ASKED TO SPEAK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MY EXPERIENCE ON THIS



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1 PROJECT, AND SO I'D LOVE TO START OUT BY JUST SAYING I  
2 PARTICIPATED BECAUSE I LOVE TO CREATE. I LOVE TO DESIGN. I  
3 LOVE TO MAKE THINGS AND SO THIS WAS JUST SUCH A UNIQUE  
4 OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY CREATE SOMETHING VERY TIMELY THAT COULD  
5 HONOR THESE 2 CULTURES AND HOSTING CITIES AND THE BEST  
6 ATHLETES OF THE WORLD. SO, IT WAS JUST A VERY EXCITING  
7 OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT I LOVE AND TO CELEBRATE THOSE AROUND  
8 ME. MY POSTER WAS INSPIRED BY FRENCH ARTISTS LIKE A.M.  
9 CASSANDRA AND THEN THE AESTHETICS AND MID-CENTURY MODERN  
10 INSPIRED IMAGERY OF CALIFORNIA. SO, I SAW THIS AS A REALLY  
11 GREAT VISUAL CHALLENGE OF MELDING THESE 2 CITIES THROUGH  
12 THINGS THAT WERE SO UBIQUITOUS WITH THE CULTURES THEMSELVES.  
13 AND SO, I THINK THAT MY LEARNING IN INCORPORATING CULTURE AND  
14 PEOPLE IN DESIGN HAS REALLY HELPED THROUGH ALL OF THE PROJECTS  
15 THAT I'VE DONE SINCE THEN. AFTER GRADUATING, I GOT A JOB IN  
16 FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT, AND ALL OF MY FREELANCE WORK IN THE  
17 FILM INDUSTRY AS WELL HAS REALLY BEEN INSPIRED BY THIS  
18 EXPERIENCE AND THE CONNECTIONS THAT I WAS ABLE TO MAKE THROUGH  
19 THIS PROJECT. SO, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BEING HERE AND FOR  
20 HAVING US. YEAH, HAVE A GREAT DAY.

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22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, WE  
23 HAVE A FEW SCROLLS THAT I'D LIKE TO PRESENT FIRST TO EPSA. I  
24 UNDERSTAND OUR DEPUTY CONSUL GENERAL WILL BE ACCEPTING ON  
25 BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL. NEXT FROM ART CENTER COLLEGE OF DESIGN,



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1 KAREN HOFFMAN, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL, AS WELL AS OLIVIA  
2 BRETT AND NOAH KOZINU, WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE COMPETITION.  
3 NEXT FROM CALARTS WE HAVE RAVI RAJAN, PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL.  
4 WE HAVE ALSO, THANK YOU FOR JOINING US, FROM OTIS COLLEGE OF  
5 ART AND DESIGN, FRANCINE HAMERSMA, OUR LECTURER FROM THE  
6 SCHOOL, AS WELL AS LUKE KIM, ISABEL MORALES, SAM VONG, AND  
7 LYDIA WANG. WE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION, AND  
8 CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WONDERFUL CREATIVITY. NEXT UP  
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** ENOUGH OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, WE'RE GOING TO  
12 TALK ABOUT SOME OLD PEOPLE NOW. SO, IT'S AN HONOR FOR ME TODAY  
13 TO RECOGNIZE A VERY SPECIAL PERSON, JERRY GAINES, WHO JUST  
14 RETIRED AS A COMMISSIONER FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
15 COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS. YOU ALL WILL BE THERE SOMEDAY.  
16 YOU KNOW, JERRY HAS DEDICATED OVER 2 DECADES TO SERVING THE  
17 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND, MIGHT I ADD, THE CITY OF  
18 LOS ANGELES ON SEVERAL DIFFERENT COMMISSIONS. BUT BEFORE HIS  
19 SERVICE ON COMMISSIONS, JERRY SERVED IN THE U.S. NAVY AND  
20 RETIRED FROM THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL  
21 DISTRICT SECONDARY EDUCATION. AND DURING HIS TIME IN  
22 EDUCATION, HE WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TEACHER  
23 OF THE YEAR AND RECEIVED THE U.S. CONGRESS AWARD FOR SERVING  
24 AS CHAIR OF THE MILITARY REUSE COMMITTEE. JERRY ALSO SERVED ON  
25 THE LOS ANGELES CITY CHARTER REFORM COMMISSION, THE LOS



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1 ANGELES CITY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, AND THE LOS ANGELES  
2 CITY HARBOR PLANNING COMMISSION. JERRY BEGAN SERVING LOS  
3 ANGELES COUNTY WITH MY PREDECESSOR, FORMER SUPERVISOR DON  
4 KNABE, ON THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD IN 2002. THERE HE  
5 SERVED AS CHAIR FROM 2012 TO 2015. DURING THIS TIME JERRY  
6 TRAVELED NATIONALLY TO WASHINGTON DC AND SACRAMENTO ON MORE  
7 THAN A DOZEN OCCASIONS TO ADVOCATE FOR OUR COUNTY. HIS EFFORTS  
8 AND LEADERSHIP CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE PASSING OF THE  
9 WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2014. IN OCTOBER  
10 2015, JERRY WAS APPOINTED TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION  
11 FOR OLDER ADULTS BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND THEN WHEN I WAS  
12 ELECTED COUNTY SUPERVISOR, I RECOGNIZED HIS DEDICATION AND HIS  
13 EXPERTISE, SO I REAPPOINTED JERRY AS A COMMISSIONER TO OLDER  
14 ADULTS. SINCE THEN, JERRY HAS SERVED AS THE COMMISSION'S  
15 LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY CHAIR AND AS THE SECRETARY AND  
16 TREASURER, DEMONSTRATING HIS UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO  
17 ADVOCATING FOR OUR OLDER ADULT COMMUNITY. JERRY, ALONG WITH MY  
18 OTHER COMMISSIONERS ON THE OLDER ADULT COMMISSION, WERE  
19 INTEGRAL IN CHAMPIONING THE CREATION OF A STAND-ALONE  
20 DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE'VE CALLED IT THE  
21 AGING AND DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT. NEVER BEFORE IN THE COUNTY  
22 HAVE, WE HAD ONE DEPARTMENT THAT SPECIFICALLY FOCUSED ON OUR  
23 OLDER RESIDENTS AND THOSE WITH DISABILITIES. SO, JERRY, YOUR  
24 21 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY AND THE  
25 CITY OF LOS ANGELES ARE TRULY COMMENDABLE. YOU'RE NOT ONLY A



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1 REMARKABLE PUBLIC SERVANT, BUT YOU'RE A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND  
2 YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND. YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY HAS  
3 ALWAYS BEEN EVIDENT BOTH IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL ENDEAVORS AND  
4 THE COMMUNITY. IT'S MY GREAT PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU HERE TODAY  
5 ALONG WITH YOUR WIFE, WHO WAS A GOOD FRIEND WITH MY MOTHER.  
6 YOU ALL GOT YOUR HAIR DONE TOGETHER, AND THAT'S WHERE THE REAL  
7 NEWS HAPPENED. THAT'S RIGHT. I LEARNED A LOT. SO LET ME  
8 PRESENT YOU THIS SCROLL, JERRY, AS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION  
9 AND RECOGNITION OF YOUR DECADES OF SERVICE.

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT UP, SUPERVISOR  
12 BARGER.

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14 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** HE WAS GOING TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

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

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18 **JERRY GAINES:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN, I WANT TO  
19 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, OF COURSE, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE  
20 IN THIS PARTICULAR COMMISSION FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. THE  
21 LEARNING CURVE, AS YOU ALL OUGHT TO KNOW, IS THAT OLDER ADULTS  
22 AND DISABILITIES FOCUS IS SO CRITICAL IN OUR TIMEFRAME FOR THE  
23 FUTURE WITH THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING WITH THIS COUNTY AND  
24 ELSEWHERE. I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS HERE FOR SUPPORTING  
25 THE ORGANIZATION OF THE AGING DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT LED BY



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1 SUPERVISOR HAHN. WHAT I'VE LEARNED IN THIS COMMISSION, OF  
2 COURSE, IS WHAT A LOT OF CITIZENS OUGHT TO LEARN, IS THE  
3 QUALITY OF THE STAFF THAT YOU WORK WITH BOTH IN THE COUNCIL OR  
4 THE COMMISSION AND SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE LEADERSHIP, BUT ALSO  
5 THE DEPARTMENT ITSELF. WE HAVE SOME OF THOSE LEADERSHIPS HERE.  
6 DR. LAURA TRUJILLO WAS WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, NOW WITH  
7 THE COUNTY, THE TOPMOST EXPERT IN THE COUNTRY ON OUR OLDER  
8 ADULT ISSUES. AND I WANT TO COMMEND THEM FOR WHAT THEY DO. AND  
9 I ENJOYED THE TIME I GOT TO WORK WITH THEM ALONG THE WAY. IT  
10 WAS A VERY SPECIAL HONOR. ALL THE THINGS YOU HEARD ME DO, THIS  
11 ONE HAS BEEN THE TOP OF THEM ALL. THAT'S BECAUSE I'M AN OLDER  
12 ADULT.

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14 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** ME TOO.

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16 **JERRY GAINES:** THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, JERRY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO  
19 MUCH.

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21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS, COMMISSIONER.  
22 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** WELL, GOOD MORNING. FIRST OF ALL,  
25 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. I TOLD SUPERVISOR MITCHELL HOW



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1 PROUD I AM OF THE WORK THAT YOU ALL DO, AND I JUST LOOK AROUND  
2 AND THIS IS OUR FUTURE. SO, THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING IN  
3 PUBLIC SERVICE. I AM VERY EXCITED TO RECOGNIZE SOME INCREDIBLE  
4 ANIMAL ADVOCATES FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT. MANY OF YOU KNOW  
5 THAT I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT THE FURRY FRIENDS AT OUR COUNTY  
6 CARE SHELTERS. MY OFFICE WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
7 ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING  
8 WE CAN TO FIND SAFE, LOVING HOMES FOR OUR ANIMALS. OUR COUNTY  
9 CARE CENTERS FACE CHALLENGES WITH SHELTER CAPACITY AND  
10 OVERCROWDING, LIKE MANY SHELTERS NATIONWIDE. ANIMAL CARE AND  
11 CONTROL HAS BEEN WORKING TO COMBAT THESE CHALLENGES, AND I'M  
12 PROUD OF THE PROGRAMS THEY'VE IMPLEMENTED TO PLACE ANIMALS IN  
13 PERMANENT LOVING HOMES. BUT EVEN WITH THEIR EFFORTS UNDERWAY  
14 THE COUNTY STILL RELIES ON OUR COMMUNITY TO LEND A HELPING  
15 HAND. AND THANKFULLY WE HAVE MANY SUPPORTERS WHO ARE DOING  
16 THEIR PART. I'M THRILLED TO BE JOINED TODAY BY NBC4 AND  
17 TELEMUNDO 52 TO HONOR THEIR CLEAR THE SHELTERS CAMPAIGN AND  
18 THE WEST RANCH HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOR THEIR RUN  
19 WITH DOGS PROGRAM. I'M GRATEFUL FOR NBC4 AND TELEMUNDO'S 52'S  
20 CLEAR THE SHELTERS CAMPAIGN CELEBRATING ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY  
21 THIS YEAR, WHICH HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF ADOPTING PETS  
22 FROM LOCAL SHELTERS AND RESCUES. THROUGHOUT THE MONTH-LONG  
23 CAMPAIGN THE STATIONS WILL PARTNER WITH LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTERS  
24 AND RESCUES THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING OUR  
25 DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, TO PROMOTE ADOPTIONS

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1 AND TO RAISE FUNDS. CLEAR THE SHELTER'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY COMES  
2 AFTER THE NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN SURPASSED, ARE YOU READY FOR  
3 THIS? 1,000,000 ALL-TIME ADOPTIONS IN 2023. YEAH. LAST YEAR,  
4 MORE THAN 150 NBC AND TELEMUNDO STATIONS TEAMED UP WITH 1,400  
5 SHELTERS AND RESCUES NATIONWIDE. THE 2023 CAMPAIGN HELPED MORE  
6 THAN 150,000 PETS FIND HOMES AND RAISED OVER \$575,000. I  
7 ENCOURAGE OUR COMMUNITIES TO TUNE IN TO NBC4 AND TELEMUNDO 52  
8 TO CHECK OUT THEIR CLEAR THE SHELTERS CAMPAIGN FROM AUGUST  
9 10TH TO SEPTEMBER 10TH THIS YEAR. NBC4 AND TELEMUNDO 52, THANK  
10 YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO ADOPTIONS. I'M  
11 WISHING YOU A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR AND I WILL BE  
12 TUNING IN. I'M ALSO EXCITED TO JOIN BE JOINED TODAY BY THE  
13 WEST RANCH HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM FROM THE GREAT 5TH  
14 DISTRICT AREA OF SANTA CLARITA REPRESENTED BY ASSISTANT  
15 PRINCIPAL TRACY MOSCO, COACH KAREN CIRRICIONE, AND STUDENTS  
16 ERIC CAMPOS, SKYLAR ADAMS, BRIANNA CARADIZ, AND IS THAT RIGHT?  
17 AND MASLIN RYDER. DID I SAY IT RIGHT? SAY IT. HOW DO YOU SAY  
18 IT? RITTER. OKAY, MASLIN RITTER. COMBINING THEIR LOVE OF  
19 RUNNING AND FURRY FRIENDS, THE STUDENT ATHLETES HAVE PARTNERED  
20 WITH OUR CASTAIC CARE CENTER TO TAKE DOGS ON RUNS WITH THEM,  
21 WHICH I LOVE. YOU CAN SEE SOME GREAT PHOTOS AND VIDEOS ON THE  
22 SCREEN BEHIND ME OF THE PROGRAM IN ACTION. THERE THEY ARE.  
23 THESE EXCITING EFFORTS PROMOTE DOGS WHILE GETTING THEIR MUCH-  
24 NEEDED EXERCISE AND ENRICHING THEIR LIVES WITH TIME TO EXPLORE  
25 THE OUTSIDE. THROUGH THE PROGRAM, WHICH IS FAIRLY NEW, IT'S



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1 ALREADY HELPED FIND FOREVER HOMES FOR 10 LOVING DOGS. I AM SO  
2 PROUD OF WHAT THESE THOUGHTFUL STUDENTS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED.  
3 YOUR WORK IS TRULY MAKING AN IMPACT TO HELP ANIMALS IN NEED,  
4 ESPECIALLY IN THE NORTH COUNTY CARE CENTERS WHERE THERE ARE SO  
5 MANY LARGE DOGS AWAITING LOVING FAMILIES. YOUR EFFORTS SHOW  
6 THAT WE CAN ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO HELP PETS USING OUR  
7 UNIQUE TALENTS AND RESOURCES. MY DEEPEST THANKS TO NBC4,  
8 TELEMUNDO 52, AND THE WEST RANCH HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY  
9 TEAM FOR YOUR HEARTFELT HELP FOR ANIMALS IN NEED. ON BEHALF OF  
10 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ALL THE PETS IN OUR SHELTERS,  
11 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND YOUR COMPASSION. WITH THAT  
12 I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO OUR PARTNERS TO SHARE A FEW WORDS.  
13 FIRST DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL DIRECTOR MARCIA  
14 MAYEDA.

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16 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
17 SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM AND YOUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO HELP  
18 ANIMALS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE  
19 CLEAR THE SHELTERS EVENT. WE'RE REALLY EXCITED TO HAVE A GREAT  
20 ADOPTION MONTH THIS MONTH AND ENCOURAGE ANYBODY WHO'S LOOKING  
21 FOR A PET TO COME TO ANY OF OUR 7 ANIMAL CARE CENTERS. WE HAVE  
22 MANY WONDERFUL PETS TO LOOK AT. AND I'M ALSO GRATEFUL FOR THE  
23 RUNNING TEAM. IT MAKES SUCH A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR DOGS TO BE  
24 ABLE TO GET OUT OF THEIR RUNS, GO FOR A RUN, BURN OFF SOME OF  
25 THAT EXERCISE ENERGY, GET SOME EXERCISE, AND REALLY GET SEEN



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1 BY OTHER PEOPLE AND PERHAPS FIND NEW HOMES. SO, BY WORKING  
2 TOGETHER WITH THE COMMUNITY ON PROGRAMS LIKE ALL OF THESE,  
3 WE'VE RAISED AWARENESS OF ANIMALS THAT ARE IN NEED, AND WE  
4 JUST KEEP WORKING TOWARDS OUR GREAT LIVE RELEASE RATES THAT  
5 WE'VE BEEN WORKING TOWARDS AND FINDING GREAT HOMES FOR  
6 ANIMALS. AND THANKS, EVERYBODY, TO THEIR SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY  
7 SUPERVISOR BARGER. THANK YOU.

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9 **TODD MOKHTARI:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I'M TODD  
10 MOKHTARI. I'M THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF NBC4 AND  
11 TELEMUNDO 52. AND I JUST WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR  
12 THIS RECOGNITION. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF WHAT WE DID. THIS  
13 STARTED AS A SMALL IDEA AT OUR STATION IN DALLAS, TEXAS,  
14 ACTUALLY, OF ALL PLACES, AND OUR BOSS SAW IT, AND SHE'S A HUGE  
15 ANIMAL LOVER, AND SHE SAID, WE HAVE TO DO BETTER AND MAKE THIS  
16 BIGGER. AND SO, THEN WE TOOK IT NATIONWIDE. AND AS SUPERVISOR  
17 BARGER SAID, L.A. ALONE, WE'VE FOUND MORE THAN 107,000 HOMES  
18 FOR DIFFERENT PETS THROUGHOUT THE AREA, OVER A MILLION  
19 NATIONWIDE, AND THE JOBS NOT DONE. SO, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO  
20 THE DOCTORS WHO ARE OF 2028 IN THIS ROOM, WHILE THEY WILL  
21 LITERALLY HEAL YOUR HEART, ADOPTING A PET CAN HEAL YOU ALSO IN  
22 MANY OTHER WAYS. SO, WE ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO JOIN US THIS  
23 STARTING SEPTEMBER 10TH RIGHT AFTER THE OLYMPICS. SOME AMAZING  
24 ARTWORK HERE TODAY TO THROUGH AUGUST, AUGUST 10 THROUGH  
25 SEPTEMBER 10 TO ADOPT A PET WHERE YOU CAN GET DISCOUNTED FEES



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1 ON AND SHELTERS THAT ARE PARTICIPATING. SO, THANK YOU VERY  
2 MUCH. THANK YOU FOR THE RECOGNITION, SUPERVISORS. WE ARE PROUD  
3 TO ACCEPT THIS TODAY. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, COACH  
6 CIRRICIONE.

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8 **KAREN CIRRICIONE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU SO  
9 MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR HAVING US. I KNOW THAT IT'S A  
10 NEAR AND DEAR TOPIC TO YOUR HEART, AND WE APPRECIATE THAT SO  
11 MUCH. SIMILAR STORY. THIS IDEA, I COACH CROSS-COUNTRY. MY NAME  
12 IS KAREN CIRRICIONE. I'M A TEACHER AT WEST RANCH HIGH SCHOOL,  
13 AND I'M ALSO A COACH, ONE OF THE COACHES OF THE CROSS COUNTRY  
14 TEAM. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT DON'T KNOW, CROSS COUNTRY IS  
15 RUNNERS. AND I WAS JUST TRYING TO THINK OF A WAY TO BLEND MY 2  
16 PASSIONS TOGETHER, TEACHING, COACHING, ATHLETES, AND ALSO  
17 ANIMAL RESCUES. SO, KNOWING THAT I HAD A LOT OF KIDS ON MY  
18 TEAM THAT LOVED ANIMALS AND HAD THAT COMPASSIONATE HEART AS  
19 WELL I THOUGHT LET'S RUN WITH THESE DOGS. SO, WHAT WE DO IS,  
20 WE GO TO CASTAIC SHELTER AND WE HAVE MORE KIDS THAT AREN'T  
21 ABLE TO BE HERE TODAY. BUT WE TAKE THE STUDENTS TO THE SHELTER  
22 AND WE'VE PRE-ARRANGED A FEW DOGS THAT WOULD BE WOULD BE GREAT  
23 OPTIONS TO RUN WITH AND THE KIDS WILL RUN WITH THOSE DOGS.  
24 THEY GET THEM OUT OF THOSE KENNELS, THEY SOCIALIZE WITH THEM,  
25 AND THEN ONE OF THE MOST MAGICAL PARTS OF THE PROGRAM IS THEY



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1 START POSTING THESE ANIMALS, THEIR INFORMATION, GOOD WITH  
2 KIDS, GOOD WITH BABIES, GREAT HIKING DOG, AND THEY PUSH IT OUT  
3 ON SOCIAL MEDIA. SO, EACH ONE OF THESE RUNNERS SHARES AND THEN  
4 THEIR FRIENDS SHARE AND THEN THEIR FRIENDS SHARE. NEXT THING  
5 YOU KNOW 30 DOGS HAVE BEEN SHARED THOUSANDS OF TIMES ON SOCIAL  
6 MEDIA. SO, WHILE 10 OR 12 DOGS HAVE GOTTEN ADOPTED THROUGH OUR  
7 RUNNING, I THINK IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO REALLY SAY HOW MANY DOGS  
8 HAVE BEEN REACHED DUE TO THIS PROGRAM. SO, THANK YOU FOR  
9 HAVING US. WE WILL BE DOING ANOTHER ONE OF THESE VERY SOON,  
10 WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. WE'RE ADDICTED, WE LOVE IT, AND THE  
11 BIGGEST THANK YOU I'VE GOT TO SAY IS TO MY KIDS, TO MY  
12 ATHLETES FOR BEING SO COMPASSIONATE AND SO LOVING AND GETTING  
13 OUT THERE EARLY MORNINGS ON THEIR SUMMER BREAK AND RUNNING  
14 WITH THESE DOGS AND SHARING THESE DOGS. SO, THANK YOU FOR  
15 HAVING US AND LASTLY, OF COURSE, PLEASE ADOPT A DOG. GO TO  
16 YOUR SHELTERS. THERE ARE SO MANY WONDERFUL DOGS AND CATS AND  
17 CHICKENS AND EVERYTHING. THERE'S JUST SO MANY WONDERFUL  
18 ANIMALS, GOATS THAT NEED HOMES. SO GO CHECK THOSE OUT AND  
19 YEAH, GET YOURSELF A DOG. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU SO  
20 MUCH. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** NEXT UP, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. GO  
23 AHEAD.

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25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANTED TO GIVE A SHOUT



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1 OUT. I THINK HERE WITH US TODAY IS L.A. COUNTY GRAND JURY ARE  
2 SITTING IN THE BACK TODAY WATCHING US DELIBERATE. SO, THANK  
3 YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR L.A. COUNTY GRAND JURY SYSTEM.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. BUENOS DIAS. IT'S  
6 GOOD TO SEE EVERYBODY HERE THIS MORNING. IT IS A VERY FESTIVE  
7 OCCASION HERE AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND IT'S  
8 GOING TO GET EVEN BETTER. TODAY I AM ABSOLUTELY THRILLED TO  
9 WELCOME THE URBAN VOICES PROJECT TO TODAY'S BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS MEETING. I HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN AND BELIEVED IN THE  
11 TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF MUSIC. MUSIC, AS YOU KNOW, CAN MOVE US  
12 TO TEARS, BRING US JOY, AND CERTAINLY UPLIFT OUR SPIRITS.  
13 MUSIC TRANSCENDS LANGUAGE BARRIERS, AND IT HELPS TO INSPIRE  
14 AND UNITE ALL OF US. AND THAT IS WHY THE URBAN VOICES PROJECT  
15 IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE SKID ROW COMMUNITY HERE  
16 IN THE CITY OF L.A., BUT THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE  
17 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. URBAN VOICES PROJECT WAS BORN WHEN  
18 WESLEY HEALTH CLINIC REACHED OUT TO THE COLBURN SCHOOL OF  
19 MUSIC TO START A STREET CHOIR FOR THE RESIDENTS OF SKID ROW.  
20 CO-FOUNDED BY LEEAV SOFER AND CHRISTOPHER MACK, THE URBAN  
21 VOICES PROJECT'S CHOIR IS COMPOSED OF ARTISTS, PERFORMERS FROM  
22 SKID ROW, THE EPICENTER OF THE HOMELESS CRISIS HERE IN THE  
23 CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH IS ENTIRELY NOW IN THE FIRST  
24 DISTRICT. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THEY SHARE THE HEALING OF POWER  
25 OF MUSIC WITH AUDIENCES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE NEIGHBORHOOD,



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1 RAISING AWARENESS AROUND HOMELESSNESS AND THE COMPOUNDED  
2 IMPACTS OF UNTREATED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, MENTAL HEALTH,  
3 POVERTY, AND UNEMPLOYMENT. THEIR ANNUAL COME ON SING FESTIVAL  
4 BRINGS MUSIC TO VARIOUS CORNERS OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES,  
5 ENGAGING ALL RESIDENTS OF DOWNTOWN TO SING ALONG. IF YOU HAVE  
6 NEVER ATTENDED, I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO JOIN THEM. THE URBAN  
7 VOICES PROJECT SHOWCASES THE NATURAL GIFTS OF THE SKID ROW  
8 COMMUNITY, REMINDING US THAT TALENT IS EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED  
9 EVEN WHEN OPPORTUNITY IS NOT. AND THAT IS WHY AS A PART OF THE  
10 SKID ROW ACTION PLAN, WHICH I AM WORKING TO IMPLEMENT ALONG  
11 WITH MY COLLEAGUES IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND OUR  
12 COMMUNITY OF SKID ROW, SO MUCH HAS COME OUT OF THAT PLAN. AND  
13 I PERSONALLY WANT TO SAY THAT THESE FOLKS BEHIND ME HAVE BEEN  
14 A BIG PART OF IT. THIS WILL HELP US ENSURE THAT THERE ARE  
15 OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTS AND THE COMMUNITIES TO COME TOGETHER  
16 TO CELEBRATE THE TALENT ON SKID ROW AROUND THAT SKID ROW  
17 ACTION PLAN BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO CREATE A HUB FOR PEOPLE TO  
18 GATHER TO HEAL BUT ALSO TO BE ENLIGHTENED AND MOVED. I INVITED  
19 THE URBAN VOICES CHOIR HERE TODAY BECAUSE TODAY NOW MORE THAN  
20 EVER WE KNOW THAT WE NEED TO LEAN IN ON OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS  
21 AND TO BETTER SERVE OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS. URBAN VOICES  
22 PROJECT EXEMPLIFIES THE POWER OF BUILDING COMMUNITY AND UNITY  
23 THROUGH THE ARTS. AND I'M SO HAPPY, MUY ALEGRA, TO WELCOME THE  
24 CHOIR, INCLUDING MANY RESIDENTS OF THE FIRST DISTRICT WHO ARE  
25 HERE TO PERFORM FOR YOU TODAY. BUT FIRST, BEFORE I TURN IT



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1 OVER TO THE CHOIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK THE CONDUCTOR TO SHARE A  
2 FEW WORDS AND KICK OFF THE PERFORMANCE. SO PLEASE WELCOME,  
3 LEE. PLEASE SPEAK FOR US AND THE GROUP.

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5 **LEEAV SOFER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. HI EVERYONE. MY NAME IS LEEAV  
6 SOFER AND I AM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF URBAN VOICES PROJECT.  
7 AND IT'S MY PRIVILEGE AND MY HONOR TO BE ABLE TO STAND IN  
8 FRONT OF THIS INCREDIBLE GROUP OF PEOPLE ON A WEEKLY BASIS. I  
9 JUST WANNA SAY FIRST A COUPLE THANK YOUS ACTUALLY. I WANNA SAY  
10 A BIG THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS WHO'S BEEN SUPPORTING US  
11 FOR OUR ALMOST 10 YEARS OF WORK DOING WHAT WE DO, WHO SAW US 9  
12 AND A HALF YEARS AGO AND SAID SHE WANTS TO BRING OUR VOICES TO  
13 MORE STAGES IN OUR WORD AND OUR MISSION, SO THANK YOU. I WANNA  
14 SAY AN EXTRA THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR  
15 BARGER, WHO'S PARTNERED WITH US IN THE PAST. THANK YOU, IT'S  
16 SO GOOD TO SEE YOU. AND FOR SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND HAHN, BOOK  
17 US SOON, OKAY? AND I JUST ALSO WANT TO SAY SOME THANK YOUS TO,  
18 WE HAVE BOARD MEMBERS HERE, WE HAVE OUR BOARD MEMBERS, DR.  
19 MICHAEL BRODSKY, OUR FORMER CHAIR, JOHN BACKUS, OUR NEW CHAIR,  
20 LUIS MCCARTHY, AS WELL AS MY BOARD MEMBER RIGHT HERE IN THE  
21 CHOIR, MARILYN ARIZARI AND CHRISTOPHER MACK, AND MY EXECUTIVE  
22 DIRECTOR, KATE, COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT YOU. THERE'S  
23 SOME EXTRA FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS HERE FROM MY STAFF THAT'S IN  
24 THE AUDIENCE KEY AND EVEN MENTORS LIKE CRAIG TAUBMAN AND ALSO  
25 MY SKID ROW PARTNERS IN THE BACK FROM LA CANNES AND MORE. I





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1 JUST KNOW THAT THIS ALL TAKES A VILLAGE TO DO THIS WORK AND  
2 THE WORK THAT I'M ABOUT TO SHARE IS THIS. I'VE SHARED THIS  
3 BEFORE BUT I'M SO EXCITED TO SAY THIS IN FRONT OF A ROOM OF  
4 ALL THESE NEW DOCTORS THAT ARE ABOUT TO COME, BECAUSE WHAT WE  
5 KNOW TO BE TRUE IS THAT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, WE'RE  
6 TYPICALLY PROVIDING SERVICES, RIGHT? HEALTH SERVICES, HOUSING  
7 SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT. AND WHAT WE ARE  
8 CONSTANTLY DOING IS WE'RE SAYING, HERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S  
9 BROKEN ABOUT YOU. LET'S TRY TO FIX IT. WE LOOK AT WHAT'S  
10 MISSING, AND WE LOOK AT THE GAP. AND WE TRY TO FIX THE GAP.  
11 AND UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE IN HEALTHCARE A  
12 LOT OF THE TIMES. I KNOW WE'RE WORKING ON PREVENTATIVE CARE  
13 MORE TOO. BUT TYPICALLY, WE'RE LOOKING AT WHAT'S WRONG WITH  
14 YOU. WHAT THE ARTS DOES AND HOW IT PARTNERS WITH THAT IS IT  
15 DOESN'T LOOK AT WHAT'S WRONG, IT LOOKS AT WHAT'S ALREADY  
16 THERE. IT LOOKS AT THE ARTISTRY THAT'S INNATELY AND  
17 INSTINCTUALLY IN EVERY HUMAN BEING, THE CREATIVITY IT TAKES TO  
18 OPEN YOUR VOICE AND YOUR MOUTH AND YOUR WORD AND YOUR HEART  
19 AND YOUR SOUL. SO THAT IS WHEN WE HAVE ARTIST PROGRAMS AND  
20 ARTS PROGRAMS, MUSIC PROGRAMS AND SHELTERS IN HEALTH CARE  
21 CLINICS AND IN LIBRARIES. WE'RE A BIG PART OF THE PARTNER WITH  
22 THE CENTRAL LIBRARY OF L.A. CITY AND SOON THE L.A. COUNTY  
23 LIBRARIES. WE WORK HARD TO NOT SEE WHAT'S BROKEN ABOUT THE  
24 INDIVIDUAL, BUT TO SEE WHAT'S ALREADY WORKING AND WHAT'S  
25 THERE. AND THAT'S WHY WE BELIEVE WE ARE A PARTNER WITH HEALTH



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1 CARE, A PARTNER WITH WELLNESS, BECAUSE WHILE YOU GUYS CAN FIX  
2 WHAT'S MISSING, WE CAN HIGHLIGHT WHAT'S ALREADY MAGICAL AND  
3 MARRY THEM TOGETHER TO A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO SEEING EVERY  
4 HUMAN AS IMPORTANT IN OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR STREETS AND MORE.  
5 SO THAT'S THE WORK WE DO WITH URBAN VOICES PROJECT. IF YOU  
6 WANT MORE INFORMATION, WILL YOU GRAB THAT PURPLE FLYER AND  
7 WAVE IT IN THE AIR? MY STAFF MEMBER IN THE BACK WITH THE RED  
8 BAG HAS MORE FLYERS IF YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT US. URBAN  
9 VOICES PROJECT. AND WE LOVE TO HAVE YOU GUYS NOT ONLY HEAR  
10 ABOUT US, BUT MAYBE EVEN SING WITH US. SO, WITHOUT ANY FURTHER  
11 ADO, I'M GOING TO INVITE YOU ALL TO GET A LITTLE INTERACTIVE.  
12 I KNOW, THE 2 MOST FEARED WORDS IN ALL LIVE PERFORMANCE,  
13 AUDIENCE INTERACTION. YOU GUYS READY? YOU TOO. ALL THE  
14 SUPERVISORS, YOU MIGHT NEED TO STAND UP SO WE CAN SEE YOU  
15 DOING THE MOVES, OKAY? THIS SONG, SORRY, THIS SONG IS BY  
16 MELANIE DAMORE AND IT'S CALLED LEAD WITH LOVE. WE'RE GOING TO  
17 SHOW IT TO YOU ONCE YOU GOT IT. JUST SING ALONG. A123.

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19 **SINGERS:** YOU GOT TO PUT ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER AND  
20 LEAD WITH LOVE. PUT ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER. AND LEAD  
21 WITH LOVE. PUT ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER. AND LEAD WITH  
22 LOVE. ONE MORE TIME. YOU GOTTA PUT ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE  
23 OTHER. I NEED YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR. LIKE THIS, READY? ONE  
24 FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER. ONE MORE TIME, SING IT OUT. GOTTA  
25 PUT ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER. AND LEAD WITH LOVE. ONE



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1 FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER AND LEAD WITH LOVE DON'T GIVE UP  
2 HOPE DON'T GIVE UP HOPE YOU'RE NOT ALONE YOU'RE NOT ALONE  
3 DON'T GIVE UP NOW DON'T GIVE UP NOW YOU'RE MOVING ON KEEP  
4 MOVING ON YOU GOTTA PUT ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER. AND  
5 LEAD WITH LOVE. ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER. AND LEAD WITH  
6 LOVE. LIFT UP YOUR HEAD. DON'T YOU DESPAIR. LOOK OUT MY HEAD.  
7 THE PATH IS THERE. YOU GOTTA PUT ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE  
8 OTHER AND LEAD WITH LOVE. ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER AND  
9 LEAD WITH LOVE. ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER AND LEAD WITH  
10 LOVE, OH ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER AND LEAD WITH LOVE, OH  
11 ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER AND LEAD WITH LOVE. IT'S YOUR  
12 TURN. I KNOW YOU'RE SCARED. I KNOW YOU'RE SCARED. WELL, I'M  
13 SCARED TOO. WELL, I'M SCARED TOO. BUT HERE I AM. BUT HERE I  
14 AM. RIGHT NEXT TO YOU. RIGHT NEXT TO YOU. SING IT ALONG. YOU  
15 GOTTA PUT ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER AND LEAD WITH LOVE.  
16 ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER, AND LEAD WITH LOVE. ONE FOOT  
17 IN FRONT OF THE OTHER, AND LEAD WITH LOVE.

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19 **LEEAV SOFER:** THANK YOU. TAKE A BOW. 123.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** HOW ABOUT THAT? THEY DID NOT DISAPPOINT. AND  
22 IT'S MY PLEASURE ON BEHALF OF THE FIRST DISTRICT TO  
23 COMMEMORATE AND CONGRATULATE OUR URBAN VOICES PROJECT HERE  
24 FROM SKID ROW, BUT REPRESENTING ALL THE SOULS AND THOSE THAT  
25 NEED THEIR VOICES LIFTED UP. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE



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1 AND HONORING US. THANK YOU.

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3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND  
4 CONGRATULATIONS. I KNOW YOU'VE CERTAINLY LIFTED OUR SPIRITS  
5 TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR JOINING US THIS MORNING. FOR  
6 ANYONE WHO IS EXITING AND WILL NOT BE STAYING FOR THE  
7 REMAINDER OF THE MEETING, PLEASE DO SO QUIETLY. WE'LL HAVE TO  
8 MOVE ON TO THE REST OF OUR AGENDA. WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED WITH  
9 THE REMAINDER OF OUR AGENDA. I KNOW MANY OF YOU ARE EXITING IF  
10 YOU CAN DO SO QUIETLY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE  
11 AGENDA.

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13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3. SET MATTER 1 IS A  
14 REPORT ON THE COUNTY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEOPLE  
15 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS MISSIONS, INCLUDING A REVIEW OF THE  
16 CITY OF GRANTS PASS VERSUS JOHNSON ET AL DECISION. THIS ITEM  
17 WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 4, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
18 ITEM 2, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. SET MATTER 1  
19 AND ITEM 2 WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. ON PAGE 5, POLICY  
20 PRESENTATIONS, ITEMS 3 THROUGH 5, THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR  
21 REPORTS. ON PAGE 7, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. ITEM 6 AND 7. ON  
22 ITEM 6, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON ITEM 7,  
23 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THESE  
24 ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF  
25 THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. EXECUTIVE  
3 OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY OUR CODE OF CONDUCT.

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



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1 RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND  
2 BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE  
3 DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON  
4 ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO  
5 BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU  
6 WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
7 THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN  
8 THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER  
9 COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** TODAY WE'LL BEGIN WITH SET MATTER  
12 1, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH ITEM 2 THEN ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5  
13 AND FINISHING WITH ITEMS 6 AND 7 WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP  
14 TOGETHER FOLLOWED BY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE WE BEGIN  
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT  
16 WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN OUR SPEAKING  
17 RULES.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO  
20 PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL  
21 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. MEMBERS  
22 OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARDROOM, YOU  
23 WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE  
24 MEETING. YOU WILL RECEIVE UP TO 1 MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD  
25 ON EACH HELD ITEM, AND 1 ADDITIONAL MINUTE TO ADDRESS ON



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

17

18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL BEGIN TODAY WITH SET MATTER  
19 1 REPORTS ON THE COUNTY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEOPLE  
20 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS MISSIONS INCLUDING A REVIEW OF THE  
21 CITY OF GRANTS PASS VERSUS JOHNSON ET AL. DECISION, WHICH WILL  
22 BE TAKEN UP WITH ITEM 2, DEVELOPING A COUNTYWIDE STRATEGY FOR  
23 ADDRESSING ENCAMPMENTS AFTER GRANTS PASS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE  
24 PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO COMMENT  
25 ON THESE ITEMS. WE HAVE A VERY ESTEEMED PANEL HERE WITH US,



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1 LED BY OUR SHERIFF, ROBERT LUNA, AS WELL AS SEVERAL OF OUR  
2 DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS AND OTHERS. SO, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE  
3 INTRODUCE YOURSELVES AS I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO BE DOING A  
4 PRESENTATION. SO, EVERYONE KNOWS WHO'S HERE WITH US THIS  
5 MORNING. WE'LL ACTUALLY, I KNOW THIS ITEM WAS REQUESTED BY  
6 SUPERVISOR HAHN, BUT WE'LL BEGIN WITH YOUR PRESENTATION AND  
7 THEN I WILL TURN IT TO HER TO BEGIN OUR DISCUSSION.

8

9 **CHERI TODOROFF:** THANK YOU, VERY MUCH AND GOOD MORNING. I'M  
10 CHERI TODOROFF, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE  
11 WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. I WILL GO AHEAD AND LET  
12 PEOPLE INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AS WE GO THROUGH OUR PRESENTATION  
13 TODAY. WE CAN START WITH THE SLIDE DECK, IT'S VERY BRIEF, BUT  
14 IT'LL BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A LITTLE VISUAL TO GO ALONG WITH OUR  
15 SPOKEN WORDS. SO, ON JULY 9TH, YOUR BOARD APPROVED A MOTION  
16 DIRECTING THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, COUNTY COUNSEL, THE  
17 SHERIFF, AND THE CEO OF LAHSA TO PROVIDE A VERBAL REPORT BACK  
18 TO THE BOARD AT TODAY'S MEETING WITH A REVIEW OF THE GRANT'S  
19 PAST DECISION, ITS POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS IN LOS ANGELES  
20 COUNTY, AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS. WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE,  
21 PLEASE. THE MOTION WAS AMENDED TO DIRECT THAT THE PRESENTATION  
22 INCLUDE INPUT FROM THE JULY 26TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE  
23 COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS ALIGNMENT. AND TO ORGANIZE  
24 OUR PRESENTATION, **ANA LAI** FROM COUNTY COUNSEL WILL PROVIDE  
25 BACKGROUND ON THE CASE HISTORY OF THE GRANTS PASS VERSUS





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1 JOHNSON CASE. SHE'LL ALSO PRESENT A REVIEW OF THE LEGAL  
2 DECISION, WHAT THE DECISION DOES AND WHAT IT DOES NOT DO. FROM  
3 THERE, DR. ADAMS KELLUM WILL HIGHLIGHT THE EXPECTED  
4 IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION ON OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSE TO END  
5 HOMELESSNESS IN EVERY COMMUNITY IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THEN DR.  
6 ADAMS KELLUM, SHERIFF LUNA, AND I WILL PRESENT OUR COLLECTIVE  
7 RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW WE MOVE FORWARD. WE WILL START WITH  
8 COUNTY COUNSEL AND ANNA LAI.

9

10 **ANA LAI:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS.

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12 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** PLEASE SPEAK RIGHT INTO THE MIC.

13

14 **ANA LAI:** GOOD MORNING. ANNA LAI FROM COUNTY COUNSEL. TODAY  
15 I'LL BE TALKING ABOUT THE GRANTS PASS DECISION, BUT BEFORE I  
16 DO THAT, I WANT TO QUICKLY GO OVER THE BACKGROUND OF HOW WE  
17 GOT HERE TODAY. IN 2018, THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS  
18 ISSUED A DECISION THAT HAD SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR HOW CITIES  
19 APPROACH HOMELESSNESS. IN THE CASE MARTIN VERSUS BOISE, THE  
20 NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS HELD THAT IMPOSING CRIMINAL  
21 PENALTIES AGAINST HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS FOR SITTING, SLEEPING,  
22 OR LYING OUTSIDE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY WHEN THERE ARE NO SHELTER  
23 BEDS AVAILABLE CONSTITUTES CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT UNDER  
24 THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT. IN 2022, THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF  
25 APPEALS BUILDING ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE MARTIN CASE, RULED



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1 IN JOHNSON VERSUS CITY OF GRANTS PASS THAT CIVIL ORDINANCES  
2 THAT PROHIBITED SLEEPING AND CAMPING IN PUBLIC AND PROVIDED  
3 FOR CIVIL FINES WHICH LATER BECAME CRIMINAL OFFENSES WERE ALSO  
4 INCONSISTENT WITH THE CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT OF THE  
5 EIGHTH AMENDMENT. IN 2023, THE CITY OF GRANTS PASS APPEALED TO  
6 THE NINTH CIRCUIT DECISION TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT  
7 ARGUING THAT BOTH THE MARTIN CASE AND THE GRANTS PASS CASE  
8 WERE WRONGLY DECIDED. EARLIER THIS YEAR IN JANUARY, THE  
9 SUPREME COURT AGREED TO HEAR THE CASE IN MARCH LOS ANGELES  
10 COUNTY ALONG WITH MANY OTHER COUNTY CITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS  
11 FILED AN AMICUS BRIEF. IN APRIL ORAL ARGUMENTS WERE HELD AND  
12 IN JUNE 28 THE SUPREME COURT ISSUED A RULING IN FAVOR OF  
13 GRANT'S PASS. THE QUESTION THAT WAS PRESENTED TO THE COURT WAS  
14 WHETHER THE ENFORCEMENT OF GENERALLY APPLICABLE LAWS  
15 REGULATING CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY CONSTITUTES CRUEL AND  
16 UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT PROHIBITED BY THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT. THE  
17 COURT BY A 6 TO 3 VOTE RULED IN FAVOR OF GRANTS PASSED AND  
18 HELD THAT ENFORCING GENERALLY APPLICABLE LAWS REGULATING  
19 CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, MEANING LAWS THAT DO NOT TARGET A  
20 PERSON'S STATUS, LIKE BEING HOMELESS, DO NOT VIOLATE THE  
21 EIGHTH AMENDMENT'S PROTECTION AGAINST CRUEL AND UNUSUAL  
22 PUNISHMENT. SO, WHAT DOES THE GRANT PASS DECISION DO? THE  
23 POTENTIAL IMPLICATION OF THIS OPINION IS THAT CITIES CAN NOW  
24 ENFORCE LOCAL LAWS THAT CRIMINALIZE SLEEPING OR CAMPING IN  
25 PUBLIC AREAS EVEN FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE. WHAT THE GRANTS PASSED



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1 OPINION DOES NOT DO IS THAT THE OPINION DOES NOT MANDATE ANY  
2 SPECIFIC ACTIONS BY THE COUNTY OR CITIES TO ENACT OR ENFORCE  
3 THE ANTI-CAMPING LAWS. IN FACT, THE COURT EXPRESSLY STATED  
4 THAT CITIES ARE NOT BOUND TO ADOPT PUBLIC CAMPING LAWS.  
5 INSTEAD, THEY ARE FREE TO ADD ADDITIONAL SUBSTANTIVE  
6 PROTECTIONS FOR THEIR IN-HOUSE. THE GRAND PASS' OPINION ALSO  
7 DOES NOT ADDRESS WHETHER ENFORCEMENT COULD VIOLATE THE RIGHTS  
8 OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS BEYOND THE ISSUE OF CRUEL AND UNUSUAL  
9 PUNISHMENT UNDER THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT. AND THE REASON IS  
10 BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS THAT REMAIN  
11 IN PLACE. THE FOURTH AMENDMENT STILL LIMITS PROPERTY SEIZURE  
12 BY THE GOVERNMENT. THIS INCLUDES HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS'  
13 PERSONAL BELONGINGS. AUTHORITIES ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE  
14 ADEQUATE NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO RECLAIM BELONGINGS BEFORE  
15 DISPOSAL. THE COURT DID NOT DECIDE WHETHER GRANTS PASS  
16 ORDINANCE VIOLATE THE X THE EIGHTH AMENDMENTS, EXCESSIVE FINES  
17 CLAUSE, WHICH PROHIBITS THE GOVERNMENT FROM IMPOSING FINES  
18 THAT ARE SEEN AS UNREASONABLY HARSH OR DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE  
19 OFFENSE COMMITTED. SO EVEN FOR OFFENSES LIKE CAMPING, FINES  
20 CANNOT BE SO EXCESSIVE THAT THEY BECOME A FORM OF PUNISHMENT  
21 BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE OFFENSE. IN SUM, BOTH THE MAJORITY AND  
22 THE DISSENT ACKNOWLEDGED THE NARROW SCOPE OF THE OPINION. I  
23 WILL NOW PASS THE PRESENTATION TO DR. ADAMS KELLUM TO TALK  
24 ABOUT THE IMPLICATION OF THE GRANT'S PAST DECISION.  
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1 **DR. VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. DR. VA  
2 LECIA ADAMS KELLEEM, CEO OF LAHSA. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY  
3 TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY. AS WE ALL DIGEST THE SCOPE AND  
4 IMPLICATIONS OF THIS RULING, LAHSA AND OUR PARTNERS MUST  
5 CONSIDER THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF LOCAL SHIFTS TOWARDS  
6 CRIMINALIZATION OF CAMPING AND HOW THOSE SHIFTS MIGHT AFFECT  
7 THE FRAMEWORK TO END HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY ADOPTED BY  
8 THE BOARD IN 2022. THE FRAMEWORK REQUIRES CITIES TO COORDINATE  
9 WITH LAHSA AND ALL IMPACTED PARTNERS TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS,  
10 CONNECT UNSHELTERED PEOPLE TO OUTREACH SERVICES, PROVIDE THEM  
11 WITH HOUSING, AND TO DELIVER STABILIZING CARE. CRIMINALIZATION  
12 IS INTENTIONALLY NOT PART OF THE COUNTY'S FRAMEWORK BECAUSE IT  
13 MAKES THE PROBLEM WORSE BY CREATING MORE BARRIERS ALONG  
14 PEOPLE'S PATH TO HOUSING, AND IT RUNS COUNTER TO OUR GOALS TO  
15 CREATE A MORE EQUITABLE SYSTEM. LAHSA'S CURRENT INTERNAL  
16 GUIDANCE IS FOR OUTREACH WORKERS TO NOT BE A PART OF  
17 ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. LAHSA INSTEAD FOCUSES ON PROVIDING  
18 RESOURCES AND SERVICES BEFORE ENFORCEMENT TAKES PLACE. THIS  
19 GUIDANCE IS COMMUNICATED TO ALL LAHSA OUTREACH STAFF DURING  
20 ONBOARDING THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE PRESENT IF ENFORCEMENT  
21 TAKES PLACE, BUT INSTEAD FOCUS ON PROVIDING RESOURCES AND  
22 REFERRALS WHEN POSSIBLE BEFORE THE POLICE COME IN. LAHSA  
23 DETERMINED THAT ITS ROLE WAS TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND OUTREACH  
24 RATHER THAN ENFORCEMENT AND THAT BEING PRESENT WHEN  
25 ENFORCEMENT OCCURRED WOULD HARM THE TRUST AND RAPPOR LAHSA



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1 OUTREACH WORKERS BUILD WITH PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.  
2 THERE ARE MULTIPLE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF INCREASED  
3 CRIMINALIZATION. ONE, EXACERBATION OF RACIAL INEQUITIES IS A  
4 KEY CONCERN. BLACK, AFRICAN AMERICAN, INDIGENOUS, LATINO, AND  
5 OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE ALREADY OVER-REPRESENTED IN THE  
6 HOMELESS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATIONS. THROUGH THE WORK OF  
7 LAHSA'S AD HOC COMMITTEE ON BLACK PEOPLE EXPERIENCING  
8 HOMELESSNESS AND THE CURRENT LATINX TASK FORCE, WE HAVE HEARD  
9 DIRECTLY FROM THESE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE THE MOST IMPACTED BY  
10 THEIR INTERACTIONS WITH THE HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM. SHIFTS  
11 TOWARDS THE CRIMINALIZATION OF CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY  
12 WOULD EXACERBATE THE INEQUITIES THESE COMMUNITIES ALREADY  
13 EXPERIENCE AT DISPROPORTIONATE RATES. TICKETING, FINING, AND  
14 IN OTHER WAYS, ADDITIONALLY POLICING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS OF  
15 COLOR WILL FURTHER THE DEEP RACIAL INEQUITIES THEY ALREADY  
16 FACE IN THE HOUSING SYSTEM. EXACERBATING HOMELESSNESS AND  
17 POPULATIONS ALREADY DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE SYSTEMIC RACISM  
18 THAT WE SEE IN OUR SYSTEM. WE ALSO KNOW THAT ENFORCEMENT IS AN  
19 INEFFECTIVE APPROACH WITH THIS POPULATION. THE EVIDENCE IS  
20 CLEAR THAT CRIMINALIZATION IS AN INEFFECTIVE HOMELESS  
21 INTERVENTION. SINCE THE EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS IN THE COUNTY  
22 AND THE CITY OF L.A., AS WELL AS IN OTHER CITIES, WE HAVE  
23 ENDED THE UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS FOR OVER 3, 000 PEOPLE  
24 THROUGH 56 INSIGHT SAFE OPERATIONS AND 17 PATHWAY HOME  
25 OPERATIONS. THESE ARE OPERATIONS THAT WORK BECAUSE WE OFFER



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1 CREDIBLE PATHWAYS TO HOUSING, NOT THREATS OF FINES OR ARRESTS.  
2 AN ADDITIONAL CONCERN IS DISPLACEMENT. INCREASED ENFORCEMENT  
3 OF CAMPING RESTRICTIONS COULD PUSH PEOPLE EXPERIENCING  
4 HOMELESSNESS INTO SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES AND UNINCORPORATED  
5 AREAS. THIS WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE SERVICES  
6 IN THEIR HOME COMMUNITIES AND EXACERBATE CAPACITY CONSTRAINTS  
7 IN COMMUNITIES THAT DO NOT CRIMINALIZE CAMPING. AS PEOPLE ARE  
8 FORCED TO MOVE DUE TO THE THREAT OF CITATIONS AND FINES, IT  
9 MAKES IT HARDER FOR OUTREACH TEAMS TO LOCATE, CONNECT, AND  
10 BUILD TRUST WITH PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. PEOPLE WHO  
11 HAVE BEEN DISPLACED ARE ALSO MORE LIKELY TO SEEK SECLUDED  
12 LOCATIONS WHERE THEY ARE AT GREATER RISK OF BECOMING VICTIMS  
13 OF CRIMES AND THOSE CRIMES ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE REPORTED TO  
14 LAW ENFORCEMENT. FINALLY, THE MISALIGNMENT OF STRATEGIES IS  
15 COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. LEANING ON INCREASED CRIMINALIZATION OF  
16 CAMPING WITHOUT INVESTING IN AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF INTERIM AND  
17 PERMANENT HOUSING WOULD BE MISALIGNED WITH THE COUNTY'S  
18 FRAMEWORK TO END HOMELESSNESS. IT WOULD ALSO STRAIN THE  
19 EXISTING SYSTEM BECAUSE THERE WOULD BE AN INCREASED NEED FOR  
20 OUTREACH COORDINATION AND INTERIM HOUSING TO ENSURE PEOPLE ARE  
21 NOT CRIMINALIZED.

22

23 **CHERI TODOROFF:** THANK YOU. AND NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WE WOULD  
24 NOW LIKE TO TALK ABOUT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND WHERE WE GO  
25 FROM HERE. AND WE ARE COLLECTIVELY CLEAR THAT THE



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1 IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE 5 RECOMMENDATIONS WILL HELP US  
2 MITIGATE ANY NEGATIVE IMPACTS FROM THE GRANT'S PAST DECISION.  
3 WE WILL START WITH RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 1 AND DR. ADAMS-  
4 KELLUM.

5

6 **DR. VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM:** THANK YOU, CHERI. I AM ADDRESSING  
7 RECOMMENDATION 1, AS YOU NOTED. THE COUNTY, LAHSA, AND OUR  
8 PROVIDERS KNOW HOW TO END HOMELESSNESS WITHOUT CRIMINALIZING  
9 PEOPLE'S SURVIVAL STRATEGIES. WE KNOW HOW TO END HOMELESSNESS  
10 AND OUR SUCCESS IS NOT THEORETICAL. IT IS MEASURABLE. SINCE  
11 THE LAUNCH OF INSIGHT SAFE AND PATHWAY HOME, UNSHELTERED  
12 HOMELESSNESS HAS DROPPED BY OVER 5% WHILE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE  
13 IN SHELTERS ROSE BY ALMOST 13%. IN THE MOST RECENT PIT COUNT,  
14 WE SAW SIGNIFICANT DECLINES IN VEHICULAR HOMELESSNESS AND A  
15 31% DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF MAKESHIFT SHELTERS. THIS PROGRESS  
16 IS NO ACCIDENT, AND CRIMINALIZATION PLAYED NO ROLE. INSTEAD,  
17 THIS PROGRESS IS THE RESULT OF L.A. COUNTY AND OUR MUNICIPAL  
18 PARTNERS USING EVIDENCE-BASED, TRAUMA-INFORMED TECHNIQUES,  
19 SUCH AS ESTABLISHING STRONG ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION COORDINATION  
20 BY LEVERAGING OUR EMERGENCY UNIFIED COMMAND STRUCTURES,  
21 PROVIDING AMPLE TIME TO ENGAGE PEOPLE LIVING IN ENCAMPMENTS  
22 AND DOCUMENTING THEIR ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS.  
23 PRIORITIZING TRUSTED RELATIONSHIPS, TRANSPARENCY, AND RAPPORT  
24 WITH ENCAMPMENT RESIDENTS TO ENSURE THEIR AGENCY IN THE  
25 VOLUNTARY REHOUSING PROCESS USING A TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE



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1 APPROACH AND OFFERING LOW BARRIER HOUSING OPTIONS TO ENSURE  
2 PEOPLE WANT TO COME INSIDE. PREPARING ENOUGH INTERIM AND  
3 PERMANENT HOUSING ALTERNATIVES SO UNHOUSED PEOPLE HAVE  
4 SOMEWHERE APPROPRIATE TO GO. AND PARTNERING WITH CREDIBLE AND  
5 EXPERIENCED PROVIDERS WITH DEEP TIES TO THE COMMUNITY AND  
6 LETTING THEM LEAD AND ALSO LEANING IN TO PEOPLE WITH LIVED  
7 EXPERIENCE IN THIS WORK. I'LL TURN YOU BACK OVER TO CHERI.

8

9 **CHERI TODOROFF:** THANK YOU. RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 2 IS TO  
10 PARTNER WITH MUNICIPALITIES ON EVIDENCE-BASED SOLUTIONS. SO  
11 THE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF CITIES, COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT, AND  
12 THE COUNTY TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS, CONNECT UNSHELTERED PEOPLE  
13 TO OUTREACH AND SERVICES IN THEIR COMMUNITY, PROVIDE OUR  
14 RESIDENTS WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND DELIVER STABILIZING  
15 CARE ARE FAR MORE IMPACTFUL FOR REDUCING AND PREVENTING  
16 HOMELESSNESS THAN STRATEGIES THAT FURTHER DISPLACE AND WE HAVE  
17 ESTABLISHED ROBUST PARTNERSHIPS WITH CITIES AND COUNCILS OF  
18 GOVERNMENT AND ARE GROWING THOSE PARTNERSHIPS BY CREATING  
19 LOCAL SOLUTION FUNDING AGREEMENTS, INNOVATION FUNDS, REGIONAL  
20 COORDINATION FUNDS, CITY AND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT INTERIM  
21 HOUSING FUND, AND SUBSTANTIAL NEW PARTNERSHIPS ON LOCAL  
22 ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH THE INSIGHT SAFE AND PATHWAY  
23 HOME PROGRAM. WE HAVE ALSO WITHIN THIS COUNTY WITH DIFFERENT  
24 JURISDICTIONS INCLUDING THE COUNTY AND SOME CITIES HAVE  
25 SECURED SEVERAL ROUNDS OF THE STATE'S ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION





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1 FUNDING THAT WE ARE INVESTING IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES. THE COUNTY  
2 WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH CITIES TO EXPAND PARTNERSHIPS THAT  
3 ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS THROUGH INTERIM PERMANENT HOUSING,  
4 ALIGNING RESOURCES AND REGIONAL COORDINATION. THIS INCLUDES  
5 PARTNERING WITH CITIES TO BRING IN NEW RESOURCES SUCH AS  
6 THROUGH PATHWAY HOME AND THROUGH FUNDING THAT WE'RE ABLE TO  
7 SECURE SUCH AS THE STATE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION GRANTS.  
8 RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 3 IS TO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE  
9 HOMELESSNESS AS A REGIONAL CRISIS. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO DICTATE  
10 HOW OUR MUNICIPAL PARTNERS RESPOND TO THE GRANTS PASS RULING,  
11 BUT WE CAN INVITE THEM TO PUBLICLY ALIGN THEIR STRATEGIES WITH  
12 OUR FRAMEWORK TO END HOMELESSNESS, WHICH FOCUSES ON  
13 PREVENTION, COORDINATION, CONNECTING PEOPLE TO RESOURCES  
14 THROUGH OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT, HOUSING, BOTH INTERIM AND  
15 PERMANENT, AND STABILIZATION THROUGH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. WE  
16 CAN ALL PUBLICLY DECLARE OUR INTENT TO BE GOOD NEIGHBORS BY  
17 COMMITTING TO AVOID DISPLACEMENT POLICIES THAT SHUFFLE  
18 HOMELESSNESS FROM ONE JURISDICTION TO ANOTHER. WE NEED  
19 REGIONAL ALIGNMENT TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS BY INVESTING IN  
20 INTERIM PERMANENT HOUSING, WRAPPING SERVICES AROUND OUR  
21 VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS, AND PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS FROM  
22 HAPPENING. AT THE JULY 26TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL  
23 HOMELESSNESS ALIGNMENT, THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS DID DISCUSS THE  
24 CONCEPT OF A GOOD NEIGHBOR PLEDGE TO AFFIRM THEIR DEDICATION  
25 TO PRACTICES THAT PRIORITIZE COORDINATION, OFFER SERVICES, AND



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1 ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS. AT LEAST ONE COG HAS  
2 DRAFTED AND IS CONSIDERING SUCH A PLEDGE. MORE ARE ALSO  
3 LOOKING AT IT. THERE WAS A DISCUSSION AMONG THE COMMITTEE  
4 MEMBERS TO TAKE BACK THE CONCEPT OF A GOOD NEIGHBOR PLEDGE TO  
5 THEIR JURISDICTIONS TO GARNER SUPPORT. I WILL HAND IT TO  
6 SHERIFF LUNA.

7

8 **ROBERT LUNA:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME AS PART  
9 OF THIS TEAM. IT'S AMAZING. I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HAPPY TO BE  
10 CROWDED AMONGST THIS TABLE. AND THE REASON FOR THAT IS THE  
11 FACT THAT WE COLLABORATE SO WELL IN OUR COUNTY TO TAKE ON SUCH  
12 A CHALLENGING PROBLEM OR CHALLENGE. SO, I JUST WANNA MAKE SURE  
13 THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS FROM THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
14 DEPARTMENT, WE TAKE A SERVICE LED APPROACH. WE HAVE FOR YEARS  
15 AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THAT WITH THESE TOUGH CHALLENGES.  
16 OUR HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES CO-RESPONSE TEAM HAS BEEN  
17 ACTIVELY ENGAGING WITH INDIVIDUALS IN ENCAMPMENTS ACROSS OUR  
18 COUNTY FOR MANY YEARS, EFFECTIVELY CONNECTING THEM WITH  
19 ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND TEMPORARY HOUSING. AND I SAY THAT NOT  
20 JUST FROM OUR HOST TEAM, BUT WHAT MAKES US SO EFFECTIVE IS THE  
21 COLLABORATIVE EFFORT THAT WE HAVE WITH ALL OF OUR PARTNERS  
22 YOU'RE HEARING FROM UP HERE. OUR APPROACH EMPHASIZES SUSTAINED  
23 OUTREACH AND COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENTS BEFORE ANY RESOLUTION  
24 OR DISPLACEMENT MAY OCCUR. WE ABSOLUTELY FOCUS ON A  
25 CONSTITUTIONAL APPROACH. BEING HOMELESS IS NOT A CRIME AND WE



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1 WILL MAINTAIN OUR FOCUS ON CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR RATHER THAN AN  
2 INDIVIDUAL STATUS, WHICH IS KEY. AS ALWAYS, ANY CRIMINAL  
3 ACTIVITY WILL BE DRESSED ACCORDINGLY. THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE  
4 ORDER, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL NOT ALTER THE WAY OUR DEPARTMENT  
5 APPROACHES OR MANAGES THE UNHOUSED POPULATION. BUT THOUGH IT  
6 WILL INCREASE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE  
7 CHP MORE OFTEN, BECAUSE IF THEY ARE DOING CLEANUPS, WE WANT TO  
8 MAKE SURE THEY'RE COORDINATING WITH US AS LOCAL OFFICIALS. AND  
9 JUST SO YOU'RE AWARE, I'VE BEEN DIRECTLY COMMUNICATING WITH  
10 THE COMMISSIONER OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, SEAN DERUE,  
11 BOTH LAST WEEK AND EVEN UP TO THIS MORNING TO MAKE SURE THAT  
12 WE ARE MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER AS WE DO THIS. ADDITIONALLY,  
13 THE DEPARTMENT HAS VERY STRICT ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR  
14 BOOKINGS INTO OUR CUSTODY FACILITIES AND OUR PROTOCOLS WILL  
15 REMAIN THE SAME FOR MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES. IT'S IMPORTANT TO  
16 NOTE THAT THE IDEA OF CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS IS NOT THE  
17 ANSWER, AS MY PARTNERS UP HERE HAVE SAID, SO WE WILL NOT  
18 CHANGE OUR ESTABLISHED CUSTODY STANDARDS BECAUSE OF WHAT WE'RE  
19 HEARING ABOUT TODAY. BUT IN ALL MY CONVERSATIONS, AND I'LL  
20 TALK ABOUT THAT WITH OUR PARTNERS IN CONTRACT CITY AND  
21 INDEPENDENT CITIES, THEY'RE VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE THERE ARE  
22 INDIVIDUALS, NOT GROUPS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE COMMITTING CRIMES,  
23 THEY WANNA MAKE SURE THEY'RE GONNA BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. WE  
24 WILL STILL RESPOND AND HELP AND ASSIST AND DO WHATEVER WE CAN,  
25 SERVICE FIRST, OR "CARE FIRST", SERVICE FIRST, AND THEN



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1 ENFORCEMENT. WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO COLLABORATIVELY WORKING  
2 WITH OUR COUNTY PARTNERS TO COMPASSIONATELY ADDRESS  
3 HOMELESSNESS ENCAMPMENTS AND PROVIDE CONSTITUTIONAL CARE AND  
4 SERVICE-ORIENTED ASSISTANCE. THIS TAKES A COUNTYWIDE  
5 DEPARTMENT-COORDINATED EFFORT, AND IT IS DONE THROUGH THE LOS  
6 ANGELES COUNTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, LOS ANGELES HOMELESS  
7 SERVICES AUTHORITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC WORKS, AND ANIMAL CARE,  
9 JUST TO NAME A FEW. AND AS I WRAP UP MY COMMENTS AND I  
10 MENTIONED IT EARLIER, I WANT ALL OF OUR SUPERVISORS TO KNOW  
11 THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT IS ON THE FOREFRONT OF CONCERN FOR  
12 MANY OF OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND LEADERS. SO BACK ON JULY  
13 22ND, WITH THE HELP OF THE L.A. COUNTY INDEPENDENT CHIEFS, WE  
14 HELD A MEETING THAT INCLUDED EVERY CHIEF IN LOS ANGELES  
15 COUNTY. AND FOR THE STRICT PURPOSES OF COMMUNICATING AND  
16 MAKING SURE THAT WE WERE GONNA BE GOOD NEIGHBORS IN A  
17 STRATEGIC MANNER. WE WOULDN'T BE PUSHING PROBLEMS OFF ON EACH  
18 OTHER AS WE'RE DEALING WITH THIS AND LET'S BE FRANK FOR US 42  
19 CONTRACT CITIES 42 MAYORS 42 COUNCILS AND A LOT OF THEM ARE  
20 VERY DIVERSE IN THE WAY THEY THINK I THINK WE WENT A LONG WAYS  
21 OF GETTING ON THE SAME PAGE I MET ON THE 24TH WITH MY PARTNER  
22 FROM LAHSA, THE GOOD DOCTOR, WE HAD A REALLY GOOD  
23 CONVERSATION. ON THE 25TH, I MET WITH CONTRACT CITY, CITY  
24 MANAGERS TO AGAIN, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE COMMUNICATING AND  
25 COORDINATING. I'VE BEEN COMMUNICATING WITH THE CHP



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1 COMMISSIONER, MYSELF, AND THEN YESTERDAY I HAD A MEETING THAT  
2 INCLUDED OVER 200 MEMBERS OF CONTRACT AND INDEPENDENT CITIES  
3 TO PROVIDE OUR APPROACH AND ENCOURAGE THAT WE BE STRATEGIC AND  
4 GOOD NEIGHBORS. AND I'D REALLY LIKE TO PUBLICLY THANK MARCEL  
5 RODARTE FOR HELPING ME AND GETTING THAT MEETING TOGETHER. SO,  
6 WITH THAT, THAT CONCLUDES MY COMMENTS.

7

8 **CHERI TODOROFF:** AND WE HAVE CONCLUDED OUR PRESENTATION, THANK  
9 YOU.

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I'LL  
12 TURN IT TO YOU.

13

14 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I APPRECIATE THE  
15 PANEL HERE TODAY. AGAIN, THIS WAS A RESPONSE TO A MOTION THAT  
16 I BROUGHT FORTH BECAUSE IT JUST SEEMED LIKE THERE WAS A LOT OF  
17 CONFUSION, A LOT OF ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT THE SUPREME COURT  
18 DECISION, SO I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE THAT WE HAVE  
19 ALL THE RIGHT PEOPLE HERE TALKING TO US AND GIVING US A BETTER  
20 PERSPECTIVE ABOUT WHAT THAT DECISION MEANS TO US HERE. AS I  
21 SAID, IT'S ALSO RAISED CONCERN AMONG OUR HOMELESS PROVIDERS  
22 AND OUR ADVOCATES ABOUT THE POTENTIAL CRIMINALIZATION OF  
23 HOMELESSNESS. AND I THINK A LOT OF OUR CITIES ARE LOOKING  
24 TOWARDS US HERE IN THE COUNTY HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO  
25 ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. I KNOW CONTRACT CITIES, YOU'VE ALREADY



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1 MENTIONED THAT. I SEE JENNIFER PEREZ, THE NEW PRESIDENT OF  
2 CONTRACT CITIES, IS HERE TODAY. MARCEL RODARTE, EXECUTIVE  
3 DIRECTOR, HAS ALSO MADE SOME COMMENTS THAT I LISTENED TO  
4 YESTERDAY THAT I WAS GLAD TO HEAR. BUT YOU KNOW, I THINK WHAT  
5 WE'RE FEELING TOO IS THAT I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE A LITTLE  
6 BIT NERVOUS ABOUT THIS DECISION BECAUSE WE'RE FEELING FROM A  
7 LOT OF OUR CITIES KIND OF A LITTLE BIT OF FATIGUE,  
8 PARTICULARLY ENCAMPMENT FATIGUE. AND BEFORE MANY OF OUR LOCAL  
9 JURISDICTIONS FELT LIKE THEIR HANDS WERE TIED IN TERMS OF WHAT  
10 THEY COULD DO, BUT THIS FEELS A LITTLE BIT ABOUT LIKE THEIR  
11 HANDS HAVE BEEN UNTIED IN TERMS OF WHAT CONSTITUTES CRUEL AND  
12 UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT. SO, THEY'RE TIRED OF SEEING ENCAMPMENTS  
13 WHEN THEY GO TO WORK OR TAKE THE KIDS TO SCHOOL. BUT I THINK  
14 WE'RE GOING TO HEAR IT A LOT TODAY, AND I KNOW I CAN SAY IT  
15 RIGHT NOW, THAT OUR JAILS ARE JUST NOT THE APPROPRIATE PLACE  
16 TO PUT SOMEONE WHO IS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN. WE ALL  
17 KNOW THE CONDITION OF OUR JAILS. WE KNOW THEY'RE ALREADY  
18 OVERCROWDED, AND THIS IS JUST NOT A GOOD SOLUTION. BUT I THINK  
19 WE'RE ALL CONCERNED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.  
20 AND ALSO, I HAD SOME OF OUR CITIES REACH OUT TO US TO SEE WHAT  
21 AUTHORITY THE COUNTY HAS TO PREVENT CITIES FROM PUSHING  
22 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS INTO OTHER CITIES. AND I'M GOING TO ASK  
23 THAT QUESTION. AND I WORRY ABOUT OUR UNINCORPORATED AREA WHERE  
24 SOMETIMES THEY CAN BE NEGATIVELY AFFECTED BY POLICIES FROM  
25 NEIGHBORING CITIES. SO, I THINK THIS IS A REALLY GOOD



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1 DISCUSSION TODAY. I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES HAVE A LOT OF GOOD  
2 QUESTIONS AS WELL. LET ME JUST START AND ANA YOU'RE  
3 REPRESENTING THE COUNTY COUNSEL, RIGHT? SO LET ME JUST START  
4 BY SAYING AGAIN FOR CLARIFICATION IF A CITY OR COUNTY WERE TO  
5 REGULATE THE TIME AND PLACE LIKE WHERE YOU CAN HAVE AN  
6 ENCAMPMENT OR WHERE NOT. WOULD THAT VIOLATE BEING CRUEL AND  
7 UNUSUAL AS YOU SEE THIS DECISION? OR IS THAT SOMETHING THAT WE  
8 CAN NOW DO, IS REGULATE WHERE AN ENCAMPMENT, BECAUSE I THINK  
9 THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT LIKE, YOU KNOW, I'M OKAY WITH  
10 ENCAMPMENTS, BUT RIGHT HERE JUST IS NOT HEALTHY, RIGHT? IT'S  
11 NOT SAFE FOR YOU, IT'S NOT SAFE FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD. CAN  
12 CITIES AND COUNTIES BEGIN REGULATING SORT OF WHERE THESE  
13 ENCAMPMENTS ARE WITHOUT VIOLATING THE CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PIECE  
14 OF THAT AMENDMENT.

15

16 **ANA LAI:** SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION.

17

18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** CAN YOU SPEAK RIGHT INTO THE MIC,  
19 PLEASE, JUST SO EVERYONE CAN HEAR? THANK YOU.

20

21 **ANA LAI:** THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. IT IS UP TO  
22 THE INDIVIDUAL MUNICIPALITIES TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ENFORCE OR  
23 NOT.

24

25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT, BUT I'M SAYING, I DON'T KNOW, DAWYN,



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1 YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS, YOU KNOW, IT'S ONE THING  
2 TO SAY, OH, WE WANT YOU TO BE CRIMINALIZED. IT'S ANOTHER TO  
3 SAY, CAN WE REGULATE?

4

5 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER.

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER AND DOES THAT  
8 VIOLATE, IS THAT, AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS PART OF WHAT WE WERE  
9 ASKING TO CLARIFY WITH THIS DECISION, WAS DOES THAT CONSTITUTE  
10 CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT TO REGULATE TIME, PLACE, AND  
11 MANNER OF WHERE PEOPLE ARE SLEEPING?

12

13 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** WELL, THE OPINION DOESN'T ADDRESS THAT  
14 SPECIFICALLY, BUT WHAT THE OPINION DOES SAY IS THAT  
15 ENFORCEMENT OF WHATEVER ORDINANCES ARE ON THE BOOKS AS LONG AS  
16 THEY ARE NEUTRAL, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY'RE, THEREFORE, AS  
17 LONG AS THEY ARE NEUTRAL, SO LONG AS THEY ARE NOT HOMELESS  
18 PERSONS SPECIFIC, THEY ARE JUST NEUTRAL ENCAMPMENT LAWS, TIME,  
19 PLACE, AND MANNER, THAT WOULD NOT VIOLATE CRUEL AND UNUSUAL,  
20 BUT IF THEY'RE TARGETING A HOMELESS POPULATION AND STATUS,  
21 THAT WOULD BE A VIOLATION.

22

23 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND IS THERE, DOES THE COUNTY HAVE ANY LEGAL  
24 REMEDY OR AVENUES SHOULD CITIES BEGIN TO PUSH HOMELESS  
25 ENCAMPMENTS TO OTHER CITIES OR INTO OUR UNINCORPORATED? IS





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1 THERE SOME LEGAL AVENUE WE HAVE?

2

3 **ANA LAI:** SO, I KNOW SOME CITIES ARE ALREADY EXPLORING  
4 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS AS A POTENTIAL SOLUTION. HOWEVER,  
5 THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE AGREEMENTS IS UNCERTAIN.  
6 ALTERNATIVELY, CITIES COULD PURSUE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST  
7 ANOTHER CITY FOR PUBLIC NUISANCE, BUT THIS WOULD REQUIRE A  
8 THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE RELEVANT FACTS AND THE  
9 CIRCUMSTANCES.

10

11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. AND I WAS GLAD TO SEE TARI  
12 IN THE PRESENTATION KIND OF WHAT WORKS AND KIND OF SORT OF  
13 DOUBLING DOWN ON WHAT WORKS AND CERTAINLY PATHWAY HOME IS A  
14 STRATEGY THAT WE HAVE SEEN VERY POSITIVE RESULTS. AND JUST  
15 BASED A LITTLE BIT ON THIS DECISION AND SOME OF THE ANXIETY  
16 OUT THERE, CHERI, WHERE ARE WE IN TERMS OF RAMPING UP THE  
17 PATHWAY HOME? I KNOW SINCE MARCH WE'VE BEEN HOPING YOU WOULD  
18 SAY AT LEAST ONE A WEEK. HOW ARE WE DOING?

19

20 **CHERI TODOROFF:** YES AND THANK YOU. AND I THINK THAT SOLUTIONS  
21 SUCH AS REALLY COMPREHENSIVE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION PROGRAMS  
22 SUCH AS PATHWAY HOME, SUCH AS INSIDE SAFE, ARE THE WAY THAT WE  
23 SHOULD BE RESPONDING TO ENCAMPMENTS AND ARE THE BEST PRACTICE.  
24 IT DOES NEED TO COME WITH ENGAGEMENT, IT DOES NEED TO COME  
25 WITH ENGAGEMENT. IT DOES NEED TO COME WITH OUTREACH, WITH



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1 TRUST BUILDING. IT NEEDS TO COME WITH HOUSING. WE NEED TO HAVE  
2 PLACES TO BRING PEOPLE INSIDE, AND WE NEED TO CREATE PATHWAYS  
3 TO PERMANENT HOUSING. SOLUTIONS SUCH AS PATHWAY HOME ARE THAT  
4 FULL CONTINUUM, FULL CIRCLE OF SOLUTION BECAUSE WE ARE  
5 INTENTIONALLY ADDING ALL OF THOSE COMPONENTS SO THE OUTREACH  
6 THE INTERIM HOUSING WITH ON-SITE SERVICES AND THE PERMANENT  
7 HOUSING WITH SERVICES AS WELL AS SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES  
8 PUBLIC WORKS IS INVOLVED SHERIFFS INVOLVED ISD PUBLIC HEALTH,  
9 EVERYBODY. VERY COMPREHENSIVE. AND THOSE ARE THE SOLUTIONS. SO  
10 YES, WE ARE, WE LAUNCHED LAST FISCAL YEAR, WE ARE SCALING UP  
11 THIS FISCAL YEAR. WE'RE ON THE PATH TO SECURING THE NUMBER OF  
12 HOTEL ROOMS THAT WE'RE SEEKING. WE HAVE SHARED PREVIOUSLY THAT  
13 OUR CHALLENGES THERE HAVE BEEN CAPACITY CHALLENGES IN OUR  
14 SYSTEM BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN ASKING OUR PROVIDERS AND OUR  
15 COMMUNITIES TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE, TO SUPPORT THIS LEVEL OF  
16 WORK AS IT EXPANDS, RIGHT? AND SO, WE HAVE 3 REALLY KEY  
17 PARTNERS HERE. WE HAVE OUR PROVIDERS WHO NEED TO BE ABLE TO  
18 ADD AND RETAIN STAFF TO SUPPORT THIS WORK. WE HAVE MOTELS THAT  
19 WE NEED TO PARTNER WITH US. AND WE HAVE THE LOCAL  
20 JURISDICTIONS. AND QUITE HONESTLY, OUR CITIES ARE ESSENTIAL.  
21 WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT THE PARTNERSHIP OF CITIES. WE NEED  
22 THEIR SUPPORT TO SITE IN THOSE JURISDICTIONS IN ORDER TO BE  
23 ABLE TO HAVE OUR INTERIM HOUSING AND TO MOVE PEOPLE TO  
24 PERMANENT HOUSING. AND WE JUST NEED THEIR SUPPORT IN ORDER TO  
25 EVEN PARTNER IN THOSE CITIES TO DO ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION. BUT



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1 WHEN WE DO IT, WE ARE COMING IN WITH THAT FULL COMPLEMENT OF  
2 RESOURCES.

3

4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT. SO, AND ARE YOU AT ALL, HOW DO YOU  
5 THINK GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S RECENT EXECUTIVE ORDER RELATES TO, YOU  
6 KNOW, WE GOT A GRANT OF \$50,000,000 TO ADDRESS THE ENCAMPMENTS  
7 ALONG THE 105 FREEWAY. HIS EXECUTIVE ORDER IS LIKE REALLY KIND  
8 OF PUSHING EVERYBODY TO ACT FASTER. DO WE FEEL LIKE THERE IS  
9 PROGRESS THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN? IS THAT GRANT IN JEOPARDY IF WE  
10 DON'T MOVE QUICKLY ENOUGH? HOW ARE YOU TAKING HIS EXECUTIVE  
11 ORDER?

12

13 **CHERI TODOROFF:** YEAH, SO AS IT RELATES TO THE ENCAMPMENT  
14 RESOLUTION GRANTS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY, OF  
15 WHICH THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL, AS WELL AS DIFFERENT CITIES,  
16 AND LAHSA, WE ARE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE ROLLOUT AND THE  
17 EXECUTION OF OUR DELIVERABLES UNDER THOSE GRANTS. THEY WERE  
18 ALL PLANNED VERY WELL. AND FOR EXAMPLE, THE ONE THAT YOU'RE  
19 REFERRING TO, THAT WAS JUST AWARDED IN THE LAST ROUND, THAT  
20 ALONG THE 105 CORRIDOR WITH MULTIPLE CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED  
21 AREAS AND CALTRANS IS ONE THAT IS THAT FULL CIRCLE SOLUTION  
22 THAT DOES THE OUTREACH INTERIM HOUSING AND PERMANENT HOUSING  
23 AND MOVES PEOPLE ALL THE WAY OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. AS IT  
24 RELATES TO THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER, THAT IS ONE IN  
25 WHICH THERE HAS BEEN LIKE A FAIR AMOUNT OF MISUNDERSTANDING



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1 AND ALSO A LOT OF LANGUAGE USED IN DIFFERENT SPACES AND IN THE  
2 MEDIA THAT HAS CREATED SOME CONFUSION. AND SO, IT'S REALLY  
3 IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THAT ORDER DOES NOT INSTRUCT  
4 CITIES AND COUNTIES TO CLEAR ENCAMPMENTS. INSTEAD, THE ORDER  
5 FOCUSES ON ENCAMPMENTS ON STATE PROPERTY WHERE THE GOVERNOR  
6 HAS JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITY. AND SO, WE OF COURSE DO KNOW  
7 THAT IF ENFORCEMENT IS HAPPENING ON STATE PROPERTY, IT IS  
8 SURROUNDED BY OUR CITIES AND BY OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS. SO,  
9 IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT WE PARTNER CLOSELY AND I THINK SHERIFF  
10 LUNA HAS ALREADY ALLUDED TO THAT AND MAY HAVE MORE TO ADD.

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12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WELL, I WAS JUST GOING TO ALSO ASK, THANK  
13 YOU FOR THAT, CHERI. I WAS GOING TO ASK THE I DON'T THINK WE  
14 CALL THEM THAT ANYMORE. THAT'S OLD SCHOOL. SOME TEAMS ZOOMED  
15 YESTERDAY WITH CONTRACT CITIES. I LISTENED IN FOR PART OF IT,  
16 I COULDN'T LISTEN TO ALL OF IT. WHAT WAS THE FEEDBACK YOU  
17 HEARD FROM SOME OF OUR CITIES.

18

19 **ROBERT LUNA:** OBVIOUSLY A LOT OF CONCERN. I WAS HAPPY THAT,  
20 LIKE I SAID EARLIER, WELL OVER 200 PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO GET ON  
21 THE CALL, SO YOU CAN SEE THAT THERE'S A LOT OF NEED FOR  
22 INFORMATION AND STRESSING COMMUNICATION. AND ALTHOUGH NOT  
23 EVERYBODY SPOKE UP, SOME OF THE FOLKS THAT SPOKE UP WERE  
24 ASKING FOR HELP. THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONVERSATION  
25 TODAY. I ASKED A LOT OF THEM TO BE HERE TODAY. FOR THOSE WHO



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1 WERE CONCERNED, WHAT THEY WERE --

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3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I LIKE WHAT YOU WERE SAYING ON THE CALL  
4 UNTIL YOU SAID THAT. TELL THEM ALL TO COME DOWN.

5

6 **ROBERT LUNA:** WELL, JUST TO SHARE THEIR PERSPECTIVES, WHICH ARE  
7 VERY IMPORTANT AS PARTNERS FOR US, SPECIFICALLY FOR OUR  
8 CONTRACT CITY PARTNERS. BUT THEY'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
9 FACT THAT THE PROBLEMS THAT PERSIST THAT THEIR CONSTITUENTS  
10 ARE CALLING THEM ABOUT WON'T BE ADDRESSED IN A MANNER THAT  
11 SATISFIES FOLKS AND THOSE ARE PEOPLE WE CANNOT IGNORE. PEOPLE  
12 CALL ALL THE TIME. OUR DEPUTIES ARE PUT IN HORRIBLE POSITIONS  
13 AT TIMES BECAUSE IT'S A CALLS FOR SERVICE, GET RID OF THIS  
14 PERSON, GET RID OF THIS ENCAMPMENT, AND WE ARE STRESSING THIS  
15 SERVICE FIRST, "CARE FIRST" MODEL, BUT WE DO TAKE ENFORCEMENT  
16 WHEN IT'S NECESSARY. AND I THINK THE FACT THAT WE WERE  
17 CLARIFYING THAT, THAT WE AS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, OUR  
18 DEPUTIES ON THE STREET, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS HERE, STILL  
19 WILL HAVE THE DISCRETION IF THERE IS A CRIME COMMITTED THAT  
20 SOMEBODY'S GONNA STILL POTENTIALLY BE CITED OR ARRESTED IF  
21 THEY COMMIT A CRIME. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THEY'RE GOING,  
22 THAT'S GONNA HAPPEN IF SOMEBODY'S IN A TENT AND IN AN  
23 ENCAMPMENT. SO JUST CLARIFYING THOSE THINGS WAS VERY HELPFUL.

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25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THE CRIME IS NOT BEING UNHOUSED. THE CRIME



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1 IS A CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

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3 **ROBERT LUNA:** EXACTLY, AND THE LAW IS VERY CLEAR ON THAT.

4

5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT. AND I THINK THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT  
6 FOR THEM TO HEAR BECAUSE I THINK THAT WAS ALSO OF THE CONCERN  
7 PARTICULARLY AS WE'RE MAKING A POLICY DECISION HERE TO BE  
8 CLEAR THAT WE DON'T WANT OUR JAILS TO BE USED FOR, YOU KNOW,  
9 AS PART OF THE CABINET RESOLUTION PIECE. AND I THINK WE'RE  
10 GONNA, I THINK, STAND CLEAR ON THAT, BUT I THINK THEY WERE  
11 CONCERNED, WELL, WHAT IF THERE WAS, YOU DON'T MEAN PEOPLE THAT  
12 ARE COMMITTING CRIMES, DO YOU? I MEAN,

13

14 **ROBERT LUNA:** EXACTLY, AND CLARIFYING OUR ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA  
15 INTO THE COUNTY JAIL WAS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO  
16 HEAR NOT ONLY WHAT IT IS, BUT WHY IT IS WHAT IT IS. THE FACT  
17 THAT WE DON'T DETAIN, AS MANY THINK, A LOT OF LOWER LEVEL  
18 OFFENDERS IN OUR COUNTY JAIL. AND WE HAVE THE STATISTICS TO  
19 PROVE THAT, AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO START TODAY OR TOMORROW. SO  
20 THAT WAS A BIG REASON FOR CLARIFICATION IN THIS MEETING.

21

22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT. AND I THINK IF PEOPLE AREN'T AWARE OF  
23 YOUR HOST TEAM, THEY REALLY SHOULD BE BECAUSE I'VE GOTTEN TO  
24 KNOW CAPTAIN DIEDRICH FOR A LONG TIME. ACTUALLY, THE FIRST  
25 TIME WAS WHEN I SERVED ON THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION



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1 AUTHORITY. AND THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO WHEN THERE WAS A SENSE  
2 OF CLEARING ENCAMPMENTS OF FOLKS WHO WERE SLEEPING ON THE  
3 TRAIN TRACKS OR NEAR THE TRAIN TRACKS, AND IT BECAME A POINT  
4 OF PUBLIC SAFETY. AND I DON'T KNOW, CAPTAIN DIEDRICH, IF YOU  
5 WANTED TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE PROTOCOL THAT HOST USES  
6 WHEN THEY ARE PART OF THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION TO CLEAR AN  
7 ENCAMPMENT.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS, IT'S NICE BEING BACK. IT'S  
10 BEEN A WHILE. AND I'M VERY HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY TO  
11 REPRESENT THE HOST TEAM BECAUSE ITS HISTORY IS TREASURED AND I  
12 DON'T THINK ANY OF US THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE THIS  
13 SUCCESSFUL. THE HOST TEAM IS SET OUT AS A HUMANITARIAN EFFORT.  
14 IT WAS THE FIRST CO-RESPONSE HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM OF ITS  
15 KIND IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. PAIRING A SPECIALLY TRAINED DEPUTY  
16 SHERIFF IN CRISIS STABILIZATION TECHNIQUES, EVEN INCLUDING  
17 TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE AND MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING, THINGS  
18 THAT TRADITIONALLY HAD NOT BEEN TAUGHT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
19 THAT SPECIALLY TRAINED DEPUTY PAIRED WITH A HOMELESS OUTREACH  
20 SPECIALIST FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY  
21 WHO HAVE BEEN OUR PARTNERS EVER SINCE. OUR PROTOCOL, WHICH WAS  
22 CREATED BY THE BOARD BACK IN 2011, AND I SAY IT'S ONE OF THE  
23 MOST FORWARD-THINKING DOCUMENTS BECAUSE IT WAS A COLLABORATION  
24 BETWEEN THE BOARD, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND I BELIEVE THE  
25 DISTRICT ATTORNEY AT THE TIME ALONG WITH LAHSA. BUT IT



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1 BASICALLY IS A FIVE-POINT PROTOCOL AND IT SURVIVED JUDICIAL  
2 REVIEW. IT'S BEEN VIEWED AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, STATE LEVEL,  
3 LOCAL LEVEL, AND IT'S AN AMAZING PROCESS THAT'S NOW BECOME A  
4 NATIONAL MODEL. AND I'LL SIMPLY TOUCH ON EACH OF THE 5 STEPS.  
5 IDENTIFICATION, SOMEONE SEES AN ENCAMPMENT AND OUR CRITERIA IS  
6 5 OR MORE. BACK THEN THE BOARD SET A NUMBER TO TRY TO ASSESS  
7 HOW DO WE DO THIS WITH FINDING THAT MEDIUM. SO, IT'S 5 OR MORE  
8 FOLKS WHO LIVE THERE, WHO HAVE THEIR PROPERTY AND THEY'VE  
9 BUILT EITHER SOME KIND OF STRUCTURE OR THEY HAVE THEIR TENT.  
10 IF IT'S 5 OR MORE WITH THAT CRITERIA, THAT ENACTS THIS  
11 PROTOCOL. STEP TWO'S ASSESSMENT, THAT'S WHERE OURS IS  
12 DIFFERENT FROM MOST IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY. OUR ASSESSMENT IS AN  
13 IN-DEPTH TRIAGE BECAUSE WHAT WE FOUND THROUGH LESSONS LEARNED  
14 AND CHALLENGES THAT I'LL TOUCH ON WITH THAT EXAMPLE IS THAT  
15 QUITE OFTEN RESOURCES WERE BEING GIVEN TO ONE THAT DIDN'T NEED  
16 THOSE RESOURCES, THEY NEEDED OTHERS. AND SO, IN THAT TRIAGE,  
17 WE IDENTIFY THE PERSON, IDENTIFY HOW THEY GOT THERE BECAUSE WE  
18 FELT IF WE FIGURED OUT HOW THEY GOT THERE, WE COULD FIND THEIR  
19 WAY BACK OUT. AND SO THAT'S PROVEN TO BE VERY VALUABLE. SO, IN  
20 THAT ASSESSMENT, IT'S GETTING TO KNOW THE PERSON. AND WE FIND  
21 OUT WHO THEIR TEACHERS ARE, WHO THEIR FAMILY ARE. AND THAT  
22 ACTUALLY OPENED A DOOR, WHICH WE BELIEVE SAVES THE COUNTY A  
23 LOT OF MONEY WITH FAMILY REUNIFICATION. BECAUSE THERE'S  
24 NOTHING MORE POWERFUL THAN HAVING A DEPUTY SHERIFF CALL A  
25 FAMILY MEMBER SAYING, WE FOUND YOUR LOVED ONE, AND THEY WANT





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1 TO COME HOME. AND IT'S PRETTY HEARTWARMING. AND WE'VE HAD  
2 SPECIALISTS FROM LAHSA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS REALLY TEACH US  
3 HOW TO DO THAT. AND SO, WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THAT. BUT THAT  
4 ASSESSMENT TAKES AWAY THE ANONYMITY OF ONE IN AN ENCAMPMENT.  
5 IT ALSO SHOWS THEM THAT SOMEONE CARES. AND WE ALSO FIND OUT  
6 WHAT THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS ARE. AND THEN IT'S DOCUMENTED. AND  
7 THEN THE NEXT STEP IS OUTREACH. IT'S USUALLY A 30 DAY TIME  
8 PERIOD BASED ON IF THERE'S NO EXIGENCY, A 30 DAY PERIOD WHERE  
9 NOW THE SPECIALISTS CAN ADDRESS THOSE FACTORS THAT WE FOUND  
10 DURING THAT ASSESSMENT, EXCUSE ME, DURING THAT ASSESSMENT, AND  
11 THEN THE OUTREACH EXPERTS GO TO WORK. OUR JOB THEN IS TO  
12 PROVIDE A SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT. AND HERE'S WHERE YOUR  
13 EXAMPLE CAME IN. THERE WAS AN AREA IN THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR  
14 WHERE A LOT OF MONEY HAD BEEN SPENT ON AMAZING PEOPLE DOING  
15 OUTREACH, AND IT WASN'T HELPING. IT GOT WORSE. THERE HAD BEEN  
16 A COUPLE ACTS OF VIOLENCE. THERE HAD BEEN A FEW SITUATIONS  
17 THAT WERE TROUBLESOME, AND SUPERVISOR HAHN ASKED THE HOST TEAM  
18 TO COME IN, AND IT HAD BEEN AFTER A YEAR AND A HALF OF  
19 OUTREACH IN THAT AREA. THE HOST TEAM CAME IN AND BASICALLY DID  
20 AN ASSESSMENT WITH THE SAME FOLKS WHO WERE DOING OUTREACH  
21 ALONG WITH OUR HOST TEAM. 68 DAYS LATER, THE ENCAMPMENT WAS  
22 CLEARED. ZERO USES OF FORCE, ZERO ARRESTS, AND NO LITIGATION.  
23 AND SO, THE QUESTION THAT WE ASKED WAS WHY. IT WAS THE SAME  
24 OUTREACH FOLKS. AND THERE WAS AN ARGUMENT THAT SAID LAW  
25 ENFORCEMENT HAD NO BUSINESS BEING IN THIS, AND I WAS ONE OF



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1 THEM IN THE BEGINNING. IT'S LIKE, WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE? THIS  
2 ISN'T OUR LANE. WHAT THIS TAUGHT US WAS WHEN WE TOOK DEPUTY  
3 SHERIFFS AND WE HAD TO REMEMBER THAT ALTHOUGH WE ARE LAW  
4 ENFORCEMENT AND THERE'S A WARRIOR SIDE, THAT'S THE POLICE  
5 CHASE AND ALL THE THINGS YOU SEE ON TV AND IN THE MOVIES,  
6 DEPUTIES FROM DAY ONE ARE ALSO TAUGHT THE GUARDIAN SIDE TO  
7 CARE FOR THAT VICTIM, TO CARE FOR THAT VICTIM OF DOMESTIC  
8 VIOLENCE, TO CARE FOR THAT PERSON. AND OFTENTIMES WE FALL  
9 SHORT IN A SENSE BECAUSE OF TIME AND BEING IN A HURRY, BUT  
10 DEPUTIES HAVE THAT, WE COME TO SERVE. AND SO, WHAT WE FOUND IS  
11 WHEN WE TRAIN THESE DEPUTY SHERIFFS WITH THE GUARDIAN  
12 MENTALITY, WITH THE RURAL CRISIS STABILIZATION MODEL THAT HAD  
13 MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING, CULTURAL HUMILITY, AND THEN  
14 EMPOWERING THEM TO BE KIND. AND SO, TAKING A DEPUTY AND  
15 TEACHING THEM THAT YOU CAN BE STRONG AND KIND AT THE SAME  
16 TIME, THAT'S WHEN THE FOLKS IN THE ENCAMPMENTS SAID WE FELT  
17 SAFE. AND SO, WHEN THEY FELT SAFE, NOW THEY COULD HEAR THE  
18 OUTREACH THAT WAS OCCURRING. AND SO, I THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND  
19 I'LL JUST QUICKLY FINISH. STEP 4 IS POSTING AND STEP 5 IS  
20 CLEANUP.

21

22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. AGAIN,  
23 I WANT TO KNOW HOW WE CAN GET MORE HOST TEAMS. AND I KNOW IT'S  
24 A FUNDING ISSUE, BUT I THINK IT'S ABOUT, IS IT, MAYBE YOU CAN  
25 ANSWER THIS, CAPTAIN DIETRICH. WOULD YOU SAY, IN ALL THE YEARS



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1 YOU'VE BEEN DOING THIS, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY YOUR RECORD IS FOR  
2 USE OF FORCE AND ARRESTS?

3

4 **ROBERT LUNA:** SO, I WANTED TO CONFIRM THIS WITH CAPTAIN  
5 DIETRICH, BUT THEY WERE ESTABLISHED AND HE WAS PART OF PUTTING  
6 THIS TEAM TOGETHER BACK IN 2015. SINCE 2015, NO CITATIONS, NO  
7 ARREST, NO USES OF FORCE.

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9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, YEAH, I REALLY WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT  
10 THAT, AND AGAIN, I THINK IT'S A FUNDING ISSUE, BUT I THINK AS  
11 WE GO FORWARD, PARTICULARLY WITH THE ANXIETY THAT MANY OF OUR  
12 CITIES ARE HAVING AS IT RELATES TO THE NEW RULING AND WHAT  
13 THEY CAN AND CAN'T DO. I THINK THAT THE HOST TEAM IS SUCH A  
14 MODEL FOR BOTH LAW ENFORCEMENT AS WELL AS BEING KIND AND  
15 COMPASSIONATE. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. MY LAST QUESTION, DR.  
16 ADAMS KELLUM. WITH ALL THE ANXIETY WE'RE HEARING OUT THERE  
17 WITH OUR CITIES MORE THAN EVER, WHAT AGAIN, I MEAN, THEY'RE  
18 GONNA WANNA HEAR FROM YOU. WHAT, YOU KNOW, WHAT WORK ARE YOU  
19 GOING TO ACCELERATE OR DOUBLE DOWN ON FOR CITIES OUTSIDE OF  
20 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO ADDRESS THE  
21 HOMELESSNESS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

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23 **DR. VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM:** WELL, THANK YOU. I'M ONE OF THE  
24 THINGS I STARTED I THINK YOU AND I'VE DISCUSSED LAST YEAR WERE  
25 COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS SO I'M GOING OUT TO COMMUNITY AND



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1 I'M LISTENING TO MAYORS OF THOSE CITIES AND THE STAFF AND  
2 SERVICE PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITY IN GENERAL TO DETERMINE WHAT  
3 LAHSA CAN DO TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNICATION WITH THE VARIOUS  
4 MUNICIPALITIES. AND ONE IS RESPONSIVENESS. WE'VE GOT A  
5 COMMUNITY LISTENING AND RELATIONS GROUP THERE TO LISTEN AND  
6 THERE TO RELATE AND UNDERSTAND, WE JUST HIRED A NEW MANAGER  
7 OVER THAT GROUP, AND HE USED TO BE A CITY MANAGER, SO HE  
8 UNDERSTANDS THE NEEDS OF SMALLER CITIES, AND WE ARE STEPPING  
9 UP OUR RESPONSE AND MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE NOT JUST LOOKING AT  
10 THE LARGER CITIES, BUT WE ARE ALSO MAKING SURE WE ARE OF  
11 SERVICE ON THE GROUND WHERE WE'RE NEEDED. OUR WORK WITH HOSTS  
12 REALLY GETS US TO VARIOUS COMMUNITIES, AND AS YOU'VE HEARD,  
13 THERE'S TREMENDOUS SUCCESS. THERE IS NO HOST WITHOUT LAHSA AND  
14 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WORKING TOGETHER TO BRING SOLUTIONS  
15 THAT PEOPLE RESPOND TO WITHOUT CRIMINALIZATION.

16

17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH. THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR THAT. THANK  
18 YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU TO THE PANELISTS FOR BEING HERE.  
19 AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVE A MOTION TODAY THAT'S BEEN WRITTEN BY  
20 MY COLLEAGUES TO THE FIRMS OUR "CARE FIRST" APPROACH AND THAT  
21 OUR JAILS WILL NOT BE USED TO HOLD PEOPLE ARRESTED DUE TO  
22 ANTI-CAMPING ORDINANCES FOR THEIR STATUS AS BEING UNHOUSED  
23 AMONG OTHER THINGS AND I WANTED TO BE CLEAR TODAY TOO, I DO  
24 NOT SUPPORT CRIMINALIZING INDIVIDUALS FOR BEING UNHOUSED. AND  
25 THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN MANY STEPS TO MAKE SURE WE'RE PROVIDING



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1 ROBUST AND HUMANE SERVICES TO THOSE WHO NEED US. BUT IN SOME  
2 SITUATIONS, I THINK WE CAN USE THE TOOLS WE HAVE TO ADDRESS  
3 ENCAMPMENTS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT AREN'T IN APPROPRIATE AREAS,  
4 LIKE COMMUNITY CENTER OR SCHOOL. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING  
5 THIS CONVERSATION. AGAIN, THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR WHAT YOU  
6 DO, AND PARTICULARLY THANK YOU TO THE HOST TEAM FOR THE  
7 INVALUABLE WORK YOU HAVE DONE FOR SO MANY YEARS. I'VE SEEN YOU  
8 UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL AND APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU, MADAM  
9 CHAIR.

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AS AUTHOR OF ITEM 2,  
12 I'M GOING TO TURN TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO COMMEND  
15 YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR SETTING THIS ITEM FOR US, AND REALLY  
16 FOR SETTING THE TONE FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ALL OF  
17 THE BOARD OFFICES HERE. BUT I'M VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE PANEL  
18 AND VERY HAPPY WITH THE PRESENTATION. I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE  
19 OVER THE WEEKEND WERE VERY JITTERY, INCLUDING MANY OF US WHO  
20 GOT FRANTIC PRESS CALLS ABOUT WHAT IS THIS MEAN, ARE YOU  
21 CHANGING YOUR DIRECTION? AND NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE  
22 TRUTH. UNFORTUNATELY, SOME THINGS ARE BETTER DELIBERATED AT  
23 THE LOCAL LEVEL, AND OFTENTIMES WE'RE NOT CONSULTED,  
24 UNFORTUNATELY, WHILE WE'RE WELL INTENDED AND SO ARE FOLKS IN  
25 SACRAMENTO. I THINK THERE'S OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO WORK,



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1 HOPEFULLY WITH FOLKS IN SACRAMENTO SO THAT WE CAN BETTER  
2 UNDERSTAND WHAT THEIR MOTIVATION IS AND WHAT THEIR  
3 EXPECTATIONS ARE. SO, I THINK FOR ME, I KNOW WHERE MY VALUES  
4 ARE. "CARE FIRST", JAIL LAST, IT'S BEEN THAT WAY FOR A LONG  
5 TIME. AND WE CAN'T DO ENOUGH GETTING BEDS OUT THERE, GETTING  
6 SHELTERS AND COLLABORATION WITH OUR CITIES. I'M GLAD TO SEE  
7 THAT SOME OF OUR CONTRACT CITIES AND OTHERS ARE HERE, BUT I'M  
8 REALLY PLEASED WITH OUR PROVIDERS AND WITH ALL THE TOOLS THAT  
9 WE HAVE NOW THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE ALMOST 10 YEARS AGO, I HAVEN'T  
10 EVEN BEEN HERE 10 YEARS, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THERE'S BEEN A  
11 DRAMATIC CHANGE IN SERVICE. SO, I LIKE WHAT SHERIFF HAS SAID,  
12 SERVICE FIRST, BECAUSE THAT ACTUALLY SAYS SOMETHING VERY  
13 DIFFERENT FROM WHERE WE WERE EVEN 4 YEARS AGO. AND I THINK  
14 THAT'S REALLY CRITICAL BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF  
15 PEOPLE WHO CAN LEARN FROM L.A. COUNTY AND FROM LAHSA AND OUR  
16 PARTNERS THAT ARE WORKING ON THIS ISSUE AND HAVE BEEN. BUT I  
17 AM CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER ASKED US TO DO  
18 AND WHILE LOOKING FURTHER INTO WHAT HIS FOCUS IS, IT'S ABOUT  
19 STATE PROPERTY, PARKS, CALTRAN PROPERTY. BUT I WANT TO HEAR  
20 FROM THE PANEL WHAT THAT MEANS. WHEN THEY GO IN, I UNDERSTAND  
21 THEIR REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTICE IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM OURS.  
22 CAN ANY ONE OF YOU PLEASE SPEAK ABOUT THAT? AND WHAT WE DO ON  
23 OCCASIONS, ARE WE GOING TO BE CALLED TO ASSIST IN THOSE  
24 CLEANUPS? ARE WE GOING TO BE INVOLVED WHEN, SAY, THERE'S AN  
25 AREA THAT IS ADJACENT, CALTRANS PROPERTY, WHICH IN MANY CASES



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1 IN UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A. IS EVERYWHERE? WHERE ARE YOU GOING  
2 TO PUSH THOSE PEOPLE TO? WHERE WILL THEY GO? WHERE THEY'LL BE  
3 SHELTER MADE AVAILABLE? AND ARE WE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT? AND  
4 WHERE DOES THE STATE COME IN WITH HELPING US WITH THAT?  
5 BECAUSE THE GOVERNOR HAS ALREADY SAID, I GAVE YOU THE MONEY,  
6 AND YOU'RE NOT USING IT APPROPRIATELY, IS WHAT I'M GATHERING.  
7 BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S TRUE. I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU, IF I  
8 CAN, YOU KNOW WHOEVER WANTS TO ANSWER THAT.

9

10 **CHERI TODOROFF:** THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. I WILL ATTEMPT TO  
11 ANSWER THAT, ALTHOUGH I THINK A NUMBER OF US CAN CONTRIBUTE TO  
12 ANSWERING THAT QUESTION. JUST, YOU KNOW, WANT TO GO BACK TO  
13 WHAT THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER SAYS, WHICH FOCUSES ON ENCAMPMENTS  
14 ON STATE PROPERTY WHERE THE GOVERNOR HAS JURISDICTIONAL  
15 AUTHORITY. SO BASICALLY, THE ORDER INSTRUCTS STATE DEPARTMENTS  
16 TO ADOPT ENCAMPMENT POLICIES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE  
17 THAT ARE BEING USED BY CALTRANS. THIS REQUIRES FOCUSING ON  
18 ENCAMPMENTS THAT POSE AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO LIFE, HEALTH, AND  
19 SAFETY, PROVIDING NOTICE POSTED AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE,  
20 FOLLOWING PROCEDURES THAT ADHERE TO FOURTH AMENDMENT  
21 PROTECTIONS AGAINST UNREASONABLE SEARCH AND SEIZURE OF  
22 PERSONAL PROPERTY. IT ALSO DOES ADD A FEW THINGS TO THE  
23 CALTRANS POLICY IN 3 NOTABLE WAYS, WHICH INCLUDES REQUIRING  
24 STATE AGENCIES TO CONTACT SERVICE PROVIDERS, TO REQUEST  
25 OUTREACH SERVICES TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AT THE



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1 ENCAMPMENT BEFORE THE ENCAMPMENT REMOVAL. IT SHORTENS THE  
2 CALTRANS NOTICE PERIOD FROM 72 TO 48 HOURS, WHICH WE DO FEEL  
3 MAKES IT VERY CHALLENGING TO HAVE SUFFICIENT NOTICES. WE  
4 TYPICALLY, WHEN WE'RE DOING THIS WORK, ARE LOOKING AT MORE  
5 LIKE 2 WEEK NOTICES UNLESS THERE'S AN IMMEDIATE HEALTH AND  
6 SAFETY CONCERN. AND WE NEED THAT TIME TO WORK WITH THE  
7 RESIDENTS AND SECURE OPTIONS FOR THEM. AND ALSO, THE POLICY  
8 REQUIRES COLLECTING LABELING AND STORING PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR  
9 AT LEAST 60 DAYS INSTEAD OF THE CURRENT 90 DAY STANDARD. WE  
10 ARE ENCOURAGED THAT THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT  
11 PRIORITIZATION OF SHELTER AND SERVICES ARE BOTH A PRECURSOR TO  
12 SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVING AN ENCAMPMENT. WE DO REMAIN CONCERNED,  
13 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATE'S POLICIES SUGGESTING BUT NOT  
14 REQUIRING SHELTER PLACEMENT FOR ENCAMPMENT ACTIONS ON THE  
15 STATE RIGHT OF WAY. IT IS NOTABLE TO SAY THAT THE GOVERNOR'S  
16 ORDER DOES NOT IN FACT ALIGN HOUSING AND SERVICES WITH THE  
17 ENCAMPMENT EFFORTS THAT WOULD HAPPEN ON STATE PROPERTIES. IT  
18 IS TRUE THAT LOCAL JURISDICTIONS ARE RECEIVING STATE FUNDING  
19 TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE USING  
20 THOSE DOLLARS VERY EFFECTIVELY. WE HAVE HOUSED THOUSANDS OF  
21 PEOPLE WITH THOSE HAP RESOURCES. WE HAVE CREATED MANY INTERIM  
22 HOUSING BEDS, PERMANENTLY HOUSED MANY PEOPLE. OUR ENCAMPMENT  
23 RESOLUTION FUNDS, WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED AND WE'RE USING AS A  
24 BEST PRACTICE, ARE DOING THE SAME THING. THOSE DOLLARS ARE  
25 PROGRAMMED. THEY WERE GIVEN TO US FOR SPECIFIC EFFORTS, SOME





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1 OF THEM OF WHICH INVOLVE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE, LIKE THE  
2 MOST RECENT ONE THAT WE GOT, THAT DOES INVOLVE PARTNERSHIP  
3 WITH THE STATE AS IT DOES GO ALONG THE 105 CORRIDOR AND  
4 INVOLVES THE CATTLE TRANS. BUT FOR THE STATE TO EMBARK ON AN  
5 INCREASED ROUND OF ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION WITH SUCH SHORT  
6 NOTICE WILL STRAIN ALL OF OUR EXISTING RESOURCES BECAUSE IT  
7 DOES NOT COME WITH NEW RESOURCES.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO THAT BEGS THE QUESTION THEN, WHAT ACTION  
10 WILL THIS BOARD TAKE TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR THAT, YOU KNOW, WE  
11 NEED TO MEET AND CONFER HERE? BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE SOME  
12 MAJOR DIFFERENCES. AND I WOULD THINK THAT THAT'S, I MEAN WE'RE  
13 DOING SOME OF THAT TODAY I BELIEVE WITH THE MOTION THAT I HAVE  
14 THAT THE CHAIRWOMAN AND I ARE PUTTING FORWARD TODAY BUT I DO  
15 THINK, I THINK WE HAVE TO BE VERY CLEAR THAT THERE ARE SOME  
16 PROBLEMS THAT ARE GOING TO ARISE, AND IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE US  
17 TO PUSH PRIORITIZATION FOR MAYBE STATE EFFORTS OVER WHAT WE  
18 ARE CURRENTLY DOING NOW. SO, I MEAN, JUST BY YOUR OUTLINE OF  
19 THE 48 HOURS NOTICE AND OURS IS 2 WEEKS. THE FACT THAT WE KNOW  
20 WE CAN'T GET TEAMS OUT THERE APPROPRIATELY EVEN WITH, IN 24  
21 HOURS IN SOME CASES, HOW IN THE WORLD ARE WE GOING TO BE ABLE  
22 TO ADDRESS THIS? SO I THINK THERE HAS TO BE MORE MEET AND  
23 CONFER WITH THIS BOARD AND FOLKS UP THERE, MAYBE IN THE  
24 LEGISLATURE, MAYBE OUR DELEGATION, MADAM CHAIR, WHERE THEY  
25 HAVE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR PROTOCOLS ARE HERE. BECAUSE



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1 I THINK THERE'S A MISUNDERSTANDING, QUITE FRANKLY, AND I'M  
2 EVEN MORE CONCERNED WITH WHAT SOME OF OUR CITIES, AND MAYBE  
3 NOT ALL IN MY DISTRICT, BUT I KNOW SOME OF OUR CITIES HAVE  
4 SAID THAT, WELL, THIS GIVES US TEETH NOW. WE CAN GET RID OF  
5 THOSE ENCAMPMENTS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. AND EVEN SOME PEOPLE  
6 HAVE SAID THAT EVEN FROM EAST LOS ANGELES. AND IT'S REALLY,  
7 YOU KNOW, IT'S VERY HARMFUL I THINK AND I REALLY WANT TO  
8 COMMEND YOU, SHERIFF, FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING AND ALSO  
9 FOR OUR TEAMS, LAHSA, CHERI, AND ALL OF YOU AND OUR MENTAL  
10 HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS AND ALSO OUR HOST TEAM  
11 BECAUSE IT MEANS A LOT. YOU HAVE CREDIBILITY. AND SO, WHILE WE  
12 CAN SAY WHAT WE WANNA SAY, I THINK ACTIONS WILL SPEAK LOUDER  
13 THAN WORDS. AND SO IT'S GOING TO BE UP TO US, YOU, TO ALSO  
14 HOLD US TO THAT, TO THE STANDARD THAT WE'RE PUTTING FORWARD  
15 HERE. SO I WANT TO BE AVAILABLE IN ANY WAY I CAN TO HELP WITH  
16 THAT. I KNOW IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF TIME. I WANT TO SAY  
17 THOUGH THAT OUR TEAM, HI AND LAHSA HAVE DONE TREMENDOUS WORK  
18 IN EVEN UNINCORPORATED, ESPECIALLY OUR INDEPENDENT CITIES FOR  
19 ME IN THE FIRST DISTRICT WHERE PEOPLE DID NOT WANT TO HEAR  
20 ABOUT HOUSING PEOPLE, INTERIM HOUSING OR CREATING HOME KEY  
21 SITES. WE HAVE ALREADY 500 UNITS OF HOUSING BEDS IN MY  
22 DISTRICT ALONE IN THE LAST 3 YEARS. UNHEARD OF. PEOPLE FOUGHT  
23 US ON THAT AND NOW THERE'S A SENSE OF A WILLINGNESS TO  
24 UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S RESOURCES AND THERE'S TOOLS. SO, THE  
25 MORE THAT WE CAN AMPLIFY THAT, THE TOOLS, I THINK WE CAN HELP



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1 TO REMEDY THOSE FOLKS THAT ARE REALLY ANXIOUS OUT THERE. BUT I  
2 JUST WANT TO TURN TO LASTLY SAYING THAT THIS PANEL IS GREAT,  
3 BUT WE NEED CALTRANS HERE AND WE NEED THE STATE. AND I'M  
4 SURPRISED THAT THEY WERE NOT INVITED OR IF THEY WERE MAYBE  
5 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE DIDN'T, WAS AN OVERSIGHT. BUT I THINK  
6 CALTRANS HAS TO BE HERE. WE SERVE WITH ANOTHER DIRECTOR ON THE  
7 METRO BOARD THAT REPRESENTS CALTRANS, MRS. ROBERT, GLORIA  
8 ROBERTS, WHO I ASKED THE OTHER DAY, WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS  
9 OF THIS NEW DIRECTIVE, EXECUTIVE ORDER, AND SHE SAID, WELL,  
10 WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE THIS OUT TOO. SO, I THINK THERE IS A  
11 WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH THEM. SO, I HOPE THAT WE CAN GET  
12 TOGETHER SOONER THAN LATER SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE HICCUPS AND  
13 WE DON'T HAVE FINGER POINTING. AND WE DON'T NEED THAT RIGHT  
14 NOW. SO, I HOPE WE CAN DO THAT. I JUST WANT TO TURN TO THE  
15 MOTION THAT I HAVE INTRODUCED TODAY. AND I WANT TO THANK  
16 SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR CO-AUTHORING THAT. AND IT'S ON  
17 ENCAMPMENTS. AND I KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO WORK  
18 ON THIS, AND I'M VERY PROUD OF THE DOCUMENT YOU PRESENTED  
19 EARLIER, CHERI, AND YOUR TEAM, BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THAT IT  
20 JUST REAFFIRMS EVERYTHING THAT WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE LEARNED  
21 MOVING FORWARD. SO I WANT TO ENSURE THAT WE CONTINUE THAT WORK  
22 AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE BRING ALONG OUR CITIES AS BEST  
23 WE CAN. AND I DON'T THINK I HAVE TO REPEAT MYSELF, BUT WE HAVE  
24 LEARNED SO MANY LESSONS OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, INCLUDING WHAT  
25 OUR HOST TEAMS ARE DOING, BUT ALSO WHAT OUR DEPARTMENTS,



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1 MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, ALL OF US, LAHSA, ARE ALL  
2 LOCKING ARMS, AS THE MAYOR LIKES TO SAY. BUT WE'RE REALLY, WE  
3 KIND OF DO IT IN OUR OWN WAY, WHICH I THINK IS OKAY, WHICH IS  
4 GOOD, BECAUSE IT EMPOWERS US, AND WE HAVE OWNERSHIP THERE.  
5 WE'RE NOT GONNA GO TO A RACE TO THE BOTTOM. WE'RE NOT GONNA  
6 TURN OUR BACKS. WE'RE NOT GONNA USE OUR JAILS TO SOMEHOW  
7 INCARCERATE, CRIMINALIZE PEOPLE WHO ARE JUST ON THE STREET  
8 BECAUSE THEY'RE SICK, BECAUSE THEY HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS OR  
9 SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES, OR BECAUSE MAYBE IT WAS A WIDOW OR A  
10 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM WHO KNOWS SHE MAY BE THREATENED WITH  
11 HER LIFE IF SHE RETURNS TO HER HOME OR SO-CALLED HOME. THOSE  
12 ARE THINGS THAT I THINK WE HAVE TO BREAK DOWN FOR OUR PUBLIC  
13 BECAUSE WE HAVE TO DO BETTER. IN MY DISTRICT ALONE, I AM VERY  
14 CONCERNED THAT IF CITIES SURROUNDING, FOR EXAMPLE, IN  
15 INCORPORATED AREAS LIKE EAST L.A., THAT THEY WILL SOMEHOW FIND  
16 SUITABLE TO DUMP PEOPLE IN EAST L.A., KNOWING THAT OUR ACTION  
17 BY THE COUNTY IS VERY DIFFERENT FOR PERHAPS SOME CITIES. SO,  
18 HERE'S OUR CHANCE, SHERIFF, TO HELP EDUCATE OUR CITIES, AGAIN,  
19 OUR PDS, AND ALSO WORK WITH OUR CITY MANAGERS AND OUR CITY  
20 COUNCIL PEOPLE SO THEY BETTER UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE TOOLS  
21 AVAILABLE. AND NO ONE IS SAYING THAT WE'RE GOING TO TURN A  
22 BLIND EYE IF THERE'S CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. WE KNOW THAT. WE'RE  
23 NOT HERE TO, I THINK, REFUTE THAT. BUT I THINK THE STANDARDS  
24 THAT WE HAVE SET HERE IS TO REALLY LOOK AT HOW WE CAN HELP.  
25 THESE INDIVIDUALS THAT WE KNOW CAN BENEFIT FROM THE KIND OF



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1 SERVICES THAT WE'VE BEEN PROVIDING NOW FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS.  
2 SO I HOPE WE CAN DO THAT. THE MOTION BEFORE US FOCUSES ON  
3 DEVELOPING A COUNTY-WIDE STRATEGY FOR ADDRESSING ENCAMPMENTS.  
4 AND THE MOTION DIRECTS THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS INITIATIVE, HI,  
5 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LAHSA AND THE SHERIFF'S HOMELESS OUTREACH  
6 TEAM HOST TO ENGAGE ALL OF OUR 88 CITIES AROUND A UNIFIED  
7 APPROACH FOR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS. AND IT ASKS HI TO CONVENE  
8 ALL 88 CITIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
9 THE REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS ALIGNMENT WITH THE GOAL OF  
10 MINIMIZING DISPARATE IMPACTS OF THE GRANTS PASSED RULING  
11 ACROSS JURISDICTIONS. AND IT ALSO ASKS HI TO IDENTIFY THOSE  
12 OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND PARTNERSHIPS WITH CITIES TO ADDRESS  
13 THOSE ENCAMPMENTS THROUGH SHELTERS, THROUGH RESOURCES AND  
14 REGIONAL COORDINATION. SOMETHING WE'RE DOING, BUT NOW WE HAVE  
15 TO DO IT ON A GRANDER SCALE. THE MOTION ALSO AFFIRMS THAT THE  
16 COUNTY JAILS WILL NOT BE USED TO HOLD PEOPLE WHO ARE ARRESTED  
17 DUE TO ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-ENCANTMENT PROTOCOLS. AND I WANT TO  
18 BE CLEAR THAT THIS DIRECTIVE IS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE L.A.  
19 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHICH WE JUST HEARD, AND EXISTING  
20 POLICIES THAT SURROUND THE PROCESSES THAT ARE CURRENTLY  
21 HAPPENING IN THE JAILS. I'M HAPPY THAT YOU REAFFIRMED THAT,  
22 SHERIFF LUNA. AND I KNOW THAT MANY CITIES HAVE EXPRESSED  
23 CONCERNS THAT THE MOTION SOMEHOW OVERSTEPS EXISTING L.A.  
24 SHERIFF DEPARTMENT PROTOCOLS, BUT NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER  
25 FROM THE TRUTH. AND IF CRIME IS COMMITTED, AS I SAID, THEN OF



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1 COURSE WE MUST FOLLOW LEGAL PRECEDENT. THE MOTION IS SIMPLY  
2 ABOUT AFFIRMING OUR JAILS SHOULD NEVER BE USED AS AN  
3 ALTERNATIVE FOR HOUSING. WE'VE SAID THAT FOR MANY, MANY YEARS  
4 ON THIS BOARD, AND WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO SAY IT, I GUESS. I  
5 DON'T GUESS, I KNOW. THE TRUTH REMAINS THAT L.A. COUNTY  
6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CANNOT MASS INCARCERATE PEOPLE  
7 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AROUND DUE OR DUE TO ANTI-ENCAMPMENT  
8 POLICIES. AND WE ALL KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF IS LEGALLY  
9 OBLIGATED TO ADDRESS THE OVERCROWDING, WHICH YOU'VE TALKED  
10 ABOUT ALREADY IN OUR JAILS, AND WE KNOW IS SOMETHING THAT WE  
11 HAVE TO DEAL WITH RIGHT NOW. WE'RE DEALING WITH IT IN THE  
12 COURTS. AND IT ISN'T GONNA GET ANY BETTER IF PEOPLE ASSUME  
13 THAT SOMEHOW WE'RE GONNA NOW ALLOW FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS TO BE  
14 HOUSED IN OUR JAILS, WHICH IS IMPROPER. THEY NEED TO HAVE  
15 HEALTHCARE ADDRESSED, THEY NEED TO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH, AND  
16 THEY NEED TO HAVE STABILIZED LIVES AND, IN SOME CASES, THEY'RE  
17 NOT FIT TO BE IN PLACES LIKE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. SO, I WOULD  
18 HOPE THAT WE CAN MOVE THIS ITEM ALONG I KNOW THAT MY CO-AUTHOR  
19 HAS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT I BELIEVE SHE'LL TALK ABOUT BUT  
20 WE KNOW THAT A LOT OF CHANGES ALREADY HAPPEN HERE IN L.A.  
21 COUNTY, PARTICULARLY WITH OUR COURT SYSTEM. AND I KNOW THE  
22 SHERIFF IS FULLY AWARE OF THAT. AND THAT IS DEALING WITH THE  
23 PREARRANGEMENT RELEASE PROTOCOLS THAT HE IS FULLY AWARE OF.  
24 AND I BELIEVE SOME OF OUR CITIES ARE BECOMING MORE AWARE OF  
25 AND HOW THAT WORKS. SO AGAIN, IT'S OUR DUTY TO HELP INFORM. I



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1 BELIEVE OUR CITIES, OUR PDS AND CITY MANAGERS AND FOLKS, SO  
2 THEY UNDERSTAND THE TRANSFORMATION THAT IS TAKING PLACE IN  
3 L.A. COUNTY, NOT JUST WITH THE BOARD, BUT ALSO EVEN WITH THE  
4 COURTS. WHETHER PEOPLE WANT TO BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT'S  
5 HAPPENING AND IT'S REAL, AND WE HAVE TO MAKE ROOM FOR IT. SO I  
6 HOPE WITH ALL OF THAT, THAT WE UNDERSTAND THERE'S A BETTER WAY  
7 TO DO THINGS, AND L.A. COUNTY, I HOPE, IS PREPARED TO DO THE  
8 RIGHT THING. THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU. YOU DO TREMENDOUS WORK  
9 AND YOU'RE TO BE COMMENDED AS WELL AS OUR PROVIDERS AND THE  
10 PEOPLE WHO ARE STANDING WITH US. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND  
11 MADAM CHAIR, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO YOU AS YOU HAVE A PARTNER  
12 ON THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT.  
15 THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR HAHN WHO BROUGHT THE DISCUSSION TO US  
16 ON OUR AGENDA AND THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR LEADING  
17 THE WAY AND TAKING ACTION FOR OUR BOARD. SO, WE ARE ON RECORD  
18 TODAY. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR PRESENTERS WHO JOINED US  
19 THIS MORNING AS WELL, NOT JUST TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE, BUT  
20 FOR THE CONTINUED WORK THAT YOU'RE ALL DOING, INDIVIDUALLY AND  
21 TOGETHER, TO ADDRESS WHAT WE KNOW IS A CRISIS ON OUR STREETS.  
22 I KNOW OUR MOTION TODAY ALSO MAKES CLEAR THE COUNTY'S  
23 POSITION, WHICH WE HAVE HEARD REFLECTED FROM ALL OF YOU TODAY.  
24 A CARE-FIRST, RESOURCES-LED APPROACH IS WHAT WORKS AT NOT ONLY  
25 RESOLVING ENCAMPMENTS, BUT ENDING HOMELESSNESS FOR THE



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1 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SUFFERING ON OUR STREETS AND IN OUR  
2 NEIGHBORHOODS. AND I WANT TO BE CLEAR, WE ARE ALL FRUSTRATED  
3 WITH ENCAMPMENTS THAT BLOCK SIDEWALKS AND THE RVS THAT LINE  
4 OUR ROADS. NO ONE THINKS THAT ANY OF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE.  
5 THAT'S WHY WE UNANIMOUSLY DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN  
6 JANUARY OF 2023, WHY WE HAVE PRIORITIZED AND FUNDED ENCAMPMENT  
7 RESOLUTION THROUGH THE COUNTY'S PATHWAY HOME PROGRAM, AND WHY  
8 WE'VE PARTNERED WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND OTHER CITIES  
9 ON INSIDE SAFE. WE ALL AGREE THAT WE DON'T WANT ENCAMPMENTS ON  
10 OUR SIDEWALKS, BUT WE CANNOT, NOR ARE WE LEGALLY ALLOWED TO  
11 MAKE JAILS OR DE FACTO HOUSING AND SHELTER. CITIES CREATE  
12 HOUSING, AND THE COUNTY ALSO CREATES HOUSING IN OUR  
13 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING  
14 CARE AND SERVICES FOR THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ANGELENOS  
15 CURRENTLY SURVIVING UNSHELTERED ON OUR STREETS. AND ALL OF  
16 THESE SERVICES ARE MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH MEASURE H, WHICH IS  
17 AN ESSENTIAL FUNDING SOURCE FOR SOLUTIONS THAT WORK. I  
18 APPRECIATE THAT EVERYONE IS OUT OF PATIENCE. WE ARE TOO. BUT  
19 PEOPLE DON'T JUST DISAPPEAR. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER AN  
20 UNSHELTERED PERSON IS IN TARZANA OR TOPANGA, BELL OR BELL  
21 GARDENS, WEST COVINA OR WALNUT, COMPTON OR CARSON, LA  
22 CRESCENTA OR LA CANADA, THEY ARE STILL IN THE COUNTY AND WE  
23 HAVE TO PROVIDE THEM SERVICES. THIS IS TRUE WHEN THEY'RE ON  
24 THE STREET AND TEMPORARY SHELTER AND WHEN THEY'RE MATCHED WITH  
25 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. AND THAT'S WHY I'M GLAD WE'RE





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1 HAVING THIS CONVERSATION HERE TODAY. THE BEST WAY TO IMPLEMENT  
2 SOLUTIONS IS TO HAVE ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT WORKING TOGETHER  
3 AND TO WORK FOR THE PEOPLE. AS MAYOR BASS SAYS, LOCKING ARMS  
4 TO SOLVE ISSUES IS THE BEST WAY FORWARD. THIS IS AN ALL HANDS  
5 ON DECK MOMENT AND WE APPRECIATE THE GOVERNOR'S SENSE OF  
6 URGENCY. WE ALL FEEL THIS SENSE OF URGENCY, WHICH IS WHY WE  
7 DECLARED THAT STATE OF EMERGENCY A YEAR AND A HALF AGO. AND WE  
8 KNOW THAT ACROSS OUR 88 CITIES, THEY TOO SHARE THAT SAME SENSE  
9 OF URGENCY. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S CONTINUED  
10 PARTNERSHIP, AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE VALIDATION OF L.A.  
11 COUNTY'S APPROACH, WHICH WAS REFERENCED, THAT THE STATE HAS  
12 CONTINUED TO RECOGNIZE L.A. COUNTY'S SUCCESSFUL SERVICES-LED  
13 CARE-FIRST APPROACH TO ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION BY AWARDING MORE  
14 THAN \$100,000,000 THROUGH ITS ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION FUNDS  
15 GRANTS, FUNDING OUR SKID ROW ACTION PLAN, AND OUR PATHWAY HOME  
16 INITIATIVE ALONG THE 105 CORRIDOR. WE NEED CONTINUED  
17 PARTNERSHIPS LIKE THESE, AND INVESTMENT FROM STATE AND CITIES  
18 IN ORDER TO SOLVE THIS CRISIS. WE KNOW WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS,  
19 AFFIRMED BY THIS YEAR'S HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS. AND THROUGH  
20 THE CONVERSATION WE'RE HAVING TODAY, AS WELL AS THE INCREDIBLE  
21 NETWORK OF COUNTY STAFF AND OUR DEDICATED REGIONAL PARTNERS  
22 AND PROVIDERS. THROUGH TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND  
23 ACTION, I KNOW WE'LL CONTINUE TO TURN THE TIDE ON THIS  
24 HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AND I ALSO WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK THE  
25 PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. COUNTY DIVISION OF THE LEAGUE BEA



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1 DIERINGER FOR PERSONALLY REACHING OUT TO ME. I KNOW SHE'S ALSO  
2 A LEADER IN CONTRACT CITIES AND I KNOW MANY OF THE CONTRACT  
3 CITIES REPRESENTATIVES ARE HERE TODAY TOO, PERSONALLY TO  
4 REQUEST AMENDMENTS TO CLARIFY OUR INTENTION IN THIS MOTION,  
5 WHICH WE'VE ALREADY HEARD REFLECTED FROM OUR STAFF AND I THINK  
6 HAS BEEN STATED IN PERSONAL CONVERSATIONS AS WELL, THAT WE  
7 WANT TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH DIRECTIVES ON OUR JAILS AND WITH  
8 THE STATE DIRECTIVES ON MOVING EXPEDITIOUSLY ON THIS CRISIS.  
9 AND SO, SOME CLARIFYING LANGUAGE IN DIRECTIVE 2, I WANTED TO  
10 MAKE SURE THAT WE ADD IN DIRECTIVE 2 TO CLARIFY THAT LOS  
11 ANGELES COUNTY JAILS WILL NOT BE USED TO HOLD PEOPLE ARRESTED  
12 SOLELY DUE TO ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-CAMPING ORDINANCES  
13 CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT PRACTICE REGARDING MISDEMEANORS,  
14 CITABLE OFFENSES, AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS. AND THAT TAKES ME  
15 TO MY FIRST QUESTION FOR SHERIFF LUNA, IF YOU WOULD,  
16 ARTICULATE WHAT OUR CURRENT POLICY AND PRACTICE FOR HOLDING  
17 PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS FOR VIOLATING ANTI-CAMPING ORDINANCES IS,  
18 AND HOW WE ARE BEING MINDFUL OF ANY FEDERAL CONSENT DECREES WE  
19 HAVE REGARDING CROWDING OUR JAILS AND WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS  
20 ARE.

21

22 **ROBERT LUNA:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISOR. SO, AS I STATED EARLIER,  
23 WE HAVE A VERY STRICT MISDEMEANOR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE INMATE  
24 RECEPTION CENTER, SPECIFICALLY AS IT DEALS WITH MISDEMEANORS.  
25 WE DO NOT ACCEPT MISDEMEANORS UNLESS THERE IS VERY SPECIFIC



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1 CRITERIA INVOLVED. SO, WHAT YOU HAVE LAID OUT IN THIS PROPOSED  
2 LANGUAGE, WE'VE BEEN DOING ALREADY. SO IT'S A CHECK THE BOX IN  
3 REGARDS TO THAT AND AS IMPORTANTLY WE'VE BEEN COMMUNICATING  
4 THAT NOT ONLY TO OUR CONTRACT CITY PARTNERS BUT OUR  
5 INDEPENDENT CITY PARTNERS AND OTHER L.A. COUNTY CHIEF AGENCIES  
6 WHICH DO INCLUDE THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL. SO, IT IS  
7 THERE, IT'S GONNA REMAIN THAT WAY, AND OBVIOUSLY BECAUSE OF  
8 OTHER DISCUSSIONS WE'VE HAD HERE REGARDING WHETHER IT'S  
9 FEDERAL CONSENT DECREES OR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS REGARDING  
10 OVERCROWDING AND CONDITIONS OF OUR JAIL, IT HAS TO REMAIN THIS  
11 WAY.

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THAT CLARIFICATION.  
14 I THINK THERE WAS CONCERN THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT L.A., WE DON'T  
15 WANT L.A. COUNTY TO BE SEEN AS ROLLING OUT THE WELCOME MAT FOR  
16 THE NATION'S UNHOUSED POPULATION TO COME TO LOS ANGELES. AND  
17 THERE'S ALSO CONCERN THAT WE DON'T WANT TO DIVERGE FROM THE  
18 PATH THAT WE HAVE SEEN WHICH WORKS, WHICH WE KNOW IS EXACTLY  
19 WHAT YOU HAVE DESCRIBED, THE HUMANE, CARE-FIRST APPROACH THAT  
20 L.A. COUNTY EMBODIES. AND SO, MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE FOLLOWING  
21 THAT PATH IS CRITICAL.

22

23 **ROBERT LUNA:** AND IT IS A BALANCE LIKE YOU'RE SUGGESTING. AND  
24 FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE LISTENING, SPECIFICALLY OUR CITY  
25 LEADERS, IS JUST TO RE-EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT WHEN YOU HAVE



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1 CONSTITUENTS COMPLAINING, NEIGHBORS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, CALL  
2 US OUT THERE. LET US LOOK INTO WHAT THE CHALLENGE IS, WHETHER  
3 IT'S OUR HOST TEAM OR OUR PATROL RESOURCES, WE WILL WORK HAND-  
4 IN-HAND WITH OUR LOCAL OFFICIALS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE DOING  
5 THE RIGHT THING, GETTING INDIVIDUALS THE RIGHT SERVICES WITH  
6 OUR PARTNERS AT LAHSA AND EVERYBODY ELSE. BUT AT THE SAME  
7 TIME, THEY HAVE TO BE ASSURED THAT IF THERE IS CRIMINAL  
8 ACTIVITY OCCURRING, PEOPLE WILL STILL BE ARRESTED FOR CRIMINAL  
9 ACTIVITY. AND THAT WAS THE BIG CONCERN ON ALL THE PHONE CALLS  
10 I HAD. SO, IT'S THAT BALANCE OF MAKING SURE WE'RE ONLY  
11 ALLOWING THE RIGHT PEOPLE INTO OUR CUSTODY FACILITIES, BUT IF  
12 THOSE RIGHT PEOPLE ARE NEGATIVELY IMPACTING PUBLIC SAFETY OR  
13 CREATING AN UNSAFE CONDITION, THEN THEY MAY NEED TO BE  
14 INCARCERATED.

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND THIS SURFACED AT OUR  
17 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING LAST FRIDAY ON REGIONAL HOMELESS  
18 ALIGNMENT. COUNCILMEMBER RAMAN MENTIONED, YOU KNOW, WE AREN'T  
19 SAYING THAT IF THERE'S VIOLENT CRIME HAPPENING AT A HOMELESS  
20 ENCAMPMENT, THAT THAT IS NOT AN ARRESTABLE OFFENSE. WE AREN'T  
21 SAYING ANYTHING LIKE THAT AT ALL, IN FACT. WHAT WE'RE BEING  
22 VERY CLEAR ABOUT IS THAT WE ARE NOT CRIMINALIZING POVERTY OR  
23 HOMELESSNESS. WHAT WE ARE MAKING SURE IS THAT WE'RE TAKING  
24 SWIFT ACTION WITH URGENCY ON THE CRISIS THAT WE'RE SEEING ON  
25 OUR STREETS. SO I THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. MY NEXT



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1 QUESTION IS FOR CHERI. RECOGNIZING THAT WE KNOW WE HAVE BEEN  
2 LEADING ON THIS EFFORT, WE'RE STILL HEARING FROM OUR STATE  
3 PARTNERS THAT THEY WANT TO SEE US MOVE EVEN FASTER. SO, WHAT  
4 IS POSSIBLE FOR US TO SEE RESULTS MOVING FASTER, GETTING  
5 PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS FASTER? IS IT SCALING MASTER LEASE  
6 PROPERTIES? IS IT, YOU KNOW, WHAT IS GOING TO HELP US MOVE  
7 MORE QUICKLY TO SEE THE RESULTS THAT WE'RE ALL STRIVING FOR.

8

9 **CHERI TODOROFF:** YES, THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. I WANT TO GO  
10 BACK AND QUICKLY, SOMETHING THAT WAS SAID A LITTLE BIT  
11 EARLIER, THAT OUR ABILITY TO SCALE RIGHT NOW IS NOT SO LARGELY  
12 DRIVEN BY A DOLLAR AMOUNT, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT, BUT YOUR  
13 BOARD HAS APPROVED A BUDGET FOR PATHWAY HOME. WE HAVEN'T  
14 RECEIVED ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION FUNDS. WE ARE EXPANDING AND  
15 EXPEDITING PROTOCOL CLEANUPS WITH THE BOARD SUPPORT. WE,  
16 THERE'S 3 REALLY, THERE'S 3 OTHER PARTNERS THAT ARE ALSO  
17 ESSENTIAL, WHICH ARE OUR PROVIDERS AND THEIR CAPACITY TO HIRE  
18 AND RETAIN STAFF AND SCALE WITH US AS WE OPEN NEW SITES. IT IS  
19 OUR INTERIM HOUSING SITES, AND ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE OPENING  
20 NEW ONES AS WE ARE WITH THESE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION EFFORTS.  
21 AND I WANNA COMMENT ON THAT FOR JUST A MOMENT. WE ARE  
22 CONTINUING TO INCREASE INTERIM HOUSING BEDS AT A SIGNIFICANT  
23 SCALE. WE ARE CONTINUING TO INVEST IN THOSE. WHILE WE OFTEN  
24 TALK ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT AND HOW MUCH WE NEED TO PRIORITIZE  
25 PERMANENT HOUSING AND CREATING PERMANENT HOUSING, WE ARE



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1 CONTINUING TO INVEST IN INTERIM HOUSING. SO, BOTH THE CITY AND  
2 THE COUNTY WITH THE EFFORTS THAT WE ARE FUNDING LOCALLY  
3 THROUGH INSIDE SAFE AND PATHWAY HOME ARE CREATING THOUSANDS OF  
4 NEW INTERIM HOUSING BEDS. AND THEN ON TOP OF THAT, WE'RE  
5 ADDING MORE WITH THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION FUNDING THAT WE'RE  
6 RECEIVING FROM THE STATE. THIS PUTS, WE NEED TO HAVE LOCATIONS  
7 WHERE WE'RE SETTING UP THIS INTERIM HOUSING AND A LOT OF IT  
8 HAS BEEN DONE WITH SEEKING MOTELS IN LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO  
9 SCALE THAT UP. AND SO, WE NEED TO HAVE THOSE WILLING PARTNERS  
10 AND THEN WE NEED TO HAVE THOSE CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THAT  
11 WE ARE SEEKING TO PARTNER IN, NOT ONLY IN PARTNERING WITH US  
12 ON THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION, BUT PARTNER WITH US ON THE  
13 SITING OF INTERIM HOUSING AND THOSE PATHWAYS TO PERMANENT  
14 HOUSING. SO THOSE ARE REALLY IMPACTING OUR SCALE AT THIS  
15 POINT. AND ONE OF THE, AND NOW I'LL GET BACK TO THE ISSUE OF  
16 PERMANENT HOUSING AND HOUSING THAT'S AFFORDABLE. THE BIGGEST  
17 IMPACT IS BEING ABLE TO EXIT PEOPLE TO PERMANENT HOUSING. IF  
18 WE ARE CREATING ALL OF THESE NEW BEDS AND WE DO NOT HAVE  
19 HOUSING EXITS FOR PEOPLE, THEN WE WILL GET STUCK, WE'LL REACH  
20 OUR CAPACITY, AND WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE ANOTHER PERSON  
21 INTO SHELTER UNTIL WE PLACE ANOTHER PERSON INTO PERMANENT  
22 HOUSING. AND SO THOSE EFFORTS, THE SCALING UP THE MASTER  
23 LEASING, WHICH LAHSA HAS BEEN LEADING AND WHICH THE DEPARTMENT  
24 OF HEALTH SERVICES HAS ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN, HAS BEEN  
25 IMPORTANT FOR US TO TAP INTO THAT PRIVATE SECTOR RENTAL



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1 MARKET. AND THAT IS KEY TO BE ABLE TO USE THAT PRIVATE SECTOR  
2 RENTAL MARKET TO BRING PEOPLE INSIDE. WE ARE BRINGING THEM  
3 INSIDE WITH FUNDS, WITH RENTAL SUBSIDIES TO PAY FOR THEIR  
4 RENT, WITH SERVICES FOR LANDLORDS TO SUPPORT CLIENTS AS THEY  
5 MOVE INTO THESE UNITS, AND WITH SERVICES DIRECTLY FOR THE  
6 CLIENTS AS WELL. IT'S A VERY ROBUST PACKAGE TO SUPPORT THAT  
7 HOUSING STABILITY. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE  
8 PRIVATE SECTOR RENTAL MARKET TO MAKE THOSE UNITS AVAILABLE  
9 THROUGH MASTER LEASING PROGRAMS, THROUGH OTHER TYPES OF UNIT  
10 ACQUISITION PROGRAMS, WITH LANDLORD INCENTIVE PROGRAMS, BUT WE  
11 JUST NEED TO CONTINUE TO AMPLIFY THAT NEED AND INCREASE THAT  
12 PARTICIPATION. AND OF COURSE, OUR CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN  
13 CREATING AND DEVELOPING NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH THIS  
14 BOARD HAS BEEN VERY INVESTED IN, AND WHICH CERTAINLY THROUGH  
15 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WITH THE INCREASING NUMBER OF UNITS  
16 THAT ARE COMING ONLINE THROUGH PROPOSITION HHH, WE HAVE BEEN  
17 SEEING AN INCREASE IN PERMANENT HOUSING PLACEMENTS THAT WE  
18 HOPE TO CONTINUE TO SEE FOR A WHILE.

19

20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND THE LAST QUESTION THAT I HAVE  
21 PERTAINS TO BOTH DR. WONG AND DR. TSAI, I WOULD SAY. ONE OF  
22 THE AREAS OF FRUSTRATION I CONSISTENTLY HEAR FROM CITIES HAS  
23 TO DO WITH THE ISSUES AROUND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVISION  
24 AND ADDICTION RECOVERY SERVICE PROVISION AND SUBSTANCE USE  
25 ISSUES. AND MANY CITIES DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE



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1 THOSE SERVICES THEMSELVES. THEY RELY ON OUR COUNTY'S  
2 DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES. SO, WHEN THEY SEE  
3 PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH THESE ISSUES ON THE STREETS IN THEIR  
4 COMMUNITIES, YOU KNOW, THEY'RE FRUSTRATED, AND THEIR  
5 EXPECTATION IS THAT WE ARE GOING TO STEP IN AND BE ENGAGED IN  
6 ADDRESSING THE CRISIS THAT IS ON THE STREETS. WE HEARD  
7 RECENTLY TOO FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AS IT RELATES TO  
8 PROPOSITION 1 AND SB43 IMPLEMENTATION, YOU KNOW, A FRUSTRATION  
9 THAT THINGS AREN'T MOVING QUICKER. AND SO, AND I KNOW THAT  
10 THAT RELATES TO THE EXPERIENCE OF GRANTS PASS ON OUR STREETS  
11 AND IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, IF YOU CAN TALK ABOUT WHAT WE'RE  
12 DOING TO MOVE MORE QUICKLY IN THAT REGARD, AND POTENTIALLY IF  
13 WE ANTICIPATE ANY TRADE-OFFS BY PRIORITIZING THOSE EFFORTS  
14 OVER WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING ALREADY IN OUR DEPARTMENTS TO  
15 PROVIDE SERVICES IN BOTH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE  
16 ISSUES. LET'S MAKE SURE DR. WONG'S MIC IS ON. OKAY.

17

18 **DR. LISA WONG:** THERE WE GO. HELLO, SUPERVISORS. IT'S STILL  
19 GOOD MORNING. WE'RE HAPPY TO ADDRESS THIS QUESTION. WE KNOW  
20 THAT THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF CONCERNS COMING UP FROM OUR  
21 CITIES, AND RIGHTFULLY SO, ABOUT HOW THEY ACCESS SERVICES THAT  
22 THEY DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY FOR WITHIN THEIR CITY. SO WE HAVE  
23 BEEN BUILDING ROBUST RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR CITY COUNTERPARTS  
24 SO THEY KNOW WHO TO CALL, WHEN TO CALL, WHERE WE HAVE TO FORM  
25 THE MOST KEY RELATIONSHIPS SO THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS. WE ALSO





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1 HAVE HAD A VERY BIG INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TEAMS THAT WE'VE  
2 PUT OUT IN THE FIELD AS PART OF OUR HOME TEAM AS WELL AS OUR  
3 FSP PROGRAMS. WE'VE REALLY INCREASED THE NUMBER OF TEAMS AND  
4 RIGHT NOW WE ARE REALLY PLEASED TO SAY THAT WITH OUR HOME  
5 TEAMS WE ARE AT 95% HIRING FOR ALL OF OUR TEAMS AND I KNOW  
6 THAT THE BOARD HAS BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF PUTTING IN PLACE  
7 THE INCENTIVES AND OTHER PROTOCOLS WE NEEDED TO QUICKLY HIRE  
8 PEOPLE AND GET THEM ON BOARD BUT HONESTLY WHEN YOU'RE TALKING  
9 ABOUT A COUNTY WITH 88 CITIES AND 4, 752 SQUARE MILES AND  
10 10,000,000 RESIDENTS, I DON'T THINK WE WILL EVER HIRE ENOUGH  
11 PEOPLE OR HAVE THE FUNDING TO PUT ENOUGH TEAMS TO MEET  
12 EVERYBODY AT THAT POINT IN TIME WHEN THEY NEED IT. SO WHAT WE  
13 NEED TO DO IS BUILD THOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR CITY PARTNERS  
14 AND OTHER AGENCIES SO THAT WE FORM A NETWORK, A NET AROUND  
15 PEOPLE AND MEET THEIR NEEDS WHERE THEY ARE. I THINK ONE OF OUR  
16 BARRIERS HAS BEEN, EVEN IF WE GET SOMEBODY INTO SERVICE AND WE  
17 PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES, IF WE DON'T HAVE CITIES WILLING TO PUT  
18 HOUSING RESOURCES IN THOSE CITIES, OUR FOLKS THAT WE'VE SPENT  
19 SO MUCH TIME WORKING WITH WILL LEAVE THE SHELTER THAT WE GET  
20 THEM IN, WILL LEAVE THE INTERIM HOUSING, BECAUSE IT'S NOT  
21 THEIR COMMUNITY. SO, THIS IS WHY I SAY WE NEED ALL  
22 PARTNERSHIPS TO GATHER TOGETHER TO OWN THE FOLKS WHO ARE PARTS  
23 OF OUR COMMUNITIES. A LOT OF TIMES FOR SOMEBODY EXPERIENCING  
24 HOMELESSNESS AND ESPECIALLY FOR SOMEBODY WHO IS EXPERIENCING  
25 HOMELESSNESS AND HAVING A SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS, IT'S A VERY



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1 ISOLATING EXPERIENCE AND NO MATTER HOW TENUOUS THOSE COMMUNITY  
2 CONNECTIONS ARE FOR THEM, THAT'S ALL THEY HAVE. SO, WE HAVE TO  
3 BE ABLE TO WORK WITH PEOPLE WHERE THEY'RE AT AND HELP THEM TO,  
4 YOU KNOW, BUILD NEW CONNECTIONS, GET INTO TREATMENT, AND HAVE  
5 THAT KIND OF STABILIZATION. I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE NEW  
6 HOUSING RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE ONLINE, COMING ONLINE, SOON TO  
7 COME ONLINE. LIKE, YOU KNOW, CHERI MENTIONED ALL THE INTERIM  
8 HOUSING THAT'S BEING BUILT. I MEAN, IT'S A TREMENDOUS NUMBER.  
9 BUT IF WE DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH  
10 SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL THEN THAT  
11 WILL NOT BE A SUCCESSFUL INTERVENTION OR A LONG-LASTING OR  
12 SUSTAINABLE INTERVENTION AND I THINK THAT AS SOMEBODY HAD  
13 MENTIONED EARLIER THERE, I THINK SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THERE IS A  
14 LOT OF GOOD INTENTION AT EVERY LEVEL, INCLUDING THE STATE, BUT  
15 SOMETIMES THE DIRECTIVES ARE A BIT MISGUIDED. SO, YOU KNOW, AS  
16 FOR SB43, THIS IS THE EXPANSION OF LPS CRITERIA SO THAT, YOU  
17 KNOW, GRAVE DISABILITY WOULD INCLUDE OTHER POPULATIONS. AND WE  
18 HAVE HEARD SOME CONCERNS ABOUT WHY IT'S NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED  
19 IMMEDIATELY, BUT THE STATUTE ITSELF ALLOWS FOR IMPLEMENTATION  
20 IN 2026 BECAUSE THERE WAS THE RECOGNITION THAT THERE IS A LOT  
21 THAT HAS TO GO INTO PLACE BEFORE WE CAN START WORKING WITH  
22 FOLKS THAT MEET THAT EXPANDED CRITERIA. ONLY 2 OUT OF THE 58  
23 COUNTIES HAD IMPLEMENTED SB43 RIGHT AWAY AND THAT WAS FOR A  
24 GOOD REASON. AND WE'VE REALLY LOOKED TO THOSE 2 COUNTIES TO  
25 SEE WHAT THEIR EXPERIENCES WERE AND WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM



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1 THAT. AND WHAT WE FOUND OUT IS THE RESPONSE HAS NOT BEEN  
2 ADEQUATE. THEY ARE IN NAME ONLY IMPLEMENTED. FOR INSTANCE, SAN  
3 LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HAS ONLY SEEN 8 PEOPLE COME THROUGH WITH  
4 SUD ONLY AND THOSE FOLKS HAVE ONLY BEEN TAKEN TO AN URGENT  
5 CARE JUST TO BE RELEASED WITHIN 72 HOURS. THAT REALLY DOESN'T  
6 DO ANYTHING IN TERMS OF HELPING THAT INDIVIDUAL. SAME THING  
7 FOR SAN FRANCISCO, PEOPLE ONLY HAVE THE OPTION OF BEING TAKEN  
8 TO A PSYCHIATRIC URGENT CARE OR TO A HOSPITAL. AND THOSE  
9 PLACES DON'T HAVE ADEQUATE SUD ONLY TREATMENT OPTIONS AT THIS  
10 TIME. SO, WE HAVE BEEN VERY PURPOSEFUL IN WHAT WE'RE BUILDING  
11 OUT. WE ARE IN NO WAY WAITING UNTIL 2026 TO IMPLEMENT. WE ARE  
12 BUILDING THIS AS WE GO. AND SO FAR WE HAVE DMH AND DPH-SAPC.  
13 EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT HAVE CREATED THE SB43 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
14 TO GUIDE THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. DMH AND DPH-SAPC ARE  
15 PARTICIPATING IN THE CBHDA, THAT'S THE CALIFORNIA BEHAVIORAL  
16 HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION WORK GROUP THAT IS WORKING ON  
17 STANDARDIZED GUIDELINES AND DEFINITIONS ACROSS COUNTIES AS AN  
18 OPTION FOR COUNTIES TO CONSIDER. AND THIS GROUP ACTUALLY IS  
19 CO-LED BY DR. GARY TSAI FROM SAPC. AND THE DEFINITIONS OF  
20 SEVERE SUBSTANCE USE, PERSONAL SAFETY, NECESSARY MEDICAL CARE.  
21 WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THAT AND CONFIRMING THAT. WE HAVE THE  
22 DEFINITIONS OPERATIONALIZED WITH CRITERIA AND EXAMPLES SO THAT  
23 DMH WILL BE ABLE TO PRESENT THESE CRITERION EXAMPLES TO WORK  
24 GROUP PARTICIPANTS FOR FEEDBACK AND CHANGES AND THEN  
25 IMPLEMENTATION. WE HAVE STAKEHOLDER EVENTS THAT WERE HELD IN



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1 JUNE 2024, WHICH I THINK WERE VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THERE ARE  
2 SO MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN INVESTMENT IN THIS ISSUE. WE HAVE  
3 OPERATIONAL WORK GROUPS THAT WE ARE STARTING IN JULY 2024 WITH  
4 EXTERNAL PARTNERS THAT REALLY FOCUS ON CLIENT FLOW, SYSTEM  
5 MAPPING, SETTING OUT GUIDELINES, DESIGNATION, TRAINING, AND  
6 TRAINING IS GOING TO BE AN ENORMOUS PART OF THIS FOR BOTH  
7 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, LAYPEOPLE, LAW ENFORCEMENT  
8 PARTNERS, AND WE HAVE TREATMENT AND CARE PLANNING, MANAGEMENT  
9 OF INDIVIDUALS INELIGIBLE FOR THE NEW CRITERIA, SO WHAT  
10 HAPPENS WHEN SOMEBODY NEEDS HELP, BUT THEY DON'T MEET THE  
11 CRITERIA. AND COURT PROCESS, ADHERENCE TO COURT ORDERS,  
12 COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND COLLABORATION, STAFFING BUDGETS, AND  
13 MANAGED CARE PLAN COORDINATION. BECAUSE WE CERTAINLY KNOW THAT  
14 SOME OF THE FOLKS WHO WILL FALL INTO SB43 CRITERIA ARE GOING  
15 TO BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MANAGED CARE PLANS WHO WILL NEED  
16 TO HELP US PROVIDE SOME FUNDING. WE'VE ALSO BEEN COORDINATING  
17 WITH CCJC TO MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF ASSOCIATION TO DISCUSS  
18 TRAINING OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN L.A. COUNTY ON THE  
19 NEW DEFINITION OF GRAVE DISABILITY AND THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE  
20 CRISIS SITES. AND THEN BHCIP ROUND ONE, THERE'S A WEBINAR IN  
21 AUGUST, WE'LL BE GOING OVER THE BHCIP PROCESS FOR BOND MONEY  
22 AND THE COUNTY LETTER OF SUPPORT PROCESS WILL FOCUS AND  
23 PRIORITIZE THE NEEDS AS IDENTIFIED BY THE ROADMAP WE HAD  
24 THROUGH THE HMA STUDY. SO, THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE THINGS  
25 THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON SINCE THE PASSING OF THIS BILL. AND



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1 WE HAVE A LOT MORE AHEAD OF US. WE WILL BE BUILDING THIS OUT.

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3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SO, IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S NOT JUST  
4 AS EASY AS FLIPPING A SWITCH TO START ENFORCING WHAT HAS BEEN  
5 PASSED. ABSOLUTELY NOT. THERE'S A LOT THAT'S ENTAILED. AND IT  
6 ALSO SOUNDS LIKE IF WE DON'T BUILD OUT OUR SYSTEMS IN THE  
7 APPROPRIATE MANNER, WE ARE GOING TO THEN IMPACT POTENTIALLY  
8 OUR URGENT CARES, OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS AT OUR HOSPITALS, AND  
9 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME OF THESE OTHER PERHAPS UNINTENDED  
10 CONSEQUENCES WHERE WE'RE IMPACTING OTHER HEALTH SERVICES OR  
11 OTHER SERVICE PROVISION IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO, I'M GLAD THAT  
12 WE'RE THINKING ABOUT THAT AND WE'RE BEING DELIBERATIVE. WE'RE  
13 STILL, AS WE SEE, I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU'RE DOING YOUR  
14 HOMEWORK ON WHAT IMPLEMENTATION HAS LOOKED LIKE IN THE OTHER 2  
15 COUNTIES, WHICH IT SOUNDS LIKE IS IN NAME ONLY AND IS NOWHERE  
16 NEAR THE LETTER OR THE SPIRIT OF WHAT THE LAW INTENDED. SO, I  
17 WANT TO MAKE SURE WE DO THIS IN THE RIGHT WAY, BUT WE'RE STILL  
18 GOING TO GET PUSHED TO MOVE FASTER. SO I'M RELAYING A MESSAGE  
19 THAT I KNOW WE'RE ALL HEARING LOUDLY AND CLEARLY, AND I THINK  
20 WE SHARE. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE DOING ALL OF THE WORK THAT YOU'VE  
21 OUTLINED. DR. FERRER, YOU WANTED TO ADD?

22

23 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OH, YEAH. YEAH, THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO  
24 MUCH, SUPERVISORS. AND I APPRECIATE THE CONCERN AND THE LINK,  
25 ESPECIALLY TO THE SERVICE SIDE OF IT, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT



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1 MOST PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE GOING TO  
2 NEED SOME RANGE OF SERVICES, SOME OF WHICH ARE BEHAVIORAL  
3 HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND OR SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES. I WANT  
4 TO JUST START WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF SB43, AND I WANT TO POINT  
5 OUT THAT FOR SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES, WE DO NOT HAVE ANY LOCKED  
6 WARDS. ALL SERVICES ARE VOLUNTARY. THERE'S NO WAY FOR US TO  
7 ACTUALLY BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE EXISTING PROVIDER NETWORK,  
8 WHICH HAVE DONE EVERYTHING THEY'VE BEEN ASKED TO DO, INCLUDING  
9 MASSIVELY INCREASE AT ALL LEVELS OF SERVICE, FROM OUTPATIENT  
10 TO RESIDENTIAL OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS FOR US TO ACTUALLY JUST  
11 MOVE VERY QUICKLY AND USE THAT NETWORK TO ANCHOR SORT OF  
12 INVOLUNTARY STAYS IN A FACILITY THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO APPLY  
13 THE APPROPRIATE CARE. NOW, WE MAY HAVE PROVIDERS WHO ARE  
14 INTERESTED AND ABLE TO MOVE INTO PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES, BUT  
15 AT THE MOMENT, THAT IS NOT A COMPONENT OF THE CONTINUUM OF  
16 CARE FOR PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS. AND  
17 FRANKLY, THAT'S INTENTIONAL BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT WE REALLY  
18 HAVE ALWAYS RELIED ON PEOPLE BEING WILLING PARTICIPANTS IN  
19 THEIR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT WHILE WE RESPECT THE FACT THAT  
20 WE NEED TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE ARE SAFE IF THEY'RE NOT ENGAGED IN  
21 A TREATMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAM AT THE MOMENT, WHICH IS WHY  
22 WE'VE PRESENTED TO YOU ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS ON SORT OF HOW WE  
23 NEED TO CHANGE THE LANDSCAPE OF WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE  
24 WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE. I WOULD SAY THE  
25 CONCENTRATION REALLY NEEDS TO BE ON DOING HARM REDUCTION WORK



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1 SO THAT WE'RE ABLE TO GET PEOPLE ENGAGED AND APPRECIATE THAT  
2 THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS FOR THEM SO THAT THEY MAY BE MORE  
3 WILLING TO COME IN AND DO THE HARD WORK THAT THEY'LL NEED TO  
4 DO FOR THERE TO BE A RECOVERY. I ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT  
5 SUBSTANCE ABUSE IS CONSIDERED A CHRONIC DISORDER WHERE PEOPLE  
6 ARE LIKELY TO RELAPSE. AND AGAIN, AS WE BUILD OUT THIS  
7 NETWORK, WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE TREATMENTS THAT, OPTIONS  
8 THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO NEED TO HAVE WHEN THEY HAVE A CHRONIC  
9 DISORDER THAT HAS PERIODS OF RELAPSING. IT'S SIMILAR TO PEOPLE  
10 WHO MAY HAVE DIABETES, SOMETIMES IT'S CONTROLLED, SOMETIMES  
11 IT'S NOT. WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE'RE BUILDING OUT THE  
12 TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR SUBSTANCE USE. I DO WANT TO ADDRESS THE  
13 CONCERNS THAT I THINK MANY CITIES HAVE, AND I THINK MANY OF  
14 THE LEADERSHIP IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS, COMMUNITY  
15 RESIDENTS AND OTHER GROUPS THAT ARE ORGANIZED THERE AROUND  
16 ACCESSING SERVICES, WE HAVE TRIED TO REALLY LISTEN CAREFULLY  
17 TO WHAT IT IS THAT COMMUNITIES ARE ASKING FOR. AND I AGREE  
18 WITH DR. WONG THAT ONE OF THE CRITICAL CONNECTIONS IS, HOW DO  
19 PEOPLE CONTACT US? LIKE WHEN THEY HAVE A CLIENT WHO NEEDS  
20 SERVICES, HOW EASY IS IT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US? YOU KNOW, WE  
21 HAVE A 24-7 LINE THAT REALLY IS ANSWERED BY A PERSON SO THAT  
22 IN FACT WE'RE ACTUALLY ABLE TO RESPOND. AND WE'VE IMPROVED OUR  
23 ABILITY TO ACTUALLY ASSIGN MORE STAFF TO HELP WITH CLIENT  
24 NAVIGATION BY ATTACHING THEM TO THE INSIGHT SAFE AND THE  
25 PATHWAY HOME PROGRAMS. I THINK, AGAIN, WE HAVE THESE WONDERFUL



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1 PROGRAMS. I THINK I WANNA THANK SO MUCH OUR GOOD DOCTOR HERE  
2 BECAUSE SHE'S LED THIS AMAZING EFFORT TO CREATE THIS CONTINUUM  
3 OF SERVICES, BUT WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE FULLY, AND  
4 WE'VE EXPANDED OUR ABILITY TO DO SO. WE'VE ALSO EXPANDED OUR  
5 ABILITY TO HELP ON DIVERSION-RELATED PROJECTS WITH THE JUSTICE  
6 SYSTEM SO THAT, AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK SHERIFF LUNA AND HIS  
7 TEAM FOR ALLOWING US THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY RECOGNIZE  
8 THAT FOR SOME PEOPLE WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB ON DIVERSION.  
9 I HOPE THAT WE ARE, YOU KNOW, QUICKLY, NOT SLOWLY, MAKING  
10 INROADS ON FOLKS KNOWING HOW TO CONTACT US AND HOW TO GET US  
11 TO BE HELPFUL IN THE MOMENT. WE DO HAVE A BED AVAILABILITY  
12 TOOL THAT WORKS FAIRLY WELL, BUT AGAIN, WE HAVE SOME, YOU  
13 KNOW, I THINK CHALLENGES THAT CONSTANTLY NEED TO BE ADDRESSED  
14 BECAUSE WE HAVE A VERY DIVERSIFIED PROVIDER NETWORK.

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

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU AND THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTIONS  
20 TO DR. WONG. I THINK THE FRUSTRATION WHEN I SAW THE GOVERNOR'S  
21 LETTER CHALLENGING US WAS THAT IT'S NOT JUST MONEY, IT'S  
22 CAPACITY. AND I WOULD JUST ASK LISA THAT MAYBE THIS BOARD BE  
23 MORE ENGAGED SO THAT WE CAN PUBLICLY TALK ABOUT WHAT WE ARE  
24 DOING. BECAUSE WHILE WE HAVE NOT FULLY IMPLEMENTED, WE HAVE  
25 BEGAN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING INTO PLAY THE STRUCTURE AND THE





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1 RESOURCES THAT ARE GOING TO BE NEEDED TO MAKE IT WORK THE WAY  
2 IT WAS MEANT TO WORK. BECAUSE I SUPPORTED THE LEGISLATION  
3 BECAUSE I BELIEVE WE NEEDED TO LOOK AT THE DEFINITION FOR  
4 GRAVELY DISABLED. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THIS HAS BEEN YEARS IN  
5 THE MAKING AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT TO GET THE RESOURCES  
6 TOGETHER GIVEN THAT WE'VE GOT, YOU KNOW, PROGRAMS GOING FOR  
7 DIVERSION. I MEAN, WE'RE DOING A LOT TO BUILD CAPACITY AND IN  
8 SOME CASES IT'S THE SAME POPULATION. SO I WOULD ASK THAT MAYBE  
9 WE ELEVATE WHAT WE ARE DOING AND YOU TALK ABOUT THE WORK THAT  
10 YOU ARE DOING, BECAUSE YOU'RE DOING A LOT OF WORK, BUT I DON'T  
11 THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE REALIZE THAT IT ISN'T ALL HANDS ON DECK.  
12 EVEN WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE CARE COURT, ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOW  
13 FRONT AND CENTER, WE WERE BEGINNING THE PROCESS OF LOOKING AT  
14 CARE COURT, BUT WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE NEEDED TO GET THINGS IN  
15 PLAY BEFORE WE DID IT BECAUSE THE GREAT THING ABOUT L.A.  
16 COUNTY IS WE'LL WANT TO DO IT RIGHT VERSUS DOING IT IN A WAY  
17 THAT SETS NOT ONLY THE SYSTEM UP FOR FAILURE, BUT ALSO THE  
18 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE RELYING UPON US FOR CARE. SO, I WOULD  
19 JUST, YOU KNOW, YOU'VE GOT THIS GROUP UP IN SACRAMENTO THAT'S  
20 ALSO LEADING IT. DO THEY COMMUNICATE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S  
21 OFFICE ON WHERE WE ARE?

22

23 **DR. LISA WONG:** YES, THEY DO. AND IN FACT, I'M PART OF A WEEKLY  
24 MEETING ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION WITH A GROUP FROM  
25 THE STATE LED BY DHCS. SO, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IS IN DIRECT



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1 COMMUNICATION WITH US.

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3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OK. ALL RIGHT. AND THEN, YOU KNOW,  
4 SHERIFF LUNA, THANK YOU FOR THE CLARIFICATION AND THANK YOU  
5 FOR THE PHONE CALL THAT YOU CONDUCTED YESTERDAY WITH THE  
6 CITIES. I KNOW THAT MANY OF MY CITIES WERE A LITTLE CONFUSED  
7 ABOUT WHAT THE ACTION THE BOARD WAS GONNA TAKE TODAY WOULD  
8 MEAN TO THEM AND HOW IT WOULD IMPACT THEIR JURISDICTION. SO, I  
9 WANNA THANK YOU FOR BEING A LEADER AND GETTING THAT DONE. AND  
10 ALSO, I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE, I MEAN, THE HOST TEAM. I  
11 HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AN A STAUNCH SUPPORTER. I'VE GONE OUT WITH  
12 YOU ALL. I'VE SEEN FIRSHTHAND THE IMPACT YOU'VE MADE ON  
13 INDIVIDUALS REUNITING WITH FAMILIES, MONEY OUT OF YOUR OWN  
14 POCKET TO FLY BY ONE MAN HOME AND THAT WAS DONE NOT AND YOU  
15 DIDN'T ASK FOR REIMBURSE IT WAS SOMETHING YOU ALL WANTED TO DO  
16 WHICH SHOWS YOUR DEDICATION YOU KNOW YEARS AGO WE AS A BOARD  
17 RECOGNIZED THE VALUE, BUT WE COULDN'T AGREE ON WHETHER OR NOT  
18 TO USE MEASURE H FUNDS TO EXPAND THE GOOD WORK, AND THAT WAS  
19 BECAUSE SOME THOUGHT THAT MEASURE H SIMPLY SHOULD NOT GO TO  
20 FUND MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, REGARDLESS OF THE GOOD WORK  
21 THEY'RE DOING. AND HOW MANY ARRESTS HAVE YOU MADE SINCE YOU'VE  
22 BEEN IN EXISTENCE?

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24 **ROBERT LUNA:** ZERO.

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. WHEN I TALK  
2 TO YOUR TEAM MEMBERS, THEY CHOOSE TO GO IN AND BE PART OF THE  
3 HOST TEAM. THIS IS NOT, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THEY HAVE A  
4 PASSION FOR BEYOND JUST LAW ENFORCEMENT. IT IS ABOUT MAKING A  
5 DIFFERENCE. AND THAT'S WHY I PARTNERED WITH LASD AND LAHSA TO  
6 FUND OUT OF MY OWN DISCRETIONARY FUNDS, A DEDICATED TEAMS  
7 CONSISTING OF A HOST AND HET WHICH IS LAHSA'S HOMELESS  
8 OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT TEAM BECAUSE WHILE I COULDN'T GET THE  
9 FUNDING AT THAT POINT I RECOGNIZED THE VALUE SO FOR MY  
10 DISTRICT I RECOGNIZED THAT WE NEEDED TO DO MORE. AND THE IRONY  
11 IS THAT I MET A MAN WHO, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER WHEN WE  
12 WENT TO ARCADIA UNDER THE BRIDGE, I MET A MAN WHO I DIDN'T  
13 REALIZE WAS ONE OF THOSE HOMELESS PEOPLE THAT WE DID OUTREACH  
14 TO WHO'S NOW WORKING AT A BUSINESS THAT I FREQUENT AND TO HEAR  
15 HIS STORY AND AS SOMEONE I WANT TO TAKE OUT AND INTRODUCE  
16 PEOPLE TO BECAUSE IT COULD BE YOUR NEIGHBOR MY NEIGHBOR WHO  
17 FELL UPON HARD TIMES GOT ADDICTED TO OPIOIDS AND ENDED UP ON  
18 THE STREET AND IT WAS YOUR TEAM WORKING WITH YOUR TEAM, DR.  
19 KELLUM, THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE. AND NOW HE IS GAMEFULLY  
20 EMPLOYED, LIVING IN AN APARTMENT WITH 4 OTHER PEOPLE. AND IT  
21 IS BECAUSE OF THE WORK THAT YOU ALL DID. I HOPE THAT WE  
22 RECOGNIZE NOW, UNFORTUNATELY, THAT IT'S NOT JUST RESOURCES  
23 THAT I THINK ARE GOING TO IMPACT THE HOST TEAM, BUT ALSO  
24 BODIES. I KNOW THAT YOU'RE HAVING A HARD TIME RECRUITING, BUT  
25 THE VALUE ADDED FOR ME PERSONALLY, I'VE SEEN IT FIRSTHAND AND



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1 I'M ALL IN. I WILL CONTINUE TO FUND THE TEAMS OUT OF MY  
2 DISCRETIONARY BECAUSE I'VE SEEN MY CITIES AND THE RECEPTION  
3 THAT THEY'VE HAD TO YOUR TEAMS GOING IN AND WORKING NOT JUST  
4 IN THE UNINCORPORATED, BUT WORKING WITH MONROVIA, DUARTE,  
5 GLENDORA, SAN DIMAS, IT GOES ON AND ON. SO, I WANNA PUBLICLY  
6 THANK YOU, CAPTAIN AND SHERIFF. FOR CHERI, THE PATHWAY HOME  
7 HAS BEEN ONE OF THE BEST RECEIVED PROGRAMS THAT THE CEO, HI,  
8 HAS ROLLED OUT. THAT BEING SAID, I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT  
9 PATHWAY HOME IS ONE OF THE MOST COSTLY INVESTMENTS THAT THE  
10 COUNTY MAKES. CAN YOU SPEAK TO THE COST AND HOW MANY PATHWAY  
11 OPERATIONS CAN THE COUNTY CONDUCT GIVEN OUR BUDGET? CAN YOU  
12 ALSO CLARIFY THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR PATHWAY HOME AND IT  
13 MEASURE IS IT MEASURE EACH DRIVEN OR AND IT'S SO ARE WE  
14 COMMUNICATING THIS TO OUR CITIES SO THAT THEY. KNOW THAT THEY  
15 ARE RECEIVING A DIRECT INVESTMENT BACK INTO THEIR COMMUNITY  
16 SOMETHING THAT I'VE HEARD FROM MY CITIES.

17

18 **CHERI TODOROFF:** YES, THANK YOU. SO, PATHWAY HOME IS FUNDED  
19 WITH MEASURE H. WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AMPLIFY  
20 THAT MESSAGING WITH OUR CITIES WHEN WE REACH OUT TO TALK TO  
21 THEM, TO PARTNER ALSO IN ALL OF OUR COMMUNICATIONS MATERIALS  
22 AND IN ALL OF OUR AFTER ACTION REPORTING. WE DO THINK IT'S  
23 VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF OUR JURISDICTIONS TO KNOW HOW THESE  
24 RESOURCES ARE BEING USED AND HOW THEY'RE COMING RIGHT BACK  
25 INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES. PATHWAY HOME, SIMILAR TO OTHER



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1 ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION EFFORTS, THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH IT IN  
2 PATHWAY HOME WOULD INCLUDE THAT CREATING INTERIM HOUSING, SO  
3 BECAUSE WE'RE BUILDING ON TOP, WE'RE ADDING NEW INTERIM  
4 HOUSING AND NOT TAKING CURRENT INTERIM HOUSING OFFLINE. SO,  
5 WE'RE NOT SEEKING TO DISPLACE PEOPLE THAT ARE ALREADY BEING  
6 SERVED IN INTERIM HOUSING. WE'RE CREATING NEW INTERIM HOUSING,  
7 LARGELY THROUGH MOTELS. SO, WE'RE PAYING THOSE MOTEL COSTS.  
8 WE'RE THEN PAYING SERVICE PROVIDERS, OUR NON-PROFIT HOMELESS  
9 SERVICE PROVIDERS, TO COME ON SITE AND TO OPERATE THOSE HOTELS  
10 WITH 24-7 STAFFING AND ON-SITE SUPPORT. AND THEN WE ARE ALSO  
11 FUNDING THE HOUSING NAVIGATION AND THE RENTAL SUBSIDY SUPPORT  
12 AND CASE MANAGEMENT TO HELP THOSE CLIENTS MOVE TO PERMANENT  
13 HOUSING. THE MOST EXPENSIVE PIECE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS IS THE  
14 INTERIM HOUSING. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THAT BEFORE, HOW ONE OF  
15 THE MOST COSTLY INTERVENTIONS IS INTERIM HOUSING ITSELF  
16 BECAUSE OF THE 24-7 NATURE OF IT AND THE SERVICES THAT GO  
17 ALONG WITH 24-7 WHICH HAS A HEAVY STAFF COST ASSOCIATED WITH  
18 IT, WHICH IS VERY DIFFERENT THAN HELPING TO SUPPORT SOMEBODY  
19 IN PERMANENT HOUSING. SO, IF WE'RE LOOKING AT COST PER PERSON,  
20 WE CAN LOOK AT IT BEING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 50 TO \$60,000  
21 PER PERSON FOR THAT SHELTERING COST AND TO MOVE THEM INTO  
22 PERMANENT HOUSING AND HELP GET THEM STABILIZED THERE. THE GOAL  
23 IS TO SUPPORT THE CLIENTS WITH BEING ABLE TO STABILIZE AND TO  
24 TAKE OVER THEIR OWN RENT OR IF THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO  
25 NEED ONGOING SUPPORT TO CONNECT THEM TO SHALLOW SUBSIDY



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1 PROGRAMS OR IF IT'S DETERMINED THAT THEY NEED A HIGHER LEVEL  
2 SUPPORT, SUCH AS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, TO REQUEST  
3 BASICALLY PROGRAM TRANSFERS TO SEEK TO GET THEM SUPPORTED BY A  
4 FEDERAL SUBSIDY OR INTO A TRANSITION TO A PROJECT-BASED  
5 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. AND SO, WHAT WE'RE ABLE TO  
6 ACHIEVE WITH THIS INVESTMENT IS EXITING SOMEBODY OUT OF  
7 HOMELESSNESS ALL OF THE WAY. WHAT ALL TOO OFTEN HAPPENS IS WE  
8 HAVE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE VERY LONG LENGTHS OF STAY IN INTERIM  
9 HOUSING AND ALL OF THAT MONEY WE JUST TALKED ABOUT IS JUST  
10 PAID FOR THEIR SHELTERING FOR A YEAR OR 2 YEARS, AND THEY  
11 NEVER GET THAT MOVEMENT INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. SO THAT IS A  
12 SPECIFIC INVESTMENT THAT PATHWAY HOME IS MAKING.

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14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION, BECAUSE WE  
15 TALK ABOUT THIS PROGRAM AND NOW WITH WHAT THE GOVERNOR IS  
16 DOING, I MEAN AND I AGREE THAT THESE IT'S ON STATE PROPERTY,  
17 BUT IT'S IN L.A. COUNTY SO THEIR PROBLEM BECOMES OUR PROBLEM  
18 AS IT RELATES TO WHAT DO WE DO. AND YOU TALK ABOUT THE LEASES  
19 LIKE THE PRIVATE RENTAL PROPERTY AND DOING THE MASTER LEASES.  
20 DO WE HAVE A PROJECTION ON HOW MANY MASTER LEASES WE WOULD  
21 NEED AND HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST? BECAUSE WE TALK IN WHAT WE  
22 NEED, BUT WE NEVER QUANTIFY AND GIVE A TIMELINE IN TERMS OF  
23 WHEN THAT WOULD NEED TO BE UP GIVEN WHAT WE SEE AS AN INFLUX  
24 OF INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE GONNA BE COMING INTO THE SYSTEM  
25 POSSIBLY?



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2 **CHERI TODOROFF:** SO, WE DO HAVE OUR PLANS FOR PATHWAY HOME FOR  
3 THE COMING YEAR, AND ALSO THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION FUNDING.  
4 AND UNDER BOTH OF THOSE PROGRAMS, SOME OF THOSE ALREADY  
5 INCLUDE PARTNERSHIPS WITH CALTRANS. WE HAVE HAD A HISTORY OF  
6 PARTNERING, WE WANT TO CONTINUE THAT PARTNERSHIP. WE WOULD  
7 LIKE THEM TO MEET THEM WHERE WE'RE AT IN TERMS OF THE PROCESS  
8 AND THE TIMING TO DO THAT BODY OF WORK. AND THEN WE WILL,  
9 THERE MAY BE SOME OPPORTUNITIES AS WE GO FORWARD TO ALIGN SOME  
10 OF THESE ACTIVITIES WITH SOME OF WHAT THE STATE MAY BE  
11 PLANNING. HOWEVER, WE ALSO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY WITH OUR  
12 INVESTMENTS WITH PATHWAY HOME TO SERVE ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES  
13 AND ALL OF OUR JURISDICTIONS AND ALL OF OUR UNINCORPORATED  
14 AREAS. AND WE'RE VERY MINDFUL OF THAT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE  
15 AND DO THAT SORT OF EQUITY LENS ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY. WE  
16 WILL BE SEEKING, AND I THINK DR. ADAMS KELLUM ALLUDED TO THAT,  
17 TO OUR ROLE IN SOME OF THESE SITUATIONS WHERE THERE'S MORE OF  
18 AN ENFORCEMENT APPROACH, WHERE THERE'S SHORTER NOTICE, IS TO  
19 DO WHAT WE CAN TO GET ADVANCED NOTICE OF THAT SO THAT TEAMS  
20 CAN GO ON SITE TO ENGAGE THOSE CLIENTS TO OFFER THEM RESOURCES  
21 TO SEE IF WE CAN BRING THEM INTO INTERIM HOUSING. BUT THE TYPE  
22 OF TIMELINE THAT THE STATE IS TALKING ABOUT MAKES IT VERY  
23 LIMITED FOR US TO DO THAT.

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25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** DO WE KNOW WHAT IT IS? I MEAN, I KNOW



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1 I 'VE SEEN THE EXECUTIVE ORDER AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN  
2 LIKE LITTLE BITS OF INFORMATION, BUT DO WE KNOW WHAT THE  
3 TIMELINE IS? BECAUSE I DON'T RECALL SEEING A SPECIFIC  
4 TIMELINE.

5

6 **CHERI TODOROFF:** YOU KNOW, UNDER THE NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER, IT  
7 ALLOWS TO 48-HOUR POSTING.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NO, I UNDERSTAND, BUT I MEAN, HAVE WE  
10 SEEN ANY POST? MY POINT BEING THAT THE EXECUTIVE ORDER CAME  
11 OUT, BUT TO MY RECOLLECTION, I HAVE NOT, AT LEAST ON THE NEWS  
12 ANYWAY, SEEN ANYTHING GOING ON STATE PROPERTY RIGHT NOW. SO, I  
13 GUESS THAT'S MY QUESTION. HAS THE STATE REACHED OUT TO LET US  
14 KNOW IN ADVANCE WHEN THEY'RE GOING TO BE DOING THIS SO THAT WE  
15 CAN WORK? OR HAVE WE REACHED OUT TO THE STATE TO ASK THEM IF  
16 THEY PLAN ON DOING ANY SO THAT WE CAN BE PROACTIVE?

17

18 **CHERI TODOROFF:** SO, WE HAVE, AND I'M GOING TO CHECK ALSO WITH  
19 THE SHERIFF AND DR. ADAMS KELLUM AS WELL. WE HAVE HAD ONGOING  
20 COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE STATE. WE HAVE BEEN PARTNERING IN THIS  
21 BODY OF WORK FOR A WHILE. WE ARE STILL ASSESSING THE SHIFT  
22 HERE BECAUSE NOW WE'RE NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT CALTRANS, WE'RE  
23 TALKING ABOUT OTHER STATE PROPERTIES WHERE WE HAVE TO BUILD  
24 THOSE TYPES OF RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATION CHANNELS WITH  
25 THE OTHER STATE DEPARTMENTS THAT NOW MAY BE IMPACTED. THERE





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1 HAVE BEEN CALTRANS OPERATIONS GOING ON ALREADY, AND WE DO GET  
2 NOTICE OF SOME OF THOSE, AND WE DO SEEK TO SUPPORT THE CLIENTS  
3 WHEN WE'RE ABLE TO. I HAVE NOT HEARD YET OF AN INCREASE IN  
4 THOSE OR HAVE WITNESSED THAT YET. I WANT TO CHECK IF ANYBODY  
5 ELSE HAS.

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7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY, I MEAN, I GUESS IT SHOULD NOT COME  
8 AS A SURPRISE TO ANYBODY ON THIS BOARD THAT CALTRANS IS GONNA  
9 BE INVOLVED IN ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP BECAUSE OF THE FIRE THAT  
10 OCCURRED DURING THE HOLIDAYS. SO, WE KNEW THAT THE STATE HAD  
11 BEEN IMPACTED AND IT IMPACTED OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM. SO, I THINK  
12 THAT THE EXECUTIVE ORDER IS GOING TO GO BEYOND JUST UNDER THE  
13 FREEWAYS BECAUSE I THINK THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD MENTIONED THAT  
14 CALTRANS BE MORE PROACTIVE ON ENCAMPMENTS AS IT RELATES TO THE  
15 PROXIMITY TO MAJOR THOROUGHFARES HIGHWAYS. YOU CAN SAY  
16 SOMETHING SHERIFF.

17

18 **ROBERT LUNA:** NO, JUST THAT IN MY COMMUNICATIONS WITH SHANDRY,  
19 THE COMMISSIONER WHO I FIND TO BE AN EXCELLENT PARTNER WE'RE  
20 STILL TRYING TO WORK THROUGH A LOT OF THESE DETAILS OF WHEN  
21 HOW THIS WILL OCCUR AND HE ASSURED ME THAT WE WOULD ENHANCE  
22 OUR COMMUNICATION AT LEAST FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO LAW  
23 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SO I'M HOPING THAT MAYBE AS WE SET MEETINGS  
24 FORWARD WE INCLUDE OTHER PARTNERS THERE WHICH INCLUDES THE  
25 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CALTRANS.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** GREAT. THANK YOU FOR THAT. SO, IN  
3 CLOSING, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO SHERIFF LUNA, CHERIE  
4 TODOROFF, DR. ADAMS KELLUM, AND DR. FERRER, DR. WONG, AND  
5 CAPTAIN DIEDRICH FOR GIVING THE PRESENTATION TODAY. MY  
6 POSITION HAS AND CONTINUES TO BE THAT I DO NOT BELIEVE THE  
7 CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESSNESS IS THE RIGHT PATH. QUITE  
8 FRANKLY, I FIND IT ALMOST LUDICROUS TO THINK THAT WE'RE GOING  
9 TO ISSUE \$250 TICKETS TO INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE UNHOUSED WHO ARE  
10 THEN GOING TO GET ANOTHER TICKET AND THEN ANOTHER TICKET AND  
11 THEN HAVE A WARRANT AFTER THEIR ARREST. AND FOR WHAT? FOR  
12 WHAT? IT IS COUNTERINTUITIVE AND QUITE FRANKLY, IS NOT THE WAY  
13 WE ARE GOING TO ADDRESS WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR STREETS. I  
14 SUPPORT THE COUNTY APPROACH THAT IS FOCUSED SO HEAVILY ON  
15 COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH PAIRED WITH EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS. THANKS  
16 TO THIS BOARD, OUR NUMEROUS STAFF AND STAKEHOLDERS ACROSS THE  
17 L.A. REGION, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS DEVELOPED, AS YOU'VE HEARD  
18 CAPTAIN DIEDRICH MENTION, SOME OF THE BEST PRACTICES WHEN  
19 ADDRESSING ENCAMPMENTS, ESPECIALLY OUR PATHWAY HOME ENCAMPMENT  
20 RESOLUTION PARTNERSHIP WITH CITIES TO BRING UNSHELTERED PEOPLE  
21 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS INDOORS. I REALLY WANT TO ELEVATE  
22 AND EMPHASIZE THE WORK THAT PATHWAY HOME HAS DONE SINCE IT'S  
23 ALREADY HAD A MAJOR IMPACT IN MY DISTRICT. TO DATE, THERE HAVE  
24 BEEN SEVERAL PATHWAY HOME ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS IN MY  
25 DISTRICT. IN EARLY JUNE, THERE WAS A JOINT OPERATION BETWEEN



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1 THE COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF MONROVIA AND DUARTE. THANKS TO  
2 THAT OPERATION, 30 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WERE  
3 HOUSED AND SEVERAL ENCAMPMENTS WERE CLEARED COMPLETELY. JUST A  
4 WEEK AGO, CEO HI HELPED LEAD A SUCCESSFUL PATHWAY HOME  
5 OPERATION IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY BY PARTNERING WITH THE CITY  
6 OF PALMDALE WHERE IT WAS A SWELTERING 110 DEGREES. THE  
7 PALMDALE OPERATION HAS BEEN THE LARGEST PATHWAY HOME TO DATE  
8 AND SUCCESSFULLY BROUGHT OVER 60 INDIVIDUALS INDOORS WHILE  
9 REMOVING DOZENS OF RVS OFF PRIVATE PARCELS IN THE DESERT.  
10 THESE OPERATIONS HAVE TRULY MADE A BELIEVER IN THE POWER OF  
11 COLLABORATION. NEITHER WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE  
12 STRONG PARTNERSHIP OF OUR CEO, HI TEAM, WHICH HAS REALLY  
13 DEVELOPED AND STRENGTHENED A RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL  
14 MUNICIPALITIES. THIS PARTNERSHIP ONLY WORKS BECAUSE OF THE WAY  
15 WE APPROACH AND WORK WITH OUR CITIES. AS MY FRIEND MAYOR BASS  
16 WOULD SAY, WE TRULY ARE LOCKING ARMS TOGETHER. WHERE THE  
17 COUNTY SHOULD NOT BE THE ONE DICTATING LOCAL PRIORITIES OR  
18 TELLING CITIES HOW TO ADDRESS THEIR HOMELESS POPULATIONS.  
19 INSTEAD, WE CAN BE A GOOD PARTNER AND SUPPORT LOCALIZED  
20 EFFORTS WITH THE NECESSARY RESOURCES AND COUNTY SERVICES.  
21 SHERIFF LUNA, I TRULY APPRECIATE YOU BEING PART OF THE  
22 DISCUSSION TODAY. LASD HAS A WONDERFUL PROGRAM OF KEEP TALKING  
23 ABOUT HOST. WE'RE HIGHLY SPECIALIZED AND TRAINED DEPUTIES WORK  
24 ALONGSIDE LOSS OF OUTREACH TEAMS WHO BY THE WAY ARE EQUALLY AS  
25 AMAZING. AND I THINK CAPTAIN DIEDERICH WOULD SAY THAT THEIR



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1 HEART AND THEIR PASSION FOR WHAT THEY'RE DOING REFLECTS IN THE  
2 SUCCESS STORIES AND THE EMPATHY THAT'S SHOWN BY BOTH THE LAW  
3 ENFORCEMENT AS WELL AS THE LOSS OF TEAMS, REALLY IS WHY THIS  
4 PROGRAM IS A SUCCESS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE  
5 OUTREACH CONDUCTED BY THESE TEAMS IS DONE OVER A PERIOD OF  
6 WEEKS, TO YOUR POINT, CHERI, IN TERMS OF THE TURNAROUND THAT  
7 THE STATE'S TALKING ABOUT, AND SOMETIMES EVEN MONTHS. STAFF  
8 ARE ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS TO BUILD TRUST, SOMETHING THAT  
9 MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE LOST BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN  
10 CYCLED IN AND OUT, IN AND OUT, OFF THE STREET. AND WHEN THEY  
11 HAVE TO GO BACK OUT ONTO THE STREET, IT'S LIKE STARTING OVER.  
12 AND SO, TRUST IS A PRIORITY. ENFORCEMENT IS A LAST RESORT THAT  
13 IS USED WHEN NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY  
14 HEALTH. IT IS ALSO DONE WITH PLENTY OF LEAD TIME SO THAT  
15 INDIVIDUALS KNOW IN ADVANCE. I'D ALSO LIKE TO BRING UP THE  
16 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS, AND CHERI, THANK YOU FOR  
17 BRINGING THAT UP, A BODY CREATED OUT OF THE BLUE RIBBON  
18 COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS, WHICH I HELPED LAUNCH. AS THE  
19 CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE, I FELT IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO TAKE UP  
20 GRANTS PASS ITEM ON FRIDAY, THE JULY 26TH MEETING. WE HEARD  
21 FEEDBACK FROM OUR SMALL CITY REPRESENTATIVES AND VICE CHAIR  
22 NITHYA RAMAN'S OFFICE, THE CONSENSUS WAS CLEAR. ADDRESSING  
23 HOMELESSNESS REGIONALLY WOULD BE FAR MORE EFFECTIVE THAN  
24 ADDRESSING EACH JURISDICTION INDIVIDUALLY. IT WAS OUT OF THIS  
25 DISCUSSION SURROUNDING REGIONAL COLLABORATION THAT THE



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1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGREED TO REFER BACK A GOOD NEIGHBOR  
2 PLEDGE TO THE COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT. THIS PLEDGE EMPHASIZES A  
3 COLLABORATIVE APPROACH AND ASKS EACH CITY TO COMMIT TO NOT  
4 PUSHING THEIR HOMELESS POPULATIONS INTO NEIGHBORING  
5 JURISDICTIONS. ADDITIONALLY, OUR PARTNERS AT THE CITY OF L.A.  
6 BROUGHT FORWARD AN IDEA WHICH CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE REGIONAL  
7 COLLABORATION TO ADDRESS EMERGENCY SHELTER, WHICH IS  
8 ESPECIALLY IN NEED DURING THE SEVERE WEATHER WE ARE  
9 EXPERIENCING. IT'S NO LONGER JUST COLD WEATHER EMERGENCY  
10 SHELTERS. WE NEED YEAR-ROUND BECAUSE WHEN I TALK ABOUT THE  
11 ANTELOPE VALLEY BEING 110 DEGREES, PEOPLE ARE DYING AS A  
12 RESULT OF THAT. AS A BOARD, WE APPROVE THESE ITEMS AND AS A  
13 BOARD AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WE APPROVE THESE ITEMS. I'M  
14 LOOKING FORWARD TO ADVANCING THESE IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE  
15 THE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS INCREASE THE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS  
16 BETWEEN CITIES AND THE COUNTY. FINALLY, GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S  
17 EXECUTIVE ORDER, WHICH EMPHASIZES URGENCY AND SHOWS A  
18 COMMITMENT FROM THE STATE TO MOBILIZE ITS RESOURCES AND  
19 FUNDING TO SUPPORT LOCAL JURISDICTION IN ADDRESSING THE  
20 ENCAMPMENTS, IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE ALREADY DOING. I BELIEVE  
21 THAT WE ALL SUPPORT THE ISSUES NOW. THE QUESTION IS EXECUTION.  
22 SO, TO ME, THE EXECUTIVE ORDER WAS SOMETHING THAT IS KIND OF  
23 LIKE A WE'RE ALREADY DOING THIS AND MAYBE WE NEED TO BE BETTER  
24 ARTICULATING THINGS LIKE WHAT WE DO IN PALMDALE OR WHAT WE DID  
25 WHAT MAYOR BASS DID ALONG FOREST LAWN WHERE WE ACTUALLY HOUSED



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1 INDIVIDUALS AND THEN LOOK AT THE NUMBERS. I HAVE TO SAY THAT I  
2 GOT AN EMAIL FROM OUR VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE. DIRECTOR ZENER  
3 SAID THAT IN L.A. COUNTY, 23% DECREASE OF VA'S THAT ARE  
4 HOMELESS. CITY OF L.A., 32% DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VETERANS  
5 ON THE STREET. THE GREATER L.A. VETERAN CATCHMENT AREA, 21%  
6 DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VETERANS ON THE STREET. SO, AND THAT  
7 CAME FROM COLLABORATION, THAT CAME FROM WORKING WITH CALVET,  
8 WITH LAHSA, WITH THE COUNTY, PUTTING ALL TOGETHER TO FIGURE  
9 OUT HOW WE ARE GONNA DO THE OUTREACH. OTHER COUNTIES, WHICH I  
10 WON'T MENTION, HAVE SEEN INCREASES IN THE NUMBER OF VETERANS  
11 ON THE STREET. AND I WILL GUARANTEE YOU THOSE NUMBERS THAT ARE  
12 INCREASES ARE NOT BECAUSE WE PUSHED THEM INTO ANOTHER COUNTY.  
13 IT'S BECAUSE WE ACTUALLY WORKED, COLLABORATED, AND FOUND  
14 HOUSING FOR VETERANS SO THAT THEY WOULD ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO  
15 GET BACK ON THEIR FEET. THESE ARE THE TYPE OF STORIES WE NEED  
16 TO HIGHLIGHT, NOT TO BRAG, BUT TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE ARE,  
17 IN FACT, MOVING THE NEEDLE. LIKE WHAT YOU SAID, DR. WONG,  
18 ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DOING FOR THE GRAVELY DISABLED. WE ARE MOVING  
19 THE NEEDLE. AND IT MAY NOT APPEAR THAT WAY, BUT WE ARE. AND I,  
20 FOR ONE AM PROUD OF THAT. THERE ARE THOSE THAT FEEL IT'S NOT  
21 HAPPENING FAST ENOUGH, AND I HAVE A CITY THAT'S MADE SOME  
22 COMMENTS THAT I PROMISE YOU I'M WORKING CLOSELY BECAUSE FAST  
23 DOES NOT ALWAYS MEAN SUCCESS. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE IT STICKS.  
24 WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE PUT IN THE INVESTMENT FOR LONG-  
25 TERM SUCCESS VERSUS IMMEDIATE GRATIFICATION. IN CLOSING, I



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1 BELIEVE THE PURPOSE OF THESE DISCOURSES AROUND GRANTS PASSED  
2 AND HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO FIND A COMMON  
3 GOOD AND BUILD A BEST PRACTICES CONSENSUS BETWEEN THE COUNTY  
4 AND OUR 88 CITIES SO WE CAN BE IN ALIGNMENT ON HOW WE ADDRESS  
5 ENCAMPMENTS. THIS WAS THE INTENT BEHIND THE MOTION I BROUGHT  
6 IN WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT DOING THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON  
7 HOMELESSNESS, THAT COMMISSION BROUGHT IN REPRESENTATIVES FROM  
8 OUR CITIES SO THAT THEY COULD HAVE A VOICE IN DETERMINING HOW  
9 COUNTY RESOURCES ARE INVESTED TO HELP LOCAL JURISDICTIONS.  
10 SOMETHING THEY DID NOT FEEL WAS HAPPENING. THEY DIDN'T FEEL  
11 THEIR VOICE WAS BEING HEARD. AND THROUGH THIS COLLABORATION, I  
12 BELIEVE THE OUTCOME WILL BENEFIT THE ENTIRE COUNTY REGIONALLY.  
13 SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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17 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, AND THANKS TO ALL MY  
18 COLLEAGUES AND TO THE PANEL FOR ALL THE POINTS YOU'VE RAISED.  
19 I AGREE AND I AM NOT GOING TO BE REDUNDANT. IT JUST STRIKES ME  
20 AS I HEAR THE COMMENTS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE RAISED. I REFERENCED  
21 THIS AFRICAN PROVERB I THINK LAST TUESDAY. YOU WANT TO GO  
22 FAST, YOU GO ALONE. YOU WANNA GO FAR, WE GO TOGETHER. AND SO,  
23 COMMUNICATION FROM ONE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT SETTING A POLICY  
24 THAT ANOTHER LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO OPERATIONALIZE  
25 THROUGH EXECUTIVE ORDER OR PRESS RELEASE THIS IS NOT HELPFUL.



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1 THAT'S JUST NOT HELPFUL. AND AS YOU SAID YOU WONDER SINCE  
2 EVERYONE IS GIVEN EXAMPLES OF WHAT WE'RE DOING THAT'S WORKING  
3 IT'S LIKE WHAT WAS THE EXECUTIVE ORDER LIKE DIDN'T WERE WE  
4 SUPPOSED TO BE CARVED OUT? WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT US OR TO US?  
5 BECAUSE WE FEEL WE'RE DOING IT. AND SO COMMUNICATION, WE HEAR  
6 THAT IT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LEVEL AND SO WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT  
7 WHAT'S MISSING IN TERMS OF OUR ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE  
8 GOVERNOR, THE LEGISLATURE'S ON SUMMER RECESS, IT WAS EXECUTIVE  
9 ORDER SO IT WAS JUST THE GOVERNOR. WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW  
10 TO COMMUNICATE BETTER AND MORE ACCURATELY OR MORE TIMELY IN  
11 TERMS OF THE WORK WE'RE DOING AND THE SUCCESS WE'RE SEEING.  
12 BECAUSE AGAIN, POLICY SETTING THROUGH EXECUTIVE ORDER AND  
13 PRESS RELEASES ISN'T OFTEN HELPFUL WHEN IT'S ANOTHER LEVEL OF  
14 GOVERNMENT THAT'S GOT TO OPERATIONALIZE IT. LET ME THANK THE  
15 PANEL AND ALL OF THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT ARE BEHIND YOU THAT  
16 GET THE WORK DONE. I WANT TO INCLUDE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
17 BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME INVESTIGATIONS UNIT HAS BEEN ADDED TO  
18 THE HOST TEAM WHICH WAS IMPORTANT FOR ME IN THE RV ENCAMPMENT  
19 REMOVAL PROCESS. LET ME JUST START BY SAYING, LET ME MAKE AN  
20 AFFIRMATIVE STATEMENT. IT'S HOUSING THAT ENDS HOMELESSNESS,  
21 INTERIM, FIRST AND THEN PERMANENT. AND SO, DISPLACEMENT  
22 WITHOUT HOUSING OPTIONS IS NOT THE SOLUTION, NOR DOES IT HELP  
23 US ACTUALLY SOLVE FOR HOMELESSNESS. YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE THIS  
24 BOARD'S GOAL IS TO HOUSE AND TO HOUSE IN SETTINGS THAT  
25 ACTUALLY INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT PEOPLE STAY HOUSED.





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1 EVERYBODY IS SICK OF THIS HAMSTER WHEEL IN AND OUT, IT COSTS  
2 TAXPAYERS MORE MONEY, IT IS NOT HELPFUL. DR. ADAMS KELLUM,  
3 THANK YOU FOR RAISING THIS CHART, BECAUSE WHILE WE'VE ALL SAID  
4 ELOQUENTLY, YOU ALL HAVE SAID ELOQUENTLY THAT YOU DON'T  
5 BELIEVE IN INCARCERATING PEOPLE WHO ARE UNHOUSED, LET'S BE  
6 CLEAR ABOUT THE HISTORY OF GOVERNMENT CRIMINALIZING CERTAIN  
7 GROUPS OF PEOPLE AND WHERE THAT'S GOT US. I SAW A WRITER AT  
8 NACO MAYBE LAST SUMMER, HEATHER MCGEE IN HER BOOK, THE SUM OF  
9 US, WHERE SHE TALKS ABOUT THE ZERO-SUM GAME AND GIVES AN  
10 EXAMPLE OF A MUNICIPALITY THAT TO PREVENT BLACK AND BROWN  
11 PEOPLE FROM SWIMMING IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL POOL, THEY JUST  
12 EMPTY THE POOL. SO, EVERYBODY SUFFERED. AND SO, IF OUR THEORY  
13 IS TO CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS, WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT  
14 SUBPOPULATIONS ARE GOING TO SUFFER. AND ARE WE WILLING TO  
15 THROW THE ENTIRE BABY OUT WITH THE BATHWATER? AS OF NOW, IT IS  
16 NOT ILLEGAL TO BE BLACK, OR LATINA, OR POOR, OR TRANSITION AGE  
17 YOUTH, OR LGBTQ+, OR TO GO TO WORK EVERY DAY AND STILL NOT BE  
18 ABLE TO AFFORD THE RENT THAT STATUS IS NOT ILLEGAL AND SO TO  
19 THINK THAT WE ARE GOING TO SWEEP PEOPLE UP AND INCARCERATE  
20 THEM BECAUSE OF THEIR STATUS, I LOVE THE WAY YOU PUT IT,  
21 CHAIR. IT'S NOT ABOUT YOUR STATUS. IT'S ABOUT CRIMINAL  
22 ACTIVITY. AND THOSE STATUSES DOES NOT MAKE ONE A CRIMINAL. SO,  
23 WE WILL CONTINUE TO STAND BY OUR POSITION AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT  
24 WHAT WE ARE DOING IS WORKING. I HAVE TO SAY THAT I AM MORE  
25 HOPEFUL NOW THAN I HAVE BEEN IN MANY YEARS AS AN ELECTED



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1 OFFICIAL BECAUSE EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT IS WORKING IN  
2 UNISON. WE ALL UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM. THE PROBLEM HAS REACHED  
3 SUCH A CRESCENDO THAT NO LONGER COULD ONE PERSON SAY, OH,  
4 THAT'S SKID ROW, THAT'S NOT MY DISTRICT. SORRY, NOW SORRY. IT  
5 HAS REACHED SUCH A CRESCENDO THAT EVERYBODY IS LEANING IN. AND  
6 THAT IS A GOOD THING, BECAUSE WE'RE ALL LEANING IN, AND WE'RE  
7 ALL WORKING TO SOLVE FOR IT. SOMEBODY ASKED FOR SOME NUMBERS.  
8 I CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH OF MY COLLEAGUES. I'LL GIVE YOU THE RV  
9 ENCAMPMENT EXAMPLE. WE HEARD VERY LOUDLY WHEN WE BROUGHT THAT  
10 MOTION FORWARD THAT, YOU KNOW, HAD BEEN TRIED BEFORE AND  
11 PEOPLE JUST FOR WHATEVER REASON DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE WHO  
12 LIVED IN RVS WOULD SAY YES TO HOUSING. WELL, WE'RE JUST A FEW  
13 WEEKS AWAY FROM OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF LAUNCHING PATHWAY  
14 HOME AND WE'VE CONNECTED OVER 600 RESIDENTS TO INTERIM  
15 HOUSING, 100 TO PERMANENT HOUSING, AND HAVE REMOVED 400 RVS  
16 FROM THE STREETS OF L.A. COUNTY. THOSE ARE NOT NUMBERS TO NOT  
17 CELEBRATE. THAT'S REAL LIVES IMPACTED IN A YEAR AS HE'S  
18 TALKING ABOUT, WE'RE NOT GOING FAST ENOUGH. THAT WAS PRETTY  
19 FAST CONSIDERING ALL OF THE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT THAT HAD TO  
20 COME TOGETHER TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. SO, I BELIEVE WE HAVE TO  
21 CONTINUE THE MOMENTUM WE'VE CREATED WITH SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS  
22 LIKE PATHWAY HOME BECAUSE OUR SOLUTION IS WORKING. AND WE  
23 CONTINUE TO HEAR FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS  
24 ABOUT ENCAMPMENTS THAT BLOCK THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY, EGRESS,  
25 AND BRING HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS,



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1 PARENTS, BUSINESSES, AND OUR HOUSE RESIDENTS ACROSS THE  
2 COUNTY. AND SO, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE IT CLEAR  
3 THAT WE DO HAVE TO ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS WITHOUT PUNISHING OR  
4 CRIMINALIZE OUR UNHOUSED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS. YOU  
5 KNOW, WHEN I WAS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND REPRESENTED  
6 PORTIONS OF SKID ROW AND WHEN I REPRESENTED PORTIONS OF SKID  
7 ROW HERE, AND I WOULD WALK THAT COMMUNITY, AND WHEN I WALK  
8 UNHOUSED COMMUNITIES TODAY, I HAVE NEVER, AND I TOLD YOUR  
9 PREDECESSOR, MET SOMEONE FROM SOMEPLACE ELSE. THIS NOTION THAT  
10 PEOPLE COME HERE BECAUSE OF THE LARGESSE OF OUR SERVICES, I'VE  
11 JUST NEVER EXPERIENCED THAT. UNFORTUNATELY, FAR TOO OFTEN THEY  
12 ARE PEOPLE WHO GREW UP AND HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS A STONE'S THROW  
13 AWAY FROM WHERE THEY ARE IN-HOUSE. BECAUSE IF I'M GONNA BE IN-  
14 HOUSE, I'M GONNA STAY IN A COMMUNITY THAT I KNOW, THAT WHAT  
15 I'M FAMILIAR WITH. AND SO, THEY ARE OUR FAMILY FRIENDS AND  
16 RESIDENTS, AND FAMILY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, THAT WE HAVE A  
17 RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPORTING. AGAIN, THE SOLUTION IS HOUSING.  
18 I TOO WANT TO THANK THE SOUTH BAY COG FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN  
19 DRAFTING THE GOOD NEIGHBORS PLEDGE. I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT  
20 CONVERSATION THAT CITY GOVERNMENTS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE  
21 WITH EACH OTHER. I DID GET A CALL SEVERAL MONTHS AGO FROM A  
22 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WHO WAS CONCERNED ABOUT A HOME KEY SITE IN  
23 SAID CITY AND SAID, THERE'S SOME HOTELS ACROSS THE WAY. I  
24 SAID, WHERE? IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. OR ANOTHER CITY IN ANOTHER  
25 CITY? IT MIGHT BE BETTER SUITED FOR THERE. I SAID, THAT'S



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1 REALLY INTERESTING BECAUSE THE LAST CALL YOU MADE TO ME WAS TO  
2 GET RID OF THE RV ENCAMPMENT ALONG SAID STREET. AND IN FACT,  
3 THAT'S WHERE THE RESIDENTS OF THAT RV ENCAMPMENT ARE GONNA GO,  
4 INTO THE HOME KEY SITE. SO, WHAT IS IT? YOU WANT ME TO REMOVE  
5 THE RVS AND JUST SEND THEM SOMEPLACE ELSE, NOT YOUR CITY? HOW  
6 DOES THAT EVEN SOUND TO YOU? I HAVE TO SAY THAT I FELT REALLY  
7 GOOD WHEN I STRONGLY ENCOURAGED THAT COUNCIL MEMBER TO GO LOOK  
8 AT THAT SITE, THAT I WOULD ARGUE THAT THE NONPROFIT AGENCY  
9 THAT WAS GOING TO RUN THAT HOME KEY SITE WAS GOING TO RUN A  
10 BETTER OPERATION THAN THE MOTEL OWNER HAD FOR DECADES. AND  
11 WHEN THE COUNCIL MEMBER WENT AND SAW IT, HAD AN AHA MOMENT AND  
12 UNDERSTOOD THAT IT REALLY WAS AN ADDED VALUE TO THAT  
13 MUNICIPALITY. I APPRECIATE PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED. I APPRECIATE  
14 WE ALL HEAR FROM CONSTITUENTS, AND I'M GONNA ENCOURAGE US ALL  
15 TO CONTINUE TO LOCK ARMS TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS  
16 WORKING. WE'RE NOT ASKING PEOPLE TO HAVE FAITH IN SOMETHING  
17 THAT'S UNTESTED. IT'S BEEN TESTED, AND IT'S WORKING. COUPLE OF  
18 QUICK QUESTIONS FOR ME, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST TO MS. TODOROFF, AS  
19 YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOARD INCREASED RESOURCES FOR ENHANCED  
20 CLEANUPS IN THE CURRENT BUDGET. SO, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR  
21 OUR HOUSE CONSTITUENTS? WE TALK ABOUT PEOPLE HAVING  
22 EXPECTATIONS ABOUT HOW QUICKLY AN ISSUE WILL BE RESOLVED. AND  
23 SO WHEN WILL THEY START SEEING THE IMPACT OF THESE INCREASED  
24 RESOURCES IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES?  
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1 **CHERI TODOROFF:** YES, I WANNA THANK THE BOARD FOR SUPPORTING  
2 THE EXPANDED AND EXPEDITED CLEANUPS, SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS  
3 PROTOCOL CLEANUPS, SOMETIMES NON-DISPLACEMENT CLEANUPS. AND  
4 WITH THE START OF THE FISCAL YEAR, THAT EFFORT IS UNDERWAY.  
5 SO, THE WORK HERE, BASICALLY WHAT WE WILL HAVE IS THE ADDITION  
6 OF NEW TEAMS THAT WILL BE ABLE TO EXPEDITE AND INCREASE THE  
7 NUMBER OF CLEANUPS THAT ARE HAPPENING AT AND AROUND  
8 ENCAMPMENTS. IT WILL INCLUDE BOTH LASD HOST AND LAHSA HOPES  
9 TEAMS WHO WILL DO THAT WORK AND THE SUPPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO  
10 SUPPORT WITH THE CLEANUP EFFORTS. WE WILL ALSO HAVE ADDITIONAL  
11 PUBLIC WORKS TEAMS WHO WILL DO SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS  
12 FENCE REPAIRS AND GATE MAINTENANCE AT FLOOD CHANNELS. AND  
13 ALSO, THERE WILL BE COMPONENTS THAT WILL EXPAND THE WASTE  
14 COLLECTION OF ILLEGAL AND DUMPING HAZARDOUS WASTE, SO THAT  
15 WILL BE PART OF THE EFFORT, AS WELL AS DOING RV PUMPING  
16 SERVICES AT THE NON-DISPLACEMENT RV CLEANUPS. SO, WHAT THIS  
17 WILL MEAN FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE  
18 LIVING IN THESE ENCAMPMENTS, INCLUDING RV ENCAMPMENTS, IS THAT  
19 THEY WILL BE RECEIVING MORE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. THEY'LL BE  
20 RECEIVING MORE LINKAGES TO HOUSING AND TO RESOURCES, BUT ALSO  
21 WITHIN THOSE COMMUNITIES THERE WILL BE MUCH MORE THERE'LL BE  
22 MORE FREQUENT AND MORE CLEANUP OF THESE SITES TO HELP MAINTAIN  
23 THEM UNTIL WE'RE ABLE TO COME AND WORK WITH THOSE LOCATIONS TO  
24 DO LIKE A FULL ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION WITH THAT CONNECTION TO  
25 PERMANENT HOUSING. WE ARE SCALING UP NOW. THE SCALE UP AND THE



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1 FIRST NEW TEAM IS SCHEDULED TO ROLL OUT IN THE COMING WEEKS IN  
2 AUGUST WITH ALL OF THE TEAMS COMING ON BOARD SHORTLY  
3 THEREAFTER AND BEING COMPLETED WITH THE SCALE UP THROUGH THE  
4 FALL OF THIS YEAR.

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6 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE  
7 UNDERSTAND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT RESOLUTIONS, IT CAN BE 2  
8 ACTIONS. IT COULD BE CLEANUP, WHERE WE PROVIDE PUBLIC WORK  
9 SERVICES WHILE THE ENCAMPMENT IS STILL THERE, WHICH IS A LOT  
10 OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES THAT PEOPLE ELEVATE AND RAISE.  
11 AND THEN IT'S THE RESOLUTION, WHICH IS BASICALLY HOUSING. SO,  
12 I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO GO FAST, THAT'S NOT MY ASK, BUT I DO  
13 THINK IT'S FAIR, BECAUSE WE DO HEAR FROM CONSTITUENTS ABOUT  
14 LIKE WHEN. AND SO, YOU KNOW, WHAT WOULD ALLOW YOU TO PROVIDE  
15 GREATER CERTAINTY FOR THE SCHEDULE OF PATHWAY HOMES  
16 RESOLUTIONS? IF WE COULD SAY TO PEOPLE, THIS AREA IS GOING TO  
17 HAVE A RESOLUTION OR A CLEANUP THIS TIMEFRAME. PEOPLE, YOU  
18 KNOW, WE COULD SET AN EXPECTATION AS OPPOSED TO SAYING IT'S  
19 COMING, IT'S COMING, IT'S COMING. SO, WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR  
20 YOU TO BE ABLE TO HAVE GREATER RELIABILITY ON THE SCHEDULING?  
21 WE HAVE SET UP THE PATHWAY HOME MODEL WITH THE IDEA THAT WE  
22 WILL, ONCE WE SECURE THE INTERIM HOUSING SITE, SO THE MOTEL  
23 AND THE NONPROFIT HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDER, THAT THEY WILL BE  
24 ABLE TO OPERATE THAT SITE FOR POTENTIALLY, IT VARIES BY  
25 AGREEMENT, BUT IT COULD BE UP TO A COUPLE OF YEARS, AND THAT



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1 WE WOULD USE THAT SITE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME FOR MULTIPLE  
2 ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS, WITH ALWAYS A COMMITMENT TO THAT LOCAL  
3 CITY THAT WE WILL BE SUPPORTING THEM, NOT ONLY WITH  
4 ENCAMPMENTS IN THEIR CITY, BUT AS NEW PEOPLE BECOME HOMELESS  
5 IN THAT CITY TO HELP MAKE SURE THAT THAT CITY IS BEING SERVED  
6 BY THE PATHWAY HOME INTERIM HOUSING SITE IN THAT CITY. BUT AS  
7 WE'VE HAD SUCCESS WITHIN THAT CITY, THEN TO SUPPORT THE  
8 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES AS WELL. WHAT THIS REQUIRES IS THE  
9 ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO MOVE PEOPLE, HAVE THROUGHPUT AND MOVE  
10 PEOPLE INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. SO, OUR ABILITY TO INCREASE THE  
11 NUMBER OF ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS IS TIED TO OUR ABILITY TO  
12 MOVE PEOPLE INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. IF WE MOVE PEOPLE INTO  
13 INTERIM HOUSING AND THEY STAY THERE, WE WILL USE ALL OF OUR  
14 CAPACITY AND WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BRING MORE PEOPLE INSIDE.  
15 SO, WE ARE DOING A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT INNOVATIVE THINGS AS  
16 WELL AS THINGS THAT WE KNOW ALREADY WORK TO MOVE PEOPLE INTO  
17 PERMANENT HOUSING BUT WHAT WE REALLY NEED TO DO IS ALSO  
18 CONCURRENTLY AND AT A VERY HIGH SCALE BRING NEW LANDLORDS INTO  
19 THE PROGRAM. WE NEED TO DO AND WE'RE DOING LOTS OF MESSAGING.  
20 I DON'T WANT TO IMPLY THAT WE'RE NOT. LOTS OF OUTREACH, LOTS  
21 OF MESSAGING. WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE UNITS OUT THERE THAT  
22 COULD STILL BE AVAILABLE TO BRING PEOPLE INSIDE AND WE JUST  
23 NEED TO BRING MORE LANDLORDS IN THE PROGRAM AND WE NEED TO  
24 CONTINUE TO ELEVATE THAT IN EVERY POSSIBLE FORUM. AND WORK  
25 WITH OUR CITY PARTNERS AS WELL TO GET THAT MESSAGE TO THEIR



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1 PROPERTY OWNER COMMUNITIES AS WELL, THAT THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO  
2 BEING ABLE TO HAVE A SCALE, A VERY HIGH SCALE IMPACT ON  
3 ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION. SO I THINK THAT, AND OF COURSE, THE  
4 CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE KNOW THE RATE  
5 AT WHICH PEOPLE ARE FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS AND OUR ABILITY  
6 TO BRING THEM OUT OF HOMELESSNESS IS TIED TO THE AVAILABILITY  
7 OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH IS NOT ONLY TAPPING THE CURRENT  
8 RENTAL MARKET, BUT WE NEED TO SCALE AND DEVELOP NEW HOUSING AS  
9 WELL.

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11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT. I THINK THE TIMING  
12 ISSUE IS REALLY IMPORTANT. OUR CONSTITUENTS NEED TO  
13 UNDERSTAND, A MOTION PASSES ON TUESDAY DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE'RE  
14 GONNA SOLVE FOR THE PROBLEM BY FRIDAY. I THINK VOTERS NEED TO  
15 UNDERSTAND IF THEY, YOU KNOW, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF  
16 MEASURE H AND HHH AND I HOPE OF MEASURE A. AND THERE'S GONNA  
17 BE ONGOING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT TO SOLVE FOR A SYSTEMIC  
18 CRISIS THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT. THIS WAS DECADES IN THE  
19 MAKING, COMPLICATED BY A NUMBER OF FACTORS. EVERYTHING FROM  
20 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TO HOUSING COSTS, SHEER HOUSING COSTS,  
21 AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE US A MINUTE TO BUILD OUR WAY OUT OF IT.  
22 LAST QUESTION, TO COUNTY COUNSEL WE'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT THE  
23 DUMPING OR PUSHING AND WE SAW EVIDENCE OF THAT YOU KNOW ON  
24 VIDEO WHERE ONE MUNICIPALITY YOU KNOW LITERALLY DROPPED OFF AN  
25 UNHOUSED PERSON IN ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY. I'M SURE IT'S





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1 HAPPENING IN ALL OF OUR DISTRICTS. AND MY CONCERN IS  
2 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. AND SO, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CITIES  
3 HAVING CONCERN. WELL, WE HAVE TO STEP UP WHEN IT'S  
4 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES AND MAKING SURE THAT BECAUSE OF THE  
5 STANCE AND THE POSITION THE COUNTY HAS TAKEN, CITIES WHO ARE  
6 AFRAID DON'T HAVE BEDS, DON'T HAVE RESOURCES, DUMP INTO  
7 UNINCORPORATED. SO, IF YOU COULD TALK TO US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT  
8 WHAT TOOLS DO ANY OF OUR JURISDICTIONS HAVE IF WE HAVE THE  
9 DUMPING OR PUSHING OF HOUSELESS INDIVIDUALS INTO OTHER CITIES  
10 OR INTO UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES?

11

12 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** I'LL TAKE THAT REAL QUICK BECAUSE I'LL JUST  
13 REITERATE OR EXPAND A LITTLE BIT UPON WHAT ANA LAI INDICATED  
14 EARLIER WITH REGARDS TO TOOLS THAT JURISDICTIONS HAVE. THE  
15 BEST TOOL WOULD BE FOR JURISDICTIONS TO EXPLORE AS IT SOUNDS  
16 LIKE FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD THEY ARE DOING INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
17 AGREEMENTS AS POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS. I'VE HEARD FOLKS MENTION  
18 THE GOOD NEIGHBOR PLEDGE. THAT WOULD CLEARLY BE--

19

20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** HOW DOES THAT HELP US OR RESIDENTS IN  
21 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES? THAT'S GREAT, AND I APPLAUD THEM,  
22 BUT HOW.. SO HOW DO WE THEN GET THE SAME PLEDGE IN SUPPORT OF  
23 OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES?

24

25 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** WELL, I THINK WE NEED TO INSERT OURSELVES



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1 AS IT SOUNDS LIKE I'M HEARING WHAT THE SHERIFF INDICATED IN  
2 TERMS OF HAVING THOSE MEETINGS, HAVING THOSE DISCUSSIONS,  
3 THOSE CALLS WITH THE VARIOUS CITIES. I MEAN, WE NEED TO DO  
4 LIKEWISE. THE OTHER POTENTIAL TOOL, WHICH IS NOT A DESIRABLE  
5 TOOL, WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE LITIGATION. I MEAN, JURISDICTIONS CAN  
6 CLEARLY SUE ONE ANOTHER. THAT IS NOT EFFECTIVE. I DON'T THINK  
7 ANYONE THINKS THAT PUTTING MONEY TOWARDS LITIGATION IS  
8 HELPFUL. BUT THE EXPLORING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL BETWEEN  
9 JURISDICTIONS, WHETHER IT BE CITIES AND CITIES OR COUNTIES AND  
10 CITIES, SUCH AS THE GOOD NEIGHBOR PLEDGE AND HAVING THOSE TYPE  
11 OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WOULD BE THE BEST AVENUE AND  
12 THE BEST TOOL.

13

14 **ROBERT LUNA:** YES, JUST TO ADD TO THAT, IN THE MEETINGS THAT  
15 WE'VE HAD IN THE LAST WEEK WHICH DO INCLUDE THE INDEPENDENT  
16 L.A. COUNTY CHIEFS BECAUSE WE'VE ALL SEEN THOSE VIDEOS AND  
17 MORE TIMES THAN NOT IT INVOLVES THE POLICE. WE HAVE A  
18 GENTLEMAN AND LADIES AGREEMENT WITHIN ALL THE CHIEFS THAT WE  
19 WILL NOT DO THAT TO EACH OTHER. WE'LL CONTINUE THOSE  
20 CONVERSATIONS. A LOT OF THAT IS TYPICALLY THE PRESSURE FROM  
21 LOCAL COUNCILS TO THEIR POLICE DEPARTMENTS. SO SUPPORTED BY  
22 ADDITIONAL MEETINGS WITH THE MAJORITY OF THEM AND HAVING  
23 CONTRACT CITIES INVOLVED, WE HAVE TO CONTINUE THE  
24 COMMUNICATION BECAUSE IT IS UNACCEPTABLE FOR US TO PLAY WACOMO  
25 AND GO FROM CITY TO CITY. IT IS NOT HELPFUL TO ANY OF US. SO,



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1 I FEEL GOOD ABOUT WHERE WE'RE AT, BUT THE WORK DEFINITELY  
2 NEEDS TO CONTINUE.

3

4 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I ASK THE  
5 QUESTION BECAUSE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, WE, YOU KNOW, OF THE  
6 7,000 RV'S THAT ARE UNHOUSED, FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS  
7 ARE USING TO LIVE IN, 2,000 OF THEM ARE IN THE SECOND  
8 DISTRICT. AND IN AREAS THAT NEIGHBOR MUNICIPALITIES WHOSE  
9 PARKING POLICIES CREATED THE ZERO SUM GAME THAT LED PEOPLE TO  
10 MOVING INTO UNINCORPORATED. SO, THEY DIDN'T HELP US SOLVE FOR  
11 THE PROBLEM, THEY PUSHED THE PROBLEM INTO UNINCORPORATED. SO  
12 THAT'S WHY I'M CONTINUING TO RAISE IT. AND GLAD, SHERIFF, THAT  
13 YOU CONVENED THAT TABLE AND THAT YOU ARE THE ARBITER AND  
14 PROTECTOR OF UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. SO, THE CITIES DON'T  
15 THINK IT'S JUST CITY TO CITY, BUT IT'S UNINCORPORATED L.A.  
16 COUNTY. THAT'S A PART OF THAT CONVERSATION TOO. AND SO, THANK  
17 YOU TO SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR AGENDIZING THIS TODAY, BECAUSE IT'S  
18 NOT ONLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO HEAR, BUT FOR THE PUBLIC TO HEAR  
19 IT. I THINK EVERYONE HEARS THE TERM EXECUTIVE ORDER, AND THEY  
20 MAKE ASSUMPTIONS. AND WE'VE HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR THE EXECUTIVE  
21 ORDER RELATED TO STATE PROPERTIES. NOW IT DOES HAVE PERHAPS  
22 INTENDED OR UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES ON MUNICIPALITIES AND THE  
23 COUNTY. I SEE THE MAYOR OF L.A.'S LEADING HOUSING STAFF HERE.  
24 BUT LET'S BE REALLY CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THAT EXECUTIVE ORDER  
25 GOVERNED AND WHAT WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO AS THE ELECTED



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1 LEADERS OF THE 10,000,000 PEOPLE WHO CALL L.A. COUNTY HOME.  
2 SO, I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED COLLABORATIVE  
3 WORK, FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE ABLE TO HEAR FIRSTHAND WHAT IS  
4 HAPPENING RIGHT NOW EVERY DAY, WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE 2011, I  
5 THINK YOU SAID, SINCE THE HOST COMMITTEE WAS CREATED, AND THAT  
6 WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THIS HARD WORK EVERY DAY. THANK YOU,  
7 MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I DO WANT TO FIRST  
10 ACKNOWLEDGE LOURDES CASTRO, CHIEF OF HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS,  
11 OFFICE OF MAYOR BASS, WHO IS HERE TO ALSO PROVIDE SOME  
12 COMMENTS AT THE TOP OF PUBLIC COMMENT. AND WITH THAT,  
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO  
14 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL JENNIFER PEREZ, MARCEL RODARTE, BEA  
17 DIERINGER, ADAM SMITH, ALEX DOBBS, ALEX VIZOTSKY, ANN JOB,  
18 ATEN HAWK, BENTON OLIVER, BRIAN CALDERON TABATABAY, BROOKE  
19 WORKU, BYRON JOSE, CRAIG TAUBMAN, CHRISTINA CORTEZ, AND DEANNA  
20 PITTMAN, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

21

22 SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR WE'LL FIRST HEAR FROM CHIEF  
23 RAMIREZ AND THEN WE'LL GO TO SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE. LET'S MAKE  
24 SURE HER MIC IS ON, PLEASE. NOT YET. THIRD TIME'S A CHARM. CAN  
25 WE PLEASE TURN ON THE MIC FOR OUR SPEAKER? THERE WE GO.



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1 LOURDES CASTRO RAMIREZ: ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR  
2 AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M LOURDES CASTRO-  
3 RAMIREZ AND I SERVE AS THE CHIEF OF HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS  
4 FOR MAYOR KAREN BASS. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MAYOR BASS TO  
5 PROVIDE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS NUMBER 1 AND 2. MAYOR BASS  
6 EXPRESSES HER DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE STRONG PARTNERSHIP AND  
7 SHE KEENLY REMEMBERS ATTENDING THE BOARD MEETING SHORTLY AFTER  
8 SHE WAS SWORN IN IN 2022 AND ALSO OF COURSE PARTICIPATING IN A  
9 JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE THAT BEGAN OUR COLLABORATIVE  
10 RELATIONSHIP TO ADDRESS THIS HUMANITARIAN CRISIS THAT WE FACE  
11 TOGETHER. OVER THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF, THE CITY OF L.A. AND  
12 THE COUNTY HAVE CONSISTENTLY LOCKED ARMS TO CONFRONT THE  
13 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS WITH UNPRECEDENTED URGENCY AND  
14 COLLABORATION. TOGETHER, WE HIT A MILESTONE WHEN WE SAW A  
15 DECLINE IN HOMELESSNESS AND ALSO AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF  
16 PEOPLE ACCESSING PERMANENT HOUSING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY  
17 YEARS. WHILE THIS IS ENCOURAGING, WE KNOW THAT THOUSANDS OF  
18 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES CONTINUE TO SUFFER AND DIE ON OUR  
19 STREETS. AND NOW 2 ADDITIONAL FACTORS HAVE CONVERGED THAT  
20 REQUIRE US TO ACCELERATE OUR COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO HOUSE  
21 ANGELENOS AND PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES SO THAT PEOPLE  
22 ARE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION TO HOUSING THAT IS  
23 PERMANENT. FIRST, THE CLIMATE CRISIS HAS ACCELERATED EXTREME  
24 WEATHER CONDITIONS, POSING A SEVERE HEALTH AND SAFETY THREAT.  
25 L.A. CITY AND L.A. COUNTY HAVE A SYSTEM IN PLACE FOR WINTER



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1 RELATED EMERGENCIES. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT HAVE AN ADEQUATE  
2 SHELTER SYSTEM TO ADDRESS HEAT RELATED EMERGENCIES. THERE ARE  
3 JUST SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH COOLING STATIONS OR PLACES FOR UNHOUSED  
4 POPULATIONS TO SEEK RELIEF FROM THE HEAT WHICH CAN, AS WE ALL  
5 KNOW, HAVE A SERIOUS AND DANGEROUS IMPACT ON THEIR HEALTH. AND  
6 SECONDLY, THE GRANTS PASSED SUPREME COURT DECISION, WHICH WAS  
7 DISCUSSED TODAY. MANY OF US FEAR THIS DECISION CAN AND WILL BE  
8 USED AS AN EXCUSE TO CONTINUE THE FAILED POLICIES OF MOVING  
9 UNHOUSED ANGELENOS FROM BLOCK TO BLOCK, TICKETING, USING  
10 WARRANTS, AND POTENTIALLY JAIL TIME FOR FAILURE TO PAY.  
11 IRONICALLY, IF WE MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION, WE WILL FURTHER  
12 EXACERBATE HOMELESSNESS, MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR  
13 INDIVIDUALS TO QUALIFY FOR HOUSING. SOMETIMES A CRISIS  
14 REPRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY AND I'M HOPEFUL THAT CITIES IN OUR  
15 REGION WILL SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY AND CREATE A COLLABORATIVE  
16 REGIONAL APPROACH TO HOUSING L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS ACROSS CITY  
17 AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AS THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED, AT A  
18 GRANDER SCALE GIVEN THE SIZE OF THIS CRISIS. THIS WILL ENSURE  
19 A RENEWED SENSE OF URGENCY TO PROTECT RESIDENTS FROM EXTREME  
20 WEATHER CONDITIONS AND OFFER LONG-TERM HOUSING WITH SERVICES.  
21 TO RESPOND WITH URGENCY, WE MUST IDENTIFY PUBLICLY OWNED LAND  
22 AND QUICKLY PUT DIFFERENT TYPES OF INTERIM HOUSING IN PLACE.  
23 THE CITY AND THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY HAS RESPONDED IN THIS  
24 MANNER AND RESPONSE TO COVID WITH TINY HOMES IN THE BRIDGE  
25 HOME MODELS. OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, NEWER AND MUCH



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1 BETTER MODELS HAVE ALSO EMERGED. WE DEMONSTRATED TO THE PUBLIC  
2 WHAT MANY HAVE KNOWN FOR YEARS, THAT NO ONE WANTS TO LIVE ON  
3 THE STREET. WHEN HOUSING AND SERVICES ARE OFFERED, THE  
4 OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WILL LEAVE THEIR TENTS.

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

7 LOURDES CASTRO-RAMIREZ: AFTER BUILDING A SOLID COLLABORATION  
8 OVER THE LAST 2 YEARS, WE MUST CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THESE  
9 EFFORTS. I THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHAIR, AND I THANK ALL OF THE  
10 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I HOPE THAT WE CAN  
11 CONTINUE TO EXPAND ON THE SOLUTIONS THAT WE KNOW WORK.

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I KNOW THE  
14 MAYOR INTENDED TO BE HERE AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE IN HER  
15 ABSENCE. WE'LL NOW GO TO SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE. PLEASE,  
16 MODERATOR, GO AHEAD.

17

18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE  
19 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEMS SET MATTER 1 AND  
20 2, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW  
21 TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR MAY WE HAVE THE  
22 FIRST SPEAKER PLEASE?

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE  
25 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** GENEVIEVE, ARE YOU THERE? NEXT  
3 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

7

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

9

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
13 ATTENDEES. MY NAME IS PAUL AVILA, THE FOUNDER OF PAUL E'S  
14 PROJECT, WHO ASSISTS AND SUPPORTS THOSE EXPERIENCING  
15 HOMELESSNESS WITH OUR STREET AND FOOD OUTREACH. WE ARE A  
16 PROGRAM THAT IS TRULY BOOTS ON THE GROUND. I SUPPORT ITEM 2 TO  
17 DEVELOP A COUNTRY-WIDE STRATEGY FOR ADDRESSING ENCAMPMENTS  
18 AFTER GRANTS PASS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND  
19 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR COMING TO  
20 OUR 12TH ANNUAL GIVING BACK EVENT IN SKID ROW A FEW WEEKS AGO.  
21 MANY OF US HAVE BEEN CONCERNED AT THE SUPREME COURT RULING  
22 WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESSNESS. BEING  
23 HOMELESS, I'M SORRY, SHOULD NOT BE A CRIME AND WE APPRECIATE  
24 THIS BOARD STATING CLEARLY THAT WILL NOT USE THE COUNTY JAILS  
25 TO HOLD PEOPLE ARRESTED DUE TO ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-CAMPING





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1 ORDINANCES I AM ALSO GRATEFUL FOR THE COUNTY.

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

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

8

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

10

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. CAROLYN JORDAN, I CHAIR THE BRENTWOOD  
14 COMMUNITY COUNCIL. OUR COMMUNITY IS EXHAUSTED AND FRUSTRATED.  
15 WE'VE SEEN THE COUNTY'S "CARE FIRST" APPROACH DUE TO THE  
16 COUNTY SIDEWALK THAT SURROUNDS THE VA AND UNFORTUNATELY WHAT  
17 WE EXPERIENCE IS PROLONGED ENCAMPMENT. WE ASK YOU RE-EXAMINE  
18 AND PRIORITIZE IMPORTANT AREAS WE AREN'T SEEING SUCCESS IN. WE  
19 DON'T SEE ADEQUATE DELIVERY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OR DRUG  
20 REHABILITATION SERVICES. IT SEEMS YOU'RE TAKING TOO LONG IN  
21 IMPLEMENTING SB43. YOU DO NOT PROTECT THE PUBLIC SPACE AND OUR  
22 RESIDENTS FROM THE NEGATIVE RAMIFICATIONS OF PROLONGED  
23 ENCAMPMENTS. YOU DON'T CREATE ANY PROTECTED AREA INCLUDING THE  
24 AREA ADJACENT TO THE VA, WHICH OPERATES A SIGNIFICANT HOUSING  
25 SERVICE FOR HOMELESS VETS. WE'RE CONCERNED THAT YOU ARE



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1 IGNORING POTENTIAL TOOLS THAT WOULD PROTECT OUR PUBLIC SPACES.

2

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOE O'NEILL. PLEASE UNMUTE  
7 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS JOE O'NEILL. I'M A VOLUNTEER WITH, AND  
14 I SERVE ON THE BOARD OF THE SIDEWALK PROJECT AND ARTS AND HARM  
15 REDUCTION ORGANIZATION WORKING IN SKID ROW AND MACARTHUR PARK.  
16 I SUPPORT ITEM 2, THE DEVELOP A COUNTRY RIGHT STANDARD  
17 STRATEGY FOR ADDRESSING ENCAMPMENTS AFTER GRANTS PASS. MANY OF  
18 US WERE CONCERNED THAT THE DECISION WILL LEAD TO THE  
19 CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESSNESS. I SUPPORT THE CITY OR THE  
20 COUNTY NOT DOING THIS, NOT USING THIS COUNTY JAILS TO HOLD  
21 PEOPLE ARRESTED OR TICKETED FOR BEING HOMELESS. AND I'M  
22 GRATEFUL THAT THE COUNTY WILL LEAD THE EFFORT TO DECREASE THE  
23 DISPARATE IMPACTS OF ANTI-CAMPING ENFORCEMENT. WE NEED TO  
24 PRIORITIZE HOUSING AND SERVICES TO MOVE PEOPLE INDOORS TO END  
25 HOMELESSNESS THAT CANNOT WASTE RESOURCES ON ENFORCEMENT FOR



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1 THE SAKE OF ENFORCEMENT. I WANNA THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND  
2 SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION.

3

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

6

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

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ELISA CUELLO,  
11 MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR AT EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER,  
12 WHERE WE PROVIDE VITAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO THE MOST  
13 VULNERABLE AND MARGINALIZED POPULATION IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL  
14 VALLEY AND POMONA COMMUNITIES. I SUPPORT ITEM 2, WHICH AIMS TO  
15 DEVELOP A COUNTYWIDE STRATEGY TO ADDRESSING ENCAMPMENTS  
16 FOLLOWING THE GRANTS PASS INCIDENT. I WANT TO EXTEND MY  
17 GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR  
18 INTRODUCING THIS CRUCIAL MOTION AND RALLYING THE NECESSARY  
19 EFFORTS FOR THIS CALL TO ACTION. I AM ENCOURAGED THAT THE  
20 COUNTY HAS TAKEN A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN MITIGATING THE IMPACTS  
21 OF ENCAMPMENT ENFORCEMENT. SUCH ENFORCEMENT WILL INCREASE THE  
22 VULNERABILITY OF OUR HOMELESS POPULATION BY LIMITING ACCESS TO  
23 ESSENTIAL SERVICES, WORSENING UNSTABLE LIVING CONDITIONS, AND  
24 FOSTERING A PERVASIVE SENSE OF HOPELESSNESS THAT WILL AFFECT  
25 OUR COMMUNITIES. OUR DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE



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1 AMONG US AND THE URGENT NEED IS FOR A COUNTYWIDE STRATEGY THAT  
2 BRINGS TOGETHER REGIONAL PARTNERS IN A UNIFIED EFFORT TO  
3 ADDRESS AND ALLEVIATE HOMELESSNESS THROUGH EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS  
4 RATHER THAN SIMPLY DISPLACING THEM. THIS APPROACH WILL YIELD  
5 BETTER OUTCOMES FOR ALL OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

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

8

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS RYAN MARRONE. AND FIRST OFF, I WOULD  
13 LIKE TO FIRST SAY THAT I THINK THAT WE SHOULD GET MORE THAN A  
14 MINUTE. THERE'S BEEN PLENTY OF GOOD POINTS THAT HAVE BEEN CUT  
15 OFF. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO ITEM 2, I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT  
16 WE INVEST FIRST IN CARE AND CARE FOR SOLUTIONS GO STRAIGHT TO  
17 THE SOURCE. SO, TENANTS SHOULD BE PROTECTED, RENTS SHOULD BE  
18 STABILIZED, EVICTIONS SHOULD BE LIMITED, HOUSING ACCESS SHOULD  
19 BE INCREASED. ALSO, THERE SHOULD BE NO POLICE INVOLVEMENT,  
20 ESPECIALLY WITH THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THEY  
21 SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN ADDRESSING THE HOUSELESSNESS. IN  
22 TERMS OF HOUSING SOLUTIONS AGAIN CRIMINALIZATION IS NOT THE  
23 ANSWER ONLY HOUSING CAN HELP SO THE COUNTY MUST CLARIFY THAT  
24 JAILS SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TARGETING BY ANTI-  
25 CAMPING ORDINANCES. ALSO, WHILE I'M AT IT, I SUPPORT MEASURE



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1 A, AND AGAIN, NON-CARCERAL RESPONSES ARE NEEDED ALL AROUND FOR  
2 THIS SITUATION. THANK YOU.

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LEAH LAPAGE-CHAPELLE.

7 PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY  
8 BEGIN.

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10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LEILA  
11 CHAPPELLE AND I'M REPRESENTING THE COALITION TO ABOLISH LABOR  
12 AND TRAFFICKING IN LOS ANGELES. WE'RE ONE OF THE NATION'S  
13 OLDEST AND LARGEST SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR SURVIVORS OF SEX AND  
14 LABOR TRAFFICKING OF ALL DEMOGRAPHICS. I WANT TO THANK  
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HORVATH FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP MOTION. WHAT  
16 WE'VE LEARNED OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS OF SERVING SURVIVORS IS  
17 THAT CRIMINALIZATION OF SURVIVAL WORSENS OUR OVERALL PUBLIC  
18 HEALTH. THE SURVIVORS IN OUR CARE OFTEN CITE HOMELESSNESS AND  
19 CRIMINAL RECORDS AS BOTH A CAUSE AND A RESULT OF THEIR  
20 EXPLOITATION. HOMELESSNESS AND CRIMINAL RECORDS MAKE SOMEONE  
21 MORE VULNERABLE TO THE CONTROL OF A TRAFFICKER DUE TO LACK OF  
22 RESOURCES AND OFTEN SURVIVORS ARE FORCED TO COMMIT CRIMES BY  
23 THEIR TRAFFICKERS DURING THEIR EXPLOITATION AND RELY ON THEIR  
24 TRAFFICKERS FOR HOUSING, FINDING THEMSELVES HOMELESS AND WITH  
25 A CRIMINAL RECORD WHEN THEY ESCAPE. HAVING THOSE CRIMINAL



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1 RECORDS PREVENTS OUR CLIENTS BEING ABLE TO ACCESS SAFE HOUSING  
2 AS WELL AS EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND IMMIGRATION. CRIMINALIZING  
3 UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS WILL ONLY INCREASE HOMELESSNESS. WE  
4 REJECT THE CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESSNESS IN ALL WAYS AND  
5 ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO FOCUS ON STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE  
6 CAUSES SUCH AS INCREASED WAGES, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, LOW  
7 BARRIERS, AND OTHER TENANT PROTECTIONS AND LIABILITY ESSENTIAL  
8 HOUSING.

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS REMBOTO NUNEZ. PLEASE  
13 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS REM NUNEZ. I'M WITH ALMA FAMILY  
16 SERVICES AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO OVERSEE PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT  
17 UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND  
18 SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. CLEARLY THAT  
19 PAYING HOMELESS SHOULD NOT BE A CRIME. THE APPRECIATED SUPPORT  
20 IS CLEARLY STATING THAT IT WILL NOT USE THE COUNTY JAILS TO  
21 HOLD PEOPLE ARRESTED DUE TO ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-ENCAMPMENT  
22 ORDINANCES. I'M ALSO GRATEFUL THAT THE COUNTY WILL LEAD THE  
23 EFFORT TO DECREASE DESPAIR IMPACTS OF ANTI-ENCAMPING  
24 ENFORCEMENT. A REGIONAL STRATEGY IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT  
25 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE NOT SHUFFLED AROUND FROM



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1 PLACE TO PLACE. WE NEED TO PRIORITIZE HOUSING SERVICES TO MOVE  
2 PEOPLE INDOORS AND END HOMELESSNESS AND NOT WASTE RESOURCES ON  
3 ENFORCEMENT FOR THE SAKE OF ENFORCEMENT. THIS ONE IS FOR THE  
4 BEST RESULTS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS.  
5 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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

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12 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS GEORGIA BERKOVICH WITH THE MIDNIGHT  
13 MISSION WE SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S "CARE FIRST" APPROACH TO  
14 ADDRESS ENCAMPMENTS HUMANELY WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT  
15 CRIMINALIZING PEOPLE FOR THEIR LACK OF HOUSING IS NOT THE  
16 SOLUTION TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS. WE MUST APPROACH THIS ISSUE  
17 WITH COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING. WE CANNOT ARREST OUR WAY  
18 OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. THE MIDNIGHT MISSION HAS BEEN A BEACON OF  
19 HOPE FOR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS SINCE 1914. OUR SERVICES,  
20 INCLUDING 3 MEALS PER DAY, 24-7 HYGIENE CENTER, 12-STEP  
21 RECOVERY CRISIS AND FAMILY PROGRAMS, AND ART AND MUSIC  
22 PROGRAMS GO WAY BEYOND MEETING BASIC NEEDS. THEY ARE ABOUT  
23 BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND TRUST THROUGH PROGRESSIVE  
24 ENGAGEMENT, WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR PROVIDING EFFECTIVE  
25 SUPPORT. OUR APPROACH FOCUSES ON RELATIONSHIP BUILDING,



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1 ALLOWING PEOPLE TO CONNECT WITH THE SERVICES THEY NEED RATHER  
2 THAN FORCING THEM INTO SHELTER PROGRAMS THAT MIGHT NOT BE THE  
3 RIGHT FIT FOR THEM. YANKING PEOPLE OUT OF THE ONLY PLACE THEY  
4 HAVE CALLED HOME AND FEEL ANY SENSE OF COMMUNITY, BELONGING  
5 AND FAMILY IS TRAUMATIZING AND CAN RE-TRAUMATIZE PEOPLE AND  
6 DESTROY TRUST. THIS CAN DETER PEOPLE FROM SEEKING HELP IN THE  
7 FUTURE. WE URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THE MOTION TO MINIMIZE THE  
8 IMPACT OF THE GRANTS PASS. REALLY, WE CAN'T AFFORD IT --

9

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

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13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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

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18 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS BOBBI MEDINA AND I'M WITH  
19 LINK HOUSING. LINK HOUSING IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WHOSE  
20 MISSION IS TO BUILD COMMUNITIES AND STRENGTHEN NEIGHBORHOODS  
21 FOR PEOPLE UNDESERVED BY THE MARKETPLACE. I AM HERE TO EXPRESS  
22 MY SUPPORT FOR ITEM 2, WHICH ADVOCATES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
23 A COMPREHENSIVE COUNTYWIDE STRATEGY TO ADDRESS ENCAMPMENTS  
24 FOLLOWING THE GRANT'S PASS. I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY  
25 GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR





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1 INTRODUCING THIS CRUCIAL MOTION. MANY OF US HAVE EXPRESSED  
2 CONCERN THAT THE SUPREME COURT RULING MIGHT INADVERTENTLY  
3 CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS. IT IS VITAL TO RECOGNIZE THAT  
4 HOMELESSNESS ITSELF SHOULD NOT BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE. WE  
5 COMMEND THIS BOARD FOR AFFIRMING THAT THE COUNTY WILL NOT  
6 UTILIZE ITS SALES FOR INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED UNDER ANTI  
7 ENCAMPMENT ORDINANCES. FURTHERMORE, I APPRECIATE THE COUNTY'S  
8 COMMITMENT TO SPREAD HEARING EFFORTS TO MITIGATE THE DISPARATE  
9 IMPACTS OF ANTI AND COUNTY ENFORCEMENT. A REGIONAL STRATEGY IS  
10 ESSENTIAL TO PREVENT THE DISPLACEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS  
11 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND TO ENSURE THAT THEY'RE NOT  
12 MERELY RELOCATED FROM ONE TO ANOTHER. OUR FOCUS MIGHT SHIFT  
13 TOWARDS PRIORITY HOUSING --

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

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18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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

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23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. SEAN MORRIS, VICE  
24 PRESIDENT OF ADVOCACY WITH UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES OR  
25 THE SPOT3 LEAD. ON BEHALF OF OUR INTERIM CEO, HOWARD KAHN,



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1 UNION STATION SUPPORTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BALANCED COUNTY-  
2 WIDE STRATEGY FOR ADDRESSING ENCAMPMENTS. CRIMINALIZATION AND  
3 ENCAMPMENT REMOVAL ARE FEAR-BASED RESPONSES THAT REPRESENT  
4 UNKNOWN BAD PRACTICE AND SYSTEM OF HARM THAT ALSO  
5 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECT BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND OTHER PEOPLE  
6 OF COLOR. IT THWARTS AND FRUSTRATES SERVICE PROVIDERS ON THE  
7 FORWARD MOVEMENT TOWARD HOUSING THAT THE MAJORITY OF THOSE  
8 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE ENGAGED IN. WE APPRECIATE THE  
9 INTENTION TO NOT USE COUNTY JAILS FOR PEOPLE ARRESTED FOR  
10 ANTI-CAMPING ORDINANCES, CITING AND OR ARRESTING PEOPLE FOR  
11 THE VERY ACT OF HAVING NOWHERE ELSE TO GO ENTANGLES THEM IN A  
12 LEVEL OF JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT THAT ONLY ACTIVATES THE ISSUE AND  
13 CREATES ADDITIONAL BARRIERS TO GETTING OFF THE STREET. IT  
14 GROWS AND COMPLICATES HOMELESSNESS RATHER THAN REDUCING IT.  
15 REGIONAL STRATEGY IS CRUCIAL TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE  
16 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE NOT SHUFFLED FROM PLACE TO  
17 PLACE. THIS PERPETUATES HARM AND TRAUMA --

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

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21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW GO TO SPEAKERS IN  
22 PERSON. WELCOME TO CONTRACT CITIES. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIR HORVATH AND MADAM  
25 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARCEL RODARTE. I'M THE EXECUTIVE



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1 DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION. I WAS  
2 ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BIRCH. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS  
3 AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THE MOTIONS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT  
4 TODAY. I'M HERE TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF OUR 81 MEMBER CITIES,  
5 WHICH INCLUDE ALL 42 CITIES THAT CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
6 SERVICES FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE FULLY UNDERSTAND AND  
7 APPRECIATE THE COMPLEXITIES AROUND HOMELESSNESS CRISIS AND THE  
8 IMPORTANCE OF IDENTIFYING AND IMPLEMENTING SOLUTIONS WHICH  
9 INCLUDE HOUSING AND SERVICES. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THE NEED OF  
10 ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES TO DO THEIR PART IN PROVIDING RESOURCES  
11 TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. AS AN ASSOCIATION, WE WILL ENCOURAGE  
12 ALL OF OUR CITIES TO TAKE PART IN THE GOOD NEIGHBOR PLEDGE. AS  
13 CITIES BOLD THEIR OPTIONS TO CLEAR AND REMOVE ENCAMPMENTS, WE  
14 MUST EMPHASIZE THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF THOSE IMPACTED. WE MUST  
15 ALSO ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT TO DO ITS JOB WITHIN THE RULE OF  
16 LAW WITHOUT IMPEDIMENT. WE THANK THE BOARD FOR NOT IMPOSING  
17 UNNECESSARY RESTRICTIONS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT WHEN THEY ARE  
18 NEEDED TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE. WE ENCOURAGE A  
19 COLLABORATIVE APPROACH THAT INCLUDES INPUT AND COLLABORATION  
20 FROM ALL STAKEHOLDERS. WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

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

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24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR HORVATH AND BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS. I AM COUNCILMEMBER JENNIFER PEREZ FROM THE CITY



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1 OF NORWALK, AND I'M ALSO CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE PRESIDENT  
2 FOR CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES. LET ME BE CLEAR, WE ARE NOT  
3 LOOKING TO MAKE HOMELESSNESS ILLEGAL. IN FACT, THIS PAST WEEK,  
4 THE CITY OF NORWALK PARTNERED WITH THE HOST TEAM IN OUR  
5 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO FIND SOLUTIONS. HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE  
6 OCCASIONS WHERE LAW ENFORCEMENT NEEDS TO DO ITS JOB PROTECTING  
7 OUR RESIDENTS BY TAKING DANGEROUS WEAPONS, DRUGS AND OTHER  
8 HAZARDS OFF OUR STREETS. OUR NUMBER ONE GOAL IS TO PROVIDE  
9 HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS, BUT WE ALSO  
10 NEED TO PROTECT WHEN IT COMES TO ENFORCING THE LAW. THE CITY  
11 OF NORWALK RELIES ON THE LASD TO PATROL OUR STREETS AND TO  
12 KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE. THEY SHOULD NOT BE HAMPERED FROM  
13 ENFORCING JAILABLE OFFENSES. SIMPLY BEING HOMELESS IS NOT A  
14 CRIME. I DO NOT WANT TO SEE ANYONE ARRESTED FOR BEING  
15 HOMELESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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20 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. ALEX VASOTSKY FROM THE  
21 NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS. HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM  
22 2 ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIANCE, THE CENTER ON BUDGET AND POLICY  
23 PRIORITIES, CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, COMMUNITY  
24 SOLUTIONS, AND THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS, OUR  
25 ORGANIZATIONS HAVE WORKED WITH COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY.



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1 WE KNOW WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOES NOT. DESPITE L.A.'S HOMELESS  
2 CRISIS, WE'VE SEEN L.A. AS A HOTBED OF INNOVATION AND  
3 INTERVENTIONS DRIVING A RECORD NUMBER OF HOUSING PLACEMENTS,  
4 WHETHER IT'S PATHWAY HOME OR LAHSA'S EXCITING MASTER LEASING  
5 EFFORTS. THOSE EFFORTS ARE WHAT WILL DRIVE SUCCESS AND REDUCE  
6 HOMELESSNESS. WE ALSO KNOW WHAT DOES NOT WORK, AND THAT'S  
7 EFFORTS THAT CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS. DECADES OF EVIDENCE  
8 TELLS US ANTI-CAMPING EFFORTS ARE COSTLY WITHOUT PRODUCING ANY  
9 RESULTS AND PUSH PEOPLE FURTHER AWAY FROM HOUSING. NOTHING IS  
10 COSTLIER THAN PUTTING PEOPLE IN JAIL. NOTHING ADDS MORE  
11 BARRIERS TO FOLKS GETTING BACK INTO THE WORKFORCE, GETTING  
12 BACK INTO HOUSING, GETTING BACK ON THEIR FEET. WE KNOW THE  
13 PRESSURES HERE ARE STRONG, BUT AS LEADERS LOOKING TO THE  
14 FUTURE, WE URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO STAY THE COURSE IN MOVING  
15 TOWARDS A SYSTEM THAT WORKS.

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

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19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, BEA DERRINGER, PRESIDENT OF THE L.A.  
20 COUNTY DIVISION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, SPEAKING  
21 IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION AS AMENDED. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR  
22 HORVATH FOR THAT CLARIFYING AMENDMENT AND THANK YOU TO  
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR ACCEPTING IT. CLEARLY, NO ONE IS  
24 ADVOCATING THAT OUR UNHOUSED COMMUNITY MEMBERS BE HOUSED IN  
25 THE COUNTY JAIL. HOWEVER, CITIES ARE OVERWHELMED WITH



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1 HOMELESSNESS NEEDS AND THE PROLIFERATION OF ENCAMPMENTS IN  
2 THEIR COMMUNITIES. THEY DESPERATELY NEED THE COUNTY'S HELP TO  
3 INCREASE HOMELESS SHELTERS, SERVICES, AND OTHER RESOURCES TO  
4 MEET THEIR URGENT COMMUNITY NEEDS. THE LAST THING CITIES NEED  
5 IS FOR THE BOARD, WHICH COULD HAVE HAPPENED WITH THE PRIOR  
6 LANGUAGE, INTERPRETED AS AN OPEN INVITATION FOR ALL THE  
7 UNHOUSED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO COME TO L.A.  
8 COUNTY WITH THE PROVISION THAT THEY WILL NEVER GO TO THE  
9 COUNTY JAIL. SO, OUR CITIES ARE EAGER TO PARTNER WITH THE  
10 BOARD. PLEASE PROVIDE US THE ADDITIONAL RESOURCE.

11

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

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15 **SPEAKER:** HI, ADAM SMITH, L.A. COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK.  
16 REGARDLESS OF HOW THE MAN WITH THE GUN TALKS ABOUT THE GENTLE  
17 NATURE OF HIS OUTREACH, COPS HAVE NO BUSINESS IN TALKING ABOUT  
18 SOLUTIONS TO A HOUSING CRISIS. I REMEMBER WHEN THE HOST TEAM  
19 IN VENICE SENT MY HOUSELESS FRIEND MOHAMMED TO CHICAGO ON A  
20 BUS. IN THE WAKE OF THE GRANT'S PASS DECISION, GOVERNOR  
21 NEWSOM'S DIRECTIVE AND THE ONGOING RELIANCE L.A. CITY  
22 OFFICIALS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE SHOWN IN USING LAWS LIKE L.A.  
23 MUNICIPAL CODE 4118 TO DISCIPLINE POOR AND HOUSELESS FOLKS,  
24 WHETHER THAT IS A CITATION, ARREST, OR I WOULD ARGUE AS  
25 IMPORTANTLY THE IMMEASURABLE THREAT OF ENFORCEMENT THAT



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1 HAPPENS EVERY DAY IN SKID ROW AND ACROSS THE CITY THAT DOESN'T  
2 SHOW UP IN ANY DATA REPORTING. IT'S GOOD TO HEAR SUPERVISORS  
3 SPEAK AGAINST THE CRIMINALIZATION AS A SOLUTION TO THE HOUSING  
4 CRISIS, BUT WE KNOW WORDS TOO OFTEN DON'T LINE UP WITH WHAT  
5 FOLKS ARE EXPERIENCING ON THE GROUND. WHILE SOME PEOPLE MIGHT  
6 HAVE ENCAMPMENT FATIGUE, SUPERVISOR HAHN, MANY OTHERS OF US  
7 HAVE DEATHS OF HOUSELESS PEOPLE FATIGUE. L.A. COUNTY SHOULD  
8 CONTINUE TO PUSH A REGIONAL APPROACH TO ADDRESSING  
9 HOUSELESSNESS CRISIS. POLICING POVERTY IS NOT A SOLUTION.

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

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14 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I'M MS. LAVETTA LORRAINE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
15 SEE YOU TWO LADIES. YOU'RE ALWAYS GIVING ME A CARD. I GET TO  
16 YOU, YOU NEVER GET TO ME, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU. I'M  
17 GLAD THAT MAN'S BACK WITH ALL THOSE STARS BECAUSE SOMETIMES  
18 HOMELESSNESS IS SOMETHING THEY COME AGAINST. THEY ALWAYS SAY  
19 THEY'RE THERE FOR THE SOLUTION BUT DO YOU SEE IT THROUGH THEIR  
20 EYES OR YOU HEAR IT YOU HEAR FROM YOUR OFFICERS. HOMELESSNESS  
21 IS SOMETHING THAT'S GOING ON EVERY DAY. I AM FACING THAT A LOT  
22 OF PEOPLE ARE FACING THAT. THAT'S WHY I'M GOING THROUGH ONE  
23 RIGHT NOW THAT I WOULD LOVE TO TALK TO COUNCIL, THOSE 2  
24 COUNCIL LADIES, BECAUSE MITCHELL KEEPS IT REAL. SHE OLD SCHOOL  
25 LIKE ME, AND I LIKE THAT LADY IN THE MIDDLE. THE REST OF MY



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1 TALK TO Y'ALL, Y'ALL GAVE ME A CARD AND GAVE ME YOUR  
2 SECRETARY. I DON'T WANNA TALK TO YOUR SECRETARY, I WANNA TALK  
3 TO YOU. I'M OLD SCHOOL AND YOU WITH THE STARS, IT'S NICE TO BE  
4 DECORATED, BUT ALSO SEE IT THROUGH YOUR EYES, NOT WHAT THEY  
5 GIVE YOU ON PAPER, BECAUSE YOU CAN, I'VE SEEN A LOT OF YOUR  
6 DAMAGES, WHAT YOUR OFFICERS CAN DO.

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

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11 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS CRISTINA CORTES  
12 AND I'M HERE AS A MEMBER OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HOMELESS  
13 SERVICES COALITION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSING RESOURCES FOR  
14 SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, SEXUAL  
15 ASSAULT, AND STALKING WHO ARE ALSO EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS  
16 AS A RESULT OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. WE WANT TO THANK  
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HORVATH FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN THIS  
18 MOTION. AS SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND INTIMATE PARTNER  
19 VIOLENCE ACCOUNT FOR 53% OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS  
20 IN THE L.A. COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE. MANY SURVIVORS FEEL  
21 UNSAFE STAYING IN HOMELESS SHELTERS AND LOS ANGELES DOES NOT  
22 HAVE ENOUGH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING BEDS FOR  
23 THEM TO FEEL SAFE AND SECURE. PENALIZING INDIVIDUALS FOR  
24 EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS FORCES SURVIVORS TO  
25 DECIDE BETWEEN STAYING WITH THEIR ABUSER OR THE PERPETRATOR OR





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1 FACE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE AGREE WITH THE COUNTY'S  
2 "CARE FIRST"  
3 APPROACH TO A CAP MAN RESOLUTION AND ENCOURAGE THE BOAT OF  
4 SUPERVISORS TO ADDRESS ENCAMPNESS HUMANELY. THANK YOU.

5

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

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8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BRIAN CALDERON TABATABAYI  
9 AND I AM THE MAYOR OF WEST COVINA IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. I  
10 SUPPORT ITEM 2 TO DEVELOP A COUNTRY-WIDE STRATEGY OF  
11 ADDRESSING ENCAMPMENTS AFTER GRANTS PASS. I COME HERE TODAY AS  
12 A CANARY IN THE COAL MINE. MANY OF US HAVE BEEN CONCERNED THAT  
13 THE SUPREME COURT RULING WOULD LEAD TO THE CRIMINALIZATION OF  
14 HOMELESSNESS. WE UNDERSTOOD THAT CITIES LIKE MINE WOULD USE  
15 THIS RULING AS JUSTIFICATION TO REJECT HOUSING SOLUTIONS AND  
16 CONTINUE THE OTHERING AND EVENTUAL CRIMINALIZATION OF OUR  
17 UNSHELTERED RESIDENTS. ON JULY 2ND, DURING A 7 HOUR MEETING,  
18 OUR COUNCIL MAJORITY ACTIVELY WORKED TO REJECT A PATHWAY HOME  
19 PROJECT THAT WOULD HAVE BROUGHT 70 UNITS OF INTERIM HOUSING  
20 WITH FULL WRAPAROUND SERVICES LEADING TO PERMANENT HOUSING,  
21 THE GOLD STANDARD IN ADDRESSING OUR UNSHELTERED POPULATION.  
22 BEING HOMELESS SHOULD NOT BE A CRIME, AND WE APPRECIATE THIS  
23 BOARD STATING CLEARLY THAT IT WILL NOT USE THE COUNTY JAILS TO  
24 HOLD PEOPLE ARRESTING TO ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI CAMPING  
25 ORDINANCE. ALL OF US MUST BE CLEAR THAT WE HAVE ALL HAVE A



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1 RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE SHELTER TO OUR UNHOUSED RESIDENTS.

2 NO COMMUNITY SHOULD BE ABLE TO DENY A SHUT --

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

5 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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7 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ANN JOB AND I'M VERY HEARTENED. I'M JUST A

8 CONSTITUENT OF HORVATH. I'M VERY HEARTENED BY THE PANEL. I

9 LEARNED A LOT TODAY COMING AND HEARING YOU AND I FEEL LIKE IF

10 HOMELESSNESS CAN BE SOLVED AND IT CAN BE, YOU'RE THE ONES WHO

11 ARE GOING TO DO IT. AND I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE EDUCATION

12 YOU GAVE ME. THE SUPREME COURT HAS OF LATE MADE SOME VERY BAD

13 DECISIONS AND GRANTS PASS IS ONE OF THEM AND WE ARE NOT GOING

14 TO CRIMINALIZE BEING POOR OR BEING HOMELESS.

15

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

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18 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS ALEX DOBBS. I'M A CONSTITUENT FROM

19 DISTRICT 1 IN EAST L.A. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR

20 YOUR RESPONSE TO THE GRANT PASS DECISION TO AFFIRM A "CARE

21 FIRST" APPROACH AND TO NOT CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS. AND ALSO,

22 THANK YOU FOR THE FUNDING THAT YOU'RE PUTTING TOWARDS GETTING

23 PEOPLE HOUSED. I HAVE A NEIGHBOR WHO IS HOMELESS AND LIVING IN

24 A TENT FOR 2 TO 3 YEARS AND THROUGH A COUNTY FUNDED PROGRAM,

25 NOT PATHWAY HOME, ANOTHER ONE, WAS ABLE TO GET INTO INTERIM



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1 HOUSING AND THEN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. AND AT THE SAME  
2 TIME, I WANT TO JUST SHARE A CONCERN I HAVE THAT THE PATHWAY  
3 FOR THE PATHWAY HOME APPROACH TARGETING RVS AND TRAILERS YOU  
4 DON'T NEED TO PUT PEOPLE IN JAIL TO COMMUNICATE THAT HOW  
5 HOMELESSNESS IS CRIMINALIZED WHEN PEOPLE FEEL LIKE THEIR RVS  
6 AND THEIR TENTS ARE TARGETED TO BE DESTROYED. THAT  
7 COMMUNICATES THREAT AND THAT BEING HOMELESS IS STILL A CRIME.  
8 I KNOW A LOT OF NEIGHBORS WHO LIVE IN RV'S AND HAVE FELT  
9 THREATENED BY THE PATHWAY HOME NOTICES AND COMING HOME TO  
10 THREATEN TO TAKE AWAY THEIR HOME. FOR THEM, RVS IS AFFORDABLE  
11 HOUSING FOR THEM AND MORE --

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13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
14 WE'RE GONNA GO BACK TO SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE. MODERATOR,  
15 PLEASE GO AHEAD.

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL ANGEL MENDEZ, DIAMOND CRUZ, DONALD  
18 HARLAN, DR. CRITICAL TRUTHBAY, ELIAS KEFLEZKI, EMILY ZAMORA,  
19 JACQUELINE VILLALTA, JUZARA HOLLIDAY, JOANNA SWAN, JOSEPH  
20 BURNEY, JOSEPH W., JUSTIN MARKS, LARRY LEVIN, MARCUS CHOW,  
21 MAYA DANIELS, AND MR. PANCAKE, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF  
22 WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER,  
23 PLEASE?

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25 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS HELEN EGANBERG. PLEASE



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

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3 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS HELEN EGANBERG. I'M A MEMBER OF  
4 HANGOUT DO GOOD AND CELA AND I'M SPEAKING AS A PRIVATE  
5 CITIZEN. I LIVE IN SUPERVISORY DISTRICT NUMBER 3. I JUST WANT  
6 TO I'M SO GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SOLIS FOR THE  
7 QUICK ACTION AND RESPONSE TO GRANTS PASS. SO, I'LL BE QUICK. I  
8 APPRECIATE THE CONVERSATION TODAY AND SO I JUST ENCOURAGE ALL  
9 OF YOU TO VOTE UNANIMOUSLY ON YES ON ITEM NUMBER 2. THANK YOU  
10 FOR TIME AND LETTING ME SPEAK.

11

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

13

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

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17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, CEO  
18 OF ALMA, WHICH PROVIDES A RANGE OF SOCIAL SERVICES INCLUDING  
19 INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT AND HOUSING FOR OUR HOMELESS  
20 COMMUNITY MEMBERS. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND  
21 HORVATH FOR THIS MOTION. I STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM 2. WE  
22 APPRECIATE THIS BOARD'S CLEAR STANCE AGAINST USING COUNTY  
23 JAILS FOR ENFORCING ANTI-CAMPING ORDINANCES. INVESTING IN  
24 HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE RESOURCES RATHER THAN PUNITIVE MEASURES  
25 RESULTS IN LONG-TERM COST SAVINGS AND IS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE



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1 LIKELY TO ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS. MOREOVER, A  
2 CARE-FIRST APPROACH NOT ONLY SUPPORTS OUR HOMELESS COMMUNITY  
3 MEMBERS, BUT ALSO ALLOWS LAW ENFORCEMENT TO FOCUS ON THEIR  
4 PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES, ENHANCING OVERALL COMMUNITY SAFETY.  
5 WE NEED A REGIONAL STRATEGY THAT PRIORITIZES HOUSING AND  
6 SERVICES, RATHER THAN THESE USING LAW ENFORCEMENT, TIME AND  
7 ENERGY. WE RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS MOTION.  
8 THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KATIE HILL. PLEASE UNMUTE  
13 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M REPRESENTING HOPICS,  
16 THE LARGEST PROVIDER OF HOMELESS SERVICES IN SPOSTEX IN SOUTH  
17 L.A. IN THE WAKE OF THE DEVASTATING GRANTS PASS RULING, IT HAS  
18 BECOME EVEN MORE IMPORTANT FOR L.A. COUNTY TO LEAD THE COUNTRY  
19 IN SHOWING THAT HOMELESSNESS CANNOT BE SOLVED BY  
20 CRIMINALIZATION BUT BY PROVIDING THE HOUSING AND SERVICES  
21 NEEDED TO STABILIZE PEOPLE'S LIVES. HALFWAY HOME HAS  
22 DEMONSTRATED THAT THIS APPROACH IS WORKING. WE APPLAUD THE  
23 BOARD'S MOTION TO REAFFIRM THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO A CARE-  
24 FIRST APPROACH AND MOST IMPORTANTLY TO CLARIFY THAT THE COUNTY  
25 JAILS WILL NOT BE USED TO HOLD PEOPLE WHO ARE ARRESTED FOR



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1 SLEEPING ON THE STREETS. WITHOUT YOUR LEADERSHIP AND CLOSING  
2 OFF THAT OPTION, WE FEAR THAT MANY OF THE CITIES IN OUR COUNTY  
3 WILL RELY SOLELY ON INCREASED LAW ENFORCEMENT INCARCERATION  
4 AND PUNISHING PEOPLE FOR POVERTY AND MAKING IT EVEN HARDER TO  
5 ESCAPE. HISTORY HAS SHOWN US THAT THIS WILL BE FAR MORE COST-  
6 RELATED TAXPAYERS AND WILL IN FACT WORSEN THE HOMELESSNESS  
7 CRISIS. OUR SPOSTEX COMMUNITY HAS BEEN MORE PROFOUNDLY  
8 AFFECTED BY THE DEEP GENERATIONAL CONSEQUENCES OF MASS  
9 INCARCERATION THAN ANY OTHER AND WE CANNOT REPEAT THOSE  
10 MISTAKES. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SHOW THAT NO MATTER WHAT THE  
11 COURT OR THE GOVERNOR SAYS, L.A. COUNTY WILL NOT WAVER IN ITS  
12 COMMITMENT TO SOLVING HOMELESSNESS WHILE UPHOLDING HUMAN  
13 DIGNITY. THANK YOU.

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15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE. OUR NEXT  
16 PARTICIPANT IS ISHIZAKU VASHISHTHA. PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK  
17 DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** HI EVERYONE, MY NAME IS ISHIZAKU VASHISHTHA. I'M AN  
20 ATTORNEY AT INNER CITY LAW CENTER. THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER  
21 REPRESENTS A DANGER SHIFT BACK TO REGRESSIVE COSTLY AND  
22 DISCRIMINATORY APPROACHES THAT WERE TRIED BEFORE BUT FAILED.  
23 CRIMINALIZATION NOT ONLY FAILS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, IT MAKES  
24 IT MUCH WORSE. SWEEPS LEADS TO LOSS OF LONGINGS RANGING FROM  
25 LIFE-SAVING MEDICATION TO BATTLE DOCUMENTS, A LOSS OF WHICH



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1 MAKES IT HARDER FOR FOLKS TO GET STABLE HOUSING. WE KNOW WHAT  
2 WORKS, FUNDING FOR SAFE LONG-TERM HOUSING WITH EVIDENCE-BASED  
3 SERVICES, WHICH INCREASE PEOPLE'S CHANCES OF OBTAINING  
4 EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING. IN THIS REGARD, CITY'S HANDS HAVE  
5 NEVER BEEN TIED. THE CARCERAL APPROACH TO ADDRESSING  
6 HOUSELESSNESS IS A FAILED APPROACH. THIS INCLUDES TIME-PLACED  
7 MANNER RESTRICTIONS. THROUGH ENFORCEMENT OF L.A.'S ANTI-  
8 CAMPING ORDINANCE 4118, BETWEEN 2012 AND 2022, THE LAPD  
9 ARRESTED MORE THAN 36,000 UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS FOR  
10 VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, CARRYING A FINE OF UP TO \$2,500.  
11 THESE KINDS OF RESTRICTIONS ARE A COSTLY WAY TO DISPLACE  
12 PEOPLE AND FAIL TO GET THEM OUT. BEYOND THESE COMMON SENSE  
13 POLICY MOTIVATIONS, IT'S ESSENTIAL TO CONSIDER WHAT KIND OF  
14 COUNTY AND WORLD WE WANT TO LIVE IN. TO L.A. COUNTY, I KNOW  
15 IT'S JUST THE DRIVE THIS ONE TO DO MORE TO DO THE NEXT --

16

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

19

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HORVATH, FOR  
24 AFFIRMING LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO A CARE-FIRST  
25 APPROACH. IT IS UNCONSCIONABLE THAT PEOPLE BE CRIMINALIZED FOR



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1 NOT BEING ABLE TO AFFORD HOUSING AND YET IT IS ALREADY A DAILY  
2 REALITY. IT'S SIMPLE. HOUSING JUSTICE MEANS PROVIDING HOUSING.  
3 EVERYONE BENEFITS WHEN WE ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES AND PROVIDE  
4 PEOPLE WITH HOUSING AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, THEY NEED TO  
5 MOVE INTO PERMANENT HOMES RATHER THAN CRIMINALIZING POVERTY.  
6 BUT IF WE WANT TO KEEP ON HOUSE PEOPLE FROM FURTHER  
7 CRIMINALIZATION, WHY ARE WE INVOLVING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
8 AT ALL? THE SHERIFF'S JOB IS ARRESTING AND INCARCERATING  
9 PEOPLE. ADDITIONALLY, LASD'S NOTORIOUS CULTURE OF VIOLENCE AND  
10 CORRUPTION IS A DAILY THREAT TO COMMUNITY SAFETY. THE PEOPLE  
11 RESPONDING TO CRISIS CALLS SHOULD BE THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE  
12 FOR HOUSING AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE, NOT THE POLICE. THIS  
13 PROCESS SHOULD BE LED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS, HOUSING AGENCIES,  
14 AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS. I'M HIGHLY DISAPPOINTED  
15 TO HEAR YOU CALL ON THE QUOTE UNQUOTE EXPERTISE OF THE QUOTE  
16 ESTEEMED SHERIFF LUNA RATHER THAN THE THOUSANDS OF UNHOUSED  
17 PEOPLE, FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE, AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATES  
18 IN L.A. COUNTY WHO WE KNOW ARE THE ACTUAL EXPERTS. YOU THINK  
19 PEOPLE HAVE ENCAMPMENT VIEWS FROM YOU? --

20

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

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





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2 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARANIS WITH THE JUSTICE L.A.  
3 COALITION AND A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3. SPEAKING ON  
4 SOME OF THE COMMENTS I HEARD ON ITEMS 1 AND 2, I THINK IT'S  
5 ABSURD TO HEAR THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS A MODEL FOR  
6 KINDNESS AND COMPASSION OR ANYTHING THE SHERIFF HAS ANYTHING  
7 TO DO WITH AS KIND OR COMPASSIONATE. IF WE WANT TO KEEP  
8 UNHOUSE PEOPLE FROM FURTHER CRIMINALIZATION, WHY ARE WE  
9 INVOLVING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT ALL? FURTHERMORE, I  
10 THINK IT'S TOTALLY DISTURBING TO HEAR THAT THE SHERIFF'S  
11 DEPARTMENT CARES ABOUT FAMILY REUNIFICATION. WHAT ABOUT ALL OF  
12 THE INCARCERATED GIRLS AND TRANS YOUTH THAT THE BOARD PROMISED  
13 TO DECARCERATE IN 2021 AND REUNIFYING THEM WITH THEIR FAMILIES  
14 AND COMMUNITIES. IF YOU FORGOT, I KNOW THE 620 MESSAGES FROM  
15 ALL OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS WAS A REMINDER LAST NIGHT. AND IN THE  
16 PAST, YOU'VE HEARD FROM COUNTLESS CONSTITUENTS REGARDING THE  
17 DEATHS OF YOUTH AND OVERDOSE IN YOUR FACILITIES. JUST  
18 RECENTLY, YOU HEARD THE NEGLECT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING  
19 WITH JUST YOUTH PROGRAMMING ACCOUNTABILITY. --

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

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23 **SPEAKER:** WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO PUT SERVICES FIRST AND  
24 DISPARCERAGED NEVER. --

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TIA HISSELL. PLEASE UNMUTE  
2 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. THAT MAY BEGIN.

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4 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS TIA HISSELL AND I'M THE POLICY MANAGER  
5 FOR DON TOLLMAN CENTER CALLING IN TODAY AS A MEMBER OF THE  
6 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND POLICIES SERVICES COALITION IN SUPPORT  
7 OF HOUSING RESOURCES FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HUMAN  
8 TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL ASSAULT WHO ARE ALSO EXPERIENCING  
9 HOMELESSNESS AS A RESULT OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE. WE WANT TO  
10 THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HORVATH FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN  
11 THIS MOTION AND WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPLICATIONS OF GRANTS  
12 PASSED FOR SURVIVORS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WITH SURVIVORS  
13 MAKING UP 53% OF THE LACOC HOMELESS POPULATION, WE KNOW THAT  
14 THERE ARE NOT NEARLY ENOUGH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER BEDS TO  
15 SUPPORT EVERYONE WHO NEEDS HELP. AND WE KNOW THAT MANY  
16 SURVIVORS FEEL UNSAFE STAYING IN HOMELESS SHELTERS. PENALIZING  
17 INDIVIDUALS FOR EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS FORCES  
18 SURVIVORS TO DECIDE BETWEEN STAYING WITH THEIR ABUSER AND  
19 FACING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE KNOW THAT CRIMINALIZING  
20 SURVIVORS IS NOT A SOLUTION, AND WE URGE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS  
21 ENCAMPMENTS HUMANELY, UPHOLD THE "CARE FIRST" APPROACH, AND  
22 PASS THIS MOTION. WE HOPE TO CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE  
23 BOARD ON OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS. THANK YOU.

24

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



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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS ZEKE SANDILVO ON  
6 BEHALF OF PASS IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND  
7 HORVATH'S MOTION. AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST AND MOST  
8 IMPACTFUL HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS, WE WERE DEVASTATED BY  
9 THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION. EVEN BEFORE THE COURT RULED AND  
10 GRANTS PASSED, WE HAVE HAD TO RESPOND TO A WORRYING TREND OF  
11 CRIMINALIZATION IN MANY CITIES ACROSS THE STATE. EVERY TIME  
12 SOMEONE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IS SWEEPED OR JAILED, THE  
13 RELATIONSHIP OUR TEENS WORKED HARD TO BUILD IS ERASED. STUDY  
14 AFTER STUDY HAS CONFIRMED WHAT WE AS PROVIDERS KNOW TO BE  
15 TRUE. ENFORCEMENT MAKES HOMELESSNESS WORSE, NOT BETTER. LOS  
16 ANGELES COUNTY, THANKS TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS BOARD, IS  
17 PROVING THERE IS ANOTHER WAY. WE DO NOT HAVE TO ACCEPT THE  
18 STATUS QUO, NOR HARM THE PEOPLE WHO MOST NEED OUR HELP.  
19 PATHWAYS HOME AND OTHER COUNTY PROGRAMS ARE PROVING THAT WHEN  
20 WE TREAT PEOPLE WITH CARE AND FIND THEM HOUSING, THEY DO NOT  
21 RETURN TO HOMELESSNESS. SO, WE ENCOURAGE THE BOARD, OWN YOUR  
22 LEADERSHIP, SHOW CALIFORNIA AND THE NATION A BETTER WAY. PASS  
23 THIS MOTION TODAY, CONTINUE INVESTING IN THE SERVICES OF  
24 HOUSING WE NEED. THANK YOU.

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

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HELLO.

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8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** HELLO. ARE YOU THERE? SUZETTE?  
9 SUZETTE, UNMUTE YOUR LINE. OKAY, WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

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

13

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

15

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. IN 2020, CALIFORNIA GRANTED \$121,000,000 TO  
19 HOME KEY FUNDS TO SHANGRI-LA CONSTRUCTION AND THEY ACCUSED OF  
20 RUNNING A REAL ESTATE PONZI SCHEME. EXECUTIVES SPENT MILLIONS  
21 ON EXOTIC CARS, LUXURY VACATIONS, \$46,000, A HOME IN BEVERLY  
22 HILLS. WE NEED THE SUPERVISORS TO BE AUDITED BY THE FEDERAL  
23 GOVERNMENT. OKAY, THIS SHOULD NOT BE CRIMINALIZING PEOPLE WHO  
24 ARE HOMELESS. YOU GUYS, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PUT OUT AN  
25 EMAIL WELCOMING THE LEGAL ALIENS WHO ARE CROSSING INTO THIS



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1 COUNTRY TO COME TO L.A. COUNTY TO WORK. YOU'RE CAUSING  
2 HOMELESSNESS. WE WANT THE CONTROLLER TO BE AN ELECTED  
3 OFFICIAL. WE DON'T WANT HIM TO BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF  
4 SUPERVISORS BECAUSE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DID TELL US WHAT  
5 WE'RE GOING TO SPEND. OKAY YOU'RE USING OUR FUNDS AS YOUR  
6 CHECKING ACCOUNT. OKAY SO THAT'S THE PROBLEM IS THE MONEY.

7

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

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARY, PREFERRED NOT TO SAY.  
15 PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. PLEASE GO  
16 AHEAD.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M A COMMUNITY MEMBER. THANK YOU FOR GIVING US  
19 THE TIME TO SPEAK ON THIS. CRIMINALIZATION IS NOT THE ANSWER  
20 TO HOMELESSNESS. HOUSING IS THE ANSWER TO HOMELESSNESS. IF YOU  
21 USE A HOUSING FIRST APPROACH, PEOPLE WILL BE MORE ABLE TO  
22 STABILIZE THEMSELVES, GET THE HEALTH SERVICES THAT THEY NEED,  
23 AND BE ABLE TO SHOW UP FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR COMMUNITY. WE  
24 SHOULD FEEL LESS CONCERNED ABOUT THE COMFORT OF THE PEOPLE  
25 THAT ARE HOUSED AND MORE CONCERNED WITH MAKING SURE THAT



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1 EVERYONE IS HOUSED. YOU WOULDN'T SEE PEOPLE ON THE STREET IF  
2 WE WERE ENSURING AFFORDABLE AND ADEQUATE HOUSING AND WE AGREE  
3 WITH A "CARE FIRST" APPROACH. THANK YOU.

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

6

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

9

10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS BRICKSITE  
11 WURKU AND I AM HERE TODAY WITH STUDENTS DESERVE. I AM A MEMBER  
12 OF DISTRICT 2 UNDER THE REPRESENTATION OF HOLLY J. MITCHELL.  
13 I'M SPEAKING TODAY TO ADVOCATE FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL GIRLS  
14 AND GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH CURRENTLY INCARCERATED IN L.A.  
15 COUNTY YOUTH FACILITIES. THERE ARE UP TO 50 SUCH INDIVIDUAL IN  
16 THESE FACILITIES. WE WANT THE MEDIAN INVESTMENT OF  
17 \$140,000,000 IN YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. IT CURRENTLY COSTS  
18 \$800,000 TO INCARCERATE ONE YOUTH PER YEAR. THIS MEANS THAT  
19 THE COUNTY WILL SPEND \$40,000,000 OR MORE IN A YEAR.

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21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS ON HOMELESSNESS.  
22 THESE COMMENTS CAN COME UNDER GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE  
23 END OF THE MEETING.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** 50 GIRLS AND GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH. THIS IS A



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1 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT COULD BE BETTER INVESTED IN  
2 PROGRAMS TO POSITIVELY GUIDE AND PROVIDE RESOURCES TO CHANGE  
3 THE TRAJECTORY OF THESE YOUTH'S LIVES. THE BOARD OF  
4 SUPERVISORS MUST UPHOLD THEIR COMMITMENTS FOR JUSTICE AND  
5 CARE, ENSURING THAT EVERY YOUNG PERSON HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
6 THRIVE IN A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT. WE URGE YOU TO  
7 PRIORITIZE THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL GIRLS AND GENDER  
8 EXPANSIVE YOUTH FROM DETENTION. THE CLOSURE OF ABUSIVE  
9 FACILITIES AND THE INVESTMENT OF \$140,000,000 IN COMMUNITY-  
10 BASED --

11

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

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS  
15 DIAMOND CRUZ, AND I'M HERE WITH THE TRANSATLANTIC COALITION. I  
16 AM HERE TO ADDRESS THE URGENT ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS AND THE  
17 TROUBLED TRENDING OF USING JAILS AS AN ALTERNATIVE FOR  
18 HOUSING. THIS APPROACH IS NOT ONLY INEFFECTIVE BUT IT IS ALSO  
19 PERPETUAL, PERPETUATES A CYCLE OF TRAUMA AND INSTABILITY FOR  
20 OUR MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS. INSTEAD OF CRIMINALIZING  
21 HOMELESSNESS WE SHOULD INVEST IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND  
22 SUPPORT SERVICES THAT EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS TO REBUILD OUR  
23 LIVES. ADDITIONALLY, AS A FORMER INCARCERATED PERSON WITH 100  
24 DAYS OUT OF PRISON FROM A 10-YEAR SENTENCE, I STAND IN  
25 SOLIDARITY WITH THE YOUTH PEOPLE HERE TODAY ADVOCATING FOR OUR



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1 FREE YOUTH FROM THE ABUSIVE PRACTICES IN JUVENILE HALLS. OUR  
2 CHILDREN DESERVE COMPASSION, NOT PUNISHMENT. LET'S WORK  
3 TOGETHER TO CREATE A SYSTEM THAT SUPPORTS REHABILITATION AND  
4 GROWTH RATHER THAN INCARCERATION. THANK YOU.

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

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8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD BYRON JOSE. IT'S VERY TELLING  
9 THAT MEMBERS OF A BOARD THAT CLAIM TO BE ABOUT "CARE FIRST"  
10 CONTINUE TO RELEGATE A LOT OF THE ISSUE AROUND HOUSELESSNESS  
11 TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE BEST RESOURCE AND THE MOST  
12 FAILED DEPARTMENT IN THE WHOLE COUNTY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
13 WORKING WITH CERTAIN BOARD OFFICES TO ENSURE THAT THEIR  
14 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS ARE NOT JUST GOING TO THE SHERIFF'S  
15 DEPARTMENT ON TOP OF MOST OF THE BUDGET THAT THE CEOS ARE  
16 ALREADY GIVING TOWARDS CARE AND COORDINATION FOR TRANSGENDER  
17 EXPANSIVE COMMUNITIES, BUT SPECIFICALLY TO THE GIRLS AND  
18 GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH IN PROBATION CAMPS. IT TOOK OVER AN  
19 HOUR TO GET THE AGENDA READ THIS MORNING, AND NOW WE'RE  
20 BURYING PUBLIC COMMENT ON 6 AND 7 UNTIL THE END OF THIS  
21 MEETING. THE TRINIDAD COALITION WAS HERE THIS MORNING TO STAND  
22 WITH YOUTH WHO ARE HERE SPEAKING ON THE CONDITIONS THAT  
23 THEY'RE BEING FACED BY YOUR EMPLOYEES IN THE OPERATION  
24 DEPARTMENT. SO, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOUR OFFICE.  
25 NO CHARTER REFORM WITHOUT YOUTH JUSTICE. AND WHOEVER'S RUNNING





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1 PUBLIC COMMENT NEEDS TO GET IT TOGETHER BECAUSE THIS IS NOT  
2 ENGAGED IN THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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

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6 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS BENTON J. OLIVER. I'M A GRADUATE STUDENT  
7 AND RESEARCHER WITH THE FACULTY OF HEALTH AT YORK UNIVERSITY  
8 IN TORONTO, A GRADUATE AFFILIATE WITH CITY INSTITUTE FOR URBAN  
9 RESEARCH. AND I'M HERE TODAY IN PART OF A COLLABORATIVE  
10 RESEARCH PROJECT WITH THE SIDEWALK PROJECT L.A. TO SPEAK IN  
11 SUPPORT OF ITEM 2. WE'VE WATCHED PARIS PD VIOLENTLY EVICT  
12 THOSE LIVING OUTDOORS FROM THE ENCAMPMENTS THEY'VE CALLED HOME  
13 IN AN EFFORT TO CLEANSE THEIR OLYMPIC CITY FOR THE BILLION OF  
14 EYES THAT WILL HOLD THE CITY IN RELEVANCE FOR LITTLE TO NO  
15 MORE THAN 14 DAYS. MONTHS HAVE PASSED IN PARIS WITH ADVOCATES,  
16 RESEARCHERS, AND ORGANIZERS CALLING ATTENTION TO THE BLATANT  
17 DISPLACEMENT INVOLVED IN POLICING POLITICS, THEY USE THE  
18 THREAT OF VIOLENCE AND FORCE IN HANDLING SOME OF PARIS'S MOST  
19 VULNERABLE. INSTEAD OF LEARNING FROM THE MISTAKES OF PARIS PD,  
20 LAPD HAS INSTEAD PUT BOOTS ON THE GROUND IN PARIS TO BE  
21 MENTORED BY THE VIOLENCE AND TERROR THEY INFLICTED ON THE  
22 UNHOUSED. WE DON'T NEED TO INFER ON THE OUTCOMES OF THESE  
23 POLICIES AND RULINGS BECAUSE WE'VE WATCHED THEM UNFOLD AND  
24 CRUMBLE ON THE UNHOUSED TO CALL PARIS HOME. THE OLYMPICS ARE  
25 NOT FOR THIS CITY AND THEY ARE CERTAINLY NOT FOR THE PEOPLE



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1 THAT CALL LOS ANGELES HOME. THE ACCELERATED POLICEMEN AND  
2 DISPLACEMENT, BE IT IN FIGARO CORRIDOR OR SKID ROW,  
3 DEMONSTRATE THAT CLEARLY. HENCE, ITEM 2 IS VITAL IN ENSURING  
4 THE HEALTH, WELL-BEING, AND SURVIVAL OF L.A. --

5

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

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8 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ANGEL MENDEZ-FLORIS. I'M AN INTERN AT THE  
9 ACLU OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, A LAW STUDENT AT COLUMBIA LAW  
10 SCHOOL, AND A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY. I AM HERE TODAY IN  
11 SUPPORT OF ITEM 2 AND TO ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TAKE  
12 DECISIVE ACTION TO ENSURE THAT COUNTY JAILS ARE NOT USED TO  
13 HOLD UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PICKED UP BY THE POLICE AND  
14 FORCING ANTI-CAMPING ORDINANCES. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT L.A.  
15 COUNTY REAFFIRMS A COMMITMENT TO A HUMANE AND COMPASSIONATE  
16 APPROACH TOWARDS ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS. THE SOLUTION TO  
17 AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS IN L.A. IS NOT TO FILL THE JAILS  
18 BACK UP WITH UNHOUSED RESIDENTS. THIS WOULD ONLY TRANSFER THE  
19 ISSUES FROM OUR STREETS TO OUR JAILS AND CREATE A NEW CRISIS  
20 IN THE INSIDE. THE ACLU OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS TAKEN  
21 ACTION IN FEDERAL COURT TWICE IN THE LAST 2 YEARS TO ADDRESS  
22 THE ISSUES OF SEVERE WORK HOUSING AT THE INMATE RECEPTION  
23 CENTER FOR THE JAILS. THE COUNTY'S CURRENTLY OPERATING ON THE  
24 COURT ORDER THAT STRICTLY LIMITS THE TIME THAT INDIVIDUALS  
25 SPEND IN THE IRC, ENSURING THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT FORCED TO SLEEP



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1 ON THE FLOOR FOR DAYS AND CHANGE TO BENCHES.

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3 EVEN THOUGH THE SUPREME COURT HAS INDICATED THAT IT'S

4 PERMISSIBLE TO ATTACK OUR VULNERABLE --

5

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

7 SPEAKER.

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9 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JACKIE VIALTA WITH OPERATION

10 HEALTHY HEARTS, AN L.A. COUNTY MUTUAL AID ORGANIZATION WHO'S

11 BEEN FACILITATING HOMELESS RESOURCES SINCE 2012. I'M SPEAKING

12 IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 2 TO DEVELOP A COUNTY-WIDE STRATEGY FOR

13 ADDRESSING ENCAMPMENTS AFTER GRANTS PASS. THANK YOU TO

14 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND CHAIR HORVATH FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION

15 ENSURING THAT COUNTY JAILS WILL NOT BE USED TO HOLD PEOPLE

16 ARRESTED DUE TO THE ANTI CAMPING ORDINANCES. LACKING SAFE AND

17 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS ENOUGH OF A BURDEN. ADDITIONALLY I'D

18 LOVE TO SEE SAFE TENTING SITES DISCUSSED SIMILAR TO SAFE

19 PARKING WHERE THOSE AFFECTED BY ENCAMPMENT DISMANTLING COULD

20 BE TEMPORARILY YET SAFELY DISPLACED, POTENTIALLY ALLEVIATING

21 CONCERNS AND THE IMMEDIATE DEMAND FOR NEWLY VACATED BEDS.

22 LASTLY, WE NEED TO CONTINUE REINFORCING OUR TRAUMA-INFORMED

23 HOUSING FIRST CARE TEAMS, PROVIDE MORE CONSISTENT AND

24 COLLABORATIVE ON-SITE AND IN-PERSON SERVICES, AND CONTINUE

25 BUILDING A MORE EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN PROVIDERS, CASE



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1 MANAGERS, AND PARTICIPANTS. THANK YOU.

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

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5 **SPEAKER:** I'M MAYA WITH THE TRANSATINA COALITION. I SPOKE AT  
6 THE RALLY HELD OUTSIDE THIS BUILDING IN COLLABORATION WITH  
7 SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS AND YOUTH. THE BOARD MADE COMMITMENTS TO  
8 THE PUBLIC TO END THE INCARCERATION OF 50 YOUNG WOMEN AND  
9 GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH AND IMPLEMENT ALTERNATIVES TO  
10 INCARCERATION, TAKING ON A "CARE FIRST", JAIL'S LAST APPROACH.  
11 THE ATTENDANCE OF PROGRAMS THESE YOUNG GIRLS AND TGI FOLKS ARE  
12 MEANT TO HAVE TAKEN A PART OF HAVE BEEN LIED ABOUT AND  
13 SIGNATURES FORGED BY EMPLOYED MEMBERS OF THE FACILITIES TO  
14 MARK THEM AS RECEIVING HELP FOR RESOURCES WHEN THERE IS  
15 CONCRETE EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE NOT. IT IS ABHORRENT TO HEAR  
16 ABOUT THE OVER 3,000 SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMS THAT WERE GIVEN BY  
17 INCARCERATED YOUTH AND INCLUDED IN A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT  
18 AGAINST THE COUNTY'S JUVENILE FACILITIES AND FOSTER CARE  
19 PROGRAMS. AND THESE BEING ONLY THE ACCOUNTS THAT HAVE BEEN  
20 REPORTED AND DOCUMENTED --

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22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I THINK YOU'RE OFF TOPIC. WE'RE SPEAKING ON  
23 AGENDA ITEM 2.

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25 **SPEAKER:** WE ASK FOR THESE ABUSIVE AND CORROSIVE FACILITIES TO



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1 BE SHUT DOWN. WE ASK TO END THE INCARCERATION OF LOS ANGELES  
2 YOUTH. WE DEMAND THE \$140,000,000 THAT RESIDES IN THE HANDS OF  
3 THE L.A. COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO BE INVESTED.

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

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8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WHEN THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE  
9 TALKING ABOUT JUSTICE, INCARCERATION, AND HOMELESSNESS, IT'S  
10 RELATED. JUST LET THEM, GIVE THEM THEIR ONE MINUTE. OVERALL, I  
11 WANT TO FIRST SAY THANK YOU, HORVATH AND SOLIS, FOR ADVANCING  
12 SOMETHING IN THE REST OF THE BOARD CONCERNING THE STREAMLINING  
13 FOR HOMELESSNESS. SO, MS. KELLUM, SHE LEFT, BUT YOU GAVE LAHSA  
14 THE DUTY TO HELP SOLVE THIS ISSUE. A LOT OF THE RFP CONTRACTS  
15 THEY JUST PUT ON FRIDAY, THEY DON'T HAVE IT THROUGHOUT THE  
16 YEAR. THESE ARE THINGS THAT ARE ISSUES. SO, WHEN YOU HAVE THE  
17 CONTRACTING STAFF PERSON THAT'S OVER THE RFPS, A LOT OF THEM,  
18 THEY'RE NOT ADVANCED OR THEY'RE DELAYED OR DENIED. AND THAT'S  
19 CAUSING YOU, THE COUNTY AND THE CITY, HAVOC BECAUSE YOU GUYS  
20 HIRED LAHSA OR CREATED LAHSA, JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY TO  
21 ALLEVIATE THESE ISSUES. SO, I DO SEE SOME IMPROVEMENT IN  
22 RESPONSES, BUT WE DO GOTTA DO BETTER. AND THIS IS  
23 SPECIFICALLY, AGAIN, FOR THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES  
24 AUTHORITY, FOR DMH AND OTHER ENTITIES THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO  
25 HELP SERVICE PROVIDERS LIKE US TO HELP DO OUR JOB. SO, THANK



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1 YOU AGAIN FOR THIS INITIATIVE AND LET'S FOLLOW THROUGH. THANK  
2 YOU.

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

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6 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS JOSEPH BERNIE, A STUDENT AT HAMILTON HIGH  
7 IN DISTRICT 2 AND THE PRESIDENT OF HAMILTON'S BLACK STUDENT  
8 UNION WHERE WE WORK FOR QUEER, TRANS, BLACK, AND BROWN YOUTH  
9 WHO ARE AT INCREASED RISK OF HOMELESSNESS AFTER EXPOSURE TO  
10 THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS THAT BOTH THE COUNTY AND LUSD  
11 PERPETUATE, SO THIS IS ON TOPIC. THE CORE BELIEFS OF LASD  
12 STATE, WE BELIEVE WE MUST UNAPOLOGETICALLY CALL OUT AND CLOSE  
13 PERSISTENT OPPORTUNITY GAPS THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT  
14 BLACK, LATINX, FOSTER AND UNHOUSED COMMUNITIES. YET IT'S  
15 STUDENTS IN THESE EXACT GROUPS THAT ARE PRIMED BY THE SCHOOL  
16 TO PRISON PIPELINE TO BE FUNNELED FROM SUPPOSED CENTERS OF  
17 EDUCATION AND SAFETY TO JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS THAT YOU  
18 RUN. THIS ISN'T NORMAL. MORE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE INCARCERATED IN  
19 L.A. COUNTY THAN ANY OTHER JURISDICTION IN THE NATION. IF YOU  
20 WANT STUDENTS OF L.A. TO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED,  
21 THERE'S NO REASON WHY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS SHOULDN'T BE  
22 CLOSED RIGHT NOW PERMANENTLY. WHEN I LOOK AT THE ELECTED  
23 LEADERS OF THIS COUNTY, I SEE BROKEN PROMISES AND INACTION.  
24 THESE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS HAVE BEEN DEEMED UNSUITABLE  
25 TO HOUSE HUMAN BEINGS BY THE STATE, BUT THAT'S ON TOP OF THE



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1 UNSUITABLE CONDITION YOUTH HAVE ALREADY GONE THROUGH TO GET  
2 THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE. WHEN A PARENT DEPRIVES A CHILD OF  
3 THEIR BASIC NEEDS IS CALLED A CRIMINAL DEFENSE CALLED CHILD  
4 NEGLECT. YEAH, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE DOING BY NOT ACTING  
5 ON YOUR DUTY TO FREE YOUTH FROM --

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

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10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ELIAS KAPLESKI FROM DISTRICT  
12 2. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MY PEERS WHO HAVE BEEN  
13 UNJUSTLY PUNISHED. WE URGENTLY NEED TO FULLY DIVEST FROM YOUTH  
14 DETENTION FACILITIES AND CLOSED CENTERS LIKE LOS PARDINOS AND  
15 BARRY J. NIDORF, WHICH PERPETUATE HARM RATHER THAN  
16 REHABILITATION. MANY INCARCERATED YOUTHS ARE VICTIMS OF  
17 SYSTEMATIC ISSUES SUCH AS HOMELESSNESS AND SOCIAL INJUSTICE,  
18 AND THEY DESERVE SUPPORT RATHER THAN PUNISHMENT. CURRENT  
19 FACILITIES ONLY WORSEN THEIR TRAUMA AND INSTEAD WE SHOULD  
20 INVEST IN ALTERNATIVES THAT HELP RATHER THAN HARM, LIKE YOUTH  
21 JUSTICE RE-IMAGINE AND COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS. WE HAVE  
22 100,000,000 SURPLUS FROM THE-

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24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** YOU'RE HERE ON HOMELESSNESS? I  
25 BELIEVE YOU ARE OFF TOPIC.



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2 **SPEAKER:** JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT.

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4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND YOUR COMMENTS ARE FOR PUBLIC  
5 COMMENT, PLEASE.

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7 **SPEAKER:** LET'S REDIRECT THESE FUNDS TO SUPPORT YES TEAMS AND  
8 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, FOCUSING ON MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION  
9 AND HOUSING RATHER THAN INCARCERATION. EVERY CHILD DESERVES A  
10 CHANCE TO GROW AND REDEEM THEMSELVES BY SHUTTING DOWN HARMFUL  
11 FACILITIES AND INVESTING IN SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMS. WE CAN  
12 BRIGHTEN A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ALL YOUTH, YOUNG PEOPLE IN LOS  
13 ANGELES COUNTY.

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15 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE GONNA GO BACK TO  
16 SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE. PLEASE GO AHEAD. MODERATOR. MODERATOR.

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

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21 **SPEAKER:** HELLO MY NAME IS CHRISTOPHER NIKHIL BOWEN, POLICY  
22 DIRECTOR WITH L.A. FAMILY HOUSING. L.A. FAMILY HOUSING IS  
23 SUPPORTIVE OF SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SOLIS' MOTION TO  
24 EMPHASIZE THE COUNTY'S "CARE FIRST" AND JAILS LAST APPROACH TO  
25 ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION. WE ALSO SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND





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1 THE COUNTY'S PARTNERSHIP WITH CITIES TO ADDRESS ENCAMPMENTS  
2 THROUGH HOUSING PRODUCTION, SHELTER, RESOURCES, AND REGIONAL  
3 COORDINATION. FURTHER, WE SUPPORT THE POTENTIAL WORKING  
4 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
5 FOR REGIONAL HOMELESS ALIGNMENT TO LEAD A CONVENING OF CITIES  
6 WITH THE GOAL OF MINIMIZING DESPERATE IMPACTS OF THE CITY OF  
7 GRANTS PASS VERSUS JOHNSON RULING ACROSS THE JURISDICTIONS IN  
8 THE COUNTY. L.A. FAMILY HOUSING JOINED WITH JOHNSON AND THE  
9 AMICUS BRIEF TO THE SUPREME COURT IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR AND  
10 WE CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN OUR POSITION THAT HOUSING NOT  
11 HANDCUFFS IS THE WAY FORWARD WHEN APPROACHING OUR UNHOUSED  
12 NEIGHBORS. WE'VE BEEN LEADING THIS EFFORT WITH OUR ACTIONS AND  
13 OUR WORDS FOR OVER 40 YEARS. WHILE THE SUPREME COURT DISAGREED  
14 WITH OUR ASSESSMENT AND THE GOVERNOR'S RECENT EXECUTIVE ORDER  
15 ALIGNS WITH THE COURT DECISION WE FEEL THAT L.A. COUNTY CAN  
16 TAKE DEFINITIVE STEPS TO EASE THEIR POTENTIAL IMPACT THANK YOU  
17 TO SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SO THESE ARE OFFERING --

18

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

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

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25 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ANDREA ALARCON, COUNCILMEMBER, CITY



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1 OF PALMDALE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP  
2 IN THE MOST RECENT SUCCESSFUL ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION IN OUR  
3 CITY. TODAY, I'D ALSO LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO CONSIDER  
4 THE UNIQUE IMPLICATIONS OF INCREASED ENCAMPMENT CLEARINGS ON  
5 COMMUNITIES LOCATED AT THE END OF TRAIN RAIL LINES LIKE THOSE  
6 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THE SUPREME COURT'S RULING AND STATE  
7 DIRECTIVE HAVE EMBOLDENED EFFORTS TO ENFORCE ANTI-CAMPING BANS  
8 BUT AS MORE ENCAMPMENTS ARE CLEARED WHERE WILL THE UNHOUSED  
9 GO? IN THE ABSENCE OF HOUSING OPTIONS AND CAPACITY  
10 LIMITATIONS, WHEN DISPLACED, SOME RIDE METROLINK LINES THROUGH  
11 TO THE END OF THE RAIL LINE. AT THAT POINT, THEY'RE REQUIRED  
12 TO EXIT THE TRAINS, LEAVING THEM FURTHER DISPLACED IN  
13 COMMUNITIES LIKE OURS. OUR CITY IS TAKING PROACTIVE EFFORTS TO  
14 MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR LOCAL UNHOUSED POPULATION, BUT WE DO NOT  
15 HAVE THE RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THE POTENTIAL NEW INFLUX OF THE  
16 UNHOUSED AT OUR LOCAL METROLINK TRAIN PLATFORMS THAT MAY ARISE  
17 AS A RESULT OF INCREASED CLEARINGS COUNTYWIDE. I ENCOURAGE THE  
18 BOARD TO CONSIDER THESE END OF LINE CONCERNS AND INCORPORATE  
19 INTO ITS REGIONAL STRATEGY THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO  
20 SPECIFICALLY SUPPORT PARTNERSHIPS WITH END OF THE LINE  
21 COMMUNITIES LIKE THE CITY OF PALMDALE. THANK YOU.

22

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRISTY HERNANDEZ. PLEASE



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

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3 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND  
4 SUPERVISORS. CHRISTY HERNANDEZ, CHAIRPERSON OF MARAVILLATE  
5 TECH AND UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A. YOU ARE CORRECT, THIS IS A  
6 STATE OF EMERGENCY GIVEN THE NUMBER OF ENCAMPMENTS AND RVS  
7 MAKING THEIR WAY INTO OUR COMMUNITIES AND TAKING OVER OUR  
8 SIDEWALKS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. VOICES OF  
9 UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS NEED TO BE INCLUDED AND CONSIDERED AS  
10 A PART OF THIS PLAN. YOU ALL HAVE MENTIONED WORKING WITH LOCAL  
11 CITIES AND CITY MANAGERS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ALL ON THE  
12 SAME PAGE. HOW ARE YOU INVOLVING UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES  
13 AND RESIDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE A CITY COUNCIL OR CITY MANAGERS?  
14 PLEASE ENSURE THAT DURING THE TIME PROCESS, UNINCORPORATED  
15 COMMUNITIES LIKE EAST L.A. DO NOT BEAR THE WEIGHT OF THE  
16 UNHOUSED CRISIS. THE PANEL STATED THAT IT COSTS \$50,000 TO  
17 \$60,000 TO HOUSE ONE PERSON. WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT WRAPAROUND  
18 SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO FOLKS TO GET THEM ON THEIR FEET AND  
19 BECOME PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS.  
20 SIMULTANEOUSLY, WE ALSO NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS  
21 ACCOUNTABILITY AND THAT FAMILIES, HOMEOWNERS, BUSINESS OWNERS,  
22 FEEL SAFE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE  
23 INDIVIDUALS WHO REFUSE TO ACCEPT HOUSING OR SERVICES? --

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



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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. OH,  
3 PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE YOU MAY  
4 BEGIN.

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6 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WAS  
7 DISCONNECTED EARLIER. THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE WAYS TO DEAL WITH  
8 HOMELESS. EVERYTHING I NEED TO DO WITH IT BECAUSE IT'S NOT. WE  
9 HAVE THE OLD BUNCH OF DISCONNECTED PROGRAMS WHICH ARE SO  
10 LITTLE BIT BUT NOTHING IS DONE WITH LONG TERM OR COORDINATION  
11 AND I WILL HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT. ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR THE  
12 SUPPORT. IT'S QUITE DIFFICULT. TAKE CARE.

13

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

15

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

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19 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS LIZETTE HERNANDEZ AND I'M ORGANIZING  
20 DIRECTOR WITH L.A. COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK. WE SUPPORT L.A.  
21 COUNTY COMMITMENT TO STRATEGY THAT HUMANIZE THE UNHOUSED AND  
22 IMPLEMENT STRONG HOUSING POLICIES FOCUSED ON TENANT  
23 PROTECTIONS RENT STABILIZATION AND ENDING ILLEGAL EVICTIONS  
24 AND TENANT HARASSMENT BY SLAMS FROM THE HOUSING IS THE ONLY  
25 SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS THAT WE FEEL WILL PROVIDE LONG-TERM



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1 CARE AND SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS WE SEE TODAY.  
2 CRIMINALIZATION WILL ONLY DEEPEN THE CRISIS. THE COUNTY MUST  
3 FURTHER CLARIFY THAT ALL FORMS OF CRIMINALIZATION INCLUDING  
4 ANTI-CAMPING LAWS WORSEN HOUSELESSNESS. A REGIONAL APPROACH IS  
5 ESSENTIAL HOWEVER WE ALSO HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THE GOOD  
6 NEIGHBORS POLICY COULD ACTUALLY LEAD TO OUTCOMES THAT ARE  
7 COMPARED AGAINST WHAT WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR, WHICH IS  
8 JUSTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF MOST MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES SUCH AS  
9 THOSE IN SKID ROW. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT BLACK-BODIED  
10 INDIVIDUALS, INDIGENOUS-BODIED INDIVIDUALS, WOMEN, PREGNANT  
11 WOMEN, ELDERS, FOLKS WITH DISABILITIES, AND THOSE THAT ONLY  
12 WANT TO INCREASE THEIR TARGET, WHICH IS WHY WE HAVE CONTINUED  
13 TO DEMAND THAT IT BE --

14

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

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

19

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

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

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24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** GO AHEAD, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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

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4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** MARLIN, WHY DON'T WE GO TO IN-PERSON AND  
5 FIGURE OUT IF THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON WITH THE LINES.  
6 PLEASE. NEXT IN-PERSON SPEAKER.

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME  
9 FORWARD AND STEP FORWARD. ALEX DOBBS, PETE WHITE, RENEE  
10 SCHMITZ, SAMUEL GROF, SANAI KALI, SHALAYA MYERS, CYNTHIA  
11 TIBSEY, SAMOA SEKOYA, SONIA GURIA, TODD CUNNINGHAM, TOM GROVE,  
12 THERESE THOMAS, AND VIVIAN FREEMAN. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND  
13 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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17 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JOSEPH WILLIAMS. I'M THE DIRECTOR  
18 OF STUDENTS DESERVE, AND YOU ALL MUST BE A VERY UNINFORMED OR  
19 SHORT SIGHTED BOARD IF YOU THINK THAT YOUTH JUSTICE AND  
20 HOMELESSNESS ARE NOT RELATED. IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT  
21 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED ARE OVERLY REPRESENTED  
22 DISPROPORTIONATELY REPRESENTED IN OUR HOUSELESS POPULATION AND  
23 THAT ADDRESSING THOSE ISSUES WHEN PEOPLE ARE YOUNG IS  
24 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR ADDRESSING THE FUTURE OF HOUSELESSNESS  
25 AND HOUSING SECURITY IN LOS ANGELES, THEN Y'ALL SHOULDN'T BE



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1 IN THESE POSITIONS. Y'ALL SHOULD NOT BE IN THESE SEATS. AS A  
2 FORMERLY INCARCERATED YOUNG PERSON AND A FORMERLY HOMELESS  
3 YOUNG PERSON, I KNOW DEEPLY THAT THESE ARE NOT SEPARATE  
4 ISSUES. AND YET Y'ALL HAVE COME AND REPEATEDLY CUT OFF THE  
5 YOUNGEST PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME TO TELL Y'ALL WHAT Y'ALL NEED TO  
6 DO AND HOW YOU NEED TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. THAT'S  
7 UNACCEPTABLE. THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE. AND IT SHOWS EXACTLY WHY  
8 THE ABUSE THAT IS STILL HAPPENING IN OUR, IN YOUR FACILITIES  
9 AND FACILITIES THAT YOU RUN IS STILL HAPPENING BECAUSE YOU  
10 CLEARLY DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE. YOU CLEARLY DON'T  
11 UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES THAT YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTY ARE  
12 DEALING WITH, AND THAT'S WHY YOU CONTINUALLY PUSH YOUNG PEOPLE  
13 BACK INTO THESE FACILITIES OF TORTURE AND ABUSE. YOUR OWN  
14 FACILITIES HAS BEEN DEEMED UNFIT TO CARE FOR CHILDREN BY THE  
15 STATE.

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17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
18 COMMENT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT. I'M GIVING YOU  
19 FIRST WARNING. SIR, I'M GIVING YOU YOUR FIRST WARNING FOR  
20 DISRUPTION. HOLD ON. FIRST WARNING, PLEASE SIT DOWN. YOU CAN  
21 SIGN UP ON THE NEXT ITEM. THANK YOU. THAT'S MY SECOND WARNING.  
22 SECOND WARNING ASKING YOU TO SIT DOWN. ALL RIGHT. AND I'M  
23 ASKING YOU ALL, RATHER THAN CLAP, IF YOU CAN RAISE YOUR ARMS  
24 IF YOU'RE IN SUPPORT. I'D APPRECIATE IT. THAT'S THE FIRST  
25 WARNING ON THAT AS WELL. ALL RIGHT? NEXT SPEAKER.



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2 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, I'M MS. LEVITA LORRAINE. YOU ALREADY KNOW,  
3 WE'RE PARENTS. I'M A PARENT. I HAVE GRANDCHILDREN, AND WE'RE  
4 ALL PARENTS, AND THOSE CHILDREN ARE SPILLING THEIR GUTS AWAY.  
5 THEY'RE OUR FUTURE. I SEE THE POLICE LEFT, BECAUSE THE TRUTH  
6 IS ALWAYS WHAT THE CHILDREN GIVE YOU. THEY'RE GIVING YOU THEIR  
7 HEART OUT. WE ARE PARENTS. WE ARE GRANDPARENTS. I'M A  
8 GRANDFATHER AND A GRANDMOTHER. I'M EVERYTHING. THERE'S  
9 TRANSGENDERS. THERE'S CHILDREN. THERE'S BEING CHILDREN, YOUNG  
10 LADIES USING FOR SEX AND STUFF LIKE THAT. CHILDREN ARE  
11 COMMITTING SUICIDE OVER THE TRAUMA THEY'RE GOING TO. I DAMN  
12 DON'T WANT THAT FOR MY CHILDREN AND I BET YOU Y'ALL DON'T WANT  
13 THAT FOR YOUR CHILDREN. WE HAVE GRANDCHILDREN AND  
14 GRANDPARENTS. AND THE GRACE OF GOD, AS A CHRISTIAN, THEY'RE  
15 GONNA BE OUR FUTURE. THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE GONNA GROW UP  
16 TO BE JUST LIKE US IF WE TAKE THEM AND LET THEM BE THEM. LET  
17 THEM BE THEM, THOSE CHILDREN, AND THE GRACE OF GOD. AND HAVE  
18 COMPASSION. BRING A HEART OUT AND BRING THOSE CHILDREN TO OUR  
19 FUTURE.

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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23 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS MARCUS CHOW. I'M A MEMBER OF THE K-  
24 TOWN FOR ALL, A MUTUAL AID ORGANIZATION IN KOREATOWN, DOING  
25 WHAT WE CAN TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS IN





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1 ORDER TO BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY. OF COURSE, WE SUPPORT A  
2 COMPASSIONATE APPROACH TO HOUSELESSNESS ROOTED IN DIRECT  
3 HOMING OF UNHOUSED FOLKS, STRONGER TENANT PROTECTIONS, RENT  
4 STABILIZATION, BANNING EVICTIONS, AND AGAIN, MORE SOCIAL  
5 HOUSING. IN YOUR REPORT, YOU MAKE CLEAR THAT ONLY HOUSING CAN  
6 END HOMELESSNESS. HOWEVER, JUST STATING YOU ARE NOT  
7 CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE DOING ENOUGH  
8 AND TRUTHFULLY A LIE. UNHOUSED PEOPLE'S PROPERTIES ARE  
9 CONTINUOUSLY TAKEN AND THROWN AWAY UNDER THE GUISE OF  
10 SANITATION AND ARE CITED AND FINED FOR THESE UNJUST LAWS. L.A.  
11 COUNTY MUST BE SPECIFIC THAT THESE PRACTICES ARE VERY MUCH A  
12 PART OF CRIMINALIZATION AND HOMELESSNESS. THE LOS ANGELES  
13 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAVE NO BUSINESS TO BE INCLUDED IN  
14 ANY SOLUTIONS. THEY HAVE BEEN, WHAT THEY DO IS TARGET FOLKS  
15 LIVING IN RVS AND TENTS. POLICE ARE THE PROBLEM, NOT THE  
16 SOLUTION. AND THEN FINALLY, JANICE HAHN, YOUR IDEA THAT YOU  
17 WERE FATIGUED IS ABSURD WHILE PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE  
18 ON THE STREETS. 6 ON HOUSE VOTES --

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.  
21 IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT ANYTHING IN WRITING, YOU ARE FREE AND  
22 WELCOME TO.

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24 **SPEAKER:** COULD I JUMP RIGHT IN?

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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I DID NOT SAY I WAS FATIGUED. I SAID MANY OF  
2 OUR CITIES ARE FATIGUED AND WE WANT TO HELP THEM.

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4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** ALL RIGHT, NEXT SPEAKER.

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6 **SPEAKER:** CAN I JUMP RIGHT IN? HOUSING GIVES A HUMAN RIGHT.  
7 FIRST OF ALL, WORD SAYS THAT GOD CALLS THE YOUNG BECAUSE  
8 THEY'RE STRONG. AND THE OLDER, I'LL BE 66 THIS YEAR, BECAUSE  
9 WE KNOW THE WAY. OKAY, FIRST OF ALL, MY NAME IS MR. PANCAKE  
10 HOUSING ORGANIZER WITH L.A. CAN. THE ANSWER TO HOMELESSNESS IS  
11 HOUSING. CRIMINALIZATION OF OUR HOUSELESS NEIGHBORS IS NOT THE  
12 ANSWER. WE MUST CONTINUE TO BE INNOVATIVE, THINK OUTSIDE THE  
13 BOX, AND GET FOLKS HOUSED. A MODEL, L.A. CAN EQUAL HOODS IN  
14 SOUTH CENTRAL. SOME OF THESE UNREASONABLE LANDLORDS, EVICTING  
15 FOLKS, LEADING THEM TO HOMELESSNESS. I HAVE PROOF. LET US  
16 SUPPORT MEASURE A. HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT. GOOD TO SEE YOU,  
17 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL. FORMER --

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT. NEXT  
20 SPEAKER.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** CONCERNING SET MATTER 1, THE HOUSING HOMELESS  
23 INITIATIVE BY THE COUNTY AND THE DISCUSSION OVER THE SUPREME  
24 COURT CASE, CITY OF GRANTS PASS VERSUS JOHNSON. BASICALLY,  
25 WHAT IT SAYS IS, IT'S NOT A CRIME TO BE HOMELESS, BUT IT IS



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1 ILLEGAL TO JUST PITCH A TENT ON THE SIDEWALK AND LIVE IN  
2 THERE. IF YOU'RE HOMELESS AND YOU'RE OUT IN THE STREET A  
3 COUPLE DAYS, BIG DEAL. YOU SHOULDN'T GO TO JAIL FOR THAT OR BE  
4 HELD AS A CRIMINAL FOR THAT, BUT YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO JUST  
5 PITCH A TENT ON THE SIDEWALK OR PUT SOMETHING UP IN AN EMPTY  
6 LOT. THAT'S DEFINITELY A CRIME. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
7 SHOULDN'T BE RUNNING SO MANY SOCIAL PROGRAMS AND THE COUNTY IS  
8 NOT PAYING FOR HOUSING ALL THOSE HOMELESS PEOPLE PLACED IN THE  
9 NEW BUILDINGS. THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MR. HARLAN. NEXT SPEAKER.

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13 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS SANAE KHALIL AND I'M A LEADER WITH  
14 STUDENTS DESERVE. I'M HERE TO ADDRESS THE CRITICAL ISSUE OF  
15 THE INCARCERATION OF GIRLS AND GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH. ON  
16 NOVEMBER 30, 2021, THE BOARD VOTED TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO END  
17 THE INCARCERATION OF GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN, ENSURE THEIR WELL-  
18 BEING AND TRANSITION THEM INTO TRAUMA-INFORMED COMMUNITY-BASED  
19 ALTERNATIVES. WHERE IS THE FOLLOW-THROUGH? THIS WAS NOT YOUR  
20 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION. THIS WAS A PROMISE TO THE INCARCERATED  
21 YOUTH AND THEIR AFFECTED FAMILIES. THIS SYSTEM HAS REPEATEDLY  
22 AND SYSTEMATICALLY FAILED US, THE BLACK AND BROWN YOUTH WHO  
23 ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY UNHOUSED AND CRIMINALIZED WHILE ALREADY  
24 STRUGGLING WITH POVERTY. QUEER, TRANS, BLACK AND BROWN YOUTH  
25 ARE AT AN INCREASED RISK OF HOMELESSNESS AFTER EXPOSURE TO



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1 JUVENILE DETENTION. OUR YOUTH DESERVE CARE, NOT INCARCERATION.  
2 BY KEEPING THEM CAGED UP AT A CRITICAL STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT IN  
3 THEIR LIVES, YOU ARE NOT FAILING THEM. YOU ARE NOT JUST  
4 FAILING THEM. YOU ARE ACTIVELY HARMING THEM. YOUTH NEED A REAL  
5 CHANCE AT A BETTER FUTURE AND WE --

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7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. NEXT  
8 SPEAKER. AND AGAIN, PLEASE, YOU ALL, PLEASE. ALL RIGHT, WE'RE  
9 LETTING THEM SPEAK, EVEN THOUGH SOME WOULD ARGUE IT'S OFF  
10 TOPIC, SO AT LEAST HAVE A COURTESY OF ACKNOWLEDGING BY RAISING  
11 YOUR HANDS. NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS AND PRESIDENT. MY NAME  
14 IS REYNA SCHMITZ, A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY. I'M HERE IN  
15 SUPPORT OF ITEM 2 AND ALSO TO THANK YOU FOR ADDRESSING THIS  
16 ITEM OF HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE TODAY, TO "CARE FIRST"  
17 APPROACH AND GIVING THE TOOLS TO THE DEPARTMENTS THAT NEED  
18 THEM AND THE DIRECTIONS SO THAT THEY CAN DO THE JOB THAT THEY  
19 NEED TO DO TO ADDRESS NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. HOMELESSNESS IS  
20 NOT SOMETHING WE CHOOSE TO BE. WE DON'T PLAN TO BE HOMELESS.  
21 NO ONE DOES. WHEN YOU ASK A CHILD WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO OR  
22 WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE WHEN THEY GROW UP, NONE OF THEM SAYS,  
23 I'M GOING TO BE HOMELESS. THEY'RE GOING TO BE DOCTORS,  
24 LAWYERS. SO PLEASE GIVE THE TOOLS TO THE DEPARTMENTS THAT YOU  
25 HAVE SELECTED TODAY WHO ADDRESSED THIS BOARD EARLIER AND



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1 SUPPORT OUR HOMELESS OF NO CRIMINALIZATION AND SUPPORT FOR  
2 THEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. NEXT  
5 SPEAKER.

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7 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISORS, I'M SOMA SNAKEOIL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
8 THE SIDEWALK PROJECT. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 2  
9 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HORVATH. WE ARE OUTRAGED AT THE  
10 EXTREMIST FAR-RIGHT SUPREME COURT'S CRIMINALIZATION OF  
11 HOMELESSNESS. BEING UNHOUSED IS NOT A CRIME, WHATEVER THE  
12 FLAWED RULING SAYS. WE COUNT ON THE BOARD TO CLEARLY STATE IT  
13 WILL NOT USE COUNTY JAILS OR LEVY FINES THAT ARE USED TO STACK  
14 TICKETS TO ARREST UNHOUSED PEOPLE. A COMMUNITY-CENTERED LOCAL  
15 STRATEGY IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT UNHOUSED PEOPLE ARE NOT  
16 SWEEPED FROM PLACE TO PLACE AS YOU SEEK TO REGULATE WHERE PEOPLE  
17 EXIST. WE MUST PRIORITIZE HOUSING, EVICTION PREVENTION, AND  
18 TENANT PROTECTION TO END HOMELESSNESS AND NOT WASTE RESOURCES  
19 ON POLITICAL THEATER TO BOOST THE GOVERNOR'S INTENTIONS  
20 TOWARDS THE WHITE HOUSE. WE CAME TO YOU BEFORE TO BEG YOU NOT  
21 TO SIGN ON TO GRANT'S PASS.

22

23 THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT CHOICE ARE ON US TODAY. INVOLVING  
24 POLICE IN OUTREACH IS AN INTIMIDATION TACTIC AND AS A LIVED  
25 EXPERIENCE PERSON, IT IS A FALLACY THAT IT BUILDS TRUST. IT IS



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1 A MORAL IMPERATIVE TO VOTE YES ON 2. --

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3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT. NEXT SPEAKER.

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5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SHAYLA MYERS AND I'M AN  
6 ATTORNEY WITH THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES AND  
7 THANK YOU FOR AGENDIZING THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. LEGALLY, THE  
8 GRANTS PASS DECISION IS VERY NARROW. IT DOES NOT GIVE CITIES  
9 PERMISSION TO CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS, AND NOR DOES IT GIVE  
10 PERMISSION TO CLEAR ENCAMPMENTS, BUT IT'S CLEAR THAT  
11 POLITICIANS AROUND THE STATE, INCLUDING OUR GOVERNOR, ARE  
12 CAPITALIZING ON IT TO ADOPT POLICIES LIKE CAMPING BANS AND  
13 ENCAMPMENT CLEARINGS. THESE STRATEGIES ARE ABOUT ERASING THE  
14 VISIBLE SIGNS OF HOMELESSNESS, NOT SOLVING IT. AS A LAWYER  
15 WORKING ON THESE ISSUES, I CAN ALSO SAY THAT IF A JURISDICTION  
16 RESPONDS TO GRANTS PASSED AND GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S EXECUTIVE  
17 ORDER BY CLEARING ENCAMPMENTS AND ARRESTING UNHOUSED PEOPLE  
18 FOR ENGAGING IN SURVIVAL STRATEGIES, OR IF THEY GIVE IN TO THE  
19 URGE TO MOVE FASTER TO ERASE THE EVIDENCE OF HOMELESSNESS ON  
20 THEIR STREETS, THIS WILL NOT ONLY BE BAD POLICY, BUT IT WILL  
21 UNDOUBTEDLY LEAD TO MORE LITIGATION. BY COMPARISON, REGIONAL  
22 COLLABORATION AND LEADERSHIP LIKE THAT SHOWN TODAY BY THIS  
23 BOARD, COUPLED WITH ACTUAL SOLUTIONS LIKE HOUSING, ROBUST  
24 TENANT PROTECTIONS AND A RIGHT TO COUNSEL, WILL ACTUALLY MOVE  
25 US TOWARDS ENDING THIS CRISIS. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. HELLO,  
3 MY NAME IS SONIA GUERRA, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR THE  
4 SIDEWALK PROJECT. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 2 BY SUPERVISORS  
5 SOLIS AND HORVATH. I SUPPORT DEVELOPING A COUNTY-WIDE STRATEGY  
6 FOR ADDRESSING ENCAMPMENTS AFTER GRANTS PASS WITH  
7 COLLABORATION WITH ON-THE-GROUND HOMELESS SERVICE EXPERTS SUCH  
8 AS MY TEAM. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE IMPACT THESE  
9 ORDINANCES HAVE ON IMMIGRANT STREET COMMUNITIES. LOS ANGELES  
10 CONSIDERS ITSELF A SANCTUARY CITY, YET EVERY DAY I WITNESS MY  
11 COMMUNITY BE TARGETED AND HARASSED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. JUST  
12 DAYS AFTER NEWSOM'S EXECUTIVE ORDER, POLICE HARASSMENT AND  
13 VIOLENCE IN BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES HAS INCREASED. AND AS  
14 A RESULT, MY TEAM HAS TO RESPOND WITH SAFETY PLANNING ON TOP  
15 OF A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SERVICE PROVISION. THE PEOPLE OF  
16 THIS CITY AREN'T CATTLE TO BE SHUFFLED AROUND FROM PLACE TO  
17 PLACE. WE'RE HUMAN BEINGS WHO DESERVE RESPECT AND COMPASSION  
18 AND DIGNITY. WHEN YOU GO HOME TONIGHT, POUR YOURSELF YOUR  
19 GLASS OF WINE AND WORK ON YOUR FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR WHATEVER  
20 YOUR NEXT CAREER MOVE IS. REMEMBER THAT THE PEOPLE IN YOUR  
21 CITY ARE LITERALLY FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF  
22 DECISIONS YOU MAKE. PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE POWER YOU'RE  
23 WIELDING --

24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE GOING  
25 BACK TO SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE. MODERATOR, PLEASE GO AHEAD.



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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALEX ALVARADO. PLEASE SPEAK  
3 INTO YOUR PHONE AND UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ALEX, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO UNMUTE YOURSELF  
6 AND SPEAK INTO YOUR PHONE.

7

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

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10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE CAN HEAR YOU NOW. PLEASE GO  
11 AHEAD.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. YES, MY NAME IS ALEX ALVARADO. I ACTUALLY  
14 REPRESENT THE SCHOLARS FACTORY. AND I DON'T AGREE WITH  
15 CRIMINALIZING THE HOMELESS, BUT AT WHAT POINT DO WE STAND  
16 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMMUNITY SUFFERING FROM CRUEL AND UNUSUAL  
17 PUNISHMENT WHEN THEY HAVE TO SEE THE HOMELESS DRUG THEMSELVES  
18 HAVE SEX IN FRONT OF THESE KIDS. A DISTRICT THAT'S BEEN  
19 ACTUALLY FORGOTTEN BY OUR COUNCILWOMAN AND WHEN DO WE STAND  
20 RESPONSIBLE BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE COMING HERE FROM OTHER STATES  
21 AND I DON'T KNOW AGREE WITH CRIMINALIZING THE HOMELESSNESS BUT  
22 AT WHAT POINT DO WE TAKE ACTION? BECAUSE NOT EVERYBODY'S  
23 HOMELESS. THERE'S PEOPLE THAT ARE GETTING THEIR CHECKS  
24 MONTHLY. THERE'S PEOPLE THAT DON'T WANT TO WORK. THERE'S  
25 PEOPLE THAT ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE. AND THE ONLY PEOPLE





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1 CAPITALIZING ON THIS IS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE NOT  
2 DOING THE WORK. AND THAT IS WRONG.

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

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7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHRIES. PLEASE  
8 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY  
9 BEGIN.

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11 **SPEAKER:** THANK GOD FOR TRUMP'S SURVIVAL AND THE SUPREME COURT  
12 DECISION. THE THIS FINALLY THIS INITIAL PRESENTATION OF THE  
13 BOARD BE SOMEWHAT DISGUSTING. HOMELESSNESS IS A MULTI-STAGED,  
14 MULTIFACETED OPERATION, AND RYAN SERRANO, THE SOLIS OFFICE,  
15 HAS FAILED TO PROVIDE THE BREAKDOWN THEREOF. I'VE TOLD YOU  
16 MULTIPLE TIMES, YOU MUST ESTABLISH A COUNTY-WIDE SYSTEM OF  
17 TRANSIENT CAMPS. UNTIL YOU DO THAT, FORGET ABOUT IT. YOU'RE  
18 JUST WASTING TIME AND MONEY AS TO THE JAILS ALL BUT THIS  
19 SUPERVISOR BARGER VOTED DOWN THE \$1,100,000,000 R NEW JAIL.  
20 YOU ARE THE PROBLEM GAS GOING AND NEW NEWSOM WILL BE GONE IN  
21 THE NOVEMBER. THANK GOD THOMAS SOELL AND CHARLES KURT SHOULD  
22 BE YOUR READING. AND MITCHELL, THANK YOU FOR THROWING IN THE  
23 RACE CAR. WE REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU.

24

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



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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HI, THIS IS RUTH. I'M UNHOUSED. I LIVE OUTSIDE. AND I  
6 HEARD SOMEONE EARLIER TALKING ABOUT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE.  
7 THAT WAS AN EIGHT-MEMBER COMMITTEE. I BELIEVE IT HAD SOMETHING  
8 TO DO WITH THE L.A. ALLIANCE PROCEEDINGS WITH JUDGE CARTER.  
9 BUT ONE OF THOSE 8 SEATS WAS LITERALLY HELD BY SIAN EVANGELIS,  
10 THE WOMAN WHO ARGUED AGAINST OUR CIVIL RIGHTS TO THE SUPREME  
11 COURT REPRESENTING GRANT'S PASS. WITH ADVOCATES LIKE HER, WHO  
12 NEEDS ENEMIES? YOU SILENCED THE PEOPLE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF  
13 UNHOUSED CHILDREN, THE YOUTH. I WASN'T UNHOUSED YOUTH. I WAS  
14 13 WHEN I BECAME HOMELESS. AND YOU'RE FORGETTING THAT THIS IS  
15 COMPLETELY RELATED. THIS IS COMPLETELY LOGICAL FOR UNHOUSED  
16 YOUTH TO BE SPEAKING UP AT THIS. PLEASE DON'T SILENCE THEM. IN  
17 MY NEIGHBORHOOD, THE HOMELESSNESS MONEY THAT COMES FROM THE  
18 STATE AND FROM THE CONGRESS, LIKE, IT GOES TO NON-PROFITS AND  
19 NONE OF IT HAS TO BE THAT --

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

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23 **SPEAKER:** \$3,000,000.

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



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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO?

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

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9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MISS SHAW, YOU MAY HAVE MUTED YOURSELF. WE  
10 HEARD YOU THE FIRST TIME.

11

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

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14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** YES, WE CAN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.  
15 OKAY, WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DEBORAH MENDEZ. PLEASE  
18 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN. MAY  
19 JUST REMOVE YOURSELF FROM THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS  
20 ERIC PREVIN. PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE.  
21 YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. HOPEFULLY I'M UNMUTED. I DON'T HAVE AN  
24 UNMUTE FEATURE, BUT I CERTAINLY BELIEVE IN "CARE FIRST", AND I  
25 DON'T THINK ANYBODY DOESN'T BELIEVE IN JLS. I THINK THAT THE



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1 PROBLEM IS THAT AFTER THIS BIG DECISION, WHAT ABOUT WHEN CARE  
2 IS REFUSED? AND THIS IS A REAL QUESTION. AND SO, WE DON'T HAVE  
3 THE PLACE TO PUT THEM. IT WAS GREAT. I LOVE HEARING DIETRICH.  
4 HE'S A GREAT SPEAKER. I DON'T MIND LAW ENFORCEMENT BEING PART  
5 OF IT. THEY'RE HELPFUL SOMETIMES. I DON'T THINK IT'S REQUIRED  
6 TO CRIMINALIZE PEOPLE, BUT MAYBE WE COULD FIND PEOPLE, AND  
7 THIS WOULD BE A WAY FOR THE COUNTY WHO ARE SO COMPASSIONATE TO  
8 REALLY MAKE THE DIFFERENCE, BRING PEOPLE RIGHT DOWN TO KEN  
9 HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION TEMPORARILY UNTIL WE CAN GET THE  
10 HOUSING RANGE. SO THEREFORE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE THEM OUT  
11 OF LIKE SAY THE PUBLIC SPACES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS BUT BRING  
12 IT DOWN TO THE COUNTY WHERE THEY CAN QUEUE UP AND THE STAFF  
13 WHO ARE DOING A GREAT JOB AND THE SUPERVISORS WHO ARE  
14 EXTREMELY COMPASSIONATE CAN TEND TO THINGS IN GOOD ORDER THAT  
15 WOULD BE SORT OF IN BETWEEN "CARE FIRST" AND JLS. SO, IT'S A  
16 TEMPORARY BUT EFFECTIVE TOOL. --

17

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

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

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARLON RAMIREZ. I'M THE ASSISTANT TO



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1 THE CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF DOWNEY. THE CITY OF DOWNEY  
2 SUPPORTS THE MOTION AND RECOMMENDATION THAT'S SUBMITTED BY  
3 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HORVATH. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE MEASURES,  
4 PARTICULARLY THE "CARE FIRST" APPROACH AND ENHANCED  
5 COORDINATION WITH CITIES, WILL SIGNIFICANTLY ASSIST THE  
6 COMMUNITY BY ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN A COMPREHENSIVE AND  
7 COORDINATED MANNER. ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY, WE THANK  
8 THE BOARD FOR THEIR ONGOING EFFORTS AND DEDICATION TO THIS  
9 CRITICAL ISSUE. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PEGGY LEE KENNEDY. PLEASE  
14 UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN AND  
15 THEY JUST LEFT THE QUEUE GO AHEAD MISS KENNEDY

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17 **SPEAKER:** OH, SORRY PEGGY LEE KENNEDY VENICE JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
18 LOOK SORRY FOR THAT LITTLE OUTBURST BUT THE FACT IS "CARE  
19 FIRST" IS NOT EQUAL TO COPS FIRST AND THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE DOING  
20 BECAUSE THE FACT IS PEACE IS NOT WAR AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IS  
21 ABOUT YOU KNOW COMMAND AND CONTROL. THEY'RE ARMED THEY'RE  
22 VIOLENT AND THEY'RE SCARY I DON'T CARE HOW NICE THEY ACT OR  
23 WHAT YOUR POLICY IS, THEY'RE THE SHERIFF AND THEY SHOULD NOT  
24 BE PART OF YOUR OUTREACH FOR HOMELESSNESS. IT'S INAPPROPRIATE.  
25 IT IS CRIMINALIZATION AND IT IS EVERYTHING ABOUT IMPLYING



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1 CRIMINALIZATION. THESE PEOPLE LOOK LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO WAR.  
2 MAYBE SOME OF THEM LOOK PLAIN CLOTHES, BUT THE REST OF THEM  
3 ARE REALLY SCARY. I DON'T CARE HOW NICE THEY TALK. --

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

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

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11 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS SUZETTE SHAW. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO TELL  
12 YOU TO PLEASE STOP TELLING PEOPLE TO UNMUTE, BECAUSE THERE IS  
13 NO UNMUTE BUTTON, AND YOU'RE MISDIRECTING PEOPLE. THAT'S WHY  
14 YOU HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT GETTING THROUGH. AGAIN,  
15 SUZETTE SHAW HERE REPRESENTING THE WOMEN OF SKID ROW AND THE  
16 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMELESS SERVICES COALITION. I WANT TO SPEAK  
17 IN REGARDS TO SUPPORT FOR TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE SURVIVORS OF DV  
18 WHO ACCOUNT FOR OVER 50% OF THE LACOC HOMELESS POPULATION.  
19 STAYING IN SHELTERS IS LITERALLY RE-TRIGGERING TRAUMA AS  
20 SURVIVORS DO NOT FEEL SAFE. LET'S PLEASE INVEST IN MORE DV  
21 SHELTER BEDS THAT PRIORITIZE A COUNTY "CARE FIRST" APPROACH.  
22 IN ADDITION, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SOLIS, WE THANK YOU FOR  
23 YOUR SUPPORT IN THESE EFFORTS AND WE'D LIKE TO CONTINUE TO  
24 COLLABORATE WITH YOU ALL AS WE GET THIS MOTION APPROVED TODAY.  
25 THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND DO NOT TELL PEOPLE TO UNMUTE ANYMORE.



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

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4 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR THERE CURRENTLY NO OTHER REMOTE  
5 SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** GREAT WE'LL GO TO OUR NEXT  
8 SPEAKER IN PERSON PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MY NAME  
11 IS VIVIAN FREEMAN I'M A RISING SENIOR IN THE FIRST  
12 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND A LEADER WITH THE ACTIVIST GROUP  
13 STUDENTS DESERVE. I'M HERE TODAY TO VOICE MY ABSOLUTE  
14 DISBELIEF AT THE ONGOING ABUSES THAT GIRLS AND TRANSGENDER  
15 YOUTH SUFFER IN THE HANDS OF THIS COUNTY'S JUVENILE PRISONS  
16 AND THE INCREASED RISK OF HOMELESSNESS AFTER EXPOSURE TO SUCH  
17 CONDITIONS. AS SOMEONE WHO WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH THE  
18 TRANSGENDER STUDENT UNION AT MY HIGH SCHOOL, THIS IS AN ISSUE  
19 THAT HITS VERY CLOSE TO HOME FOR ME. HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO  
20 BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL MAKE GOOD ON ITEM 2 WHEN 50 GIRLS AND  
21 GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH STILL REMAIN IN FACILITIES WHERE THEY  
22 ARE SUBJECTED TO PHYSICAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AT THE  
23 HANDS OF GROWN ADULTS THAT ARE MEANT TO LOOK AFTER THEM?  
24 KEEPING CHILDREN IN THESE CONDITIONS RATHER THAN CREATING  
25 SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT WILL MORE LIKELY RESULT IN INCREASED



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1 HOMELESSNESS UPON THEIR RELEASE, CAUSING CRIMINALIZATION AND  
2 RE-INCARCERATION. IF IT IS US, THE CITIZENS YOU WANT TO  
3 REPRESENT, WE DEMAND YOU DIVEST FROM THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL  
4 COMPLEX AND SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE THROUGH CLOSING LOS  
5 PADRINOS, BARRY J. NIDORF, AND OTHER SUCH ABUSIVE FACILITIES  
6 THAT DATA SHOWS CAUSE COMPLEX TRAUMA --

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS TOM GROTE. I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF  
12 NUMBER 2. IN JUNE 2022, YOU AS THE SUPERVISORS PASSED A MOTION  
13 WHICH READS SKID ROW ACTION PLAN, IMPROVING THE LIVES OF  
14 RESIDENTS ON SKID ROW BY ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS STEMMING FROM  
15 DECADES OF INSTITUTIONAL RACISM. I WAS 1 OF 10 PEOPLE ON THE  
16 RESIDENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE PLAN, WHICH WENT FROM  
17 AUGUST 2022 TO DECEMBER 2023. A GREAT DEAL OF WORK WAS DONE IN  
18 CREATING THE PLAN AND A GREAT DEAL OF WORK STILL NEEDS TO BE  
19 DONE IN IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU CAME TO  
20 SKID ROW IN DECEMBER OF 2023 AND SAID YOUR HOPE WAS THAT THE  
21 PLAN WOULD BE A MODEL FOR THE REST OF THE STATE. SO, MY POINT  
22 IS I'M JUST TRYING TO ECHO WHAT YOU ALL HAVE BEEN SAYING ABOUT  
23 THE NECESSITY OF BRINGING THE STATE TO BEAR WITH YOU IN THE  
24 CONTEXT OF GRANTS PASS AND THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER. AND  
25 ON BEHALF OF SKID ROW, PLEASE COME INTO SKID ROW WITH THE





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1 GOVERNOR AND THAT'S WHERE YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR MEETING.

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

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5 **SPEAKER:** HI. HELLO, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS. NICE TO MEET YOU,  
6 I'M TRINIIS THOMAS, A JUNIOR AT KING DREW AND A STUDENT LEADER  
7 WITHIN THE STUDENTS DESERVE. FREE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM CAGES NOW.  
8 WE ARE PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOU, NOT WILD ANIMALS. EACH AND EVERY  
9 ONE OF US HAVE A STORY. IN SHUT DOWN FACILITIES THAT ABUSE  
10 YOUTH AND FREE GIRLS AND GENDER-EXPENSIVE YOUTH, WE DEMAND  
11 THAT THE FACILITIES BE SHUT DOWN AND THEIR FRIENDS BE REPLACED  
12 TO SUPPORT INFLAMMATION OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. NO CHILD  
13 SHOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH ABUSE AND SEXUAL ABUSE BECAUSE OF  
14 WHATEVER REASON THEY ENDED UP IN JUVENILE HALLS AND THERE'S NO  
15 WAY YOU CAN JUSTIFY IT. YOUTH ARE AT INCREASED RISK OF  
16 HOMELESSNESS AFTER BEING IN THESE HALLS. CARE FOR OUR FUTURE  
17 PARENTS, DOCTORS, AND MANY MILLIONS OF OTHER OCCUPATIONS  
18 INSTEAD OF INCARCERATING US AND THEN TRYING TO PUNISH US FOR  
19 ENDING UP HOMELESS. THE YOUTH IS THE FUTURE FOR OUR WORLD, BUT  
20 WE CANNOT BE THAT FUTURE IF LEFT AND RIGHT WE ARE BEING  
21 TRAUMATIZED BY SOCIETY. WE ARE CRIMINALIZING SCHOOLS AND SENT  
22 TO JUVENILE HALLS AND ABUSED BY THOSE WHO ARE SWORN WHO ARE  
23 SWORN TO PROTECT AND SERVE. YOU SHOULD INVEST WAY MORE MONEY  
24 INTO PROGRAMS THAT HELP US INSTEAD OF THE SYSTEMS THAT HARM  
25 US. ENSURE JUSTICE FOR SURVIVORS AS WELL. TAKE ACCOUNTABILITY



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1 FOR THE SEXUAL, MENTAL, AND PHYSICAL ABUSE AND TRAUMA THAT  
2 HAVE ARE INFLICTED OVER GENERATIONS ONTO L.A. COUNTY YOUTH.  
3 THE OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN REPORTED FOR -

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5 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE  
6 ANY OTHER SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM? OKAY, WITH THAT SET, MATTER 1  
7 REPORTS ARE RECEIVED AND FILED HEARING NO OBJECTION. THAT WILL  
8 BE THE ORDER. ITEM 2, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY  
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM.  
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

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

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22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION PASSES 5 TO

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10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 3,  
11 REPORT ON THE ONGOING CONDITIONS IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. FOR  
12 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0  
13 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. I KNOW WE HAVE A VARIETY OF OUR  
14 STAFF TO BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. IN THE INTEREST OF  
15 TIME, PERHAPS WE CAN START WITH BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND  
16 THEN IF THERE ARE, IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE THAT WE HAVEN'T  
17 COVERED, OUR PANEL OF EXPERTS CAN MAKE SURE THAT THEY RAISE  
18 THOSE ISSUES. UNLESS ANYONE NEEDS THE PRESENTATION FIRST. I'M  
19 NOT SEEING THAT FROM MY COLLEAGUES, SO I'LL JUST GO DIRECTLY  
20 INTO OUR DISCUSSION. I WANNA THANK ALL OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS FOR  
21 BEING HERE TODAY TO ADDRESS THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES. WE KNOW  
22 THE CONDITIONS AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND WE  
23 KNOW THAT IT MUST CLOSE. AND AS LONG AS IT IS OPERATIONAL, OUR  
24 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS MUST WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT THOSE IN  
25 CUSTODY, OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, AND OUR SERVICE PROVIDERS



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1 WORKING THERE ARE ABLE TO LIVE AND WORK IN A HUMANE AND SAFE  
2 ENVIRONMENT. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HARD WORK THAT OUR  
3 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE DONE, AND I ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THE  
4 SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION'S REPORTS SHOW THAT WE MUST DO BETTER.  
5 WITH THAT IN MIND, I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS TO ADDRESS WHAT WAS  
6 BROUGHT TO LIGHT IN THAT REPORT. WHAT FOR OUR SHERIFF'S  
7 DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES, IF YOU COULD EXPLAIN WHAT KIND OF  
8 TRAINING STAFF RECEIVES REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS  
9 RESPONSE, INCLUDING IF THEY ARE WITNESSING OUT OF THE ORDINARY  
10 BEHAVIOR THAT MIGHT NOT BE CLEARLY ASSOCIATED WITH A MENTAL  
11 HEALTH CRISIS AS WAS REPORTED, HOW ARE WE TRAINING OUR STAFF?

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13 **PAULA TOKAR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. OUR STAFF IS GIVEN CRISIS  
14 RESPONSE TRAINING AS SOON AS THEY GET OUT OF THE ACADEMY. AND  
15 THEN WE HAVE ADDITIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE TRAINING THAT IS  
16 COVERED THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. THEY DO HAVE REFRESHER TRAINING  
17 THAT THEY NEED TO ACCOMPLISH. WE ALSO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH  
18 OUR PARTNERS AT CHS, AND WE CONDUCT DRILLS TOGETHER, AND WE  
19 HAVE A BIENNIAL SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING THAT WE, ALL OF  
20 OUR EXECUTIVES, ATTEND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRAINING TO STAFF  
21 ON WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN PEOPLE ARE IN CRISIS.

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23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I THINK IT WAS BROUGHT TO OUR  
24 ATTENTION IN THIS REPORT THAT THERE WAS SOME ERRATIC BEHAVIOR  
25 THAT WAS NOT ADDRESSED IN TERMS OF A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. SO,



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1 I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE CONTINUING TO PROVIDE THAT  
2 TRAINING AND THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT THEIR  
3 RESPONSIBILITIES ARE. AND TO THAT END, WHAT HAPPENS IF A  
4 DEPUTY FAILS TO RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO AN INMATE IN NEED?

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6 **PAULA TOKAR:** IF THE ALLEGATIONS PROVE TO BE TRUE, WE  
7 INVESTIGATE EVERY ALLEGATION THAT A DEPUTY DOES NOT RESPOND  
8 APPROPRIATELY TO THOSE ACTIONS. AND IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE,  
9 WE'VE OPENED AN INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION INTO ALL OF THE  
10 ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT BY THE STAFF. SO, WE HOLD THEM  
11 ACCOUNTABLE IF THE ALLEGATIONS ARE TRUE, BUT WE ARE ALWAYS  
12 PROACTIVE WHEN WE HEAR OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS, WE ALSO PROVIDE  
13 ON THE SPOT TRAINING, THINKING THAT IT MIGHT BE A SYSTEMATIC  
14 ISSUE TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE'S ON BOARD. WE DO THAT IN A NUMBER  
15 OF WAYS. SHIFT BRIEFINGS, WE PUSH OUT EMAILS, AND WE CONDUCT  
16 MORE FORMAL TRAINING.

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18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SO, WHAT DOES IT, YOU SAID YOU  
19 HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE. WHAT EXACTLY DOES THAT MEAN?

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21 **PAULA TOKAR:** IT DEPENDS ON WHAT IS FOUNDED IN THE  
22 INVESTIGATION. EACH CASE IS VERY DIFFERENT, AND IT JUST  
23 DEPENDS ON THE SEVERITY OF THE INFRACTION AND THE PAST HISTORY  
24 OF THE EMPLOYEE.

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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SO, SHOULD THIS CASE BE FOUNDED,  
2 WHAT WOULD AN EXAMPLE OF ACCOUNTABILITY LOOK LIKE?

3 **PAULA TOKAR:** THE ALLEGED MISCONDUCT FALLS UNDER A MANUAL  
4 POLICY AND PROCEDURES SECTION, WHICH IS PERFORMANCE TO  
5 STANDARD. THE DISCIPLINE RANGE FOR THAT VIOLATION IS ANYWHERE  
6 FROM WRITTEN REPRIMAND TO DISCHARGE. AND WHERE THE DISCIPLINE  
7 WILL FALL AT THE END OF THIS CASE DEPENDS ON WHAT THE  
8 INVESTIGATION SHOWS.

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10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY. HAS THE DEPARTMENT MADE ANY  
11 SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGES TO PREVENT DEPUTIES FROM WATCHING NON-  
12 WORK-RELATED VIDEOS DURING SHIFTS? AND AGAIN, IF THE  
13 ALLEGATIONS REPORTED ARE TRUE, WHAT RANGE OF DISCIPLINE COULD  
14 A DEPUTY RECEIVE?

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16 **PAULA TOKAR:** SO IMMEDIATELY UPON, FOR THIS SPECIFIC INCIDENT,  
17 IMMEDIATELY UPON HEARING THE ALLEGATION, THE VIDEO MONITOR  
18 THAT WAS USED WAS TAKEN DOWN AND REMOVED. WE'VE ALSO PUSHED  
19 OUT TRAINING AND CONDUCTED BRIEFINGS FOR ALL STAFF AT ALL  
20 FACILITIES DISCUSSING THE FACT THAT NON-WORK RELATED VIDEOS  
21 ARE NOT APPROPRIATE AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED TO BE WATCHED  
22 DURING SHIFT TO HOURS. AND THEN AGAIN, THE CONDUCT FALLS  
23 WITHIN PERFORMANCE TO STANDARDS, SO DEPENDING ON WHAT THE  
24 INVESTIGATION SHOWS, IT CAN BE ANYWHERE FROM WRITTEN REPRIMAND  
25 TO DISCHARGE.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND HOW LONG TYPICALLY DOES ONE  
3 OF THOSE INVESTIGATIONS TAKE?

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5 **PAULA TOKAR:** STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON THOSE CASES UNDER POBAR  
6 IS ONE YEAR, SO IT'LL BE LESS THAN ONE YEAR.

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8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA OF ON  
9 AVERAGE HOW LONG THEY TAKE?

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11 **PAULA TOKAR:** OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU IS FACING THE SAME  
12 STAFFING SHORTAGES AS THE REST OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SO LIKELY ARE CLOSE TO A YEAR  
15 NOW?

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17 **PAULA TOKAR:** IT COULD BE. THIS CASE HAS RECEIVED A LOT OF  
18 ATTENTION AND WE ARE ASKING FOR REGULAR UPDATES, BUT IT'S  
19 STILL, THEY HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO AND WE WANT THE  
20 INVESTIGATION TO BE COMPLETE.

21

22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND ONE OF THE ADDITIONAL  
23 ALLEGATIONS AND INCLUDED INDICATIONS OF POLITICAL STICKERS OR  
24 SYMBOLS. WHAT IS THE POLICY REGARDING PROMOTING OR DISPLAYING  
25 THOSE KINDS OF SYMBOLS AT THE WORK SITE AND HOW ARE YOU



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1 COMMUNICATING THOSE POLICIES?

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3 **PAULA TOKAR:** THE POLICY RELATED TO POLITICAL SPEECH AND  
4 STANCES WAS DISSEMINATED TO ALL PERSONNEL. WE ALSO  
5 PERIODICALLY CONDUCT INSPECTIONS OF ALL WORK AREAS TO MAKE  
6 SURE THAT THERE ISN'T ANYTHING APPROPRIATE IN THOSE AREAS.  
7 FOLLOWING THIS INCIDENT, WE DID NOT FIND THE SPECIFIC  
8 POLITICAL RHETORIC THAT WAS ALLEGED. THERE WERE SOME  
9 QUESTIONABLE PATRIOTIC TYPE FLAGS THAT WERE REMOVED AND THAT  
10 WORK AREA HAS BEEN CLEANED AND PARED DOWN AND WE HAVE  
11 REITERATED TO STAFF AND SUPERVISORS THAT IT IS NOT  
12 APPROPRIATE.

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14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND HOW DO YOU COMMUNICATE WITH A  
15 BODY LIKE THE CIVIL BRAND COMMISSION WHO RAISE THESE CONCERNS,  
16 HOW DO YOU COMMUNICATE WITH THAT OVERSIGHT BODY? BECAUSE IT'S  
17 SORT OF A ROUNDABOUT WAY FOR US TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION IN  
18 ORDER FOR THERE TO BE ANSWERS TO SOME OF THEIR INQUIRY. SO HOW  
19 ARE YOU ENGAGING WITH THEM, OR ARE YOU?

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21 **PAULA TOKAR:** WE ARE, AND WE'VE ASKED THEM SPECIFICALLY  
22 ANYTHING THAT THEY SEE WHEN THEY'RE DOING THEIR WALKS, THEY  
23 SHOULD RAISE IMMEDIATELY TO THE WATCH COMMANDER WHO'S AT THE  
24 FACILITY BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO WAIT EVEN 24 HOURS TO  
25 ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES. AND IN THIS INSTANCE, AFTER THEIR MAY





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1 10TH INSPECTION, THEY DID CONTACT THE WATCH COMMANDER AND HE  
2 DID TAKE CERTAIN STEPS INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF THAT VIDEO  
3 MONITOR. AND THEN WE'VE ASKED THE CIVIL BRAND COMMISSIONER TO  
4 FOLLOW UP WITH THE FACILITY CAPTAINS TO ADDITIONALLY FOLLOW  
5 UP, SEE WHAT THE WATCH COMMANDER DID AND TO EXPRESS ANY  
6 ADDITIONAL CONCERNS TO THE CAPTAINS OF EACH FACILITY. AND IT'S  
7 MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THOSE ARE TAKING PLACE. I PERSONALLY HAD  
8 ONE CONVERSATION SINCE THIS REPORT HAS BEEN ISSUED WITH THE  
9 CIVIL BRAND COMMISSION AND I'M OPEN TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS  
10 WITH THEM.

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12 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND GIVEN WHAT YOU'VE  
13 DESCRIBED AS SORT OF THE RESPONSE TO WHAT HAS BEEN ALLEGED IN  
14 THESE REPORTS DO YOU THINK THAT THE RESPONSE IS ACTUALLY  
15 DISCOURAGING THIS BEHAVIOR GOING FORWARD? BECAUSE WHAT IT  
16 SOUNDS LIKE TO ME IS THERE'S AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION THAT  
17 WILL LIKELY TAKE A YEAR BASED ON YOUR STAFFING AVAILABILITY.  
18 AND IN THE MEANTIME, I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHETHER YOU  
19 FEEL THAT THAT'S AN EFFECTIVE CONSEQUENCE TO BEHAVIOR THAT'S  
20 ALLEGED.

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22 **PAULA TOKAR:** WELL, IT'S A NECESSARY STEP. THE INVESTIGATION  
23 ABSOLUTELY IS. AS FAR AS THE CONSEQUENCE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
24 THAT WILL BE BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE INVESTIGATION WILL  
25 SHOW. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, IF TRUE, I MEAN, I'M VERY CONCERNED



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1 ABOUT THE ALLEGATIONS AND IF TRUE, WE WILL TAKE IT TO THE  
2 APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF DISCIPLINE. HOWEVER, I HAVE EXPRESSED MY  
3 CONCERNS TO THE SUPERVISORS. I JUST SPOKE TO A NEW GROUP OF  
4 SERGEANTS YESTERDAY TO REITERATE OUR EXPECTATIONS AND TO  
5 REITERATE THE NEED FOR INSPECTIONS BECAUSE WE ALL AS  
6 SUPERVISORS GO INTO THESE WORK AREAS AND WE NEED TO ADDRESS  
7 THEM APPROPRIATE AND RIGHT AWAY. EXPECTATIONS HAVE BEEN  
8 EXPRESSED ACROSS THE BOARD TO ALL LEVELS WITHIN THE  
9 DEPARTMENT.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I KNOW THAT THERE  
12 ARE CHALLENGES BEYOND THE STAFFING PIECE. I KNOW THE FACILITY  
13 ITSELF IS A CHALLENGE. AND SO, I WANTED TO DIRECT A COUPLE OF  
14 QUESTIONS TO OUR CEO BEFORE I TURN TO MY COLLEAGUES. CAN YOU  
15 GIVE US A STATUS UPDATE ON THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION  
16 TEAM SINCE IT'S BEEN TRANSFERRED TO YOUR OFFICE?

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18 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, PER THE  
19 MOTION DIRECTIVE, JSIT WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE CEO'S OFFICE  
20 WITH THE BOARD'S ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET IN JUNE. THAT TRANSFER  
21 IS PRETTY MUCH A BUDGETARY TRANSFER, SO WE'VE TRANSFERRED  
22 POSITIONS AND FUNDING. NO STAFF WERE TRANSFERRED WITH THAT  
23 TRANSITION BECAUSE THERE WAS NO SINGLE EMPLOYEE WORKING IN  
24 JCOD AT THAT TIME WORKING FULL-TIME ON THE JAIL CLOSURE  
25 ISSUES. SO, WHERE WE ARE NOW IS WE ARE STAFFING UP. WE HAVE



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1 IDENTIFIED SOME FOLKS THAT WE HAVE INTERVIEWED AND WE ARE  
2 INTERESTED IN BRINGING OVER. WE EXPECT TO HAVE 3 OF OUR  
3 POSITIONS FILLED PROBABLY WITHIN THE NEXT 3 WEEKS OR SO, AND  
4 THE LEADERSHIP POSITION. WE ARE UNDERGOING A SOFT SEARCH FOR  
5 WHO THAT PERSON MIGHT BE TO FILL THE LEADERSHIP ROLE. THE IDEA  
6 HERE IS WE HAVE THE STAFF ANALYST POSITIONS AND WE CAN FILL  
7 THOSE AND THOSE FOLKS WOULD BE THE ONES THAT WOULD DO A LOT OF  
8 THE HANDS-ON WORK IN TERMS OF REVIEWING WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN  
9 DONE, PUTTING TOGETHER, YOU KNOW, AN ARCHITECTURE OF A PLAN SO  
10 THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO START FROM SCRATCH. AND WE HAVE A REPORT  
11 BACK DUE TO THIS BOARD, I THINK ON OCTOBER 1ST.

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU FOR THAT. I  
14 APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THIS OVER. IT'S CONCERNING, TO SAY THE  
15 LEAST, TO HEAR THAT THERE WERE NO ACTUAL STAFF WHO WERE  
16 TRANSFERRED. YOU KNOW, IT LEADS US ALL TO BELIEVE, I THINK,  
17 SAFELY THAT THERE WASN'T ANYONE WHO WAS DEDICATED TO THE  
18 ACTUAL PROJECT OF JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION. AND I THINK  
19 THAT'S THE CONCERN THAT LED TO US TRANSFERRING IT BACK TO YOUR  
20 OFFICE. SO, I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU ARE STAFFING UP, THAT  
21 YOU'RE USING THAT BUDGET TO ACTUALLY HIRE PEOPLE INTO THAT  
22 WORK BECAUSE THAT IS THE EXPECTATION OF THIS BOARD. AND TO  
23 YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HAS THE COUNTY COMPILED ANY REPORTS THAT  
24 SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBE FUNDING PRIORITIES ACCORDING TO WHICH  
25 WILL HAVE THE MOST IMPACT ON JAIL POPULATION?



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2 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SUPERVISOR, I WOULD ANSWER THAT QUESTION THIS  
3 WAY. WE ACTUALLY USED, THERE ARE A PLETHORA OF REPORTS AND  
4 REPORT BACKS RELATED TO JAIL CLOSURE. WHAT WE DIDN'T WANT TO  
5 DO IS HAVE STAFF SPEND MONTHS REVIEWING ALL OF THEM, SO WE HAD  
6 AI SUMMARIZE OVER ABOUT 60 REPORTS. ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS  
7 THAT WE PLAN TO DO IS HAVE THE ANALYSTS WHO WILL COME ON BOARD  
8 FIRST IS TO GO THROUGH THOSE REPORTS. WE WILL ALSO WORK WITH  
9 JCOD AND OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS WORK TO FIGURE  
10 OUT WHICH REPORTS MIGHT BE MOST IMPACTFUL. THE PLAN GOING  
11 FORWARD IS NOT TO RECREATE THE WILL. WE KNOW THERE'S BEEN A  
12 LOT OF WORK DONE IN THIS SPACE ALREADY. SO, I CAN'T IDENTIFY  
13 THAT SPECIFIC REPORT TODAY, BUT I BELIEVE THAT IT EXISTS.

14

15 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND I CAN APPRECIATE THAT YOU'RE  
16 GETTING A LOT OF REPORT BACK REQUESTS. I THINK OFTENTIMES WHEN  
17 THIS BOARD IS TRYING TO RE-UP A PRIORITY ISSUE THAT HASN'T  
18 BEEN DISCUSSED IN A WHILE THAT WE'RE WAITING ON IMPLEMENTATION  
19 OR EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS, A REPORT BACK REQUEST WILL HAPPEN AND  
20 THEN YOU'LL GET ANOTHER ONE AND ANOTHER ONE. AND THAT IS  
21 OFTENTIMES NOT HELPFUL TO ACTUALLY GETTING THE WORK DONE. AND  
22 YET WE ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO PUSH YOU ALL IN TERMS OF  
23 IMPLEMENTATION. AND THAT'S SORT OF THE DYNAMIC OF HOW THIS  
24 STRUCTURE WORKS. SO, I'M NOT ASKING NECESSARILY FOR MILLIONS  
25 OF REPORT BACKS. I THINK WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS PROGRESS ON



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1 IMPLEMENTATION.

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3 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT. I THINK ONE OF THE  
4 THINGS THAT'S GONNA BE REALLY IMPORTANT, WE DO NOT WANNA SPEND  
5 ALL OF OUR PRECIOUS TIME WRITING VERY LENGTHY REPORTS. SO  
6 WHAT'S GONNA BE KEY IS AS THESE FOLKS COME ON, WE WANT TO  
7 DEVELOP A REPORT BACK TEMPLATE WHERE WE ARE REPORTING TO THE  
8 BOARD ON THE SAME, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE NUMBER IS, 10, 15, ON  
9 THE SAME ITEMS SO THAT WHEN YOU DO SEE THE REPORT BACK, WE'RE  
10 ACTUALLY HIGHLIGHTING WHAT'S BETTER, DIFFERENT, OR WHERE THERE  
11 HASN'T BEEN ANY CHANGES. THAT'S DIFFERENT THAN WRITING LIKE A  
12 20-PAGE SUMMARY THAT VERY FEW PEOPLE HAVE TIME TO READ. SO, WE  
13 WANT TO BE MINDFUL WHEN WE DO DO OUR REPORT BACKS THAT THEY  
14 ARE EASILY ACCESSIBLE ON WHAT'S DIFFERENT AND WHAT'S BETTER  
15 AND WHAT IS CHANGING.

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17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR  
18 BARGER, I'LL TURN IT TO YOU.

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20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I APPRECIATE THOSE  
21 QUESTIONS, CHAIR HORVATH, BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY, I  
22 THINK, YOU KNOW, I TALKED TO SOMEONE WHO WAS RECRUITED TO COME  
23 OVER AND THEY DON'T WANT TO GO OVER BECAUSE THE ATTITUDE IS  
24 FOR WHY. BECAUSE EVERY TIME A REPORT IS PROVIDED TO THIS  
25 BOARD, THEY EITHER GET BEAT UP AND OR IT GETS BURIED. AND SO I



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1 HAVE TO SAY, FESIA, GOOD LUCK. I THINK THAT YOU POINTED OUT  
2 HOW MANY REPORTS HAVE WE HAD ON THIS ISSUE?

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4 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** WE'VE SUMMARIZED ABOUT 60. YEAH.

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6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND HOW MUCH HAVE WE SPENT ANALYZING?  
7 GUESSING IT.

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9 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, WE USED AI TO DO THE SUMMARY FOR US.

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11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NO, BUT I MEAN IN TERMS OF CONSULTANTS  
12 THAT WE BROUGHT ON.

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14 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** WE'VE SPENT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS ON  
15 CONSULTANTS.

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17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE NEXT REPORT,  
18 WHICH LEADS ME TO A QUESTION THAT I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND  
19 BECAUSE I'M PRETTY MUCH ABOUT JUST BASIC COMMON SENSE. AND SO,  
20 MY QUESTION IS TO YOU, ASSISTANT SHERIFF, IS IT TOKAR? MOST OF  
21 THE MOH INMATES ARE HOUSED AT PDC NORTH, AND WE HAVE SOME MOH  
22 REMAINING AT MCJ. BUT WHO ARE THE REST OF THE INMATES WHO ARE  
23 HOUSED AT MCJ? AND THEN CAN YOU DEFINE WHAT AN MOH IS FOR  
24 PEOPLE THAT MAY NOT KNOW?

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1 **PAULA TOKAR:** SO MOH IS THE CODE THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
2 USES FOR A LEVEL OF CARE. WE BASE IT ON HOUSING. AND IT'S  
3 MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING IS WHAT MOH STANDS FOR. AND YES,  
4 WE STILL HAVE ABOUT 650 MOH INDIVIDUALS AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.  
5 IN ADDITION TO THAT, MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL HOUSES ARE PRO-  
6 POPULATION, OUR ADMINISTRATIVE SEGREGATION POPULATION THAT ARE  
7 HIGHLY DANGEROUS OR DANGER TO OTHERS OR THEMSELVES THAT DON'T  
8 NECESSARILY HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH COMPONENT TO THEM. WE HOUSE  
9 SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS THERE. OUR SEX CRIMES AGAINST  
10 CHILDREN ARE HOUSED THERE AND SEGREGATED. OUR LGBTQ PLUS MALE  
11 COMMUNITY IN THE JAIL IS HOUSED AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND  
12 THEN IN TRIAL FOLKS, SO PEOPLE THAT ARE FACING LONG TRIALS AT  
13 CCB OR ONE OF THE DOWNTOWN FACILITIES ARE HOUSED THERE,  
14 AMONGST MANY OTHERS.

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16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, KNOWING THAT, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF  
17 THOSE HOUSED AT MCJ WOULD YOU ESTIMATE CAN BE DIVERTED?

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19 **PAULA TOKAR:** THAT'S NOT A QUESTION THAT IS EASY FOR ME TO  
20 ANSWER BECAUSE WE LOOK AT THE STATS AND THE ARREST CHARGE THAT  
21 IS IN THE CUSTODY AND IT'S BASED UPON OUR ANTIQUATED JAIL  
22 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. FROM WHAT I CAN COBBLE TOGETHER, AND PLEASE  
23 TAKE THIS AS A, JUST A GENERALIZATION WITHOUT GOING INTO  
24 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS SO I KNOW, WE HAVE ABOUT 17% OF THE  
25 POPULATION OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS IN FOR WHAT I CLASSIFY AS



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1 A NON-VIOLENT FELONY. THOSE FOLKS, I MEAN, IT COULD BE AUTO  
2 THEFT, IT COULD BE EMBEZZLEMENT, IT COULD BE SOMETHING ELSE.  
3 WHAT I DON'T KNOW, THAT'S THE CHARGE THAT ORIGINALLY PULLS UP  
4 WHEN WE JUST RUN A FULL RUN OF THE POPULATION, BUT THERE MAY  
5 BE MORE SERIOUS CHARGES ALONG WITH THAT NON-VIOLENT FELONY OR  
6 THERE MAY BE LESS, YOU KNOW, THAT --

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8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I GUESS I'M GETTING AT THE POINT THAT I  
9 THOUGHT THAT WE WERE AND I KNOW THE SHERIFF'S BEHIND YOU THAT  
10 WE WERE LOOKING AT DIVERSION FOR THOSE THAT DIDN'T NEED TO BE  
11 HELD IN CUSTODY HERE AND NOW. AND SO, I WOULD THINK THAT IF  
12 THERE'S 17% THAT CAN BE DIVERTED, MY QUESTION WOULD BE WHY ARE  
13 THEY NOT BEING DIVERTED?

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15 **PAULA TOKAR:** AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT THEY CAN BE DIVERTED.

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17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND I'M NOT QUOTING YOU AT 17%, BUT I  
18 GUESS WHAT I'M GETTING AT IS THE PUSH OUT ON THE DIVERSION  
19 COMPONENT WILL BETTER GIVE US AN IDEA IN TERMS OF WHAT NO  
20 REPLACEMENT FACILITY WOULD LOOK LIKE. AND I'M TOLD BY  
21 PREDECESSORS PRIOR TO YOU THAT IF YOU LOOK AT THE POPULATIONS  
22 IN THERE AND YOU LOOK AT THE FACT THAT WE ARE APPLYING  
23 DIVERSION AS WE SPEAK, EVEN THOUGH MY NEXT QUESTION WAS GOING  
24 TO BE TO SONGHAI ABOUT DO WE HAVE THE BEDS TO FILL RIGHT NOW?  
25 AND IT GOES HAND IN HAND.





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2 **PAULA TOKAR:** I GUESS MY BEST ANSWER TO THAT IS 75% OF THE  
3 PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE JAIL NOW, I BELIEVE, ARE IN FOR CRIMES  
4 THAT ARE NOT EASILY DIVERTED. JUST LOOKING AT THE CRIMES,  
5 THEY'RE SERIOUS, THEY'RE VIOLENT, THEY AREN'T, IN MY HEAD,  
6 LIKE EASILY DIVERTIBLE. AND THE 17% OR WHATEVER THAT WE'RE  
7 LOOKING AT OR THE FEW VERY FEW MISDEMEANORS WE HAVE THOSE  
8 FOLKS CHURN SO THEY MAY BE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DIVERTED  
9 THEY NEED SOMEWHERE TO LAND WHILE THAT THEY'RE DIVERTED BY THE  
10 COURT SO WHILE THAT PROCESS TAKES PLACE THEY'RE IN OUR CUSTODY  
11 BUT YOU KNOW ABOUT 75% OF THEM ARE IN FOR MORE SERIOUS CRIMES.  
12 SO, I'D SAY THAT'S WHY THE DIVERSION ISSUE ISN'T WORKING.

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14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH. AND THAT'S WHAT I'M GETTING AT. I  
15 THINK THAT NUMBERS DON'T LIE. AND IF YOU LOOK AT, AND THE  
16 COURTS DO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE, WE HAVE TO TAKE THAT INTO  
17 CONSIDERATION. IT'S NOT REALLY UP TO THIS BOARD AS IT RELATES  
18 TO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. IT'S UP TO THE COURTS DETERMINING THE  
19 PLACEMENT, IS MY UNDERSTANDING CORRECT? I MEAN, THEY HAVE TO  
20 SIGN UP ON DIVERSION. SONGHAI, IS THAT?

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22 **JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD (RET.):** YES. SO, DIVERSIONS WOULD HAVE  
23 TO BE APPROVED BY THE COURT. EACH COURT, EACH JUDGE IS AN  
24 INDEPENDENT OFFICER, SO THERE'S NO ONE ELSE THAT REGULATES  
25 THEM BUT THE COURT. THE OTHER COMPONENT OF THE 17% THAT THE



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1 SHERIFF IS SPEAKING TO THAT THEY BELIEVE, THEY'RE LOOKING AT  
2 JUST THE CHARGE. THERE MAY BE SOMETHING ELSE THAT'S HOLDING  
3 THAT INDIVIDUAL, RIGHT? SO, THEY MAY HAVE A CHARGE IN ANOTHER  
4 COUNTY, BUT THOSE PURPOSES, THEY CAN'T BE RELEASED. THEY MAY  
5 HAVE A PROBATION VIOLATION AND THERE MAY BE A NO BAIL HOLD.  
6 THAT MAY BE ANOTHER REASON WHY A PERSON CANNOT BE RELEASED.  
7 THEY ALSO MAY NEED A SPECIAL PLACEMENT, RIGHT? AND SO, ONE OF  
8 THE THINGS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT PREVIOUSLY IS THAT A PERSON,  
9 PARTICULARLY IF THEY HAVE A SEVERE, WHO ARE FOLKS WITH A  
10 HIGHER NEEDS, THEY'RE WHAT IS SORT OF SUITABLE FOR THEM  
11 CLINICALLY VERSUS WHAT IS SUITABLE FOR THEM BASED ON THE  
12 CHARGES ARE OFTEN NOT ALIGNED. SO, THE BEDS THAT WE COULD PUT  
13 THEM ON BECAUSE OF THEIR CLINICAL NEEDS, THE COURT WON'T  
14 RELEASE THEM TO THAT TYPE OF BED BECAUSE OF THE CHARGES THAT  
15 ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT INDIVIDUAL. SO THAT'S ALSO A HUGE  
16 PROBLEM THAT THERE IS NO ALIGNMENT AND THERE'S NO.. SO THAT  
17 FUNDING WOULD HAVE TO BE BASICALLY GENERAL FUNDS TO PAY FOR A  
18 BED IF THEY CAN'T BE PAID FOR THROUGH BASED ON WHAT THEIR  
19 CLINICAL NEEDS ARE AND THAT'S ANOTHER HINDRANCE.

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** CAN I ASK ONE QUESTION ON THAT, JUST OUT  
22 OF CURIOSITY AND THEN I WANT TO SHARE? IF WE DIDN'T HAVE, WE  
23 TORE DOWN THE MEN'S CENTRAL AND WE DIDN'T REPLACE IT AND THE  
24 COURTS DETERMINED THAT THE PERSON COULD NOT BE DIVERTED, WHAT  
25 WOULD OUR CHOICE BE IF WE DON'T HAVE ANY SPACE TO PLACE THE



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1 INMATES? I DON'T KNOW, WELL, YOU WERE A JUDGE, THAT'S WHY I  
2 WAS LOOKING AT YOU. I MEAN, CAN THEY MANDATE THAT WE SEND TO  
3 ANOTHER COUNTY? I MEAN, WHAT IS THE PROTOCOL? I MEAN, I DON'T  
4 KNOW THAT IT'S EVER HAPPENED. SO, THERE HAVE BEEN JUDGES WHO  
5 TRIED TO MAKE ORDERS TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO TAKE PEOPLE WHO  
6 WERE ORDERED TO GO TO A MENTAL HEALTH BED. AND THEY JUST NEVER  
7 WENT BECAUSE THE STATE REFUSED TO TAKE THEM. ACTUALLY, MAYBE  
8 DR. BELAVICH CAN SPEAK TO THAT. DO YOU HAVE ANY PERSONAL  
9 KNOWLEDGE IN THAT AREA?

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11 **DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH:** I DON'T ACTUALLY, NO.

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13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OK, I MEAN, IT'S A HYPOTHETICAL.

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15 **JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD (RET.):** YEAH. SO, I KNOW THAT THERE  
16 HAVE BEEN COURTS THAT HAVE MADE MANDATED ORDERS TO THE STATE  
17 TO PUT THEM IN THE HOSPITAL, AND THE STATE HASN'T ACCEPTED  
18 THEM. BUT MOST OF THOSE FOLKS HAVE BEEN PUSHED BACK TO US. TO  
19 US, YEAH.

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** BUT WE'RE THE ONES THAT THE COURT WILL BE  
22 PUSHING BACK ON. SHERIFF.

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24 **ROBERT LUNA:** YEAH, I APOLOGIZE FOR SITTING DOWN LATE. I WAS  
25 DEALING WITH ANOTHER ISSUE IN THE BACK. SO, I WANT TO EXPAND.



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1 YOU ASKED A VERY GOOD QUESTION AND A QUESTION THAT KEEPS ON  
2 COMING UP FOR US AS WE WORK WITH ALL OF OUR JUSTICE PARTNERS.  
3 AND FIRST OF ALL, WHEN I LOOK AT PEOPLE IN OUR CUSTODY, I  
4 REALLY CHALLENGE OUR STAFF TO LOOK AT SOMEBODY AS IF IT WAS  
5 ONE OF THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. AND I'VE HAD FAMILY MEMBERS IN  
6 THE COUNTY JAIL. MAYBE THAT'S FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OR JUST  
7 THE HUMANISTIC SIDE OF ME. SO WHEN I LOOK AT THAT, WHEN I  
8 FIRST TOOK OFFICE, I LOOKED AT THE EXISTING POPULATION, WHICH  
9 WAS AT ABOUT 14.5. I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT AS WE SIT HERE TODAY,  
10 WE'VE REDUCED THE POPULATION BY ABOUT 13.7% DOWN TO WHAT IS  
11 AVERAGING ABOUT 12.5 ON A DAILY BASIS. THAT NUMBER FLUCTUATES  
12 BETWEEN 100 AND BELOW AND 100 ABOVE. WITH THE COURT CHALLENGES  
13 WE HAD LAST WEEK, IT WENT UP BECAUSE OF THE ARRAIGNMENTS. SO,  
14 AS WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT POPULATION, I'M CONSTANTLY  
15 CHALLENGING THE STAFF, WHAT DO WE DO TO CONTINUOUSLY LOWER THE  
16 NUMBERS THAT WE HAVE? CAN WE GET THERE? SO, WE'VE MAXIMIZED  
17 WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND I GOTTA GIVE A LOT OF  
18 CREDIT TO MY STAFF TO REALLY REDUCE THE STATE PRISON  
19 POPULATION AND OTHERS THAT NEED TO BE TRANSPORTED TO STATE  
20 HOSPITALS. THAT'S HOW WE'VE REDUCED THAT 13.7%. NOW, GETTING  
21 TO YOUR QUESTION, THE REMAINING POPULATION. I'M SURE IF WE GO  
22 THROUGH THERE, AND I DO CHALLENGE A STAFF, LET'S FIND OTHERS  
23 THAT IF WE RELEASE THEM, WOULD NOT BE A THREAT TO PUBLIC  
24 SAFETY OR CAN BE DIVERTED THINGS ALONG THOSE CATEGORIES. BUT  
25 EVEN WHEN I SIT DOWN WITH OUR JUSTICE PARTNERS, BECAUSE



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1 THERE'S BEEN ASSUMPTIONS MADE THAT WE CAN GET OUR POPULATION  
2 DOWN TO 7,100, 7,000-ISH, EVEN WHEN I SIT, AND MAYBE IT'S  
3 UNFAIR BECAUSE I'M SPEAKING FOR THEM, WHEN I SPEAK TO THE  
4 PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THE ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THEY'RE  
5 LOOKING AT ME GOING, THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD GET THIS  
6 POPULATION DOWN BELOW 12,000. AND AS A MATTER OF FACT, IF WE  
7 LOOK AT THE FACT THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT POTENTIAL CHANGES IN  
8 LEGISLATION THAT ARE REALLY FOCUSED ON REPEAT OFFENDERS,  
9 SPECIFICALLY WITH THEFT OR FENTANYL, THOSE ARE ISSUES THAT US  
10 AS A COMMUNITY, US AS A COUNTY, ARE GONNA HAVE TO LOOK AT  
11 YEARS DOWN THE ROAD TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE ADEQUATE  
12 FACILITIES. TODAY, WE DON'T HAVE ADEQUATE FACILITIES TO THE  
13 CHAIR'S POINT. SHOULD MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BE THERE, THAT  
14 FACILITY IS HORRIBLE. I'VE SAID THIS PUBLICLY OVER AND OVER,  
15 BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE SOMETHING IN ITS PLACE THAT LOOKS AT  
16 CORRECTIONAL CARE IN A 21ST CENTURY AND LOOKING BEYOND. THE  
17 CARE THAT PEOPLE DESERVE. AND ANY OF OUR FAMILY MEMBERS --

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19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I'M SORRY, SAY THAT AGAIN. SAY THAT IT  
20 NEEDS TO BE REPLACED WITH A CORRECTIONAL CARE,

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22 **ROBERT LUNA:** A CORRECTIONAL CARE FACILITY, SOMETHING THAT  
23 LOOKS AT REHABILITATION, SOMETHING THAT LOOKS AT MENTAL HEALTH  
24 CARE, REGULAR HEALTH CARE, THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY, FOR ALL  
25 OF US, ISN'T OUR JOBS THAT IF SOMEBODY GETS INCARCERATED, WHEN



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1 THEY GET OUT TO PUT THEM OUT BETTER THAN WHEN THEY CAME IN? I  
2 THINK THAT'S ALL OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES. AND WE DO NOT HAVE  
3 THE FACILITIES TO DO THAT. THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO BE LOOKING  
4 AT.

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6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, YOUR BELIEF IS THAT TEARING IT DOWN  
7 IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, WHICH WE ALL AGREE. BUT YOU ALSO  
8 BELIEVE THAT THE RESPONSIBLE THING TO DO IS TO LOOK AT A, I  
9 THINK YOU CALLED IT A CARE VILLAGE BEFORE.

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11 **ROBERT LUNA:** I'M CALLING IT A "CARE FIRST" TREATMENT CAMPUS.  
12 CARE,

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14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY, "CARE FIRST" TREATMENT CAMPUS.

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16 **ROBERT LUNA:** THAT'S WHAT THE OFFICIAL NAME IS OF IT AND IT'S  
17 ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS. IT'S NOT RUN BY THE SHERIFF'S  
18 DEPARTMENT, IT'S RUN BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND IT'S  
19 LOOKING AT A WHOLE PERSON CARE.

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO THAT WAS MY NEXT QUESTION BECAUSE I  
22 WAS WONDERING IF IT HAS TO BE RUN BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
23 OR COULD BE RUN BY AN ENTITY OUTSIDE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT BUT  
24 HAVE A LOCK FACILITY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE POST OR THE LAWS  
25 ARE.



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2 **ROBERT LUNA:** IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE SUCCESSFUL. THE SHERIFF'S  
3 DEPARTMENT CANNOT, SHOULD NOT, WILL NOT DO THIS ON OUR OWN,  
4 OKAY? IT HAS TO BE WITHIN COLLABORATION WITH MENTAL HEALTH,  
5 HEALTH CORRECTIONAL HEALTH. REHABILITATION SO ALL THE SERVICES  
6 THAT THE COUNTY OFFERS IN ONE COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TYPE SPACE  
7 SO THAT WE MAKE PEOPLE BETTER WHEN THEY GO OUT. THAT'S THE  
8 RESPONSIBILITY WE ALL HAVE.

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10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO IS IT SIMILAR? COULD IT, AND I DON'T  
11 KNOW IF THIS IS A GOOD ANALOGY, BUT WOULD BE SIMILAR TO  
12 SOMETHING LIKE WHAT IS GOING ON ACTUALLY, AS FAR AS MITCHELL  
13 AT THE, AT MARTIN LUTHER KING AUGUSTUS HAWKINS WHERE IT'S A  
14 LOCKED FACILITY, BUT THERE'S NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT DOING THE  
15 TREATMENT. IT'S ACTUALLY MEDICAL. SO IT'D BE SOMETHING SIMILAR  
16 TO THAT.

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18 **ROBERT LUNA:** I THINK ALL THE OPTIONS SHOULD BE ON THE TABLE

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20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT THING TO TALK  
21 ABOUT BECAUSE I AND THANK YOU SHERIFF LUNA FOR ACTUALLY  
22 ACKNOWLEDGING THAT WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING. I THINK THAT'S  
23 THE FIRST STEP TOWARD ADMITTING YOU'VE GOT A PROBLEM IS  
24 ACKNOWLEDGING THE PROBLEM. AND I THINK THAT I'M NOT SAYING YOU  
25 HAVE A PROBLEM. I'M SAYING I THINK THE PROBLEM FOR US HAS BEEN



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1 ADMITTING THAT WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM AND WHAT DO WE NEED TO GO  
2 FORWARD? AND YOU'VE GIVEN US KIND OF AN IDEA. YOU'VE GIVEN ME  
3 AN IDEA HOW TO MOVE FORWARD. AND THAT IS, I THINK WE'VE BEEN  
4 ALL CAUGHT UP WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT RUNNING THIS FACILITY. AND  
5 THAT MAY BE WHAT WAS CONFUSING MATTERS. BECAUSE AT THE END OF  
6 THE DAY, MY GOAL IS TO MAKE SURE, TO YOUR POINT, THAT WE  
7 RELEASE PEOPLE IN BETTER SHAPE THAN WE GOT THEM. AND I KNOW,  
8 DR. BELAVICH, YOU WOULD AGREE WITH THAT. THAT'S REALLY, I  
9 THINK, BEEN THE MOST FRUSTRATION FOR YOU, WHICH LEADS ME FULL  
10 CIRCLE TO THE REPORT BY SYBIL BRAND. AND THAT IS, YOU KNOW,  
11 I'M NOT GOOD WITH CHAIN OF COMMAND, BUT I HAVE TO WONDER IF  
12 THERE'S A NOOSE IN A CELL, WHO'S, DOES YOUR STAFF LEAD OR DOES  
13 THE SHERIFF LEAD AS IT RELATES TO IDENTIFYING THOSE TYPE OF  
14 THINGS? BECAUSE TO ME, A NEW CYNISH CELL, AND I'M ASSUMING  
15 THAT INDIVIDUAL IS UNDER THE CARE, BECAUSE I CAN'T REMEMBER IN  
16 THE REPORT IF IT SAID THAT HE WAS ACTUALLY GETTING MEDICAL  
17 CARE OR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FROM YOU. BUT I'M CONCERNED  
18 THAT EVEN WE'RE DEPENDING UPON LAW ENFORCEMENT ALONE TO MAKE  
19 SURE THESE PEOPLE ARE SAFE.

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21 **DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH:** THE ANSWER IS IT'S EVERYBODY'S  
22 RESPONSIBILITY. SO, IF OUR HEALTH CARE STAFF ARE THE FIRST TO  
23 NOTICE IT, THEY WILL ALERT CUSTODY STAFF TO THAT DANGER. AND  
24 THEY COLLABORATE VERY MUCH OVER IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL  
25 REGARDING THESE THINGS. QUITE OFTEN, IT IS THE OTHER WAY





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1 AROUND. OUR CUSTODY COUNTERPARTS WILL NOTICE SOMETHING AND  
2 CALL FOR US TO INTERVENE AND THEN OUR STAFF GO AND INTERVENE.  
3 AND WE HAVE THE ABILITY, WE HAVE VERY ROBUST COVERAGE THERE  
4 FROM 5 IN THE MORNING TILL 9 AT NIGHT AND WHEN DURING THE WEEK  
5 AND THEN FROM 6 TILL 4 ON WEEKENDS BUT OUTSIDE OF THOSE HOURS  
6 WE STILL HAVE COVERAGE OVER IN OUR RECEPTION AREA SO WE DO  
7 PROVIDE 24-7 COVERAGE BUT AGAIN OUR STAFF AS PART OF THE JMET  
8 FUNCTION, WE'RE WALKING THOSE TIERS EVERY WEEK. AND WHEN WE  
9 ARE NOTICING THINGS, WE'RE INTERVENING OR WE'RE ALERTING OUR  
10 CUSTODY COUNTERPARTS TO INTERVENE.

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12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY, BECAUSE I MEAN, I THINK WHETHER IT  
13 BE AT MJ MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL OR TWIN TOWERS OR AT PITCHES, THAT  
14 KIND OF CONDUCT IS UNACCEPTABLE. I THINK WE ALL, I KNOW WE ALL  
15 AGREE. I HEARD THAT LOUD AND CLEAR. SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE  
16 INVESTIGATION BECAUSE AGAIN, I DON'T WANNA CONFUSE THE 2. I  
17 THINK MCJ NEEDS TO BE TORN DOWN NO MATTER WHAT. AND TODAY I  
18 HAD MY AHA MOMENT, SHERIFF, AND I HOPE WE DON'T DO A MOTION  
19 ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK ON THIS TOO. BUT I HOPE, FESIA, THAT  
20 YOU WILL CONSIDER THE FACT THAT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A  
21 SHERIFF RUN FACILITY AND THAT MAYBE THAT IS, MAYBE YOU JUST  
22 OPENED UP A WHOLE NEW DOOR IN TERMS OF FINALLY DOING  
23 SOMETHING. AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT. THANK YOU FOR BEING A  
24 LEADER AS A SHERIFF BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THE DECISION,  
25 BUT YOU'VE GOT TO LIVE WITH WHATEVER DECISION IS MADE, AS DO



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1 THE COURTS. SO WITH THAT, AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK THE SYBIL  
2 BRAND FOR HIGHLIGHTING, BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY, THESE  
3 ARE PEOPLE'S BROTHERS, SISTERS, DAUGHTERS, SONS, AND WE HAVE  
4 AN OBLIGATION, EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY HAVE COMMITTED A CRIME, TO  
5 PROVIDE THEM WITH SERVICES THAT WE WOULD WANT FOR OUR LOVED  
6 ONES. SO WITH THAT, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON WHAT  
7 DID YOU CALL IT? "CARE FIRST"? "CARE FIRST" TREATMENT CENTER.  
8 THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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12 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL,  
13 LET ME, I THOUGHT ABOUT IT AS YOU TALKED ABOUT THE REPORT  
14 BACKS. AND THE REPORT BACKS ARE AN ENDLESS LOOP. DOESN'T HELP  
15 YOU, DIDN'T HELP DEPARTMENTS. I DON'T THINK IT'S THE MOST  
16 EFFECTIVE WAY FOR US TO CONTINUE TO COMMUNICATE OUR PRIORITY  
17 OF AN ISSUE. WE HAVE TO FIGURE THAT OUT. SPEAKING OF WHICH,  
18 THE YOUNG PEOPLE, I'M SORRY, THEY'RE GONE, WERE ASKING ABOUT A  
19 STATUS UPDATE. AND SO, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT DYD IS  
20 GETTING READY TO PUT OUT AN RFP TO IMPLEMENT THE SAFE HEALING  
21 CENTERS THAT WERE REQUESTED IN A HORVATH MITCHELL MOTION OF  
22 MARCH OF 2023, AND WE EXPECT IT TO TAKE ABOUT ANOTHER 6 TO 8  
23 MONTHS TO STAND UP THE FIRST DEMONSTRATION SITE, AND THE NEXT  
24 2 SHOULD COME UP SHORTLY THEREAFTER, WHICH WOULD ADEQUATELY  
25 HOUSE ALL PRE-DISPO GIRLS IN GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH. SO THAT'S



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1 AN ANSWER AND A TIMEFRAME TO WHAT COMES NEXT. AND SO FIGURING  
2 OUT, I THINK FOR US AND OUR STAFF, WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN GET  
3 UPDATES AND ANSWERS ON TIMEFRAMES AS OPPOSED TO ASKING FOR A  
4 REPORT BACK IS PROBABLY, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, MORE HELPFUL AND  
5 MAYBE MORE HELPFUL TO THE PUBLIC WHO HEAR A MOTION, HEAR A  
6 REPORT BACK. I HAVE TO SAY, WHEN I FIRST JOINED THE BOARD, WE  
7 HAD A REPORT BACK AND THE PUBLIC WERE TESTIFYING. IT WAS ABOUT  
8 JAIL CLOSURE. AND THEY CLEARLY THOUGHT THAT WHAT HAD BEEN  
9 AGENDIZED WAS LIKE THE ACTION. AND IT'S A REPORT BACK. SO, WE  
10 HAVE TO FIGURE OUT THE REPORT BACK STUFF. IT'S NOT WORKING, I  
11 THINK, FOR THE PUBLIC, IT'S NOT WORKING FOR ME, I THINK IT'S  
12 NOT WORKING PROBABLY FOR A BUNCH OF PEOPLE. THAT'S THE PIECE.  
13 AND SO, FOR ME, HERE LIES A GOVERNANCE ISSUE. HERE LIES A  
14 GOVERNANCE ISSUE. THIS BOARD AND PREVIOUS BOARDS HAVE MADE A  
15 POLICY DECISION TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND WE HAVE BEEN  
16 ON THIS HAMSTER WHEEL. WE NOW, WE ARE HEARING FROM THE CURRENT  
17 SHERIFF ABOUT THE POPULATION REALLY DEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR  
18 RELEASE FROM ANY KIND OF CARCERAL SETTING. YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE  
19 AS AN OUTSIDE OBSERVER AT THE TIME THAT THE ENERGY AROUND  
20 CLOSURE WAS THAT, YOU KNOW, NO JAIL EVER, WE SHOULDN'T HAVE A  
21 JAIL, AND THAT COMMUNITY SETTINGS WERE APPROPRIATE. WE ARE  
22 HEARING THAT THERE IS A PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO CANNOT BE  
23 SAFELY MAINTAINED IN THE COMMUNITY. WE ALSO NOW ARE AT A TIME  
24 WHEN THE PENDULUM HAS SWUNG, AS IT OFTEN DOES, AND WE ARE  
25 SEEING MORE AND MORE LAWS COMING FROM THE STATE THAT ARE



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1 DIFFERENT THAN THE LAWS THAT WERE COMING FROM THE STATE AT THE  
2 TIME THIS BOARD TOOK THAT ACTION. AND SO, WE ARE HEARING THAT  
3 THERE WILL BE MORE LAWS IN THE BOOKS TO CRIMINALIZE ACTIONS  
4 THAT HAD NOT BEEN IN RECENT TIMES. SO HOW DO WE RESPOND TO  
5 THAT IN REAL TIME? AN ABSENT EMOTION IN A REPORT BACK. HOW DO  
6 WE AS A BOARD HAVE THE CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT WE BUILD? THE  
7 SHERIFF SHARED HIS IDEA WITH ME ABOUT THE "CARE FIRST" SPACE  
8 WHEN HE WAS FIRST ELECTED. AND MY QUESTION THEN WAS, WHO'S  
9 GONNA LEAVE THAT WORK? AND HE WAS VERY CLEAR, IT SHOULDN'T BE  
10 ME, IT'S GOT TO BE, HOW DO WE DO THAT OUTSIDE OF A MOTION THAT  
11 SAYS REPORT BACK? HOW DO WE IN OUR CURRENT STRUCTURE HAVE  
12 CONVERSATIONS AND GET TO A PLACE WHERE WE ARE GETTING PUBLIC  
13 INPUT, HEARING FROM CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVOCATES, THAT WE ARE  
14 HEARING IT. THAT'S THE QUESTION I THINK WE HAVE TO ANSWER. AS  
15 OPPOSED TO MOVING IT FROM ONE ENTITY TO THE OTHER. WHEN I  
16 VOTED ON THE CHAIR'S MOTION ABOUT MOVING IT, I HAD NO IDEA  
17 THAT THERE WEREN'T STAFF GOING. I DON'T KNOW THAT THE MOTION,  
18 AND WE KNOW ENOUGH TO BE SPECIFIC ENOUGH TO GET THAT LEVEL OF  
19 DETAIL IN THE MOTION PROCESS. SO HOW DO WE HAVE ENOUGH  
20 INFORMATION WE NEED TO MAKE THESE KINDS OF DECISIONS IN REAL  
21 TIME AND AS THE CLIMATE AROUND US IS CHANGING? THAT REALLY IS  
22 AN OPEN-ENDED QUESTION. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW HOW WE DO THAT.  
23 HOW DO WE MOVE FROM HEARING IT TODAY IN THE BOARD MEETING,  
24 SOMETHING YOU HAVE BEEN, I'M ASSUMING, WALKING IT WITH YOUR  
25 MEETINGS WITH OTHER SUPERVISORS, HOW DO WE MOVE FROM HEARING



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1 IT SAYING, THAT'S A GREAT IDEA, TO ACTION? HOW DO WE DO THAT?  
2 THAT'S NOT RHETORICAL, I'M SERIOUS. WHY AM I ASKING DR.  
3 ARMSTEAD? I THINK THE POLICY.

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5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SHE BEGAN THE PROCESS, SHE BEGAN THE  
6 PROCESS, AND THEN WHEN THE PROCESS WAS NOT THE PROCESS THAT I  
7 THINK EVERYONE WANTED, IT WENT OVER TO FESIA NOW. FESIA IS IN  
8 CHARGE OF IT, BUT SHE'S ALREADY, I MEAN, I HATE TO PUT YOU ON  
9 THE SPOT, JUDGE.

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11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** BUT FESIA IS IN CHARGE OF CLOSURE OF  
12 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.

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14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I KNOW, BUT IN ORDER TO--

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16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I AM ASKING, BASED ON THE INFORMATION  
17 WE ARE HEARING FROM OUR EXPERTS THAT WE'VE AGENDIZED AND HAD  
18 THEM COME TODAY, HOW DO WE MOVE FORWARD?

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20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AS WE ARE CURRENTLY STRUCTURED,  
21 WE ARE BOTH THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BODY. SO NOT ONLY DO  
22 WE SET THE VISION, BUT IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY COLLECTIVELY  
23 AND OUR EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY TO WORK AND DIRECT EACH OF THESE  
24 MEMBERS OF OUR PANEL ON HOW THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO WORK TOGETHER  
25 AND BRING IT FORWARD. AND WE HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM



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1 PRIOR TO HERE AND IN OTHER SPACES WHERE WE'VE HAD THIS  
2 CONVERSATION WHICH HAS ILLUMINATED FOR ME THE STRUGGLE THAT  
3 THEY FACE WHEN THEY NEED TO COME TO A FIVE-HEADED EXECUTIVE  
4 THAT IS IN CHARGE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DIRECTIVE. SO, I  
5 THINK WE HAVE A PROPOSAL, BUT I KNOW WE DISAGREE.

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7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND THAT WON'T BE UP TO VOTERS UNTIL  
8 NOVEMBER, SO I DON'T KNOW THAT WE CAN AFFORD TO WAIT ON THIS  
9 DECISION. SO, I THINK THIS FIVE-HEADED BODY HAS GOT TO FIGURE  
10 OUT HOW WE WORK TOGETHER AND COME TOGETHER WITH A POLICY  
11 SOLUTION. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE CAN WAIT. I APPRECIATE THAT  
12 THAT'S YOUR VISION ABOUT THE PLAN. I AM ASKING, HOW DO WE DO  
13 THIS NOW BECAUSE THE STATE IS MOVING ON BILLS. WE HAVE A SYBIL  
14 BRAND COMMISSION AND THANK YOU TO THOSE COMMISSIONERS WHO DO  
15 THAT HARD WORK, WHO HAVE COME BACK WITH ANOTHER REPORT THAT  
16 REPORTS GRUESOME CONDITIONS TODAY. GRUESOME CONDITIONS TODAY.  
17 MY QUESTION TO THE CEO WOULD BE, WHAT'S THE ESTIMATED COST  
18 RELATED TO REMEDYING SOME OF THE ITEMS MENTIONED IN THIS  
19 REPORT, AND HOW DOES THAT TRACK WITH SOME OF THE COSTS RELATED  
20 TO MOTIONS AROUND THE BIGGER EFFORT TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL  
21 JAIL?

22

23 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, SUPERVISORS, I DON'T HAVE A SPECIFIC  
24 DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR YOU TODAY. WHAT I WILL SAY IS THAT WE ARE  
25 INVESTING TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO OUR JAILS TO COMPLY



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1 WITH DOJ AND OTHER DOJ-RELATED INITIATIVES, TENS OF MILLIONS.  
2 AND I DON'T SEE AN END IN SIGHT, ALTHOUGH I THINK MAGGIE WOULD  
3 HAVE, HAD SHE DONE HER PRESENTATION TODAY, SHE WOULD HAVE  
4 SHARED WITH THE BOARD THAT THERE ARE SOME AREAS THAT WE ARE  
5 MAKING PROGRESS, BUT THERE ARE SOME AREAS THAT WE CAN'T MAKE  
6 PROGRESS, WE ARE NOT MAKING PROGRESS. AND PART OF IT IS  
7 BECAUSE THE DESIGN AND THE STRUCTURE OF THE FACILITY ITSELF.  
8 AND SO, BECAUSE THE FACILITY IS LESS THAN IDEAL, WE'RE TRYING  
9 TO ENGAGE IN WORKAROUNDS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE CAN DO TO  
10 UPHOLD OUR OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE CONSTITUTIONAL, YOU KNOW,  
11 CONDITIONS, HUMANE CONDITIONS INSIDE THE JAIL.

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13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO ABSENT REPORT BACKS, HOW CAN THE 5  
14 OF US ENGAGE IN HEARING, LEARNING, AND PROVIDING POLICY  
15 GUIDANCE NOW TO WHAT COMES NEXT, TO FIGURING OUT IF IT'S A NEW  
16 BUILD, IF IT IS THIS VISION, HOW IS IT PAID FOR, HOW DO WE  
17 PRIORITIZE THE FUNDING, HOW DO WE DO THAT IN OUR CURRENT  
18 INFRASTRUCTURE?

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20 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SUPERVISOR, WHAT I WOULD DO, AND I ALLUDED TO  
21 THIS EARLIER, THE REPORT BACKS ARE HELPFUL BECAUSE THEY  
22 PROVIDE A LOT OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND DETAIL. BUT I FEEL  
23 LIKE FOR THE SUPERVISORS AT THE EXECUTIVE LEVEL, OUR REPORT  
24 BACKS NEED TO BE IN THE FORM OF A TEMPLATE THAT BASICALLY  
25 SAYS, HERE'S WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT AND REPORTED ON LAST TIME,



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1 AND HERE'S WHAT IS DIFFERENT. AND HERE ARE THE CHALLENGES ON  
2 THE HORIZON, PROP 36. WE HAVE AN ELECTION OF THE DISTRICT  
3 ATTORNEY COMING UP LATER THIS YEAR. THERE MIGHT BE A SHIFT IN  
4 POLICY CHANGES IN TERMS OF WHAT CRIMES ARE PROSECUTED AND  
5 WHICH ONES ARE. WE JUST HAD A CONVERSATION ABOUT GRANTS PASS.  
6 AND SO, AS WE SHARE THAT INFORMATION, THEY ARE NOT ANECDOTES.  
7 THEY ARE KIND OF THE SHOT OVER THE BOW, SO TO SPEAK, SAYING  
8 THIS MAY IMPACT OUR EFFORTS IN AN INTENTIONAL AND MEANINGFUL  
9 WAY AND IS IT TIME TO PIVOT OR TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT? THE  
10 REPORT BACKS ARE HELPFUL FOR THE STAFF, BUT WHAT WE INTEND TO  
11 DO IN JSIT GOING FORWARD IS TO FIGURE OUT A TEMPLATE SO THAT  
12 YOU COULD SEE BASICALLY LIKE A LINE ITEM THE RELEVANT PIECES  
13 OF DATA THAT WOULD HELP INFORM A POLICY DISCUSSION RATHER THAN  
14 HAVING TO COMB THROUGH A 20 PAGE REPORT.

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16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, THE REPORT BACKS WILL HAVE  
17 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE BOARD CAN THEN CONSIDER FOR NEXT  
18 ACTIONS.

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20 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, WHEN IT IS APPROPRIATE. AND SO WE NEED  
21 THE DATA. AND LIKE I SAID PREVIOUSLY, WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF  
22 STUDIES AND AT THE END OF THE DAY SUPERVISORS I REALIZED THAT  
23 WE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH THIS ISSUE IN THE COUNTY FOR A  
24 VERY LONG TIME. WE NEED TO COME INTO ALIGNMENT IN TERMS OF YOU  
25 KNOW I THINK WE ARE IN ALIGNMENT IN TERMS OF WHAT THE VISION





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1 IS. THE QUESTION IS, ARE OUR REAL WORLD CIRCUMSTANCES, ARE  
2 THEY CONSISTENT? CAN WE ACTUALLY GET THERE BASED ON OUR REAL  
3 WORLD CIRCUMSTANCES? AND PART OF THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION  
4 IS GETTING DATA. AND SOMETIMES THE DATA TELLS US THINGS THAT  
5 WE DON'T WANT TO KNOW. BUT I THINK WHEN WE GO FORWARD, THAT  
6 NOT EVERYONE WILL BE HAPPY, NOT EVERYONE WILL AGREE, BUT WE  
7 HAVE TO DO THE BEST THAT WE POSSIBLY CAN TO DO RIGHT BY THE  
8 FOLKS WHO ARE IN OUR JAIL AND ALSO TO MOVE TO A CARE-FIRST  
9 MODEL WHICH PROBABLY MEANS THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME SORT  
10 OF COMPROMISE.

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12 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND YOU KNOW, THE OTHER THING I THINK  
13 THE PUBLIC STRUGGLES WITH, APPROPRIATELY SO, IS THIS DELICATE  
14 BALANCE. SO YOU HAVE TO DO AN INVESTIGATION, AND THE PEOPLE  
15 WHO HAVE THE ALLEGED OFFENSES, YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE KIND OF  
16 THEIR DUE PROCESS. BUT THEN IT'S REALLY HARD WHEN YOU HEAR AND  
17 READ ABOUT WHAT'S THERE, A NOOSE HANGING. AND SO, IT'S THIS  
18 CHALLENGING BALANCE. AND AGAIN, HOW WE MOVE FORWARD IN AN  
19 INVESTIGATION IN A TIMELY MANNER, RECOGNIZING THAT POLL BAR  
20 CREATES PROTECTIONS FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES, BUT THAT THOSE  
21 PROTECTIONS CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT TRUMP THE LIVED EXPERIENCE  
22 OF PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED. AND SO, I'M JUST, I DON'T HAVE  
23 AN ANSWER, IT'S JUST KIND OF PUTTING IT OUT THERE, THAT IT  
24 REALLY IS A CHALLENGING BALANCE. AND I THINK WHAT I'M HEARING  
25 FROM MY COLLEAGUES IS, PARTICULARLY FROM THE LINE OF



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1 QUESTIONING FROM THE CHAIR, IS HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE, WHAT DID  
2 YOU SEE, AND WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES? SO, MAKING SURE THAT  
3 WE HAVE A HIGH LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE THAT THOSE INVESTIGATIONS  
4 AREN'T BEING DELAYED, AREN'T BEING STRETCHED OUT, AND THERE  
5 ARE REAL CONSEQUENCES THAT PEOPLE CAN SEE AND FEEL AND  
6 UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE BEHAVIORS THAT ARE JUST NOT  
7 ACCEPTABLE. AND PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED HAVE RIGHTS,  
8 INCARCERATED OR NOT, TO BE IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY ARE  
9 NOT ABUSED OR TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF OR FEEL EXPRESSIONS OF RACISM  
10 OR WHATEVER THE CASE IS. AND SO, IT'S JUST A DIFFICULT  
11 BALANCE. I HEARD YOU LOUD AND CLEAR AROUND THE CHALLENGES  
12 AROUND DIVERSION, BUT I WILL RAISE THE ISSUES I'VE  
13 CONSISTENTLY RAISED, AND THAT'S WITH REGARD TO PRETRIAL, AS WE  
14 REALLY LOOK AT THE POPULATION THAT'S THERE AND REALLY TRY TO,  
15 AGAIN, TAKE THAT CREAM OFF THE TOP IN TERMS OF WHO CAN BE  
16 SOMEPLACE OTHER THAN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AS WE FIGURE OUT HOW  
17 WE CLOSE IT, WHEN WE CLOSE IT, AND WHAT WE DO. SO WHAT EFFORTS  
18 ARE BEING EXPLORED TO IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP COMMUNITY  
19 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN THE PRETRIAL KIND OF  
20 CATEGORY. MM-HMM, PLEASE.

21

22 **JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD (RET):** OKAY, THANK YOU FOR THAT  
23 QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. SO AS THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC MAY OR  
24 MAY NOT BE AWARE, WE LAUNCHED OUR FIRST PRETRIAL PILOT AT THE  
25 AIRPORT COURTHOUSE. THAT WAS THE FIRST LOCATION THAT THE



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1 COURTS HAVE APPROVED. IT LAUNCHED ON JUNE, IN THE MIDDLE OF  
2 JUNE, LET ME TELL YOU THE EXACT DATE, JUNE 25TH. AND BETWEEN  
3 JUNE 25TH AND JULY 16TH, WE HAVE STAFF THAT'S THERE. WE ARE,  
4 THEY'RE ALL CONTRACT WORKERS, BUT THEY'RE TRAINED AND MANY OF  
5 THEM HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE AND THEY HAVE ENGAGED 116  
6 INDIVIDUALS SINCE THAT JUNE 25TH DATE. 79 OF THOSE 116 ARE  
7 ACTUALLY PEOPLE WHO HAD PRETRIAL CASES. AND OF THOSE 79, 61  
8 HAVE VOLUNTARILY GONE INTO SERVICES. SO THE WAY IT'S CURRENTLY  
9 STRUCTURED, IT'S ONLY FOR PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTARILY ARE WILLING  
10 TO GO INTO SERVICES. WE ARE WORKING ON AN MOU WITH OUR JUSTICE  
11 PARTNERS SO THAT WE CAN DO CONDITIONAL RELEASES. THE COURTS  
12 HAVE ASKED FOR CONDITIONAL RELEASES. THERE WAS, IF YOU MAY OR  
13 MAY NOT KNOW, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF RESISTANCE TO CONDITIONAL  
14 RELEASES BECAUSE IF THEY VIOLATE A CONDITION, THEN DOES THAT  
15 MEAN THAT THEY GO BACK INTO CUSTODY? AND SO WE'RE WORKING ON  
16 AN MOU ABOUT SORT OF WHAT INFORMATION CAN BE SHARED. AND THEN  
17 HOPEFULLY ONCE THAT MOU IS AGREED UPON BY ALL THE PARTIES  
18 INVOLVED, WE'RE ALSO MEETING WITH THE COURTS ABOUT WHAT THE  
19 NEXT LOCATION IS THAT THEY'RE COMFORTABLE WITH US LAUNCHING  
20 FOR PRETRIAL SERVICES. THAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW. WE ALSO  
21 HAVE FOLKS THAT ARE CALLING THROUGH OUR CALL CENTER AS WELL AS  
22 WE LAUNCHED ON OCTOBER 1ST AND WE HAVE HAD OVER 4, 000 PEOPLE  
23 WHO HAVE CONNECTED TO RECEIVE SERVICES THROUGH THERE. MOSTLY  
24 FOR PRE-TRIAL. THE PERCENTAGE AT PRE-TRIAL IS PRE-TRIAL ALONE  
25 IS PROBABLY ABOUT 20%. MANY OF THEM ARE PRE-TRIAL, BUT THEY



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1 ALSO HAVE PAROLE OR PROBATION OR SOMETHING ELSE, SO WE CAPTURE  
2 THOSE NUMBERS AS WELL. OF THOSE FOLKS, MOST PEOPLE HAVE NEEDED  
3 TRANSPORTATION. SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CONNECTED TO HOUSING.  
4 WE'RE CONNECTING WITH ALL OF OUR PROVIDERS THAT WE CAN GET  
5 THEM CONNECTED TO. WE ALSO HAVE FOLKS THAT ARE BEING CONNECTED  
6 TO SERVICES THROUGH OUR RAPID DIVERSION PROGRAM, WHICH IS  
7 ANOTHER DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES. IT'S  
8 NOT, IT'S KIND OF LIKE COLLEGE. THEY DON'T GO 1 YEAR THROUGH,  
9 SOMETIMES THEY COME OUT, THEY COME BACK FOR MISDEMEANORS IN 2  
10 YEARS FOR FELONIES. AND IN THAT PROGRAM, WE'VE HAD 664  
11 INDIVIDUALS GRADUATE SINCE MARCH OF LAST YEAR. WE CURRENTLY  
12 HAVE 2,344 WHO ARE IN DIVERSION GOING THROUGH THAT 1 YEAR OR 2  
13 YEAR PROCESS. AND SINCE ITS LAUNCH, WE'VE HAD, WELL ACTUALLY  
14 SINCE MARCH OF LAST YEAR, WE'VE HAD 7,100 PEOPLE EVALUATED,  
15 BUT THEY DIDN'T ALL QUALIFY FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, EITHER  
16 BECAUSE THEIR ACUITY WAS TOO HIGH AND THEY WERE BETTER SUITED  
17 FOR ODR, OR THE COURTS AND THE PROSECUTION DIDN'T AGREE THAT  
18 THEY WERE SUITABLE FOR DIVERSION, BUT WE HAVE EVALUATED, AND  
19 THAT'S AT 8 DIFFERENT COURTHOUSES WHERE THAT PROGRAM CURRENTLY  
20 SITS. WE ALSO WANT TO SHARE THAT WE HAVE FOLKS THAT WHEN THEY  
21 ARE RELEASED, WE DID LAUNCH WARM LANDING PLACE, THE FIRST  
22 VERSION OF WARM LANDING PLACE, AND SO WE HAVE A PROVIDER  
23 THAT'S ACTUALLY AT THE EXIT OF THE JAIL TO HELP CONNECT PEOPLE  
24 TO SERVICES RIGHT AWAY. AND WE GIVE THEM TRANSPORTATION, WE  
25 GET THEM ON EMERGENCY BEDS, WE GET THEM IN HOUSING. WE ALSO



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1 ARE WORKING ON AN MOU RIGHT NOW WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
2 FOR OUR STOP PROGRAM. AND IT'S A PROGRAM THAT'S MODELED AFTER  
3 THE PROGRAM THAT'S FROM THE PRISON, WHERE PEOPLE CAN SPEND UP  
4 TO 33 MONTHS IN PROGRAMMING, AND THEY GET ACTUAL PRISON CREDIT  
5 FOR IT. AND SO WE'RE WORKING ON AN MOU RIGHT NOW. I HAVE 400  
6 BEDS AVAILABLE IN THAT SPACE. WE'VE HAD, TRYING TO LOOK FOR  
7 THE NUMBER. WE'VE HAD ABOUT, I THINK 25 FOLKS DIVERTED, BUT  
8 THEY HAVEN'T COME FROM THE SHERIFF. THAT'S BEEN FROM THE PD,  
9 APD, AND THE COURTS THAT HAVE BEEN CONNECTING THEM TO THOSE  
10 SERVICES. 23 IS ACTUALLY THE NUMBER, 23 PEOPLE. BUT WE HAVE  
11 400 BEDS, BUT WE'RE WORKING WITH THE SHERIFF TO GET AN MOU SO  
12 THAT THEY CAN RELEASE FOLKS THAT THEY'RE COMFORTABLE RELEASING  
13 INTO THOSE PROGRAMS AS WELL. AND THAT'S A STRUCTURED PROGRAM.  
14 IT'S FOR THE MILD TO MODERATE, IT'S NOT FOR THE HIGHLY ACUTE,  
15 BUT IT'S FOR THE EVERYBODY ELSE THAT WE SOMETIMES FORGET TO BE  
16 CONNECTED TO SERVICES AS WELL. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF OTHER BEDS  
17 IF YOU WANT, I CAN RUN.

18

19 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** NO. OKAY. I APPRECIATE THAT. THAT WAS  
20 A LOT. OKAY. AND THAT FELT LIKE THAT WAS A BROADER NET. WE  
21 TALKED A LOT. I HEARD A LOT ABOUT DIVERSION. I GET IT. MY  
22 SPECIFIC QUESTION WAS ON PRETRIAL. AND SO, YOU SHARED A NUMBER  
23 79. HELP ME PUT THAT IN CONTEXT. WHAT'S THE DENOMINATOR OUT OF  
24 HOW MANY?

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1 **JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD (RET):** SO, ALL OF THE RDP CASES ARE  
2 PRE-TRIAL. ALL OF THE FOLKS, THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE  
3 PRE-TRIAL ONLY IS ABOUT 25% FOR THE CALL CENTER, BUT MANY OF  
4 THEM ARE PRE-TRIAL, ALSO HAVE PAROLE OR PROBATION. SO, IT'S A  
5 COMBINATION. SO PRE-TRIAL ALONE, THAT DATA IS ON THE LOWER  
6 END, 25.

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8 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND SO MAYBE THE QUESTION IS FOR THE  
9 SHERIFF IN TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING HOW MANY IN MEN'S CENTRAL  
10 JAIL ARE PRE-TRIAL. YOU SEE WHAT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND? I'M  
11 TRYING TO UNDERSTAND. I WANT TO BE IMPRESSED BY THESE NUMBERS,  
12 BUT I NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE TOTAL POPULATION IS OF PRETRIAL.

13

14 **PAULA TOKAR:** TODAY, WE HAVE 6,841 PEOPLE WHO ARE PRETRIAL.  
15 THAT'S ABOUT 54% OF OUR TOTAL POPULATION.

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17 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GOT IT.

18

19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ARE THEY UNIQUELY PRETRIAL, LIKE  
20 PRETRIAL ONLY, OR ARE THEY ALSO THERE FOR SOMETHING ELSE TOO?

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22 **PAULA TOKAR:** SO THOSE ARE PRETRIAL, NOT SENTENCED ON ANYTHING.  
23 WE HAVE ANOTHER 2,932 THAT ARE PARTIALLY SENTENCED.

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25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY. IF WE COULD GET OUR PRETRIAL



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1 WORK GOING, WE COULD IMPACT YOUR NUMBERS PRETTY SIGNIFICANTLY.  
2 AND I'LL JUST SAY IN CLOSING, AS WE FIGURE OUT HOW WE FIGURE  
3 OUT THE NEXT STEP, CLEARLY THE COURTS HAVE TO BE A PART OF OUR  
4 CONVERSATION. I THINK, YOU KNOW, OUR MOTION KIND OF PROCESS,  
5 WE WRITE THE MOTION, TELL PEOPLE WHAT TO DO. IN THIS CASE,  
6 WON'T WORK. AS YOU SAID, YOU CAN'T LEAD IT. IT'S GOT TO BE  
7 COLLABORATIVE. YOU HAVE ONE ELEMENT OF IT, BUT MENTAL HEALTH,  
8 AND THE COURTS, I THINK, HAVE TO WEIGH IN IF THEY ARE GOING TO  
9 SEND PEOPLE TO THIS NEW CONCEPT OF AN IDEA. BECAUSE IF THEY'RE  
10 NOT, THEN THAT WOULD BE A COMPLETE WASTED EFFORT AND WASTED  
11 MONEY. SO I REALLY HOPE THAT WE FIGURE OUT HOW TO HAVE THAT  
12 CONVERSATION AND DEVELOP KIND OF A ROUGH PLAN, INCLUDING ALL  
13 OF THE VESTED INTERESTS, INCLUDING THE COURTS, WE CAN MANDATE  
14 THEM, I GUESS WE INVITE THEM, TO REALLY TALK ABOUT HOW WE  
15 BUILD AND WHAT WE BUILD THAT MAKES SENSE BASED ON OUR CURRENT  
16 REALITY. THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. AND TO DIRECTLY  
19 ANSWER, I THINK THAT WAS MY INTENTION IN CREATING THIS TUESDAY  
20 PLACE FOR DISCUSSION. YOU KNOW, WHEN WE HAD THE 6 MONTHS AGO,  
21 THE VERSION WE HAD OF THIS CONVERSATION, I THINK INCLUDED  
22 REPRESENTATION FROM THE COURTS. AND THE IDEA WAS TO SORT OF  
23 TALK AT THAT POINT, WHERE ARE WE? AND WE SURFACED THAT WE  
24 HADN'T REALLY GOTTEN FAR ON THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION  
25 PROGRESS. SO, WE TRANSFERRED IT TO, I AUTHORED THE MOTION TO



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1 BRING IT TO CEO, WHICH SURFACED THAT THERE WAS NOBODY FULL-  
2 TIME DEDICATED TO THAT, SO THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE PROBLEM.  
3 BUT ALSO, BECAUSE SHE'S THE ONE WHO DRAFTS THE BUDGET AND  
4 CURRENTLY HAS AS MUCH INSIGHT AS POSSIBLE INTO WHERE ALL OF  
5 THE RESOURCES ARE IN THE COUNTY FOR US TO KNOW WHAT RESOURCES  
6 ARE AVAILABLE. BUT AT THAT TIME, WE HEARD THE DIRECTOR WHO,  
7 DESPITE RECEIVING A MOTION THAT INDICATED DELEGATED AUTHORITY  
8 FOR HER TO DO THE THING, SAID THAT STRUCTURALLY, IT DOESN'T  
9 REALLY WORK THAT WAY. AND SO IN ORDER FOR US TO MAKE PROGRESS,  
10 WE DON'T, I KNOW YOU'RE INTERESTED IN COMMITTEE STRUCTURE. YOU  
11 KNOW, WE DON'T HAVE WORKING GROUPS, COMMITTEES, WHATEVER YOU  
12 WANT TO CALL THEM, THIS IS THE PLACE. SO THAT'S REALLY THE  
13 POINT OF THIS TUESDAY IS FOR US TO HAVE MORE IN-DEPTH  
14 CONVERSATION TO IDEALLY GET NOT A REPORT BACK, BUT A PROGRESS  
15 REPORT ON WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. AND I HEAR THAT'S WHAT  
16 FESIA IS REALLY ENVISIONING IS HERE ARE THE 10 THINGS AND  
17 HERE'S THE PROGRESS THAT WE'VE MADE. BUT UNTIL WE HAVE THAT  
18 ELEMENT, I THINK WE'VE GIVEN ALL THE DIRECTION THAT WE CAN,  
19 AND THAT'S WHERE IMPLEMENTATION, I THINK, GETS STUCK.

20

21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I AGREE, AND I APPRECIATE YOU CREATING  
22 THIS TUESDAY, BECAUSE IT HAS SURFACED, IT HAS CREATED THIS  
23 SPACE. SO, MY QUESTION IS, AND THE NEXT STEP, THEY SAID  
24 EARLIER, PUT ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER.

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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** YEAH, WE NEED THAT PLAN.

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3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, THE NEXT STEP.

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5 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE NEED THE PLAN.

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7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** IS HOW WE PROVIDE POLICY GUIDANCE. IT  
8 WAS A BOARD WHO SAID CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND DON'T BUILD  
9 A BIG MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY. THOSE WERE POLICY DIRECTIVES.  
10 SO, MY POINT IS HOW DOES THE BOARD THEN SET THE NEXT POLICY  
11 DIRECTIVE? WE KEEP SAYING WHEN ARE YOU CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL  
12 JAIL? I THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE A AND WHAT ARE WE BUILDING,  
13 CREATING FOR THIS POPULATION THAT PERHAPS PRETRIAL DIVERSION  
14 COMMUNITY SETTINGS WON'T MATCH AND RECOGNIZING THAT THE WORLD  
15 HAS CHANGED AROUND US.

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND I THINK THAT THERE HAVE BEEN  
18 MOTIONS ON P3, P4 BEDS. THERE HAVE BEEN POLICY DIRECTIONS  
19 AROUND WHAT SHOULD BE BUILT AS WELL, AND THOSE DON'T YET EXIST  
20 AS FAR AS I KNOW.

21

22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** NOT A PROBLEM.

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24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SO YEAH. RIGHT. SO, SUPERVISOR  
25 SOLIS.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WANT TO APPRECIATE THE PANEL AND  
3 EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN SAID. A LOT OF THIS JUST TAKES ME  
4 BACK TO THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS  
5 ISSUE. AND THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS MADE, GIVEN WHAT WE ARE  
6 CURRENTLY UNDERGOING AND UNDER THE MICROSCOPE, I MIGHT SAY. I  
7 THINK WE'VE TRIED TO WORK FAST AND FURIOUS TO FIX THE THINGS  
8 THAT WE CAN CONTROL. BUT THE BIGGER PICTURE IS, OKAY, WHAT  
9 HAPPENS WITH MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL? I, FOR ONE, HAVE ALWAYS SAID  
10 IT'S GOTTA BE CLOSED, BUT I DON'T WANNA SEE IT REPLACED  
11 EITHER. AND I'D REALLY LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING ELSE SOMEWHERE  
12 ELSE, HONESTLY, BECAUSE JUST THE POPULATION IN TWIN TOWERS IS  
13 WHAT, SHERIFF? WHAT'S THE POPULATION AT TWIN TOWERS IN THOSE 2  
14 FACILITIES?

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16 **PAULA TOKAR:** ABOUT 3,400, MA'AM. 3,400.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND THEN IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, IT'S?

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20 **PAULA TOKAR:** MORE THAN THAT. SO, I DON'T GET IT, BUT AGAIN,  
21 IT'S FACILITY, RIGHT? IT'S THE STRUCTURE OF THE FACILITIES,  
22 TWIN TOWERS AS OPPOSED TO MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WHICH IS A LOT,  
23 A HELL OF A LOT OLDER, BUT YET, I MEAN, I'M LOOKING AT THIS  
24 LIKE IT'S UPSIDE DOWN. I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD LOOK AT A  
25 COUPLE OF THINGS. ONE IS, YEAH, LET'S PROVIDE CARE FOR PEOPLE



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1 THAT DON'T—THAT CAN BE LET OUT IF THAT'S POSSIBLE. BUT THE  
2 MAIN DRIVER FOR ME IS, WHERE ARE THE COURTS? WHERE ARE THE  
3 COURTS? WHERE ARE THE ONES? WE CAN SAY AND TALK TO, WE'RE BLUE  
4 IN THE FACE, BUT IF THAT JUDGE IS GOING TO SAY, NOPE, WE'RE  
5 STUCK. SO, WHAT DO WE DO? MEANWHILE, THEN LET'S PROVIDE THE  
6 BEST TREATMENT POSSIBLE SO WE DON'T END UP HAVING THE FEDERAL  
7 GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO HAVE THEIR CLAW ON OUR NECK, SO TO  
8 SPEAK, BECAUSE IT'S COSTING US A LOT OF MONEY. AND I WANT TO  
9 SEE THAT CONTINUED. I WANT TO SEE THAT WE HAVE APPROPRIATE  
10 HEALTHCARE AND THAT WE HAVE MORE LAX FLEXIBILITY WITH OUR  
11 CUSTODY STAFF AND SHERIFFS. BECAUSE I THINK THERE ARE THINGS  
12 THAT ARE HAPPENING IN THERE THAT REALLY COULD BE TAKING OFF  
13 AND THEY REALLY HAVEN'T. AND THAT IS BY WAY OF PROVIDING  
14 BETTER TREATMENT TO THOSE THAT WE HAVE IN CUSTODY THAT REALLY  
15 ARE HARMFUL TO THEMSELVES, HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS, AND THEY NEED  
16 A DIFFERENT KIND OF TREATMENT AND SETTING. AND I KNOW WE'RE  
17 BUILDING OUT THE PODS RIGHT NOW, WE'RE DOING ALL THAT, WHICH  
18 IS GREAT. AND IT'S COSTING US A LOT OF MONEY. I JUST DON'T  
19 THINK THE PUBLIC KNOWS THAT. I DON'T THINK THEY UNDERSTAND ALL  
20 THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE DONE. AND, YOU KNOW, I NEVER THOUGHT I  
21 WOULD END UP SAYING ALL THIS ON THIS SIDE OF THE DAIS, BUT  
22 IT'S TRUE, YOU ALL HAVE WORKED VERY HARD. AND SO HAVE OUR  
23 EMPLOYEES, OUR UNION EMPLOYEES AND OUR MEDICAL STAFF THAT ARE  
24 THERE. AND I DON'T THINK THEY GET ENOUGH CREDIT EITHER BECAUSE  
25 THEY'RE BURNT OUT. THEY ARE BURNT OUT AND I THINK THEY ARE



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1 TRYING TO PUT THEIR FINGER IN THAT DIKE BUT IT JUST KEEPS  
2 EXPLODING AND IT'S NOT IMPROVING. BUT WE HAVE TO WORK BETTER  
3 AND I THINK FOR ME THE COURTS HAS TO BE HERE AND WE JUST HAVE  
4 TO RAMP UP MORE SUPPORT. I LIKE WHAT JUDGE JCOD IS DOING  
5 OUTSIDE, SAFE LANDINGS AND ALL THAT. WE'RE GONNA HAVE  
6 SOMETHING COMING UP ALREADY. I UNDERSTAND WE'RE WORKING WITH  
7 CEO, PROPERTY REAL ESTATE, AND WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT WE'RE  
8 LOOKING AT SO THAT WHEN PEOPLE DO COME OUT OF JAIL, THEY CAN  
9 LAND THERE RIGHT AWAY THE MINUTE THEY WALK OUT OF THE JAIL AND  
10 BE ABLE TO GET THE KIND OF SERVICES THEY NEED. THE MAIN THING  
11 IS IF WE CAN DO, WE CAN THROW 3 OR 4 BALLS UP IN THE AIR. AND  
12 ONE OF THEM IS PREVENTION. SO, THE ONES THAT DO COME OUT AND  
13 THEY HAVE A PLACE TO GO, THAT THEY DON'T RETURN. AND THAT I  
14 THINK IS A BIG PART OF WHAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT. THAT'S ANOTHER  
15 PIECE OF THE PUZZLE FOR ME. BUT THE OTHER THING IS, AGAIN,  
16 JUST THE ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE'RE SPENDING RIGHT  
17 NOW TO GET JUST TO FIX OURSELVES STRUCTURALLY. WE'RE NOT GOING  
18 TO BE ABLE TO BUILD ANYTHING NEW IN THAT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.  
19 SO, WE HAVE TO COME TO TERMS WITH THAT. BUT I DO WANT TO SEE  
20 THAT THAT WE HAVE BETTER OVERSIGHT AND I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM  
21 THE CHAIR OF SYBIL BRAND. YOU KNOW, I WANT TO ASK YOU, YOU'RE  
22 SITTING THERE QUIETLY, BUT YOU'VE BEEN AT THIS FOR A LONG  
23 TIME. AND YOU KNOW, WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR OPINIONS ABOUT THIS?  
24 WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO? WHAT ARE WE MISSING HERE?  
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1 **RAYMOND REGALADO:** WELL, FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU  
2 ALL FOR BRINGING THIS SUBJECT IN THIS PUBLIC ARENA SO THAT WE  
3 CAN TALK ABOUT IT. SO THAT SOMETIMES, I'LL BE HONEST WITH YOU,  
4 WE HAVE A WHOLE GROUP OF PEOPLE, COMMISSIONERS, WHO GO OUT AND  
5 DO THIS, YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE FULL-TIME JOBS. AND THEY DO THIS  
6 BECAUSE THEY HAVE A DESIRE TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT IN A TOUGH  
7 ARENA TO BRING SOME HUMANITY INTO OUR JAILS. AND THAT'S SO  
8 IMPORTANT. RIGHT. BECAUSE I'LL BE HONEST WITH YOU, THE FIRST  
9 TIME I STEPPED INTO THE JAIL IN MY CAPACITY AS A COMMISSIONER,  
10 IT SCARED THE HECK OUT OF ME. IT REALLY DID. AND I JUST DIDN'T  
11 KNOW HOW TO REACT. BUT AS I SAW MY COLLEAGUES OUT THERE DOING  
12 THIS MONTH IN AND MONTH OUT, THE AMOUNT OF VISITS THAT WE'RE  
13 ABLE TO DO, 2 VISITS A MONTH, THAT'S WHAT WE TRY TO DO. AND  
14 THE THING IS THAT WE TRY TO DO IT IN PAIRS BECAUSE, I MEAN, WE  
15 CAN TALK AND BOUNCE IDEAS OFF OF EACH OTHER. IT'S REALLY  
16 IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH SOME OF THESE, SOME OF  
17 THESE MAYBE IDEAS AS TO HOW WE MIGHT MAKE THE AREA, THE JAILS,  
18 A LITTLE BIT MORE HUMANE. AND THAT'S THE WORD THAT I HAVE  
19 HEARD MENTIONED IN THIS CONTEXT MANY TIMES. WE TALK ABOUT IT  
20 IN OUR MEETINGS, AND I'M REALLY GLAD TO HEAR THAT WE ALSO TALK  
21 ABOUT IT IN THIS CONTEXT OF WHAT WE'RE HOPING TO ACCOMPLISH.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU'RE BEING RESPONDED TO?  
24 YOU KNOW, THE CONCEPTS THAT YOU THROW OUT THERE AND IDEAS, AND  
25 DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU ARE BEING TAKEN SERIOUS?



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1  
2 **RAYMOND REGALADO:** THE CHALLENGE WHEN WE GO OUT AND MAKE AN  
3 INSPECTION AND WE WRITE UP OUR REPORTS, AND I WILL, I WANT TO  
4 MAKE SURE THAT I EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT WHEN WE'RE OUT IN AN  
5 INSPECTION AND WE SEE SOMETHING THAT CAN BE CORRECTED, WE JUST  
6 DON'T WAIT UNTIL WE GET, YOU KNOW, BACK TO OUR WORK  
7 ENVIRONMENTS AND WRITE OUT OUR REPORTS. WE WILL TALK TO  
8 WHOEVER MIGHT BE THE LEADERSHIP THERE AT THE TIME AND SAY,  
9 THIS IS WHAT WE SAW. DO YOU THINK WE CAN MAYBE CORRECT IT  
10 RIGHT AWAY? BUT HERE'S THE CHALLENGE. WE GO, WE LEAVE, AND WE  
11 HOPE THAT IT GETS TAKEN CARE OF. SO, NOBODY GETS BACK TO YOU  
12 ON THAT? WHEN WE HAVE THE MORE BASIC THINGS, ONE OF THE THINGS  
13 THAT I'LL GIVE AS AN EXAMPLE, IN JUNE, LET'S GO BACK TO MARCH  
14 OF 2023, THERE WAS NO HOT WATER IN UNIT 4300C, NO HOT WATER.  
15 WE WENT BACK THERE IN JUNE AND GUESS WHAT? STILL NO HOT WATER  
16 IN THAT UNIT. SO, WE WOULD HOPE THAT OUR REPORT WOULD HELP  
17 CREATE THE CHANGE THAT WE'RE HOPING TO CREATE. AND MAYBE IN  
18 THE WHOLE SCHEME OF THINGS, MAYBE HOT WATER ISN'T THAT  
19 IMPORTANT IN SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE REPORT, BUT WE WANNA  
20 MAKE SURE THAT WE, IN PARTNERSHIP, CAN COME AND SAY, THIS IS  
21 WHAT WE SAW, THIS IS WHAT WE CAN, WE HOPE WE'LL SEE A CHANGE.  
22 AND WE HOPE THAT OVER TIME THAT CREATION OF A PARTNERSHIP WE  
23 DON'T SEE OURSELVES AS WORKING, YOU KNOW OUTSIDE, YOU KNOW THE  
24 CONFINES OF THE OF THE YOU KNOW OPPOSITE OF THE SHERIFF'S  
25 DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS, IT IS MY BELIEF THAT WE WORK IN



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1 PARTNERSHIP, IN CONCERT SO THAT WE CAN CREATE THAT HUMANE  
2 ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR INCARCERATED POPULATION. AND I WILL SAY  
3 THAT IN SUPPORT OF THE WORK THAT OUR SHERIFFS PARTNERS AT  
4 THOSE LOCATIONS, THEY DO LISTEN TO US. AND WE HOPE WHEN WE  
5 WALK AWAY FOR THE DAY THAT THEY ARE CORRECTED. SO MAYBE THAT'S  
6 A SUGGESTION THAT I COULD PUT FORWARD, IS THAT WHEN WE MAKE  
7 OUR REPORT, THAT WE GET TIMELY FEEDBACK ON WHAT WE REPORT.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** RIGHT. SO --

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11 **RAYMOND REGALADO:** I MEAN, IF I CAN JUST SAY THIS ONE THAT  
12 BROUGHT US TO THIS AREA HERE TODAY, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE SAW THE  
13 NEWS HANGING AND THE, WHEN WE WERE MAKING THAT REPORT, IT  
14 BROUGHT US HERE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT MAYBE THAT'S  
15 MORE THE EXCEPTION THAN THE RULE, BUT DEFINITELY WHEN WE ARE  
16 OUT THERE, WE DO GET THAT INFORMATION BACK AND WE GET IT QUICK  
17 SO THAT WHEN WE GO OUT THERE AGAIN WE DON'T HAVE TO SEE OKAY  
18 LET'S GO UP TO 4300 C AND SEE IF WE STILL DON'T HAVE HOT WATER  
19 BECAUSE I'LL TELL YOU YOUR MOTION HAS SOME VERY COMPREHENSIVE  
20 IDEAS AREAS THAT WE HAVE REPORTED ON. AND SOMETIMES WE SEE THE  
21 REPEAT OF. BUT I AM THANKFUL THAT THIS CONVERSATION IS  
22 HAPPENING BECAUSE WE TRULY HAVE THE BEST INTEREST OF THE  
23 INCARCERATED.

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25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** RIGHT.



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2 **RAYMOND REGALADO:** WE TRULY HAVE THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STAFF  
3 WHO WORK THERE TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THERE'S NO  
4 CONFLICT, TO MINIMIZE WHATEVER CONFLICT SO THAT IT MAKES, YOU  
5 KNOW, OUR LASD PARTNERS IN THIS WHOLE ENVIRONMENT, YOU KNOW,  
6 KNOWING THAT WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU. BUT WE HOPE THAT, YOU  
7 KNOW, WHAT WE PROVIDE YOU IN OUR REPORTS ARE LISTENED TO AND  
8 ARE TAKEN CARE OF IN A TIMELY MANNER SO THAT WE DON'T SEE  
9 REPEAT THINGS LIKE THIS, SO THAT WE CAN MAINTAIN A HUMANE  
10 ENVIRONMENT TODAY AND TOMORROW AS WE SEEK THOSE REMEDIES TO  
11 SEE WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO WITH MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND HOW  
12 WE'RE GOING TO ACCOMPLISH THAT.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** CAN I ASK YOU, MR. REGALADO, HOW LONG HAVE  
15 YOU SERVED ON THE COMMISSION?

16

17 **RAYMOND REGALADO:** JUST OVER 2 YEARS.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** BECAUSE I KNOW ONE OF MY FORMER  
20 COMMISSIONERS, PERCY DURAN, WAS ON THERE FOR SEVERAL DECADES,  
21 AND HE WAS VERY, VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SERVING BECAUSE HE  
22 FELT IT WAS A DUTY.

23

24 **RAYMOND REGALADO:** YEAH, I'LL TELL YOU, I GO AFTER AN  
25 INSPECTION AND I FEEL THAT WE'RE REALLY WORKING TO MAKE





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1 CHANGE, POSITIVE CHANGE, IN A COMMUNITY THAT COULD VERY WELL,  
2 WHO VERY WELL DESERVES THE CHANGE. YOU KNOW, THEY'RE THERE FOR  
3 A REASON. LET'S NOT MAKE IT WORSE BY, YOU KNOW, HAVING  
4 CONDITIONS THAT WE HAVE TO REPEAT AND GO OVER.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND  
7 IT'S VERY ENLIGHTENING TO HEAR THAT, YOUR COMMENT. SHERIFF,  
8 YOU WANTED TO RESPOND?

9

10 **ROBERT LUNA:** YES MA'AM. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK MR. REGALADO  
11 FOR YOUR SERVICE AND WHAT YOU'RE DOING. I THINK YOU DO MAKE US  
12 BETTER AND YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BUT I ALSO, IN HEARING  
13 WHAT I'M HEARING NOW, I ALWAYS START OFF WITH HOW CAN WE GET  
14 BETTER? AND OBVIOUSLY COMMUNICATION CAN DEFINITELY BE BETTER  
15 IN FOLLOWING UP, BUT JUST REAL QUICK REGARDING PLUMBING  
16 BECAUSE IT'S COME UP A LOT. SO FOR FY 23 AND 24, OUR  
17 FACILITIES SERVICES BUREAU RECEIVED 8,038 TOTAL REPAIR ORDERS  
18 FOR MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND 3,770 WERE PLUMBING RELATED, AND  
19 THEY AVERAGED 2.74 HOURS TO REPAIR OR RESOLVE FOR PLUMBING.  
20 AND I GOTTA TELL YOU, WHEN I FIRST GOT HERE AND I'M DOING MY  
21 TOURS AND I SIT DOWN WITH INMATES AND LISTEN, NUMBER ONE  
22 ISSUE, PLUMBING. SO, I WENT BACK TO MY STAFF BEING BRAND NEW  
23 TO THE DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY, WHY ARE WE HAVING SO MANY  
24 PLUMBING PROBLEMS? WELL, THE FIRST THING IS, WELL, IT'S MCJ,  
25 OKAY, HOW DO WE FIX IT? AND NOT HAVING ALL THE BACKGROUND,



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1 GOING BACK THROUGH CUTS OVER THE YEARS, ONE OF THE FIRST  
2 THINGS THAT WAS CUT WAS MAINTENANCE FOR OUR CUSTODIAL  
3 FACILITIES. SO, IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, WE HAVE 10 PLUMBERS FOR  
4 CUSTODY. SO, YOUR WORK DIDN'T GO UNHEARD. IF THE REQUEST IS  
5 FULFILLED, WE'LL HAVE 10 NEW PLUMBERS WHICH WILL ENHANCE THAT  
6 TIME TO FIX THE PLUMBING CHALLENGES THAT WE DO FACE IN THIS  
7 VERY OLD FACILITY. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I WON'T ASK ANY MORE. I JUST  
10 WANT TO AGAIN THANK YOU. I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF HARD WORK TO  
11 BE DONE AND MORE. AND THERE'S A LOT OF SACRIFICES THAT ARE  
12 BEING MADE BY SOME OF OUR COUNTY STAFF OUT THERE HAVING BEEN  
13 OUT ON THE GROUND IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL VISITING WITH SOME  
14 INMATES, BUT ALSO VISITING WITH THE STAFF, NURSING AND DOCTORS  
15 AND PSYCHIATRIC PHYSICIANS, AND REALLY SEEING HOW WHERE THEIR  
16 HEART IS. SO, YOU WOULD BE COMPELLED TO HEAR SOME OF THE  
17 STORIES THAT THEY HAVE TO SAY. BUT AGAIN, THE CONDITIONS THERE  
18 ARE DEPLORABLE. I DON'T THINK THERE IS A CHOICE FOR US TO KEEP  
19 IT OPERATING FOREVER AND EVER. I WON'T BE HERE FOREVER AND  
20 EVER AND EVER. BUT I'VE ALREADY BEEN HERE 9 ½ AND WE SAID WE  
21 WERE GOING TO GET RID OF IT, LIKE 7 YEARS AGO, AND IT'S STILL  
22 STANDING. SO, I HOPE THAT WE CAN GET THERE WITH THIS, WITH THE  
23 ENERGY ON THE BOARD AND WITH THE, WITH ALL OF YOU AS WELL AS  
24 OUR COMMUNITY, LOOKING AND HELPING US AND GIVING US THE INPUT  
25 THAT WE NEED. SO, EVERYTHING IS VERY VALUABLE, INCLUDING THE



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1 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT  
2 INDIVIDUAL IS HERE ALSO, SOMEONE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HERE, BUT  
3 I WON'T GO INTO IT. I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT, MADAM CHAIR. THANK  
4 YOU AGAIN.

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

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8 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND YEAH, YOU KNOW,  
9 IT IS NICE THAT WE HAVE A SPACE THAT WE CAN TALK ABOUT THIS.  
10 IT'S UNFORTUNATE IN A WAY THAT WE DIDN'T REALLY FOCUS ON WHAT  
11 THIS AGENDA ITEM WAS, WAS SPECIFICALLY TALKING ABOUT THE  
12 CONDITIONS IN THE JAIL. BECAUSE IT'S VERY HARD FOR US TO TALK  
13 ABOUT THE JAIL WITHOUT GOING OFF ON TALKING ABOUT REDUCING THE  
14 JAIL POPULATION, DIVERSION, YOU KNOW, CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL  
15 JAIL, YOU KNOW, WHAT TO DO IN ITS STEAD. BUT I WAS GOING TO  
16 ALSO CALL ON RAY BECAUSE YOU WERE KIND OF SITTING HERE THE  
17 WHOLE TIME AND I REALIZED THAT THE MOTION ASKED FOR THIS WHOLE  
18 PANEL TO REPORT ON THE CONDITIONS, BUT IT FELT LIKE WE GOT A  
19 LITTLE OFF TOPIC FROM THE WORK THAT THE CIVIL BRAND COMMISSION  
20 HAS DONE. SO, THANK YOU. BY THE WAY, RAY WAS A COMMISSIONER ON  
21 THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FOR MANY YEARS FIRST, THE  
22 COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, AND THEN HE'S NOW ON THE  
23 SYBIL BRAND. BUT I THINK YOUR SKILLS IN HUMAN RELATIONS AND  
24 DIPLOMACY CERTAINLY PLAY INTO YOUR WORK AS A SYBIL BRAND  
25 COMMISSION. REMEMBER, THERE REALLY ACTUALLY WAS A SYBIL BRAND,



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1 RIGHT? AND SHE, WHEN MY DAD WAS A SUPERVISOR, RIGHT? AND SHE  
2 ON HER OWN WALKED THROUGH THE WOMEN'S JAIL AT THE TIME AND  
3 REPORTED BACK TO HIM THE DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS OF WOMEN HAVING  
4 TO SLEEP ON THE FLOORS OF THE WOMEN'S JAIL. AND THAT'S REALLY  
5 HOW IT GOT STARTED WAS WHY DON'T WE HAVE A CITIZEN'S  
6 COMMISSION THAT REGULARLY THEIR ONLY JOB IS TO INSPECT OUR  
7 JAILS. AND IT IS VERY TOUGH WORK AS YOU DESCRIBED RAY, BUT SO  
8 VALUABLE. AND WE JUST REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU AND THE OTHER  
9 COMMISSIONERS FOR THAT WORK. BUT READING WHAT BROUGHT US HERE  
10 AND SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU SAID, THAT LIST, BROKEN  
11 TOILETS IN CELLS, MOLD AND MILDEW IN PLACES, RATS AND  
12 COCKROACHES IN CELLS, MISSING EYEGLASSES, MISSED MEDICAL  
13 APPOINTMENTS, FAILURES TO CONTACT CONSULATES FOR FOREIGN  
14 NATIONALS, DETAINEES IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE, NON-  
15 FUNCTIONING CELL DOORS, PUTTING BOTH THOSE IN CUSTODY AND THE  
16 STAFF AT RISK. HUNGER DUE TO INADEQUATE OR SPOILED FOOD.  
17 FLOODING RESULTING FROM PLUMBING ISSUES. DIRTY BUG-INFESTED  
18 SINK WATER. STORAGE SHORTAGE OF GRIEVANCE FORMS. INSUFFICIENT  
19 AND BROKEN CLEANING SUPPLIES. TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS REPORTED  
20 NOT BEING PROVIDED APPROPRIATE CLOTHING. SO AGAIN, WE TALKED A  
21 LOT ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS, AND I THINK WE'RE ALL CLEAR ABOUT  
22 CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. I'D LIKE TO SEE A MENTAL HEALTH  
23 TREATMENT FACILITY RISE UP. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, THAT'S WHAT  
24 THIS ITEM IS ABOUT. THAT'S WHAT THE MOTION IS TODAY. IT'S IN  
25 THE MEANTIME, HOW ARE WE TREATING THESE INMATES, THOSE WHO ARE



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1 IN CUSTODY, WHO ARE IN OUR CARE. AND, YOU KNOW, WHAT YOU'RE  
2 DESCRIBING IS UNACCEPTABLE. IT'S UNACCEPTABLE FOR US. NO  
3 MATTER WHAT GOOD INTENTIONS WE HAVE ON CLOSING, WHAT GOOD  
4 INTENTIONS WE HAVE OF REALIZING THAT IT'S ONE OF THE LARGEST  
5 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES HAS ENDED UP BEING OUR JAIL. NO  
6 MATTER ALL THAT, WHILE THEY'RE IN OUR CUSTODY, WE HAVE A MORAL  
7 OBLIGATION TO TREAT THEM WITH THE UTMOST KINDNESS, RESPECT,  
8 AND HUMANITY. AND FROM WHAT OUR SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION IS  
9 TELLING US, THAT'S NOT THE CASE. AND YOU KNOW, WISH WE COULD  
10 HAVE SPENT MORE TIME TODAY ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT THIS ITEM,  
11 WHICH WAS THE CONDITIONS. I MEAN, I THINK THE CONDITIONS ARE  
12 SPURRINESS, WITH ALL URGENCY, YOU KNOW, FIGURE OUT HOW TO  
13 CLOSE IT. BUT AGAIN, IN THE MEANTIME, NONE OF US CAN BE HAPPY  
14 WITH WHAT WE'RE HEARING TODAY. AND I KNOW, SHERIFF, YOU'RE  
15 HEARING IT TOO, AND I KNOW YOU'RE NOT HAPPY EITHER. BUT FOR A  
16 MONTH LATER TO NOT HAVE HOT WATER IN THE SAME FACILITY,  
17 WHETHER OR NOT SOME OF THE OTHER PLUMBING REQUESTS GOT  
18 FULFILLED EARLIER, YOU KNOW, THAT'S UNBELIEVABLE TO HAVE A  
19 NOOSE THAT THE COMMISSION FOUND. AND YOU SAID IT WAS ONLY  
20 BECAUSE YOU BROUGHT IT TO THE ATTENTION OF ONE OF THE DEPUTIES  
21 THAT WAS FINALLY TAKEN DOWN. THE OTHER THINGS THAT YOU  
22 OBSERVED WHICH WERE HIGHLY INAPPROPRIATE AT A DEPUTIES  
23 WORKSPACE. SO, YOU'RE REALLY UNCOVERING DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS  
24 AND I APPRECIATE THAT YOU HAVE RAISED THEM TO OUR LEVEL, BUT  
25 IT DOES FEEL A LITTLE BIT LIKE TO ME, LIKE THE COMMISSION IS



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1 NOT BEING AS RESPECTED, IN MY OPINION, OR RESPONDED TO IN AN  
2 APPROPRIATE WAY. TO EVEN ASK THEM TO FOLLOW UP WITH OTHER  
3 CAPTAINS OR WHOEVER IN THE JAIL IS NOT REALLY THE RIGHT  
4 RESPONSE. IT SEEMS LIKE THAT SHOULD BE THE SHERIFF'S  
5 DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITY TO FOLLOW UP ONCE YOU HEAR A  
6 COMPLAINT. LET ME JUST TALK ABOUT ONE OF THE CONCERNS WAS  
7 PEOPLE SEEING THEIR MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS. AND DR.  
8 BELAVICH, I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU LAST YEAR, THE CIVIL BRAND  
9 COMMISSION FOUND THAT PEOPLE WITH THE LOW-LEVEL P2 DESIGNATION  
10 HAD TO WAIT AN AVERAGE OF 47 DAYS TO BE SEEN BY A  
11 PSYCHIATRIST. WHAT'S THAT LIKE NOW, AND IS THE AVERAGE TIME  
12 ANY SHORTER?

13

14 **DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH:** YES, THE AVERAGE TIME IS SIGNIFICANTLY  
15 SHORTER. AT THIS POINT, WE'VE CHANGED SOME OF OUR STAFFING  
16 MODEL BECAUSE WE HAVE OBTAINED MORE PSYCHIATRIC STAFF AND SO  
17 THE PREDOMINANT NUMBER OF OUR P2S, P3S, THEY'RE SEEN IN THE  
18 IRC WITHIN 24 HOURS. THOSE THAT ARE NOT, THE EXPECTATION IS  
19 THAT THEY ARE, P2 IS SEEN WITHIN 7 DAYS BY THEIR PSYCHIATRIST.  
20 AND WE HIT THAT OVER 90% OF THE TIME WHEREVER THE INDIVIDUAL  
21 IS. ALSO, FOR P2S, ONCE THEY'RE ON MEDICATIONS AND STABLE, THE  
22 EXPECTATION IS THAT PSYCHIATRY FOLLOWS UP WITH THEM AT LEAST  
23 EVERY 90 DAYS. AND IT'S A VERY HIGH PERCENTAGE, OVER 90%, THAT  
24 IS GETTING THAT VISIT ON A REGULAR BASIS AS WELL. SO, A LOT OF  
25 THAT'S BEEN RESOLVED. THERE ARE 7 PSYCHIATRIC PROVIDERS AT



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1 THIS POINT OVER IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.

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3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I INTRODUCED A  
4 MOTION IN SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR SUGGESTING THAT INCENTIVES BE  
5 LOOKED INTO TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE  
6 IN THE FORENSIC IMPATIENT STEP-DOWN PROGRAM. CAN YOU GIVE US  
7 AN UPDATE MAYBE ON THE PROGRESS OF THAT REQUEST?

8

9 **DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH:** YES. THAT PROGRAM IS IN TWIN TOWERS AND  
10 AT CRDF FOR THE FEMALES. AND CURRENTLY, WE HAVE ACTUALLY 16  
11 PODS IN TWIN TOWERS THAT HOUSE FIPP STEP-DOWNS. AND WE HAVE 22  
12 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS WORKING IN THAT PROGRAM OR RECRUITED  
13 FOR THAT PROGRAM. AT CRDF, THERE ARE 4 PODS FOR THE FEMALES,  
14 AND THERE ARE CURRENTLY 14 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS EITHER  
15 FULLY THERE OR BEEN RECRUITED. THERE'S BEEN A DEVELOPMENT OF  
16 AN INTERDISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE THAT INDIVIDUALS ARE CONSIDERED  
17 BASED ON THEIR, CLEARED BASED ON THEIR CUSTODY BACKGROUND.  
18 ONCE THEY'RE CLEARED, THEY CAN APPLY, AND THE COMMITTEE IN AN  
19 INTERDISCIPLINARY WAY MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHO MENTAL  
20 HEALTH ASSISTANCE SHOULD BECOME. SO, IT'S BEEN, I THINK, QUITE  
21 SUCCESSFUL.

22

23 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY, GOOD. AND THEN I WAS JUST GONNA SAY,  
24 YOU KNOW, WE'VE DONE SO MUCH ON THIS BOARD. WE'VE REALLY  
25 EXPANDED OUR CRISIS RESPONSE TO PEOPLE WHO ARE HAVING MENTAL



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1 HEALTH CRISIS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. WE'VE PUT A LOT OF WORK  
2 BEHIND THAT. WHAT HELP, OR DO YOU HAVE TEAMS OF CLINICIANS  
3 AVAILABLE IN OUR JAILS TO RESPOND TO SOMEBODY MAYBE WHO'S  
4 HAVING AN URGENT MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS MELTDOWN?

5 **DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH:** YES, IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, UP AT  
6 PITCHES, AND AT CRDF, WE ALL HAVE A PROGRAM CALLED JMET. IT  
7 MIRRORS WHAT WE SEE IN THE COMMUNITY WITH CUSTODY AND  
8 CLINICIANS WHO WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT NECESSARILY  
9 ENROLLED IN MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS. AND THOSE CLINICIANS,  
10 THEIR JOB IS TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES DURING THE HOURS OF  
11 USUALLY AROUND 6 IN THE MORNING UNTIL 9 AT NIGHT. AND AFTER  
12 THAT OUR IRC, WHICH IS STAFF 24-7 HANDLES EMERGENCIES. BUT  
13 ALSO, PART OF THEIR FUNCTION IS DOING WHAT WE CALL A ROW  
14 WALKS. THEY ARE WALKING THE TIERS, THEY'RE WALKING THE HOUSING  
15 UNITS, INTERACTING AND TALKING TO PEOPLE, LOOKING FOR PEOPLE  
16 WHO MAY NOT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH  
17 ISSUE THAT NEED TO BE BROUGHT INTO MENTAL HEALTH. AND THEN IN  
18 THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS, WE HAVE THE STAFF THERE WHO ARE  
19 SEEING THEIR PATIENTS AND ALWAYS AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF  
20 EMERGENCIES THAT ARISE.

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22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT, WELL, I APPRECIATE THAT. WE DO KNOW  
23 THAT THERE ARE SO MANY WHO ARE INCARCERATED WHO HAVE MENTAL  
24 HEALTH CHALLENGES. WE KNOW THAT'S A HUGE PART OF THE  
25 POPULATION. AND I KNOW WE'VE HEARD OVER AND OVER AGAIN, YOU





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1 CAN'T GET WELL IN A CELL, RIGHT? AND YET, YOU KNOW, WITH THEM  
2 BEING THERE, WE DO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO REALLY WORK WITH  
3 THEIR MENTAL HEALTH, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE IN A CRISIS  
4 SITUATION. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. WELL, THANK YOU TO THE  
5 PANEL. AND I JUST REALLY WANT TO THANK RAY REGALADO AND YOUR  
6 FELLOW COMMISSIONERS, THE SYBIL BRAND INSPECTION COMMISSION.  
7 YOU ARE REALLY DOING GOOD WORK. YOU ARE CLEARLY ADVOCATING ON  
8 BEHALF OF THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED. AND YOU'VE GOT A VERY  
9 UNIQUE, THIS IS A UNIQUE COMMISSION. IT'S REALLY NOT LIKE ANY  
10 OF OUR OTHER COMMISSIONS, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT WORK. APPRECIATE  
11 MY SUPERVISORS WHO BROUGHT THIS FORWARD TO DISCUSS THIS  
12 REPORT. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO ELEVATE  
13 THAT COMMISSION'S REPORT IN ANY WAY WE CAN. THANK YOU.

14

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

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17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I JUST WANTED THE COUPLE  
18 OF THINGS THAT CAME TO MIND, MY STAFF REMINDED ME AND I WANT  
19 TO THANK YOU JUDGE ARMSTEAD BECAUSE THE POINTS WE'RE TALKING  
20 ABOUT REGARDING STATE LEGISLATION AS WELL AS THE COURTS DID  
21 COME UP, AND YOU DID BRING THAT UP AS FACTORS THAT NEED TO BE  
22 CONSIDERED. AND THEN TO MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES, TO PROFESSOR  
23 MITCHELL, YOU'RE ASKING WHAT THIS BOARD CAN DO. THIS BOARD CAN  
24 TAKE THE FACTS THAT 75% OF THOSE THAT THE SHERIFF IS NOW  
25 SAYING CANNOT BE DIVERTED, ALTHOUGH I THINK THAT NUMBER IS



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1 GOING TO BE LOWER BECAUSE OF PRETRIAL. YEAH. AND SO I THINK  
2 THAT, AND THEN ASK THAT THEY WORK WITH PUBLIC DEFENDER,  
3 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER COURTS. I DON'T THINK THE COURTS  
4 WANNA BE AT THE TABLE BECAUSE THEY DON'T FEEL THAT THAT'S  
5 THEIR ROLE, AS I RECALL. AND THE SHERIFF, AS WELL AS MENTAL  
6 HEALTH AND HEALTH, BRING US WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE.

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8 AND KNOWING THAT WE NOW HAVE A CONSENSUS THAT WE RECOGNIZE  
9 THAT WE NEED TO HAVE REPLACEMENT, THE QUESTION IS WHERE, THEN  
10 WE LOOK AT PLACES. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE THOSE THAT HAVE  
11 THROWN AROUND PITCHES. WE CAN THROW AROUND THE CURRENT CAMPUS  
12 OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THE DISCUSSION WAS  
13 AROUND TRANSPORTATION, GETTING PEOPLE TO AND FROM, OR EVEN  
14 SYBIL BRAND, WHICH IS EMPTY. DO WE TEAR THAT DOWN? I MEAN,  
15 THERE WE HAVE ALTERNATIVES. NOW THAT WE KNOW WHAT WE NEED TO  
16 DO, THE QUESTION IS, WHERE DO WE PUT IT? BECAUSE I'VE HEARD ON  
17 THIS BOARD THAT IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF TEARING IT DOWN AND  
18 REPLACING IT SOMEPLACE ELSE. SO WHERE IS THAT SOMEPLACE ELSE?  
19 AND THEN FILL IN THE FACTS. SO IN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION,  
20 THAT'S WHAT THIS BOARD DOES. THIS BOARD SAYS WE'VE IDENTIFIED  
21 THE PROBLEM, WE'VE IDENTIFIED THE PARAMETERS, WHAT IS NEEDED,  
22 BRING BACK WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE AND LET'S DO IT. I KNOW IT  
23 SOUNDS EASY, BUT THAT'S REALLY WHAT IT'S ABOUT. SO, WITH THAT,  
24 THANK YOU.

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

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3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND TO  
4 SUPERVISOR HAHN, I CAN AGREE WITH YOU MORE. I THINK THE FIRST  
5 QUESTION WAS ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE JAIL CLOSURE  
6 IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, AND I KNOW THAT SENT ME DOWN A PATH, AND  
7 SO I WANT TO COME BACK TO YOUR POINT, AND I APPRECIATE YOU  
8 BRINGING US BACK TO THAT. AND SO, I GUESS MY QUESTION REALLY  
9 IS TO THE SHERIFF, LIKE, CAN THERE BE AN EXPECTATION ABOUT  
10 RESOLUTION, EITHER IN TIMING, IN WRITING, EITHER TO THE TO  
11 CIVIL BRAND COMMISSION TO US, LIKE YOU KNOW SORT OF A POINT  
12 COUNTERPOINT. SO WE KNOW WHAT YOU TOLD US. INFRASTRUCTURE  
13 FUNDING CUTS, 8, 000 REQUESTS, WE'VE GOT 10 NEW PLUMBERS, JUST  
14 SO WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING IN TERMS OF IT'S ON YOUR RADAR AND  
15 YOU'RE ADDRESSING IT. ABSENT HEARING IT HERE, I DON'T KNOW HOW  
16 ELSE THE COMMISSIONER OR WE WOULD GET THAT. AND SO, AND FOR  
17 EVERYONE, FOR THE COMMISSION, THE PUBLIC, EVERYONE, IF YOU  
18 HAVE A LOVED ONE THERE AND YOU COME AND VISIT, YOU GET A  
19 LETTER ABOUT CONDITIONS, THAT'S WHO THEN CALLS US, MY SON, MY  
20 DAUGHTER, AND THESE ARE THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THEY'RE  
21 LIVING. SO HOW CAN YOU INFORM EXPECTATIONS AROUND, A, IT'S ON  
22 YOUR RADAR SCREEN, WHAT THE TIMING IS, TO GET TO SUPERVISOR  
23 HAHN'S POINT ABOUT IT'S BEING ADDRESSED, IT'S NOT ON YOU, IT'S  
24 SOMEBODY ELSE, HOW DO WE DO THAT?

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1 **ROBERT LUNA:** EXCELLENT QUESTION. YOU SAID I DIDN'T ASK YOU A  
2 QUESTION THE FIRST TIME. I FEEL WELCOME AGAIN. THANK YOU.  
3 FIRST OF ALL, I'M NOT GONNA POINT THE FINGERS AT ANYBODY, I'M  
4 GONNA LOOK IN THE MIRROR AND SAY, HEY, WHAT CAN WE DO BETTER?  
5 WHAT I'M HOLDING IN MY HAND RIGHT NOW IS THE LAST VISIT FROM  
6 THE COMMISSION. AND IT IS 4 PAGES OF CHALLENGES THAT THEY  
7 BROUGHT FORWARD. AND IN THE SECOND COLUMN, IT'S EVERYTHING  
8 THAT WE DID TO FIX IT. BUT HERE'S THE GAP. WE NEVER GOT BACK  
9 TO YOU. SO WHO SAYS THAT SITTING HERE FOR HOURS, YOU DON'T  
10 LEARN ANYTHING, RIGHT? SO WE'RE GOING TO GET BETTER. WE'RE  
11 GONNA COMMUNICATE A LITTLE BIT BETTER, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE  
12 COMMISSIONERS COME IN AND THEY DO TALK TO THE WATCH COMMANDER,  
13 MAKING SURE THAT NOT ALL OF THOSE ALWAYS COME TO US. WE DON'T  
14 GET THEM UNTIL THE REPORT COMES OUT. SO THERE'S A DISCONNECT.  
15 WE HAVE TO FIX WITH OUR OWN SYSTEMS, BUT EVERYTHING THAT  
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN TALKED ABOUT THAT WE WEREN'T DOING. I HAVE A  
17 DOCUMENT HERE THAT SAYS WE ARE DOING IT AND WITHIN A CERTAIN  
18 AMOUNT OF TIME. IT'S MISCOMMUNICATION. I DON'T SEE A PROBLEM  
19 WITH THAT. I WILL MAKE SURE I LOOK AT THAT AND MAKE SURE THAT  
20 EVERYTHING'S WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF SHARING IT, AND I DON'T  
21 SEE WHY NOT.

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

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25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I JUST WANT TO SAY GOOD DISCUSSION, AND I



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1 KNOW WE HAVE MORE TO COME IN TERMS OF WHAT WE END UP LOOKING  
2 AT OR FOR IN TERMS OF A STRUCTURAL BUILDING TO REPLACE MEN'S  
3 CENTRAL JAIL, BUT I WILL TELL YOU, THIS SUPERVISOR IS  
4 ADAMANTLY AGAINST SEEING SYBIL BRAND OPEN. IT'S A CONTAMINATED  
5 PROPERTY, AND I'LL BE DAMNED IF EAST L.A. IS GONNA STAND FOR  
6 THAT. AND MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CAN'T BE REPLACED WHERE IT  
7 CURRENTLY IS IN MY OPINION. NOW I'M ONLY HERE FOR A SHORT  
8 TIME. YOU COULD HAVE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT BOARD, BUT YOU  
9 KNOW WHAT, WE NEED TO EXPLORE ALL AVENUES, INCLUDING PLACEMENT  
10 OUTSIDE IN COMMUNITY AND OTHER TREATMENT CENTERS. THANK YOU.

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

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14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND MADAM CHAIR, SO I WAS  
15 SAYING WE SHOULD LOOK AT ALL PROPERTIES BECAUSE I KNOW THAT  
16 YOU'VE THROWN OUT PITCHES AND I THINK IT'S A LEVEL PLAYING  
17 FIELD. I THINK WE SHOULD LOOK AT ALL FACILITIES. SEE, OH.  
18 WELL, LOS PADRINOS IS ALREADY IN USE. YOU'VE ALREADY, YOU  
19 ACTUALLY ALREADY STEPPED UP AND PROVIDED A FACILITY. SO I'M  
20 JUST SAYING, AND YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU WILL HAVE A SAY, JUST LIKE  
21 I WILL HAVE A SAY. BUT AT LEAST I'M EXCITED THAT WE ALL AGREE  
22 THAT WE HAVE TO REPLACE THE FACILITY. FOR ME, IT WAS A  
23 BREAKTHROUGH TODAY THAT WE ALL NOW, WELL NOT ALL, BUT AT LEAST  
24 ONE PERSON THAT I THINK ORIGINALLY DIDN'T IS NOW EMBRACING THE  
25 FACT THAT WE MAY NEED TO REPLACE MEN CENTRAL WITH SOMETHING.



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1 AND SO, I THINK TODAY'S BEEN A GOOD DISCUSSION. AND I'M NOT  
2 PROPOSING SYBIL BRAND. I THREW OUT EVERYTHING. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I KNOW THAT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
5 WANTS TO RESPOND TO SOMETHING THAT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER. SO,  
6 I KNOW HIS REPRESENTATIVE IS HERE WHILE SHE'S WALKING UP. I DO  
7 JUST WANT TO REFRESH OUR MEMORY BECAUSE WE DID START THE  
8 CONVERSATION WITH THE REPORT FROM THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION  
9 ON THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE, ON THE INSPECTION  
10 REPORTS AND WHAT ACCOUNTABILITY LOOKS LIKE, LOOKING AT THE  
11 VIDEOS, LOOKING AT POLITICAL STICKERS, THOSE WERE ALL THINGS  
12 THAT CAME FROM THE MOST RECENT REPORT. SO, WE ACTUALLY DID  
13 TACKLE THAT, AND I THANK THE COMMISSION FOR THEIR WORK IN  
14 IDENTIFYING THOSE ISSUES, AND I'M GLAD THAT WE WERE ABLE TO  
15 OPEN UP LINES OF COMMUNICATION FOR THERE TO BE A MORE DIRECT  
16 RESPONSE. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, I KNOW OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER, I  
17 GOT A TEXT THAT SAID THAT YOU WANTED TO BE ON RECORD ABOUT  
18 WHATEVER WAS MENTIONED REGARDING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER THAT YOU  
19 WANTED TO RESPOND TO. SO.

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21 **JUSTINE ESACK:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
22 IS JUSTINE ESACK AND I'M THE CHIEF DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER.  
23 THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO THIS CONVERSATION. EVEN IF IT WAS  
24 BASED ON A TEXT, I WAS PREPARED TO DO PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M  
25 REALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM. I'M



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1 GLAD THAT THE CONVERSATION HAS COME BACK AROUND TO THE  
2 CONDITIONS IN THE JAIL. BECAUSE AS EVERYBODY'S ACKNOWLEDGED,  
3 IT'S TAKING SOME TIME TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND  
4 DIVERTING EVERYBODY WHO'S DIVERTIBLE OUT OF THE JAIL ALSO  
5 TAKES SOME TIME. AND DURING THE TIME THAT THOSE 2 THINGS ARE  
6 TAKING SOME TIME, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER TO  
7 SAY THAT OUR CLIENTS DESERVE TO LIVE HUMANELY AND TO NOT BE  
8 SUBJECTED TO CONDITIONS THAT ARE INHUMANE. SO, I THANK YOU FOR  
9 THAT OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT. I WILL SAY, AND I'D LIKE TO, AS  
10 WE SAY IN COURT, CORRECT THE RECORD, IF I COULD, WITH RESPECT  
11 TO SHERIFF LUNA AND THE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
12 AND THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER. I THINK WHAT I WOULD SAY IS  
13 THAT IT'S TRUE THAT THERE IS A PRETRIAL POPULATION THAT IS NOT  
14 EASILY DIVERTIBLE. AND THE KEY THERE IS EASILY DIVERTIBLE.  
15 BECAUSE AS JUDGE ARMSTEAD POINTED OUT, THERE IS THIS KIND OF  
16 MISSING OF ALIGNMENT, MISALIGNMENT AS WE APPROACH THE COURT  
17 AND SOMETIMES LINE PROSECUTORS TO DIVERT PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS  
18 CHARGES WHO DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE THE ACUITY TO QUALIFY FOR  
19 ODR OR SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES. BUT I WOULD REALLY  
20 ENCOURAGE THIS BOARD ON BEHALF OF MY BOSS TO NOT THINK THAT WE  
21 CAN NEVER DO THAT, THAT THERE AREN'T PEOPLE WITHIN THAT  
22 POPULATION WITH SERIOUS CHARGES WHO CAN BE TREATED IN THE BEDS  
23 IN THE COMMUNITY THAT ARE ALREADY PROVIDED AND THAT WE'RE  
24 WORKING ON BUILDING UP, BECAUSE WE CAN DO THAT FOR PEOPLE.  
25 THERE DOESN'T NEED TO BE A NEW JAIL BUILT TO DIVERT PEOPLE IN



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1 THAT SITUATION. BECAUSE SO OFTEN, THE LINE BETWEEN THE  
2 CRIMINAL CONDUCT AND THE MENTAL ILLNESS OR THE SUBSTANCE USE  
3 DISORDER, THERE'S A DIRECT CONNECTION. SO, IF WE TREAT THE  
4 UNDERLYING CONDITION, THEN WE ADDRESS THE CRIME. AND SO, I  
5 THANK THIS BOARD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THOSE THINGS  
6 TODAY. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED CONVERSATIONS THAT INCLUDE  
7 THE COURT AND ALL OF THE INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL ACTORS, BECAUSE  
8 IT ALL COMES DOWN TO CONVINCING THEM THAT PEOPLE CAN BE  
9 DIVERTED, AND THEY ARE INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL ACTORS. BUT HAVING  
10 PEOPLE AND HAVING LINKAGE PEOPLE, SUCH AS JCOD AND THEIR  
11 PRETRIAL PILOT IN COURT, DAY AFTER DAY, CONVINCING JUDGES THAT  
12 THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO IS AN IMPORTANT STEP. SO, I  
13 APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND YOUR INVITATION TO SPEAK. **SUP.**

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15 **LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND THAT'S WHY JUDGE ARMSTEAD'S JOB IS  
16 HARD BECAUSE NOT EVERYBODY AGREES. SO, IT'S HARD TO MOVE A  
17 PLAN FORWARD WHEN EVERYBODY'S NOT STARTING FROM THE SAME PAGE.  
18 WE APPRECIATE THAT, AND I THINK THIS CONVERSATION ILLUMINATED  
19 A LOT FOR US TODAY, THANK YOU. WITH THAT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
20 PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO  
21 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME  
24 FORWARD? BERKELEY DONOVAN, DONALD HARLAN, CHRISTOPHER IGEE,  
25 WILLIAM IMANI WILLIAMS, AND DONALD GALAS, PLEASE COME FORWARD





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1 AND STEP UP TO ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR  
2 PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS  
3 SOUND 3, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN  
4 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR MAY WE  
5 HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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7 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS AMY BRUDER. PLEASE UNMUTE  
8 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS HALEY BRUDER. I'M A COMMISSIONER ON  
11 THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS AND  
12 I'M HERE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF JUST MYSELF. I AM THE ONE THAT  
13 CONDUCTED THE INSPECTION MENTIONED IN THE BOARD REPORT WHERE I  
14 WATCHED JAILERS CONDUCT INEFFECTIVE SAFETY CHECKS AND MISS A  
15 LITERAL NOOSE IN SOMEONE'S CELL AND THEN CONTINUE ON NOT  
16 ENSURING ADEQUATE CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT AND SAFETY. THERE  
17 HAVE BEEN MULTIPLE REPORTS OVER MANY YEARS OF BURNING AND  
18 RETALIATION AND VIOLENCE IN FRONT OF THE SPECTERS AND IT HAS  
19 GONE ON FOR YEARS WITHOUT IMPROVEMENT. I'VE SEEN MENTAL HEALTH  
20 COMPLETELY IGNORED, HORRIFIC FILTHY CONDITIONS WITH TRASH  
21 EVERYWHERE IN THE JAILS, EXTREME HEAT AND HUMIDITY. THERE WAS  
22 ALSO A MAN WHOSE CELL WAS COVERED IN MOLD AND WATER AND HE WAS  
23 USING HIS CLOTHES TO SOP UP THE WATER. THE CONDITIONS ARE  
24 ABHORRENT AND THE CJ NEEDS TO BE CLOSED WITH NO NEW JAIL  
25 REPLACEMENT WITH ALL PARTNERS ON BOARD. THANK YOU.



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

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LILLIA MURPHY. PLEASE  
5 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY  
6 BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LILA, AND I'M CALLING WITH THE  
9 JUSTICE L.A. COALITION AND AS A RESIDENT OF SUPERVISORIAL  
10 DISTRICT 5. BEFORE I GET TO MY REAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I HAVE TO  
11 SAY THAT I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED BY THE NOTION BY THE BOARD  
12 LEANING TOWARDS A REPLACEMENT FACILITY WHEN MANY HAVE  
13 ACKNOWLEDGED MANY TIMES OVER THAT IT'S LONG PAST TIME FOR MCJ  
14 TO CLOSE DOWN WITH NO REPLACEMENT. WE ALL READ THE MAY 10TH  
15 SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION REPORT REVEALING ONCE AGAIN THE TRULY  
16 UNIMAGINABLE ABUSE OCCURRING BEHIND THE LOCKED DOORS OF MEN'S  
17 CENTRAL JAIL. THE MOST RECENT FBC REPORT ASSESSED ALMOST EVERY  
18 SINGLE CONDITION OF CONFINEMENT AS UNSATISFACTORY, ALL BUT  
19 ONE. THIS INCLUDES ACCESS, LACK OF ACCESS TO FOOD, WATER,  
20 MEDICAL CARE, ABUSE FROM DEPUTIES, AND DANGEROUS AIR QUALITY  
21 AND FACILITY CONDITIONS ON TOP OF THE EGREGIOUS EVENT WHICH  
22 YOU'VE ALL BEEN MENTIONING THROUGHOUT TODAY'S DISCUSSION.  
23 CLEARLY THE PROBLEM IS NOT A LACK OF FUNDING AS THE SHERIFF  
24 TRIED TO SUGGEST. WITH AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF \$4,500,000,000,  
25 LASD CONTINUES TO PROVE THAT NO MATTER HOW MANY RESOURCES THEY



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1 HAVE, THEY ARE IN NO POSITION TO KEEP ANYONE SAFE.

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

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

8

9 **SPEAKER:** LAW ENFORCEMENT BY HISTORY IS A CRIMINAL  
10 ORGANIZATION. PALO ALTO WAS THE HIGHEST CRIMINAL PER CAPITA  
11 CITY FOR ITS SIZE IN THE UNITED STATES. THEY IMPLEMENTED JAILS  
12 FOR ALL. CRIME DROPPED 30% IN 1 YEAR. JAILS WORK. SUPERVISOR  
13 HAHN AND COMPANY VOTED DOWN \$1,100,000,000 NEW MEN'S JAIL  
14 FACILITY. AND THAT WAS LESS OF SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR  
15 SOLIS VOTED DOWN A 2,000 BED MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY. I BELIEVE  
16 THAT WAS IN 2019. THANK YOU FOR THAT AND I TOLD YOU ALL MORE  
17 THAN ONCE, INITIATE THAT STATE AMENDMENT TO MAKE IT SO THAT  
18 THE JAILS CAN BE TAKEN INTO A CORRECTIONAL DEPARTMENT AND  
19 TAKEN AWAY FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND HOW DO YOU CURE  
20 75 YEARS OF FAILED PROPER FUNDING OF THE ENTIRE CRIMINAL  
21 JUSTICE SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY? THANK YOU.

22

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY ARENA. YOU PLEASE



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

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4 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS WITH THE JUSTICE L.A.  
5 COALITION AND LIFE LOG RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3. I WANT TO  
6 REITERATE THAT I THINK WE NEED TO CLOSE THE JAIL WITH NO  
7 REPLACEMENT AND FULLY FUND 10,000 COMMUNITY TREATMENT BEDS. AT  
8 THE JUNE 25TH BOARD PRESENTATION ON THE SAME CIVIL GRANT  
9 COMMISSION REPORT, EVERY SINGLE SUPERVISOR HERE AGREES TO  
10 CLOSE THE JAIL. WITH THE RECENT CHARTER AMENDMENTS THAT HAD  
11 YOUR CONSTITUENTS CONCERNED, I LEARNED THAT ALL WE NEED IS FOR  
12 3 SUPERVISORS TO SAY YES TO CLOSING THE JAIL WITH NO  
13 REPLACEMENT AND FULLY FUNDING COMMUNITY TREATMENT BEDS  
14 REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE PEOPLE YOU REPRESENT HAVE TO SAY WELL  
15 NOW YOU'VE BEEN HEARING FROM YOUR CONSTITUENTS TO CLOSE THE  
16 JAIL AND ALL 5 BOARD MEMBERS AGREED TO CLOSE THE JAIL AND I'M  
17 ASKING THAT WE DO THAT WITH NO REPLACEMENT AND 10,000  
18 COMMUNITY TREATMENT BEDS AND AT THE VERY LEAST I'M LOOKING TO  
19 YOU SUPERVISORS MITCHELL, HORVATH, AND SOLIS AND WHILE YOU  
20 BREAK YET ANOTHER PROMISE LIKE THE ONE TO DECARCERATE ALL  
21 GIRLS AND TRANS PEOPLE FOR YEARS AGO, PEOPLE ARE DYING. THANK  
22 YOU.

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



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

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5 **SPEAKER:** YOU'RE STILL SAYING TO UNMUTE WHEN I DON'T NEED TO  
6 UNMUTE. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, THESE EGREGIOUS  
7 CONDITIONS HAS A LOT TO DO WITH THE TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE THAT  
8 I WAS TALKING ABOUT EARLIER. AND THE FACT THAT YOU RELEASE  
9 FOLKS AFTER THEY'RE LIVING UNDER THESE EGREGIOUS CONDITIONS,  
10 AND THEN YOU RELEASE THEM BACK INTO A COMMUNITY SUCH AS WHERE  
11 I LIVE HERE IN SKID ROW. AND THEN WE AS WOMEN WHO ARE TRAUMA  
12 SURVIVORS HAVE TO LIVE AMONGST PEOPLE WHO ARE DEALING WITH  
13 THEIR OWN TRAUMA ISSUES AND THEN THERE'S A LACK OF SAFETY FOR  
14 US IN OUR COMMUNITY. YOU KNOW, THERE'S A DIRECT CORRELATION  
15 BETWEEN TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE AND JUST SIMPLE COMMON-SENSE YOU  
16 KNOW AND THERE'S JUST WAY TOO MANY ISSUES GOING ON IN THESE  
17 JAILS WITH ALL THE AMOUNT OF MONIES THAT ARE BEING GIVEN I  
18 JUST THERE'S A REAL TRUE LACK OF CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING. I DO  
19 AGREE THAT WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS SUPPORT FOR THESE  
20 PEOPLE --

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

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24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GREG DESCHEN. PLEASE UNMUTE  
25 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE.



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2 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS GREG DESCHEN, AND I'M ON BEHALF OF  
3 HOMEBOYS INDUSTRIES. AND SPEAKING FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WOULD  
4 LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR ALL THE HARD WORK YOU GUYS  
5 DO. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT, I BELIEVE, TO SHUT THE JAIL DOWN  
6 BECAUSE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND HOW SERIOUS IT IS, ESPECIALLY  
7 GROWING UP IN THE COMMUNITY THAT WE GREW UP IN, YOU KNOW, ALL  
8 THESE GUYS AND FEMALES HAVE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND  
9 WHATNOT. AND I KNOW HERE AT HOMEBOYS, WE HAVE MENTAL HEALTH  
10 COUNSELORS AND STUFF LIKE THAT. SO, PEOPLE THAT BEING  
11 RELEASED, WE DO HAVE PROGRAMS, WE DO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH  
12 COUNSELORS THAT HERE THAT I HELPED THEM OUT SO I DO BELIEVE  
13 THAT HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO KNOW NOT LIVING IN SECOND  
14 SITUATIONS IN PRISON AND HOW THAT CAN HAVE AN EFFECT ON YOU.  
15 SO, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT.

16

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

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

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23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SAMUEL.

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25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SAMUEL, LINE IS OPEN. WE CAN HEAR YOU



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1 BREATHING.

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3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT  
4 SPEAKER.

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

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9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU AND THANK YOU FOR NOTIFYING THE PRIOR  
10 SPEAKER ABOUT THE BREATHING. THAT WAS AN IMPORTANT UPDATE.  
11 THIS IS A BIG MESS NATURALLY AND IT'S BEEN A DECADE LONG MESS  
12 BECAUSE I WAS HERE IN THE VERY BEGINNING. I'VE BEEN THROUGH SO  
13 MANY OF THESE PROMISES AND WHAT CAN WE DO AND I WAS VERY MOVED  
14 BY MITCHELL'S DESIRE TO DO SOMETHING. ISN'T THERE SOMETHING WE  
15 CAN DO OTHER THAN A MOTION OR A REPORT BACK? IT'S A GREAT  
16 QUESTION. JAMES AUSTIN HAD THE IDEA WHICH WAS TO YOU KNOW  
17 EXECUTE SOME DIRECTIVES. LET'S PUT PEOPLE INTO THE SMALLER  
18 FACILITIES AND LET'S EMPTY IT AND THEN LET'S DEMO IT. YOU PICK  
19 A DATE AND THEN YOU DEMO IT. AND THEN WHAT COMES IN THE  
20 AFTERMATH IS SOME KIND OF A CARE FACILITY. OBVIOUSLY, IT'S A  
21 FIASCO, BUT I DON'T THINK 9 SUPERVISORS IS THE ANSWER. SO, WE  
22 NEED TO REMOVE THIS CHARTER MAN AND AN ELECTED CEO. ARE YOU  
23 KIDDING ME? WE NEED TO COME HOME. I KNOW WE GO TO PARIS, HAVE  
24 A LITTLE TRIP, BUT WE GOTTA WORK ON THESE PROBLEMS, NOT JUST  
25 TROT THEM ALL OUT, PRETEND WE'RE DOING SOMETHING BEFORE THE



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1 BIG TRIP. THANK YOU.

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

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5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALFRED RODRIGUEZ. PLEASE  
6 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY  
7 BEGIN.

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9 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ALFRED RODRIGUEZ AND I'M WITH  
10 HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES. FIRST OFF, I WANT TO THANK ALL THE  
11 SUPERVISORS AND EVERYONE HERE FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK  
12 AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS  
13 FOR HER CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND POPULATION AND OUR COMMUNITY.  
14 I'M A FORMER LIFER. I WAS FIRST INCARCERATED IN 2009. WHOLE  
15 SITUATION WITH THE 3,000 BOYS. OUT OF THE 12 YEARS I DID, IT'S  
16 NOT JUST IN THE COUNTY JAIL, IT'S ALSO IN PRISON, BUT THE  
17 MINDSET OF SCREW THESE INMATES, THINGS LIKE THAT, IS ALSO AN  
18 ISSUE WITHIN THE COUNTY JAIL. AS WE'VE SEEN IN RECENT NEWS  
19 WHEN THESE OTHER SHERIFF GANGS STARTED MAKING HEADLINES AND  
20 THINGS LIKE THAT. AND I JUST WANNA SAY, COMING FROM A PLACE OF  
21 COMPASSION AND EMPATHY, THE WAY HOMEBOYS DOES, DOES WORK. IT  
22 DOES HELP. I'VE BEEN OUT FOR 3 YEARS -

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





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2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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

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7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. HI I'M RUTH. I'M UNHOUSED AND I THINK THAT  
8 THERE IS NO NEED TO OPEN A NEW FACILITY. THE WHOLE POINT WAS  
9 TO CLOSE IT. WE ALREADY DO NOT HEAR ENOUGH FROM THE PEOPLE  
10 THAT WE LOCKED UP. WE NEED TO BE BRINGING THEIR VOICES TO THE  
11 CONVERSATION INSTEAD OF BEING COMFORTABLE WITH HAVING LIAISONS  
12 AND PEOPLE SPEAKING FOR THEM. WE NEED TO HAVE A WAY FOR THEM  
13 TO ELEVATE THEIR GRIEVANCES AND CONCERNS DIRECTLY. THIS IS  
14 ALSO AN ISSUE WITH THE UNHOUSED. NO ONE LISTENS TO THEM  
15 DIRECTLY. THERE'S A COUNCIL FILE CF191020 IN THE CITY OF LOS  
16 ANGELES THAT WILL CREATE A LIVED EXPERIENCE OR LIVED EXPERTISE  
17 BODY. IT WILL EXPIRE IN NOVEMBER IF NO ACTION IS TAKEN. SO  
18 PLEASE, I'VE ADVOCATED TO THE CITY, I'VE ADVOCATED TO THE  
19 STATE. WE NEED THAT BOARD SO WE HAVE REPRESENTATION AND OUR  
20 VOICES CAN BE HEARD. THANK YOU. AND CEASE FIRE. FREE GAZA.

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

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD. THIS IS BYRON JOSE WITH THE  
2 PLANNED LATINO COALITION. HOW MANY MORE OF THIS POLICY  
3 PRESENTATIONS ARE WE GOING TO SIT THROUGH? YES, DEFINITELY  
4 LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE, WE OBVIOUSLY NEED 3 VOTES TO MOVE  
5 ON ANYTHING AS BEING HIGHLIGHTED BY THE CHARTER REFORM. SO  
6 YES, THERE'S DEFINITELY MORE FORWARD. AS WE MOVE THE JCID  
7 PRESENTATION INTO THE CEO, HOW ARE WE REALLY CLOSING DOWN MCJ?  
8 WHAT IS THE REAL TIMELINE AND HOW ARE WE NOT DOING THIS JUST  
9 TO BUILD ANOTHER FACILITY? THANK YOU FOR SUPERVISOR MITCHELL  
10 AND THE BOARD, THE OFFICES AND THE BOARD THAT ARE WILLING TO  
11 MOVE FORWARD SPECIFICALLY, UPLIFTING THE NEEDS OF GIRLS AND  
12 GENDER-ACCESSING YOUTH IN OUR CAMPS. WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE  
13 SURE WE'RE PROVIDING CARE AND COORDINATION FOR THESE  
14 COMMUNITIES AND ALSO TRANSGENDER-ACCESSIVE INTERSEX  
15 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

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17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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

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22 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS DONALD HARLAN SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER  
23 3, YOUR REPORT ON THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHO  
24 OWNS THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THE CITY DOESN'T OWN IT. THE  
25 GOVERNMENT DOESN'T OWN IT AT ALL. IT'S PRIVATE PROPERTY. I



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1 KNOW WHY YOU WANT TO CLOSE THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BECAUSE THEY  
2 THREATENED YOU WITH GOING TO JAIL YOUR WHOLE LIFE AND YOU WANT  
3 TO CLOSE THAT PLACE BEFORE THEY DO. NOW THAT YOU HAVE A GENDER  
4 REASSIGNMENT, YOU'RE REALLY SCARED TO GO THERE. I KNOW ONE OF  
5 YOUR EMPLOYEES WHO WANTS TO GET REVENGE FOR BEING SENT TO JAIL  
6 WENT FROM SELLING CORN OUTSIDE THE JAIL TO WORKING IN THE  
7 PARKING LOT AT THE JAIL TO WORKING AT THE JAIL, TO OWNING THE  
8 JAIL, TO SPENDING ALL THE MONEY IN THE JAIL. RIDICULOUS.

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

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12 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS IMANI WILLIAMS, AND I'M A LEGAL  
13 INTERN AT ACLU SOCAL AND A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1. ON MULTIPLE  
14 OCCASIONS, THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION HAS OBSERVED DEPUTIES IN  
15 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL NOT PERFORMING THE MANDATED SECURITY  
16 CHECKS. IN EVERY MCJ INSPECTION THIS YEAR, COMMISSIONERS HAVE  
17 DESCRIBED DEPUTY SECURITY CHECKS AS BRIEF OR CARELESS.  
18 SOMETIMES THE CHECKS ONLY OCCUR FOR 30 SECONDS AND LAST YEAR  
19 OBSERVED THE DEPUTIES NOT EVEN MOVING UP HUNG UP TOWELS TO  
20 VISIBLY CHECK ON PEOPLE. THEY HAVE ALSO WITNESSED DEPUTIES  
21 IGNORING MEDICAL EMERGENCIES OCCURRING IN THESE FACILITIES.  
22 THIS IS A CLEAR EXAMPLE OF THE DEPARTMENT DISREGARDING THE  
23 SAFETY, PHYSICAL HEALTH, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THE INCARCERATED  
24 POPULATION, WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO THE HORRIBLE CONDITIONS IN  
25 MCJ. DURING THE NOVEMBER 2023 SBC MEETING, SHERIFF LUNA



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1 DECLARED THAT WHEN COMMISSIONERS BRING IN SPECIFIC INSTANCES  
2 WHERE THE DEPARTMENT HAS FAILED, HE WILL MAKE CORRECTIONS. BUT  
3 THE SAME ISSUES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP FOR OVER A YEAR NOW AND  
4 THROUGHOUT HIS ENTIRE TERM, SHERIFF LUNA ONLY INTENDED 1 SBC  
5 MEETING. HOW CAN THE COMMISSION BRING SHERIFF LUNA SPECIFIC  
6 ISSUES IF HE'S NOT THERE TO HEAR AND RESPOND TO THEM?

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

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11 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BERKELEY DONOVAN, AND I'M  
12 THE L.A. JAIL'S CONDITIONS ADVOCATE AT THE ACLU OF SOUTHERN  
13 CALIFORNIA. THE INCARCERATED POPULATION REGULARLY REPORTS  
14 ISSUES WITHIN THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM, INCLUDING LONG WAIT  
15 TIMES, CANCELED APPOINTMENTS, INSUFFICIENT CARE, AND A LACK OF  
16 RESPONSE TO CRISIS SITUATIONS ALL MADE WORSE BY OVERCROWDING  
17 IN THE JAILS. WHEN FOLKS NEEDS ARE REGULARLY NOT MET OR ARE  
18 MET WITH RETALIATION THEIR MENTAL HEALTH DRASTICALLY SUFFERS.  
19 EARLIER Y'ALL WERE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW LASD CAN IMPROVE  
20 CONDITIONS VIA NEW POLICIES BUT PLEASE RECOGNIZE THAT THEY  
21 ALREADY HAVE MANDATED TITLE 15 SAFETY CHECKS FOR BOTH MENTAL  
22 HEALTH AND PHYSICAL HEALTH THAT ARE REQUIRED EVERY 15 OR 30  
23 MINUTES AND ARE CRUCIAL TO KEEPING THE INCARCERATED POPULATION  
24 SAFE. THIS IS SOMETHING IN PLACE NOW, SO I'M CURIOUS HOW  
25 SEVERE NEGLECT AND WHAT WAS REPORTED IN THE SBC'S REPORT CAN



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1 PERSIST. ALSO IN THEIR REPORT WERE ISSUES OF OVERCROWDING AND  
2 RETALIATION SPECIFICALLY WITHIN THE 5800 DORM. THE STORM  
3 HOUSES OVERFLOWING TRIPLE BUNKS, TRIPLE, WHICH PUTS THEM OVER  
4 THE BSCC MANDATED CAP AND DOES NOT REGULARLY PROVIDE ACCESS TO  
5 GRIEVANCE OR MEDICAL REQUEST FORMS. JUST LAST WEEK THERE WAS A  
6 DEATH IN THE 5800 DORM. SURELY IF THEY ARE ENGAGING IN SAFETY  
7 CHECK --

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

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11 **SPEAKER:** DONALD GALAZ, LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE HARBOR AREA,  
12 GREW UP IN SAN PEDRO AND I'M SPEAKING FROM THE OTHER POINT OF  
13 RIDING THOSE BUSES AND SLEEPING UNDERNEATH THE BEDS IN MEN'S  
14 CENTRAL JAIL. I'VE BEEN UP AND DOWN BEFORE TO MAGIC MOUNTAIN  
15 AND BACK, AND I'M TELLING YOU, THE POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION  
16 SHOULD NOT HAVE LEFT. THEY NEED TO HEAR THESE COMMENTS FROM  
17 PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF. IF THEY'RE SCARED TO GO INTO THESE  
18 BUILDINGS TO SEE THESE THINGS, MAYBE THEY SHOULD EMPLOY  
19 SOMEBODY THAT'S ACTUALLY BEEN IN THOSE SITUATIONS THAT THEY  
20 CAN RELATE TO, AND THE MEN THAT ARE LOCKED UP THERE ARE ABLE  
21 TO CONFIDE IN. WHAT WORKED FOR ME WAS ACTUALLY TALKING TO  
22 SOMEBODY THAT'S BEEN IN THE SAME SITUATIONS LIKE ME, THAT GOT  
23 BUSTED LIKE ME, THAT GOT UNDER RECOVERY LIKE ME, AND IS ABLE  
24 TO STAND UP BEFORE YOU WITH 17 YEARS CLEAN AND SOBER BECAUSE  
25 OF PROGRAMS THAT WORK LIKE THE BEACON HOUSE AND OTHER HOUSE



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1 LIKE OCEAN VIEW. YOU NEED MORE REHABILITATION AND LESS  
2 INCARCERATION WITHIN THE COUNTY AND THE CITY AND MAYBE  
3 EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT AROUND HERE.

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

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7 **SPEAKER:** CHRISTOPHER EAGGETT FROM THE UNION OF AMERICAN  
8 PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS. I'M HERE TO PRESENT A PETITION ON  
9 BEHALF OF OUR DENTISTS AT THE JAILS. IT READS, PETITION FOR  
10 HUMANE DENTAL CARE AND DENTAL STAFFING AT CORRECTIONAL HEALTH  
11 SERVICES JAILS. IT READS, WE THE DENTISTS AT CORRECTIONAL  
12 HEALTH SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEMAND THAT THERE'S  
13 ENOUGH STAFFING TO REDUCE THE BACKLOG OF CASES. WE DEMAND FAIR  
14 TREATMENT IN THE JAIL BONUS AS PSYCHIATRISTS AND OTHER  
15 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS. THERE ARE ONLY 8 DENTISTS TO TREAT OVER  
16 13,000 PATIENTS, WHICH IS ONE DENTIST PER MORE THAN 1,600  
17 PATIENTS. WE'RE THE ONLY DEPARTMENT THAT IN CORRECTIONAL  
18 HEALTH SERVICES THAT PERFORM SURGERIES ON A DAILY BASIS UNDER  
19 DIFFICULT CONDITIONS. WE'RE NOT MEETING THE STANDARDS THAT  
20 WERE CREATED IN THE PEREZ VERSUS KATE CASE FOR DENTAL CARE OF  
21 INMATES OF ONE DENTIST PER 600 PATIENTS AT THE STATE PRISONS.  
22 DENTAL STAFF IS GETTING PAID 14.5% LESS THAN OTHER HEALTH CARE  
23 PROVIDERS AT THE JAILS. WE DEMAND THAT THIS ISSUE BE FIXED AND  
24 OUR MEMBERS CAN PROVIDE HUMANE DENTAL --

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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
2 NEXT SPEAKER. OH, WE'RE GOING BACK TO SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE.  
3 MODERATOR, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SIOBHAN WALKER. WALKER,  
6 PLEASE GO UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE.  
7 YOU MAY BEGIN.

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9 **SPEAKER:** YES, I'M SIOBHAN WALKER. I'M WITH HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES.  
10 I WANNA SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 3. BUT FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO  
11 THANK ALL THE SUPERVISORS AND ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR  
12 SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY. A LOT OF WHAT I WANTED TO SAY HAS  
13 BEEN SAID, BUT I THINK FOR ALL OF US, EVERYONE IN THAT ROOM,  
14 EVERYONE ON THIS PHONE, HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR OUR COMMUNITY IS  
15 FIRST AND FOREMOST. AND THE CONDITIONS OF THAT COUNTY JAIL  
16 WERE BREEDING MORE TROUBLE FOR OUR OWN CITY. SO, I TRULY  
17 BELIEVE WE NEED TO HAVE THOSE WHO ARE IN CHARGE TO GO IN THAT  
18 COUNTY JAIL AND SEE WHAT'S GOING ON. BECAUSE THERE'S MORE  
19 THINGS, I'VE SEEN VISITS HAPPEN THERE AND THE SHERIFF'S  
20 DEPARTMENT HAS CLEANED IT UP SO YOU DON'T GET TO SEE EXACTLY  
21 WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE. I JUST WANT TO SAY HOPEFULLY THAT WE  
22 CAN BLUR THE LINES OF POLITICS AND UNDERSTAND WHAT'S BEST FOR  
23 LOS ANGELES AND THE SURROUNDING CITIES. I REALLY APPRECIATE  
24 YOUR TIME.

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

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

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7 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARY VERALL. I AM  
8 CALLING IN MY PERSONAL CAPACITY, BUT I AM ALSO A COMMISSIONER  
9 ON THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I JUST  
10 WANTED TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS TODAY. I'VE  
11 BEEN GOING INTO THE JAILS FOR A LONG TIME AND THEY CONTINUE TO  
12 BE HORRENDOUS. MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IN PARTICULAR, I KNOW THAT  
13 WE'VE HEARD A LOT TODAY ABOUT THE CONDITIONS, BUT THE RATS YOU  
14 SEE, THE PLUMBING PROBLEMS, IT'S JUST CONTINUOUSLY ONGOING AND  
15 THE RESPONSE THAT WE GET FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS A  
16 COMMISSION IS SEVERELY LACKING WE BRING ISSUES UP AND WE GET  
17 EITHER DELAY TACTICS OR TOLD THAT THEY JUST NEED MORE  
18 RESOURCES WHICH IS KIND OF HARD FOR ME TO BELIEVE. AND THEN I  
19 JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT  
20 THAT THE COUNTY CLOSE MEN CENTRAL JAIL AND NOT CREATE A NEW  
21 JAIL BECAUSE IN MY EXPERIENCE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES  
22 NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO --

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24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JESSICA SANCHEZ. PLEASE  
2 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY  
3 BEGIN.

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

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

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9 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. HI, MY NAME IS JESSICA SANCHEZ AND I'M FROM  
10 HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES. I'M CALLING IN AND I JUST WANT TO THANK  
11 ALL THE SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING THEIR TIME AND OUR SPECIAL  
12 THANKS TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT WITH OUR  
13 POPULATION AND OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO JUST  
14 LOOK AT THIS AS A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS BECAUSE IT IS WHAT IT IS  
15 AND TO JUST CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS GETTING THIS JAIL CLOSED,  
16 I KNOW IT'S A SLOW PROCESS, BUT I AM HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL BE  
17 DONE. AND WITH THE SUPPORT AND THE PUSH FROM THE COMMUNITY  
18 THAT WE ALL NEED, WE NEED TO ALSO HOLD OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE  
19 TO BE HERE IN THESE MEETINGS AND PUSH FORTH SO THIS MOTION IS  
20 CONTINUED TO ACTUALLY HAPPEN LIKE WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR.  
21 WE'RE AT HOMEBOYS, WE'RE GONNA BE WAITING FOR THE POPULATION  
22 TO COME OUT AND GIVE THEM ALL THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED.  
23 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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



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

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5 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, I'M SAMUEL BANDA AND I'M A TRAINEE AT HOMEBOY  
6 INDUSTRIES. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR ALL THE  
7 WORK THAT'S BEING DONE AND EVERYONE THAT SUPPORTS ITEM 3. I  
8 BELIEVE THAT REHABILITATION IS THE WAY TO GO ABOUT FIXING THE  
9 PROBLEM AND HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES IS HERE. THEY'VE DONE IT FOR  
10 ME. THEY'VE HELPED ME. THEY'VE HELPED ME IN MY RECOVERY AND MY  
11 RE-ENTRY AND I BELIEVE ALL THE HELP THAT SOMEONE CAN NEED AS  
12 BEING RELEASED FROM ANY JAIL OR PRISON CAN BE FOUND AT HOMEBOY  
13 INDUSTRIES. SO, I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN  
14 SUPPORTING ITEM 3, INCLUDING THE JAILS. AND I WANT TO JUST  
15 THANK EVERYBODY. THANK YOU.

16

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

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

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22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WITH THAT,  
23 THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED HEARING NO OBJECTIONS THAT  
24 WILL BE THE ORDER AND WE THANK ALL OF OUR PANELISTS. WHILE OUR  
25 NEXT PANELISTS APPROACH THE DAIS, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT



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1 SUPERVISOR SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE ITEM 5 TO SEPTEMBER  
2 17TH, 2024, THE NEXT POLICY PRESENTATIONS MEETING. THERE'S NO  
3 OBJECTION TO THAT. WE'LL HAVE IT MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I  
4 WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THE CONTINUANCE. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
5 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

6

7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF ITEM 5, SUPERVISOR  
8 SOLIS?

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

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

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

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

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18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I DON'T KNOW. I REALLY WANTED TO HEAR IT.

19 OKAY, AYE.

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21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN. AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

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25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER. AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.



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

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4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH. AYE. THE ITEM WILL BE  
5 CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 17TH.

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7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO, WE ARE  
8 ON TO ITEM 4, REPORT ON ADDRESSING ILLEGAL STREET TAKEOVERS,  
9 SIDESHOWS, AND STREET RACES. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE  
10 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.  
11 WE CERTAINLY HAVE AN ESTEEMED PANEL HERE BEFORE US. IF YOU  
12 WOULD PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELVES AS YOU MAKE YOUR REPORT. I  
13 THINK IT WAS OUR EXPECTATION YOU MIGHT PROVIDE A PRESENTATION  
14 FIRST OR DO WE WANT TO JUST, OKAY, WE'LL TURN TO YOU FOR A  
15 PRESENTATION FIRST AND THEN I WILL GO TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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17 **MYRON JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M SORRY, BEEN  
18 HERE SINCE THE MORNING, BUT GOOD AFTERNOON. YOU KNOW, I'D LIKE  
19 TO FIRST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS VERY COMPREHENSIVE CEO REPORT  
20 BACK DELVES INTO SEVERAL KEY AREAS AND LISTS SOME VERY COMPLEX  
21 CHALLENGES THAT ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE FACING IN DEALING  
22 WITH THESE ISSUES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. IN READING THE REPORT,  
23 IT LAYS THE FOUNDATION OF THE OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE OUR  
24 LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS, OUR INFRASTRUCTURE, DESIGN AND STRENGTHEN  
25 OUR COLLABORATION AMONGST ALL THE AGENCIES REPRESENTED HERE



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1 TODAY. BUT IN THIS PRESENTATION, I'D LIKE TO TAKE A FEW  
2 MOMENTS TO DESCRIBE THE RISE IN PUBLIC CONCERN AND THE IMPACTS  
3 THAT THESE ISSUES HAVE ON OUR COMMUNITIES' MEMBERS AS WELL AS  
4 OUR RESPONDING PERSONNEL. I WOULD LIKE TO TOUCH A LITTLE BIT  
5 ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT'S EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. AND  
6 THEN I WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE BY AREAS WHERE I FEEL OR WE FEEL  
7 THAT WE COULD GET A LITTLE HELP FROM THE BOARD AS WELL AS THE  
8 PUBLIC TO HELP US ADDRESS THIS ISSUE IN A COLLABORATIVE  
9 FASHION. SO IN TERMS OF SOME OF THE DANGEROUS TRENDS THAT  
10 WE'RE OBSERVING WHEN IT COMES TO STREET RACING AND SIDESHOWS,  
11 AS A NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS HAVE INCREASED, ASSAULTS,  
12 SHOOTINGS, PEDESTRIANS STRUCK BY VEHICLES DOING DONUTS OR  
13 DRIFTING IN THE STREET, THOSE HAVE ALSO RISEN AND THAT'S A  
14 SERIOUS CONCERN OF OURS. WE'RE ALSO SEEING A TREND WHERE THE  
15 INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING ARE DISABLING THE FIRE HYDRANTS AT  
16 SOME OF OUR INTERSECTIONS WHICH OBVIOUSLY CAUSES A CONCERN FOR  
17 FIRE IN THE EVENT THAT FIRE TOOK PLACE AND THEY HAVE TO PUT  
18 OUT A FIRE NEARBY COMPROMISES THE A HYDRANT SYSTEM. AND WE  
19 ALSO SEE THAT FLASH CRIMES ARE BEING COMMITTED. THEY'RE  
20 ASSOCIATED WITH STREET TAKEOVERS AND STREET ROBBERIES. I'M  
21 SORRY, STREET TAKEOVERS AND SIDESHOWS, EXCUSE ME. THEY'RE  
22 ROBBERIES THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT AS WELL. AND WE ALL  
23 KNOW SOME OF THE BUSINESSES RECENTLY THAT HAVE MADE THE NEWS  
24 THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THIS CRIME, RUBEN'S BAKERY IN THE  
25 CITY OF COMPTON. RECENTLY WE HAD A WING STOP IN L.A. CITY'S



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1 AREA THAT WAS IMPACTED, 7-ELEVENS IN SOME OF OUR JURISDICTIONS  
2 AS WELL, ALL ATTACKED RESULTING FROM STREET TAKEOVERS AND SIDE  
3 SHOWS. NOW DANGER TO OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, OUR  
4 RESPONDERS, CHP, DEPUTIES, LAPD, WE'RE SEEING WHERE OFFICERS  
5 ARE FREQUENTLY BECOMING SURROUNDED AS THEY ADDRESS THESE TYPES  
6 OF ISSUES. I MEAN, YOU HAVE PEDESTRIANS AND PARTICIPANTS  
7 STANDING IN FRONT OF THE PATROL VEHICLES REFUSING TO MOVE,  
8 VANDALIZING THE VEHICLES, KICKING IT, THROWING FIREWORKS ON  
9 IT, BREAKING OUT THE WINDOWS OF THE PATROL VEHICLE. WE'RE  
10 SEEING THAT, WHICH IS AN OBVIOUS CONCERN FOR OUR RESPONDERS.  
11 PATROL CARS INTENTIONALLY BEING RAMMED BY STOLEN VEHICLES. A  
12 LOT OF THE VEHICLES WE ENCOUNTER AT THESE TYPES OF EVENTS ARE  
13 STOLEN. AND ONCE A DEPUTY OR OFFICER PULLS THAT CAR OVER, SOON  
14 AS HE OR SHE GETS OUT OF THE CAR TO CONTACT THE OCCUPANT, IT  
15 GOES IN REVERSE AND IT SLAMS INTO THE FRONT OF OUR RADIO CAR  
16 BEFORE TAKING OFF. SO, WE'RE SEEING A RISE IN THE VIOLENCE IN  
17 THIS, AND OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A SERIOUS CONCERN. ANOTHER ONE IS  
18 LASER BEAMS ARE BEING USED TOWARDS OUR DEPUTIES AS WELL AS OUR  
19 HELICOPTERS OVERHEAD WHO ARE ALSO ATTEMPTING TO DISPERSE  
20 CROWDS OR GIVE THE GROUND UNITS SOME INTELLIGENCE ABOUT WHERE  
21 THESE CROWDS ARE GOING. SO THAT'S A CONCERN OF OURS AS WELL.  
22 NOW, A TRANSITION TO A LITTLE BIT OF OUR ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS.  
23 SO, UNDER SHERIFF LUNA, WE HAVE A CRIME STRATEGY UNIT. AND  
24 THIS UNIT IS TASKED WITH EVALUATING THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE  
25 TO THESE TYPES OF EVENTS. THIS UNIT IS GOING TO BE GATHERING



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1 INTELLIGENCE, SEEKING OUT BEST PRACTICES FROM ACROSS THE  
2 NATION BECAUSE THIS IS A NATIONAL ISSUE. AND LOOKING AT  
3 DIFFERENT WAYS, DIFFERENT CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES ARE  
4 HANDLING THESE TYPES OF EVENTS. THEY'RE GONNA BE RESEARCHING  
5 NEW TECHNOLOGY THAT'S OUT THERE, ROADWAY MODIFICATIONS BEING  
6 DONE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ACROSS THE NATION. SO, THEIR  
7 REPORT IS GONNA BE CRITICAL IN REDIRECTING OUR RESPONSE IN  
8 DEALING WITH THIS EPIDEMIC THAT'S BEEN STRIKING OUR STREETS.  
9 WE'RE ALSO SUPPORTING LEGISLATION IN SACRAMENTO. THERE ARE 2  
10 BILLS THAT ARE BEING PUSHED THROUGH RIGHT NOW. THERE'S AB 1978  
11 AND THERE'S AB 3085. AND THESE 2 BILLS WOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO  
12 IMPOUND AND SEIZE VEHICLES AT STREET TAKEOVERS AND SIDESHOW  
13 RACING EVENTS WHO BARRICADE THE STREETS OR THE PARKING LOTS  
14 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING THE STREET RACING ACTIVITY.  
15 AND AS YOU KNOW, WE PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT TASK FORCE WITH  
16 LAPD AND CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, EXCUSE ME, AND THAT'S  
17 FUNDED BY GRANT MONIES THAT WE'RE USING. IT'S UNDER THE TITLE  
18 OF A STEP GRANT, OUR SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM  
19 GRANT. NOW, THIS GRANT IS SET TO EXPIRE IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS  
20 YEAR. SO, WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT, FOR THE NEXT GRANT  
21 PHASE, REALLOCATING MORE FUNDS TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE BECAUSE  
22 IT'S RISEN TO THAT LEVEL TO WHERE WE REALLY NEED TO DEDICATE  
23 ALL OF OUR RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THIS EPIDEMIC, AGAIN, THAT'S  
24 WREAKING HAVOC IN OUR COMMUNITIES. OUR DEPUTIES WHO ENFORCE  
25 THE VEHICLE CODE ARE CONSISTENT WITH CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

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1 IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREA. THEY USE THE VEHICLE CODE AS THE  
2 SECTIONS FOR PARTICIPATING AS WELL AS SPECTATORS TO BE  
3 CONSISTENT SINCE WE WORK TOGETHER IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREA.  
4 WE'VE ALSO ADAPTED THAT POSTURE AS WELL. AND THEN WHAT I'D  
5 LIKE TO DO NOW IS DISCUSS SOME OF OUR PUBLIC AWARENESS AND  
6 EDUCATION EFFORTS. AND AS I'VE BEEN SPEAKING, SOME OF THE  
7 SLIDES HAVE BEEN GOING ACROSS THE SCREEN. AND WHAT YOU'RE  
8 LOOKING AT NOW IS OUR LASD MOTORSPORTS, WHICH IS A 501-3C, OR  
9 C-3 ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS WITH YOUTH. THEY DISCUSS THE  
10 DANGER OF ILLEGAL STREET RACING ACTIVITY AND HAVE BEEN VERY  
11 EFFECTIVE IN COLLABORATING WITH STREET RACING KILLS, THAT  
12 ORGANIZATION TO HELP GET THE MESSAGE OUT TO OUR YOUTH THAT  
13 THIS IS A DANGEROUS HOBBY. THERE'S SAFER PLACES TO DO IT. AND  
14 WE'RE HERE TO GIVE YOU THOSE SAFER OPTIONS AS OPPOSED TO BEING  
15 ON OUR STREETS CONDUCTING THIS ACTIVITY. SO, THE DEPARTMENT'S  
16 RESPONSE TO THE YOUTH AND THE EDUCATION EFFORTS ARE  
17 HIGHLIGHTED THERE AND I'M VERY PROUD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S  
18 EFFORTS IN THAT REGARD. LASTLY, THERE'S A VIDEO THAT I'D LIKE  
19 TO SHOW YOU THAT OUR VIDEO PRODUCTION UNIT PUT OUT AND IT WAS  
20 ACTUALLY NOMINATED FOR AN EMMY IN PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT  
21 CATEGORY THAT I THINK IS VERY EDUCATIONAL FOR THE PUBLIC AS  
22 WELL AS INFORMATIVE FOR THE YOUTH INVOLVED IN THIS TYPE OF  
23 ACTIVITY. SO IF I COULD GET THAT VIDEO PLAYED NOW I WOULD  
24 GREATLY APPRECIATE IT.  
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1 **[VIDEO RECORDING]:** WANNA GO? SEE YOU AT THE TRACK. SEE YOU,  
2 MAN. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN THE HEART OF CAR CULTURE  
3 SINCE THE BEGINNING. WE LOVE THE THRILL, THE SPEED, THE SQUEAL  
4 AND THE SMOKE. TODAY THOUGH, ILLEGAL STREET RACING AFFECTS  
5 NEARLY EVERY COMMUNITY ACROSS THE SOUTHLAND WITH TERRIBLE  
6 CONSEQUENCES. BUT LEGAL ALTERNATIVES EXIST THROUGHOUT ALL OF  
7 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SO, KEEP IT SAFE. KEEP IT LEGAL. KEEP IT  
8 ON THE TRACK.

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10 **MYRON JOHNSON:** AND THEN AS YOU SEE, THOSE ARE THE AREAS WHERE  
11 THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY IS LEGAL. WE HAVE TO MAKE A CORRECTION  
12 ON ONE BECAUSE SINCE WE'VE DEVELOPED THE VIDEO ONE OF THOSE  
13 FACILITIES HAVE CLOSED AND WE'LL BE EDITING THAT VIDEO TO  
14 REFLECT THAT. AND LASTLY, LIKE I MENTIONED EARLIER, I'D LIKE  
15 TO PUT AN ASK OUT THERE FOR THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS YOUR HELP IN  
16 HELPING US ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. WE'RE LOOKING AT YOUR HELP TO  
17 SUPPORT A LASD PILOT PROGRAM UTILIZING DRONES TO ENFORCE SOME  
18 OF OUR SECTIONS WHEN IT COMES TO STREET RACING AND STREET  
19 TAKEOVERS. THAT TOOL HAS BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE FOR A LOT OF LAW  
20 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ACROSS CALIFORNIA AS WELL AS THE NATION.  
21 SO, WE'D LIKE SUPPORT IN THAT ENDEAVOR. WE ALSO LIKE FOR IT TO  
22 BE TAKEN UPON CONSIDERATION TO INCREASE SOME OF THE FINES FOR  
23 SPECTATORS AT SOME OF THESE EVENTS AS WELL AS PARTICIPANTS.  
24 CURRENTLY THERE'S A \$500 FEE FOR SPECTATORS AND I KNOW SOME OF  
25 OUR CITIES THAT WE CONTRACT SERVICES WITH HAVE ADMINISTRATIVE



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1 CITATIONS THAT ARE ELEVATED AND IT SERVES AS A STRONG  
2 DETERRENT TO PARTICIPANTS AS WELL AS SPECTATORS IN THESE TYPES  
3 OF EVENTS. AND THEN LASTLY, WE'D LIKE TO LOOK AT THE  
4 FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD ADDRESS SOME  
5 OF THE BUSINESSES. AND WHEN I SAY THAT, I MEAN THE MECHANIC  
6 SHOPS, THE AUTO PARTS SHOPS THAT STAY OPEN AFTER HOURS TO  
7 FACILITATE THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY. WE'RE SEEING A RISE IN THAT.  
8 WHERE TIRE SHOPS, MECHANICS SHOPS ARE OPENING, YOU KNOW, 2, 3  
9 IN THE MORNING, MERELY TO SUPPORT THE STREET RACING EFFORTS.  
10 SO, IF THERE WERE SOME LEGISLATION OR ORDINANCES THAT WOULD  
11 HELP US FOCUS ON THAT BUSINESS ENFORCEMENT ASPECT OF THIS,  
12 THAT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED AS WELL. SO, I KNOW I ONLY  
13 HAVE 10 MINUTES, SO I'D LIKE TO CONCLUDE WITH SOME STATS THAT  
14 I THINK ARE PRETTY POSITIVE FOR OUR DEPARTMENT IN ADDRESSING  
15 THIS ISSUE, ALTHOUGH, YOU KNOW, IF THERE'S ONE STREET RACING  
16 ACTIVITY IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, IT'S 100% INCREASE. BUT IN THE  
17 FIRST QUARTER OF 2024, THE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO 289  
18 REPORTED STREET TAKEOVER EVENTS OCCURRING IN OUR AREA OF  
19 RESPONSIBILITY. IN THE SECOND QUARTER, APRIL THROUGH JUNE OF  
20 THIS YEAR, THAT NUMBER DROPPED TO 245. SO, IT'S A SLIGHT  
21 DECREASE BY 17, 15.2%. WE WILL TAKE THAT AS A VICTORY.  
22 COMPTON, WE SAW SHOW THE BIGGEST INCREASE WITH 17 ADDITIONAL  
23 REPORTED EVENTS. I'M SORRY, THE BIGGEST, YEAH, 17, EXCUSE ME.  
24 AND THEN CARSON SHOWED THE BIGGEST DECREASE WITH 61 FEWER  
25 EVENTS FROM THE FIRST QUARTER SO CARSON IN SPEAKING TO CITY



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1 OFFICIALS AS WELL AS THE DEPUTIES THERE ARE ATTRIBUTING THAT  
2 TO THE ZERO TOLERANCE POSTURE UTILIZING THE VEHICLE CODE AND  
3 THEN AGAIN I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THESE  
4 SECTIONS THAT WE'RE ISSUING CITATIONS FOR ARE FOR THE  
5 INDIVIDUALS WHO REFUSE TO DISPERSE, THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE  
6 ACTIVELY COMMITTING CRIMES, ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE ILLICIT  
7 ACTIVITY THAT WE SEE THAT'S MOST DANGEROUS, AND THOSE SITES  
8 WERE REFLECTED IN THAT REGARD. SO, WITH THAT, I'LL TURN IT  
9 OVER TO THE BOARD IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT REPORT  
12 AND FOR SHARING YOUR VIDEO WITH US. I ASSUME THAT'S SOMETHING  
13 THAT'S SHAREABLE. SO, I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I WILL TURN IT TO  
14 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WHO I KNOW HAS REALLY BEEN WORKING ON  
15 THIS ISSUE TIRELESSLY.

16

17 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM  
18 CHAIR. MADAM CEO, WERE YOU JUST GONNA BE AVAILABLE FOR  
19 QUESTIONS ON THE REPORT? WHAT WAS YOUR PLAN?

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21 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** I WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNING TO OPEN UP THE  
22 DISCUSSION AND GIVE YOU SOME BACKGROUND ON THE REPORT, BUT I  
23 THINK IN CONSIDERATION OF THE TIME, AND I THINK THEY STATED  
24 SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS THAT WE WERE GONNA POINT OUT IN MY  
25 OPENING REMARKS.



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2 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY, ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. SO, I  
3 WANNA THANK ALL OF THE WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE. I WANNA THANK  
4 THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT CAME TO OUR COMMUNITY MEETING IN  
5 FEBRUARY AND THE SYMPOSIUM IN MAY. I'LL HAVE TO GIVE YOU SOME  
6 PICTURES SO YOU CAN INCLUDE THAT IN YOUR POWERPOINT  
7 PRESENTATION. BECAUSE WE HAD ALMOST 400 PEOPLE BETWEEN THE 2  
8 EVENTS WHERE WE WERE ASKING COMMUNITY PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES  
9 THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED TO COME AND LEND THEIR VOICE TO BEING  
10 A PART OF THE SOLUTION. SO, I WANNA THANK TO ALL THE COUNTY  
11 DEPARTMENTS, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND ALL WHO ARE COMING  
12 TOGETHER BECAUSE THIS REALLY IS LIKE ALL THE ISSUES WE'VE  
13 TALKED ABOUT TODAY, VERY COMPLEX AND IS GONNA REQUIRE REALLY  
14 KIND OF A MULTI-LAYER, MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL RESPONSE. AND I  
15 APPRECIATE THAT THE REPORT, WHICH WAS A REPORT BACK FROM OUR  
16 SEPTEMBER MOTION, LAID OUT A VARIETY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM  
17 THE COMMUNITY, AGAIN RANGING FROM DIVERSION OPPORTUNITIES TO  
18 POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVES LIKE LEGAL VENUES FOR RACING AND  
19 BURNOUT. AND WHAT I HAVE TO SAY, I WAS STRUCK BY, YOU KNOW,  
20 OUR ORIGINAL MOTION REALLY ASKED FOR A COUNTY-WIDE  
21 PERSPECTIVE. AND WHAT I WAS STRUCK BY, I'VE GOT THE STATS FROM  
22 FIRST QUARTER, JANUARY TO MARCH, IS REALLY HOW, YOU KNOW, NOT  
23 EVERY COMMUNITY'S BEING DIRECTLY IMPACTED. FIRST DISTRICT HAD,  
24 IN JUST THE FIRST QUARTER ALONE, JANUARY THROUGH MARCH, 15  
25 TAKEOVERS, THE SECOND DISTRICT 219, FOURTH DISTRICT 55. AND



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1 SO, ONE THING THAT STRUCK ME IN YOUR VIDEO IS WHEN I LOOKED AT  
2 THE VENUES FOR STREET RACING ALTERNATIVES, NONE OF THEM ARE  
3 NEAR OR IN SD2. AND SO, IF WE'RE GONNA TRACK OUR RESPONSES TO  
4 WHERE THE ACTIONS ARE TAKING PLACE, I THINK WE HAVE TO BE  
5 MINDFUL OF THAT. MAYBE BECAUSE THOSE VENUES ARE AVAILABLE AND  
6 CLOSER TO THE OTHER DISTRICTS, THEY HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE. BUT  
7 NONE OF THOSE PLACES, WE'RE NOT ONLY NOT IN, BUT EVEN IN  
8 RELATIVE CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SD2, SO THAT STRUCK ME. I'VE SEEN  
9 THE VIDEO, BUT I HADN'T LOOKED UP AT THE ALTERNATIVES, AND IF  
10 YOU FEEL EARNESTLY THAT THAT IS A GREAT PREVENTION TOOL, I  
11 THINK THAT WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO COME UP WITH MORE  
12 OPTIONS, PARTICULARLY TO GIVE RELIEF TO PLACES LIKE CARSON AND  
13 COMPTON BECAUSE THE MAYOR OF COMPTON IS DOING ALL SHE CAN TO  
14 PAVE THOSE STREETS. THE CURRENT MAYOR, THE PREVIOUS MAYOR, IS  
15 THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE COMPTON RESIDENTS HAVE, AND IT IS SO  
16 DEEPLY DISHEARTENING TO DRIVE THROUGH THE CITY OF COMPTON  
17 AFTER THEY HAVE SPENT THEIR MUNICIPAL RESOURCES TO TRY TO PAVE  
18 OVER AND SEE WHAT THE TAKEOVERS DO TO THE BLACKTOP AND HOW  
19 COMMUNITY RESIDENTS FEEL, THE WAY THEY FEEL ABOUT THEIR  
20 COMMUNITY WHEN THEY SEE THAT. AND SO IT IS, WE KNOW THAT IT IS  
21 DANGEROUS. SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENTS HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES. IT  
22 IS A COST TO THE COUNTY IN TERMS OF PUBLIC WORKS, IN TERMS OF  
23 ALL THE PUBLIC WORKS IT'S TRYING TO DO TO DIVERT AND PREVENT.  
24 IT'S A COST TO THE MUNICIPALITIES. AND SO, THERE'S A LOT OF  
25 WORK THAT WE CLEARLY NEED TO DO. I READ THE REPORT BACK, AND



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1 AGAIN, I APPRECIATE IT SUMMARIZING ALL THE POTENTIAL  
2 STRATEGIES, BUT WHAT I WAS DISAPPOINTED BY FRANKLY WAS THAT IT  
3 DIDN'T GO INTO A DEEPER ANALYSIS OF KIND OF THE HOW, HOW WE  
4 GET THERE. I REALLY HAD HOPED FOR AND EXPECTED A MORE ROBUST  
5 PLAN THAT SETS THE STRATEGIES FOR HOW THE COUNTY SHOULD TACKLE  
6 THE COMPLEX ISSUE. I THINK WE NEED A CLEAR FRAMEWORK FOR  
7 UNDERSTANDING STREET RACING, WHY IT HAPPENS, AND APPROPRIATE  
8 COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORTED SOLUTIONS. AND SO, TO THE CEO, IF  
9 YOU COULD SHARE, I THINK, WITH ME SOME OF THE ANTICIPATED  
10 TIMELINE FOR THE WORK GROUP THAT THE REPORT BACK TALKS ABOUT  
11 TO COME TOGETHER AND ACTUALLY PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS. WE'VE  
12 TALKED TODAY ABOUT MANAGING OUR EXPECTATIONS AND THE  
13 EXPECTATIONS OF THE PUBLIC. SO, WHAT'S THE TIMEFRAME FOR THE  
14 WORK GROUP?

15

16 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** DO THAT DEEPER ANALYSIS.

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20 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** I BELIEVE, AND MASON WILL CORRECT ME IF I'M  
21 WRONG, WE HAVE A REPORT BACK DUE IN THE NEXT 30 TO 45 DAYS  
22 WHERE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO COST-OUTS. HOWEVER, BEFORE WE CAN  
23 DO THE COST-OUTS, WE, AS YOU NOTED, WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT  
24 SOME OF THE ACTION STEPS ARE FOR THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. WE  
25 ALSO DON'T WANT TO BOIL THE OCEAN BECAUSE THAT'LL JUST MAKE



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1 OUR REPORT BACK PERIOD LONGER. SO, I KNOW THAT THE COMMUNITY  
2 HAS RANKED THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH I WILL CALL SOME ARE  
3 MORE CONCEPTUAL THAN OTHERS. WE NEED TO NOW GO BACK AND SAY  
4 HERE ARE THE ONES THAT WE WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THAT WE  
5 PHASE IN AND HERE ARE THE SPECIFIC THINGS THAT NEED TO HAPPEN  
6 AND HERE ARE ROUGH ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE. AND SO IN TERMS OF  
7 MANAGING EXPECTATION I THINK WHAT I'M SAYING IS WE PROBABLY  
8 AREN'T GOING TO COME BACK WITH A COST OUT OF ALL 22 THAT WE  
9 WOULD RANK THEM IN SOME ORDER OF PRIORITY AND THEN MAKE  
10 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD IF WE SEE THIS AS A PHASED IN  
11 APPROACH, HERE'S WHERE WE SHOULD GET STARTED.

12

13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND THAT'S WHAT I MEANT BY MY  
14 DISAPPOINTMENT THAT I HAD HOPED THAT THE REPORT WOULD HAVE  
15 DONE THAT FIRST STEP, THAT I'M LOOKING TO THE COUNTY. WE DID  
16 THE CONVENINGS, WE GATHERED THE DATA. IT'S LIKE A SIFTER. THEN  
17 FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, FROM THE COUNTY LEVEL, WHAT IS READY TO  
18 GO NOW, WHAT MAKES SENSE, AND THEN THE COST OUT. SO, BOTH OF  
19 THOSE STEPS WILL THEN COME IN THE NEXT REPORT.

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21 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THAT IS CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY, BECAUSE WE WANT THESE REPORT  
24 BACKS TO BE MEANINGFUL AND RELEVANT SO WE CAN ACTUALLY BE  
25 MAKING PROGRESS ON HOW WE MOVE FORWARD. TO THE SHERIFF'S



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1 DEPARTMENT, I APPRECIATE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS, SEVERAL  
2 ORDINANCES AND ALL THAT, AND I'M CLEAR THAT IT'S TWOFOLD. WE  
3 NEED TO TALK PREVENTION AND TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE THE  
4 RESOURCES AND THE LAW ON YOUR SIDE TO TAKE ACTION FROM  
5 SPECTATORS TO ALL OF THE ABOVE. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE  
6 CHALLENGES I THINK THAT YOU ALL HAVE FACED IN REALLY TRYING TO  
7 ADDRESS THE ISSUE? ANYTHING THAT YOU DIDN'T COVER IN YOUR  
8 PRESENTATION THAT YOU NEED TO ELEVATE TO US.

9

10 **MYRON JOHNSON:** NO, I THINK I WAS YOU KNOW RELATIVELY CLEAR AND  
11 CONCISE AND THEN ASKED FROM THE BOARD I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT  
12 WE WOULD LIKE TO ENHANCE OUR EDUCATION, YOU KNOW, OF COMMUNITY  
13 MEMBERS ABOUT THE ILLS OF STREET RACING AND TO YOUR POINT  
14 EARLIER ABOUT FEWER OPPORTUNITIES IN DISTRICT 2. ZERO  
15 OPPORTUNITIES IN DISTRICT 2.

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17 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** ZERO OPPORTUNITIES IN DISTRICT 2.

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19 **MYRON JOHNSON:** WE'RE WORKING ON THAT. AND TO THE, WHEN I SAY  
20 THAT, I MEAN, SO THE NEXT GRANT PHASE, OUR TRAP UNIT, WHICH IS  
21 OUR TASK FORCE REGIONAL AUTO THEFT PROGRAM HAVE 5 SCHEDULED  
22 EVENTS IN THE CITY OF COMPTON. AND I THINK THAT'S GONNA BE  
23 VERY HELPFUL FOR THE RESIDENTS TO BECOME MORE INFORMED, AS  
24 WELL AS THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO KNOW THAT THERE'S A DIFFERENT  
25 WAY TO SPEED AND RAISE AND DO DONUTS, AND THAT'S HOW TO SAVE





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1 TRACK. SO, WE'RE HOPING TO GET THAT MESSAGE OUT THERE TO THE  
2 RESIDENTS. SO, ONE ISSUE THAT I RAISED AT THE 2 CONVENINGS  
3 THAT WE PULLED TOGETHER WAS IT'S ONE THING FOR, YOU KNOW, MOST  
4 OF THE STREET RACING KIND OF ADVOCATES THAT WERE THERE WERE  
5 NOT PEOPLE ENGAGING IN STREET RACING TODAY, I'LL PUT IT THAT  
6 WAY. AND SO, YOU KNOW, WHEN THE SENIORS SET AMONG US COME TO  
7 TALK ABOUT SOLUTIONS FOR THE YOUNGER SET AMONG US, YOU KNOW, I  
8 DON'T BLAME THEM FOR GETTING IRRITATED THAT WE DON'T  
9 UNDERSTAND THEIR LIVES OR WHAT MOTIVATES THEM. HOW ARE WE  
10 GOING TO DO OUTREACH TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE WHO ARE  
11 PARTICIPATING IN THESE OUTREACH EVENTS ARE THE ONES THAT ARE  
12 CURRENTLY ENGAGING IN THE ACTIVITY. I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT  
13 FRUSTRATES ME. ANY IDEAS ON HOW WE DO THAT?

14

15 **MYRON JOHNSON:** WELL, I THINK THERE'S BEEN A FEW SUCCESS  
16 STORIES IN OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS FROM OUR LASD MOTORS SPORTS,  
17 5013C, WHO ARE RETIRED AS WELL AS ACTIVE MEMBERS WHO HAVE  
18 TAKEN A PASSION TO STREET RACING AND THEN GO TO EDUCATE SOME  
19 OF THE COLLEGES, THE YOUTH CENTERS, ANY AREA THAT HAS A LARGE  
20 POPULATION WHERE THEY CAN SPEAK TO ABOUT SOME OF THE ILLS OF  
21 STREET RACING, ILLEGAL STREET RACING. SO, I THINK IN THAT  
22 REGARD, THEY'RE EFFECTIVE. COULD WE DO BETTER? ABSOLUTELY, AND  
23 I'M ALL FOR COLLABORATING WITH YDD AND SOME OF OUR STATION  
24 INTELLIGENCE THAT THEY'RE GATHERING, AS WELL AS I'M INTERESTED  
25 TO SEE WHAT OUR CRIME STRATEGY UNIT CAN COME UP WITH AS THEY



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1 DO THE RESEARCH ABOUT THIS ISSUE AGAIN THAT IMPACTS THE ENTIRE  
2 NATION. THERE ARE BEST PRACTICES OUT THERE THAT WE CAN TAP  
3 INTO AND I'M CERTAIN WITH THE TALENT WE HAVE AT OUR CRIME  
4 STRATEGY UNIT, WHICH WAS RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE LAST  
5 MONTH, THAT WE'RE GONNA GET THERE.

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7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT. JUST AS I AM  
8 THINKING, AND IT REALLY WAS LIKE A QUESTION, LIKE HOW DO WE  
9 ATTRACT THOSE WHO ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGING? AND I'M WONDERING IF  
10 TALKING TO LACO, DYD, PROBATION, GOING TO WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE  
11 ARE AND HAVING THE CONVERSATION. MR. CARROLL, AND I SEE MADAM  
12 CEO HAS PUT ON HER MIC.

13

14 **DAVID CARROLL:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU, AND HAPPY TO BE HERE  
15 TODAY. I TOO ATTENDED THE SYMPOSIUM IN MAY AND HAD A CHANCE TO  
16 PRESENT.

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18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND BROUGHT YOUR DAUGHTER, THANK YOU.

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20 **DAVID CARROLL:** AND BROUGHT MY DAUGHTER, WHO DEFINITELY GOT HER  
21 FIRST LESSON IN TRAFFIC SAFETY AT THE AGE OF 13, SO  
22 APPRECIATED THAT. I DON'T WANNA UNDER EMPHASIZE HOW SERIOUS OF  
23 AN ISSUE IT WAS. I KNOW THAT AS I COME INTO THESE SPACES, I'M  
24 ABOUT EDUCATION, OTHER OPPORTUNITIES, SECOND CHANCES, ET  
25 CETERA, BUT CERTAINLY HEARD THE COMMUNITY LOUD AND CLEAR,



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1 HEARD THE PAIN IN THEIR VOICES, YOU KNOW, SHED A FEW TEARS  
2 HEARING THE VERY DETAILED STORIES THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS TOLD.  
3 BUT, YOU KNOW, WITH THAT BEING SAID, I THINK, YOU KNOW, LIKE  
4 MOST OTHER PROBLEMS, YOU CAN'T ARREST AND FIND YOUR WAY OUT OF  
5 IT. THOSE ARE CERTAINLY DETERRENTS, BUT I THINK YOU HAVE TO  
6 EDUCATE, PROVIDE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES. WE, DYD PERSONALLY, I  
7 MET WITH DOZENS OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WE WORK WITH IN A VARIETY  
8 OF DIFFERENT SPACES. THEY SHARED WITH ME WHY THEY GO TO THE  
9 TAKEOVERS. IT'S SOMETHING TO DO. IT'S A PLACE TO BE RECOGNIZED  
10 IF YOU ARE A COMPETITOR AND TO BE ADMIRER. IT'S A CONNECTION  
11 TO THE COMMUNITY, OFTENTIMES, IN WHICH YOU LIVE. AND THAT'S  
12 WHY THEY'RE, AND IT'S AN ADRENALINE RUSH. I DON'T WANT TO  
13 LEAVE THAT PART OUT OF IT. SO AS WE LOOK AT SOLUTIONS, WE'VE  
14 GOT TO LOOK AT THINGS THAT PROVIDE THOSE DIFFERENT  
15 OPPORTUNITIES. LOTS OF GOOD THINGS HAVE HAPPENED WITH REGARDS  
16 TO MOVING ALONG THAT PROCESS SINCE THAT MEETING. WE ACTUALLY  
17 TOOK SOME RECOMMENDATIONS AND MET SOME FOLKS AT THE CONVENING,  
18 AND WE ARE ACTUALLY LOOKING AT PARTNERING WITH AN ORGANIZATION  
19 THAT DOES THE PREVENTION, TRAINING, TRAFFIC SAFETY. IT WAS ONE  
20 OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WAS FEATURED IN THE POWERPOINT THAT  
21 WAS GOING. AND SINCE THEN, WE FOUND OUT THAT THE PLACE PROGRAM  
22 WITHIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WAS ALSO LOOKING AT THE  
23 SAME ORGANIZATION. SO, WE ARE LOOKING AT WORKING TOGETHER. THE  
24 PLACE PROGRAM RECEIVED A GRANT, A TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT. THEY  
25 ARE LOOKING AT WORKING WITH DYD TO PROVIDE THAT INTERVENTION



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1 IN A COMMUNITY THAT THEY'VE IDENTIFIED. AND THEN WE'RE LOOKING  
2 AT USING OUR RESOURCES TO EXPAND THAT PROGRAM SOMEWHERE WITHIN  
3 THOSE OTHER 5 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORK REGIONS THAT WE'VE  
4 TALKED ABOUT A MILLION TIMES. SO, WE'RE EXCITED AND THAT IS  
5 COMING UP IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. SO WE'RE IN CONVERSATIONS  
6 WITH BOTH PUBLIC HEALTH, THE POTENTIAL PROVIDER, I CAN'T SAY  
7 THE NAME AT THIS POINT, AND WORKING AT THE SCHOOLS AND  
8 UTILIZING OUR BLOOM PROGRAM, WHICH IS ALREADY AT THE SCHOOLS  
9 AS A WAY TO GET INTO THE SCHOOLS BECAUSE THAT'S A BIG PART OF  
10 THE PROBLEM IS THAT FOLKS DON'T HAVE THOSE RELATIONSHIPS.  
11 LASTLY, I'LL JUST MENTION IT AND WE WERE JUST KIND OF TALKING  
12 A COUPLE IN MY NOTES, SOME OF THE RECOMMENDED POTENTIAL  
13 LOCATIONS THAT WERE CLOSER BECAUSE THAT WAS IDENTIFIED AS A  
14 CHALLENGE ARE TERMINAL ISLAND POTENTIALLY IS REOPENING. I  
15 BELIEVE THAT'S IN LONG BEACH. THAT'S CORRECT. AND THEN THE  
16 PORSCHE EXPERIENCE TRACK AND MAYBE CREATING A WAY FOR YOUNG  
17 PEOPLE OR FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THAT AS AN EXPERIENCE.  
18 ALSO, BEEN TALKING TO PARKS AND RECREATION ABOUT THEIR OFF-  
19 ROAD RACING FACILITIES AS A POTENTIAL TYPE OF PROGRAM THAT  
20 PROVIDES SOME OF THAT ADRENALINE AND SOME OF THE THINGS THAT  
21 THE YOUNG PEOPLE GET OUT OF THE STREET RACING. SO, THERE'S  
22 SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE IN PROGRESS RIGHT NOW THAT I'M  
23 SURE WE CAN HAVE MORE OF A REPORT BACK AT A LATER DATE.  
24  
25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT.



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2 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU. AS I

3 WAS LOOKING AT DAVID SPEAK, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WOULD

4 HAVE SAID IN MY OPENING REMARKS IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE

5 LEARNED IN THIS PROCESS IS THAT WE HAVE 2 OR MORE POPULAR

6 INSTAGRAM INFLUENCERS IN THIS SPACE AND THEY TYPICALLY POST

7 MORE THAN 20 VIDEOS PER MONTH. EACH VIDEO IS TYPICALLY LIKED

8 BY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF FOLLOWERS AND ONE VIDEO HAS BEEN

9 VIEWED 1.9 MILLION TIMES. SO, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT EDUCATION,

10 THIS IS A YOUNG CULTURE. IT HAPPENS WITH EVERY GENERATION.

11 THEY ARE YOUTHFUL, THEY ARE REBELLIOUS, THEY, YOU KNOW, THEY

12 DON'T FULLY APPRECIATE, YOU KNOW, DANGER AND TAKE ON

13 RESPONSIBILITY. I HAVE TOLD MY TEAM, IT'S LIKE FOLKS' PARENTS

14 TELLING THEM NOT TO LISTEN TO ROCK AND ROLL MUSIC OR NOT TO

15 LISTEN TO RAP MUSIC, RIGHT? BECAUSE THAT WAS THE NEW, YOU

16 KNOW, NEW THING THAT WAS CAPTURING THE IMAGINATION OF OUR

17 YOUTH. AND SO, I FEEL LIKE ON THE PREVENTION PIECE ALONG THE

18 LINES OF WHAT DIRECTOR CARROLL WAS SAYING IS, IT'S ALMOST LIKE

19 WE NEED A CREDIBLE MESSENGER. THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT GONNA BE

20 FULLY ACCESSIBLE AND COOL TO THIS POPULATION. AND I THINK

21 THERE ARE SOME VENUES WHERE EDUCATION WOULD WORK. AND I ALMOST

22 FEEL LIKE WE HAVE TO HAVE A PROXY COMMUNICATIONS, NOT A FIRM,

23 BUT A COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT, BECAUSE WHEN WE'RE DELIVERING

24 THE MESSAGE, I THINK IT MUTES ITS ACCEPTANCE, BECAUSE WE'RE

25 FROM THE GOVERNMENT, AND WE REPRESENT AUTHORITY, AND ALL THE



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1 THINGS THAT THEY THINK IT'S, SOME IN THIS POPULATION THINK  
2 IT'S COOL TO REBEL AGAINST. AND SO, WE NOTED THAT IN OUR  
3 REPORT, BUT IT'S REALLY LISTED AS LIKE A FIRST AMENDMENT  
4 ISSUE. I'M NOT SUGGESTING THAT WE TRY TO TAKE DOWN THE  
5 INSTAGRAM POSTS, BUT WE NEED TO RESPOND IN KIND WHEN WE'RE  
6 TRYING TO CAPTURE THE IMAGINATION OF THIS POPULATION.

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8 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT, AND WHEN I LOOK AT  
9 THE TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESS FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE HOLDING  
10 SOCIAL MEDIA ENGINES ACCOUNTABLE FOR DANGEROUS ACTIONS. I  
11 DON'T KNOW WHY WE WOULDN'T WHEN WE CAN CHRONICLE AND IDENTIFY  
12 LOSS OF LIFE. IT'S NOT JUST PROPERTY, BUT DEATHS AS A RESULT  
13 OF THESE ACTIONS. I'M NOT SURE WHY WE WOULDN'T TRY TO PURSUE  
14 THEIR ABILITY TO POST THOSE ACTIONS, PARTICULARLY SINCE WE  
15 KNOW THAT THAT'S THE TOOL THEY USE TO RECRUIT AND TELL PEOPLE  
16 WHAT CORNER TO SHOW UP ON, AND USE THAT SAME TOOL TO SAY THE  
17 POLICE ARE COMING AND THEY CAN DISAPPEAR. GLAD TO THANK YOU.  
18 GLAD TO HEAR THE OTHER GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS THAT ARE UNDER  
19 CONSIDERATION AND THE IDEA ABOUT WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN BE  
20 CREATIVE TO OUTREACH TO THE POPULATION THAT'S ENGAGED IN THE  
21 ACTIVITY. THANK YOU TO LAPD AND HIGHWAY PATROL. IF THERE  
22 ANYTHING YOU WANTED TO ADD IN TERMS OF YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND  
23 THINGS THAT YOU THINK ARE WORKING. I THINK YOUR PRESENCE HERE  
24 SHOWS COLLABORATION, BUT IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO  
25 SHARE WITH US.



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2 **CRAIG VALENZUELA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CRAIG VALENZUELA.  
3 I'M A COMMANDER AT LAPD WITH TRAFFIC GROUPS. SO, I'M REALLY  
4 PROUD OF OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SHERIFF, WITH THE CALIFORNIA  
5 HIGHWAY PATROL. I'M ALSO REALLY PROUD OF OUR DEPARTMENT FROM  
6 THE POINT OF VIEW. I'VE GOT 20 FOLKS, 20 OFFICERS AND  
7 SERGEANTS, AND A LIEUTENANT ASSIGNED TO THE STREET RACING TASK  
8 FORCE. I HAVE A FULL TIME DEDICATED, I WISH IT WERE MORE THAN  
9 THAT, THAT WE COULD BE THERE OUT THERE EVERY DAY, ALL DAY, YOU  
10 KNOW, BEING ABLE TO INTERDICT AND CALM DOWN THESE COMMUNITIES.  
11 THE ONLY THING THAT I WOULD ADD TO ALL OF THIS IS THIS ONE  
12 POINT. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE'VE SEEN THIS HUGE INCREASE IN  
13 NUMBERS, BUT WHAT WE ARE SEEING IS THIS INCREASE IN VIOLENT  
14 BEHAVIOR, LOOTING, CARS ON FIRE. YOU KNOW, RECENTLY WE HAD 2  
15 KIDS SHOT, 1 MURDERED AT A TAKEOVER, AT A SPIN. THAT'S REALLY  
16 WHAT CONCERNS US. IT'S THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE AND US TRYING TO  
17 GET INTO THERE TO END THOSE AND TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE.  
18 BUT AGAIN, VERY PROUD OF OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR PARTNERS  
19 AND CONTINUING TO DO THIS WORK.

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21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU.

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23 **JOE ZIVI:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. CAPTAIN JOE ZIVI,  
24 COMMANDER OF THE CHP'S OPERATION IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. I  
25 BROUGHT WITH ME LIEUTENANT STEVE KARAPIA. HE IS THE COMMANDER



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1 IN CHARGE OF THE STREET RACING ENFORCEMENT UNIT FOR THE  
2 HIGHWAY PATROL. SO, THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION TO HAVE THE  
3 HIGHWAY PATROL SPEAK ABOUT THE DANGERS OF STREET RACING AND  
4 SIDESHOWS AND TAKEOVERS. I LOOK AROUND THE ROOM AND I SEE EACH  
5 OF YOUR STAFF MEMBERS, THE CEO AND COUNTY COUNSEL HAVE ENGAGED  
6 US IN THE LAST YEAR ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC, SO I  
7 APPRECIATE THE COLLABORATION. FOR PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE, WHY  
8 IS THE HIGHWAY PATROL HERE? THE GOVERNMENT CODE AND THE  
9 VEHICLE CODE REQUIRES THE HIGHWAY PATROL TO DO ALL TRAFFIC IN  
10 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. SO, WE WRITE THE TICKETS, WE HANDLE THE  
11 CRASHES IN YOUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THE HIGHWAY PATROL  
12 REGARDING STREET RACING HAS TRAINED OVER 8,000 UNIFORMED  
13 EMPLOYEES, BOTH SHERIFF DEPUTIES AND POLICE OFFICERS ACROSS  
14 THE STATE IN STREET RACING ENFORCEMENT. OUR COURSE IS APPROVED  
15 BY THE PEACE OFFICER'S STANDARD IN TRAINING SO THEY CAN GET  
16 CREDIT FOR ATTENDING THIS. AND WE'VE TRAVELED UP AND DOWN THE  
17 STATE TRAINING OTHER AGENCIES. WE'RE ALSO BEING CONSULTED BY  
18 OTHER STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES ON HOW TO ENFORCE STREET-  
19 RACING TACTICS. SO, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OFFICE OF TRAFFIC  
20 SAFETY GRANTS, WE HAVE A TON OF EDUCATION THAT WE'RE PROVIDING  
21 TO COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, AND THAT INCLUDES SOCIAL MEDIA AND  
22 TV AND RADIO AD BUYS. WE WORK HAND IN HAND WITH NONPROFIT  
23 ORGANIZATIONS LIKE STREET RACING KILLS, AS YOU SAW ONE OF  
24 THEM. AND WE WORK WITH THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, VERY  
25 IMPORTANT, SO THEY TRAIN US ON HOW TO RECOGNIZE ILLEGAL





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1 VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS, AND THOSE ARE THE ONES THAT ROAR UP AND  
2 DOWN OUR COMMUNITY STREETS. WE CONSISTENTLY USE OUR PATROL  
3 OFFICERS WHO ARE TRAINED IN STREET RACING TO RESPOND TO THIS  
4 WHEN OUR STREET RACING ENFORCEMENT UNIT IS NOT AVAILABLE. SO  
5 THEY WILL GO, THEY WILL TRY AND BREAK UP STREET RACING AS  
6 SAFELY AS POSSIBLE, TAKE AS MANY OUT, AND BY THAT I MEAN DO  
7 PROPER ENFORCEMENT ACTION. AND IN ADDITION TO THE LOCAL  
8 OFFICERS, WE HAVE THAT STREET RACING ENFORCEMENT UNIT TO  
9 COMBAT ILLEGAL STREET RACING ACTIVITY, SPECIFICALLY IN  
10 UNINCORPORATED PORTIONS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS IS A CADRE  
11 OF SERGEANTS AND OFFICERS SPECIFICALLY TRAINED. THEY GO OUT  
12 BASED ON INTELLIGENCE ON EVENINGS AND LOCATIONS THAT WE  
13 DETERMINE THEY MAY HIT. INVESTIGATORS MONITOR ALL SOCIAL MEDIA  
14 PLATFORMS AND WE SHARE INFORMATION WITH OUR LOCAL PARTNERS  
15 HERE. COMING SOON, THE STREET RACING ENFORCEMENT UNIT WILL USE  
16 TECHNOLOGY SUCH AS HIGH POWERED CAMERAS TO READ LICENSE PLATES  
17 IN REAL TIME AND THEN WE GO TO JUDGES AND GET 30 DAY SEIZURES  
18 TO SEIZE THEM AT A LATER DATE. AND YOU KNOW WHEN WE SHOW UP  
19 AND GRAB THE VEHICLE, MOM AND DAD ARE VERY, VERY UPSET. DURING  
20 OUR ENFORCEMENT DETAILS, APPROXIMATELY 20 TO 30 OFFICERS ARE  
21 DEPLOYED, AND THE HOT SPOTS ARE MONITORED BY AIR USING OUR  
22 HELICOPTERS AND AIRPLANE. WE HAVE INFRARED TECHNOLOGY, AND WE  
23 HAVE RECORDING TECHNOLOGY FOR PROSECUTION. SO JUST LAST YEAR  
24 TO GIVE YOU A SENSE OF WHAT WE'VE DONE, LAST YEAR THE STREET  
25 RACING ENFORCEMENT UNIT RESPONDED TO 100 STREET TAKEOVERS IN



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1 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, ISSUED APPROXIMATELY 2, 000 CITATIONS  
2 FOR VARIOUS VIOLATIONS TO INCLUDE REFERRALS TO THE STATE  
3 REFEREE. WE ARRESTED 500 INDIVIDUALS, OVER 500 INDIVIDUALS FOR  
4 RECKLESS DRIVING, SPECTATING, DUI, AND WEAPONS OFFENSES, AND  
5 IMPOUNDED OVER 400 VEHICLES. AND SOMETHING MORE RECENT THIS  
6 PAST SUNDAY, SUNDAY NIGHT IN SOUTH L.A., UNINCORPORATED  
7 COMPTON IN PARTICULAR, 63 SPECTATORS WERE ARRESTED, 66  
8 CITATIONS WERE ISSUED, 28 VEHICLES IMPOUNDED, 3 FIREARMS  
9 RECOVERED, 3 STOLEN VEHICLES RECOVERED, A FELONY PURSUIT THAT  
10 ENDED SAFELY WITH A PERSON IN CUSTODY, AND A FELONY CHILD  
11 ENDANGERMENT CHARGE WITH AN ADULT WITH A TODDLER IN THE BACK  
12 AS HE WAS DOING DONUTS IN AN INTERSECTION. SUPERVISORS, I'D  
13 LIKE YOU TO KNOW ON SUNDAY IN PARTICULAR, 80% OF THOSE THAT  
14 WERE SIGHTED WERE NOT COUNTY RESIDENTS. RIGHT, THAT'S WHAT'S  
15 SAID. INCREDIBLY, BUT THESE STATS THAT I JUST GAVE YOU FOR  
16 SUNDAY IS ONLY ABOUT 5% OF THE PARTICIPANTS THAT WERE THERE ON  
17 SCENE. SO WE'RE JUST ABLE TO CATCH WHO WE'RE ABLE TO CATCH.  
18 WE'RE NOT GOING IN THE CENTER OF THE TAKEOVER ANYMORE. IT'S  
19 JUST TOO DANGEROUS FOR US. BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT THESE  
20 TAKEOVERS ARE MORE BRAZEN, MORE VIOLENT. AND JUST TO SUMMARIZE  
21 AND RECAP, THE CHP ACTIVELY INVESTIGATES STREET RACING  
22 INCIDENTS. AND THE HEAD OF OUR AGENCY, COMMISSIONER DURY, HAS  
23 MADE IT CLEAR WE WILL SEEK CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AGAINST ALL  
24 PARTICIPANTS, DRIVERS, AND THOSE WHO ASSIST THE RACERS, AND  
25 MAKE SURE THAT THEY FACE MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY CHARGES. THANK



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1 YOU.

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3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE YOU SHARING THAT  
4 INCIDENT, BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH MAYBE L.A. CITY IS SEEING A  
5 DECREASE IN THE OTHER ACTIVITY, THAT'S NOT THE CASE IN OTHER  
6 AREAS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY THEY ARE CONTINUING AND WHAT IS  
7 SO DEEPLY OFFENSIVE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THOSE COMMUNITIES IT  
8 IS THAT PEOPLE ARE COMING FROM OUTSIDE L.A. COUNTY INTO  
9 COMPTON BECAUSE IT GIVES THEM I DON'T KNOW SOME KIND OF STREET  
10 CRED TO DO PARTICIPATE IN A TAKEOVER IN COMPTON AND YOU USE  
11 YOUR OWN IMAGINATION TO FIGURE OUT WHY. BUT THAT IS WHAT'S SO  
12 DEEPLY OFFENSIVE TO ME AND TO THE RESIDENTS THERE THAT MISS  
13 PEOPLE FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES WHO ARE COMING OUTSIDE THEIR  
14 COMMUNITY INTO SOUTH L.A., INTO COMPTON, TO DESTROY OUR  
15 PROPERTY AND ENDANGER THE LIVES OF OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND  
16 NEIGHBORS. SO, THANK YOU FOR GIVING THE COMPTON EXPERIENCE. I  
17 WAS GONNA ASK ONE MORE QUESTION AND THAT SENT ME INTO A TIZZY  
18 NOW I'VE FORGOTTEN. IF I CAN RECALL, MADAM CHAIR, IF YOU'LL  
19 ALLOW ME TO COME BACK, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE WORK THAT  
20 YOU'RE DOING, FOR THE PARTNERSHIP, AND THANK YOU FOR BEING  
21 HERE TODAY.

22

23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I WILL NOTE THAT IN THE  
24 ATTACHMENT IT SAYS THAT LOST HILLS STATION IS IN DISTRICT 5  
25 BUT IT IS IN DISTRICT 3 AND I'M NOT GIVING UP CAPTAIN C2 AND



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1 HER TEAM TO ANYBODY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU  
4 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS ITEM AND I WANT TO  
5 ALSO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE AND FIERCE INTENT ON MAKING  
6 THIS FAIR FOR PEOPLE, BUT NOTING HOW DANGEROUS THIS SPORT IS.  
7 AND I WANT TO THANK THE PANEL BECAUSE IT'S REALLY INFORMATIVE  
8 TO HEAR WHAT THE SHERIFF'S BEEN DOING, WHICH I THINK REALLY  
9 GIVES US A GOOD INDICATION THAT THERE'S A LOT MORE INFORMATION  
10 THAT NEEDS TO BE SHARED WITH THE PUBLIC, BECAUSE YOU ARE USING  
11 WHAT YOU ARE USING, BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT THE COMMUNITY IN MY,  
12 I LIVE IN A CITY, UNINCORPORATED, NOT INCORPORATED, I LIVE IN  
13 A CITY, EL MONTE, THERE ARE PARTS THAT ARE UNINCORPORATED, BUT  
14 EVEN IN OUR CITY, AT 2, 3 IN THE MORNING, I'M AWAKENED BY  
15 RACING THAT'S GOING ON, AND IT DOESN'T STOP. AND YOU CAN HEAR  
16 WHEN THERE ARE CRASHES. AND THE NEXT MORNING, I'M GETTING UP  
17 DRIVING, AND I SEE A SMASHED BRICK WALL AND I HAVE TO ASK  
18 MYSELF WHO WAS WHO GOT HURT SOMEBODY HAD TO GET HURT BUT THESE  
19 THINGS GO ON SO WHATEVER WE DO HERE AT THE COUNTY I KNOW WE'LL  
20 SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE REST OF OUR CITIES TOO, AS WELL AS  
21 HOPEFULLY ENCOURAGE OUR LOCAL PDS TO WORK WITH YOU AS WELL.  
22 AND I REALLY WANT TO SAY I APPRECIATE YOU. IN EAST L.A.,  
23 THAT'S THE BIGGEST AREA THAT I UNINCORPORATED THAT I  
24 REPRESENT, AND WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT HAVE GONE ON  
25 THERE. ALL INVOLVED, I THINK, ABOUT 50 VEHICLES. THIS IS AN



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1 INCIDENT THAT JUST HAPPENED THAT ACTUALLY IS IN THE MOTION ON  
2 JULY 9TH IN OUR PREAMBLE, 2 OF WHICH OCCURRED IN DOWNTOWN  
3 L.A., I THINK WERE JUST ALLUDED TO, AND ONE THAT WAS IN  
4 UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES, INVOLVED 50 VEHICLES WITH  
5 SOME CARS BEING STOLEN AND LIT ON FIRE THROUGH FIREWORKS. AND  
6 I RECALL EVEN BEFORE FOURTH OF JULY ON WHITTIER BOULEVARD,  
7 THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT WENT, I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS STREET  
8 RACING, BUT NONETHELESS, SOMEONE THREW A FIRECRACKER AT THE  
9 CAR, THE VEHICLE, AND OBVIOUSLY THERE WAS A BIG EXPLOSION. SO,  
10 THESE THINGS ARE HAPPENING AND EVEN IN, I HATE TO SAY IT, EVEN  
11 MIDDAY OR SO. IT'S NOT, IT'S JUST BECOMING SO RAMPANT.  
12 RECENTLY, MY STAFF TELLS ME THAT THIS PAST WEEKEND IN EAST  
13 L.A., THERE WAS AN UNSANCTIONED MUSIC VIDEO BEING FILMED IN  
14 EAST L.A., AND THE ESSENCE WAS ILLEGAL STREET TAKEOVERS WITH  
15 THE DUNE BUGGY THAT WERE FILMED AND FRONTED ON AN ALBUM DROP.  
16 SO, THIS REALLY IS ABOUT GETTING MEDIA ATTENTION. THE OTHER  
17 WAS UNDER THE WHITTIER BOULEVARD BRIDGE WHERE PEOPLE ON BIKES  
18 AND LOUD MUSIC WERE BEING FILMED FOR A VIDEO SHOOT. SO,  
19 PEOPLE, WHILE THEY GO TO COMPTON, BECAUSE IT'S COMPTON, THEY  
20 WANT TO COME TO WHITTIER BOULEVARD BECAUSE THEY SEE THAT ARCH.  
21 AND THAT OBVIOUSLY IS WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE. I KNOW THIS IS A  
22 FAD. MAYBE IT ISN'T. I DON'T KNOW. BUT WE NEED TO DO  
23 SOMETHING. AND I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING THAT YOU ALL ARE DOING  
24 AND I'M GLAD TO HEAR CHP THAT YOU'RE REALLY INCORPORATING  
25 TOOLS TO GO AFTER IDENTIFYING LICENSE PLATES AND ALL OF THAT



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1 SO THAT YOU CAN GO AFTER FOLKS. BECAUSE I THINK THOSE ARE THE  
2 MESSAGES THAT HAVE TO BE SENT OUT TO THE PUBLIC RIGHT NOW. AND  
3 I HOPE THAT YOU DO THAT VERY AGGRESSIVELY IN DIFFERENT  
4 LANGUAGES, BECAUSE IT ISN'T JUST AFRICAN AMERICAN AND LATINO,  
5 IT'S ALSO THE AAPI COMMUNITY THAT IS BEING IMPACTED. AND SOME  
6 OF THE PERPETRATORS ARE FROM THESE VERY DISTINCT GROUPS. SO, I  
7 HOPE WE CAN DO THAT. I'M NOT GOING TO ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS.  
8 ACTUALLY, I WANT TO THANK YOU BECAUSE I THINK THE QUESTIONS  
9 HAVE BEEN ASKED. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK AND TO SEE  
10 HOW WE CAN COLLABORATE BETTER WITH ALSO OUR CITIES. AS I SAID,  
11 WHEN WE SET AN EXAMPLE, OTHERS LISTEN, AND MAYBE THAT'S A WAY  
12 OF BROADENING PARTICIPATION WITH OUR OTHER CITIES. BUT I DO  
13 HAVE A MOTION THAT I'D LIKE TO READ IN, AND I WOULD LIKE TO DO  
14 THAT NOW. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
15 INSTRUCT THE CEO EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND REQUEST THAT THE L.A.  
16 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT BACK IN WRITING DURING THE  
17 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PHASE ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ACCESSING THE  
18 TASK FORCE FOR REGIONAL AUTO THEFT PREVENTION, THE TRAP  
19 PROGRAM, A STATE GRANT AS A FUNDED RESOURCE TO ADDRESS ILLEGAL  
20 STREET TAKEOVERS GIVEN THE USE OF STOLEN VEHICLES AS A PART OF  
21 THESE INCIDENTS. AND I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
22 SUPERVISORS REQUEST THAT L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND  
23 INSTRUCT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO REPORT BACK IN  
24 WRITING IN 60 DAYS ON AN ACTION PLAN SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING  
25 THE ILLEGAL STREET TAKEOVERS, SIDESHOW STREET RACES INCLUDING



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1 UNSANCTIONED AND UNPERMITTED FILMING OF MUSIC, VIDEOS, AND  
2 OTHER MEDIA IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN THE COUNTY. SO, I WOULD  
3 HOPE THAT WE COULD VOTE ON THAT MATTER AS WELL. THANK YOU,  
4 MADAM CHAIR.

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

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8 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO ALL  
9 OF YOU FOR TACKLING THIS ISSUE, WHICH IS REALLY SO DESTRUCTIVE  
10 TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR RESIDENTS. THEY'RE SO DANGEROUS,  
11 AND NOT JUST TO THOSE PARTICIPATING IN IT, AS WE'VE SAID, BUT  
12 THE BYSTANDERS WHO ALSO MANY TIMES BECOME THE VICTIMS OF THESE  
13 RECKLESS DRIVING ESCAPADES. IT'S LISTENING TO EVERYBODY. I  
14 REALLY APPRECIATE THE CREATIVE, THOUGHTFUL WAY THAT EACH OF  
15 YOUR ORGANIZATIONS IS TACKLING THIS, BUT IT JUST KEEPS FEELING  
16 SO DAUNTING AND SEEMS SO DIFFICULT TO REALLY STOP, BUT WE  
17 REALLY NEED TO DO THIS. I'M INTERESTED, DAVID, A LOT OF OUR  
18 IDEA OF LEGAL ALTERNATIVES. AND I GUESS THAT WOULD FALL UNDER  
19 THE CATEGORY OF PREVENTING THESE FROM HAPPENING IN THE  
20 BEGINNING. AND I KNOW YOU MENTIONED SOME. HOW SUCCESSFUL DO  
21 YOU THINK THIS TYPE OF PREVENTIVE ACTION WOULD BE?

22

23 **DAVID CARROLL:** I THINK IT WOULD DETER SOME YOUNG PEOPLE FROM  
24 PARTICIPATING. THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT I SERVE AND BEING THE  
25 ONLY NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT ON THE PANEL, I'D CERTAINLY WANNA



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1 REPRESENT FOR OTHER PEOPLE WHO MAY BE OVER 18. BUT UNDER 18,  
2 THEY'RE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BE ATTENDEES THAN THEY ARE TO BE  
3 THE ACTUAL COMPETITOR. AND THAT'S WHY I WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT  
4 FINES OF \$2,000, \$3,000 TO A YOUNG PERSON. IT MIGHT AS WELL BE  
5 A \$1,000,000. AND THEN TO ALIGN THE REST OF OUR CONVERSATION,  
6 YOU END UP WITH YOUTH AT LOS PADRINOS, OR YOU END UP WITH  
7 ADULTS AT MEN'S CENTRAL BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T PAY A FINE, RIGHT,  
8 THAT THEY GOT FOR GOING TO ONE OF THESE THINGS, NOT EVEN AS A  
9 DRIVER. SO, I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT, BUT TO ANSWER YOUR  
10 ORIGINAL QUESTION, I THINK WE'VE GOT TO FIND THINGS THAT THE  
11 YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ASKING FOR. THAT'S WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT  
12 WE COME TOGETHER AS A TEAM. IT'S GOT TO PROVIDE THAT FEELING,  
13 THAT CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY. IT'S GOT TO PROVIDE THAT  
14 ADRENALINE RUSH. SO, I'VE HEARD THINGS LIKE CAR SHOWS, AND  
15 THEY MAY BE FUN, BUT THOSE DON'T PROVIDE THAT SAME LEVEL OF A  
16 RUSH AS THE DONUTS AND THE OTHER THINGS. SO, I THINK THOSE  
17 NEAR PROXIMITY ALTERNATIVES ARE A GREAT PLACE TO START. AGAIN,  
18 PARKS AND REC HAS SOME OPPORTUNITIES. I THINK IT CAN DETER. IT  
19 WON'T BE A MAGIC WAND. I DON'T WANT TO USE ANOTHER ANALOGY,  
20 BUT IT WON'T BE A MAGIC WAND TO ELIMINATE EVERYTHING, BUT I  
21 THINK IT'LL HAVE AN EFFECT ON REDUCING THAT.

22

23 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I MEAN, I'M GLAD THAT WE'RE AT LEAST STILL  
24 DISCUSSING ALTERNATIVES, BECAUSE I KNOW THE LAST TIME WE  
25 DISCUSSED THIS, I DID BRING UP TERMINAL ISLAND, BECAUSE I





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1 REMEMBER BIG WILLIE ROBINSON. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE STREET  
2 RACING COMMUNITY. WHEN I WAS ON THE CITY COUNCIL OF LOS  
3 ANGELES 20 YEARS AGO, HE WAS A BIG PROPONENT OF HE WORKED WITH  
4 THEN MAYOR TOM BRADLEY. HE CREATED THE BROTHERHOOD RACEWAY  
5 PARK, ALSO KNOWN AS THE TERMINAL ISLAND RACEWAY. AND IT WAS  
6 KIND OF A DRAG STRIP ON TERMINAL ISLAND IN THE PORT OF LOS  
7 ANGELES. AND HE THOUGHT IT PROVIDED THIS SAFE, CONTROLLED  
8 ENVIRONMENT TO RACE CARS. SO I HAVE NO IDEA IF THAT'S EVEN  
9 FEASIBLE ANYMORE TO DO THAT. I DON'T KNOW HOW THE PORT WOULD  
10 FEEL ABOUT THAT KIND OF ACTIVITY, BUT IT'S SOMETHING I HOPE WE  
11 CONTINUE TO EXPLORE. WHEN WE FIRST TALKED ABOUT STREET  
12 TAKEOVERS LAST SEPTEMBER, I BROUGHT UP THE IDEA OF CREATING A  
13 WORKING GROUP TO LOOK INTO THESE ALTERNATIVES LIKE REOPENING  
14 TERMINAL ISLAND, AND I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT THIS REPORT DOES  
15 RECOMMEND IN CREATING A WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS THESE ILLEGAL  
16 STREET TAKEOVERS. FESIA, I WAS JUST GOING TO ASK YOU, IS THERE  
17 A TIMELINE FOR THE START AND END DATE OF THIS KIND OF WORKING  
18 GROUP?

19

20 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** I DON'T KNOW IF WE WOULD RECOMMEND LIKE AN  
21 END DATE BECAUSE I THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE A PROBLEM THAT'S  
22 GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME TO RESOLVE. BUT WHAT WE COULD DO IS  
23 ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP WITH A TIME PERIOD AND THEN A REVIEW  
24 DATE.

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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY, SO THEN WHAT WOULD BE THE START TIME?

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3 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, IF WE, LET'S SAY WE FIGURED OUT THE  
4 STAFFING AND ANY COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING, OUR REPORT BACK WOULD  
5 COME BACK IN ABOUT 45 DAYS, THE BOARD WOULD SAY YAY OR NAY,  
6 AND THEN WE COULD, IT JUST DEPENDS ALSO ON HOW WE ESTABLISH  
7 THAT GROUP. NORMALLY WHAT WE DO IS WE ASK THE BOARD TO EACH  
8 RECOMMEND OR APPOINT SOME FOLKS. SO, IT IS SOMETHING THAT  
9 COULD HAPPEN, I THINK, IN A FAIRLY SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME AFTER  
10 OUR REPORT BACK. AND IT JUST DEPENDS ON HOW QUICKLY THE BOARD  
11 CAN IDENTIFY APPOINTEES THAT YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH  
12 APPOINTING TO SUCH A BODY.

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14 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND I WOULD GUESS THAT YOU WOULD EMBED IN  
15 THAT TASK FORCE, CERTAINLY OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS,  
16 DAVID. BUT I WOULD SUGGEST IF WE'RE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING  
17 TERMINAL ISLAND, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE PORT POLICE WOULD BE  
18 THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT SHOULD BE ON THAT WORKING  
19 GROUP AS IT RELATED TO THAT SPECIFIC AREA. AND THEN, YEAH, I  
20 APPRECIATE THIS REPORT. I WAS SURPRISED TO SEE THAT THE  
21 LAKEWOOD STATION AND THE CENTURY STATION WERE ALSO SORT OF THE  
22 SECOND HIGHEST IN RESPONDING TO THESE STREET TAKEOVERS. DAVID,  
23 I GUESS I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU THESE DIVERSION OPPORTUNITIES  
24 THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. THIS REPORT DESCRIBES THE DA'S  
25 DIVERSION PROGRAM, BUT DO YOU THINK THE YOUTH WHO ENGAGE IN



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1 ILLEGAL STREET TAKEOVERS IN UNINCORPORATED WOULD BE ABLE TO  
2 PARTICIPATE IN THIS PRE-FILING DIVERSION PROGRAM? OR DO YOU,  
3 DOES DYD HAVE THEIR OWN DIVERSION PROGRAM THAT MIGHT FIT THIS  
4 PARTICULAR POPULATION?

5

6 **DAVID CARROLL:** SO RIGHT NOW, AND WE MET WITH ONE OF THE  
7 DIVERSION PROVIDERS THAT'S WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND  
8 ADULTS OVER 18. AND IT'S A VERY SPECIFIC PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE  
9 WHO ARE INVOLVED IN STREET RACING INCIDENTS THAT DIDN'T END UP  
10 IN SOMEONE GETTING HURT, RIGHT? RIGHT NOW, WE DON'T HAVE THAT  
11 BECAUSE AGAIN, MOST OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD NOT BE THE ONES  
12 ACTUALLY DRIVING, THEY WOULD BE A SPECTATOR. BUT WHAT WE'RE  
13 LOOKING AT DOING IS USING THOSE TYPES OF DIVERSION PROVIDERS  
14 AS AN ADD-ON TO OUR DIVERSION. SO, IF SOMETHING HAPPENS AND A  
15 YOUNG PERSON IS SIGHTED AND STREET RACING WAS PART OF THE  
16 REASON THAT THEY WERE SIGHTED, THAT THEY WOULD HAVE THIS ADDED  
17 RESOURCE OF GOING THROUGH A SPECIALIZED INTERVENTION AROUND  
18 TRAFFIC SAFETY, EDUCATION, ET CETERA.

19

20 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SO WE'RE KIND OF ON A DUAL TRACK OF REACHING  
21 OUT TO THE DRIVERS FOR MAYBE SOME OF THESE ALTERNATIVE DRIVING  
22 RUSH KINDS OF OPPORTUNITIES. AND WE'RE TARGETING THE  
23 SPECTATORS AS WELL, BECAUSE THEY COULD CERTAINLY GET CAUGHT UP  
24 AND IT COULD REALLY KIND OF MESS THEIR LIVES UP. NOT TO  
25 MENTION PUTTING THEIR LIFE IN JEOPARDY. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS.



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1 I LOOK FORWARD TO, FESIA, YOUR NEXT, ARE WE SAYING REPORT BACK  
2 ANYMORE DURING THIS MEETING?

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4 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** ACTION PLAN. ACTION AND ACTION AND YES,  
5 ACTION PLAN.

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7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT, TO YOUR ACTION PLAN. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO THANK  
10 YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK I KNOW IN OUR DISTRICT WE HAVE THE  
11 PCH AND THE SNAKE WHICH ARE PROBLEMATIC IN TERMS OF STREET  
12 RACING, MAYBE NOT THE TAKEOVERS IN THE WAY THAT THEY WERE  
13 SHOWN HERE, BUT THEY CERTAINLY HAVE HAD THEIR OWN SET OF  
14 EXPERIENCES AND THEY'VE BEEN INFORMED IN PART BY VIDEO GAME  
15 EXPERIENCES. AND SO WE HAVE A FILMMAKER IN MALIBU WHO'S MADE A  
16 PRETTY POWERFUL DOCUMENTARY THAT I KNOW HAS BEEN USED AS AN  
17 EDUCATIONAL TOOL. AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP. I  
18 KNOW I GOT TO MODERATE A PANEL DISCUSSION WHERE WE TALKED WITH  
19 THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THAT AND WE'RE TRYING TO EXPAND THAT AS AN  
20 EDUCATIONAL TOOL. AND I KNOW THAT MICHELLE SHANE, WHO IS THE  
21 PRODUCER OF THAT FILM AND WOULD CERTAINLY BE WILLING TO SHARE  
22 THAT OPPORTUNITY. BUT I KNOW THAT THERE'S CERTAINLY MORE WORK  
23 TO BE DONE. I'M GLAD TO SEE WE'RE CONTINUING TO TRACK THIS.  
24 AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TO TALK WITH US ABOUT IT.  
25 WITH THAT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE



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1 PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME  
4 FORWARD? DONALD HARLAN, CHRISTOPHER EGE, DONALD GALAZ, AND  
5 LORRAINE QUINIENOS. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST  
6 YOU. MODERATOR, WILL YOU HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER,  
7 PLEASE?

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9 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. PLEASE UNMUTE  
10 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE, YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, AND I APPRECIATE THE, ONE SECOND PLEASE, I  
13 APPRECIATE THE DISCUSSION. WE NEED A MOD SQUAD ADDRESSING THE  
14 SUPERVISORS CONCERN FOR THE OFFICERS CONCERN THAT WE'RE NOT  
15 YOUNG AND HIP AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO CONNECT TO THE KIDS. SO,  
16 WE NEED TO SEND IN, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE YOUNGER COUNTY  
17 COUNSEL, STUFF LIKE THE COOL KID TO GET IN THERE AND THEN  
18 ISSUE A BUNCH OF REMINDERS AND CITATIONS. SO, I MEAN, THIS IS  
19 A SERIOUS ISSUE, AND I APPRECIATE ALL THOSE NUMBERS. IT'S  
20 TERRIBLE. IT IS, IT'S BRAZEN, VIOLENT CONDUCT, AND IT CAN'T,  
21 IT CAN'T HAPPEN, AND WE CAN'T STOP IT. SO THAT'S THE PROBLEM.  
22 I BLAME VIN DIESEL AND THESE GODDAMN MOVIES THAT GLORIFY  
23 DRIVING QUICKLY AND GETTING IN TROUBLE. AND I BLAME MOST OF,  
24 LET'S ALSO MAKE SURE THAT WE STUDY WHAT THEY'RE DOING IN PARIS  
25 ABOUT THE STREET TAKEOVERS, BECAUSE IT'S A PROBLEM OVER THERE



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1 TO EVERYWHERE. WE MUST GET A TEAM OVER THERE QUICKLY, AND I  
2 WANT THESE DEPUTIES AND SHERIFFS OVER THERE AS WELL TO MAKE  
3 SURE THAT WE'RE FILLING THE INFORMATION WE HAVE --

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

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

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11 **SPEAKER:** YES, MY NAME IS ART LIMOND. I'M THE PROUD FOUNDER OF  
12 THE LOS ANGELES LOWRIDER ALLIANCE A THINK TANK ORGANIZATION  
13 HERE IN LOS ANGELES WE ARE A VOICE REPRESENTING OUR YOUTH  
14 CRUISING LOW RIDING COMMUNITY AND CULTURE THROUGH THE  
15 LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. WE SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT.  
16 I WANT TO MAKE THAT CLEAR. WE DO SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
17 ENFORCEMENT. CAR CLUB LEADERS ARE ALREADY SELF-POLICING THEIR  
18 ORGANIZATIONS AND WE'RE TRYING TO DO OUR BEST TO HELP MAKE OUR  
19 STREETS SAFE. AS YOU KNOW CRUISING IS LEGAL. TODAY IT IS LEGAL  
20 AND WE'RE WORKING HARD TO POLICE OURSELVES AND OUR COMMUNITY  
21 AND WE'RE ALSO LAW ABIDING CITIZENS RESPONSIBLE DRIVERS  
22 OBEYING THE RULES OF THE ROAD. WE DO NOT SUPPORT OR PROMOTE  
23 ILLEGAL TAKEOVER, SIDE SHOWS, AND STREET RACING. THIS ILLEGAL  
24 BEHAVIOR HAS PROVEN TO BE DANGEROUS AND HARMFUL TO OUR  
25 COMMUNITIES AND TO OUR STREETS, OUR BUSINESSES, AND TO OUR



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1 FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS AS ALREADY --

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

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

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9 **SPEAKER:** HI. HELLO?

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'RE HERE. GO AHEAD.

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13 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, ACTUALLY, I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA MOTION  
14 NUMBER 6 AND 7 SO IF IT'S OKAY I'D LIKE TO WAIT TILL THEN.

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THIS IS ITEM 4. WE'LL PUT YOU  
17 BACK IN QUEUE. THANK YOU VER MUCH.

18

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. GOOD EVENING,  
23 EVERYONE. I'M GLAD THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL MENTIONED COMPTON  
24 BECAUSE THAT IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONCERNS WE HAVE. I'VE BEEN  
25 ON OUR HOA BOARD FOR 5 YEARS AND WE'VE ACTUALLY LOST 4



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1 DIFFERENT HOMEOWNERS FROM THE CITY BECAUSE OF THESE TAKEOVERS  
2 AND I KNOW OUR MAYOR SHARIF AND COUNCILMAN ANDRE SPICER AND  
3 THE REST OF THE CITY COUNCIL HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT  
4 HOW TO GET THIS DONE WITHOUT THE RESOURCES THAT ARE BEING  
5 APPLIED. I RESPECT DYD'S APPROACH OF TAKING A MORE PASSIVE  
6 APPROACH. HOWEVER, SANCTIONS DO NEED TO BE LED. IF NOT ON THE  
7 YOUTH, MAYBE ON THE PARENTS. AND THEN LAST THING IS WITH  
8 SOCIAL MEDIA, WHY DO WE HAVE A TASK FORCE? IF THE KIDS OR THE  
9 YOUTH CAN'T IDENTIFY WHAT'S HAPPENING, WHY CAN'T WE IDENTIFY  
10 WHAT'S HAPPENING AND BEAT THEM TO THE PUNCH? I KNOW IT WAS  
11 MENTIONED, BUT I REALLY THINK THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE  
12 SHOULD TAKE A MORE STRINGENT APPROACH AND JUST HAVE YOUR  
13 SANCTIONS, PEOPLE LEARN, AND MAYBE NOT LOCK THEM UP, BUT TAKE  
14 THEM AWAY.

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

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

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22 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MIKE. I'M WITH THE LOS ANGELES  
23 LOWRIDER ALLIANCE COMMITTEE, ALSO WITH THE ORPHEUS CAR CLUB  
24 FROM EAST LOS ANGELES. WE SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
25 ENFORCEMENT TO STOP ILLEGAL TAKEOVERS AND STREET RACERS. DO





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1 NOT PUT THE CRUISING LOW-RIDING COMMITTEE IN WITH THEM. DO NOT  
2 INCLUDE ANY LANGUAGE THAT ASSOCIATES US WITH THEM IN CREATING  
3 LAWS AND ORDINANCES, WE ARE NOT THEM, THE RACISTS AND THE  
4 TAKEOVERS. WE SUGGEST THAT TO CREATE TEACH AND YOUTH TO BUILD  
5 CUSTOM BIKES, CRUISERS, CARS, LOW RIDERS TO KEEP THEM OFF THE  
6 STREETS AND TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY SAFE AND ALSO TO CREATE  
7 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY CENTERS, TRADE  
8 CENTERS, TO KEEP THE YOUTH OUT OF GANGS, TROUBLES, DRUGS,  
9 STREETS, AND OUT OF JAIL TO INVEST THE YOUTH IN COMMUNITY  
10 TEACHING THEM STEM, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND  
11 MECHANICS. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH AND GIVE THEM A SKILL. SAVE  
12 A LIFE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

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

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17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS IRENE RIVERA. PLEASE UNMUTE  
18 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE.

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20 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS IRENE RIVERA AND I LIVE IN BASSETT,  
21 CALIFORNIA, AN INCORPORATED AREA OF LOS ANGELES. WE DO HAVE  
22 SOME OF THOSE STREET DONUT PEOPLE THAT ARE IN OUR COMMUNITY  
23 RIGHT HERE ALSO. AND THERE'S ABOUT MAYBE 10 CARS THAT DO IT IN  
24 THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT FROM 11 O'CLOCK TO 4 IN THE MORNING AT  
25 TIMES WHEN WE CALL THE POLICE. THEY CAN'T HELP US. THEY CALL



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1 THE HIGHWAY PATROL AND IT TAKES THEM A LONG TIME TO COME. SO  
2 THOSE KIDS NEVER GET TOLD. AND THEY'RE ACTUALLY KIDS. I WANT  
3 TO SAY 16 YEARS OLD AT LEAST. AND THEY'RE MAKING A MESS OUT OF  
4 THE STREETS AND IT GOES DOWN. IT GOES DOWN FROM AMAR, IT GOES  
5 DOWN FROM AMAR MILLBURY TO VINELAND, ALL THE WAY DOWN TEMPLE  
6 TO THE 605 FREEWAY. THERE'S DONUTS ALL OVER THE PLACE AND  
7 THEY'RE NOT GETTING TOLD AND THERE'S NO WAY TO REACH THEM  
8 BECAUSE WHEN WE CALL AND TELL THIS IS A COLOR OF THE CAR, THIS  
9 IS WHAT THEY, YOU KNOW, THERE'S 2 KIDS IN THERE AND NOBODY  
10 RESPONDS TO US. AND IT'S ALWAYS PASSED THE BUCK AND IT'S NOT  
11 FAIR TO US COMMUNITY MEMBERS WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE LIVES WE  
12 HAVE CHILDREN THAT LIVE ON OUR 4 CORNERS RIGHT HERE LITTLE  
13 KIDS --

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

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17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS WALTER QUINONES. PLEASE  
20 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE, YOU MAY  
21 BEGIN.

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23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NO, I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT SOME OF THE  
24 OBVIOUS THINGS THAT I SEE ARE BEING MISSED. I'M A RESIDENT  
25 FROM COMPTON. WE KNOW WHERE THESE TAKEOVERS HAPPEN EVERY



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1 FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY. THEY TEND TO BE THE SAME  
2 INTERSECTIONS POLICE ROLL UP THEY BREAK IT UP AND EVERYONE  
3 GOES ON THEIR WAY THIS IDEA OF GETTING CAMERAS TO ZOOM IN AND  
4 TAKE PHOTOS ON LICENSE PLATES. THESE CARS ARE STOLEN BY THE  
5 TIME THEY FIND THEM, THEY'RE GONNA BE DUMPED. WE'RE NEVER  
6 GONNA GO AND FIND THE ACTUAL DRIVER 9 TIMES OUT OF 10 THEY'RE  
7 STOLEN THIS IDEA OF OPENING THIS TRACK AND TERMINAL PARK OR  
8 TERMINAL ISLAND THE PEOPLE THAT GO TO THESE THEY'RE NOT GONNA  
9 WANT TO PAY TO UPGRADE THEIR CARS LEGALLY TO GO INTO THE  
10 TERMINAL ISLAND. THEY'RE NOT GONNA PAY THE FEES. THEY'RE NOT  
11 GONNA BE HAPPY SITTING ON THE STANDS WATCHING DONUTS. NO, THEY  
12 WANNA BE AT THE INTERSECTION. THAT'S THE THRILL, RIGHT?  
13 BREAKING THE LAW, COMMITTING THESE CRIMES, AND BEING IN THE  
14 MIDDLE OF THE INTERSECTION. THAT'S THE THRILL THEY SEE. AND I  
15 DON'T SEE HOW WE JUST CONTINUE TO THINK ABOUT IDEAS THROWING  
16 MONEY BEING TO SIT DOWN AND REALLY THINK ABOUT WHETHER THESE  
17 ARE GONNA PAN OUT WE CAN'T JUST THROW MONEY IN SITUATION JUST  
18 TO SAY WE'RE ADDRESSING IT --

19

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

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23 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO OTHER SPEAKERS  
24 OR SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE'LL CLOSE THE VIRTUAL  
2 QUEUE AND GO TO SPEAKERS IN PERSON.

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4 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS DONALD GALAZ. I'M THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE  
5 NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF STREET RACERS. I'M A  
6 DOCK WORKER IN THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES. I'M PLEADING WITH MS.  
7 DAVENPORT TO PUT ME ON THIS COMMITTEE. YOU CANNOT GET NO  
8 CLOSER TO A STREET RACER THAN WHAT I AM RIGHT HERE, BECAUSE  
9 THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I AM. AND BIG WILLIE GAVE ME A SPOT TO GO  
10 RACING. IT WAS AT THE TERMINAL ISLAND. IT GOT ME OFF THE  
11 STREETS. IT GOT ME OUT OF THE GANGS. I'VE BEEN SAYING THIS FOR  
12 12 YEARS. I'VE BEEN BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. I WORKED WITH  
13 CHIEF BOYD UNTIL CHIEF BOYD WAS NO LONGER THERE. I WORKED WITH  
14 MITCH ENGLANDER AND EVERY TIME I GOT SOMEPLACE WITH SOMEBODY,  
15 THEY DISAPPEARED. DISAPPEARED. THEY WERE GONE. AND I'M LIKE,  
16 OH, OKAY. SO, TERMINAL ISLAND WOULD BE THE BEST PLACE, AND I'M  
17 GOING TO KEEP SAYING THIS, TO DO A PILOT PROGRAM. THE K-RAIL  
18 IS THERE. THE FENCING IS THERE. THE ENTRANCE TO NOT DISTURB  
19 ANY OF THE CARGO CONTAINERS OR THE RAILS IS THERE. WE CAN  
20 DRIVE RIGHT UNDER IT. WE WORK EXACTLY WITH THE SHERIFF'S  
21 DEPARTMENT. I RACE AGAINST SCOTT. I RACE AGAINST OFFICER BILLY  
22 SCHAFFIN, AND I'M A RACER --

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



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2 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M LORRAINE QUINONES, CONSTITUENT OF DISTRICT 1,  
3 HILDA SOLIS. THE CULTURE OF LOW AND SLOW, ALSO KNOWN AS THE  
4 LOW RIDER COMMUNITY, REQUESTS THAT THE LANGUAGE OR TERM  
5 CRUISING BE REMOVED FROM THE REPORT RELATED TO STREET  
6 TAKEOVERS AND OR ILLEGAL STREET RACING. ANY VERBIAGE OR  
7 LANGUAGE INCLUDING THE WORD CRUISING MUST BE REMOVED. THE  
8 LOWRIDER COMMUNITY MAY NEGATIVELY BE IMPACTED BY SUCH LANGUAGE  
9 AND FUTURE ORDINANCE ADDRESSING STREET RACING THAT WILL UNDO  
10 THE JUSTICE OF AB 436 AND POTENTIALLY VIOLATE STATE LAW. THE  
11 ART OF LOWRIDING AND THE CULTURE OF CRUISING SHOULD NOT BE IN  
12 THE REPORT OR BE PART OF ANY ORDINANCE RELATED TO ILLEGAL  
13 RACING AND SIDESHOWS. MAKE IT CLEAR AND REVISE THE LANGUAGE TO  
14 OMIT CRUISING AND CRUISING CLUBS. LOWRIDING AND CRUISING ARE  
15 NOT STREET RACING, NOR ARE THEY SIDESHOWS. THE LOWRIDER  
16 COMMUNITY AWAITS THE OVERDUE 90-DAY REPORT OR PLAN FOR SUPPORT  
17 WITH CRUISING AND EXERCISING OUR RIGHT FOR EQUITY IN PUBLIC  
18 SPACES SUCH AS WHITTIER BOULEVARD IN EAST L.A. WITHOUT  
19 PUSHBACK AND CRIMINALIZATION OF OUR HISTORIC WIN. CRUISING IS  
20 NOT A CRIME, AB 436.

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

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO CORRECT THE  
25 RECORD. THERE'S NO LANGUAGE IN THERE ABOUT CRUISING.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OH, IN THE REPORT BACK, OKAY.

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THAT'S NOT IN MY MOTION MA'AM. SO THAT'S  
4 OKAY. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. THANK YOU.  
7 THAT WASN'T THE INTENT OF THE SEPTEMBER MOTION. SO, WE WILL  
8 TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. I APPRECIATE YOU. ALSO, MADAM CHAIR, WE  
9 HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET SOME CHAIRS HERE, BECAUSE WE  
10 MISSED THAT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC WORKS, AND THE  
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS WERE HERE ALSO ON THIS LAST MOTION. WHEN  
12 THE CHAIRS FILLED UP, I THOUGHT THAT WAS EVERYBODY WHO WAS  
13 THERE. SO, THANK YOU TO PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC WORKS, AND THE  
14 DA FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. AND WE HAVE TO FIGURE  
15 OUT HOW TO GET EVERYBODY SEATED AT ONCE SO WE DON'T MISS THEM.  
16 I KNOW THEY WERE HERE ALL DAY, AND WE MISSED THEM IN THE  
17 TESTIMONY. SO, THANK YOU, AND I APOLOGIZE.

18

19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, OUR REPORT IS RECEIVED  
20 AND FILED, NOTING THE COMMENTS FROM OUR SPEAKER. HEARING NO  
21 OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS'  
22 MOTION IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY  
23 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE MOTION. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
24 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

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

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11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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

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15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

22 0.

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24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 6,

25 RESOLUTION CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION



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1 WHICH WAS HELD FOR DISCUSSION AND ITEM 7, COUNTY CODE CHARTER  
2 AMENDMENT WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS  
3 OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO  
4 COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. I'LL FIRST TURN IT TO SUPERVISOR  
5 MITCHELL.

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7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. YOU  
8 HELD 6 AND 7 TOGETHER. OKAY, SO 7, I UNDERSTAND, JUST IS  
9 PROCEDURE. IT IS WHAT WE HAD TO DO, WHAT YOU HAD TO DO. THANK  
10 YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANTED TO JUST MAKE A FEW ADDITIONAL  
11 COMMENTS. WE'VE HAD LOTS OF CONVERSATION ON THE ISSUE OF THE  
12 ORDINANCE, AS YOU SAID EARLIER TODAY, WE JUST HAVE TO AGREE TO  
13 DISAGREE ON THE CONTENTS. BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, AGAIN,  
14 FOR ME TO ELEVATE CONCERNS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS. THERE WAS A,  
15 WHAT DO THEY CALL IT, IN SACRAMENTO WE WOULD CALL IT A NASCAR  
16 LETTER WHERE ALL THE DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS' LOGOS ARE ON THE  
17 LETTER, A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND THEIR CONCERNS  
18 CENTER ON PROCESS, THAT THERE'S NOT BEEN A CO-CREATED SOLUTION  
19 IN MEANINGFUL COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITY, AND 2, THE ELECTED  
20 CEO, THERE'S CONCERN THAT THIS ACTUALLY CONSOLIDATES POWER AND  
21 DIMINISHES THE VOICES OF THE ELECTED SUPERVISORS TO SERVE  
22 MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES MOST EFFECTIVELY. I JUST WANTED TO  
23 MAKE SURE THAT ALL THE MEMBERS GOT THIS LETTER, I THINK IT  
24 CAME IN RATHER LATE, AND I KNOW THERE'S BEEN LOTS OF  
25 CONVERSATION AND ASSUMPTIONS, AND LET ME SAY FOR THE RECORD





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1 PUBLICLY, I DID NOT SOLICIT THESE ORGANIZATIONS. THESE ARE  
2 ORGANIZATIONS WHO WORK IN THIS AREA AND HAVE THE CAPACITY TO  
3 READ LANGUAGE AND FORM THEIR OWN OPINION, AND THEY DID SO AND  
4 WROTE THE LETTER DATED JULY 30TH, AND I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS  
5 IMPORTANT TO ELEVATE IT AND BRING THEIR CONCERNS TO EVERYONE'S  
6 ATTENTION. AGAIN, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, AS I WILL RESTATE, YOU  
7 KNOW, IT WAS MY CONCERNS WERE FIRST ELEVATED AS QUESTIONS, AND  
8 IN THE ABSENCE OF SOME CLEAR CONCRETE ANSWERS, MY CONCERN  
9 REMAINS, AND IT ALSO GOES BACK TO PROCESS. I AM CLEAR THAT  
10 UNLIKE THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MODEL THAT THIS BOARD AND  
11 PREVIOUS BOARDS HAVE USED IN THE PAST TO DO MEANINGFUL POLICY  
12 CHANGE, THAT WAS NOT USED IN THIS CASE. AND I THINK ALMOST  
13 SIMILAR TO THE CONVERSATION WE HAD EARLIER TODAY ABOUT SB43 IN  
14 TERMS OF THE NOTE OF GOING FAST, NOT BEING REAL CLEAR, AT  
15 LEAST PUBLICLY IN TERMS OF RESOURCES IT WILL TAKE TO DO THIS  
16 REALLY COMPREHENSIVE WORK. I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE  
17 ORDINANCE SAYS THAT THERE WILL BE NO ADDITIONAL TAXES, BUT I  
18 CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH THIS NOTION THAT IT WON'T RESULT IN  
19 COSTS, EVEN INDIRECTLY, TO OUR CONSTITUENTS. IF WE'RE NOT  
20 RAISING NEW REVENUES TO FUND THE INCREASED BOARD FRAMEWORK AND  
21 INTEND TO ABSORB THE COSTS WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES, I DON'T  
22 SEE HOW WE DO THAT, GIVEN THE BREADTH AND SPAN OF THE REFORMS  
23 PROPOSED AND NOT HAVE IT HIT OUR NET COUNTY COSTS AND PERHAPS  
24 SHIFT EXISTING PRIORITIES TO FUND THIS WORK. THAT IS IN AND OF  
25 ITSELF A COST. AND IT'S LIKELY TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF SERVICES

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1 WE PROVIDE SOMEWHERE ACROSS THE SPAN OF WHAT NCC ACTUALLY  
2 FUNDS BECAUSE WE'LL BE REDIRECTING REALLY PRECIOUS DOLLARS. I  
3 THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. THE TAKEAWAY FROM THIS PROCESS, I  
4 THINK, AND IT'S IMPORTANT, AND I'M GOING TO LOOK TOO, I THINK  
5 GOING THROUGH THIS PROCESS, WE WERE ABLE TO CLARIFY BROWN ACT  
6 FOR ALL OF US. WHEN AND HOW STAFF CAN ENGAGE ON A STAFF TO  
7 STAFF LEVEL, I THINK THAT WAS IMPORTANT TO CLARIFY. I THINK  
8 THAT IT WAS CLARIFIED FOR SOME THAT WE CAN UNDER BROWN ACT  
9 HAVE A COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND POLICY CAN BE VETTED THERE. AND  
10 I THINK AGAIN BASED ON OUR CONVERSATION EARLIER TODAY, THAT  
11 MIGHT BE SOMETHING WE WANNA CONSIDER AS A BOARD BECAUSE WE CAN  
12 DO THAT WITHIN OUR EXISTING AUTHORITY, BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME  
13 MEANINGFUL POLICY ISSUES THAT CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT FOR IF THIS  
14 WERE TO PASS BASED ON NOVEMBER BY THE VOTERS. THERE ARE SOME  
15 ISSUES THAT WE CAN TACKLE NOW, SOME PROCESSES THAT WE CAN  
16 TACKLE NOW BECAUSE THEY ARE ISSUES THAT REALLY SHOULD NOT HAVE  
17 TO WAIT. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK ALL OF THOSE,  
18 PARTICULARLY THOSE ORGANIZATIONS LIKE CONTRACT CITIES WHO WERE  
19 HERE EARLIER, WHO ENGAGED WITH US OVER A YEAR AGO ON THIS  
20 ISSUE. EVEN WHEN IT WASN'T A PARTICULAR POPULAR ISSUE FOR SOME  
21 ON THE BOARD TO DO SO. I WANNA THANK THOSE ORGANIZATIONS THAT  
22 PAID ATTENTION. GOVERNANCE ISN'T A PARTICULAR SEXY ISSUE, BUT  
23 THERE WERE ORGANIZATIONS WHO STEPPED UP, UNDERSTOOD THE  
24 MEANINGFUL RAMIFICATIONS OF IMPROVING OUR PROCESSES AS A BODY,  
25 AND I WANNA THANK THEM. I'D LIKE TO REITERATE, WE'VE TALKED



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1 ABOUT REPORT BACKS AND MOTIONS EARLIER TODAY, THAT I'M NOT  
2 BRINGING FORWARD A MOTION, BUT I AM ASKING THAT THE EXECUTIVE  
3 OFFICE GIVE US A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF WHAT HAPPENED WITH  
4 REGARD TO THE CONSULTANT PROCESS. IT'S MY EXPECTATION THAT  
5 THAT WORK CONTINUES BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER GOVERNANCE IDEAS  
6 THAT THAT RESEARCH CAN ELEVATE. BUT BECAUSE IT BECAME SUCH AN  
7 ISSUE IN TERMS OF THE DELAY, I THINK THE ENTIRE BOARD IS OWED  
8 A REAL CLEAR EXPLANATION ABOUT HOW WE GOT TO WHERE WE WERE IN  
9 TERMS OF NO REPORT. AND SO, WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NEVER  
10 IN THAT POSITION AGAIN. IF THERE ARE BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE  
11 EXPECTATIONS AROUND TIMING OF ACTIONS, WE WANNA MAKE SURE THAT  
12 WE UNDERSTAND HOW TO IMPROVE. I WOULD ALSO ASK, BECAUSE THIS  
13 HAS COME UP, WHEN COMMENTS WERE MADE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE  
14 DISCUSSION THE ORDINANCE AROUND CORRUPTION WHICH TRIGGERED FOR  
15 ME THE MEMORY ABOUT THE WORK BEING DONE IN RESEARCHING THE  
16 COUNTY'S CONTRACTING PROCESS AND SO I'M GOING TO ASK THE  
17 COUNTY COUNSEL COMMUNICATE TO THE BOARD AN EXPECTATION OF  
18 TIMING OF WHEN THAT REPORT WILL BE DUE. THAT WAS AN ISSUE THAT  
19 THIS BOARD MADE CLEAR WAS A PRIORITY THAT WE WERE DEEPLY  
20 CONCERNED ABOUT AND SO IT REMAINS CONCERNING THAT 3½ YEARS  
21 LATER WE STILL DON'T HAVE A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF AREAS OF  
22 WHERE WE CAN IMPROVE AND STREAMLINE AND CLOSE GAPS IN TERMS OF  
23 THE COUNTY CONTRACTING PROCESS. SO, I HOPE THE COUNTY COUNSEL  
24 WILL, IN SHORT ORDER, GIVE US AN IDEA ABOUT WHEN THAT REPORT  
25 WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD AS A WHOLE. SO, I WANTED TO



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1 MAKE SURE THAT I REITERATED THOSE 2 EXPECTATIONS. AGAIN,  
2 CONTINUE TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN FOR BOTH THE PROCESS AND AS I  
3 WON'T REPEAT ALL THE ISSUES I'VE RAISED IN THE PAST WITH  
4 REGARD TO THE CONTENT I JUST THINK IT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE  
5 DIFFERENTLY IT COULD HAVE BEEN A DIFFERENT APPROACH THAT COULD  
6 HAVE BEEN MORE INCLUSIVE BECAUSE I WOULD HAVE LIKED NOTHING  
7 MORE TO BE ABLE TO BE IN A POSITION TO HAVE BEEN A  
8 COLLABORATOR AND BE ABLE TO COME TO A YES ON TALKING ABOUT OUR  
9 PRIORITIES AROUND GOVERNANCE GOING FORWARD, BUT BASED ON THE  
10 EXPERIENCE THE LAST 3 WEEKS, I'M NOT ABLE TO DO SO. THANK YOU,  
11 MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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13 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS,  
14 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND I APPRECIATE, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR  
15 BARGER, WHAT WE DID LAST TIME, SAYING THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS  
16 WE CAN DO NOW, WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT. AND AN ETHICS COMMISSION  
17 WAS ONE OF THOSE. BUT JUST TO REMIND EVERYBODY WHO'S MAYBE  
18 LISTENING, THIS IS THE THIRD TIME THAT THIS REFORM PACKAGE HAS  
19 BEEN IN FRONT OF OUR BOARD. AND I THINK THE DEBATE THAT WE'VE  
20 BEEN HAVING, YOU KNOW, IS IMPORTANT. AND I KNOW THERE'S BEEN  
21 SOME CONCERNS ABOUT HOW DECIDING THE FRAMEWORK OF THESE  
22 REFORMS DIDN'T INCLUDE A PARTICULAR PUBLIC PROCESS. WE DIDN'T  
23 REALLY HAVE, YOU KNOW, A TOWN HALL OR A FORUM TO GET THERE,  
24 BUT THERE WERE CLOSE TO ALMOST 900 RESIDENTS THAT WERE TALKED  
25 TO ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, AND THEY WERE ASKED WHAT THEY THOUGHT



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1 OF L.A. COUNTY GOVERNMENT. AND AN OVERWHELMING 88% SAID THAT  
2 L.A. COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS IN NEED OF REFORM. AND WHEN THEY  
3 WERE ASKED IF THEY WANT AN INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION TO  
4 KEEP L.A. COUNTY OFFICIALS IN LINE AND ELECTED COUNTY  
5 EXECUTIVE AND EXPANDED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF 9 MEMBERS, 74%  
6 OF THEM SAID YES. SO, I THINK OUR RESIDENTS WANT SMALLER, MORE  
7 REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS. I THINK THEY WANT CHECKS AND  
8 BALANCES IN THEIR LOCAL GOVERNMENT. AND I THINK THEY WANT  
9 COMMON SENSE ETHICS REFORM THAT HOLD OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE.  
10 AND THE REFORMS IN THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT ARE WHAT I BELIEVE  
11 ARE IN LINE WITH WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS. WE COULD BE WRONG. I  
12 KNOW THERE'S DISAGREEMENT ON THIS BOARD ABOUT THAT. BUT I  
13 THINK WE SHOULD LET THE VOTERS DECIDE. AND APPROVING THIS  
14 SECOND READING TODAY DOESN'T END THE DEBATE. IT JUST MOVES THE  
15 DEBATE FROM INSIDE THIS BOARD ROOM TO THE PUBLIC SQUARE. THERE  
16 WILL BE PLENTY OF DISCUSSION ABOUT THESE ISSUES BETWEEN NOW  
17 AND NOVEMBER. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS ISN'T OUR  
18 GOVERNMENT, THIS IS THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT. AND I THINK WE  
19 SHOULD LET THEM DECIDE HOW THEY WANT IT TO WORK. THANK YOU,  
20 MADAM CHAIR.

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

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I ALSO  
25 WANNA THANK YOU AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM



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1 BEFORE US AGAIN. I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. IF WE'RE GONNA  
2 REALLY LOOK AT DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND TRYING TO SET FORTH A  
3 ROAD AHEAD FOR THE COUNTY. I THINK THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT  
4 WE ALL HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT FOR THE LAST, I KNOW FOR ME AT  
5 LEAST A DECADE. AND BEFORE THAT I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL  
6 ATTEMPTS TO TRY TO EXPAND THE BOARD AND REFORM THE COUNTY. SO  
7 I KNOW THAT THIS IS A TOUGH, TOUGH THING FOR SOME OF US, BUT I  
8 KNOW THAT IN THE END, IF WE DO OUR JOB AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC  
9 AND MAKE CLEAR THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING IS, WE HOPE IN THE BEST  
10 INTEREST OF 10,000,000 PEOPLE, THAT THEY'LL HAVE A BROADER  
11 ACCESS TO MORE LOCAL VOICES, INCREASING THE BOARD FROM 5 TO 9,  
12 AND ALSO CREATING A PATH FOR STRONG ETHICS REFORM, AS WELL AS  
13 MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE ACCOUNTABILITY, SOMETHING THAT HAS  
14 BEEN TALKED ABOUT HERE FOR A LONG TIME. I DON'T HAVE ANY  
15 DISAGREEMENT WITH THAT. I DO WANNA SAY THAT WE WERE ABLE TO  
16 OBTAIN A PETITION OF 150 SIGNATURES JUST FROM ONE  
17 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF MY DISTRICT. SO, PEOPLE TOOK IT UPON  
18 THEMSELVES TO SAY, WE SUPPORT THE EXPANSION, WE SUPPORT THIS  
19 ORDINANCE. SO, I WANNA PUT THAT FORWARD FOR THE RECORD AND  
20 JUST SAY THAT EVERY TIME WE HAVE AN INITIATIVE HERE IN THE  
21 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE ALWAYS COME UP AGAINST, YOU KNOW,  
22 FOLKS THAT ARE OPPOSED TO THINGS THAT WE WANT TO DO. AND I'LL  
23 NEVER FORGET WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED HERE AFTER A COUPLE YEARS,  
24 WE WORKED ON TRYING TO GET AN INITIATIVE PASSED TO INCREASE  
25 FUNDING FOR OUR PARKS. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO LOVE



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1 PARKS, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE PARKS AND  
2 DON'T LIKE BEING CHARGED A FEE. BUT NONETHELESS, IT WAS VERY  
3 POPULAR, WE FOUND OUT AFTER TALKING TO PEOPLE. AND ALL I HAVE  
4 TO SAY IS SOMETIMES A DEMOCRACY IS HARD, BUT IN THESE CASES, I  
5 THINK GOING TO THE VOTERS, WHETHER THEY SUPPORT IT OR NOT, LET  
6 THEM DECIDE. AND I THINK THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO GO. SO, THANK  
7 YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

8

9 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.  
10 THANK YOU. AND I WANNA THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NOT  
11 ONLY FOR CONTINUING TO RAISE IMPORTANT AND PRESSING UNANSWERED  
12 QUESTIONS, BUT ALSO FOR HAVING THE VISION ORIGINALLY TO BRING  
13 THIS FORWARD. AND AS I RECALL, WHEN YOU BROUGHT IT FORWARD,  
14 THIS BOARD WANTED TO STUDY IT. AND SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
15 CHANGED BETWEEN WHEN YOU BROUGHT IT FORWARD AND WHEN OTHERS  
16 WANTED IT STUDIED TO NOW, WE DON'T NEED TO STUDY IT ANYMORE.  
17 WE NEED TO MAKE IT MOVE FORWARD AND OH, BY THE WAY, WE'RE  
18 GOING TO ADD ELECTED GOVERNMENT, ELECTED TO CEO. SO I JUST  
19 FEEL I JUST AM TRYING TO, I'M TRYING TO PUT THAT TOGETHER,  
20 SUPERVISOR HAHN, BECAUSE I THINK YOU ACTUALLY ORIGINALLY DID  
21 WANT IT STUDIED. AND YOU MADE COMPELLING ARGUMENTS AS TO WHY,  
22 WHEN IT WAS BROUGHT FORWARD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THAT IT  
23 SHOULD BE STUDIED. AT ANOTHER TIME, NOW IS NOT BECAUSE IT'S  
24 GOING TO BE VOTED ON TODAY, THE VOTES ARE THERE. BUT I JUST  
25 CAN'T RECONCILE WHAT CHANGED BETWEEN THEN AND NOW. I MEAN, I



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1 KNOW THAT YOU ARE DOING THIS, AND I REMEMBER WHEN SUPERVISOR  
2 HAHN, YOUR FATHER, BROUGHT THIS FORWARD. AND, YOU KNOW, FOR  
3 ME, THE QUESTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN 7, 9, 15. I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
4 THE NUMBER IS. THAT WAS WHAT I THOUGHT WE WERE HOPING TO GET  
5 OUT OF THE STUDY. SO, YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE THAT THE  
6 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, IF YOU WERE TO POLL THEM AND IT WAS  
7 CONFIRMED, I THINK I'M GONNA GET FROM FERNANDO THE STATS, THE  
8 UNINCORPORATED FEEL DISENFRANCHISED FROM THIS COUNTY. THEY  
9 FEEL LIKE THEY ARE THE STEPCHILD OF L.A. COUNTY. AND YET WE  
10 ARE, THAT IS OUR ROLE AS SUPERVISORS IS TO BE THE ELECTED  
11 OFFICIAL OVER THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND SO, I TAKE THAT TO  
12 HEART. AND THAT'S WHY IN MY UNINCORPORATED AREAS, THEY DO  
13 SUPPORT EXPANDING THE BOARD BECAUSE THEY FEEL THAT THE  
14 REPRESENTATION WILL GET BETTER. NOT UNDERSTANDING HOW IT'S  
15 GONNA BE BROKEN UP. I THINK THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES TO  
16 THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT THROUGH AN ELECTED EXECUTIVE AND  
17 EXPANDED BOARD WILL NOT AFFECT, GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL 4 TO 8  
18 YEARS RESPECTIVELY. SO, I DON'T HAVE A CLEAR ANSWER AS TO WHY  
19 WE WOULD RUSH FORWARD THIS PROPOSAL AT THE 11TH HOUR WITHOUT  
20 CONDUCTING THE THOROUGH STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT THAT A REFORM  
21 INITIATIVE OF THIS MAGNITUDE SHOULD ENTAIL. SO, WHEN I HEAR  
22 900 PEOPLE WERE ENGAGED, 900 OUT OF 10,000,000, AND YOU'RE NOT  
23 GONNA GET ALL 10,000,000, BUT STILL, I MEAN, I HAVE TO WONDER  
24 HOW THAT ALL CAME TO BE. I MEAN, I THINK WHEN YOU DO A POLL,  
25 YOU USUALLY, UNLESS IT'S A SCIENTIFIC POLL, YOU POLL WITH





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1 QUESTIONS BASED ON WHAT YOU HOPE TO GET OUT OF THAT POLL. AND  
2 SO I STILL, I'M NOT HEARING IN MY DISTRICT OVERWHELMING  
3 SUPPORT FOR THE ELECTED. I AM FOR THE EXPANDED BOARD. SO, I  
4 WILL MAKE SURE I PUSH OUT TO MY CONSTITUENCY THAT, THAT, THAT  
5 THIS WAS NOT SOMETHING THAT WAS ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED WHEN  
6 THE MOTION THAT YOU BROUGHT FORWARD, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND  
7 I THINK IT WAS WITH SUPERVISOR, DID YOU CO-AUTHOR A MOTION? I  
8 CAN'T REMEMBER WHO IT WAS WITH THE CHAIR WITH SUPERVISOR OR  
9 WITH CHAIR HORVATH I ALSO REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT UTILIZING  
10 COST SAVINGS TO PAY FOR THE EXPANDED GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND  
11 THE FACT THAT IT WILL IMPACT VACANT POSITIONS AND LIMIT A  
12 DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY FOR THE FUTURE TO FULFILL VACANCIES. AND  
13 I KIND OF CHUCKLED LAST WEEK WHEN I ASKED FESIA ABOUT THAT AND  
14 THE COMMENT WAS THE BOARD WILL MAKE THAT DETERMINATION UNDER  
15 THE NEW CEO STRUCTURE, THE BOARD WON'T MAKE THAT  
16 DETERMINATION. THAT IS POWER BEING GIVEN TO THE CEO AND THE  
17 ELECTED. UNLESS YOU CAN GET TWO-THIRDS OF A VOTE, AS I RECALL,  
18 TO OVERTURN OR VETO WHATEVER THE ELECTED CEO WANTS TO DO. AND  
19 GIVEN THAT WE CAN'T EVEN GET 3 VOTES TO CLOSE OUR JAIL, I  
20 DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET TWO-THIRDS TO AGREE ON  
21 SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I'M SORRY? NO, I MEAN TO READ, TO, TO,  
22 WELL, IT'S STILL, THE JAIL IS STILL STANDING. WELL, WE GOT THE  
23 VOTES TO CLOSE IT, BUT WE HAVEN'T EXECUTED WHAT CLOSURE MEANS.  
24 IT'S TRUE. IT'S TRUE. I DON'T, I DON'T, UNLESS I'M MISSING  
25 SOMETHING, THE JAIL IS STILL STANDING. AND WE JUST HAD A



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1 DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT. SO, I'M SAYING IT'S STILL STANDING. WE  
2 HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING TO TEAR IT DOWN. I DON'T SEE ANY PLAN AS  
3 TO WHEN IT'S GONNA BE TORN DOWN. I REALLY WANT TO EMPHASIZE  
4 PROCESS. I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL THAT THE PROCESS AND  
5 HOW THIS PLAYED OUT TO ME IS ASTOUNDING. AND THE FACT THAT  
6 DEALS WERE CUT AND THAT PROMISES WERE MADE OR WHATEVER I'M  
7 HEARING IS SAD FOR ME BECAUSE THIS IS A COUNTY THAT THIS  
8 BOARD. IN THE PAST COULD AGREE TO DISAGREE, BUT IT WAS NEVER  
9 DONE IN A WAY THAT WAS SO. TO BE DISHONEST QUITE FRANKLY.  
10 HAVING SAID THAT, I WILL AGGRESSIVELY BE VOCAL ABOUT MY  
11 CONCERNS ABOUT WHY THIS IS A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. I  
12 THINK IT'S GONNA UNDERMINE OTHER MEASURES THAT ARE GONNA BE ON  
13 THE BALLOT THAT HAVE FAR MORE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THIS  
14 COUNTY WHETHER IT BE THE HOMELESS OR WHETHER IT BE  
15 FIREFIGHTING AND I THINK THAT'S UNFORTUNATE BUT OBVIOUSLY IT'S  
16 YOU KNOW IT'S 3 TO 2 AGAIN WHICH BY THE WAY IT'S GREAT TO HAVE  
17 2 INSTEAD OF 4 TO 1. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT SUPERVISOR  
18 MITCHELL. SO HAVING SAID THAT, LET'S CALL FOR THE VOTE, I  
19 GUESS.

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21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE DO HAVE MORE DISCUSSION, BUT I  
22 WANT TO ASK, YOU RAISED THE QUESTION OF DEALS CUT AND PROMISES  
23 MADE. AND I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN BY THAT.

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** JUST WHAT I HEARD, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I



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1 HEARD OR SUPERVISOR HORVATH, I HEARD THAT YOU AND SUPERVISOR  
2 SOLIS WERE WORKING ON THIS AND THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS DECIDED  
3 SHE DIDN'T WANT HER NAME ON IT. I'M JUST TELLING YOU WHAT I'VE  
4 HEARD AND THAT IN RETURN YOU WENT TO SUPERVISOR HAHN AND ASKED  
5 SUPERVISOR HAN TO CO-AUTHOR IT NOW WHETHER IT'S TRUE OR NOT  
6 I'M JUST I'M HONEST I'M TELLING YOU WHAT I'VE HEARD AND IF  
7 I'VE HEARD IT I WILL GUARANTEE YOU THAT IT'S BEEN TALKED ABOUT  
8 AMONGST OTHER PEOPLE, BECAUSE I'M USUALLY THE LAST ON THE FOOD  
9 CHAIN TO HEAR THIS KIND OF STUFF.

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THE HONESTY. AND YOU  
12 KNOW THAT WHEN I FIRST CAME ONTO THE BOARD, YOU ALSO SHARED  
13 WITH ME THINGS THAT YOU HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE ABOUT ME  
14 AS A CANDIDATE AND AS A POTENTIAL COLLEAGUE THAT WERE NOT  
15 TRUE. SO, I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT YOUR, I, IT'S  
16 SOMETHING THAT YOU HEARD AND I THINK THAT IT'S FAIR TO SHARE,  
17 BUT IT'S NOT HONEST. AND SO, I JUST- SO YOU'RE SAYING IT'S NOT  
18 TRUE THAT YOU.. IT'S NOT TRUE. IT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL. AND SO, I  
19 APPRECIATE RAISING QUESTIONS IF THERE ARE ACTUALLY QUESTIONS.  
20 BUT WHEN THERE'S AN INFERENCE THAT SOMETHING ON TOWARD IS  
21 HAPPENING, I WANNA MAKE SURE I ADDRESS THAT DIRECTLY, BECAUSE  
22 THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

23

24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I DIDN'T WANT  
25 TO GIVE THE ORGANIZATIONS THE IMPRESSION THAT I WAS BELITTLING



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1 THE SIGNIFICANCE WHEN I SAID NASCAR. THAT'S JUST KIND OF A WAY  
2 IN WHICH WE'VE TALKED ABOUT. LETTERHEAD, I DIDN'T WANT TO, SO  
3 LET ME JUST ACKNOWLEDGE SINCE WE'VE TALKED ABOUT A PETITION OF  
4 150 AND 900 PEOPLE, THE ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED HERE ON THE  
5 LETTER TODAY REPRESENT 5,000. IT'S NOT MY IMPRESSION THAT OF  
6 THE 900 FOLKS WERE TAPPED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. THAT'S JUST  
7 NOT MY IMPRESSION. WHILE, AGAIN, THERE'S BEEN LOTS OF  
8 CONVERSATION ABOUT EXPANDING THE BOARD. THE PARTICULARS IN  
9 THIS PROPOSAL, I DON'T KNOW, ELEVATE TO THE TOP OF THE NEEDS  
10 IN MY DISTRICT. WE TALKED ABOUT THE NEEDS IN MY DISTRICT  
11 TODAY. STREET RACING, THE UNHOUSED, CRITICAL ISSUES THAT  
12 PEOPLE LOOK TO THE COUNTY TO SOLVE FOR THEM. AND SO, WHILE I  
13 KNOW THAT GOVERNANCE WILL IMPROVE OUR ABILITY TO BE RESPONSIVE  
14 TO THOSE NEEDS, I CAN'T IN GOOD CONSCIENCE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT  
15 THIS PROCESS, THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS ORDINANCE WILL GET US  
16 ANY CLOSER THERE. PEOPLE HAVE GREAT NEED IN THE SECOND  
17 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND I BELIEVE COUNTYWIDE. AND IT REALLY  
18 CAUSES ME GREAT CONCERN WHEN WE LOOK AT EMPOWERING A SINGLE  
19 COUNTYWIDE ELECTED WHO WILL HAVE GREATER POWER OVER 579,  
20 HOWEVER MANY OF US. THE CONVERSATIONS WE HAD TODAY WHERE WE  
21 WERE TALKING ABOUT THE UNIQUENESS OF OUR DISTRICTS, I DON'T  
22 KNOW HOW A SINGLE COUNTYWIDE ELECTED WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE  
23 PRIORITIES THAT SIT WELL WITH THE 5 OR 9 OF US IN TERMS OF  
24 MAKING INVESTMENT AND BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THIS COUNTY. I  
25 THINK THAT WITH THE CURRENT STRUCTURE, THE WAY IT'S PROPOSED



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1 AND THE ORDINANCE, THE SUPERVISOR'S ABILITY TO TRULY FIGHT AND  
2 ADVOCATE FOR THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF OUR DISTRICT WILL BE DEEPLY  
3 COMPROMISED AND I'M CONCERNED. THANK YOU, BUT I JUST WANTED TO  
4 ACKNOWLEDGE THE 5,000 PEOPLE THOSE ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENT.  
5 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I WANT TO  
8 THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE ONGOING DISCUSSION ABOUT  
9 GOVERNANCE REFORM. AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO'S WEIGHED  
10 IN SO FAR ON THIS IMPORTANT GOING FORWARD PROCESS. WE ALL, WE  
11 NEED ALL OF OUR VOICES TO BE PART OF THIS NOW AND IN THE YEARS  
12 TO COME IF THE VOTERS CHOOSE TO PASS THIS IN NOVEMBER. DEBATE  
13 AND DISCOURSE ARE WHAT MAKE A HEALTHY DEMOCRACY AND SINCE I  
14 JOINED THE BOARD I HAVE HEARD A RESOUNDING CALL FOR CHANGE.  
15 CHANGE FOR A FUTURE WHERE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MORE URGENTLY AND  
16 EFFECTIVELY MEETS THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY OUR  
17 MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS WHO DEPEND ON COUNTY SERVICES AND  
18 CARE. AFTER MORE THAN 100 YEARS OF THE STATUS QUO, THIS IS A  
19 PROPOSAL THAT GIVES ANGELENOS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE A  
20 COUNTY GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FIT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY. TODAY,  
21 AS WE CONSIDER WHETHER TO PLACE THE AMENDMENT ON THE COUNTY  
22 CHARTER TO THE COUNTY CHARTER ON THE BALLOT, I WANT TO GET  
23 BACK TO WHY THIS PROPOSAL SOLVES FOR THE PROBLEMS WE'RE  
24 FACING. WHY DO WE NEED AN ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVE?  
25 ACCOUNTABILITY. HAVING AN ELECTED EXECUTIVE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE



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1 PEOPLE IS NOT A FOREIGN CONCEPT. THE SEPARATION OF POWERS,  
2 CREATING A DISTINCT EXECUTIVE BRANCH SEPARATE FROM THE  
3 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BUT EQUALLY EMPOWERED, LEADS TO A SYSTEM OF  
4 CHECKS AND BALANCES TO ENSURE THAT NO ONE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT  
5 WOULD BECOME TOO POWERFUL, AND THAT POWER DOESN'T GO  
6 UNCHECKED. THIS IS FOUNDATIONAL TO OUR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT,  
7 AND BECAUSE L.A. COUNTY HAS AN IMPLEMENTATION PROBLEM, TODAY'S  
8 JAIL DISCUSSION COULD NOT MORE PERFECTLY EMBODY EXACTLY WHAT I  
9 MEAN BY THAT. WE ARE VERY GOOD AT PASSING POLICY IN THIS ROOM  
10 AND STUDYING A VERY CLEAR VISION OF WHAT OUR EXPECTATIONS ARE.  
11 BUT WHAT COMES NEXT IS OFTEN TOO SLOW AND ACCOUNTABILITY IS  
12 DIFFUSE. WE NEED SOMEONE WHO IS EMPOWERED TO TAKE ACTION AND  
13 IS ACCOUNTABLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF  
14 THIS BOARD. ACCOUNTABILITY TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, TO  
15 ACTUALIZE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, TO MOVE WITH GREATER  
16 URGENCY ON OUR HOMELESSNESS CRISIS AND IMPLEMENTING CARE  
17 COURT, SB43 AND OTHER STATE DIRECTIVES WHICH WE'VE DISCUSSED  
18 TODAY, AND CLARITY AND AUTHORITY FOR OUR 38 DEPARTMENTS. THIS  
19 IS THE CHANGE WE NEED FOR THE NATION'S LARGEST AND MOST  
20 COMPLEX COUNTY. CREATING AN ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
21 ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OFFERS THE CHECKS AND BALANCES  
22 NECESSARY AS WE ALSO EXPAND THE BOARD FROM 5 TO 9, WHICH IS  
23 ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THIS BOARD REFLECTS THE  
24 DIVERSITY THAT IS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. EXPANDING REPRESENTATION  
25 IS LONG OVERDUE, AND IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO. 9 IS



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1 MEASURED, 9 IS NOT NEW. L.A. COUNTY DESERVES THE OPPORTUNITY  
2 TO SEE THEMSELVES REFLECTED IN THEIR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
3 WHETHER THAT'S GEOGRAPHY, RACE, GENDER, OR ORIENTATION. WE'VE  
4 SEEN LOTS OF EXCITEMENT ON THE EXPANSION PROPOSAL FROM  
5 COMMUNITIES WHO WOULD LIKE A SEAT AT THE TABLE, AND I DON'T  
6 BUY INTO A SCARCITY MINDSET. I BELIEVE THAT INSTEAD OF  
7 FIGHTING FOR SEATS AT THE TABLE, WE SHOULD BUILD A BIGGER  
8 TABLE AND PULL UP MORE SEATS. THIRDLY, WE NEED AN INDEPENDENT  
9 ETHICS COMMISSION BECAUSE IT'S A BASIC PRINCIPLE OF GOOD  
10 GOVERNANCE. IT'S ALSO OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENGENDER THE TRUST  
11 OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. THIS BODY WOULD HOLD ELECTED LEADERS  
12 ACCOUNTABLE AND THE COMMISSION WOULD ALSO BE A SPACE TO  
13 CENTRALIZE WHAT IS NOW SILOED PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION  
14 ON IMPORTANT CHANGES TO LAW. THERE ARE SOME DETAILS ON THE HOW  
15 TO BE WORKED OUT, AND THAT IS INTENTIONAL. IT IS NOT THE  
16 ABSENCE OF STRATEGY OR THOUGHT. IT IS TO CREATE ROOM FOR YOUR  
17 INPUT, THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, WHO WE SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF.  
18 OUR BOARD DISCUSSED GOVERNANCE AND UNANIMOUSLY GAVE DIRECTION  
19 OVER A 1½ AGO, WITH NO PATH OR TIMELINE ESTABLISHED TO DATE  
20 FOR THAT PROCESS. SUCH A PACE DOES NOT MEET THE MOMENT. THIS  
21 ORDINANCE IS A STARTING POINT, WHICH IS WHY INTENTIONAL SPACES  
22 FOR DIVERSE VOICES WERE CREATED IN THE HOW. TO THAT END,  
23 THERE'S A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH THE  
24 GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE. IF APPROVED TODAY, VOTERS WILL  
25 DETERMINE IF IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE. I FEEL THE URGENCY OF NOW



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1 BECAUSE THE PUBLIC DEMANDS CHANGE AND BECAUSE I ALSO FEEL A  
2 DEEP RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PEOPLE THAT I LISTEN TO. YOUNG  
3 PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR FAITH IN GOVERNMENT. THIS IS AN  
4 INVITATION TO DELIVER A GOVERNMENT THAT IS MORE  
5 REPRESENTATIVE, TRANSPARENT, AND ACCOUNTABLE, A GOVERNMENT  
6 BETTER EQUIPPED TO DELIVER ON THE PROMISES WE'VE MADE TO THEM.  
7 CHANGE IS UNCOMFORTABLE. IT IS HARD, AND IT IS MESSY. BUT THIS  
8 IS A ONCE IN A GENERATION OPPORTUNITY TO MODERNIZE OUR CHARTER  
9 IN A WAY THAT HASN'T BEEN SEEN IN MORE THAN 100 YEARS. AN  
10 OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE SOMETHING THAT WORKS BETTER AND DELIVERS  
11 RESULTS WITH MORE DIVERSE VOICES SHAPING THE CHANGE. THIS IS  
12 THE BEGINNING AND IT OPENS THE DOOR TO ONGOING REFLECTION AND  
13 RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW WE GOVERN THROUGH THE CHARTER REVIEW  
14 COMMISSION. THERE ARE ALSO MANY PEOPLE WHO AREN'T ABLE TO BE  
15 HERE TODAY TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS AND THESE ARE  
16 PEOPLE WHO MAY NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO TAKE OFF TIME TO  
17 PETITION THEIR GOVERNMENT BUT INSTEAD ARE BARELY ABLE TO  
18 SUBSIST. THEY'RE LIKELY RECIPIENTS OF COUNTY SERVICES AND THEY  
19 DESERVE BETTER. WE ALL DO. PLACING THIS MEASURE ON THE BALLOT  
20 GIVES THEM THE CHANCE TO MAKE THEIR VOICE HEARD, TO DECIDE  
21 WHETHER THEY BELIEVE THESE REFORMS SHOULD BE ENACTED. WE HAVE  
22 NO TIME TO WASTE. I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO PUT THE POWER BACK  
23 WHERE IT BELONGS WITH THE PEOPLE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO ENTER





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1 INTO THE RECORD A LIST OF 91 NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO WERE HERE OR  
2 WERE GOING TO CALL IN OR SUBMITTED LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF THIS  
3 AND THEY REPRESENT KIND OF A BROAD STROKE OF MY DISTRICT FROM  
4 CITIES TO CBOS TO THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN POMONA TO  
5 LGBTQ GROUPS AS WELL AS MANY, MANY CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED  
6 AREAS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME  
13 FORWARD? ANDREA MACK, FARAH SUE, ROGER PUGLISI, RAINA SCHMITZ,  
14 DAPHNE BRADFORD, MARTIN HERRERA, ANTHONY AYALA, LUPITA  
15 MARTINEZ, AND LARRY ORTEGA. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL  
16 ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE  
17 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 6 RELATED  
18 TO ITEM 7, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND  
19 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, WHEN WE  
20 HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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22 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS DANDY DEPAULA. PLEASE  
23 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE YOU MAY  
24 BEGIN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS DANDY DEPAULA FROM THE CITY OF  
2 HAWAIIAN GARDENS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN, FOR  
3 BRINGING THIS MOTION FOR CHARTER REFORM EXPANDING THE  
4 SUPERVISORY DISTRICT FROM 5 TO 9 WILL DEFINITELY ALLOW FOR  
5 MORE DIVERSE REPRESENTATION, INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY AND  
6 IMPROVED SERVICES FOR OUR COMMUNITY. WITH A LARGER BOARD EACH  
7 SUPERVISOR WOULD HAVE A SMALLER CONSTITUENCY, YOU KNOW,  
8 ENABLING THEM TO FOCUS ON LOCAL ISSUES AND CONCERNS AND THIS  
9 EXPANSION I BELIEVE WILL ALSO PROVIDE A GREATER OPPORTUNITY TO  
10 REBALANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND ENSURING FAIR REPRESENTATION  
11 FOR ALL AREAS. WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE A FRUITFUL PARTNERSHIP  
12 WITH THE OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN AND WE ARE LOOKING  
13 FORWARD TO GREATER EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF  
14 OUR SHARED COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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

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18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HECTOR DEL TORRE. PLEASE  
19 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY  
20 BEGIN.

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22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I'M A FORMER LEGISLATOR AND CURRENT  
23 DIRECTOR OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. I AM  
24 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF EXPANSION OF THE BOARD SPECIFICALLY. I  
25 TELL PEOPLE THAT THE GATEWAY CITIES HAS OVER 2,000,000



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1 RESIDENTS, WHICH IS ABOUT WHAT EACH OF YOU BOARD MEMBERS  
2 REPRESENT. IF WE WERE ONE CITY, WE WOULD BE THE FIFTH LARGEST  
3 CITY IN AMERICA. IF WE WERE ONE STATE, WE WOULD BE THE 38TH  
4 LARGEST STATE IN AMERICA. EACH OF YOU REPRESENTS THAT. THAT IS  
5 ENTIRELY TOO BIG, TOO COMPLEX FOR COMPARISON. THE COUNTY OF  
6 SAN FRANCISCO HAS 808,000 PEOPLE AND 11 SUPERVISORS. SO, THIS  
7 MOVING TO A BIGGER NUMBER SO THAT EACH OF YOU CAN REPRESENT A  
8 SMALLER POPULATION AND SERVE THEM BETTER IS MUCH NEEDED. THANK  
9 YOU.

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

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13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HELEN EGANBERG. PLEASE  
14 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY  
15 BEGIN.

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17 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS HELEN EGANBERG. I'M PART OF HANGOUT DO  
18 GOOD BUT I'M SPEAKING AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN. I LIVE IN DISTRICT  
19 3. I WANT TO THANK BOTH YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR  
20 HAHN, FOR YOUR COURAGE AND COMMITMENT TO BRINGING A GOVERNANCE  
21 REFORM PACKAGE TO THE PEOPLE. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS  
22 FOR JOINING THEM IN THIS. I DO BELIEVE THEIR INTENTION IS TO  
23 MOVE OUR COUNTY TO ITS FULLEST POTENTIAL. I WANT TO THANK ALL  
24 5 OF YOU FOR THESE REALLY HARD CONVERSATIONS. I HAVE SAT  
25 THROUGH ALL OF THEM. THIS IS WHAT DEMOCRACY LOOKS LIKE. IT'S



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1 BEEN OVER A HUNDRED YEARS. IT'S LONG OVERDUE. IT'S TIME FOR  
2 CHANGE. A GOVERNANCE REFORM PACKAGE THAT BRINGS US INTO THE  
3 21ST CENTURY AND MEETS THE NEEDS OF OUR ENORMOUS, DIVERSE, AND  
4 BEAUTIFUL COUNTY. IT'S, YOU KNOW, IT'S EASY TO SAY NO. IT'S  
5 EASY TO SAY IT'S TOO COMPLICATED THAT THERE'S THIS PROBLEM, OR  
6 WE NEED ANOTHER STUDY. IT'S HARDER AND BRAVER TO SAY YES. WHEN  
7 PEOPLE ARE RUNNING FOR ELECTED OFFICE, EVERYONE USUALLY IS ALL  
8 FOR EXPANDING, CITY COUNCIL OR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. CITY  
9 COUNCIL HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT DISAPPOINTING. WE HAVE A CHANCE  
10 NOW TO DO THIS. YOU ALL ARE 5 SMART, BRAVE WOMEN. I TRUST YOU  
11 CAN DO THIS --

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

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15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CARRIE CHEN. PLEASE UNMUTE  
16 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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18 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CARRIE CHEN. I'M  
19 WITH THE ROLAND HEIGHTS CHINESE ASSOCIATION, WHICH LEADS  
20 ASSOCIATIONS SERVING CHINESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN ROLAND  
21 HEIGHTS. I SUPPORT ITEM 6 AND 7 TO EXPAND THE BOARD OF  
22 SUPERVISORS ELECT COUNTY EXECUTIVES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE  
23 NATION'S LARGEST COUNTY WITH 4,084 SQUARE MILES AND NEARLY  
24 10,000,000 RESIDENTS. AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S POPULATION GROWS  
25 AND DIVERSIFIES, WE MUST INNOVATE AND RE-EVALUATE HOW WE CAN



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1 BEST MEET RESIDENTS' NEEDS TO ENSURE WE DELIVER THE SUPPORT  
2 THEY NEED AS INCLUSIVE, TRANSPARENTLY, AND EQUITABLY AS  
3 POSSIBLE. AS OF THE 2020 CENSUS COUNT, THERE ARE OVER  
4 4,800,000 LATINOS AND 1,500,000 ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC  
5 ISLANDERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH COMBINED MAKES OVER 60%  
6 OF THE COUNTIES. --

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

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10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PHIL BROWN. PLEASE UNMUTE  
11 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE PHONE, YOU MAY BEGIN.

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

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15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MR. BROWN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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17 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

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

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21 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS PHIL BROWN. ORIGINALLY, I WAS GONNA  
22 QUESTION WHY WE NEED TO SPEND MONEY TO INCREASE FROM 9 WHEN  
23 YOU CAN JUST ADD STAFF TO THE CURRENT 5 BUT AS I'M READING  
24 ONLINE THIS REFORM IT SAYS THAT YOU WANT A GOVERNANCE REFORM  
25 TASK FORCE AND A CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION DON'T YOU THINK



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1 THAT THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE  
2 BEFORE YOU HAD THIS CHANGING OF THE CHARTER? MORE PEOPLE COULD  
3 HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. THIS SEEMS TO ME LIKE A POWER PLAY AND NOT  
4 DEMOCRACY. THANK YOU, HAVE A GREAT DAY.

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROB KWON. PLEASE UNMUTE  
9 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI ROB KWON. I'M FROM L.A. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 1 AND  
12 ALL THE TALK ABOUT THE MISSING REPORT. I THINK IT'S WORTH  
13 EMPHASIZING THAT THEY COMPLETED POLLING ON THIS ISSUE BACK IN  
14 MAY. YOU KNOW WAITED UNTIL JULY TO INTRODUCE THE MOTION WE  
15 COULD HAVE HAD TWICE AS MUCH TIME TO TALK ABOUT THIS ALSO WANT  
16 TO NOTE ON REALLY IN THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN MONEY CAMPAIGN  
17 SUBMITTED A MEMO ON THIS ITEM YESTERDAY EVENING. WE SUGGESTED  
18 SOME CHANGES THAT IT WOULD ENSURE SOME BARE ESSENTIALS FOR  
19 INDEPENDENCE. BUT I KNOW YOU WANT TO WRAP THIS UP TODAY. SO,  
20 WE ASK THAT AT A MINIMUM, SUPERVISORS HORVATH, HAHN AND SOLIS  
21 COMMIT THEMSELVES TO RETURNING TO THE BALLOT IN 2026 TO ENSURE  
22 SUBSTANTIVE ETHICS REFORMS ARE PROPERLY PLACED IN OUR CHARTER.  
23 FAILURE TO DO SO IS GOING TO NEEDLESSLY HARM THIS ISSUE AND  
24 POTENTIALLY OTHERS ON THE BALLOT. IF THIS THING FAILS IN  
25 NOVEMBER BECAUSE OF YOUR HANDLING OF IT AND IT COULD SET THE



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1 EXPANSION MOVE BACK IN A REALLY DEVASTATING WAY THAT COULD  
2 SCREW OVER WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO AT A CITY LEVEL. SO PLEASE,  
3 SHOW SOME LEADERSHIP, SHOW SOME REAL FOLLOW THROUGH. THIS IS  
4 ALL JUST A REALLY ANNOYING PROCESS TO SEE AT A CITY-COUNTY  
5 LEVEL. --

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY ARENAS. PLEASE  
11 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE PHONE. YOU MAY  
12 BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS WITH THE JUSTICE OF THE  
15 LAKE COALITION AND MY FORMER RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3. AND I  
16 WANT TO SUPPORT THAT DIFFUSION OF CENTRALIZED POWER AND MAYBE  
17 EXPANDING THE BOARD AND REFORM THAT ENHANCES TRANSPARENCY AND  
18 PUBLIC INPUT. AND THE APPROACH MATTERS SIGNIFICANTLY. AND WHAT  
19 OUR COMMUNITIES DESERVE, THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, NOT JUST THE  
20 ONES WHO ARE POLLED, DESERVE IS A DELIBERATE CHARTER AMENDMENT  
21 CREATED NOT BY PERSONAL PREFERENCES, BUT BY A COMPREHENSIVE  
22 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT SERVES THE PUBLIC'S GREATER GOOD. THIS  
23 AMENDMENT SHOULD ENSURE THAT OUR GOVERNOR, OUR GOVERNING  
24 STRUCTURE EVOLVES IN A WAY THAT PROMOTES OPENNESS AND  
25 INCLUSIVITY, REFLECTING THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF OUR POPULATION.



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1    THANK YOU.

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

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5    **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOSE BARRERA. PLEASE UNMUTE  
6    YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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8    **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR BRINGING  
9    THIS FORWARD. MY NAME IS JOSE BARRERA. I REPRESENT LULAC, THE  
10   NATION'S LARGEST LATINO CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION.  
11   HERE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 6 AND 7 TO EXPAND THE BOARD.  
12   AS YOU ALL HAVE HEARD, L.A. COUNTY IS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN  
13   THE NATION WITH A VERY DIVERSE POPULATION OF LATINOS AND OTHER  
14   DEMOGRAPHICS. AND THIS MEASURE WOULD ENSURE THAT OUR  
15   POPULATION IS HAVING THE CHANCE OF BEING BETTER REPRESENTED  
16   AND HAVING A MORE EQUITABLE PROCESS, INCLUDING TRANSPARENCY.  
17   SO, I APPRECIATE AND URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS AND  
18   BRING IT TO THE VOTERS. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

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

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

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25   **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I DON'T WANNA USE MYSELF, BUT I JUST FEEL





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1 LIKE, YOU KNOW, HORVATH GETS A LITTLE CREDIT FOR BEING BRAVE,  
2 BUT THE PROCESS HAS BEEN, HAS BEEN BAD. AND TO LOOK AT THE  
3 COUNTY CEO AS AN ELECTED POSITION, IT REALLY DOES NOT POP INTO  
4 FOCUS AS THE RESOLUTION TO LIKE SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS. WHAT?  
5 I MEAN, DAVENPORT IS COMPETENT. SHE CAN WRITE UP A PLAN. I  
6 DON'T UNDERSTAND. THE VOTERS WOULD HAVE TOLD HER THAT WHAT  
7 KIND OF A PLAN TO WRITE UP. NO, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY THAT THE  
8 5 SUPERVISORS PUT. AND FRANKLY, I THINK THAT IN THE OLD DAYS,  
9 5 SUPERVISORS WAS SMART. BUT CONSIDER THIS, THE CITY ETHICS  
10 COMMISSION IS ALREADY, IT DOESN'T WORK, BUT IT'S FUNCTIONAL.  
11 WHY NOT JUST HAVE ONE ETHICS COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES AND  
12 HAVE THEM ABSORB THE 5, OR WOULD YOU BRING IT TO 9  
13 SUPERVISORS? SO, THEY'RE JUST ONE PLACE TO GET THE INFORMATION  
14 WE NEED, LIKE WHO'S BEEN PAYING OVER \$250. AND WHY DON'T WE DO  
15 THAT AT THE CITY, FOR THE GREAT CITY AT THE EXCUSES? WHY DON'T  
16 THEY ANNOUNCE WHEN THEY'RE GETTING DONATIONS OVER \$250? I  
17 WOULD RECOMMEND TABLING THIS WHOLE THING AND GETTING OVER TO  
18 FRIENDS AND FINDING OUT HOW MANY ARE WRONG --

19

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

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22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DAVID TORRES. PLEASE UNMUTE  
23 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** HI, THIS IS COUNCILMAN DAVID TORRES REPRESENTING



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1 DISTRICT 4 IN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO. I ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO  
2 VOTE TO APPROVE THE ITEM. THERE'S LONG BEEN THE OBSERVATION  
3 THAT VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE BODIES FROM LOCAL TO FEDERAL  
4 GOVERNMENT AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN, HAVING GROWN TO  
5 ACCOMMODATE THE GROWTH IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. I FIRST WANT TO  
6 THANK YOU ALL FOR TAKING YOUR POSITIONS AND BEING EXAMPLES ON  
7 HOW TO DISAGREE WITHOUT BEING DISAGREEABLE. AND I WANT TO SAY  
8 THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS HORVATH, HAHN AND SOLIS FOR  
9 RECOGNIZING AND ADDRESSING THIS NEED AND MOVING TO EFFECT  
10 CHANGE TOWARDS A MORE PERFECT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'RE GONNA GO TO SPEAKERS IN  
15 PERSON ACTUALLY, SO WE'LL GO RIGHT AHEAD PLEASE, THANKS.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** HELLO SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS ANDREA MACK AND I'M  
18 HERE ON BEHALF OF CAHLS AND ALSO A DISTRICT 1 RESIDENT. I'M  
19 HERE AGAIN TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT FOR THE CHARTER REFORM THAT  
20 WILL EXPAND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SEAT. THE MERE CHANGE IN  
21 THE NUMBER OF SUPERVISORS WOULD DEEPLY IMPACT THE RESIDENTS IN  
22 L.A. COUNTY. THERE'LL BE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT THE  
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BETTER SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS, AND MORE  
24 OPPORTUNITIES FOR REPRESENTATION AND RESIDENTS TO MAKE THEIR  
25 VOICES HEARD. AS SOMEONE WHO IS YOUNG AND CARES ABOUT CIVIC



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1 ENGAGEMENT, I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE CONVERSATIONS AROUND  
2 CREATING TASK FORCE AND ETHICS REFORM COMMISSIONS AND  
3 INCREASING TRANSPARENCY ACROSS THE BOARD. TODAY I'M HERE AS AN  
4 ASIAN AMERICAN, AS A YOUTH, AND AS SOMEONE WHO HAS LIVED IN  
5 LOS ANGELES FOR THE LAST 22 YEARS, AND I'M HERE TO SAY THAT  
6 I'M EXCITED AND WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN ALL PARTS OF THE  
7 CONVERSATION OF THIS EXPANSION AND REFORM JOURNEY. THAT SAID,  
8 I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM TO EXPAND THE BOARD OF  
9 SUPERVISORS' SEAT. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING AND THANK YOU SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
14 FARAH AND I'M ALSO SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CAUSE AND AS A  
15 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1. I'M IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 7, SPECIFICALLY  
16 TO EXPAND THE BOARD AND I HAVE ALSO ATTENDED ALL THE READINGS  
17 OF THIS ORDINANCE AND REALLY JUST REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE  
18 CONVERSATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN HAD IN THESE MEETINGS. THE  
19 EXPANSION OF THE BOARD WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS  
20 BETTER REPRESENTATION AND OFFERING ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO  
21 BRING MORE DIVERSE VOICES TO THE TABLE AND SHAPE THE FUTURE OF  
22 L.A. COUNTY. IT HAS BEEN A PERSONALLY VERY VALUABLE LEARNING  
23 EXPERIENCE TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS, SO I REALLY APPRECIATE  
24 THE HONEST CONVERSATION. AND I DO ASK THAT AS WE CONTINUE TO  
25 BUILD A GOVERNMENT THAT BETTER SERVES US, THAT ALL FUTURE



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1 ELECTED LEADERS OF L.A. COUNTY SHOULD ACTIVELY INCLUDE  
2 COMMUNITY VOICES IN ALL STEPS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. I  
3 KNOW THERE WERE SOME REFLECTIONS MADE BY THE BOARD TODAY AND I  
4 REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. AND I ALSO WISH THAT THERE WERE MORE  
5 OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY INPUT AND CONVERSATION. I DO  
6 BELIEVE THAT'S AN IMPORTANT PART OF CREATING A BETTER SHARED  
7 GOVERNMENT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

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9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANK YOU SUPERVISORS FOR THE  
10 MOTION. MY NAME IS ANTHONY AYALA AND I AM WITH THE WELLNESS  
11 CENTER AT L.A. GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. I'M  
12 HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR ITEM 7 TO EXPAND THE  
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TO ELECT A COUNTY EXECUTIVE. WE MUST  
14 REEVALUATE HOW TO BEST MEET THE NEEDS OF DIVERSE L.A. COUNTY  
15 RESIDENTS TO ENSURE THAT SUPPORT IS DELIVERED EQUITABLY AND  
16 WITH AN ACUTE UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR MATERIAL NEEDS. THIS IS  
17 ESPECIALLY CRITICAL FOR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE  
18 BEEN HISTORICALLY EXCLUDED FROM CONVERSATIONS THAT HAVE DIRECT  
19 IMPACTS ON THEIR DAILY LIVES AND LONG-TERM FUTURES AS  
20 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OFTEN POLITICAL  
21 REPRESENTATION DOESN'T RESONATE WITH ME OR MY LIVED  
22 EXPERIENCES, AND THIS IS SOMETHING I KNOW TO BE TRUE FOR  
23 VARIOUS MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES WITHIN L.A. COUNTY. THIS IS  
24 WHY EXPANDING THE BOARD IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE  
25 REPRESENTATION OF OUR LOCAL GOVERNANCE IS ABLE TO SPEAK



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1 DIRECTLY TO THE NEEDS AND PERSPECTIVES OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY  
2 MEMBERS. WE MUST EXPAND THE BOARD TO ENSURE THAT OUR VOICES  
3 ARE NOT ONLY HEARD, BUT HAVE THE POWER TO INFLUENCE DECISIONS  
4 THAT ARE MADE FOR OUR COMMUNITY BY PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITY.  
5 THIS IS HOW WE ADVANCE EQUITY AND JUSTICE FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS  
6 AND REPAIR A TRUST AND GOVERNANCE IN THE PROCESS. THANK YOU.

7

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

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10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS  
11 REYNA SCHMITZ, AND I AM A COMMISSIONER WITH OLDER ADULTS FOR  
12 THE FIRST DISTRICT. I SUPPORT ITEM 6 AND 7 TO EXPAND THE BOARD  
13 AND SUPPORT ELECTED A COUNTY EXECUTIVE. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
14 BEING THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE NATION NEEDS TO ADAPT TO THE  
15 GROWTH AND NEEDS RESIDENTS TO BETTER SERVE THEM. THE DIVERSITY  
16 OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS DEMANDS THE REEVALUATION NEEDS OF OUR  
17 DIVERSE POPULATION TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS NEEDS. THE  
18 EXPANSION IS GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. SINCE THE CENSUS OF  
19 2020, SHOW THAT THE LATINO, ASIAN AMERICAN, AND THE PACIFIC  
20 ISLANDERS COMPOSED 60%, IT IS JUST THE RIGHT THING THAT YOU,  
21 THE BOARD, PLEASE SUPPORT THESE ISSUES, AND THAT WAY WE WILL  
22 HAVE FULL REPRESENTATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARTINO HERRERA  
2 AND I'M A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF EL MONTE. AND I'M  
3 HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 6 AND 7. IT'S A BOLD  
4 STEP THAT ANY TIME A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY COMES FORTH TO  
5 RECONSIDER ITS GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND MODEL OF SERVICE  
6 DELIVERY. SO, I'M HERE TO URGE YOU TO TAKE THAT STEP. IN MY  
7 OWN CITY AS A COUNCIL MEMBER, WHEN I CAME ON, I LED AN EFFORT  
8 TO CHANGE OUR OWN GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND THAT IS TO GO FROM  
9 AT LARGE TO DISTRICT ELECTIONS. WE EXPANDED OUR BOARD FROM 5  
10 TO 7, ALL IN AN EFFORT TO CREATE BETTER REPRESENTATION THAT  
11 WAS EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICALLY AND DEMOGRAPHICALLY. AND IN A  
12 COUNTY THAT IS THIS SIZE, IT IS IN FACT THE LARGEST OF THE  
13 NATION, 10,000,000 RESIDENTS, IT'S JUST, I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE  
14 HOW 5 REPRESENTATIVES CAN ADEQUATELY REPRESENT THE DIVERSITY  
15 OF THIS COUNTY. SO, I URGE YOU TO SHARE THE BURDEN OF YOUR  
16 DECISION TODAY WITH THE VOTERS BY PUTTING IT ON THE BALLOT ON  
17 NOVEMBER 5TH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
18 EFFORTS.

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20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
21 SPEAKER, PLEASE. MY NAME IS ROGER PUGLIESE. I'M THE VICE  
22 PRESIDENT OF LAS VIRGINAS HORMONES FEDERATION AND THE  
23 PRESIDENT OF THE TOPANGA ASSOCIATION FOR A SCENIC COMMUNITY.  
24 OUR MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES CONTINUE TO BE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE  
25 REVISED MOTION. AND WE ALL KNOW AND HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN THIS HAS



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1 BEEN A LONG, LONG OVERDUE. BY ADOPTING THIS MOTION AND  
2 ENACTING IT, IT WILL INCREASE FAIRNESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN  
3 EACH OF THE MODIFIED DISTRICTS. GIVE IT TO THE VOTERS TO  
4 DECIDE. WE'RE 100% SUPPORTIVE.

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

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9 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME'S LARRY ORTEGA, AND MY FAMILY'S LIVED IN  
10 POMONA FOR 120 YEARS. IT'S THE EAST SIDE OF L.A. COUNTY. I'M A  
11 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED DIGITAL DIVIDE EXPERT AND I STRONGLY  
12 ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON ITEMS NUMBER 6 AND 7. THE  
13 CHARTER AMENDMENTS REPRESENT A GOVERNANCE MODEL THAT IS MORE  
14 EFFECTIVE, REPRESENTATIVE, AND ACCOUNTABLE TO ANGELENOS  
15 GENERALLY, BUT SPECIFICALLY TO COMMUNITIES ON THE EDGES OF THE  
16 COUNTY LIKE POMONA AT NO ADDITIONAL COST. I COME TO YOU TODAY  
17 WITH FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE ON HOW THE COUNTY OF L.A. WITH THE  
18 PROPOSED GOVERNANCE AMENDMENTS WILL BE BETTER PREPARED TO TAKE  
19 ADVANTAGE OF GRANTS LIKE THE \$1,830,000,000 THAT CALIFORNIA  
20 HAD. STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON SUPERVISORS  
21 HORVATH AND HAHN'S REFORM PACKAGE FOR THE NOVEMBER BALLOT.

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

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25 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LUPITA MARTINEZ,



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1 I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF CHIRLA COALITION FOR HUMANE IMMIGRANT  
2 RIGHTS. CHIRLA IS A MEMBER-LED ORGANIZATION AND OUR MISSION IS  
3 TO CREATE A JUST SOCIETY, FULLY INCLUSIVE OF IMMIGRANTS. AS I  
4 MENTIONED BEFORE, CHIRLA'S CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IS FUNDAMENTAL IN  
5 OUR MISSION TO ORGANIZE AND MOBILIZE COMMUNITIES TO HARNESS  
6 OUR IMMIGRANT POLITICAL POWER. FOR YEARS, CHIRLA AND PARTNER  
7 ORGANIZATIONS HAVE FOUGHT AND WORKED REALLY, REALLY HARD TO  
8 ENSURE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES AND UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES  
9 ARE HEARD, INCLUDED, AND REPRESENTED INTENTIONALLY COUNTY  
10 POLICIES, INITIATIVES, AND PROGRAMS. ALTHOUGH CHIRLA SUPPORTS  
11 A CHARTER REFORM, IT IS CRUCIAL THAT IMMIGRANT AND VULNERABLE  
12 COMMUNITIES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS DUE  
13 TO OUR INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND LIVED EXPERIENCES HERE IN  
14 THE COUNTY OF L.A. WE REQUEST FOR IMMIGRANTS AND  
15 UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES TO PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE IN  
16 INFORMING THE INTRICACIES OF EVERY STEP OF THE CHARTER REFORM  
17 TO ENSURE A FAIR, TRANSPARENT, AND REFLECTS THE VOICES AND  
18 EXPERIENCES OF OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

19

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

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22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING. GOOD EVENING, I'M DAPHNE BRACK, A  
23 RESIDENT OF UNINCORPORATED LADERA HEIGHTS IN DISTRICT 2. I'M  
24 HERE TODAY TO SPECIFICALLY ASK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR A MEETING  
25 TO DISCUSS USING ME AS A CASE STUDY FOR YOUR GOVERNANCE REFORM





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1 MOTION. I HAVE LETTERS WITH ME TO SUPPORT THIS FROM DISTRICT 2  
2 RESIDENTS WHO BELIEVE THAT MORE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SHOULD  
3 HAVE HAPPENED BEFORE THIS PROCESS. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, AS A  
4 SURVIVOR OF WHAT I AND MY SUPPORTERS CONSIDER POLITICAL ABUSE  
5 OF THE POWER BY MARK RIDLEY THOMAS, I'M ASKING YOU TO MEET  
6 WITH ME AND USE MY CASE AS A CASE STUDY, MY EXPERIENCE AS A  
7 CASE STUDY TO MAKE SURE YOU GET IT RIGHT. IF THIS MOTION  
8 PASSES AND YOU HAVE AN ELECTED CEO AND WHAT THAT PROCESS IS IF  
9 THE CEO IS DOING A BAD JOB.

10

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS SUZETTE SHAW.  
16 PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU  
17 MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** RESIDENTS, I'VE BEEN ON WITH YOU ALL SINCE THIS  
20 MORNING, AND I'M GLAD I STAYED ON. I WILL SAY THAT I BELIEVE  
21 EXPANDING THE BOARD AND BRINGING MORE EQUITABLE GRASSROOTS  
22 REPRESENTATION IS IMPERATIVE. BLACK FOLKS ARE NOT ONE OF THE  
23 MAJOR POPULATIONS IN L.A. COUNTY, EXCEPT AS IT RELATES TO  
24 POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS. AND I BELIEVE, I STRONGLY FEEL THAT  
25 THIS IS ONE OF THE ISSUES AS IT RELATES TO CITY AND COUNTY



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1 GOVERNMENTS AND THE LACK OF EQUITY AND INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY  
2 AS IT RELATES TO BLACK PEOPLE. AND BLACK PEOPLE LIVING IN  
3 POVERTY, THE HOMELESSNESS. WHEN YOU DECIDE ON REPRESENTING OR  
4 EXPANDING YOUR COMMITTEE, I HOPE THAT THERE IS A VOICE AND A  
5 SEAT AT THE TABLE FOR SKID ROW AND I WOULD LIKE TO BE THAT  
6 REPRESENTATION. WE COULD NO LONGER TALK ABOUT EQUALITY AND  
7 EMPOWERMENT WHILE CONTINUING TO ENFORCE INEQUITY. THANK YOU.

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

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

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15 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU. I KNOW WE TALK A LOT ABOUT DIVERSITY,  
16 AND WHILE I DO AGREE WITH THAT IN PART, I DO RECOGNIZE THAT  
17 OVER THE PAST 3 MEETINGS, THERE HAS BEEN A LARGE  
18 REPRESENTATION OF DIVERSITY THAT HAS COME OUT AND SPOKEN. I  
19 THINK FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, THAT IS A GOOD THING. I  
20 DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT'S NOT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF  
21 ELECTING THIS NEW POSITION OF THE CEO. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT  
22 I'M STILL HAVING REALLY CAUGHT UP WITH THE RATIONALIZATION  
23 BEHIND IT. AND THEN MY LAST THING, WELL THE STUDY. I NEVER SAW  
24 THE STUDY AND THE DISTRICT TEAM MEMBER, I'M NOT SURE IF IT'S  
25 SKIPPED US, BUT I DIDN'T REMEMBER SEEING IT. AND THEN THE LAST



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1    THING IS WE OFTEN SAY THAT WHEN PEOPLE TRY TO FORCE YOU IN  
2    SOMETHING REALLY QUICK, IT'S PROBABLY A SCAM. AND I'M NOT  
3    SAYING THAT YOU ALL ARE SCAMMING US, BUT I AM SAYING IF IT'S  
4    NOT URGENT, IF IT'S NOT AN EMERGENCY, WHY DON'T WE JUST TAKE A  
5    STEP BACK AND AT LEAST MAYBE YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONVINCE THE  
6    OTHER 2 SUPERVISORS WHY IT SHOULD BE CHANGED. THANK YOU.

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

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

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15   **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** KIM?

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17   **MODERATOR:** THAT PARTY DID DISCONNECT. I APOLOGIZE. OUR NEXT  
18   LINE IS XOCHITL COVARRUBIAS. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK  
19   DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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21   **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. BUENAS TARDES.  
22   MY NAME IS SOCHIL COVARRUBIAS, PRESIDENT OF THE LABOR COUNCIL  
23   FOR LATIN AMERICAN ADVANCEMENT, AN ORGANIZATION FOR LATINO  
24   WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. I'M SPEAKING AS A CITIZEN. I WANT  
25   TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR THE MOTION. I SUPPORT ITEM



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1 6 AND 7 TO EXPAND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ELECT A COUNTY  
2 EXECUTIVE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL FOR RESIDENTS IN  
3 COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN LEFT OUT OF THIS  
4 CONVERSATION, WHO DESERVE EQUAL REPRESENTATION AND CAN HAVE  
5 CONFIDENCE IN OUR COMMITMENT TO DELIVER IT AND I'M VERY  
6 CONFIDENT WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THEY'RE VERY  
7 INTELLIGENT WOMAN POWERFUL WOMAN AND I KNOW THAT THEY WILL DO  
8 THE RIGHT THING IN BOTH IN FAVOR OF ITEM 6 AND 7. THANK YOU.

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

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13 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LOURDES  
14 CARACOVA. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR  
15 PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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17 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LOURDES CARACOZA. I  
18 WAS BORN AND RAISED IN EAST LOS ANGELES, AND I'M BLESSED TO BE  
19 LEADING AN ORGANIZATION SUCH AS ALMO FAMILY SERVICES THAT  
20 SERVES THE DIVERSE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. AS  
21 SOMEONE WHO GREW UP IN THE 70S AND 80'S IN EAST L.A., I ONLY  
22 KNOW TOO WELL THE IMPORTANCE OF REPRESENTATION. A  
23 REPRESENTATION THAT LOOKS LIKE THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE.  
24 THAT IS WHY I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 6 AND 7. I HAVE NO DOUBT  
25 THAT THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS OUR COMMUNITY'S BEST



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1 INTEREST IN MIND, AND HAVE A PROVEN RECORD OF BEING INNOVATIVE  
2 IN YOUR APPROACH AND HOW YOU REEVALUATE HOW TO BEST MEET THE  
3 CHANGING NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR RESIDENTS. I AM SURE  
4 THIS IS NOT AN EASY DECISION OR PROCESS, BUT THE FACT THAT YOU  
5 ARE A BODY WILLING TO LOOK INTO THE REALITY THAT THE LATEST  
6 2020 CENSUS DATA SHOWS US REGARDING THE GROWTH OF DIVERSE  
7 COMMUNITIES AMONG US GIVES ME HOPE, MEANING YOU AREN'T JUST  
8 LOOKING AT THESE NUMBERS, BUT YOU'RE WILLING TO TAKE ACTION TO  
9 ENSURE.

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

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13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROBERT LANCET. YOU MAY  
14 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE, PLEASE  
15 BEGIN.

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17 **SPEAKER:** I AM ROBERT LANCET, A FORMER PRESIDENT AND CURRENT  
18 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTING THE  
19 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WEST HILLS. WE SUPPORT THE  
20 PROPOSED GOVERNMENT REFORM PACKAGE AS DEFINED IN ITEMS 6 AND  
21 7, AND RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE PLACING IT  
22 ON THE DELIVER BALLOT FOR VOTERS TO APPROVE. WE BELIEVE THAT  
23 THE VOTERS WILL WELCOME AND APPROVE THIS LONG OVERDUE  
24 IMPROVEMENT TO COMMUNITY ACCESSIBILITY AND REPRESENTATION AS  
25 WELL AS BOARD EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS AND TRANSPARENCY.



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1 THANK YOU.

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

4

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. HI, THIS IS ESTHER. MAKING GOVERNMENT MORE  
9 EFFECTIVE AND ETHICAL IS COMMENDABLE. WHOEVER THINKS THIS PLAN  
10 FULLY ACHIEVES THAT IS CONFUSED. AT THE BASELINE, A PROPER  
11 FISCAL REVIEW WAS NOT DONE, PARTICULARLY FOR THE MOST  
12 VULNERABLE. ADDING MORE MEMBERS AND A NEW ELECTED POSITION  
13 REQUIRES THE VOTERS' APPROVAL, BUT NOTHING ELSE. ADDING THE  
14 ETHICS REFORM TO BOARD EXTENSION AT A TIME WHEN VOTERS ARE  
15 DISGUSTED WITH POLITICIANS IS A MANIPULATOR OF VOTERS' DESIRE  
16 FOR REAL REFORM. MANY OF THE ETHICS REFORMS THIS BODY CAN  
17 CREATE WITHOUT GOING TO THE BALLOT. SO, START FIXING THE  
18 CORRUPTION TODAY IF IT EXISTS. I ALSO WONDER WHAT DOES THIS  
19 MEAN FOR TERM LIMITS FOR THE CURRENT BOARD. WILL THOSE NEW  
20 SEATS BE FAIR GAME FOR THEM? WILL THEY BE ALLOWED TO RUN FOR  
21 THE NEW ELECTED EXECUTIVE POSITION? THIS SEEMS RUSHED. WHY NOT  
22 TAKE THE TIME TO DO THIS RIGHT IF IT'S FOR THE PEOPLE? THE  
23 COUNTY HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN FISCALLY SOLVENT UNLIKE OTHER  
24 GOVERNMENTS WHO CURRENTLY HAVE THE SYSTEM YOU WANT TO SHIFT  
25 INTO. SO WHY THE CHANGE? WANT TO BE MORE TRANSPARENT,



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1 EFFECTIVE, AND ETHICAL FOR THE PEOPLE? THEN JUST DO IT TODAY.  
2 STOP LOOKING FOR THE HEADLINES. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS  
3 AND YOUR SERVICE.

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

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7 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT.

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9 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** MODERATOR. MODERATOR? MODERATOR,  
10 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MODERATOR, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT QUESTION IS FROM SCARLETT PERALTA, PLEASE  
13 GO AHEAD.

14 **SPEAKER:** YES, HELLO MY NAME IS SCARLETT PERALTA I AM A  
15 RESIDENT AND THE MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO. I AM  
16 SPEAKING TO EXPRESS MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR ITEMS 6 AND 7. I  
17 WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND HAHN FOR THEIR  
18 COURAGE TO BRING THIS MOTION FORWARD AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR  
19 SOLIS FOR HER SUPPORT AND ALL SUPERVISORS FOR ENGAGING IN THIS  
20 IMPORTANT AND VERY DIFFICULT DISCUSSION. AS WE KNOW LOS  
21 ANGELES COUNTY IS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN OUR NATION. AS OUR  
22 POPULATION CONTINUES TO GROW AND DIVERSIFY IT IS EXTREMELY  
23 CRUCIAL THAT WE ADAPT AND REALIGN OUR APPROACH TO A MORE  
24 EQUITABLE GOVERNANCE. HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES  
25 DESERVE TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD AND THEIR NEEDS ADDRESSED.



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1 THIS REFORM WILL HELP BETTER SERVE ALL RESIDENTS BY PROVIDING  
2 MORE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION AND FOSTERING CONFIDENCE WITHIN  
3 OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

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

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7 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT QUESTION IS FROM JUAN CARDENAS.  
8 PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU  
9 MAY BEGIN.

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11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JUAN GARVINAS I'M IN THE THIRD  
12 DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO. I'M AN ASSOCIATE  
13 DIRECTOR FROM NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CALLED L.A. FOURTH  
14 SOCIETY AND WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 6 AND 7 TO EXPAND THE  
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE BELIEVE THAT L.A. COUNTY AND THE  
16 COMMUNITY SERVE MORE REPRESENTATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT QUESTION AND PARTICIPANT IS FROM DEBORAH  
21 MENDEZ. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR  
22 PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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24 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DEBORAH MENDEZ AND I'M WITH POMONA  
25 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY CENTER. WE ARE AN ORGANIZATION THAT





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1 SUPPORTS IMMIGRANTS IN THE POMONA VALLEY AND THE INLAND EMPIRE  
2 AND I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 6 AND 7 TO EXPAND THE  
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVES. IT IS  
4 ESPECIALLY CRITICAL FOR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE  
5 HISTORICALLY BEEN LEFT OUT OF THESE CONVERSATIONS AND WHO  
6 DESERVE EQUAL REPRESENTATION AND HAVE AND I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN  
7 THE COMMITMENT TO DELIVER IT. THIS IS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL FOR  
8 SUCH A LARGE AREA. WE HAVE OVER 4,800,000 LATINOS AND  
9 1,500,000 ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN THE COUNTY  
10 OF LOS ANGELES. AND COMBINED, IT MAKES UP 60% OF THE COUNTY'S  
11 TOTAL POPULATION. WE NEED TO HAVE EQUITY AND TRANSPARENCY AND  
12 INCLUSION --

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

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17 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS FROM GABRIELA  
18 GOMEZ. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR  
19 PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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21 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. AND ESPECIALLY I WANT  
22 TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND HORVATH FOR LEADING THIS EFFORT.  
23 I APPRECIATE ALL THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR LEADING THE DISCUSSION  
24 AS WELL FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE DISCUSSION. I AM IN SUPPORT  
25 OF ITEM 6 AND 7. I AM HERE AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELL



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1 GARDEN AND ALSO AS A 30-YEAR EMPLOYEE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
2 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES SERVING THE ENTIRE COUNTY. WE SERVE  
3 ABOUT 4,000,000 PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, FULLY NEARLY HALF OF THE  
4 ENTIRE COUNTY POPULATION AND WE DEFINITELY NEED MORE  
5 REPRESENTATION. I THINK IT'S UNFAIR TO EXPECT THAT EACH  
6 SUPERVISOR WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE  
7 THAT ARE IN YOUR DISTRICT. YOU NEED HELP AND WE NEED HELP. SO,  
8 I AM ON BOARD WITH THIS AND THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

9

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

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12 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LAURA SANTOS.  
13 PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. PLEASE  
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS LAURA SANTOS. I'M A COLLEGE BOARD  
17 MEMBER AT MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE AND A RESIDENT OF  
18 UNINCORPORATED BASSETT. I SUPPORT ITEMS 6 AND 7 AND I COMMEND  
19 THE SUPERVISORS FOR BEING WILLING TO SHARE POWER. MANY ELECTED  
20 OFFICIALS WOULD NOT SUPPORT AN ITEM THAT WAS GOOD FOR THE  
21 RESIDENTS, GOOD FOR THE COUNTY, BUT DID NOT BENEFIT THEM  
22 PERSONALLY OR DIMINISHED THEIR POWER. THANK YOU.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TEOCORA REYES.  
2 PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR LINE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE.

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4 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS TEODORA REYES AND I'M COMMENTING IN  
5 BEHALF OF MY CAPACITY AS THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WITH THE  
6 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY YOUNG DEMOCRATS AND I'M A LIFELONG  
7 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3 IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. AS A UNITED  
8 FRONT THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY YOUNG DEMOCRATS STRONGLY SUPPORT  
9 THE ALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PREVENTANCE REFORM  
10 PROPOSAL AND WE URGE ALL BOARD SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES ON  
11 MOTION ITEM 6 AND 7. SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IS HOME TO 2,000,000  
12 ANGELENOS, WHICH OVER HALF ARE LATINAS. AND MANY LATINOS HAVE  
13 NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ELECT A CANDIDATE OF CHOICE IN A  
14 SINGLE DISTRICT. WITH THIS REFORM, WE'D BE ABLE TO REALLY HAVE  
15 A REPRESENTATIVE THAT CAN SERVE THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. AND  
16 AS YOUNG DEMOCRATS, WE ALSO BELIEVE IN THE FULLEST POSSIBLE  
17 PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG DEMOCRATIC VOTERS. THIS REFORM GIVES  
18 VOTERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE BARRIERS AND CREATE EQUITABLE  
19 OUTCOMES, BUILD THE PATH FOR DIVERSE YOUNG DEMOCRATIC  
20 CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR OFFICE, AND ADDRESS THE DESPERATE NEEDS  
21 FOR REPRESENTATION WITHIN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND ALLEY  
22 COUNTY. WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD EFFORTS FOR MAKING THIS  
23 HAPPEN AND WE HOPE TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING --

24

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



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1 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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3 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BYRON JOSE.

4 PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU  
5 MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD. THIS IS BYRON JOSE SPEAKING AS  
8 AN SB2 CONSTITUENT AND COUNTY RESIDENT FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS.  
9 IN KEEPING UP THE DIFFERENT BUDGET HEARINGS ON THIS MATTER,  
10 SOME OF MY CONCERNS AND STUFF THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED BY OTHER  
11 BOARD OFFICES. BUT ONE THING THAT HAS BEEN CLEAR IS THAT  
12 CERTAIN OFFICES ARE BEING ENGAGED AND SOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
13 MAINLY ELECTED. NOT ONLY WAS THIS ITEM BURIED INTO THE DAY, SO  
14 9 HOURS LATER, ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE, ALL THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
15 WERE PUSHED OUT. WE COULD NOT STICK AROUND THAT LONG. SO  
16 AGAIN, HOW DO WE CONTINUE TO UPLIFT THOSE COMMUNITIES AND ALSO  
17 CENTERING THE WAY THAT THE COUNTY THROUGH REDLINING, THROUGH  
18 OTHER INITIATIVES, THE WAY THAT THEY HAVE ACTIVELY DISPLACED  
19 THE BLACK COMMUNITIES AND OTHER TRADITIONAL MARGINALIZED  
20 COMMUNITIES, HOW WE CENTER THEM IN THIS PROCESS. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS FROM ANNE, NO  
25 LAST NAME GIVEN. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY



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1 INTO IT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR THAT MADE THE  
4 COMMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. COMMUNITY  
5 ENGAGEMENT IS IMPORTANT IN THIS AND ANY PROCESS. COMMUNITY  
6 ENGAGEMENT NEEDS TO BE PART OF ANY PROCESS EARLY BECAUSE ONCE  
7 A PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED AND FINALIZED TO VOTE, COMMUNITY  
8 ENGAGEMENT IS NO LONGER ABLE TO BE INCORPORATED OR  
9 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE MADE TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE PLAN.  
10 SO AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR ACKNOWLEDGING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.  
11 NOW DO IT. GOOD LUCK. THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MICHELLE FRITCH.  
16 PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY  
17 NOW BEGIN.

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19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, DIRECTOR, WITH THE ASIAN YOUTH CENTER.  
20 WE'RE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION SERVING ALMOST HALF OF L.A.  
21 COUNTY, BUT PREDOMINANTLY SERVING THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA.  
22 AND I WANT TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR ITEMS 6 AND 7 TO EXPAND  
23 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVE. THE  
24 LOW-INCOME IMMIGRANTS AND AT-RISK YOUTH AND FAMILIES THAT WE  
25 SERVE ARE PREDOMINANTLY ASIAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO AND WE THINK



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1 THAT THIS THIS PLAN WILL GIVE THEM MORE ACCESS IT WILL GIVE  
2 THEM MORE VOICE IT WILL ALLOW THEIR NEEDS TO BE BETTER MET AND  
3 THE REPRESENTATION THEY DESERVE IN DECISIONS TO HELP DIRECT  
4 RESOURCES THAT WILL POSITIVELY IMPACT OUR RESIDENTS. SO, THANK  
5 YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

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

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

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12 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ALVIA TORRES. I'M THE CEO FOR SPIRIT  
13 FAMILY SERVICES, WHICH SERVES CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES IN  
14 SUPERVISORY DISTRICT 1, 4, AND 5. SPIRIT'S MISSION IS TO  
15 EMPOWER FAMILIES, IMPROVE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, AND  
16 STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES. OUR CONTINUUM OF FAMILY-CENTERED  
17 PROGRAMS OFFER COMPREHENSIVE PREVENTION, EARLY INTERVENTION,  
18 TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY SERVICES TO OVER 13,000 INDIVIDUALS  
19 ANNUALLY IN THE SOCIAL SECTORS OF CHILD WELFARE, PUBLIC  
20 HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH. BEARD HAS 3 FAMILY CENTERS LOCATED IN  
21 THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS, SOUTH EL MONTE, AND WHITTIER. EACH  
22 FAMILY CENTER IS DIFFERENT AS IT REFLECTS THE UNIQUE NEEDS AND  
23 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COMMUNITIES IT SERVES. NOT ALL  
24 COMMUNITY NEEDS ARE THE SAME. WE NEED MORE EQUITABLE  
25 REPRESENTATION. I SUPPORT ITEM 6 AND 7 TO EXPAND THE BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS AND ELECT A COUNTY EXECUTIVE. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE  
2 THAT DIVERSE VOICES ARE NOT ONLY GIVEN A WIDER PLATFORM BUT  
3 BETTER AMPLIFIED SO THAT THEY CAN GIVE REPRESENTATION THEY  
4 DESERVE IN THE DECISION WE MAKE TO ENSURE WE DIRECT RESOURCES.  
5 THANK YOU.

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GABRIEL  
11 QUINONES. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR  
12 PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS AND STAFF. THIS IS GABRIEL  
15 QUINONES, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF L.A. PUENTE HERE. WE  
16 APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT FROM OUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS AND  
17 ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR SOLIS BUT I WANT TO SHARE IN THE  
18 SURROUNDING AREAS AROUND THE CITY OF L.A. PUENTE THERE'S A LOT  
19 OF UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THE SUPERVISORS' REGIONS ARE SO  
20 VAST THEY DON'T ALWAYS HAVE THE ABILITY TO GIVE ENOUGH  
21 ATTENTION. SO OF COURSE, WE'RE GONNA CHIP IN WHEN WE CAN FOR  
22 OUR SURROUNDING AREAS. BUT I'M HERE TO SHARE SUPPORT FOR THIS  
23 CONSIDERATION OF EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF L.A. COUNTY BOARD  
24 SUPERVISORS. IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE MORE REPRESENTATION FOR  
25 OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU AND GOOD NIGHT



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

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MIKE FEINSTEIN, PLEASE  
5 UNMUTE YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY NOW  
6 BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HI, MIKE FEINSTEIN, FORMER SENATE, SANTA MONICA  
9 MAYOR, SPEAKING FOR THE GREEN PARTY. THERE'S MUCH HOPE FOR  
10 BROADER AND DEEPER REPRESENTATION WITH AN INCREASE IN BOARD  
11 MEMBERS, BUT YOUR OUTDATED CONTINGENT TWO-ROUND RUNOFF SYSTEM  
12 CAN WORK AGAINST THIS COMPARED TO SINGLE-RANKED-CHOICE VOTING  
13 GENERAL ELECTIONS, WHICH WOULD ALLOW ALL VIEWS AND CANDIDATES  
14 TO BE HEARD BY THE MOST VOTERS, AND VOTERS WOULD HAVE THE  
15 GREATEST ABILITY TO EXPRESS THEIR PREFERENCES OVER THE ENTIRE  
16 FIELD. YOUR CURRENT SYSTEM PUTS IMPORTANT CHOICES BEFORE A  
17 LOWER TURNOUT AND LESS DIVERSE PRIMARY ELECTION ELECTORATE.  
18 VOTE SPLITTING AMONG MULTIPLE STRONG PRIMARY CANDIDATES CAN  
19 LEAD TO RANDOM RESULTS OF WHO MAKES IT TO A RUN-UP WITH A  
20 SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE VOTE. THIS CREATES PRESSURE FOR SOME  
21 NOT TO RUN WHICH SHORTCHANGES PUBLIC DEBATE. IT ALSO COSTS  
22 MORE MONEY TO RUN IN 2 ELECTIONS INSTEAD OF ONE WHICH CAN ALSO  
23 LIMIT WHO CAN RUN AND THEREFORE PUBLIC DEBATE. FOR THESE  
24 REASONS, PLEASE GIVE PLEASE GIVE DIRECTION TO THE COUNTY  
25 REGISTRAR OR VOTERS TO RETURN WITH RANK CHOICE VOTING





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1 IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS TO INFORM THE NEXT STEP IN THE CHARTER  
2 REFORM PROCESS. THANK YOU.

3

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANIKO GOLD. PLEASE UNMUTE  
7 YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY NOW BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS ANIKO GOLD, MAYOR OF HIDDEN HILLS.  
10 THANK YOU FOR THANK YOU SUPERVISORS HAHN AND HORVATH FOR THE  
11 COURAGE TO BRING THIS REFORM PACKAGE FORWARD. AS AN ELECTED  
12 OFFICIAL, AS AN IMMIGRANT, AND AS A VOTER, I STRONGLY SUPPORT  
13 YES ON NUMBER 6 AND NUMBER 7. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LORRAINE QUINONES. PLEASE  
18 UNMUTE YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY NOW  
19 BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HI, ON OCTOBER 18TH, 2022, A MOTION WAS PASSED TO  
22 DEVELOP A 90-DAY PLAN THAT WOULD BEGIN A PROCESS THAT WOULD  
23 HONOR THE CULTURE OF CRUISING ON WHITTIER BOULEVARD IN EAST  
24 L.A. BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT PLAN HAS BECOME  
25 SILENT WHILE FAILING TO COMPLETE THE GOALS AND HONOR THE



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1 TIMELINE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOUR SILENCE SEEKS VOLUME IN  
2 RESPECT TO THE PLAN REACHING ITS OBLIGATION AND IN RESPECT TO  
3 THE STATEWIDE SUCCESS OF REPEALING THE BAN ON CRUISING IN AN  
4 AREA THAT YOU REPRESENT THAT IS ICONIC AND HISTORIC TO  
5 CRUISING IN CHICANO HISTORY AND THE HEART OF EAST L.A. I'M  
6 DISAPPOINTED TO SAY THE LEAST THAT YOUR NEGLIGENCE AND  
7 PUBLICLY RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC WIN BY SOME OF YOUR VERY OWN  
8 CONSTITUENTS SUCH AS MYSELF AND MANY OTHERS WHO FOUGHT FOR  
9 8436 AND DID OUR PART FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. WHITTIER BOULEVARD  
10 DESERVES BETTER. THE 90-DAY PLAN IS LONG OVERDUE, SUPERVISOR  
11 SOLIS. SO ARE YOU WHEN IT COMES TO CELEBRATING THE LOWRIDER  
12 CULTURE OF DISTRICT 1. RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WING. EQUAL  
13 REPRESENTATION MATTERS. WE ARE UNDERREPRESENTED. WE BETTER THE  
14 ART AND CULTURE OF LOW-RIDING MATTERS LOW RIDERS MATTERS  
15 CRUISING IS NOT A CRIME.

16

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

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20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ADELLE ANDRADE STADLER.  
21 PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY  
22 NOW BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON OR GOOD EVENING ALREADY CHAIR HORVATH,  
25 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ADELE ANDRADE, STADLER



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1 COUNCILWOMAN FOR THE DIVERSE CITY OF ALHAMBRA, WELL  
2 REPRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT ITEM  
3 6 AND 7 WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE BOARD, HERE WE ARE AGAIN,  
4 AND ACTUAL GOVERNMENT REFORM. WE NEED THIS IN TERMS OF  
5 10,000,000 RESIDENTS. AND IF THAT DOESN'T SPEAK VOLUMES, I  
6 DON'T KNOW WHAT DOES. AND IN TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT, WHAT GREATER  
7 ENGAGEMENT THAN TAKING IT TO THE VOTERS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
8 AND HAVE A GREAT EVENING.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RENE JIMENEZ.  
13 PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY  
14 NOW BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS RENE JIMENEZ AND I AM WITH  
17 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION CORPS. SGVCC IS DEDICATED  
18 TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AND COMMUNITY  
19 BEAUTIFICATION. I AM CALLING IN TODAY TO SUPPORT ITEMS 6 AND 7  
20 ON THE AGENDA. AS WE ALL KNOW L.A. COUNTY'S POPULATION OF  
21 NEARLY 10,000,000 PEOPLE GROWS AND IT DIVERSIFIES. WE HAVE TO  
22 INNOVATE AND REEVALUATE HOW WE CAN BEST MEET THE RESIDENTS  
23 NEEDS. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THEIR DIVERSE VOICES ARE NOT ONLY  
24 HEARD BUT RATHER AMPLIFIED SO THEY ARE GIVEN THE  
25 REPRESENTATION THEY DESERVE. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM 6 AND 7.



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1 IT'S NOT JUST BETTER REPRESENTATION. IT'S EQUITABLE  
2 REPRESENTATION. THANK YOU ALL. HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS THOMAS WONG. PLEASE UNMUTE  
7 YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY NOW BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS THOMAS WONG. I'M THE MAYOR OF  
10 THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK. HERE CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 6  
11 AND 7 FOR GOVERNANCE REFORM. I REALLY WANT TO APPRECIATE CHAIR  
12 HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CHAMPIONING THIS. THIS HAS  
13 BEEN A DISCUSSION IN THE COMMUNITY AND AMONG MANY COMMUNITIES  
14 IN L.A. COUNTY FOR MANY, MANY DECADES. I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT  
15 OF THOSE SUPERVISORS IN PUSHING THIS CONVERSATION AND MAKE  
16 SURE WE ACTUALLY TAKE ACTION ON THIS FINALLY. I LOOK FORWARD  
17 TO HAVING THIS ON THE BALLOT AND ASK AND URGE THE 4  
18 SUPERVISORS TO PLACE THEM ON THE BALLOT SO THE COMMUNITY CAN  
19 CONTINUE TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION AND HAVE A VOTE ON THIS  
20 AMENDMENT. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOSE SANCHEZ. PLEASE UNMUTE  
25 YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY NOW BEGIN.



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2 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS JOSE SANCHEZ AND I'M A  
3 CIVICS TEACHER AND A COUNCIL MEMBER FROM THE CITY OF MONTEREY  
4 PARK AND I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR HAVING  
5 THE COURAGE TO BRING THIS MEASURE FORWARD. FINALLY, I'M HERE  
6 TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE FAVORABLY ON ITEM 6 AND 7. IF THERE'S  
7 EVER BEEN A TIME TO INCREASE REPRESENTATION AND  
8 ACCOUNTABILITY, IT IS NOW. OUR COUNTY IS FACING SOME SERIOUS  
9 ISSUES THAT INCLUDE CLIMATE CHANGE, HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL  
10 HEALTH, AND GUN VIOLENCE, JUST TO NAME A FEW. HAVING MORE  
11 REPRESENTATION IN L.A. COUNTY WILL ONLY ENSURE THAT OUR  
12 SUPERVISORS CAN ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR COUNTY. L.A. COUNTY  
13 IS ALSO ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE COUNTIES IN THE COUNTRY, BUT  
14 IT ALSO HAS DIVERSE NEEDS. I'M A GOVERNMENT AND CIVICS TEACHER  
15 AND I KNOW THAT ANY GOVERNMENT THAT INCREASES REPRESENTATIONS  
16 LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO DO HERE TODAY HELPS FOSTER MORE  
17 UNDERSTANDING, IT HELPS ENSURE MORE VOICES ARE HEARD AND THE  
18 GOVERNMENT IS MORE EMPATHETIC TO THE NEEDS OF ITS RESIDENTS. I  
19 HOPE THAT MY COMMUNITY IN MONTEREY PARK AND MY STUDENTS WILL  
20 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THIS MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER  
21 BALLOT AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS ACCOUNTABILITY AND  
22 INCREASED REPRESENTATION --

23

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

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU AGAIN FOR KEEPING YOUR CONSTITUENTS IN  
2 MIND.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ESTHER ADIM. YOUR LINE IS  
7 OPEN. PLEASE SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE, AND YOU MAY NOW  
8 BEGIN.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SHE'S ALREADY SPOKEN ON THIS  
11 ITEM. WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BARRY STEELE.  
14 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HOW CAN YOU HAVE FOLKS FINDING ON TO SOMETHING  
17 KNOWING THEY DIDN'T REACH THE FINAL PLAN? YOU KNOW THEY DON'T  
18 KNOW HOW WE GOT TO 9 SEATS. YOU ALSO KNOW THAT THERE ARE 13  
19 ELEMENTS TO THIS CHARTER, NOT JUST 2, BUT YOU HAVE PEOPLE  
20 BELIEVING THAT THIS IS JUST A THING ABOUT EXPANDED SEATS.  
21 LOOK, WE ARE ALL ABOUT THE EXPANSION OF THE NUMBER OF  
22 SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS, INCREASED TRANSPARENCY, LESS POLITICAL  
23 BUDGETING PROCESSES. THOSE ARE ALL APPEALING, BUT THESE ARE  
24 RHETORICAL ADVANCES BUILT ON EMPTY PROMISES AND WHIMSICAL  
25 ESTIMATES THAT ARE NOT BACKED BY EMPIRICAL DATA, ARE NOT BASED



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1 ON A PROMISE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES WILL BE ABLE TO REWARD IT  
2 EVEN THEIR SUPPORT TODAY. I'LL SAY THIS, LOOK, WE NEED TO HAVE  
3 CHANGE, YES, BUT THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO DO IT. WE SHOULD BE  
4 INCLUDED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. AND SO, I'M ASKING THAT WE  
5 SAY NO TO THIS. YOU KNOW, WE FULLY AGREE THAT THERE NEEDS TO  
6 BE GOVERNMENT'S REFORM, BUT WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS  
7 TOGETHER. LET'S TRY AGAIN. LET'S DO IT RIGHT.

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MICHAEL FLOWERS. PLEASE  
13 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY  
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS MICHAEL FLOWERS. I'M A COMMISSIONER  
17 FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND I AM TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF  
18 ITEM 6 AND 7. I DON'T SEE HOW 5 SUPERVISORS CAN COVER OVER  
19 4,000 SQUARE MILES OF TERRITORY. THIS WOULD BE SO GREAT FOR  
20 THE CITIZENS OF EACH COMMUNITY. THEY PUT ON EVENTS. THE  
21 SUPERVISORS CANNOT GO TO ALL THESE EVENTS BECAUSE THEY'RE  
22 SPREADING THEMSELVES THIN. I AM TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF ITEM 6 AND  
23 7 AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS  
24 MOTION FORWARD. SO, LET'S GET IT, LET'S GO. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

25



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

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3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JANETTE ROBINSON-FLINT.

4 PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU  
5 MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JANETTE ROBINSON-FLINT AND I AM A  
8 MEMBER OF BLACK WOMEN FOR WELLNESS AND LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. I  
9 ABSOLUTELY AGREE THAT WE NEED TO EXPAND THE BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS. WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO DO  
11 TO BE INCLUSIVE. I DO NOT THINK THIS IS THE WAY TO DO IT. I AM  
12 NOT IN FAVOR OF ITEM 6 OR 7. I THINK WE NEED TO PAUSE. I THINK  
13 WE NEED TO BE MORE TRANSPARENT. I THINK WE NEED TO BE MORE  
14 INCLUSIVE, AND WE ABSOLUTELY NEED TO REMEMBER A CONVERSATION  
15 THAT WAS ON TAPE WITH KEVIN DELEON ON AND OTHERS ABOUT ERASING  
16 BLACK POWER AND ERASING BLACK PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT AND  
17 MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS SO TRANSPARENT THAT WE DO NOT HAVE TO  
18 REMEMBER THAT AND THINK ABOUT THAT. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE COST  
19 OF UNDOING AND REPAIR AND THEN FIXING IS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN  
20 THE COST OF DOING IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME AND WE HAD NO IDEA  
21 HOW MUCH THIS WOULD COST.

22

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

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

3

4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** LILY, ARE YOU THERE? LILY? LILY,  
5 ARE YOU THERE? OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KIM LAMAURIE. PLEASE UNMUTE  
8 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, KIM LAMAURIE, PRESIDENT, LAS  
11 VIRGENAS HOMEOWNERS FEDERATION, WITH MORE THAN 10,000  
12 STAKEHOLDERS IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND ENVIRONS, WE  
13 OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT THESE BOLD CHARTER AMENDMENTS. SWEEPING  
14 CHANGES THAT INCREASE THE FAIRNESS, EFFECTIVENESS,  
15 RESPONSIVENESS, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF LOCAL  
16 GOVERNMENT AS LONG-TIME ADVOCATES, THESE ARE PAST DUE BENEFITS  
17 TO THE PUBLIC. IT EXEMPLIFIES WHAT GOVERNMENT CAN AND SHOULD  
18 BE. IT IS A REAL REFORM PACKAGE, REFINED, CAREFUL, EQUITABLE,  
19 AND FINANCIALLY PRUDENT THAT WILL POSITION THE BOARD TO TAKE  
20 ON THE COMPLEX CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE FOR ALL OF L.A. COUNTY  
21 RESIDENTS. THE TIME IS NOW, THE OPPORTUNITY IS NOW, NOT  
22 TOMORROW, NOT NEVER, NOW. IT'S HISTORIC, EXCITING, POWERFUL  
23 BETTERMENT FOR THE PEOPLE. CREDIT TO OUR CHANGE-MAKING  
24 SUPERVISOR. COUNT US IN, SUPPORT THE CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR  
25 POSITIVE CHANGE FOR THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT WAS OUR LAST  
3 SPEAKER. WITH THAT, ITEM 7 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
4 HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM.  
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** NO.

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15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NO. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YES.

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19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, YES. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NO.

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

24

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



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 3  
3 TO 2.

4

5 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ITEM 6 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY  
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE  
7 ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** NO.

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NO. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

18

19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YES.

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, YES. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NO.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?



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1

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

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 3-  
5 2.

6

7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF  
8 THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC  
9 COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE  
10 PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
11 PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION AND CALL THE MEMBERS OF  
12 THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, YOU WILL HAVE 1  
15 MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE  
16 STATE YOUR NAME. YOU MAY ONLY ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM.  
17 WE WILL NOW CALL IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING  
18 FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

19

20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME  
21 FORWARD? DAPHNE BRADFORD, NICK COLIV, AND ARTHUR MUNOZ, PLEASE  
22 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, WE MAY HAVE  
23 THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER PLEASE.

24

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



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

2

3 **SPEAKER:** WELL, IT'S ERIC PREVIN FROM STUDIO CITY AND WHAT A  
4 LIGHT AND AIRY LITTLE MEETING. I MEAN, IT'S NICE TO KIND OF  
5 GET TOGETHER AND JUST CHIT CHAT ABOUT A COUPLE ITEMS AS  
6 OPPOSED TO BOGGING DOWN TO A LONG DRAWN OUT THING. ALTHOUGH  
7 THIS DID TAKE A VERY LONG TIME AND IT HAS BEEN EXTREMELY  
8 FRACTIOUS BECAUSE IT'S HARD TO STAY IN IT FOR SO LONG. I'D  
9 LIKE TO SEE THE ACTUAL COSTS. HAS THAT BEEN POSTED YET OF HOW  
10 MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST TO DO THIS? GREAT IDEA. MAYBE THERE'S  
11 A LINK FOR THAT SOMEWHERE. BUT I JUST, I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE  
12 MORE PERKY MEETINGS, LESS RALLY, MORE DEMOCRACY. SO MESSY,  
13 YES, BUT HAVE FUN IN FRANCE.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RIGOBERTO LOPEZ REYES.  
18 PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY  
19 BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

22

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

24

25 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS RIGOBERTO LOPEZ REYES AND FIRST I



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1 JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO LINDSAY FOR BRINGING THIS UP.  
2 YOU KNOW IT'S A HISTORY IN THE MAKING AND SHE WILL GO DOWN IN  
3 HISTORY AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. BUT MY REASON FOR MY  
4 CALL IS BECAUSE I'VE BEEN REQUESTING A MEETING WITH THE BOARD  
5 FOR ALMOST 2 YEARS. I'M PURSUING FAIR HOUSING LAWS. IT IS  
6 WITHIN THE LAW FOR YOU TO ARRANGE THIS MEETING WITH ME. AND  
7 SINCE WE GOT 3 VOTES NOW, I FIGURE I WILL ASK LINDSAY,  
8 LINDSAY, CAN I GET A MEETING? I'M BUILDING PERMANENT  
9 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES AND  
10 FOR THE 2 CARE IS THERE VOTING NO OVER THERE IF YOU WOULD HAVE  
11 JUST FOLLOWED THE LAW, WE WOULDN'T HAVE THIS OKAY THE  
12 GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE STAYED THE SAME IF YOU WOULD HAVE JUST  
13 FOLLOWED THE LAW AND I TOLD YOU GIVE ME MY MEETING AND --

14

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DINDI NO LAST NAME, PLEASE  
19 UNMUTE YOURSELF SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU SAY CINDY?

24

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



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2 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, I JUST I WASN'T I GAVE MY LAST NAME. SORRY GOOD  
3 EVENING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS  
4 CINDY DIETRICH, BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES AND SO PROUD  
5 THAT WE HAVE AN ALL-WOMAN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE  
6 TONIGHT TO ASK THAT YOU KEEP YOUR PROMISE TO SUE DTSD FOR A  
7 FULL CLEANUP OF SANTA SUSANA FIELD LAB. I WAS AT AN EVENT  
8 COMMEMORATING THE MELTDOWN ANNIVERSARY AND WAS SURPRISED YOU  
9 WEREN'T THERE. SO, I THOUGHT, MAYBE I SHOULD REMIND YOU THAT  
10 ON MAY 3, 2022, YOUR BOARD PASSED A RESOLUTION TO SUE THE DTSC  
11 IF THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT DIDN'T CALL FOR A FULL  
12 CLEANUP TO BACKGROUND. SUPERVISORS SOLIS, HAHN, BARGER AND  
13 MITCHELL, YOUR NAMES ARE ON IT. THE EIR DIDN'T CALL FOR A  
14 CLEANUP, BUT YOU HAVEN'T SUED. AND EVEN THOUGH YOU, SUPERVISOR  
15 HORVATH, WEREN'T IN YOUR SEAT THAT DAY, AREN'T YOU RESPONSIBLE  
16 TO UPHOLD PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS? I IMAGINE WE CAN ALL AGREE  
17 THAT THE CONTAMINATION OF SANTA SUSANA THREATENS OUR HEALTH  
18 AND FUTURE. DON'T YOU CARE ABOUT THE HEALTH AND FUTURE OF YOUR  
19 CONSTITUENTS?

20

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

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24 **SPEAKER:** TO THE DSPB SUPERWOMEN.

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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD EVENING BRO.

5

6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** BARRY, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** OH, I'M SORRY. MY NAME IS DEREK. THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T  
9 RECOGNIZE YOU RECALLING MY NAME. I JUST WANNA DOUBLE DOWN ON  
10 THIS, THAT INCLUSIVE PROCESSES MATTER. THEY REALLY DO. AND I  
11 APPRECIATE THAT YOU ORGANIZED A WHOLE SET OF PEOPLE TO KIND OF  
12 BE UP ON THE CALL FOR SUPPORT BECAUSE I THINK WE ALL SUPPORT  
13 REFORM BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE DO IT THE RIGHT WAY.  
14 SO, IT'S ON THE BALLOT. IT'S GOING TO BE HEADED ON TO THE  
15 BALLOT AND I GUESS WE'LL SEE IF THE PEOPLE AGREE ONCE THEY SEE  
16 HOW MUCH IT ACTUALLY COSTS AND ALSO WHAT IS ACTUALLY IN THE  
17 BALLOT MEASURE TO SEE IF THEY ACTUALLY AGREE IF WE SHOULD BE  
18 DOING IT THIS WAY, OR IF YOU'LL BE VERY MORE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT  
19 MAKING SURE THAT THE QUESTION CAN BE ANSWERED AHEAD OF TIME  
20 AND WE CAN DO IT MORE PROPERLY IN OTHER WAYS. BUT, YOU KNOW,  
21 GOOD ON YOU ALL FOR THE MOVEMENT.

22

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

25





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

3

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

5

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, MY NAME IS MONROE DIAZ GARZA. I'M WITH  
9 SOUTHWEST VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT, WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN  
10 1974 AND IS THE OLDEST LATINO-LED VOTING RIGHTS NONPROFIT IN  
11 THE COUNTRY. WE'RE IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDING THE BOARD OF  
12 SUPERVISORS FROM 5 TO 9 IN THE ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND  
13 THIS IS NEEDED BECAUSE THERE'S EXPANSION OF THE BETTER SERVE  
14 THE CONSTITUENTS AND THE CHANGES IN DEMOGRAPHICS. THANK YOU  
15 VERY MUCH AND GOOD NIGHT.

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, HI. PARDON MY BACKGROUND, BUT THE ONLY THING I  
23 WANTED TO ASK WAS, AGAIN, IT'S THE 421.

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** MEL, ARE YOU THERE? WE CAN HEAR



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1 YOU NOW. GO AHEAD.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** PART OF MY BACKGROUND IS ASKING TO LOOK INTO THE  
4 ASBESTOS IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS. THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CLOSES  
7 OUR VIRTUAL COMMENT QUEUE AND WE'LL GO BACK TO SPEAKERS IN  
8 PERSON. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING AGAIN. IT'S DAPHNE BRADFORD FROM LADERA  
11 HEIGHTS. NO DISRESPECT, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. BUT I'M HERE.  
12 IT'S A JANICE HAHN DAY FOR ME BECAUSE MY GRANDMOTHER IS 98  
13 YEARS OLD. SHE HELPED BUILD THE FIRST 6 SPACE SHUTTLES AND  
14 WE'RE GONNA BE HONORED AS 3 GENERATIONS OF SPACE AND STEAM  
15 WOMEN AT THE COLUMBIA MEMORIAL SPACE CENTER. I KNOW THAT'S IN  
16 DOWNEY, THAT'S YOUR AREA, AND I WOULD LOVE TO MEET WITH YOU TO  
17 EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON, A BIG, HUGE EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT  
18 THEY'RE TRYING TO DO THAT THEY'VE ASKED FOR US TO PARTICIPATE  
19 IN BECAUSE IT'S A SECOND SPACE RACE. AND SHE'S HERE TO SEE  
20 THAT. SO, THIS TIME THEY'RE GOING TO SEND THE FIRST AFRICAN  
21 AMERICAN TO THE MOON, THE FIRST WOMAN. SO, WE WOULD LIKE TO  
22 GET YOUR SUPPORT ON THAT. SO, I GAVE MY INFORMATION TO YOUR  
23 PERSON AND WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU. AND SHE WOULD LIKE TO  
24 MEET YOU. SHE WAS A BIG FAN OF YOUR FATHER.

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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT WAS VERY COOL. THANK  
2 YOU FOR SPENDING ALL YOUR TIME TO SAY THAT TONIGHT. PLEASE GO  
3 AHEAD, NEXT SPEAKER.

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5 **SPEAKER:** CHAIR HORVATH, DEAR ATTENDEES, GOOD EVENING. THIS IS  
6 NICK KOLEFF, PHD, PE, CIVIL AND TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER. APRIL  
7 2, 2009, THE CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE COUNTY, RAYNALD  
8 GRIFFITH, ALL TOGETHER WITH THE CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE  
9 SUPERIOR COURT, SENT A GROUP OF 11 PEOPLE WHO BROKE THE DOOR  
10 IN MY HOUSE IN BELLFLOWER WITHOUT EXPLANATIONS, NO WARRANT, NO  
11 ORDER. THEY DID THE SEARCH AND THEY GRABBED ME AND PUT ME IN  
12 PSYCHIATRIC JAIL. THAT ENDED UP MY CAREER AS A CIVIL ENGINEER  
13 AND THERE WAS NO EXPLANATIONS, NO JUSTIFICATION.

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15 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE SOMEONE FROM OUR  
16 CONSTITUENT ASSISTANCE TEAM WHO CAN ASSIST HIM? IF YOU, PLEASE  
17 WORK WITH THIS STAFF PERSON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR NEXT  
18 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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20 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ARTHUR FRED MUNOZ. IF THE BOARD  
21 RECALLS IN MY ADDRESS TO THE BOARD ON 7/23/2024 AT ABOUT 6  
22 HOURS, 25 MINUTES AND 30 SECONDS INTO SAID BOARD MEETING THAT  
23 THEREIN I STATED THAT ON ABOUT MAY 18, 2024, THAT I WAS  
24 SEVERELY POISONED BY THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I  
25 WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A SECOND TO APOLOGIZE BECAUSE IT DID NOT



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1 INVOLVE THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT ALL BUT RATHER  
2 THAT ABOUT ON MAY 18, 2024, I WAS SEVERELY POISONED AT THE LOS  
3 ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 4861 VENICE BOULEVARD, WHERE  
4 THERE AND I ENTERED THE SAID POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REGISTER ON  
5 THE PC290. THAT BASED ON A 1990 PC290 CONVICTION IN VENTURA  
6 COUNTY THAT ADDITIONALLY APPROXIMATELY 3 WEEKS AGO IN ANOTHER  
7 FLAGRANT ACT OF POISONING SOMEBODY VIOLENTLY BROKE A HEAVY-  
8 DUTY AND VERY STURDY BOTTLE OF PRESTON ANTIFREEZE COOLANT  
9 BOTTLE WITHIN MY VEHICLE AND THEREBY CAUSING SAD COSTIC  
10 ANTIFREEZE TO FLOOD MY VEHICLE THAT DIRECTLY BE --

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12 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH SIR WE DON'T  
13 HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT BUT  
14 WE CAN HAVE SOMEBODY SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT THIS MATTER IF YOU  
15 WOULD LIKE. THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND IT  
16 CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
17 BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024, AT 9:30 A.M. WE  
18 ARE ADJOURNED.



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1 I, KATHRYN J, ROBSON, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number  
2 qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los  
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors July 30, 2024, were  
6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and  
7 supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to  
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor in anywise  
14 interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
16 9th day of August 2024, for the County records to be used  
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts  
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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