



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2025

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND WELCOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025. WE TAKE A NOTE THAT A QUORUM IS PRESENT. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S BOARD MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, 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 ACKNOWLEDGMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING AND RECONCILIATION, AND 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 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 THE LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
10 WEBSITE AT LANAIC.LACOUNTY.GOV.

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12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE INVOCATION WILL BE
13 LED BY VINCE ROLDAN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
14 CHAPLAIN FROM THE FIFTH OR FIRST DISTRICT. I WAS TRYING TO
15 CLAIM YOU AS MY OWN. FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL
16 BE LED BY BRENDA GARCIA, FORMER SERGEANT, UNITED STATES MARINE
17 CORPS FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.
18 VINCE ROLDAN: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THE FOR THE
19 INVOCATION TODAY. I FELT LIKE THE ENCOURAGEMENT NEEDED TO BE
20 FOR ALL OF YOU. BECAUSE YOU ALL HAVE THE HEART OF A PUBLIC
21 SERVANT, AND THE HEART OF A PUBLIC SERVANT IS WANTING TO TAKE
22 CARE OF PEOPLE AND WANTING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND WANTING TO
23 BETTER THEIR LIVES. AND WE ALL KNOW THE HEAVINESS THAT WE HAVE
24 FELT OVER THE PAST MONTH WITH THE TRAGIC EVENTS THAT HAVE
25 HAPPENED, AND THE MESSAGE THAT I WANT TO CONVEY TO ALL OF YOU



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1 IS, AS YOU CARRY ON, THAT BURDEN OF LEADERSHIP IS THAT YOU ARE
2 NOT ALONE YOURSELVES. WE REALIZE THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS
3 THAT WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO TO HELP THOSE THAT ARE HURTING,
4 AND YET THERE ARE NO EASY SOLUTIONS. AND ONE OF THE BEST
5 THINGS ABOUT OFFERING THAT UP INTO PRAYER IS THAT WE'RE
6 APPEALING TO SOMETHING OR SOMEONE WHO IS BIGGER THAN OURSELVES
7 FOR PROBLEMS THAT ARE TOO BIG FOR US TO HANDLE BY OURSELVES.
8 AND I THINK YOUR COMMUNITIES HAVE SHOWN HOW THEY'RE BEHIND YOU
9 AND HOW YOU ARE NOT ALONE, AND HOW THEY HAVE STEPPED UP AND
10 HELPED THOSE THAT ARE HURTING, THOSE THAT HAVE GIVEN AND HAVE
11 OPENED UP THEIR HOMES TO THOSE THAT ARE IN NEED RIGHT NOW.
12 KNOWING THAT THIS SOLUTION IS NOT FOR ANY ONE OF YOU OR ANY
13 ONE OF US TO SOLVE, BUT IT'S FOR US TO ALL DO AS A FAMILY. I
14 REALIZE THAT THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT FAITH BACKGROUNDS IN
15 THIS ROOM, AND AS I PRAY RIGHT NOW, NO MATTER WHAT YOUR FAITH
16 BACKGROUND IS, I JUST PRAY THAT YOU CAN CLOSE YOUR EYES AND
17 APPEAL TO THE OBJECT OF YOUR FAITH AND APPEAL TO WHAT YOUR
18 FAITH IS IN, TO JUST ASK FOR HELP IN THESE TIMES WHEN WE SO
19 DESPERATELY NEED IT AS A FAMILY. WE'RE NOT GOING TO SOLVE THIS
20 PROBLEM IN ONE EASY STEP, BUT WE'RE GOING TO DO IT TOGETHER,
21 AND WE'RE GOING TO DO IT STEP BY STEP. SO, IF I MAY ASK, AS
22 YOU ALL BOW YOUR HEADS AS I PRAY. HEAVENLY FATHER. THE WORDS
23 OF YOUR PSALMIST COME TO MIND RIGHT NOW THAT EVEN THOUGH AS I
24 WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO
25 EVIL, BECAUSE YOU ARE WITH ME. YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY



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1 COMFORT ME. AND FATHER, TODAY WE PRAY THAT YOU CAN NOT LET US
2 HAVE HEARTS OF FEAR, BUT INSTEAD HAVE HEARTS OF GRATITUDE AND
3 LOVE, KNOWING THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE. AND KNOWING THAT YOU ARE
4 WITH US. FATHER, WE PRAY THAT YOUR ROD PROTECTS US AND THAT
5 YOUR STAFF COMFORTS US. AND WE PRAY FOR ALL OF YOUR PUBLIC
6 SERVANTS AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE OUT THERE IN NEED THAT
7 THEY CAN FEEL YOUR PRESENCE WITH THEM AND FOR YOUR LEADERS.
8 FATHER, WE PRAY FOR YOUR PEACE AND YOUR WISDOM AND YOUR
9 GUIDANCE TO BE UPON THEM AS THEY MAKE DIFFICULT CHOICES,
10 FATHER. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, LET THEM KNOW THAT THEY TOO ARE
11 NOT ALONE AS THEY BEAR THAT BURDEN OF LEADERSHIP AND
12 RESPONSIBILITY. WE ARE JUST SO THANKFUL, FATHER, THAT YOUR
13 WORD GIVES US THAT COMFORT THAT WE NEED, AND WE'RE THANKFUL
14 FOR THE LOVE THAT YOU HAVE FOR ALL OF US. AND WE PRAY THIS IN
15 THE NAME OF OUR LORD. AMEN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16
17 **BRENDA GARCIA:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR
18 RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU'RE A VETERAN, YOU MAY
19 RENDER A HAND SALUTE AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
20 I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF
21 AMERICA. AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS. ONE NATION
22 UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.
23 THANK YOU.

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25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK
3 CHAPLAIN VINCE ROLDAN FOR LEADING US TODAY AND THE INVOCATION.
4 CHAPLAIN VINCE ROLDAN IS THE LEAD CHAPLAIN FOR THE LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND HE ALSO SERVES AS THE FIRE CAPTAIN
6 AND PEER SUPPORT COORDINATOR. HE'S WORKED WITH THE FIRE
7 DEPARTMENT FOR 22 YEARS AND HAS SERVED ALL OVER THE COUNTY,
8 INCLUDING THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, ALTADENA, HAWAIIAN GARDENS,
9 NORWALK, BELLFLOWER, LAKEWOOD, LOMITA, LA MIRADA, WILLOWBROOK,
10 AND CARSON. HE IS ALSO PART OF THE L.A. COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS
11 1014, IN EL MONTE, AND MOST RECENTLY HE WAS PART OF THE EATON
12 FIRE PEER SUPPORT GROUP RESPONSE TEAM WITH CAL FIRE. I MET
13 CHAPLAIN VINCE ROLDAN TWO YEARS AGO DURING THE SWEARING IN
14 CEREMONY OF FIRE CHIEF ANTHONY MARRONE AND WE RECONNECTED
15 EARLIER THIS YEAR WHEN HE LED THE INVOCATION AND VOLUNTEERED
16 AT OUR FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITE THAT I HOSTED IN IRWINDALE AT
17 THE SPEEDWAY, WHERE WE ASSISTED OVER 2,000 FAMILIES IMPACTED
18 BY THE FIRES AND WINDSTORMS. CHAPLAIN VINCE ROLDAN IS ONE OF
19 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S MOST DEPENDABLE, THOUGHTFUL, AND CARING
20 CHAPLAINS AND HAS PROVIDED AN INVALUABLE SERVICE TO THE
21 DEPARTMENT, ITS TEAM MEMBERS AND ITS FAMILIES, AND HIS
22 FAITHFUL DEVOTION IN SERVING TEAM MEMBERS AND FAMILIES WHILE
23 HELPING THEM THROUGH CHALLENGING TIMES. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
24 HONORED HIM WITH AN EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD FOR COURAGE IN
25 2023. WHETHER DAY OR NIGHT, ON OR OFF DUTY, HE HAS SELFLESSLY



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1 GIVEN HIS TIME TO HELP OTHERS IN NEED AND STANDING WITH
2 FAMILIES DURING FLAG CEREMONIES, MEMORIALS AND REMAINING BY
3 THEIR SIDE, LENDING HIS UNLIMITED SUPPORT AND CARE. WE WANT TO
4 THANK YOU, CHAPLAIN VIN ROLDAN FOR JOINING US TODAY. AND ON
5 BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE PRESENT THIS
6 CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE
7 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

8
9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND NOW, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING, LOS ANGELES. WE WANT TO
12 THANK WITH OUR WHOLE HEART SERGEANT GARCIA, WHO JOINED US
13 TODAY, WHO IS A PROUD UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, CORPS
14 MEMBER. SHE JOINED IN 2017 AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL,
15 AND SHE PROUDLY SERVED FOR FOUR YEARS. SHE WAS STATIONED IN
16 HAWAII AND OKINAWA, JAPAN, AND ATTAINED AGAIN THE SERGEANT OF
17 THE RANK OF SERGEANT. THE SERGEANT OF SERGEANT. I'M TONGUE
18 TIED THIS MORNING. SHE IS THE PROUD RECIPIENT OF THE MARINE
19 CORPS GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE
20 MEDAL, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, THE SEA SERVICE
21 DEPLOYMENT RIBBON, MERITORIOUS MAST, AND EXPERT RIFLE
22 QUALIFICATION BADGE. THAT WAS A WHOLE LOT IN FOUR YEARS. YOU
23 WERE ALL THAT. AFTER HER SERVICE, SHE BEGAN WORKING AS AN
24 OPERATIONS MANAGER AT WHITTIER COLLEGE. SHE ALSO SERVES AS THE
25 PRESIDENT OF STUDENT VETERANS, WHERE SHE LEADS FUNDRAISING



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1 INITIATIVES FOR HER FELLOW VETERANS. MISS GARCIA IS A WIFE AND
2 MOTHER OF TWO. WE WANT TO THANK YOU, SERGEANT GARCIA, FOR YOUR
3 SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, TO OUR COUNTY, AND FOR LEADING US IN
4 THE PLEDGE TODAY. WE APPRECIATE YOU.

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6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I DO NOT HAVE A
7 FURRY FRIEND TODAY BECAUSE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL IS UP TO
8 THEIR ELBOWS IN, IN WORKING IN THE WAKE OF THE WILDFIRES,
9 THEY'VE TAKEN IN HUNDREDS OF PETS WHO HAVE BEEN DISPLACED
10 BECAUSE OUR CARE CENTERS ARE STILL SO INUNDATED. THAT IS WHY
11 WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE A PET TODAY. PLEASE TURN YOUR
12 ATTENTION UP TO THE SCREEN FOR OUR PET FROM PALMDALE. THIS IS
13 ARIES, A TWO-YEAR-OLD GERMAN SHEPHERD. HE CAME TO THE CARE
14 CENTER WITH HIS BROTHER AND BOTH ARE HOPING TO FIND A NEW
15 HOME. ARIES IS COURAGEOUS AND KIND AND WOULD MAKE A GREAT
16 COMPANION. IF YOU'D LIKE TO BRING ARIES HOME, PLEASE CALL THE
17 PALMDALE CARE CENTER AT (661) 575-2888, OR YOU CAN DROP BY
18 MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M. I ALSO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT
19 THAT THERE'S A SPECIAL PROMOTION HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND IN
20 HONOR OF THE SUPER BOWL. OUR DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND
21 CONTROL IS PARTNERING WITH ANIMAL LEAGUE TO PRESENT THE RESCUE
22 BOWL ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH. ADOPTION FEES WILL BE WAIVED
23 AT ALL SEVEN OF OUR CARE CENTERS. NO MATTER WHAT TEAM YOU'RE
24 CHEERING FOR ON SUNDAY, I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT WE'RE
25 ROOTING FOR THESE INCREDIBLE PETS TO FIND A FOREVER LOVING



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1 HOME. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE ALL THE PETS THAT ARE AVAILABLE, OR
2 DONATE TO THE ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT ALL THE WORK
3 THE DEPARTMENT HAS UNDERWAY, YOU CAN VISIT
4 ANIMALCARE@LACOUNTY.GOV. NOW WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO
5 TODAY'S AGENDA. EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR. MEMBERS OF THE
8 BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO. SET MATTER. ON
9 SET MATTER 1. AT THE BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2025, THIS
10 ITEM WAS CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 18, 2025, AS INDICATED ON THE
11 POSTED AGENDA. ON PAGE THREE. CONSENT CALENDAR. BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS. ITEMS 2 THROUGH 10. ON ITEM 2, SUPERVISOR
13 MITCHELL WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE ON THE
14 APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT SVONKIN. ON ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR BARGER
15 REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 8, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
16 REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS
17 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 10, SUPERVISOR
18 HAHN REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 11. ADMINISTRATIVE
19 MATTERS. ITEMS 11 THROUGH 53. ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR BARGER IS
20 RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
21 SECTION 84308, BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OF
22 CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$500 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM
23 ALSINELLA, WHO IS A PARTY PARTICIPANT OR AGENT OF A PARTY OR
24 PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING. ALSO, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IS
25 RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE



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1 SECTION 84308, BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR
2 CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$500 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM
3 JONATHAN THOMPSON, WHO IS A PARTY PARTICIPANT OR AGENT OF A
4 PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING. ON ITEM 21, SUPERVISOR
5 HORVATH IS RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO
6 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308, BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A
7 CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$500 WITHIN THE
8 PAST 12 MONTHS FROM JIM MANGIA, WHO IS A PARTY PARTICIPANT OR
9 AGENT OF A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING. ON ITEMS 23
10 AND 30. SUPERVISOR HORVATH IS RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE
11 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308, BECAUSE SHE
12 RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$500
13 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM MICHAEL WEINSTEIN, WHO IS A
14 PARTY PARTICIPANT OR AGENT OF A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE
15 PROCEEDING. ON ITEMS 23 AND 28, SUPERVISOR BARGER IS RECUSING
16 HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
17 84308, BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF
18 MORE THAN \$500 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM ALICIA MARTINI
19 AND ALSINELLA, WHO ARE PARTIES, PARTICIPANTS, OR AGENTS OF A
20 PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING. ON ITEM 26. SUPERVISOR
21 BARGER IS RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO
22 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308, BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A
23 CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$500 WITHIN THE
24 PAST 12 MONTHS FROM ALSINELLA, WHO IS A PARTY PARTICIPANT OR
25 AGENT OF A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING. ON ITEM 33,



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1 THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
2 FEBRUARY 25, 2025, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON
3 ITEM 40, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
4 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 46, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS
5 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS
6 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON A SUPPLEMENTAL
7 AGENDA. ON ITEM 51B AND 51C, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT
8 THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 51D, SUPERVISOR HORVATH IS
9 RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
10 SECTION 84308, BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR
11 CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$500 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM
12 MICHAEL WEINSTEIN, WHO WAS A PARTY PARTICIPANT OR AGENT OF A
13 PARTY PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING. ON PAGE 47, SPECIAL
14 DISTRICT AGENDA, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. ITEMS ONE
16 D THROUGH THREE D THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES THROUGH ITEM
17 THREE D ARE BEFORE YOU. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
18 AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE WE HAVE THE CODE
21 OF CONDUCT AT THIS TIME, I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO
22 SUPERVISOR HAHN, WHO WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE LA MIRADA
23 YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT GROUP THAT'S IN THE AUDIENCE. SUPERVISOR
24 HAHN.



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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TODAY WE HAVE VERY
2 SPECIAL VISITORS FROM THE CITY OF LA MIRADA'S YOUTH IN
3 GOVERNMENT PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM PARTNERS STUDENTS FROM LA
4 MIRADA HIGH SCHOOL WITH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY STAFF TO
5 ENGAGE LOCAL YOUTH IN CITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND PROVIDES
6 THESE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT LOCAL GOVERNMENT
7 OPERATIONS, DEVELOP THEIR LEADERSHIP SKILLS, AND BECOME
8 INVOLVED MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITY. ALONG WITH THE 16
9 STUDENTS, WE HAVE THEIR MENTORS JORGE OROZCO, PAUL CASTILLO,
10 AND VICTORIA SANTANA FROM THE CITY OF LA MIRADA. THANK YOU FOR
11 BEING HERE TO WATCH YOUR LOCAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN ACTION,
12 AND I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR TOUR OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF
13 ADMINISTRATION WHILE IT STILL LASTS. WELCOME.

14
15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WELCOME. ALL RIGHT, SO NOW YOU'VE
16 READ THE YOU'VE CALLED THE AGENDA. I'M GOING TO MOVE AND
17 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. SO THAT
18 WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NOW PLEASE PLAY THE CODE
19 OF CONDUCT.

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21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER [AUDIO RECORDING]:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY
22 I PLEASE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION? THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF
24 CONDUCT WILL NOW BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH
25 IT TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING.



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1 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN
2 TODAY'S BOARD HEARING AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH
3 PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE
4 BOARD MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC
5 COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE
6 BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING
7 RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR
8 TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO
9 THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS
10 LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD.
11 PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A
12 DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF. PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL
13 OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING
14 PROFANE, PERSONAL, THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER
15 ABUSIVE STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD OR ANY MEMBER THEREOF,
16 STAFF OR ANY OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE
17 RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD
18 MEMBERS AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT
19 THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN
20 CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED
21 FROM THE BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS, CONDUCT
22 OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR
23 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,
24 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.
25 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE WE START, WE'VE
3 GOT THE PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. CITY COUNCIL HERE. MARQUEECE
4 HARRIS-DAWSON. THANK YOU FOR COMING AND SUPPORTING US,
5 SERGEANT GARCIA, THAT PROVIDED US WITH THE PLEDGE OF
6 ALLEGIANCE. I JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU. ALL RIGHT. TODAY
7 WE WILL BEGIN WITH PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD FOR
8 DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD. THEN ITEM 6, 8 AND 10, FOLLOWED BY
9 ITEMS 51B AND 51C AND FINISHING WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
10 BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ IN THE CALL IN
11 INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN
12 THE SPEAKING RULES.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, BEFORE WE BEGIN WITH THE
15 INSTRUCTIONS, JUST A POINT OF CLARIFICATION ON THE AGENDA ON
16 ITEMS 23 AND 28. THAT IS THE I MEANT TO SAY 23. I MISREAD IT
17 AND READ IT AS 22. SO JUST FOR A POINT OF CLARIFICATION ON
18 ITEMS 23 AND 28, SUPERVISOR IS RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE
19 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308.

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** AND NOW FOR THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF
24 THE PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON
25 THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL (877) 226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT



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



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM
3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL
4 ITEMS HELD FOR DISCUSSION BY SUPERVISORS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
5 PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE AND THEN ZERO. NOW
6 TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS, YOU MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM
7 NUMBER THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS IN ORDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE
8 THE ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME. EXECUTIVE OFFICER
9 PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO
10 SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS.

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON
13 SPEAKERS. MODERATOR. MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER,
14 PLEASE?

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16 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. YOUR LINE IS
17 OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
18 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER. I APPRECIATE ALL THE
21 GOOD WORK. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN'T HEAR MR. YEN AS HE
22 READS AT 100 MILES AN HOUR. ALL THOSE RECUSALS. SO, I'VE ASKED
23 HIM TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN COPY OF ALL THE RECUSALS. AND I'M
24 PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ALL OF THE HORVATH MICHAEL
25 WEINSTEIN RECUSALS BECAUSE THIS IS SUCH A, THERE'S \$19,000,000



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1 WORTH OF SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS, MANY OF WHICH ARE BEING
2 FLOATED OVER TO AIDS CARE. AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, WHICH
3 IS A TERRIFIC OPERATION. I HAD NO IDEA THAT THEY HAD 2,800.
4 EMPLOYEES, ONLY 1,000 OF WHICH ARE IN LOS ANGELES. AND YET WE
5 ARE FUNDING THE BEJESUS OUT OF THEM IN MANY, MANY WAYS. AND,
6 YOU KNOW, OF COURSE, THEY'RE DOING GOD'S WORK. SO THAT'S
7 ALWAYS VERY HELPFUL. AND ALSO, THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST WAIVER
8 THAT HARRIS-DAWSON JUST APPROVED FOR COVINGTON BURLING AT CITY
9 HALL. YOU SHOULD NOT BE CAVORTING WITH HIM WITH THESE
10 LITIGATIONS ABOUT LAWSUITS WHEN BOTH THE CITY AND THE COUNTY
11 HAVE BIG ISSUES REGARDING LAWSUITS AND, YOU KNOW --

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

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15 **SPEAKER:** OUTSIDE OF THE PUBLIC VIEW.

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17 **MODERATOR:** COLIN CAMPBELL, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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19 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. HI. MY NAME IS COLIN CAMPBELL. THIS IS FOR 51C
20 IS FOR THE FIRE SETUP FOR

21
22 **DAWYN HARRISON:** THAT MATTER IS BEING HELD FOR DISCUSSION. THAT
23 MATTER IS BEING HELD FOR DISCUSSION. YOU CAN MAKE YOUR COMMENT
24 ON THAT ITEM WHEN IT'S CALLED. THANK YOU.



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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DAWYN.

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

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5 **MODERATOR:** ROY HUMPHRIES. ROY HUMPHRIES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

6 YOU MAY BEGIN.

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8 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. I'M 51A, 33 AND 3D. 3D, YOUR TRANSLATION
9 SERVICES AND SO FORTH IS AN ENSLAVEMENT. LANGUAGE UNITES. YOU
10 SHOULD HAVE ENGLISH UP THERE AND GET THAT TAKEN CARE OF AND
11 QUIT SPENDING MONEY ON THIS TRANSLATION SERVICE BUSINESS. IT'S
12 A DISSERVICE TO THESE PEOPLE. AND YOU ENSLAVE THEM ON 33 THE
13 LIBRARY. WHAT ABOUT THE GUN SITUATION? AND THAT YOU NEED TO
14 GET OVER THAT. GUNS RULE THE WORLD AND YOU ASK THE BLOODS AND
15 THE CRIPS BEHIND THAT SITUATION. AND ON 51A, WE HAD A MOTION
16 TO HAVE THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH. AND YOU CAN ASK
17 MORGE FREEMAN WHO SAYS, HELL NO. AND WHEN 75% OF THE SINGLE
18 FAMILY A SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES ARE IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY.
19 WHAT, YOU WANT TO TOUT THAT WITH DENZEL WASHINGTON ON THAT AND
20 THE HIGHEST KILLING OF BLACK POLICE OFFICERS ARE BY BLACKS.
21 AND THEN YOU HAVE THE GEORGE FLOYD, A DRUG ADDICT. WHAT DO WE
22 HAVE A 40 TO ONE KILL RATIO ON THAT \$1,000,000,000 BLACK
23 BUSINESS BURNED OUT. AND THE BUSINESSES DO NOT RETURN. AND
24 UNTIL YOU HAVE A THOMAS SOWELL DAY, I SAY AGAIN, THOMAS
25 SOWELL, THE PREEMINENT BLACK SCHOLAR, NOT ONLY NO, BUT HELL NO



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1 ON THE BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH. AND YOU CAN
2 ASK THE FREEMAN ABOUT THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.
3 AND WE HAVE MORE LATER.

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5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MADAM CHAIR,

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7 **MODERATOR:** THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS IN THE QUEUE TO
8 ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME
11 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE
12 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

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14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. TWO
15 WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ABSTAINING FROM THE APPOINTMENT OF
16 SCOTT SVONKIN. 3 THROUGH 5, 7, NINE, 11 THROUGH 18, 19, WITH
17 SUPERVISOR BARGER AND MITCHELL RECUSING THEMSELVES FROM THE
18 VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308. 20, 21 WITH
19 SUPERVISOR HORVATH RECUSING HIMSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO
20 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION EIGHT 84308. 22 WITH SUPERVISOR
21 HORVATH RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT
22 CODE SECTION 484308, DUE TO A CONTRIBUTION BY MICHAEL
23 WEINSTEIN. 23 WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE
24 VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308. 24, 25, 26
25 WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT



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1 TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308. 27, 28 WITH SUPERVISOR
2 BARGER RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT
3 CODE SECTION 84308. 29, 30 WITH SUPERVISOR HORVATH RECUSING
4 HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
5 84308. 31 AND 32, 34 THROUGH 50, 51A, 51D, WITH SUPERVISOR
6 HORVATH RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT
7 CODE SECTION 84308. 1D THROUGH 3D, THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
10 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH
11 THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. EXECUTIVE
12 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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

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

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

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22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR
23 HORVATH?

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AYE.



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

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

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

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

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

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13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO
14 ITEM NUMBER 6, MOVING FORWARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO
15 REIMAGINE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S APPROACH TO HUMAN
16 TRAFFICKING, WHICH I HELD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE
17 TELEPHONE. PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS
18 ITEM. SO, I'M GOING TO BEGIN. THE COUNTY HAS BEEN INVOLVED
19 WITH ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING WORK FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW. WE'VE
20 BEEN DEDICATED TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR IDENTIFYING COMMERCIAL
21 SEXUAL EXPLOITATION FOR CHILDREN, AND WE ESTABLISHED THE STAR
22 COURT AND DREAM COURT TO PROVIDE COLLABORATIVE INTERVENTIONS
23 FOR YOUTH TRAFFICKING VICTIMS. ADDITIONALLY, OUR PROBATION
24 STAFF ESTABLISHED A DEDICATED UNIT TO COLLABORATE WITH AND
25 TRAIN OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AROUND THE COUNTY IN



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1 CONJUNCTION WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT
2 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. MORE WORK CAN ALWAYS BE DONE,
3 BUT THE COUNTY HAS BEEN A LEADER IN OUR WORK TO ADVOCATE FOR
4 VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING. IN THE RECENT REPORT ENTITLED
5 REIMAGINING LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S APPROACH TO HUMAN
6 TRAFFICKING, DATED MARCH 24TH OR MARCH OF 2024, IT REITERATES
7 OUR COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING
8 AND PROPOSES SOME ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS FOR THOSE WHO ARE THE
9 VICTIMS. YET IN THE MOTION LANGUAGE, I WAS NOT CLEAR WHO WE
10 ARE LOOKING TO PROVIDE THIS SUPPORT AND THAT'S WHY I HELD IT.
11 I JUST WANT TO GET A CLARIFICATION BECAUSE I WANT TO
12 UNDERSTAND WHO ARE WE PROVIDING THE SUPPORT TO? PREVENTION
13 EFFORTS AND INTERVENTION EFFORTS. AS WE CONTINUE TO SHIFT FROM
14 A PUNITIVE PUBLIC SAFETY MODEL TO A PUBLIC HEALTH ROLE MODEL?
15 IT WAS UNCLEAR TO ME IF WE ARE INTERESTED IN NO LONGER
16 PROSECUTING THOSE WHO ARE THE TRAFFICKERS WHO HAVE THREATENED
17 AND INJURED OTHERS, AND I JUST WANTED TO GET A CLARIFICATION
18 IN TERMS OF WHAT THE THOUGHTS ARE IN TERMS OF WHO SHOULD BE
19 PROSECUTED WITHIN THE FULL LIMITS OF THE LAW. AND THAT'S WHY I
20 HAD SOME QUESTIONS. AND I KNOW YOU'RE HERE, DR. FERRER. SO, IF
21 YOU COULD JUST OUTLINE THE THOUGHTS, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THIS
22 WAS A REPORT THAT THAT YOU'VE INVESTED A LOT OF TIME IN, IN
23 TERMS OF, IS IT THE INTENTION OF THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT
24 FOR THE TRAFFICKERS THEMSELVES? AND HOW WOULD THAT HOW WOULD
25 THAT SUPPORT BE ROLLED OUT? AND THEN WHAT REALLY DOES THAT SAY



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SUPERVISORS

1 ABOUT THE VICTIMS? AND THAT'S REALLY WHERE I HAVE MY CONCERN.

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3 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR
4 BARGER. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND ACKNOWLEDGE
5 HOW IMPORTANT THIS WORK IS AND APPRECIATE WE'VE HAD SO MUCH
6 SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD. I, YOU KNOW, I WHEN I THINK OF A
7 PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH, I, I THINK IT'S COMPLEMENTARY TO LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT. SO, I JUST WANT TO BE REALLY CLEAR FROM OUR
9 PERSPECTIVE. LAW AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF
10 ANY STRATEGY TO DEAL WITH TRAFFICKING, WITH HUMAN TRAFFICKING.
11 AND WE SEE NOTHING IN THIS MOTION THAT THAT ACTUALLY CHANGES
12 THAT. THIS MOTION IS REALLY MEANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT A PUBLIC
13 HEALTH APPROACH ALLOWS US TO BE MULTIDISCIPLINARY. IT BRINGS
14 IN A COLLABORATION WHERE EVIDENCE BASED. WE TALK A LOT ABOUT
15 TRAUMA, BUT WE'RE VERY FOCUSED ON SURVIVORS. I ALSO WANT TO
16 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, YOU KNOW, IF YOU THINK ABOUT PRIMARY
17 PREVENTION, THE ROLE WE WOULD PLAY WITH PERPETRATORS IS WE
18 WOULD TRY TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM EVER BECOMING PERPETRATORS.
19 AND, YOU KNOW, THAT'S GROUNDED IN A WHOLE SET OF WORK THAT
20 THIS BOARD HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED AROUND MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE
21 MEETING PEOPLE'S NEEDS WHEN THEY'RE YOUNG, THAT WE HAVE A LOT
22 OF FAMILY SUPPORTS THAT WE'RE REALLY PAYING ATTENTION TO
23 ECONOMIC NEEDS SO THAT PEOPLE DON'T END UP BEING HUMAN
24 TRAFFICKERS. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, SADLY, SOME
25 SURVIVORS GET CAUGHT UP AND THEY'RE ALMOST FORCED INTO PLAYING



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1 ROLES IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING THAT REALLY ARE UNTENABLE. BUT OUR
2 FOCUS REALLY IS ON MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING
3 VICTIMS/SURVIVORS. AND I THINK THE INTENT OF THIS COORDINATING
4 BODY IS TO DO JUST THAT AND TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH LAW
5 ENFORCEMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE
6 PERPETUATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING ARE, IN FACT, REALLY SUBJECT TO
7 ALL OF THE LAWS THAT THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE TO MAKE SURE THAT
8 THEY, IN FACT, ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CONTINUE WITH THIS
9 INCREDIBLY DEVASTATING, DAMAGING, AND ILLEGAL SET OF
10 ACTIVITIES. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT ANSWERS --

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12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO
13 HEAR, BECAUSE, I MEAN, MY CONCERN WAS WE'VE COME A LONG WAY
14 BECAUSE THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THE YOUNG WOMEN OR YOUNG MEN
15 WERE TREATED AS THE CRIMINAL, AND WE MOVED AWAY FROM THAT,
16 RECOGNIZING THAT THEY ARE THE VICTIMS. BUT THERE STILL ARE
17 TRAFFICKERS OUT THERE THAT ARE NEED TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.
18 SO, I GUESS MY ASK OF YOU WOULD BE, ARE YOU GOING TO COLLECT
19 DATA IN TERMS OF THE PROFILES OF THOSE, SO THAT WE BETTER
20 UNDERSTAND WHO THESE TRAFFICKERS ARE AND MAYBE WAYS TO, OR NOT
21 EVEN MAYBE, BUT WAYS TO CREATE PREVENTION PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS
22 THOSE THAT END UP IN THAT SITUATION.

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24 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, I THINK THAT'S A GREAT SUGGESTION. I
25 MEAN, I KNOW THIS MOTION CALLS FOR US TO COME BACK TO YOU WITH



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1 A PROPOSAL, AND I WOULD LOVE TO INCLUDE THAT IN THE PROPOSAL.
2 I THINK THAT'S AN EXCELLENT IDEA AND WOULD TOTALLY SUPPORT
3 THAT. YOU KNOW, I THINK THERE ARE SOME STUDIES WE CAN LOOK AT
4 AS WELL AND BRING THAT INFORMATION BACK IN THE REPORT BACK.

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6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH. BECAUSE I DO UNDERSTAND TO
7 YOUR POINT THAT THERE ARE VICTIMS THAT BECOME TRAFFICKERS
8 BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO CHOICE. AND I THINK TO WHEN WE HAD
9 EMERGENCY SHELTERS FOR OUR FOSTER YOUTH AND YOUNG WOMEN WERE
10 SENT IN THERE TO RECRUIT.

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12 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH.

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14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THEY HAD NO CHOICE IN THAT
15 SITUATION. I, I WOULD YOU KNOW, I KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT
16 IT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF

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18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, AND THEY'RE VICTIMIZED TWICE. YOU
19 KNOW, THEY BECAME VICTIMS WHEN THEY WERE TRAFFICKED, AND NOW
20 THEY'RE VICTIMIZED AGAIN BECAUSE THEY'RE FORCED INTO DOING
21 SOMETHING THAT THEY WOULD OTHERWISE NEVER HAVE DONE.

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23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER.
24 SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I
2 KNOW THAT YOU AUTHORED THE MOTION, AND I'M GRATEFUL TO BE
3 INCLUDED AS CO-AUTHOR. I KNOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON
4 HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR MANY YEARS, AND THIS IS NOW
5 CONSERVATIVELY ESTIMATED TO BE A \$150,000,000,000 GLOBAL
6 INDUSTRY. IT'S ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING CRIMINAL ENTERPRISES
7 OF THE 21ST CENTURY, SECOND ONLY TO DRUGS IN TERMS OF
8 ORGANIZED CRIME. AND UNFORTUNATELY, THIS ISN'T NEW. IT WAS IN
9 1995, THE LANDMARK EL MONTE SWEATSHOP CASE, WHERE 72 THAI
10 WOMEN WERE FOUND WORKING IN SLAVE LIKE CONDITIONS HELD AGAINST
11 THEIR WILL THAT SPAWNED THE MODERN ANTI-
12 TRAFFICKING MOVEMENT. LAW ENFORCEMENT PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE
13 IN TAKING DOWN THE TRAFFICKERS AND SECURING JUSTICE FOR WOMEN.
14 HOWEVER, 30 YEARS LATER, THIS LAW ENFORCEMENT APPROACH HAS NOT
15 LED TO A DECREASE IN TRAFFICKING, NOR HAS IT DETERRED
16 TRAFFICKERS BY ITSELF. DOING THE SAME THING TIME AND AGAIN AND
17 EXPECTING DIFFERENT RESULTS IS THE DEFINITION OF INSANITY.
18 EXPERTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, IN ALL SECTORS ACADEMIA,
19 GOVERNMENT, PRIVATE, PROFIT, ALL AGREE THAT A PUBLIC HEALTH
20 FRAMEWORK IS THE ONLY WAY TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING. AND I
21 WANT TO THANK OUR ENTIRE TEAM, WHO IS PARTICIPATING. I KNOW
22 DCBA IS ALSO PLAYING A ROLE IN ADDITION TO OUR DEPARTMENT OF
23 PUBLIC HEALTH AND DR. FERRER, IF YOU COULD CONFIRM THIS ISN'T
24 A NEW COORDINATING BODY, WE'RE JUST RECONFIGURING THE TASK
25 FORCE THAT ALREADY EXISTS. IS THAT CORRECT?



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2 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I THINK WE WOULD NEED CLARITY FROM THE
3 BOARD ON WHAT YOU WERE ACTUALLY ASKING IN THIS MOTION. WE DO
4 HAVE A TASK FORCE. I THINK THIS WOULD BE PART OF THE TASK
5 FORCE. WE ARE BRINGING IN SOME DIFFERENT PARTNERS WITH THIS
6 MOTION, WHICH I THINK IS AN EXCELLENT SUGGESTION, BUT WE WOULD
7 LOOK TOWARDS THE BOARD FOR CLARITY ON THE STRUCTURE HERE. WE
8 DO SEE IT AS A TASK FORCE ACTIVITY, AND WE JUST ASK AS YOU AS
9 YOU DIRECT US, SHOULD YOU PASS THIS MOTION THAT YOU LET US
10 KNOW IF THAT INTERPRETATION IS CORRECT. AND I WANT TO THANK
11 YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR ALL YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS.
12 YOU'VE BEEN A TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR THIS. SO

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU. YES, IT'S MY INTENTION. I
15 BELIEVE SUPERVISOR SOLIS AS WELL THAT WE'RE USING OUR EXISTING
16 TASK FORCE, RECONFIGURING ITS EFFORTS. AND SO, IF THAT WAS IN
17 QUESTION FOR YOU, I HOPE THIS CLARIFIES IT. NOW.

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19 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES.

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21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** YOU KNOW, THIS IS, THERE'S ALSO A NEWLY
22 FORMED CHILD TRAFFICKING LEADERSHIP TEAM THAT'S BEGUN ITS
23 WORK. AND SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT
24 DUPLICATING EFFORTS, THAT WE'RE COORDINATING OUR EFFORTS, AND
25 WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER USING THIS PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMED MODEL



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1 TO TRULY ADDRESS AND COMBAT WHAT WE ARE SEEING OUT IN OUR
2 COMMUNITIES.

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4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES, I SAY YES TO ALL.

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6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.
9 OH. I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SORRY.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YEAH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR HOLDING
16 THE ITEM. BECAUSE I DO THINK THAT DR. FERRER DID LAY ANY
17 CONCERNS OR ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING WHERE WE'RE GOING WITH THE
18 MOTION. MY INTENT WITH THIS IS REALLY TO CREATE A MORE
19 HOLISTIC APPROACH IN HOW WE DEAL WITH TRAFFICKING. AND IT'S
20 COME TO MY ATTENTION BECAUSE IN MY DISTRICT IN MONTEREY PARK
21 AND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WE'VE SEEN AN UPTICK AND IT'S BEEN
22 GOING ON FOR MANY YEARS WITH WOMEN INTERNATIONAL GROUPS THAT
23 ARE BRINGING WOMEN IN THAT COME IN AND ARE TOLD TO GO TO A
24 CERTAIN PART OF THE CITY, AND THEY ARE BROUGHT IN THERE AND
25 THEY ARE TOLD TO SPEAK TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS, AND THEY HAVE



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1 NO IDEA THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE USED AS TRAFFICKING OR FOR
2 ILLICIT BEHAVIOR. AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH DEPARTMENT OF
3 LABOR, ALSO WAGE THEFT AND A BUNCH OF OTHER COLLABORATIVE
4 FOLKS FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS TO REALLY SEE HOW WE CAN GIVE
5 INFORMATION TO OUR COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS TO THE DIFFERENT
6 STOREFRONTS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN MONTEREY PARK, BECAUSE THEY'RE
7 FULLY AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON. BUT IT'S REALLY ABOUT TRYING
8 TO DETER THIS WHOLE ENVIRONMENT AND REALLY GETTING THEM TO
9 UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT A LAWFUL IT'S NOT ACCEPTABLE. BUT
10 WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE YOUNG WOMEN THAT ARE BEING
11 TRAFFICKED ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE RIGHTS BECAUSE THEY
12 BECAUSE THEY COME FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, BY AND LARGE, AT LEAST
13 IN THIS ONE. ONE DEPICTION THAT I'M TRYING TO DESCRIBE. BUT IT
14 HAPPENS WITH YOUNG WOMEN, EVEN IN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES. IN
15 POMONA SEVERAL YEARS BACK, WE HAD A BIG CONFERENCE ON
16 TRAFFICKING, AND WE HAD THE STAR PROGRAM, OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT
17 OFFICERS AND PROBATION AND DCFS. AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO
18 CONTINUE TO CREATE THOSE RELATIONSHIPS AS WELL AS OUR
19 PROVIDERS, OUR GROUP HOMES AND PEOPLE THAT TAKE IN OUR FOSTER
20 YOUTH BECAUSE IT STILL GOES ON. THERE ARE THERE ARE THINGS
21 THAT DO HAPPEN. I'M REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS BECAUSE IT IS
22 GOING TO LOOK AT COLLECTING DATA. THAT'S REALLY THE PREMISE
23 HERE, I BELIEVE. SO, YES, WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT EXPANDING
24 THAT. AND SOME OF THE DATA THAT MY STAFF HAS GIVEN ME IS THAT
25 THERE'S A POINT HERE THAT'S REALLY COMPELLING. A NATIONAL



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1 SURVEY STUDY BY POLARIS FOUND THAT 62% OF SURVIVORS WHO
2 RESPONDED TO THIS STUDY HAVE BEEN CITED, ARRESTED OR DETAINED
3 BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AT LEAST ONCE. SO, THERE IS A NEED TO TRY
4 TO CHANGE THAT DYNAMIC. AND 80% OF THESE SURVIVORS SAID THAT
5 THE ARREST CAME WHILE BEING TRAFFICKED. AND SO, I THINK
6 THERE'S A LOT OF MISNOMER INFORMATION OUT THERE. AND WE HAVE
7 TO DO MORE TO INTERVENE IN A HOLISTIC APPROACH, AS YOU SAY,
8 DR. FERRER, AND INCORPORATE PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACHES, WHICH
9 CENTERS ON THE VOICES OF THOSE SURVIVORS AND HOPEFULLY PROVIDE
10 A COMMUNITY DRIVEN RESPONSE THAT HELP THAT WILL HELP PREVENT
11 THE TRAFFICKING. SO, I'M HOPEFUL THAT THIS MOTION WILL ALSO,
12 AS YOU KNOW, CALL FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY. AND IT WILL BE
13 DEVELOPING SYSTEMATIC DATA COLLECTION SHARING PROTOCOLS
14 BETWEEN THE COUNTY COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS. AND YES, IT
15 WILL INCLUDE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
16 PROBATION, DCF, DCFS, AND OTHER CBOS IN A COMPREHENSIVE
17 APPROACH. SO, I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD SUPPORT THIS ITEM. I
18 HOPE IT'S LAID TO REST. ANY FEARS OR QUESTIONS THAT PEOPLE
19 HAVE HAD AND THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD BECAUSE THIS IS A
20 TREMENDOUS, UM, UNFORTUNATELY, STAIN ON OUR SOCIETY THAT
21 CONTINUES TO GO ON. AND IT HAPPENS, UNFORTUNATELY, WITH THE
22 MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR POPULATION. AND RIGHT NOW, THERE IS SO
23 MUCH FEAR GOING ON WITH RESPECT TO WHERE OUR GOVERNMENT IS.
24 AND MY CONCERN MORE IS JUST THAT WE PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR
25 PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY BEING ILLEGALLY, UM, FORCED TO DO



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1 THINGS THAT THAT WE KNOW ARE NOT ARE NOT GOOD. SO, I WOULD
2 HOPE THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WILL SUPPORT THIS ITEM. AND I
3 THANK YOU, DR. FERRER, FOR WORKING WITH MY OFFICE ON THIS.

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5 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I APPRECIATE ALL YOUR LEADERSHIP. THANK
6 YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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12 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU TO MY TWO COLLEAGUES WHO
13 BROUGHT THE MOTION FORWARD. AND I'M SORRY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
14 HARRIS-DAWSON MISSED THIS CONVERSATION. IT'S SOMETHING THAT HE
15 HAS BEEN PAYING VERY CLOSE ATTENTION TO SINCE THE FIGUEROA
16 CORRIDOR IS IN HIS DISTRICT AND IS A PLACE WHERE YOUNG WOMEN
17 AND GIRLS AND YOUNG MEN ARE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF AT EXTREME
18 LEVELS. AS I LISTEN TO THE CONVERSATION, A COUPLE OF THINGS
19 CAME TO MIND. FIRST OF ALL, WHEN WE SAY TRAFFICKING, THAT'S A
20 BIG BUCKET. CHILD TRAFFICKING, SEX AND LABOR. YOU KNOW, WE
21 TALK ABOUT THOSE IN OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, THOSE WHO ARE
22 VULNERABLE. AND SO IS THE FOCUS TRAFFICKING, SEX TRAFFICKING,
23 CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING, AND LABOR TRAFFICKING.

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25 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES, IT IS A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT



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1 TRAFFICKING.

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3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT.

4 WHAT STRIKES ME AS I LISTEN TO THIS CONVERSATION IS HOW FAR

5 WE'VE COME, AND YET WE HAVEN'T. I WAS TRYING TO REMEMBER THE

6 YEAR, I CAN'T. I WAS ON THE STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF

7 WOMEN AND GIRLS WITH SHEILA KUEHL. IT WAS BEFORE I WAS

8 ELECTED, SO IT WAS EARLY '90S. SHEILA WAS PROBABLY IN THE

9 LEGISLATURE WHEN WE HAD A HEARING AT UCLA. AND WHAT WE HEARD

10 FROM WHO WE REFER TO TODAY AS VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS. BACK

11 THEN, THEY WERE PROSTITUTES AND HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE

12 CIRCUMSTANCES THEY FOUND THEMSELVES IN. AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

13 INSISTED ON REFERRING TO THEM AND CHARGING THEM FOR

14 PROSTITUTION. IT'S BEEN CONSISTENT UP THROUGH I THINK IT WAS

15 2016. I INTRODUCED 1322 IN THE LEGISLATURE THAT DECRIMINALIZED

16 IT FOR MINORS, BECAUSE YOU CAN'T IF YOU CAN'T CONSENT TO SEX

17 UNDER 18, THEN YOU CAN'T BE CHARGED AS A PROSTITUTE. YOU ARE A

18 VICTIM. AND THE VICTIM SURVIVORS HAVE SAID THE SAME THING. WE

19 NEED JOB TRAINING, HOUSING AND HEALTH CARE. AND SO, I THOUGHT

20 ABOUT THAT AS MADAM CHAIR TALKED ABOUT. WE CAN'T HOLD THEM

21 ACCOUNTABLE IF THEY ARE PULLED BACK INTO THE LIFE? YES,

22 BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T GIVEN THEM ALTERNATIVES TO SURVIVE JOB

23 TRAINING, HOUSING AND HEALTH CARE. AND SO THOSE ARE THE

24 MESSAGES WE CONSISTENTLY HEARD IN THE EARLY '90S, AND THAT WE

25 HEAR FROM VICTIMS AS WE AS WE TALK TO THEM TODAY AS THIS WORK



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SUPERVISORS

1 CONTINUES. I AM GLAD THAT IT IS HOUSED IN PUBLIC HEALTH,
2 PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THERE IS A MOVE AFOOT HAS BEEN FOR THE
3 LAST COUPLE OF YEARS AT THE STATE LEVEL, TO REVERSE THIS
4 NOTION OF YOUNG WOMEN BEING CHARGED AS PROSTITUTES. LAW
5 ENFORCEMENT SOME DA'S ARGUE THAT THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE
6 THEM, TO ARREST THEM AND CHARGE THEM. SO, I AM APPRECIATIVE OF
7 THIS MOVE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, WHERE WE WOULD CONTINUE TO HOUSE
8 IT IN A PUBLIC HEALTH MODEL AND DEPARTMENT, AND THAT YOU ARE
9 THE LEADER IN BRINGING ALL OF THOSE OTHER ENTITIES TOGETHER,
10 BECAUSE IT SENDS A SIGNAL ON WHERE THE PERSPECTIVE AND THE
11 ANGLE WITH WHICH WE ARE APPROACHING, THIS SYSTEMIC LONG
12 STANDING PROBLEM. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING THE MOTION
13 FORWARD.

14
15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

16
17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS TO THE
18 TWO CO-AUTHORS OF THIS MOTION. AND AS I UNDERSTAND THIS, IT'S
19 A REPORT BACK, RIGHT. IT'S 120 DAY REPORT BACK ON THESE
20 RECOMMENDATIONS TO KIND OF REIMAGINE OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S
21 APPROACH TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING. AND YEAH, WE, YOU KNOW, THE
22 HUMAN TRAFFICKING WORLD AND ADVOCATES, THEY'VE REALLY BEEN
23 TRYING TO SOLVE THIS FOR A VERY LONG TIME. YOU KNOW, ONE OF
24 THE FIRST, GOSH, I FEEL LIKE IT WAS 2016, RIGHT AFTER I WAS
25 ELECTED TO THIS BOARD. I AUTHORED A MOTION BECAUSE IT HAD COME



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SUPERVISORS

1 TO MY ATTENTION THAT SOME MASSAGE PARLORS WERE A HOTBED OF
2 HUMAN LABOR TRAFFICKING, PARTICULARLY ON BE. BE AWARE OF THE
3 ONES THAT ARE DOING THE \$5 FOOT MASSAGES. OR WHEN YOU GO INTO
4 THOSE PLACES, YOU REALIZE YOU CAN JUST SORT OF TELL BY THE
5 FACES AND THE SECRECY THAT THAT IS PROBABLY WHAT'S HAPPENING.
6 SO, I BELIEVE WE AUTHORED A MOTION TO INCREASE OUR INSPECTIONS
7 THROUGH OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF SOME OF THOSE. AND I'M HOPING
8 THAT IN THIS REPORT BACK, MAYBE YOU COULD CIRCLE BACK AND KIND
9 OF FIND OUT WHERE THAT IS. AND WAS THAT THE RIGHT APPROACH? OR
10 MAYBE IT WASN'T AND HOW WE COULD DO BETTER. I ALSO WOULD HOPE,
11 DR. FERRER, MAYBE IN THE REPORT BACK, YOU COULD SPEAK TO THE
12 CURRENT CLIMATE OF OUR ICE RAIDS, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES
13 TO SAFEGUARDING THIS DATA. RIGHT. IF WE'RE ABOUT GATHERING
14 DATA ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING, WE KNOW THAT SOME THAT SOME OF THIS
15 DATA WILL PROBABLY REVEAL SOME OUR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT
16 COMMUNITY. AND HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SORT OF SAFEGUARD THAT
17 WHILE USING THAT TO, AGAIN, REIMAGINE OUR APPROACH TO THIS?
18 AND I THINK THAT WOULD BE INTERESTING. I WAS ALSO THINKING,
19 MAYBE IN THE REPORT BACK, YOU COULD, TELL US HOW YOU WILL BE
20 FOCUSING ON THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY. THAT IS CERTAINLY A
21 COMMUNITY THAT IS DEFINITELY A PART OF THIS SEX TRAFFICKING
22 INDUSTRY EVERYWHERE. BUT WE KNOW IT'S TRUE HERE IN L.A.
23 COUNTY. AND THEN I THINK, AS SUPERVISOR HORVATH TOUCHED ON, I
24 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE THIS REPORT BACK HOW YOU'RE GOING TO BE
25 WORKING WITH THE CHILD TRAFFICKING LEADERSHIP TEAM, HOW WE'RE



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SUPERVISORS

1 NOT GOING TO DUPLICATE, BUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO WORK TOGETHER.
2 I THINK THAT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO MAYBE HIGHLIGHT THAT IN
3 YOUR REPORT BACK. SO, THANK YOU, I'M GLAD YOU'RE AGAIN. I
4 AGREE THAT I'M GLAD IT'S MOVING TO PUBLIC HEALTH. AND I JUST I
5 THINK IN THE REPORT BACK, I'M GOING TO BE INTERESTED IN SEEING
6 HOW WE'RE GOING TO NAVIGATE SOME OF THESE VERY CHALLENGING
7 ASPECTS OF SEX AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING HERE IN L.A. COUNTY.
8 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** DID YOU WANT.

13

14 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OH, NO. I WAS JUST GOING TO THANK YOU FOR
15 RAISING THE ISSUE AROUND IMMIGRANTS AND PEOPLE WHO ARE
16 UNDOCUMENTED. YOU KNOW, IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AND BEING
17 SUPER CAREFUL WITH ANY DATA COLLECTION THAT WE'RE DOING, THAT
18 WE'RE NOT CREATING ADDITIONAL RISKS FOR ANYBODY. I THINK
19 THAT'S SOMETHING ACROSS THE BOARD. FOR THOSE OF US THAT DO
20 PUBLIC HEALTH THAT ARE IN HEALTH CARE, WE'RE PAYING A LOT OF
21 ATTENTION TO, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF DATA IS CONFIDENTIAL. BUT
22 THERE'S A BUT AT THE MOMENT AND WE NEED TO RESOLVE THIS SO
23 PEOPLE DON'T EITHER NOT COME IN AND GET SERVICES AND SUPPORT
24 BECAUSE THEY'RE SO FEARFUL OF AN INFORMATION BREACH OR THAT
25 WE'RE COLLECTING INFORMATION WE REALLY DON'T NEED TO COLLECT.



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SUPERVISORS

1 AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ALL HAVE TO START KEEPING
2 IN MIND ABOUT, YOU KNOW WHAT? WHAT IS IT REALLY ESSENTIAL FOR
3 US TO HAVE?

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER
6 SUPERVISORS REQUESTING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE
7 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE
8 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

9

10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL PALOMA BUSTOS, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
11 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON
12 THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 6. IF YOU
13 HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO BE
14 PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST
15 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

16

17 **MODERATOR:** ERIC PREVIN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR ADDRESSING
20 THE HUMAN DIMENSION HERE. AND OBVIOUSLY THANKS TO DR. FERRER
21 FOR COMING DOWN. ALWAYS WORKING HARD TO KEEP US SAFE AND
22 INFORMED AND ALSO THOROUGHLY INSPECTED. BUT I DON'T THINK THAT
23 WE SHOULD DO, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO SHINE LIGHT ON THE WAY
24 MEN AND WOMEN ARE TREATED IN THIS TRAFFICKING RACKET. BUT I
25 THINK WE SHOULD NOT GO INTO A REGRESSIVE SEARCHING THROUGH ALL



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE MESSAGE PARLORS IN TOWN. THAT FEELS LIKE BACKWARDS
2 THINKING AND DOESN'T WORK. AND FOR IN TERMS OF DATA, WHICH I
3 KNOW EVERYBODY LOVES, THESE BIG MEGA EVENTS CAUSE A GREAT DEAL
4 OF EXPLOITATION BECAUSE PEOPLE COME TO TOWN FROM ALL OVER THE
5 WORLD, AND THEY'RE LOOKING TO CANDIDLY HOE DOWN A LITTLE BIT
6 AND HAVE A BIG PARTY WITH ALL SORTS OF PARTY THINGS THAT ARE
7 AVAILABLE FOR TRAFFICKING. SO, I THINK WE NEED TO REJIGGER
8 THIS EFFORT AND TRY TO, YOU KNOW, FIND A WAY TO HELP THE
9 HUMANS THROUGH THE DRAMA AS OPPOSED TO WIDENING THE NET. YOU
10 KNOW, IT'S LIKE, FIRST OF ALL--

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

13
14 **SPEAKER:** THE COUNTY INSPECTORS--

15
16 **MODERATOR:** ROY HUMPHREYS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17
18 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, FOLKS. BOARD MEMBERS, YOU CONTINUE TO BE
19 COMPLICITOUS IN THIS SUBJECT MATTER AS A PATHETICALLY CRUEL
20 JOKE. THE SUBJECT IS A MIXED BAG, AND YOU HAVE BEEN
21 COMPLICITOUS AS YOUR SANCTUARY STATUS. OPEN BORDERS. AS LONG
22 AS YOU CRIMINALIZE THE SEX TRADE, YOU FEED THE SYSTEM. I HAVE
23 BROUGHT THESE MATTERS TO YOUR ATTENTION ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS
24 IN THE PAST AND PREVIOUSLY, AND IT'S ACTUALLY CLOSER TO A
25 \$2,000,000,000 BUSINESS MODEL THERE. AND THE BOTTOM LINE IS



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SUPERVISORS

1 SHOW ME THE MONEY. AND AS THEY SAY IN OLD ENGLAND, YOU HAVEN'T
2 GOT A POT OR A WINDOW. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

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

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PALOMA BUSTOS AND I'M
12 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE SUNITA JAIN ANTI-TRAFFICKING
13 INITIATIVE. WE SUPPORT THE PROPOSED FEASIBILITY STUDY TO
14 CREATE A DATA COLLECTION, DATA COLLECTION, TO CREATE A COUNTY
15 WIDE HUMAN TRAFFICKING COORDINATING BODY, AND A DATA SYSTEM
16 AND A SYSTEM FOR DATA COLLECTION AND SHARING PROCESS AMONG
17 COUNTY AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. WE ALSO SUPPORT
18 THE MOTIONS FOCUSED ON PROTECTIVE FACTORS AND WORKERS RIGHTS,
19 BECAUSE BOTH ARE ESSENTIAL IN PREVENTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING.
20 THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW IN THE WAKE OF THE L.A.
21 FIRES, WHEN SO MANY PEOPLE ARE FACING DISPLACEMENT AND
22 FINANCIAL INSTABILITY, WHICH ARE FACTORS THAT CREATE THAT
23 CREATE AN INCREASE IN AND RISK OF EXPLOITATION. WITH ALL THIS
24 IN MIND, ONE OF THE MOST URGENT STEPS THE COUNTY CAN TAKE IS
25 INVESTING IN A PREVALENCE. STUDY HAS BEEN OVER 20 YEARS SINCE



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE ISSUE WAS RAISED, YET NO CONCRETE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN.
2 RIGHT NOW, THE COUNTY'S RESPONSE RELIES TOO MUCH ON THE
3 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND APPROACH THAT HAS OFTEN FAILED TO
4 ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF TRAFFICKING, AND TOO OFTEN HAS
5 PUNISHED OR RETRAUMATIZED SURVIVORS INSTEAD OF HELPING THEM
6 REBUILD THEIR LIVES. FOR THESE REASONS --

7

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

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER
11 SPEAKERS. I'M SORRY. I APOLOGIZE. GO AHEAD.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. I JUST WANTED TO COME BACK
14 AND AGAIN ADVOCATE FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYEES, PART TIME
15 EMPLOYEES THAT STILL FEEL THAT THE RECREATION CENTERS COUNTY -
16 -

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THIS IS ON ITEM NUMBER 6. THIS
19 IS ON ITEM NUMBER 6.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** BECAUSE THERE IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING, SEX TRAFFICKING
22 THAT'S STILL BEING CONDUCTED AT YOUR LOCAL RECREATION CENTERS.
23 AND APPARENTLY SOMEONE LIKE MYSELF CANNOT GO BACK TO WORK OR
24 UNLESS I'M BEING DISCRIMINATED BECAUSE I'M A BIOLOGICAL LATINA
25 FEMALE. THERE'S STILL STUFF LIKE THAT GOING ON, AND I DON'T



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SUPERVISORS

1 KNOW WHY I CAN'T GET MY BACK PAY. THERE'S WAGE STUFF STILL
2 GOING ON. AND THIS --

3

4 **DAWYN HARRISON:** MA'AM, YOU NEED TO FOCUS YOUR POINT. YOU NEED
5 TO FOCUS YOUR COMMENTS ON THE ITEM AT HAND.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, IT'S HUMAN TRAFFICKING THAT'S STILL GOING ON AT
8 YOUR LOCAL RECREATION CENTERS.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM NUMBER SIX IS
11 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
12 HORVATH 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.

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

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

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR. MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR
24 HORVATH?

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

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

4

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

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

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

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11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5 TO
12 0.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO
15 ITEM NUMBER 8. WHICH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL HAS RELEASED HER HOLD
16 FOR DISCUSSION. WE WILL HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
17 WISHING TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE OR THIS ITEM, THEN TAKE A VOTE.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL CHELSEA KIRK, FEDOR SIMONOV, JESUS
20 ROJAS, AND MATT BUCK PLEASE COME FORWARD? AND STAFF WILL
21 ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
22 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 8. IF YOU HAVE
23 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO BE
24 PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST
25 REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?



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2 **MODERATOR:** JEFF TORRES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I AM
5 IN FULL SUPPORT OF AB246. I HOPE IT DOESN'T INTERFERE WITH 51B
6 THAT WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT LATER ON. BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT
7 AFTER A CRISIS AND AFTER A STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS BEEN
8 DECLARED, PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABSOLUTELY TAKEN TO TASK,
9 SPECIFICALLY CORRUPT LANDLORDS THAT ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF
10 THE WORST TRAGEDY THAT'S HAPPENED IN L.A. HISTORY AS FAR AS
11 NATIONAL NATURAL DISASTERS IS CONCERNED. CONCERNS AND I
12 ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT IT. WE SHOULD PUT A STOP ON RAISING RENTS
13 ON. GO HARDER AGAINST PRICE GOUGING AND ALSO PREVENT EVICTIONS
14 FOR A YEAR. I MEAN, WE HAVE A HOUSING CRISIS THAT'S INSANE
15 RIGHT NOW, AND IT'S ONLY GOING TO EXACERBATE FURTHER IF WE
16 ALLOW THESE PEOPLE TO JUST EVICT PEOPLE AND RAISE RENTS. NO
17 ONE'S GOING TO BE ABLE TO LIVE IN THE CITY.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** ERIC PREVIN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THIS IS AB246. WELL, ISAAC BRIAN IS PART
24 OF THE TEAM, AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, ANTI-GOUGING AT THE STATE
25 LEVEL MAKES A LOT OF SENSE. THE PROBLEM IS, IT GETS CONFUSING



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SUPERVISORS

1 WHEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY DIVERGE IN THEIR APPROACH. EVEN
2 THOUGH I AM VERY UPSET WITH THE COUNTY, I THINK YOU'RE DOING A
3 SLIGHTLY BETTER JOB THAN THE CITY, WHO ARE UNHINGED LUNATICS
4 AND HAVE CUT ALL VIRTUAL TESTIMONY FROM ALL OF THEIR MEETINGS
5 AS MARQUESSE HARRIS-DAWSON, THE CHARMING GUY COMING BY
6 PRESSING THE FLESH ON AB246, WHICH EVERYBODY'S GOING TO GO
7 FOR. BUT WE DON'T NEED EXTREME MEASURES THAT PUT PEOPLE WHO
8 ARE NOT REALLY IN HARM'S WAY IN THE SEAT OF RECOVERY. WE NEED
9 SUPPORT AND RECOVERY WHERE IT'S WHERE IT'S REQUIRED AND ANTI-
10 GOUGING TO BE TREATED, YOU KNOW, HARSHLY. BUT THE PROBLEM IS,
11 YOU KNOW, THESE GUYS DON'T DO ANYTHING IS THE PROBLEM. SO, THE
12 IDEA THAT THEY'RE GOING TO SUDDENLY TAKE ON AN ONSLAUGHT AND
13 BE EFFECTIVE, YOU KNOW, WE'RE CERTAINLY BEHIND THE IDEA OF
14 ENFORCING AGAINST PEOPLE WHO TRY TO TAKE --

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

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18 **MODERATOR:** DANIELLA. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY COMMENT IS TO ADDRESS THE ENTIRE BOARD, BUT
21 PARTICULARLY BOARD MEMBER SOLIS, AS I AM YOUR CONSTITUENT IN
22 EL SERENO, AND WE ARE AN UNINCORPORATED PART OF L.A. COUNTY,
23 AND THAT'S VERY AFFECTED BY YOUR VOTES AND DECISIONS. I WANT
24 TO ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO VOTE, TO VOTE YES ON 51B, BECAUSE
25 REALLY, THE CURRENT PENALTY OF 10,000 IS NOTHING FOR LANDLORDS



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SUPERVISORS

1 WHO ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE RIGHT NOW OF STATE DISASTER VICTIMS.
2 AND UNFORTUNATELY, I KNOW PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING THIS.
3 IT'S OBVIOUSLY A VERY EMOTIONAL ISSUE. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE
4 STATISTICS,

5

6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** I'M SORRY, THIS IS ITEM EIGHT BUT NOT
7 51B. 51B IS LATER. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

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

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. ITEM NUMBER
15 8 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WHO RELEASED HER HOLD. BUT
16 I HAVE COLLEAGUES WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SPEAKING AS WELL. SO,
17 AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT, I'M GOING TO CALL MY COLLEAGUES TO
18 SPEAK. GO AHEAD.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, DEAR BOARD AND PUBLIC. I AM A TENANT FROM THAT
21 INITIATIVE. HYDE PARK AND CRENSHAW WAS CREATED AND OPENED BY
22 MR. HARRIS-DAWSON, AND I'M SUPPORTING THAT BILL. DEFINITELY,
23 TENANTS NEED MORE PROTECTION, ESPECIALLY MARGINALIZED TENANTS
24 WHO LIVE IN THIS TYPE OF HOUSING, SOCIAL HOUSING. AND BECAUSE
25 IT'S VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT STUFF HAPPENING,



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SUPERVISORS

1 AND SOME OF THE RULES ARE VERY DIFFICULT AND TO LIVE UNDER
2 THAT RULES. SO, I URGE YOU TO CREATE MORE HOUSING, MORE
3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, MORE SOCIAL HOUSING. THEN PEOPLE CAN
4 DECIDE THE RULES AND A LITTLE BIT GOVERN IT. I NEVER ABUSING
5 DRUGS, BUT EVEN FOR ME, I AFRAID TO BE EVICTED AND I HAVE MY
6 PROBLEMS WITH HEALTH AND EVEN THE RULES. IF YOU EARN MORE THAN
7 1,700, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. JUST FOR THAT REASON. IT WILL BE
8 VERY DIFFICULT TO SURVIVE BECAUSE OF THIS. AND WE STARTED TO.
9 I CAN LOSE MY INSURANCE AND ALL AND ALL THAT STUFF. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, I'M CHELSEA KIRK. I'M URGING THE BOARD
14 TO SUPPORT ITEM 8 WITHOUT AMENDMENTS. I HAVE NOW BEEN
15 CONTACTED BY COUNTLESS TENANTS SINCE JANUARY 7TH WHO ARE BEING
16 EVICTED BECAUSE THEIR LANDLORDS' HOMES HAVE BURNED DOWN. IN
17 EFFECT, THESE TENANTS HAVE BEEN AND ARE BEING DISPLACED BY THE
18 FIRES, THOUGH INDIRECTLY. AND YET, UNLIKE FOLKS WHOSE HOMES
19 WERE DESTROYED BY THE FIRES, THE RENTERS THEY'RE EVICTING DO
20 NOT QUALIFY FOR FEMA, DISASTER ASSISTANCE OR OTHER FORMS OF
21 ASSISTANCE THAT'S BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO FIRE VICTIMS. THEY
22 ALSO DO NOT HAVE INSURANCE POLICIES. IN ONE EXAMPLE, ANDREW,
23 WHO I'VE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH, GOT AN EMAIL FROM HIS LANDLORD
24 SAYING HE NEEDED TO RECOVER THE UNIT BECAUSE OF THE FIRES. HE
25 DIDN'T WANT TO FACE THE UD KNOWING HE WOULDN'T GET A LAWYER.



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1 SO, HE MOVED OUT AND NOW LIVES IN VEGAS AND NEVER GOT
2 RELOCATION FUNDS. ANOTHER TENANT LAST NIGHT DM ME ON INSTAGRAM
3 TO SAY THEIR LANDLORD INCREASED THEIR RENT FROM \$1,400 TO
4 \$2,400. THAT'S A 75% INCREASE AND SHE CAN'T AFFORD IT. IF SHE
5 MENTIONS IT'S ILLEGAL UNDER THE RENT GOUGING CAP, WHICH IT IS,
6 THE LANDLORD MIGHT CHOOSE TO EVICT HER INSTEAD BECAUSE SHE--

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

9
10 **SPEAKER:** HI. MATT BURKE, VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR
11 THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION. WE SHARE YOUR COMMITMENT
12 TO PROTECT THE FIRE VICTIMS. BUT AB 246 FAILS TO STRIKE AN
13 EQUITABLE BALANCE BETWEEN THE NEEDS OF TENANTS AND THE
14 SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL BURDENS FACED BY PROPERTY OWNERS. STATE
15 LAW ALREADY PROHIBITS RENT GOUGING IN EMERGENCY DECLARED
16 AREAS. AB 246 OVERREACHES BY EXTENDING THESE PROTECTIONS IN A
17 MANNER THAT UNFAIRLY PENALIZES PROPERTY OWNERS. THE FIRES ARE
18 TRAGIC, BUT LOCALIZED. UNLIKE COVID, THIS HAS NOT RESULTED IN
19 A COUNTY WIDE WORK STOPPAGE OR STAY AT HOME ORDER. THE COUNTY
20 SHOULD PRIORITIZE DIRECT RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE
21 LOST THEIR JOBS. WE CANNOT REPEAT THE SAME COVID MISTAKES AND
22 OVERREACH THAT DEVASTATED OUR HOUSING STOCK, AND DISCOURAGED
23 PEOPLE FROM RENTING OUT THEIR UNITS OR GIVING TENANTS A BREAK.
24 THE CITY OF L.A. DECLINED TO IMPLEMENT A RENT FREEZE. WHY
25 WOULD WE DO SOMETHING FOR ALL OF L.A. COUNTY? IT IS AN



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SUPERVISORS

1 OVERREACH. THE BOARD SHOULD NOT SUPPORT AB 246. THANK YOU.

2

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JESUS ROJAS FROM
6 APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. IT IS SHOCKING
7 THAT THIS BOARD IS ADVOCATING TO REDUCE ITS AUTHORITY ON AN
8 ISSUE THAT IS CLEARLY LOCAL IN NATURE BY GIVING IT TO THE
9 STATE. WILDFIRE VICTIMS HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED MANY ADDITIONAL
10 PROTECTIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR DUE TO THE EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND
11 BY THE SUPERVISORS. RENTAL HOUSING PROVIDERS ARE NOW EXPOSED
12 TO THE RISK OF LOSING THEIR PROPERTY INSURANCE DUE TO THE
13 PRESENCE OF PETS PROHIBITED BY THEIR INSURANCE CARRIERS.
14 REQUIREMENTS. A RENT INCREASE FREEZE WILL FORCE MORE SMALL MOM
15 AND POP OWNERS OUT OF BUSINESS, OUT OF BUSINESS AND THEIR
16 PROPERTIES REPLACED BY LUXURY CONDOMINIUMS, BY DEVELOPERS,
17 INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS, AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. THIS
18 WILL ONLY FURTHER HARM WILDFIRE VICTIMS DISPLACED AND TRYING
19 TO LOCATE NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING. A RENT FREEZE WILL CREATE A
20 MOUNTAIN OF BACK RENT THAT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE PAID BY
21 RENTERS ONCE THE FREEZE ENDS. IT WILL FORCE MANY GOOD RENTERS
22 INTO EVICTIONS DUE TO IMPROPER BUDGETING AS TENANT ACTIVISTS
23 HAVE --

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY MORE



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SUPERVISORS

1 SPEAKERS? NO MORE. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

2

3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. CHAIR, I THINK THIS
4 IS A REALLY IMPORTANT PIECE OF LEGISLATION. I THINK THE
5 CONSEQUENCES OF THESE FIRES WE WILL BE FEELING FOR MANY, MANY
6 YEARS. AND CERTAINLY, ONE OF THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE THIS
7 IDEA OF INCREASING RENTS, BECAUSE THE CERTAINLY WE HAVE LOST
8 THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING AND THE DEMAND IS NOW HUGE. SO, I THINK
9 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE STATE IS DOING THIS. THE ONLY THING.
10 SUPERVISOR HORVATH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH THE AUTHORS
11 OF THIS BILL IS THE TIMELINE. I THINK THE VAGUENESS OF SAYING
12 THE RENT FREEZE WILL LAST UNTIL THE GOVERNOR'S STATE OF
13 EMERGENCY IS LIFTED. AS WE KNOW, WE'RE STILL UNDER A STATE OF
14 EMERGENCY FOR THE WOOLSEY FIRE. I THINK, UH, HURRICANE HILARY,
15 WE STILL HAVE A EMERGENCY. SO, I THINK THE VAGUENESS OF THAT,
16 I THINK TO GIVE THE RENTERS AS WELL AS THE LANDLORDS, A LITTLE
17 MORE CONCRETE TIMELINE WOULD BE FAIR FOR BOTH SIDES AND MORE
18 REASONABLE. SO, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S PART OF OUR LETTER OF
19 SUPPORT OR HOW WE CAN WORK THAT IN, BUT I THINK THAT WOULD
20 MAKE IT AN EVEN BETTER.

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22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** YEAH, LEVERAGE LEGISLATION, IF I MAY.
23 I'M HAPPY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LETTER INCLUDES A REQUEST FOR
24 A DATE CERTAIN. UM, AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH WORK
25 WITH THE BILL AUTHOR, I KNOW THAT HE'D BE INTERESTED IN DOING



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1 THAT.

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3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** IT'S SO EARLY IN THE PROCESS THAT MY
6 UNDERSTANDING IS THIS BILL IS STILL IN THE RULES COMMITTEE. IT
7 HASN'T BEEN ASSIGNED TO ITS FIRST POLICY COMMITTEE, SO WE'RE
8 VERY EARLY IN THE PROCESS. SO, I THINK THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF
9 TIME. AS I WAS JUST SAYING, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT VERSION OF THE
10 BILL WILL MAKE IT OUT OF ITS FIRST POLICY COMMITTEE. SO, IF
11 THERE ARE CONCERNS, AS I'M SURE MANY OF US HAVE, THERE'LL BE
12 OPPORTUNITIES TO INFORM THAT PROCESS. UTHE FIVE SIGNATURE
13 LETTERS, KIND OF GENERALLY, AS I RECALL RECEIVING THEM,
14 THEY'RE GENERALLY MAKE A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR A BILL BASED
15 ON THE PRINTED VERSION AT THAT TIME. AND SO I THINK THAT WE
16 WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTINUE TO ENGAGE AND INFORM THE
17 PROCESS, BECAUSE IT IS VERY EARLY. THIS BILL WASN'T A PART OF
18 THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. IT'S ON THE REGULAR BILL TRACK. SO,
19 WE'LL HAVE TIME TO CONTINUE TO DIRECT LAYER AS WE AS WE DEEM
20 APPROPRIATE.

21
22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, I UNDERSTAND,
23 AND I'M HEARING FIRSTHAND FROM PEOPLE IN THAT HAVE BEEN
24 AFFECTED BY THE ALTADENA FIRE THAT THE IMPACT HAS HAD ON THE
25 RENTERS TRYING TO FIND OTHER PLACES TO RENT. AND I EVEN HAVE A



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1 FRIEND WHO HAS RENTAL PROPERTY, WHO IS LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO
2 LIVE AND WILL NOT EVICT HIS TENANTS BECAUSE HE RECOGNIZES THAT
3 THEY'VE BEEN LONG TERM TENANTS AND ARE BECOME PART FAMILY. AND
4 SO, I KNOW THAT THERE ARE GOOD PLAYERS OUT THERE. HAVING SAID
5 THAT EVERYONE I TALKED TO AND I KNOW THAT WE HEARD AN
6 ANNOUNCEMENT THIS THIS MORNING THAT ONE OF THE INSURANCE
7 COMPANIES IS GOING TO RAISE, WANTS TO RAISE RATES. BUT FOR
8 RENTAL DWELLINGS IS GOING UP HIGHER THAN THAT. IT'S LIKE IN
9 THE 30%. AND THE ONE ANGST I HAVE ABOUT THIS LEGISLATION IS
10 ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE SAYING FREEZE THE RENT, BUT WE'RE NOT
11 TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADDITIONAL COSTS THAT ARE BEING
12 INCURRED BY THOSE THAT ARE OWNING THESE RENTAL PROPERTIES. AND
13 AGAIN, YOU KNOW, WE TALK ABOUT GENTRIFICATION. MY BIGGEST FEAR
14 IS AND I TALKED TO A COUPLE EVEN BEFORE THE FIRES WHO SAID
15 THAT THEY WERE THINKING OF SELLING THEIR RENTAL PROPERTY IN
16 ALTADENA AND THEIR LONGTIME ALTADENA RESIDENTS GENERATIONAL
17 WEALTH. THEY WERE GOING TO GIVE IT TO THEIR KIDS, BUT THE COST
18 IS NOW EXCEEDING WHAT THEY'RE BRINGING IN FOR THE RENTAL
19 PROPERTY. AND I FEEL THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE A BALANCE. AND I
20 THINK IT'S EASY FOR SACRAMENTO TO BRING IN LEGISLATION THAT
21 DICTATES THIS WITHOUT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE UNINTENDED
22 CONSEQUENCES OF THE LEGISLATION BEING BROUGHT FORWARD.
23 OBVIOUSLY, PRICE GOUGING DOES ARE HORVATH HAS A MOTION. WE
24 HAVE A MOTION TODAY REGARDING INCREASE IN THE PENALTY FOR
25 GOUGING, BECAUSE I FEEL THAT EVEN THE PENALTY DOES NOT MEET



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1 THE EXTENT OF WHAT THE ACT IS TOWARD VICTIMS THAT ARE BEING
2 THAT ARE BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF, AND THAT INCLUDES ON
3 HOUSING, PROPERTY. AND I ALWAYS SMILE WHEN I HEAR SOMEONE SAY,
4 OH, THAT WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING. NO, IT'S NOT A
5 MISUNDERSTANDING. WHEN YOU PUT IT DOWN FOR BEING 8,000 A MONTH
6 AND THEN AFTER THE FIRES, IT'S NOW UP TO 23,000 A MONTH.
7 THAT'S NOT A MISUNDERSTANDING. SO HAVING SAID THAT, I HAVE A
8 LOT OF ANGST TOWARD SUPPORTING LEGISLATION THAT PLACES, ONCE
9 AGAIN, THE BURDEN ON MOM AND POP LANDLORDS, ESPECIALLY, UM,
10 THAT ARE ALREADY FACING FINANCIAL, ISSUES EVEN BEFORE THE
11 FIRES IN TERMS OF ADDITIONAL COSTS. AND SO WHEN I SAW THIS
12 MORNING THAT THE INSURANCE COMPANY IS ASKING FOR AN INCREASE,
13 WHICH, BY THE WAY, I THINK IS SOMETHING THAT THAT I KNOW OUR
14 KNOW OUR INSURANCE COMMISSIONER IS ENGAGED IN, BUT I HOPE HE
15 WILL BECAUSE WHEN I TALK TO HOMEOWNERS WHO HAVE THE FAIR ACT,
16 THEY'RE PAYING MORE IN THEIR INSURANCE POLICY THAN MOST ARE
17 PAYING, HAVING ONE OF THE ONE OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND
18 THEY'RE GETTING LESS. AND SO, I THINK IT'S TIME FOR US TO LOOK
19 AT INSURANCE AS A WHOLE. AND QUESTION WHETHER BEING PENNY WISE
20 AND POUND FOOLISH. MOVING FORWARD CAN'T UNRING THAT BELL RIGHT
21 NOW. BUT THOSE ARE MY CONCERNS WITH THIS WITH THIS LEGISLATION
22 IS I FEEL THAT IT'S GOING TO HAVE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES THAT
23 ARE GOING TO NEGATIVELY IMPACT, ESPECIALLY IN MY DISTRICT. THE
24 MOM AND POPS THAT ARE TRULY STRUGGLING AND ARE THE GOOD
25 PLAYERS. NOT EVERYONE IS A BAD PLAYER SO THOSE ARE MY



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1 CONCERNS. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, I KNOW THIS IS YOURS. WOULD YOU
2 LIKE TO SPEAK?

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4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I GUESS I WOULD
5 SAY THAT I DON'T THINK IT'S EASY FOR A BILL LIKE THIS TO BE
6 INTRODUCED AT ALL. AND I SUPPORT ASSEMBLY MEMBER BRYAN'S BILL
7 NOT FOR IDEOLOGICAL REASONS, BUT INSTEAD FOR PRACTICAL ONES.
8 WE'VE SEEN THE CHALLENGES THAT COME FROM MANAGING THIS KIND OF
9 PROTECTION. JURISDICTION BY JURISDICTION. HAVING THE STATE
10 TAKE THE LEAD ON THIS KIND OF INTERVENTION GIVES CLARITY TO
11 OWNERS AND CERTAINTY TO RENTERS, AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT
12 THE FIRES WILL HAVE A LONG-LASTING RIPPLE EFFECT ON OUR
13 HOUSING MARKET ACROSS THE COUNTY. WHAT WE DON'T WANT TO SEE IS
14 EXISTING RENTERS GET KICKED OUT OF THEIR HOUSING, SO THEY CAN.
15 THESE UNITS CAN BE RENTED TO PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO PAY
16 HIGHER. AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE SEEING AMONG ALL OF
17 THE CHALLENGES THAT WE'RE SEEING. AND THAT'S WHY WE HAVE A
18 SEPARATE ITEM ON PRICE GOUGING AND THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS THAT
19 PEOPLE ARE SEEING IN AN ALREADY CHALLENGED RENTAL MARKET.
20 WE'VE SEEN THAT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES ARE NOW ENTERING
21 THE ALREADY DIFFICULT RENTAL HOUSING MARKET, WHILE THOUSANDS
22 MORE ANGELENOS HAVE LOST THEIR LIVELIHOODS AND WILL BE
23 STRUGGLING TO MAKE RENT AS THEY WAIT FOR ASSISTANCE OR WAIT
24 FOR ASSISTANCE THROUGH UNEMPLOYMENT, FEMA, OR OTHER RELIEF
25 PROGRAMS. AND LOS ANGELES ALREADY HAD ONE OF THE MOST



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1 UNAFFORDABLE HOUSING MARKETS IN THE COUNTRY AND THE LARGEST
2 HOMELESS POPULATION BEFORE THE FIRES. SO, THE IMPACT WILL ONLY
3 ESCALATE THE CRISIS. WE'VE SEEN THE CHALLENGES THAT THE STATE
4 OF HAWAII FACED AFTER THE LAHAINA FIRE, AND WE DON'T WANT TO
5 SEE COMPOUNDED ISSUES HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO, I
6 APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP FROM THE STATE AND PARTNERSHIP WITH
7 THE COMMONSENSE STEPS WE'VE ALREADY TAKEN TO MITIGATE THIS
8 EFFECT, NOT ALLOWING RENTERS TO BE EVICTED WHO TAKE IN
9 DISPLACED PEOPLE AND THEIR PETS IMPACTED BY THE FIRES.
10 ENACTING EMERGENCY PRICE GOUGING PROTECTIONS. RELAXING OUR
11 RENT SHORT TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY THE
12 FIRES, JUST TO NAME A FEW. BUT BECAUSE OF OUR HOUSING CRISIS,
13 WE MUST DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO KEEP PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES WHO
14 ARE HELPING THOSE WHO HAVE LOST EVERYTHING. PEOPLE WHO ARE
15 TEMPORARILY WITHOUT WORK DON'T DESERVE ADDITIONAL PUNISHMENT.
16 THEY NEED OUR SUPPORT. NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE FREE MARKET.
17 NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR THE FREE MARKET TO BE WITHOUT
18 GUARDRAILS. I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO VOTE YES ON THIS ITEM, AND
19 I WELCOME THE ADDITIONAL DIRECTION IN THE LETTER FOR A DATE.
20 CERTAIN. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. TWO QUICK THINGS. BOY,
23 THESE EXECUTIVE ORDERS ARE COMING FAST AND FURIOUS. SO, WE'VE
24 GOT ANOTHER EXECUTIVE ORDER FROM THE GOVERNOR TODAY, AS I WAS
25 TRYING TO READ IT QUICKLY, AND I JUST ONE PARAGRAPH CAUGHT MY



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1 EYE. IT EXEMPTS HOUSING IN ZIP CODES FROM HIGH FAIR MARKET
2 VALUES FROM STATUTORY RENT CAPS ON THOSE NOT PREVIOUSLY ON
3 RENTAL MARKET. SO, I THINK, YOU KNOW, EVEN THROUGH THE
4 EXECUTIVE ORDERS, HE'S ATTEMPTING TO TAKE ACTION QUICKLY. AND
5 I KNOW THE BILL BEFORE US. IT'S NOT IN THE EXTRAORDINARY
6 SESSION. BUT IT DOES HAVE AN URGENCY CLAUSE. SO, IT WOULD GO
7 INTO EFFECT AS SOON AS THE GOVERNOR SIGNS IT. BUT IT STILL HAS
8 TO GET THROUGH BOTH HOUSES. SO, YOU KNOW, MAYBE, YOU KNOW,
9 RELYING ON THE ORDINANCE WE ALREADY PASSED AS A COUNTY WILL
10 PROVIDE FOR PROTECTION TO OTHER MOTIONS THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT,
11 BECAUSE IT'S ALSO ABOUT TIMING. IF THIS DOESN'T TAKES A YEAR
12 TO GET THROUGH THE PROCESS, IT WILL TAKE A YEAR. SECONDLY, ONE
13 OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, MADAM CHAIR, TALKED ABOUT
14 RENTERS NOT QUALIFYING FOR FEMA. I COULD BE WRONG, BUT I
15 SWORE. I RECALL ONE OF THE FEMA REGIONAL PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT
16 THE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE, NOT THE \$43,000 CAP FOR, YOU KNOW,
17 YOUR OR YOUR HOUSE, RIGHT? BUT FOR THE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE
18 THAT ASSISTANCE THAT PEOPLE GOT TO HELP THEM WITH IMMEDIATE
19 NEEDS. RENTERS DIDN'T QUALIFY FOR THAT.

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I THOUGHT IT WAS FOR RENTERS
22 IMPACTED IN THE FIRE AREA.

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



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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ONLY.

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3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** YES.

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5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NOT FOR. FOR EXAMPLE, IF MY HOME
6 BURNED DOWN AND I HAVE A RENTAL IN ALHAMBRA, AND I EVICT THE
7 PERSON IN ALHAMBRA, THEY WOULD NOT QUALIFY FOR FEMA
8 REIMBURSEMENT IS MY UNDERSTANDING. BUT WE WILL GET A
9 CLARIFICATION --

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11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** PLEASE.

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13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BECAUSE I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT.
14 BUT UNDERSTAND, I THINK THAT'S \$770.

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16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** RIGHT.

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18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS.

19 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** BUT I JUST WANT WHEN I HEARD THAT
20 STATEMENT, I THOUGHT, WELL, YOU KNOW, ALL OF IT COULD BE MORE.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** RIGHT. BUT WE'LL GET A
23 CLARIFICATION. I KNOW FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE RENTING THAT WERE
24 DISPLACED, THEY WOULD QUALIFY FOR.

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1 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BUT THAT'S AN IMPORTANT
4 CLARIFICATION. AND THEN LAST AND I APPRECIATE THAT. WE TALK
5 ABOUT THE NEED FOR HOUSING. AND I AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR
6 HORVATH. THAT IS WHY, AGAIN, I AM PLEADING WITH REGIONAL
7 PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS TO QUICKLY PUT TOGETHER THE PLAN FOR
8 PEOPLE TO, ONCE THE DEBRIS REMOVAL IS DONE, PUT ADU'S ON THEIR
9 PROPERTY. IT FRUSTRATES ME WHEN I SEE I GO DOWN THAT RABBIT
10 HOLE IN THE MORNING OF FACEBOOK, AND I READ POSTS WHERE AN
11 INDIVIDUAL WENT IN TO PULL PERMITS, KNOWING THAT THEY'RE NOT
12 GONNA BE ABLE TO REBUILD UNTIL THE DEBRIS IS DONE AND THEY'RE
13 TOLD IT COULD BE ANYWHERE FROM EIGHT MONTHS TO 1 ½ YEARS FOR
14 APPROVAL. I'VE MADE A COMMITMENT TO STREAMLINE IT, AND I AM
15 WATCHING VERY CAREFULLY. AND THAT INCLUDES, YOU KNOW, THE TIME
16 IT TAKES TO. OH, BY THE WAY, THESE WERE PERMITS THAT HAD
17 ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED, BUT THEY WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF DOING
18 THE REMODEL AND IT BURNED DOWN. SO, IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS NOT
19 REINVENTING. I MEAN, THIS IS LITERALLY PERMITS THAT HAD
20 ALREADY BEEN APPROVED. AND SO, I THINK THAT WE NEED TO
21 RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE A JOB TO DO. BUT ON THE ADU HEARING
22 WHAT'S SAID, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY SHOW
23 LEADERSHIP AND ALSO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE
24 DISPLACED THAT WANT TO STAY IN THEIR COMMUNITY. AND I'M SURE
25 THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. SUPERVISOR HORVATH UP IN IN THE



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1 TOPANGA, MALIBU THAT WHOLE AREA UP THERE AS WELL, THAT PEOPLE
2 ARE GOING TO WANT TO PUT SOMETHING ON THEIR PROPERTY SO THEY
3 CAN BE PRESENT WHILE REBUILDING TAKES PLACE. SO AGAIN, I'M
4 URGING OUR DEPARTMENTS TO ACT WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY, AS
5 THOUGH IT WAS THEIR OWN HOME THAT BURNED. SO, WITH THAT, WE'VE
6 DONE PUBLIC COMMENT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE TAKE. OH.
7 SUPERVISOR MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 8 AS REVISED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

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18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR
19 HORVATH?

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21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AYE.

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, 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, CHAIR:** ABSTAIN.

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, ABSTAIN. MOTION CARRIES
7 4 TO 0, WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

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9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO
10 ITEM 10. CONTINUING TO INCENTIVIZE AND EXPEDITE HIRING FOR LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAMS, WHICH WAS
12 HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE
13 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO, TO COMMENT ON THIS
14 ITEM. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

15
16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. OVER THE LAST YEARS,
17 THIS BOARD AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAVE COMMITTED
18 TO BUILDING UP OUR L.A. COUNTY'S ALTERNATE CRISIS RESPONSE
19 NETWORK SO THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING SEVERE MENTAL
20 HEALTH CRISIS ARE ABLE TO GET THE HELP THEY NEED, WHEN AND
21 WHERE THEY NEED IT. OUR FIELD INTERVENTION TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE
22 24/7 TO RESPOND WITH UNARMED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO
23 HELP PEOPLE IN CRISIS, AND CAN BE ACCESSED BY CALLING OUR L.A.
24 COUNTY HELPLINE OR DIALING 988. TWO YEARS AGO, WE HAD 33 TEAMS
25 ACROSS THE COUNTY. THEY ONLY OPERATED DURING BUSINESS HOURS



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1 AND HAD A SIX HOUR RESPONSE TIME. NOW WE HAVE 71 TEAMS AND
2 THEY'RE AVAILABLE 24/7, AND THE RESPONSE TIME IS DOWN TO TWO
3 HOURS. WHILE THAT IS A BIG IMPROVEMENT, IT'S STILL NOT GOOD
4 ENOUGH. PART OF REDUCING RESPONSE TIMES IS INCREASING THE
5 NUMBER OF TEAMS AVAILABLE. SO, OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
6 PLANS TO ADD 20 MORE TEAMS TO THE NETWORK. BUT RECRUITING FOR
7 FIELD BASED INTERVENTION TEAMS HAS BEEN HISTORICALLY HARD FOR
8 DMA, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE OVERNIGHT SHIFTS. IN 2023, DMA
9 IMPLEMENTED INCENTIVES SPECIFICALLY FOR ALTERNATE ALTERNATIVE
10 CRISIS RESPONSE POSITIONS. THEY CREATED A NEW SIGNING AND
11 RETENTION BONUS, INCREASE THE EXISTING FIELD BASED BONUSES AND
12 SHIFT DIFFERENTIALS. BUT THESE BONUSES USED ARPA ONE TIME
13 DOLLARS AND WERE SUCCESSFUL AND HELPED OUR DEPARTMENT OF
14 MENTAL HEALTH DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF THOSE TEAMS. BUT SINCE
15 THESE WERE ONE TIME DOLLARS, THE FUTURE OF THESE BONUSES IS
16 UNCERTAIN. AND SO, THIS MOTION TODAY, COLLEAGUES WILL ASK FOR
17 TWO THINGS. FIRST, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE TRY TO
18 CONTINUE THE BONUSES. AND WE'RE ASKING DMA TO REPORT BACK WITH
19 FUNDING OPTIONS TO MAINTAIN THE EXISTING BONUSES. AND I'M
20 HOPEFUL THEY WILL EXPLORE SOME OF OUR MENTAL HEALTH DOLLARS
21 THAT COME TO US. SECOND, THIS MOTION WILL ASK FOR A PLAN TO
22 FURTHER INCENTIVIZE AND EXPEDITE THE HIRING PROCESS FOR
23 ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE POSITIONS. I THINK THIS PLAN
24 SHOULD CONSIDER THINGS LIKE INCREASING THE BONUSES EVEN MORE,
25 ADDING NEW GEOGRAPHIC BONUSES, INCREASING OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH



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1 LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND BETTER PROMOTING THE
2 DEPARTMENT'S STIPEND PROGRAMS. ALTHOUGH OUR COUNTY HAS DONE A
3 LOT OF WORK ALREADY CREATING THIS ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE
4 SYSTEM, THERE IS A LOT MORE WORK TO BE DONE BECAUSE A MOBILE
5 CRISIS RESPONSE WILL NOT BE A REAL ALTERNATIVE TO AN ARMED
6 POLICE RESPONSE UNTIL SOMEONE WHO CALLS FOR HELP CAN GET THAT
7 HELP IN 30 MINUTES OR LESS. ADDING MORE TEAMS TO OUR NETWORK
8 IS IMPORTANT, BUT I THINK THERE'S OTHER WAYS WE CAN CUT DOWN
9 ON THE DISPATCH AND RESPONSE TIMES, LIKE LOOKING WHERE TEAMS
10 ARE BEING DISPATCHED FROM. ADDING TECHNOLOGY TO ALLOW THE
11 DISPATCHER TO SEND THE TEAM THAT'S ALREADY LOCATED CLOSER TO
12 THE CALLER. SO WHILE OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. WORKS TO
13 HIRE THESE NEW POSITIONS, I WANT THEM TO ALSO LOOK AT WAYS TO
14 IMPROVE THE SYSTEM. SO THAT TEAMS CAN BE IDENTIFIED QUICKER
15 AND REACH THEIR DESTINATION QUICKER. I THINK THERE'S NOTHING
16 MORE FRUSTRATING TO FAMILY MEMBERS OR FOR OUR PUBLIC WHO MANY
17 TIMES COMES ACROSS PEOPLE IN THE STREETS. HAVING A MENTAL
18 HEALTH CRISIS TO CALL AND HEAR THAT IT WILL BE TWO HOURS.
19 WELL, IN TWO HOURS THE PERSON HAS EITHER LEFT THE AREA. THE
20 PERSON THAT CALLED FOR THE HELP CAN'T PROBABLY STAY FOR TWO
21 HOURS AND SOMETHING WORSE COULD HAPPEN IN THAT TWO HOURS. SO,
22 I THINK THIS IS A GREAT I THINK WE'RE REALLY ON TO SOMETHING
23 WITH THESE MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS. BUT UNLESS THEY
24 REALLY GET BETTER AT RESPONDING IN 30 MINUTES OR LESS, IT'S
25 NOT GOING TO BE A GOOD ALTERNATIVE. SO, THANK YOU. I HOPE MY



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1 COLLEAGUES SUPPORT ME ON THIS MOTION.

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3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO
6 THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION AND FOR HER
7 CONTINUED WORK ON THE ISSUE. IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE HAVE MORE
8 TEAMS AND BOOTS ON THE GROUND. I GET THAT ALL THE TIME SERVING
9 ON L.A. CARE. NOW, WE GET A LOT OF CONCERNS FROM PEOPLE THAT
10 WE NEED TO EXPAND WHAT THE MENTAL HEALTH TEAMS ARE DOING. AND
11 IN PARTICULAR, WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH L.A. CARE. AS A MATTER
12 OF FACT, TO TRY TO DEPLOY AND COME UP WITH A PLAN TO HAVE
13 THESE TEAMS OUT THERE ON SKID ROW AND MACARTHUR PARK, WHERE
14 WE'RE FINDING THAT THIS IS REALLY A STRESSED AREA AND WE NEED
15 TO DO THAT. SO, I'M TOTALLY IN SUPPORT OF ALL THIS. I'M GLAD
16 TO SEE THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FUNDING
17 BECAUSE ARPA FUNDS IS GONE, PRETTY MUCH. AND WE NEED TO
18 SUSTAIN THIS BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE COUNTING ON US. AND IT GOES
19 WELL BEYOND JUST THE COUNTY. I KNOW EVEN WITH METRO, WE'RE
20 CONSTANTLY ASKING FOR THESE TEAMS TO BE AVAILABLE. SO I
21 SUPPORT THE MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS TO



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1 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR INTRODUCING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION, BECAUSE
2 WE KNOW ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE WORKS. IT IS THE CARE
3 FIRST APPROACH THAT INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH
4 CRISIS NEED AND DESERVE. AND WITH MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE
5 SHORTAGES THROUGHOUT OUR SYSTEM OF CARE. UNDER THE DIRECTION
6 OF THE BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH LEVERAGED ARPA
7 FUNDING AND INCENTIVIZE FIELD BASED POSITIONS BY PROVIDING
8 BONUSES, WEEKEND AND NIGHT SHIFT DIFFERENTIALS, STIPEND
9 FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM, PARTNERING WITH COLLEGES AND
10 UNIVERSITIES TO RECRUIT, AND UTILIZING SAME DAY HIRING FAIRS.
11 WE'VE COME A LONG WAY FROM 30 FIELD INTERVENTION TEAMS IN
12 2021, OPERATING DURING BUSINESS HOURS TO NOW 72 FIT TEAMS
13 OPERATING 24/7 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND THIS HAS LED TO A
14 DECREASE IN RESPONSE TIME OF 70%. AND THIS FILLS CRITICAL
15 GAPS. AS WE KNOW, OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS UNDERSTAFFED.
16 SO, IT'S EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT WE ALLOW THEM TO FOCUS ON
17 THE CALLS FOR WHICH THEY ARE UNIQUELY TRAINED AND CALL IN
18 ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS FOR ISSUES THAT WHERE THEY
19 CAN HELP AND REQUIRE THAT KIND OF TRAINING. WE MUST CONTINUE
20 TO PROVIDE THESE CRITICAL SERVICES AND DO EVEN BETTER. I LOOK
21 FORWARD TO SEEING THIS REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS, WITH THE PLAN
22 TO MAINTAIN, CONTINUE AND IMPROVE RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES AND
23 INCENTIVIZE FIELD BASED POSITIONS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED
24 SUCCESS OF ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE WITH THE EXPANSION OF
25 988. WE MUST STAND READY TO PROVIDE THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



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1 AND CARE THAT OUR INDIVIDUALS ARE SEEKING THROUGHOUT LOS
2 ANGELES COUNTY. IT IS NOT THE MOMENT TO DECREASE MENTAL HEALTH
3 FIELD BASED SERVICES. WE MUST DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ENSURE
4 THAT WE HAVE THE NECESSARY STAFF TO CONTINUE PROVIDING THESE
5 CRITICAL SERVICES. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

8
9 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL BE HAPPY TO
10 SUPPORT THE MOTION TODAY AND REALLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
11 WORK DMH HAS DONE TO BRING THE WAIT TIMES DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY.
12 IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT VOLUNTEERING FOR OVERTIME WORK IN THE
13 EVENING AND NIGHT SHIFTS CAN REALLY BE DIFFICULT FOR STAFF,
14 PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE LONG HOURS THEY'RE WORKING. WE'VE HEARD
15 FROM SOME OF THE DMH STAFF, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE
16 PARENTS, THAT IT'S COMPLICATED TO TRY TO WORK OVERTIME.
17 PARTICULARLY IF YOU DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO CHILDCARE. SO, I'M
18 HOPING IN THE REPORT BACK, THE DMH CAN ADDRESS HOW ITS
19 INCENTIVES SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS SOME OF THOSE ACTUAL BARRIERS
20 THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO DOING THE EXTRA WORK THAT GETS US TO THESE
21 REDUCED WAIT TIMES. IF THERE IS SOMETHING THEY CAN DO WITH
22 REGARD TO CHILDCARE CHALLENGES THAT MANY OF THEIR STAFF ARE
23 FACING, SO I'M HOPING THAT HOPING THAT CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE
24 REPORT BACK. THANK YOU.



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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE
3 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. WELL, DOCTOR CHAVEZ, PLEASE
4 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER
5 FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
6 ADDRESS ITEM 10. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS
7 ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE.

8 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?
9

10 **MODERATOR:** JASON HEINRICH, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.
11

12 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS JASON HENRY. I LIVE IN NORTH
13 HOLLYWOOD, WHICH IS DISTRICT 3. I'M THE FATHER OF A AUTISTIC
14 CHILD WHO AT TIMES CAN GET DYSREGULATED AND GET INTO A REAL
15 FIT. AND MY GREATEST FEAR HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT AS HE GETS
16 OLDER, IF A NEIGHBOR OR SOMEONE CALLED FOR HELP BECAUSE HE WAS
17 IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS. THE PEOPLE WHO SHOWED UP WOULDN'T BE
18 TRAINED TO HELP HIM. IT HAS BEEN VERY HEARTENING TO SEE THIS
19 BOARD CONTINUALLY BUILD ON THIS PROGRAM AND EXPAND IT AND
20 IMPROVE UPON IT. SO OFTEN WE'RE OFFERED A SOLUTION AND THEN IT
21 NEVER BECOMES BETTER. IT NEVER GROWS. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH
22 FOR CREATING THIS PROGRAM AND CONTINUALLY EXPANDING UPON IT.
23 AND I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON THIS PROPOSAL TO FIND
24 EVEN MORE WAYS TO INCENTIVIZE AND HIRE THESE TEAMS AND EXPAND
25 THIS LIFESAVING PROGRAM. AS A PARENT IT MEANS--



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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** SO MUCH TO US.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** VIDA KARIMI, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M PART OF NAMI, NATIONAL
9 ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT AND THANK
10 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND DO ADVOCACY TO SUPPORT THE AGENDA NUMBER
11 ONE FOR SUPPORT FASTER RESPONSE TIME. NUMBER TWO, ADVOCATE FOR
12 INCENTIVES TO FILL OUT POSITION POSITIONS. AND NUMBER THREE,
13 EMPHASIZE THE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITIES. I'M A MOTHER OF THE
14 LOVED ONE WHO IS SUFFERING FROM SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS, AND WE
15 NEED TO SUPPORT THAT BILL. THANK YOU.

16

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** SHEILA CARTER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO. MY NAME IS SHEILA CARTER. ON
22 BEHALF OF NAMI, WESTSIDE, LOS ANGELES. I'M A CO-CHAIR. I WOULD
23 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN
24 PRIORITIZING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE AND PUSHING FOR
25 THESE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS. TWO HOUR WAIT TIMES CAN FEEL



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1 LIKE A LIFETIME WHEN YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE IN CRISIS, AND IT
2 CAN CHANGE THE DYNAMIC OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CRISIS IS UNABLE
3 TO RESPOND. TIMELY FASHION. LOVED ONES CAN END UP IN JAILS AND
4 HOSPITALS. WHEN SOMEBODY WHO HAS THE CAPACITY TO HELP US
5 SETTLE DOWN SOMEBODY IN CRISIS, WE CAN HAVE BETTER OUTCOMES.
6 SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH. I HOPE YOU ALL WILL SUPPORT THIS
7 MOTION. IT'S SO MEANINGFUL TO US AND OUR FAMILY MEMBERS AS
8 WELL AS THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. SO, THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** ERIC PREVIN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. AND I STAND WITH THE COMMENTS OF THE GUY
15 WHO HAD A KID WHO WAS ON THE SPECTRUM AND WAS CONCERNED ABOUT,
16 YOU KNOW, I FEEL THE SAME WAY. YOU NEVER WANT TO CALL PEOPLE
17 TO A SITUATION UNLESS THEY KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THE SITUATION.
18 THAT SAID, THERE'S A LIMIT TO, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT A CONCIERGE
19 COUNTY, UNFORTUNATELY. I WISH IT WAS, BUT WE DON'T HAVE THAT
20 KIND OF MONEY WE HAVE TO DO AND PUT IT ON THE SCREEN AS BEST
21 WE CAN AND GET PEOPLE INTO TREATMENT. I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF
22 A PSYCHIATRIST ON EVERY BUS, BUT I THINK THAT CONCEPTUALLY,
23 LIBRARIANS THAT ARE POSSIBLY ARMED MIGHT GIVE CONFIDENCE TO
24 SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS WHEN THEY'RE ENCOUNTERING, YOU KNOW,
25 BEHAVIOR THAT'S A LITTLE BIT NOT ENCOURAGED IN THE STACKS. SO,



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1 MY PREFERENCE ON THIS IS TO HAVE THESE MEETINGS UP FRONT, PUT
2 THE RISK AND MITIGATION ITEMS IN FRONT OF THE PEOPLE,
3 SUPERVISORS NOT --

4

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

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD. THANK YOU.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** DEBBIE BRAZILE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. FIRST, I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK
12 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND PRIORITIZING MENTAL
13 HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE AND PUSHING MOTIONS LIKE THIS FORWARD.
14 I AM CALLING IN NOT ONLY AS A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A LOVED ONE,
15 BUT I ALSO DO WORK WITH NAMI, WESTSIDE LOS ANGELES, AND I WORK
16 ON A DAILY BASIS CLOSELY WITH FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO
17 STRUGGLE TO FIND HELP. THE URGENCY OF THIS ISSUE CANNOT BE
18 OVERSTATED. MANY FAMILIES I WORK WITH FEEL HELPLESS AS THEY
19 NAVIGATE A SYSTEM WHERE SUPPORT IS OFTEN DELAYED, LEAVING THEM
20 IN CRITICAL NEED OF ASSISTANCE. I KNOW WE I HEARD YOU SPEAK
21 ABOUT SKID ROW AND GETTING SERVICES THERE, BUT THESE ARE
22 MOTHERS, FATHERS, SISTERS, BROTHERS WHO NEED SUPPORT IN A
23 TIMELY MANNER IN ORDER TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME. AND
24 AGAIN, I CAN'T OVERSTATE--

25



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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** BYRON ARMSTRONG, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** YES. GOOD MORNING. I WAS WANTING TO FIRST COMMEND THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR INCREASING THEIR TIME. I KNOW
7 WE, YOU KNOW, SIX HOURS TO TWO HOURS. THAT'S A VERY
8 CONSIDERABLE INCREASE. SECONDLY, I WAS WONDERING IF THE
9 SUPERVISOR HAS EVER CONSIDERED PLACING AN EMERGENCY. STATE OF
10 EMERGENCY. AND I GUESS FORCING OR STRONGLY ENCOURAGING THE
11 MORE SEASONED DMH REPRESENTATIVES TO GO INTO THESE SITUATIONS
12 SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO LIKE WHAT YOU DID WITH YOUR PROBATION
13 DEPARTMENT. AND MAYBE THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO HELP COVER THE
14 MUCH-NEEDED ASSISTANCE. AND I JUST THINK MAYBE IF THAT'S
15 CONSIDERED, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAVE SOME MONEY. THANK YOU.

16

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** JEFF TORRES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HI. I JUST. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THIS WAS ON THE
22 DOCKET, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS BEING BROUGHT FORWARD. I
23 THINK ENHANCING RESPONSE TIMES FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE DEALING
24 WITH THESE KIND OF ISSUES IS A HUGE ISSUE IS A HUGE, IT'S
25 FANTASTIC FOR THE COMMUNITY, I THINK. AND OFTENTIMES, IF AN



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1 ISSUE GOES ON FOR AN HOUR OR TWO, TWO HOURS OR SOMETHING,
2 MAYBE A NEIGHBOR CALLS THE POLICE AND THAT EXACERBATES THE
3 SITUATION. AND SUDDENLY YOU'RE NOW WORRIED ABOUT THE LIFE OF
4 YOUR LOVED ONE WHO IS HAVING A MENTAL BREAK EPISODE OR
5 SOMETHING LIKE THAT. SO, I FULLY SUPPORT THIS AND I THINK IT'S
6 A REALLY FANTASTIC WAY TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY, PROTECT
7 FAMILIES THAT ARE IN NEED FOR THESE SERVICES. AND I THINK IT'S
8 WONDERFUL. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

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

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW GO TO IN PERSON SPEAKERS.
16 PLEASE BEGIN.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** HELLO AGAIN, I WANT TO JUST INDICATE HOW THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS TRIED ITS BEST SINCE, AS OF
20 2025, BUT THERE IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING SOLICITING STILL BEING
21 CONDUCTED AT THESE AGENCIES, IN WHICH PAID COUNTY EMPLOYEES
22 AND THEIR PARTNERS ENJOY ABUSING MENTALLY THESE CLIENTS THAT
23 GO IN WHEN THEY HAVE PROOF DUE TO AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION AND
24 YOUR STAFF HAVE FAILED AT YOUR LOCATIONS. HORVATH YOU'RE DOING
25 YOUR BEST, BUT YOU'RE ENCOURAGING THIS BEHAVIOR OF HUMAN



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1 TRAFFICKING SOLICITATION BY SAYING, THESE PARTNERS ARE HERE TO
2 HELP PEOPLE WHEN THEY'RE NOT AND THEY DON'T HAVE A MENTAL
3 ILLNESS. THAT GOES FOR THE CHAIR ALSO, BECAUSE THERE'S ONLY A
4 FEW OTHERS THAT ARE LISTENING.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER PUBLIC SPEAKERS. THANK
7 YOU. ITEM 10 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED
8 BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE
9 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

12

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

14

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

16

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

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR
20 HORVATH?

21

22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AYE.

23

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

25



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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

6

7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5 TO
8 0.

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10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 51 B
11 COMBATING LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S PRICE GOUGING CRISIS PROTECTING
12 RENTERS AND CONSUMERS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH
13 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE. PLEASE PRESS ONE
14 THEN ZERO IF YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR
15 HORVATH.

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE
18 YOUR PARTNERSHIP ON THIS ITEM AND YOUR LEADERSHIP FOR YOUR
19 DISTRICT THROUGHOUT THIS TIME OF CRISIS SINCE THE CATASTROPHIC
20 FIRES BROKE OUT ON JANUARY 7TH, AND STATES OF EMERGENCY WERE
21 DECLARED BY THE COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS, PRICE
22 GOUGING LAWS HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT, LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY
23 THAT CAN BE CHARGED FOR GOODS AND SERVICES, INCLUDING RENT.
24 STATE AND LOCAL LAWS PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM UNREASONABLE RENT
25 INCREASES IN TIMES OF CRISIS, NO MORE THAN 10%, AND



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1 PROHIBITIONS ON EVICTIONS AND SUBSEQUENT RENTAL AT HIGHER
2 PRICES. THIS BOARD TOOK SWIFT ACTION TO PROTECT RENTERS,
3 GIVING SHELTER TO PEOPLE AND PETS, FLEEING THE FIRES, AND
4 AFFIRMING ITS SUPPORT TO CONTINUE PRICE GOUGING PROTECTIONS AS
5 LONG AS NECESSARY. AND YET, THERE ARE STILL BAD ACTORS WHO ARE
6 TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS CRISIS. CROWDSOURCED EFFORTS QUICKLY
7 CATALOGUED HUNDREDS OF POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS. ONE REPORT BY A
8 COALITION CALLED THE RENT BRIGADE FOUND THOUSANDS OF POTENTIAL
9 VIOLATIONS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY, NOT JUST IN AREAS ADJACENT
10 TO THE FIRES. IN THE FIRST 11 DAYS ALONE, WITH MORE THAN
11 16,000 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, MANY OF THEM RESIDENTIAL. THE
12 IMPACT ON OUR RENTAL HOUSING MARKET HAS BEEN ENORMOUS AND
13 SIGNIFICANT, AS TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DISPLACED FAMILIES WORK
14 TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES. WE MUST DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE
15 SURE WE AREN'T MAKING OUR ALREADY CHALLENGING HOUSING MARKET
16 EVEN WORSE, AND TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM FALLING INTO
17 HOMELESSNESS. THIS LAW TOUGHENS THE PENALTIES FOR THOSE WHO
18 ENGAGE IN PRICE GOUGING COUNTYWIDE FROM \$10,000 UP TO A
19 MAXIMUM OF \$50,000. IT ALSO REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
20 RESOURCES TO WORK WITH OUR CEO AND DCBA TO REQUEST DISASTER
21 SERVICE WORKERS. LASTLY, IT DIRECTS DCA AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO
22 TAKE A LOOK AT ALGORITHMIC PRICING SOFTWARE USED BY MANY
23 CORPORATE LANDLORDS TO PUSH UP PRICES, SOMETHING ADOPTED IN
24 SAN FRANCISCO AS A WAY TO LIMIT THE RAPID RISE IN RENT. I SEE
25 OUR PARTNERS AT DCBA ARE HERE, AND I HAVE A COUPLE OF



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1 QUESTIONS I'D LOVE FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS FOR EVERYONE.
2 WE KNOW THAT PRICE GOUGING HAS BEEN MENTIONED AT MULTIPLE
3 PRESS CONFERENCES THROUGHOUT THIS EMERGENCY. WHAT ADDITIONAL
4 ACTIONS HAS DCBA TAKEN TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THESE LAWS?

5
6 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** IS IT STILL MORNING? GOOD MORNING,
7 SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO UPLIFT SUCH
8 AN IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES ARE CURRENTLY FACING.
9 SO, SINCE THE EMERGENCY, WE'VE DONE A NUMBER OF THINGS TO
10 RAISE HIM, RAISE OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION AROUND PRICE
11 GOUGING, INCLUDING WE REPURPOSED ONE OF OUR EXISTING
12 COMMUNICATION CONTRACTS TO START PUTTING OUT RADIO ADS, SOCIAL
13 MEDIA ADS AND BILLBOARD ADS AROUND PRICE GOUGING, INFORMING
14 BOTH TENANTS AND LANDLORDS AROUND THE ISSUES CONCERNING THAT.
15 WE'VE ALSO DONE MULTIPLE INTERVIEWS WITH MULTIPLE MEDIA
16 CHANNELS IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH, AND HAD MULTIPLE
17 INTERVIEWS WITH MANY NEWSPAPERS, INCLUDING NATIONAL
18 NEWSPAPERS. WE'VE ALSO LEVERAGED OUR 130,000 SUBSCRIBERS TO
19 OUR NEWSLETTER THAT WE SEND OUT MESSAGING TWICE A WEEK THAT
20 INCLUDES THIS INFORMATION, AND WE'VE ALSO WORKED WITH TTC TO
21 GET INFORMATION OUT TO ALL REGISTERED SHORT-TERM RENTERS
22 REGISTERED WITH TTC, AND WITH INFORMATION ON PRICE GOUGING, AS
23 WELL AS LETTERS TO ALL 25,000 LANDLORDS REGISTERED THROUGH OUR
24 RENT REGISTRY WITH INFORMATION ON THAT. AND THEN WE CONTINUE
25 TO ENGAGE WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO PROVIDE THAT



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1 INFORMATION. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THIS MONTH MY TEAM IS
2 MEETING WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS TO TALK WITH THEM AND
3 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT TENANT PROTECTIONS, LANDLORD RIGHTS
4 INCLUDING PRICE GOUGING

5
6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND HOW MANY COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN FILED,
7 AND SPECIFICALLY HOW MANY TO RENT?

8
9 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** SO AS OF LAST NIGHT, WE WERE AT 915 PRICE
10 GOUGING COMPLAINTS. THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE THE COMPLAINTS THAT
11 WE'RE PULLING FROM WHAT WE'VE SEEN ONLINE, THE CROWDSOURCING
12 SPREADSHEET. JOINING ME TO MEET WITH ME TODAY, TOO IS MORINE
13 MERRITT. SHE'S OUR CHIEF OVER OUR CONSUMER PROTECTION. IS THAT
14 WHAT'S THE PERCENTAGE OF RENT RELATED PRICE GOUGING?

15
16 **MORINE MERRITT:** CURRENTLY, RIGHT NOW, WHAT WE'RE SEEING IS
17 ABOUT 90% OF THE COMPLAINTS WE'RE RECEIVING ARE RELATED TO
18 RENTAL PRICE GOUGING.

19
20 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE'RE SEEING ABOUT
21 60% OF FOLKS THAT ARE SEEING US AT THE DISASTER RECOVERY
22 CENTER. ABOUT 60% OF THEIR QUESTIONS ARE AROUND PRICE GOUGING
23 IN RELATION TO RENTAL PROPERTIES AS WELL.

24
25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND HOW IS THE PRICE GOUGING TASK FORCE



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1 BEEN COORDINATING WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE? CITIES
2 OF LOS ANGELES, SANTA MONICA, PASADENA, AND GLENDALE WHO HAVE
3 THEIR OWN AUTHORITIES.

4
5 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** SO, WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM ON A REGULAR
6 BASIS. WE MEET AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK AS A COLLECTIVE, AND THEN
7 WE ALSO MEET WITH THEM INDIVIDUALLY AS CASE AS NEED ON THE
8 NEED TO NEED ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS AS NEEDED FOR INDIVIDUAL
9 CASES. SO, WE HAVE REFERRED INVESTIGATIONS AND CASES TO CITY
10 OF BURBANK. CITY OF SANTA MONICA, PASADENA, EVEN OUR COUNTY
11 COUNCIL, AND WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM AND REFER ANYTHING
12 THAT BUBBLES UP AS FOR THEM TO TAKE THE LEAD ON THAT AS WELL.

13
14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE
15 ALGORITHMIC SOFTWARE, HOW IT'S HOW YOU'RE HEARING IT'S
16 AFFECTING THE RENTAL MARKET AND ESPECIALLY PRICING SOFTWARE
17 DURING OUR CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY? AND ARE YOU GETTING
18 INFORMATION FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS ABOUT THE IMPACTS? SO,
19 WE'RE TAKING LESSONS LEARNED AND APPLYING THEM HERE.

20
21 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** YEAH. SO, WE'VE BEEN TRACKING THE ISSUES
22 AROUND AND THE CONCERNS AROUND ALGORITHMIC PRICE SETTING FOR
23 QUITE A WHILE, BOTH AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND AT THE STATE
24 LEVEL. THERE'S BEEN A NUMBER OF ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN
25 IN ORDER TO ADDRESS SOME OF THESE ISSUES, AND PARTICULARLY IN



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1 PARTICULAR, RAISES THE CONCERNS AROUND FAIRNESS AND
2 AFFORDABILITY AND POTENTIALLY SOME COMPETITIVE ANTI-
3 COMPETITIVE OF PRACTICES THAT MIGHT BE BUBBLING UP AS A
4 RESULT. ESSENTIALLY WHAT THE SOFTWARE DOES. IT TAKES THE
5 AGGREGATE OF MILLIONS OF RENTAL PRICES FROM INDEPENDENT
6 HOLDERS, AND THEN IT RECOMMENDS A SET PRICE TO THE LANDLORD OR
7 THE REAL ESTATE AGENT, A PROPERTY MANAGER, BASED ON THEIR
8 COLLECTIVE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WOULD MAXIMIZE THE RENT IN
9 THAT PARTICULAR AREA. WE'VE SEEN SITUATIONS WHERE SOME RENTAL
10 PROPERTIES HAVE SEEN INCREASES UP TO 27% ON A REGULAR BASIS,
11 SIX OR SEVEN TIMES IN ONE YEAR BASED ON THESE ALGORITHMS. SO,
12 AS WE CONTINUE AS THE MARKET CONTINUES TO USE THESE
13 ALGORITHMS, WHEN WE SEE THE PRESSURES HERE LOCALLY, IF THEY'RE
14 USING THOSE, WE ARE SEEING THE. WE ANTICIPATE THAT IT IS
15 FEEDING INTO THE INCREASES. WHAT WE HAVE HEARD IS FROM SOME OF
16 THE LANDLORDS THAT WE'VE REACHED OUT TO, BECAUSE WE'VE ISSUED
17 A CEASE AND DESIST, OR WE'VE ADVISED THEM THAT THERE'S BEEN A
18 PRICE GOUGING COMPLAINT AGAINST THEM. THEY'VE REACHED OUT AND
19 SOME OF THEM HAVE ACTUALLY APOLOGIZED AND SAID, I WASN'T AWARE
20 THAT I WAS PRICE GOUGING. THIS WAS A RECOMMENDATION FROM MY
21 REALTOR AND MY PROPERTY AGENT, USING WHATEVER SOFTWARE THEY
22 USE TO MAKE THESE CALCULATIONS. I HOPE NOT. I'M NOT IN
23 TROUBLE. WE'RE TAKING IT DOWN. SO, WE DO KNOW THAT THIS IS
24 GOING ON AND IT IS BEING USED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

25



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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND IT'S GREAT TO HEAR THAT THERE ARE
2 LANDLORDS WHO ARE OPERATING IN JUST THAT FASHION, THAT AS SOON
3 AS THEY'RE NOTIFIED, THEY'RE MAKING THE CHANGES QUICKLY.
4 BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY WITH MORE TOOLS
5 BEING USED TO MAKE IT EVEN HARDER FOR PEOPLE TO GET INTO
6 HOUSING AND MORE EXPENSIVE. WE NEED MORE TOOLS TO GET PEOPLE
7 INTO HOUSING, NOT KEEP THEM OUT. AND SO, I'M REALLY GRATEFUL
8 THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT LESSONS LEARNED AND THAT WE'RE
9 ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE HEAD ON. I KNOW THIS MOTION PROVIDES
10 ADDITIONAL, HOPEFULLY, DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS FOR YOUR
11 DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS SOME OTHER SUPPORTS. IS THERE ANYTHING
12 ELSE THAT YOU NEED TO BE EFFECTIVELY ADDRESSING WHAT WE'RE
13 ASKING YOU TO ADDRESS IN THIS MOTION?

14
15 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** I THINK THE EXPANSION OF CAPACITY IS
16 DEFINITELY HELPFUL. I KNOW WE'RE HERE UP HERE A LOT, AND THERE
17 MIGHT BE A PERCEPTION THAT WE'RE A REALLY BIG DEPARTMENT, BUT
18 WE'RE NOT. WE'RE JUST WE'RE SMALL AND MIGHTY AND WE'RE HERE TO
19 HELP. AND WE DO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO HELP. SO THAT
20 EXPANSION WOULD BE HELPFUL, I THINK. AND PART OF IT TOO, IS
21 MAYBE SOME SUPPORT AROUND DATA ANALYTICS. AND THAT'S SOME
22 CONVERSATION THAT I'LL HAVE WITH THE HR MANAGER, I MEAN, WITH
23 LISA GARRETT AT HR ON THAT AS WELL.

24
25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** GREAT. LETTING US KNOW WHAT SUPPORT YOU



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1 NEED AND ANY SORT OF OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE WE CAN MAKE SURE YOU
2 HAVE, BECAUSE I KNOW THIS WILL BE AN ONGOING CONCERN. THANK
3 YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU,
8 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR LETTING ME CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION. AS
9 HAS BEEN STATED, ON JANUARY 7TH, THE DEVASTATING WILDFIRES
10 SWEEPED THROUGH LOS ANGELES COUNTY, LEAVING THOUSANDS OF
11 ANGELENOS DISPLACED, DESTROYING OVER 6,500 STRUCTURES AND
12 PUTTING IMMENSE STRAIN ON AN ALREADY STRAINED HOUSING MARKET.
13 I'M INCREDIBLY SADDENED THAT WE HAVE TO INTRODUCE AN ITEM
14 TODAY BECAUSE IN TIMES OF CRISIS, OUR COMMUNITIES SHOULD COME
15 TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED, AND I HAVE SEEN THAT. BUT
16 I'VE ALSO SEEN THOSE THAT ARE EXPLOITING THEM FOR FINANCIAL
17 GAIN. UNFORTUNATELY, I'VE HEARD REPORTS OF DISTURBING TREND OF
18 LANDLORDS DRAMATICALLY INCREASING RENTS, PREYING ON THOSE MOST
19 VULNERABLE IN THE AFTERMATH OF THIS DISASTER. WITHIN A COUPLE
20 OF WEEKS OF THE FIRES, THERE HAVE BEEN MULTIPLE INSTANCES OF
21 RENTAL PRICE GOUGING BEING REPORTED ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY
22 AND NOT JUST IN THE HARDEST HIT AREAS. RENTERS HAVE DOCUMENTED
23 SKYROCKETING PRICES IN SOME CASES DOUBLING OVERNIGHT, MAKING
24 IT NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR DISPLACED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO
25 SECURE STABLE HOUSING. I'VE ALSO HEARD THAT IN SOME CASES,



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1 LANDLORDS ARE USING WHAT WAS WE JUST TALKED ABOUT, THE
2 ALGORITHMIC PRICING SOFTWARE TO ARTIFICIALLY INFLATE RENTS
3 BEYOND REASONABLE MARKET CONDITIONS, WORSENING THE COUNTY'S
4 HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CRISIS. AND I APPRECIATE YOU
5 ACKNOWLEDGING THAT ONCE THEY FOUND OUT ABOUT IT, THEY SOME OF
6 THEM DID, IN FACT, ADDRESS THAT PRICE GOUGING. DURING A STATE
7 EMERGENCY IS ILLEGAL UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW, YET ENFORCEMENT
8 REMAINS A CHALLENGE. THAT'S WHY L.A. COUNTY IS TAKING BOLD
9 ACTION. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL NOW
10 DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION INCREASING CIVIL
11 PENALTIES FOR PRICE GOUGING TO A MAXIMUM OF \$50,000 PER
12 VIOLATION. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE DCBA WORK WITH OUR LANDLORD
13 AND TENANT STAKEHOLDERS TO REGULATE THE RENTAL PRICING
14 SOFTWARE THAT IS ENABLING THESE GROSS RENTAL HIKEs. I WOULD
15 LIKE THE COUNTY TO WORK WITH THESE SOFTWARE COMPANIES AND
16 EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES WHERE WE COULD PARTNER TOGETHER. THIS
17 MIGHT PROVIDE US WITH BETTER DATA AND INSIGHT TO OUR HOUSING
18 MARKET TRENDS. WE CAN ALSO PARTNER WITH ONLINE HOUSING
19 PLATFORMS LIKE ZILLOW, REDFIN AND AIRBNB TO POST CLEAR
20 WARNINGS ABOUT THE EMERGENCY PRICE GOUGING PROTECTIONS THAT WE
21 HAVE IN PLACE, AND WORK WITH THEM TO MAINTAIN RENTAL PRICE
22 HISTORY TO HELP KEEP TRACK OF VIOLATIONS. IF ANY MEMBER OF THE
23 PUBLIC OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS EXPERIENCED PRICE GOUGING
24 REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
25 AND THE BEST WAY TO DO SO IS TO UTILIZE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING



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1 METHODS BY PHONE (800) 593-8222 OR EMAIL
2 INFO@DCBA.LACOUNTY.GOV. IN ADDITION TO THE DCBA, OUR ATTORNEY
3 GENERAL AND OUR LOCAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY ARE AGGRESSIVELY
4 INVESTIGATING AND PROSECUTING ANYONE ENGAGING IN THESE
5 PRACTICES. SO LET ME BE CLEAR. LANDLORDS WHO VIOLATE THESE
6 LAWS WILL FACE SIGNIFICANT PENALTIES. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF
7 PEOPLE DURING THE CRISIS IS NOT GOING TO BE TOLERATED BY THIS
8 BOARD. WE MUST STAND TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT OUR COUNTY
9 REMAINS A PLACE OF RECOVERY, NOT PREDATORY OPPORTUNISM.
10 AFFORDABLE HOUSING SHOULD NOT BE A CASUALTY OF THIS DISASTER.
11 BUT I HAVE ONE QUESTION THAT CAME UP, AND I DON'T KNOW IF THIS
12 IS PRICE GOUGING. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN ANSWER IT OR DAWYN,
13 I'VE TALKED TO PEOPLE WHO SEE A LISTING AND IT'S NOT PRICE
14 GOUGING. SO, IT'S LISTED AT, LET'S SAY, \$10,000 A MONTH FOR A
15 HOME. THEY GO IN AND OFFER THE 10,000, BUT SOMEONE ELSE OFFERS
16 3,000 MORE AND THEY START TO DO BIDDING. A BIDDING WAR. I'M
17 TOLD THAT THAT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE PRICE GOUGING BECAUSE THE
18 LANDLORD IS NOT ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL MONEY. IT'S THAT THE
19 INDIVIDUAL IS WILLING TO PAY MORE, AND THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING
20 QUITE A BIT. AND SO I WAS JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW IF THAT THE
21 GREY AREA IN TERMS OF WHAT'S HAPPENING, BECAUSE I'VE TALKED TO
22 SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN OUTBID ON RENTAL PROPERTY THAT
23 WAS GOING FOR A CERTAIN PRICE, BUT ENDED UP GOING FOR LIKE
24 ALMOST TWICE AS MUCH.

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SUPERVISORS

1 **DAWYN HARRISON:** YEAH. I'M NOT SURE IF THAT MEETS THE
2 DEFINITION OF PRICE GOUGING. WE CAN CERTAINLY LOOK INTO THAT.
3 I MEAN, IT SEEMS LIKE, YEAH, WE WILL LOOK INTO IT, BUT THAT
4 SEEMS ALMOST KIND OF LIKE A, LIKE A RENTER'S MARKET TYPE OF
5 WHAT

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7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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9 **DAWYN HARRISON:** IS WILLING TO BEAR

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT WAS A
12 VIOLATION.

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14 **DAWYN HARRISON:** OKAY. BECAUSE I WILL LOOK INTO THAT.

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16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I THINK WE NEED TO THEN ALSO
17 EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE, AGAIN, I'VE TALKED TO
18 AT LEAST AT LEAST THREE, MAYBE FOUR PEOPLE THAT ACTUALLY GOT
19 OUTBID ON RENTAL PROPERTY. AND COULDN'T AFFORD TO PAY WHAT
20 THEY WERE ASKING AND HAD TO WALK AWAY. ARE YOU GOING TO. OH, I
21 THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY, ARE YOU STANDING THERE OR
22 SITTING THERE? OKAY, WITH THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

23
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK
25 YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND YOURSELF, FOR INTRODUCING THIS



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SUPERVISORS

1 MOTION. WE ALL KNOW THAT UNFORTUNATELY, DURING CRISIS, WE
2 ALWAYS SEE THESE KINDS OF SCHEMES GOING ON, AND IT IS SO
3 RAMPANT. AND I JUST HAVE TO THINK BACK WHEN WE WENT THROUGH
4 THE PANDEMIC, HOW BUSINESSES WERE ALSO CAPITALIZING ON THAT
5 PANIC. THEY WERE, YOU KNOW, CHARGING EXORBITANT PRICES,
6 WHETHER IT WAS FOR GOODS OR SERVICES. AND BACK THEN, I KNOW
7 THAT WE WORKED TO EXPAND PROTECTIONS FOR CONSUMERS AND RENTERS
8 ALIKE AND TO CURB THEIR ILLEGAL BEHAVIOR. SO, I HOPE AT SOME
9 POINT WE'LL ALSO THINK ABOUT CONSUMERS FOR OTHER FOR OTHER
10 NECESSITIES, LIKE THOSE THAT ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING TO REPAIR
11 THEIR HOMES. THOSE PRICES ARE GOING TO GO UP. THAT'S ONE
12 THING. BUT ALSO, WITH RESPECT TO I JUST WANT TO I JUST WANT TO
13 ADD THIS TO THE RECORD WAGE THEFT. THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT
14 OF PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO BE ASKED TO ASKED TO COME IN TO DO
15 WORK, AND THEY MAY NOT BE PAID. AND THERE WILL BE A LOT OF
16 PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITIES, IMMIGRANTS AND OTHERS THAT ARE
17 ALSO GOING TO BE IMPACTED. AND THAT'S A RECURRING THEME FOR US
18 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. SO, I WOULD HOPE THAT ALL THE TOOLS THAT
19 YOU HAVE AT HAND, THAT YOU'LL EXPAND THEM AND REALLY FOCUS IN
20 AND KEEP SOME LEVEL OF, YOU KNOW, FOCUS ON WHAT'S HAPPENING
21 THERE BECAUSE IT ALL GOES HAND IN HAND. EVEN IF YOU'RE
22 REPAIRING RENTAL UNITS, THINGS OF THAT NATURE, THERE'S A
23 TENDENCY FOR SOMETIMES PEOPLE TO CUT CORNERS. AND THAT CAN
24 ALSO RESULT IN AN ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST THE WORKER OR THE
25 TENANT. SO, I HOPE THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER. BUT RIGHT NOW,



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1 THE IMMEDIACY IS MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE DON'T PRICE GOUGE AND
2 THEY SHOULDN'T BE GOING ABOVE 10%, AND ESPECIALLY WITH PEOPLE
3 THAT HAVE LANGUAGE BARRIERS AND DISABILITIES, I THINK THOSE
4 ARE REALLY CRITICAL POPULATIONS THAT WE SHOULD BE THINKING
5 ABOUT AS WELL. SO, I WOULD JUST UNDERScore THAT I KNOW THE
6 GOVERNOR'S LEADERSHIP. HE'S ALREADY SAID HE'S GOING TO BE
7 INVESTIGATING THESE ABUSES. SO IS THE AG, WHICH IS GREAT. BUT
8 WE HAVE TO MAKE IT COUNT HERE ON THE GROUND IN L.A. COUNTY.
9 SO, I STRONGLY SUPPORT YOUR MOTION AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING
10 BACK FROM YOU ALL ON WHERE WE GO FROM HERE. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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14 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. I ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT THE
15 MOTION TO STAND FIRM AGAINST PREDATORY PRICING. I THINK WE
16 SHOULD DEMAND TRANSPARENCY IN RENTAL PRICING AND ENSURE THAT
17 OUR LAWS DO HOLD BAD ACTORS ACCOUNTABLE WITHOUT PLACING UNDUE
18 BURDENS ON SMALL PROPERTY OWNERS. YOU KNOW, AS I LISTEN TO
19 YOUR EXAMPLE, MADAM CHAIR, WHAT OCCURRED TO ME IS I WONDER
20 WHETHER IT'S PRICE GOUGING OR NOT, I DON'T KNOW, THE DA
21 APPARENTLY HAS SAID THAT IT IS, BUT IT'S CERTAINLY, I THINK,
22 CALLS INTO QUESTION FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING THAT, YOU
23 KNOW, THERE ARE A SERIES OF CRITERIA THAT WE SHOULD BE
24 PROTECTED FROM WHEN YOU GO FOR HOUSING. AND SO WOULD I TAKE
25 THE 13,000 FROM, YOU KNOW, A SINGLE PERSON VERSUS A FAMILY



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1 WITH SIX KIDS WHO OFFERED THE 10,000. SO, I YOU KNOW, I REALLY
2 WONDER IF THERE ARE OTHER ELEMENTS IN PEOPLE SELECTING WHICH
3 TENANT THEY'RE GOING TO CHOOSE FROM BEYOND JUST THE ADDITIONAL
4 RENT. SO, I THINK THE FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING PROTECTIONS
5 SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION AS WELL. YOU KNOW, I YOU
6 KNOW, THANK YOU. BOW DOWN TO THE RENT BRIGADE. I HELD UP THEIR
7 CHART A COUPLE OF MEETINGS AGO FOR THE WORK THAT THEY'VE DONE.
8 BUT WHAT REALLY, FRANKLY, PISSES ME OFF IS WHEN WE LOOK AT THE
9 PREDATORY WAY IN WHICH THE ELECTRONIC ALGORITHMS ARE USED. YOU
10 KNOW, THE RENT BRIGADE. THEIR STUDY FOUND THAT RENT HIKE
11 OUTSIDE OF LEGAL LIMITS WERE STEEPER ON THE LOWER END OF
12 L.A.'S HOUSING MARKET. SO, IT'S ALMOST LIKE REDLINING THAT THE
13 ALGORITHMIC TECHNOLOGY IS PREYING ON THOSE WHO CAN LEAST
14 AFFORD THE RENT HIKE AND PROBABLY PREYING ON, YOU KNOW,
15 GEOGRAPHIC AREAS WHERE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS MORE LIKELY TO
16 BE. AND SO, I'M REALLY INTERESTED IN WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN GET
17 AHEAD OF THE ALGORITHMS LOOK FORWARD AND HOPE THAT COUNCIL AND
18 DCBA WILL WORK WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO EXPLORE POLICIES THAT
19 REQUIRE LANDLORDS TO DISCLOSE WHETHER THEY'RE USING THE
20 PRICING ALGORITHMS AND, FRANKLY, IMPOSE STRICTER ENFORCEMENT
21 MECHANISMS SO THAT THE COUNTY NOT INDIVIDUAL RENTERS OR THE,
22 THE, THE VOLUNTEER, YOU KNOW, PRICE GOUGING BRIGADE THAT WE'RE
23 LEADING THE CHARGE AGAINST PRICE GOUGING AND THAT. WE'RE NOT
24 LOOKING TO RENTERS TO HAVE TO PROVE THAT THE ALGORITHMIC RENT
25 FIXING WAS USED, THAT THAT THE BURDEN OF PROOF IS NOT ON THE



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1 RENTER, BUT REALLY ON THE LANDLORD THEMSELVES. YOU KNOW, I
2 HAVE TO SAY THAT I ALSO WOULD SUPPORT AND BELIEVE IN
3 COMPOUNDING THE PENALTIES FOR CORPORATE ENTITIES THAT
4 SYSTEMATICALLY ENGAGE IN PRICE GOUGING, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT
5 ARE USING THE SOFTWARE. YOU KNOW, IT'S YOU KNOW, WE LEARNED A
6 NUMBER OF YEARS AGO THAT CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PEOPLE. SO,
7 SINCE THESE ARE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES, THE CORPORATION
8 IS NOT GOING TO GO TO JAIL FOR DOING THIS. SO THE CIVIL
9 PENALTIES ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE SO STEEP THAT IT WILL HURT
10 THEM ENOUGH TO NOT ENGAGE IN THIS UNLAWFUL PRACTICE. AND I
11 AGREE. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T CATCH SUCH CAST,
12 SUCH A BROAD NET THAT WE ALSO LOOP IN UNSUSPECTING,
13 PARTICULARLY THE MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS. I HAVE HEARD, I KNOW
14 I'M NOT SURE WHAT COUNTY DEPARTMENT HAS DONE IT, BUT ON URBAN
15 RADIO, WE'RE ALREADY RUNNING THE ADS TALKING ABOUT OUR COUNTY
16 ORDINANCE THAT WE MANAGE WITH, YOU KNOW, A FINE TOOTH COMB TO
17 TRY TO STRIKE A BALANCE TO ALLOW FOR, YOU KNOW, REASONABLE
18 RENT INCREASES WAY BELOW THE 10% THAT THE STATE THE STATE
19 ALLOWED, CREATING A BETTER OPPORTUNITY FOR MOM AND POP. SO, WE
20 DON'T RUN THEM OUT OF THE RENTAL MARKET. UM, SO THEY'RE
21 HEARING THOSE COMMERCIALS NOW. YOU KNOW, SOMETHING ELSE MAY
22 COME INTO PLAY, SO WE DON'T WANT THEM INADVERTENTLY CAUGHT UP.
23 BUT THE BIG CORPORATIONS WHO ARE ENGAGING IN REDLINING AND
24 PREYING ON GEOGRAPHIC AREAS AND COMMUNITIES, WHO CAN LEAST
25 AFFORD TO BE GOUGED. WE NEED TO DELIVER THE HAMMER. SO, I



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1 REALLY HOPE TWO THINGS THAT WE CAN FIGURE OUT A WAY TO PLACE
2 THE BURDEN OF DETERMINING WHETHER AN ALGORITHM WAS USED NOT ON
3 THE TENANT, BUT ON EITHER THE COUNTY OR THE LANDLORD AND THAT
4 WE REALLY FIGURE OUT A WAY THAT WE CAN COMPOUND THE PENALTIES
5 AND HOLD CORPORATE BAD ACTORS ACCOUNTABLE. THAT'S MY HOPE THAT
6 WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO, IN SUPPORTING THIS MOTION AND THE WORK
7 THAT DCBA WILL BE DOING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER OF MY
10 COLLEAGUES WISHING TO SPEAK. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
11 THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS
12 ITEM.

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14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL CHELSEA KIRK AND GRACE HUTT PLEASE
15 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER
16 FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
17 ADDRESS ITEM 51B IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS
18 ONE, THEN ZERO NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE.
19 MODERATOR. MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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21 **MODERATOR:** JEFF TORRES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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23 **SPEAKER:** HI. THANK YOU SO MUCH. SO, I HAVE A FRIEND WHO WAS
24 GETTING EVICTED THREE DAYS AFTER THESE FIRES STARTED AND WAS
25 SEEING TWO BEDROOM, TWO BATH FOR \$3,600 IN TEMPLE CITY, WHICH



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1 IS WHERE SHE LIVED. THAT'S NOT WEST HOLLYWOOD. IT'S NOT
2 BEVERLY HILLS. SHE WORKS FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SHE WAS
3 LOOKING FOR PLACES IN CHINO HILLS THAT WOULD BE IN HER PRICE
4 RANGE. WHAT ARE WE DOING IF CITY WORKERS CAN'T AFFORD TO MOVE
5 WITHIN OUR CITY LIMITS AFTER A DISASTER WITHOUT UPENDING THEIR
6 ENTIRE LIVES? THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE WORRYING ABOUT MOVING.
7 WE SHOULD WAIVE RENTAL APPLICATION FEES IF THAT'S POSSIBLE
8 DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY, BECAUSE SHE WAS PAYING LIKE 20 TO
9 \$50 PER APPLICATION, SHE WAS LOSING OUT TO SOME OF THESE
10 APARTMENTS FOR PEOPLE THAT WERE MAKING 20K A MONTH OR HAVE
11 LIKE 300K IN SAVINGS. SO, HOMELESSNESS IS ALREADY TERRIBLE
12 HERE AND IT'S GOING TO SKYROCKET AS A RESULT OF THIS. LIKE IF
13 WE DON'T SUPPORT 51B, SO I'M FULLY IN SUPPORT OF 51B. WE HAVE
14 TO GO AFTER THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE EXPLOITING SO MANY PEOPLE IN
15 OUR CITY. THE RENTERS THAT MAKE THE CITY WHAT IT IS. I MEAN,
16 WHO'S GOING TO LIVE HERE? WHO'S GOING TO DO ALL THE JOBS? I
17 MEAN, IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. WE HAVE TO SUPPORT 51B.

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

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21 **MODERATOR:** CYNTHIA GONZALEZ. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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

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25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YES. GO AHEAD.



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2 **SPEAKER:** HI. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS CYNTHIA GONZALEZ. I LIVE IN
3 SD 5, AND I JUST WANTED TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT I AM IN
4 SUPPORT OF MAKING SURE THAT WE PASS THIS AMENDMENT. I WAS
5 DIRECTLY AFFECTED IN SO MANY OF MY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND
6 NEIGHBORS BY THE EATON CANYON FIRE AND ALSO THE PALISADES
7 FIRE. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS REALLY
8 IN SUPPORT OF TENANTS AND ENSURING THAT, YOU KNOW, L.A. COUNTY
9 REALLY HAS TO KEEP THAT IN MIND WITH THESE PRICE GOUGERS GOING
10 UP, LANDLORDS TAKING, YOU KNOW, FULL OF, YOU KNOW, FULL,
11 BASICALLY FULL LIKE JUST TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION.
12 THAT'S NOT REALLY ENSURING THAT WE HAVE ANGELENOS IN MIND. SO,
13 WITH THAT BEING SAID, I REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE
14 IN SUPPORT OF 51D AND MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE
15 THESE PENALTIES FOR ANY OF RENTAL --

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

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19 **SPEAKER:** ROY HUMPHRIES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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21 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU. YOU
22 ALL HAVE AN ONEROUS TASK TO DO THIS. A MEGA PROBLEM HERE, BUT
23 SOMETHING IT'S SO EASY TO WRITE UP THESE THINGS, I'LL DO THIS
24 AND DO THAT AND HAVE THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND ALL THAT TO
25 REALIZE WHERE IS THE STAFFING TO DEAL BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH



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1 THESE THINGS IN A TIMELY MANNER. AND WHAT ABOUT THE COURT
2 SYSTEM? THE WHOLE DYNAMICS OF THE SYSTEM. SO, YOU GOT A NICE
3 THING TO PUT IT ON A PIECE OF PAPER HERE. BUT YOU HAVE THESE
4 SYSTEMS WHICH HAVEN'T BEEN ADDRESSED OVER DECADES. AND THEY'RE
5 SO OVERBURDENED. THEY'RE ARCAINE. THEY'RE LIKE SOMETHING FROM
6 THE CAVEMAN AGE. THEY'RE AND YOU'VE GOT TO BE THANKFUL THAT WE
7 HAVE OUR NEW DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERE FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
8 ANGELES AND SO FORTH. SO, HEY, HATS OFF TO YOU. BUT AGAIN, YOU
9 HAVE YOU'RE TRYING TO PUT A GALLON OF WATER INTO A QUART JAR.
10 THANK YOU.

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

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14 **MODERATOR:** CHRISTINA BOWYER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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16 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND BARGER
17 FOR PUTTING THIS MOTION FORWARD. IT'S REALLY DISHEARTENING
18 THAT PEOPLE ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF VULNERABLE TENANTS, THOSE
19 ALREADY IN THE RENTAL MARKET OR FORCED INTO THE RENTAL MARKET
20 FROM THEIR HOUSES BURNING DOWN. DURING THIS CRISIS. I DEEPLY
21 APPRECIATE THAT THE COUNTY IS TAKING PRICE GOUGING SERIOUSLY
22 AND TAKING MEASURES TO CURB IT. PLEASE VOTE YES ON THIS ITEM.
23 IN THAT VEIN, WE DO UNFORTUNATELY SEE THE PATTERN OF PEOPLE
24 TURNING A CRISIS INTO AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROFIT. AND I'M HAPPY
25 TO SEE THE BOARD VOTED TO PASS ITEM 8 TO SUPPORT A STATEWIDE



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1 EFFORTS FOR A RENT FREEZE AND MORE PRICE GOUGING PROTECTIONS.
2 I'D LIKE TO URGE THE BOARD TO TAKE BOLD AND URGENT ACTION TO
3 PROTECT THIS COUNTY OF TENANTS FURTHER, TO INTRODUCE A RENT
4 PAUSE AND A ROBUST EVICTION PROTECTIONS COUNTYWIDE. WE HEAR
5 STORIES OF TENANTS WHOSE LANDLORDS ARE SIMPLY WAITING FOR THE
6 PRICE GOUGING PERIOD TO END, SO THEY CAN EVICT THEIR TENANTS
7 AND BRING IN HIGHER PAYING ONES. PEOPLE CAN HARDLY AFFORD
8 THEIR RENT AS IT IS, AND BAD ACTORS WILL BE RAISING RENTS AND
9 EVICTING TENANTS TO FURTHER PROFIT OFF OF THIS DISASTER. THE
10 MEASURES HERE TODAY ARE GREAT AND I APPRECIATE THEM, BUT
11 TENANTS IN THIS COUNTY NEED MORE TO AVOID BEING DISPLACED
12 ESPECIALLY --

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

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16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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18 **MODERATOR:** ERIC PREVIN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. AND I DO APPRECIATE, YOU KNOW, SOME RENT
21 PROTECTIONS. AND KEEP IN MIND, WHAT TRACY PARK AT CITY HALL
22 SAID, WHICH IS, I DON'T NECESSARILY KNOW MY FAVORITE PERSON IN
23 THE WORLD, BUT SHE DID MAKE A POINT, WHICH IS IN NO WAY MOST
24 MOM AND POPS ARE DOING A GREAT JOB, BUT NOBODY WHO'S BRINGING
25 IN A REFUGEE SHOULD BE HIT WITH ANY KIND OF ONEROUS FEE OR,



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1 YOU KNOW, A PET. IF THEY'RE BRINGING IN A PET TO HARBOR
2 SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN DISPLACED. THIS IS VERY, VERY DARK STUFF.
3 AND THAT MUST THERE MUST BE A ZERO TOLERANCE FOR THAT. I DON'T
4 KNOW ABOUT 50 GRAND FOR THIS OR THAT, BUT THAT IS INTOLERABLE.
5 OKAY. AND OF COURSE, THIS IS WHAT YOU RUN INTO AT CITY HALL,
6 BY THE WAY. IT'S EXTREMELY HURTFUL TO FOLKS ABLED AND DISABLED
7 TO NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE A PUBLIC COMMENT. SOMETIMES IT'S THE
8 LAST RESORT. AND MR. HARRIS-DAWSON, THE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
9 ALL OF YOU ARE ALLIES WITH HARRIS-DAWSON. CALL HIM UP AND SAY,
10 SIR. BAD IDEA. YOU GOT TO LET THE PEOPLE TALK. IT'S VERY SAD
11 OVER THERE. THEY'RE SWEATING AS THEY'RE AS THEY'RE LEANING ON
12 PEOPLE. THEY'RE PROVIDING LIENS DURING A CRISIS. I MEAN, THIS
13 IS SHOCKING --

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

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18 **MODERATOR:** SARAH TARKOFF, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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20 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS SARAH. I'M A HOMEOWNER IN LOS ANGELES,
21 AND I WOULD I'M CALLING TO ARGUE IN FAVOR OF PASSING 51B. I'M
22 JUST REALLY WORRIED THAT HOMELESSNESS IS GOING TO GET WORSE IF
23 WE DON'T PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR RENTERS. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO
24 SAY. THANK YOU.



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

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

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO TO IN-PERSON
7 SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

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9 **SPEAKER:** IS IT. IS IT WORKING? HI, MY NAME IS CHELSEA KIRK. I
10 CREATED THE CROWDSOURCE SPREADSHEET THAT I THINK YOU'VE ALL
11 SEEN BY NOW. THE ARMY OF US WORKING ON THIS ARE NOW CALLED THE
12 RENT BRIGADE. SO, THANKS FOR THE SHOUT OUTS. AS OF JANUARY
13 31ST, THERE ARE NOW 2,864 INSTANCES OF RENT GOUGING IN THE
14 COUNTY. THIS IS 113% RENT INCREASE SINCE WE LAST ANALYZED THE
15 DATA ON JANUARY 18TH. WE NEED 51B. WE NEED HIGH FINES, BUT
16 UNLESS WE PROSECUTE AND PUT LANDLORDS IN JAIL FOR THIS, I FEAR
17 THEY WILL NOT BE STOPPED. ONLY TWO PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CHARGED SO
18 FAR. WHAT IS THAT SIGNALLING TO PEOPLE BREAKING THE LAW?
19 PLEASE CLARIFY WHO IS IN LEAD IN CHARGE OF PROSECUTING THESE
20 CRIMES. ANOTHER ISSUE WE HOPE YOU WILL ADDRESS. GOVERNOR
21 ISSUED EXECUTIVE ORDER THIS MORNING ALLOWING PRICE GOUGING FOR
22 SINGLE FAMILY HOMES. CLEARLY, THE STATE CANNOT BE RELIED ON TO
23 INTERVENE IN A MEANINGFUL WAY TO PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE.
24 WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR LEADERSHIP RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU FOR
25 MAKING THIS AN ISSUE YOU CARE ABOUT. THANK YOU. OH, AND BY THE



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1 WAY, BIDDING WARS ARE ILLEGAL. THIS IS NOT CONTESTED.

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

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5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GRACE HUTT. I'M HERE AS A
6 REPRESENTATIVE OF SAGE AND A RENTER IN SD1 TO URGE THE BOARD
7 TO VOTE YES ON 51B. THE RENT BRIGADE HAS RECORDED MORE THAN
8 2,864 CASES OF RENT GOUGING, AND THE NUMBER OF CASES ARE GOING
9 UP AT AN INCREASINGLY FAST PACE. RENTS ARE SKYROCKETING
10 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, BOTH IN NEIGHBORHOODS DIRECTLY ADJACENT
11 TO THOSE IMPACTED BY THE FIRES, AS WELL AS IN NEIGHBORHOODS
12 TENS OF MILES AWAY. THE CURRENT ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS IN
13 PLACE SIMPLY ARE NOT DOING ANYTHING TO DISSUADE LANDLORDS FROM
14 RENT GOUGING. A \$10,000 FINE CAN EASILY BE ABSORBED BY
15 LANDLORDS AND RECOUP THROUGH RIDICULOUSLY INFLATED RENTS. ONLY
16 TWO LANDLORDS HAVE BEEN CHARGED SINCE THE FIRE, SETTING A
17 PRECEDENT THAT THERE ARE NO CONSEQUENCES FOR ENGAGING IN THIS
18 ILLEGAL, IMMORAL AND PREDATORY PRACTICE. TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT
19 RENTERS, THERE MUST BE STRONG PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT OF
20 ANTI-GOUGING LAWS, AS WELL AS A RENT FREEZE AND EVICTION
21 MORATORIUM. YES, ON 51B. THANK YOU.

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

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25 **SPEAKER:** YES. AS OF FEBRUARY 4TH, --



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE
3 RECORD?
4

5 **SPEAKER:** D.R. CHAVEZ, OR AS PEOPLE PRONOUNCE IT, DOCTOR
6 CHAVEZ, AS OF FEBRUARY 4, 2025. THE DEFINITION UNDER THE CITY
7 OF LOS ANGELES OF A RENTER IS VERY CONFUSING STILL, AND WE
8 WOULD LOVE THE HELP OF ALL THE LEGAL TEAM WHO PASSED THE BAR
9 AS LAWYERS TO GET AND SUPPORT THESE WOMEN HERE. GET THE
10 DEFINITION OF WHAT RENTERS ARE BECAUSE YOU HAVE PREMEDITATED
11 MALES WHO ARE TRAINED BY LAPD, TRAINED BY YOUR U.S. DEPARTMENT
12 OF THE MILITARY THAT PREMEDIATE HOW THEY CONTROL THEIR
13 HOUSING, IN WHICH PUTTING PREDICAMENTS OF RENTERS OR LOVED
14 ONES OUT IN THE STREETS AND IT'S STILL COVERED UP BY
15 CORRUPTION. AND THEN NOW YOU HIRE NOT YOU LADIES, BUT HALF A
16 MILLION TO PAY A CHIEF IN LAPD TO CONTINUE THE CORRUPTION --
17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** RIGHT. ARE THERE ANYMORE? ALL
19 RIGHT.
20

21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY, I JUST WANTED TO
22 CLARIFY. THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES THAT ARE BEING ENFORCED ARE
23 ENFORCED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, BUT CIVIL PENALTIES, AS
24 OUTLINED IN THIS REPORT AND IN OTHER ACTIONS WE'VE TAKEN, ARE
25 BEING ENFORCED BY COUNTY COUNSEL AND DCA. IS THAT CORRECT?



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2 **DAWYN HARRISON:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

3

4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** ALL RIGHT. I KNOW THAT CLARIFICATION WAS
5 REQUESTED. SO, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE STATED THAT.
6 THANKS.

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8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION.
9 ITEM 51B IS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

10

11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. I JUST WANTED TO
12 AS WE GET AS WE TALK ABOUT THE CIVIL PENALTIES, IF I COULD ASK
13 DCBA, IF YOU COULD DESCRIBE WHAT CURRENT WHAT YOU, WHAT
14 AUTHORITY YOU CURRENTLY HAVE AND WHAT YOUR PROCESS IS FOR
15 EVALUATING CIVIL PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATION, PARTICULARLY FOR
16 THOSE WHO MAY BE REPEAT OFFENDERS, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THE
17 MOTION HAS THE RANGE OF 10 TO 50. AND I WASN'T UNCLEAR. YOU
18 KNOW THE WHAT? HOW? YOU WILL DECIDE WHICH PENALTY YOU WILL
19 APPLY SINCE IT'S. WE HAVE CONTROL OF THAT HERE AT THE COUNTY.

20

21 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** SURE. SO, WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO
22 INVESTIGATE, ISSUE SUBPOENAS AS PART OF THE INVESTIGATION.
23 REFER THE CASES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING THE DA CITY
24 ATTORNEY'S, OUR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AS WELL, WHO ARE
25 PART OF THE TASK FORCE. AND THEN WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO ISSUE



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1 CIVIL PENALTIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COUNTY COUNSEL. SO THE
2 \$50,000 IS BEING RECOMMENDED. NOW IS THE IS THE TOP. SO WE DO
3 HAVE THE AUTHORITY AS A COUNTY TO LOOK AT THE TOTALITY OF THE
4 CIRCUMSTANCES, THE EGREGIOUSNESS, THE UNWILLINGNESS TO ADDRESS
5 OR REMEDIATE THE ISSUE.

6

7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** LIKE IF YOU'RE A REPEAT OFFENDER.

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9 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** IF YOU'RE A REPEAT OFFENDER. AND THEN THERE'S
10 ALSO STRATEGIES TO LOOK AT THE INSTANCES OF THE VIOLATION THAT
11 ALLOWS US TO STACK LIKE YOU WERE RECOMMENDING.

12

13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER PEOPLE
16 WISHING OR MY COLLEAGUE WISHING TO SPEAK. ITEM 51B IS BEFORE
17 US MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THIS
18 ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

19

20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

23

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

25



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

2

3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR
4 HORVATH?

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

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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10 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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

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14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5 TO
17 0.

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19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE'LL MOVE ON TO
20 ITEM 51C IMMEDIATE ACTION TO REMOVE TOXIC FIRE DEBRIS AND
21 CONTAINMENT RUNOFF FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACHES, WHICH WAS
22 HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING
23 TO ON THE TELEPHONE, WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE
24 PRESS ONE THEN ZERO TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR
25 HORVATH.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS WE KNOW, THE
3 PALISADES FIRE HAS HAD A FAR-REACHING IMPACT, INCLUDING ON OUR
4 COASTAL WATERS AND BEACHES, AND ITS CONSEQUENCES ARE STILL
5 UNFOLDING. THE FIRE ITSELF HAS INCREASED SEDIMENT IN THE
6 SURROUNDING AREA AND FIRE DEBRIS IS INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES
7 FOR POLLUTANTS TO REACH OUR OCEAN. ON JANUARY 27TH, THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TOOK THE PRECAUTIONARY STEP OF
9 ISSUING AN OCEAN WATER CLOSURE EXTENDING FROM LAS FLORES STATE
10 BEACH ALL THE WAY TO SANTA MONICA STATE BEACH. THIS WAS NOT A
11 DECISION MADE LIGHTLY, BUT ONE MADE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING
12 THAT THE WATERS IN THIS AREA COULD BE UNSAFE DUE TO
13 CONTAMINATION FROM THE FIRE AND THE AFTERMATH OF THE RECENT
14 STORM. CREWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS WERE
15 ALSO DISPATCHED TO INVESTIGATE. COUNTY MANAGED BEACHES. THEY
16 DISCOVERED ASH, SEDIMENT AND DEBRIS ON THE SHORES OF SEVERAL
17 KEY BEACHES, PARTICULARLY AT WILL ROGERS AND TOPANGA STATE
18 BEACHES. THESE SEDIMENTS MAY CONTAIN TOXIC CHEMICALS AND HEAVY
19 METALS THAT BURNED IN THE FIRES. SUBSTANCES WE CANNOT AFFORD
20 TO IGNORE BECAUSE THEY ARE SO HARMFUL TO OUR MARINE ECOSYSTEMS
21 AND CAN CREATE ALGAL BLOOMS. WE NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS
22 TO ADDRESS THE POSSIBLE POLLUTION IN OUR WATERS AND ON OUR
23 BEACHES AND BEGIN PREPARING FOR FUTURE RAINSTORM EVENTS. WHILE
24 UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS TO MAINTAIN COUNTY MANAGED



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1 BEACHES. GIVEN THE CURRENT ROLE OF THE COUNTY'S FLOOD CONTROL
2 DISTRICT IN THE DEBRIS CLEANUP AFTER THE FIRES, IT IS
3 IMPERATIVE THAT THEY LEAD THESE EFFORTS IN COORDINATION WITH
4 BEACHES AND HARBORS. FURTHERMORE, THE POSSIBLE SCALE OF THE
5 PROBLEM WE ARE FACING IS COMPLEX AND UNPRECEDENTED. IT'S CLEAR
6 THE COUNTY NEEDS ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, EXPERTISE, AND
7 COORDINATION FROM OUR STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS TO ENSURE
8 THAT WE MOVE QUICKLY TO SAFELY REMOVE ANY TOXIC SEDIMENT AND
9 DEBRIS, WHILE ALSO PREPARING FOR THE LONG ROAD AHEAD. THIS
10 ISSUE IS BIGGER THAN ANY ONE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY. IT REQUIRES
11 ALL OF US TO WORK TOGETHER TO SAFEGUARD THE SAFEGUARD THE
12 HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR PRECIOUS MARINE ECOSYSTEM.
13 AND I PERSONALLY SPOKE WITH THE GOVERNOR OVER THE WEEKEND
14 ABOUT THIS ITEM, LETTING HIM KNOW THAT THIS WAS GOING TO BE ON
15 OUR AGENDA TODAY, AND HE COMMITTED HIS PARTNERSHIP ON BEHALF
16 OF ALL THE STATE AGENCIES TO WORKING WITH THE COUNTY ON THIS,
17 AS OUR STATE KNOWS THAT IT IS A CRITICAL ISSUE TO ADDRESS.
18 THERE ARE A FEW AMENDMENTS I WANTED TO READ IN FIRST IN THE
19 TITLE TO REMOVE POTENTIALLY TOXIC FIRES AND DEBRIS. NEXT, JUST
20 BEFORE THE MOVING CLAUSES IN THE FINAL PARAGRAPH, ADD
21 FURTHERMORE, WHILE UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS THE
22 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS TO
23 OPERATE AND MANAGE 20 BEACHES STRETCHING ALONG 25 MILES OF THE
24 COUNTY'S PRISTINE 75 MILE MAINLAND COAST. GIVEN THE CURRENT
25 ROLE OF THE COUNTIES FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT IN THE DEBRIS



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SUPERVISORS

1 CLEANUP AFTER THE JANUARY 2025 FIRES. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT
2 THEY LEAD AND INCLUDE OUR COAST ALONG THE PERIMETER OF THE
3 FIRE. IN DIRECTIVE ONE, SUBSECTION A ADD INCLUDING RESOURCES
4 FOR SAFEGUARDS FOR COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY THE TRANSPORTATION
5 OF ASH AND DEBRIS. IN SUBSECTION D, ADDING AFTER RESOURCES,
6 INCLUDING FUNDING AVAILABLE TO HELP RESTORE AND REMEDIATE OUR
7 BEACHES. IN SUBSECTION E, A NEW SUBSECTION E WOULD READ PURSUE
8 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO OFFSET THE COST OF COASTAL CLEANUP
9 AND RESTORATION. IN DIRECTIVE TWO, AFTER DBH ADD AS OPERATOR
10 AND MANAGER OF THE COUNTY'S COASTLINE AND AFTER RESOURCES ARE
11 NEEDED TO RESPOND BEFORE AND AFTER A RAINSTORM. AND IN ITEM IN
12 DIRECTIVE 3 AFTER DBH, ADD THE WORD AND, AND DELETE AND THE
13 STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD. AND THAT REFLECTS THE
14 AMENDMENTS I'D LIKE TO HAVE IN THE RECORD. THANK YOU VERY
15 MUCH.

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17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR
20 THIS. I'M LOOKING AT A DIRECTIVE 4, DIRECT DPW IN COORDINATION
21 WITH ALL THOSE OTHERS TO REPORT BACK IN 15 DAYS WITH BEST
22 PRACTICES FOR CLEANING UP OUR BEACHES AND COASTAL WATERS FROM
23 TOXIC OR CARCINOGENIC CHEMICALS AND DEBRIS. I THINK THIS IS
24 REALLY IMPORTANT. I, I DO, YOU KNOW, I KNOW EVERYTHING WE'RE
25 TRYING TO DO IS TO BE QUICK AND TO BE EFFICIENT AND TO CUT



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1 BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE. AND YOU KNOW, AGAIN, EVERY CONSEQUENCE
2 THAT WE BEGIN TO LEARN, NOBODY REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IN THE
3 BEGINNING. SO CERTAINLY, THE RUNOFF IN OUR BEACHES AND WATERS
4 IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS. I HAVE A REPORT
5 FROM A LOCAL ILWU 56. THIS IS THE UNION. THESE ARE LABOR
6 FRIENDS WHO SPECIFICALLY ARE THE TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS WASTE
7 CLEANUP ARM OF THE ILWU. AND THEY HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT
8 AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE'RE MAYBE IGNORING SOME OF OUR LONGTIME
9 EXPERIENCED WORKERS WHO DO THIS WORKDAY IN AND DAY OUT AND
10 INSTEAD FOR, I DON'T KNOW, EFFICIENCY OR PROFICIENCY OR
11 EXPEDITING IT, WE ARE HIRING WORKERS THAT MANY. AGAIN, I DON'T
12 KNOW THE ACCURACY OF THIS REPORT, BUT HIRING LIKE 700 WORKERS
13 FROM TEXAS, EVEN THOUGH I KNOW WE HAVE HAD CONTRACTS WITH ILWU
14 LOCAL 56, SO I WOULD JUST WHAT I WOULD ASK IS IN THAT FOR
15 MARK, IN YOUR REPORT BACK FOR BEST PRACTICES, YOU KNOW, I
16 WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD SPECIFICALLY REACH OUT TO OUR LABOR
17 FRIENDS AS WELL, BECAUSE, AGAIN, MANY OF THEM, THIS IS THEIR
18 LIFE'S WORK IS TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP. VERY FEW
19 FOLKS ACTUALLY DO THIS WORK. IT'S KIND OF THE WORST OF THE
20 WORST WORK. BUT I DO KNOW THAT WE HAVE GOOD LABOR PARTNERS
21 THAT HAVE EXPERTISE IN THIS, SO THAT THAT'S WHAT I WOULD ASK.

22
23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** I DON'T THINK --

24
25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW --



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THE INTENTION OF OUR MOTION WASN'T TO
3 EXCLUDE OR --

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5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I KNOW

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7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OR NOT TO CALL UPON THEM. SO

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9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I AGREE. I JUST WAS WOULD SPECIFICALLY WHEN
10 YOU REPORT BACK ON BEST PRACTICES. I HOPE THAT WILL BE PART OF
11 YOUR RESEARCH AND THAT YOU WOULD REACH OUT TO LOCAL 56 IN
12 DOING THIS REPORT. YOU DON'T NEED YOU DON'T NEED AN ANSWER. I
13 JUST TOLD YOU SOMETHING.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, ARE YOU DONE?

16

17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH.

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. IT WAS
20 PROFOUND. OKAY. ALL RIGHT, THEN I'LL SPEAK. YEAH. SUPERVISOR
21 HORVATH, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION IN. I MEAN, I KNOW
22 THAT WE ARE. THE FIRES ARE OUT, AND NOW WE ARE DEALING WITH
23 RAIN. AND IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US. I KNOW I DON'T HAVE THE
24 BEACHES, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, YOU KNOW, THE IMPACT THAT IT'S
25 GOING TO HAVE UP AGAINST THE FOOTHILLS IS REAL. BUT IN THIS



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1 CASE, HAVING THE DEBRIS GO INTO THE OCEAN IS OF GREAT CONCERN,
2 ESPECIALLY SINCE WE KNOW THERE ARE CONTAMINANTS THAT ARE
3 HEALTH HAZARDS. AND ALREADY AFTER RAINS, WE ALWAYS SEE THE
4 ADVISORY NOT TO GO INTO THE OCEAN. AND I CAN ONLY IMAGINE THE
5 IMPACT THIS IS GOING TO HAVE ON THE WILDLIFE. SO, I THINK IT'S
6 IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE PROACTIVE BECAUSE WE KNOW AND I KNOW
7 THAT DURING A PHONE FORUM YESTERDAY, SOMEONE WAS ASKING WHAT
8 THE HAY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE CALLED THAT THAT YOU'RE
9 PUTTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR THE TO HOLD BACK THE
10 SENTIMENT, THE HAY. WHAT DO THEY WANT? I DON'T I CAN'T
11 REMEMBER IT WAS SOME PUBLIC WORKS. BUT ANYWAY, THE GREEN
12 TUBING, THAT'S HAY, BUT I THINK, YOU KNOW, IT'S AN EXAMPLE OF
13 WHERE WE ARE TRYING TO BE PROACTIVE AS WELL AS WITH K-RAILS TO
14 TRY TO REDIRECT ON THE BEACHES. IT'S A LITTLE MORE
15 COMPLICATED, I'M SURE. BUT WE NEED TO BE PROACTIVE, AND I
16 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. MOVING FORWARD. OKAY. DID
17 I GIVE YOU ENOUGH TIME? OKAY. THERE YOU GO. SUPERVISOR
18 MITCHELL.

19
20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SOMETIMES IT JUST TAKES ME A MINUTE TO
21 REBOOT. AGING IS AN INTERESTING THING. FIRST OF ALL, I JUST
22 WANT TO THANK THE AUTHOR FOR ACCEPTING OUR AMENDED AMENDMENT
23 LANGUAGE WITH REGARD TO SAFEGUARDS FOR COMMUNITY IMPACTED
24 COMMUNITIES WITH REGARD TO TRANSPORTATION. I APPRECIATE THAT
25 AND WANTED TO ECHO YOUR REQUEST TO REALLY BE CLEAR, THAT WE'RE



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1 GOING TO NEED STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
2 CONTINUE TO HAVE THE RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR THE ADDITIONAL
3 WATER TESTING AND ALL THAT WE WILL NEED TO DO IN TERMS OF
4 KEEPING OUR COASTLINE CLEAN AND FREE OF THE DEBRIS AND THE
5 TOXIC SEDIMENT. SO JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR BOTH OF THOSE
6 BUT ADD MY VOICE TO THE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES.
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, AND IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME
10 THAT PEOPLE FISH OFF THE PIER. AND SO, IF WE DON'T AND YOU
11 KNOW, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE LONG-TERM IMPACTS ARE AS WELL.

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** WE SAW PEOPLE FISHING THIS WEEKEND.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH. ALL RIGHT. SO, THANK YOU,
16 SUPERVISOR HORVATH. Y'ALL GOOD? ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE ANY
17 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON
20 SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THIS ITEM. AS A FINAL
21 REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE
22 TO ADDRESS ITEM 51C, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE
23 PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE.
24 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **MODERATOR:** COLIN CAMPBELL, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'M COLIN CAMPBELL FROM
4 ADAPPS IN SOUTH PASADENA, DISTRICT 5. CAN WE SET UP COMMAND,
5 CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION OUT OF SOUTH PASADENA FIRE
6 DEPARTMENT FOR THE NEW DATABASE REQUESTED BY FIRE CHIEF
7 ANTHONY MARRONE AND KATHRYN BARGER, THE FEDERAL BUDGET IS
8 \$238,500,000,000. I VOLUNTEER WITH THE KIWANIS TO HOST THE
9 SOUTH PASADENA FIREFIGHTERS 4TH OF JULY PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND
10 SOUTH PASS FIREFIGHTERS ARE FIREFIGHTERS ARE GREAT PEOPLE TO
11 FIRST ROLL OUT THIS PROGRAM AND PILOT. WE CAN SET UP
12 REQUIREMENT SESSIONS AND DEMO OUR MOST POWERFUL GENERAL
13 INTELLIGENCE, HOSTED BY U.S. CYBER COMMAND DODGE, TO HELP WITH
14 THE REMOVAL OF TOXIC FIRE DEBRIS AND ENSURE EVERYBODY IS
15 HEALTHY. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

18

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

20

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

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 51C IS BEFORE US.
25 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL



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

2

3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

4

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

6

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

8

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

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR

12 HORVATH?

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AYE.

15

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

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18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE

19

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

21

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

23

24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5 TO

25 0.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE
3 ARE NO SPECIALS, SO WE WILL MOVE ON TO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
4 WE'LL HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE
5 BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON
6 THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
7 PLEASE READ IN THE INFORMATION AND CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE
8 PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

9

10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. YOU WILL HAVE ONE
11 MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
12 COMMENT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. YOU MAY ONLY
13 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL NOW CALL
14 IN PERSON SPEAKERS AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL
15 TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL DR. IVY HILTON-PRIESTESS, D.R. CHAVEZ,
18 FEDOR SEMANOV, JAMES UNDERDOWN, JESUS ROJAS AND SUSAN PRICE.
19 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY
20 WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOUR LINE IS
23 OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO
24 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MR. PREVIN?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. A TOUGH TIME. I WOULD LIKE --

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5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YEAH. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YES,

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

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13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, I CAN HEAR YOU.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I CAN.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, FINE. ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO GO.

20 I'M GOING TO START NOW. THANK YOU FOR RESETTING MY TIME. FIRST

21 OF ALL, THIS HAS BEEN A TOUGH TIME FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY, AND

22 I WANT TO JUST EMPHASIZE ONE MORE TIME. I DO APPRECIATE THE

23 HARD WORK. IT IS NOT. IT'S A THANKLESS JOB, TO BE FAIR. AND

24 YOU'RE DOING, YOU KNOW, THE BEST YOU CAN. SO I APPRECIATE IT.

25 AND THAT'S NOT BAD. YOU KNOW, IT'S JUST, THERE'S LITTLE AREAS



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1 WHERE WE COULD IMPROVE. AND ONE REALLY IS IN TAKING, NOTICE
2 AND OUTREACH SERIOUSLY AND ALSO HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC,
3 BECAUSE WE HEAR FROM ONE ANOTHER, WE LEARN WHEN WE LISTEN. SO,
4 WHEN IT'S A DISMAL TURNOUT, IT'S NOT ONLY SAD FOR THE
5 SUPERVISORS WHO TOLD PEOPLE NOT TO COME BECAUSE THERE'S THE
6 LITIGATION AND RISK REPORT THAT THEY'RE SLOUGHING THROUGH
7 WITHOUT ANY DISCUSSION. BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO HEAR FROM PEOPLE
8 SO THAT WE CAN COLLABORATE AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO HELP. AND SO,
9 THAT'S WHY I ASK YOU TO CALL MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
10 IMMEDIATELY AND TELL HIM THAT THIS CHARADE IS OVER.

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

13
14 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE WORK TOGETHER.

15
16 **MODERATOR:** NEXT IS ROY HUMPHREYS. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY
17 BEGIN. HE LEFT THE QUEUE. NEXT WE'LL GO TO BYRON ARMSTRONG.
18 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** YES, IT IS GENERAL COMMENTS. I DON'T THINK SO.

21
22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YES. GO AHEAD. YOU'VE GOT A
23 MINUTE.

24
25 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. OKAY, THEN. IN THAT CASE, I'M CALLING ON ITEM



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1 NUMBER 10 AND GENERAL COMMENTS. AND I JUST REALLY WANTED TO
2 IDENTIFY SOMETHING EARLIER. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I WANT TO
3 COMMEND YOU FOR THE COMPASSION THAT YOU SHOWED FOR THE DMH
4 EMPLOYEES AS IT RELATES TO THEIR CHILD CARE CONCERNS AND THEIR
5 WORK CONCERNS, AND THEY'RE DISRUPTING THEIR LIVES. I WOULD
6 JUST ADD THAT IF MAYBE SOME OF THAT SAME COMPASSION CAN BE
7 TARGETED TOWARDS OTHER DEPARTMENTS, SUCH AS THE ANALOGY THAT I
8 GAVE WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND MOVING PEOPLE AROUND.
9 THAT'S ALL I ASK. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND EVERYONE.
10 HAPPY BLACK. HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

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

13
14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ROY HUMPHREYS. YOUR LINE IS
15 OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16
17 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GOOD THINGS YOU DO. AND I
18 PRAY THAT ONE DAY TO SEE THE GANG OF FOUR IN THE FEDERAL
19 CUSTODY PRISON. SHERIFF BACA, FOR YOUR ICE OBSTRUCTION.
20 INSHALLAH YOU PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF
21 AMERICA. YOU ALLOW CLOSING DOWN OF THE FREEWAYS BY PROTESTERS
22 WHO I WOULD HAVE PUT IN JAILS IN THE HIGH DESERT TENT CAMPS
23 AND USED WATER CANNONS TO CLEAR THE ROADS. BUT THE GANG OF
24 FOUR DESTROYED OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. YOU CAN SEE THESE
25 THINGS ON MY YOUTUBE CHANNEL. AND NOTE THAT HUNTINGTON BEACH



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SUPERVISORS

1 IS TELLING THE STATE TO GO TO HELL. THANK YOU.

2

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

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE
6 SPEAKERS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW
7 GO TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS WITH MELVIN HILL. PLEASE COME FORWARD
8 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. HI. SUSAN. PRICE. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
11 THE EQUITY IN IS RAISED AS AN ISSUE. ALSO, A SMOLDERING
12 DISASTER OF UNHOUSED TEN THOUSANDS AND GROWING ANOTHER PRE-
13 EXISTING DISASTER. THAT'S FESTERING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR
14 DECADES. ALL HOUSING NEEDS MUST BE ADDRESSED WITH EQUITY.
15 PLEASE LOOK AT THE MODEL CREATED BY HOLLOWS COMMUNITIES.
16 HOLLOWS. HOLLOWS COMMUNITIES. YOU KNOW, WITH THE HELP OF THE
17 ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, WE COULD SEE THOUSANDS OF PUBLIC
18 HOUSING UNITS IN MONTHS IN LOS ANGELES. YOU KNOW, PUBLIC
19 HOUSING LEADS TO HOMEOWNERSHIP FOR FAMILIES THAT CANNOT AFFORD
20 THE RENT IN LOS ANGELES. PLEASE. IT'S NOT ONLY THE FIRES, IT'S
21 THE TOXIC INEQUALITY.

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

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25 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS MELVIN STEVEN HILL. I COME FROM



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1 PALMDALE. CAN I GET TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK.

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3 **DAWYN HARRISON:** NO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. JUST ONE MINUTE,
4 SIR.

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6 **SPEAKER:** ONE MINUTE. OKAY. MY NAME IS STEVE HILL. I AM A
7 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS VETERAN AND A RETIRED PEACE
8 OFFICER. I WAS ARRESTED TWO YEARS AGO BY THE CALIFORNIA
9 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AT THE REQUEST OF THE LANCASTER
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THESE TWO AGENCIES NOW ARE FIGHTING OVER
11 THAT ARREST. THEY DON'T. THEY? NO ONE WANTS TO TAKE BLAME FOR
12 THAT ARREST. I HAVE MY WEAPONS CONFISCATED, TAKEN TO JAIL, AND
13 PRETTY MUCH IT HAS COST ME MY MARRIAGE. MY MARRIAGE, MY SCHOOL
14 TEACHERS SAY MY WIFE'S A SCHOOL TEACHER. SHE DON'T WANT
15 NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS. ALL THE POLITICIANS UP IN THE
16 ANTELOPE VALLEY KNOW BECAUSE. BUT BECAUSE POLITICIANS AND LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT ARE SO CLOSELY INTERTWINED, NO ONE WILL DO
18 ANYTHING ABOUT IT. I'M ASKING FOR A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION ON
19 MY ARREST FOR SPEAKING OUT. AND IT SHOULD BE A HATE CRIME.
20 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

23

24 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS JAMES UNDERDOWN. I'M THE EXECUTIVE
25 DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR INQUIRY WEST IN LOS ANGELES. WE ARE



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1 A NATIONWIDE ADVOCACY GROUP FOR SECULAR AMERICANS. I'M ALSO
2 ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE WITH MELVIN HILL, AND WE HAVE PUT THIS
3 MATTER IN FRONT OF SOME OTHER NATIONWIDE ORGANIZATIONS,
4 BECAUSE WE DO THINK THIS IS A HATE CRIME AGAINST BOTH SKIN
5 COLOR AND RELIGIOUS BELIEFS. HE WAS UNLAWFULLY ARRESTED. HIS
6 GUNS WERE TAKEN. NO CHARGES WERE EVER FILED. SO, THIS HAS BEEN
7 GOING ROUND AND ROUND FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW. WE ARE CALLING ON
8 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO CALL ON THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR
9 GENERAL TO REOPEN THIS INVESTIGATION. BECAUSE THE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT UP THERE INITIATED THIS THIS ARREST IN THE FIRST
11 PLACE. AND THEY ARE NOT TAKING RESPONSIBILITY. WE WANT TO GET
12 SOME RESOLUTION FOR RESOLUTION FOR THIS YEARS OLD CRIME. THANK
13 YOU.

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

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17 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, DEAR BOARD HAS A COMMENT REGARDING ITEM NUMBER
18 ONE. IT WAS ABOUT HOMELESS MISSIONS. EVERYBODY TALKING ABOUT
19 HOMELESS MISSIONS, BUT NOBODY ASKED WHAT HOMELESS WANT BECAUSE
20 IT'S A PROBLEM. HOMELESS CANNOT BUILD ON THEIR LAND IF THEY
21 WILL HAVE ONE AND WE SAW THAT WILDFIRES AND PERFECTLY BUILDED
22 LUXURY HOMES BURNED DOWN TO THE GROUND. AND IT'S NOT NORMAL TO
23 REQUIRE FROM PEOPLE HAVE ALL THAT SINGLE FAMILY HOMES BUILT
24 PERFECTLY BY BUILDING AND ZONING LAWS. EVEN FOR ME, I'M NOT
25 PERMITTED TO HAVE A SMALL FARM ON MY OWN LAND. THAT'S NOT



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1 NORMAL, BECAUSE EVERY TIME I HAVE STRESS, WHAT? I CAN BE
2 EVICTED AND I WILL DIE IN THE STREET. YES, THANK YOU VERY
3 MUCH. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT GOD HERE AND PRAYING GOD LET OUR
4 HEAVENLY FATHER COME TO YOUR LAST JUDGMENT OF ALL OF YOU. THAT
5 SITUATION WILL NOT BE CHANGED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS FOR
6 YOUR SUPPORT AND --

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

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10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR EVERYONE THAT'S
11 HERE TODAY. HOPE YOU GET PAID. AND THERE'S NO WAGE THEFT
12 AMONGST ALL THE HUMANS HERE. I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT THE
13 TRANSLATION IN YOUR CLOSED CAPTIONING IS NOT ACCURATE. AND IF
14 SOMEONE CAN FOLLOW THROUGH WITH MAKING SURE WHEN PEOPLE ARE
15 SPEAKING THAT THE CLOSED CAPTIONING OR THE TRANSLATION IS
16 ACCURATE ON THE ENGLISH PRINTED SCREENS THAT ARE ON EACH SIDE.
17 AND IF PEOPLE IN POWER MISS A WORD OR STATE A WORD AND IT'S
18 NOT TRANSLATED ON THE SCREEN, THEN RESOURCES ARE SPECIFIED TO
19 HOMELESS VETERANS AND NOT HOMELESS IN GENERAL, WHICH
20 SPECIFICALLY FOCUSES. MONEY'S GOING TO A POPULATION THAT HAS
21 THE LABEL OF VETERANS AND WHATEVER THAT DEFINITION MEANS AND
22 HOW IT'S APPLIED.

23

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

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. ALL RIGHT.

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3 **SPEAKER:** I NEVER NOTICED HOW AT THE OPENING OF THE MEETING
4 THAT YOU MENTIONED THAT THE LAND HAD BEEN STOLEN FROM THE
5 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE. AND I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW IF THE LAND HAS
6 BEEN STOLEN, HOW THERE CAN EVER BE A LANDLORD TENANT
7 RELATIONSHIP. HONESTLY, I HAVE ADDRESSED NUMEROUS ISSUES
8 PREVIOUSLY, AND I'VE SENT VARIOUS DIFFERENT EMAILS ADDRESSED
9 SPECIFICALLY TO SUPERVISOR HORVATH BECAUSE SHE PLAYS A
10 DUPLICITOUS ROLE WITH LAHSA AS WELL AS THE COMMISSION. I HAD
11 THAT EMAIL RETURNED TO ME AND SUGGESTED I SPEAK WITH THE
12 PERSON OVER MY DISTRICT. I BROUGHT THE LETTER IN TO GIVE TO
13 THE DISTRICT, BE IT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL OR SUPERVISOR HAHN. I
14 AM, I AM STILL REQUESTING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
15 INFORMATION THAT I REQUESTED BEFORE WHEN JAY CARNAVAL, WHO IS
16 YOUR COUNTY COUNSEL, HUNG UP THE PHONE IN MY FACE, MAKING IT
17 IMPERATIVE THAT I SUBMIT ANOTHER EMAIL DESPITE MY DISABILITY.
18 I AM REQUESTING IT AGAIN AND I'M RESUBMITTING THESE EMAILS AND
19 I WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP. THIS SERVES AS A NOTICE --

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS? ALL
22 RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
23 THANK YOU ALL WHO SPOKE AT THIS TIME TO BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR
24 ADJOURNMENT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS WILL BEGIN.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT
2 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY. WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ERIC DE
3 LOPEZ, WHO PASSED AWAY ON FRIDAY, JANUARY THE 17TH. ERIC WAS
4 55 YEARS OF AGE. HE WAS RAISED IN THE CITY OF EL MONTE AND
5 GRADUATED FROM EL MONTE HIGH SCHOOL. HE EARNED HIS BACHELOR'S
6 DEGREE FROM USC, UC SANTA CRUZ AND COMPLETED HIS
7 ADMINISTRATIVE DEGREE AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. HE BEGAN HIS
8 CAREER IN THE EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A SOCIAL
9 STUDIES TEACHER. HE THEN JOINED THE BALDWIN PARK UNIFIED
10 SCHOOL DISTRICT IN 2006, AND HE STARTED AS AN ASSISTANT
11 PRINCIPAL AT SIERRA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL, THEN AS PRINCIPAL AT
12 JONES AND OLIVE MIDDLE SCHOOLS, AND FINALLY SERVING AS
13 PRINCIPAL AT BALDWIN PARK HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE LAST THREE
14 YEARS. LAST YEAR, MY STAFF ATTENDED THE RIBBON CUTTING FOR
15 BALDWIN PARK HIGH SCHOOL'S NEW BASKETBALL GYMNASIUM, WHERE
16 THEY WERE ABLE TO SEE FIRSTHAND HOW MUCH ERIC WAS LOVED BY
17 MANY OF THE BALDWIN PARK COMMUNITY. ERIC WAS A COMMITTED
18 EDUCATOR AND A STEADFAST LEADER. THE PROFOUND IMPACT HE MADE
19 ON STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS BEYOND
20 MEASURE. ERIC ALWAYS PUT OTHERS FIRST AND GAVE HIS BEST IN
21 EVERYTHING HE DID. MY HEART GOES OUT TO ERIC'S FAMILY, FRIENDS
22 AND BALDWIN PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AT THIS TIME.
23 FINALLY, I ALSO MOVE THAT MARIO REYES, WHO WAS BORN IN MEXICO
24 CITY JANUARY 19, 1956, PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 22, 2025, AT THE
25 AT HIS HOME IN BOYLE HEIGHTS AT THE AGE OF 69 AFTER A BRIEF



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1 BATTLE WITH CANCER. MARIO GREW UP IN MARAVILLA HOUSING PROJECT
2 IN EAST L.A. HE WAS THE OLDEST OF FOUR. HE ATTENDED MAURICE K.
3 HAMASAKI ELEMENTARY IN EAST LOS ANGELES AND WAS A PROUD
4 ALUMNUS OF ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL. HE WAS A SENIOR AT ROOSEVELT
5 HIGH SCHOOL. HE STARTED WORKING IN THE MAIL AND PRESS ROOM AT
6 THE RAFU SHIMPO, A LITTLE TOKYO BASED NEWSPAPER COVERING THE
7 JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY. DURING HIS 40 YEAR CAREER AS THE
8 PHOTO EDITOR OF THE RAFU SHIMPO, MARIO DOCUMENTED THE CHANGES
9 IN AND AROUND LITTLE TOKYO AND JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN
10 COMMUNITY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HIS INCREDIBLE WORK SERVED
11 AS A COLLECTIVE MEMORY FOR THE JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY.
12 PEOPLE AND EVENTS FOR GENERATIONS. FOR MARIO, NO NIKKEI
13 ORGANIZATION WAS CONSIDERED SMALL ENOUGH TO BE IGNORED. HE
14 ALWAYS WAS THERE, READY TO PHOTOGRAPH THEM. AND EVEN IF HE HAD
15 TO SACRIFICE NIGHTS, WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS. SOME NOTABLE
16 EVENTS THAT MARIO COVERED DURING HIS CAREER INCLUDED THE 1992
17 LOS ANGELES CIVIL UNREST, THE O.J. SIMPSON TRIAL, THE 1994
18 NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE, AND SEVERAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. THE
19 COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND THE 30 NISEI WEEK FESTIVALS AND QUEEN
20 CORONATIONS. HE WAS EVEN THE LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE WEDDING
21 OF ACTOR AND ACTIVIST GEORGE TAKEI AND BRAD ALTMAN IN
22 SEPTEMBER OF 2008. MARIO PHOTOGRAPHED WORLD LEADERS AND
23 CELEBRITIES SUCH AS HEISEI EMPEROR AND THE EMPRESS OF JAPAN.
24 LEGENDARY JAPANESE ACTOR TOSHIRO MIFUNE. AND PRESIDENT BARACK
25 OBAMA, HILLARY CLINTON, MICHAEL JACKSON, JESSE JACKSON,



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1 MUHAMMAD ALI, HIDEO NOMO, TOMMY LASORDA, SHOSHI OHTANI AND
2 MANY OTHERS. HE ALSO DOCUMENTED THE EVOLUTION OF THE MANZANAR
3 PILGRIMAGE FOR CLOSE TO 30 YEARS AND COVERED THE BIENNIAL TULE
4 LAKE PILGRIMAGE FOR CLOSE TO TEN TIMES. HE WAS ALSO PART OF
5 STEVE NAGANO'S MORE THAN WORDS DOCUMENTARY IN 2012, AND OBRAS
6 DE LUZ EXHIBITION AT THE JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM IN
7 2024. MARIO RECEIVED THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT JAPANESE
8 AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD IN 2019, AND
9 HE WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE NISEI WEEK PIONEER AND HONORED BY THE
10 CITY OF LOS ANGELES IN 2022. MARIO IS PREDECEASED BY HIS
11 MOTHER, MERCEDES GONZALEZ REYES, AND HIS FATHER, RAUL REYES,
12 AND HIS LIFE PARTNER, MARTHA NAKAGAWA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
13 SIBLINGS, JULIAN, ADRIAN, HILDA AND MANY NIECES, NEPHEWS AND
14 FRIENDS AND HIS BELOVED CAT, BABY. AND FINALLY, MADAM CHAIR, I
15 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
16 THOMAS FRANCIS NUSS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 14TH AT THE
17 AGE OF 92. TOM SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FROM
18 1950 TO 1953. HE THEN RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE
19 FROM THE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS IN 1954, AND HIS LAW DEGREE
20 FROM FORDHAM UNIVERSITY OF LAW IN 1960. AFTER MOVING TO
21 CALIFORNIA IN 1963, HE AND HIS LAW PARTNER FOUNDED MORAN AND
22 NUSS IN 1963. HE WAS A TRIAL ATTORNEY FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS,
23 UNTIL HE WAS APPOINTED AS A JUDGE FOR THE POMONA MUNICIPAL
24 COURT IN 1974. HE THEN WAS APPOINTED TO THE LOS ANGELES
25 SUPERIOR COURT, EAST DISTRICT DIVISION IN 1984. HE RETIRED



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1 FROM THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT IN 1995 AND CONTINUED HIS
2 CAREER AS AN ARBITRATOR AND MEDIATOR. HE WAS THEN ELECTED ON
3 THE SAN DIMAS CITY COUNCIL AND AS A COUNCIL MEMBER FROM 1968
4 TO 1970, AND AS MAYOR FROM 1970 TO 73. TOM WAS WELL KNOWN FOR
5 HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY. HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE
6 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOOTBALL OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION, CITRUS
7 DIVISION, LITTLE LEAGUE, AND POP WARNER FOOTBALL. IN ADDITION,
8 HE SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF POMONA VALLEY HOSPITAL MEDICAL
9 CENTER, MCKINLEY'S CHILDREN'S CENTER, YMCA, AND THE SAN DIMAS
10 FESTIVAL OF THE WESTERN ARTS. TOM WAS ALSO A LONG-STANDING
11 MEMBER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION. HE BECAME
12 INVOLVED WITH THE FAIR ASSOCIATION IN 1984 AND MOVED ON TO
13 SERVE ON THE FAIR ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN 1990.
14 TOM WAS SELECTED AS THE FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE MILLARD SHEETS
15 GALLERY FOUNDATION UPON ITS INCEPTION IN 1999, AND HE ALSO
16 SERVED AS CO-CHAIR OF THE MILLARD SHEETS CENTER ARTS ADVISORY
17 COMMITTEE AND THE LEARNING CENTERS AT THE POMONA FAIRPLEX. HE
18 BECAME AN EMERITUS BOARD MEMBER OF THE FAIR ASSOCIATION IN
19 2002. TOM WAS THEN INDUCTED INTO THE FAIR ASSOCIATION'S HALL
20 OF FAME IN 2005, WHERE HE WAS HONOURED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
21 LEADERSHIP, PARTICIPATION AND DEDICATION. TOM IS SURVIVED BY
22 HIS WIFE OF 30 YEARS, SUSAN. CHILDREN. STEPCHILDREN MARIE
23 CROWTHER, JOHN NUSS, AND BEAL CATHERINE FORD. CAROLYN ASHLEY,
24 MARY KATIE NUSS, PATRICK MERKEL, JENNIFER HODGE AND ROBERT
25 WILSON, 19 GRANDCHILDREN AND 13 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. AND TWO



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1 SISTERS, DOROTHY FINNIGAN AND EDNA LAYDEN. MAY HE REST IN
2 PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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6 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I HAVE NONE TODAY, MADAM CHAIR. THANK
7 YOU.

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9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TODAY WE HONOR
12 THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MEYER BENDAVID, A BELOVED HUSBAND,
13 FATHER, AND SABA, WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY AT THE AGE OF 90
14 SURROUNDED BY HIS LOVING FAMILY. MEYER WAS A MAN OF MAN OF
15 MANY PASSIONS. WHETHER HE WAS PERFECTING HIS GOLF GAME.
16 EXPLORING THE WORLD OF COMPUTERS AND STOCKS OR DEEPENING HIS
17 CONNECTION. HIS CONNECTION TO JUDAISM. HE APPROACHED LIFE WITH
18 CURIOSITY AND ENTHUSIASM. TRAVELING WAS ONE OF HIS GREAT JOYS,
19 AND HE SHARED COUNTLESS ADVENTURES WITH HIS LOVING WIFE OF 66
20 YEARS, CECILE BENDAVID. IN ADDITION TO HIS MANY INTERESTS,
21 MAYER WAS DEEPLY ENGAGED IN HIS COMMUNITY AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER
22 OF THE NORTH VALLEY DEMOCRATIC CLUB. HIS COMMITMENT TO CIVIC
23 ENGAGEMENT AND DEMOCRACY REFLECTED HIS DEDICATION TO BUILDING
24 A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL. MEYER'S LOVE, WISDOM AND WARMTH WILL
25 BE MISSED BY ALL WHO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING HIM. HIS



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1 MEMORY WILL CONTINUE TO BE A BLESSING TO HIS FAMILY AND
2 FRIENDS, AND HIS SPIRIT WILL LIVE ON IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE HE
3 TOUCHED. I REMEMBER WHEN HE SHARED THE BOOK WITH ME THAT HE
4 WROTE AND ENCOURAGED ME TO CONSIDER ITS MANY LESSONS IN
5 APPLICATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE, AND I KNOW HE HAS BEEN VERY
6 DEDICATED TO ENSURING BOTH DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND THE BEST OF
7 PUBLIC SERVICE PRINCIPLES ARE OBSERVED. SO, WE EXTEND OUR
8 CONDOLENCES TO CECILE AND THEIR FAMILY. I ALSO MOVED THAT WHEN
9 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RANDALL MIOD OR
10 RANDY CRAW, A BELOVED MEMBER OF THE MALIBU COMMUNITY WHO
11 TRAGICALLY LOST HIS LIFE IN THE PALISADES FIRE. RANDALL WAS A
12 FIXTURE IN MALIBU'S SURF SCENE, KNOWN FOR HIS JOYFUL SPIRIT,
13 LARGER THAN LIFE PRESENCE, AND HIS DEEP LOVE FOR THE PLACE HE
14 CALLED HOME. HE WAS A FRIEND TO MANY, ALWAYS WELCOMING, READY
15 FOR A LAUGH, AND THERE FOR ANYONE WHO NEEDED A PLACE TO STAY,
16 A KIND WORD OR JUST A PLACE TO HANG OUT. HIS HOME,
17 AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS THE CRAB SHACK, WAS A SANCTUARY FOR
18 SURFERS, TRAVELERS AND ALL THOSE WHO CROSSED HIS PATH. A PLACE
19 WHERE THE DOOR WAS ALWAYS OPEN AND THE VIBE WAS ALWAYS WARM.
20 HIS LAST WORDS TO HIS MOTHER THAT DAY WERE. PRAY FOR THE
21 PALISADES AND PRAY FOR MALIBU. I LOVE YOU. RANDALL IS SURVIVED
22 BY HIS MOTHER, CAROL A. SMITH. WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST
23 CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND MAY HIS MEMORY
24 SERVE AS A REMINDER OF THE BEAUTY OF LOVE AND COMMUNITY. I
25 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF



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1 CHARLES MORTIMER, AN 84-YEAR-OLD RESIDENT OF PACIFIC PALISADES
2 WHO TRAGICALLY LOST HIS LIFE RESULTING FROM INJURIES SUSTAINED
3 DURING THE PALISADES FIRE. CHARLIE WAS A MAN WHO TRULY LIVED
4 LIFE TO THE FULLEST. HIS FAMILY FONDLY REMEMBERS HIM AS A
5 WORLD TRAVELER, A SUN WORSHIPPER, AND AN AVID SPORTS FAN. ONE
6 OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS LIFE CAME WHEN HE FINALLY SAW HIS
7 BELOVED CHICAGO CUBS WIN THE WORLD SERIES, A MOMENT HE HAD
8 LONGED FOR AND WHICH WILL REMAIN A CHERISHED MEMORY FOR THOSE
9 WHO KNEW HIM. ABOVE ALL, CHARLIE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS
10 SHARP MIND, HIS QUICK WIT, AND HIS DEEP LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY.
11 IN HIS PASSING, CHARLIE LEAVES BEHIND A LEGACY OF LOVE,
12 LAUGHTER, AND ADVENTURE. CHARLIE IS SURVIVED BY HIS NIECE,
13 MEREDITH, AND WE HONOR CHARLIE'S MEMORY TODAY AND STAND WITH
14 HIS FAMILY AS THEY GRIEVE THIS PROFOUND LOSS. I MOVE THAT WHEN
15 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANNETTE ROSSILLI. WE
16 REMEMBER AND HONOR THE LIFE OF ANNETTE ROSSILLI, AN 85-YEAR-
17 OLD PACIFIC PALISADES RESIDENT WHO TRAGICALLY LOST HER LIFE IN
18 THE PALISADES FIRE. KNOWN FOR HER VIBRANT PURPLE HAIR AND WARM
19 HEART, ANNETTE WAS A DEVOTED MOTHER, PET GUARDIAN AND
20 COMMUNITY MEMBER. ANNETTE WAS KNOWN FOR HER DEEP CARE AND LOVE
21 FOR HER CHERISHED PETS. HER DOG GRETEL, A CANARY NAMED
22 PEPPER, TWO PARROTS, AND A TURTLE. SHE WAS A CHERISHED MEMBER
23 OF THE COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND VOLUNTEERED WITH
24 THE PACIFIC PALISADES ORCHID SOCIETY AND UNITED WOMEN IN
25 FAITH. ANNETTE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON AND DAUGHTER AND WILL BE



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1 DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE
6 AT METRO KNOW THAT I ADJOURNED OUR METRO MEETING IN HONOR OF
7 BRUCE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT TODAY. WE ALSO ADJOURN IN
8 THE MEMORY OF BRUCE JACOBSEN, WHO IS THE FATHER OF MY LONGTIME
9 CAMPAIGN MANAGER, DAVE JACOBSEN. BRUCE WORKED FOR METRO AS AN
10 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR FOR 24 YEARS. IT WOULD HAVE
11 BEEN 25 THIS MAY, AND HE WAS A MEMBER OF AFSCME LOCAL 3634. I
12 WENT TO HIS MEMORIAL SERVICE LAST WEEK AT MOUNT SINAI CEMETERY
13 AND LEARNED SO MUCH MORE ABOUT HIM. HE WAS A WORLD TRAVELER.
14 HE'D BEEN ON 50 CRUISES AROUND THE GLOBE WITH HIS WIFE, JUDY.
15 HE WAS A, HE LOVED FOOD, WINE, GAMBLING. HE WAS A NEWS
16 HISTORY. AND HE WAS A POLITICS ENTHUSIAST. HE WAS A DIEHARD
17 GREEN BAY PACKERS AND DODGER FAN. SO, HE REALLY HAD SUCH A
18 BEAUTIFUL, WONDERFUL LIFE. AND HIS SERVICE HAD SO MANY FRIENDS
19 AND FAMILY THAT WERE THERE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF BRUCE
20 JACOBSEN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVELY WIFE, JUDY. 41 YEARS
21 THEY WERE TOGETHER. BOTH OF HIS SONS, ALEX AND DAVE, AND ALSO
22 FIVE GRANDCHILDREN AND COUNTLESS OTHER FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
23 I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
24 OF WAYNE PERRY, WHO WAS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO AND
25 VERY MUCH LOVED BY OUR COMMUNITY. A PASADENA NATIVE, WAYNE



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1 ATTENDED SIERRA MADRE ELEMENTARY. GRADUATED FROM PASADENA HIGH
2 AND STUDIED TURFGRASS MANAGEMENT AT UCLA. AT PASADENA CITY
3 COLLEGE, WHICH LED HIM TO HIS LIFE, HIS 36 YEAR CAREER WITH
4 L.A. COUNTY AS A GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT, HE WAS
5 INSTRUMENTAL IN OPENING LOS VERDES GOLF COURSE IN 1963, WHERE
6 HE SPENT 19 YEARS CARING FOR THE COURSE AND EARNING THE
7 AFFECTIONATE TITLE UNCLE WAYNE. A LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE LOS
8 VERDES MEN'S CLUB, WAYNE WAS DEDICATED TO HIS GOLF COMMUNITY.
9 HE CHERISHED HIS MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL GATHERINGS, WAS A
10 MEMBER OF THE RIVIERA MEN'S CLUB, SAN PEDRO ELKS CLUB, AND
11 VOLUNTEERED AT THE SAN PEDRO YMCA CHRISTMAS TREE LOT. WAYNE IS
12 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 13 YEARS, YOLANDA, AND HER CHILDREN
13 GEORGETTE AND GUY. THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND NOW I MOVE THAT WE
16 ADJOURN TODAY. WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF ANNE CARVER CHABRE, A
17 RESIDENT OF CLAREMONT FOR MORE THAN 45 YEARS WHO PASSED AWAY
18 ON DECEMBER 29, 2024, AT THE AGE OF 89. SHE WAS BORN ON APRIL
19 17, 1935, IN LOS ANGELES, AND EARNED HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN
20 PHILOSOPHY FROM POMONA COLLEGE IN 1956. SHE MET THE LOVE OF
21 HER LIFE, FRANK L. CHABRE, WHILE SURFING THE WAVES OF MALIBU,
22 AND THE TWO WERE MARRIED IN 1957. TOGETHER, THEY SPENT THE
23 EARLY YEARS OF THEIR MARRIAGE IN MANHATTAN BEACH. THEY SETTLED
24 IN CLAREMONT IN 1978 AND CALLED IT HOME FOR THE REST OF THEIR
25 LIVES. ANNE AND FRANK RAISED TWO DAUGHTERS, CHRISTINE AND



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1 SUZANNE. SHE AND FRANK DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO THE ART
2 COMMUNITY. ANNE WAS ALSO A FREQUENT FLYER IN THE ATHLETICS
3 COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPED A STRONG FRIENDSHIP PLAYING TENNIS IN
4 CLAREMONT. REGARDED AS FIERCELY INTELLIGENT, LOYAL,
5 COMPETITIVE AND INDEPENDENT, HER FAMILY KNEW HER AS A
6 BEAUTIFUL PERSON INSIDE AND OUT. ANNE IS SURVIVED BY HER
7 DAUGHTERS, SUZANNE CHABRE AND CHRISTINE CHABRE. HER BELOVED
8 GRANDCHILDREN, EVAN GANACOTT AND DUNCAN GANACOTT. HER BELOVED
9 CAREGIVER AND CHOSEN DAUGHTER EVELYN DAVIS. HER GRANDDAUGHTER
10 JOLENE DAVIS. ALSO, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LONGTIME
11 RESIDENTS, ARMY VETERAN AND COMMUNITY LEADER ROY HARLAN
12 DENNIS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 4, 2024, AT THE AGE OF 81.
13 BORN APRIL 20, 1943, ROY WAS A FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE
14 PASADENA URBAN BALLROOM CONSERVANCY, A NON-PROFIT
15 ORGANIZATION, AND WAS A RECENT GRADUATE OF THE URBAN
16 PHILANTHROPY INSTITUTE OF UPLAND, CALIFORNIA. HE WAS AN ACTIVE
17 MEMBER OF THE ALTADENA SENIOR CENTER AND WAS A DISTINGUISHED
18 CO-FOUNDER, VICE PRESIDENT, AND MEMBER OF THE URBAN BALLROOM
19 GENTS, WHERE HE HAD BEEN A DANCE INSTRUCTOR FOR OVER 13 YEARS.
20 ROY WAS AN ALUMNUS OF OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE AND PREVIOUSLY SERVED
21 AS THIRD VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. JACKIE
22 ROBINSON POST NUMBER 252. ROY'S DESIRE WAS TO PROMOTE SOCIAL
23 GRACE, ETIQUETTE, AND HARMONY IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH
24 PRESERVING THE ART AND HISTORY OF URBAN BALLROOM DANCING. ROY
25 WAS LAID TO REST ON JANUARY 10, 2025. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS



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1 LOVING WIFE, LENA DAVIS. HIS DAUGHTER CAMILLE J. DENNIS AND
2 HIS TWO SONS, GANTRY H. DENNIS AND DERRICK STEVENS.
3 LAST THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MELBOURNE. ROGER LOCKIE, A
4 LIFETIME RESIDENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WHO PASSED AWAY
5 JUNE JANUARY 4, 2025. HE WAS BORN ON JANUARY 13, 1934, IN
6 TEMPLE CITY. ROGER ATTENDED PASADENA CITY COLLEGE BEFORE
7 EARNING HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MUSIC FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
8 REDLANDS. ROGER WAS WELL KNOWN AS A CHORAL DIRECTOR, PRODUCER,
9 AND A CONDUCTOR. FOR 28 YEARS, HE TAUGHT AT TEMPLE CITY HIGH
10 SCHOOL AND SERVED AS MINISTER OF MUSIC AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
11 AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, TEMPLE CITY, WHICH HE ATTENDED
12 SINCE 1942. ROGER ENJOYED A DISTINGUISHED COACHING CAREER,
13 LEADING BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL TEAMS AT TEMPLE CITY HIGH
14 SCHOOL. HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE MUSTANG OWNERS CLUB OF
15 CALIFORNIA, THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES, AND THE
16 KIWANIS CLUB OF TEMPLE CITY, WHERE HE WAS NAMED CITIZEN OF THE
17 YEAR IN 1998. REGARDED AS A LIFELONG LEARNER AND EDUCATOR,
18 ROGER REMAINED COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING THE MUSICAL AND
19 ATHLETIC TALENTS OF OTHERS. ROGER SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 68
20 YEARS, BARBARA, AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN, ROGER THE SECOND,
21 RANDALL AND REBECCA. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO
22 HEAR AFTER THE ADJOURNMENTS, TAKE THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF
23 THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE
24 ACTION. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. BEFORE 12:30, THE NEXT
25 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY



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1 11, 2025, AT 9:30 A.M. AND WILL INCLUDE DEPARTMENT BUDGET
2 PRESENTATIONS. WITH THAT, HAVE A GOOD DAY. STAY SAFE.

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4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH. HAPPY BLACK
5 HISTORY MONTH.

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7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YES.

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9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND TODAY'S TRANSIT EQUITY DAY, IN HONOR OF
10 ROSA PARKS FREE METRO RIDES.

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1 I, KATHRYN J, ROBSON, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors February 4, 2025, were
6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
7 supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
13 related to any party to the said action; nor in anywise
14 interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 14th day of February 2025, for the County records to be used
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 KATHRYN J. ROBSON

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