



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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TUESDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2024

SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY AUGUST 6, 2024. WE TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE'LL BEGIN TODAY'S BOARD MEETING WITH OUR COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

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



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

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OUR INVOCATION TODAY WILL BE LED
12 BY REVEREND KATHY COOPER LEDESMA, HOLLYWOOD UNITED METHODIST
13 CHURCH FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF
14 ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED BY JOSIE BENFORD, FORMER
15 SERGEANT 92A, UNITED STATES ARMY FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT. IF
16 YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

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18 **REVEREND KATHY COOPER LEDESMA:** I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM THE
19 PEOPLE OF HOLLYWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, THE CHURCH AT THE
20 CORNER OF HIGHLAND AND FRANKLIN, WHICH FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS
21 HAS DISPLAYED RED RIBBONS OF LOVE. LET US PRAY. CREATOR GOD,
22 IN WHOM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING, WE OFFER THE
23 PRAYERS THIS DAY FOR ALL YOUR PEOPLE. GRANT THAT WE MAY SEEK
24 TO REMEDY THE MANY, SOMETIMES OVERWHELMING NEEDS OF OUR
25 SIBLINGS AND NEIGHBORS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. FOR THOSE



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1 THAT ARE HUNGRY, MAY WE OFFER BREAD. FOR THOSE THAT ARE
2 HOMELESS, MAY WE OFFER HOUSING. FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED,
3 MAY WE OFFER A SAFETY NET AS WELL AS HOPE FOR A BETTER
4 TOMORROW. FOR THOSE WHO ARE LONELY, MAY WE OFFER OUR HANDS AND
5 OUR HEARTS. FOR THOSE THAT ARE SICK, MAY WE OFFER HEALING AND
6 WHOLENESS. WE ESPECIALLY LIFT UP IN PRAYER THE ADULTS AND
7 CHILDREN LIVING WITH HIV AND AIDS WHO RECEIVE HEALTH CARE AT
8 OUR L.A. COUNTY USC MEDICAL CENTER. MAY THE TREATMENTS
9 STRENGTHEN THEIR BODIES AND SOULS EVEN AS WE CONTINUE TO PRAY
10 FOR A CURE. WE ASK FOR YOUR BLESSINGS ON OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS
11 THIS DAY THAT THEY MIGHT CONTINUE TO SEEK CREATIVE SOLUTION TO
12 THESE NEEDS AND THOSE NOT NAMED. MAY WE SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS
13 TO CREATE A SOCIETY IN WHICH CARING FOR THE LEAST AND LOST IS
14 THE PLUMB LINE BY WHICH ALL LEGISLATION IS MEASURED. BY YOUR
15 GRACE, TRANSFORM OUR PRAYERS INTO WORDS AND DEEDS. IN THE NAME
16 OF ALL THAT IS HOLY, WE PRAY. AMEN.

17
18 **JOSIE BENFORD:** PLEASE PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. I
19 PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
20 AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
21 INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

22
23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THIS MORNING I'D LIKE TO THANK
24 REVEREND KATHY COOPER-LEDEZMA FOR JOINING US. SHE IS A SENIOR
25 PASTOR OF HOLLYWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. AND SINCE 2006,



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1 SHE HAS WORKED TO INTENTIONALLY GROW THE URBAN CONGREGATION
2 LOCATED AT 1 OF THE 2 BUSIEST INTERSECTIONS IN ALL OF LOS
3 ANGELES INTO A VIBRANT, PROGRESSIVE, RECONCILING, UNITED
4 METHODIST COMMUNITY IN THE HEART OF HOLLYWOOD. REVEREND COOPER
5 LEDESMA IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HOLLYWOOD FORWARD, A COALITION
6 IN THE GREATER HOLLYWOOD AREA WORKING TO HOUSE OUR UNHOUSED
7 COMMUNITY. AND WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE REVEREND HERE TODAY
8 AS SHE RETIRES NEXT MONTH. ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT,
9 WE ALSO HAVE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION FOR HER TODAY. I KNOW THE
10 MEMBERS OF HER CONGREGATION ARE HERE TODAY TO RECOGNIZE HER
11 AND WE KNOW REVEREND THAT YOUR IMPACT IN THE ENTIRE HOLLYWOOD
12 COMMUNITY HAS TOUCHED COUNTLESS LIVES AND HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY
13 TREMENDOUS. AND I KNOW AMONG MANY THINGS THAT YOU'VE
14 PARTNERED, YOU'VE ALSO JOINED US IN OUR 1,000,000,000 RISING
15 ECUMENICAL SERVICE, WHERE YOU LED AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
16 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SO MANY FAITH LEADERS, A SERVICE TO
17 RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY VIOLENCE AND WHO ARE
18 FIGHTING THE INJUSTICE OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN OUR
19 COMMUNITIES. OUR OFFICE HAS HEARD PERSONAL STORIES OF THE
20 PROFOUND IMPACT YOU'VE HAD CREATING A SUPPORTIVE SPACE FOR ALL
21 PEOPLE TO FEEL WELCOMED AND CONNECTED OR RECONNECTED TO THEIR
22 FAITH. AND WE KNOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN A TIRELESS CHAMPION FOR SO
23 MANY CAUSES ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, HAVING BEEN PART OF OUR
24 MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, THE BRING L.A. HOME BLUE RIBBON
25 PANEL ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS, AND L.A. COUNTY'S SAFE SURRENDER



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1 TASK FORCE. SO, WE APPRECIATE YOU LEADING US IN PRAYER TODAY
2 AND FOR YOUR LIFETIME OF SERVICE AND WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY
3 RETIREMENT AND ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WE NOT ONLY HAVE THIS
4 CERTIFICATE BUT WE ALSO HAVE A SPECIAL SCROLL. SUPERVISOR
5 HAHN.

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7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, MS.
8 BENFORD, FOR JOINING US TODAY AND LEADING US IN OUR PLEDGE OF
9 ALLEGIANCE. MS. BENFORD JOINED THE ALABAMA NATIONAL GUARD AT
10 THE AGE OF 22 AND SOON TRANSFERRED TO THE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL
11 GUARD. AND A FEW YEARS LATER, SHE DECIDED TO GO INTO ACTIVE
12 DUTY WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO
13 CONTINUE SERVING HER COUNTRY AND SHE ENJOYED THE CAMARADERIE
14 AND THE TEAM EXERCISES. MS. BENFORD REMAINED ON ACTIVE DUTY
15 FOR 11 YEARS AS AN AUTOMATIC LOGISTICAL SPECIALIST AND IS A
16 COMBAT VETERAN, HAVING SERVED 2 TOURS IN IRAQ. DURING HER
17 YEARS OF SERVICE, MS. BENFORD WORKED IN KOREA, GERMANY, FORT
18 HOOD, FORT BRAGG, AND FORT CAMPBELL, AND WAS THE RECIPIENT OF
19 THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE AWARD AND THE GLOBAL WAR ON
20 TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL. IN 2011, MS. BENFORD LEFT ACTIVE DUTY
21 AND COMPLETED A YEAR OF SERVICE WITH THE JOINT FORCES RESERVES
22 IN ALABAMA. AND IN 2022, SHE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
23 PHOENIX WITH A DEGREE IN BUSINESS AND HUMAN RESOURCES. FOR HER
24 DEDICATION TO THE VETERAN COMMUNITY, MS. BENFORD WAS NAMED
25 VETERAN OF THE YEAR BY THE CALIFORNIA BLACK CHAMBER OF



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1 COMMERCE IN 2023. MS. BENFORD CURRENTLY LIVES IN LONG BEACH
2 WITH HER SON JASON AND CONTINUES HER SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY
3 WHILE WORKING AT THE BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL AS A CASE
4 MANAGER, WHERE SHE CONNECTS WOMEN VETERANS TO RESOURCES. THANK
5 YOU SO MUCH, MS. BENFORD, FOR LEADING OUR PLEDGE TODAY, AND
6 THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO OUR
7 VETERAN COMMUNITY AND OUR COUNTRY. AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD
8 OF SUPERVISORS, WE JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU THIS CERTIFICATE OF
9 APPRECIATION.

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

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14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT YOU ALL TO
15 MEET BART. BART, IT SAYS IT'S A SHIH TZU, BUT I THINK IT'S GOT
16 A LITTLE TERRIER IN IT. AND BART IS LOOKING FOR A FOREVER
17 HOME. HE IS 5 MONTHS OLD AND HE'S AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT
18 THE DOWNEY ANIMAL CARE CENTER. YOU CAN CALL 562-940-6898. BART
19 LIKES THAT HIS TONGUE COMES OUT. HE IS FULL OF A LOT OF
20 ENERGY, BUT VERY LOVING, AND JUST A SWEET, SWEET, SWEET DOG.
21 YOU CAN ALSO DROP BY ANY OF OUR CARE CENTERS MONDAY THROUGH
22 SATURDAY FROM 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M. TO MEET OUR AVAILABLE PETS. I
23 WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO BY AND IF YOU HAVE TIME AND YOU WANT
24 TO VOLUNTEER WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AT OUR ANIMAL
25 CARE CENTERS. AND NOW I'M GOING TO DIRECT YOU ABOVE. I WANT



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1 THIS 1 IS FROM PALMDALE AND THIS IS AN INTERESTING MIX. THIS
2 IS HELGA, A 7 MONTH OLD BRINDLE LABRADOR RETRIEVER GREYHOUND
3 MIX. I'VE SHARED BEFORE OUR NORTH COUNTY CENTERS ARE
4 OVERCROWDED AND WE HAVE A LOT OF LARGE DOGS THAT ARE LOOKING
5 FOR FOREVER HOMES AND MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN ABANDONED OUT IN
6 THE DESERT AND ALSO DUE TO ILLEGAL BREEDING. THERE ARE MANY
7 INCREDIBLE PETS FOR ADOPTION UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND
8 THEY'RE LOOKING FOR FOREVER FAMILIES. SO, TO BRING HELGA HOME
9 YOU CAN CALL THE PALMDALE CARE CENTER AT 661-575-2888 AND THEN
10 I REMIND YOU THAT WE ALSO ARE HAVING CLEAR THE SHELTERS
11 CAMPAIGN WHICH BEGINS ON SATURDAY FROM AUGUST 10TH TO
12 SEPTEMBER 10TH OUR DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL WILL
13 BE PARTNERING WITH NBC4 AND TELEMUNDO 52 TO GET MORE PETS
14 ADOPTED. TO CELEBRATE THE PROGRAM'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY OUR CARE
15 CENTERS ARE REDUCING THE COST TO ADOPT TO JUST \$10. PLEASE
16 VISIT ANIMALCARE.LACOUNTY.GOV TO CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR PETS.
17 BUT UNTIL THEN, ANYONE LOOKING FOR A SWEET, CUDDLY FIVE-MONTH-
18 OLD, BART IS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** BART IS TOO MUCH. WITH THAT, WE
21 WILL MOVE ON TO TODAY'S AGENDA. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
22 THE AGENDA.

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24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
25 THE PUBLIC, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON



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1 PAGE 2, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEM 1 TO 38.
2 ON ITEMS 2 AND 3, THESE INCLUDE A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON
3 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 11, SUPERVISOR BARGER
4 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 16 AND 17, SUPERVISOR
5 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 17, THIS ITEM
6 RELATES TO ITEM 19. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS
7 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR
9 MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO
10 ITEM 17. ON ITEM 21, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS
11 ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON
12 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 23, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
13 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 34, ADMINISTRATIVE
14 MATTERS. ITEMS 39 THROUGH 108. ON ITEM 46, THIS INCLUDES A
15 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 51,
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM
17 RELATES TO ITEM 110. ON ITEM 55, SUPERVISOR BARGER IS RECUSING
18 HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
19 84308 BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF
20 MORE THAN \$250 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM MARY WONG IN
21 EXACT TAX INC. WHO ARE PARTIES, PARTICIPANTS, OR AGENTS OF A
22 PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING ON ITEM 67 SUPERVISOR
23 MITCHELL WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE ON ITEM 71
24 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD THIS ITEM
25 RELATES TO ITEM 106G ON PAGE 67 THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS



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1 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS
2 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
3 AGENDA. ON ITEM 106G, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS
4 ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 71. ON PAGE 68,
5 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 109 TO 110. ON ITEM 110,
6 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM
7 RELATES TO ITEM 51. ON ITEM 111, THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION TO
8 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
9 \$1,819,000 TO FUND THE COUNTY'S TENANT IMPROVEMENT
10 CONTRIBUTION RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH LEASE
11 AGREEMENT FOR THE COASTAL ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER FAMILY MENTAL
12 HEALTH CENTER LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GARDENA. ON ITEM 112,
13 THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
14 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS FINANCING
15 AUTHORITY LEASE REVENUE BONDS 2024 SERIES H NOT TO EXCEED
16 \$650,000,000 TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE 1 OF THE
17 HARBOR UCLA MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT. ON ITEM 113,
18 THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
19 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF IMPROVEMENT AREA NUMBER 2, SPECIAL TAX
20 BONDS SERIES 2024, NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000,000 TO FINANCE
21 CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS BENEFITING THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE
22 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITIES COMMUNITY FACILITIES
23 DISTRICT NUMBER 2021-01. ON ITEM 114 THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION
24 TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE 2024-
25 25 POOLED TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE SERIES A ON BEHALF



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1 OF CERTAIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000.
2 ON PAGE 72, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR
3 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1D, THIS
4 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED UNDER
5 TREASURY REGULATIONS DECLARING AN INTENT FOR THE HOLLYWOOD
6 COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION OR A LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVED AFFILIATE TO UNDERTAKE BOND
8 FINANCING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,536,387 TO FINANCE
9 THE CASA DE LA LUZ DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED IN
10 UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES. ON ITEM 2D, THIS IS A
11 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED UNDER
12 TREASURY REGULATIONS DECLARING AN INTENT FOR THE CENTURY
13 AFFORDABLE DEVELOPMENT, INC. OR LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
14 AUTHORITY APPROVED AFFILIATE TO UNDERTAKE BOND FINANCING IN AN
15 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000,000 TO FINANCE THE CENTURY PLUS
16 RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE PHASE 1 PROJECT. ON ITEM 4D, THIS IS
17 A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED UNDER
18 TREASURY REGULATIONS DECLARING AN INTENT BY CUDAHY SENIOR
19 APARTMENTS LP TO UNDERTAKE BOND FINANCING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
20 EXCEED \$60,000,000 ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION,
21 AND OR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CUDAHY SENIOR APARTMENTS PROJECT
22 LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CUDAHY. ON THE ITEM 7D, 8D, AND 9D,
23 THESE ARE ADDITIONS AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
24 ON PAGE 78, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS FINANCING
25 AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 79, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL



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1 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE 81, NOTICE OF CLOSED
2 SESSION, THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM
3 CHAIR.

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

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



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

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14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** TODAY WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH
15 CLOSED SESSION AND WHEN WE RETURN WE'LL BEGIN WITH ITEM 11
16 FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 66 AND 16, THEN ITEM 17 AND 18, I'M SORRY,
17 17 AND 19 WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS
18 18, 21 AND 23. THEN ITEMS 51 AND 110, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP
19 TOGETHER AND FINISHING WITH ITEMS 71 AND 106G WHICH WILL ALSO
20 BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER FOLLOWED BY THE REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD
21 BY THE BOARD AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. BEFORE WE BEGIN
22 EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE READ OUR CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS
23 ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN OUR SPEAKING ROLES.

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



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

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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND
2 COLLEAGUES, BEFORE WE GO INTO CLOSED SESSION, WE'LL TAKE
3 PUBLIC COMMENT ON OUR CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY. FOR MEMBERS OF
4 THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO
5 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
6 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE
7 CLOSED SESSION ITEM

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9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON
10 SPEAKERS SIGNED UP FOR THIS ITEM MODERATOR, WE HAVE THE FIRST
11 REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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13 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN YOUR LINE IS
14 OPEN IF YOU'RE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
15 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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17 **SPEAKER:** PREVIN, AND YOU KNOW, THIS IS A VERY INTERESTING
18 ITEM. HERE WE'RE GONNA BE TRYING TO ACQUIRE ONE OF THESE BIG
19 OFFICE BUILDINGS THAT ARE HULKING AROUND DOWNTOWN EMPTY
20 BECAUSE PEOPLE DON'T LIKE TO GO TO THE OFFICE AFTER THE
21 PANDEMIC SO MUCH. SO, THE COUNTY IS LOOKING AT COUGHING UP A
22 HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY BECAUSE DAVENPORT AND THE OTHERS SEE A
23 POSSIBILITY TO GET A GOOD DEAL. LIKE, BUYING REAL ESTATE LOW
24 IS NOT A TERRIBLE IDEA. NOW, FAUGHNAN FROM COUNTY COUNSEL WILL
25 BE IN THERE REPRESENTING THE COUNTY. BUT THIS IS VERY, VERY



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1 IRRITATING BECAUSE THIS IS LIKE THE BROOKFIELD. THESE ARE ALL
2 THE LOBBYISTS WHO WE ALL JUMPED OVER BACKWARDS TO HAND THINGS
3 2 YEARS AGO. AND NOW THEY'RE ALL OUT OF BUSINESS. I WANT TO
4 CATCH, IS THERE ANY WAY WE CAN JUST FIX THINGS UP ON A TIMELY
5 BASIS? WE ALSO SPENT \$20,000,000 WITH ACOM GETTING A LIST OF
6 WHAT WE NEED TO FIX UP AND YET NOW WE'RE STILL JUST SHAMBLES
7 ALL OVER THE COUNTY BUILDINGS AND HERE WE ARE BLOWING THROUGH
8 HUGE DOLLARS TO PUT COUNTY EMPLOYEES IN AN OFFICE BUILDING I
9 JUST I HOPE YOU HAVE A NICE TRIP TO PARIS. WHAT IS THE NEXT
10 BIGGER --

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

14
15 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS IN
16 THE QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

17
18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES OUR PUBLIC COMMENT
19 ON THE CLOSED SESSION ITEM. WHILE WE'RE IN CLOSED SESSION,
20 WE'LL BE SHOWING VIDEO PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS A
21 VIDEO PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE FIRST FARMERS MARKET IN
22 CITY TERRACE AND I HAVE 2 VIDEO PRESENTATIONS CELEBRATING
23 PRIDE WITH SOMOS FAMILIA VALLE AND RECOGNIZING THE BACK TO
24 SCHOOL BACKPACK GIVEAWAY WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER PILAR CHIAVO AT
25 THE CHILD CARE RESOURCE CENTER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ



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1 US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

2

3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BROWN ACT
4 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
6 NUMBER CS1, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS AS
7 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS [VIDEO RECORDING]:** TODAY WE ARE OPENING THE
10 FIRST FARMER MARKET IN CITY TERRACE AND WE'RE DOING IT IN
11 COOPERATION WITH A CBO COMMUNITY-BASED GROUP CALLED IN THE
12 MAKING AND THE LOCAL CITY TERRACE 323 FARMERS MARKET
13 ORGANIZATION. WE JUST GAVE THEM A GRANT FOR 125,000 TO BEGIN
14 TO SERVICE THIS AREA EVERY THURSDAY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER
15 BETWEEN 5 P.M. AND 8 P.M. ON THURSDAYS. AND WE'RE DOING IT
16 RIGHT HERE ON CITY TERRACE DRIVE ON OUR PARKING LOT THAT THE
17 COUNTY OWNS. AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO UTILIZE OUR PROPERTY AND
18 OPENING IT UP FOR OPEN SPACE TO BRING SMALL BUSINESSES FROM
19 THE AREA AND OUTSIDE TO DELIVER FRESH VEGETABLES AND FOOD FOR
20 PEOPLE BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THIS AREA IS A FOOD DESERT. AND WE
21 KNOW MANY PEOPLE HERE SUFFER FROM DIABETES, BEING OVERWEIGHT,
22 OBESITY, THINGS OF THAT NATURE. AND HERE WE WANTED TO BRING
23 THAT RESOURCE TO THE COMMUNITY HERE.

24

25 **SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]:** WE'VE GOT VENDORS FROM COMPTON



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1 FARMS USA. WE HAVE G FARMS THAT'S ALSO LOCAL TO CALIFORNIA.
2 AND WE'VE GOT SOME YOUTH VENDORS FROM OUR PROGRAM, THE YOUTH
3 AT WORK PROGRAM.

4

5 **SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]:** I STARTED MAMMA MIA THRIFT ONLINE
6 WHEN I WAS 17 YEARS OLD DURING COVID. IT WAS JUST SOMETHING TO
7 DO. SO, ONCE I FOUND IN THE MAKING AND HAD ONE OF MY FIRST JOB
8 EXPERIENCES THERE, SHE KIND OF BROUGHT MY IDEA, MY DREAM TO
9 LIFE BASICALLY. AND SHE CREATED LIKE A PLATFORM FOR ME TO BE
10 ABLE TO TAKE CLOTHES FROM IN THE MAKING AS WELL AS MAMA MIA
11 THRIFT AND TAKE IT TO FLEA MARKETS, TO OTHER PEOPLE, AND
12 CREATE A PLATFORM ONLINE. HONESTLY, IT'S SO REFRESHING TO SEE
13 LIKE A COMMUNITY COME SO INTERTWINED LIKE THIS TODAY. IT'S
14 REALLY FUN TO SEE EVERYONE MAKING CONNECTIONS AND BACKING EACH
15 OTHER UP. IT'S JUST IT'S LIKE A LITTLE FAMILY OUT HERE. I
16 ENJOYED IT A LOT.

17

18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR [VIDEO RECORDING]:** HAPPY PRIDE
19 EVERYONE AND WE ARE HERE IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO. WE ARE
20 CELEBRATING PRIDE WITH SOMOS FAMILIA VALLE WHO IS CELEBRATING
21 PRIDE NOT JUST THIS MONTH, BUT ALL YEAR LONG HERE IN THE 8.
22 THEY ARE CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF A CREDIBLE WORK. SO, I WANT
23 TO ASK YOU WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF IN THESE PAST 10 YEARS?

24 **SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]:** YOU KNOW IN THESE PAST 10 YEARS
25 WHAT I LOVE IS THAT WE'VE ALWAYS CENTERED COMMUNITY, WE'VE



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1 ALWAYS CENTERED OUR YOUTH, AND WE ALWAYS CENTERED THE MOST
2 MARGINALIZED. AND I THINK AFTER THESE 10 YEARS WITH THE GRAND
3 OPENING OF OUR CENTER. WE'RE REALLY SHOWING OUR WORK AND THE
4 WORK THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING ON THE GROUND.

5
6 **SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]:** FOR ME, IT'S REALLY THE RAPPORT
7 THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS BUILT WITH US AFTER 10 YEARS. WE SEE
8 THE VERY FAMILIAR FACES ALL THE TIME. WE HAVE COMMUNITY
9 MEMBERS THAT HAVE BECOME LEADERS, YOU KNOW, AT SOME POINT WITH
10 SMOKE AND MAYBE A BIT TOO. SO I'M VERY PROUD OF WHAT THE
11 COMMUNITY HAS DONE WITHIN HERE THE PAST 10 YEARS.

12
13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR [VIDEO RECORDING]:** SO, I AM REALLY
14 EXCITED. YOU BROUGHT UP THE CENTER SO WE HAVE TO BRING IT UP
15 BECAUSE WE ARE JUST LAUNCHING THIS LGBTQ PLUS CENTER AND IT IS
16 AMAZING TO SERVE THE VALLEY RIGHT HERE IN THE VALLEY. SO TELL
17 ME WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU TO HAVE THIS CENTER BE AVAILABLE AND
18 WHAT KIND OF SERVICES ARE GOING TO BE PROVIDED TO THE
19 COMMUNITY?

20
21 **SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]:** WE'RE GOING TO HAVE YOUTH
22 PROGRAMMING, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SUPPORT GROUPS, WE'RE GOING
23 TO HAVE EVENTS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE BOAT CLASSES, AND YEAH
24 WE'RE JUST GOING TO BUILD A COMMUNITY AND INVITE FOLKS TO COME
25 REALLY JUST GROW AND CREATE PARTNERSHIPS AND ALLYSHIPS AND



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1 REALLY JUST BE HERE AND CREATE FAMILIES.

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR [VIDEO RECORDING]:** SO PEOPLE ARE
4 EXCITED ABOUT THAT. HOW DO THEY FIND YOU?

5

6 **SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]:** THEY CAN SEARCH US UP AT
7 WWW.SOMOCAMILIEABAYA.ORG OR ALSO FIND US ON INSTAGRAM AS WELL
8 AT SOMACHAMILEABAYA.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR [VIDEO RECORDING]:** CHECK THEM OUT
11 AND JOIN US AND CELEBRATE PRIDE 365 DAYS A YEAR. TODAY WE ARE
12 GIVING AWAY BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES. WE ARE PARTNERING
13 WITH ASSEMBLY MEMBER PILAR CHIAVO. THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR
14 WE'VE DONE THIS TOGETHER. SHE'S AN AMAZING PARTNER AND A
15 TREMENDOUS LEADER. WE ARE SO EXCITED TO BE WORKING WITH HER
16 AND HER TEAM. TO MAKE SURE THE FAMILIES IN THE AREA HAVE
17 SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND BACKPACKS AND EVERYTHING THEY NEED FOR
18 BACK TO SCHOOL. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE WHILE WE'RE ENJOYING
19 SUMMER THAT IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER TO GET BACK TO SCHOOL
20 BUT I KNOW THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE REALLY EXCITED TO GET
21 BACK. I'VE BEEN TALKING TO THEM. THEY'RE EXCITED TO SEE THEIR
22 TEACHERS. THEY'RE EXCITED FOR CLASSES. THEY'RE EXCITED TO BE
23 AT RECESS AND PLAY IN THE PROGRAMS. AND WE'RE JUST SO GRATEFUL
24 TO OUR PARTNER HERE AT THE CHILD CARE RESOURCE CENTER WHO HAVE
25 BEEN WITH US NOT ONLY IN THIS EVENT, BUT THEY HOSTED US FOR A



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1 COMMUNITY TOWN HALL CONVERSATION. THEY ARE JUST EVERYWHERE WE
2 NEED TO BE, AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP. I
3 KNOW THEY'RE INVESTING IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, WHICH MEANS
4 INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE, AND WE COULDN'T DO THIS WITHOUT THEM.

5
6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7 IS MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION ON ITEM CS1. THIS IS A CONFERENCE
8 WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, PROPERTY AT 555 WEST 5TH
9 STREET AND 350 SOUTH FIGUEROA STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.
10 COUNTY NEGOTIATORS JOHN T. COOK AND TOM FAUGHNAN, SENIOR
11 ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL, ARE PRESENT. NEGOTIATING PARTIES ARE
12 GREG WILLIAMS, RECEIVER FOR MCGEER PROPERTIES, AND THE ITEM IS
13 UNDER NEGOTIATION FOR PRICE AND TERMS.

14
15 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE NOW BACK IN OPEN
16 SESSION. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE REPORT OF ACTION.

17
18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
19 IN CLOSED SESSION ON AUGUST 6, 2024, ITEM NUMBER CS 1
20 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. NO REPORTABLE
21 ACTION WAS TAKEN.

22
23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL BEGIN WITH ITEM
24 11, TRANSFER OF WILLIAM S. HART PARK TO THE CITY OF SANTA
25 CLARITA, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. FOR MEMBERS OF



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1 THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO
2 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR BARGER, I'LL TURN IT TO YOU.

3
4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE COUNTY OF LOS
5 ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION HAS BEEN A STEWARD
6 OF WILLIAM S. HART PARK FOR NEARLY 8 DECADES, 75 YEARS. ON
7 JULY 12, 2022, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED MY MOTION
8 INSTRUCTING THE DIRECTOR OF L.A. COUNTY PARKS TO INITIATE
9 NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA FOR THE PROPOSED
10 TRANSFER OF WILLIAM S. PARK. THE PAST 2 YEARS L.A. COUNTY
11 PARKS HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AND
12 WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO NEGOTIATE AND ESTABLISH SAFEGUARDS TO
13 ENSURE AN ONGOING PUBLIC ACCESS TO HART PARK, INCLUDING THE
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ON JULY 12, 2022 THERE HAVE BEEN
15 A COMBINED 5 PUBLIC MEETINGS BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE CITY
16 OF SANTA CLARITA AS WELL AS MEETINGS WITH STAKEHOLDERS ON THE
17 TRANSFER OF HART PARK TO THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. L.A.
18 COUNTY PARKS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MY STAFF AND COUNTY COUNSEL
19 HAVE WORKED TO ENSURE THAT THERE WILL BE A CONTINUITY OF
20 PUBLIC ACCESS FOR ALL COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS IN
21 PERPETUITY. HOURS OF OPERATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE
22 AND ON SITE TO ENSURE AWARENESS OF ONGOING PUBLIC ACCESS.
23 THERE WILL BE NO DIFFERENTIAL PROGRAM FEES, RENTAL FEES OR
24 PRIORITY RESERVATIONS FOR CITY RESIDENTS AND NON-CITY OR NON-
25 COUNTY RESIDENTS. L.A. COUNTY PARKS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO HART



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1 PARK 5 DAYS A YEAR TO ENSURE AT REGIONAL EVENTS AND
2 PARTNERSHIP LIKE THE ONE WITH THE TATAVIAM TO HOST ONE OF THE
3 LARGEST POWWOWS IN THE REGION CONTINUES. AND I'M LOOKING
4 FORWARD TO THE 40TH ANNUAL POWWOW IN THE FALL OF 2024. ONE OF
5 THE GEMS OF HART PARK IS BELOVED ANIMAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM,
6 PARTICULARLY THE HERD OF BISON HIGHLIGHTED IN THE MOTION. L.A.
7 COUNTY PARKS, ANIMAL KEEPER AND TEAM WILL DEVELOP WITH ANIMAL
8 EXPERTS A WELFARE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA TO
9 CONTINUE THE HIGH STANDARD CARE FOR ALL ANIMAL AMBASSADORS AT
10 HART PARK. I AM PROUD THAT THE BISON AT HART PARK HAVE A
11 LONGER LIFESPAN THAN MOST BISON IN CAPTIVITY. I WANT TO THANK
12 L.A. COUNTY PARK STAFF, COUNTY COUNSEL, AND THE CITY OF SANTA
13 CLARITA AND MY STAFF FOR ALL THE WORK TO GET UP TO THIS POINT.
14 L.A. COUNTY IS NOT LOSING A PART BUT GAINING A PARTNER TO
15 STEWARD OUR BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORIC FACILITY AND PARK. THANK
16 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17
18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
19 SUPERVISORS? SEEING NONE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
20 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS
21 ITEM.

22
23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME
24 FORWARD? DONALD HARLAN, IF YOU COULD PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
25 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE



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1 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

2

3 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO REMOTE CALLERS
4 IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

5

6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** PLEASE GO AHEAD.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** FOR 11 TO TRANSFER A HART PARK TO SANTA CLARITA. NO,
9 THIS IS A NO-GO. I OWN HART PARK. THERE'S NO 80-YEAR HISTORY
10 WITH THE COUNTY MANAGING HART PARK. EVERYTHING THEY MADE UP
11 ABOUT THAT IS FAKE. I NEED TO BRING ATTENTION TO ANY FEDERAL
12 AGENTS THAT ARE LISTENING THAT ANYBODY TRYING TO IMPEACH
13 RONALD REAGAN IS TRYING TO MAKE A HISTORY OVER THERE AT HART
14 PARK. THERE'S NOT TO BE ANY HERD OF BISON AT HART PARK. YOU
15 SEE, WHEN WILLIAM S. HART DIED, I PROMISED TO HIM TO MAINTAIN
16 HIS ANIMALS FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. AND ABOUT 5 YEARS
17 LATER, THEY WERE GONE. SO, THERE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ANY
18 ANIMALS THERE, ALTHOUGH A COUPLE SMALL ONES IS FINE. BUT
19 WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON IS SOMEBODY HAS ILLEGALLY DEVELOPED ON
20 THE PLOT OF LAND IN WILLIAM S. HART PARK. AND THEY HAVE TO
21 EXPLAIN THAT AND THERE ARE NO A LOT OF TROUBLE. SO, THEY THINK
22 BY TRANSFERRING TO SANTA CLARITA THEY CAN--

23

24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE
25 ANY OTHER SPEAKERS? OKAY. WITH THAT, ITEM 11 IS BEFORE US.



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1 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO
2 APPROVE THE ITEM EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS? SHE STEPPED AWAY.
5 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

6

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

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN. AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER. AYE. WE GOT SUPERVISOR
18 SOLIS.

19

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

21

22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

23

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

25



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH. AYE. MOTION PASSES, 5
2 0.

3
4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'VE NOW BEEN ADVISED
5 BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER THAT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE GENERAL PUBLIC
6 COMMENT NEXT. IS THAT RIGHT, COUNTY COUNSEL?

7
8 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** THAT IS CORRECT MADAM CHAIR.

9
10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY. I JUST WANT TO CONFIRM THAT
11 THAT'S THE APPROPRIATE ORDER. WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF
12 THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL ITEMS NOT HELD
13 BY SUPERVISORS, I'M SORRY ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR
14 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE. PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0
15 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. YOU MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA
16 ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, INCLUDING GENERAL
17 PUBLIC COMMENT IN ORDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE
18 AMOUNT OF TIME. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN
19 INFORMATION AND CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED
20 UP TO SPEAK ON THE ITEMS NOT HELD AS WELL AS GENERAL PUBLIC
21 COMMENT.

22
23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO
24 3 MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND
25 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU WILL HAVE 1 MINUTE FOR 1 ITEM, 2



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1 MINUTES FOR 2 OR MORE ITEMS, AND 1 ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR
2 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND CLEARLY
3 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING. YOU
4 MAY ONLY ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. WE WILL NOW CALL
5 IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL
6 TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, PLEASE COME
9 FORWARD BRIAN MORO SALIS, DONALD HARLAN, DONNA PEARMAN, HOLLY
10 WELKE, JACKIE SCOTT, AND NICK COLIV AND RED CHIEF HUNT, PLEASE
11 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATING, WE HAVE
12 THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS LEILA MURPHY. YOUR LINE IS
15 OPEN. IF YOU'RE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
16 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'LL BE MAKING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
19 MATTER OF CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITH NO REPLACEMENT
20 FACILITY AND INVESTING INTO 10,000 COMMUNITY TREATMENT BEDS.
21 MY NAME IS LILA. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5 AND I'M CALLING
22 IT THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. THE BOARD ALREADY KNOWS THE
23 DEMANDS THAT ADVOCATES AND EXPERTS HAVE BEEN MAKING FOR YEARS.
24 CLOSE NON-CENTRAL JAIL WITHOUT REPLACEMENT JAIL OR CARCERAL
25 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY, EX-DISCRETION OF MENTAL HEALTH BEDS



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1 AND SERVICES, AND HOLD LASD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE JAIL CRISIS. I
2 ALSO ASK THAT THE BOARD RECOGNIZE THE GRIEVING FAMILIES AND
3 MAKE IN-CUSTODY DEATHS A PRIORITY TO THIS BOARD. IT'S BEEN
4 YEAR AFTER YEAR AND EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD STAYS SILENT
5 WHEN THERE IS ANOTHER DEATH IN THE JAIL. THIS CANNOT CONTINUE.
6 SINCE 2017 SOMEONE HAS DIED IN LASD CUSTODY EVERY 8 DAYS. IN
7 ONE WEEK OF 2024, 3 PEOPLE DIED IN LASD CUSTODY. YOU'VE HEARD
8 FROM FAMILY AFTER FAMILY WHO CONTINUE TO MOURN THE LOSS OF
9 THEIR LOVED ONES. YET THIS BOARD HAS NOT DONE ANYTHING TO
10 ADDRESS INCEST WE DEATH AND EVEN PRE-SHERIFF LUNA AS ESTEEMED
11 WHEN HE CAME TO SPEAK LAST WEEK THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE --

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

15
16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOHN WELDON YOUR LINE IS
17 OPEN IF YOU'RE MUTED PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
18 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** YES, MY NAME IS JOHN WELDON AND I'M CALLING IN
21 REGARDS TO ITEM NUMBER 30, THE BUFFER ZONE AROUND ABORTION
22 CLINICS. I HAVE BEEN A PRO-LIFE SILO COUNSELOR FOR 25 YEARS
23 AND I HAVE DONE PRO-LIFE SILO COUNSELING OUTSIDE OF MANY
24 ABORTION CLINICS WITHIN L.A. COUNTY AND OTHER LOCATIONS AND I
25 HAVE NEVER ONCE EVER SEEN ANYBODY THAT HAD ANY INCLINATION OF



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1 DOING ANY KIND OF YOU KNOW LIKE PHYSICAL HARASSMENT OR LIKE
2 DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT THESE IDEAS I DON'T
3 KNOW WHERE THIS IS COMING FROM. I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME
4 LOCATIONS AND PLACES I'VE NEVER BEEN TO BEFORE HAVE HAD SOME
5 INCIDENTS BUT THAT IS NOT THE SIDEWALK COUNSELORS THAT I KNOW.
6 WE ARE OUT THERE, WE SAVE LIVES. WE YOU KNOW WE'RE PEACEFUL
7 PEOPLE AND I WOULD ASK THAT JUST TO PLEASE, PLEASE NOT TO PASS
8 THIS ORDINANCE THIS MAY BE VERY WELL WITHIN THE COMING YEAR --

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JACQUELINE AYER. YOUR LINE
14 IS OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY
15 INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS JACQUELINE AYER AND I'M SPEAKING TODAY ON
18 BEHALF OF THE EX-TOWN COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS 27 AND 20 IN
19 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THE BOARD HAS DEVOTED THE ENTIRETY OF
20 AGENDA ITEM 27 TO ENHANCING STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND
21 REMOVING BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, THE TOWN COUNCIL
22 HAS ALWAYS FOUND THAT THE GREATEST IMPEDIMENT TO MEANINGFUL
23 PARTICIPATION IS NOT MONEY, IT IS THE COUNTY'S ENGAGEMENT
24 PRACTICES IN WHICH STAFF CONVENE A COMMUNITY MEETING, TELL US
25 WHAT THE ORDINANCE IS GOING TO DO, AND THEN MAYBE ANSWER A FEW



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1 QUESTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, AT THE CANNABIS OUTREACH MEETING 2
2 WEEKS AGO, THEY GAVE A PRESENTATION AND THEN GAVE RESIDENTS 30
3 MINUTES TO COMPREHEND EVERYTHING THAT THEY WERE PROPOSING,
4 FORMULATE MEANINGFUL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS, AND THEN TRY TO
5 GET SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED. AFTER WE HAD A FEW DAYS TO DIGEST
6 WHAT WAS SAID, WE HAD LOTS OF QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS, BUT NO
7 WAY TO ENGAGE STAFF. WE HAD A MEETING YESTERDAY WITH THE FILM
8 OFFICE WHO TOLD US THAT THE NEW FILM ORDINANCE WOULD DO AND
9 THEN TOLD US IT WAS GOING TO YOU FOR APPROVAL WITHIN A MONTH
10 AND WE'VE STILL NEVER SEEN THE ORDINANCE. THERE WAS NO WAY TO
11 HAVE MEANINGFUL COMMUNICATION ON THAT. YOUR OUTREACH ON THE
12 WATER PLAN WAS SIMILARLY STILTED. WE WERE TOLD THAT THERE WERE
13 WORKING GROUPS AND 90 ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS BUT YOU WEREN'T TOLD
14 THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM NORTH COUNTY WERE NOT ALLOWED
15 TO BE ON THE WORKING GROUPS AND WE TRIED WITHOUT ANY SUCCESS
16 AND THEN ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS THAT WERE CONDUCTED WERE AT LEAST
17 IN THE NORTH COUNTY OCCURRED THROUGH IRWIN. THEY WERE NOT
18 PUBLICIZED, AND NEARLY ALL THE PARTICIPANTS WERE CORPORATE
19 WATER REPRESENTATIVES, AND NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
20 PARTICIPATED, OR VIRTUALLY NOT, JUST A FEW. THAT BRINGS ME TO
21 AGENDA ITEM 20. THE ACT AND TOWN COUNCIL APPLAUD REGIONAL
22 PLANNING'S EFFORTS TO ENGAGE A CONSULTANT TO PREPARE
23 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEW BESS AND REO REVISION ORDINANCE,
24 BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL FORM THE
25 ENTIRE FOUNDATION OF THE ORDINANCE ITSELF, AND WE ARE VERY



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1 CONCERNED THAT IF THE CONSULTANT IS A SHILL FOR THE ENERGY
2 INDUSTRY OR HAS NO LAND USE OR CEQA EXPERIENCE, OR DOES NOT
3 TAKE THE TIME TO LEARN ABOUT THE AREAS WHERE THESE PROJECTS
4 WILL BE CITED, THEN THE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE BIASED AND
5 UNREASONABLE. THAT IS WHY WE ARE ASKING THAT THE CONSULTANT
6 SELECTION PROCESS BE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT, THAT APPROPRIATE
7 CONSULTANT QUALIFICATIONS BE ESTABLISHED AND THAT SPECIAL
8 INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES BE DISQUALIFIED CONSIDERATION AND
9 THAT THE CONSULTANT CONTRACT, EXCUSE ME, CONSULTANT CONTACT
10 REQUIREMENT REQUIRE ENGAGEMENT WITH AFFECTED COMMUNITIES AND
11 THAT THE CONSULTANT REPORT BE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC REVIEW AND
12 COMMENT BEFORE IT IS FINALIZED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

15
16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS. YOUR LINE IS
17 OPEN. IF YOU ARE NOT HERE, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY
18 INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19
20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ROY, ARE YOU THERE? ROY HUMPHREYS
21 ARE YOU THERE? NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

22
23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KAREN LUZ. YOUR LINE IS
24 OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
25 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN. ONE MOMENT, YOUR LINE DID NOT OPEN.



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1 THERE YOU GO, IT WAS JUST DELAYED. GO AHEAD KAREN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** NO, I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT. I DON'T NEED TO SPEAK BUT
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OKAY OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARK CARROLL. YOUR
9 LINE IS OPEN. IF YOU'RE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK
10 DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, I AM MARK CARROLL. I'M WITH BREATHE SOUTHERN
13 CALIFORNIA AND I WANTED TO COMMENT ON ITEM 21 CONSENT ITEM
14 REGARDING THE BREEZE PROGRAM. THE ISSUE WITH I DON'T HAVE AN
15 ISSUE WITH THE PROPOSED FUNDING FOR EXTENSION OF FUNDING TO
16 THE PROGRAM BUT I WANTED TO MAKE THE SUPERVISORS AWARE AND
17 THAT THE NAME BREATHE BY PUTTING IT AS BREATHE L.A. COUNTY'S
18 PROGRAM FOR FUNDING IS CONFUSING TO A LOT OF PEOPLE AND WHEN
19 YOU OPENED IT UP FOR PEOPLE TO JOIN WE MY ORGANIZATION BREATHE
20 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WHICH IS FORMERLY KNOWN AS BREATHE L.A.
21 AND IT STILL SHOWS UP AS BREATHE L.A. COUNTY ON GOOGLE,
22 CONFUSED A LOT OF PEOPLE. SO, PUTTING A PROGRAM WITH A NAME OF
23 A NONPROFIT, YOU GET A LOT OF STAFF TIME.

24

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



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2 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS
3 ALBERT MAGERS. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. IF YOU'RE MUTED ON YOUR END,
4 PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY ON YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, THIS IS AL MAGERS. I HOLD A DOCTORATE IN
7 BIOLOGY AND AN MD FROM SPAIN. I, I TAUGHT FOR 20 YEARS OR MORE
8 IN VIRGINIA. I'M VERY UPSET ABOUT THIS BUFFER ZONE PRAYING
9 AROUND ABORTION CLINICS. I'VE ALSO BEEN A SIDEWALK COUNSELOR,
10 AND I HAVE NEVER, NEVER, EVER HAD ANY PROBLEMS. ON THE
11 CONTRARY, THOSE PEOPLE, NOT THE ONES SEEKING ABORTION, BUT
12 THEIR FRIENDS THAT WERE BROUGHT TO THE ABORTION CLINIC, I'VE
13 ONLY HAD CONFRONTATION WHERE THEY WANTED TO IN FACT, THEY HAVE
14 ATTACKED ME I THINK IT'S AN ABOMINATION NOT TO ALLOW ANYONE
15 PRAY SILENTLY IN FRONT OF AN ABORTION CLINIC. THIS IS ANATHEMA
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18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
19 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY ARENAS. YOUR LINE
22 IS OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY
23 INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS FROM DISTRICT 3 IN THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 JUSTICE L.A. COALITION, MAKING COMMENT ON SOME OF THE COMMENTS
2 MADE LAST WEEK ON THE JAIL CONDITIONS. I THINK THAT SOME OF
3 THE CONVERSATION LAST WEEK ABOUT THE JAIL CONDITIONS WAS
4 DISTURBING. SUPERVISOR HAHN ACKNOWLEDGED THE CONDITIONS INSIDE
5 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AS DEPLORABLE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REFERRED
6 TO LIFE IN THE JAIL AS GRUESOME. SUPERVISOR SOLIS ACKNOWLEDGED
7 THE PEOPLE OF EAST L.A. ARE NOT GOING TO STAND FOR ANOTHER
8 JAIL AND DESPITE ALL OF THAT THE BOARD IS WILLING TO GRANT
9 MORE POWER TO THE SAFE VIOLENT NEGLECTFUL SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
10 TO OPEN A JAIL BY ANOTHER NAME SIMPLY TO REPLACE MEN'S CENTRAL
11 JAIL AND JUST CHANGING IT TO CARE FIRST TREATMENT CAMPUS
12 DOESN'T MAKE IT CARE FIRST ESPECIALLY WHEN THE SHERIFF IS
13 INVOLVED AS COMMISSIONER HALEY BRODER MADE CLEAR IN HER
14 COMMENT LAST WEEK THE CONDITIONS IN THE JAIL ARE
15 UNCONSCIONABLE THE ANSWER IS CLEAR AND YOU'VE BEEN HEARING IT
16 ALL ALONG WE NEED TO CLOSE THE JAIL WITH NO REPLACEMENT AND
17 INVEST IN 10,000 COMMUNITY MENTAL TREATS HEALTH BEDS.

18
19 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS IN
20 QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

21
22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OUR LINE IS CLOSED AND
23 WE'LL GO TO SPEAKERS IN PERSON. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

24
25 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS HOLLY AND I'LL BE MAKING A GENERAL



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SUPERVISORS

1 PUBLIC COMMENT. I LIVE IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY. I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TODAY TO FOCUS THE BOARD'S
3 ATTENTION TO THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MENTAL
4 HEALTH EVALUATION TEAM, OR THE MET PROGRAM, AND ITS CRITICAL
5 NEED FOR MORE FUNDING. REGULAR SHERIFF OFFICERS ARE USUALLY
6 ILL-EQUIPPED TO HANDLE A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS WHEN ONE
7 ARRIVES, YET THEY ARE THE FIRST ONES ON THE SCENE. ACCORDING
8 TO THE MET INTEGRATED PROGRAM REPORT FROM APRIL 2023 FROM THE
9 YEARS OF 2016-2022 RESPONSE TIMES FOR A MET DEPLOYMENT WENT
10 DOWN FROM 50% NOT 50 MINUTES TO ABOUT 30 MINUTES AND THIS IS
11 MUCH BETTER BUT IT IS STILL AN ETERNITY FOR SOMEONE SUFFERING
12 FROM A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. THE SAME REPORT SITES THE MET
13 PROGRAM HAS FALLEN SHORT OF ITS GOAL OF 60 MET TEAMS TO
14 SERVICE L.A. COUNTY DUE TO ITS LACK OF FUNDING AND RESOURCES.
15 THE BUDGET APPROVED BY THIS BOARD AT THE TIME OF THE REPORT
16 ALLOCATED ONLY 1,200,000,000 OF THE L.A. SHERIFF'S GENERAL
17 BUDGET TO THE MET PROGRAM. THIS BOARD HAS THE POWER TO APPROVE
18 A FUTURE BUDGET THAT CAN ADEQUATELY FUND THE PROGRAM. THANK
19 YOU.

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

22
23 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, I AM BRIAN MORASOLIS. I'M MAKING A GENERAL
24 PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, I'M A COUNTY STUDENT AT CERRITOS COMMUNITY
25 COLLEGE AND I AM FROM DISTRICT 2 AND I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE MED PROGRAM, THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM AND THE NEED FOR
2 CRITICAL FUNDING. SO ACCORDING TO THE 2023 MED INTEGRATED
3 REPORT BY THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF DEPARTMENT THAT ARE ONLY 34
4 MET TEAMS OPERATING, BUT 60 TEAMS ARE NEEDED. THE REASON FOR
5 THE LACK OF TEAMS IS BECAUSE THE LASD AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY
6 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ARE STRUGGLING WITH HIRING THE
7 APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF MED PERSONNEL. BOARD MEMBERS, I BELIEVE
8 YOU HAVE THE POWER TO HELP INCREASE MET RECRUITMENT BY
9 APPROVING MORE FUNDS FOR RECRUITING PRACTICES. AS AN
10 ACCOUNTING STUDENT, I HAVE SEEN HOW COMPANIES ACTIVELY SEEK
11 OUT AND RECRUIT YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FOR THE FIELD, AND I
12 BELIEVE LASD SHOULD PROMOTE MET THROUGH SIMILAR PRACTICES. WE
13 SHOULD WORK WITH LASD TO STIMULATE STRONGER PRESENCE OF MET IN
14 COMMUNITY COLLEGES OR IN HIRING EVENTS BY INCREASING FUNDS
15 THAT WILL SUPPORT THESE INITIATIVES. MET TEAM SAVES LIVES,
16 IT'S TIME TO EXPAND IT. THANK YOU.

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

19
20 **SPEAKER:** HELLO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'M JACKIE, A CITIZEN OF
21 DISTRICT 4 AND A STUDENT AT CERRITOS COLLEGE. WITHIN THE LAST
22 FEW DECADES, MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS HAS BECOME A PREVALENT
23 TOPIC IN OUR PART OF THE WORLD. ALTHOUGH ITS IMPORTANCE HAS
24 BEEN TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY MOST ORGANIZATIONS AND STRUCTURES
25 WITHIN OUR COUNTRY, IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 CONVERSATION MOVING AND EXPANDING. AS AN ADVOCATE FOR THE LOS
2 ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM, AKA METS,
3 I FIND IT TROUBLING THAT MOST PEOPLE HAVE NO IDEA THIS
4 RESOURCE IS AVAILABLE AND COULD SAVE THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS'
5 LIVES. THIS IS A RESOURCE MY FAMILY COULD HAVE USED WHEN MY
6 FATHER, WHO SUFFERS FROM ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, BECAME SO
7 AGGRESSIVE AND COULD NO LONGER BE TAKEN CARE OF AT HOME.
8 INSTEAD, WE CALLED 911 AS OUR ONLY AVAILABLE RESOURCE WE'D
9 KNOWN OF. LAW ENFORCEMENT DIDN'T BELIEVE HE WAS A THREAT
10 BECAUSE BY THE TIME THEY REACHED HIM, HE HAD COMPLETELY
11 FORGOTTEN ABOUT HIS AGGRESSIVE EVENT AND GREETED THEM WITH
12 KINDNESS AND RESPECT. THE NEXT DAY, HE ATTACKED MY AUNT AND
13 GAVE HER A BLACK EYE. WE NEED --

14
15 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME
16 HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORY. NEXT SPEAKER
17 PLEASE.

18
19 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS DONNA PARAMON. I'M TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING
20 THAT'S VERY ESSENTIAL, THE ABILITY TO VOTE IN A FAIR AND
21 EQUITABLE MANNER. WE NEED TO GET RID OF THE VOTING MACHINES.
22 THERE'S WAY TOO MANY AREAS FOR FRAUD. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE
23 DECEASED ARE VOTING, PEOPLE WHO ARE ILLEGAL ALIENS, UNDER
24 ACTUALLY SOMEONE'S VOTING UNDER THEIR NAME AND GOING IN AND
25 VOTING, PEOPLE, THEY TAKE OUT PALLETS, BALLOT HARVESTING,



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1 WHICH IS CONSIDERED LEGAL, UNFORTUNATELY, IN CALIFORNIA,
2 PEOPLE WILL COME OUT WITH THOUSANDS OF NAMES WITH THE SAME
3 SIGNATURE. THE ONLY WAY WE CAN ACTUALLY GET THIS DONE IS TO
4 HAVE PEOPLE GO IN PERSON WITH AN ID AND VOTE ON THAT DAY. --

5

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

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HI I'M DONALD HARLAN I LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS
10 22 THE D'S 46, 58, 111, 105 IN GENERAL COMMENT.

11

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

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HI, I WANTED TO SPEAK FOR EXAMPLE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
15 105 LEVYING OF TAXES BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS
16 DON'T LEVY TAXES. THEY'RE PAID A CERTAIN AMOUNT. IT'S MOSTLY
17 COMPUTERIZED. THEY SHOULDN'T BE AT THE COUNTY TRYING TO GET
18 PEOPLE TO PAY FOR THEIR SCHOOLS THEY'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE.
19 EXAMPLE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 22 IS HOUSING BONDS. NO, THE COUNTY
20 DOES THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DOES NOT BUY, SELL, ISSUE
21 BONDS. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS PLENTY OF MONEY. NOBODY'S
22 TO BE OVER HERE TRYING TO PUSH BONDS ON THE COUNTY, DEFINITELY
23 NO. I WOULD SAY THE SAME THING WITH ITEM 1D. ITEM NUMBER 112,
24 NO. NOBODY SHOULD BE SELLING BONDS OR COME OVER TO THE COUNTY
25 AND PRETEND LIKE THEY'RE SELLING BONDS FOR THE COUNTY.



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1 DEFINITELY THEY'RE COMMITTING A CRIME. I WOULD URGE ALWAYS IN
2 THAT INCIDENT THAT THE PEOPLE AT THE COUNTY SUE THOSE PEOPLE
3 TRYING TO DO THAT. PERHAPS SEND THEM TO JAIL. EXAMPLE AGENDA
4 ITEM NUMBER 111 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH LEASES. NO,
5 THERE'S TOO MANY SOCIAL PROGRAMS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
6 HEALTH AND YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE YOUR ACCOUNTING RIGHT TO DEAL
7 WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM. I DON'T LIKE WHAT YOU'RE
8 DOING. I'M NOT GONNA PAY FOR MOST OF YOUR MENTAL HEALTH STUFF.
9 I MIGHT NOT PAY FOR ANY OF IT. AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY
10 MORE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH EXPANSION OR LEASE
11 AGREEMENTS. YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO TO PAY FOR THE PROPERTY.
12 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 58, QUIT CLAIM EASEMENTS. SORRY, THERE'S NO
13 QUIT CLAIM BECAUSE NOBODY THERE OWNS THAT PROPERTY. SO, I
14 DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE THINKING. I WOULD NOTICE AGENDA ITEM
15 NUMBER 46, FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAMS. NO, WE'RE NOT DOING
16 THAT IN THE COUNTY. THERE'S A LOT OF PERVERT KIND OF PROGRAMS
17 THAT YOU GUYS ARE SUPERVISORS HERE OR ALL FEMALE SUPERVISORS
18 ARE TRYING TO PUSH THROUGH THAT IS REALLY GROSS. AND THEY
19 DON'T NEED TO BE FEEDING YOU DATA ABOUT CHILDREN OR CRIMES OR
20 CERTAIN THINGS. YOU GUYS NEED TO STOP DOING THAT. I WAS ALSO
21 CONCERNED IN GENERAL ABOUT COURT SETTLEMENTS THAT YOU GUYS ARE
22 TAKING BRIBES, TAKING COURT SETTLEMENTS FOR THINGS YOU'RE NOT
23 SUPPOSED TO, CREATING FAKE COURT SETTLEMENTS. ALSO SELLING OF
24 TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTIES. THERE'S NO SELLING OF TAX-DEFAULTED
25 PROPERTIES UNLESS THE PERSON ACTUALLY OWNED IT.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.
3 NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.
4

5 **SPEAKER:** MADAM CHAIR, EVERYBODY, GOOD MORNING. THIS IS NICK
6 KOLEV, A CIVIL ENGINEER. I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON ITEMS 20,
7 60, 64, AND 111. ON APRIL 2, 2009, I WAS KIDNAPPED FROM MY
8 RESIDENCE IN THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER. AND FOR 15 YEARS, I
9 CANNOT FIND WHO DID IT. AND I WAS THROWN IN PSYCHIATRIC JAIL.
10 NOW, COMMENTING ABOUT THE USE OF MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS, IT'S
11 A VERY FINE LINE NOT TO ABUSE THAT OPTION. WHEN THE PSYCHIATRY
12 COULD BE USED TO SILENCE THE DISSIDENTS, THE CRITICS OF SOME
13 PROGRAMS, OF SOME POLITICIANS, AND THAT WAS MY CASE. FOR 15
14 YEARS, I CANNOT FIND WHO DID IT. FINALLY, IN THE PREVIOUS
15 MEETING, I COMMENTED THE GROUP OF 11 PEOPLE UNDER THE
16 LEADERSHIP OF OFFICER VICTOR VILLAREAL FROM SECURITY DETAIL
17 FOR THE WHOLE OF ADMINISTRATION AND UNDER THE ORDER OF CHIEF
18 LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT THAT TIME MR.
19 RAYMOND GRIFFITH FORTNER JR. THEY CAME AND KIDNAPPED ME. AND
20 THIS IS SOMETHING SERIOUS BECAUSE THAT DESTROYED MY CAREER AS
21 AN ENGINEER. I WAS A FATHER OF 2 TEENAGE GIRLS. MY WIFE WAS
22 FOREIGN BORN, AND SHE WAS STRUGGLING WITH ENGLISH. FOR 15
23 YEARS, I GOT TREMENDOUS DAMAGE IN MY CAREER, IN MY REPUTATION,
24 AND THERE IS NO TRANSPARENCY AND NO RESPONSIBILITY IN THE
25 PROCESS. SO, I'M TRYING TO MAKE IT CLEAR, SHOULD BE A WAY TO



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1 RESEARCH AND FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU. IF WE BUY AN ITEM
2 FOR 99 CENTS, WE HAVE A RECEIPT. YOU ARE TAKEN TO PSYCHIATRIC
3 JAIL, THERE IS NO DOCUMENT. THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION. THERE
4 IS NOBODY BEHIND IT. FOR YEARS, I WAS GOING TO THE SHERIFF'S
5 DEPARTMENT, TO THE OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE, TO SENATORS AND
6 ASSEMBLY MEMBERS IN FEDERAL STATE GOVERNMENT TO FIND OUT,
7 IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND OUT. SO, IN MY SITUATION, I'M LOOKING TO
8 FILE A FORMAL CLAIM AGAINST THE COUNTY AND PARTICULARLY
9 AGAINST THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL. I BELIEVE THE
10 PROCESS SHOULD BE MORE TRANSPARENT AND MORE OPEN --

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

13 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALGOBERTO RAMOS AND I'M
14 SPEAKING FOR THE RESTRICTIONS THEY WANT TO PLACE ON THE CIVIL
15 COUNSELING ON THE ABORTION CENTERS. I'VE BEEN A SIDEWALK
16 COUNSELOR FOR SOME YEARS NOW, AND NOW THE RESTRICTION THEY
17 WANT TO APPLY TO STOP US FROM BEING THERE, I THINK I FIND THAT
18 REALLY, REALLY AGGRESSIVE TO OUR PEOPLE, ALMOST RACIST TO OUR
19 PEOPLE, BECAUSE MOST OF OUR PEOPLE DOESN'T SPEAK ENGLISH, THEY
20 DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO FOR HELP, AND WE IS THERE OFFERING
21 HELP, WE HAVE CENTERS THAT OFFER HELP, SO WE WANT TO EXTEND
22 THAT HELP TO THE PEOPLE THAT COMES OVER. SO PLEASE DON'T DO
23 THAT. IT'S FOR US, SOMETHING VERY RACIST TO ME IS VERY RACIST
24 BECAUSE IT ALL DEPENDS ON OUR PEOPLE, THE HELP THEY CAN GET.
25 AND BELIEVE ME, THE PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE HELPED, THEY ARE VERY



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1 HAPPY AFTER THEY HAVE COME TO OUR CENTERS. AND PLEASE VOTE
2 AGAINST THAT MEASURE, THEY WANNA CALL IT.

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

5
6 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS JOHN DOE. I DON'T THINK 1 MINUTE IS
7 GOOD ENOUGH ANYWAY. AND ALSO, I NEED MY ANSWER TO BE
8 QUESTIONED. FIRST OF ALL, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THAT'S
9 JUST A GENERAL QUESTION. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SENT OUT
10 MEMO THAT YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE CAN'T BE SUSPENDED FOR CHILD
11 SUPPORT DEBT. AND ACTUALLY, MINE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED. AND
12 ALSO, I'M TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO IS THE MAN OR WOMAN THAT SAY
13 I OWE THEM THIS DEBT. I'VE BEEN GOING AROUND TO ALL THE
14 OFFICES. I EVEN SENT LETTERS TO TERRY HARDY, TO THE DIRECTOR.
15 I SPOKE TO THE DIVISION CHIEF, DANE MIRANDA. SHE SENT ME OVER
16 HERE TO SPEAK TO FESIA DAVENPORT, THE CEO. I NEED SOME
17 QUESTIONS ANSWERED. I NEED TO FIND OUT WHO IS THE MAN OR WOMAN
18 THAT SAY I OWE THEM THIS DEBT AND WHY IS MY --

19
20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.
21 A MEMBER OF OUR CONSTITUENT ASSISTANCE TEAM CAN HELP YOU. IF
22 YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH SOMEONE FROM OUR STAFF, THEY'RE
23 AVAILABLE TO SPEAK WITH YOU NOW. PLEASE GO AHEAD, NEXT
24 SPEAKER.



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1 **SPEAKER:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I AM TERESA SIDA AND I'M HERE
2 TO OPPOSE NUMBER 30. BUFFER ZONES ARE DESIGNED TO PUT ME IN
3 JAIL AND THEY TAKE AWAY THE RIGHT OF PREGNANT WOMEN TO HEAR
4 THEIR OPTIONS. I AM ONE OF THE PRO-LIFE VOLUNTEERS THAT STAND
5 OUTSIDE ABORTION CENTERS. I OFFER A BROCHURE ON FREE SERVICES.
6 AS I SAY, IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS PREGNANT, HERE ARE SOME
7 FREE RESOURCES. I WOULD LOVE TO HELP YOU. FOR THAT, I WOULD BE
8 PUT IN JAIL. BUFFER ZONES ALSO LIMIT THE ABILITY OF PREGNANT
9 WOMEN TO HAVE A COMPASSIONATE CONVERSATION ABOUT THEIR OPTIONS
10 AND IT DENIES THEM INFORMATION ON RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THEM,
11 ASSIST THEM AT PREGNANCY HELP CENTERS AND IN THEIR COMMUNITY.
12 PLEASE CONSIDER MY COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

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

15
16 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS DAVID OWENS. I AM A 4 PROPERTY OWNER,
17 4 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE PROPERTY OWNER. THERE HAVE BEEN
18 REGULATIONS AND EVERYTHING LEVIED ON THE LANDLORD TO
19 DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE LANDLORD. I AM A HUNDRED THOUSAND
20 DOLLARS IN THE HOLE. I USED TO RENT TO LOWER INCOME TENANTS.
21 THEY HAVE TRASHED MY PROPERTY, NOT PAY FOR 7 OR 8 MONTHS, A
22 LOT OF LOOPHOLES WRITTEN IN THE RULE. I WANT YOUR CHECK
23 BECAUSE YOU BECAUSE HERE'S HOW I GOT MY PROPERTY. I HAD TO
24 WORK 2 JOBS FOR 20 YEARS TO BUY WHAT I BOUGHT AND THEN NOT
25 ONLY THAT 15 HOURS A DAY, I GOT PROOF OF IT. I GOT IN A CAR



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1 ACCIDENT BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE WERE SO UNRULY, THESE TENANTS. I
2 DID A HOUSE SHARE, COULDN'T GET THEM OUT. TOOK THEM TO COURT 3
3 OR 4 TIMES, HAD TO GO GET A LAWYER. THEN THE LAWYER SOLD IT
4 DOWN THE RIVER. IT'S RIDICULOUS. YOU GUYS NEED TO START PAYING
5 FOR THESE PROBLEMS.

6

7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.
8 THERE IS A PROGRAM FOR PROPERTY OWNERS LIKE YOURSELF TO
9 RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNTY THAT WAS APPROVED BY THIS
10 BOARD. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH SOMEONE FROM THE TEAM.
11 THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS LUCILA MEDINA. I'M ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT
14 THE SAME SUBJECT AS HE IS. WE JUST MET. I HAVE THE SAME
15 PROBLEM. THE PROGRAM THAT THE CITY HAS, IT DOES NOT HELP. THE
16 TENANT HAS ALL THE RIGHTS. THEY HAVE TO FILL OUT THE
17 APPLICATION, HOLD ME BACK UNTIL THE VERY LAST MINUTE. BY THE
18 TIME TO RENEW THE APPLICATION, THE SECOND APPLICATION WAS UP,
19 WE WERE OUT OF THE LOOP. WE COULDN'T SIGN UP ANYMORE. GO TO
20 COURT, TAKE HIM TO COURT. THE LAWYERS AND THE JUDGES, THEY
21 DON'T KNOW ANYTHING. THEY CAN'T HELP. THERE'S THIS REGULATION,
22 THAT OTHER REGULATION, NOBODY UNDERSTANDS. DOES THE LANDLORD
23 HAVE ANY RIGHTS? THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO RIGHTS FOR THE
24 LANDLORD. THEY SAID SO, TRY TO GET THROUGH THE PROGRAM. JUST
25 TRY IT YOURSELF, TRY GOING IN THERE AND SEE IF YOU CAN



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1 NAVIGATE THROUGH IT. LANDLORDS NEED RIGHTS ALSO. WE ALSO WORK,
2 WE WORK SO MUCH HARDER THAN THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE TRYING TO
3 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF US. I'M JUST SO FED UP.

4

5 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE DO NOT
6 ADMINISTER THE CITY PROGRAM, BUT IF YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT THE
7 COUNTY PROGRAM, SOMEONE FROM OUR TEAM WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST
8 YOU. PLEASE GO, THEY'RE RIGHT HERE IN THE FACILITY, SIR.
9 PLEASE DON'T SHOUT OUT ANYMORE. NEXT SPEAKER.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, CHAIR HORVATH AND THE
12 SUPERVISORS. FIRST OF ALL, I JUST WANNA SAY ON BEHALF OF
13 PLANNED PARENTHOOD LOS ANGELES PATIENTS AND OTHER REPRODUCTIVE
14 HEALTHCARE PATIENTS IN OUR COUNTY, THANK YOU FOR BUILDING UPON
15 WHAT WAS DONE SEVERAL YEARS AGO WITH CREATING L.A. COUNTY AS A
16 SAFE HAVEN AND FURTHER PROTECTING THE PATIENTS AND THE
17 WORKFORCE THAT PROVIDES BASIC HEALTHCARE EVERY SINGLE DAY TO
18 YOUR COUNTY RESIDENTS. WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE, A TERRIBLE,
19 TERRIBLE INCREASE IN THREATS, SAFETY THREATS TO THE PEOPLE
20 THAT ARE SIMPLY ACCESSING BASIC HEALTH CARE. AND IN A POST-
21 DOBBS WORLD, YOUR ACTIONS BUILDING AGAIN UPON THE SAFE HAVEN
22 WILL CONTINUE TO FURTHER WITH THIS ITEM, ITEM NUMBER 30. WE
23 ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND FOR YOUR CONTINUED
24 SUPPORT OF PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTY ACCESSING BASIC HEALTH CARE
25 WITHOUT BEING, WITHOUT THEIR LIVES BEING THREATENED. THANK YOU



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1 SO MUCH.

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
4 SPEAKERS HERE IN THE AUDITORIUM? OKAY. WE'LL GO BACK TO
5 SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE. MODERATOR, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

6

7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU
8 WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS NON BOARD HELD ITEMS IN GENERAL PUBLIC
9 COMMENT PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING
10 QUEUE ORDERING WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS MARK PAYTON YOUR LINE IS
13 OPEN IF YOU'RE MUTED PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
14 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** MARK ARE YOU THERE? MARK?

17

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

19

20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** MARK PAYTON. OKAY MODERATOR, NEXT
21 SPEAKER.

22

23 **MODERATOR:** ONE MOMENT WHILE WE SEARCH FOR THEM.

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS IN



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1 QUEUE?

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OKAY, YEAH. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT HERE IS GOING TO
4 BE OSCAR ALBARDO. YOUR LINE IS OPEN NOW OSCAR. IF YOU'RE MUTED
5 PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY
6 BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HI, THANK YOU. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 2D OF THE AGENDA
9 AND I WAS JUST CALLING TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE
10 FUNDING THAT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE
11 PROJECT. I WORK FOR CENTURY HOUSING AND WE'VE ENGAGED WITH THE
12 COMMUNITY OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST 2 YEARS IN A MANNER THAT
13 WE WERE ABLE TO DEVELOP IN CONCERT WITH THE COMMUNITY, A
14 COMMUNITY BENEFITS PLAN THAT WILL BE REFLECTIVE OF THE NEEDS
15 AND WANTS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE
16 PROJECT WHICH WILL BRING UP TO 300 NEW HOMES TO THE AREA
17 SERVING SOME OF OUR COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE. SO AGAIN, JUST A
18 BIG THANK YOU TO THE SUPERVISOR AND HER STAFF FOR THEIR
19 SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT AND FOR HELPING US TO EXPEDITE MORE
20 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GONNA BE MARK PAYTON AGAIN.
25 ONCE AGAIN MARK PAYTON, YOUR LINE IS NOW ONCE AGAIN OPEN. IF



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1 YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR
2 PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** MARK PAYTON, ARE YOU THERE? OKAY
5 MODERATOR, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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7 **MODERATOR:** NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARIA YEPES. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
8 IF YOU'RE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR
9 PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. DEAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I URGE YOU TO
12 VOTE YES ON ITEM 1D REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY DESPERATELY NEEDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR YOUNG
14 FAMILIES, COLLEGE STUDENTS, AND VETERANS. AS AN EDUCATOR AT
15 EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE, I HAVE SEEN THE STRUGGLES THAT THESE
16 POPULATIONS FACE TRYING TO FIND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IT IS A
17 DAILY STRUGGLE FOR THEM. SO PLEASE VOTE YES ON ITEM 1D. THANK
18 YOU.

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JENNIFER CHEN. YOUR LINE IS
23 OPEN. IF YOU'RE MUTED PLEASE UNMUTE SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR
24 PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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SUPERVISORS

1 **SPEAKER:** HI THERE. THIS IS JENNIFER CHEN WITH CENTURY HOUSING
2 YOU KNOW JUST WANT TO THANK AGAIN FOR THE SUPERVISOR FOR YOUR
3 SUPPORT OSCAR TEAM AND I HAVE WORKED EXTREMELY HARD TO GET
4 THIS PROJECT ON BOARD AND WE'RE JUST SUPER EXCITED FOR THIS
5 RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE PROJECT BRINGING LIFE TO YOU KNOW
6 ALMOST 300 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROVIDING
7 AMAZING SERVICES AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS SO JUST THANK YOU SO
8 MUCH AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VIVIAN WONG. YOUR LINE IS
13 OPEN. IF YOU'RE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
14 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

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

17

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** OKAY GREAT, HI MY NAME IS VIVIAN WONG. I'M AN
21 EDUCATION ATTORNEY WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE EDUCATION CLINIC AT
22 LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL AND A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION JUSTICE
23 COALITION. I'M WRITING ABOUT ITEMS 71 AND 106G. FIRST, IF WE
24 VALUE CREATING SAFE, WELCOMING, AND AFFIRMING LEARNING
25 ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS, WE NEED SCHOOLS TO BECOME LESS



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SUPERVISORS

1 LIKE CARCERAL SETTINGS. WE NEED TO REMOVE LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM
2 CAMPUSES. THE FIRST STEP IS TO CLEARLY OUTLINE THE ROLE AND
3 LIMITATIONS OF SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES. WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT
4 THE BOARD MOTION PUT FORTH BY HOLLY MITCHELL CREATES SOME
5 MEASURES FOR THE COMMUNITY TO HOLD SRDS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE
6 HARM THEY CAUSE. IMPORTANTLY, THE MOTION ENSURES THAT THESE
7 IMPERFECT CONTRACTS ARE LIMITED TO ONE YEAR SO THAT THE
8 COMMUNITY HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REEVALUATE WHETHER THESE
9 CONTRACTS SHOULD EVEN EXIST OR WHAT CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE TO
10 MITIGATE HARM. THE MOTION ALSO ENSURES THAT THE SCHOOL
11 DISTRICT AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CREATE AND PUBLICIZE A
12 FORMAL COMPLAINT PROCESS FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES TO REPORT
13 HARMFUL F30 CONDUCT. IN ORDER FOR THIS COMPLAINT PROCESS TO BE
14 MEANINGFUL, I URGE THE BOS TO CONSIDER REQUIRING AN
15 INDEPENDENT APPEAL PROCESS AND TO MONITOR THIS COMPLAINT
16 PROCESS IN COMPARISON TO THE ONE HOUSED WITHIN THE PROBATION
17 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

20
21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALEX DOBBS. YOUR LINE IS
22 OPEN. IF YOU'RE MUTED PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
23 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24
25 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS ALEX DOBBS. I'M A RESIDENT OF EAST



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SUPERVISORS

1 L.A. AND A PASTOR AT OAK COMMUNITY CHURCH OF EAST L.A.. I'M
2 CALLING TO SUPPORT ITEM 1D, THE FINANCING PROJECT FOR
3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR CASA DE LA LUZ. AND I JUST SECOND WHAT
4 OTHERS HAVE SAID, JUST WE NEED MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND I
5 TALKED TO NEIGHBORS AND PRETTY MUCH EVERYONE I TALKED TO IN
6 EAST L.A. AND SUPPORT MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IT'S JUST A
7 HUGE NEED AND JUST CALLING TO SUPPORT THIS THE FUNDING FOR THE
8 HOUSING PROJECT BUT ALSO FUNDING WOULD GO TOWARDS
9 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN
10 THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

13
14 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL REAL SPEAKERS
15 IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

16
17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT
18 CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
19 PLEASE CALL, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEMS ON WHICH WE WILL
20 BE VOTING.

21
22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. 1
23 THROUGH 10, 12 THROUGH 15, 20, 22, 24 THROUGH 50, 52 THROUGH
24 54. ON ITEM 55, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
25 CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2024. 56 THROUGH 65, 67, WITH



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SUPERVISORS

1 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE. 68 THROUGH 70,
2 72 THROUGH 105, 106A THROUGH 106F, 106H THROUGH 106N, 109, 111
3 THROUGH 114, 1D THROUGH 9D, 1F, 1P, THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE
4 YOU.

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6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** MOVE BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
7 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. WITH
8 THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
9 ROLL.

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11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

14

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

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

18

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

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21 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.



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

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

5
6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-
7 0.

8
9 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW RETURN TO ITEM 66,
10 REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE ROSAS AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS HELD
11 FOR REPORT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE
12 PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. I BELIEVE WE HAVE
13 OUR ASSISTANT SHERIFF WITH US, PAULA TOKAR, WHO WILL PROVIDE A
14 PRESENTATION. I BELIEVE ALSO ROBERT HOUSTON, CATHY KENNY, AND
15 NICHOLAS MITCHELL COMPLIANCE MONITORS ARE AVAILABLE FOR
16 QUESTIONS. MADAM ASSISTANT SHERIFF, I'LL TURN IT TO YOU.

17
18 **PAULA TOKAR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. SO, WE'RE HERE
19 TO PRESENT ON THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT
20 AGREEMENT. THIS PRESENTATION COMPARES DATA FROM THE FIRST
21 SEMESTER OF 2022 TO THE FIRST SEMESTER OF 2023. PLEASE CHANGE
22 THE SLIDE. ONE MORE. SO, ROSAS IS A FEDERAL CLASS ACTION
23 LAWSUIT ALLEGING OF A PATTERN OF EXCESSIVE FORCE IN THE
24 DOWNTOWN JAIL FACILITIES. THE PROVISIONS ARE GROUPED INTO 7
25 CATEGORIES. THEY CONSIST OF 104 PROVISIONS WITH A TOTAL OF 402



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1 COMPLIANCE MEASURES. PLEASE ADVANCE THE SLIDE. SOME OF THE
2 MITIGATION EFFORTS THAT WE'VE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT TO REDUCE OUR USES OF FORCE INCLUDE WEEKLY MEETINGS
4 WITH DIVISION CHIEFS WHERE THEY CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW
5 OF EACH FORCE INCIDENT. WE NOW TRACK OUR HEAD STRIKES. WE'VE
6 IMPLEMENTED A NEW GRIEVANCE SYSTEM WHICH SHOULD HELP US TO
7 BETTER TRACK AND KEEP TRACK OF GRIEVANCES AS THEY COME THROUGH
8 THE SYSTEM AND ENSURE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING INMATES WITH
9 TIMELY RESULTS OF THEIR GRIEVANCES. WE'VE ALSO IMPLEMENTED THE
10 CUSTODY FORCE INVESTIGATION TEAM. WE JUST ADDED 3 MORE
11 SERGEANTS TO THE TEAM WITHIN THIS MONTH, AND WE ARE SEEING
12 THAT THE USE OF FORCE CASES THAT ARE HANDLED BY THAT CFIT TEAM
13 ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN A MORE TIMELY MANNER AND IT'S TAKING
14 AND MAKING IT MORE OF A GENERAL REVIEW. IT'S NOT BEING DONE BY
15 THE FACILITIES THEMSELVES, SO WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A MORE
16 FAIR PROCESS. PLEASE ADVANCE THE SLIDE. THE FIRST SLIDE
17 DISCUSSES OUR TRAINING STATISTICS AND WE ARE COMPLIANT IN OUR
18 REQUIRED TRAINING. PLEASE ADVANCE THE SLIDE. THIS INDICATES
19 HOW MANY ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS WERE OPENED WITHIN THE
20 PERIOD. THIS IS TOTAL FOR CUSTODY OPERATIONS. THIS IS NOT
21 NECESSARILY RELATED TO A USE OF FORCE. AND THE FACT THAT IT
22 WAS SEVENTY-EIGHT IN EACH YEAR IS JUST A COINCIDENCE. NEXT
23 SLIDE PLEASE. THIS SLIDE IS THE NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS THAT
24 WERE COMPLETED DURING THIS PERIOD. THE DISCIPLINE FOR THAT WAS
25 METED OUT AND THIS IS FOR USE OF FORCE VIOLATIONS, THE



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1 DISCIPLINE THAT WAS METED OUT IN THE FIRST SEMESTER OF 2023
2 RAN THE GAMUT FROM A WRITTEN REPRIMAND TO A 10-DAY SUSPENSION.
3 PLEASE ADVANCE THE SLIDE. THIS IS AN OVERVIEW OF OUR USE OF
4 FORCE STATISTICS AND WE'RE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT OUR FORCE IN
5 ALL CATEGORIES CONTINUES TO DECLINE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WE'VE
6 BROKEN OUT EACH FORCE CATEGORY TO COMPARE. CATEGORY 1 USE OF
7 FORCE IS FORCE THAT DID NOT RESULT IN INJURY, AND WE'RE
8 SHOWING A 20% DECLINE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. CATEGORY 2 USES A
9 FORCE ARE A HIGHER LEVEL. THEY MAY HAVE A COMPLAINT OF PAIN OR
10 A MINOR INJURY. THAT DECLINE, IT WAS 28%. PLEASE, NEXT SLIDE,
11 PLEASE. CATEGORY 3 USES A FORCE ARE THE MOST SERIOUS USE OF
12 FORCE. THEY CAN ENCOMPASS BROKEN BONES, BUT WHAT THEY ALSO
13 ENCOMPASS IS ANY OBJECT THAT STRIKES A HEAD. IN ONE OF THE
14 INCIDENTS IN THE 2023, IT'S A CAT 3, BUT THE INCIDENT WAS A
15 DEPUTY WAS GOING THROUGH WITH A SCANNER DOING HIS TITLE 15
16 CHECKS, AN INMATE CAME OUT AND PUNCHED HIM IN THE FACE, AND
17 THE RESPONSE, THE DEPUTY TRIED TO DEFEND HIMSELF, HE STILL HAD
18 THE SCANNER IN HIS HAND, SO HE HIT WITH IT. YOU KNOW, HE JUST,
19 IT WAS AN IMPROVISED WEAPON. SO AS MUCH AS WE WANT OUR
20 CATEGORY 3S TO GO DOWN AND THEY ARE THE MOST SEVERE, IT'S NOT
21 NECESSARILY A BROKEN BONE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS SHOWS OUR
22 COMPLIANCE FOR THESE RATING PERIODS. I AM SORRY TO REPORT THAT
23 IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE CATEGORY WE DID FALL AND THAT INVOLVED
24 THE TRACKING OF SUPERVISORY VISITS AT ONE OF OUR FACILITIES
25 AND ACTUALLY JUST DOCUMENTING THE VISITS AND IN GRIEVANCES AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 THAT IT RESULTED FROM US NOT ADVISING INMATES IN A TIMELY
2 MATTER THE RESULT OF THE GRIEVANCE WHICH WE ARE WORKING ON AND
3 WE HOPE THAT OUR SIGA PROGRAM WILL ASSIST US IN CORRECTING
4 THAT SLIDE. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. THIS IS THE STATUS OF OUR
5 COMPLIANCE AND WE'RE HAPPY TO SAY WE HAVE A TOTAL OF 63
6 PROVISIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN COMPLIANT FOR MORE THAN 24 MONTHS.
7 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AND THIS IS OUR NUMBERS OF GRIEVANCES.
8 THERE IS QUITE A JUMP. IF YOU SEE THE FIRST SEMESTER OF 2023,
9 I'M ACTUALLY HAPPY ABOUT THAT. THAT MEANS THAT WE ACTUALLY GOT
10 OUR IPADS BACK UP AND OPERATIONAL SO THAT THE MA POPULATION
11 CAN ACTUALLY INPUT THE GRIEVANCES. AND THOSE ARE THE SLIDES I
12 HAVE FOR YOU TODAY AND I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

13
14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

15
16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU TO OUR MONITORS
17 FOR BEING HERE. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE A JOB TO DO, BUT I
18 REALLY FEEL THAT YOU ARE HELPING US TO ADDRESS SOME
19 SHORTCOMINGS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. SO, I'M VERY GRATEFUL THAT
20 Y'ALL ARE HERE. I COMMEND THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE DECLINE IN
21 THE NUMBER OF USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS WAS GONE DOWN. THE LATEST
22 REPORT BY MONITORS STILL SHOWS A GAP THOUGH AND I BELIEVE WE
23 TOUCHED ON THIS TOPIC WHEN WE HAD THE LAST REPORT. ARE YOU
24 ACTIVELY HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MONITORS REGARDING HOW
25 TO CLOSE THE GAP IN TERMS OF FINDINGS OF NON-COMPLIANCE AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 DISCIPLINE FOR VIOLATIONS? AND IS THAT GAP SHRINKING?

2

3 **PAULA TOKAR:** WE ARE HAVING REGULAR CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THAT.
4 THAT THE CFIT TEAM WAS KIND OF DEVELOPED TO HELP SHRINK THAT
5 GAP. AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT WE'RE REPORTING 2023 NUMBERS. I
6 ARE INTUITIVELY, WE ARE DOING MUCH BETTER, BUT WE WON'T BEAR
7 THAT OUT UNTIL THE COMING QUARTERS, WHEN WE'RE ACTUALLY
8 LOOKING AT REAL-TIME INCIDENTS.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH, AND THEN I GUESS ONE OF MY CONCERNS
11 IS KNOWING THAT WE ARE SHORT STAFFED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND
12 TRAINING IS GOING TO PLAY A KEY ROLE, I WOULD THINK, IN TERMS
13 OF THE STAFF THAT ARE CURRENTLY AT THE JAIL. HOW ARE YOU
14 ROLLING OUT TRAINING FOR THE DEPUTIES TO MAKE SURE THAT AS THE
15 MONITORS IDENTIFY THINGS THAT MAYBE ARE A CHANGE IN PROTOCOL
16 OR ISSUES THAT THE ACADEMY TAUGHT, DIDN'T TEACH 8 YEARS AGO OR
17 3 YEARS AGO. HOW ARE WE GOING ABOUT ROLLING OUT THAT?

18

19 **PAULA TOKAR:** WE'RE STILL DOING BRIEFINGS, WE'RE SENDING OUT
20 ELECTRONIC MESSAGES THAT EXPLAIN FORCE TRENDS, BUT I THINK
21 WHAT'S BEEN MOST EFFECTIVE, ESPECIALLY AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL,
22 IS WHEN WE HAVE USES OF FORCE THAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE
23 BETTER. WE ACTUALLY SIT DOWN AND WE SHOW THE VIDEO WITH THE
24 DEPUTIES AND WE HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN
25 DONE BETTER AND WHAT THE ROSAS FINDINGS WERE. AND I THINK



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1 THAT'S BEEN REALLY HELPFUL, THAT ONE-ON-ONE WITH THE DEPUTIES
2 SO THAT THEY CAN ACTUALLY SEE WHAT THEY DID WRONG AND HAVE
3 OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE. AND THESE AREN'T NECESSARILY LIKE
4 EGREGIOUS VIOLATIONS, BUT IT DOES KICK US OUT OF COMPLIANCE.
5 WE ARE EDUCATING THAT WAY, AND THE MONITORS HAVE BEEN GREAT IN
6 COMING IN AND TALKING TO OUR CAPTAINS. ANYTHING THAT WE
7 DISAGREE WITH, WE CAN HAVE A DISCUSSION SO WE UNDERSTAND WHERE
8 THEY'RE COMING FROM AND THEN TRICKLE THAT DOWN.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND THAT WAS MY NEXT QUESTION IS, ARE THE
11 MONITORS HAVING CONVERSATIONS AND ARE YOU REVIEWING HOW WE'RE
12 DOING THE TRAINING AND MAKING SUGGESTIONS IN TERMS OF HOW WE
13 CAN BETTER EQUIP THE DEPUTIES THAT ARE IN OUR JAILS?

14

15 **KATHY KENNY:** YES, THANK YOU. WE HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO WATCH THE
16 DIVERT TRAINING TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT ABOUT A YEAR AGO, AND
17 WE'VE PROVIDED COMMENTS ON THE REVISED CURRICULUM. AND THEN WE
18 ALSO, WITH TRAINING THAT'S ROLLED OUT FOR NEW POLICIES, WE
19 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THAT CURRICULUM AND PROVIDE OUR
20 COMMENTS. I THINK, AS THE ASSISTANT SHERIFF MENTIONED, THE
21 CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE WITH THE COMMAND LEADERSHIP AT THE
22 DEPARTMENT, SPEAKING ABOUT VERY SPECIFIC USE OF FORCE CASES,
23 HAVE—THOSE CONVERSATIONS HAVE EVOLVED TO REALLY GETTING THEM
24 TO UNDERSTAND WHERE WE'RE COMING FROM AND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING
25 FOR TO GET THEM IN COMPLIANCE ON SPECIFIC PROVISIONS. AND SO,



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1 WHAT HAPPENS IS THE DELAY. SO WE SAY WE MET WITH THEM
2 YESTERDAY, WE HAD CONVERSATIONS, WE WON'T SEE THE RESULTS OF
3 WHAT WE SHARED WITH THEM AND THEN MAYBE CHANGING HOW THEY
4 REVIEW THINGS FOR ABOUT A YEAR. SO THAT'S JUST OF HOW THE NEW
5 USE OF FORCE, SAY USE OF FORCE HAPPENS TOMORROW AND THEY
6 REVIEW IT, THEN WE'LL HAVE THAT NEW DIALOGUE. SO, IT'S THE
7 DELAY, BUT I DO THINK THERE IS A FOCUS ON CLOSING THAT GAP.
8 AND I THINK SOME OF THE NEW ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS, BOTH
9 THE CFIT TEAM, WE HAVE A NEW COMPLIANCE MEASURE THAT WILL COME
10 INTO EFFECT WHERE WE'RE GOING TO BE EVALUATING HOW SUPERVISORS
11 REVIEW THOSE USES OF FORCE. AND WE'RE GONNA BE HOLDING THOSE
12 SUPERVISORS OR AT LEAST MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO HOLD THEM
13 ACCOUNTABLE WHEN THOSE REVIEWS DIDN'T GO AS PERHAPS AS THEY
14 SHOULD HAVE. AND THAT WILL COME INTO EFFECT ONCE THE COURT
15 APPROVES THE NEW COMPLIANCE MEASURES.

16
17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, THE JAIL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO IMPROVE
18 REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY WOULD GO FAR TOWARD TRACKING AND
19 REPORTING OF DATA?

20
21 **KATHY KENNY:** YES, YES, ABSOLUTELY. I KNOW THAT'S SOMETHING THE
22 DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WANTING FOR YEARS. AND HAVING, I THINK
23 THEY HAVE A LOT OF DIFFERENT SYSTEMS RIGHT NOW WHERE THEY'RE
24 PULLING DATA FROM AND HAVING THINGS IN A CENTRALIZED SYSTEM, I
25 THINK WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL FOR THEM.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** BUT FROM A MONITORING STANDPOINT,

3 **KATHY KENNY:** YES

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5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** IT WOULD ALSO BE BENEFICIAL TO YOU
6 BECAUSE DATA DOESN'T, I MEAN, DATA WILL HELP YOU KIND OF
7 TRACK.

8

9 **KATHY KENNY:** YES, WE ASK FOR A LOT OF DATA AND WE GET A LOT OF
10 DATA SO

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** RIGHT WELL, THAT'S NOT BAD, NOT BAD AT
13 ALL LAST THE BOARD APPROVED THE SERGEANT POSITIONS IN THE
14 BUDGET FOR THE CUSTODY FORCE INVESTIGATION TEAM HOW DO YOU AS
15 A MONITOR SEE THIS TEAM HELPING WITH THE COMPLIANCE AND THE
16 CLOSURE OF THE DISCREPANCY GAP? I THINK YOU TOUCHED ON THAT,
17 BUT - -

18

19 **KATHY KENNY:** NOW, I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE CFIT TEAM WAS STOOD
20 UP A YEAR AGO, WHERE THEY FIRST STAFFED IT, I THINK, WITH 4
21 SERGEANTS, AND THEY'VE SINCE ADDED SERGEANTS TO THAT TEAM. WE
22 HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW MANY CASES THAT THAT TEAM
23 REVIEWED, JUST BECAUSE, AGAIN, OF THE DELAY OF HOW THEY COME
24 TO US. BUT WE DID A REVIEW OF A FEW THAT WILL BE IN OUR NEXT
25 REPORT AND WE HAVE FOUND THAT THAT TEAM IS IDENTIFYING. THERE



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1 BEING MORE DETAILED IN THE REVIEW AND THEY ARE IDENTIFYING
2 MORE VIOLATIONS THAN WE HAVE SEEN IDENTIFIED PREVIOUSLY. AND
3 AGAIN, IT'S JUST A COUPLE OF CASES THAT WE'VE HAD A CHANCE TO
4 REVIEW THUS FAR. BUT WE'VE ALSO MET WITH THE TEAM AND SHARED
5 WITH THEM WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR COMPLIANCE ON SPECIFIC
6 PROVISIONS. WE ALSO THINK THERE'S A REAL EFFORT ON TIMELINESS
7 OF INVESTIGATIONS, NOT ONLY OF THAT TEAM, BUT AT THE HIGHER
8 LEVELS OF COMMAND. AND WE'VE SEEN A COUPLE OF CASES WHERE THAT
9 HAS BEEN SHORTENED GREATLY. IT USUALLY, FOR US, IT USUALLY
10 TAKES ABOUT A YEAR FOR THE CASE TO ACTUALLY, FROM WHEN IT
11 HAPPENED TILL IT ENDS. AND THE PROBLEM WITH THAT, OF COURSE,
12 IS IF WE LOOK AT IT, FIND IT OUT OF COMPLIANCE, THEY'RE BEYOND
13 THE YEAR TO TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST THE STAFF MEMBER. SO, IF
14 THEY SHORTEN THAT PERIOD OF TIME, THAT LEAVES OPEN THAT OPTION
15 IF THERE'S A PROBLEM OF GOING BACK AND MAYBE DOING AN
16 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION OR WHAT ELSE NEEDS TO HAPPEN WITH
17 THAT STAFF MEMBER.

18
19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU.

20
21 **NICHOLAS MITCHELL:** YEAH, I WOULD I WOULD JUST ADD TO THAT.
22 GOOD MORNING, BY THE WAY, NICK MITCHELL, PART OF THE ROSES
23 PANEL AND ALSO THE MONITOR OF THE DOJ AGREEMENT. YOU KNOW, I
24 THINK THE, AS YOU SAW IN THE SLIDES AND AS OUR REPORTS
25 REFLECT, THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE HEADWAY, HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT



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1 PROGRESS IN REDUCING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF USE OF FORCE
2 INCIDENTS. THAT IS AN ACHIEVEMENT. HOPEFULLY THAT TREND
3 CONTINUES THROUGH THE EFFORTS THAT HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED. AND
4 REDUCING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HEAD STRIKE INCIDENTS, WHICH IS
5 ALSO NOTEWORTHY. AND I THINK WHERE WE SEE SOME CONTINUED ROOM
6 FOR GROWTH IS THE ABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO BECOME SELF-
7 CRITICAL AND ENHANCE ITS ABILITY TO OBJECTIVELY AND FAIRLY
8 ASSESS THE FORCE USED BY ITS OWN MEMBERS. YOU KNOW, WE ARE,
9 WE'RE TEMPORARY, AND WE'RE GONNA GO AWAY EVENTUALLY. AND SO,
10 WE PROVIDE ANALYSIS OF FORCE INCIDENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT, BUT
11 THE DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO ENHANCE ITS ABILITY TO FAIRLY AND
12 OBJECTIVELY REVIEW THE CONDUCT OF ITS OWN MEMBERS. AND I THINK
13 WE SEE THE CFIT TEAM AS PART OF THAT DEVELOPMENT OF CAPACITY
14 TO BE SELF-CRITICAL. THE THEORY BEHIND HAVING MANY
15 CORRECTIONAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES HAVE AN INDEPENDENT
16 INVESTIGATIVE BODY THAT SITS OUTSIDE THE JAIL FACILITY ITSELF
17 TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS INTO FORCE INCIDENTS. AND CFIT IS
18 NOT COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT, BUT IT DOES NOT REPORT UP THROUGH
19 THE INDIVIDUAL JAIL COMMAND. AND SO THE THEORY IS THAT ITS
20 MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO, YOU KNOW, MORE OBJECTIVELY REVIEW THE
21 USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS AND PROVIDE ANALYSIS OF THOSE
22 INCIDENTS. AND I THINK OUR PRELIMINARY IMPRESSIONS ARE
23 POSITIVE, BUT AS KATHY HAS POINTED OUT, THE TRUE TEST WILL BE
24 WHEN WE'RE ACTUALLY SEEING THE COMPLETED CFIT INVESTIGATIONS
25 OVER THE COMING MONTHS. SO, I THINK WE HAVE POSITIVE



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1 PRELIMINARY IMPRESSIONS, BUT WE CAN PROVIDE MORE DETAIL AND
2 DATA IN OUR UPCOMING PUBLIC REPORT AND ANY APPEARANCES WE MAKE
3 BEFORE THIS BOARD IN THE FUTURE.

4
5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO ON THAT CFIT THOUGH, AND THAT WAS MY
6 LAST QUESTION, BUT NOW YOU'VE MADE ME ASK ANOTHER QUESTION,
7 AND THAT IS ON THE CFIT, ARE YOU ALL PROVIDING INPUT TO THE
8 SHERIFFS IN TERMS OF TRAINING FOR THESE PERSONNEL THAT ARE
9 REVIEWING SO THAT THEY HAVE THE TOOLS THAT YOU, FROM THE
10 VANTAGE POINT OF SOMEONE FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN VERSUS
11 YOU KNOW THE INTERNAL TRAINING THAT MAY TAKE PLACE?

12
13 **NICHOLAS MITCHELL:** YEAH, WE'VE BEEN BRIEFED ON SOME OF THE
14 TRAINING THAT THE MEMBERS OF CFIT HAVE RECEIVED. WE'VE GIVEN
15 SOME FEEDBACK ON WHAT WE IDENTIFY AS OTHER AREAS FOR
16 ADDITIONAL TRAINING. SO, WE HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH THE
17 DEPARTMENT ABOUT THAT.

18
19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** GOOD, BECAUSE I MEAN, I THINK IT'S
20 IMPORTANT TO GET, BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN
21 WHAT YOU ALL SEE AND WHAT THE DEPARTMENT IS REPORTING. AND I
22 KNOW THAT YOU ALL ARE COMMUNICATING WHICH AGAIN I WANT TO
23 THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR THE COMMITMENT AND
24 ACTUALLY FOR THE ACCESS I MEAN NICK YOU IS I MEAN IN
25 PARTICULAR I KNOW I'VE TALKED TO MY OFFICE QUITE A BIT WHEN WE



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1 HAVE QUESTIONS TO GET CLARIFICATIONS AND TO MAKE SURE WE'RE
2 DOING IT RIGHT AND TO MAKE SURE WE'RE BEING RESPONSIVE BECAUSE
3 I KNOW THE DEPARTMENT AND PAULA, YOU DEFINITELY ARE ENGAGED IN
4 THIS AND COMMITTED AND I THINK TOGETHER WE CAN GET THIS CROSS
5 FINISH LINE, BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO YOUR POINT TO BE
6 ABLE TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY AND SEE WHEN WE DO WRONG SO THAT
7 WE CAN CORRECT IT. AND WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE TABLETS AND THE
8 GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE NUMBER OF REPORTS HAVE GONE UP, MOST
9 WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE THAT NUMBER GO UP, BUT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE
10 THAT IT MEANS THAT WE ARE GETTING THE IPADS TO THE TO THE
11 INDIVIDUALS SO THAT THEY CAN REPORT. BUT NOW THE QUESTION IS,
12 WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'RE REPORTING? RIGHT.
13 THAT'S THE QUESTION. AND HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FOLLOW UP ON
14 THAT? YOU DON'T NEED TO ANSWER THAT NOW, BUT I THINK THAT'S
15 SOMETHING IMPORTANT FOR THIS BOARD TO UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN
16 SOMEONE FILES A COMMENT, HOW IS THAT DEALT WITH AND IS IT
17 OBJECTIVELY LOOKED AT? SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

18
19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND
22 THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE AGAIN. I WANT TO JUST TAKE A
23 MOMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND UPLIFT THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR
24 LIVES IN THE COUNTY'S CARCERAL SYSTEM AND OUR JAIL SYSTEM, AND
25 REALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND ADVOCATES WHO



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1 REALLY WORK VERY HARD TO KEEP THEIR MEMORIES ALIVE THROUGH
2 ADVOCATING FOR POLICY CHANGE. AND I THINK SOME OF THE CULTURE
3 CHANGE YOU TALKED ABOUT, THAT'S GOING TO BE IMPORTANT. SO, THE
4 REPORTS WE GET, THE WORK YOU DO ISN'T MERELY A RESULT OF THE
5 PROCESS, BUT THAT IT REALLY BECOMES AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR
6 CARCERAL SYSTEM, A SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE COMMITTED TO BE A CARE
7 FIRST SYSTEM FUNDAMENTALLY. AND ONE OF THE RATHER DISTURBING
8 ITEMS IN THE REPORT, NOT TO REPEAT SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT
9 MY COLLEAGUE JUST ASKED BECAUSE I HAD SOME OF THOSE SAME
10 QUESTIONS, BUT ONE OF THE ITEMS IN THE REPORT THAT STRUCK ME
11 WERE THE OUTCOMES OF THE FOCUS GROUPS FROM BOTH STAFF AND
12 THOSE WHO WERE INCARCERATED. IN PARTICULAR, THE REPORT FROM A
13 PERSON WHO WAS ASSAULTED BY OTHER INMATES ALLEGEDLY AT THE
14 DIRECTION OF A DEPUTY, WHO THREATENED, WHO REDUCED HIM OR
15 HERSELF TO THE LEVEL OF WITHHOLDING FUNDAMENTAL NECESSITIES
16 FROM SOMEONE TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO ENGAGE IN THAT BEHAVIOR,
17 WHICH IS LIKE WAR CRIME TACTICS, IF YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT IT.
18 AND IT'S REALLY SO DEEPLY INSULTING AND TRAGIC, I WOULD SAY.
19 AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION, I GET
20 THAT. BUT IT REALLY CALLS TO THE ATTENTION THE NEED FOR
21 ACCOUNTABILITY AND CONSISTENCY IN REPORTING THROUGHOUT ALL THE
22 JAIL FACILITIES. SO, IN THAT CONTEXT I HAVE A COUPLE OF
23 QUESTIONS. FIRST, FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, I UNDERSTAND
24 THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE KIND OF A PROBLEM OF COMMANDERS WHO
25 REFUSE TO FIND VIOLATIONS OF THE USE OF FORCE POLICY, AND EVEN



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1 HAVE AT TIMES OVERRULED A SERGEANT'S OUT OF POLICY
2 DETERMINATION. SO, CAN YOU ARTICULATE FOR US WHAT THE PLAN IS
3 AND WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT PLAN HAS BEGUN OR WHEN IT'S
4 ANTICIPATED TO BEGIN?

5
6 **PAULA TOKAR:** SO, WE HAVE HAD MEETINGS WITH THE MONITORS THAT
7 THOSE COMMANDERS WERE ALL IN ATTENDANCE AND WERE ON THE SAME
8 PAGE. NOW THERE'S NOT THAT MANY OF US. SO, THE EXPECTATIONS
9 ARE CLEAR AND HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED. I THINK WHERE THE
10 DISCONNECT WAS, NOT MAKING EXCUSES, BUT WHAT HAPPENED, THERE
11 ARE INSTANCES THAT CAN BE OUT OF POLICY, BUT THERE ARE MANY
12 MITIGATING FACTORS FOR THE REASON IT HAPPENED THE WAY IT DID.
13 AND THERE WAS A RELUCTANCE TO DISCIPLINE SOMEONE FOR WHAT
14 WOULD BE A MISTAKE THAT MANY OF US WOULD MAKE GIVEN THE SAME
15 SITUATIONS, BUT THAT INSTANCE IS STILL OUT OF POLICY. SO WE
16 HAVE BRIDGED THAT AND WE'VE TALKED TO THE MONITORS AND I THINK
17 THAT NOW THE COMMAND STAFF UNDERSTANDS THAT WE CAN BE OUT OF
18 POLICY AND HANDLE THE SITUATION BASED UPON THE TOTALITY OF THE
19 CIRCUMSTANCES. AND JUST BECAUSE IT'S OUT OF POLICY DOESN'T
20 MEAN YOU HAVE TO SUSPEND SOMEONE FOR MULTIPLE DAYS. IT CAN BE
21 OUT OF POLICY AND IT CAN BE ADDRESSED BY TRAINING. AND THAT
22 IS, THAT I BELIEVE WAS A LOT OF THE DISCONNECT AND THAT HAS
23 BEEN RESOLVED. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT ALL OF OUR COMMAND STAFF
24 THAT ARE MAKING THOSE DECISIONS UNDERSTAND THE EXPECTATION AND
25 THE ABILITY TO HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY IN HOW THEY EVENTUALLY



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1 MAKE IT RIGHT SO THAT WE'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING.

2

3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND I GUESS THAT IS THE ONGOING
4 CHALLENGE. IT GOES BACK TO YOUR POINT THAT WE WANT IT TO
5 BECOME INNATE, INTERNAL TO THE SYSTEM, WHICH IS REALLY, I
6 THINK THE WHOLE KIND OF POINT AROUND ROSAS, WHICH IS REALLY TO
7 MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED CAN FULLY EXPECT
8 HUMANE TREATMENT FUNDAMENTALLY. AND I THINK THAT THERE CAN
9 ALWAYS BE SEMANTICS AND MISUNDERSTANDING BUT IF THERE
10 CONTINUES TO BE A CULTURE OF A HESITANCY A CONCERN WHERE
11 THERE'S A RELIANCE ON THE PRECISE KIND OF LETTER OF THE LAW
12 WITH THAT YOU KNOW FOR THE LACK OF A BETTER TERM, AS OPPOSED
13 TO A FUNDAMENTAL UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS PERSON SHOULD EXPECT,
14 AND I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH HUMANE
15 TREATMENT, IT FEELS TO ME LIKE WE WILL FOREVER BE UNDER,
16 WHETHER IT'S ROSAS OR SOME SUIT, BECAUSE WE'RE FOREVER PLAYING
17 CATCH IT. WE'RE BEHIND THE 8 BALL IN TERMS OF TRYING TO FIND
18 EVERY EXAMPLE WHERE WE'RE GOING TO SPECIFICALLY ARTICULATE AND
19 PRESCRIBE A RESOLUTION AS OPPOSED TO THROUGH TRAINING, HIRING
20 THE RIGHT PEOPLE, CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE PEOPLE DESIRE
21 TO GO TO WORK, WE CAN GET ON THE FRONT END OF IT. SO FOR ME,
22 THAT'S WHAT ROSAS IS ALL ABOUT, AND I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT
23 THING TO ALWAYS ELEVATE AND REMEMBER. QUESTION FOR THE
24 MONITORS. DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR FINDING A MORE
25 UNIFORM DEFINITION OF WHAT CONSTITUTES REASONABLE VERSUS



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1 EXCESSIVE FORCE? THAT WAS CERTAINLY A DILEMMA. I KNOW WE
2 EXPERIENCE AT THE STATE LEVEL IN TERMS OF TRYING TO DEFINE IT
3 AND THE NUANCE BETWEEN THE 2. REALLY SO WE CAN ATTEMPT TO
4 ELIMINATE THE DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN YOUR COMPLIANCE FINDINGS
5 AND THE DEPARTMENT'S COMPLIANCE FINDINGS IN THESE REPORTS.

6
7 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** OKAY. WELL, LET ME SEE IF I CAN APPROACH THAT.
8 SO, I BEGAN AS A MONITOR 10 YEARS AGO. YES. AND WORKED WITH
9 TERRY MCDONALD. AND I SAID, TERRY, WHAT'S REALLY THE
10 UNDERLYING ISSUES? I WAS BEING APPOINTED AS A MONITOR. SHE
11 SAYS, WELL, THEY'RE USING FIELD USE AS A FORCE IN A CONFINED
12 ENVIRONMENT. AND SO, THE WORLD HAS CATCHERS AND IT HAS
13 KEEPERS. AND A JAIL ENVIRONMENT IS KEEPERS. AND THAT'S A
14 DIFFERENT PROFESSION. IT'S A DIFFERENT APPROACH. THERE ARE
15 RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE INSIDE YOUR COUNTY JAILS THAT ARE
16 NOT AVAILABLE TO, THE DEPUTIES ARE WORKING INDEPENDENTLY IN
17 THE COUNTY AND DON'T HAVE BACKUP THAT'S RIGHT THERE. THE
18 PEOPLE IN CONFINED ENVIRONMENT HAVE BEEN SEARCHED. THEY
19 PROBABLY DON'T HAVE A WEAPON ON THEM, ALTHOUGH THEY CAN
20 FABRICATE A WEAPON AND SO FORTH. BUT SO WE HAD A SEPARATE
21 MANUAL FOR USES OF FORCE MADE AS A REQUIREMENT FOR ROSAS
22 COMPLIANCE. AND THE REASON IS THAT IN THE FIELD SOMETIMES YOU
23 HAVE TO END THINGS QUICKLY. IN A CONFINED ENVIRONMENT, WHEN
24 THE INMATES COME AT YOU, THEY DON'T NECESSARILY COME AT YOU
25 AND YOU CAN STEP BACK. YOU CAN CREATE TIME AND DISTANCE. YOU



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1 CAN CALL FOR A SUPERVISOR, WAIT FOR THAT SUPERVISOR TO ARRIVE,
2 AND THEN APPROACH IT IN A VERY CORRECTIONS METHODOICAL WAY. IF
3 IT'S A PLANNED USE OF FORCE WHERE YOU HAVE TO EXTRACT SOMEBODY
4 FOR THEIR GOOD, FOR MENTAL HEALTH OR MEDICAL, YOU HAVE
5 PSYCHOLOGISTS, YOU HAVE MEDICAL PERSONNEL, YOU HAVE TRAINED
6 SUPERVISORS AND SO FORTH, CAN NEGOTIATE WITH THAT INMATE TO
7 HAVE A SAFE END RESULT. AND SO, THE DROP IN THE HEAD STRIKES,
8 I THINK, IS A GOOD SIGN THAT MAYBE THERE'S SOME EMBRACEMENT OR
9 A CONTINUED EMBRACEMENT IS A BETTER WAY OF PUTTING IT, OF
10 CORRECTIONS APPROACHES TO INCIDENTS. STEPPING BACK FROM
11 SITUATION, CALLING ON YOUR RESOURCES AND SO FORTH, TO NOT GO
12 HANDS ON SO QUICKLY BECAUSE YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THAT. YOU
13 KNOW, WHEN YOU HAVE THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE JAILS. AND
14 SO, I THINK AS WE GO ALONG, I'M SEEING A GREATER EMBRACEMENT
15 OF THE CORRECTIONS APPROACH TOWARDS USE AS A FORCE. SO I THINK
16 THINGS ARE GOING TO IMPROVE IN THAT ASPECT.

17
18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT. AND IS IT YOUR
19 SENSE THAT THE TRAINING THAT WE'VE NOW MET THE EXPECTATION OF
20 INCLUDES THAT DIFFERENT ORIENTATION IN TERMS OF THEIR ROLE?

21
22 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** I THINK SO. SO 2 OF US HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO
23 SIT IN ON DE-ESCALATION TRAINING. IT WAS GREAT TRAINING. WE
24 HAD SOME FEEDBACK THAT THEY POSITIVELY EMBRACED. AND I THINK
25 NOW TO TRANSLATE THAT INTO DAILY PRACTICES IS FOR THOSE LINE



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1 SUPERVISORS TO REALLY, HOW SHOULD I SAY IT, CELEBRATE THE
2 ABILITY TO DEESCALATE A PERSON. THAT, SO THE REAL PRIDE IS
3 THAT YOU AVOIDED AN INCIDENT AND YOU RESOLVED THE INMATES'
4 ISSUES. YOU HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THOSE ISSUES, TO
5 BACK AWAY FROM THAT SITUATION, CALL FOR SUPERVISORS. AND I
6 THINK AS WE SEE A SLOWER EMBRACEMENT OR A, I SHOULD I SAY,
7 MAYBE AN INCREASED PACE OF EMBRACEMENT OF THE CORRECTIONS
8 APPROACH OR CONFINED ENVIRONMENT APPROACH, THAT WE'RE GOING TO
9 SEE THOSE HEAD STRIKES DROP EVEN FURTHER AND WE'RE GOING TO
10 SEE PEOPLE STEPPING BACK CALLING ON RESOURCES. AND SO, I SEE
11 PROGRESS HAPPEN IN THAT DIRECTION.

12
13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT. LAST QUESTION,
14 MADAM CHAIR. AND AGAIN, IT'S FOCUSED ON THE DECLINE AND THE
15 USE OF FORCE COMPARED TO YEARS PRIOR, BUT AGAIN, REPORTING
16 DISCREPANCIES. I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF THE MONITORS SAW THE
17 LETTER FROM THE ACLU THAT EXPRESSED CONCERNS WITH THE ITEMS
18 WITH REGARD TO REPORTING DISCREPANCIES. AND COULD YOU SHARE
19 FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE ANY CHALLENGES THAT YOU ARE FINDING WITH
20 REPORTING? MAYBE THAT'S MORE, WHOEVER.

21
22 **NICHOLAS MITCHELL:** WELL, YOU KNOW, I CAN SPEAK. WE DID HAVE AN
23 OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE ACLU LETTER. AND I THINK, I'M NOT
24 SURE THAT WE HAVE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WE WANNA HIGHLIGHT WITH
25 RESPECT TO REPORTING, BUT I THINK THE ACLU LETTER DID POINT



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1 OUT THAT THERE IS A GAP BETWEEN THE PERCENTAGE OF CASES IN
2 WHICH WE MAKE A FINDING OF A POLICY VIOLATION VERSUS THE
3 PERCENTAGE OF CASES IN WHICH WE MAKE A FINDING OF A POLICY
4 VIOLATION VERSUS THE PERCENTAGE OF CASES IN WHICH THE
5 DEPARTMENT MAKES A FINDING THAT A POLICY WAS VIOLATED. AND I
6 THINK THAT RELATES TO YOUR QUESTION, YOUR EARLIER QUESTION,
7 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, ABOUT CULTURE CHANGE AND HOW TO CHANGE
8 THE CULTURE. I THINK WE'VE HEARD FROM THE ASSISTANT SHERIFF
9 SOME OF THE INITIATIVES THAT ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN, THE
10 TRAINING AND CFIT AND OTHERS INTERNALLY, BUT ULTIMATELY THE
11 AGENCY IS ACCOUNTABLE TO AND RESPONDS TO THIS BOARD. AND I
12 THINK YOUR INTEREST IN ENSURING THAT THE DEPARTMENT CLOSES
13 THAT GAP BETWEEN OUR COMPLIANCE FINDINGS AND ITS OWN SENDS A
14 VERY STRONG MESSAGE TO THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT. AND SO, I THINK
15 I SAW IN THE ACLU LETTER A CALL FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE
16 TO COME BACK AND REPORT ON THAT GAP. AND I THINK THAT IS A
17 WORTHWHILE INITIATIVE SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS
18 THAT'S A PRIORITY FOR THIS BODY, THAT THAT GAP SHOULD CLOSE
19 OVER TIME. WE FEEL CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT IT'S MOVING IN
20 THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT THE ATTENTION OF THIS BODY ON, YOU
21 KNOW, MAKING SURE THAT THAT GAP IS CLOSING, I THINK, WILL BE
22 VERY PRODUCTIVE FOR THE EFFORT TO ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF THE
23 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO CRITIQUE ITS OWN USE AS A FORCE OVER
24 TIME.

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1 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I WOULD JUST
2 SAY VERY QUICKLY IN CLOSING, WITH THIS BEING THE 13TH PANEL
3 REPORT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE MONITORING INCREMENTAL PROGRESS,
4 PARTICULARLY COMPARED TO THE 12TH REPORT. YOU'RE LOOKING AT IT
5 COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD, PREVIOUS QUARTER.
6 AND I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU HAVE AN EXPECTATION ABOUT HOW
7 QUICKLY WE GET TO A POINT WHERE WE'RE NOT, WHERE THE CONCEPT
8 OF A HEAD STRIKE, EVEN THE NAME OF IT MAKES ME PAUSE WHEN I
9 SAY IT, WHERE WE CAN GET TO A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN EXPECT
10 THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED WILL BE THE BENEFICIARY OF A
11 SHIFTED CULTURE, WHERE WE'RE NOT LOOKING AT AND CONTINUING TO
12 COUNT THE NUMBER OF LOSSES OF LIFE AS A RESULT OF DIRECT
13 INTERACTION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE WAY PEOPLE CONTINUE TO
14 MONITOR EVERY DAY, EVERY YEAR. WILL IT BE ANOTHER 13 REPORTS?
15 WHAT IS A REALISTIC EXPECTATION ABOUT TIMING AROUND THE
16 CULTURE SHIFT WE'VE ALL ACKNOWLEDGED IS WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN?

17
18 **PAULA TOKAR:** I CAN'T PUT A TIME ON IT, BUT I CAN TELL YOU
19 THINGS ARE MOVING MUCH MORE RAPIDLY IN THE LAST COUPLE OF
20 YEARS. AND I THINK THERE'S AGREEMENT WITH ALL OF US. AND WE
21 STILL HAVE FORCES, USES OF FORCE THAT ARE BEING FOUND OUT OF
22 COMPLIANCE. BUT I CAN TELL YOU IN LOOKING AT THE VIDEOS OF THE
23 FORCE FROM 3 YEARS AGO THAT WERE OUT OF COMPLIANCE VERSUS
24 TODAY, THAT CULTURE SHIFT HAS OCCURRED. THERE MAY BE ROOM TO
25 GROW STILL, BUT THERE ARE VERY, VERY, VERY FEW VIDEOS THAT I



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1 THINK THAT YOU WOULD FIND SHOCK THE CONSCIENCE. WE'RE GETTING
2 DOWN TO MORE, THIS COULD HAVE BEEN DONE BETTER VERSUS THAT'S
3 CRAZY. WHY WOULD THAT HAPPEN? IF THAT MAKES SENSE. THE CULTURE
4 SHIFT IS THERE. WE'VE SHIFTED. WE HAVE A WAYS TO GO TO MAKE
5 SURE THAT WE COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH EVERY REGULATION.

6
7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND THE INVESTIGATIONS FOR THINGS THAT
8 CAME UP THROUGH THE FOCUS GROUP, I HOPE ARE GONNA CONTINUE
9 WITH A SWIFTNESS TO SEND A STRONG SIGNAL TO PEOPLE ABOUT, EVEN
10 IF IT'S NOT A DOCUMENTED EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE, THAT KIND OF
11 MANIPULATIVE EXCESSIVE USE OF AUTHORITY IS INAPPROPRIATE AS
12 WELL.

13
14 **PAULA TOKAR:** YES MA'AM, WE WILL DEFINITELY KEEP UP WITH THAT.
15 THE INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING AND WE CAN DISCUSS IT OFFLINE.
16 ONE OF THE ISSUES IS WE ARE INVESTIGATING EVERYTHING THAT
17 COMES UP. WE ARE DOING EXTENSIVE REVIEWS FOR THE GRIEVANCES
18 AND A LOT OF TIMES WHAT THE INMATE BRINGS UP WE DON'T FIND
19 SUBSTANTIATED BUT IF THERE'S SOME PERIPHERAL ISSUE, WE'RE
20 LOOKING AT EVERYTHING SO I AGREE WITH YOU AND WE WILL CONTINUE
21 TO DO SO. APPRECIATE IT.

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

24
25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU,



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1 ASSISTANT SHERIFF TOKAR FOR THE PRESENTATION. AND AGAIN, I
2 ECHO MY COLLEAGUES' COMMENTS ABOUT HAVING THE MONITORS HERE
3 TODAY. I THINK THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT AS WE, AS SUPERVISOR
4 BARGER SAID, SORT OF GET THIS ACROSS THE FINISH LINE TO REALLY
5 BE IN COMPLIANCE. I KNOW WE'VE BEEN TALKING A LOT ABOUT IT,
6 BUT IT IS, I THINK FOR ME, IT WAS STILL THE DISCREPANCY, AND I
7 KNOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IT BEING THE GAP, BUT I THINK EVEN
8 FOR THE PUBLIC LISTENING, I'M NOT SURE THEY EXACTLY KNOW, YOU
9 KNOW, WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. BUT WHEN I READ THAT 17 HEAD
10 STRIKES, THE MONITORS FOUND OUT OF COMPLIANCE, AND THE
11 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LOOKED AT THE SAME EVENTS AND FOUND ONLY
12 2 WERE OUT OF COMPLIANCE. SO THAT'S THE GAP, RIGHT? BUT THAT'S
13 A REALLY BIG GAP, AND MAYBE WE'RE GETTING BETTER, BUT THAT
14 STILL SEEMS LIKE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING AT THESE
15 VERY DIFFERENTLY. AND I THINK I'D LIKE TO HEAR SOME MORE
16 COMMENTS ABOUT WHY WE THINK, YOU KNOW, 15 WERE VIEWED
17 COMPLETELY DIFFERENTLY. AND THESE WERE THE SAME EVENTS THAT
18 WERE, THE MONITORS FOUND OUT OF COMPLIANCE, SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT FOUND THEY WEREN'T OUT OF COMPLIANCE. THAT'S A LOT.
20 YOU WONDER HOW WE EVER KIND OF GET TO, YOU KNOW, BEING IN
21 COMPLIANCE IF WE'RE SEEING THINGS SO DIFFERENTLY. SO MAYBE
22 COMMENT JUST ABOUT HOW DO WE REALLY SEE THESE INCIDENTS IN THE
23 SAME WAY. THE OTHER THING I FOUND WAS A REALLY INTERESTING
24 DISCUSSION ABOUT THE USE OF FORCE INSIDE VERSUS OUTSIDE. AND
25 THAT WAS A REALLY INTERESTING, I FORGOT YOUR NAME ALREADY ON



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1 THE END. OH. YEAH, ROBERT. BOB HOUSTON. YEAH, BOB. YEAH, I
2 FOUND THAT REALLY INTERESTING TO TALK ABOUT. MAYBE ON THE
3 OUTSIDE, YOU WOULD RESPOND, MAYBE USES OF FORCE WOULD BE
4 VIEWED WITHIN POLICY AND SORT OF OKAY BASED ON THE SITUATION,
5 BUT IT'S A VERY DIFFERENT DYNAMIC INSIDE AND MAYBE THERE'S
6 MORE OPPORTUNITY TO DEESCALATE. WOULD YOU SAY, AND THEN I JUST
7 WANNA LOSE MY FIRST QUESTION, BUT HOPEFULLY I CAN HEAR MORE
8 ABOUT HOW WE EVER SEE THINGS THE SAME. WOULD YOU SAY THAT
9 THERE'S A DIFFERENT, ARE WE PUTTING IN PLACE A DIFFERENT USE
10 OF FORCE POLICY? IS THAT ACTUALLY WHAT WE'RE GETTING TO?
11 INSIDE VERSUS OUTSIDE? ARE THEY 2 DIFFERENT USES OF FORCE
12 POLICIES THAT WE'RE ASKING OUR DEPUTIES TO ABIDE BY?

13
14 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** YES. WELL, WE PUT INTO THE PROVISIONS TO HAVE
15 THAT SEPARATE MANUAL, AND THAT WAS PUT IN PLACE AND HAS BEEN
16 PUT IN PLACE AND REVISED AND SO FORTH THROUGHOUT TIME. AND SO,
17 THE POLICIES ARE THERE. I MUST SAY, YOU KNOW, IT'S AS
18 MONITORS, YOU KNOW, WE CRITIQUE THINGS. WHEREAS THE
19 DEPARTMENT, THEY HAVE TO BEHAVE. AND THAT'S A MUCH MORE
20 DIFFICULT TASK THAN FOR US TO COME IN AS MONITORS AND
21 CRITIQUE. SO I GET THAT. BUT AS THE ASSISTANT SHERIFF STATED,
22 AND I AGREE WITH THAT, IS THAT WE'RE STARTING TO SEE A CULTURE
23 CHANGE. AND IN MY EXPERIENCE WORKING IN PRISONS AND JAILS,
24 WHERE YOU GET THE CULTURE CHANGES, YOU CAN'T GET PEOPLE TO
25 THINK DIFFERENTLY ABOUT THINGS, BUT YOU CAN TELL THEM HOW TO



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1 BEHAVE. AND YOUR POLICIES AND YOUR PROCEDURES TELL PEOPLE HOW
2 TO BEHAVE. AND AS THE DEPARTMENT PROGRESSES TOWARDS LOWERING
3 THE HEAD STRIKES, TOWARDS ADOPTING A CORRECTIONS APPROACH, A
4 CONFINED ENVIRONMENT APPROACH, WHEN PEOPLE START BEHAVING
5 DIFFERENTLY, AFTER A WHILE THEY SAY, CAN YOU BELIEVE WE USED
6 TO DO THAT? CAN YOU BELIEVE WE USED TO HIT THEM IN THE HEAD?
7 AND THAT'S WHERE WE WANT TO GET TO HAVE THAT BEHAVIOR CHANGE.
8 AND, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE CAN'T ACT AND THINK IN 2 DIFFERENT WAYS.
9 SO, IF YOU ACT DIFFERENTLY, YOU START THINKING DIFFERENTLY
10 ABOUT HOW YOU APPROACH THESE THINGS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS
11 GOOD TO DISTINGUISH IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FIGHT AND THE
12 USE OF FORCE. OKAY, A FIGHT IS SOMETHING THAT SOMEBODY IN THE
13 FIELD, WHEN THEY'RE ALL BY THEMSELVES AND THEY'RE ATTACKED BY
14 SOMEBODY, THAT'S A FIGHT. AND THAT CAN HAPPEN IN A CONFINED
15 ENVIRONMENT AS WELL. HOWEVER, THE RESOURCES ARE MORE READILY
16 AVAILABLE. AND WHEN WE START THINKING MORE THAT THIS IS A USE
17 OF FORCE AND NOT A FIGHT, AND THAT WE'RE GOING TO APPROACH IT
18 THAT WAY BY USING OUR RESOURCES, BY CALLING FOR STAFF, FOR
19 TAKING TIME AND DISTANCE, ALL THOSE THINGS YOU CAN DO IN THE
20 CONFINED ENVIRONMENT, WHEN WE START THINKING THOSE TERMS A
21 LITTLE BIT MORE, I THINK THAT WE'RE GOING TO FIND THAT GAP IS
22 GOING TO START TO SHRINK. SO, ANYHOW. AND WAS THE SEPARATE USE
23 OF FORCE POLICY, I MEAN, IT'S A RESULT, I MEAN, IT'S PART OF
24 THE ROSES AGREEMENT. DID THAT HAVE TO BE CHOPPED TO THE
25 UNIONS?



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1
2 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** NO. WELL, THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE'VE
3 CONSULTED WITH THE UNION ON, BUT FOR THE LARGE PART, THE
4 DEPARTMENT'S BEEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE POLICY ASPECT OF
5 ROSAS.

6
7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. ASSISTANT CHAIR.

8
9 **PAULA TOKAR:** AND THAT'S A LIVING DOCUMENT. OUR POLICIES
10 CHANGED BASED UPON CIRCUMSTANCES AND ABILITY TO TRAIN AND
11 TRENDS THAT WE'RE SEEING. SO, WE'RE VERY HAPPY TO SAY THAT WE
12 HAVE A LIMITATIONS ON FORCE POLICY THAT WAS PUBLISHED ON THE
13 4TH, SO JUST A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO. AND THAT DID HAVE A LOT OF
14 A UNION INVOLVEMENT TO THE TUNE OF, I BELIEVE, IT WAS 39
15 DIFFERENT ITERATIONS GOING BACK ON SEMANTICS TO GET IT
16 THROUGH. BUT THAT WAS IN A, WE HAD A DIRECTIVE PRIOR TO
17 ACTUALLY PUBLISHING THE POLICY. SO, IT DOES GO BACK AND FORTH,
18 AND IT IS A LIVING DOCUMENT BASED UPON WHAT WE SEE AND THE
19 CHANGES WE NEED TO MAKE.

20
21 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, I FIND THAT INTERESTING BECAUSE I
22 THINK WE HAVE ANOTHER ITEM TODAY ABOUT THE RESOURCE OFFICERS
23 AND THEIR USE OF FORCE CONDUCT AS IT RELATED TO SCHOOL
24 CAMPUSES. AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WERE TOLD THERE
25 CANNOT BE 2 SEPARATE USE OF FORCE POLICIES THAT JUST WASN'T



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1 SOMETHING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ENTERED INTO. I MEAN YOU
2 DON'T HAVE TO COMMENT ON THAT BECAUSE IT'S A DIFFERENT ITEM
3 BUT I FIND IT VERY INTERESTING THAT ACTUALLY IN FACT YOU CAN
4 HAVE A DIFFERENT USE OF FORCE POLICY. AGAIN, THIS ONE WAS
5 SPECIFICALLY TO AN AGREEMENT, BUT I THINK THAT'S INTERESTING
6 BECAUSE I THINK, YOU KNOW, DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES DO KIND OF
7 WARRANT THAT, AND I APPRECIATE THAT. LET ME JUST ASK, I KNOW
8 ASSISTANT SHERIFF TOKAR, LASD, HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON THE
9 LIMITATIONS OF FORCE AND THE RAP POLICIES, AND THEY'RE BEING
10 REVIEWED BY THE UNIONS, I THINK. SO I WAS CURIOUS WHERE WE ARE
11 IN THE, WHERE IN THE PROCESS IS THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE OTHER
12 2 POLICY REVISIONS, THE ONES ABOUT DE-ESCALATION AND
13 ACCOUNTABILITY.

14
15 **PAULA TOKAR:** SO, I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE POLICIES GOING BACK
16 AND FORTH. THOSE ARE PROVISIONS THAT I'LL HAVE TO DEFER TO THE
17 MONITORS.

18
19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY.

20
21 **KATHY KENNY:** YES, THE DE-ESCALATION, THERE PROBABLY WON'T BE
22 ANY CHANGES THAT INVOLVED US GOING TO THE TRAINING AND
23 PROVIDING COMMENTS ON THE TRAINING. WE DIDN'T THINK THERE
24 NEEDED TO BE ANY ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS. THE PROVISION THAT
25 REALLY GETS TO WHAT WE HOPE TO BE HELPING CLOSE THAT GAP IS



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1 THE COMPLIANCE MEASURE FOR 1.3. THE PARTIES HAVE COME TOGETHER
2 AND REALLY WORKED VERY WELL TOGETHER ON THOSE POLICIES AS WELL
3 AS THE PROVISIONS. AND 1.3 WILL BE PUT BEFORE THE COURT AS
4 WELL AS SOME OTHER CHANGES WITH PROVISIONS TO INCLUDE 19 OF
5 THEM GOING TO NON-REPORTING AND THEN SOME OTHER CHANGES TO
6 ENHANCE ACCOUNTABILITY. ONCE THOSE ARE APPROVED BY THE COURT,
7 THEY WILL THEN BE IMPLEMENTED. AND WHERE THE 1.3 IN PARTICULAR
8 SPEAKS TO OUR REVIEW OF THE SUPERVISOR'S REVIEW OF THE USE OF
9 FORCE. AND SO IT GOES BACK TO THE QUESTION THAT SUPERVISOR
10 MITCHELL HAD ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REASONABLE AND
11 EXCESSIVE. AND INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON WHAT THAT CONCLUSION IS,
12 WE'RE ASKING THE SUPERVISORS TO SPELL OUT THEIR RATIONALE. SO,
13 WE'RE NOT AS FOCUSED ON WHAT YOU'RE GONNA CALL IT, SPELL OUT
14 YOUR RATIONALE AS TO WHY YOU SEE THIS AS BEING IN POLICY, AND
15 THEN WE'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER THAT'S
16 CORRECT OR NOT. IT WILL HELP US, AND I THINK HELP FOCUS THE
17 SUPERVISORS ON THEIR REVIEW OF WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING AT. WE'RE
18 LOOKING FOR MORE DETAIL. INSTEAD OF THOSE CONCLUSIONS THAT IT
19 WAS REASONABLE OR OBJECTIVELY REASONABLE. WE REALLY WANT TO
20 KNOW WHY YOU THINK THIS WAS IN YOUR POLICY.

21
22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT, AND IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S GONNA BE THIS
23 DIALOGUE.

24
25 **KATHY KENNY:** YES, YES.



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2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THAT IS ACTUALLY GONNA CHANGE.

3

4 **KATHY KENNY:** YES.

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6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** MAKE THE DIFFERENCES AND ULTIMATELY GET US
7 IN COMPLIANCE. IT'S THE DIALOGUE.

8

9 **KATHY KENNY:** THAT'S RIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** NOT JUST THE CONCLUSION.

12

13 **KATHY KENNY:** RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT.

14

15 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I APPRECIATE THAT. WELL, THANK YOU AGAIN.
16 AND I KNOW YOU KNOW THAT THIS BOARD TAKES US VERY SERIOUSLY
17 AND WE HAVE A HUGE INTEREST IN MAKING SURE THAT WE GET IN
18 COMPLIANCE, BUT I THINK AT THE CORE OF THAT IS, OF COURSE,
19 THOSE WHO ARE IN OUR CUSTODY AND IN OUR CARE. WE HAVE A
20 TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY AND MORAL OBLIGATION TO THEM AS
21 WELL.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 JUST REFLECT ON YOUR HANDOUT THAT YOU PRESENTED FROM THE
2 SHERIFF'S PERSPECTIVE. AND IF WE COULD LOOK AT, I GUESS, THE
3 TOP 5 GRIEVANCES, AND I REALIZED THAT UNDER ITEM 4, STAFF
4 COMPLAINTS FOR 2023 IS PRETTY LARGE. AND I DON'T SEE ANY
5 SPECIFIC INFORMATION THERE TO TELL ME WHAT THOSE STAFF
6 COMPLAINTS ARE. HOW DO YOU CATEGORIZE THEM AND HOW ARE THEY
7 REPORTED AND WHAT SEVERITY OR HOW DO YOU MEASURE THAT?

8
9 **PAULA TOKAR:** YES, UNFORTUNATELY, THE CATEGORY IS COMPLAINTS
10 AGAINST STAFF, AND IT CAN BE BROAD. IT'S ANY ALLEGATION OF
11 MISDOING BY A STAFF MEMBER. AND I WAS UNABLE TO PARSE THAT OUT
12 SO THAT I COULD REPORT SPECIFICALLY ON WHAT THE ACTIONS WERE.
13 IT RUNS A GAMUT. I CAN TELL YOU FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN
14 INTUITIVELY WITHOUT GIVING YOU LIKE REAL DATA, JUST THINGS
15 THAT I PERSONALLY HAVE BEEN REVIEWING, DISCOURTESY IS THE
16 NUMBER ONE, HOW YOU'RE TALKING TO EACH OTHER. THERE HAVE BEEN
17 NUMEROUS ABOUT SEARCH TECHNIQUES AND WHY PEOPLE ARE BEING
18 SEARCHED, AND THEN THERE'S CLAIMS OF HARASSMENT. SO THOSE ARE
19 THE 3, BUT WHAT HARASSMENT IS A BIG WORD AND WHAT THE
20 SPECIFICS ARE, IT'S HARD TO GIVE YOU AN ANSWER THAT WOULD
21 SATISFY YOU AT THIS POINT, BUT WE TAKE ALL OF THE STAFF
22 COMPLAINTS SERIOUSLY. THEY ARE HANDLED DIFFERENTLY, AND THERE
23 IS A FULL INVESTIGATION THAT IS INTENSIVE, AND IT WAS ONE OF
24 THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE ACTUALLY HAD YESTERDAY ON HOW WE CAN
25 TRIAGE AND FOCUS ON THE MORE EGREGIOUS ONES AND GET THE LOWER



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1 LEVEL THINGS DONE MORE QUICKLY. SO, I KNOW THAT'S KIND OF A
2 NON-ANSWER, THAT IT DOES RUN THE GAMUT, BUT I CAN TELL YOU
3 THAT EACH, IT'S A PACKET OF PAPERWORK. EACH CLAIM OF A STAFF
4 MISCONDUCT IS FULLY INVESTIGATED.

5
6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND SO, WHAT IS THE MONITOR, WHAT DO YOU
7 FOLKS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THAT? HAVE YOU REVIEWED ANY OF THESE
8 COMPLAINTS? ARE THERE ANY RED FLAGS?

9
10 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** WELL, MAYBE THE OTHER MONITORS CAN ADDRESS
11 THAT. FROM MY, YOU KNOW, MY CAREER IS WHEN INMATES COMPLAIN
12 ABOUT STAFF, STAFF HAVE TO GIVE BAD NEWS TO INMATES. THEY ALSO
13 HAVE TO EXPECT THEM TO FOLLOW THE RULES. AND THAT'S NOT TOO
14 WELL ACCEPTED OFTENTIMES BY THE PEOPLE WE HAVE INCARCERATED.
15 SO IT ISN'T THAT WE DON'T HAVE SITUATIONS, NOT JUST HERE BUT
16 ELSEWHERE, WHERE A PERSON COULD BE RUDE OR ABRUPT AND THAT
17 TYPE OF THING. AND THOSE THINGS CERTAINLY DO HAPPEN. BUT
18 THERE'S A LOT ABOUT WHAT THE DEPUTIES HAVE TO DO AS FAR AS
19 DOING THEIR BUSINESS EVERY DAY, EXPECTING PEOPLE TO CLEAN
20 THEIR ROOMS, EXPECTING PEOPLE TO BE SHOWERED, TAKING PEOPLE
21 FOR A MENTAL HEALTH OR MEDICAL CHECK. AND SO, ALL THOSE THINGS
22 NEED TO BE WEIGHED IN. SOMETIMES A COMPLAINT ABOUT A STAFF
23 MEMBER COULD BE POSITIVE. IT'S LIKE, WELL, HE EXPECTED ME TO
24 FOLLOW THE RULES AND TO KEEP MY ROOM CLEAN AND SO FORTH. WELL,
25 AND SO --



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** BUT I WOULD SAY --

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4 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** THAT DOESN'T RESOLVE EVERYTHING, BUT IT DOES
5 GIVE YOU KIND OF AN INDICATION AS TO HOW TO WEIGH THOSE
6 COMPLAINTS.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL THOUGH IF THERE
9 WERE SOME SPECIFIC CRITERIA THAT CAN DIFFERENTIATE SEVERITY
10 BECAUSE SHERIFF MENTIONED HARASSMENT. TO ME, THAT'S AN
11 IMPORTANT, YOU KNOW, NOTION THERE AND I'M JUST WONDERING WHAT
12 THE OTHER MONITORS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THAT.

13

14 **NICHOLAS MITCHELL:** WELL, I THINK TO YOUR POINT, I THINK HAVING
15 AN EFFECTIVE, YOU KNOW, GRIEVANCE SYSTEMS IN A JAIL
16 ENVIRONMENT SERVE MANY FUNCTIONS. THEY CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY
17 FOR COMPLAINTS THAT CAN BE INVESTIGATED. THEY ALSO CAN BE A
18 PRESSURE RELEASE VALVE WHEN AN INCARCERATED POPULATION HAS AN
19 ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH JAIL LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT.
20 IT'S SORT OF, IT CAN BE A PRESSURE RELEASE VALVE. IT CAN ALSO,
21 LOOKING AT TRENDS IN INMATE GRIEVANCES CAN ALSO INDICATE PARTS
22 OF THE OPERATION THAT NEED INSTITUTIONAL ATTENTION, RIGHT? SO,
23 I THINK TO YOUR POINT, DISAGGREGATING THE DATA SO THAT YOU
24 KNOW ARE PEOPLE COMPLAINING ABOUT, WHEN THEY'RE COMPLAINING
25 ABOUT STAFF, WHAT IS IT THAT THEY'RE ALLEGING AND IS IT



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1 HAPPENING IN PARTICULAR PARTS OF A SINGLE JAIL? IS IT
2 HAPPENING ON PARTICULAR SHIFTS? OR IS IT SOMETHING MORE
3 UNIVERSAL? WILL ALLOW MANAGERS TO TAKE ACTION, MANAGERIAL
4 ACTION TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY SPIRAL OUT OF CONTROL.
5 SO, I THINK YOUR POINT ABOUT DISAGGREGATING THE DATA IS A VERY
6 GOOD ONE. WE DO, WHEN WE WERE IN THE JAILS YESTERDAY, AND WE
7 DO ASK, WE HAD SOME FOCUS GROUPS WITH INMATES, WE SPOKE WITH
8 INMATES, WE SPOKE WITH STAFF, WE DO ASK INMATES ABOUT THE
9 GRIEVANCE PROCESS. AND ONE OF THE PIECES OF FEEDBACK THAT WE
10 OFTEN HEAR IS A SENSE THAT THE GRIEVANCE PROCESS IS TOO SLOW
11 OR THAT THEY DON'T OFTEN GET RESPONSES BACK IN A TIMELY
12 FASHION OR AT ALL. SO THAT'S A PIECE OF FEEDBACK WE'VE SHARED
13 WITH THE DEPARTMENT. YOU KNOW, THE ASSISTANT SHERIFF MENTIONED
14 THAT WE HAD BEEN TALKING ABOUT TRIAGE, AND THAT'S REALLY
15 RESPONSIVE. YOU KNOW, THAT DISCUSSION WAS RESPONSIVE TO THE
16 CONCERN THAT WE'VE HEARD OFTEN EXPRESSED, THAT INMATES, YOU
17 KNOW, EXPRESS THIS VIEW THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY GET
18 RESPONSES TO THEIR GRIEVANCES. AND SO IF THE DEPARTMENT CAN
19 TRIAGE AND FIND WAYS TO FOCUS INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION ON THE
20 MORE SERIOUS GRIEVANCES AND HAVE OTHER GRIEVANCES THAT CAN BE
21 HANDLED AT THE HOUSING, YOU KNOW, BY THE DEPUTY WORKING IN THE
22 HOUSING AREA, HIM OR HERSELF, THAT WOULD ENABLE A MORE OR
23 CREATE A MORE EFFICIENT PROCESS IN WHICH PEOPLE WOULD COME TO
24 EXPECT THAT, YOU KNOW, WHEN THEY FILED A GRIEVANCE OR MADE A
25 CLAIM THAT THEY COULD EXPECT SOME RESPONSE BACK FROM THE



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1 INSTITUTION WITHIN THE APPLICABLE TIME FRAME. SO, I THINK
2 THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS EXPRESSED A
3 WILLINGNESS TO WORK ON AND THINK CREATIVELY ABOUT HOW IT CAN
4 DO THAT.

5
6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WOULD JUST SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, WHAT'S
7 DISHEARTENING FOR ME IS TO HEAR THAT IT JUST TAKES SO LONG TO
8 GET BACK. IF IT TAKES A YEAR TO DO AN INVESTIGATION AND EVEN
9 COME UP WITH A RESPONSE, THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE RESOLVING IT
10 BECAUSE THEN IT'S ALREADY HERE. THAT REALLY IS NERVE WRACKING.
11 AND WHILE I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE MORE GRIEVANCES NOW
12 BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE MORE ACCESS TO IPADS, THAT WAS A BIG
13 CONCERN OF THIS BOARD. I KNOW I HAD RAISED IT A LONG TIME AGO,
14 SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO SAY WHY ARE WE NOT ALLOWING FOR THAT TO
15 BE HURRIED UP? OKAY, MAYBE WE'RE THERE NOW, BUT IF IT'S NOT
16 BEING UTILIZED IN A MANNER WHERE WE'RE RESPONDING TO SERIOUS
17 GRIEVANCES OR CATEGORIZING THAT AND SHARING THAT, I DON'T
18 THINK IT'S USEFUL. I JUST WOULD HOPE THAT WE CAN, GIVEN THE
19 REPORT THAT YOU'VE GIVEN US, THERE ARE EXAMPLES HERE WHERE THE
20 NUMBERS HAVE INCREASED, BUT IT DOESN'T REALLY EXPLICITLY SAY
21 WHY. AND I THINK THE PUBLIC AND THE FAMILIES OF THOSE MEMBERS
22 THAT ARE IN OUR CARE OR IN JAIL SHOULD HAVE A BETTER
23 UNDERSTANDING IF THE BOARD AND WE ALL UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE
24 LOOKING AT HERE. AND SO I THINK JUST MORE TRANSPARENCY CAN BE
25 VERY HELPFUL AND HOPEFULLY THERE'LL BE A MORE COMPRESSED



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1 TIMEFRAME TO GET THIS INFORMATION BACK BECAUSE I MEAN I'VE
2 BEEN SITTING HERE FOR ALMOST 9 YEARS AND HAVE BEEN GOING
3 THROUGH THESE REPORTS THAT YOU'VE ALL PRESENTED. WE'VE COME A
4 LONG WAY, BUT WE NEED TO GO A LOT FARTHER. AND I THINK THAT
5 OUR PATIENCE AND THE PUBLIC'S PATIENCE IS GETTING SHORTER ON
6 THESE ISSUES. YES, YOU HAD.

7

8 **KATHY KENNY:** YES, I DO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW SOME OF
9 THE GRIEVANCES WITH COMPLAINTS AGAINST STAFF AND THEY'RE NOT
10 IN SEPARATE CATEGORIES, BUT THE ONES THAT I SEE HAVE REVIEWED
11 IN THE HARASSMENT AREA DO TEND AROUND LANGUAGE THAT THE INMATE
12 IS ALLEGING IS BEING USED AGAINST THEM OR HARASSMENT IN A WAY
13 OF DENIAL OF CERTAIN PRIVILEGES, WHETHER THAT'S FOOD, WHETHER
14 THAT'S PHONE PRIVILEGES, SHOWERS, THINGS. THOSE SEEM TO BE
15 SOME OF THE CATEGORIES THAT I'VE SEEN. ONE AREA THAT I THINK
16 WILL GREATLY HELP US ALL UNDERSTAND BETTER WHAT'S GOING ON
17 WITH THOSE INTERACTIONS ARE THE BODY WORN CAMERAS. AND I THINK
18 WHEN THOSE ARE ROLLED OUT AND WE'RE SEEING THAT WE'RE GONNA,
19 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW WHAT WAS THAT
20 VERBAL INTERACTION BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE REVIEW A LOT OF VIDEOS
21 ON OUR FORCE, BUT WE DON'T HAVE AUDIO IN A LOT OF THEM UNLESS
22 IT'S A HANDHELD AND PLANNED USE OF FORCE. SO, I THINK THAT IS
23 GOING TO BE A BIG HELP. AND I THINK AS THEY MOVE FORWARD WITH
24 THE IPAD AND HAVING THE INMATES ELECTRONICALLY FILE
25 GRIEVANCES, THEY'LL HAVE, I BELIEVE, A BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO



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1 TRIAGE, FIGURE OUT WHICH ONES THEY NEED TO BE SPENDING MORE OF
2 THEIR INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCES ON, BUT ALSO CATEGORIZING WHAT
3 ARE WE SEEING AND WHAT TRENDS ARE WE SEEING, BECAUSE IF IT'S
4 HAPPENING WITH CERTAIN STAFF, THEN YOU NEED TO HAVE THE
5 MANAGER STEP IN AND MANAGE THAT IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY. SO I DO
6 HOPE THAT THE BODY-WORN CAMERAS HELP WITH, CERTAINLY, THE
7 GRIEVANCES THAT ARE HAPPENING AROUND THE LANGUAGE THAT'S BEING
8 USED.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND I DON'T DISAGREE WITH YOU. I THINK, YOU
11 KNOW, STAFF NEED TO BE SENSITIZED OR SHOULD BE A CULTURAL
12 CHANGE EVENTUALLY. I MEAN, AND OTHER WAYS OF INTIMIDATING OR
13 HARASSING STAFF IS NOT ALLOWING THEM TO HAVE PRIVILEGES, EVEN
14 RECEIVING THEIR MAIL. AND THOSE NUMBERS SEEM PRETTY HIGH TO ME
15 AS WELL. SO WHAT DOES MAIL MEAN? THEY DIDN'T GET THEIR MAIL?
16 THEY DIDN'T GET THEIR WHATEVER MONETARY SUPPORT THAT THEY
17 RECEIVE, MAYBE FROM FAMILY OR WHAT HAVE YOU. MAYBE A LOVED
18 ONE'S ILL AND THEY HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THEM, BUT THEY'RE BEING
19 DEPRIVED OF THEIR MAIL. THINGS LIKE THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE. SO
20 I WOULD HOPE THAT THE SHERIFFS, YOU KNOW, DEPUTIES, IN TERMS
21 OF MORE TRAINING AND SENSITIVITY WOULD OCCUR, BECAUSE IT SEEMS
22 TO ME THAT SOME OF THESE CATEGORIES YOU HAVE, IF YOU ALL
23 LUMPED THEM TOGETHER, I'M SURE YOU COULD FIGURE OUT, YOU KNOW,
24 WHERE THEY'RE CONCENTRATED AT, MAYBE, AND MAYBE LOOKING AT
25 STAFFING, WHERE THIS IS STEMMING FROM, SO THERE CAN BE SOME



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1 IMMEDIATE CHANGES. BUT I WANT TO GO ON. JUST THE LAST THING I
2 WANT TO SAY IS I KNOW THAT THE COURT MONITORS IN INFORMATION
3 THAT I'VE RECEIVED IS THAT YOU ALL FOUND 30 VIOLATIONS OF THE
4 FORCE PREVENTION POLICY OUT OF A SUBSET OF 91 CASES FOR THE
5 LAST 6 MONTHS OF 2021 AND THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 2022 AT 32.9%
6 OUT OF POLICY RATE. THE MONITORS ALSO FOUND THAT OUT OF 86
7 CASES INVOLVING HEAD STRIKES, 30 WERE OUT OF POLICY, OR 34.9%
8 OUT OF POLICY RATE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE MONITORS FIND OUT
9 ABOUT POLICY USE AS A FORCE ABOUT 15 TIMES MORE THAN LASD. IS
10 THAT A CORRECT ASSUMPTION, THE MONITORS?

11
12 **KATHY KENNY:** I DON'T, YOU KNOW, I'VE SEEN SOME OF THE DATA
13 THAT WAS PUT FORTH. I DON'T THINK WE USED ALL OF THAT DATA IN
14 OUR REPORTS, BUT WE ARE FINDING OUT OF POLICY VIOLATIONS AT A
15 MUCH HIGHER RATE OR HAVE BEEN UP UNTIL NOW. WE ARE HOPEFUL
16 THAT THAT GAP IS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT IN THE NEXT REPORT.

17
18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ISN'T THAT A BIT SURPRISING THOUGH, AT 15
19 TIMES?

20
21 **KATHY KENNY:** YEAH, IT IS, AND I THINK IT'S HOW THE
22 UNDERSTANDING OF HOW SUPERVISORS ARE LOOKING AT THESE CASES
23 AND MAYBE A RELUCTANCE TO CALL IT QUOTE UNQUOTE OUT OF POLICY,
24 FEELING LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO AUTOMATICALLY IMPOSE A
25 CERTAIN LEVEL OF DISCIPLINE. AND AS WE'VE HAD THAT DIALOGUE OF



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1 SOME OF THOSE VIOLATIONS, REALLY, PROBABLY TRAINING COULD BE
2 AN APPROPRIATE WAY OF HANDLING IT. ONE THING THE ASSISTANT
3 SHERIFF SAID THAT I WANT TO ECHO AS BEING PROBABLY THE BEST
4 TOOL TO CHANGE STAFF BEHAVIOR IS TO HAVE A SUPERVISOR SIT DOWN
5 AND GO THROUGH THOSE VIDEOS WITH THEM AND SHOW THEM EXACTLY
6 WHERE THEY COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING DIFFERENTLY. AND THEN
7 MAYBE SHOW THEM A VIDEO WHERE IT IS DONE WELL SO THAT THEY SEE
8 HOW DO THEY AND SO THE NEXT FORCE THAT THEY MAY GET INVOLVED
9 IN THAT THEIR BEHAVIOR CHANGES AS A RESULT OF THAT.

10

11 **PAULA TOKAR:** CAN I APPRECIATE THE MONITOR'S WILLINGNESS TO GO
12 THROUGH CASES? THEY WILL FIND CERTAIN CASES OUT OF POLICY, AND
13 IF OUR CAPTAINS DON'T UNDERSTAND OR DISAGREE, WE HAVE A
14 CONVERSATION. AND MANY TIMES, WHAT WE THINK THEY HAD A PROBLEM
15 WITH ISN'T WHAT THEY HAD A PROBLEM WITH. AND THOSE DIALOGUES
16 ARE REALLY INFORMING US ON WHAT THEIR THINKING IS, AND THEN WE
17 CAN ADJUST AND COME CLOSER TO COMPLIANCE. SO, I APPRECIATE THE
18 COLLABORATION WE'VE HAD.

19

20 **KATHY KENNY:** AND I WOULD NOTE, AND WHEN WE DO THAT, SOMETIMES
21 WE CHANGE OUR COMPLIANCE FINDINGS BASED ON WHAT WE'RE HEARING.
22 SAME IS TRUE WHEN WE MEET WITH THE PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL AND GO
23 THROUGH THE CASES WITH THEM. LET'S ALL LOOK AT THE SAME CASE.
24 YOU TELL US WHAT YOU'RE SEEING, AND WE'LL EXPLAIN WHY WE CAME
25 TO THE CONCLUSION WE DID. AND I THINK THOSE ARE REALLY JUST AN



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1 IMPORTANT PART OF THE PROCESS.

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3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM
4 CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. I WANT TO
7 THANK ALL MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR QUESTIONS REALLY FOCUSING IN
8 ON THE PROCESS, THE DATA, YOU KNOW, AND WHAT MEASURABLE
9 OUTCOMES ARE BEING TAKEN TO ADDRESS WHAT WE'RE SEEING IN THESE
10 REPORTS. SORT OF TAKING A STEP BACK, YOU KNOW, WHEN THIS BOARD
11 LAST DISCUSSED ROSAS, WE NOTED THAT THE MONITORS WERE FOCUSED
12 ON A CULTURAL DIVIDE BETWEEN HOW THE DEPARTMENT EVALUATES
13 POTENTIAL POLICY VIOLATIONS AND HOW YOU SEE THOSE SAME FORCE
14 INCIDENTS. AND ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, THERE REALLY ISN'T A
15 MEANINGFUL CHANGE. AND SO, I REALLY WANNA FOCUS ON THE
16 CULTURAL PIECE OF IT. THE RESISTANCE TO CULTURE CHANGE, I
17 THINK, WE HEAR DISCUSSED EVEN WHEN WE HEAR IN THE POLITICAL
18 CONTEXT ABOUT SHERIFF'S CANDIDATES AND WHETHER THEY COME FROM
19 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OR OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT AND REALLY THE
20 RECOGNITION THAT THERE IS A UNIQUE CULTURE TO THE LOS ANGELES
21 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND YOU KNOW, FROM WHERE I SIT,
22 AND I KNOW THESE CONVERSATIONS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING FOR A
23 NUMBER OF YEARS, BUT THE BOARD DOESN'T HAVE THE SAME TYPE OF
24 OVERSIGHT ROLE THAT THE SHERIFF HIMSELF DOES. YOU KNOW, WE
25 DON'T HAVE, AS OPPOSED TO SOME OTHER COUNTY BOARDS THAT HAVE



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1 PERHAPS HIRING OR FIRING AUTHORITY OR TRAINING AUTHORITY OVER
2 OUR, OVER THOSE IN OUR DEPARTMENT, THAT AUTHORITY REALLY RESTS
3 WITH OUR SHERIFF. AND YET, I HEAR YOU SAYING IT'S IMPORTANT
4 THAT THIS BOARD ENGAGE WITH YOU IN TERMS OF HOLDING THE
5 DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE, AND YET THAT AUTHORITY DOESN'T REALLY
6 RESIDE HERE IN THIS BODY. AND SO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CULTURE
7 CHANGE, IT DOES TAKE ALL OF US. I'M NOT INTERESTED IN A FINGER
8 POINTING GAME, BUT I AM INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU'RE SURFACING IN
9 YOUR REPORTS IN TERMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY. AND SO I GUESS TO OUR
10 ASSISTANT SHERIFF, I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE PROVIDING
11 OUR COMMANDERS IN PARTICULAR IN TERMS OF HOW THEY HANDLE THE
12 REVIEWS OF THE CUSTODY FORCE RESPONSE TEAM. IT SEEMS THE
13 DEPARTMENT'S OWN INTERNAL EXPERTS ARE INDICATING THERE MAY BE
14 VIOLATIONS, AND YET THERE'S THAT DISCONNECT. AND SO HOW ARE WE
15 MAKING SURE THAT THE LEADERSHIP IS REALLY ENFORCING A
16 DIFFERENT KIND OF CULTURE SHIFT, AND THAT THE ACCOUNTABILITY
17 THAT IS IN PLACE IN YOUR STRUCTURE IS ACTUALLY MEANINGFUL AND
18 DELIVERING DIFFERENT KIND OF RESULTS BECAUSE THAT'S, TO ME,
19 FOR ALL OF TODAY'S CONVERSATION, WHAT'S REALLY AT THE HEART IS
20 HOW DO WE MAKE, HOW DO WE REALIZE THAT CULTURAL SHIFT? AND SO,
21 WHAT ARE YOU ACTUALLY DOING TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE, WHATEVER
22 THE POLICY IS, IS ACTUALLY MAKING A MEANINGFUL CHANGE?

23
24 **PAULA TOKAR:** WELL, I THINK WE'RE SEEING IT. I MEAN, AND
25 THEY'RE A YEAR BEHIND, BUT THE CULTURAL SHIFT AND WHAT WE'RE,



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1 WE ARE WATCHING VIDEO ALL DAY, EVERY DAY. THE SHIFT HAS
2 HAPPENED. THE THINGS THAT ROSAS HAS, THAT WAS BROUGHT ABOUT
3 BECAUSE OF, THEY AREN'T HAPPENING. YOU'RE NOT SEEING THE SAME
4 LEVEL OF FORCE. SO THAT SHIFT HAS HAPPENED. I THINK WE'RE AT
5 A, I THINK WE GOT SOME OF THE REALLY HARD STUFF OUT OF THE
6 WAY, LIKE THE CULTURE SHIFT AND THE THIS IS NOT OKAY, THAT'S
7 THERE. WE'RE KIND OF AT A, OKAY, NOW THAT YOU'VE GOTTEN THE
8 REALLY BAD STUFF OUT OF THE WAY, NOW THESE ARE THE TECHNICAL
9 POINTS AND I'M NOT TRYING TO DOWNPLAY THEM. WE NEEDED THE
10 UNDERSTANDING. IT'S VERY EASY TO UNDERSTAND, NO, YOU CANNOT
11 HIT THAT GUY. LIKE STOP THAT. WHEN WE GET INTO THE VERY
12 SPECIFICS OF WERE THERE ANY OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE BESIDES
13 THAT HEAD STRIKE? THAT'S WHEN WE GET INTO REALLY IN THE WEEDS,
14 TIKI-TACK, I MEAN IT'S NOT THE OBVIOUS. AND WE'RE HAVING
15 CONVERSATIONS AND SLOWING VIDEO DOWN AND HAVING LONG
16 DISCUSSIONS. AND THAT'S WHERE WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS
17 THE MEETING OF THE MINDS. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IT OVER AND OVER
18 AGAIN. I THINK IT'S JUST REALLY THE EXPOSURE TO WHAT THE
19 EXPECTATION IS, WHAT THE MONITORS ARE THINKING. AND THAT
20 DIALOGUE THAT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER, THAT IS HUGE. AND WE WANT
21 TO DO A GOOD JOB. WE WANT TO GET OUT FROM UNDER THIS. BUT IT
22 IS KIND OF A SWITCH IN WHAT ARE WE FOCUSING ON NOW? AND THE
23 FOCUS NOW IS IN THE MORE SUBTLE AREAS OF COMPLIANCE AND IT'S
24 JUST EXPOSURE AND DIALOGUE AND I REALLY TRULY BELIEVE WE'RE
25 GETTING THERE.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE YOU WANT THAT CHANGE. I
3 BELIEVE THE SHERIFF WANTS THAT CHANGE, BUT IT TAKES EVERYBODY
4 TO ACTUALLY MAKE THAT CHANGE HAPPEN. AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT
5 I'M TRYING TO GET AT IS MAKING SURE THAT EVERYBODY IN THE
6 DEPARTMENT REALLY FEELS THAT. AND SO, WOULD THE MONITORS AGREE
7 THAT YOU BELIEVE THE CULTURE SHIFT HAS CHANGED AND NOW WE'RE
8 JUST SORT OF DOWN TO GRANULAR, MORE GRANULAR CRITIQUES OF
9 DEPARTMENTAL OPERATION IN ORDER TO BE IN COMPLIANCE?

10

11 **NICHOLAS MITCHELL:** WELL, I DON'T THINK WE WOULD USE THE PAST
12 TENSE TO DESCRIBE THE CULTURE SHIFT. I THINK WE WOULD SAY THAT
13 WE'VE SEEN SOME VERY POSITIVE DATA IN TERMS OF A DECREASE IN
14 THE NUMBER OF USES OF FORCE AND THE DECREASE IN HEAD STRIKES,
15 AND WE'VE HEARD A RESPONSIVENESS FROM THE DEPARTMENT IN OUR
16 RECENT DISCUSSIONS THAT'S VERY ENCOURAGING IN TERMS OF A, THE
17 SENSE THAT THERE'S A SHARED UNDERSTANDING ABOUT KINDS OF USES
18 OF FORCE THAT ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND THE CORRECTIONS MINDSET
19 THAT MR. HOUSTON HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT IN THIS MEETING. AND
20 SO THAT'S ALL VERY ENCOURAGING. BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE, I
21 DON'T THINK WE'RE IN A POSITION, WE HAVEN'T ISSUED A REPORT
22 THAT INDICATES THAT WE'RE PLANTING, THAT THE FLAG CAN BE
23 PLANTED ABOUT THE CULTURE SHIFT. AND I DON'T THINK WE WOULD
24 SAY THAT HERE TODAY. WE'VE SEEN POSITIVE RESULTS. WE THINK
25 THERE'S STILL QUITE A BIT OF WORK TO BE DONE ON SOME OF THOSE



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1 CORE ISSUES AND SOME OF THE MORE, I DON'T KNOW, TIKI-TACK OR
2 KIND OF TECHNICAL ISSUES RELATED TO FORCED INCIDENTS.

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4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AND I WOULD ALSO ADD, DID YOU
5 WANT TO ADD TO THAT?

6

7 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** WELL, I GUESS I'M GOING TO ANSWER A LITTLE BIT
8 DIFFERENT QUESTION. I THINK AS FAR AS THE CHANGE IS CONCERNED,
9 BOTH FROM THE PLAINTIFFS AND THE DEFENDANTS, WE FIND HIGH
10 CREDIBILITY AND WE SEE PEOPLE THAT ARE FULLY ENGAGED IN TRYING
11 TO BRING THE COUNTY OUT OF THE ROSES'S OVERSIGHT. AND SO, I
12 THINK YOU'VE GOT GOOD PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS ISSUE,
13 WELL-INTENDED PEOPLE. AND THAT IS THE MOST ENCOURAGING THING I
14 SEE.

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I WOULD ALSO, I KNOW THAT YOU
17 MONITOR OTHER JURISDICTIONS. SO I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR HOW ARE
18 WE MAKING PROGRESS RELATIVE TO HOW OTHER DEPARTMENTS MAKE
19 PROGRESS FOR THE THINGS THAT YOU'RE MONITORING, DO YOU THINK
20 THAT WE ARE MAKING MEASURE, YOU KNOW, GETTING TO A MEASURABLE
21 DIFFERENCE OR HOW WOULD YOU SAY OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT YOU
22 HAVE BEEN MONITORING HAVE BEEN ABLE TO IMPLEMENT, HAVE THEY
23 BEEN ABLE TO IMPLEMENT CHANGE MORE EFFECTIVELY OR QUICKLY SO
24 WE CAN KIND OF GET SOME LESSONS LEARNED FROM YOU IN TERMS OF
25 HOW TO GET OUT OF A PLACE OF CONTINUED MONITORING?



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2 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** FOR MY PART, I WAS A MONITOR AND AUDITOR FOR
3 THE AMERICAN CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MANY YEARS, BUT IN
4 THOSE AUDITING, WE LOOKED AT THE OVERALL CONDITIONS OF
5 CONFINEMENT AND LESS ABOUT USES OF FORCE. SO, I GUESS WHEN I
6 LOOK AT IT FROM A CORRECTIONS PERSPECTIVE, ALL THOSE THINGS
7 ADD UP. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS INDICATED ABOUT EFFICIENCIES AND
8 SO FORTH. AND THE CORRECTION OFFICERS, YOU KNOW, ARE BEING,
9 HOW SHOULD I SAY, CRITIQUED FOR THINGS THEY HAVE NO CONTROL
10 OVER. AND THAT'S A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION. AND SO INCREASING
11 EFFICIENCIES, MEN IN CENTRAL JAIL TO STAY OPEN, IT NEEDS
12 MONEY, IT NEEDS PLUMBING, IT NEEDS A LOT OF, BECAUSE A LOT OF
13 THE COMPLAINTS THE INMATES HAVE, AND EVEN SOME OF THE USES OF
14 FORCE, START WITH INEFFICIENCIES OF THE PLUMBING OR BEING ABLE
15 TO OPEN A DOOR TO DO OTHER TYPES OF THINGS. AND SO, MY
16 PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IS LOOKING AT THE OVERALL ENVIRONMENT OF A
17 PRISON OR JAIL AND TO SEE HOW THAT CAN BE IMPROVED. AND SO, AS
18 WE LOOK OUTSIDE OF USE AS A FORCE AND LOOK AT THAT IN THE
19 CONTEXT OF EVERYTHING ELSE, THE CONDITIONS AND EVERYTHING ELSE
20 IN THE JAIL, I THINK THAT THEY WORK HAND IN HAND AS TO HOW THE
21 INMATE REACTS OR HOW THE INMATE COMES TOWARDS STAFF IN
22 CONFLICTING SITUATIONS.

23
24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD
25 ADD?



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2 **KATHY KENNY:** I'M NOT A MONITOR IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS, BUT I
3 HAVE DONE A LOT OF WORK IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS WHERE I'VE BEEN
4 BROUGHT IN WHEN THEY'RE UNDER MONITORING TO HELP THEM TO GAIN
5 THAT. AND I WOULD SAY THAT PROBABLY FOR ME, THE MOST POSITIVE
6 THING I SEE IS A REAL WILLINGNESS AND A DESIRE BY THIS
7 DEPARTMENT TO GET OUT FROM UNDER IT AND FIGURING OUT HOW CAN
8 WE DO THIS, THAT DIALOGUE THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT SO MUCH AT
9 THIS HEARING. I DON'T SEE THAT IN EVERY JURISDICTION THAT I'VE
10 WORKED IN. I SEE KIND OF A RESISTANCE AND, YOU KNOW, STILL
11 TRYING TO PROVE THAT THEY'RE RIGHT AND WANTING TO KIND OF NOT
12 CHANGE THE WAY THEY'RE DOING THINGS. AND SO I DO SEE THAT, AND
13 TO ME THAT'S IMPORTANT, THAT PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT HEART TO
14 CHANGE THAT CULTURE. AND I DO SEE THAT HERE. AND I'M HOPING,
15 AND VERY HOPEFUL THAT THE NEXT TIME WE'RE BEFORE YOU, THAT WE
16 HAVE MORE POSITIVE THINGS TO REPORT.

17

18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THAT'S REALLY HELPFUL TO HEAR. I
19 THINK WHEN WE, AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL INDICATED, WHEN WE SEE
20 REPORTS OF CONTINUED USE OF HEAD STRIKES, YOU SEE THEM
21 DIFFERENTLY THAN THE DEPARTMENT SEES THEM. FROM THE PLACE IN
22 WHICH WE SIT IN THIS CONVERSATION, THERE'S AN EXPECTATION
23 WE'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT WHEN WE DON'T INTERVENE
24 IN THAT SPACE NOR DO WE HIRE OR FIRE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
25 PARTICIPATING IN THAT. AND YET, YOU KNOW, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE



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1 THAT THERE IS A DEFINITE OUTCOME, NOT JUST IN THE IMMEDIATE
2 BUT CULTURALLY WE'RE SHIFTING TO A LONG-TERM DIFFERENT KIND OF
3 PRACTICE OF ENFORCEMENT AND BEHAVIORAL CHANGE IN THAT SPACE.
4 AND SO, TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT THIS DEPARTMENT IS OPERATING
5 DIFFERENTLY IN THAT WAY I THINK IS IMPORTANT TO HIGHLIGHT AND
6 MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE CONTINUING ON THAT TREND. SO, THANK YOU
7 FOR THAT. I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS IN THE QUEUE. SO,
8 WITH THAT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
9 PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
12 FORWARD? DONALD HARLAN AND PETER ELIASBERG, PLEASE COME
13 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR
14 PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS
15 ITEM 66, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN
16 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE
17 HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS MARK PAYTON. YOUR LINE IS
20 OPEN. PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE.

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22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MARK PAYTON, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. IF YOU'RE
23 MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU
24 MAY BEGIN.

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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** MODERATOR, LET'S GO TO THE NEXT
2 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LILA MURPHY. YOUR LINE IS
5 OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
6 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7
8 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS LILA. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5 AND
9 I'M CALLING WITH THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. EVERY TIME THE
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COMES TO PRESENT, IT'S EVEN CLEARER THAT
11 NO MATTER HOW MUCH TRAINING AND FUNDING WE GIVE LASD, THEY ARE
12 FUNDAMENTALLY UNABLE TO CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. IF THE CULTURE
13 CHANGE OF THE ASSISTANT SHERIFF'S CLAIM TODAY, QUOTE, HAS
14 ALREADY HAPPENED, THEN CLEARLY THE SOLUTION IS NOT A CULTURE
15 CHANGE. THE MOST RECENT SBC REPORT ASSESSED ALMOST EVERY
16 SINGLE CONDITION OF CONFINEMENT AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AS
17 UNSATISFACTORY. ALL BUT ONE. THIS INCLUDES LACK OF ACCESS TO
18 FOOD, WATER, AND MEDICAL CARE, GROSS ABUSE FROM DEPUTIES, AND
19 DANGEROUS AIR QUALITY AND FACILITY CONDITIONS. THE REPORT ONLY
20 CONFIRMS THE CONTINUATION OF THE SAME VIOLENCE, ABUSE, AND
21 NEGLECT THAT'S BEEN REPORTED INSIDE MEN CENTRAL JAIL FOR
22 YEARS. AS COMMISSIONER HALEY BRODER, WHO ACTUALLY WENT INSIDE,
23 MADE CLEAR IN HER COMMENT LAST WEEK, THE CONDITIONS INSIDE MEN
24 CENTRAL JAIL ARE UNCONSCIONABLE. HOW CAN WE TRUST THIS
25 DEPARTMENT THAT WATCHES PORNOGRAPHIC VIDEOS ON THE JOB WHILE



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1 PEOPLE ARE IN ACTIVELY MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS TO KEEP OUR LOVED
2 ONES SAFE AND REPORT ON THEMSELVES? THERE IS A CLEAR CRISIS
3 INSIDE MCJ AND YET THE BOARD CONTINUES TO TAKE NO ACTION. WE
4 DON'T NEED MORE DATA. WE DON'T NEED MORE TRAINING. WE DON'T
5 NEED A CULTURE CHANGE --

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHRIES. YOUR LINE IS
10 OPEN. IF YOU'RE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
11 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ROY, ARE YOU THERE?

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ROY HUMPHRIES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** MODERATOR LET'S GO TO THE NEXT
18 SPEAKER.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER ONCE AGAIN WILL BE MARK PAYTON.
21 MR. PAYTON, PLEASE UNMUTE IF YOU'RE MUTED AND SPEAK DIRECTLY
22 INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE'LL GO TO SPEAKERS IN
25 PERSON. PLEASE GO AHEAD.



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2 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, PETER ELIASBERG FROM
3 THE ACLU OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. JUST A FEW BRIEF POINTS ON
4 THIS PRESENTATION. FIRST, I APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S FOCUS ON
5 THE GAP. AND I WOULD SAY THAT CULTURE CHANGE IS REFLECTED IN
6 BEHAVIOR. AND UNTIL THE GAP IS ELIMINATED, YOU WILL NOT KNOW
7 THAT THE CULTURE CHANGE HAS OCCURRED. SO I WOULD ASK OR AGREE
8 WITH MONITOR MITCHELL, I WOULD ASK THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE
9 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT WHEN THEY REPORT, THEY DON'T JUST
10 REPORT ON THEIR OWN FINDINGS OF VIOLATIONS WHICH ARE WAY TOO
11 LOW, BUT THEY ACTUALLY REPORT ON WHAT THE MONITORS, IT
12 SHOULDN'T BE UP TO THE ACLU TO INFORM THE BOARD THAT THERE IS
13 AN ENORMOUS GAP BETWEEN THEM, WHAT THE MONITORS ARE FINDING
14 AND WHAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS FINDING. IN ADDITION, I
15 WOULD SAY CFIT IS A GOOD IDEA, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WHAT WE'RE
16 STILL SEEING IS SUPERVISORS OVERRULING SERGEANTS WHO ARE
17 FINDING POLICY VIOLATIONS. AND THE MOST RECENT REPORT BY THE
18 INSPECTOR GENERAL POINTED OUT 2 OF THOSE CASES --

19

20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** OKAY, WITH THAT, THE REPORT IS
21 RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE
22 ORDER. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 16, SETTING UP YOUTH FOR,
23 SETTING YOUTH UP FOR SUCCESS, ADULTHOOD, MONEY MANAGEMENT,
24 PERSONAL RIGHTS, AND EDUCATION, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR
25 SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE



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1 PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE
4 TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN ALSO FOR JOINING ME AS A CO-AUTHOR ON
5 THE MOTION. THE BOARD HAS PUT FORWARD AN ASTOUNDING NUMBER OF
6 MOTIONS FOR OUR COUNTY'S YOUTH, PARTICULARLY FOCUSING ON
7 HOUSING FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH, TAY, AND EDUCATION,
8 ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS FOR THEIR OVERALL WELL-BEING AND
9 SUCCESS. THE LATEST LOS ANGELES COUNTY OBUDES PERSON FOR YOUTH,
10 OMBUDS, IN SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS, OR
11 STRTPS, PROVIDED A REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THEIR
12 OUTREACH TO YOUTH DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY 1ST THROUGH
13 DECEMBER 31ST, 2023. IN IT, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF AREAS THAT
14 THESE STRTPS NEEDED TO WORK ON AND ADDRESS. IN FACT, MUCH OF
15 THESE FINDINGS WERE WHAT THE INTERVIEW YOUTH ASKED FOR WITH
16 THE HIGHEST REQUEST BEING HELPING THEM PREPARE FOR TRANSITION
17 INTO ADULthood. FOR THESE YOUTH, ADULthood MEANS NOT JUST
18 HOUSING, EDUCATION, AND JOBS, BUT IT ALSO MEANS MONEY
19 MANAGEMENT, OBTAINING THEIR VITAL RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS,
20 STAYING AT THEIR SCHOOL OF ORIGIN AS TO NOT DISRUPT THEM FROM
21 THEIR EDUCATION, AND MUCH MORE. THAT IS WHAT THE YOUTH WERE
22 SHARING WITH THE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM AND WE AS A BOARD MUST
23 LISTEN AND ENSURE THAT THESE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE
24 CONSISTENTLY AND EQUITABLY ACROSS THE COUNTY. I WANT TO
25 APPLAUD THE WORK OF THE OMBUDSPERSON FOR YOUTH IN THE SHORT-



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1 TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS
2 INCLUDED IN THAT REPORT BACK. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE YOUTH,
3 I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR SHARING AND GIVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO
4 MAKE THESE THINGS BETTER AND RIGHT. IF WE WANT OUR YOUTH TO
5 SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION INTO ADULTHOOD, THEN WE HAVE TO
6 PREPARE THEM WITH THE NECESSARY TOOLS SO THAT THEIR SUCCESS
7 BECOMES OUR SUCCESS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN. WOULD
10 YOU LIKE TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? THIS IS ITEM 16. YES. OKAY.

11

12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THERE ARE NO OTHER SUPERVISORS IN QUEUE.
13 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR
14 ASKING ME TO BE YOUR CO-AUTHOR ON THIS MOTION. THE GOAL OF
15 FOSTER CARE SYSTEM IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND STABLE HOME TO A
16 YOUNG PERSON, EITHER WITH THEIR OWN EXTENDED FAMILY OR WITH A
17 RESOURCE PARENT OR ADOPTIVE FAMILY. WHILE A GOOD MAJORITY OF
18 YOUNG PEOPLE REUNIFY WITH THEIR FAMILY OR END UP IN A
19 PERMANENT PLACEMENT, TOO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE TRANSITION OUT OF
20 FOSTER CARE WITHOUT BEING PROVIDED WITH THE PROPER TOOLS TO BE
21 SET UP FOR SUCCESS AS THEY TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD. THE
22 OMBUDSMAN'S PERSON FOR SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC
23 PROGRAMS RELEASES THIS BIENNIAL REPORT TO THE BOARD TO RAISE
24 CONCERNS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT ACCESS TO THEIR PERSONAL
25 RIGHTS, OBSTACLES FOR OBTAINING VITAL DOCUMENTS, CHALLENGES



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1 WITH STAYING AT THEIR SCHOOL OF ORIGIN AND MONEY MANAGEMENT
2 ASSISTANCE TO CREATE A BANKING ACCOUNT AND GOOD BUDGETING
3 PRACTICES. SO, I'D LIKE IT THAT THIS MOTION WILL BE ASKING THE
4 KEY PLAYERS WITHIN THE COUNTY TO COME TOGETHER TO ADDRESS
5 THESE CONCERNS SO THAT NO YOUNG PERSON TRANSITIONS OUT OF CARE
6 WITHOUT BEING SET UP FOR SUCCESS. THEY HAVE SO MANY OBSTACLES
7 AND SO MANY BARRIERS ALREADY THAT THIS IS REALLY AN IMPORTANT
8 STEP I BELIEVE WE'RE TAKING TO SET THEM UP FOR SUCCESS. SO,
9 THANK YOU SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU BOTH FOR BRINGING THIS
12 MOTION FORWARD. COULDN'T AGREE MORE. SEEING NO OTHER
13 SUPERVISORS IN THE QUEUE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
14 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
17 FORWARD? DONALD HARLAN AND MARGARET WHITE. PLEASE COME FORWARD
18 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR
19 PARTICIPANTS ON TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM
20 16, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW
21 TO BE PLACED IN SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, WE HAVE THE FIRST
22 REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. YOUR LINE IS
25 OPEN. PLEASE UNMUTE IF YOU'RE MUTED AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO



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1 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, IT'S ERIC PREVIN AND I, IT'S VERY HOT OUTSIDE,
4 BUT THIS IS AN OUTRAGE. OKAY. FIRST OF ALL, MY NAME IS NOT
5 MARK PAYTON, SUPERVISOR HORVATH. AND YOU JUST BLEW PAST THE
6 IMPORTANT ITEMS THAT I WANTED TO COMMENT ON CALLING UP SOMEONE
7 ELSE AS IF I WAS SUPPOSED TO KNOW. AND THEN WHOOPS. SO NOW I
8 MISSED MY OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS, THE ROSAS AGREEMENT,
9 WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT. I KNOW A LOT ABOUT
10 IT BECAUSE I WAS HERE BEFORE SUPERVISOR SOLIS LISTENING TO THE
11 PROMISES ABOUT GETTING THE IPADS READY. AND I TELL YOU
12 SOMETHING, LISTENING TO THOSE MONITORS, THEY SHOULD ALL BE
13 GIVEN A BOX OF CHOCOLATES, A THANK YOU NOTE, AND GOOD
14 RIDDANCE. BECAUSE THIS IS NOT THE KIND OF MONITORING WE REALLY
15 NEED. AND THE CULTURE CHANGE IS NOT EVIDENT IF WE DON'T HAVE
16 ANY DATA OR ANY MEANINGFUL FACTS. THIS IS JUST A SNOW JOB. AND
17 I CANNOT BELIEVE YOU SEGREGATED ME FROM THOSE ITEMS. YOU KNOW
18 HOW LONG HOW MANY YEARS I CONVEYED TO THEM WHAT IS WRONG WITH
19 YOU ABOUT NOT HAVING AN IPAD AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE TO GRIEVE
20 ABOUT NORMAL RUN OF THE MILL.

21

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

24

25 **SPEAKER:** NO MORE SUPERVISORS UNTIL YOU GET IT RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SO, MR. PREVIN, I APPRECIATE THAT
3 YOU HAVE INDICATED THAT YOU CALLED IN ON OTHER ITEMS. THE
4 SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE INDICATES THAT IT WAS A MARK PAYTON WHO
5 WAS IN THE QUEUE. I'M NOT SURE IF THAT WAS YOU AND
6 MISIDENTIFIED OR SOMEONE ELSE NAMED MARK PAYTON, WHICH IS WHY
7 I CONTINUE TO CALL THAT NAME. I APOLOGIZE FOR ANY
8 MISUNDERSTANDING OR MISCOMMUNICATION THAT HAS HAPPENED, BUT
9 YOU WERE NOT SHOWN AS IN QUEUE IN THE MONITORING SYSTEM FROM
10 WHERE WE SIT. BUT MONITOR IF YOU CAN PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT HOW
11 CALLS ARE COMING IN TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE ARE CORRECTLY
12 IDENTIFIED AND IN THE QUEUE. WE'LL NOW GO TO SPEAKERS IN
13 PERSON PLEASE. GO AHEAD. LET'S MAKE SURE HER MIC WORKS. HOLD
14 ON 1 SECOND. HELLO. OKAY, GO AHEAD.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. HI, MY NAME IS MARGARET WHITE FROM POWER
17 TO WORKERS. WE'RE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 16 AND THE EFFORTS MADE
18 BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SPECIFICALLY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
19 HAHN TO SUPPORT FOSTER YOUTH. THIS PROGRAM IS PROPOSED TO
20 PROVIDE CRITICAL RESOURCES SUCH AS ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH
21 SERVICES, EDUCATION AND MONEY MANAGEMENT. IN ADDITION, I FEEL
22 THAT THE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE PROJECT AS PROPOSED IN
23 MEETING AGENDA ITEM 2-D WILL PROVIDE EXCELLENT SPACE TO
24 SUPPORT THIS WORK AND HOPE THE PROJECT'S BOND FINANCING IS
25 APPROVED. SINCE WE KNOW ACCESS TO HOUSING IS A TOP PRIORITY



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1 FOR FOSTER YOUTH AND FAMILIES TRYING TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN
2 FROM FALLING INTO THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

3
4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ARE THERE ANY OTHER
5 SPEAKERS IN PERSON? OKAY, ITEM 16 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY
6 SUPERVISOR SALIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE
7 ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

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

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19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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

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

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



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

3
4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH? AYE. MOTION PASSES 5-0.

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6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 17,
7 AMPLIFYING METRO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS TO LOW-INCOME
8 YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD
9 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND ITEM 19, EXPANDING METRO LIFE PROGRAM
10 THROUGH CROSS AGENCY COLLABORATION, WHICH WAS HELD BY
11 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE
12 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE
13 ITEMS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I'LL GO TO YOU FIRST AND THEN TO
14 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

15
16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR FOR RECOGNIZING
17 ME. AS YOU KNOW, THE MAJORITY OF OUR METRO RIDERS FACE DAILY
18 FINANCIAL CHALLENGES. FOR MANY, EVEN A \$1.75 FARE IS A
19 SIGNIFICANT BARRIER. IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, L.A. METRO HAS
20 UNDERTAKEN SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION
21 BENEFITS TO OUR CONSTITUENTS WHO NEED IT THE MOST. THAT
22 INCLUDES PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE GO-PASS, THE MOBILITY WALLET, OR
23 THE LIFE PROGRAM. HOWEVER, METRO DISCOUNTED FARES
24 INSUFFICIENTLY REACH OUR TAY, TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH AND LOW-
25 INCOME YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT POPULATIONS, EITHER BECAUSE THEY



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1 ARE NO LONGER SYSTEM INVOLVED OR BECAUSE THE COUNTY
2 DEPARTMENTS WHO SERVE THEM LACK KNOWLEDGE OF OUR METRO
3 PROGRAMS. WE NEED TO BUILD ROBUST COMMUNICATION CHANNELS
4 BETWEEN L.A. METRO AND OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS THOSE
5 ENTITIES THAT SERVE THE TAY POPULATION. WE NEED THE
6 INFORMATION TO BE BETTER DISSEMINATED IN THRESHOLD LANGUAGES,
7 INCLUDING ASSISTANCE, WITH APPLYING TO THESE VARIOUS PROGRAMS.
8 AND PARTICULARLY, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THIS OUTREACH EXTENDS TO
9 THE GROUP HOMES AND YOUTH SHELTERS IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH
10 TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH. THE STATISTICS FOR OUR YOUTH AGING OUT
11 OF FOSTER CARE ARE ALARMING. ABOUT HALF END UP HOMELESS OR
12 INCARCERATED, AND 75 PERCENT OF YOUNG WOMEN IN FOSTER CARE
13 REPORT AT LEAST ONE PREGNANCY BY THE AGE OF 21. LAST MONTH I
14 DRAFTED AN AMENDMENT AT THE METRO BOARD TO EXPAND THE YOUTH ON
15 THE MOVE PROGRAM TO ALL TAY REGARDLESS OF AGE OR ENROLLMENT IN
16 THE INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM PART OF A BROADER MOTION TO
17 ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR LIFE PROGRAM. THE STEP IS
18 ALSO CRUCIAL FOR OUR UNDOCUMENTED TEH, WHO MANY DO NOT
19 OTHERWISE QUALIFY FOR OTHER FORMS OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AND
20 BENEFITS. TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES, I HAVE AUTHORED TODAY'S
21 MOTION, ITEM 17, TO DIRECT OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, PUBLIC SOCIAL
23 SERVICES, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, TO HELP
24 METRO CONNECT WITH VARIOUS GROUP HOMES, YOUTH SHELTERS AND
25 OTHER TAY-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS TO PROMOTE EXPANSION OF



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1 DISCOUNTED OR FREE FARE PROGRAMS TO RELEVANT TAY AND YOUTH
2 CLIENTS. BY ESTABLISHING A MORE STREAMLINED PROCESS, WE HAVE A
3 REAL OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES
4 OF THESE VERY VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE. I WANT TO THANK
5 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING A MOTION FORWARD TODAY AT
6 THAT'S ITEM 19 TO CREATE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE LIFE PROGRAM.
7 IT'S CRUCIAL THAT WE STRENGTHEN THE LIFE PROGRAM AND
8 CONSTANTLY SEEK WAYS TO IMPROVE THE OUTREACH AND UTILIZATION
9 OF THAT PROGRAM. WITH THE METRO BOARD APPROVAL OF THE UPGRADE
10 TO ITS FARE PAYMENT TECHNOLOGY BY CUBIC, WHICH POWERS OUR TAP
11 CARD, THE TIME HAS COME FOR AN ENHANCEMENT TO THE LIFE
12 PROGRAM. A PARTICULARLY CRITICAL IMPROVEMENT IS TO ENABLE EBT
13 CARD USERS TO USE THIS EBT CARD IN LIEU OF A TAP CARD, AS WELL
14 AS TO MAKE EBT PARTICIPANTS AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED IN THE LIFE
15 PROGRAM WITHOUT A SEPARATE APPLICATION. MEMBERS I WOULD HOPE
16 THAT YOU WOULD SUPPORT BOTH ITEMS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
17 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

18
19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR AND
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT STREAMLINING AND CREATING
23 EFFICIENCIES IN GOVERNMENT AND UNTIL, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, WE
24 CAN GET A PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM THAT IS TRULY AFFORDABLE AND
25 AVAILABLE TO ALL. WE'RE GONNA KEEP FIGHTING FOR LIFE TO MAKE



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SUPERVISORS

1 IT THE BEST PROGRAM IT CAN BE. AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
2 SOLIS, FOR HIGHLIGHTING THE NEED FOR A CLOSER PARTNERSHIP
3 BETWEEN METRO AND OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. AND I COULDN'T AGREE
4 WITH YOU MORE, AGAIN, IN THE CONCEPT OF STREAMLINING AND
5 CREATING GREATER EFFICIENCIES. FORMER SECRETARY YOLANDA
6 RICHARDSON, UPON DOING A WALKING TOUR DURING COVID HERE, SAID
7 THIS TERM THAT I HAVE INCORPORATED INTO MY OWN LEXICON BECAUSE
8 IT IS SO TELLING. WE LIKE TO SAY HARD TO REACH COMMUNITIES.
9 AND HER POINT WAS THEY'RE HARDLY REACHED, THAT WE AS
10 GOVERNMENT HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO REACH THESE COMMUNITIES
11 AND WE CERTAINLY KNOW OUR TAY YOUTH ARE HARDLY REACHED AND
12 THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHERE WE'RE TRYING TO CLOSE THAT GAP SO
13 I'LL ABSOLUTELY BE SUPPORTING AGENDA ITEM 17. AGENDA ITEM 19
14 AGAIN, DISCOUNTED FARE PROGRAMS HAVE GROWN OVER RECENT YEARS,
15 WHICH SHOWS THAT GETTING TO WHERE WE NEED TO GO ISN'T ONLY
16 ABOUT WHETHER TRANSIT IS AVAILABLE, BUT IT'S ALSO WHETHER OR
17 NOT WE CAN AFFORD IT. AND SO TRANSPORTATION COSTS MAKE UP THE
18 SECOND HIGHEST SHARE OF HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES IN L.A. COUNTY.
19 METRO'S DISCOUNTED FARE PROGRAMS MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO TAKE
20 THOSE 3 TRANSFERS TO GET TO WORK, SCHOOL, VISIT THE DOCTOR,
21 AND SAVE UP FOR OTHER CRITICAL NEEDS. BUT WE NEED TO MAKE IT
22 AS SIMPLE AND AS EASY AS POSSIBLE FOR RESIDENTS TO ACCESS THIS
23 BENEFIT. THE LIFE PROGRAM, WHICH IS THE LOW INCOME FAIR IS
24 EASY PROGRAM, PROVIDES FREE AND DISCOUNTED FARES TO MANY LOW
25 INCOME RIDERS. AND IN WORKING WITH METRO STAFF OVER THE YEARS



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1 TO STREAMLINE THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS, MANY OF OUR EXISTING
2 INCOME-BASED PROGRAMS LIKE CALFRESH AND MEDI-CAL ARE ALREADY
3 PRE-QUALIFIED RESIDENTS FOR THE LIFE PROGRAM. SO WHY ARE WE
4 ASKING THEM TO DO MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS? SO, THE MOTION TODAY,
5 ITEM 19, WILL STREAMLINE LIFE EVEN FURTHER. IT COMPLETES A
6 MOTION I AUTHORED WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS LAST MONTH AT METRO
7 THAT DIRECTS METRO TO MAKE UPGRADES TO ITS FARE PAYMENT
8 SYSTEM, THE TAP CARD. SO IF YOU HAVE AN EBT CARD YOU CAN USE
9 THAT TAP AND GET FREE TRANSIT. THIS WILL ALLOW A PERSON WHO
10 GOES TO OUR OWN DPSS OFFICE TO RECEIVE AN EBT CARD TO GO ON
11 THE SAME DAY USING THAT TAP CARD WITHOUT BEING CHARGED AND GET
12 A FREE BUS RIDE HOME. SO AGAIN, THE MOTION THAT ENSURES THAT
13 THE COUNTY AND DPSS HAVE THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO WORK
14 CLOSELY WITH METRO TO ADVANCE THIS NEW CONCEPT. I LOOK FORWARD
15 TO SEEING THIS CROSS AGENCY COLLABORATION FURTHER REDUCE THE
16 LAYERS OF PAPERWORK AND MAKE A BUS OR TRAIN RIDE HOME THAT
17 MUCH EASIER. AT METRO, I BELIEVE IT WAS LAST MONTH, WE SAW
18 SOME DATA THAT WHILE WE WERE CELEBRATING THE TRIPLING OF LIFE
19 ENROLLMENT WE ALSO SAW THAT ONCE YOU'RE ENROLLED IN YOUR FIRST
20 90 DAYS ARE OVER PEOPLE AREN'T CONTINUING IN THE PROGRAM SO
21 THIS AGAIN IS OUR EFFORT TO REALLY FIGURE OUT WHY AND MAKE IT
22 EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM THESE
23 ENTITLEMENT KIND OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THAT WE'RE ALL
24 WORKING SO HARD TO MAKE AVAILABLE. SO, I'M GOING TO ASK FOR AN
25 EYE ON ITEM 17 AND 19. THANKS MADAM CHAIR.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANKS TO YOU BOTH FOR
3 CONTINUING TO FIND CREATIVE WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR LOW INCOME
4 TRANSIT RIDERS. METRO'S LIFE, GO-PASS AND MOBILITY WALLET
5 PROGRAMS ARE LIFELINES FOR THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS. AND WHILE
6 METRO HAS BEEN MORE THAN WILLING TO INVEST IN THESE PROGRAMS
7 AND OUR RIDERS, OUR OUTREACH CAN ALWAYS BE BETTER AS WE'VE
8 HEARD ALREADY. MORE THAN 15% OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE
9 LIVING IN POVERTY AND FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, THIS FIGURE JUMPS TO
10 1 IN 4 AND THESE NUMBERS WOULD INCREASE ANOTHER 10% WITHOUT
11 THE SAFETY NET THAT OUR COUNTY HAS FOUGHT SO HARD TO MAINTAIN.
12 FAR TOO MANY RESIDENTS ARE STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET AND
13 WHETHER SOMEONE IS ENROLLED IN AN INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM
14 SHOULD NOT BE THE DECIDING FACTOR BETWEEN GETTING TO WORK AND
15 PUTTING FOOD ON THE TABLE. THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO DO HERE AT
16 METRO AND IN SACRAMENTO, BUT BOTH OF THESE MOTIONS SPELL OUT
17 MUCH NEEDED AND WELCOME POLICY IMPROVEMENTS, AND I AM PROUD TO
18 SUPPORT BOTH. WITH THAT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
19 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THESE
20 ITEMS.

21
22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL DONALD HARLAN PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
23 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON
24 THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 17 RELATED TO
25 ITEM 19, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0



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1 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, WE HAVE THE
2 FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHRIES. IF YOU'RE
5 MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE, SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOUR
6 LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** OKAY IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THESE BENEFITS FOR THOSE WHO
9 ARE IN NEED IS A WELCOME SITUATION. HOWEVER, WHAT IS IT IN
10 HERE WE ARE IN 2024 AND VENTURING FORTH THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN
11 AN ONGOING THING LIKE SINCE THE INCEPTION AND WHY ARE WE
12 HAVING TO TAKE THIS UP NOW? AND THEN IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT
13 ABOUT YOUR RIDERSHIP SITUATION THERE, WHY DON'T YOU HAVE YOUR
14 STAFF AND YOU TAKE THE BUS SYSTEM AND SEE HOW IT IS TO
15 ACTUALLY PARTICIPATE IN THIS YOU GOT A GOOD-LOOKING BUS BUT
16 THE SYSTEM ITSELF IS WOEFULLY BACKWARD AND ARCHAIC THANK YOU

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN YOUR LINE IS
21 OPEN IF YOU'RE MUTED PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
22 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE CALL ME MARK PAYTON. THAT'S A JOKE. THAT'S A
25 JOKE. DO NOT CALL ME MARK PAYTON. I'M NOT MARK PAYTON. I'M



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1 ERIC PREVIN. THAT WAS A MISTAKE. LET'S MOVE FORWARD. YOU KNOW,
2 THERE'S A GREAT METRO SYSTEM, AND I THINK SUPERVISOR HORVATH
3 AND HAHN'S SHOULD ALSO TAKE A LOOK AT IT WHEN THEY'RE OVER
4 THERE, IN PARIS. THEY HAVE VERY NICE RUBBER WHEELS. IT'S A
5 GREAT PRODUCT AND I ALWAYS ENJOYED RIDING IT AND I THINK YOU
6 WILL TOO. THERE ARE A FEW PROBLEMS WITH THE LIFELINE PROJECT
7 WHICH EVERYBODY KNOWS IS THE OPT-IN. THE WAY WE FRIENDLY DRESS
8 THAT UP IS OUTREACH COULD ALWAYS BE BETTER. YEAH, IT COULD.
9 AND OF COURSE, THE IDEA OF NOT PAYING TO GET INTO THE METRO IS
10 A GOOD IDEA, BUT IT'S BEEN SPOILED BY KRAKORIAN WHO WANTS TO
11 TAG EVERYBODY COMING AND GOING IN EVERY WAY AT THE IDEA THAT
12 MAYBE THAT'S GOING TO HELP. HERE'S THE THING. OUR SYSTEM IS
13 SERVING MR. BUTTS AND HIS ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS, NOT THE
14 PEOPLE WHO RIDE THE BUSES AROUND TO GET TO WORK. WE NEED TO
15 REALLY REJIGGER THIS. I KNOW THAT TIME IS SHORT BECAUSE THE
16 PLANES ARE LEAVING FOR FRANCE, BUT WE'LL GET INTO THIS WHEN WE
17 GET BACK AND I HOPE YOU GUYS HAVE A GREAT TRIP.

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

21
22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS AGAIN, ROY HUMPHRIES. MR.
23 HUMPHRIES, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY TO YOUR PHONE IF
24 YOU'RE MUTED. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.



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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. AND I APPRECIATE IT.

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ARE THERE ANY OTHER
4 SPEAKERS, MODERATOR?

5

6 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL. MADAM CHAIR, WE
7 HAVE NO ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.
8 OKAY, THANK YOU. AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY SPEAKERS HERE IN THE
9 AUDITORIUM EITHER. SO, ITEM 17 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE
11 THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

16

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

18

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

20

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

22

23 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

24

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



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

3

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

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

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5

9 TO 0.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ITEM 19 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY

12 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR TO APPROVE THE

13 ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

18

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

20

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

22

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

24

25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.



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

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

5

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

7

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

9

10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5
11 TO 0.

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 18,
14 UPLIFTING THE PARIS 2024 GAMES WATCH PARTY AT THE MUSIC
15 CENTER, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
16 PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT
17 ON THIS ITEM.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR RECOGNIZING ME.
20 AS YOU KNOW, THE CITY OF PARIS RECENTLY KICKED OFF THE 2024
21 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES. FROM JULY 26 THROUGH AUGUST 11, 2024,
22 FOR THE OLYMPICS AND FROM AUGUST 28 THROUGH SEPTEMBER THE 8TH
23 FOR THE PARALYMPICS. ATHLETES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE WILL
24 GATHER IN PARIS TO COMPETE IN A CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL
25 SPORTSMANSHIP, UNITY AND EXCELLENCE. THE OLYMPICS SERVES AS A



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1 POWERFUL PLATFORM TO ADVANCE PUBLIC HEALTH, PROMOTE PHYSICAL
2 FITNESS, AND INSPIRE OUR YOUTH THROUGH ENGAGEMENT IN SPORTS
3 AND RECREATION. LAST YEAR THROUGH A MOTION I AUTHORED, THE
4 COUNTY PARTNERED WITH THE MUSIC CENTER TO HOST THE WOMEN'S
5 FIFA WORLD CUP WATCH PARTY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ANGEL CITY
6 FOOTBALL CLUB. THE EVENT WAS HELD AT THE JERRY MOSS PLAZA AND
7 PROVIDED MUSIC, ART AND SOCCER ACTIVITIES. APPROXIMATELY 1,000
8 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THOSE OFFERINGS, BRINGING CROSS-
9 CULTURAL COMMUNITIES TOGETHER FOR SOCIAL CONNECTION AND PLAY
10 EQUITY. THIS YEAR, THE MUSIC CENTRE WILL ONCE AGAIN HOST A
11 WATCH PARTY, BUT THIS TIME FOR THE 2024 SUMMER OLYMPICS. THE
12 EVENT IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024,
13 AND WILL FEATURE VIEWINGS OF THE WOMEN'S SOCCER FINAL, THE
14 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD FINAL, AND MEN'S BREAK
15 DANCING FINAL, AND THE MEN'S BASKETBALL FINAL. WOOHOO! IT WILL
16 RUN FROM 8 A.M. TO 3 P.M. ON THE JERRY MOSS PLAZA AT THE MUSIC
17 CENTER AND INCLUDE A DANCE FLOOR WELCOMING LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY'S HIP-HOP AND BREAKDANCING COMMUNITY TO MAKE THEIR
19 MOVES TOGETHER. THE MUSIC CENTER HAS ALSO LAUNCHED PASSIVE
20 VIEWINGS OF THE 2024 SUMMER OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES
21 DURING THE WEEKDAYS AND WEEKENDS FROM 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AND 8
22 A.M. TO 11 P.M. IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR ME TO AUTHOR THIS MOTION
23 BECAUSE I WANTED TO UPLIFT THE MUSIC CENTRE'S COMMITMENT TO
24 CREATING AN ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC SPACE THAT WELCOMES ALL
25 ANGELENOS, AS WELL AS THEIR DEDICATION TO PROMOTING CULTURAL



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1 ENRICHMENT. IT'S MY HOPE THAT THIS WATCH PARTY AND OTHER
2 PASSIVE VIEWINGS AT THE MUSIC CENTER WILL ENCOURAGE OTHER
3 CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS ACROSS OUR COUNTY TO EXAMINE WAYS THAT
4 THEY TOO CAN BE PARTNERS IN SHOWCASING INTERNATIONAL ATHLETIC
5 TALENT IN THE 2024 GAMES BUT ALSO THE 2028 GAMES. AS WE KNOW
6 THE CITY OF L.A. HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE HOST CITY FOR THOSE
7 2028 GAMES, MARKING A HISTORIC OCCASION AS THE GAMES RETURNS
8 TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1996. EVENTS
9 LIKE THE OLYMPICS AND THE PARALYMPICS OFTEN LEAD TO A SURGE IN
10 THE NUMBER OF TOURISTS AND VISITORS, RESULTING IN ELEVATED
11 SPENDING ON OUR LOCAL HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS AND OTHER LOCAL
12 BUSINESSES. ADDITIONALLY, THE SERVICES SUPPORTING THE EVENT
13 AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOMMODATING THE TOURISM SURGE CAN
14 GENERATE EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND WE
15 DEFINITELY WANT TO PROMOTE USE OF OUR METRO SYSTEM. HOWEVER,
16 THESE EVENTS CAN ALSO RAISE APPREHENSIONS INCLUDING
17 EXACERBATING AND EXISTING INEQUITIES, DISPLACEMENT PRESSURES
18 OR ENVIRONMENTAL HARMS. RECOGNIZING THESE CHALLENGES EARLY,
19 THIS BOARD HAS PASSED SEVERAL MOTIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE EVENT
20 IS EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE. AND THOSE EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY
21 NOW, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR RESIDENTS, OUR LOCAL
22 CITIES, PHILANTHROPY, THE PRIVATE SECTOR, METRO, TO ENSURE
23 THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS PRIORITY-SPECIFIED IN THE
24 GAMES AGREEMENT. READ AS FOLLOWS, COORDINATING ARTS AND
25 CULTURE, PROGRAMMING, HIRING A LOCAL WORKFORCE, PROCURING FROM



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SUPERVISORS

1 LOCAL AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES, FURTHERING MOBILITY,
2 ENSURING PUBLIC SAFETY, AND ADVANCING A ROBUST SUSTAINABILITY
3 PLAN THAT ARE ALL DELIVERED. WITH APPROPRIATE ANALYSIS,
4 PLANNING, AND IMPLEMENTATION, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, I
5 BELIEVE, IS READY TO PARTNER WITH ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES TO
6 HELP REALIZE THE 2028 GAMES. AND I'M COMMITTED TO LEVERAGING,
7 AND I KNOW THIS BOARD IS, TO HELP PROVIDE WHATEVER INTERNAL
8 RESOURCES WE NEED TO BUILD A LEGACY THAT BENEFITS OUR CURRENT
9 AND FUTURE GENERATIONS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SO I
10 RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS ITEM AND LET'S
11 CELEBRATE THE 2028 OLYMPICS HERE, THANK YOU.

12
13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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

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

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

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

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23 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

3

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

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

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5
9 TO 0.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
12 PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO
13 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL JOSEPHINE RAMIREZ PLEASE COME FORWARD
16 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON
17 THE TELEPHONE, YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 18 IF YOU HAVE
18 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 & 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN
19 THE SPEAKING QUEUE MONITORING ROOM WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE
20 SPEAKER, PLEASE OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS AGAIN MR. ERIC PREVIN
21 YOUR LINE IS OPEN IF YOU'RE MUTED PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK
22 DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. AND, YOU KNOW, OF COURSE IT'S EXCITING TO
25 HAVE AN OLYMPIC EVENT AND WE ARE CHECKING BUT WE BELIEVE



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1 THERE'S A RECORD HAS BEEN SET EVEN AS WE SPEAK HERE IN LOS
2 ANGELES FOR THE LONGEST TRIP OUT OF TOWN EVER TAKEN BY A
3 COUNCIL MEMBER FOR PAUL CORCORAN WHO WILL BE THERE FROM THE
4 BEGINNING OF THE GAME 24TH ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO THE END
5 WHERE SUPERVISOR HAHN WILL PUT OUT THE TORCH WHATEVER YOU DO
6 AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY MY RECOMMENDATION IS TO LEAVE ABOUT 30
7 MINUTES BEFORE THE CLOSING CEREMONY TO AVOID ONE OF THE GREAT
8 TRAIN WRECKS. NOT TRAIN WRECKS. NO, NO CAUTION THERE. JUST
9 THOSE EXPRESSIONS. BUT LISTEN, FRANCE IN AUGUST IS LOVELY, BUT
10 HAS ANYBODY THOUGHT ABOUT THE TEMPERATURE IN 2028? I'M WORRIED
11 THAT WE'RE GONNA HAVE ATHLETES EVAPORATING IN OUR MIDST AND IT
12 DOES WORRY ME, I HAVE TO SAY. AND HOW ABOUT THE FANS WHO GET
13 THE CHEAP SEATS BUSSED IN TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE THERE ARE
14 PEOPLE AROUND WHEN IT'S 114 IN THE SHADE. I JUST HOPE THAT
15 THEY GET WATER AND APPROPRIATE MEDICAL TREATMENT.

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

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RICKY AVALES. YOUR LINE IS
21 OPEN. IF YOU'RE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
22 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS RICKY AVALES. I'M CALLING IN FROM ARTS
25 FOR L.A. AND I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISOR



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SUPERVISORS

1 SOLIS FOR HER MOTION PROMOTING THE MUSIC CENTER'S FOX PARTY OF
2 THE 2024 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES ON AUGUST 10TH. BY DISSEMINATING
3 INFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA THROUGH NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER
4 COMMUNICATION PLATFORMS, WE CAN BRING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER TO
5 CELEBRATE THIS GLOBAL EVENT. WE CAN ALSO USE THIS AS AN
6 OPPORTUNITY TO VISION SET AND BUILD ENTHUSIASM FOR ARTS AND
7 CULTURE IN THE LEAD UP TO AND DURING THE L.A. 28 CULTURAL
8 OLYMPIAD AND OLYMPIC GAMES. SUPERVISOR SOLIS UNDERSTANDS THAT
9 ARTS AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN UNITING
10 PEOPLE AND FOSTERING A SENSE OF SHARED EXPERIENCE. WE THANK
11 YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR SUPPORT.

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

14
15 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS IN
16 QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

17
18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL GO TO SPEAKERS
19 IN PERSON. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

20
21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. HI, MY NAME IS JOSEPHINE BARAMIDES.
22 I'M WITH OUR PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, L.A. COUNTY, ACROSS THE
23 STREET, THE MUSIC CENTER. AND WHEN I WATCHED THE OLYMPICS THIS
24 YEAR, I KNOW, FOR ME AT LEAST, I REALLY SEE THE CONNECTION
25 BETWEEN ARTS AND SPORTS. THEY'RE BOTH WAYS THAT WE PLAY, WE



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1 EXPERIENCE THINGS TOGETHER, WE BUILD COMMUNITY, WE HAVE AN
2 IMMENSE AMOUNT OF INSPIRATION AND AWE. AND THAT'S WHY WE GOT
3 SO EXCITED TO DO THIS WATCH PARTY. AND TOGETHER WITH OUR
4 PARTNERS WITH ARTS FOR L.A. AND THE DANCE RESOURCE CENTER AND
5 DUB LAB AND L.A. COMMONS AND L.A. USD ARTS EDUCATION BRANCH
6 AND DEXTER STORY, WE HOPE THE PARTIES CAN OFFER LEARNINGS TO
7 VENUES ACROSS THE COUNTY WHO MIGHT WANNA HOST SIMILAR EVENTS
8 IN THE FUTURE. SO, JOIN US ON SATURDAY. WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT
9 SORT OF A COMMUNAL LIVING ROOM AND YOU CAN WATCH AND ENJOY
10 BREAKING, WHICH I THINK WE'LL ALL REALLY MUCH ENJOY. THANK
11 YOU.

12
13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
14 SPEAKERS? OKAY, WITH THAT, ITEM 18 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
16 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17
18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

21
22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

23
24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AYE.



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

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

4

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

6

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

8

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

10

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

12

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

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 21,
17 EXPANDING BREATHE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S GUARANTEED INCOME
18 PROGRAM TO FOSTER YOUTH, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR
19 MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE
20 PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
21 I'LL TURN IT TO YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR I
24 APPRECIATE IT AND I'M PROUD TO INTRODUCE A MOTION TO EXPAND
25 L.A. COUNTY'S BREATHE PROGRAM WHICH IS OUR GUARANTEED INCOME



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SUPERVISORS

1 PROGRAM TO ALL FOSTER YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 21. THE
2 ITEM 16, THE CONVERSATIONS WE'VE JUST HAD, THE DATA THAT WE
3 KNOW SHOWS THAT OUR FOSTER YOUTH REALLY STRUGGLE, PARTICULARLY
4 OUR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH STRUGGLE WITH COST OF HOUSING, JUST
5 SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE, THEIR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES,
6 THEIR COLLEGE AND ADVANCED GRADUATION RATES LAG BEHIND THEIR
7 COUNTERPARTS. SO FOR ALL THOSE REASONS, I'M REALLY PROUD TO
8 INCLUDE THIS NEW COHORT INTO THE READ PROGRAM. WE'RE ALL
9 WORKING TOGETHER ON NARRATIVE CHANGES. WE'RE EXPANDING BENEFIT
10 PROTECTIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES WHO RELY ON SUBSIDIZED HOUSING
11 AND INVESTED IN RESEARCH TO BUILD THE GROWING BODY OF EVIDENCE
12 THAT CONTINUES TO TELL US THAT GUARANTEED INCOME IS A POWERFUL
13 AND EFFECTIVE WAY TO TRULY DISRUPT POVERTY. WE ALL SEE THE
14 MANIFESTATION OF POVERTY BY DESIGN IN OUR UNHOUSED FAMILY,
15 FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS, IN OUR OVERCROWDED CARCERAL SYSTEM,
16 AND IN THE FACT THAT WE ARE HOME TO THE LARGEST POPULATION OF
17 YOUTH LIVING IN FOSTER CARE IN THE COUNTRY. PROGRAMS LIKE
18 GUARANTEED INCOME HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR
19 COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCING POVERTY, A PROBLEM BORN OUT OF
20 SYSTEMIC RACISM, AND FRANKLY, GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO DRIVE
21 RESOURCES TOWARDS OUR MOST IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE THE
22 RESEARCH, WE HAVE THE DATA, A GROWING BODY OF DATA NATIONALLY
23 AND INTERNATIONALLY, AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR HISTORIC ROLE IN
24 CONTRIBUTING TO THIS PROBLEM AND NOW WE HAVE TO BE BOLD IN OUR
25 SOLUTIONS. WHEN WE STARTED WORKING TO IMPLEMENT BREATHE, WE



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1 HAD A SIMPLE VISION, NO STRINGS ATTACHED FUNDING THAT WOULD
2 MEAN REAL ECONOMIC LIBERTY FOR ANGELENOS. WE HELD OUR
3 GUARANTEED INCOME SUMMIT, A NATIONAL SUMMIT IN THE SECOND
4 DISTRICT LAST WEEK AND HAD PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE IMPLEMENTING
5 PROGRAMS, MAYORS FOR A GUARANTEED INCOME, COUNTIES FOR A
6 GUARANTEED INCOME FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. AND I WAS
7 PLEASANTLY SURPRISED TO FIND OUT THAT THERE ARE 14 OR HAVE
8 BEEN 14 PILOTS IN AND AROUND L.A. COUNTY. SO, WE'RE DOING OUR
9 PART. AS OUR DOLLARS HAVE STARTED ROLLING OUT OVER THE LAST 2
10 YEARS THROUGH THE BREATHE PROGRAM WE'RE HELPING FAMILIES DO
11 THINGS LIKE PAY FOR CHILD CARE, RENT, AND GROW THEIR SAVINGS
12 FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME. THAT'S WHY I'M EXCITED THAT WE CAN
13 EXPAND BREATHE VIA THIS MOTION BEFORE US TODAY. THIS EXPANSION
14 WILL PROVIDE OVER 2,000 YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE BETWEEN THE AGES
15 OF 18 AND 21 WITH \$500 IN MONTHLY STIPENDS FOR 18 MONTHS. OUR
16 GOAL IS TO START THIS EXPANSION IN EARLY FALL OF THIS YEAR. WE
17 KNOW THAT OUR COUNTY'S FOSTER YOUTH HAVE SOME OF THE POOREST
18 OUTCOMES ACROSS ANY DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP IN THE COUNTY AND THIS
19 EXPANSION WILL STUDY THE EFFECT OF GUARANTEED INCOME ON
20 INDIVIDUAL FINANCIAL STABILITY, THE ALLEVIATION OF STRESS, THE
21 COMPLETION OF DEFERRED SCHOOLING, AND INCREASE IN WELLBEING
22 AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. SO, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO
23 WOULD LIKE TO THANK, STARTING WITH OUR OWN COUNTY POVERTY
24 ALLEVIATION INITIATIVE FOR BEING OUR STEADFAST PARTNER IN THIS
25 WORK, AS WELL AS OUR PROGRAM MANAGER, SBCC, OUR OUTREACH



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1 PARTNERS, THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA CENTER FOR GUARANTEED
2 INCOME RESEARCH, UCLA, OUR LOCAL RESEARCH PARTNERS, AND OF
3 COURSE THE MAYORS AND COUNTIES FOR GUARANTEED INCOME. I'M
4 LOOKING FORWARD TO MOVING THIS PROGRAM FROM PILOT STAGE TO
5 PERMANENT POLICY STAGE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND
6 I ASK ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

7
8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS
9 EXCITING NEWS. I KNOW THE FOLKS WHO DO THE GUARANTEED INCOME
10 PROGRAM, I MET WITH THEM DURING MY TIME AS MAYOR, WENT THROUGH
11 THE MAYOR'S PROGRAM, AND THEN WHEN I CAME HERE, WE TALKED
12 ABOUT THE PROGRAMS HERE IN THE COUNTY, AND THEY WERE
13 INTERESTED IN SEEING WHAT EXPANSION EFFORTS MIGHT HAPPEN. SO,
14 THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO GROW
15 WHAT HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLY MEANINGFUL PROGRAM. BY EVERY
16 MEASURE OF WELL-BEING, FOSTER KIDS HAVE THE WORST OUTCOMES, AS
17 YOU MENTIONED. AND TRANSITION AGE YOUTH ARE MORE LIKELY THAN
18 THEIR PEERS TO BE UNHOUSED, NOT GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL,
19 HAVE POOR HEALTH, AND LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LINE. YOUNG
20 PEOPLE EXITING OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM NEED OUR SUPPORT AS THEY
21 PURSUE EDUCATION, CAREER, AND THEIR OVERALL DREAMS. AND WE
22 KNOW GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME WORKS. WE KNOW L.A. COUNTY'S
23 BREATHE PROGRAM WORKS, AND EXPANDING WHAT WORKS JUST MAKES
24 SENSE. THIS EXPANSION PROVIDES FINANCIAL STABILITY DURING A
25 CRITICAL TIME IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S LIVES. IT GIVES THEM THE



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1 SPACE, SUPPORT, AND TOOLS TO FOCUS ON THEMSELVES AND THEIR
2 FUTURES. AND WE KNOW THAT FAR TOO MANY EXIT OUR FOSTER CARE
3 SYSTEM INTO HOMELESSNESS, THAT TOO MANY FIND THEMSELVES
4 INVOLVED WITH OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND THAT TOO MANY ARE UNABLE
5 TO CONTINUE PURSUING THEIR EDUCATION. ALL OF THIS IS SIMPLY
6 UNACCEPTABLE. BY OFFERING FINANCIAL SUPPORT COMBINED WITH
7 CAREER AND EDUCATION COUNSELING, FINANCIAL LITERACY, HOUSING
8 AND BENEFIT ACCESS SUPPORT WILL BEGIN TO PROVIDE STABLE
9 TRANSITION OUT OF CARE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NOT
10 ONLY FOR THIS MOTION, BUT FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK ON THE BREATHE
11 PROGRAM, AS WELL AS OUR POVERTY ALLEVIATION EFFORTS FOR OUR
12 MOST VULNERABLE. I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS ITEM. AND
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
14 WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

15
16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
17 FORWARD? AXEL PECERO, CLARISSA PENA, ALINA PENA, GABRIELA IBE,
18 AND KATE TIGU. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.
19 AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU
20 WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 21 IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO,
21 PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE
22 MODERATOR WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER PLEASE

23
24 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ANDY AM YOUR LINE IS OPEN
25 IF YOU'RE MUTED PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR



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1 PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN. THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME IS ANDY M
2 WITH RYPING COMMUNITIES BASED HERE IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2
3 AND JUST SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 21 TODAY. OUR
4 ORGANIZATION IS PROUD TO ALSO RUN A GBI PILOT IN SPARROW
5 DISTRICT 2 THROUGH BEST START REGION 2, FUNDED BY FIRSTSIDELA.
6 AND WE'VE SEEN JUST HOW TRANSFORMATIONAL IT IS JUST IN THE FEW
7 SHORT MONTHS THAT WE'VE BEEN PROVIDING UNCONDITIONAL CASH
8 TRANSFERS TO THESE MOTHERS. SO, YOU KNOW, I'M HERE TODAY TO
9 ASK THE BOARD TO PASS THE MOTION BEFORE YOU THAT WILL ADD AT
10 LEAST 2,000 ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS TO YOU TO THE L.A. COUNTY GBI
11 PROGRAM KNOWN AS BREATHE. WE APPLAUD THE BOARD'S PREVIOUS WORK
12 IN ESTABLISHING AND INVESTING IN THE BREATHE PROGRAM A FEW
13 YEARS AGO. AND SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU ALL TO CONTINUE THIS
14 BOLD WORK. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR YOUR
15 STEADFAST LEADERSHIP IN THIS EFFORT AND SO ON BEHALF OF OUR
16 COMMUNITIES WE SUPPORT THIS MOTION ASK FOR YOU TO PASS THIS
17 MOTION TODAY. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.

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

20
21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. ONE MOMENT MR.
22 PREVIN. WE'VE GOT A LITTLE BIT OF A GLITCH ON THE SCREEN HERE.
23 OKAY, MR. PREVIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. YOUR LINE IS
24 OPEN. PLEASE UNMUTE AND GO INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN SIR.



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1 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. CAN YOU HEAR ME? YEAH. SO, THANKS TO
2 MITCHELL FOR RECOGNIZING THAT WE'VE CONTRIBUTED TO VERY HARD
3 TIMES FOR FOSTER YOUTH AND THAT BY PROVIDING GUARANTEED
4 INCOME, NOBODY SHAKES THE GUARANTEED INCOME TREE BETTER THAN
5 MITCHELL. NOW, THE ONLY CONCERN PEOPLE HAVE WITH THE
6 GUARANTEED INCOME TREE IS, YOU KNOW, IT'S LIKE THE GUY'S
7 CHARGING TOO MUCH FOR RENT, SO WE'LL GIVE YOU HALF OF IT. THE
8 GUY STILL GETS BIG RENT. SO, THERE'S WHERE WE NEED A LITTLE
9 TENSION BECAUSE COMING UP WITH GOVERNMENT DOLLARS TO HELP TAY
10 IS GOOD. BY THE WAY, TAY, WITH OR WITHOUT FOSTER KIDS, IS A
11 PERIOD OF TRANSITION. A LOT OF PEOPLE STRUGGLE AND EVEN IF
12 YOU'RE DOING EVERYTHING YOU HAVE TO YOU KNOW PARENTS THAT ARE
13 AUTHENTICATED BY SOMEONE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT YOU KNOW IT'S
14 STILL HARD SO HOW MUCH IS THIS BY THE WAY THE COUPLE HUNDRED
15 BUCKS --

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

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHEYENNE ROGERS. YOUR LINE
21 IS OPEN. IF YOU'RE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY
22 INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS CHEYENNE ROGERS. I WAS A PARTICIPANT
25 IN TAY WHILE I WAS IN CARE, AND IT HELPED ME IN AD12. AND IT



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1 ALLOWED ME TO PURSUE UNDERGRAD AND RECENTLY LAW SCHOOL AND I
2 AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION SO THAT IT MAY CONTINUE TO
3 PROVIDE ESSENTIAL FINANCIAL STABILITY DURING SUCH A CRITICAL
4 AND PIVOTAL TIME IN THE LIVES OF THESE YOUTHS AND WHILE I
5 THINK THERE IS A LOT OF CARE INCLUDING THE REST OF
6 HOMELESSNESS AND INJUSTICE WITH SOME INVOLVEMENT. I SUPPORT
7 THIS MOTION AND ASK FOR THE PROCESS MOTION TODAY. THANK YOU.

8

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

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11 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS IN
12 QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

13

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS AXEL PIZARRO, AND I AM A FORMER
18 FOSTER YOUTH AND AN ADVOCATE FOR CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONNECTION.
19 I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
20 BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD AND FOR DCFS AND PAI FOR MEETING
21 WITH US AND RECOGNIZING WHAT WE NEED. THIS MOTION GIVES FOSTER
22 YOUTH THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A JUST
23 TRANSITION INTO ADULTHOOD. THIS MOTION ALIGNS DIRECTLY WITH
24 CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONNECTIONS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A BETTER
25 FUTURE FOR FOSTER YOUTH. THANK YOU.



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

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4 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS GABRIELLA AND I'M A CURRENT FOSTER
5 YOUTH AND ADVOCATE FOR CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONNECTION. AS A
6 FOSTER YOUTH, I KNOW FIRSTHAND THAT THE STIPEND WILL BE A
7 GREAT BENEFIT FOR US BY PROVIDING MORE FINANCIAL STABILITY,
8 ALLOWING FOR SAVINGS AND HELPING WITH UPFRONT PAYMENTS FOR
9 CLASSES. PERSONALLY, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING MY GOALS
10 WITH THE HELP OF THE STIPEND. THIS MOTION ALIGNS PERFECTLY
11 WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONNECTION.
12 WE EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING
13 THIS MOTION FORWARD AND TO THE DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS AT DCFS
14 AND PIA WHO HAVE BEEN TAKING THE TIME TO MEET WITH US. WE
15 EAGERLY ANTICIPATE THE INFORMATION OF THIS IMPORTANT
16 EXPANSION. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ELIANA PENA. I AM A CURRENT FOSTER
21 YOUTH AND AN ADVOCATE WITH CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONNECTION. THIS
22 CONVERSATION OF MAKING ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES MORE ACCESSIBLE
23 IS IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THE BENEFITS OF HAVING
24 THEM ALONGSIDE THE DOWNSIDES OF NOT HAVING THEM. THIS MOTION
25 WOULD HELP ALLEVIATE THE BARRIER GAP THAT CURRENTLY STANDS



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1 BETWEEN YOUTH IN THE SYSTEM AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE
2 INTERESTS. AT THE AGE OF 9, I BEGAN TO SPEND TIME PLAYING
3 SPORTS LIKE SOCCER. AT THIS TIME IN MY LIFE, I WAS THRIVING
4 AND HAPPY. WHEN I STOPPED, I SAW A SUDDEN SHIFT IN MY LIFE,
5 SUCH AS HAVING BEHAVIORAL OUTBREAKS AND COMING IN CONTACT WITH
6 LAW ENFORCEMENT ON A PRETTY CONSISTENT BASIS. WHEN I LOST
7 SOCCER, I HAD LOST MY STABILITY. WHEN I LOST THAT I WAS MOVING
8 PLACEMENT TO PLACEMENT, LACKING IN FOSTER STABILITY,
9 INSTABILITY. GIVING YOUTH FUNDING TO ENSURE THAT THEY ALWAYS
10 HAVE ACCESS TO ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES SHOULDN'T BE A QUESTION.
11 THE SYSTEM OF WAITING FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM DCFS ISN'T
12 WORKING WELL FOR US AND THIS ALLOWS FOR US TO GET DIRECT
13 FUNDING TO ASSURE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO PURSUE OUR INTERESTS.
14 THIS MOTION IS DIRECTED IN LINES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF
15 CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONNECTION. WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
16 MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD AND FOR THE PEOPLE AT
17 DCFS AND PAI WHO HAVE TAKEN TIME TO MEET WITH US. I LOOK
18 FORWARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION.

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

22
23 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS KATE TEAGUE AND I'M WITH CALIFORNIA
24 YOUTH CONNECTION. WE KNOW THAT THE LATE TEENS AND EARLY 20S
25 ARE AN IMPORTANT TIME OF DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH AND FOSTER



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1 CARE. THIS IMPORTANT TIME OF DEVELOPMENT IS ALSO A TIME THAT
2 WE NEED TO INVEST IN THEM. FOR OVER A YEAR, CYC MEMBERS HAVE
3 BEEN ADVOCATING HERE IN L.A. AND ACROSS THE STATE FOR THE
4 FLEXIBLE FAMILY SUPPORT FUNDS BE USED TO PILOT A MODEL OF
5 YOUTH DIRECTLY RECEIVING A STIPEND THAT THEY COULD USE TO
6 ACCESS ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES THAT THEY WANTED TO PARTICIPATE
7 IN, WHETHER FOR WELLNESS, FOR SELF-DEVELOPMENT, OR AS SAVINGS.
8 WE'RE SO EXCITED TO SEE L.A. COUNTY MAKE THIS INVESTMENT IN
9 FOSTER YOUTH AT THIS CRITICAL TIME. AND AS CYC MEMBERS HAVE
10 ALSO IDENTIFIED GUARANTEED INCOME AS AN IMPORTANT STRATEGY TO
11 SUPPORT YOUTH DURING THE TRANSITION OUT OF THE SYSTEM, WE ARE
12 EXCITED TO SEE THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF BREATHE USED TO
13 ADMINISTER AND SUPPORT YOUTH. WE LOOK FORWARD TO USING THIS
14 PROJECT TO ADD TO THE GROWING BODY OF RESEARCH ON GUARANTEED
15 INCOME AND BUILD ON THE BREATHE PROJECT AS WELL AS THE
16 GUARANTEED INCOME PILOTS FOR FOSTER YOUTH ACROSS THE STATE.
17 THIS MOTION IS DIRECTLY IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
18 CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONNECTION. WE THANK YOU SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
19 AND THE STAFF AT PAI.

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

22
23 **SPEAKER:** AWESOME, HELLO, MY NAME IS CLARISSA PENA. I AM A
24 CURRENT FOSTER YOUTH ALONG WITH A YOUTH COMMISSIONER ON L.A.
25 COUNTY'S YOUTH COMMISSION. THIS ISSUE MATTERS TO ME BECAUSE I



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1 KNOW FIRSTHAND THE CHALLENGES OF ACCESSING ENRICHMENT
2 ACTIVITIES WHILE IN CARE. GROWING UP, I SAW MY PEERS AND
3 TRADITIONAL FAMILIES WERE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS,
4 MUSIC, AND ART PROGRAMS THAT HELPED THEM DEVELOP NEW SKILLS
5 AND BUILD CONFIDENCE. MEANWHILE, I FACED SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS
6 TO ACCESSING THESE SAME OPPORTUNITIES DUE TO LACK OF RESOURCES
7 AND SUPPORT. I URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THE MOTION TO EXPAND THE
8 BREATHE GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM TO INCLUDE AT LEAST 2,000
9 ADDITIONAL FOSTER YOUTH. I COMMEND THE BOARD'S PREVIOUS
10 EFFORTS IN ESTABLISHING AND INVESTING IN BREATHE, AND I NOW
11 BELIEVE THAT IT'S TIME TO BUILD ON THAT PROGRESS. THIS MOTION
12 IS CRUCIAL BECAUSE IT PROVIDES ESSENTIAL FINANCIAL STABILITY
13 TO TRANSITIONING FOSTER YOUTH DURING A CRITICAL TIME IN THEIR
14 LIVES. BY DOING SO, WE CAN ELIMINATE THE RISK OF HOMELESSNESS
15 AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT MANY YOUTH FACE
16 WHILE EXITING CARE. AGAIN, THANK YOU, AND I WHOLEHEARTEDLY
17 SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND ASK THAT YOU.

18
19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
20 ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS? OKAY, WITH THAT, ITEM 21 IS
21 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I WILL SECOND TO
22 APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

23
24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

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

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9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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

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13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5
20 TO 0.

21

22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 23,
23 LEVERAGING EXISTING HEALTH EXPENDITURES TO PROMOTE THE LOCAL
24 ECONOMY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF
25 THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE PLEASE PRESS 1 THAN 0 NOW TO



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1 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,

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3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR COLLEAGUES THE
4 COUNTY PURCHASES ROUGHLY 8,000,000,000 WITH A B DOLLARS IN
5 GOODS AND SERVICES EACH YEAR, 25% OF WHICH ARE TO BE PURCHASED
6 OR PROCURED FROM LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE. THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS AND GRANTS DIVISION
8 MANAGES APPROXIMATELY 1,700 CONTRACTS WITH A COST OF ROUGHLY
9 1,200,000,000 A YEAR, MANY OF WHICH ARE SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS
10 WITH OUT OF STATE COMPANIES. I BELIEVE WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
11 AND RESPONSIBILITY TO DO BETTER, A BETTER JOB OF CREATIVELY
12 LEVERAGING OUR EXPENDITURES IN WAYS THAT ALSO PROMOTE OUR
13 LOCAL DIVERSE BUSINESS ECONOMY. SIMILARLY TO WHAT SUPERVISOR
14 SOLIS SAID IN HER MOTION ABOUT THE OLYMPICS, THIS IS AN
15 OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE USE COUNTY RESOURCES TO GROW
16 OUR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMY. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, TODAY THE
17 BOARD IS BEING ASKED TO APPROVE A DHS CONTRACT OF UP TO
18 \$140,000,000 TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR ITS CLINICAL TEAMS TO
19 DOCUMENT PATIENT CARE LEADING TO BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES. WELL,
20 I SUPPORT THE CONTRACT AND ITS GOAL, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO
21 NOTE THAT THIS CONTRACT WILL CREATE JUST 11 JOBS FOR L.A.
22 COUNTY RESIDENTS. AND THEREIN LIES THE PROBLEM. IN FISCAL YEAR
23 23/24, THE BOARD APPROVED AN ADDITION OF 24 POSITIONS TO THE
24 DHS EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND ANTI-RACISM INITIATIVE
25 TO PROMOTE EQUITY GOALS IN THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS,



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1 INCLUDING CONTRACTING. AND LAST SEPTEMBER, NEARLY ONE YEAR
2 AGO, THIS BOARD DIRECTED DHS TO REPORT BACK ON HOW IT WOULD
3 ADVANCE ITS EQUITY GOALS THROUGH SOLE SOURCE AND OTHER
4 CONTRACTING. IN DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR, DHS REPORTED WHAT IT
5 WOULD DO. TO DATE, THEY HAVE NOT MADE MUCH PROGRESS ON THEIR
6 OWN RECOMMENDATIONS. PROBLEM. I TRY HARD NOT TO PUT FORWARD
7 MOTIONS ON THE SAME ISSUE OR REQUIRE A BUNCH OF REPORT BACKS.
8 HOWEVER, I BROUGHT THIS FORWARD TODAY AND I HELD IT TO
9 REITERATE WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE OUR SHARED GOALS. AND I INTEND
10 TO CONTINUE TO BE PROACTIVE ABOUT REACHING OUT TO COMMUNITY
11 AND ENSURING THAT OUR SMALL DIVERSE FIRMS ARE READY TO COMPETE
12 AS CONTRACTORS ON OUR LARGE COUNTY CONTRACTS. WE'RE GONNA HOLD
13 THE EXPECTATION OF THE OLYMPICS AND EVERYBODY ELSE TO SUPPORT
14 OUR LOCAL SMALL-OWNED BUSINESSES. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY AS
15 THE COUNTY TO DO THE SAME. AND I'M CLEAR THAT THIS ISN'T JUST
16 A DHS ISSUE. MY MOTION LAST SEPTEMBER, ADVANCING COUNTY-WIDE
17 STRATEGIC DIVERSITY GOALS THROUGH CONTRACTING REGARDING DHS
18 CONTRACTING WAS CONSISTENT WITH AT LEAST 3 OTHER MOTIONS THAT
19 I HAVE FILED TO PROMOTE EQUITY AND COUNTY CONTRACTS ACROSS ALL
20 OF OUR VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. I THINK DHS MERITS SPECIAL
21 ATTENTION BECAUSE IT HAS SUCH A LARGE CONTRACTING BUDGET.
22 PROMOTING THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IS
23 CONSISTENT WITH DHS'S PRIMARY GOAL OF ADVANCING THE HEALTH OF
24 THIS PATIENTS AND THE COMMUNITY. SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING
25 ABOUT THE PROGRESS BEING MADE ACROSS ALL OUR COUNTY



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1 DEPARTMENTS IN DIVERSIFYING THEIR SPENDING AND MAKING THEIR
2 OWN CONTRACTING PROCESSES MORE SEAMLESS IN THE UPCOMING
3 WRITTEN AND VERBAL REPORTS CALLED FOR IN TODAY'S MOTION. I
4 ALSO HOPE THE DEPARTMENTS WILL BE CREATIVE WHEN THEY REPORT
5 BACK ON TODAY'S MOTION? FOR EXAMPLE, COULD THE COUNTY
6 ESTABLISH A SOCIAL BENEFIT FUND ADMINISTERED BY A THIRD PARTY
7 TO PROMOTE AND CREATE LOCAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH
8 COUNTY CONTRACTING? OR COULD WE BE MORE DELIBERATE, OR COULD
9 WE BE MORE DELIBERATE IN SCORING CONTRACTS BASED ON THE EXTENT
10 THAT THEY PROMOTE THE LOCAL DIVERSE ECONOMY AND LOCAL CBO'S?
11 ARE WE INCENTIVIZING LOCAL AND DIVERSE EMPLOYMENT AT THE FIRMS
12 THAT WE CHOOSE TO DO BUSINESS WITH. ALL OF THAT, ALL OF THOSE
13 THINGS ARE IN WITHIN OUR CONTROL. AND AGAIN, EXAMPLES THAT WE
14 COULD LEVERAGE COUNTY RESOURCES TO SUPPORT LOCAL SMALL
15 BUSINESS AND LOCAL DIVERSE BUSINESS. I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS
16 REPORT BACK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

19
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I
21 COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE ON THE MOTION. I THINK IT'S
22 SOMETHING THAT WE CARRY WITH US IN ALL OUR RESPECTIVE
23 CAPACITIES AND WHATEVER COMMISSIONS OR BOARDS WE SIT ON, I
24 THINK WE ALL HAVE TESTIFIED HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO MAKE SURE
25 THAT WE CREATE THAT DIVERSITY THAT REALLY SETS A PRECEDENT,



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1 AND NOT JUST BY OUR WORDS BUT BY ACTION. SO, I'M HAPPY TO
2 SUPPORT THIS TO SEE WHAT THE REPORT BACK SAYS BECAUSE YOU'RE
3 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. DHS HAS ONE OF THE LARGEST BUDGETS IN THE
4 COUNTY, PROBABLY SECOND TO THE SHERIFF'S. AND WE CAN GO
5 THROUGH THE WHOLE 38 DEPARTMENTS TO SEE WHERE THEY ALL LAND ON
6 THIS. BUT PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION HAS BEEN
7 OUR STANDARD. AND WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO
8 CREATE THOSE PIPELINES, ESPECIALLY AS WE'RE PREPARING, AS YOU
9 SAY, FOR THE OLYMPICS, BUT FOR ANY OTHER OPPORTUNITIES. WE
10 HAVE SO MANY OF OUR MOM AND POPS, OUR LOCAL PROVIDERS, CBO'S,
11 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS THAT AREN'T ABLE TO MAYBE GET AROUND THE
12 CONTRACTING PROCESS BECAUSE IT'S VERY COMPLICATED. BUT WE NEED
13 TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENTS TO HOPEFULLY
14 PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND REALLY DO MUCH MORE. SO, I
15 SUPPORT THE ITEM AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD. THANK
16 YOU.

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18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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20 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND I SUPPORT THIS TOO, AND I
21 DON'T KNOW IF YOU MENTIONED IT, BUT IT JUST SEEMS WORTH NOTING
22 THAT DPH CONTRACTS AND GRANTS DIVISION MANAGES ABOUT 1,700
23 CONTRACTS WITH A COST OF ROUGHLY \$1,200,000,000. DID YOU SAY
24 THAT? WHAT A B. YEAH, IT'S JUST WORTH NOTING AGAIN. SO, WHAT
25 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS REAL MONEY.



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2 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** IT SURE IS.

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4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THAT WE NEED TO BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT WHO
5 BENEFITS FROM THAT. AND 30 SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS, WHICH EQUAL
6 ABOUT OVER 25,000,000 A YEAR. SO, THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS. I
7 DON'T REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO REPORT BACKS EITHER, BUT THIS
8 ONE, YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M GLAD WE'RE STAYING ON THIS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY, I HOPE
11 THAT THE RESULT OF THIS REPORT WILL HAVE US FOCUS ON ALL
12 DEPARTMENTS BECAUSE WHILE IT IS THE LARGEST THAT ARE THAT
13 WE'RE FOCUSED ON, IT'S A TRICKLE DOWN EFFECT AND IT DOES
14 PREVENT BUSINESSES FROM ENTERING THE COUNTY SYSTEM. AND IT'S
15 AN ARTIFICIAL BARRIER, QUITE FRANKLY, THAT WE CAN ALLEVIATE.

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17 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THE ORIGINAL MOTION THAT THIS IS A
18 FOLLOW-UP TO THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE FOLLOW-UP ON IS FOR ALL
19 DEPARTMENTS.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** WELL, MAYBE IT'LL STICK THIS TIME. I
22 DON'T KNOW. BUT I HAVE FAITH. FESIA, DID YOU WANT TO SAY
23 SOMETHING?

24

25 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, WE'RE WORKING WITH



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE INVOLVED, OBVIOUSLY DHS, AND THEN
2 ALSO WITH ISD. ISD IS WORKING TO ESTABLISH A CONTRACTING UNIT,
3 AND I THINK ONE OF THE AREAS THAT THEY WANT TO LOOK AT AGAIN
4 IS THE POSITIONS THAT THEY ARE HIRING ON AND MAYBE CHANGING OR
5 ADJUSTING THEM A LITTLE BIT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE THE
6 RIGHT TALENT TO DO THE WORK AS WELL AS DEO IS ALSO PART OF
7 THIS CONVERSATION.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** EXCELLENT. THANK YOU FOR THAT. SUPERVISOR
10 HAHN, DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO SAY? OKAY, SEEING NO
11 OTHER COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
12 CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON
13 THIS ITEM.

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL, PLEASE COME
16 FORWARD. DONALD HARLAN, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND THE STAFF WILL
17 ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
18 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 23, IF YOU HAVE
19 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN
20 SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER,
21 PLEASE.

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23 **SPEAKER:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. YOUR LINE IS
24 OPEN. IF YOU'RE MUTED, PLEASE.

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SUPERVISORS

1 **SPEAKER:** YOU SOUND VERY FAR BACK YOUR VOLUME IS VERY LOW

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** GO AHEAD MR. PREVIN YOUR TIME IS STARTED.

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5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** APOLOGIES, GO AHEAD MR. PREVIN.

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7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU THANK YOU WELL I DO NOT LIKE SOCIAL SOURCE
8 CONTRACTS IN GENERAL BECAUSE THAT MEANS GIVING IT TO WHOEVER
9 WE LIKE. HERE, MITCHELL'S ADOPTED THE IDEA THAT THAT'S EXACTLY
10 RIGHT. WE WANT TO GIVE IT TO PEOPLE WITH EQUITY IN MIND, SO
11 PEOPLE WHO DON'T TYPICALLY GET THESE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS. SO,
12 YEAH, I CAN SEE THAT, BUT WE'LL ANSWER THEM OUT, AND I DON'T
13 LIKE LICKING OUR PAWS ABOUT THE MILLIONS AND BILLIONS. I MEAN,
14 YOU KNOW, THE IDEA THAT IT'S NOT DISTRIBUTED. FIRST OF ALL,
15 THERE HAS TO BE, WHAT WE DON'T WANT IS JUST A PAYMENT TO
16 SOMEBODY WHO'S NOT PROVIDING A SERVICE AT A FAIR PRICE. I
17 MEAN, THAT'S JUST NOT WHAT WE WANT. WE WANT EQUITY AND
18 INCLUSION. WE WANT TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE. THE WAY TO MAKE IT
19 POSSIBLE IS TO LOWER THE CRAZY ISD STANDARDS THAT MAKE IT, TO
20 GET THROUGH THE APPLICATION PROCESS, TO GET A JOB, TO GET A
21 CONTRACT, YOU NEED A GUY, GET A GUY WHO HAS SOMEONE WHO KNOWS
22 HOW TO DO IT.

23

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

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** IT'S OUTRAGEOUSLY.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER PUBLIC SPEAKERS?

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE
6 SPEAKERS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. ITEM 23 IS BEFORE US.
9 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO
10 APPROVE THIS ITEM. 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?

21

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

23

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

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SUPERVISORS

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

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3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH
4 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES, 4-0, WITH 1 ABSENT.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEMS
7 51 AND 110, COUNTY CODE TITLE 11, HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
8 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND
9 THEN FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS
10 1 THEN 0 WHEN IT IS YOUR TIME TO COMMENT. AND DR. FERRER IS
11 HERE, OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AND ELAINE BATCHLOR IS
12 GOING TO BE A LITTLE LATE, BUT SHE IS GOING TO BE ARRIVING,
13 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

14 COMMUNITY HOSPITAL TO MAKE A PRESENTATION. YOU WANT TO DO THE
15 PRESENTATION FIRST OR DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK? SURE. DR. FERRER?

16

17 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU
18 SO MUCH, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND
19 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND TO THE ENTIRE
20 BOARD FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN SETTING UP THIS FRAMEWORK TO PREVENT
21 AND REDUCE MEDICAL DEBT IN L.A. COUNTY. I'M DELIGHTED THAT
22 I'LL BE JOINED LATER MOMENTARILY BY, WITH DR. ELAINE BATCHLOR.
23 AS NOTED, SHE'S THE CEO OF THE MLK COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE. AND
24 I'M HERE RIGHT NOW WITH OUR CHIEF DEPUTY, DR. MAHAJAN, WHO'S
25 REALLY BEEN WORKING WITH DR. SHADA TO SUPPORT THE COALITION



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1 AND SUPPORT THIS WORK MOVING FORWARD. TODAY WE ARE COMING BACK
2 TO THE BOARD WITH A PROPOSED ORDINANCE IN RESPONSE TO THE
3 OCTOBER 3RD, 2023 MOTION THAT DIRECTED PUBLIC HEALTH TO WORK
4 WITH CEO, DCBA AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO DEVELOP AN ORDINANCE THAT
5 WOULD REQUIRE COLLECTION OF DATA AND POLICIES ON DEBT AND
6 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES FROM HOSPITALS OPERATING IN
7 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. MEDICAL DEBT DOES
8 REMAIN A CRUCIAL PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE IN L.A. COUNTY THAT'S
9 AFFECTED APPROXIMATELY 1 IN 10 ADULTS, AND THE AMOUNT OF DEBT
10 IS INCREASING. NEARLY HALF OF THE DEBT BELONGS TO INDIVIDUALS
11 WHO LIVE BELOW 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL, IN OTHER
12 WORDS, TO THOSE WHO CAN LEAST AFFORD IT. THERE ARE STARK
13 GEOGRAPHIC AND RACIAL INEQUITIES AND A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON
14 FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MEDICAL DEBT IS A
15 COMPLEX ISSUE THAT INVOLVES THE ENTIRE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, AND
16 WE'RE WORKING CLOSELY WITH HEALTH PLANS AND MEDICAL AND DENTAL
17 PROVIDERS TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PREVENT
18 MEDICAL DEBT. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT HOSPITAL
19 BILLS COMPRISE THE MAJORITY OF THE DEBT AND THE LARGEST BILLS.
20 NATIONAL DATA SHOWS THAT 72% OF MEDICAL DEBT IS FROM HOSPITAL
21 CARE, MAKING IT REASONABLE TO FOCUS INITIALLY ON REDUCING
22 HOSPITAL MEDICAL DEBT. I WANNA ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HERE IN L.A.
23 COUNTY, WE'RE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE OUR HOSPITALS WORKING HARD TO
24 MEET THEIR FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL
25 ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE PATIENTS, AND WE HAVE APPRECIATED THEIR



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1 MEMBERSHIP IN THE COALITION. NEXT SLIDE. THE ORDINANCE WILL
2 REQUIRE 2 SETS OF DATA REPORTING BY HOSPITALS IN THE
3 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF L.A. COUNTY. FIRST, IT WILL REQUIRE
4 AGGREGATE DATA ON ALL DEBT COLLECTION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
5 OPERATIONS. IT WILL ALSO REQUIRE THAT HOSPITALS REPORT ON
6 INDIVIDUAL PATIENT ACCOUNTS THAT ARE ADVANCED TO COLLECTIONS.
7 THE REPORTING PORTAL IS HIPAA COMPLIANT, ENSURING THE SECURE
8 ENCRYPTED TRANSFER OF NON-CLINICAL INFORMATION. NEXT SLIDE.
9 THE ORDINANCE, THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS SIMILAR TO
10 REQUIREMENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND A NUMBER OF STATES INCLUDING
11 ILLINOIS, OREGON, WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA AND NEW MEXICO. THE
12 ORDINANCE APPLIES TO ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS IN THE
13 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF L.A. COUNTY. THIS INCLUDES 2 HOSPITALS
14 IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1, 3 HOSPITALS IN SUPERVISORIAL
15 DISTRICT 2, INCLUDING THE MLK JUNIOR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL LED BY
16 DR. BATCHLOR, AND 2 HOSPITALS IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4.
17 THERE ARE NO HOSPITALS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF
18 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3 AND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5.
19 INCORPORATED CITIES WITHIN L.A. COUNTY WILL HAVE AN
20 OPPORTUNITY TO ADOPT THE SAME ORDINANCE TO COVER HOSPITALS IN
21 THEIR JURISDICTION. SAFETY NET HOSPITALS, WHICH ARE ALREADY
22 PROVIDING HIGH AMOUNTS OF CHARITY CARE AND FACING A VERY
23 CHALLENGING PAYER MIX, WILL BE COVERED BY THIS ORDINANCE, AND
24 THEY'LL BE REQUIRED TO REPORT DATA AT A REDUCED FREQUENCY,
25 ACKNOWLEDGING THE GREAT BURDEN OF FREE AND UNCOMPENSATED CARE



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SUPERVISORS

1 THAT THEY'RE ALREADY PROVIDING. DPH WILL REVIEW AND EVALUATE
2 THE IMPACT AND THE EFFICACY OF THIS DATA COLLECTION EFFORT
3 AFTER AN INITIAL 12-MONTH IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD. NEXT SLIDE.
4 OVER THE PAST 9 MONTHS, WE'VE CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE STAKEHOLDER
5 ENGAGEMENT WITH THE COALITION, INCLUDING DISCUSSION, REVIEW,
6 AND FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS OF THE L.A. COALITION ON MEDICAL
7 DEBT AND OUR COLLABORATING PARTNERS. DPH HAS CONDUCTED
8 SEPARATE OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT TO INDIVIDUAL HOSPITALS AND
9 THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. MANY
10 HOSPITALS IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE ALREADY MADE SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS
11 TO SUPPORT PATIENTS IN NEED AND THIS ORDINANCE BUILDS ON THEIR
12 COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY AND EQUITY. CURRENTLY, THE
13 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DATA REPORTED TO STATE AND FEDERAL
14 AGENCIES IS LIMITED TO JUST THE TOTAL DOLLARS OF FINANCIAL
15 ASSISTANCE PROVIDED. NO OPERATIONAL METRICS, SUCH AS THE
16 NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS, DENIAL RATES, AND REASONS FOR DENIALS
17 ARE REPORTED. WE ALSO HAVE NO DATA ON DEBT COLLECTION RATES,
18 NOR WHO WAS ELIGIBLE BUT MISSED QUALIFYING FOR FINANCIAL
19 ASSISTANCE. THIS IS WHY THE REPORTING OF INDIVIDUAL LEVEL
20 COLLECTION DATA IS SO CRITICAL. AND I WANTED TO STOP AND
21 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE'RE JOINED BY THE WONDERFUL AND AMAZING DR.
22 BATCHLOR, THE CEO OF OUR, REALLY ONE OF OUR BEST HOSPITALS,
23 ONE OF OUR BEST HOSPITALS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I'M SO
24 APPRECIATIVE THAT SHE'S JOINING US. WE DO RECOGNIZE THAT
25 IMPROVING THE GAPS IDENTIFIED REQUIRES THE ASSISTANCE OF



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1 PROVIDERS AND HEALTH PLANS AS WELL. AND WE HAVE SOME PILOT
2 PROJECTS WHERE WE'RE LEVERAGING DATA FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE
3 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM TO COMPREHENSIVELY ADDRESS THE MEDICAL DEBT
4 BURDEN. NEXT SLIDE. THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE, AS NOTED EARLIER,
5 REQUIRES THE COLLECTION OF AGGREGATE DATA AND FOR THOSE
6 REFERRED TO DEPTH COLLECTION, ADDITIONAL NON-CLINICAL
7 INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS. AGGREGATE DATA REPORTING
8 WILL PROVIDE METRICS TO GUIDE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT TO ENSURE
9 THAT A HOSPITAL'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY IS HAVING
10 MAXIMUM IMPACT. HOSPITALS WILL ALSO REPORT ON INDIVIDUAL
11 PATIENT ACCOUNTS THAT ARE ADVANCED TO COLLECTIONS. BY
12 RECEIVING INDIVIDUAL LEVEL DATA FROM HOSPITALS, PUBLIC HEALTH
13 CAN IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL
14 ASSISTANCE, BUT ARE NOT RECEIVING IT. WE'LL SHARE THIS
15 INFORMATION BACK WITH THE HOSPITALS TO HELP IMPROVE THEIR
16 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PRACTICES AND IDENTIFY CHALLENGES AND
17 OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLOSING THESE GAPS. DATA REPORTING, AS I
18 NOTED EARLIER, WILL BE HIPAA COMPLIANT, AND IT USES THE SAME
19 SECURE SYSTEM THAT HOSPITALS USE TO REPORT COVID CASES TO US.
20 WE'VE WORKED TO MAKE THIS A FLEXIBLE SYSTEM THAT CAN AUTOMATE
21 HOSPITAL REPORTING AND MINIMIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN. DPH
22 STAFF WILL BE PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO OUR HOSPITALS
23 SHOULD THIS ORDINANCE BE PASSED. I NOW WANNA ASK DR. BATCHLOR
24 TO PROVIDE BRIEF COMMENTS BASED ON THE WORK SHE LEADS AT THE
25 MLK JUNIOR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, AND ALSO SHE'S A MEMBER OF THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HASC BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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3 **DR. ELAINE BATCHLOR:** THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. AS YOU ALL
4 PROBABLY KNOW, I'M DR. ELAINE BATCHELOR, AND I'M THE CEO OF
5 MLK COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, A PRIVATE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN SOUTH
6 LOS ANGELES. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR
7 SHINING A LIGHT ON THE ISSUE OF MEDICAL DEBT. IN SAFETY NET
8 COMMUNITIES LIKE THE ONE THAT WE SERVE, LOW INCOME RESIDENTS
9 AND PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE
10 BURDEN OF MEDICAL DEBT. I'D LIKE TO SHARE A PERSONAL STORY. A
11 FEW YEARS AGO, A DEAR FRIEND WAS DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER.
12 MY FRIEND IS A HAIRSTYLIST, AND SHE WAS UNINSURED WHEN SHE
13 DISCOVERED A LUMP IN HER BREAST. I WROTE AN ARTICLE THAT WAS
14 PUBLISHED IN THE HILL ABOUT HELPING HER ACCESS THE HEALTH CARE
15 SHE NEEDED. TODAY, THANKS TO OUR ABILITY TO GET HER COVERAGE
16 AND TREATMENT, SHE IS THANKFULLY CANCER-FREE. BUT TO MY
17 DISMAY, I RECENTLY LEARNED THAT SHE IS ONCE AGAIN UNINSURED.
18 WHY? DESPITE HAVING COVERAGE, THE COST OF HER TREATMENT MIRED
19 HER IN MEDICAL DEBT. SHE CAN NOW AFFORD TO EITHER PAY DOWN HER
20 MEDICAL DEBT OR PAY THE PREMIUMS FOR HER HEALTH INSURANCE. SHE
21 CAN'T AFFORD TO DO BOTH, AND SHE HAS CHOSEN TO PAY FOR THE
22 MEDICAL DEBT. NO ONE SHOULD INCUR MEDICAL DEBT IN ORDER TO GET
23 HEALTHCARE. AND MEDICAL DEBT SHOULD NEVER BE THE REASON WE
24 GIVE UP ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE. MEDICAL DEBT IS AT HEART A
25 PROBLEM OF AFFORDABILITY. THE ROOT CAUSE OF MEDICAL DEBT IS



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1 THE HIGH COST OF HEALTH CARE AND THE FAILURE OF HEALTH
2 INSURANCE TO COVER THOSE COSTS. TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF
3 MEDICAL DEBT, WE WILL ULTIMATELY NEED TO ADDRESS THESE ROOT
4 CAUSES. IN THE MEANTIME, MY HOSPITAL IS HONORED TO BE HELD UP
5 AS AN EXAMPLE OF BEST PRACTICES IN THE HANDLING OF MEDICAL
6 DEBT. AT MLK COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, WE PROACTIVELY TAKE STEPS TO
7 ASSESS WHETHER OUR PATIENTS CAN AFFORD THE COPAYMENTS AND
8 DEDUCTIBLES THAT ARE REQUIRED BY THEIR INSURANCE PROGRAMS. WE
9 KNOW THAT OUR PATIENTS ARE OFTEN CHALLENGED BY FILLING OUT
10 FORMS AND APPLICATIONS. SO, WE USE SOFTWARE AND OTHER
11 FINANCIAL TOOLS TO IMPUTE WHETHER THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE ABLE
12 TO AFFORD THOSE COPAYS. IF WE DETERMINE THAT THEY CAN'T AFFORD
13 THEM, WE WRITE OFF THE DEBT, RATHER THAN SEND THEM TO
14 COLLECTIONS. I WANT TO STRESS THAT THESE FINANCIAL TOOLS AND
15 SOFTWARE ARE WIDELY AVAILABLE, AND THEY'RE NOT DIFFICULT TO
16 USE. WE ALSO USE RESOURCES TO HELP UNINSURED PATIENTS APPLY
17 FOR AVAILABLE COVERAGE. SO, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY
18 PATIENT HAS SOME OPTION. WRITING OFF DEBT INCURS A LOSS FOR
19 OUR HOSPITAL, BUT IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO FOR OUR PATIENTS.
20 WHAT ISN'T RIGHT IS THAT WE'VE BEEN DRAFTED TO SERVE AS THE
21 COLLECTION ARM FOR A BROKEN INSURANCE SYSTEM. NOT ONLY IS IT
22 BURDENSOME AND TIME-CONSUMING FOR HOSPITALS TO COLLECT ON
23 BEHALF OF INSURERS AND PLACES A BURDEN ON PATIENTS, IT RESULTS
24 IN HOSPITALS FORGOING RESOURCES NEEDED TO PROVIDE QUALITY CARE
25 FOR PATIENTS. I SUPPORT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC



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1 HEALTH'S EFFORTS TO COLLECT DATA TO SHED LIGHT ON THIS
2 PROBLEM, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN WE ENSURE THAT
3 EVERY AMERICAN HAS ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE, AND
4 MEDICAL DEBT IS THE THING OF THE PAST. THANK YOU.

5
6 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND WE'RE NOW HAPPY TO
7 HEAR ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD.

8
9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU BOTH FOR
12 BEING HERE TODAY. THANK YOU, DR. BATCHLOR, FOR YOUR REMARKS AS
13 IT RELATED TO THE PRESENTATION TODAY, BUT ALSO THE PERSONAL
14 STORY. I THINK THAT REALLY PUTS IT INTO PERSPECTIVE OF WHAT'S
15 HAPPENING TO MANY, MANY PEOPLE. AND I LOVED THAT WHEN YOU WERE
16 RUNNING IN, YOU WERE PUTTING ON YOUR WHITE COAT, JUST TO MAKE
17 THAT POINT. BUT MEDICAL DEBT CERTAINLY IS A BURDEN ON OUR
18 RESIDENTS TO THE TUNE OF \$2,900,000,000. AND LAST OCTOBER,
19 THIS BOARD APPROVED A MOTION AUTHORED BY MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR
20 MITCHELL TO LOOK AT WAYS THAT THE COUNTY CAN GET INVOLVED TO
21 ADDRESS MEDICAL DEBT FOR OUR RESIDENTS. AND SINCE THEN, PUBLIC
22 HEALTH HAS ENGAGED WITH THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN
23 CALIFORNIA, MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL DEBT COALITION, AND THAT
24 INCLUDES HOSPITALS, HEALTH CLINICS, LEGAL SERVICE
25 ORGANIZATIONS, INSURANCE COMPANIES, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO



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1 LOOK AT DEBT COLLECTION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES.
2 AND SO, BECAUSE OF THAT COLLABORATIVE WORK, THANK YOU, TODAY
3 WE'RE PRESENTED WITH AN ORDINANCE THAT WILL GIVE US
4 INFORMATION, THAT WILL HELP US UNDERSTAND THE WHO, WHY, WHEN,
5 WHERE, AND HOW OF ADDRESSING MEDICAL DEBT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY.
6 THIS ORDINANCE WILL HELP HOSPITALS REVIEW THEIR POLICIES TO
7 DETERMINE IF THERE IS SOMETHING THAT CAN CHANGE SO THAT MORE
8 PATIENTS ARE CAPTURED BEFORE BEING SENT TO COLLECTIONS. IT
9 WILL ALLOW HEALTHCARE PARTNERS TO STRATEGIZE ON COMMUNITY
10 EDUCATION AND OUTREACH TO ALLOW PATIENTS AND FAMILIES TO MAKE
11 DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR CARE. AND IF THIS ORDINANCE MOVES
12 FORWARD, L.A. COUNTY CAN CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE AND LEAD THE
13 WAY IN ADDRESSING MEDICAL DEBT. BUT THE WORK WON'T STOP HERE
14 TODAY. HOSPITALS ARE NOT THE SOLE CAUSE OF MEDICAL DEBT, BUT
15 STARTING THERE, I THINK, WILL HELP US DEVELOP A PLAN. THE
16 COUNTY, THE COALITION, THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION AND THEIR
17 STAKEHOLDERS WILL CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS AND LOOK AT OTHER
18 STRATEGIES TO REDUCE MEDICAL DEBT, INCLUDING THE ROLE OF
19 INSURANCE COMPANIES, PRIVATE PROVIDER GROUPS, OUTPATIENT
20 CLINICS AND EVEN DENTAL CARE. SO L.A. COUNTY HOSPITALS, THANK
21 YOU. YOU'RE OUR PARTNERS IN THESE FIRST STEPS, AND THANK YOU
22 FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO EVERY DAY TO PROVIDE CARE TO OUR
23 RESIDENTS. IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT POSSIBLY SOME
24 HOSPITALS IN HASC WOULD SHOW UP TODAY TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS
25 ABOUT SOME OF THIS. DID NO DR. BATCHLOR, WHAT KIND OF FEEDBACK



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1 YOU'RE HEARING ABOUT US MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS KIND OF DATA
2 COLLECTION?

3

4 **DR. ELAINE BATCHLOR:** WELL, I GUESS THE FIRST THING I CAN SAY
5 IS THAT I DID NOT COME TODAY TO VOICE THE CONCERNS OF HASC. I
6 CAME TO SUPPORT THE EFFORT, AND I BELIEVE THAT HASC HAS BEEN
7 PART OF THE LARGER GROUP OF HOSPITALS THAT HAVE BEEN MEETING
8 REGULARLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO WORK ON THE ORDINANCE. AND I
9 UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF PROGRESS MADE. I DO
10 THINK THAT THERE IS SOME CONCERN ABOUT SOME OF THE REPORTING
11 REQUIREMENTS, SPECIFICALLY THE HAVING TO REPORT EVERY TIME A
12 PATIENT IS SENT TO COLLECTIONS. AND I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN
13 SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SECURITY OF THE DATA. YOU KNOW, I
14 ASKED THAT QUESTION MYSELF, AND I THINK I GOT A REALLY SOLID
15 ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. SO THAT'S PRETTY MUCH WHAT I'VE
16 HEARD.

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18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** DR. FARRER, HAVE YOU HEARD?

19

20 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, NO, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR.
21 AND AGAIN, I WANT TO REITERATE MY, REALLY, MY GRATITUDE FOR
22 ALL THE SUPPORT. YOU KNOW, I THINK ANY TIME YOU IMPOSE
23 ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON ENTITIES THAT ARE
24 PROVIDING REALLY, IN THIS CASE, LIFE-SAVING SERVICES, IT COULD
25 BE A LITTLE BIT OF A HARD SELL. AND I WANT TO GIVE A LOT OF



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1 CREDIT TO ALL OF THE HOSPITALS AND HASC, DR. MAHAJAN AND DR.
2 SHAH, BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN MEETING WEEKLY TO TRY TO REALLY
3 COME TO A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WITH
4 THIS. AND AS I NOTED, WE'LL REASSESS IN A YEAR, PARTICULARLY
5 PAYING ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE AROUND THE BURDEN OF COLLECTING
6 THE DATA. WE THINK WE'VE DONE A LOT, AND AGAIN, GRATEFUL FOR
7 ALL OF THE FEEDBACK WE GOT FROM THE HOSPITALS THAT ALLOWED US
8 TO STREAMLINE WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING AND THE WAY WE'RE
9 COLLECTING IT. WE THINK THE SYSTEM ALLOWS FOR A LOT OF
10 INTEROPERABILITY, SO NOBODY'S REALLY INVESTING MONEY IN SORT
11 OF A NEW TECHNOLOGY TO ALLOW FOR THE TRANSFER OF THIS
12 ENCRYPTED DATA SO THAT IT IS PROTECTED. BUT I TOO WANNA BE
13 VERY RESPECTFUL OF THE HOSPITALS. THEY'RE MISSION DRIVEN AND
14 I'VE APPRECIATED THE PARTNERSHIP. CERTAINLY, WE COULDN'T HAVE
15 GOTTEN THROUGH THE LAST 4 YEARS WITHOUT OUR HOSPITAL PARTNERS.
16 I ALSO FEEL VERY CONFIDENT THAT ONCE THE DATA IS COMING AND WE
17 ALL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO REVIEW IT, WE'RE ALL GONNA BE
18 GRATEFUL THAT WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION BECAUSE SOME OF THIS
19 INFORMATION, NOBODY ELSE IS REALLY COLLECTING AND WITHOUT IT,
20 IT IS SO HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHERE WE MIGHT HAVE OPPORTUNITIES
21 TO MAKE FIXES. AND I KNOW THAT WE'RE ALL REALLY EQUALLY
22 DESIRING THE BEST OUTCOMES FOR PATIENTS. AND I THINK AS DR.
23 BACHELORS SAID, NOBODY WANTS PEOPLE SEEKING CARE TO END UP IN
24 DEBT.

25



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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, WELL THANK YOU AGAIN. I REALLY
2 APPRECIATE THAT THE SENSE THAT IT'S AN ONGOING PARTNERSHIP FOR
3 US TO BEGIN TO ADDRESS THIS MULTI-PRONGED ISSUE. BUT I
4 UNDERSTAND THE COLLECTION OF THE DATA IS, WILL BE POSSIBLY A
5 BIT OF A BURDEN, BUT IF WE DON'T HAVE THE DATA, THEN I DON'T
6 THINK WE CAN HONESTLY PUT INTO PLACE A POLICY THAT WILL
7 ADDRESS IT AT ITS ROOT CAUSES. SO THE DATA IS GONNA BE REALLY
8 IMPORTANT. SO THIS ORDINANCE IS ABOUT PUTTING THIS POLICY INTO
9 PRACTICE TO BENEFIT OUR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. AND COLLEAGUES,
10 I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS ITEM.

11
12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

13
14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. I ALSO WANNA JOIN IN AND SAY
15 THAT I'M WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE ORDINANCE, AND I
16 KNOW THIS HAS BEEN MUCH DEBATED ALSO IN OTHER CIRCLES. I ALSO
17 SIT ON THE L.A. CARE BOARD, AND I KNOW OUR HOSPITAL
18 ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND OTHERS ARE VERY CONCERNED AND
19 PERPLEXED ABOUT HOW THIS IS GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED AND THE
20 BURDEN THAT SOME OF THEM MAY HAVE TO ENTERTAIN AS THEY PUT
21 THEIR DATA, IT PROGRAMMING TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THIS. AND I
22 DO HAVE ONE CONCERN BECAUSE I KNOW YOU MENTIONED 2 HOSPITALS
23 IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, THE EAST L.A. DOCTORS' HOSPITAL AND
24 L.A. COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. I KNOW MY STAFFS REACH OUT TO THEM. I
25 DON'T KNOW IF



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1 YOU HAVE, IF YOU CAN ELABORATE ON WHAT THOSE CONVERSATIONS
2 HAVE BEEN.

3

4 **DR. ANISH MAHAJAN, MD. MS. MPH:** YEAH, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.
5 WE HAVE MADE SEVERAL EFFORTS TO CONNECT WITH HOSPITAL MEMBERS
6 OF HAS, AS WELL AS DIRECTLY WITH HOSPITALS THROUGH THE
7 COALITION MEETINGS. WE'VE ALSO WORKED WITH YOUR OFFICE ON
8 SPECIFICALLY REACHING OUT TO THOSE 2 HOSPITALS, AND I BELIEVE
9 THAT WE HAVE, YOU KNOW, HEARD BACK FROM AT LEAST ONE OF THEM,
10 AND THEY'VE INDICATED THEY WANTED TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS TODAY
11 AND TALK WITH US MORE AFTERWARDS.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** RIGHT.

14

15 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I THINK ALSO, I MEAN YOU RAISED SUCH A
16 GOOD POINT ABOUT US WANTING TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THE
17 HOSPITALS. YOU KNOW, ONE THING WE ARE COMMITTED TO DO AND WE
18 HAVE THE STAFF TO DO IT IS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO
19 THE HOSPITALS. LIKE WE ARE NOT GOING TO LEAVE ANY HOSPITALS,
20 PARTICULARLY THOSE HOSPITALS THAT HAVE LESS RESOURCES THAN
21 OTHERS. WE'RE NOT GOING TO LEAVE ANYBODY OUT. WE'RE NOT GOING
22 TO LET EVERYBODY STRUGGLE FOR THOSE HOSPITALS THAT THIS
23 BECOMES A BURDEN, WE'RE GONNA BE THERE WITH TECHNICAL
24 ASSISTANCE TO REALLY TRY TO ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF A
25 SPECIFIC HOSPITAL.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I THINK THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW AND CERTAINLY
3 WANNA SEE THAT HAPPEN, ESPECIALLY FOR VULNERABLE SMALLER
4 HOSPITALS. I KNOW THAT EAST L.A. DOCTORS' HOSPITAL IS ONE
5 THAT'S HAD SOME ISSUES IN THE PAST FINANCIALLY, SO I KNOW THAT
6 ANY SUPPORT YOU CAN PROVIDE MEANINGFUL WOULD GO A LONG WAY.
7 AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE BOARD HAS ALREADY GONE ON
8 RECORD IN HELPING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE THROUGH PREVIOUS
9 MOTION FOR MEDICAL DEBT. AND I TOO AM LOOKING AT MY OWN
10 RESOURCES IN MY DISTRICT TO SEE HOW WE CAN PROVIDE MORE
11 ASSISTANCE AS WELL. SO I SUPPORT THIS ITEM, MADAM CHAIR, AND
12 HOPE EVERYONE ELSE ON THE BOARD SUPPORTS IT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

15

16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I APPRECIATE
17 JOINING WITH YOU SUPERVISOR HAHN AND IN CO AUTHORIZING THE
18 ORIGINAL MOTION I WAS JUST SHARING WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER THAT
19 YOU KNOW I HEARD COOK COUNTY BOARD PRESIDENT TONY PRECKWINKLE
20 SPEAK AT NAVCO SEVERAL MONTHS AGO ABOUT COOK COUNTY HAS
21 LAUNCHED THIS IN A MEANINGFUL AND SIGNIFICANT WAY. AND THEY
22 ALREADY HAVE DATA IN TERMS OF THE DEBT THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO
23 ALLEVIATE AND HOW IT'S IMPROVED LIVES. SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO
24 US MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS. WANNA THANK THE DEPARTMENT AND
25 THE COALITION. YOU CREATED OF HOSPITALS, PLANS AND ADVOCATES



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1 TO HELP CRAFT THE ORDINANCE. ALL OF THE EFFORT THAT WENT INTO
2 THE MULTIPLE MEETINGS WITH ALL VERY BUSY PEOPLE APPRECIATE
3 THAT. I THINK BECAUSE OF THAT, WE'VE GOT THE BEST ORDINANCE
4 LANGUAGE I'M SURE THAT WE COULD COME UP WITH. AND I APPRECIATE
5 THE 6 MONTH PHASE IN THAT WILL ALLOW IMPLEMENTATION TO OCCUR
6 AGAIN FIRST IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. AND THAT'S OF
7 SIGNIFICANCE TO ME IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, GIVEN THE FACT THAT
8 WE'VE GOT 3 BIG ONES IN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, MARTIN
9 LUTHER KING COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, KINDRED HOSPITAL, AND L.A.
10 COUNTY HARBOR UCLA MEDICAL CENTER. AND I'M PROUD THAT THEY
11 WILL BE THE FIRST TO IMPLEMENT THE ORDINANCE. I THINK THAT
12 WILL SPEAK VOLUMES. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ONCE THE
13 DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 23-24 BUDGET IS CLARIFIED AT THE END
14 OF THE MONTH, THEN WE WILL KNOW AND CAN PROCEED WITH A
15 CONTRACT TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM. SO, I'M PLEASED TO KNOW
16 THAT.

17
18 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. WE'RE
19 WAITING ON OUR YEAR-END CLOSING NUMBERS.

20
21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** RIGHT, THAT'S AN APPROPRIATE THING TO
22 DO. QUICK QUESTION FOR ME, IF I MAY, MADAM CHAIR, TO THE
23 PANEL. IF DR. FERRER CAN EXPLAIN WHY IT'S PROPOSING TO COLLECT
24 INDIVIDUAL PATIENT DATA BASED ON SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT
25 HAVE BEEN RAISED. OF COURSE, WITH DATA PRIVACY PROTECTIONS,



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1 BUT IF YOU COULD TELL US WHY.

2

3 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND AGAIN, THANK
4 YOU SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP ON
5 THIS ISSUE, AND ALSO ON ISSUES JUST GUARANTEEING THAT PEOPLE
6 HAVE THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO BE HEALTHY. WE NEED THE
7 REPORTING OF INDIVIDUAL LEVEL ON THE DEBT COLLECTION SIDE. SO,
8 I WANT TO NOTE THAT THIS IS, WE ARE ASKING FOR INDIVIDUAL
9 LEVEL DATA ONLY WHEN A HOSPITAL HAS MOVED A CASE TO DEBT
10 COLLECTION. IN THE BACK END, WE CAN LOOK AND DO SOME MATCHING
11 WITH SOME OF THE DATABASES WE HAVE ACCESS TO, TO FIND OUT
12 WHETHER OR NOT THAT PERSON WOULD HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE FOR WHAT
13 WE CALL CHARITY CARE, WHAT PEOPLE TYPICALLY CALL CHARITY CARE.
14 CARE FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE FINANCIAL MEANS, AS IS
15 STIPULATED BY STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS. ONE OF THE ISSUES
16 WE KNOW FROM LOOKING AT THE DATA, I PRESENTED IT WHEN OVER
17 HALF YOUR CASES ARE AMONG PEOPLE WHO ARE UNDER 200 PERCENT OF
18 POVERTY, THERE MUST BE MANY, MANY MISSED OPPORTUNITIES FOR US
19 TO CONNECT WITH THE PEOPLE WHO MIGHT NEED THE CARE. SO, WE'RE
20 ABLE TO GO BACK IN, TRY TO DO THOSE MATCHES. WE ONLY RECEIVE
21 NON-CLINICAL DATA, SO I WANT EVERYONE TO BE ASSURED THAT NONE
22 OF THE DATA THAT COMES TO US TO DO THE MATCH HAS ANYTHING TO
23 DO WITH A CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS OR CLINICAL STANDING OR
24 TREATMENTS. IT REALLY IS INFORMATION THAT ALLOWS US TO
25 DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THAT PERSON WOULD HAVE BEEN OTHERWISE



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1 ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM AN INSTITUTION. THAT
2 INFORMATION WILL ALSO NOT BE SHARED WITH THE PUBLIC. THAT
3 INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED WITH INDIVIDUAL HOSPITALS SO THEY
4 CAN THEN GO BACK IN AND FIGURE OUT WHAT PROCESSES ARE
5 CHALLENGING TO ALLOW PEOPLE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE ELIGIBLE
6 APPLY FOR AND GET CARE. WE THINK AT THIS POINT THAT'S AN
7 IMPORTANT ANSWER TO WHO IS NOT ACTUALLY ACCESSING FINANCIAL
8 ASSISTANCE BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, IN ALL OF OUR MEETINGS WITH THE
9 HOSPITALS, I'M VERY IMPRESSED WITH ALL THE EFFORTS THEY'RE
10 MAKING TO ACTUALLY BE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND
11 FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND BE ABLE TO SUPPORT FAMILIES WHO NEED
12 HELP, INDIVIDUALS AND PATIENTS WHO NEED HELP. BUT THERE IS A
13 VERY BIG DISCONNECT BETWEEN THAT AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE
14 \$2,800,000,000 WORTH OF MEDICAL DEBT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. SO
15 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE OUT, IN PARTICULAR FOR THOSE
16 PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE, WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THOSE CASES
17 THAT MAY HELP US UNDERSTAND HOW TO MAKE THE SYSTEMS WORK
18 BETTER. AND AGAIN, WE APPRECIATE THAT EVERYBODY WANTS SOME
19 CLARITY ON THIS. THE BIGGEST REASSURANCE IS ALL THE DATA THAT
20 COMES TO US IS HIPAA COMPLIANT AND IN A SECURE NETWORK. WE
21 HAVE NEVER HAD ANY BREACHES. WE'VE BEEN COLLECTING DATA FROM
22 HOSPITALS FOR DECADES, BUT WE HAVE HAD NO BREACHES, EVEN WITH
23 THE MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF DATA WE COLLECTED AROUND COVID-19
24 CASES. BUT WE'RE ALSO NOT COLLECTING ANY CLINICAL INFORMATION
25 AT ALL. GOT IT, THAT IS HELPFUL TO HEAR AND NOTE TO CLARIFY,



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1 BECAUSE I THINK WHEN WE THINK HEALTH SYSTEMS, WE ARE THINKING
2 HEALTH DATA VERSUS DEATH. SO, I APPRECIATE THAT.

3

4 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** JUST VERY QUICKLY, MADAM CHAIR, I HOPE
5 THAT DPH WILL CONSIDER OR PLAN TO DO REPORT BACKS AT WHATEVER
6 INTERVAL YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE, JUST TO SHOW US PROGRESS,
7 LESSONS LEARNED, AND IF THERE'S ANY NEED FOR COURSE
8 CORRECTIONS, SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THOSE. AND LASTLY, I
9 APPRECIATE YOU, DR. BATCHLOR, BRINGING FORWARD THE EXAMPLE OF
10 THE HAIRDRESSER. I THINK ABOUT ALL OF THE UNINSURED,
11 UNDERINSURED, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, YOU KNOW, WHEN I RAN
12 CRYSTAL STAIRS AND OUR SUBSIDIZED CHILDCARE PROVIDERS HAVE NO
13 HEALTH, YOU KNOW, NO PAID VACATION, NO PAID SICK, AND NO
14 HEALTH COVERAGE. AND KNOWING WHAT A CRITICAL ROLE THEY PLAY IN
15 OUR ECONOMY TO ALLOW FAMILIES TO GO TO WORK, I CAN'T EVEN
16 CALCULATE THE NUMBER OF TIMES I HEARD FROM PROVIDERS WHO
17 DIDN'T HAVE INSURANCE, HAD A MAJOR HEALTH CRISIS, AND THEN HAD
18 TO LEAVE THE SECTOR BECAUSE THEY HAD TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO EARN
19 MORE MONEY IN ORDER TO PAY OFF THAT MEDICAL DEBT. AND SO THE
20 RIPPLE EFFECT TO OUR OVERALL ECONOMY IN THE CHILDCARE INDUSTRY
21 ALWAYS RANKS LIKE TOP THIRD OR FOURTH IN TERMS OF THE BIGGEST
22 CONTRIBUTOR TO L.A. COUNTY'S ECONOMY. SO, THERE'S SO MANY
23 CATEGORIES OF SMALL BUSINESS LIKE THAT WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS
24 THAT HOPEFULLY THIS ORDINANCE WILL HELP BENEFIT. THANK YOU AND
25 THANKS, MADAM CHAIR.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU AND I ALSO WANNA THANK YOU FOR
3 BRINGING THIS BACK. I THINK THAT WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS
4 JUST THE BEGINNING OF THIS COUNTY'S EFFORT TO ADDRESS MEDICAL
5 DEBT IN THE COMMUNITY. AND I KNOW FESIA DOESN'T WANNA HEAR IT,
6 BUT I THINK EVEN FROM A COUNTY STANDPOINT, LOOKING AT THOSE
7 THAT HAVE INSURANCE OR HAVING THE LIFETIME CAP ON BENEFITS,
8 FOR MANY, ESPECIALLY OLDER THAT ARE LIVING LONGER, MEDICAL
9 CARE IS GETTING MORE EXPENSIVE. SO I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
10 TO LOOK AT THIS HOLISTICALLY ACROSS THE BOARD AS IT EVEN
11 RELATES TO HOW WE PROVIDE OUR BENEFITS BECAUSE WE MAY
12 UNINTENTIONALLY PUT EMPLOYEES IN A POSITION WHERE THEY ARE
13 GOING INTO DEBT, EVEN THOUGH THAT THEY CARRIED INSURANCE, BUT
14 THEY REACHED THE CEILING BECAUSE THEY HAVE A PRE-EXISTING
15 CONDITION OR IN THE CASE OF YOUR FRIEND, I'M SURE THAT SHE HAS
16 TO HAVE ONGOING REVIEW AND TESTS AND ALL, SO IT'S NOT LIKE IT
17 JUST GOES AWAY. SO, YOU HAVE TO BE COGNIZANT OF THAT. AS WE'VE
18 DISCUSSED, MEDICAL DEBT IS A SOURCE OF SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL
19 AND EMOTIONAL BURDENS AND CAN LEAD TO HOMELESSNESS AND
20 PATIENTS AVOIDING OTHER ESSENTIAL MEDICAL CARE THEY SHOULD BE
21 RECEIVING. AND THAT'S MY BIGGEST CONCERN AS WELL IS WHO ARE
22 GOING TO BE AVOIDING PREVENTIVE CARE WHICH, IF CAUGHT EARLY,
23 COULD SAVE THEIR LIFE. I BELIEVE THAT WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT
24 WHILE THIS ORDINANCE IS PLACING A REQUIREMENT ON OUR
25 HOSPITALS, THEY ARE NOT THE SOLE ROOT CAUSE OF MEDICAL DEBT,



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1 SOMETHING THAT YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I AGREE 100%.
2 RIGHT NOW, IF, AND I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THIS, BUT I KNOW
3 THAT THERE'S ONE INSURANCE CARRIER THAT'S IN A DISPUTE WITH A
4 LOT OF HOSPITALS IN MY DISTRICT. SO, THE QUESTION IS, IF I
5 PRESENT MYSELF AT THAT HOSPITAL AND I HAVE THAT INSURANCE, IS
6 A BURDEN ON ME? BECAUSE EVIDENTLY THEY ARE DENYING SOME OF THE
7 CARE FOR SOME OF THE PATIENTS THAT ARE COMING IN. NOW THROUGH
8 THE ER, THEY HAVE TO REIMBURSE, BUT THEN ONCE ADMITTED, IT
9 BECOMES A LITTLE COMPLICATED THING. SO IT'S ANOTHER LAYER OF
10 DEBATE WHICH TELLS ME THAT INSURANCE COMPANIES SEEM TO BE ABLE
11 TO PULL THE STRINGS AND AT LEAST IN THE HOSPITALS IN MY
12 DISTRICT ARE VERY FRUSTRATED BECAUSE A LOT OF THE PATIENTS
13 COMING IN ARE USING THAT INSURANCE. AND SO, IT'S A VERY
14 DIFFICULT SITUATION. GIVEN THE COUNTY'S ROLE AS THE HEALTHCARE
15 SAFETY NET AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S PRIORITY OF
16 LOOKING AT COMMUNITY-WIDE HEALTH DISPARITIES, I HOPE THAT WE
17 WILL UTILIZE THIS DATA TO DIG INTO STRUCTURAL ROOT CAUSES AND
18 PROMOTE TANGIBLE POLICIES THAT ENSURE PATIENTS HAVE DIRECT
19 ACCESS TO COVERED HEALTHCARE SERVICES. IT'S BEEN WELL
20 DOCUMENTED, AS YOU SAID, DR. FERRER, THAT CALIFORNIA HAS VERY
21 COMPASSIONATE CHARITY CARE REQUIREMENTS, AND IT IS MY
22 EXPECTATION THAT THROUGH THIS ORDINANCE WE WILL SEE MORE
23 PATIENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR CHARITY CARE AND RECEIVE IT. I KNOW
24 THE HOSPITALS WILL BE A PARTNER IN THIS AND THEY KNOW THEIR
25 PATIENTS, IT'S IN THEIR PATIENT'S BEST INTEREST AND THEY KNOW



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1 THEIR PATIENTS AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THEIR DEATH.
2 I HOPE THAT THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK
3 WITH OUR HOSPITALS, LISTEN TO THEIR INSIGHT AND EXPERIENCE AND
4 COLLABORATE TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS FOR PATIENTS IN
5 CARE. SO, WITH THAT, DO I HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM MY
6 COLLEAGUES? SEEING NONE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE
7 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS. AND
8 I WANT TO THANK ALL 3 OF YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND DOING
9 THIS PRESENTATION.

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL ADINA TESLER, ANDY YAM, BRIDGETT
12 WALLMAN, JESSICA MARCELLA, JOY DOCTOR, KIRA SANO, LOUISE
13 PARDO, PAUL YOUNG, ROBERT PARK, AND CELINE BETANCOURT, PLEASE
14 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER
15 FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
16 ADDRESS ITEMS 51 AND 110, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO,
17 PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING
18 QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS TRAVIS WEST. YOUR LINE IS
21 OPEN. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR PHONE IF YOU HAVE MUTED. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. TRAVIS WEST, REGULATORY POLICY
25 SPECIALIST AT CALIFORNIA NURSES ASSOCIATION. WE WOULD LIKE TO



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1 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE BOARD'S HEALTH CLUSTER,
2 AND LADPH FOR CONSIDERING HOW THE COUNTY CAN EXAMINE AND
3 ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF MEDICAL DEBT IN OUR BROKEN HEALTH CARE
4 SYSTEM. WHAT WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY WAY TO TRULY
5 END THE DANGEROUS IMPACTS OF MEDICAL DEBT ON OUR COMMUNITY IS
6 TO ELIMINATE MEDICAL DEBT ALTOGETHER THROUGH A SINGLE PAYER
7 HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. CNA SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ON
8 ADDRESSING MEDICAL DEBT THROUGH DATA COLLECTION BEFORE YOU
9 TODAY. ALONG THESE LINES, WE ALSO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE EXPANSION
10 OF DATA COLLECTION THROUGH LADPH RULEMAKING TO BETTER HELP
11 BETTER CLARIFY AND IDENTIFY PROBLEMATIC TRENDS AND DETERMINE
12 WHICH PATIENTS ARE MOST IMPACTED BY MEDICAL DEBT. IN
13 RULEMAKING WE ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO INCLUDE IN ITS DATA
14 COLLECTION INFORMATION RELATED TO MEDICAL DEBT LITIGATION
15 INCLUDING THE STATUS OF ANY LITIGATION WHERE THE DEBT
16 ORIGINATED FROM, THAT WAS SOLD OR ASSIGNED TO A DEBT
17 COLLECTOR, THE PARTIES FOR THE LITIGATION, THE RESOLUTION OF
18 LIDI LITIGATION. WE ALSO ENCOURAGE GREATER TRACKING OF
19 DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION RELATED TO MEDICAL DEBT LITIGATION AND
20 MEDICAL DEBT ACCUMULATION GENERALLY INCLUDING GATHERING DATA.

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



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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JULIET THOMAS. YOUR LINE IS
4 OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
5 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS ADDRESSING MEDICAL DEBT AND ON
8 THIS MATTER I SAY AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF
9 CURE. LET'S TAKE INITIATIVE AND LEAD. FOCUS ON PREVENTION.
10 CURRENTLY WE'RE EXPERIENCING OUR NINTH WAVE OF THE SARS-COV-2
11 PANDEMIC. BETWEEN 20 TO 30% OF INFECTIONS END IN LONG COVID
12 POTENTIALLY DISABLING PEOPLE AND REDUCING THEIR CAPACITY TO
13 EARN AND AFFORD THE MEDICAL CARE THAT THEY NEED. PLEASE GO
14 UPSTREAM OF THIS PROBLEM. PREVENT COVID INFECTIONS WITH SIMPLE
15 MEASURES. INVEST IN CLEAN INDOOR AIR INITIATIVES. REQUIRE
16 APPROPRIATE CLEAN AIR DELIVERY RATES WITH MIRV 13 FILTRATION
17 IN PUBLIC INDOOR SPACES, I.E. SCHOOLS. PLEASE PROTECT OUR
18 CHILDREN, PROTECT THEIR FUTURE. MANDATE MASKING IN ESSENTIAL
19 SPACES, HEALTHCARE, SO PEOPLE ARE NOT ENDANGERING THEMSELVES
20 TO RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE, MAKE ANTIVIRALS AND OTHER TREATMENTS
21 WIDELY AVAILABLE TO COUNTY RESIDENTS. TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A
22 DIFFERENCE IN PREVENTABLE MEDICAL FINANCIAL CRISES. THANK YOU
23 FO YOUR TIME.

24

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



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1 SPEAKER PLEASE.

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARYLIS ROBINSON. YOUR LINE
4 IS OPEN. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF IF YOU'RE MUTED AND SPEAK
5 DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE, YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS MARYLIS ROBINSON. SHE, HER, I AM A POLICY
8 STRATEGIST WITH ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE SOUTHERN
9 CALIFORNIA. AND I AM CALLING IN TO VOICE OUR SUPPORT FOR ITEM
10 51, MEDICAL DEBT IS AN IMPORTANT TOPIC FOR HEALTHCARE
11 AFFORDABILITY AND TO REDUCE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN FOR THE ASIAN
12 AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES. WE ARE PARTICULARLY
13 CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF MEDICAL DEBT ON THE LIMITED
14 ENGLISH PROFICIENT COMMUNITIES WHO STRUGGLE TO OBTAIN
15 HEALTHCARE AND COVERAGE DUE TO CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC
16 COMPETENCY BARRIERS. BETTER UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF MEDICAL
17 DEBT IN OUR COMMUNITY'S CHOICE TO SEEK MEDICAL CARE OR NOT
18 WILL BE KEY IN ADVOCATING FOR THE OVERALL HEALTH OF OUR
19 COMMUNITIES AND OF LOS ANGELES. WITH THIS DATA COLLECTION, WE
20 WILL BETTER UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF MEDICAL DEBT ON
21 OUR COMMUNITIES AND HAVE MORE DATA TO UNDERSTAND HEALTH CARE
22 AFFORDABILITY. I URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THIS ORDINANCE SO THAT
23 WE CAN ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES AND BETTER SUPPORT OUR
24 COMMUNITIES WHO SUFFER FROM MEDICAL DEBT. THANK YOU.

25



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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRISTOPHER NOBLE. YOUR
4 LINE IS OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK
5 DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS CHRIS NOBLE. I'M THE ORGANIZING DIRECTOR
8 WITH HEALTH ACCESS CALIFORNIA, THE STATEWIDE CONSUMER HEALTH
9 ADVOCACY COALITION. I WANT TO START BY THANKING THE BOARD FOR
10 YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP IN ADDRESSING THE MEDICAL DEBT
11 CRISIS IN LOS ANGELES STARTING WITH THE PURCHASE AND
12 ELIMINATION OF MEDICAL DEBT FOR 150,000 RESIDENTS AND THE
13 RECOGNITION OF NEEDING TO ADDRESS THE UPSTREAM DRIVERS OF
14 MEDICAL DEBT TO PREVENT IT FROM OCCURRING IN THE FIRST PLACE.
15 CURRENTLY MORE THAN 1 IN 3 CALIFORNIANS WITH MEDICAL DEBT OWE
16 \$2,500 OR MORE. 78% OF PEOPLE WITH ANY MEDICAL DEBT REPORTED
17 SKIPPING CARE DUE TO COSTS WITH AN INCREASED IMPACT ON LOW-
18 INCOME BLACK AND LATINO CALIFORNIANS. THE ORDINANCE AND
19 DISCUSSION TODAY IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO BETTER
20 UNDERSTAND THE COST DRIVERS OF MEDICAL DEBT AND ENSURE THAT
21 ESSENTIAL DEBT RELIEF PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY L.A. HOSPITALS
22 FOLLOW DPH'S EFFORTS TO ENSURE PEER BEST PRACTICES ARE
23 EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED WITH EQUITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN MIND.
24 L.A. HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO BE A LEADER IN MEDICAL
25 DEBT RELIEF EFFORTS THAT WE HOPE CAN BE A MODEL TO BE EMULATED



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1 ACROSS THE STATE AND NATIONWIDE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
2 AND WE HOPE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CELIA VALDEZ. YOUR LINE IS
7 OPEN. PLEASE UNMUTE IF YOU'VE MUTED YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK
8 DIRECTLY IN. YOUR LINE IS NOW OPEN.

9
10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M CELIA VALDEZ WITH MATERNAL AND
11 CHILD HEALTH ACCESS, A NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION
12 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. ON BEHALF OF OUR CLIENT POPULATION, I
13 WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE
14 11 RELATING TO MEDICAL DEBT DATA COLLECTION. WE OVERSEE A TEAM
15 OF COMMUNITY HEALTH NAVIGATORS WHO PROVIDE DIRECT SERVICES TO
16 SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE PROVIDING ENROLLMENT INTO MEDI-
17 CAL, COVERED CALIFORNIA, MCAP, KAISER, COMMUNITY HEALTH
18 PROGRAM, ETC. HOWEVER, MOST OF THEIR TIME IS SPENT ADVOCATING
19 AND TROUBLESHOOTING EITHER ELIGIBILITY, ACCESS TO CARE, OR
20 MEDICAL DEBT ISSUES FOR CLIENTS. WE WORK WITH HUNDREDS OF
21 FAMILIES BURDENED BY MEDICAL DEBT WHO OFTEN PUT OFF CARE FOR
22 FEAR OF INCURRING ADDITIONAL DEBT THEIR DEBTS THAT ARE NOW IN
23 COLLECTION COULD HAVE COULD HAVE BEEN COVERED BY EITHER
24 RETROACTIVE MEDICAL OR CHARITY CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
25 PROGRAMS HAD THEY BEEN KNOWN, HAD THEY KNOWN ABOUT THEM OR HAD



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1 THEY BEEN OFFERED THOROUGH SCREENING OR AN APPLICATION. --

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HEATHER DETWEILER. YOUR
7 LINE IS OPEN. IF YOU'RE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK
8 DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS HEATHER DETWEILER AND I AM CALLING YOU
11 GUYS TODAY TO COMMEND YOU FOR HAVING THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA
12 ABOUT MEDICAL DEBT. AND I WANTED TO ALSO ECHO THE SENTIMENTS
13 OF JULEP WHO CALLED EARLIER, SHE WAS A FEW CALLERS BEFORE. A
14 BIG, BIG PART OF MEDICAL DEBT THESE DAYS IS WHAT'S HAPPENING
15 DURING THIS ONGOING PANDEMIC OF AIRBORNE SARS-2. AND WE
16 DESPERATELY NEED MORE MEASURES TO PROTECT PEOPLE. NOT ONLY ARE
17 PEOPLE GOING TO THE HOSPITAL DURING THE ACUTE PHASE OF COVID
18 RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF THIS HUGE SUMMER SURGE WE'RE HAVING THAT
19 THE L.A. TIMES ACTUALLY MENTIONED WAS ACTUALLY KIND OF
20 SURPRISING EXPERTS, EVEN THOUGH THOSE OF US WHO KNOW WHAT'S
21 GOING ON DIDN'T SURPRISE US AT ALL. AND A BIG PART OF KEEPING
22 AWAY MEDICAL DEBT WOULD BE TO PREVENT GOING TO THE HOSPITAL AT
23 ALL. AND ALSO BEYOND ACUTE COVID, WE HAVE LONG COVID, WE HAVE
24 HEART ATTACKS, NEUROLOGICAL EFFECTS, STROKES, ET CETERA, THOSE
25 THINGS THAT AREN'T EVEN BEING ADMITTED AS BEING A RESULT OF



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1 SARS-2. BUT THESE THINGS ARE ALL CONTRIBUTING TO PEOPLE'S
2 MEDICAL DEBT AND IT WOULD BE REALLY GREAT IF WE COULD --

3
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. YOUR LINE IS
8 OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
9 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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11 **SPEAKER:** THIS THING IS SO PATHETIC LIKE THAT. THIS ROY
12 HUMPHRIES OUT OF YOUR ROWLAND HEIGHTS. AND IT'S ONE OF THE
13 ISSUES, CAN YOU DO THE MATH? IT'S THAT SIMPLE. THE STATE OF
14 CALIFORNIA IS ON THE BRINK OF FINANCIAL COLLAPSE ON EVERY
15 FACET AND WHAT'S GOING ON HERE IN THE GREATER POLITICAL WORLD
16 AND IT'S ROBBING THIS COUNTY YOU'VE BEEN ROBBING PETER TO PAY
17 PAUL FOR LIKE FOREVER SO YOU JUST GOT TO GET OVER IT. WHERE'S
18 THE MONEY? YOU CAN'T, YOU HAVEN'T GOT THE MONEY FOR ANYTHING
19 AND YOUR CEO ON THAT LAST WEEK SITUATION TRYING TO COME UP
20 WITH MONEY FOR YOUR 9 PEOPLE, IT'S PATHETIC. AND WHY DON'T YOU
21 TAKE THAT COURSE THAT YOU WANT THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE TO DO FOR TO
22 HOW TO MANAGE THEIR CHECKBOOK AND SO FORTH LIKE THAT AND BE
23 TRUTHFUL WITH THE CITY OR WITH THE COMMUNITY AND THE COUNTY
24 AND IN THE CONSTITUENTS THAT YOU HAVEN'T GOT THE MONEY TO ROB
25 PETER OR PAY PAUL. THANK YOU.



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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARCIA COLANZAKE. YOUR LINE
5 IS OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY
6 INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YES, GO AHEAD.

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12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. HELLO, SUPERVISORS. WHY ARE YOU STILL
13 IGNORING A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT THAT LITERALLY AFFECTS EVERY
14 SINGLE ONE OF OUR 11,000,000 RESIDENTS? YOUR AGENDA INCLUDES
15 OTHER HEALTH ISSUES AFFECTING DIFFERENT POPULATION GROUPS, BUT
16 NO ISSUE REACHES THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF ACUTE AND LONG
17 COVID TO WHICH WE ARE ALL VULNERABLE. EVEN DURING A SURGE LIKE
18 THE CURRENT ONE, YOU KEEP IGNORING THE ESCALATING HARM. WHAT
19 HAPPENED TO YOUR PLEDGE OF HEALTH EQUITY? HOW MANY MORE L.A.
20 COUNTY RESIDENTS NEED TO GET SICK, BE HOSPITALIZED, BECOME
21 DISABLED, DEVELOP NEW CHRONIC ILLNESS AND DIE BECAUSE THE VERY
22 SIMPLE MEASURES THAT WOULD REDUCE THESE HARMS ARE NOT BEING
23 IMPLEMENTED. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS NOT DOING ITS
24 JOB WHEN IT SAYS COVID NEARLY THREATENS QUOTE TRAVEL PLANS. DO
25 YOUR JOB SUPERVISOR TO PROTECT ALL OF RESIDENTS.



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1
2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT
3 SPEAKER PLEASE.
4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU.
6

7 **MODERATOR:** AND WE HAVE NO FURTHER IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE
8 BOARD.
9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY, NOW WE'LL GO TO IN PERSON. WELCOME.
11

12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LUIS PARDO. I'M THE
13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORK SITE WELLNESS L.A. AND WE PROVIDE
14 HEALTH EDUCATION AND ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE TO FOLKS THAT ARE
15 WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY. AND WE ARE ALSO PART OF A LARGER
16 GROUP CALLED THE COALITION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH
17 INITIATIVE, WHICH IS A GROUP OF 20 AGENCIES WORKING THROUGHOUT
18 THE COUNTY TO SUPPORT ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE. AND WE'RE VERY
19 HAPPY TO SEE THE PROGRESS BEING MADE WITH DATA COLLECTION
20 PLANS. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER, THANK YOU DR. BATCHLOR AND BOARD
21 OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE PAST. AT THIS POINT WE
22 DON'T HAVE FUNDING FROM THE STATE SO WE'RE KIND OF WORKING
23 TOGETHER BUT OUR TEAM CONTINUES PROVIDING ENROLLMENT
24 ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT. AS CELIA SAID, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT
25 WEIGHS VERY HEAVILY ON OUR TEAM AND WEIGHS VERY HEAVILY ON OUR



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1 CLIENTS, AND HAVING THIS DEBT, IT PREVENTS FOLKS FROM SEEKING
2 ADDITIONAL HEALTHCARE THAT THEY NEED AND THEY DESERVE. SO,
3 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PLEASE KEEP IT UP.

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

6
7 **SPEAKER:** ADINA TESLER ON BEHALF OF THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF
8 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, GOOD AFTERNOON. OUR COLLECTIVE MISSION IS
9 TO DELIVER HIGH QUALITY HEALTH CARE TO EVERY PATIENT
10 REGARDLESS OF THEIR ABILITY TO PAY FOR MEDICAL SERVICES. WE
11 SHARE THE COMMON GOAL WITH DPH AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS HERE
12 TODAY TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF MEDICAL DEBT WHILE ENSURING
13 EQUITABLE ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE. HOSPITALS IN CALIFORNIA ARE
14 HIGHLY REGULATED BY ROBUST STATE CHARITY CARE GUIDELINES AND
15 REQUIRE FREE OR DISCOUNTED CARE TO UNINSURED OR UNDERINSURED
16 PATIENTS. OTHER HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS PROVIDING CARE WITHIN A
17 HOSPITAL SUCH AS PHYSICIAN GROUPS, ANESTHESIOLOGISTS, EMS
18 TRANSPORTATION ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL
19 ASSISTANCE AND SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE MEDICAL DEBT
20 PROBLEM. MAJOR GAPS IN HEALTH CARE COVERAGE LEAVE PATIENTS
21 EXPOSED TO COSTS THEY CANNOT AFFORD. THESE GAPS ARE CAUSED BY
22 INADEQUATE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE, EXCESSIVE COST SHARING
23 REQUIREMENTS AND AN EROSION OF COVERAGE CAUSED BY RESTRICTIONS
24 ON COVERED BENEFITS. WE APPRECIATE THE WORK WE'VE DONE WITH
25 TPH ON THE L.A. COUNTY MEDICAL DEBT PROGRAM, BUT WE CONTINUE



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1 TO HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NECESSITY --

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT THE REST
4 OF IT FOR THE RECORD, WE'D BE HAPPY TO THANK YOU. NEXT
5 SPEAKER.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS ANDY YEM, AND ON BEHALF OF RISING
8 COMMUNITIES, I'M HERE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE AGENDA ITEM
9 BEFORE YOU. FIRSTLY, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
10 AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR YOUR ORIGINAL CO-AUTHORSHIP OF THE
11 MOTION, AS WELL AS ALSO THE SUPERVISORS SOLIS FOR COMMITTING
12 FUNDING TOWARDS THIS EFFORT. RISING COMMUNITIES IS PROUD TO
13 CO-FACILITATE THE L.A. COUNTY MEDICAL DEBT NETWORK ALONGSIDE A
14 NUMBER OF OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED AND LEGAL SERVICE
15 ORGANIZATIONS UNITED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST MEDICAL DEBT, MANY
16 OF WHICH YOU SEE HERE. SO WE CURRENTLY LACK A DETAILED PICTURE
17 OF THE STATE OF MEDICAL DEBT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS
18 HAPPENING IN L.A. COUNTY. REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH BY THIS
19 ORDINANCE, IF PASSED, WILL DIRECTLY SOLVE THIS CHALLENGE,
20 CREATING AN ACCURATE SNAPSHOT OF WHO AND WHO WASN'T ABLE TO
21 ACCESS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND ENDED UP IN COLLECTIONS. SO WE
22 BELIEVE THAT THIS DATA FROM THE ORDINANCE WILL HELP SET THE
23 FOUNDATION FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS,
24 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, L.A. COUNTY DPH, AND THE NUMEROUS
25 L.A. COUNTY HOSPITALS. AFTER ALL, GOOD DATA SUPPORTS GOOD



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1 POLICY. AND SO WITH THE RECOGNITION OF MEDICAL DEBT AS BOTH AN
2 ECONOMIC AND A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE, WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO
3 MOVE THIS ORDINANCE FORWARD. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.

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

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7 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS JESSICA MARCELLA AND I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH
8 BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES, A LEGAL AID ORGANIZATION THAT
9 SERVES LOW-INCOME ADULTS IN L.A. BET TZEDEK IS PART OF THE
10 COUNTY'S MEDICAL DEBT COALITION AS PROVIDED PAST PUBLIC
11 COMMENT ON MEDICAL DEBT-RELATED PROPOSALS. WE SUPPORT THIS
12 ORDINANCE. RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY HAVE MORE THAN
13 \$2,900,000,000 IN MEDICAL DEBT, AND ALTHOUGH CALIFORNIA
14 HOSPITALS ARE REQUIRED TO OFFER CHARITY CARE AND FINANCIAL
15 ASSISTANCE, THE POLICIES ARE NOT CENTRALIZED. OUR CLIENTS ARE
16 ALL AGES, SENIORS, MIDDLE-AGED, YOUNG PARENTS, SOME HAD
17 INSURANCE, SOME DIDN'T, BUT MANY OF OUR CLIENTS ARE IN
18 FINANCIALLY PRECARIOUS POSITIONS. PERSONALLY, I'VE WORKED WITH
19 SEVERAL CLIENTS WHO ARE UNAWARE OF CHARITY PROGRAMS AND OR
20 UNABLE TO FIND THE APPLICATIONS. THIS HAS DETERRED THEM FROM
21 SEEKING CARE. BET TZEDEK SUPPORTS THIS ORDINANCE. BY
22 COLLECTING DATA FROM HOSPITALS, WE CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND THE
23 MEDICAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, DETERMINE IMPROVEMENTS
24 TO THE PROGRAMS, AND OVERALL IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTH
25 AND QUALITY OF LIFE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE,



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1 AND WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE AS WELL.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. WELCOME.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. PAUL YOUNG WITH THE HOSPITAL
6 ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SO HASC AND ITS MEMBER
7 HOSPITALS CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
8 PUBLIC HEALTH. PARTICULARLY I SEE DR. MAHAJAN AND DR. SHAH
9 SITTING RIGHT HERE. AND WHILE PROGRESS HAS DEFINITELY BEEN
10 MADE ON THE LANGUAGE OF THE ORDINANCE, THERE STILL ARE
11 CONCERNS, AND PARTICULARLY THE AFOREMENTIONED PERSONAL HEALTH
12 INFORMATION, TRANSMISSION AND STORAGE, AS WELL AS THE
13 ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN PLACED ON HOSPITALS. USING SAN
14 FRANCISCO'S ORDINANCE AND DATA COLLECTION AS AN EXAMPLE, THERE
15 ARE 8 GENERAL ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS GENERATE ROUGHLY 70,000
16 CHARITY CARE PATIENTS A YEAR. AND IF WE APPLIED THAT ESSENTIAL
17 PERCENTAGE IN TERMS OF TOTAL ENCOUNTERS, IT COULD POTENTIALLY
18 GENERATE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ENCOUNTERS THAT HOSPITALS
19 WILL NEED TO SUBMIT TO DPH. SO THAT IS THE ADMINISTRATIVE
20 BURDEN LEVIED ON HOSPITALS. BUT OF COURSE, WE ARE COMMITTED TO
21 WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ON THIS, AND
22 THANK YOU AS WE TRY TO REALLY TRY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF
23 REDUCING MEDICAL DEBT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

24

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



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2 **SPEAKER:** HI, CELINE BETANCOURT WITH THE CALIFORNIA PAN-ETHNIC
3 HEALTH NETWORK, C-PEN. WE ARE A STATEWIDE CONSUMER ADVOCACY
4 ORGANIZATION FOCUSED ON ELIMINATION OF RACIAL HEALTH
5 DISPARITIES ACROSS THE STATE, WHICH IS WHY WE APPLAUD THE WORK
6 THAT L.A. COUNTY DPH AND THE BOARD SUPERVISORS HAVE DONE AS
7 MEDICAL DEBT DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.
8 THIS ORDINANCE IS A CRUCIAL STEP TO BRING TRANSPARENCY TO
9 HOSPITAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES AND COLLECT THE DATA
10 NECESSARY TO DRIVE GOOD POLICY SOLUTIONS. WE HOPE THAT WITH
11 THIS DATA, DPH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND HOSPITALS CAN WORK
12 TOGETHER IN PARTNERSHIP TO IDENTIFY GAPS, BRIGHT SPOTS, AND
13 OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE OUR HEALTH SYSTEM FOR ALL OF OUR
14 PATIENTS. MANY OF OUR CBO PARTNERS WORK WITH PATIENTS WHO HAVE
15 BEEN AFFECTED BY MEDICAL DEBT OR WHO ARE EVEN AFRAID TO GO
16 OVER AND GET HEALTHCARE BECAUSE OF FEAR OF RAISING COSTS. BUT
17 WE CURRENTLY DO NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON WHO IS APPLYING
18 FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, THE NUMBER OF DENIALS PATIENTS
19 RECEIVE, AND THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS SENT TO COLLECTIONS. WE
20 ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO ADOPT THIS MEASURE THAT GOES BEYOND
21 WHAT'S REQUIRED BY THE STATE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. THANK
22 YOU.

23

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

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. HEY, MY NAME IS BRIDGET WALLMAN. I'M
2 WORKING FOR COMMUNITIES ACTIVELY LIVING, INDEPENDENT, FREE. WE
3 HELP PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIORS GET ACCESS TO
4 RESOURCES IN ORDER TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY. SO, I WANNA FIRST
5 SAY THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS MEASURE. IT'S A REALLY GOOD
6 WAY TO COLLECT DATA AND CAPTURE THE DATA THAT'S MISSING. SO,
7 OUR ORGANIZATION SERVES A LARGE RANGE OF PEOPLE WITH
8 DISABILITIES AND SENIORS SO THEY CAN LIVE INDEPENDENTLY. WE
9 HAVE ENCOUNTERED SEVERAL SITUATIONS WHERE INDIVIDUALS WILL
10 FORGO CARE BECAUSE OF INSURANCE COVERAGES. SOME OF OUR CLIENTS
11 MISS OUT ON TAKING PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION BECAUSE OF AN
12 UNEXPECTED BILL OR THE EX-ORDNANCE PRICE OF MAIN BRAND WHEN
13 GENERIC IS NOT AVAILABLE. ANOTHER EXAMPLE IS WHEN SSI
14 RECIPIENTS USE AN AMBULANCE, THEY MAY RECEIVE A DIRECT BILL
15 DUE TO AN INSURANCE ERROR AND NOT REALIZE THAT MEDI-CAL COVERS
16 IT. THIS LACK OF AWARENESS AND A LACK OF DATA CONTRIBUTES TO
17 THE FINANCIAL CHALLENGE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. SO, I
18 ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING THIS. THANK YOU.

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

21
22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KIRA SANO AND I'D LIKE TO
23 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF 70 YOUTH AMERICAN
24 CANCER SOCIETY CANCER ACTION NETWORK ADVOCATES ACROSS
25 CALIFORNIA DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT MEDICAL DEBT. ONE FELLOW



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1 VOLUNTEER'S MOM WAS A SINGLE PARENT WHO HAD TO WORK 80 HOURS A
2 WEEK TO PROVIDE FOR 4 TEENAGERS. ROBIN SCHUTE WORKED
3 TIRELESSLY AS A PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT AT L.A. COUNTY AND USC
4 MEDICAL CENTER. AFTER HIDING HER DIAGNOSIS OF MULTIPLE
5 MELANOMA FOR YEARS FROM HER CHILDREN TO PROTECT THEM, SHE
6 PASSED WITHIN A FEW WEEKS OF BEING HOSPITALIZED AND HER KIDS
7 WERE PLACED IN OUT OF HOME CARE. I DEEPLY ADMIRE HER SON,
8 SMITH, WHO COULD NOT MAKE IT TODAY BECAUSE HE IS WORKING HIS
9 EMT SHIFT. HE PLANS ON BECOMING A DOCTOR WHO TACKLES MEDICAL
10 DEBT TO IMPROVE PATIENT QUALITY OF LIFE. I ALSO KNOW FIRSTHAND
11 HOW FINANCIAL STABILITY IMPACTS HEALTH OUTCOMES. MY MOTHER
12 SURVIVED TERMINAL STAGE 4 BRAIN CANCER FOR 10 YEARS AFTER
13 DIAGNOSIS BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE COSTS THAT
14 OTHER FAMILIES HAVE TO. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND
15 I HOPE YOU PASS THIS ORDINANCE.

16
17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

18
19 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ROBERT PARK FROM AMERICAN CANCER
20 SOCIETY CANCER ASSOCIATION NETWORK. I'M HERE TO EXPRESS OUR
21 STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS ORDINANCE. TACKLING MEDICAL DEBT IS A
22 NATIONAL PRIORITY FOR ACS CAN THIS YEAR, AND WE ARE EXTREMELY
23 PROUD THAT L.A. COUNTY IS LEADING THE WAY. CANCER PATIENTS IN
24 PARTICULAR FACE SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL CHALLENGES DUE TO THE
25 HIGH COST OF TREATMENTS AND ASSOCIATED CARE. MEDICAL DEBT



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1 OFTEN FORCES THESE PATIENTS TO DELAY NECESSARY TREATMENTS AND
2 SCREENINGS AND STRUGGLE WITH BASIC NECESSITIES LIKE FOOD AND
3 HOUSING. IN A RECENT SURVEY CONDUCTED OF CANCER PATIENT
4 SURVIVORS, ABOUT 50% OF THOSE SURVEYED REPORTED INCURRING
5 MEDICAL DEBT JUST TO PAY FOR THE CANCER CARE ON ALMOST A 100%
6 OF THEM HAD MEDICAL INSURANCE. THE BENEFITS OF THIS ORDINANCE
7 TO CANCER PATIENTS ARE PROFOUND BY BRINGING THE MUCH-NEEDED
8 TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE HOSPITAL DEBT
9 COLLECTION PROCESS. WE CAN PROTECT PATIENTS FROM HARASSMENT
10 AND SOME OF THE HARMS OF HAVING MEDICAL DEBT WHILE ALSO
11 GAINING IMPORTANT SITES ON THE MAGNITUDE OF MEDICAL DEBT IN
12 OUR STATE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

13
14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I THINK OUR LAST SPEAKER,
15 WELCOME.

16
17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE WESTERN
18 CENTER ON LAW AND POVERTY. FOR ALMOST 60 YEARS WE HAVE
19 ADVOCATED ON BEHALF OF CALIFORNIANS EXPERIENCING POVERTY AND
20 WE ARE A PROUD MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL DEBT COALITION. HOSPITAL
21 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE LAWS ARE GOOD BUT AS STATED IN THE
22 PRESENTATION THE GAP HAS ALWAYS BEEN POLICY VERSUS PRACTICE.
23 THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE WOULD SERVE TO BRIDGE THAT GAP BY
24 MAKING HOSPITALS REPORT ON THEIR ACTUAL PRACTICE. IT WOULD
25 ALSO FURTHER CAST LIGHT ON THE OFTEN SECRETIVE PROCESS OF DEBT



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1 COLLECTION. IT'S IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THAT HOSPITALS ARE
2 ALREADY GATHERING AND SENDING INDIVIDUAL PATIENT ACCOUNT
3 INFORMATION TO THEIR COLLECTORS. SIMPLY COPYING THIS SAME
4 INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, WILL
5 NOT CAUSE A SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL BURDEN AND HAS THE
6 POTENTIAL TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE. WESTERN CENTER
7 URGES THE BOARD TO ADOPT THIS ORDINANCE AND BY DOING SO LEAD
8 THE WAY IN HELPING L.A. COUNTY HOSPITALS DO BETTER. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. IT TURNS OUT WE HAVE ONE MORE
11 CALLER. KIRA SANO. I DON'T KNOW. ON THE PHONE.

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** IF WE CAN HAVE THEM PRESS 1 THEN 0.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** KIRA?

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17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** AND WE DO HAVE THE PARTICIPANT HERE. ONE
18 MOMENT, I'LL OPEN THEIR LINE. PLEASE UNMUTE IF YOU'RE MUTED
19 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY IN YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS MINTY MURAKAMI AND I ALSO BELIEVE THAT
22 MEDICAL DEBT IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN LOS ANGELES AND YOU KNOW
23 THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. BUT BEFORE TALKING ABOUT THIS, I
24 WANT TO ADDRESS THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM THAT A LOT OF US AND
25 A LOT OF YOU WANT TO IGNORE. COVID IS STILL AROUND, AND IT'S



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1 DISABLING SO MANY PEOPLE, MILLIONS OF AMERICANS. NOW, IF
2 YOU'RE SICK AND UNABLE TO WORK, YOU NEED CARE, BUT YOU DON'T
3 HAVE MEANS TO PAY AND I THINK THE LACK OF COVID PRECAUTIONS IN
4 GENERAL IS VERY CONCERNING AND I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
5 TO QUIT CERTAIN CONDEMN MAYOR BASS' RECENT COMMENT ABOUT
6 SUGGESTING MASK BAN IN LOS ANGELES. I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT
7 I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS BECAUSE WELL --

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. DO ANY
10 OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY MORE COMMENTS? ITEM 51 IS BEFORE US.
11 IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
12 MITCHELL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
13 THE ROLL.

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

18

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

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

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

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25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.



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

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4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER? AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4 TO
7 1.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. NOW WE'RE GOING TO DO ITEM
10 110, WHICH IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
11 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE
12 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

17

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

19

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

21

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

23

24 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

25



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

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

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5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4 TO
6 0.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. NOW WE ARE ON OUR LAST ITEM.

9 ITEM 71, THE SCHOOL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT, WITH

10 ITEM 106G, AMENDING THE AGREEMENTS FOR LAWS OR FOR SCHOOL LAW

11 ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. I KNOW THAT THESE WERE HELD BY

12 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE

13 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS

14 WHEN PUBLIC COMMENT COMES UP. I NOW TURN THE FLOOR OVER TO

15 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

16

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

18 APPRECIATE THAT. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR CO-

19 AUTHORSHIP ON THIS ITEM. APPRECIATE THAT. I'D ALSO LIKE TO

20 THANK THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THEIR

21 RECOMMENDED REVISIONS AND FOR WORKING WITH THE SHERIFF'S

22 DEPARTMENT TO CODIFY THEM INTO THE CONTRACTS. COLLEAGUES, WE

23 HAD A REALLY ROBUST PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON THIS. SO I'D LIKE TO

24 THANK THE SHERIFF'S CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, THE

25 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION, THE HUMAN RELATIONS



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1 COMMISSION FOR DOING THE HARD WORK OF ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS,
2 ESPECIALLY OUR STUDENTS IN THIS CONVERSATION. THANKS TO THEIR
3 OUTREACH, OVER 1,100 PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT SCHOOL RESOURCE
4 DEPUTIES WERE SUBMITTED TO THE SHERIFF'S CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
5 COMMISSION LAST YEAR. WE TOOK THE PUBLIC'S INPUT SERIOUSLY AND
6 IT WAS USED TO INFORM THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE CONTRACTS. I
7 WANNA SPEND A LITTLE TIME, MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY, TO CLARIFY
8 WHAT THE MOTION ACTUALLY DOES. THIS MOTION APPROVES AN UPDATED
9 CONTRACT THAT INCLUDES SOME BUT NOT ALL OF THE OFFICE OF
10 INSPECTOR GENERAL'S RECOMMENDED REVISIONS. THESE REVISIONS ARE
11 INTENDED TO PROTECT STUDENTS FROM RACIALLY BIASED CONTACTS
12 WITH SRD'S AND OTHER HARMS RELATED TO SCHOOL POLICING. IN
13 ADDITION, THIS MOTION LIMITS THE CONTRACT TERM TO ONE YEAR TO
14 ALLOW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MORE TIME TO DETERMINE WHETHER
15 AND HOW TO CODIFY OTHER RECOMMENDED REVISIONS. IT DOES NOT IN
16 ANY WAY REDUCE OR ELIMINATE SERVICES. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT
17 WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISION ABOUT WHETHER TO
18 CONTRACT FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SERVICES. IT ALSO DOES NOT
19 LIMIT THE CONDUCT OF SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WHO ARE NOT ACTING IN
20 THE CAPACITY OF AN SRD. THAT MEANS NON-SRD SHERIFF DEPUTIES
21 MAY PERFORM CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS THAT SRD'S ARE
22 NOT ALLOWED TO UNDER THIS CONTRACT. I BELIEVE, COLLEAGUES,
23 IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE
24 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THAT'S CRITICAL
25 FOR FULFILLING THE MISSION OF OUR PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM. AND



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1 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE MUST BE PROTECTED FROM THE HARMS OF THE
2 SCHOOL TO PRISON AND SCHOOL TO DEPORTATION PIPELINE. FOR THIS
3 REASON, STRAIGHTFORWARD AND SPECIFIC POLICIES ARE NECESSARY TO
4 REDUCE RACIAL BIAS IN SCHOOL POLICING. JUST YESTERDAY I
5 RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A LYNWOOD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
6 EXPLAINING WHY HIS DISTRICT CANCELED THEIR SRD CONTRACT WITH
7 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THEIR REASONS INCLUDED PERSONNEL
8 CONCERNS, ABSENCE OF EQUITY AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FOCUS, AND
9 COST TO INEFFECTIVENESS. IT WAS ALSO SHARED THAT THE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT WAS RELUCTANT TO CODIFY CLEAR AND UNDERSTANDABLE
11 LANGUAGE PROHIBITING SPECIFIC SRD CONDUCT AS THEIR SCHOOL
12 BOARD DESIRED. THIS DISTRICT WAS ABLE TO FREE UP THOSE FUNDS
13 FOR VARIOUS STUDENT SUPPORT INITIATIVES, WHICH HAVE BEEN
14 RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR INNOVATION. AN OIG ANALYSIS FOUND THAT
15 BLACK AND HISPANIC STUDENTS HAD DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGHER
16 CONTACT WITH SRD'S, INCLUDING THROUGH ARRESTS AND CITATION. I
17 WAS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED TO READ THAT SRD'S HAD CONTACT WITH
18 CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS 5 AND 7 YEARS OF AGE. THIS CAME ABOUT AS
19 A RESULT OF THE OIG AND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FINDINGS.
20 THE OIG FOUND AN OVER-RELIANCE ON SRDS TO PERFORM DUTIES THAT
21 THEY ARE NOT SUFFICIENTLY TRAINED OR SUITED FOR. THIS INCLUDES
22 ASSISTING STUDENTS EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS WHO ARE
23 BETTER SERVED BY PARAMEDICS, COUNSELORS, AND OTHERS.
24 ADDITIONALLY, THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FOUND THAT MOST,
25 AIR QUOTE, STUDENTS REPORTED FEELING INTIMIDATED BY SRD'S AND



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1 TARGETED FOR BEING THEMSELVES OR FOR THEIR APPEARANCE, END
2 QUOTE. STUDENTS COMMONLY REPORTED THAT SRDS ANTAGONIZED THEM
3 TO GET A REACTION AND CAUSE PROBLEMS TO ESCALATE. SO AS A
4 RESULT OF THAT, THERE WERE A SERIES OF RECOMMENDED CONTRACT
5 REVISIONS. FOLLOWING THESE FINDINGS, THE OIG RECOMMENDED 21
6 REVISIONS TO THE CONTRACTS FOR SCHOOL LAW ENFORCEMENT
7 SERVICES. THE CONTRACT BEFORE US TODAY CODIFIES SOME OF THOSE
8 RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING IN THE AREAS OF DATA, COMPLAINTS,
9 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND LIMITATIONS ON CONDUCT.
10 HOWEVER, SOME RECOMMENDATIONS REMAIN SUBSTANTIALLY
11 UNADDRESSED, INCLUDING IN THE AREAS OF USE OF FORCE AND
12 TRAINING. CLEARLY DEFINING A LIMITED ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES
13 FOR SRD'S IS CRITICAL. SRD'S ARE NOT ABLE TO APPROPRIATELY
14 MEET ALL THE CRITICAL NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS AND WE TOO OFTEN
15 ASK THEM TO. SO WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO RELY ON OUR SCHOOLS AND
16 COUNTY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO PLAY A BIGGER ROLE IN
17 SUPPORTING STUDENTS. SERVICES PROVIDED BY OUR OWN DEPARTMENT
18 OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, AND
19 OTHERS CAN HELP ENSURE THAT OUR YOUTH ARE APPROPRIATELY
20 SERVED. SO IN CLOSING, AS A CARE FIRST COUNTY, WE HAVE A
21 RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT STUDENTS FROM RACIAL BIAS AND OTHER
22 HARMS THAT CAN RESULT FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED
23 AND UNCHECKED. THIS REQUIRES CLEARLY AND EXPLICITLY CODIFIED
24 PROTECTIONS FOR STUDENTS AND GUARDRAILS FOR SRD CONDUCT AND
25 TRAINING. IN ADDITION, IT'S CRUCIAL THAT THESE POLICIES ARE



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1 CONVEYED WITH STRAIGHTFORWARD LANGUAGE THAT IS UNDERSTANDABLE
2 TO THE PUBLIC AND THE DEPUTIES WHO MUST FOLLOW THEM. MUCH MORE
3 WORK REMAINS AND OVER THE NEXT YEAR, IT IS MY HOPE AND
4 EXPECTATION THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL FULLY ADDRESS
5 EACH OF THE RECOMMENDED REVISIONS. I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR
6 AYE VOTE.

7
8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOUR CO-
9 AUTHOR.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
12 RECOGNIZING ME. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR ASKING
13 ME TO JOIN YOU ON THIS. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE
14 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
15 AND ESPECIALLY OUR COMMUNITY, AS YOU OUTLINED. AND I REALLY
16 APPRECIATE THAT THERE WERE SO MANY MEETINGS HELD AND SO MANY
17 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED. I THINK THAT'S A GOOD PLACE TO BEGIN
18 WITH. THE SCOPE OF THE WORK AS YOU KNOW AND YOU OUTLINE IS NOT
19 PERFECT, BUT NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS WERE HAD INCLUDING THIS
20 BEING BROUGHT INTO A CLUSTER FOR A ROBUST DISCUSSION, I
21 UNDERSTAND, ON WHAT IS EXPECTED AND WHAT IS REALISTICALLY
22 GIVEN PROCESSES. I SEE THIS AS AN INDICATOR AND A SIGNAL THAT
23 WE ARE ALL TRYING TO BE ALIGNED IN ENSURING THAT OUR SCHOOLS
24 ARE SAFE FOR OUR STUDENTS AND THAT WE WANT OUR SCHOOL RESOURCE
25 DEPUTIES TO BE BETTER. IT'S NO SECRET THAT WE'VE SEEN NUMEROUS



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1 ACCOUNTS OF SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES OVERSTEPPING OR ENGAGING
2 IN EXCESSIVE USES OF FORCE. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE
3 AND I BELIEVE UNPROFESSIONAL. AND I KNOW AND I THINK THAT OUR
4 DEPARTMENTS WANT THEIR SRD'S ENGAGING WITH STUDENTS IN A MORE
5 PRODUCTIVE MANNER. I ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS DOCUMENT, THE
6 SCOPE OF THE WORK THAT WILL ACT AS A GUIDE FOR THE SRD'S CAN
7 BE UPDATED AS WE SEE LASDS CHANGE ITS POLICIES, WHICH IS
8 IMPORTANT. FOR EXAMPLE, BEFORE THE VERSION OF THE SCOPE OF
9 WORK, WE SEE NOW THE SHERIFF ANNOUNCED UPDATES TO THEIR USE OF
10 FORCE AND TASER POLICIES, WHICH HAVE TAKEN YEARS TO GET TO
11 THIS POINT. THE DEPARTMENT CHANGED THE SCOPE OF THE WORK SO
12 THAT IT IS IN LINE WITH STATE LAW AND UPDATED POLICIES. BUT I
13 ALSO WANNA THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR ASKING ME TO
14 CO-AUTHOR ITEM 106-G. THE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WOULD
15 ALLOW A SHORTER CONTRACT TIME PERIOD TO ENSURE THERE IS
16 ABILITY TO UPDATE AND CHANGE TO ENSURE THERE IS ALIGNMENT WITH
17 WHAT THIS BOARD IS TRYING TO DO AROUND YOUTH JUSTICE AND CARE
18 FIRST AND HOW SRDS ARE ENGAGING WITH OUR YOUTH IN SCHOOL. I DO
19 WANT TO SUBMIT FOR THE RECORD 2 LETTERS I RECEIVED FROM MY
20 SUPERINTENDENTS, ONE FROM THE EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL
21 DISTRICT AND ACTUALLY ONE FROM THE CITY OF ROSEMEAD WHO
22 STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PROGRAM AND THE MODIFICATIONS MOVING
23 FORWARD. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

24
25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.



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2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANKS AGAIN TO BOTH
3 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND OUR OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.
4 THIS STATEMENT OF WORK IS A BIG ACCOMPLISHMENT. AND EVEN
5 THOUGH THE SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTY PROGRAM HAS EXISTED FOR 25
6 YEARS, WE'VE NEVER HAD A STATEMENT OF WORK THAT OUTLINES THE
7 PROGRAM AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPUTIES, INCLUDING
8 WHAT THEY SHOULD AND SHOULD NOT DO WHILE ON A SCHOOL CAMPUS.
9 AND TO SAY IT WAS NOT EASY TO GET HERE IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT.
10 THERE WERE MANY, AND THERE ARE MANY STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT WHAT
11 SHOULD AND SHOULD NOT BE IN THIS STATEMENT OF WORK. THERE WERE
12 MANY CONCESSIONS AND COMPROMISES ON BOTH SIDES TO GET US TO
13 THIS POINT. THE STATEMENT OF WORK IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT
14 ESTABLISHES GUIDELINES FOR THE PROGRAM, LIKE WHAT TYPE OF
15 TRAINING THE DEPUTIES WILL GO THROUGH, HOW INTERVIEWS OF
16 STUDENTS ARE TO BE CONDUCTED, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THAT THE
17 DEPUTIES ARE NOT ONLY THERE, THE DEPUTIES ARE, ONLY THERE TO
18 RESPOND TO CRIMINAL CONDUCT, NOT TO ENFORCE SCHOOL RULES OR
19 DISCIPLINE. BUT I AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THAT
20 THERE ARE STILL MORE CHANGES THAT CAN BE MADE TO MAKE THIS
21 EVEN BETTER. WE'VE HEARD CONCERNS FROM OUR OIG AND SOME OF OUR
22 COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABOUT PARTS OF THE STATEMENT OF WORK ARE NOT
23 WHERE THEY WOULD LIKE THEM TO BE. SO, I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA
24 TO ACCEPT THE STATEMENT OF WORK FOR ONE YEAR AND GIVE OUR
25 SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES MORE TIME TO MAKE IT EVEN BETTER. THIS WAY



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1 OUR SCHOOLS THAT WILL BE STARTING IN A FEW WEEKS WILL BE ABLE
2 TO RESUME THEIR SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTY PROGRAM IF THEY CHOOSE
3 TO DO SO. AND IT'S CLEAR TO SAY AGAIN, THIS BOARD IS NOT
4 TELLING SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT THEY MUST HAVE SCHOOL RESOURCE
5 DEPUTIES AND THIS BOARD IS ALSO NOT TELLING THEM THAT THEY
6 CANNOT HAVE THEM. IT IS THEIR CHOICE AND ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT
7 ALL. AND I KNOW THAT IN MY DISTRICT, MANY SCHOOL BOARD
8 MEMBERS, PRINCIPALS, FAMILIES ARE APPRECIATIVE OF THEIR SCHOOL
9 RESOURCE DEPUTIES. THEY LIKE THAT NOT ONLY ARE THE DEPUTIES ON
10 CAMPUS TO RESPOND TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, BUT THEY ALSO LIKE
11 THAT YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTERACT WITH LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT IN A POSITIVE WAY. MY OFFICE HAS HEARD
13 SPECIFICALLY FROM STAFF FROM EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
14 AND WHITTIER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT WHO LOVE THEIR
15 RESOURCE DEPUTIES. I KNOW THAT THEY WILL BE GRATEFUL THAT
16 WE'RE APPROVING THIS AGREEMENT TODAY SO THEY CAN BEGIN THEIR
17 SCHOOL YEAR WITH THEIR DEPUTIES. SO, I'LL VOTE TO APPROVE THIS
18 STATEMENT OF WORK BECAUSE I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT
19 THAT LAYS OUT GUIDELINES FOR OUR DEPUTIES THAT WE'VE NEVER HAD
20 BEFORE. AND I ALSO SUPPORT YOUR MOTION, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
21 AND SOLIS, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE IS STILL CONTINUED ROOM
22 FOR IMPROVEMENT. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS
25 FROM MY COLLEAGUES AND THE INTENTION OF THE MOTION BROUGHT



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1 FORWARD BY THE SURVIVORS OF MITCHELL AND SOLIS AND I WILL BE
2 SUPPORTING IT. WE ALL WANT THE SAME THING, WHICH IS FOR OUR
3 CHILDREN TO BE SAFE AND PROTECTED ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES. THE
4 ANSWER TO HOW TO GET THERE MAY BE DIFFERENT DEPENDING UPON
5 WHOM YOU ASK AND THE EXPERIENCES YOU'VE HAD WITH LAW
6 ENFORCEMENT. AND I APPRECIATE THAT AND UNDERSTAND THAT.
7 HOWEVER, I DO HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT THESE SERVICES HAVE BEEN
8 PROVIDED IN OUR SCHOOLS FOR OVER 25 YEARS BECAUSE SCHOOL
9 DISTRICTS HAVE CHOSEN TO CONTRACT WITH THE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT. AND I THINK THAT MOVING FORWARD, I KNOW I'M GOING
11 TO BE TALKING TO MY SCHOOL DISTRICTS BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME
12 SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ARE USING THIS AS A DISCIPLINARY ARM.
13 AND THAT IS NOT THE INTENT. I KNOW IN MY SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT
14 I GREW UP IN, THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PREVENT INDIVIDUALS FROM
15 COMMITTING SUICIDE. THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO UNDERSTAND IF
16 SOMEONE'S GOING THROUGH SOMETHING, A FAMILY CRISIS, AND BEEN
17 ABLE TO LINK THEM WITH SERVICES. THEY HAVE TRULY BEEN ON
18 CAMPUS TO BE THE EYES AND EARS, BUT ALSO TO SUPPORT, BUT NOT
19 TO BE DISCIPLINARIANS. AND I HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THAT.
20 I THINK THE STATEMENT OF WORK, WHICH INCLUDES THE LONG AWAITED
21 USE OF FORCE POLICY THAT IS JUST RELEASED BY DEPARTMENT IS A
22 GOOD STEP, BUT I DO THINK THAT HAVING CLEAR UNDERSTANDING IN
23 TERMS OF WHAT THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOOL
24 RESOURCE OFFICERS IS AND WILL BE MOVING FORWARD IS VITAL. IT
25 IS VITAL BECAUSE THAT SETS THE TONE. IN MY DISTRICT HAVING



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1 ACCESS TO A DEPUTY ON CAMPUS OR NEARBY CAN BE CRITICAL IN
2 EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. THE INCIDENT AT SAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL IS AN
3 UNFORTUNATE REMINDER OF THAT. THE NORTH COUNTY IS UNIQUE.
4 STAFFING SHORTAGES, OVERTIME BURDENS, AND THE DISTANCE HIGHLY
5 IMPACT RESPONSE TIMES. A CALL FOR SERVICE CAN TAKE UP TO 25
6 MINUTES ALONE TO LITTLE ROCK OR PEAR BLOSSOM FROM THE PALMDALE
7 STATION. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, HAVING A DEPUTY ON CAMPUS
8 CAN MAKE THE HUGE DIFFERENCE, SHOULDN'T EMERGENCY OCCUR, BUT I
9 WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY ARE THE
10 DISCIPLINARIAN ON THAT CAMPUS. THE UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES
11 SHOULD A DEPUTY EVER BE USED FOR THOSE PURPOSES. I KNOW THAT
12 THIS IS A SPECIFIC CONCERN IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHERE PAST
13 REPORTS HAVE SHOWN DISPARITIES. I HEAR AND SHARE THE CONCERNS.
14 DEPUTIES SHOULD NOT BE RESPONDING TO CALLS WHERE A SCHOOL
15 ADMINISTRATOR OR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ARE BETTER SUITED
16 TO ASSIST. THEREFORE, I AGREE THAT HAVING THE CONTRACTS
17 APPROVED FOR ONE YEAR IS THE BEST NEXT STEP. WE CAN SEE THE
18 ROLE OUT OF THE STATEMENT OF WORK AND COLLECT DATA FOR THE
19 NEXT SCHOOL YEAR TO BETTER INFORM FUTURE DECISIONS ABOUT THE
20 PROGRAM. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE MOTION
21 FORWARD. I THINK WE ALL AGREE THAT THERE IS A ROLE IF APPLIED
22 APPROPRIATELY, BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND I
23 TALK TO MY DISTRICTS, NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT A
24 SECURITY GUARD SITTING ON THEIR CAMPUS. THANK YOU. NOW DO WE
25 HAVE ANY PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM?



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL ASHLEY DE LA ROSA, CHELSEA HELENA,
3 ERIN WILSON, HILLARY MALSON, MYRA LIRA, NICOLE ABNESS, STACEY
4 NUNEZ, VANESSA PEREZ, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
5 ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
6 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEMS 71 AND 106G, IF
7 YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE
8 PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST
9 SPEAKER PLEASE?

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11 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS DONITA NGUYEN. YOUR LINE
12 IS OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY
13 INTO THE PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY'S 5TH DISTRICT. I'VE
16 VOLUNTEERED IN OUR LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR 41 YEARS. I'M
17 CURRENTLY ON THE HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD AS A MEMBER AND
18 HAVE BEEN SO FOR 20 YEARS. I'M SPEAKING ON THIS AGENDA ITEM IN
19 FAVOR OF HAVING OUR DEPUTIES ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES. I'VE SEEN THE
20 BENEFITS. DEPUTIES INTERACT WITH STUDENTS. I'VE SEEN DEPUTIES
21 MENTOR STUDENTS. DEPUTIES HAVE SAVED STUDENTS LIVES. DEPUTIES
22 HAVE PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT HAVE
23 POSITIVE INTERACTIONS WITH OUR STUDENTS. DEPUTIES HAVE STOPPED
24 A CAMPUS SHOOTING. THEY'VE SAVED A STUDENT WHO HAD OVERDOSE.
25 THEY PARTICIPATED IN OPEN, HONEST QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS



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1 WITH STUDENTS AND THEY PARTICIPATED IN THE MORNING MEET AND
2 GREET PROGRAM. I HAVE HEARD FROM MANY PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND
3 STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE TOLD ME THAT THEY WILL FEEL SAFER WITH
4 THE DEPUTIES ON OUR CAMPUS. PLEASE, PLEASE ALLOW SCHOOLS TO
5 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPUTIES TO MAKE OUR CAMPUSES
6 SAFER. THANK YOU.

7

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MATT ANDERSON. YOUR LINE IS
11 OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
12 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** AS A DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
15 UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
16 VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR THE SRD CONTRACT BETWEEN OUR DISTRICT AND
17 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT LANCASTER STATION. THE
18 DISTRICT HAS APPRECIATED OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LANCASTER
19 STATION FOR OVER 20 YEARS. EACH DAY OUR SRD PARTNERS SERVE AS
20 A DIRECT CONNECTION TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCIES BOTH
21 MEDICAL AND SAFETY RELATED SERVICES. THEY LINK OUR STUDENTS
22 AND FAMILIES TO MANY AVAILABLE COMMUNITY RESOURCES. BY
23 ASSISTING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AND CONCERNS, OUR SRD'S
24 BUILD POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN COMMUNITY LAW ENFORCEMENT
25 AND OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF. IN AN UNPREDICTABLE AND



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1 POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS WORLD, SRD'S PARTNER WITH OUR DIRECTORS
2 OF SCHOOL SAFETY TO ENSURE A SAFE AND SECURE CAMPUS,
3 CONDUCTING THREAT ASSESSMENTS, INCLUDING SOCIAL MEDIA THREATS,
4 AS WELL AS FACULTY, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY-REPORTED CONCERNS.
5 OUR SRD'S ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES. THEY
6 HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OUR FIRST RESPONDERS STANDING READY TO
7 SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF.

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

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12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ARTURO GONZALEZ. YOUR LINE
13 IS OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY
14 INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15
16 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, I SERVE AS A DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL SITE SAFETY AT
17 A.V. HIGH SCHOOL. THE THOUGHT OF NOT HAVING THE SRD ASSIGNED
18 TO US DURING SCHOOL HOURS DEEPLY CONCERNS ME. OUR SRD, AMONG
19 OTHERS, THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, ARE BY FAR WARMLY WELCOMED
20 AND NEEDED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL ON OUR
21 CAMPUS. SRD SPEND A DILIGENT AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT IN
22 BUILDING PROFESSIONAL REPORT WITH STUDENTS AND STAFF
23 THROUGHOUT THE CAMPUS. DAY IN AND DAY OUT OUR SROS SHOW UP
24 WITH THE SAME ENERGY AND THE SAME GREAT IMMEASURABLE ATTITUDE
25 WHETHER IT BE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, THE DAY BEFORE THE



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1 HOLIDAY BREAK, AND EVEN ON THE MEMORABLE DAY PRIOR TO THEM
2 WALKING ACROSS THE STAGE AND RECEIVING THAT DIPLOMA FROM THEIR
3 LOVED ONES. WE NEED THEM, AND I CANNOT EXPRESS THAT ENOUGH.
4 I'VE SPOKEN TO YOU FROM A PERSPECTIVE AS A DIRECTOR, NOT
5 SPEAKING TO YOU AS A FATHER OF 5 KIDS WHO HAVE GRADUATED OR
6 WILL SHUFFLE THROUGH OUR DISTRICT. I CANNOT BEGIN TO IMAGINE
7 WHAT ANY SITE WOULD BE LIKE WITHOUT THE SRD ASSIGNED TO THEM
8 ON A DAILY BASIS. WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE THIS BODY ON
9 CAMPUS AS THEY ARE PART OF THE FAMILY AND THE VILLAGE THAT IT
10 TAKES TO MOLD OUR CHILDREN INTO BECOMING GREAT MEMBERS OF OUR
11 COMMUNITY. EVERY DAY I WITNESS FIRSTHAND THESE SRDS GREET
12 STUDENTS WITH A GOOD MORNING ABOUT A THOUSAND TIMES THAT OUR
13 POINT OF ENTRY IS IN OUR SCHOOLS --

14
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 PAUL MARIETTI. YOUR LINE IS
21 OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
22 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** I'M DR. PAUL MARIETTI, SUPERINTENDENT OF LANCASTER
25 SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHICH SERVES 15,000 STUDENTS IN 23 SCHOOLS



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1 PRESCHOOL THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE. I WANTED TO ADVOCATE FOR OUR
2 CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH SHERIFFS AND OUR SCHOOL RESOURCE
3 DEPUTIES. OUR SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES ARE DEDICATED
4 PROFESSIONALS THAT PROTECT OUR SCHOOLS, DE-ESCALATE DANGEROUS
5 SITUATIONS AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR STUDENTS AND
6 FAMILIES AND KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE. AS A SUPERINTENDENT, I
7 STRONGLY SUPPORT OUR SRDS IN OUR SCHOOLS. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NANCY SMITH. YOUR LINE IS
12 OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
13 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, I'M NANCY SMITH, RETIRED SUPERINTENDENT OF
16 PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CURRENTLY CLERK OF THE BOARD ON
17 THE PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE'VE HAD SRO'S FOR
18 APPROXIMATELY THE 25 YEARS YOU TALKED ABOUT AND THEY NEED TO
19 GET CREDITS FOR SOME OF THE POSITIVE THINGS THAT THEY DO AND
20 THEY DO NOT SUPPLY DISCIPLINE OR ANYTHING IN OUR SCHOOLS AND
21 I'M GRATEFUL YOU'RE HAVING IT UNDER LOCAL CONTROL THAT WE CAN
22 DO THAT. BUT OUR DEPUTIES ARE OUT PLAYING WITH KIDS, THEY
23 ATTEND CONFERENCES WITH KIDS, THEY ATTEND AWARD CEREMONIES.
24 THEY'RE AN IMPORTANT PART OF BUILDING A GOOD IMAGE FOR THE
25 SHERIFF AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SO THEY DON'T CREATE SOME



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1 OF THAT ANXIETY THAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT. SO, I APPRECIATE
2 THAT BUT I THINK IT SHOULD ALWAYS BE LEFT TO THE LOCALS. WE
3 LIVE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND WE DON'T HAVE THE SAME
4 PROBLEMS THAT YOU MAY HAVE DOWN IN THE IN THE URBAN AREAS BUT
5 WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE WE NEED THEM WHEN WE NEED THEM. WE
6 CAN'T WAIT 30 MINUTES TO GET THEM TO A SITE WHEN WE NEED THEM.
7 SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LOOKING AT THE ONE-YEAR CONTRACT
8 AND ALLOWING THE PROGRAM TO CONTINUE. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF YASMIN MCMORRIN. YOUR
13 LINE IS OPEN. IF YOU'RE MUTED PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY
14 INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. I JUST WANT TO THANK
17 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION. MY NAME IS
18 YASMIN AMANI MCMORRIN. I USE TO SEE HER PRONOUNS. I SERVE AS
19 THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION EQUITY FOR CHILDREN'S DEFENSA IN
20 CALIFORNIA. I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE
21 PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTERS THAT BRING US TO THIS MOMENT AND I
22 CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE OIG
23 RECOMMENDATIONS AND THOSE REVISIONS AS CLEAR LANGUAGE AND
24 TRANSPARENCY IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. I JUST
25 WANNA LIFT UP IN THIS CONVERSATION THAT THERE ARE MANY PATHS



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1 TO SAFETY AND GIVEN THE DISPROPORTIONALITY AND THE DATA AND
2 THE HARM THAT WE SEE WE MUST INVEST IN MORE CARE FOR YOUTH
3 CENTERED RESTORATIVE SOLUTIONS TO SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
4 DURING THEIR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEYS. THEY ARE SO CLEAR ABOUT
5 WHAT THEY NEED AND THEY'RE NOT ASKING FOR THIS. THANK YOU FOR
6 THE BRIEF CONTRACT AND I'M TRULY HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL BE
7 RESTRICTING HARMFUL ACTIONS AND USES OF FORCE ON YOUNG PEOPLE
8 IN THEIR EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR
9 THE WORK.

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE. OUR NEXT
12 PARTICIPANT IS JASON DAVILLE. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. IF YOU ARE
13 MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU
14 MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JASON DAVILLE THE DIRECTOR OF
17 STUDENT SERVICES FOR PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT. SCHOOL RESOURCE
18 OFFICERS ARE ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAINING SAFE AND PROTECTED
19 CAMPUSES IN PALMDALE. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 5 SCHOOL RESOURCE
20 OFFICERS. THEY SERVE 30 CAMPUSES AND OVER 17,000 STUDENTS. ALL
21 OF OUR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS ARE CAPTURING KIDS' HEARTS
22 TRAINED. THEY HAVE TAKEN IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING BY PSD. THEY
23 COMPLETE MONTHLY CHECK-INS WITH UPPER MANAGEMENT HERE IN
24 PALMDALE. THEY KNOW OUR CAMPUSES, THEY KNOW OUR COMMUNITY, AND
25 THEY ARE LESS THAN A MINUTE AWAY IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.



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1 THEY ARE POPULAR TO ALL OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS, OUR PARENTS, OUR
2 KIDS, AND OUR SCHOOL STAFF. WE RECOMMEND CONTINUING THE SRO
3 PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A RAPID RESPONSE TO EMERGENCIES
4 AND PROTECTING THE WELL-BEING OF STUDENTS AND STAFF IN
5 PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER IS KIM COCHRAN. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. IF
10 YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR
11 PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

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

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES, WE CAN.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** GO AHEAD.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SAFETY
20 AND ATTENDANCE IN THE LANCASTER SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE
21 ANTELOPE VALLEY. I'M SPEAKING TODAY TO GARNER YOUR SUPPORT IN
22 VOTING YES ON THE APPROVAL OF THE LASD CONTRACT FOR OUR
23 SCHOOLS. OUR ANTELOPE VALLEY HAS CONTINUED TO SEE SHARP AND
24 LARGE INCREASES IN VIOLENT CRIME THROUGHOUT THE AREA NEAR OUR
25 SCHOOLS. OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S



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1 DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE LANCASTER STATION HAS BEEN ESSENTIAL IN
2 INSULATING OUR SCHOOLS FROM THE VIOLENCE AND CRIME THAT OCCURS
3 IN OUR COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOODS ON A DAILY BASIS AROUND OUR
4 SCHOOLS. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 3 SRD'S SUPPORTING 23 SCHOOLS,
5 SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS, AND MENTORSHIP. THE RESEARCH ON
6 SCHOOL SAFETY IS CLEAR THAT SAFETY IS PREVALENT IN THE MINDS
7 OF OUR TEACHERS AND OF OUR STUDENTS WHEN CHILDREN DO NOT AND
8 STAFF DO NOT FEEL SAFE IT DIRECTLY NEGATIVELY IMPACTS TEACHING
9 AND LEARNING. WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO THE YOUNGEST PEOPLE IN
10 OUR SOCIETY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE UTMOST CARE AND SAFETY
11 PROTECTION AS POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION TO OUR EMPLOYMENT OF
12 NATIONAL AND CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. --

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

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CAROL ARMANDO. YOUR LINE IS
18 OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
19 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** GO AHEAD, CAROL? GO ON TO THE NEXT CALLER
22 PLEASE.

23
24 **MODERATOR:** ONE MOMENT. OUR NEXT CALLER IS CELINA COLEMAN. YOUR
25 LINE IS OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK



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1 DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, AND THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY MISS HOLLY MITCHELL AND MISS HILDA
5 SOLIS. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE HARD WORK
6 YOU ALL HAVE BEEN DOING ACROSS THE COUNTY. MISS KATHRYN
7 BARGER, AV AREA NEEDS YOUR DIRECT ATTENTION FROM YOU. THE
8 DISCRIMINATION IN THE AREA IS ONGOING AND ACROSS ALL
9 DEPARTMENTS, EVEN IN YOUR OWN OFFICE. BEING AN EMPLOYEE FOR
10 OVER 20 YEARS AND A COMMUNITY RESIDENT FOR 50 YEARS, WE CAN DO
11 BETTER. SRD'S SLASH SRO'S HAVE BEEN GOOD AND BAD. IN THE AV,
12 WE CONTINUE TO SEE THE DISCRIMINATION BEHAVIOR AGAINST OUR
13 BLACK AND BROWN STUDENTS, AND IT'S NOT A GOOD THING FOR OUR
14 STUDENTS. AND SO, WITH THAT, WE'RE NOT OKAY WITH SRD'S AND
15 SRO'S IN OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT WE WANT THEM REMOVED BUT EVEN
16 MORE THAN THAT WE WANT YOU TO CONTINUE TO LOOK AT IT BECAUSE
17 IT'S ALL DEPARTMENTS WORKING TOGETHER IN THE AV IN THE SENSE
18 OF WHEN THEY'RE HAVING DISCRIMINATORY BEHAVIORS AND THEY'RE
19 TARGETING - -

20

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ZACH MERCIER. YOUR LINE IS
25 OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO



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SUPERVISORS

1 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, TOM AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
4 ZACH MERCER, PRINCIPAL OF LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL. THANK YOU FOR
5 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY TO EXPRESS MY
6 UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR THE SRO'S. AS PRINCIPAL I WITNESSED THE
7 BENEFITS OF SROS DAILY. 2 DAYS IN PARTICULAR STAND OUT
8 RESPONDING TO A STUDENT TURNING GRAY AND IN MORTAL DANGER FROM
9 THE EFFECTS OF FENTANYL. SRO DEPUTY RUIZ ADMINISTERED MULTIPLE
10 DOSES ON NARCAN WHICH BROUGHT THE STUDENT BACK TO US. THIS WAS
11 MY FIRST INTRODUCTION TO NARCAN. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THIS
12 STUDENT WOULD NOT BE HERE WITHOUT OUR SRO AND A SPECIALIZED
13 TRAINING AND IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. SECONDLY, ON SEPTEMBER 14TH,
14 2022, WE RECEIVED THE SINGLE WORST POSSIBLE CALL A SCHOOL CAN
15 GET. SHOTS FIRED. SRO DEPUTY PORUS IMMEDIATELY LED US IN OUR
16 ACTIVE SHOOTING PROTOCOL. NOT A MOMENT WAS WASTED ON RESPONSE
17 TIME AS DEPUTY PORRAS WAS ALREADY ON CAMPUS. SRO PRESENCE IS
18 INVALUABLE IN MAINTAINING A SAFE, SECURE, AND SUPPORTIVE
19 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF. WE
20 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OUR
21 SCHOOLS AND OUR DEDICATED SRO'S. THANK YOU.

22

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DEANNA. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.



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SUPERVISORS

1 IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE
2 PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YES, GO AHEAD. GO AHEAD.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YES. HI, I'M CALLING FROM THE HART DISTRICT. AND, YOU
9 KNOW, MY FIRST THING WOULD BE THAT IF THIS IS SUCH A PREVALENT
10 ISSUE, IF THIS IS SO IMPORTANT, WHY IS THIS THE LAST THING ON
11 THE AGENDA? I'VE WAITED 6 HOURS ALMOST TO MAKE THIS STATEMENT.
12 I WOULD LIKE TO SAY WE NEED TO HAVE OUR SHERIFFS. WE NEED TO
13 HAVE THEM AT OUR SCHOOLS. IF YOU'RE INVOLVED IN ANY SORT OF
14 ACTIVE SHOOTING AS SAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL WAS, WHICH IS AT SANTA
15 CLARITA, YOU WOULD ABSOLUTELY UNDERSTAND THE NECESSITY OF
16 HAVING THAT. THAT IT SHOULD NEVER BE A QUESTION AND ANY OF
17 THESE OTHER COMMUNITIES ARE EXPERIENCING THAT. THEY NEED TO
18 UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED HAD WE NOT
19 HAD A SHERIFF THERE ON CAMPUS. I THINK WE'VE HAD ENOUGH
20 HEARTACHE WITH WHAT HAPPENED AND THE FACT IS THAT YOU DO NEED
21 THESE PEOPLE. YOU DO NEED THESE PEOPLE HERE FOR THE PROTECTION
22 OF THESE STUDENTS FOR WHAT HAPPENED AND YOU SHOULD BE SPEAKING
23 TO THIS COMMUNITY OR OTHER COMMUNITIES IN THESE SIMILAR
24 SITUATIONS THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH SOMETHING LIKE THIS --

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RYAN BELL. YOUR LINE IS
7 OPEN. IF YOU'RE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
8 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS RYAN BELL HERE WITH THE
11 CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND. AND I JUST WANT TO REITERATE WHAT
12 EVERYONE HAS BEEN SAYING ABOUT CHILD SAFETY AND PROTECTION.
13 SRO'S AND SRD'S DO NOT PROTECT CHILDREN, NOT ON CAMPUSES, NOT
14 OUTSIDE OF CAMPUSES. CHILD SAFETY AND PROTECTION IS ONE OF THE
15 BIGGEST THINGS THAT WE ARE ALL FIGHTING FOR, BUT IT SEEMS TO
16 BE THAT PEOPLE ARE PRIORITIZING QUICK SOLUTIONS TO A LONG-TERM
17 PROBLEM. BLACK AND BROWN YOUTH ARE BEING TARGETED BY THE
18 POLICE ON CAMPUSES AND OUTSIDE OF CAMPUSES, ACROSS LOS ANGELES
19 AND ACROSS CALIFORNIA. AND I URGE EVERYONE HERE TO NOT ONLY
20 LOOK AT YOUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, THE FOLKS IN YOUR SCHOOLS AND
21 THE PEOPLE THAT YOU WORK WITH, BUT LOOK WITHIN YOURSELVES AND
22 ASK YOURSELVES, ARE YOU PARTICIPATING IN SOME WAY IN HARMING
23 CHILDREN BY ALLOWING POLICE TO REMAIN ON CAMPUSES? WE HAVE TO
24 BE MORE DILIGENT IN WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE HAVE TO BE MORE
25 CONSISTENT IN THE FIGHT TO PROTECT OUR BLACK AND BROWN



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1 CHILDREN. AND ALLOWING POLICE TO RESPOND TO THIS IN ANY WAY --

2

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JULIE VILLANUEVA. YOUR LINE
7 IS OPEN. IF YOU'RE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY
8 INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** GO AHEAD, JULIE.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** SORRY, I'M NOT PREPARED.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** WE CAN HEAR YOU.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** I'M GONNA PASS. I WASN'T PREPARED.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY, THANK YOU FOR THAT. NOW WE'LL GO TO
19 IN-PERSON, WELCOME.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS ERIN WILSON, I
22 LIVE IN SANTA CLARITA. I'M A WILLIAM S. HART UNION SCHOOL
23 BOARD MEMBER AND I'M HERE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT, AS MANY
24 OTHERS HAVE JUST EXPRESSED ON THE PHONE, FOR RENEWING THE
25 CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES SO THAT SCHOOLS THAT



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1 HAVE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE WITH THE SRO PROGRAM WILL BE ABLE
2 TO CONTINUE TO CONTRACT FOR THESE SERVICES. AS HAS BEEN
3 REFERENCED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL ON THE
4 PHONE, MY COMMUNITY EXPERIENCED A SCHOOL SHOOTING WHICH
5 RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF 2 STUDENTS AND TRAUMATIZED OUR
6 ENTIRE COMMUNITY. THE PRESENCE OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS HAS
7 ALWAYS BEEN WELCOME AND POSITIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY. AFTER THE
8 SHOOTING, IT BECAME CRUCIAL FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND SCHOOL
9 STAFF TO FEEL SAFE AND PROTECTED. I EMPHATICALLY ASK THAT THE
10 BOARD APPROVE THIS CONTRACT. THANK YOU.

11
12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

13
14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS STACEY NUNEZ. I'M AN
15 EDUCATION ATTORNEY WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE EDUCATION CLINIC AT
16 LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL AND A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION JUSTICE
17 COALITION. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE WORK THAT THE BOARD HAS PUT
18 FORWARD INTO CLEARLY OUTLINING THE LIMITATION OF SRD'S ROLE ON
19 SCHOOL CAMPUSES IN THIS MOTION. WE AGREE THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT
20 SHOULD BE PROHIBITED FROM ENFORCING SCHOOL RULES OR
21 ADMINISTERING DISCIPLINE ON STUDENTS. BUT IF WE TRULY WANT TO
22 CREATE A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS, THEN WE
23 SHOULD MOVE TOWARD DECREASING AND EVENTUALLY REMOVING LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT PRESENT ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES. IN OUR EXPERIENCE, IT
25 IS OFTEN STUDENTS OF COLOR WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE SUBJECT



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SUPERVISORS

1 TO THE MOST DISPROPORTIONATE DISCIPLINE AND USE OF FORCE. THIS
2 IS WHY I URGE THE BOARD TO ENSURE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
3 STATEMENT OF WORK IS DONE PROPERLY AND THAT THE COMPLIANCE IS
4 CLOSELY MONITORED SO THAT THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN IS
5 PRIORITIZED. IF COMPLIANCE CANNOT BE MET OR MAINTAINED WITHIN
6 A YEAR, THEN I URGE THE BOARD TO RECONSIDER THE NEED FOR LAW
7 ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE ON SCHOOL CAMPUS --

8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NICOLE ABNUS AND I'M A
9 CLINICAL LAW STUDENT WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE EDUCATION CLINIC
10 AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL. WE APPRECIATE THE NEW CLEAR AND EXPLICIT
11 LANGUAGE PROHIBITING THE USE OF CHOKEHOLDS AND WHILE THIS IS A
12 STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, THERE IS STILL AMBIGUITY
13 REGARDING THE PROHIBITION OF USE OF FORCE. IT HAS BEEN SHOWN
14 THAT USE OF FORCE BY SRD'S DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS STUDENTS
15 OF COLOR WITH DISABILITIES. TO CREATE A SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR
16 STUDENTS TO LEARN, WE MUST MOVE FORWARD TOWARD A DECREASE AND
17 EVENTUAL ELIMINATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENT ON SCHOOL
18 CAMPUSES. FOR THIS REASON, I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
19 RECONSIDER THE NECESSITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE ON SCHOOL
20 CAMPUSES, ENVIRONMENTS THAT ARE MEANT TO ENHANCE CHILD
21 DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU.

22

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

24

25 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MAYRA LIRA AND I'M AN



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SUPERVISORS

1 EDUCATION ATTORNEY WITH PUBLIC COUNCIL IN LOS ANGELES. WE
2 PRIMARILY REPRESENT, OH THANK YOU. WE PRIMARILY REPRESENT
3 BLACK AND BROWN STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
4 AND FACING DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS IN L.A. COUNTY. WE ARE
5 ALSO ENGAGED IN STATEWIDE POLICY ADVOCACY AROUND EXCLUSIONARY
6 DISCIPLINE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE IN SCHOOLS THAT
7 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT OUR STUDENTS OF COLOR. I AM HERE
8 TODAY TO ASK YOU TO LIMIT THE SRD CONTRACTS TO ONE YEAR TO
9 BETTER INCORPORATE THE OIG RECOMMENDATIONS AND CREATE MUCH
10 NEEDED GUARDRAILS FOR OUR STUDENTS. THROUGH MY WORK, I HAVE
11 HEARD FROM CLIENTS ABOUT THEIR INTERACTIONS WITH LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT. THOSE EXPERIENCES VARIED GREATLY DEPENDING ON
13 STUDENT RACE, GENDER, AND DISABILITY STATUS. THEY ALSO
14 UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING ROBUST SRD GUIDELINES THAT
15 CLEARLY AND EXPLICITLY STATE WHAT BEHAVIORS SRD'S ARE ALLOWED
16 TO OR PROHIBITED FROM ENGAGING IN WHILE INTERACTING WITH
17 STUDENTS. THE DATA ALIGNS WITH OUR CLIENT EXPERIENCES AND FOR
18 THESE REASONS WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE LIMIT THE CONTRACT TO ONE
19 YEAR. THANK YOU.

20
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NEXT SPEAKER.

22
23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ASHLEY DE LA ROSA. I'M THE
24 EDUCATION POLICY DIRECTOR WITH THE DOLORES HUERTA FOUNDATION.
25 OUR ORGANIZATION IS A GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION FOCUSED ON



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1 EMPOWERING STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO MAKE CHANGE IN
2 THEIR COMMUNITIES AND BRING ABOUT THE NEEDED RESOURCES. AS WE
3 ARE ENGAGING HARD TO REACH COMMUNITIES AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
4 THROUGH DOOR TO DOOR CANVASSING IN PALMDALE, LAKE LA, AND
5 LANCASTER, WE ARE HEARING FROM THE COMMUNITY AND THE NEED TO
6 HAVE EDUCATION JUSTICE AND ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSE OF WHY THE
7 ANTELOPE VALLEY IS THE FOURTH HIGHEST SUSPENDING DISTRICT FOR
8 BLACK STUDENTS IN OUR STATE. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE
9 ADMINISTRATION IS RELIANT ON BAND-AID SOLUTION, AND WE SHOULD
10 BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT AND REIMAGINE WHAT SCHOOL SAFETY MEANS,
11 ESPECIALLY FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE STUDENT POPULATIONS. THERE
12 ARE TOO MANY INSTANCES WITH DISPROPORTIONATE DISCIPLINE
13 PRACTICES ARE BEING HELD, AND SO THEREFORE, AND THE WAY THAT
14 THE SRD'S ARE INTERACTING WITH OUR YOUTH. WE ARE HERE TODAY
15 ASKING YOU TO PRIORITIZE CREATING A CONTRACT WITH NECESSARY
16 PROTECTIONS AND GUARDRAILS AND LIMIT THE SRD CONTRACT TO ONE
17 YEAR TERM, THANK YOU.

18
19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NEXT SPEAKER.

20
21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS CHELSEA ELENA AND I'M THE
22 SUPERVISING ATTORNEY OF NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY'S EDUCATION RIGHTS PRACTICE. MY PRACTICE
24 FOCUSES ON REPRESENTING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WHEN CIVIL
25 RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OCCUR IN ANTELOPE VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.



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1 THESE VIOLATIONS HAVE OFTEN INVOLVED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
2 AS LASD HAS FORMAL CONTRACTS WITH SEVERAL ANTELOPE VALLEY
3 SCHOOL DISTRICTS. OVER THE COURSE OF WORKING WITH HUNDREDS OF
4 AV FAMILIES, I CAN SAY WITH COMPLETE CONFIDENCE THAT THE
5 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOT BE IN SCHOOLS AT ALL, BUT IF
6 IT IS, THERE NEEDS TO BE CONCRETE AND RATIONAL LIMITS ON ITS
7 NEAR BOUNDLESS AUTHORITY AND DISCRETION UNDER ITS CURRENT
8 CONTRACT. THE SHORT AND VAGUE CONTRACT THE SHERIFF'S
9 DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY HAS GIVES NO GUIDANCE AS TO SRO'S ROLES
10 AND RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN WORKING WITH YOUNG STUDENTS.
11 ESSENTIALLY THE LACK OF WRITTEN GUIDANCE EMPOWERS SHERIFFS TO
12 PATROL CAMPUSES IN EXACTLY THE SAME MANNER THEY WOULD ANY
13 OTHER PUBLIC SETTING. THIS INCLUDES RANDOM SUITES, SEARCHES,
14 INTERROGATIONS FOR NON-CRIMINAL OR DISABILITY RELATED
15 BEHAVIOR, ALL WITHOUT DISTRICT OVERSIGHT OR GUIDANCE FROM
16 THEIR CONTRACTS, GOVERNING POLICIES OR OTHERWISE. THANK YOU.

17
18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** I AM THE MOTHER OF VIENNA AND JOSEPH PEREZ. I WILL BE
21 SHARING HOW 2 OF 3 OF MY CHILDREN HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY
22 ROLLING DISTRICT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, DEPUTY'S PALSADONNA
23 OUT OF INDUSTRY STATION. THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IS INTENDED TO
24 BE A SAFER NURTURING ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS. UNFORTUNATELY,
25 THIS WAS NOT THE CASE FOR MY DAUGHTER. I WAS SURE VIENNA'S



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1 HIRING ORDEAL SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE URGENT NEED FOR REFORMS IN
2 THE SYSTEM. VIENNA'S LIFE CHANGED DRAMATICALLY WHEN SHE
3 LEARNED THAT DEPUTY PAUL SEDONA, THE VERY PERSON RESPONSIBLE
4 FOR HER BROTHER'S TRAUMATIC BEATING WAS STATIONED AS A SCHOOL
5 RESOURCE OFFICER. DEPUTY PAUL SEDONA WAS THE LAST OF 7
6 DEPUTIES WHO BEAT JOSEPH. DEPUTY PAUL SEDONA CAME IN AT PUNCH
7 107 AND STOPPED AT 121. VIENNA STORY IS A DISTRESSING EXAMPLE
8 OF THE FLAWS WITHIN THE EDUCATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS.
9 THE ASSIGNMENT OF A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY
10 EXHIBITED ABUSIVE BEHAVIORS RAISES SERIOUS CONCERNS AND
11 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SELECTION AND VETTING PROCESSES IN PLACE.
12 IT HIGHLIGHTS THE URGENT NEED FOR STRICTER BACKGROUND CHECKS,
13 COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING ON TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES, AND
14 IMPROVED COMMUNICATION CHANNELS BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND LAW
15 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. ANYBODY THAT, ANY DEPUTY THAT DID THIS
16 IS CAPABLE --

17
18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS HILLARY AND I'M A RESIDENT OF
21 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5 AND I'M HERE TO CANCEL THE CONTRACT.
22 IF THIS CONTRACT IS GOING TO PASS, WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE
23 CONTRACT LASTS FOR ONLY ONE YEAR, PER THE MOTION ITEM NUMBER
24 71. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION LIMITING THE CONTRACT TO
25 ONLY ONE YEAR BECAUSE SIGNIFICANT OMISSIONS FROM OIDS



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1 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT CURRENTLY IN THE CONTRACT, SUCH AS THE
2 INSUFFICIENT USE OF FORCE SAFEGUARDS AS OUTLINED IN AB 1299.
3 THE LESS TIME WITH THE INADEQUATE CONTRACT, THE LESS HARM OUR
4 CHILDREN ARE EXPOSED TO VIA OVER-POLICING IN THE SCHOOL
5 SYSTEM. STUDENTS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SEVERE CONCERNS
6 REGARDING SRD PRESENCE IN THEIR LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AND AS A
7 REMINDER IN MY DISTRICT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY DEPUTIES HAVE A
8 DOCUMENTED HISTORY OF RACIALLY DISCRIMINATORY POLICING THAT
9 PUTS STUDENTS OF COLOR AT GREATER RISK OF HARM. I URGE MEMBERS
10 OF THE BOARD TO APPROVE THIS MOTION IN THE INTEREST OF THE
11 WELL-BEING OF OUR CHILDREN AND OUR SOCIETAL OBLIGATION TO
12 MITIGATING HARM AGAINST THEM. THANK YOU.

13
14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND WE HAVE ONE SPEAKER ON,
15 I'M SORRY, NOW WE HAVE 3 SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE. WE'LL GO BACK
16 TO THESE SPEAKERS.

17
18 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST WILL BE LATONYA HALL. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
19 IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR
20 PHONE, YOU MAY BEGIN.

21
22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** GO AHEAD.

23
24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE REMOVED THEMSELVES.
25 WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT. ACTUALLY, WE DO HAVE LATONYA THAT'S



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1 RE-QUEUED UP. ONE MOMENT. LATONYA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** YES, OPEN?

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES,

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** GO AHEAD, LATONYA.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE CAN HEAR YOU.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS LATONYA HALL. I AM A COMMUNITY MEMBER
12 AND SENIOR COURT PARENT FROM CADRE. I SUPPORT MOTION 106G. OUR
13 VISION IS THAT SCHOOLS WILL LEARN HOW TO RESPECT BLACK AND
14 BROWN PARENTS IN SOUTH L.A. AS A UNIFIED COMMUNITY. FOR 23
15 YEARS, CADRE HAS BEEN WORKING TO END THE SCHOOL TO PRISON
16 PIPELINE. MY CHILD WAS PART OF THE SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE.
17 UNTIL THIS DAY, MY CHILD STRUGGLES WITH TRAUMA AND MENTAL
18 HEALTH. OUR VISION IS TO SEE OTHER PARENTS GET THE SUPPORT FOR
19 THEIR CHILDREN AND NOT BE CRIMINALIZED AND IN THE PRACTICES OF
20 ZERO TOLERANCE. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARTY REDDICK. YOUR LINE IS
25 OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO



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1 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** GO AHEAD.

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** LOOKS LIKE THEY HAVE REMOVED THEMSELVES
6 FROM THE QUEUE. WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **MODERATOR:** IT'S ANTON RANKIN. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE UNMUTE
9 YOUR LINE IF YOU'RE MUTED AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE
10 YOU MAY NOW BEGIN. ONE MOMENT, THEY'VE REMOVED THEMSELVES HERE
11 WE GO. ANTON YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** YES, HOW YOU DOING MY NAME IS ANTON RANKIN AND I HAVE
14 BEEN WITH CADRE PERTH FOR 7 YEARS. I SUPPORT THE MOTION 106G.
15 I BELIEVE THAT BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE WILL BE BETTER TOGETHER
16 WE START WORKING TOGETHER AND STOP SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE.
17 WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER AND LET THE KIDS HAVE A RIGHTFUL
18 EDUCATION NO MATTER WHAT, NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE AT. YOU
19 KNOW MY SON, HE WAS IN THE SECOND GRADE AND HIS AND HE WAS
20 VIOLATED. HIS RIGHTS WAS VIOLATED IN THE SCHOOL AND FROM THE
21 POLICE AND ALSO ME MYSELF. I'M 61 YEARS OLD AND THIS WENT ON
22 45 YEARS AGO AND WE STILL NOTHING HAS CHANGED YET. AS FAR AS
23 HAVING THE COPS IN THE SCHOOL, WHEN THEY'RE IN THERE, THEY'RE
24 TARGETING BLACK AND BROWN KIDS TREMENDOUSLY. SO I THINK WE
25 SHOULD --



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

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5 **MODERATOR:** AND WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO THE LINE OF MARTY
6 REDDICK. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE UNMUTE IF YOU'RE MUTED AND
7 SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE PHONE.

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9 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS MARTY REDDICK. I AM A SENIOR CORPS PARENT
10 AND COMMUNITY MEMBER HERE AT CADRE. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH
11 CADRE FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 YEARS. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE
12 MOTION ITEM 106-G. I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR CIVIL HUMAN RIGHTS
13 FOR SOUTH LOS ANGELES PARENTS. I AM ALSO FIGHTING FOR EQUAL
14 RIGHTS, DIGNITY, EDUCATION, AND RESPECT FROM THE SCHOOLS. I
15 HAVE BEEN A PARENT INVOLVED WITH MY SON BEING ARRESTED AND
16 SENT TO JUVENILE HALL, BUT WITHOUT BEING NOTIFIED BY THE
17 SCHOOL OR THE SCHOOL POLICE. THANK YOU.

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

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21 **MODERATOR:** AND WE HAVE NO FURTHER IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE
22 BOARD.

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24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR
25 MITCHELL YOU WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING.



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2 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I'M SORRY I WASN'T QUICK ENOUGH WITH
3 MY MIC BEFORE A PUBLIC COMMENT STARTED I JUST I WAS REMINDED
4 SUPERVISOR HAHN I THINK ON AGENDA ITEM 66 MADE A REALLY
5 INTERESTING POINT IN TERMS OF DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS
6 SUGGESTING REQUIRED DIFFERENT KINDS OF RESPONSES AND YOU SAID
7 OH THAT'S INTERESTING BECAUSE WE WERE TOLD IN THIS CONTEXT
8 THAT THERE COULDN'T BE A DIFFERENCE, AND YET WE HEARD FROM A
9 CAREER PROFESSIONAL IN CORRECTIONS AND POLICING AND
10 INSTITUTIONS THAT THERE SHOULD BE DIFFERENCES. AND I THINK
11 THAT CERTAINLY APPLIES HERE. AND IT'S TRAGIC THAT IN THE 20
12 YEAR HISTORY OF THESE OFFICERS THAT THERE WASN'T DOCUMENTED
13 EXPECTATIONS ABOUT HOW THEIR BEHAVIOR AND TRAINING AND
14 TREATMENT OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES SHOULD BE
15 DIFFERENT THAN THE TREATMENT OF ADULTS EITHER IN JAILS OR ON
16 THE STREET. SO, I JUST WANTED TO COME BACK TO THE COMMENT YOU
17 MADE, SUPERVISOR HAHN, THAT I THOUGHT THAT THAT WAS REALLY
18 TIMELY, THAT BOTH OF THESE ISSUES WOULD BE ON THE AGENDA
19 TODAY. AND AGAIN, I TRIED TO BE VERY EXPLICIT AND CLEAR IN THE
20 PRESENTATION THAT THIS HAS NO IMPACT ON LOCAL CONTROL, ZERO,
21 BUT IT DOES REQUIRE A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT AND OUR HOPES THAT THE
22 PARTIES CAN COME TO THE TABLE AND WE HAVE A MORE FLESHED OUT,
23 MORE INCLUSIVE OF COMMUNITY OF THE OIG'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN
24 FUTURE CONTRACTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.



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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I AGREE, AND I ALSO, TO
2 THE PUBLIC COMMENT WHERE THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT GETTING MORE
3 LIKE DYD COUNSELORS ON CAMPUSES, I KNOW THIS BOARD HAS BEEN
4 SUPPORTIVE OF THAT AND I AM CONTINUING TO PUSH THAT BECAUSE I
5 FEEL THAT THAT THERE'S AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR COUNSELORS OTHER
6 THAN LAW ENFORCEMENT TO DO SOME OF THE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE
7 DONE, ESPECIALLY UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. SO, WITH THAT,
8 ITEM 71 IS BEFORE US. MOVE BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
10 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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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. ITEM CARRIES, 4-0.

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5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** ITEM 106G IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
6 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE
7 THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICE, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

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

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19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** 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. ITEM CARRIES, 4-0.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. NOW WE'LL MOVE ON UNDER
3 SPECIALS. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE NO SPECIALS BY
4 ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES. SO, WE WILL NOW, WE'VE DONE PUBLIC
5 COMMENTS, SO WE ARE NOW AT THIS TIME. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
6 TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS, BEGINNING WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN, GOING TO
7 THE FIFTH, FIRST, AND SECOND. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
10 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF GERALD JERRY
11 MILLER, WHO WAS A RESPECTED AND BELOVED LONG BEACH CITY
12 OFFICIAL WHO DIED ON JULY 28TH AT HIS HOME. HE WAS 75. JERRY
13 STARTED HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY OF LONG BEACH IN 1978 AND
14 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, WAS PROMOTED TO
15 MANAGER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUREAU. DURING HIS TIME
16 WITH THE CITY, JERRY SERVED AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT AND ACTING
17 CITY MANAGER BEFORE TAKING THE CITY MANAGER ROLE IN 2003.
18 JERRY WAS KNOWN AND PRAISED FOR FACING THE CHALLENGE OF
19 LEADING THE CITY THROUGH THE NAVAL STATION'S CLOSURE. HE
20 OVERSAW THE TRANSITION OF LONG BEACH FROM A NAVAL TOWN TO THE
21 NEXT GENERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE 1990S. AS A
22 RESULT OF HIS PERSEVERANCE, THE CITY COMPLETELY REDEVELOPED
23 THE NAVAL PROPERTY, THE PORT OF LONG BEACH, AND ACCOMPLISHED
24 THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION. JERRY RETIRED FROM THE CITY IN
25 2007 AFTER MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF SERVICE. HE WENT ON TO



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1 ESTABLISH A CONSULTING FIRM, SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2 FOR THE LONG BEACH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND WAS THE CHAIR
3 OF THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL AND RANCHO LOS ALAMOS.
4 JERRY WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE GAIL
5 WASSIL, THEIR SON MICHAEL MILLER, AND THEIR DAUGHTER ANNA
6 MILLER. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
7 THE MEMORY OF POLLY LITTLE. POLLY WAS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF
8 SAN PEDRO AND A BELOVED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. HER LIFE WAS
9 A TESTAMENT TO LOVE, DEDICATION, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT. POLLY
10 LEAVES BEHIND A LEGACY THAT WILL BE CHERISHED BY ALL WHO KNEW
11 HER. POLLY'S PASSION FOR LOCAL HISTORY AND MARITIME HERITAGE
12 WAS EVIDENT THROUGH HER DEDICATED WORK AT THE POINT FURMAN
13 LIGHTHOUSE. SHE PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN PRESERVING AND
14 PROMOTING THE RICH NAUTICAL HISTORY OF SAN PEDRO, ENSURING
15 THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS COULD APPRECIATE IT AND LEARN FROM OUR
16 PAST. POLLY WAS NOT JUST AN EMPLOYEE, SHE WAS A PASSIONATE
17 ADVOCATE THAT PUT HER HEART INTO LEADING TOURS OF THE ICONIC
18 LANDMARK AND SHARING ITS BEAUTY AND HISTORY. HER ENTHUSIASM
19 FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE INSPIRED MANY TO JOIN HER EFFORTS, AND SHE
20 ALWAYS MADE VISITORS FEEL WELCOME. IN ADDITION TO THE
21 LIGHTHOUSE, POLLY ALSO WORKED AT THE LOS ANGELES MARITIME
22 MUSEUM, WHERE SHE MADE MANY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. POLLY WAS
23 A LONG TIME AND DEVOTED MEMBER OF THE OCEANVIEW BAPTIST
24 CHURCH. SHE FOUND STRENGTH AND SOLACE IN HER FAITH, AND SHE
25 WAS ALWAYS READY TO LEND A HAND OR OFFER A KIND WORD TO THOSE



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1 IN NEED. HER GREATEST JOY IN LIFE WAS BEING A MOTHER AND A
2 GRANDMOTHER. POLLY IS SURVIVED BY HER 3 CHILDREN, NATALIE,
3 RAQUEL, AND MATTHEW AND HER 8 GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU, MADAM
4 CHAIR.

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6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. I HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS. I
7 MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY. WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF JAY JACKSON,
8 LONG-TIME ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF
9 BURBANK IN GREATER EAST VALLEY WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. HE
10 BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IN 1995. NEXT
11 YEAR WOULD HAVE BEEN HIS 30TH YEAR WITH THE ORGANIZATION. JAY
12 COACHED BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, SOCCER, FLAG FOOTBALL, GOLF, AND
13 TENNIS. JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO, HE WAS NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR
14 BY THE LAKERS JUNIOR LAKERS PROGRAM. OUTSIDE OF THE BOYS AND
15 GIRLS CLUB, JAY WAS A CLOTHING DESIGNER AND A TALENTED
16 MUSICIAN AND ACTOR WHO WOULD BE DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED
17 FOR HIS CONTAGIOUS SMILE. HE SURVIVED BY HIS 2 DAUGHTERS,
18 CASEY AND ASHLEY JACKSON, AND THOUSANDS OF KIDS FROM THE BOYS
19 AND GIRLS CLUB. ALSO, THAT WE, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN
20 MEMORY OF SERGEANT JASON VIGER, WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED IN
21 AN OFF-DUTY TRAFFIC COLLISION ON AUGUST 1, 2024, AT THE AGE OF
22 43. HE JOINED THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN
23 2008, HOLDING VARIOUS POSITIONS THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER AT NORTH
24 COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, PALMDALE STATION, LANCASTER
25 STATION, NARCOTICS BUREAU, AND MOST RECENTLY, THE HOMICIDE



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1 BUREAU. HE TOOK IMMENSE PRIDE IN BEING THE FIRST SERGEANT TO
2 BE PART OF THE SERGEANT'S OVERDOSE RESPONSE TASK FORCE.
3 SERGEANT VIGOR WAS A CHERISHED MEMBER OF THE LASD, KNOWN FOR
4 HIS DEDICATION AND PROFESSIONALISM. HE WAS PASSIONATE AND
5 LOVED BEING A DEPUTY SHERIFF. HE WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE
6 DEPARTMENT FOR HIS WORK DURING THE SKIRBALL FIRE AND FOR HIS
7 PATROL WORK TAKING GUNS OFF THE STREET. HE ENJOYED WATCHING
8 HIS CHILDREN PLAY SPORTS AND HAD A PASSION FOR GOLF. HIS
9 SUDDEN PASSING IS A PROFOUND LOSS AND WILL HAVE A DEEP IMPACT
10 ON THE LIVES OF HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. SERGEANT
11 JASON VIGER IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, HIS 4 CHILDREN, HIS 3
12 SIBLINGS, ONE OF WHOM IS A SERGEANT WITH THE SHERIFF'S
13 DEPARTMENT. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF
14 REGINALD REGGIE WEBB, RESIDENT OF CLAREMONT, WHO PASSED AWAY
15 ON JULY 20TH. HE WAS BORN IN SOUTH BEND, INDIANA ON MARCH
16 25TH, 1948. HE SERVED HONORABLY IN THE US COAST GUARD DURING
17 THE 1960S BEFORE PURSUING A DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AT CAL
18 STATE LA. IN 1973, REGGIE JOINED THE MCDONALD'S ACCELERATED
19 MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND QUICKLY ASCENDED TO
20 REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IN 1985, HE
21 BECAME A MCDONALD'S FRANCHISEE, FOUNDING WEB FAMILY
22 ENTERPRISES, WHICH EXPANDED TO 16 LOCATIONS ACROSS THE INLAND
23 EMPIRE. REGGIE WAS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO THE ECONOMIC
24 EMPOWERMENT OF BLACK AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. HE FOUNDED
25 THE COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT MOVEMENT TO HELP BLACK



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1 ENTREPRENEURS BUILD GENERATIONAL WEALTH. HE SERVED ON THE
2 UNIVERSITY OF L.A. VERNE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WHERE HE ACTIVELY
3 CONTRIBUTED TO SCHOLARSHIPS AND MENTORED AFRICAN-AMERICAN
4 STUDENTS. HE LEAVES BEHIND A REMARKABLE LEGACY OF TRANSFORMING
5 LIVES AND ADVANCING SOCIAL EQUITY. HE WILL BE MISSED. REGGIE
6 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, RENEE, 3 CHILDREN, KAREEM, KYLE, AND
7 KIANA, 8 GRANDCHILDREN AND 2 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY
8 ADJOURNMENTS. NOW WE WILL GO ON TO THE SECOND DISTRICT.

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10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MICHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE
11 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD
12 COCHRAN. MR. COCHRAN WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1941, AND
13 PASSED AWAY ON JULY 24TH AT THE AGE OF 83. HE WAS A RESIDENT
14 OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA FOR OVER 50 YEARS. MR.
15 COCHRAN GRADUATED FROM CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN 1959 AND
16 BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A TELEVISION PRODUCER IN THE ENTERTAINMENT
17 INDUSTRY. HE PRODUCED SEVERAL SHOWS, INCLUDING A WEEKLY
18 PROGRAM ON KABC CALLED I AM SOMEBODY, WHICH WAS A TALK SHOW.
19 MAN TO MAN, HOSTED BY ROMAN GABRIEL AND MERLIN OLSON, AND AN
20 EPISODE OF WILD WORLD OF ENTERTAINMENT THAT FEATURED RED FOX
21 AND RICHARD PRYOR. HE ALSO PRODUCED A VARIETY OF EDUCATIONAL
22 PROGRAMS FOR KLCS. HIS TALENT AND HARD WORK LED HIM TO RECEIVE
23 A TELI AWARD IN 2004, A VIC AWARD IN 2012, AND 5 LOCAL EMMY
24 NOMINATIONS. HE RETIRED FROM THE TELEVISION INDUSTRY IN 2016.
25 MR. COCHRAN WAS HAPPILY MARRIED TO HIS WIFE, JACKIE, FOR OVER



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1 55 YEARS, AND THEY WERE THE PROUD PARENTS OF THEIR SON,
2 VINCENT. THEY ENJOYED TAKING CRUISES AND TOOK OVER 14 CRUISES
3 WITH THEIR BEST FRIENDS. MR. COCHRAN WAS A LIFETIME MEMBER OF
4 KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY INCORPORATED. HIS LEGACY LIES IN
5 THE PROFOUND EFFECT THAT HE HAD ON THE COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS
6 WHO KNEW HIM. HE HAS SURVIVED AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HIS
7 WIFE, JACKIE, THEIR SON VINCENT, AS WELL AS A HOST OF EXTENDED
8 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS
11 AS SECONDED. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT
12 WILL BE THE ACTION. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. THE NEXT
13 MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING MEETING TO BE
14 HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2024 AT 11 O'CLOCK. THE TIME IS
15 USUALLY 9.30, BUT IT IS BEING CHANGED TO 11 O'CLOCK ON
16 TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
17 WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2024 AT 9:30 A.M. THE
18 MEETING IS 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
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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 16th day of August 2024, for the County records to be used
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