



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2025

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE AND WELCOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025. WE TAKE FULL NOTE THAT A QUORUM IS PRESENT OF THE BOARD. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

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 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 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, GABRIELENO TONGVA
4 INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COUNCIL. GABRIELENO/TONGVA, SAN
5 GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS. GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION
6 INDIANS - KIZH NATION. SAN MANUEL, BAND OF MISSION INDIANS.
7 SAN FERNANDO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
8 FIRST PEOPLES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PLEASE VISIT THE LOS
9 ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION WEBSITE
10 AT LANAIC.LACOUNTY.GOV.

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12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE INVOCATION WILL BE
13 LED BY PASTOR ROBERT TAYLOR OF BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH AND
14 PRESIDENT WATTS AREA MINISTERS FROM THE WONDERFUL SECOND
15 DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WHICH WILL BE
16 LED BY MICHAEL ACOSTA, FORMER E4 CORPORAL AMMUNITION 2311 EOD,
17 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FROM THE 3RD DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE
18 ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

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20 **PASTOR ROBERT TAYLOR:** LET US PRAY. DEAR GOD, THE MAKER AND
21 CREATOR OF ALL AND THE RULER OF THIS UNIVERSE, IT IS AT THIS
22 TIME THAT WE PAUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
23 GOODNESS, YOUR MERCY, AND YOUR GRACE THAT HAS BEEN EXTENDED
24 TOWARD EACH OF US. WE FURTHER COME BEFORE YOU ON THIS DAY
25 ASKING YOUR BLESSING WOULD REST UPON EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD



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1 OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS THEY ENTER INTO
2 THIS SESSION. I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD ENDOW EACH MEMBER WITH THE
3 WISDOM NECESSARY TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT WILL ALWAYS BE IN THE
4 BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AS WELL AS THOSE
5 WISE DECISIONS THAT WILL BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF EVERY
6 CONSTITUENT OF THIS GREAT COUNTY. WE FURTHER ASK THAT YOU
7 WOULD SUPPLY THEM WITH THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO BEGIN THE
8 PROCESS OF RESTORATION OF THOSE AREAS OF THIS COUNTY THAT HAVE
9 BEEN RAVAGED BY WILDFIRES, FOR WE ARE FULLY AWARE THAT YOU
10 HOLD THE ENTIRE WORLD IN YOUR HANDS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE
11 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR BEING WHO YOU ARE. THANK YOU
12 FOR BEING A GOD OF MERCY. THANK YOU TODAY FOR BEING A GOD OF
13 GRACE. THANK YOU TODAY FOR BEING A GOD OF PROTECTION. THANK
14 YOU TODAY FOR BEING A GOD OF PROVISION. WE THANK YOU FURTHER
15 FOR THIS PRIVILEGE OF PRAYER WE THANK YOU FOR THE POWER OF
16 PRAYER AND WE THANK YOU FOR THE PROMISE OF PRAYER FOR YOU HAVE
17 MADE IT KNOWN THAT BEFORE WE CALL UPON YOU THAT YOU ARE
18 ALREADY ANSWERING AND EVEN BEFORE WE CRY OUT THAT YOU ARE
19 ALREADY HEARING SO WE THANK YOU TODAY FOR THE HEARING FOR
20 HEARING THIS PRAYER AND WE THANK YOU THAT THIS IS ALREADY
21 BEING ANSWERED. IT IS IN YOUR MIGHTY NAME THAT WE ASK ALL OF
22 THESE THINGS. AMEN.

23
24 **MICHAEL ACOSTA:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR
25 RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU'RE A VETERAN, MAY YOU



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1 RENDER A SALUTE AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. I
2 PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
3 AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
4 INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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8 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING, COLLEAGUES. OH, I WAS
9 BEING OPTIMISTIC. I THOUGHT I COULD DO WITHOUT MY GLASSES.
10 LET'S NOT TRY THAT AGAIN. GOOD MORNING AGAIN. I'D ASK THAT YOU
11 ALL JOIN ME IN WELCOMING PASTOR ROBERT TAYLOR TO TODAY'S BOARD
12 MEETING. PASTOR TAYLOR HAS BEEN LEADING THE SAINTS OF BEULAH
13 BAPTIST CHURCH SINCE 1990, WHERE HE IS KNOWN FOR BOTH HIS
14 BIBLICAL AND CULTURALLY RELEVANT TEACHING. A COMMUNITY
15 ADVOCATE AND PRESIDENT OF THE WATTS AREA MINISTERS, PASTOR
16 TAYLOR WORKS TIRELESSLY TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF WATTS AND
17 OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, FOCUSING ON UNITY, EMPOWERMENT,
18 AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, THE WATSON AREA
19 MINISTERS COLLABORATE TO PROVIDE RESOURCES, EDUCATION, AND
20 SUPPORT TO ALL THOSE IN NEED. LAST MONTH, I HAD THE PLEASURE
21 OF DELIVERING THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS FOR THE WATSON AREA
22 MINISTERS AT THEIR ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL
23 CELEBRATION. PASTOR TAYLOR RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S AND
24 MASTER'S DEGREE FROM SACRAMENTO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND HE
25 EARNED A DOCTORATE OF THEOLOGY FROM ST. JOHN THEOLOGICAL



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1 SEMINARY. HE AND HIS WIFE, FIRST LADY ANNIE, RECENTLY
2 CELEBRATED THEIR 29TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. PASTOR TAYLOR,
3 PLEASE ACCEPT OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO
4 SERVICE TO THE SECOND DISTRICT AND EVERY RESIDENT OF THE
5 COUNTY AND FOR GIVING TODAY'S INVOCATION. I LOVE THE MESSAGE
6 ABOUT THE PRACTICE, THE POWER, AND THE PRIVILEGE OF PRAYER.
7 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING AND
8 THANKING PASTOR TAYLOR.

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

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12 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK
13 MICHAEL ACOSTA, FORMER E4 CORPORAL AND MUNITION 2311 EOD,
14 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE
15 TODAY. WHILE SERVING AS A SERGEANT DURING OPERATION IRAQI
16 FREEDOM, MICHAEL MANAGED THE ISSUANCE OF A HALF A BILLION
17 DOLLARS WORTH OF MUNITIONS TO UNITS DURING THE CONFLICT. HE
18 ALSO DEVELOPED AND DISTRIBUTED A SPECIALIZED WARTIME PACKAGE
19 FOR THE PRIMARY ADVANCING FORCE, WHICH FACILITATED THE
20 MOBILIZATION OF A RECORD-BREAKING NUMBER OF 100-POUND
21 ARTILLERY ROUNDS MORE THAN AT ANY POINT IN THE HISTORY OF THE
22 MARINE CORPS. HIS EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS EARNED HIM THE
23 PRESTIGIOUS PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION. DURING THE INITIAL
24 PUSH INTO IRAQ, MICHAEL ACCOMPANIED THE FRONTLINE FORCE,
25 ESTABLISHING BASES AND ENGAGING THE ENEMY. THROUGHOUT HIS



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1 TENURE, HE RECEIVED MANY DECORATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS,
2 INCLUDING MARIE CORPS GOOD CONDUCT, SEA SERVICE DEPLOYMENT,
3 NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL, NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION, PRESIDENTIAL
4 UNIT CITATION, NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL,
5 COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, AND RIFLE EXPERT BADGE. THAT'S A LOT. IN
6 HIS CURRENT TENURE AS ADJUDANT TREASURER FOR THE DISABLED
7 AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER 5 IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH LASTED JUST
8 OVER A YEAR, MICHAEL DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL DEDICATION TO
9 VETERANS' CAUSES. HE SPEARHEADED A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL
10 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN, RAISING \$250,000 FOR THE ORGANIZATION,
11 SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE ORGANIZATION'S ABILITY TO
12 PROVIDE CRUCIAL SUPPORT AND SERVICES TO OUR DISABLED VETERANS.
13 MICHAEL HAS TWO CHILDREN, ABIGAIL WHO'S AGE 15 AND PARKER
14 WHO'S AGE 11. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING MICHAEL FOR BEING
15 HERE TODAY, FOR ALL HE DOES TO SERVE OUR VETERAN COMMUNITY FOR
16 HIS AMAZING TALENTS THAT HE HAS SHARED ON BEHALF OF OUR
17 COUNTRY. WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE YOU AS A THIRD DISTRICT
18 RESIDENT. THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU NOW. I'M GOING TO BRING
21 UP TWO OF THE MOST ADORABLE PUPPIES. THERE'S NOTHING BETTER
22 THAN A PUPPY UNLESS THERE ARE TWO PUPPIES. SO, MEET SHARKY AND
23 DORY. THEY ARE A BROTHER AND SISTER WHO ARE JUST EIGHT WEEKS
24 OLD. YEAH. COME HERE, BABY. YEAH. THEY WERE SURRENDERED AT THE
25 AGORA CARE CENTER THIS PAST WEEKEND WITH THEIR SEVEN SIBLINGS.



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1 THEY SEEM TO BE HALF PIT BULL, HALF LABRADOR, AND ARE 100%
2 CUTE. THEY ARE SUPER SWEET AND ACTUALLY THIS ONE BOY, CORRECT,
3 IS VERY SILLY AND LIKES TO TEASE HIS SISTER. THEY WOULD BE AN
4 AMAZING ADDITION TO YOUR FAMILY. IF YOU'D LIKE TO BRING
5 SHARKEY AND DORY HOME OR WANT TO LOOK AT THE OTHER SEVEN
6 SIBLINGS, CALL THE AGORA CARE CENTER AT 818-991-0071. GOD
7 BLESS YOU. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE
8 SCREEN FOR OUR PET FROM PALMDALE. THIS IS PONGO, A THREE-YEAR-
9 OLD GERMAN SHEPHERD MIX. HE'S JOYFUL AND AFFECTIONATE AND
10 WOULD LOVE TO COME HOME AND BE YOUR VALENTINE. IF YOU'D LIKE
11 TO GIVE PONGO THE LOVE HE DESERVES, CALL THE PALMDALE CARE
12 CENTER AT 661-575-2888. AND AS A REMINDER, WITH THE RAIN IN
13 THE FORECAST THIS WEEK, ADOPTION FEES ARE WAIVED WHEN IT
14 RAINS. DROP BY ANY OF OUR CARE CENTERS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
15 FROM 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M. TO BRING SOME SUNSHINE ON A CLOUDY DAY
16 BY ADOPTING AN INCREDIBLE PET. THANK YOU. THIS IS GOOD
17 THERAPY. WE SHOULD HOLD THEM ALL, ALL THROUGHOUT THE MEETING.
18 WITH THAT, EDDIE, I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU MOVE ON TO TODAY'S
19 AGENDA. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
22 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO, CONSENT
23 CALENDAR. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5. ON ITEM 1,
24 THIS INCLUDES AN ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
25 AGENDA. ON ITEM 5, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON



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1 THE SUPPLEMENT AGENDA. ALSO ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR HAHN
2 WOULD LIKE TO REVISE HER MOTION TO UPDATE DIRECTIVE NUMBER 2A
3 FOR A REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 90 DAYS. ON PAGE FIVE,
4 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEM 6-17. ON ITEM 11, THE CHIEF
5 PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
6 FEBRUARY 18, 2025, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON PAGE
7 12, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH
8 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS
9 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 13, ORDINANCE
10 FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM 18. ON PAGE 14, SPECIAL DISTRICT
11 AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, ITEM 1D. ON PAGE 15, BUDGET
13 MATTER ITEM 19. ON ITEM 19, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR
14 REPORTS. ON PAGE 16, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSIONS, ITEM CS1
15 THROUGH CS3. ON ITEM CS2 AND CS3, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS
16 THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 18, 2025.
17 ITEM CS3, ALSO ON ITEM CS3, THIS IS AN ADDITION AS INDICATED
18 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
19 AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR. THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES THROUGH ITEM
20 CS3 ARE BEFORE YOU.

21
22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
23 HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS.
24 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE
25 CODE OF CONDUCT.



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



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1 ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO
2 BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU
3 WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
4 THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN
5 THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER
6 COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

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8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** TODAY WE WILL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT
9 ON ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD INCLUDING CLOSED
10 SESSION ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND FINISHING WITH
11 ITEM 19. BEFORE WE BEGIN EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE READ IN THE
12 CALL AND INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND
13 EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING ROLES.

14
15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO
16 PARTICIPATE REMOTELY AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL
17 877-692-8955 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 4433663. MEMBERS
18 OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARD ROOM,
19 YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT
20 THE MEETING. YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE ITEM AND UP
21 TO TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION
22 BY THE BOARD. YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
23 ON ITEMS HELD FOR DISCUSSION AND ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE
24 BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR A TOTAL OF SIX MINUTES FOR
25 THIS MEETING. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND CLEARLY INDICATE THE



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1 AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING. PLEASE NOTE ONCE
2 YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED WE WILL IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO THE NEXT
3 SPEAKER. PLEASE MONITOR YOUR TIME AND THE ITEMS YOU ARE
4 SIGNING UP FOR AS YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE CALLED ONCE YOUR TIME
5 HAS ELAPSED. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY,
6 WHEN THE BOARD MOVES TO THE ITEM YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, PROMPTLY
7 PRESS ONE THEN ZERO TO BE MOVED FROM THE LISTENING CUE TO THE
8 SPEAKING CUE. REMEMBER TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON YOUR DEVICE
9 AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU OR THERE WILL BE AN
10 ECHO. YOU WILL NEED TO PRESS ONE THEN ZERO FOR EACH ITEM YOU
11 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON. TO ENSURE WE HEAR FROM BOTH IN-PERSON
12 AND TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS, WE WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO
13 SPEAKING CUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE,
14 WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE
15 COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM AND STAFF WILL ASSIST
16 YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO
17 SO.

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19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM
20 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS
21 NOT HELD, INCLUDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC
22 COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE
23 PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. YOU MUST
24 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS IN ORDER
25 FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME. EXECUTIVE



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1 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED
2 UP TO SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO
5 THREE MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS,
6 INCLUDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU
7 WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE ITEM, TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE
8 ITEMS, AND ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
9 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND CLEARLY INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM
10 NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING. WE WILL NOW CALL IN-PERSON
11 SPEAKERS, AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE
12 TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS. AS A REMINDER, THIS IS FOR GENERAL PUBLIC
13 COMMENT AND ALL REMAINING ITEMS EXCEPT ITEM 19, WHICH IS HELD
14 FOR REPORTS.

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16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME
17 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. JESUS ROJAS. AS A FINAL
18 REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE
19 TO ADDRESS ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD AND GENERAL PUBLIC
20 COMMENT, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE
21 SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE
22 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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



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1 YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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3 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. AND I WAS TOTALLY THROWN BECAUSE ITEM 19
4 LOOKS LIKE PART OF THE BUDGET HEARING AND THEN I NOTICED
5 YOU'VE ACTUALLY ROLLED OUT A NUMBER OF SPECIAL MEETINGS WITH
6 OTHER ITEM OTHER DEPARTMENTS BUT YOU'RE GOING TO BE DIVIDING
7 IT UP. BUT HOW MUCH TIME WILL BE ALLOTTED FOR ITEM 19? THAT'S
8 IMPORTANT BECAUSE THERE ARE SEVEN BIG DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING
9 THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM WHO HAVE TO DO A BETTER JOB OF
10 MAKING THE PLACE FREE, INCLUDING BEACHES AND HARBORS WHO HAVE
11 A MOUNTING--, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TALKS ABOUT PRIORITY
12 MOUNTAIN. WELL, THEY OUGHT TO GET A LITTLE CAR OUT OF BEACHES
13 AND HARBORS WHO KEEPS GETTING MORE AND MORE RENT FROM BIG
14 FANCY LESSEES. THEY COULD REALLY, REALLY HELP OUT. AND I WAS
15 LOOKING AHEAD AT ALL THESE NEW AGENDAS POSTED FOR MAXIMUM
16 CONFUSION. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE \$1,300,000 SHERIFF'S
17 LAWSUIT WITH A TASER BECAUSE THESE TASERS I KNOW THAT THE
18 COUNTY LOVES TASERS BUT THEY REALLY DO DAMAGE AND WE HAVE TO
19 WORK HARDER I KNOW MR. RIDLEY THOMAS WAS INVOLVED IN A SCAM
20 WITH THEM AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES COULD NOT BE MORE
21 COMPROMISE I GUESS WOULD --

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

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25 **SPEAKER:** BE THE RIGHT WORD AND --



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2 **MODERATOR:** JOSETH FLORES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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4 **SPEAKER:** HI, YES, MY NAME IS JOSETH FLORES AND I'M SPEAKING IN
5 REGARDS TO SUNSHINE PARK. I'M NOT CERTAIN IF YOU GUYS CAN HEAR
6 ME.

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8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, WE CAN GO AHEAD.

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10 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I'M SPEAKING OF SPECIFICALLY
11 REGARDING SUNSHINE PARK TOWARDS MISS SOLIS AS SHE OVERSEES THE
12 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY IN THE INCORPORATED AREA IN THE CITY OF LA
13 PUENTE, I HAVE BEEN AS A PARENT AND A COMMUNITY MEMBER
14 TIRELESSLY FOR THE LAST FOUR WEEKS ATTEMPTING TO SECURE A SAFE
15 LOCATION FOR MY DAUGHTER AND HER FRIENDS TO PARTICIPATE.
16 SOFTBALL AT SUNSHINE PARK, BUT HAVE BEEN MET CONTINUOUSLY AND
17 MISLED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION WITH A RESPONSE THAT WE
18 NEED TO MAKE A RESERVATION. BUT WE ARE BEING MET WITH
19 CONTINUOUS RED TAPE AND MISGUIDED. I'VE BEEN IN COMMUNICATION
20 WITH YOUR OFFICE AT EL MONTE AND DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND
21 BACK AND FORTH. IT'S BEEN REALLY TIRELESSLY HARD TO SECURE A
22 LOCATION AND I'M NOT CERTAIN WHY.

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

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO
2 INTERRUPT ON THAT ITEM. I KNOW THERE WERE SOME PARENTS THAT
3 WERE DISTRAUGHT THAT ONE OF THEIR, THEIR ONLY PARK IN LA
4 PUENTE WAS CLOSED BECAUSE OF REFURBISHMENT. AND THEY,
5 APPARENTLY THE PARENTS WANTED TO GO TO PARKS THAT ARE RUN BY
6 L.A. COUNTY. THE PARK THAT THEY CHOSE IS CURRENTLY BEING
7 RESURFACED, THE FIELDS. SO, THEY WERE TOLD THAT THEY SHOULD
8 NOT USE THAT, BUT THEY WERE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE. AND MY FEAR
9 IS THAT THE PARKS DEPARTMENT DID NOT ADEQUATELY INFORM THE
10 PARENTS THROUGH FLYER OR INFORMATION, SO I WOULD ASK THAT THE
11 DEPARTMENT REACH OUT TO THOSE PARENTS, BECAUSE I DO FEEL THAT
12 IF THEY'RE PAYING FOR THEIR STUDENTS, THEIR CHILDREN TO BE
13 ENGAGED IN SPORTS, IT'S SOMEHOW THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER
14 COORDINATION. SO OUR OFFICE IS ADDRESSING IT, BUT PARKS AND
15 REC REALLY NEEDS TO TAKE THIS. THANK YOU.

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

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19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, ROY.

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24 **MODERATOR:** MR. HUMPHREYS?



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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3 **MODERATOR:** CERTAINLY, ADRIANA BATISTA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU
4 MAY BEGIN.

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6 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M CALLING IN REGARDS TO THE ITEMS ON THE
7 WILDFIRES AND WIND STORMS AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I HAVE
8 BEEN DISAPPOINTED WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER'S DISCONNECT WHEN IT
9 COMES TO LONG-TERM HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR RESIDENTS AND
10 DISPLACED RESIDENTS OF THE EATON FIRE. THE RED CROSS SHELTER
11 DID GIVE A VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO RESIDENTS ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY
12 2ND THAT THE SHELTER WOULD BE CLOSING LATER THAT WEEK AND THAT
13 EVERYBODY BETTER CALL 211 OR CONNECT WITH THEIR SRT PROGRAM.
14 HOWEVER, 211 IS NOT A CATCH-ALL AND NOR IS IT A LONG-TERM
15 SOLUTION. WE ARE GOING TO SEE THIS PLACE RESIDENTS BE FORCED
16 OUT OF THE AREA IF THERE'S NOT IMMEDIATE LONG-TERM HOUSING
17 FREE DOUBT --

18

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

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21 **SPEAKER:** FOR 1 TO 2 YEARS, WE NEED TO --

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** PARDON ME, LAURENCE STEVE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU



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1 MAY BEGIN.

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3 **SPEAKER:** I CONTINUE TO BE THIS REGARDING AND DISAPPOINTED IN
4 THE BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS REGARDING THEIR APPROACH ON
5 HOUSING CRISIS. I'VE CONTACTED KATHRYN BARGER'S OFFICE FOR 21
6 TIMES IN CONTACT WITH THE TYLER CASH. I WAS TRYING TO PREVENT
7 FROM BEING HOMELESS AND I WAS IN THAT BEING HOMELESS BASED ON
8 A PROGRAM ERROR AND I HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED YET AND I
9 CONTINUE TO CONTACT THESE OFFICES HOMELESS WITH FIVE CHILDREN
10 SO I'M JUST VERY DISAPPOINTED I'M NOT BEING HEARD I CONTINUE
11 TO CONTACT I'M SOMEWHAT HARASSING THE OFFICE AT THIS TIME AND
12 REACHING OUT FOR HELP. AND I KNOW I'M GOING TO BE OVERLOOKED
13 BY THE RECENT CRISIS WITH EVERYONE ELSE THAT NEEDS HELP, BUT
14 I'M GOING TO CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR MYSELF.

15

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

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18 **MODERATOR:** CURRENTLY, NO FURTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE. THANK YOU.
19 WE WILL NOW GO TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

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21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** HELLO. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 15B,
22 AND PUBLIC, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS JESUS ROJAS
23 FROM THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES. EGLETS STANDS
24 STRONGLY AGAINST ANY SMALL BUSINESSES THAT DOES NOT FOLLOW
25 STATE LAWS, INCLUDING PRICE RESTRICTIONS DURING TIMES OF



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1 DECLARED EMERGENCY. WHILE DCBA HAS MADE SOME ATTEMPTS AT
2 OUTREACH IN THE STATE LAW AS WELL AS COUNTY LAWS, SUCH AS A
3 RENTAL REGISTRY, CLEARLY THEIR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN INSUFFICIENT
4 TO GET THEIR MESSAGE OUT. NO MATTER HOW HIGH THE FEES PEOPLE
5 CANNOT COMPLY, IF THEY DO NOT KNOW THAT THE LAW EXISTS. EVEN
6 AT A FIVE-TIME INCREASE IN PENALTIES, WILL NOT OVERCOME THE
7 ROOT CAUSE OF SIMPLY LACK OF KNOWLEDGE. FURTHER, THERE HAS
8 BEEN NO DATA WHATSOEVER PRESENTED ON THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS
9 THAT HAVE BEEN VERIFIED TO BE ACTUAL VIOLATIONS. INSTEAD, DCBA
10 HAS USED AN UNFAIR PRESUMPTION OF GUILT AGAINST INNOCENT
11 HOUSING PROVIDERS BY ISSUING EXTREMELY THREATENING LETTERS
12 BASED OFF NOTHING MORE THAN A PHONE CALL FROM A RENTER THAT
13 WANTS TO GET THEIR OWNER IN TROUBLE. THE HUGE LEAP OF
14 PENALTIES ONLY FURTHER FUELS THE LYNCH-MOVE MENTALITY AGAINST
15 OWNERS ON THIS ISSUE. IT WILL ONLY SERVE TO PUSH MORE GOOD
16 OWNERS TO LEAVE HOUSING INDUSTRY. WE URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO
17 VOTE NO UNTIL RELIABLE DATA HAS BEEN PROVIDED ON INTENTIONAL
18 VERIFIED VIOLATIONS. THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY MORE
21 PUBLIC COMMENT? SEEING NONE,

22
23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE ONE MORE SPEAKER.

24
25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR NAME FOR THE



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1 RECORD.

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3 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS D.R. CHAVEZ, AND I WOULD
4 JUST LIKE TO ASK THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS WHO APPOINTED THE
5 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS IF WE CAN GET AN UPDATE OF
6 WHEN THE NEXT MEETING IS BECAUSE THEY ARE QUARTERLY AND THE
7 JANUARY MEETING WAS CANCELED. RECREATION PROFESSIONALS SUCH AS
8 MYSELF WHO WAS WRONGFULLY TERMINATED MAYBE BECAUSE I'M A
9 BIOLOGICAL WOMAN WHO DID NOT PLAY ALONG TO ACCEPTING TO THAT
10 CULT BEHAVIOR OF BEING IDENTIFIED AS A MAN. WE STILL WANT OUR
11 VOICES HEARD AS RECREATION PROFESSIONALS BECAUSE WE ARE THE
12 BACKBONES OF MANY AGENCIES WHO ARE NOT BOOTS ON THE GROUND. I
13 DID REQUEST MY THREE MINUTES FOR MY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ADA SO
14 IF YOU GUYS CAN PLEASE ADD MY TIME. THANK YOU AND NOT CUT ME
15 OFF AND IMPEDE MY FIRST AMENDMENT. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SHARE
16 A FEW MESSAGES ON BEHALF OF OTHER RECREATION PROFESSIONALS.
17 PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF MY TIME WILL BE PERMITTED.

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, BUT YOU CAN SUBMIT FOR THE
20 RECORD THE REMAINDER OF YOUR COMMENTS. THANK YOU. WE HAVE
21 ANOTHER PUBLIC SPEAKER. GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU PLEASE GIVE YOUR
22 NAME FOR THE RECORD?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RON CARTER AND
25 I LIVE IN ALTADENA. I AM A VICTIM OF THE EATON FIRE AND I'M



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1 HERE THIS MORNING BECAUSE IT'S BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION
2 THAT THERE IS A STAGING AREA TAKING PLACE AT FARNSWORTH PARK,
3 WHICH IS RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM WHERE I LIVE. THIS
4 STAGING AREA WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE AT LARIO PARK AND THE
5 CITIZENS THERE IN AZUSA AND THAT AREA OVER THERE RAISED
6 CONCERN ABOUT IT AND NOW IT'S OVER IN OUR AREA. THE CITIZENS
7 THAT LIVE IN THAT AREA, WE WERE NOT NOTIFIED THAT THIS WOULD
8 BE THERE. WE READ IT IN THE NEWSPAPERS AND SO I'M HERE
9 BASICALLY TO SAY THAT WE'RE NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT BECAUSE IT'S --

10

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

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THEN MR. CARTER, WE'LL HAVE
14 SOMEONE COME OVER AND TALK TO YOU. LARIO PARK IS BEING USED.
15 THEY NEED ADDITIONAL SPACE. AND SO I'LL HAVE STAFF COME OVER
16 AND TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT. OKAY, THANK YOU. I KNOW YOU'RE
17 RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET, AND I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. GO
18 AHEAD, SIR.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HEY, MY NAME IS JERMON BROWN, AND MY FRIEND, DR.
21 TRUTHBEY, TOLD ME TO COME UP HERE AND SPEAK FOR PEOPLE ON SKID
22 ROW AND STUFF. AND IT'S LIKE HOMELESS PEOPLE NEED CARE AND
23 STUFF. AND LIKE, OOPS, HOMELESS PEOPLE NEED CARE AND STUFF
24 LIKE THAT, FOOD, WATER. AND IT'S LIKE WE'RE NOT GETTING THE
25 RESPECT THAT WE NEED FROM LIKE THE COPS AND STUFF AND IT'S



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1 LIKE THEY JUST THEY LIKE SWEEP US OFF OUR BLOCKS AND STUFF AND
2 THAT'S JUST NOT RESPECTFUL AND LIKE [EXPLETIVE] LIKE THAT BUT
3 THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, SOMEONE ON MY STAFF WILL TOUCH
6 BASE WITH THEM, OUR HOMELESS DEPUTY.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER PUBLIC
9 SPEAKERS?

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11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO MORE IN-PERSON
12 SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. THAT
15 CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS.
16 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON
17 WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. 1
20 THROUGH 4, 5 AS REVISED, 6 THROUGH 10, 12 THROUGH 14, 15A
21 THROUGH 15C, 18, 1D. THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
24 HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS
25 WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. EXECUTIVE



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1 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

2

3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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

6

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

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

10

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

12 HORVATH?

13

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

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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.

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

23

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

25 TO 0.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE BEGIN WITH ITEM 19,
3 THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/26, DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS,
4 WHICH WAS HELD FOR REPORT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE
5 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO, NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS
6 ITEM. WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA
7 DAVENPORT.

8

9 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MR. EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICER, DO I ONLY HAVE A MINUTE? GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR
11 AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY MARKS THE START
12 OF A NEW ERA IN L.A. COUNTY'S BUDGET PROCESS. FOLLOWING THE
13 PASSAGE OF MEASURE G, WHICH ENACTED A SERIES OF MAJOR
14 GOVERNANCE CHANGES TO TAKE EFFECT IN STAGES BEGINNING IN 2026,
15 YOUR BOARD DIRECTED IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF SEVERAL KEY
16 PROVISIONS. THESE INCLUDED A REQUIREMENT THAT COUNTY
17 DEPARTMENTS PRESENT THEIR BUDGETS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
18 IN OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL
19 BUDGET. TODAY'S PRESENTATIONS BEGIN THAT PROCESS. THIS IS THE
20 FIRST OF FIVE MEETINGS IN WHICH 38 DEPARTMENT HEADS WILL
21 PUBLICLY PRESENT THEIR 25/26 BUDGET REQUESTS TO YOUR BOARD. IT
22 IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THESE BUDGETS WERE PREPARED AND IN
23 MANY CASES SUBMITTED BEFORE THE DEADLY AND DESTRUCTIVE
24 PALISADES AND EATON FIRES WHICH RAVAGED COMMUNITIES AND
25 CREATED PROFOUND CHANGES FOR THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AS WELL AS



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1 FOR OUR REGIONAL ECONOMY AS A WHOLE. SO I WOULD LIKE TO
2 EMPHASIZE THAT THE DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET BUDGETS THAT WILL BE
3 PRESENTED TO YOUR BOARD STARTED TODAY DO NOT INCLUDE FUNDING
4 REQUESTS FOCUSED ON SUPPORTING OUR RESIDENTS AND STRENGTHENING
5 OUR RESILIENCE IN THE RECOVERY AND REBUILDING PHASES. HOWEVER,
6 DEPARTMENTS HAVE TAKEN A PAGE IN THEIR PRESENTATION TO
7 IDENTIFY WHAT SOME OF THEIR EITHER KNOWN OR FORECASTED NEEDS
8 WILL BE IN THE IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM, IN THE IMMEDIATE AND,
9 IN THE IMMEDIATE, IMMEDIATELY AND IN THE LONG-TERM. AND THOSE
10 REQUESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN FUTURE BUDGET PHASES. MY OFFICE
11 WILL WORK WITH THOSE DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE IDENTIFIED URGENT
12 BUDGET NEEDS THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED IMMEDIATELY. SO I'D
13 LIKE TO KICK OFF THINGS WITH A VERY SHORT PRESENTATION ABOUT
14 WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TODAY AND HOW TODAY'S DEPARTMENTAL
15 PRESENTATIONS FIT INTO THE OVERALL PICTURE OF THE COUNTY
16 BUDGET CYCLE AND OUR FISCAL OUTLOOK. WITH THAT, I WILL TAKE
17 THE FIRST SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, AS I MENTIONED A MOMENT AGO, WE
18 HAVE A MULTI-PHASE BUDGET PROCESS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
19 THIS MEANS THAT BUDGETING IS EFFECTIVELY A YEAR-ROUND PROCESS
20 BUILT AROUND THREE MAJOR BUDGET PHASES. THERE IS FIRST THE
21 CEO'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET, WHICH IS PRESENTED IN MID-APRIL.
22 THEN THERE IS THE FINAL CHANGES BUDGET, WHICH IS DEPICTED HERE
23 AS BUDGET DELIBERATIONS IN JUNE. AND THEN WE HAVE THE
24 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, WHICH IS IN LATE SEPTEMBER, WHOSE FORMAL
25 NAME IS THE FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET. TODAY'S PUBLIC DEPARTMENTAL



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1 PRESENTATIONS WILL JOIN THIS CYCLE AND ARE DEPICTED ON THE
2 SLIDE ALONG WITH PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE BUDGET IN MAY. NOT
3 SHOWN ON THE SLIDE ARE OTHER NUMEROUS MILESTONES THAT MAKE UP
4 OUR BUDGET YEAR. THESE INCLUDE UPDATING OUR MULTI-YEAR
5 FORECAST, ISSUING BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENTS AND
6 ANALYZING THEIR SUBMISSIONS, ASSESSING THE GOVERNOR STATE
7 BUDGET AND THE MAY REVISE, AND WORKING WITH AUDITOR CONTROLLER
8 TO DETERMINE OUR YEAR-END FUND BALANCE. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT
9 SLIDE. AS YOUR BOARD IS AWARE, THE PALISADES AND EATON FIRES
10 ARE THE WORST NATURAL DISASTERS TO STRIKE L.A. COUNTY IN
11 MODERN TIMES. BEYOND THE HUMAN TOLL OF THESE DEADLY,
12 DESTRUCTIVE, AND UNPRECEDENTED FIRES, SOME EARLY FORECASTS
13 PLACE THE OVERALL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE REGION AT MORE THAN
14 \$250,000,000,000. AS A VITAL PLAYER IN THE REGIONAL ECONOMY,
15 THE COUNTY EXPECTS TO FEEL THESE IMPACTS HEAVILY, INCLUDING
16 THROUGH DECREASES IN OUR LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUES, SUCH AS
17 PROPERTY AND SALES TAXES. WE ALSO KNOW THAT OUR OWN COSTS AS A
18 COUNTY WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL AS WE STEP UP TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL
19 AID TO IMPACTED RESIDENTS AND INVEST IN CLEANUP AND REBUILDING
20 EFFORTS TO HELP OUR COMMUNITIES RECOVER AS QUICKLY AND AS
21 SAFELY AS POSSIBLE. WE EXPECT THESE WILL BE MULTI-YEAR COSTS
22 REVERBERATING WELL BEYOND THE CURRENT BUDGET YEAR. THE
23 WILDFIRE RECOVERY IMPACTS WILL ALSO COMPOUND SOME LONGSTANDING
24 AND EMERGING BUDGETARY PRESSURES THE COUNTY WAS ALREADY FACING
25 BEFORE THIS DISASTER. SOME OF THESE CHALLENGES ARE SHOWN ON



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1 THIS SLIDE AND INCLUDE THE SUBSTANTIAL COST OF AB 218 LEGAL
2 SETTLEMENTS AND JUDGMENTS, THE END OF NEARLY \$2,000,000,000 IN
3 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING, EMERGING POTENTIAL BUDGETARY
4 IMPACTS DUE TO POTENTIAL POLICY CHANGES AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.
5 COMPLIANCE WITH DOJ CONSENT DECREES AND POTENTIAL BUDGETARY
6 IMPACTS AS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY. NOT LISTED HERE
7 FOR BREVITY'S SAKE, BUT ALSO OF CONCERN ARE DEPARTMENTAL
8 STRUCTURAL DEFICITS SUCH AS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
9 FAMILY SERVICES, COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ALLIANCE LAWSUIT
10 AND NEW BED RATES FOR OUR HOMELESSNESS PROVIDERS, AND FUNDING
11 FOR SEISMIC RETROFITS OF COUNTY FACILITIES. YEAR-OVER-YEAR
12 INCREASES IN THE DPSS PROGRAM WE KNOW AS GENERAL RELIEF, AMONG
13 OTHER PRESSURES ON THE HORIZON. FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION,
14 PLEASE REFER TO THE MEMO ISSUED BY MY OFFICE YESTERDAY
15 DETAILING ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY PRESSURES, INCLUDING THE
16 PRESSURES THAT WE WILL ADDRESS AS WE WORK THROUGH OUR LABOR
17 NEGOTIATIONS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. FOR THIS INAUGURAL YEAR, MY
18 OFFICE DEVELOPED THE PROCESS AND THE FORMAT FOR THESE
19 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS, WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH
20 OUR DEPARTMENTS. IN FUTURE YEARS, THESE WILL BE DETERMINED BY
21 THE GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE. SO HERE'S A QUICK OVERVIEW
22 OF THE FORMAT THAT YOU WILL SEE TODAY. EACH DEPARTMENT WILL
23 USE A STANDARDIZED THREE PAGE TEMPLATE, I THINK FOR SOME
24 DEPARTMENTS IT MIGHT BE TWO, LIKE THOSE SHOWN FANNED OUT ON
25 THIS SLIDE FROM OUR FICTIONAL DEPARTMENT, THE MINISTRY OF



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1 MAGIC. THE BLUE BORDER ON EACH SIDE WILL SHOW KEY FACTS ABOUT
2 THE DEPARTMENT, SUCH AS ITS MISSION, ITS MANDATORY AND MAJOR
3 DUTIES, AND ITS 24/25 FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET NUMBERS. THE BOXES
4 ALONG THE TOP WILL SUMMARIZE THE FUNDING BEING REQUESTED AS
5 OFFSET BY ANTICIPATED REVENUE AND THEN THE RESULTING NET
6 COUNTY COSTS. EACH OF THE THREE PAGES WILL HAVE A DIFFERENT
7 THEME AND PURPOSE. THE FIRST PAGE WILL LIST THE DEPARTMENT'S
8 REQUESTED ITEMS IN PRIORITY ORDER ALONG WITH A DOLLAR AMOUNT
9 AND ANY POSITIONS THAT ARE REQUESTED. EACH REQUEST WILL ALSO
10 INDICATE IF THE REQUEST IS TIED TO A MANDATED PROGRAM, A BOARD
11 PRIORITY, OR A MOTION, AND IF THERE IS A DATA AND METRICS PLAN
12 TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST. THE SECOND PAGE WILL LIST THE
13 DEPARTMENT'S REMAINING, UNMET NEEDS AND CATEGORIZE THEM AS
14 CRITICAL, PRIORITY, OR OTHER. THE THIRD AND FINAL PAGE IS
15 WHERE EACH DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE A HIGH-LEVEL LOOK AT ITS
16 CHALLENGES AND PRESSURES, AND THAT'S WHERE YOU WILL HEAR SOME
17 OF YOUR DEPARTMENTS TALK ABOUT ANTICIPATED NEEDS AS A RESULT
18 OF THE FIRES. ALTHOUGH THE BUDGET REQUESTS WILL NOT INCLUDE
19 FORMAL REQUESTS RELATED TO FIRES, THE FACT THAT THE
20 DEPARTMENTS HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO ASSESS AND TO THINK ABOUT
21 THEM MEANS THAT WE CAN PREPARE TO ADDRESS THEM IN FUTURE
22 BUDGET PHASES. WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT OVER BACK TO YOU,
23 MADAM CHAIR, TO BEGIN TODAY'S DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET
24 PRESENTATIONS.

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT, FESIA.

2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, CEO
5 FESIA DAVENPORT, FOR YOUR OVERVIEW. I HAVEN'T SEEN THE LETTER
6 THAT I KNOW YOU HAD SHARED WITH US THAT YOU WERE GOING TO GO
7 OVER, BUT I WANTED TO JUST ASK YOU IF YOU COULD PUT SOME
8 FIGURES AROUND SOME OF THESE AREAS THAT YOU MENTIONED, JUST SO
9 WE HAVE AS A PUBLIC A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
10 IN TERMS OF BUDGET IMPACT. SO COULD YOU PLEASE OUTLINE THAT?

11
12 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, IN THE MEMO THAT I ISSUED YESTERDAY,
13 SUPERVISOR, WE GIVE AN OVERVIEW. WE FIRST OF ALL SET THE STAGE
14 BY SAYING THAT IMPACTS THAT ARE RELATED TO THE FIRE THAT ARE
15 SPECIFIC TO THE COUNTY'S BUDGET ARE, IT'S A WORK IN PROGRESS.
16 WE HAVE SOME PRELIMINARY FIGURES, FOR EXAMPLE, ABOUT WHAT ARE
17 THE REVENUE LOSS MIGHT BE RELATED TO PROPERTY TAXES AND SALES
18 TAXES, BUT IT IS STILL A VERY EARLY NUMBER. WE KNOW THAT THERE
19 ARE ESTIMATES THAT THE COST TO THE REGION, AS I MENTIONED
20 EARLIER, IS ABOUT \$250,000,000,000. WE TALK IN THIS MEMO ABOUT
21 SOME OF THE REQUESTS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM OUR LABOR
22 PARTNERS DURING OUR NEGOTIATIONS. WE HAVE RECEIVED REQUESTS
23 FOR COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS RANGING BETWEEN 22% AND 45%.
24 JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT THAT MEANS, A 1% INCREASE
25 COUNTYWIDE FOR SALARIES IS ABOUT \$166,000,000 ACROSS ALL THREE



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1 OF OUR MAJOR FUNDS. SO THAT'S THE GENERAL FUND, THE HOSPITAL
2 ENTERPRISE FUND, AND YOUR SPECIAL FUND DISTRICTS. SO, WE KNOW
3 THAT WORKING THROUGH OUR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE CRITICAL
4 TO ALLOW US TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR WORKFORCE WHILE ALSO
5 BALANCING OUR MANDATORY OBLIGATIONS TO PROVIDE SAFETY NET
6 SERVICES AS WELL AS MANAGE ALL OF THE OTHER BUDGETARY
7 PRESSURES THAT WE DISCUSSED SUCH AS AB218 AND THE LIKE.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO DOES IT, ARE WE OPTIMISTIC THAT WE'RE
10 GOING TO BE ABLE TO MEET THAT \$160,000,000 ANNUALLY?

11
12 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, IF IT'S \$166,000,000, THAT'S A 1% COLA
13 INCREASE. 22% TO A 45% COLA INCREASE, WE WOULD NOT BE, WE
14 COULD NOT AFFORD THAT. EVEN IF WE DID NOT HAVE THE BUDGETARY
15 PRESSURES THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER, WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO
16 A COLA AT 22% IF THE GROSS AMOUNT OF THAT COLA IS
17 \$166,000,000. WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID, SUPERVISOR, IS THE
18 COUNTY HAS MAINTAINED ITS FISCAL INTEGRITY FOR MANY, MANY
19 YEARS. WE HAVE THE HIGHEST CREDIT RATING THAT WE'VE EVER HAD.
20 WHAT WE DON'T WANT TO DO IS PUT OURSELVES IN A POSITION THAT
21 OTHER JURISDICTIONS HAVE DONE WHERE THEY HAVE AGREED TO A COLA
22 AND THEN ONLY MONTHS LATER TO GO BACK AND HAVE TO CUT THEIR
23 BUDGET, VACANT POSITIONS IN THEIR BUDGET. AND SO THAT IS NOT
24 THE POSITION THAT WE WOULD WANT TO FIND OURSELVES IN IN THE
25 COUNTY. SO IT WILL ALL COME DOWN TO BALANCE. WE HAVE TO



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1 PROVIDE SAFETY NET SERVICES. WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH OUR
2 BUDGETARY PRESSURES, INCLUDING OUR LAWSUITS. WE HAVE TO HELP
3 DO EVERYTHING WE POSSIBLY CAN AND PLAY OUR PART IN THE
4 RECOVERY FROM THE FIRES. AND WE HAVE TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT
5 WITH OUR LABOR PARTNERS.

6
7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND FESIA, REMIND ME, LAST TIME WE WENT
8 THROUGH THIS BUDGET EXERCISE WAS COVID. AND DIDN'T WE MESSAGE
9 TO THE DEPARTMENTS THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE A PLAN IN CASE WE
10 WEREN'T ABLE TO MEET ALL OUR OBLIGATIONS? SO HAVE YOU
11 INSTRUCTED OUR DEPARTMENTS TO DO THAT NOW?

12
13 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, SUPERVISOR. SO THE DEPARTMENTS, EACH OF
14 THE DEPARTMENTS WERE INSTRUCTED MANY MONTHS AGO TO DEVELOP
15 CURTAILMENT EXERCISES. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED DEPARTMENTS TO
16 IDENTIFY PLANS FOR A 3%, A 5%, AND AN 8% CUT. IN 21/22, I
17 BELIEVE THAT WAS THE YEAR, THE DEPARTMENTS TOOK AN 8%
18 CURTAILMENT. SO WE ARE, AS WE ARE DOING BUDGET, WE'RE
19 LAUNCHING THE BUDGET PROCESS, WE ARE ALSO SIMULTANEOUSLY
20 LOOKING AT AND TRYING TO DETERMINE A MORE CALIBRATED NUMBER ON
21 CURTAILMENTS. AND THEN AT SOME POINT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
22 IDENTIFY WHETHER WE NEED TO DO CURTAILMENTS AND THEN WHAT THAT
23 AMOUNT WILL BE.

24
25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** BUT IF I RECALL, WE DIDN'T LAY ANYBODY OFF.



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2 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THAT IS CORRECT. SO IN THE LAST CURTAILMENT
3 EXERCISE, WE DID HIRING FREEZES, WE DID SPENDING FREEZES, AND
4 THEN WE DID CURTAILMENTS. WHAT DEPARTMENTS WERE ABLE TO DO IS
5 THEY ELIMINATED VACANT POSITIONS, PARTICULARLY POSITIONS THAT
6 HAD BEEN VACANT FOR A LONG TIME, AND SOMETIMES THEY REDUCED
7 WHAT WE CALL THE SERVICES AND SUPPLIES BUDGET. SO THERE WERE
8 NO LAYOFFS IN OUR LAST FORTTELLMENT.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WELL, I WOULD HOPE THAT THAT WOULD BE ONE OF
11 THE FIRST THINGS THAT WE LOOK AT, THAT WE TRY TO MINIMIZE ANY
12 LAYOFFS, NUMBER ONE. BUT THAT'S JUST HILDA SOLIS SPEAKING. AND
13 THEN, YOU KNOW, REALLY HUNKER DOWN WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS TO
14 BETTER UNDERSTAND WHERE THOSE OTHER CUTS OR SAVINGS CAN BE
15 MADE AVAILABLE. AND I'M EQUALLY CONCERNED THAT WE ALSO
16 ARTICULATE THIS TO OUR DELEGATION IN SACRAMENTO, TO BOTH THE
17 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, THAT THEY ALSO UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR BUDGET
18 PICTURE LOOKS LIKE BECAUSE MY SENSE IS PEOPLE ARE THINKING
19 ABOUT MAYBE THE FIRE RIGHT NOW. THEY'RE NOT MAYBE FULLY AWARE
20 OF AB 2018 AND ALL THE OTHER ITEMS THAT YOU RAISED. SO I THINK
21 WE ALL OWE IT TO OURSELVES TO DO A BETTER JOB IN ALSO
22 ARTICULATING TO OUR LEGISLATORS, AS WELL AS TO OUR DEPARTMENTS
23 AND OUR LABOR PARTNERS. SO EVERYONE IS ON THE LEVEL PLAYING
24 FIELD HERE AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN A VERY CAUTIOUS MANNER, BUT I
25 APPRECIATE YOUR FEEDBACK, MADAM CHAIR, ALLOWING ME TO ASK



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1 QUESTIONS AND FOR FESIA TO RESPOND.

2

3 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IF I COULD JUST SHARE
4 ONE LAST THING. ALL OF THOSE THINGS THAT YOU MENTIONED ARE
5 WORKS IN PROGRESS. AS WE EMBARK UPON THIS NEW PROCESS AND
6 WE'RE DOING BUDGET, WE HAVE THE FISCAL RESILIENCE PROTOCOL,
7 CURTAILMENT EXERCISES REQUIRES ANOTHER LAYER OF ANALYSIS. AND
8 WHAT WE THINK THE DEPARTMENTS, THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN VERY
9 THOUGHTFUL IN ENSURING THAT IN THEIR POTENTIAL CURTAILMENT
10 PROPOSALS, THAT THEY HAVE BEEN THOUGHTFUL AND NOT JUST
11 IDENTIFY POSITIONS THAT ARE FILLED. AND SO, BUT WE HAVE TO GO
12 THROUGH AND REVIEW THOSE, EACH ONE OF THOSE TO MAKE SURE THAT
13 THEY ARE APPROPRIATELY CALIBRATED SO THAT WE DON'T DO LAYOFFS.
14 AND SO AT SOME TIME BETWEEN NOW AND RECOMMENDED BUDGET IN
15 APRIL, WE WILL COMPLETE OUR ANALYSIS OF OUR CURTAILMENT
16 EXERCISES TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE SUFFICIENTLY CALIBRATED.

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18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** DO WE STILL DO CASCADING?

19

20 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO CASCADING IS, THAT IS AN OPTION FOR US AS
21 WELL. AND SO WHAT WE WOULD DO IS WE WOULD LOOK TO THE
22 DEPARTMENT AS A SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT TO ASK THEM, IS THIS A
23 REMEDY THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THEM? AND SO JUST BY WAY OF
24 BACKGROUND, WE DO NOT DEVELOP THE CURTAILMENT PLANS FOR THE
25 DEPARTMENTS, WE RELY ON THEIR EXPERTISE, AND THEN WE TRY TO GO



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1 BACK AND DO THE ANALYSIS TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS WORKABLE.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, FESIA, I'M LOOKING AT, AND
4 THANK YOU FOR THAT, AND THANK YOU FOR THOSE QUESTIONS, I'M
5 LOOKING AT THE MEMO THAT YOU SENT UP YESTERDAY. AND SOMETHING
6 THAT STRIKES ME THAT I THINK CONTRADICTS WHERE THIS BOARD HAS
7 BEEN, WHEN I LOOK AT, AND I THINK YOU HAVE TO BE SURGICAL IN
8 HOW YOU REVIEW EACH ITEM. FOR EXAMPLE, A CLINICAL SOCIAL
9 WORKER, THAT'S BEEN AN AREA THAT WE'VE REALLY BEEN FIGHTING TO
10 FILL. AND YET WHEN I LOOK AT WHERE L.A. COUNTY STANDS IN TERMS
11 OF CURRENT SALARY, WE'RE DEFINITELY NOT THE LOWEST, BUT WE'RE
12 DEFINITELY WAY BEHIND SOME OTHER AREAS. AND SO I GUESS MY ASK
13 WOULD BE, AND THEN I EVEN LOOKED AT NURSING ATTENDANT. WE ARE
14 NOT THE LOWEST BUT I THINK SECOND TO THE LOWEST. SO MY
15 QUESTION IS DO THE DEPARTMENTS SURGICALLY LOOK AT ITEMS WHERE
16 WE KNOW THAT RECRUITMENT IS DIFFICULT? AND YOU KNOW YOU TALKED
17 ABOUT ACROSS THE BOARD PAY RAISE BUT THERE ARE AREAS WHERE WE
18 KNOW THAT WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING TO INCREASE STAFF ESPECIALLY
19 WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE UNHOUSED AND THE NEED TO PROVIDE
20 SERVICES AND CRITICAL SERVICES. IS THAT SOMETHING THAT'S
21 LOOKED AT?

22

23 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, THANK YOU FOR ASKING THAT, SUPERVISOR. SO
24 AS PART OF THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS, THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO
25 PARTS TO THE ECONOMICS. SO, ONE IS THE BASIC COST OF LIVING



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1 ADJUSTMENT THAT'S A GENERAL SALARY, YOU KNOW, THAT'S FOR ALL
2 COUNTYWIDE EMPLOYEES. AND THEN BARGAINING UNITS WILL ALSO
3 SUBMIT WHAT THEY, WHAT WE CALL INEQUITIES, OR THEY WILL SUBMIT
4 REQUESTS FOR LIKE SPECIAL ADJUSTMENTS. AND USUALLY THOSE ARE
5 TARGETED TO HARD TO FILL POSITIONS OR SOMETIMES IT'S RELATED
6 TO TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT TWO SIMILAR JOB TYPES HAVE THE
7 SAME SALARY RANGE. SO, THERE IS A WAY TO LOOK AT THAT.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IS IT ON US ON THE DEPARTMENT OR
10 ON THE LABOR TO MAKE THAT DETERMINATION?

11

12 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO SOMETIMES IT'S THE DEPARTMENT. SOMETIMES
13 THE DEPARTMENT SAYS, HEY, WE CANNOT HIRE BECAUSE WE'RE BEING
14 OUTBIDDED IN THE MARKET. SOMETIMES AND OFTENTIMES, IT IS LABOR
15 THAT WILL BRING IT TO OUR ATTENTION IN THE CONTEXT OF A LABOR
16 NEGOTIATION.

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18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN? OKAY.
19 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I COULDN'T AGREE
22 WITH YOU MORE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THAT
23 EVERYONE IS CLEAR. YOU KNOW, I ALWAYS HOLD UP THE BUDGETARY
24 PRESSURES SHEET AND CARRY IT WITH ME IN SACRAMENTO, WHEREVER I
25 GO. AND SO, I'M WONDERING IF IT WOULD BE—WHAT DOCUMENT WOULD



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1 YOU PREFER THAT WE USE AS KIND OF OUR OWN PUBLIC-FACING
2 DOCUMENT? YOUR CHART? IS IT THE MEMO THAT YOU SENT YESTERDAY?
3 AND AGAIN, I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IF NOT INDIVIDUAL
4 DOLLAR AMOUNTS, JUST TO GIVE IN PRINT, BECAUSE IT WILL BE THE
5 DOCUMENT THAT PEOPLE SEE, AT LEAST, YOU KNOW, A CUMULATIVE
6 FIGURE. BUT WHAT TOOL CAN WE USE?

7

8 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, SUPERVISOR, I THINK WHAT WE CAN DO IS WE
9 COULD PREPARE ANOTHER VERSION OF THE SLIDE, THE BUDGETARY
10 PRESSURE SLIDE, AND WE CAN GIVE A RANGE AND IDENTIFY THAT THE
11 NUMBERS ARE A WORK IN PROGRESS AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. I WOULD
12 HATE TO PUT A FIGURE OUT THERE THAT FOLKS WOULD WANT TO HOLD
13 US TO AND SPEND A LOT OF TIME TRYING TO EXPLAIN THE PROCESS.

14

15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** A RANGE IS FAIR, I COMPLETELY GET
16 THAT, BECAUSE THESE ARE ALL IN FLUX, I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT I
17 THINK EVEN A RANGE IS IMPORTANT TO HELP CAPTURE THE ATTENTION,
18 THE FOCUSED ATTENTION OF ALL OF OUR PARTNERS WHO NEED TO
19 UNDERSTAND THIS IS REAL, AND THAT IT BE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE
20 LIST THAT INCLUDES SOME OF THE OTHER PRESSURES. I'M SCANNING
21 THE EMAIL, YOUR MEMO NOW, JUST TO SEE WHAT WAS LEFT OUT, BUT
22 THAT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. THANK YOU.

23

24 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** WE'LL DO.

25



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

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK
4 YOU, MADAM CEO, FOR KICKING US OFF IN THIS FIRST PHASE OF
5 MEASURE G IMPLEMENTATION AND GUIDING OUR DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS
6 ON THIS PROCESS. I THINK IT'S GOING TO HELP US AS A BOARD, IN
7 ADDITION TO THE FISCAL RESILIENCY MOTION THAT WAS PASSED
8 THAT'S STRUCTURED HOW WE'RE LOOKING AT OUR BUDGET. THIS GIVES
9 US THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION
10 DEPARTMENT BY DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE PRIORITIES AND HAVE A CLEAR
11 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS BEING FUNDED, WHAT IS NOT YET BEING
12 FUNDED, AND AS A RESULT, WHAT WE SHOULD OR SHOULDN'T EXPECT TO
13 COME FROM EACH DEPARTMENT IN THE YEAR GOING FORWARD. I THINK
14 ESPECIALLY GIVEN HOW THIS YEAR HAS STARTED, THIS CALENDAR YEAR
15 HAS STARTED, IT'S GOING TO IMPACT HOW WE LOOK AT OUR BUDGET
16 GOING FORWARD. SO I'M GLAD THAT WE ACTUALLY HAVE THIS
17 OPPORTUNITY TO GET MORE IN DEPTH. I ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT YOU SAID,
18 THAT SOME OF THESE BUDGET PRESENTATIONS WERE DEVELOPED IN
19 ADVANCE, OR THAT PROCESS STARTED IN ADVANCE OF THE FULL IMPACT
20 OF THE FIRES. BUT HAVING THIS CONTEXT AS WE CONTINUE FORWARD
21 IN THOSE CONVERSATIONS IS GOING TO BE REALLY HELPFUL. AND I
22 WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR HOW WE WILL ENGAGE. I KNOW IT
23 MEANS A FEW MORE MEETINGS FOR US IN TERMS OF HOW WE'RE TALKING
24 ABOUT OUR BUDGET, BUT I THINK IT WILL BE CRITICAL GOING
25 FORWARD, HOW WE WORK TOGETHER TO ACTIVELY PRIORITIZE HOW WE'RE



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1 USING OUR DOLLARS, AND THINKING ABOUT HOW WE HAVE DIRECTED
2 MOTIONS, BUT YET THERE'S WORK STILL TO BE DONE. AND AS WE
3 THINK ABOUT LONG-TERM, WHAT WE WANT OUR INVESTMENTS TO BE
4 WHILE WE BALANCE THE IMMEDIATE. SO, THANK YOU FOR ENGAGING IN
5 THIS CONVERSATION. THANK YOU FOR SETTING US UP TO SUCCEED IN
6 THE STRUCTURE GOING FORWARD, MADAM CEO. I APPRECIATE YOUR
7 LEADERSHIP.

8
9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GREAT. SEEING NO OTHER QUESTIONS BY BOARD
10 MEMBERS ON THIS, THEN LET'S START WITH OUR FIRST PRESENTATION
11 BY THE DIRECTOR OF BEACHES AND HARBORS, GARY JONES, AND STAFF.
12 OKAY. THANK YOU.

13
14 **GARY JONES:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF
15 PRESENTING TO YOU OVER THE FOLLOWING THREE SLIDES THAT I THINK
16 WE'RE GOING TO SHOW UP ON THE SCREEN. A SUMMARY OF THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS BUDGET REQUEST FOR BUDGET
18 YEAR 2025/2026. THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT IS PROVIDING
19 EXCEPTIONAL RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WHILE SUSTAINING OUR
20 BEACHES AND MARINA DEL REY. WE MANAGE AND OPERATE 18 PUBLIC
21 BEACHES SPANNING 23 MILES OF COASTLINE FROM SAN PEDRO TO
22 MALIBU THAT WELCOME OVER 70,000,000 VISITORS ANNUALLY. IN
23 ADDITION, WE OVERSEE MARINA DEL REY, THE LARGEST BUILT SMALL
24 CRAFT HARBOR IN NORTH AMERICA, A VIBRANT WATERFRONT COMMUNITY
25 HOME TO OVER 5,000 VESSELS AND APPROXIMATELY 10,000 RESIDENTS.



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1 OUR DEPARTMENT IS UNIQUELY STRUCTURED TO MEET THE DIVERSE AND
2 EVOLVING NEEDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S COASTLINE. WITH 356
3 BUDGETED POSITIONS SPANNING 91 SPECIALIZED CLASSIFICATIONS,
4 OUR WORKFORCE BRINGS TOGETHER A BROAD RANGE OF EXPERTISE TO
5 ENSURE THAT OUR BEACHES AND MARINA DEL REY ARE WELL
6 MAINTAINED, ACCESSIBLE, AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE WHILE
7 ALSO DRIVING ECONOMIC GROWTH. NOW GETTING INTO SOME OF OUR
8 BUDGET DETAIL, AS OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PHASE, THE
9 DEPARTMENT'S TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE 2024/2025 BUDGET YEAR IS
10 APPROXIMATELY \$84,000,000. OF THAT AMOUNT, WE ANTICIPATE
11 OFFSETTING THESE COSTS WITH ABOUT \$80,000,000 IN REVENUE WHICH
12 IS PRIMARILY GENERATED FROM MARINA LEASEHOLDS AND THE
13 OPERATIONS OF VARIOUS COUNTY PARKING LOTS ALONG THE COAST. AS
14 YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS FIRST SLIDE, WE ARE REQUESTING FIVE NEW
15 POSITIONS AS WELL AS FUNDING FOR TWO OF OUR CONTRACTS THAT ARE
16 CRITICAL TO OUR COASTAL RESILIENCY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
17 SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS, ALL FROM REVENUE OFFSET. OUR TOP
18 PRIORITY THIS YEAR IS A RENEWED REQUEST FOR A SENIOR PUBLIC
19 INFORMATION SPECIALIST. THIS MUCH-NEEDED POSITION WILL MANAGE
20 STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS FOR EVERYTHING THE DEPARTMENT DOES,
21 INCLUDING CRITICAL BOARD INITIATIVES LIKE MDR FOR ALL AND
22 COASTAL RESILIENCY. THESE INITIATIVES HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY
23 EXPANDED THE DEPARTMENT'S TRADITIONAL ROLE AS AN ASSET MANAGER
24 AND BEACH OPERATOR AND REQUIRE US TO TAKE A MORE PROACTIVE
25 ROLE IN DEVELOPING POLICY AND A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF



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1 PUBLIC ASSETS WE OVERSEE. THE PRESSING NEED FOR THREE OTHER
2 ADDITIONAL POSITIONS RELATES TO THE OPERATION OF OUR SEPTIC
3 SYSTEMS ALONG THE COAST. WE'RE IN AN URGENT NEED OF A
4 WASTEWATER SUPERVISOR AND TWO WASTEWATER OPERATORS. OUR
5 DEPARTMENT'S LACK OF IN-HOUSE EXPERTISE IN THIS AREA HAS
6 GREATLY HINDERED OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE OPERABLE SANITARY
7 RESTROOMS AND SHOWERS ACROSS KEY BEACH LOCATIONS, AS WE'VE HAD
8 TO CONTRACT THOSE SERVICES OUT, AN INEFFICIENT AND COSTLY
9 PROCESS WHICH HAS NOT KEPT UP WITH OUR NEED FOR SERVICE. BY
10 WAY OF ILLUSTRATION RIGHT NOW, 11 OUT OF OUR 18 SEPTIC SYSTEMS
11 ARE INOPERABLE, MEANING CLOSURES OF PUBLIC BEACH RESTROOMS.
12 THIS WAS A MAJOR PROBLEM DURING THE BUSY 2024 SUMMER SEASON
13 AND PREVENTED US FROM ADEQUATELY SERVING THE MOST BASIC NEEDS
14 OF OUR BEACHGOERS. APPROVING THESE THREE CRITICAL POSITIONS
15 WILL HAVE A REAL AND IMMEDIATE IMPACT BY HELPING US GET THESE
16 IMPORTANT PUBLIC AMENITIES BACK ONLINE, A TANGIBLE BENEFIT TO
17 THE MILLIONS OF BEACH VISITORS WE WELCOME EACH YEAR. OUR TWO
18 CONTRACT FUNDING REQUESTS FOR SEPTIC TANK REPORTING AND FOR
19 HARBOR ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTING SERVICES ARE
20 ESSENTIAL TO SUPPORT THE PROPER FUNCTIONING AND REGULATORY
21 COMPLIANCE OF OUR BEACH SERVING SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND TO PROVIDE
22 SUPPORT FOR OUR MAJOR BOARD DIRECTED INITIATIVES. CAN WE MOVE
23 TO SLIDE TWO PLEASE? JUST QUICKLY ON SLIDE TWO, THIS
24 SUMMARIZES OUR UNMET NEEDS REQUESTS, WHICH TOTAL \$4,100,000.
25 THESE REQUESTS WILL BE MADE AS PART OF A LATER BUDGET PHASE.



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1 AND THEN MOVE TO SLIDE THREE PLEASE. FINALLY ON SLIDE THREE WE
2 HAVE OUR BUDGET CHALLENGES. ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT COVERED IN OUR
3 BUDGET REQUEST, WHICH AS THE CEO NOTED PREDATED THE RECENT
4 WILDFIRES, THEY'VE HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON OUR DEPARTMENT
5 WITH INITIAL RECOVERY COSTS ESTIMATED BETWEEN 40 AND
6 42,000,000. THE FIRE DESTROYED CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
7 INCLUDING THE WILL ROGERS MAINTENANCE FACILITY AND THE CASTLE
8 ROCK RESTROOM. WE ALSO LOST ESSENTIAL LIGHT AND HEAVY-DUTY
9 EQUIPMENT SUCH AS VANS, TRUCKS AND TRACTORS SEVERELY IMPACTING
10 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES. FURTHER COMPOUNDING
11 THESE CHALLENGES IS AN ESTIMATED TWO TO \$4,000,000 LOSS IN
12 PARKING REVENUE RESULTING FROM THE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO
13 THE WILL ROGERS PARKING LOT SO IT CAN BE USED FOR FIRST
14 RESPONDERS AND OTHER AGENCIES FOR EMERGENCY RECOVERY
15 OPERATIONS. ASIDE FROM FIRE IMPACTS, OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGES
16 CONTINUE TO BE INCREASED WORKLOAD AND INCREASED OPERATIONAL
17 COSTS. WE ARE A SMALL COUNTY DEPARTMENT AND WE CONTINUE TO BE
18 CALLED UPON TO DO BIG THINGS. INITIATIVES LIKE MDR FOR ALL AND
19 COASTAL RESILIENCY ARE DEMANDING MORE OF OUR TEAM THAN EVER
20 BEFORE AND WHILE WE'RE EXCITED TO TAKE ON THESE CHALLENGES,
21 THE REALITY IS THAT THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH WE CAN DO WITHIN OUR
22 EXISTING RESOURCES. OUR TEAM IS BUSY DOING THE WORK, BUT
23 OFTENTIMES WE LACK THE RESOURCES TO COMMUNICATE OUT ABOUT ANY
24 OF THE GREAT THINGS WE ACCOMPLISH. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR
25 STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS WOULD HELP RESOLVE THAT ISSUE. OUR



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1 OPERATIONAL COSTS CONTINUE TO RISE AS WELL. AS INFRASTRUCTURE
2 AGES, THE NEED FOR CRITICAL REPAIRS AND UPGRADES INTENSIFIES,
3 REQUIRING SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENTS IN MATERIALS, LABOUR AND
4 SPECIALISED EQUIPMENT. ADDITIONALLY, EXTREME WEATHER, CLIMATE
5 CHANGE AND NATURAL DISASTERS CONTRIBUTE TO UNEXPECTED COSTS
6 FOR MITIGATION AND EMERGENCY REPAIRS. AND AS EVERYONE HERE IS
7 AWARE, PRICES FOR JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING ARE GOING UP AND THAT
8 INCLUDES OUR COSTS FOR ROUTINE SERVICES LIKE WASTE MANAGEMENT,
9 WATER TREATMENT, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND PUBLIC SAFETY.
10 THESE ESCALATING EXPENSES UNDERSCORE THE NEED FOR CONTINUED
11 INVESTMENT TO ENSURE SAFE, SUSTAINABLE AND WELL-MAINTAINED
12 COASTAL OPERATIONS. I WILL END ON A POSITIVE BUDGETARY NOTE,
13 WHICH IS THAT OUR DEPARTMENT'S ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IS STRONG.
14 REVENUE PROJECTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING BUDGET YEAR EXCEED
15 90,000,000, DRIVEN BY A ROBUST RENTAL MARKET AND STRONG
16 DEMANDS FOR BOAT SLIPS IN MARINA DEL REY. UPCOMING GROUND
17 LEASE EXPLORATIONS PROVIDE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR REVENUE
18 GENERATION, WHILE HIGH PUBLIC VISITATION ACROSS L.A. COUNTY
19 BEACHES CONTINUES TO SUSTAIN STRONG DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE
20 STREAMS. THESE FACTORS POSITION THE DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUED
21 FINANCIAL STABILITY AND GROWTH, ENSURING SUPPORT FOR ONGOING
22 OPERATIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS, AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
23 INITIATIVES. THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

24
25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GREAT. OKAY, I HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS THAT



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1 HAVE SIGNED UP, OUR COLLEAGUES. SO WE'LL START WITH SUPERVISOR
2 HORVATH.

3

4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU. I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU IDENTIFY
5 THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCE, GIVEN THE EVENTS OF THIS
6 YEAR AND THE IMPACT ON OUR BEACHES. I KNOW THERE'S CRITICAL
7 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT NEEDS TO BE REBUILT. PLUS, WE'RE ALSO
8 ASSESSING THE OVERALL IMPACT TO OUR BEACHES AND THE WATER MORE
9 GENERALLY. SO I KNOW OUR COASTAL RESILIENCY INITIATIVE EXISTED
10 BEFORE ALL OF THIS, AND YOU HAVE REFERENCED IT IN YOUR
11 PRESENTATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON IT. I KNOW WE HAVE
12 STRUGGLED THUS FAR IN SOME OF OUR LARGE GRANT APPLICATIONS,
13 BUT I KNOW THERE'S NOW A VOTER APPROVED CLIMATE BOND THAT HAS
14 DEDICATED STATE RESOURCES FOR A LOT OF WHAT WE'RE LOOKING TO
15 ACHIEVE. SO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET OUR
16 FAIR SHARE OF THAT BOND TO INVEST IN THE WORK THAT YOUR TEAM
17 IS DOING?

18

19 **GARY JONES:** SUPERVISOR, THAT IS A MAJOR COMPONENT OF OUR WORK,
20 NOT ONLY JUST WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE TEAM IN HOUSE, BUT
21 ALSO WITH OUR CONSULTANTS IN SCOURING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRANT
22 OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN SUCH AS THE CLIMATE BOND. THAT'S ONE OF
23 THE REASONS FOR ASKING FOR THE INCREASE IN ONE OF OUR
24 CONTRACTS TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THAT EFFORT. WE'RE
25 ALSO ESTABLISHING THROUGH STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS AND OUTREACH A



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1 COALITION OF PARTNERS THAT WE FEEL WILL GIVE GREATER DEPTH AND
2 EMPHASIS ON SECURING THOSE MUCH NEEDED RESOURCES FOR THE
3 REGION.

4
5 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** I WOULD ENCOURAGE OUR CEO, LAIR, TO ALSO
6 WORK WITH YOU BECAUSE THAT BUDGET ALLOCATION ON SOME OF THE
7 CLIMATE BOND OPPORTUNITIES IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW. SO WE NEED
8 TO BE AGGRESSIVE AND MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE SEEKING WHATEVER
9 THAT BOND PROVIDES FOR AND GETTING THOSE REVENUE STREAMS
10 DEDICATED TO THIS WORK IN YOUR DEPARTMENT. SO WHATEVER
11 ADDITIONAL RESOURCE YOU NEED IN TERMS OF LEVERAGING THAT
12 SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITY, SINCE IT'S NOT SORT OF AN APPLICATION
13 ONLY, IT'S DEDICATED FUNDING THAT OUR VOTERS IN LOS ANGELES
14 COUNTY WERE PART OF PASSING. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET
15 THAT INVESTMENT. AND THEN MY OTHER QUESTION IS ABOUT THE
16 MARINE MAMMAL CARE CENTER, WHICH PROVIDES INCREDIBLE SERVICE
17 TO US. I KNOW ON THE BEACH WHEN WE WERE SURVEYING THE IMPACT
18 OF THE FIRES, THERE WAS A BABY SEA LION THAT CAME UP ON THE
19 BEACH THAT WE REFERENCED TO THE MAMMAL CARE CENTER. THEY
20 RESPOND TO A LOT OF OUR CALLS, AND YET I KNOW IT'S NOT A
21 COUNTY FUNDED AGENCY. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WE HAVE
22 CONSIDERED EXPLORING IN TERMS OF OPPORTUNITIES FROM PARKING
23 FEES OR THE MARINA TO HELP SUPPORT THESE CRITICAL SERVICES
24 BECAUSE I KNOW THEY REALLY CARE FOR OUR MARINE WILDLIFE.



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1 **GARY JONES:** YES, CERTAINLY SUPERVISOR. WE AS A DEPARTMENT
2 STRENGTHENED OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MARINE MAMMAL CARE
3 CENTER DURING THE UNFORTUNATE DEMONIC ACID INCIDENT THAT WE
4 EXPERIENCED OR THAT THEY EXPERIENCED ABOUT A YEAR OR SO AGO,
5 WE CONTINUE TO BE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEM. WE WERE IN
6 CONTACT WITH THEM IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE FIRE IN TERMS OF
7 SEEKING THEIR ADVICE ON ANYTHING THAT WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF IN
8 TERMS OF WATER QUALITY AND THE BEACH HABITAT. WE ARE WORKING
9 WITH THEM ALSO IN TERMS OF PROVIDING THEM OPPORTUNITIES FOR
10 SPACE, OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN MARINA DEL REY TO SUPPORT
11 THEIR OPERATIONS. THEY'VE COME AND SPOKEN BEFORE, BOARD
12 APPOINTED COMMISSIONS, THE BEACH COUNTY BEACH COMMISSION, FOR
13 EXAMPLE, AND REALLY, AS I SAID, WE'VE ESTABLISHED A CLOSE
14 RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM AND ANYTHING MORE WE CAN DO AS A
15 DEPARTMENT, SUCH AS PARKING ARRANGEMENTS AND OTHER ANCILLARY
16 ITEMS, WE CERTAINLY WILL DO THAT AND CONTINUE TO. YEAH, JUST
17 RECOGNIZING WE'LL PROBABLY BE CALLING ON THEM MORE, GIVEN THE
18 IMPACTS OF THESE FIRES. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE ABLE TO
19 SUPPORT THE RESOURCES THAT THEY PROVIDE TO US. SO THANK YOU.

20
21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

22
23 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. YEAH, SD2 WAS IN A POSITION
24 TO USE DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO HELP THEM. SO YOU'RE RIGHT, THEY
25 NEED MONEY. AND SO SOME OF US ARE GOING TO HAVE TO STEP UP TO



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1 HELP THEM WHEN OUR DISTRICTS ARE IMPACTED BY THE WILDLIFE WHO
2 NEED THEIR SUPPORT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION
3 AND THANK YOU TO THE CEO FOR THE CHART. IT'S REALLY LAID OUT
4 WELL THAT LEASE IS HELPING ME KIND OF FOLLOW WHAT THE PROCESS
5 WILL BE AND WHAT THE NEEDS ARE VERY CLEARLY. I APPRECIATE
6 THAT. SO AND I APPRECIATE YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SOME OF THE
7 LONG-TERM CHALLENGES YOU'RE GOING TO FACE. THAT'S HELPFUL TO
8 UNDERSTAND. SO FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, DOES YOUR BUDGET REQUEST
9 THIS YEAR SUPPORT REALLY BUILDING THE CAPACITY TO RESPOND TO
10 SOME OF THESE COMPLEX EMERGING ISSUES? I GET YOUR TOP TWO
11 BUDGET REQUESTS ARE IMPORTANT FOR THE REASONS YOU OUTLINE, BUT
12 I'M REALLY CURIOUS ABOUT WHERE YOU THINK YOU ARE IN TERMS OF,
13 YOU KNOW, REALLY BEING ABLE TO RESPOND TO ISSUES LIKE CLIMATE
14 RESILIENCE KIND OF BEYOND THIS BUDGET YEAR. HAVE YOU BUILT THE
15 CAPACITY TO GET THERE?

16
17 **GARY JONES:** BUILDING THE CAPACITY IS A WORK IN PROGRESS AND I
18 THINK IT WILL OCCUR OVER MULTIPLE BUDGET CYCLES AND PHASES. WE
19 HAVE IN PAST BUDGET PHASES BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING MONIES
20 TO PAY FOR CONSULTANT CONTRACTS AND THE LIKE, AND THAT IS VERY
21 MUCH AT THE CENTRE OF BOTH THE INITIATIVES WITH REGARDS TO MDR
22 FOR ALL AND COASTAL RESILIENCY. AS THAT WORK PROGRESSES, WE
23 ARE IDENTIFYING A CLEAR NEED FOR THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE,
24 DEVELOP STRATEGIES OF COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH TO
25 TELL THE STORY OF THE WORK THAT IS BEING TAKEN IS UNDERWAY



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1 WITH THAT AND THAT'S WHY FRONT AND CENTER OUR REQUEST TOP
2 REQUEST IS TO EXPAND THEIR ABILITY ON THE COMMUNICATIONS SIDE.
3 AS PROJECTS THOUGH MOVE FORWARD, I THINK THEY WILL MOVE INTO
4 DIFFERENT PHASES AND THEY MAY NEED THEREFORE BE DIFFERENT BY
5 BUDGET PRIORITIES THAT WILL COME OUT OF THAT, WHETHER THAT'S
6 MORE STAFF IN EFFORTS TO ON REDEVELOPMENT IN MARINA DEL REY
7 AND SPECIALIST OR ON THE COASTAL RESILIENCY SIDE WHEN WE MOVE
8 TO THE PROJECT PHASES. SO I THINK IT WILL OCCUR OVER MULTIPLE
9 BUDGET CYCLES.

10

11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GREAT. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

14

15 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YEAH, AND THANK YOU,
16 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR BRINGING UP THE MARINE MAMMAL
17 COUNTERSTANDER, WHICH IS IN SAN PEDRO. AND I KNOW I HAVE
18 SUPPORTED IT WITH DISCRETIONARY DOLLARS MANY TIMES AND I'M
19 SURE THEY WOULD BE, THEY WOULD WELCOME ANY OF YOU IF YOU'RE IN
20 THE POSITION WITH YOUR DISCRETIONARY DOLLARS TO SUPPORT THEM.
21 THEY'RE PRETTY MUCH DEPENDENT ON DONATIONS. THEY ALMOST WENT
22 UNDER A FEW YEARS AGO AND WE RESCUED THEM. BUT THEY COULD USE
23 THE HELP AND THEY'RE CERTAINLY, THEY'RE KIND OF THE ONLY
24 ORGANIZATION THAT DOES WHAT THEY DO SPECIFICALLY. SO THANK YOU
25 FOR MENTIONING THAT. GARY, I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO BE USING THE



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1 WILL ROGERS PARKING LOT FOR HAZARDOUS DEBRIS. AND BY THE WAY,
2 WE APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AND ALL
3 THAT. I KNOW IT'S DIFFICULT WHEN COMMUNITIES ARE PUSHING BACK
4 ON WHERE TO PUT THIS DEBRIS, AND YET IT'S GOING TO BE A HUGE
5 PART OF HOW WE MOVE FORWARD AND HOW WE RECOVER. SO APPRECIATE
6 YOUR COURAGE ON THAT. BUT MY QUESTION WOULD BE, WE'LL BE
7 LOSING SOME REVENUE, SOME PARKING REVENUE DURING THAT
8 OPERATION. AND IS THAT REIMBURSABLE FROM FEMA?

9

10 **GARY JONES:** MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE REVENUE LOSS IS NOT
11 REIMBURSABLE.

12

13 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** IS THAT SOMETHING WE CAN, SEEMS TO ME IT
14 WOULD BE A NATURAL REIMBURSEMENT. THIS IS CERTAINLY A PART OF
15 THE EMERGENCY, THE WILDFIRE RECOVERY, SO IT DOESN'T QUALIFY.
16 SO, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING IN TERMS OF MAYBE MAKING UP THAT
17 REVENUE, OR ARE YOU?

18

19 **GARY JONES:** WELL, AS THE CEO MENTIONED EARLIER, IT'S A WORK IN
20 PROGRESS IN TERMS OF IDENTIFYING THOSE LOSSES, BOTH ACTUAL AND
21 POTENTIAL. AND SO WE'RE DEEP IN THAT AT THE MOMENT. BOTH THE
22 WILL ROGERS LOT AND STILL THE PARKING LOTS FURTHER NORTH AT
23 ZUMA ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. SO WE'RE ASSESSING, YOU KNOW,
24 THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO OPEN AT ZUMA AND THEN ALSO
25 THINKING AHEAD TO THE SUMMER IN TERMS OF SUMMER CAMPS THAT



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1 OCCUR ALONG THE BEACHES AND WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WE NEED TO BE
2 THINKING OF IN TERMS OF ANY IMPACTS THERE. SO IT REALLY IS A
3 WORK IN PROGRESS SUPERVISOR IN TERMS OF ASSESSING THE IMPACT.

4
5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU. SO BEACH EROSION IS
6 CERTAINLY AN ISSUE FACING OUR L.A. COUNTY BEACHES. I KNOW I'VE
7 SEEN IT JUST IN MY DISTRICT AT CABRILLO AND TORRANCE BEACH.
8 CABRILLO BEACH, AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY
9 AND IS LARGELY, THE ENTRANCE INTO THE OCEAN IS LARGELY ROCKS
10 AT THIS POINT. I KNOW YOU RECEIVED A \$1,000,000 GRANT FROM THE
11 CALIFORNIA OCEAN PROTECTION COUNCIL THIS PAST DECEMBER TO HELP
12 WITH COASTAL RESILIENCY PROJECTS. IS THAT GOING TO BE ENOUGH
13 FOR THIS ISSUE OF BEACH EROSION? AND IS THERE, DO YOU FEEL
14 LIKE THERE'S MONEY IN YOUR CURRENT BUDGET ALLOCATED TO
15 REPLENISH THE SAND ALONG AT LEAST THESE TWO BEACHES AND SOME
16 OF OUR OTHER ONES TO ENSURE BETTER PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE WATER?

17
18 **GARY JONES:** NO, THERE IS NOT MONEY WITHIN OUR BUDGET TO
19 REPLENISH THE COUNTY'S BEACHES, BUT NOR ARE WE EXPECTING THAT
20 THE MONEY WOULD COME CERTAINLY ENTIRELY FROM THE GENERAL FUND
21 AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE PURSUING AND PREPARING TO PURSUE FOR
22 MULTIPLE GRANT APPLICATIONS AND SOURCES OF GRANT MONEY. THE
23 TOTAL COST OF THE THREE PILOT PROJECTS THAT ARE BEING
24 CONSIDERED UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE COASTAL RESILIENCY
25 INITIATIVE TOTAL APPROXIMATELY \$75,000,000 IN TERMS OF THE



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1 TOTAL COSTS TO REPLENISH AND SUSTAIN THOSE THREE PILOT
2 BEACHES. ALONGSIDE THAT ELEMENT OF THE INITIATIVE, WE'RE ALSO
3 LOOKING AT OPPORTUNITIES TO ACCEPT SEDIMENT FROM SOURCES THAT
4 WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR US, FOR EXAMPLE, BENEFICIAL USE FROM
5 DAMS, CONSTRUCTION SITES, THAT TYPE OF OPPORTUNITY. AND THE
6 THIRD ELEMENT OF THE INITIATIVE AND WHERE WE SECURED THE
7 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT IS TO STAND UP A COALITION OF
8 STAKEHOLDERS TO REALLY PLAN AND PREPARE FOR HOW TO ADDRESS THE
9 CHALLENGES THAT OUR COAST WILL FACE, IS FACING, AND WILL FACE
10 IN THE FUTURE. SO, THE \$1,000,000 IS A START. IT WAS
11 GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. THEN WE WILL MAXIMIZE EVERY PENNY OF IT,
12 BUT THERE IS FAR MORE TO DO IN TERMS OF SECURING THE NECESSARY
13 FUNDING TO PROTECT OUR BEACHES FOR THE FUTURE.

14
15 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, AND I KNOW WITH ALL YOUR PRIORITIES,
16 THAT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT, RIGHT? THAT'S A BIG PRICE TAG
17 FOR OUR, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, ULTIMATELY IT'S THE PUBLIC'S ACCESS
18 TO OUR BEACHES. AND I'M SURE YOU KNOW THE LONGER THAT GOES
19 NEGLECTED, THE WORSE IT'S GOING TO KEEP GETTING AND THEN THE
20 PRICE TAG IS GOING TO GO UP. SO, I REALLY AM SUPPORTIVE OF YOU
21 AND ALL OF US REALLY LOOKING TO FIND THE MONIES THAT COULD
22 STABILIZE IT AND CERTAINLY PREVENT IT FROM GETTING WORSE. I'M
23 JUST GOING TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE BEACH EMERGENCY EVACUATION
24 LIGHT SYSTEM, THE DEALS AT TORRANCE BEACH. AND IT'S SUCH A
25 GREAT SAFETY SYSTEM THAT ALERTS PEOPLE WHO ARE HARD OF HEARING



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1 OF AN EMERGENCY IN AND AROUND OUR BEACHES. AND I KNOW YOUR
2 DEPARTMENT IS VERY PROUD OF THIS, CAME FROM ONE OF OUR OWN
3 EMPLOYEES IN YOUR DEPARTMENT THAT CAME UP WITH THIS IDEA OF
4 THE FLASHING LIGHTS. DOES THIS BUDGET INCLUDE MONEY NEEDED TO
5 JUST MAINTAIN THIS SYSTEM? AND IS THERE ANY PLANS ON EXPANDING
6 THAT TO OUR OTHER COUNTY BEACHES?

7

8 SUP. **GARY JONES:** THE BUDGET REQUEST DOESN'T INCLUDE ANY
9 ADDITIONAL MONEY THAT WE NEED. WE WERE ABLE TO REALLOCATE
10 EXISTING FUNDING WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT'S EXISTING BUDGET TO
11 CONTINUE OPERATION AND MAINTAIN THAT SYSTEM AT TORRANCE BEACH.
12 AND YES, WE ARE LOOKING AT OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND TO OTHER
13 BEACHES, NEIGHBORING BEACHES, AS WELL AS ALONG THE ENTIRETY OF
14 OUR COASTLINE. AND AS AND WHEN WE'VE COMPLETED OUR FEASIBILITY
15 ON THE OPERABILITY OF SUCH THE SYSTEM IN THOSE AREAS, THEN WE
16 WILL RETURN WITH, KNOWING THE FUNDING, RETURN WITH A BUDGET
17 REQUEST OR LOOK TO OUR EXISTING RESOURCES TO TRY AND FUND.

18

19 SUP. **JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, I THINK IT'S A POWERFUL SYSTEM THAT WE
20 KNOW WILL SAVE LIVES.

21

22 GARY JONES: IT WAS THE BRAINCHILD OF RANDY DEAN, OUR SAFETY
23 OFFICER.

24

25 SUP. **JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT. YEAH, SO, ONE OF THE POSITIONS YOU'RE



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1 REQUESTING HAS TO DO WITH WASTEWATER OPERATORS. SO THE LOWER
2 RESTROOM AT ROYAL PALMS HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR MONTHS DUE TO
3 ISSUES WITH THE SEPTIC AND TELEMETRY SYSTEM. WILL HIRING
4 PEOPLE CERTIFIED IN WASTEWATER OPERATIONS, WILL THIS POSITION
5 HAVE ANYTHING TO DO OR HELP TO GET TO THESE RESTROOMS BACK
6 ONLINE?

7

8 **GARY JONES:** YES, IT CERTAINLY WILL, ALONGSIDE ALSO OUR REQUEST
9 FOR MONIES TO SUPPORT THE REPORTING THAT'S REQUIRED AT THE
10 STATE LEVEL ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCES FOR THESE TYPE OF
11 SYSTEMS. SO COLLECTIVELY REALLY ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO
12 HAVE THAT IN-HOUSE AND ACCESS TO EXPERT ADVICE TO BE ABLE TO
13 MAINTAIN THESE SYSTEMS IN A WAY THAT IS SUSTAINABLE AND
14 OBVIOUSLY ALLOW US THEN TO KEEP THESE BEACH RESTROOMS OPEN.

15

16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU. I MEAN, I THINK THE
17 CHALLENGE FOR ME, AND I'M SURE, FESIA, FOR YOU TOO, AS WE
18 NAVIGATE THESE BUDGET REQUESTS, BASED ON HOW YOU OPENED THIS
19 MEETING WITH OUR BUDGET CHALLENGES AND THE INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL
20 OF OUR DEPARTMENTS TO THINK ABOUT, BE THOUGHTFUL WITH
21 CURTAILMENT, IF IN FACT THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO. AND
22 LISTENING TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ONE OF OUR PRIORITIES IS NOT TO
23 TRY TO LAY OFF ANYBODY. SO, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT POSITIONS
24 THAT ARE BEING ADDED, IT'S GOING TO BE SOMETHING IN MY MIND,
25 IS ADDING POSITIONS GOING TO BE PRUDENT IF IN FACT WE HAVE TO



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1 CURTAIL IN A FEW MONTHS, AND IS IT BETTER TO CURTAIL VACANT
2 POSITIONS OR REAL PEOPLE POSITIONS?

3
4 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK YOU ARE OUTLINING THE
5 COMPLEXITY OF WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW, AND WE'RE DOING BUDGET,
6 AND WE'RE TRYING TO MANAGE THESE PRESSURES. AND SO, OUR PLAN B
7 IS DEVELOP A CURTAILMENT PLAN IF WE SHOULD NEED IT. AND YES,
8 TO YOUR QUESTION, IF DEPARTMENTS WERE GOING TO, IF WE WERE
9 GOING TO HAVE TO CURTAIL, YOU KNOW, WE NEVER WANT TO DO, YOU
10 KNOW, CURTAILMENTS. THAT'S NOT OUR FIRST, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT
11 OUR PREFERRED TOOL. BUT IF WE HAVE TO DO IT TO MAINTAIN OUR
12 FISCAL INTEGRITY, THE DIRECTION WOULD BE TO CUT VACANT
13 POSITIONS. THAT WOULD BE THE PRIORITY.

14
15 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

16
17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE
18 PRESENTATION. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF, GARY,
19 FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE, EVEN THOUGH MY DISTRICT'S
20 LANDLOCKED. WE HAVE HAD OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS
21 OPPORTUNITY TO SEND STUDENTS, KIDS OUT THERE, TO ENGAGE IN
22 YOUR PROGRAMS AND ALSO ART PROJECTS. I REMEMBER GETTING A COPY
23 OF A PHOTO WHERE STUDENTS HAD A CONTEST TO DISPLAY THE OCEAN
24 AND THE BEACH. AND I REMEMBER HOW FOND AND HOW HAPPY OUR
25 RESIDENTS WERE. SO ACTIVITIES LIKE THAT, I'M SURE THEY DON'T



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1 COST THAT MUCH, BUT THEY GO A LONG WAY IN HELPING TO BRING
2 ABOUT PUBLICITY AND A SENSE OF BEING A PART OF THE BEACHES IN
3 SOME WAY. SO I HOPE THOSE THINGS DON'T STOP AND HOPEFULLY YOUR
4 PLANS DO LOOK AT MAYBE OFFSETTING OTHER FUNDING THROUGH
5 PHILANTHROPIC OR OTHER ACTIVITIES. IT MIGHT INCLUDE ARTS WITH
6 THE SCHOOLS OR WHAT HAVE YOU JUST TO KEEP THE TEMPERATURE ON
7 FOR OUR KIDS. BECAUSE I THINK RIGHT NOW THEY'RE AT THE LOWEST
8 POINT RIGHT NOW, MANY OF OUR KIDS ARE. AND SOME IN MY DISTRICT
9 I KNOW HAVE NEVER EVEN BEEN TO THE BEACH, WHICH IS REALLY
10 INCREDIBLE. BUT THANK YOU TO YOUR STAFF FOR ALL THAT YOU DO. I
11 DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO RESPOND OR.

12
13 **GARY JONES:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE COMPETITION YOU'RE
14 REFERRING TO IS CAN THE TRASH, EXCUSE ME, COMPETITION,
15 CONTEST, AND THAT IS STILL GOING STRONG AND EXPANDING. AND
16 WE'RE LOOKING AT ANY OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTNER WITH SCHOOLS AND
17 WITH ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE THAT
18 OPPORTUNITY THROUGH OUR WATER RECREATIONAL BOATING PROGRAM TO
19 BRING CHILDREN TO THE BEACH, TO MARINA DEL REY, AND REALLY
20 EXPOSE THEM TO ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE REST OF LIFE THAT
21 THE OCEAN AND THAT ENVIRONMENT CAN PROVIDE THEM. SO, AND I
22 THANK THE BOARD'S SUPPORT OF OUR EFFORTS IN THAT REGARD.

23
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. JUST A THOUGHT OCCURRED TO ME IS
25 THAT WE HAVE CONTRACTS WITH MANY LARGE WASTE PROVIDERS. COULD



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1 THEY NOT HELP TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR THESE KINDS OF PROGRAMS?
2 SINCE WE DO GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY. I
3 COULD THINK OF FIVE ON THE TOP OF MY HEAD. I WON'T MENTION
4 THEM THOUGH. BUT I WOULD ASK YOU TO MAYBE LOOK INTO THAT AND
5 I'M CERTAIN TO HAVE MY STAFF OR DPW GIVE THAT INFORMATION TO
6 YOU.

7

8 **GARY JONES:** WE WILL CERTAINLY EXPLORE ALL OPPORTUNITIES FOR
9 SUPPORT OF THOSE PROGRAMS. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. OKAY. SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS
12 FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS, THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. AND WE
13 WILL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT PRESENTATION.

14

15 **GARY JONES:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEMBERS, WE'RE NOW
18 GOING TO TURN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES AND
19 WE'LL HEAR FROM THE DIRECTOR, TERRIE HARDY, WHO I BELIEVE IS
20 HERE, AND HER STAFF. THANK YOU. WELCOME. GO AHEAD AND BEGIN.
21 THANK YOU.

22

23 **TERRIE HARDY:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. TERRY HARDY HERE TO
24 PRESENT THE RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED BUDGET FOR CHILD SUPPORT
25 SERVICES DEPARTMENT. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THIS WHOLE



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1 NEW PROCESS. THANK YOU TO YOUR STAFF. THANK YOU TO CEO STAFF
2 AS WE EMBARK ON THIS NEW JOURNEY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES IS A FEDERAL PROGRAM,
4 FEDERALLY MANDATED, PART OF THE TANF BLOCK GRANT. MOST OF OUR
5 FUNDING COMES FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THAT'S
6 THE MAJORITY OF IT, HEAVILY SUBVENTED. AND WE WILL TALK TODAY
7 ABOUT TWO SLIDES. THE FIRST SLIDE BEFORE YOU, I WILL POINT OUT
8 OUR MISSION, CONNECTING WITH PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS TO PROVIDE
9 CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE TO DO. WE ARE
10 ONE OF THE LARGEST PROGRAMS WHEN IT COMES TO WORKING WITH
11 CHILDREN. WE'RE OFTEN OVERLOOKED AS BEING ONE OF THE LARGEST
12 PROGRAMS, BUT WE ARE ONE OF THE LARGEST PROGRAMS WORKING WITH
13 CHILDREN AND HAVING A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF
14 CHILDREN. WE ARE HERE PRIMARILY TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN'S
15 FINANCIAL SITUATION, THEIR STABILITY DOES NOT WAVER BASED ON
16 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARENTS. SO THAT'S WHAT OUR
17 PRIMARY MISSION IS. ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE, YOU'LL SEE OUR
18 MISSION, AND UNDERNEATH YOU'LL SEE THE MAJOR DUTIES, THE
19 MANDATORY DUTIES AS OUTLINED BY THE TITLE IV-D ACT OF THE
20 SOCIAL SECURITY, TITLE IV-D SECTION OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY
21 ACT. AND I WILL MOVE ON TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THESE SLIDES. WE
22 HAVE 3 BUDGET PRIORITIES. THE FIRST ONE IS SURROUNDING WHAT
23 HAPPENED DURING THIS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. THE STATES, AS I
24 SAID BEFORE, WE ARE HEAVILY SUBVENTED BY STATE AND FEDERAL. IF
25 THE STATE IS FACING FISCAL CRISIS, WHICH THEY WERE THIS



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1 CURRENT YEAR, THAT IMPACTS US. AND THIS CURRENT YEAR, THIS
2 PRIORITY ONE ACTUALLY HAS TO DO WITH THAT. THIS CURRENT YEAR
3 AT THE 11TH HOUR, OUR BUDGET WAS CUT AT THE STATE LEVEL. AND
4 IT WAS CUT, \$6,000,000 WAS SWEEPED FROM THE LOCAL CHILD SUPPORT
5 ASSISTANCE BUDGET, WHICH IS WHERE WE ARE OUR FUNDS COME FROM.
6 AND THAT \$6,000,000 TURNS INTO \$18,000,000 BECAUSE WE DRAW
7 DOWN 66% FROM THE FED. SO FOR EVERY DOLLAR THAT IS CUT AT THE
8 STATE LEVEL, \$2 ARE ALSO LOST FOR DRAWDOWN. SO IT WAS REALLY
9 \$3. SO THE \$6,000,000 TURNED INTO \$18. L.A. COUNTY'S PORTION
10 OF THAT WAS \$2,900,000. BUT IT WAS AT THE 11TH HOUR. WE HAD
11 ALREADY GONE THROUGH FINAL BUDGET. AND SO WHAT WE ASKED WAS TO
12 BE ABLE TO USE CARRYOVER FUNDS TO FILL THAT HOLE. THIS FIRST
13 PRIORITY IS TO ACTUALLY BACKFILL THOSE CARRYOVER FUNDS WITH
14 WELFARE RECRUITMENT DOLLARS AND OF \$2,500,000. THE NEXT
15 PRIORITY IS ABOUT PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AND TRAINING. OUTREACH
16 IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE MANDATED TO DO. AND SO, THE
17 PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS OR TRAINING WILL COVER ACTUALLY TWO
18 AREAS. IT WILL COVER THE MANDATED OUTREACH TO COMMUNITIES
19 ABOUT THE CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM, WHAT WE ARE HERE TO DO, HOW
20 WE CAN HELP SERVE THEM IF THEY HAVE CHILD SUPPORT NEEDS. AND
21 THEN THE SECOND ONE IS ABOUT THE DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND
22 INCLUSION ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT, TRAINING FOR OUR STAFF
23 AND ALSO SOME WORKSHOPS LIKE QUARTERLY WORKSHOPS TO GET
24 TOGETHER. THAT IS THE \$50,000. AND THEN THE LAST PRIORITY
25 SURROUNDS THE GRANT THAT WE RECEIVED THIS LAST YEAR, WHICH



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1 WE'RE VERY PROUD OF. IT IS AN 1115 GRANT, WHICH IS USED TO DO
2 RESEARCH BASICALLY TO KIND OF INFORM THE PROGRAM HOW WE MOVE
3 FORWARD. THIS GRANT IS CALLED NEXTGEN AND IT IS LOOKING AT THE
4 HOW DO YOU, HOW DOES PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND OTHER
5 SOCIAL SURROUNDING SERVICES, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, HELP NON-
6 CUSTODIAL PARENTS OR OBLIGATED PARENTS TO BETTER PAY THEIR
7 CHILD SUPPORT CONSISTENTLY, WHICH IMPACTS THE CHILD AND THEIR
8 FINANCIAL STABILITY. THIS GRANT IS A FIVE-YEAR GRANT. IT'S
9 \$2,100,000. WE ARE IN THE FIRST YEAR OF DEVELOPING THE
10 PROGRAM, AND THE REQUEST IS FOR \$619,000 FOR YEAR ONE
11 ACTIVITIES AS WE DEVELOP THE PROGRAM. AND THOSE ARE OUR THREE
12 BUDGET PRIORITIES. NEXT PAGE. IN ADDITION TO THE BUDGET
13 PRIORITIES, WE ALL HAVE PRESSURES. AND SO, I WILL TALK ABOUT
14 THREE OF THE PRESSURES FACING THE DEPARTMENT. AGAIN, REALLY
15 THE EMPHASIS ON THE STATE BUDGET. WHERE THE STATE BUDGET GOES,
16 SO DOES OUR FUNDING. THERE IS NO FEDERAL CAP ON OUR FUNDING,
17 SO AS LONG AS MONEY IS INVESTED INTO THE CHILD SUPPORT
18 PROGRAM, IT IS MATCHED BY 66%. IF THE STATE TAKES BACK A
19 DOLLAR, WE LOSE A DOLLAR. SO WHENEVER THEY'RE HAVING FISCAL
20 CRISIS, WE ACTUALLY LOSE MORE THAN THE JUST THE STATE AMOUNT
21 THAT THEY'RE ACTUALLY TAKING BACK. SO THAT'S ALWAYS AN ISSUE.
22 STATE CONSTRAINTS ARE ALWAYS A CONCERN. THIS YEAR, THIS COMING
23 FISCAL YEAR, IT WAS AN ADDITIONAL, NOT AN ADDITIONAL, IT WAS A
24 CARRYOVER, \$2,900,000 FOR US. SO, IT WAS DECIDED LAST YEAR TO
25 MAKE IT A TWO-YEAR CUT AND THEN TO RETURN IN THE THIRD YEAR



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1 BACK TO 23/24 FUNDING, WHICH IS IN ESSENCE A CUT BECAUSE
2 PRICES HAVE GONE UP. SO STATE BUDGET CONSTRAINTS ARE ALWAYS A
3 CONCERN AND A PRESSURE FOR OUR DEPARTMENT. WE ALSO HAVE HAD
4 OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, SEVERAL MANDATES. NONE OF THESE
5 MANDATES COME WITH FUNDING. THEY ARE JUST CHANGES TO THE
6 PROGRAM THAT WE MUST IMPLEMENT. ONE OF THE LARGEST MANDATES IS
7 A RULE CHANGE THAT WAS SIGNED IN 2016 BY PRESIDENT OBAMA,
8 WHICH WE ARE JUST NOW IN CALIFORNIA STARTING TO IMPLEMENT, IT
9 IS A MAJOR CHANGE IN HOW WE ACTUALLY ESTABLISH ORDERS. RIGHT
10 NOW CURRENTLY, WHEN WE ARE REACHING OUT TO AN OBLIGATED
11 PARENT, IF THEY DO NOT RESPOND TO US, BUT WE HAVE INFORMATION
12 ON THEM AS FAR AS WHERE THEY LIVE. WE ARE REQUIRED TO MOVE
13 FORWARD AND WE CAN GET WHAT IS CALLED A PRESUMED INCOME ORDER,
14 BASICALLY PRESUMING THAT YOU CAN WORK 40 HOURS MINIMUM WAGE.
15 AND SO YOUR ORDER WILL BE BASED ON THAT MINIMUM, 40 HOURS
16 MINIMUM WAGE. IF YOU DON'T RESPOND, IT BECOMES AN ORDER
17 REGARDLESS, AND WE'LL JUST CALL IT DEFAULT. THAT IS CHANGING
18 JANUARY 1, 2026, WHERE WE WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO DEFAULT
19 ORDERS BASED ON PRESUMED INCOME, WE WILL NEED TO GO TO COURT.
20 AND SO IN L.A. COUNTY, IT'S ABOUT 20% OF OUR CASES THAT WE
21 WILL NOW NEED TO GO TO COURT. MORE ATTORNEY TIME, MORE STAFF
22 TIME. SO A MAJOR CHANGE, BUT NO MORE MONEY TO ACTUALLY
23 IMPLEMENT. AND THEN LASTLY, HIRING CHALLENGES. AS WITH MANY
24 DEPARTMENTS, ONE OF THE CONSTRAINTS FOR US IS HIRING
25 CHALLENGES. WE HAVE LOOKED INTERNALLY AT WHAT WE CAN CHANGE



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1 AND WHAT WE CAN CONTROL, AND WE ARE DOING SOME WORK ON
2 ADDRESSING THOSE HIRING CHALLENGES, BUT WE ARE ALSO
3 CONSTRAINED BY THE EXTERNAL COUNTY PROCESSES, POLICIES THAT
4 HAVE BEEN IN PLACE AND THAT REMAIN IN PLACE. SO WE ARE FACING
5 THOSE HIRING CHALLENGES, HAVING DONE MANY THINGS, WE'VE DONE
6 HIRING TASK FORCE TO LOOK AT, HOW CAN WE DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY
7 INTERNALLY? AND WE ARE WORKING ON THOSE THINGS. AND THEN WE
8 ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE EXTERNAL CHANGES THAT I KNOW THE
9 BOARD HAS BROUGHT FORWARD AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES IS
10 ALSO WORKING ON. SO THOSE ARE OUR THREE CHALLENGES. WHEN WE
11 LOOK AT THE FIRES, WE ARE NOT LIKE MANY DEPARTMENTS THAT WERE
12 DIRECTLY IMPACTED, BUT WE WERE IMPACTED INDIRECTLY WHEN WE
13 TALK ABOUT DSW WORKERS. AND SO OUR FUNDING BEING RESTRICTED
14 FOR JUST CHILD SUPPORT ACTIVITIES WHEN WE HAVE OUR STAFF WHICH
15 WE DID HAVE ABOUT 60 STAFF SERVE AS DSW WORKERS. WE WILL BE
16 LOOKING TO IN IT IN FUTURE LOOKING TO REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT
17 FOR THOSE THAT WERE NON CHILD SUPPORT RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE
18 STAFFING SO CHILD SUPPORT RELATED IS COVERED THIS CONCLUDES MY
19 PRESENTATION I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

20
21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GREAT, BEFORE WE START AND I RECOGNIZE THE
22 MEMBERS I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. THIS IS, I
23 THINK, SOMETIMES LOST ON A LOT OF FOLKS WHAT THE CHILD SUPPORT
24 SERVICES ACTUALLY DOES, BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT IN THE PAPER,
25 YOU'RE NOT MAKING THOSE HEADLINES WHICH IS I GUESS KIND OF



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1 GOOD FOR US. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, THE BIG SURPRISE IS THE
2 BIG HIT THAT YOU'VE TAKEN WITH THE STATE AND LOSS OF REVENUE
3 THERE AND OBVIOUSLY THAT IMPACTS THE CASELOAD ENFORCEMENT AND
4 AS YOU JUST OUTLINED, THE ABILITY TO EVEN ATTRACT STAFF. AND
5 IT DOESN'T APPEAR TO ME THAT THIS SERVICE IS DWINDLING, THAT
6 WE DON'T SEE A REDUCED NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT NEED THIS HELP.
7 IN FACT, WOULD IT BE THE OPPOSITE?

8

9 **TERRIE HARDY:** IT WOULD BE THE OPPOSITE. THERE'S ABSOLUTELY AN
10 INCREASE IN A NEED FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, MORE SINGLE
11 PARENTS WHO ARE IN NEED. AND MOST OF THEM ARE PARENTS WHO ARE
12 KIND OF ON THE CUSP, WHO ARE WORKING FAMILIES AND NEED HELP
13 WITH JUST FINANCIAL STABILITY.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** RIGHT. AND LET'S FACE IT, MANY ARE WORKING
16 POOR.

17

18 **TERRIE HARDY:** YES.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO, THEY'RE STRUGGLING TO GET SOMETHING
21 THAT'S OWED THEM, BUT THEY'RE ALSO IN A QUANDARY IF THEY'RE
22 NOT GETTING UPLIFTED AS WELL. SO, I'M ALWAYS LOOKING AT
23 OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKFORCE TRAINING FOR THOSE PARENTS AND FOR
24 THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE FAMILY. SO, I KNOW
25 THIS IS REALLY HARD WORK, BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU AND I HOPE



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1 THAT YOU CAN CONTINUE AT LEAST TO GET THE SERVICES OUT THERE
2 IN THE LANGUAGE THAT'S APPROPRIATE TO THE POPULATION.

3

4 **TERRIE HARDY:** ABSOLUTELY.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT, WHAT
7 THE DEMOGRAPHICS LOOK LIKE THESE DAYS.

8

9 **TERRIE HARDY:** YEAH, SO THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF OUR CASELOAD ARE
10 PRIMARILY BROWN AND BLACK, NCPS AND CPS. NCPS ARE NON-
11 CUSTODIAL PARENTS OR THE OBLIGATED PARENT. AND CUSTODIAL
12 PARENTS ARE CPS, THE ONES WHO ARE WHERE THE CHILD PRIMARILY
13 RESIDES. I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT PERCENTAGE, BUT THOSE ARE OUR
14 PARENTS, MOSTLY BROWN AND BLACK. ONE OF THE REASONS WE ARE
15 FOCUSING, AND HE DID NOT SAY THIS FOR OUR SOUTH L.A. PROJECT,
16 OUR GRANT IN DISTRICT 2 IS BECAUSE MOST OF OUR OBLIGATED
17 PARENTS ACTUALLY RESIDE IN DISTRICT 2. IT'S THE GREATEST
18 NUMBER OF PARENTS WHO RESIDE THERE AND THE GREATEST NEED FOR
19 HELP WITH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, UNDEREMPLOYMENT SERVICES, AND
20 ALSO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** RIGHT. WELL, I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR WORK
23 AND PERSISTENCE IN GOING UP TO SACRAMENTO AND BEATING THE
24 DRUM. AND I THINK WE HAVE TO BEAT THE DRUM TOO. SO THEY
25 UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE NOT IN A POSITION TO SEE LOSS OF REVENUE



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SUPERVISORS

1 WHEN THIS CASELOAD IS GROWING, IN PARTICULAR WITH THESE
2 POPULATIONS. AND I JUST WANT TO SEND MY BEST TO THE TO THE
3 STAFF BECAUSE YOU HAVE A PRETTY SMALL STAFF 1,460 AND YOU
4 BRING IN A LOT OF REVENUE OVER HALF A BILLION, HALF A MILLION,
5 HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO, YOU'RE REALLY DOING YOUR JOB. SO, I WANT
8 TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. LET ME TURN TO THE MEMBERS NOW. SO, I
9 HAVE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THEN I HAVE JANICE HAHN, AND THEN I
10 HAVE LINDSAY HORVATH.

11

12 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY, LET'S GO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
13 MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. COUPLE THINGS
14 STRUCK ME. TWO QUESTIONS, MADAM CHAIR. ONE ON THE RECENT
15 SYSTEM FAILURES, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMUNICATING WITH US.
16 BUT WHAT OCCURRED TO ME AS I LISTENED TO YOU IN TERMS OF THE
17 FIRES, I SEE BROADER IMPACTS, SO TELL ME IF I'M OFF BASE. YOU
18 KNOW, WHAT STRUCK ME WHEN I GOT THE MEMO ABOUT THE SYSTEM
19 FAILURES WAS THINKING ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR INCOME
20 WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE FIRES AND WANTING TO MAKE SURE
21 THAT AT LEAST THEIR CHILD SUPPORT WAS SEAMLESS AND ON
22 AUTOPILOT, THAT WAS MY CONCERN, BUT ALSO THOSE WHOSE
23 EMPLOYMENT HAS BEEN IMPACTED BY THE FIRES AND THAT WE DON'T
24 WANT TO HAVE AN UNREALISTIC EXPECTATION OF KIND OF WHERE THEY
25 ARE. WE KNOW THAT THEIR EMPLOYMENT LOSS AS A RESULT OF THE



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1 FIRE, SO MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE BEING MINDFUL OF THAT AND
2 GIVING PEOPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO FIND NEW EMPLOYMENT, GO THROUGH
3 OUR PROGRAMS TO GET ADDITIONAL RESOURCES THAT WE'RE TRYING TO
4 MAKE AVAILABLE. SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WAS ON YOUR
5 RADAR SCREEN.

6
7 **TERRIE HARDY:** ABSOLUTELY, ABSOLUTELY. SO WHEN THE FIRES, BASED
8 ON THE EVACUATION NOTICES, WE ACTUALLY TEXT AND EMAILED
9 PARENTS WHO WERE IN THOSE AREAS TO LET THEM KNOW THAT WE WERE
10 HERE. WE ACTUALLY HAVE AN EXPEDITED, WHICH WE CALL AN
11 EXPEDITED MODIFICATION PROCESS SET UP FOR FIRE VICTIMS. THOSE
12 ARE OBLIGATED PARENTS WHO NEED, WHO NOW MAY EITHER, THEIR
13 INCOME HAS EITHER BEEN LOST OR IMPACTED. MAYBE THEY MIGHT BE
14 WORKING, BUT STILL IT'S BEEN IMPACTED. AND SO WE DO HAVE AN
15 EXPEDITED MODIFICATION PROCESS TO GET THEM INTO COURT TO GET
16 THEIR ORDER AMOUNT ACTUALLY MODIFIED. BUT WE ALSO WANT TO BE
17 SENSITIVE TO THOSE WHO MAY HAVE LOST INCOME AND ACTUALLY NEED
18 CHILD SUPPORT NOW. AND SO, YES, WE ARE WORKING WITH BOTH
19 PARENTS.

20
21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY. EXCELLENT. SO TO GET A
22 MODIFICATION, IF I LOST MY EMPLOYMENT AS A RESULT OF THE FIRE
23 OR ANY KIND OF DISASTER, IT IS REQUIRED THAT I GO TO COURT TO
24 GET A MODIFICATION.



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1 **TERRIE HARDY:** YOU CAN, IT IS REQUIRED THAT WE FILE THE
2 PAPERWORK. YOU CAN STIPULATE, BUT IT DEPENDS ON THE SITUATION
3 WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN STIPULATE, BUT YES.

4

5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** EXCELLENT. SO WITH REGARD TO THE
6 SYSTEMS FAILURES, AND I UNDERSTAND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
7 STATEWIDE HAS A VENDOR, AND WE'VE HAD TWO FAILURES IN THE PAST
8 MAYBE MONTH OR SO YOU KNOW WHAT STRUCK ME BY THE FIRST ONE IS
9 THAT WE WERE STILL ABLE TO COLLECT WE JUST COULDN'T MAKE
10 PAYMENTS THAT I WAS LIKE REALLY SO WHAT IS THE STATE DOING IN
11 TERMS OF MAKING SURE THAT THEIR VENDOR HAS THE CAPACITY TO DO
12 THE JOB THAT 58 COUNTIES ARE COUNTING ON THEM TO DO?

13

14 **TERRIE HARDY:** YEAH. SO, I'M WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THEM AS
15 FAR AS HIGHLIGHTING WHAT IS JUST UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE YOU'RE
16 RIGHT. THE SYSTEM FAILURES, ACTUALLY IN THE LAST YEAR WE'VE
17 HAD THREE FAILURES, TWO VENDORS AND THEN THE ONE THAT WAS JUST
18 A BLACKOUT WITH THEM, AND REALLY EMPHASIZING THEIR
19 CONTRACTING. SO, WHAT HAPPENED WITH ONE OF THE SYSTEM FAILURES
20 IS THEIR BACK, THEIR YOU KNOW, BACKUP OR CONTINGENCY PLAN WAS
21 REALLY STILL WITH THAT SAME VENDOR. AND SO, HIGHLIGHTING TO
22 THEM THAT YOU CAN'T HAVE, THAT CAN'T BE. AND REALLY WORKING
23 WITH THEM AND POINTING OUT TO THEM ABOUT THEIR CONTRACTING AND
24 THAT CONTINUITY OF BUSINESS CAN'T BE DEPENDENT UPON ONE
25 VENDOR. SO WE'RE WORKING DEFINITELY WITH THEM. I HAVE A VERY



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1 LOUD VOICE STATEWIDE IF YOU WERE TO ASK THEM. I HAVE A VERY
2 LOUD VOICE AND SO VERY MUCH WORKING WITH THEM ON IDENTIFYING
3 WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE AND THAT IT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO HAVE THE
4 SAME VENDOR WHO FAILED BE YOUR BACKUP. SO, I APPRECIATE THAT
5 CLARIFICATION.

6

7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I KNOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE TALKING
8 ABOUT BUDGET, BUT I JUST WANT TO HAVE YOU HERE AND NOT ASK THE
9 QUESTION, PARTICULARLY AS YOU RESPONDED TO THE QUESTION WITH
10 REGARD TO THE FIRE. SO THERE'S NOTHING REALLY IN THIS BUDGET
11 OR WE CAN DO. IT IS THE STATE VENDOR. IT IS, YES. WE ARE
12 PRIMARILY PASSED THROUGH FOR STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS. AND SO,
13 WE JUST HAVE TO RIDE THAT WAVE.

14

15 **TERRIE HARDY:** YES. YES. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT IS THE SETUP. SO,
16 A FEDERAL PROGRAM, A STATE PLAN, ONLY THE STATE CAN HAVE A
17 PLAN. THE STATE PLAN SAYS THAT THE COMPUTER SYSTEMS OR THE
18 CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS ARE MANAGED BY THEM AND THE STATE
19 DISBURSEMENT UNIT IS MANAGED BY THE STATE. SO, NONE OF THE
20 LOCALS HAVE SAY SO OR CONTROL.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** JUST LIKE EDD. OKAY. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

23

24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU. I JUST --

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I THINK I WAS --

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OH, YEAH. GO AHEAD.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THAT'S OKAY.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** UNO.

10

11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** UNO. THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
12 MITCHELL, FOR BRINGING THAT UP. THAT WAS SOME OF MY ISSUES,
13 TOO, NOT SO MUCH AS IT RELATES TO YOUR BUDGET, YOUR REQUEST,
14 BUT CERTAINLY THESE SYSTEM OUTAGES. BECAUSE AS WE KNOW, THESE
15 CHECKS ARE SO IMPORTANT AND REALLY SOMETIMES CAN MAKE THE
16 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A LOT OF THE PRIORITIES THAT THE FAMILY ARE
17 ABLE TO ACCESS FOR THE KIDS. WHAT'S THE LONGEST DELAY WHEN ONE
18 OF THESE OUTAGES HAPPENS FROM THE TIME A CHECK IS EXPECTED,
19 COUNTED ON, PROBABLY ALREADY SPENT IN THEIR MINDS VERSUS WHEN
20 DO THEY GET IT AS A RESULT OF ONE OF THESE OUTAGES?

21

22 **TERRIE HARDY:** YEAH. SO, THE, OF ALL OF THE THREE OUTAGES, THE
23 ONE, THERE WAS ONE THAT ACTUALLY IMPACTED CHECKS AND THAT WAS
24 THE SDU, THE STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT OR THE SDU OUTAGE. AND
25 THAT ONE WAS A WEEK, A WEEK. AND IT IMPACTED NOT ONLY THOSE



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1 WHO WERE ANTICIPATING CHECKS AND DIDN'T GET CHECKS, BUT ALSO
2 UNFORTUNATELY ANTICIPATED THOSE WHO THOUGHT THEY HAD GOTTEN A
3 PAYMENT. BUT BECAUSE THE SDU WENT DOWN, THEY GOT LIKE
4 INSUFFICIENT FUNDS WHEN THEY WENT TO THE BANK TO ACTUALLY USE
5 IT. SO IT WAS A WEEK.

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** ARE THERE ANY PENALTIES THAT ARE PUT ON A
8 VENDOR FOR THAT? THERE ARE PENALTIES. WE CHARGE INTEREST. YES,
9 THERE ARE PENALTIES WITHIN THE CONTRACT. I DON'T KNOW BECAUSE
10 IT IS A STATE CONTRACT THEY DID NOT SHARE WITH US WHAT THE
11 PENALTIES WERE. WHAT I DID ASK FOR IS, YOU KNOW, IF WE HAVE
12 CUSTODIAL PARTIES WHO EITHER GOT LATE FEES OR THINGS LIKE
13 THAT, COULD THOSE PENALTIES BE USED TO REIMBURSE THEM? I'VE
14 NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE ON THAT.

15

16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I THINK THAT'S A GREAT AVENUE TO EXPLORE,
17 AND WE SUPPORT YOU IN THAT. SO, LISTENING TO HOW WE'RE FUNDED,
18 STATE SHORTFALLS HAVE BEEN PROBLEMATIC, AND WE'RE SORT OF
19 PREPARING FOR THAT OR WE ANTICIPATE THAT. BUT WHEN I HEARD
20 YOUR EXPLANATION ABOUT THE FEDERAL DOLLARS, BECAUSE IT'S
21 ALMOST 2/3 OF OUR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES IS FUNDED BY THE
22 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. ARE WE IN ANY WAY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT
23 REVENUE STREAM? HAVE WE HEARD OR IS THAT IN JEOPARDY OR?
24 BECAUSE THAT'S A REALLY BIG CHUNK OF HOW YOU'RE FUNDED.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **TERRIE HARDY:** IT IS. AND WE HAVE NOT HEARD. WE WERE VERY
2 CONCERNED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE ORDER CAME OUT, EXTREMELY
3 CONCERNED. I WAS EMAILING AT 6:00 IN THE MORNING, WHAT'S GOING
4 ON AND DOES THIS IMPACT US? WE HAVE NOT HEARD WHETHER OR NOT

5

6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THE EXECUTIVE ORDER

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8 **TERRIE HARDY:** THE EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPACTS US, THE FUNDING, THE
9 STOPPING OF THE FUNDING, THE FREEZE, THE PAUSE IN THE FEDERAL
10 GRANTS BECAUSE WE ARE A FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM.

11

12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THERE'S BEEN SO MANY IT'S HARD TO COUNT.

13

14 **TERRIE HARDY:** THERE HAVE BEEN. SO I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT
15 THAT EXECUTIVE ORDER, ALTHOUGH THE MEMO HAS BEEN RESCINDED,
16 BUT WE'RE STILL GOING THROUGH COURT. SO STILL, IT'S KIND OF UP
17 IN THERE WHETHER OR NOT THAT WILL IMPACT OUR PROGRAM. THAT'S
18 STILL A QUESTION OUT THERE. WHAT NORMALLY HAPPENS WHEN THE
19 FUNDING STOPS, OUR PROGRAM CONTINUES. SO MARCH 14TH, I THINK,
20 IS THE DEADLINE. IF THEY DON'T EXTEND IT, OUR FUNDING
21 CONTINUES. THAT'S WHAT HAS ALWAYS HAPPENED. WE ANTICIPATE THAT
22 THAT WILL CONTINUE TO HAPPEN, BUT WE ARE DEFINITELY LOOKING
23 OUT FOR IF THERE ARE GOING TO BE CHANGES.

24

25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND IT'S ALSO INTERESTING TO HEAR YOU TALK



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SUPERVISORS

1 ABOUT THE OBAMA ORDER THAT ALLOWED YOU TO OPERATE OFF OF
2 PRESUMED INCOME. AND IT SOUNDS LIKE, DID THAT GET OVERTURNED?

3

4 **TERRIE HARDY:** NO, THE OBAMA RULE CHANGE ACTUALLY DISALLOWED
5 THE PRESUMED INCOME.

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OH, OKAY.

8

9 **TERRIE HARDY:** SO, IT DISALLOWED IT. IT WANTS US TO ACTUALLY
10 LOOK FOR, WHICH IS GOOD FOR PARENTS, I THINK, WANTS US TO LOOK
11 AT MORE, LIKE INCARCERATION, THINGS THAT COULD IMPACT A
12 PERSON'S ABILITY TO ACTUALLY PAY CHILD SUPPORT BEFORE GETTING
13 A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER. SO THAT'S WHY WE WILL NEED TO GO TO
14 COURT RATHER THAN PRESUME SOMEBODY WHO MAY NOT TALK TO US OR
15 WE CAN'T GET A HOLD OF CAN WORK 40 HOURS AT MINIMUM.

16

17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND THAT WILL TAKE EFFECT?

18

19 **TERRIE HARDY:** JANUARY 1ST OF 2026. SO, WE ARE WORKING ON
20 IMPLEMENTATION RIGHT NOW.

21

22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WHAT DO YOU THINK WAS THE THINKING BEHIND
23 THAT?

24

25 **TERRIE HARDY:** I BELIEVE IT'S THERE'S A PRESUMPTION THAT



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SUPERVISORS

1 EVERYBODY CAN WORK 40 HOURS AND EVERYBODY CAN'T WORK 40 HOURS.
2 AND SO THAT I THINK IS THE THINKING BEHIND THAT IS THAT WHEN
3 YOU PRESUME THAT EVERYBODY CAN MAKE MINIMUM WAGE, EVEN WHEN IN
4 REGIONS, SOME REGIONS, IT'S NOT 40 HOURS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT
5 MINIMUM WAGE, IT MAY BE 30 HOURS OR 20 HOURS IN THAT REGION
6 THAT'S AVAILABLE NORMALLY AT MINIMUM WAGE. SO THAT PRESUMPTION
7 IS FELT TO BE FALSE.

8

9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND JUST ON YOUR, ONE OF YOUR CHALLENGES,
10 YOU TALKED ABOUT HIRING, RIGHT? IS THERE ANYTHING THAT THIS
11 BOARD CAN DO TO SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS IN THAT REGARD?

12

13 **TERRIE HARDY:** YEAH, I THINK CONTINUING TO LOOK AT THE EXTERNAL
14 FACTORS THAT GOVERN. HIRING IN THE COUNTY. I THINK YOU'VE DONE
15 THAT. I THINK THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF WORK DONE BY THE BOARD AND
16 BY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES ON THAT. IT'S REALLY CAN WE
17 PUSH IT OVER AND ACTUALLY START IMPLEMENTING SOME THINGS THAT
18 ALLOW SOME FLEXIBILITY FOR THE DEPARTMENTS.

19

20 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AGAIN, THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE WORK YOU
21 DO. IT'S SO CRITICAL. THANK YOU TO YOUR STAFF THAT WORK SO
22 HARD EVERY DAY IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA SUPPORTING SO MANY
23 VULNERABLE FAMILIES OUT THERE. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.



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SUPERVISORS

1

2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** QUICKLY, I TO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
3 GREAT PRESENTATION, ALL OF YOUR WONDERFUL WORK. IF YOU ALREADY
4 SAID IT, I MISSED IT, SO I'M SORRY IF I'M ASKING AGAIN. YOU
5 HAD MENTIONED THAT IN THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION, THEY DIRECTED
6 THAT THE CHILD SUPPORT COULD BE COLLECTED BASED ON MINIMUM
7 WAGE, ABILITY TO WORK 40 HOURS, BUT NOW YOU HAVE TO GO TO
8 COURT. WHEN DID THAT CHANGE HAPPEN?

9

10 **TERRIE HARDY:** THAT IS ACTUALLY FLIPPED. SO BEFORE THE RULE
11 CHANGE WITH OBAMA, HE SIGNED IN 2016 RIGHT BEFORE HE LEFT
12 OFFICE. BEFORE THE RULE CHANGE, WE COULD DO PRESUMED INCOME.

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** I SEE.

15

16 **TERRIE HARDY:** NOW WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE, CALIFORNIA IS
17 JUST REALLY LATE IN ACTUALLY IMPLEMENTING THIS RULE CHANGE
18 THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IMPLEMENTED A FEW YEARS AGO. SO, WE'RE
19 REALLY LATE IN IMPLEMENTING IT. BUT YEAH, THAT RULE ACTUALLY
20 CHANGED OUR ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO DO PRESUMED INCOME.

21

22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** YEAH, IT'S HELPFUL FOR YOU TO HIGHLIGHT
23 THE IMPACT THAT WE FEEL, YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY AND SOME
24 DEPARTMENTS, IT IS OUR PROACTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO OFFER
25 SERVICE. IN THE CASE OF YOUR DEPARTMENT, WE ARE ADMINISTERING



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SUPERVISORS

1 STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS, AND SO WHEN THEY MAKE CHANGES, IT'S
2 NOT NECESSARILY A COUNTY CHANGE, BUT PEOPLE THINK IT'S THE
3 COUNTY BECAUSE WE'RE THE ADMINISTRATOR OF IT.

4
5 **TERRIE HARDY:** YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT.

6
7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** SO, IT'S REALLY HELPFUL FOR YOU TO
8 DISTINGUISH THAT AND FOR US TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THOSE IMPACTS
9 FEEL LIKE FOR YOU AND HOW THEY HIT OUR RESIDENTS WHO WE WANT
10 TO HELP SUPPORT. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXCELLENT
11 PRESENTATION.

12
13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SEEING NO OTHER
14 QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE
15 PRESENTATION.

16
17 **TERRIE HARDY:** THANK YOU.

18
19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GOOD TO SEE YOU. NEXT UP, WE HAVE THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS, AND WE HAVE OUR
21 DIRECTOR, JAMES ZENNER, AND STAFF, I BELIEVE. GOOD MORNING.
22 ALL RIGHT, WE'RE READY.

23
24 **JAMES ZENNER:** MORNING, SUPERVISOR.



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MORNING.

2

3 **JAMES ZENNER:** THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE
4 BUDGET PRIORITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY VETERAN
5 AFFAIRS. MY NAME IS JIM ZENNER AND I'M JOINED WITH CHIEF
6 DEPUTY ZULETA SANTANA TO MY LEFT. THERE'S A LOT OF POTENTIAL
7 TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR VETERANS, CUT COUNTY COSTS THROUGH
8 BETTER COORDINATION WITH STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS, AND
9 CONTINUE TO LEAD THE STATE AND THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNTRY
10 LEADING THE WAY WITH INNOVATION AT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL.
11 WE HAVE BEGUN DEVELOPMENT OF OUR STRATEGIC PLAN, IT IS NOT
12 QUITE COMPLETE. VETERANS THAT ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS,
13 ARE JUST AS INVOLVED OR END UP TAKING THEIR OWN LIFE FACE
14 DISTINCT CHALLENGES. MVA IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF DELIVERING
15 TARGETED PROGRAMMING AND SOLUTIONS TO MEET THESE CRITICAL
16 NEEDS. THIS IS ILLUSTRATED BY THE RECENT WILDFIRES. MVA HAD TO
17 QUICKLY WORK TO ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY SHELTER TO SUPPORT
18 VETERANS EVACUATED FROM THE WEST L.A. VA CAMPUS. WE CONTINUE
19 SUPPORTING RECOVERY EFFORTS WITH MVA STAFF ASSIGNED TO
20 DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS, SUPPORTING VETERAN ACCESS TO
21 BENEFITS, HOUSING SUPPORT, AND LEVERAGING OUR EXISTING
22 COLLABORATION WITH STATE, FEDERAL, AND OTHER RESOURCES TO
23 ASSIST THEM IN REBUILDING THEIR LIVES. SHORTLY AFTER WE TOOK
24 DOWN THE SHELTER AT PATRIOTIC HALL WHEN IT WAS NO LONGER
25 NEEDED, I MET WITH CALVET SECRETARY AT THE DRC IN WEST L.A. TO



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1 DISCUSS NEEDED SUPPORT IN OUR COLLECTIVE PLAN TO SUPPORT OUR
2 VETERAN HOUSEHOLDS WHO WERE IMPACTED BY THE FIRES. TO DATE,
3 CALVET AND THE MVA HAS SUPPORTED 681 VETERANS AND THEIR
4 HOUSEHOLDS AT THE THREE DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS. WE
5 SUPPORTED OUR PARTNERS AT CALVET WITH BRINGING IN ALL THE
6 NECESSARY PARTNERS TO MEET THE NEED OUR STAFF WAS SEEING AT
7 THESE LOCATIONS. THE COUNTY BEARS A FINANCIAL IMPACT OF NOT
8 PROVIDING CULTURALLY COMPETENT CARE. THE VETERANS MVA DOES NOT
9 HAVE THE FUNDING TO ASSIST. COSTS THE COUNTY \$89 PER NIGHT IN
10 SHELTERS, \$1,021 A MONTH FOR CALWORKS, \$621 A MONTH IN
11 HEALTHCARE, AND AN ESTIMATED OVER \$11,000 A MONTH WHEN THEY'RE
12 DETAINED IN COUNTY JAILS. THIS OFTEN REVOLVING DOOR IS A DRAIN
13 ON COUNTY RESOURCES. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. FIRST PRIORITY IS
14 HOMELESS SERVICES. WE ARE LASER FOCUSED ON ENDING VETERAN
15 HOMELESSNESS WITH OUR VA PARTNERS. THIS FUNDING WOULD SUPPORT
16 A CRITICAL SOLUTION FOR THE BOARD'S DECLARED HOMELESS
17 EMERGENCY AND UNIQUELY POSITIONS MVA TO FUND RESOURCES NEEDED
18 TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS. TO NOTE, OUT OF THE 3,500,000
19 ROUGHLY, 2.6 IS ONE-TIME FUNDING. WE ONLY NEED ONE-TIME
20 FUNDING TO HIRE UP HOUSING NAVIGATION TO UTILIZE OUR TENANT-
21 BASED VOUCHERS AND OUR PROJECT-BASED VOUCHERS. CURRENTLY THERE
22 ARE OVER 2,600 UNUTILIZED TENANT-BASED HUD-VASH VOUCHERS AT
23 BOTH HACLA AND LACDA, AND HACLA IS AT A 71% UTILIZATION RATE
24 FOR THEIR PROJECT-BASED VOUCHERS. WE NEED AN AGGRESSIVE
25 HOUSING NAVIGATION PROGRAM TO GET THESE VOUCHERS UTILIZED IN



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SUPERVISORS

1 VETERANS OFF THE STREETS. THE FUNDING WOULD HELP US EXPAND
2 THOSE HOUSING NAVIGATION TEAMS, LEVERAGE OUR CITY PARTNERS'
3 HOUSING ACQUISITION STRATEGIES, AND EXPAND THE WORK AND THE
4 CES AND CASE CONFERENCING FOR VETERANS THAT ARE UNHOUSED OR AT
5 RISK OF HOMELESSNESS AND WILL LEAD TO HIGHER VOUCHER
6 UTILIZATION. WITH THE FOUR NEW POSITIONS, WE WILL INCREASE
7 HOUSING PLACEMENTS, ENHANCE SERVICE COORDINATION, LEAD THE
8 PROJECT HOMEKEY PLUS AND OTHER RELATED FUNDING FOR HOUSING
9 PROGRAMS AT THE STATE AND CONNECT VETERANS TO THE BENEFITS
10 THAT THEY HAVE EARNED. THE VA REACHED OUT TO MVA AND ASKED US
11 TO CHAIR THE ONE TEAM, AND ONE TEAM HAS CREATED A CULTURE OF
12 BEING FOCUSED ON THE MISSION, AND MVA CO-CHAIRS THAT WORK,
13 THAT HAS LED TO 43% MORE PLACEMENT INTO PERMANENT HOUSING OVER
14 THE LAST TWO YEARS, AND LAST POINT IN TIME COUNT, A 22.9%
15 REDUCTION IN VETERAN HOMELESSNESS. JUSTICE INVOLVED DIVISION.
16 JUSTICE INVOLVED VETERANS ARE OFTEN AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS
17 UPON THEIR RELEASE. MVA WILL USE THIS FUNDING TO PROVIDE TEN
18 POSITIONS DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING JUSTICE INVOLVED VETERANS
19 WITH HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, AND BENEFITS NAVIGATION. WE'RE ONLY
20 ABLE CURRENTLY TO GET TO 1/3 OF THE VETERANS THAT THE
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS IDENTIFIED IN OUR JAILS. THERE IS AN
22 INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY FOR MVA TO SUPPORT THE ADULT SIDE OF
23 PROBATION WITH VETERANS TO GET VETERANS IN THEIR CARE
24 CONNECTED TO THE VA AND NOT GOING THROUGH REGULAR SERVICES
25 THAT ARE NOT CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND ON THE COUNTY DIME.



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1 SUICIDE PREVENTION. SUICIDE PREVENTION IS A CORE MISSION FOR
2 MVA AND L.A. COUNTY IS GROUND ZERO FOR INNOVATION. COMPARED TO
3 GENERAL POPULATION, VETERANS ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF SUICIDE
4 OVER 1 1/2 TIMES, WITH A COMPOUNDED RISK FOR THOSE WHO FACE
5 HOMELESSNESS AND JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT. THOSE THAT FACE
6 HOMELESSNESS ARE FOUR TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE BY SUICIDE, AND
7 THOSE WHO ARE JUST INVOLVED FIVE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE BY
8 SUICIDE. WITH JUST \$135,000, MVA CAN HIRE TWO PERMANENT
9 POSITIONS TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO FULFILL OUR MANDATE AS
10 THE LEAD CO-CHAIR OF THE VETERANS SUICIDE REVIEW TEAM, COLLECT
11 AND INTERPRET CRITICAL DATA, AND PROVIDE DATA INFORMED
12 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROGRAMMING AND IMPLEMENTATION. PRIORITY
13 TWO, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES. EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY
14 REQUIRES A STRONG ADMINISTRATIVE FOUNDATION. WITHOUT A SOLID
15 ADMINISTRATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE, PROGRAMMING STRUGGLES TO
16 ACHIEVE ITS FULL POTENTIAL. THIS \$625,000 INVESTMENT WOULD
17 ALLOW MVA TO HIRE FOUR KEY PERSONNEL, INCLUDING A SENIOR
18 MANAGEMENT SECRETARY AND AN ASM3 TO SERVE AS A MUCH-NEEDED
19 ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTY TO RUN THE ADMIN DIVISION. THEN LASTLY,
20 VETERAN SERVICES. VETERAN SERVICES IS THE BACKBONE OF MBA'S
21 MISSION. WITH SIX ADDITIONAL POSITIONS, WE CAN EXPAND
22 OUTREACH, ESPECIALLY TO CITIES THAT ARE NOT CLOSE TO VA
23 FACILITIES, EXPAND EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND INCREASE VETERAN
24 ACCESS TO THE BENEFITS AND SERVICES THEY HAVE EARNED. THIS
25 HELPS THE COUNTY IN TWO WAYS, IN ADDITION TO HELPING VETERANS.



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1 IT BRINGS MORE FEDERAL DOLLARS THAT ARE UNTAXED TO OUR COUNTY,
2 AS WELL AS CUTTING SOME OF THE COSTS THAT I COVERED
3 PREVIOUSLY. CAN I GET THE LAST SLIDE, PLEASE? THESE ARE SOME
4 OF OUR BUDGETARY PRESSURES, INCREASED OPERATIONAL COSTS. SO,
5 AS I'VE COME INTO THE DEPARTMENT A LITTLE OVER 2 1/2 YEARS
6 AGO, WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF INCREASED ACTIVITY WITH BOTH OUR DHR
7 SHARED SERVICES, AS WELL AS COUNTY COUNSELL. BECAUSE WE HAVE
8 RECEIVED MULTIPLE FEDERAL GRANTS AND CONTRACTS, IT REQUIRES A
9 LOT MORE COUNTY COUNSEL TIME. AND WE'RE JUST NOT ABLE TO KEEP
10 UP WITH THAT FUNDING INCREASE OR THAT COST INCREASE. AND THEN
11 UNDERFUNDED S&S OBLIGATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT RELIES ON COST
12 SAVINGS TO ENSURE WE CAN COVER ALL OUR S&S. INFRASTRUCTURE
13 SUCH AS BUILDING REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, INSURED SERVICES. YOU
14 KNOW, RIGHT NOW WE'RE NOT FILLING POSITIONS TO COVER THOSE
15 COSTS, AND IT'S JUST NOT A SUSTAINABLE LONG-TERM SOLUTION.
16 THEN THE LAST PART, INSUFFICIENT FUNDING, CREATING STAGNATION
17 IN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES HURTS OUR OBJECTIVES. WITHOUT
18 RESOURCES, PRIORITIES REMAIN UNMET, AND VETERANS' CRITICAL
19 INTERVENTIONS UNSERVED. I'D LIKE TO CLOSE OUT BY JUST MAKING A
20 FEW POINTS. AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO FISCAL YEAR 25/26, WE REMAIN
21 COMMITTED TO OUR MISSION, ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD PRIORITIES AND
22 THE PEOPLE WE SERVE. AS ONE OF THE SMALLER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS,
23 WE ARE PROVING THE ABILITY TO DO MORE WITH VERY LITTLE. WHILE
24 THAT HAS GOTTEN US HERE, WE NEED MORE SUPPORT FOR GROWTH
25 NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE DISTINCT NEEDS OF OUR COUNTY'S VETERANS.



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1 THESE ARE VETERANS WITH THE PROPER FUNDING MVA CAN CONNECT TO
2 NON-COUNTY FUNDED VA SERVICES. AND IF WE DON'T PROPERLY INVEST
3 IN VETERANS, IT'S NOT VETERANS WHO ARE SERVICE RESISTANT IT'S
4 OUR COUNTY SERVICES THAT WILL REMAIN VETERAN RESISTANT THANK
5 YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU IS THAT END YOUR PRESENTATION
8 THERE?

9

10 **JAMES ZENNER:** YES

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY THANK YOU PRETTY COMPREHENSIVE BEFORE I
13 TURN IT OVER TO THE TO THE MEMBERS. I JUST WANT TO SAY YOU
14 CURRENTLY HAVE 65 POSITIONS IS THAT CORRECT?

15

16 **JAMES ZENNER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WOW UNBELIEVABLE BECAUSE OF THE WORK THAT
19 I'VE SEEN YOU DO SINCE YOU ARRIVED. YOU NOW HAVE WHAT, HOW
20 MANY YEARS UNDER YOUR BELT?

21

22 **JAMES ZENNER:** 2 1/2 AS A DEPARTMENT.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** 2 1/2 FEELS LIKE 12. BUT THAT'S A GOOD
25 THING. I WANT TO, IN PARTICULAR, THANK YOU DURING THE FIRE AND



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1 THE RECOVERY REGARDING PALISADES AND WEST L.A. CAMPUS. YOU
2 TOOK IN OVER HOW MANY VETERANS THAT YOU HOUSED FOR A COUPLE OF
3 NIGHTS THERE?

4

5 **JAMES ZENNER:** ABOUT 150 TOTAL.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** 150, AND THESE WERE UNHOUSED PREVIOUSLY THAT
8 HAD SOME SEVERE MEDICAL NEEDS. IS THAT CORRECT?

9

10 **JAMES ZENNER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND YOU WERE ABLE TO DRAW ON THE RED CROSS
13 AND OTHER COUNTY SERVICES TO HELP YOU?

14

15 **JAMES ZENNER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** PROVIDE TREATMENT?

18

19 **JAMES ZENNER:** REACHED OUT TO CEO AND WE WERE ABLE TO MOBILIZE
20 RED CROSS.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND I WANT TO THANK OUR CEO FOR DOING THAT
23 BECAUSE I KNOW THIS WAS KIND OF LAST MINUTE, OBVIOUSLY, AND
24 PEOPLE HAD TO WORK AROUND THE CLOCK. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK
25 SOME OF THE OUTSIDE VOLUNTEERS THAT PROVIDED MEALS, ONE OF



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SUPERVISORS

1 WHICH I'M FAMILIAR WITH TO HELP OUT IN THE KITCHEN THERE WITH
2 THE RED CROSS WORKERS. I THINK EVEN THE RED CROSS WORKERS WERE
3 AMAZED OF THE KIND OF SERVICES THAT YOU ATTRACT. SO, I THINK
4 THERE'S SO MUCH POTENTIAL IN YOUR DEPARTMENT. I'VE ALWAYS
5 BELIEVED THAT. AND THE BUILDING THERE IN MANY WAYS IS
6 UNDERSERVED. IT'S OLD. THE ELEVATORS HAVE TO BE FIXED. I KNOW
7 YOU HAVE PLUMBING ISSUES AND ALL THAT. SO, I HOPE AT SOME
8 POINT THOSE THINGS CAN BE ADDRESSED FOR YOU. AND I DO WANT TO
9 COMMEND YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE ON BEHALF OF WOMEN
10 VETERANS. BECAUSE I DON'T SEE THAT IN YOUR BUDGET PLANS HERE,
11 BUT I'M SURE IT'S THERE. AND I KNOW THAT WAS A BIG EFFORT THAT
12 YOU PUT FORWARD, HELPING TO IDENTIFY WOMEN VETERANS WHO DON'T
13 EASILY EVEN ATTEST TO BEING A VETERAN AND THEREFORE DON'T KNOW
14 THAT THEY'RE QUALIFIED FOR ALL THESE VETERANS' BENEFITS. SO, I
15 THINK THAT'S A BIG AREA THAT I WANT TO SEE US CONTINUE TO PUSH
16 OUT BECAUSE MANY OF THOSE VETERAN WOMEN HAVE CHILDREN OR
17 THEY'VE BEEN VICTIMS, BEEN TRAUMATIZED. WE KNOW THAT, THE
18 STATS SHOW US THAT. BUT THERE IS A NEED FOR THAT. AND I KNOW
19 ALSO THAT WE'VE TALKED AT SOME POINT, I KNOW MY OFFICE DID,
20 BECAUSE YOUR BUILDING IS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT IS TO LOOK AT
21 HOW WE COULD USE THE PARKING STRUCTURE THERE IN THE FUTURE AS
22 POTENTIAL HOUSING. MAYBE A P3 IDEA TO GET A PRIVATE DEVELOPER
23 TO LOOK AT EXPANDING HOUSING THERE FOR THE UNHOUSED VETERANS
24 THAT LIVE AND CAN BE SERVICED BY YOU THERE. AND I KNOW THAT WE
25 STILL HAVE THAT REPORT ON THE BOOK SOMEWHERE. MAYBE THE CEO



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1 CAN, WE CAN DUST OFF THE DUST AND RE-LOOK AT THAT. BECAUSE
2 THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT I KNOW WE HAD PUT FORWARD A WHILE
3 BACK. AND I KNOW THERE IS STRONG INTEREST. AND WITH PROPERTY
4 AND THE NEED FOR PROVIDING, MEETING OUR QUOTAS, SO TO SPEAK,
5 IN TERMS OF UNHOUSED IN DOWNTOWN, THAT WOULD BE, I THINK, A
6 SIGNIFICANT LEVER THAT WE COULD PUSH. CEO, DO YOU HAVE
7 ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT THAT?

8

9 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THERE WAS A STUDY DONE, SUPERVISOR, AND I
10 THINK IT WAS DONE BEFORE MR. ZENNER'S TENURE AS DEPARTMENT
11 HEAD, SO WE WILL RESURFACE THAT AND SEND IT OVER FOR YOUR
12 REVIEW AND THEN WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT. AND THAT CAN BE FOR MEN
13 AND WOMEN, WHICH IS GREAT. THE BEAUTY OF CREATING A POTENTIAL
14 OF MAYBE 200 TO 300 UNITS, I THINK, OF HOUSING THERE, AND THEN
15 MARKETPLACE OR WHATEVER OFFICES ON THE BOTTOM OR HEALTH-
16 RELATED OFFICES THAT CAN HELP PEOPLE. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU
17 FOR THAT, AND I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A LOT ON YOUR PLATE. YOU'RE
18 A SMALL ORGANIZATION, AND I HOPE THAT AT SOME POINT THE
19 VETERAN THE VA DEPARTMENT REALLY UNDERSTANDS THAT YOU'RE HERE
20 TO HELP AUGMENT THEIR SERVICES YOU'RE NOT COMPETING WITH THEM
21 BUT THEY ARE NOT REACHING ALL THE PEOPLE IN OUR DISTRICT AND
22 THIS HAS BEEN A DISCUSSION I KNOW I HAVE HEARD ABOUT SINCE I
23 GOT ELECTED TO THIS BOARD, WHICH IS MORE THAN TEN YEARS NOW,
24 WHERE WE DIDN'T HAVE SUFFICIENT SERVICES OUT IN THE SAN
25 GABRIEL VALLEY. WE USED TO HAVE STAFF OUT IN POMONA. NOW WE NO



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1 LONGER HAVE THAT. AND I'M REALLY AT A LOSS BECAUSE A LARGE
2 NUMBER OF VETERANS LIVE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, A GOOD
3 PORTION LIVE IN EAST L.A., THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WHO DON'T
4 HAVE ANY MEANS OF GOING TO WEST HOLLYWOOD OR EVEN TO LONG
5 BEACH BUT NEEDING TO KNOW INFORMATION. SO, I HOPE THAT THAT
6 CAN BE A PRIORITY AND THAT OUR CEO AND THE BOARD SUPPORTS YOU
7 ON THAT. I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE CRITICAL MOVING FORWARD
8 AND LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING OUTSIDE RESOURCES AND EVEN
9 WITHIN OUR OWN COUNTY DEPARTMENT LIKE PROBATION. I KNOW THAT
10 THERE'S PROBABLY FUNDING THAT I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE TAPPED
11 INTO THAT FOR SOME OF THE REENTRY FOLKS, VETERANS THAT ARE
12 COMING OUT OF JAILS OR PROBATION THAT YOU COULD WORK WITH. HAS
13 THERE BEEN ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH PROBATION ON THAT WITH OUR NEW
14 CHIEF?

15
16 **JAMES ZENNER:** YEAH, WE'VE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH PROBATION
17 AROUND THAT. WE HAVE CREATED AN MOU, BUT WITHOUT THE PROPER
18 STAFFING AND THE CONSTRAINTS ON THE PROBATION ON THE ADULT
19 SIDE, WE HAVEN'T REALLY BEEN ABLE TO ACTUALIZE THAT
20 PARTNERSHIP.

21
22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** BUT THERE ARE ACCOUNTS THAT THEY HAVE FOR
23 THIS IN PARTICULAR, SO YOU PROBABLY NEED TO TALK WITH THE CEO
24 TO SEE HOW YOU CAN TAP INTO THEM BECAUSE THERE'S FUNDING
25 AVAILABLE IS MY UNDERSTANDING. CEO?



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2 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK WE DISCUSSED THIS WITH
3 MR. ZENNER DURING HIS INTERNAL PRE-PRESENTATION TO THE CEO'S
4 OFFICE AND I THINK WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT WAS INVITING OURSELVES
5 TO THAT CONVERSATION AND TO THAT WORK WITH PROBATION SO THAT
6 WE CAN SEE IF WE CAN SERVE AS A WAY MAKER AND NOT ONLY
7 IDENTIFYING THE FUNDING, BUT GETTING THE NEEDS MET FOR THIS
8 PARTICULAR POPULATION.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** RIGHT. THANK YOU. AND I LIKE THE WORD YOU
11 USED, INVITING YOURSELF TO THEIR MEETING. SO THOSE ARE ALL THE
12 QUESTIONS I HAVE. KEEP DOING THE GOOD WORK, AND WE ENJOY
13 WORKING WITH YOU IN THE FIRST DISTRICT AND YOUR STAFF. THAT'S
14 WITHOUT A DOUBT. SO, I WILL TURN TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

15

16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND
17 I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR VISION AND
18 COMMITMENT TO THE JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERAN DIVISION. I KNOW
19 THAT IT WAS YOUR VISION AND YOUR DRIVE TO STAND IT UP. AND TO
20 YOUR POINT, IN TERMS OF FUNDING, YOU KNOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT
21 AB 109 FUNDS AND CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS ARE TWO
22 FUNDING SOURCES THAT YOU HAVE ACTIVELY PURSUED. SO, A COUPLE
23 QUESTIONS. I HAVE SOME CONCERN ABOUT POTENTIAL FEDERAL FUNDING
24 CUTS, AND I'M WONDERING IF YOU THINK THEY COULD LIMIT THE
25 SUCCESS OF THE JUVENILE, EXCUSE ME, THE JUSTICE-INVOLVED



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1 VETERAN DIVISION, PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU OPEN BY GIVING US THE
2 NUMBERS, THE \$11,000 PER VETERAN INVESTMENT IF THEY GO TO
3 JAIL, VERSUS IF THEY ARE ABLE TO, THROUGH YOU, TAP INTO THEIR
4 ENTITLED RESOURCES. SO THIS IS A DOLLAR AND CENTS GAME,
5 FRANKLY. NOT ONLY IS IT BEST TO SERVE THEM WHERE THEY SHOULD
6 BE SERVED, WHICH IS WITH THEIR VETERANS BENEFITS, BUT IT'S
7 ALSO COST EFFICIENT. SO ARE YOU CONCERNED AT ALL AROUND
8 FEDERAL DOLLARS BEING TAKEN AWAY AND YOUR INABILITY TO
9 CONTINUE TO SERVE THEM?

10

11 **JAMES ZENNER:** YEAH, AT THIS POINT, NO. AS A COUNTY, WE ACTED
12 WHEN THE IRON WAS HOT A FEW YEARS AGO. THIS BOARD DIRECTED MY
13 DEPARTMENT TO BRING IN ALL THE JUSTICE PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE
14 VA, TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT WHAT THE NEEDS ARE AND WHERE
15 THE NEEDS WERE NOT BEING MET. THAT ADVOCACY LED TO THEM ADDING
16 FOUR ADDITIONAL VETERAN JUSTICE OUTREACH WORKERS. THESE ARE
17 FOLKS THAT WORK IN THE VETERAN TREATMENT COURTS, GO VISIT
18 JAILS, THINGS LIKE THAT, BECAUSE THEY HEARD FROM OUR PUBLIC
19 DEFENDER, ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THAT THEY JUST WEREN'T,
20 THERE WASN'T ENOUGH OF THEM ANSWERING THE CALL AND BEING
21 AVAILABLE SO VETERANS WERE SLIPPING THROUGH. SO, WE WERE ABLE
22 TO GET THE VA TO ADD FOUR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS AND THEN ALSO
23 THE SUPERVISOR THAT OVERSAW THE VETERAN JUSTICE PROGRAM ALSO
24 OVERSAW HOMELESS OUTREACH. THEY HIRED ANOTHER SUPERVISOR SO
25 THAT SUPERVISOR OVER THE VETERAN JUSTICE OUTREACH PROGRAM IS



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1 LASER FOCUSED ON THE JUSTICE OUTREACH PROGRAM. SO WE'RE IN A
2 PRETTY GOOD SPOT, AND I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT LAYING
3 OFF SOCIAL WORKERS. I BELIEVE THEY'RE ONE OF THE PROTECTED
4 POSITIONS WITHIN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

5
6 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GREAT. OKAY, THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT,
7 ACTUALLY, MADAM CHAIR, MY LAST QUESTION IS TO THE CEO, BECAUSE
8 I NOTICED IN THE CHART ON A COUPLE OF THOSE THAT WE'VE SEEN
9 UNDER THE FIRST PAGE OF ALL THE PRESENTATIONS, THE BUDGET
10 PRIORITIES, THAT FINAL COLUMN, DATA AND METRICS PLAN. AND IT'S
11 INCONSISTENT. SOME SAY YES, SOME SAY NO. AND IT STRUCK ME IN
12 THIS PRESENTATION WHEN YOU OPENED WITH THE SAVINGS PER VETERAN
13 IF INVESTMENTS ARE USED. SO I'M WONDERING, LIKE WHAT IS THAT,
14 WHAT IS THAT COLUMN SUPPOSED TO REFLECT? AND IF YOU HAVE ANY
15 CONCERNS KIND OF WITH THE INCONSISTENCIES WITH WHICH WE SEE
16 DATA AND METRICS PLAN BEING DEVELOPED. THERE'S A LOT OF YESES
17 AND A WHOLE BUNCH OF NOS.

18
19 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. SO, THIS IS
20 SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE LIVED WITH IN A COUNTY FOR A VERY LONG
21 TIME. I THINK THE DATA MATURITY IN THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IS
22 UNEVEN. AND WHAT YOU WILL FIND IS YOUR FEDERALLY SUBVENE
23 DEPARTMENTS AND YOUR STATE SUBVENE DEPARTMENTS TEND TO BE MORE
24 DATA RICH AND MAYBE MORE DATA PROACTIVE BECAUSE THEIR FUNDING
25 STREAMS REQUIRE IT WHEN THEY'RE REPORTING UP TO THE STATE OR



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1 TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON OPERATIONAL OUTPUTS. WHAT THAT
2 DOES FOR BUDGETING AND I THINK FOR THE BOARD, WHEN WE SAY WE
3 WANT A DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH, WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE TONS OF
4 GREAT IDEAS THAT ARE PROBABLY THE RIGHT THING TO DO AT THE
5 RIGHT TIME. THE QUESTION BECOMES AT SOME POINT, HOW DO WE
6 EVALUATE WHEN WE'RE CHOOSING, WHEN WE'RE TRYING TO PRIORITIZE
7 ALL OF THE PRIORITIES? WHAT TOOLS DO WE USE TO EVALUATE? SO
8 SOMETIMES WE WILL USE OPERATIONAL OUTPUTS. SOMETIMES WE KNOW
9 THAT THE NEED IS SO GREAT THAT WE DON'T NEED TO NECESSARILY
10 HAVE A EXCEL SPREADSHEET TO TELL US THE NUMBERS. BUT WHAT I
11 WILL SAY IS AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS IS PART OF, I WILL
12 CALL IT A STRUGGLE FOR THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE WITH ALL OF ITS
13 DEPARTMENTS, ALL OF THE PROGRAMS, ALL OF THE MOVING PARTS THAT
14 WE BECOME MORE DATA INFORMED. AND YOU ASKED A QUESTION EARLIER
15 TO ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS ABOUT CAPACITY. SO OFTEN WHAT
16 YOU HAVE IS A TENSION BETWEEN EXPANDING PROGRAM SERVICE AND
17 DELIVERY, WHICH WE ALWAYS NEED TO DO AND WE NEED TO DO IT AS
18 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AND THEN YOU NEED THE DATA FOLKS IN THE
19 BACKGROUND, WHICH IS NOT, IT DOESN'T SOUND IMPORTANT, IT'S
20 HARD TO COMPETE WITH, YOU KNOW, ADDRESSING THE FRONTLINE NEEDS
21 OF, YOU KNOW, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, AND SO THAT TENDS TO GET
22 DEPRIORITIZED OVER TIME. AND IT IS, WHAT I WILL SAY IS NOT
23 JUST THIS DEPARTMENT, IT IS, YOU WILL FIND THIS IN MANY OF
24 OUR, MANY OF OUR DEPARTMENTS. AND IT'S NOT ALWAYS FOR LACK OF
25 INTENT OR INTEREST OR PAYING ATTENTION TO IT, IT BECOMES THE



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1 COMPETING PRIORITIES.

2

3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND SO THE CHALLENGE I THINK WITH THAT
4 IS WHEN I WAS AT THE STATE AND THERE WAS A MOVEMENT AFOOT TO
5 TRY TO TRANSITION THE STATE BUDGET AND ALL THE DEPARTMENTS TO
6 ZERO-BASED BUDGETING AND WE TOOK A COUPLE OF DEPARTMENTS THE
7 FIRST YEAR, AND I THINK THEY ULTIMATELY JUST ABANDONED IT
8 BECAUSE IT WAS TOO UNYIELDING BECAUSE ZERO-BASED BUDGETING
9 REALLY REQUIRES THAT YOU LOOK AT METRICS AND PERFORMANCE, AND
10 YOU START WITH A ZERO AND BUILD UP TO YOUR BUDGET AS OPPOSED
11 TO JUST START WHERE YOU GOT, YOU START THIS YEAR BASED ON YOUR
12 BUDGETING LEVEL THE PREVIOUS YEAR, YOU'VE GOT TO PROVE IT. AND
13 SO IT'S REALLY ABOUT METRICS. AND PARTICULARLY FOR A BOARD, IF
14 WE ARE MAKING VERY TOUGH DECISIONS, WHICH YOU WERE GOING TO
15 ASK US TO DO, WHERE'S MY LITTLE SHEET, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
16 RIGHT? YOU KNOW, IT'S THE KIND OF DATA I THINK THAT WE NEED
17 OBJECTIVELY AS A BOARD OF FIVE TO MAKE DECISIONS, HARD
18 DECISIONS THAT ARE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY AS A
19 WHOLE.

20

21 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** I AGREE WITH YOU 100% AND ONE OF THE
22 APPROACHES THAT WE HAVE TRIED IN THE PAST IS, AND I THINK
23 WE'RE STILL DOING THIS TODAY, WHICH IS WE WILL FUND, RECOMMEND
24 IN THE BUDGET, FUNDING FOR A BOARD MOTION OR A REQUEST FROM A
25 DEPARTMENT THROUGH A BOARD LETTER. AND SO, WE DON'T WANT TO



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1 ALLOW THE PERFECT TO BE THE ENEMY OF THE GOOD, BUT WHAT WE
2 SHOULD DO AT SOME POINT, YOU KNOW, AS WE ENCOURAGE DEPARTMENTS
3 TO BECOME MORE MATURE IN THEIR DATA INFRASTRUCTURE, IS GO BACK
4 AND REEVALUATE THE PROGRAMS. BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENS IS, IS WE
5 WILL CONTINUE TO DO THINGS, WE HAVE PROGRAMS THAT GET STUCK IN
6 PILOTS. WE CAN NEVER BRING THEM TO SCALE IN PART BECAUSE WE
7 DON'T HAVE THE DATA. AND SO EVEN IF WE DON'T HAVE THE DATA
8 MATURITY AND THE CAPACITY IN EVERY DEPARTMENT TODAY, WE SHOULD
9 BE WORKING TO BUILD THAT SO THAT IN TWO YEARS OR THREE YEARS
10 OR FOUR YEARS, WHEN THE BOARD IS TRYING TO DECIDE WHICH OF THE
11 COMPETING PRIORITIES WILL BE FUNDED, YOU ALSO HAVE INFORMATION
12 ON THE TYPES OF THINGS THAT MAYBE WE SHOULD STOP DOING BECAUSE
13 IT DID NOT TURN OUT IN TERMS OF OUTCOMES THE WAY THAT WE HAD
14 HOPED.

15
16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AGREE. I'M ALWAYS AMUSED BY THAT
17 PHRASE BECAUSE IT SUGGESTS THEN THAT YOU COULD JUST CONTINUE
18 TO DO HALF-BAKED WORK, AND THAT SHOULDN'T BE THE CASE. SO
19 RIGHT, ABSENT IT NOW, IT SHOULD BE A DESIRED GOAL TO AT LEAST
20 BE ABLE TO DEVELOP SOME KIND OF METRICS TO JUSTIFY, TO GIVE US
21 THE DATA WE NEED BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GOING TO DRILL DOWN. WE
22 KNOW HOW MANY HOURS IT'S GOING TO TAKE JUST TO DO THIS KIND OF
23 CURSORY LEVEL PRESENTATION. SO WE DON'T, AREN'T GOING TO BE
24 ABLE TO DRILL DOWN. SO, TO HAVE THE GENERAL SENSE THAT THE
25 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DEPARTMENTS ARE USING METRICS AND DATA TO



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1 REALLY JUSTIFY AND HELP THEM DEVELOP THEIR PRIORITY LISTS THAT
2 WE COULD THEN RELY ON TO HELP MAKE THOSE TOUGH DECISIONS.

3
4 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES. MANY, WELL, I WAS GOING TO SAY MANY
5 YEARS AGO, IT WAS JUST BEFORE COVID. RIGHT BEFORE COVID, THE
6 CIO'S OFFICE WORKED WITH ALL THE DEPARTMENTS. WE BROUGHT IN A
7 CONSULTANT TO DO BASICALLY LIKE A DATA MATURITY LAND MAP, A
8 LAND ORGANIZATIONAL, YOU KNOW, ENVIRONMENT. AND WHAT WE USED
9 THAT TO DO IS WE USED IT TO ASSESS TWO THINGS. ONE IS WHERE
10 EACH DEPARTMENT WAS. SO, WE DIDN'T WANT TO JUST TELL
11 DEPARTMENTS, START A DATA STAT PROGRAM, BECAUSE MAYBE THEY
12 WEREN'T THERE. SO WE WANTED TO GET AN ASSESSMENT OF WHERE THEY
13 WERE IN TERMS OF THEIR ABILITY TO TRACK AND MONITOR THEIR
14 OPERATIONAL OUTPUTS AND PRODUCE DATA REPORTS. AND THEN THE
15 SECOND THING WE LOOKED AT IS WE STARTED MAPPING ALL OF THE
16 CRITICAL SYSTEMS THAT DEPARTMENTS USE TO CARRY OUT THEIR
17 DUTIES AND MEET THEIR MISSION. AND SO WE SORT OF RANKED THOSE
18 SYSTEMS FROM, YOU KNOW, THE OLDEST AND THE MOST CRITICAL TO
19 THE ONES THAT ARE LESS CRITICAL AND THAT WERE PROBABLY MORE
20 RECENT.

21
22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, I APPRECIATE
23 IT. THANK YOU.

24
25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, OKAY, WHO'S NEXT IN THE QUEUE? WE



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1 HAVE SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK YOUR
4 DEPARTMENT IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHEN WE LEAD WITH CENTERING THE
5 PEOPLE WE'RE TRYING TO SERVE AS OPPOSED TO ASKING THEM TO GO
6 TO ALL OF THE DIFFERENT PLACES WHERE THOSE SERVICES ARE
7 PROVIDED, WE'RE ABLE TO SERVE THE WHOLE PERSON AND WORK IN A
8 MORE COORDINATED FASHION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE THAT
9 WE'RE SERVING. AND SO, I REALLY THANK YOU FOR SHARING WITH US
10 HOW YOU'RE SEEING THE BUDGET OUTLOOK FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT AND
11 THE SERVICES THAT YOU'RE PROVIDING FOR OUR VETERANS. I KNOW
12 THAT WHEN YOU INVEST AND THE WAY YOU SERVE OUR VETERANS, THAT
13 CAN RESULT IN LONGER TERM SAVINGS FOR THE COUNTY OVERALL IF
14 WE'RE ABLE TO HELP PEOPLE UP FRONT. SO WHEN YOUR BUDGET
15 CHALLENGED, IT'S FRUSTRATING FOR YOU TO NOT BE ABLE TO DO
16 EVERYTHING IN THE WAY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE IF YOU HAD ALL OF
17 THE RESOURCES AT YOUR DISPOSAL. SO GIVEN THAT WE ARE
18 ANTICIPATING, YOU KNOW, WE'RE ALWAYS HEARING ABOUT CHANGES IN
19 FEDERAL FUNDING WITH THE CHANGE OF THE ADMINISTRATION, AMONG
20 OTHER THINGS THAT WE'RE HEARING. HOW ARE WE LOOKING AT
21 LEVERAGING NON-GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES OF FUNDING, ESPECIALLY
22 FROM PHILANTHROPY THAT MAY BE SPECIFICALLY FOCUSED ON SERVING
23 OUR VETERANS. ARE THERE PARTNERSHIPS THAT THE COUNTY CAN
24 ENGAGE IN TO ADDRESS SOME OF THOSE AREAS WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE
25 MORE RESOURCE AND WE KNOW IT WILL PAY OFF DIVIDENDS FOR THE



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1 COUNTY LONGER TERM?

2

3 **JAMES ZENNER:** YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. SO WHEN THE BOARD MOVED THE
4 VETERAN PEER ACCESS NETWORK OVER UNDER OUR DEPARTMENT THAT
5 CAME WITH A RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GRANTMAKERS,
6 THEY HAVE A VETERAN FUNDERS GROUP, WHICH IS ABOUT 15
7 FOUNDATIONS THAT MEET AND SUPPORT. THEY FOLLOWED OUR WORK AT
8 VPAN FROM DAY ONE. SO THAT IS PART OF THE PLAN AND HOW WE
9 ENGAGE PHILANTHROPY. WE SHARE THE DATA WITH THE VETERAN
10 FUNDERS GROUP AND THEY CAN SEE WHERE THE GAPS AND THE NEEDS
11 ARE. AND THEY CAN FUND THINGS A LOT QUICKER THAN WE CAN OUT IN
12 GOVERNMENT. AND SO THAT MODEL WAS BUILT IN VERY INTENTIONALLY.
13 ALSO RECENTLY WE LAUNCHED A FOUNDATION FOR OUR DEPARTMENT
14 CALLED THE WARRIOR HERITAGE FOUNDATION. THEY ARE OVERSEEING
15 OUR BUILDING AND THEY ARE RENTING IT OUT FOR WEDDINGS,
16 CORPORATE MEETINGS, THINGS LIKE THAT. THAT'S GOING TO BRING IN
17 ADDITIONAL REVENUE. BACK IN THE '90S, I WAS TOLD THAT THE
18 DEPARTMENT BROUGHT IN CLOSE TO A \$1,000,000 A YEAR IN REVENUE
19 FROM RENTING OUT THE BUILDING. OUR PARTNERS AT THE FOUNDATION,
20 I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DOUBLE
21 THAT EVENTUALLY. SO THAT'S GOING TO BE ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT
22 WE CAN USE TO FUND VETERAN INITIATIVES. ALSO PLANNING ON DOING
23 A LOT OF ADVOCACY WITH THE STATE AROUND PROP 1 IN PARTNERSHIP
24 WITH OUR DMH PARTNERS TO REALLY GO AT CARVING OUT SOME OF THE
25 PREVENTION DOLLARS THAT ARE GOING BACK TO THE STATE TO GET



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1 THAT BACK DOWN HERE TO THE COUNTY TO FUND THE INNOVATION THAT
2 WE'VE BROUGHT SUCH AS THE VETERAN PEER ACCESS NETWORK AND
3 OTHER INITIATIVES.

4

5 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** GREAT, AS YOU NEED HELP PURSUING THOSE
6 OPPORTUNITIES, I HOPE YOU'LL LET THE BOARD KNOW IF YOU'RE
7 RUNNING INTO OBSTACLES BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE
8 EFFORTS, ESPECIALLY AS YOU'RE REACHING OUTSIDE OF WHAT OUR
9 COUNTY BUDGET IS TO AMPLIFY WHAT YOU'RE DOING THAT WE'RE ABLE
10 TO HELP YOU PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
11 FOR THE PRESENTATION.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

14

15 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR
16 THE PRESENTATION. I'M STILL INSPIRED BY THAT BREAKFAST I WENT
17 TO A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO WITH THE WARRIOR HERITAGE FOUNDATION
18 WHERE YOU BOLDLY MADE THE PROPOSAL THAT WE COULD END VETERAN
19 HOMELESSNESS BY 2028. SO I THINK EVERYBODY THERE CAME AWAY
20 VERY INSPIRED. AND BESIDES POSITIONS, WHAT PART OF THIS
21 BUDGET, BECAUSE I THINK THE TOTAL PRICE TAG, WE WERE GIVEN TO
22 ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH THAT WAS LIKE, WAS IT \$8,000,000?

23

24 **JAMES ZENNER:** OVER THREE YEARS, THAT'S CORRECT.

25



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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OVER 3 YEARS, RIGHT. WHAT PART OF THIS
2 BUDGET SUPPORTS THAT?

3
4 **JAMES ZENNER:** SO, 2.6 OF THE 3.5 WOULD BE ONE-TIME FUNDING FOR
5 HOUSING NAVIGATION. AND THEN THE REST OF THE FUNDING WOULD BE
6 FOR TRANSPORTATION, BECAUSE THAT'S A MAJOR GAP THAT THE VA
7 CAN'T ALWAYS PROVIDE FUNDING FOR. IT'S VERY COMPLICATED
8 BECAUSE THERE'S SEVEN DIFFERENT PRIORITY LISTS WITH VETERANS
9 RECEIVING HEALTHCARE AND IF YOU'RE NOT IN THE RIGHT PRIORITY
10 GROUP, YOU CAN'T GET TRANSPORTATION FROM THE VA. AND THEN FOUR
11 POSITIONS WITHIN MVA TO DO THE WORK.

12
13 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I MEAN, IT'S SUCH A BIG GOAL, BUT NOT THAT
14 BIG WHEN YOU BREAK IT DOWN. AND I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE
15 COULD ALL REALLY LEAN INTO. THE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS IS SO
16 ONGOING. BLESS YOU. IT'S SO ONGOING, AND IT'S GETTING WORSE,
17 OF COURSE, WITH THE DISASTERS THAT WE'VE BEEN FACING, BUT TO
18 ACTUALLY THINK THAT WE COULD END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS. IT'S
19 SOMETHING I THINK EVERYONE CAN LEAN INTO AND REALLY ENVISION
20 THAT THAT REALLY COULD BE A DAY IN L.A. COUNTY WHEN THAT'S
21 POSSIBLE. SO I KNOW I'M SUPPORTING YOU AND I'M SURE THIS BOARD
22 IS SUPPORTING YOU, SO ANYTHING ELSE THROUGH THIS PROCESS, MAKE
23 SURE THAT YOU KEEP THAT FRONT AND CENTER WITH US AND WITH
24 ONGOING REQUESTS. SO THE WARRIOR HERITAGE FOUNDATION IS GOING
25 TO BE A PARTNER IN THAT AND ALSO SOUNDS LIKE THEIR ABILITY TO



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1 BE A FUNDRAISING ARM. AND WHEN I LOOKED AT SOME OF YOUR
2 CHALLENGES AFTER I FIGURED OUT WHAT S & S WAS. SO, S & S IS
3 SERVICES AND SUPPLIES. IS THAT CORRECT? AND DOES THAT INCLUDE,
4 WHAT DOES THAT INCLUDE?

5
6 **JAMES ZENNER:** ZULE, DO YOU WANT TO TAKE THAT?

7
8 **ZULEYDA SANTANA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO THAT INCLUDES
9 ANYTHING TO OPERATE THE DEPARTMENT THAT'S OUTSIDE OF SALARIES
10 AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. SO FOR EXAMPLE, A LOT OF OUR
11 CONTRACTED SERVICES, THIS MEANS BUILDING REPAIRS, WE'RE
12 TALKING ABOUT DHR SHARED SERVICES, COUNTY COUNSEL FEES, IT
13 INFRASTRUCTURE, IT INVOLVES EVERYTHING THAT A DEPARTMENT NEEDS
14 IN ORDER TO OPERATE.

15
16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY. AND BY THE WAY, SINCE IT TOOK ME A
17 WHILE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IT WAS, AND I EVEN POLLED SEVERAL
18 PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T KNOW WHAT S & S WAS, I WOULD ENCOURAGE OUR
19 DEPARTMENTS WHEN THEY DO THESE PRESENTATIONS, BECAUSE AGAIN,
20 THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'RE GOING PUBLIC, RIGHT? THIS IS THE
21 FIRST TIME WE'RE GOING PUBLIC RIGHT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
22 WE'RE TRYING TO BE TRANSPARENT SO MAYBE BE A LITTLE MORE
23 EXPLANATORY IN SOME OF THE ACRONYMS THAT WE USE I THINK WOULD
24 BE HELPFUL.



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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** WE WILL BAN THE ACRONYM, SUPERVISOR.

2

3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, I KNOW RIGHT. IS IT IS IT SOMETHING
4 THAT'S REASONABLE TO THINK THAT THE WARRIOR HERITAGE
5 FOUNDATION COULD HELP MEET THE UNDERFUNDED SNS OBLIGATIONS
6 WITH REVENUE?

7

8 **JAMES ZENNER:** YEAH, IN SOME SCENARIOS, I BELIEVE THAT'S
9 ACCURATE.

10

11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY. YEAH. WELL, THAT'S ENCOURAGING. AND
12 THEN ON THE TEN NEW POSITIONS TO WORK WITH JUSTICE-INVOLVED
13 VETERANS, SUCH A HUGE ISSUE AND SO IMPORTANT. HAVE YOU WORKED
14 WITH CONNECTING WITH OTHER NONPROFITS THAT ALSO WORK WITH OUR
15 JUSTICE INVOLVED RESIDENTS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY?

16

17 **JAMES ZENNER:** YEAH, THE SITUATION IN L.A. COUNTY IS OUR
18 LARGEST CONVENIENT IS THE LOS ANGELES VETERAN COLLABORATIVE
19 AND COUNTY, BOTH DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND MILITARY
20 VETERAN AFFAIRS HAS BEEN PARTNERED VERY CLOSELY WITH THEM FOR
21 YEARS. AND THEY HAVE A LEGAL AND REENTRY GROUP. AND THAT'S
22 GENERALLY WHERE ALL THE PROVIDERS IN THE VETERAN SPECIFIC
23 SPACE GET TOGETHER. SO YEAH, WE'VE COORDINATED AT THAT LEVEL,
24 BUT THE SITUATION REALLY IS, IS WE ONLY HAVE TWO ORGANIZATIONS
25 THAT SERVE VETERANS THAT ARE CURRENTLY FUNDED THROUGH CFCI, TO



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1 MY UNDERSTANDING AND MY CONVERSATIONS WITH JUDGE SONGHAI AND
2 ADAM PATINO. SO REALLY KIND OF GROWING THAT POOL IS GOING TO
3 BE IMPORTANT.

4

5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WELL, YEAH, I WAS GOING TO ASK ABOUT JUDGE
6 ARMSTEAD IF THERE'S A RELATIONSHIP THERE THAT COULD ALSO BE
7 HELPFUL GOING FORWARD.

8

9 **JAMES ZENNER:** YEAH, ABSOLUTELY.

10

11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION.
14 SEEING NO OTHER QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS, LET'S TRANSITION
15 NOW TO THE NEXT DEPARTMENT, AND WE HAVE AGRICULTURAL
16 COMMISSIONER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. SO WE'LL HEAR FROM THE
17 DIRECTOR. KURT FLORIN. HELLO, HI KURT. OKAY, AND STAFF. OKAY.
18 FLOOR IS YOURS.

19

20 **KURT E. FLOREN:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. KURT FLORIN,
21 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. I
22 DO HAVE WITH ME CHIEF DEPUTY MAX REGIS AND ADMIN DEPUTY PATTY
23 RODARTE, PLEASED TO PRESENT OUR 25/26 RECOMMENDED OR PROPOSED
24 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AG COMMISSIONER OF WEIGHTS AND
25 MEASURES, ACWM. WE'RE ONE OF THE MOST PROGRAM AND DUTY DIVERSE



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1 DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY FROM PESTICIDE USE ENFORCEMENT
2 ACTIVITIES TO WEED ABATEMENT FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION TO PEST
3 EXCLUSION WHICH PROTECTS NOT ONLY BACKYARD GROWING BUT FARMING
4 AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION THROUGHOUT THE STATE AS WELL AS
5 OUR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES PROGRAM WHICH IS BROAD WEIGHTS
6 CONSUMER PROTECTION AND ENSURING EQUITY IN THE MARKETPLACE.
7 SO, I KNOW THAT I HAVE VERY LIMITED TIME. IT WOULD TAKE HOURS
8 TO DISCUSS ALL THAT WE DO. BUT TO THE LEFT OF THE FIRST SLIDE,
9 YOU CAN SEE OUR MISSION AND A LISTING OF THE MAJOR DUTIES. I'M
10 ALWAYS HAPPY TO DISCUSS ANY OF THAT. SO TO GET TO OUR BUDGET,
11 WE ARE REQUESTING A RELATIVELY, I THINK, MINOR INCREASE IN
12 GROSS APPROPRIATIONS, WHICH AS YOU CAN SEE IN THE GREEN BOX IS
13 ALL ENTIRELY OFFSET BY INCREASES IN REVENUES. AND WE ARE
14 SEEKING AN ADDITION OF FIVE POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT. SO WE
15 DO HAVE THREE PRIORITY REQUESTS. THE FIRST IS AN ADDITION OF
16 FOUR AGRICULTURAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTOR TWO
17 POSITIONS. THESE ARE INTENDED TO STAFF OUR ELECTRIC VEHICLE
18 INSPECTION PROGRAM, OUR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER INSPECTION
19 PROGRAM. OBVIOUSLY, EV CHARGERS ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE
20 PREVALENT IN THE MARKETPLACE AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE NEED TO
21 GET OUT THERE AND BE TESTING THEM, ENSURING THAT THEY'RE
22 FUNCTIONAL, THAT THEY'RE ACCURATE. SO WE'RE ASKING \$93,000 TO
23 FUND THAT. OBVIOUSLY, THAT DOESN'T COVER THE FOUR POSITIONS.
24 THE BALANCE OF THAT FUNDING IS GOING TO COME THROUGH. WE'RE
25 GOING TO BE ABLE TO REDUCE OT ALLOCATIONS TO A SIGNIFICANT



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1 DEGREE. AND THEN WE DO ANTICIPATE ADDED DEVICE REGISTRATION
2 FEES THAT WILL OFFSET THE BALANCE OF THAT. OUR SECOND REQUEST
3 IS \$170,000 TO ACQUIRE TWO FORD LIGHTNING EV TRUCKS. SO NOT TO
4 GET TOO FAR INTO THE WEEDS HERE, BUT TO TEST THESE DEVICES WE
5 HAVE TO GET TO THEM AND WE HAVE TO HAUL VERY SIGNIFICANT
6 EQUIPMENT. AND THE SHORT EXPLANATION THERE IS TO TEST AN EV
7 CHARGER, THE LINE THAT WOULD NORMALLY GO TO A VEHICLE GOES TO
8 A TEST STANDARD, AND THEN FROM THAT STANDARD THE ELECTRICITY
9 HAS TO MOVE TO SOMEWHERE. SO, THE ELECTRIC VEHICLES WILL SERVE
10 DUAL PURPOSES OF GETTING OUR INSPECTORS THERE, HAULING THE
11 TEST EQUIPMENT THERE, BUT THEN ACTUALLY PLAYING A ROLE IN THE
12 COMPLETION OF THE TEST. AND THEN FINALLY, OUR THIRD REQUEST IS
13 \$159,000 TO ADD ONE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, THREE POSITIONS
14 TO OUR ADMIN SERVICES BUREAU. OUR DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY ONLY
15 HAS ONE SINGLE FACILITIES PROJECT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATE, WHICH
16 IS HOUSED AT OUR ARCADIA HEADQUARTERS. THAT POSITION IS
17 COMPLETELY OVERWHELMED BY THE FACILITY MANAGEMENT DEMANDS FOR
18 TWO HEADQUARTERS LOCATIONS AND WE HAVE 18 FIELD OFFICES OUT
19 THERE. SO, THIS ADDED AA3 POSITION WILL BE ASSIGNED TO OUR
20 SOUTHGATE HEADQUARTERS WHERE AMONG EXTENSIVE OFFICE SPACE AND
21 WORKPLACE OPERATIONS WE OPERATE THREE LABORATORIES THAT HAVE
22 VERY COMPLEX AND SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT WHICH DO NEED CONSTANT
23 MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP. THE FIRST IS OUR METROLOGY LABORATORY
24 WHICH IS ITS DUTY IS TO CALIBRATE AND VERIFY AND CERTIFY
25 STANDARDS THAT ARE USED IN THE FIELD, NOT ONLY BY OUR OWN



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1 STAFF, AND WHEN I'M SAYING STANDARDS I'M TALKING TEST WEIGHTS,
2 VOLUMETRIC MEASURES, THESE KINDS OF THINGS, BUT WE ALSO
3 PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES TO INDUSTRY, WHETHER THAT BE IN THE
4 SCALAR METER INDUSTRY, BUT ALSO MANUFACTURERS THAT RELY ON
5 VERY SPECIFIC MEASUREMENTS. WE ALSO OPERATE AN ENTOMOLOGY LAB,
6 THE IDENTIFICATION OF INSECTS. THAT LAB IS NECESSARY TO AID
7 OUR INTERNAL OPERATIONS FOR PESTS THAT WE FIND IN THE FIELD,
8 BUT WE ALSO PROVIDE THAT IDENTIFICATION SERVICE TO NURSERIES,
9 TO GROWERS, TO OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND TO ANY RESIDENT
10 THAT IS WITNESSING SOMETHING IN THEIR YARD THAT THEY DON'T
11 RECOGNIZE, WE CAN ID THAT. AND THIRDLY, WE OPERATE A PLANT
12 PATHOLOGY LABORATORY, WHICH IS IDENTIFICATION OF DISEASES. SO
13 WE DO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES TO ALL THE ABOVE THAT I JUST
14 MENTIONED. AND I KNOW THAT THE CEO EXPLAINED THE OTHER
15 MINISTERIAL CHANGES, SO I WON'T GET INTO THAT. BUT IN KEEPING
16 WITH ACWM'S BUDGET REQUEST, TO MAKE IT PERHAPS THE SIMPLEST ON
17 YOUR AGENDA, I HAVE NO UNMET NEEDS TO PRESENT TO YOU, AND WE
18 ARE FORESEEING NO SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CHALLENGES. NOW ON THAT
19 LATTER POINT, WE DO DEPEND TO A CERTAIN DEGREE, SOMETIMES A
20 LARGE DEGREE, IN CONTRACTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS THAT WE
21 HAVE WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
22 THAT EITHER RECEIVES OR MANAGES STATE FUNDS BUT ALSO RECEIVES
23 FEDERAL PASS-THROUGH DOLLARS. SO I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I AM
24 QUITE LITERALLY AT THE TABLE EVERY TIME ANY KIND OF FUNDING
25 ISSUES ARE BEING DISCUSSED BUT I'M QUITE CONFIDENT THAT BOTH



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1 CDFA, THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AG, AND USDA RECOGNIZE
2 CLEARLY THE CRITICALITY OF L.A. COUNTY ACWM TO THEIR
3 OPERATIONS AND TO OUR PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURE THROUGHOUT THE
4 STATE. SO I'M QUITE CONFIDENT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO SECURE
5 THOSE DOLLARS. SO WITH THAT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ALWAYS
6 AND PLEASE DO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY, THANK YOU. WE HAVE SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS MAY BE THE
11 MOST VISIBILITY. SOME PEOPLE GET INTO THE OPERATIONS OF YOUR
12 DEPARTMENT. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU SHARING SOME OF THE
13 AREAS IN WHICH YOU'RE FOCUSED ON THE BUDGET THIS YEAR. I KNOW
14 AS THE KEEPER OF OUR EGGS, WHICH ARE GETTING, YOU KNOW, SORT
15 OF THEIR HEYDAY IN THE PRESS, YOUR ROLE IN MAKING SURE WE HAVE
16 CONSISTENT EGG SUPPLY AFTER THE IMPACT OF THE FIRES WAS
17 SOMETHING THAT WE TURNED TO YOU AS WELL. THERE ARE ALL KINDS
18 OF DUTIES THAT ARE HOUSED IN YOUR DEPARTMENT. SO WE THANK YOU
19 FOR ALL THE ROLES THAT YOU PLAY IN THE COUNTY. I WANT TO FOCUS
20 ON THREE AREAS. FIRST, I WANT TO TOUCH ON YOU RAISED THE NEW
21 STAFF POSITIONS WITH REGARD TO THE EV CHARGING STATIONS. I
22 THINK RELIABILITY OF THE STATIONS IS CONSISTENTLY CITED AS ONE
23 OF THE KEY CHALLENGES TO INCREASING EV USE ACROSS THE BOARD.
24 SO OUTSIDE, HOW WILL THESE POSITIONS HELP WITH RELIABILITY OF
25 THE SYSTEM WHICH WILL DEVELOP INCREASED CONFIDENCE? IS IT JUST



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1 THE POSITIONS OR DO YOU NEED SOMETHING ELSE BEYOND THE STAFF
2 POSITIONS FOR US TO REALLY HAVE A ROBUST, CONSISTENTLY
3 AVAILABLE CHARGING SYSTEM FOR THE COUNTY?

4
5 **KURT E. FLOREN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, ONE OF THE REASONS
6 THAT WE'RE SEEMINGLY SO LATE COMING INTO THE GAME IS THE
7 ENTIRE EV INDUSTRY HAS BEEN EVOLVING TREMENDOUSLY OVER TIME.
8 AND I WON'T BORE YOU WITH ALL THE DETAILS ABOUT HOW MANY
9 DEVICES WERE EXEMPTED FOR TEN YEARS AND SOME OF THE
10 LEGISLATION THAT'S BEEN PUT FORWARD. BUT WE'RE AT A POINT
11 WHERE WE KNOW WE NEED TO GET OUT THERE. AND SO, I THINK TO
12 ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, WELL, LET ME STEP BACK AGAIN. ONE OF
13 THOSE PIECES OF LEGISLATION THAT WAS CHANGED THIS YEAR, IT
14 DIDN'T COME THROUGH IN THIS FORM, BUT IT WAS LOOKING TO
15 COMPLETELY EXEMPT THE INDUSTRY FROM EVEN HAVING TO NOTIFY THE
16 COUNTY SEALER OF WHEN THEY INSTALL AND WHERE THOSE DEVICES
17 ARE. AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT FOR THE YEARS THAT THEY'VE BEEN
18 INSTALLING THEM, THAT COMPLIANCE HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY LOW. SO,
19 WE KNOW MOVING FORWARD WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING TO FIND AN
20 AWFUL LOT MORE WHERE THEY'RE LOCATED, WHO INSTALLED THEM,
21 WHO'S OPERATING THEM, ETC. BUT HAVING SAID THAT, AS WE DO
22 THAT, THE FIRST STEP IN ANY TEST IS DOES IT FUNCTION? WHETHER
23 IT'S A SCALE, A METER, IN THIS CASE A CHARGER, IS IT EVEN
24 TURNED ON AND IS IT DELIVERING THE ELECTRICITY? SO THAT'S THE
25 VERY FIRST STEP AND I'M WELL AWARE OF ALL THE MEDIA COVERAGE



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1 OF HOW MANY OF THESE AREN'T FUNCTIONING. SO THAT DEFINITELY
2 WILL BE A CORE PART OF OUR ATTENTION OUT THERE.

3
4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** SO, THE STAFF POSITIONS WILL HELP US
5 ADDRESS SOME OF THAT?

6
7 **KURT E. FLOREN:** UNQUESTIONABLY.

8
9 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY. AND THEN IN THE SECOND AREA I WANT
10 TO TOUCH ON IS SOME OF THE IMPACT OF THE FIRES IN PRESENCE OF
11 WILDLIFE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. EVEN BEFORE THE FIRES, WE WERE
12 HEARING REPORTS OF COYOTES IN SOME OF OUR MORE URBAN AREAS,
13 AND I KNOW THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR.
14 BUT NOW WITH THE FIRES, WE'RE HEARING ABOUT EVEN MORE
15 WILDLIFE. THERE WAS EVEN A COYOTE I SAW AS I WAS GETTING ONTO
16 THE 110 THE OTHER NIGHT LEAVING THE HOA. SO HOW IS YOUR
17 DEPARTMENT SITUATED TO KEEP CONSTITUENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS
18 INFORMED? AND ARE YOU PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITY-BASED
19 ORGANIZATIONS ON AWARENESS AND HOW WE INTERACT WITH WILDLIFE
20 THAT IS COMING INTO THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT?

21
22 **KURT E. FLOREN:** COYOTES ARE A CONSTANT FRUSTRATION. THE
23 REALITY IS THERE'S A BELIEF THAT THEY'RE COMING OUT OF THE
24 HILLS AND INTO THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT AND THE TRUTH IS THEY'RE
25 IN THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT. THEY'RE LIVING THERE, THEY'RE



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1 BREEDING THERE, THEY'RE BIRTHING THERE, THEY'RE GROWING UP
2 THERE. SO COYOTES IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
3 LIVE WITH. HAVING SAID THAT, OUR CHARGE IS TO ADDRESS BOLD
4 URBAN COYOTES BY DEFINITION, THOSE THAT HAVE EXHIBITED DIRECT
5 AGGRESSIVENESS, AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR, AND THEN TO TARGET THOSE
6 ANIMALS TO REMOVE THEM FROM THAT ENVIRONMENT. SO BEYOND THAT
7 IN TERMS OF THE WILD POPULATION UP IN THE HILLS THIS
8 NECESSITATES INTERACTION WITH STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE THAT
9 DOES SOME WORK WITH THAT AND REGARD TO OTHER WILDLIFE THAT'S
10 OUT OF OUR REALM, WE'RE NOT EQUIPPED, WE DON'T HAVE THE
11 EXPERTISE OR THE EQUIPMENT TO ADDRESS BEARS AND COUGARS AND
12 SUCH. BUT WE DO REACH OUT AS MUCH AS WE POSSIBLY CAN AND
13 ALWAYS MAKE OURSELVES AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY GROUPS OR NON-
14 GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES FOR EDUCATION. IT REALLY COMES DOWN TO
15 DISCOURAGING THE PRESENCE OF COYOTES IN THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT.
16 IT SEEMS LIKE A BROKEN RECORD, BUT WHAT WE PREACH IS COVER
17 YOUR TRASH, DON'T FEED YOUR PETS OUTSIDE, DON'T LEAVE WATER
18 AND FOOD OUTSIDE, PICK UP FALLEN FRUIT BECAUSE COYOTES DO
19 SCOUR THE EARTH FOR ANYTHING THEY CAN EAT, AND THEN IT DOES
20 COME DOWN TO NOT ALLOWING PETS TO ROAM FREELY AND FENCING
21 YARDS. THAT'S NOT A POPULAR ANSWER. THERE ARE THOSE THAT
22 SIMPLY WANT COYOTES TO GO AWAY, BUT THERE'S AN EQUAL
23 POPULATION THERE THAT BELIEVES THEY WERE HERE BEFORE WE WERE
24 AND THEY'RE PART OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND MUCH OF THAT IS TRUE.
25 THEY ACTUALLY SERVE A POSITIVE, IT'S HARD TO RECOGNIZE WHEN



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1 ONE IS FRIGHTENED, BUT THEY CONTROL A LOT OF THE RODENT
2 POPULATION OUT THERE. SO THE SHORT ANSWER IS WE WORK WITH
3 CITIES, COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN WANTING TO
4 BE EDUCATED ON THIS, AND WE DO COORDINATE WITH OUR STATE
5 PARTNERS.

6
7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** I KNOW SOMETHING WE LEARNED BASED ON
8 EXPERIENCE WITH COYOTES AND A COUPLE OF MY CITIES THAT
9 CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY IS THERE NEEDS TO BE A FORMAL
10 AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY FOR US TO PROVIDE THAT SERVICE
11 INSIDE OUR RESPECTIVE INCORPORATED CITIES. SO HOW ARE WE
12 EDUCATING OUR CITIES ABOUT THE NEED TO HAVE THAT PROACTIVE
13 AGREEMENT FOR YOU KNOW WHEN THERE IS A TIME WHERE THEY WANT TO
14 CALL IN AND ASK FOR YOUR HELP HOW

15
16 **KURT E. FLOREN:** AGAIN WE RESPOND I BELIEVE VERY QUICKLY TO ANY
17 COMPLAINTS THAT WE RECEIVE AND WE DO GET CALLS CONSTANTLY OUR
18 JURISDICTION IF YOU WILL AND OUR CHARGE IS IN THE
19 UNINCORPORATED AREA. BUT WE DO IN FACT CONTRACT WITH CITIES
20 SHOULD THEY WANT OUR SERVICES. AND THEN THERE ARE A SELECT
21 NUMBER OF OTHER CITIES THAT CONTRACT WITH PRIVATE ANIMAL
22 CONTROL PERSONNEL. SO AGAIN, IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS, WE
23 EXPLAIN WHAT WE CAN AND CAN'T DO, WHAT WE DO OFFER, AND WE
24 ENTER INTO ANY NUMBER OF THOSE CONTRACTS WITH CITIES.



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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND THEN I THINK IT'S HELPFUL TO KNOW
2 THAT THAT CONTRACTING PIECE SO THAT WAY IF THERE'S YOU KNOW
3 ANY SORT OF FUNDING THAT YOU NEED FOR THAT SERVICE THAT YOU'RE
4 PROVIDING THAT CITIES KNOW THAT AND THEN THE THIRD AREA I
5 WANTED TO TALK ABOUT IS OUR PESTS AND WE KNOW IN OUR AREA, THE
6 ISSUE OF THE GOLD SPOTTED OAK BORER HAS BECOME A VERY
7 IMPORTANT ONE, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO THE TREES THAT
8 THEY'RE FOCUSED ON AND THE IMPACT THEY HAVE WITH THE WILDFIRES
9 AND SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT WE'VE SEEN. SO, DO YOU HAVE THE
10 RESOURCES YOU NEED TO ADDRESS PESTS? GENERALLY, I KNOW THAT'S
11 IN YOUR PURVIEW. AND THEN THIS EMERGING ISSUE OF THE GOLD
12 SPOTTED OAK BORER I KNOW HAS GOTTEN THE ATTENTION OF SOME
13 STATE LEGISLATORS WHO HAVE SAID HOW CAN WE HELP YOU ON THAT IN
14 THIS EFFORT SO SHOULD WE BE MAKING A BUDGET REQUEST OF OUR
15 STATE PARTNERS ON YOUR BEHALF IS THERE SOMETHING ADDITIONAL
16 THAT YOU NEED OR ARE YOU STAFFED UP TO ADDRESS THE CONCERN
17 THAT IS EMERGING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY?

18
19 **KURT E. FLOREN:** IN A WORD, YES, WE DO NEED THE HELP GETTING
20 THE RESOURCES AND NO, WE DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE THE RESOURCES
21 TO ADDRESS IT. ANOTHER COMP, I ALWAYS HAVE A COMPLICATED
22 ANSWER, BUT GOLD SPOTTED OAK BORER AND INVASIVE SHOT HOLE
23 BORER ARE THE TWO WOOD BORING INSECTS THAT ARE CAUSING
24 TREMENDOUS DAMAGE OUT THERE, BOTH IN THE URBAN FOREST AND THE
25 NATURAL FOREST. BUT THEY ARE NOT CONSIDERED AGRICULTURAL



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1 PESTS. SO THERE IS NOT ASSISTANCE THAT COMES FROM THE STATE
2 DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AG OR USDA BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT RATED
3 AS AGRICULTURAL PESTS. WE, ACWM, HAVE DONE WORK IN THE PAST TO
4 IDENTIFY TRAP FOR THE PEST AND THEN ACTUALLY CONDUCT REMOVAL
5 OF INFESTED TREES. BUT THAT WAS DONE UNDER GRANTS COMING FROM
6 CALTRANS. WE DO NOT HAVE CURRENTLY HAVE A GRANT FROM CALTRANS.
7 I CAN TELL YOU THAT WE DID SUBMIT ONE I BELIEVE LAST YEAR OR
8 CAL FIRE EXCUSE ME WHICH WE WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING.
9 SO OUTSIDE OF THOSE GRANTS NO WE DON'T HAVE EITHER STATE OR
10 FEDERAL FUNDING TO ASSIST US WITH THIS, AND WE HAVE NO REVENUE
11 FLOWS, SO ALWAYS OPEN TO THAT ASSISTANCE, YES.

12
13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY, IT SOUNDS LIKE WE NEED TO HELP IN
14 THAT REGARD, BECAUSE I KNOW IT'S BEEN A DIRECTIVE FROM THIS
15 BOARD THAT WE ADDRESS THAT EMERGING ISSUE. THANK YOU FOR
16 HIGHLIGHTING THAT.

17
18 **KURT E. FLOREN:** CERTAINLY.

19
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I DON'T SEE ANY QUESTIONS
21 FROM THE BOARD. SO WITH THAT, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE
22 PRESENTATION. IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE YOU. THANK YOU.

23
24 **KURT E. FLOREN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** VERY GOOD. OKAY, MEMBERS, WE STILL HAVE A
2 FEW MORE HERE. LET'S TRANSITION NOW TO PRESENTATION BY THE
3 MUSIC, I'M SORRY, MUSEUM OF ART. AND WE'LL HAVE MICHAEL GOVAN,
4 THE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, REPRESENTING THE
5 MUSEUM COME UP. WE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE. HAPPY NEW
6 YEAR. GO AHEAD. OKAY, MICHAEL, THANK YOU. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

7
8 **MICHAEL GOVAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU SUPERVISORS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
9 TO BE HERE TO COMMENT ON THE FISCAL YEAR 25/26 BUDGET. YES,
10 MICHAEL GOVAN, I'M HEAD OF THE MUSEUM OF ART DEPARTMENT AND
11 ALSO CEO AND DIRECTOR OF LACMA, WHICH IS AN ACRONYM BUT ONE
12 THAT IS BELOVED AROUND THE WORLD AS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
13 MUSEUM OF ART AND KNOWN WORLDWIDE. AS YOU KNOW, WE'RE A
14 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP, AND FOR 60 YEARS, IT'S BEEN
15 INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL WITH COUNTY. WE'RE ENTIRELY MANAGED AND
16 OPERATED BY THE 501C3 NONPROFIT MUSEUM ASSOCIATES AND THE
17 SIMPLE, I'M GOING TO VIE FOR SIMPLEST BUDGET PROCESS BECAUSE
18 IT WAS PRESCRIBED BY AN AGREEMENT DATING BACK TO 1994. AND YOU
19 CAN SEE ON THE SCREEN THE PRESCRIPTION IS WE'VE BEEN TOLD THAT
20 THE CPI INCREASE RESULTS IN THAT BUDGET WITH MINISTERIAL
21 ALLOCATION WITH MINISTERIAL ADJUSTMENTS THAT RESULTS IN A NET
22 COUNTY COST THIS YEAR ADDITIONAL OF \$406,000. WE'RE DELIGHTED
23 TO CONTINUE THIS PARTNERSHIP. AND AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS A
24 REALLY BIG YEAR FOR LACMA, THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR, BECAUSE
25 THE NEW BUILDING WILL OPEN. THIS IS A, ALMOST TWO DECADE LONG



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1 PROCESS WHERE I WAS PUSHED BY THE BOARD TO GET THOSE BUILDINGS
2 FIXED. AND HERE WE WILL IN APRIL 2026 OPEN THIS NEW FACILITY
3 TO THE PUBLIC, WHICH IS, YOU KNOW, HAS BEEN A PUBLIC-PRIVATE
4 PARTNERSHIP ALSO WITH A LITTLE LESS THAN 20% COMING FROM THE
5 COUNTY AND THE REST COMING FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. WHEN
6 THAT'S PAID OFF, THAT IS AN ASSET OF THE COUNTY AND WE ARE
7 RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS MAINTENANCE AND CARE OVER THE YEAR. SO
8 IT'S VERY EXCITING AND I HOPE YOU'LL ALL BE THERE IN APRIL 26,
9 2026. ALL THE WORK LEADING UP TO IT, WE WILL PROVIDE SOME
10 PREVIEWS AND THEN THERE WILL BE ART INSTALLATION, AND IT'S
11 REALLY EXCITING BECAUSE THE PHYSICAL BUILDING IS PRETTY MUCH
12 COMPLETE NOW. SO, THANK YOU, AND THERE MAY BE QUESTIONS. I'M
13 HAPPY TO ANSWER.

14
15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I REALLY JUST HAVE A COMMENT. I WANT TO
16 THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR REALLY TRANSFORMING YOUR WORK AND
17 OUTSIDE OF JUST THE DOWNTOWN AND WEST L.A. AREA. AND I WANT TO
18 POINT IN PARTICULAR TO THE L.A. COUNTY FAIR IN PARTNERING WITH
19 THEM. YOU WERE THE FIRST DEPARTMENT TO ACTUALLY PARTNER WITH
20 THEM TO SHOWCASE ARTWORK AND I REALLY THANK YOU FOR THAT
21 BECAUSE I HOPE OTHER OF OUR ENTITIES ALSO LIKEWISE FOLLOW
22 SUIT. AND I THINK THEY ARE, BUT I THINK LEADERSHIP SAYS A LOT.
23 SO I WANT TO THANK YOU AND I WANT TO THANK DIANA BESKA WHO'S
24 DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB WORKING. SHE'S HERE. HI, HOW ARE YOU?
25 GOOD TO SEE YOU. FOR WORKING SO HARD. AND I WANT TO ALSO THANK



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1 YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US AT THE CHARLES WHITE ELEMENTARY
2 SCHOOL IN MACARTHUR PARK, WHICH IS ONE OF THE MOST HEAVILY
3 IMPACTED, UNDERREPRESENTED AREAS, I THINK, IN THE CITY OF L.A.
4 AND IN MY DISTRICT. SO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR BRINGING
5 ART TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD, BECAUSE THAT REALLY MEANS A LOT TO
6 US. SO I WANT TO JUST APPLAUD YOU ON THAT. AND THEN WANTED TO
7 ASK YOU JUST WHAT YOUR EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN NOW WORKING, I
8 THINK IT'S TWO YEARS NOW AT L.A. COUNTY FAIR. WHAT HAS THAT
9 BEEN LIKE? I MEAN, IS IT WORTHWHILE? WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE OTHER
10 DEPARTMENTS TO DO THE SAME?

11
12 **MICHAEL GOVAN:** I'VE LEARNED SOMETHING ABOUT AGRICULTURE AND
13 FOOD IN MY OWN BEING THERE EARLY ON, EARLY IN THE MORNING FOR
14 THE OPENINGS FOR THE PRESS. WE STARTED WITH AN EXHIBITION OF
15 CALIFORNIA PHOTOGRAPHY FROM OUR PERMANENT COLLECTION, AND IT
16 WAS HUGELY SUCCESSFUL. AND SO OUR PLAN WITH THE COUNTY FAIR
17 WANTS US IS TO BE THERE EVERY YEAR. WE'RE PLANNING AN
18 EXHIBITION NOW. AND THEN HOPEFULLY IT'S A BEAUTIFUL BUILDING,
19 BUT HOPEFULLY OVER TIME WE CAN UPGRADE SOME OF THE SECURITY
20 AND CLIMATE SYSTEMS SO THAT WE CAN BRING EVEN MORE VALUABLE
21 ART TO THAT. BUT WE'RE SO EXCITED. IT'S IN NEW AUDIENCES.
22 PEOPLE SEEM REALLY EXCITED TO BE THERE. AND AS WITH CHARLES
23 WHITE, IT IS OUR MISSION TO BE EVERYWHERE IN PARTNERSHIPS,
24 BOTH IN THE COUNTY AND REGIONALLY. AND I THINK YOU ALL KNOW
25 THAT YOU'RE GOING TO SEE MORE OF THAT, THAT AS SOON AS WE GET



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1 THIS BIG BUILDING FINISHED, --

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3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GREAT.

4

5 **MICHAEL GOVAN:** WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING MORE. SO, IT'S BEEN
6 REALLY EXCITING.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I'M EXCITED BECAUSE AS WE PLAN FOR THE
9 OLYMPICS TOO, COMING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITIES, MAYBE NOT TO THE
10 DIRECT VENUES, BUT NEARBY, THE PARKS, I THINK THAT'S GOING TO
11 BE SOMETHING WE'LL INSIST ON, SO JUST GET READY FOR THAT.
12 OKAY, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR WORK. AND I HAVE SUPERVISOR
13 HORVATH.

14

15 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MICHAEL, FOR YOUR
16 LEADERSHIP AT LACMA AND ALL OF YOUR SUCCESS. I APPRECIATE YOU
17 HIGHLIGHTING THE PERCENTAGE THAT YOU ACTUALLY RAISE IN ORDER
18 TO OPERATE LACMA BECAUSE IT IS A COUNTY ARTS FACILITY, BUT
19 YOUR STRONG LEADERSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
20 YOUR BOARD IS REALLY WHAT KEEPS IT OPERATING AND ALLOWS FOR IT
21 TO GROW. SO GIVEN THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT BUDGET CHALLENGES IN
22 MANY AREAS, I THINK I'D LOVE TO KNOW FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE
23 WHERE WHAT HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY HELPFUL TO YOUR SUCCESS AND
24 WHAT LESSONS LEARNED MIGHT YOU SHARE WITH US AS A BOARD THAT
25 WE COULD TAKE TO MAYBE SOME OF OUR OTHER ENTITIES TO REALLY



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1 THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN GET MORE PRIVATE INVESTMENT TO THINGS
2 THAT THE COUNTY IS OPERATING AND PEOPLE LOOK TO THE COUNTY TO
3 PROVIDE BUT STILL REQUIRE THOSE DOLLARS AND CENTS TO OPERATE.

4
5 **MICHAEL GOVAN:** YOU KNOW I TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD AND TALK
6 ABOUT LACMA, LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART. AND I TALK
7 ABOUT THIS PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WHERE THE COUNTY SUPPORT
8 IS LIKE A SPRINGBOARD FOR ALL THE PRIVATE SUPPORT AND TO GIVE
9 US THIS SENSE OF MOVING FORWARD WITH YOU, WITH THE PUBLIC. AND
10 IT'S THAT PARTNERSHIP, I THINK SO MANY OF THE ISSUES IN OUR
11 WORLD CAN BE ADDRESSED IN THIS PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. AND
12 IT'S BEEN ONE OF THE JOYS OF MY CAREER TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS
13 RELATIONSHIP. AND AS YOU KNOW, THE PRIVATE SIDE GROWS QUICKLY.
14 IT HAS TO GROW TO KEEP UP WITH INFLATION AND OTHER THINGS AND
15 FOR US TO CONTINUE TO GROW THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. SO I'M
16 GOING TO HAVE TO TALK TO ANYONE ABOUT IT AS I THINK IT'S JUST
17 BEEN FANTASTIC BECAUSE THE CONSISTENCY OF THE SUPPORT ALLOWS
18 US TO FOCUS ON INCREASING AND GOING OUT THERE AND GETTING MORE
19 PRIVATE SUPPORT. SO I THINK IT'S THAT THE WAY THE CONTRACTOR
20 DOES IT AND THAT JUST CONSISTENCY. SO, THEN WE'RE FOCUSED ON
21 PRIVATE GROWTH IS REALLY GREAT. SO THAT AGREEMENT THAT WAS
22 STRUCTURED IN 94, I THINK IS A GOOD AGREEMENT.

23
24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** IS THERE A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE THAT IS
25 PARTICULARLY HELPFUL FOR US TO PROVIDE FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO



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1 LEVERAGE IN ORDER TO GET THE KIND OF SUPPORT THAT YOU'VE SEEN?
2 I'M JUST WONDERING IN TERMS OF HOW IT'S STRUCTURED, IF THERE'S
3 SOMETHING SPECIFIC TO THE SECRET SAUCE THAT YOU'RE WORKING
4 WITH.

5
6 **MICHAEL GOVAN:** I THINK THAT THE, YEAH, I MEAN, SO FAR, THE
7 COUNTY MONEY HAS BEEN RELATIVELY FIXED AND THEN WE'VE
8 INCREASED. I THINK OVER THE COMING YEARS, THERE'S THE
9 DISCUSSION AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS SAYING IS HOW CAN WE NOW
10 LEVERAGE WHAT WE'VE BUILT AS INFRASTRUCTURE, COLLECTIONS,
11 ENDOWMENTS, STAFF, EXPERTISE TO MOVE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY AND TO SORT OF SET, I MEAN, I THINK THAT HAS BEEN MY
13 DREAM TO STRUCTURE A METROPOLITAN MUSEUM IN A DIFFERENT WAY
14 THAT IS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THAT MAY TAKE MORE
15 COUNTY SUPPORT BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY WE WOULD NOT WANT TO CHARGE
16 ADMISSION AND OTHER PLACES WHERE WE CAN, THERE WOULDN'T BE AS
17 MUCH TOURISM. SO I THINK THAT'S A CONVERSATION FOR THE FUTURE,
18 WHETHER THE SUPERVISORS IN THE COUNTY CAN HELP LEVERAGE EVEN
19 MORE GROWTH. AGAIN, AT THAT SAME RATIO, BECAUSE IT'S BASICALLY
20 A, YOU KNOW, 20% AND THEN THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS THE REST. AND
21 I THINK WE CAN CONTINUE TO GROW THAT. I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY END
22 OF THAT GROWTH YET. SO, IF WE WANT TO SET A HIGHER AMBITION TO
23 BE IN MORE PLACES AND CONTINUE TO GROW THE SERVICE WE PROVIDE,
24 ART IS SO ESSENTIAL TO EVERYONE'S LIFE. IT KEEPS US GROUNDED.
25 IT ALLOWS US TO EXPRESS OUR IDENTITIES AND OUR RELATIONSHIPS



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1 WITH EACH OTHER, OUR ANCESTRIES. AND SO, I, YOU KNOW, I,
2 YOU'VE SEEN ME GROW LACMA SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE AND WANT TO
3 CONTINUE TO DO THAT THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY.

4

5 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** ABSOLUTELY, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO
6 GROWTH OF SATELLITE LOCATIONS IN OUR DISTRICT AND THANK YOU
7 FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND VISION. SO, THANKS FOR BEING HERE
8 TODAY AND FOR THE PRESENTATION.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MICHAEL, REMIND ME WHO YOU WERE ABLE TO
11 SHOWCASE THE WORK OF ONE OF OUR FAMOUS MURALISTS.

12

13 **MICHAEL GOVAN:** OH, JUDY BACA. WE HAD AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE
14 AND IN FACT, SUPERVISOR HORVATH WALKED THE GREAT WALL WITH HER
15 AND WE WERE ABLE TO TURN LACMA AND OUR MAIN GALLERY INTO AN
16 ART STUDIO. SO THAT JUDY BACA, WHO HAD IN THE '70S PAINTED IN
17 THE LA RIVER, BUT CAN'T DO THAT ANYMORE, OSHA AND A FEW OTHER
18 ISSUES. AND SO WE TURNED, AND SHE WAS PAINTING IN PUBLIC. SO
19 WE TURNED THE GALLERY INTO HER STUDIO SO THE PUBLIC WOULD
20 SPEAK WITH HER. IT WAS AMAZING BECAUSE OF COURSE THERE WERE
21 PEOPLE WHO REMEMBERED THOSE DAYS. THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO WERE
22 BEING DEPICTED IN THOSE MURALS BECAUSE SHE WAS PAINTING THE
23 '60S, '70S, '80S, '90S, AND IT WAS, AS YOU KNOW, IT WAS JUST
24 AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE ABOUT LOS ANGELES AND THE WORLD
25 BECAUSE THAT MURAL EXPRESSES BOTH L.A. AND WORLD HISTORY.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GREAT. OKAY. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS. THANK YOU
3 VERY MUCH.

4

5 **MICHAEL GOVAN:** THANKS. THANKS.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, MEMBERS, WE HAVE A
8 PRESENTATION BY THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, AND WE HAVE OUR
9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERE. ALL RIGHT, HOW ARE YOU? GOOD TO SEE
10 YOU. THESE ARE THE FUN ONES. OKAY, GO AHEAD. TURN YOUR MIC ON.

11

12 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** THAT WOULD HELP. GOOD AFTERNOON,
13 SUPERVISORS. GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
14 PRESENT THE FISCAL YEAR 25/26 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE NATURAL
15 HISTORY MUSEUM. FOR THE RECORD, I'M DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA,
16 PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, AND WITH
17 ME ARE LESLIE NEGRITTO, OUR CFO, COO, AND MAYITA NAVEA, WHO IS
18 OUR ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTY. SO, I KNOW WE HAVE A SHORT TIME
19 TODAY. I'M NOT GOING TO REVIEW THE MISSION AS IS LISTED ON
20 THIS SLIDE THERE. BUT I DO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF YOU
21 AND THE PUBLIC AS A REMINDER FOR ALL OF YOU, BUT CERTAINLY FOR
22 THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND HOW THIS DEPARTMENT IS FUNDED. IT'S
23 NOT UNLIKE OUR SISTER INSTITUTION, LACMA. AS YOU KNOW, THIS
24 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE NATURAL
25 HISTORY MUSEUM FOUNDATION, WHICH IS THE 501C3, WAS ESTABLISHED



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1 BY AN MOU IN 1994. AND BASED ON THAT MOU, THE FOUNDATION
2 MANAGES THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND EXPOSITION PARK, THE
3 WORLD RENOWNED LA BREA TAR PITS, THE ONLY PLACE LIKE IT AS WE
4 KNOW IN THE WORLD. AND THE WILLIAM S. HART MUSEUM COLLECTIONS,
5 WHICH ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF POTENTIALLY BEING TRANSFERRED
6 TO THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. THE FOUNDATION STEWARDS IS ONE
7 OF THE LARGEST NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM COLLECTIONS IN NORTH
8 AMERICA AND INDEED IN THE WORLD WITH 35,000,000 OBJECTS AND
9 SPECIMENS IN FOUR COLLECTION CENTERS OFFSITE AS WELL AS IN OUR
10 ON-SITE LOCATIONS. AND WE SERVE ABOUT 1,200,000 VISITORS,
11 INCLUDING 150,000 SCHOOL AND TEACHERS WHO COME TO OUR MUSEUMS.
12 WE ALSO HAVE A ROBUST SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROGRAM, AND I'M NOT
13 SURE THAT THE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDS THIS. THEY DON'T NECESSARILY
14 UNDERSTAND THE COLLECTIONS THAT WE HAVE. THEY ALSO MAY NOT
15 REALIZE THAT WE HAVE THIS INCREDIBLE RESEARCH THAT GENERATES
16 NEW KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING ABOUT OUR WORLD. AND I'LL JUST
17 GIVE YOU ONE QUICK EXAMPLE OF HOW IMPORTANT THAT RESEARCH IS.
18 RECENTLY, WE HAD GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH BY OUR CURATORS AT
19 LARROYA TAR PITS PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL SCIENCE, THE LEADING
20 INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL. AND THE STORY THAT IS TOLD
21 THERE IS RELEVANT TO OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT TODAY'S INTERPLAY
22 BETWEEN CLIMATE, HUMANS, AND FIRE IN LOS ANGELES DATES BACK
23 13,000 YEARS. IT'S THE STORY OF EXTINCTION, BUT ALSO OF
24 RESILIENCE AND SURVIVAL, WHICH I WILL SAY THE COYOTE
25 REPRESENTS FOR US. SO GOING BACK TO THE QUESTIONS EARLIER OF



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1 MY COLLEAGUE. THAT'S JUST ONE OF HUNDREDS OF ARTICLES THAT
2 WERE PUBLISHED BY OUR SCIENTISTS IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. SO,
3 THE FOUNDATION MANAGES THE MUSEUM AND THE MOU PROVIDES FOR AN
4 ANNUAL ALLOCATION FROM THE COUNTY ADJUSTED BY CPI. AND THIS
5 SUPPORTS APPROXIMATELY 40% OF OUR EXPENSES. THE REMAINING
6 REVENUE IS RAISED BY THE FOUNDATION FROM PHILANTHROPIC
7 DONATIONS, ADMISSIONS, SALES IN OUR STORES AND CAFES, AND
8 EARNINGS FROM OUR ENDOWMENT. THE MOU REQUIRES THAT THE
9 FOUNDATION MEET 80% OF THE COUNTY'S ALLOCATION FROM ITS
10 GENERATING, REVENUE GENERATING ACTIVITIES, AND THE FOUNDATION
11 HAS CONSISTENTLY EXCEEDED THAT WITH A RANGE OF 130 TO 190%
12 OVER THE LAST DECADE. SO, ON THIS GREAT TEMPLATE HERE, I THINK
13 THE KEY POINT HERE REALLY IS THAT THE ALLOCATION IS PRESCRIBED
14 BY THE MOU IS FOR NEXT YEAR, 939,000, REPRESENTING THE 3.4%
15 CPI. NEXT SLIDE. NOW WE UNDERSTAND THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL
16 SITUATION. ARE WE GOING TO GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE? DO WE HAVE
17 IT? WE SHOULD HAVE THE NEXT SLIDE UP THERE. AM I SUPPOSED TO
18 PUSH SOMETHING TO GET THE NEXT SLIDE?

19
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WE MIGHT HAVE IT IN OUR HANDOUTS.

21
22 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** OK, SO WE ALSO INCLUDED A SLIDE THAT
23 INDICATED WHAT OUR CHALLENGES REALLY ARE AS TIER THREE. AND I
24 KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WHAT THESE CHALLENGES
25 ARE BECAUSE WE DO GET REQUESTS FOR INCREASED MOBILE MUSEUM



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1 VISITATION. SO, WE KNOW IT WOULD BE ABOUT 500,000 ANNUALLY TO
2 CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM. AND JUST TO REMIND YOU THAT
3 WE HAVE TWO MUSEUMS, WE ADDED A THIRD. THOSE MOBILE MUSEUMS
4 SERVE ABOUT 30,000 IN RESIDENCIES ACROSS THE COUNTY AND IN
5 FACT THEY HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY PRIVATE FUNDING, BY
6 FOUNDATION, THE GLUCK FOUNDATION, AS WELL AS FROM THE STATE,
7 THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY. WE WOULD LIKE TO GET
8 THOSE OUT TO MORE PLACES. THERE IT IS, OKAY. WE ALSO HAVE AS
9 ONE OF OUR REAL CORE FRAMEWORK GOALS IS TO ENHANCE THE
10 COUNTY'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WHEN IT COMES TO SCIENCE,
11 TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS, AND MATHEMATICS, STEAM AS WE
12 CALL IT. AND WE AGAIN HAVE FUNDED INTERNSHIPS AND
13 APPRENTICESHIPS AND THAT LARGELY COMES FROM GRANT SUPPORT, AS
14 WELL AS FROM INDIVIDUAL DONORS. AND WE KNOW THAT THERE'S A
15 GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST AMONGST EACH OF YOU TO HAVE THIS
16 SUPPORT MORE DIRECTLY REFLECTED IN YOUR DISTRICTS. OUR AWARD-
17 WINNING MARINE SCIENCE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IS AN EXAMPLE OF
18 THAT, WHICH SERVES BOYLE HEIGHTS, BUT IT IS FUNDED BY THE VERA
19 CAMPBELL FOUNDATION DIRECTLY FOR THAT LOCATION. WE ALSO WOULD
20 LIKE TO INCREASE OUR VIRTUAL LEARNING PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS.
21 THAT WOULD REALLY HELP ENHANCE OUR REACH ACROSS THE COUNTY.
22 AND OF COURSE, COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING, YOU KNOW WE JUST OPENED
23 THE NHM COMMONS, IT'S A SPECTACULAR PLACE. ANY NEW FACILITY
24 DOES HAVE INCREASED NEEDS FOR OPERATIONS AND OF COURSE WE
25 WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT SPACE FOR FREE TO



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1 COMMUNITY PARTNERS OF OURS AS WELL AS OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY
2 TO USE THAT SPACE TO CONVENE, BUT WE DO HAVE EXPENSES
3 ASSOCIATED WITH IT. SO AN ALLOCATION TO SUPPORT DOWN THE ROAD,
4 SOMETHING THAT WE KNOW WE NEED, THAT'S A BUDGET IMPACT TO US
5 FOR SECURITY, FOR CLEANING, ALL OF THE THINGS YOU NEED TO DO
6 FOR A FACILITY. SO THAT'S A CHALLENGE FOR US RIGHT NOW, AND WE
7 FEEL IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT WE WANT TO GROW. WE
8 KNOW WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET THESE FUNDS RIGHT NOW THIS YEAR,
9 BUT THESE ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WE ARE CONFRONTING.
10 LASTLY, I DID JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WITH THE FIRES, WE WERE
11 CLOSED FOR THREE DAYS BECAUSE WE'RE INDOOR-OUTDOOR LOCATIONS.
12 AND WE ALSO HAD TO CLOSE THE TAR PITS MUSEUM FOR THREE DAYS
13 BECAUSE OF WATER MAIN BREAK, THAT AGING INFRASTRUCTURE, AS YOU
14 KNOW. AND THEN JUST TO COMMENT ABOUT ANOTHER CHALLENGE THAT WE
15 SEE IS AS WE'RE LOOKING AT THE EXECUTIVE ORDERS, WE HAVE ABOUT
16 2,300,000 IN NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION FUNDS BUDGETED FOR
17 THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, AND WE ARE WAITING TO SEE HOW THAT
18 AGENCY IS GOING TO BE RESPONDING TO EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND HOW
19 THAT WILL IMPACT THOSE FUNDS, SUPPORT OUR SCIENCE AS WELL AS
20 OUR APPRENTICESHIP. SO THAT IS THE HIGH LEVEL. WE'RE DELIGHTED
21 BY THIS PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE AND WE TRULY,
22 I THINK ON BEHALF OF ALL THE STAFF, REALLY, REALLY ENJOY THE
23 MISSION THAT WE HAVE ENGAGING WITH COMMUNITY. AND I LOOK
24 FORWARD TO ASKING ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE. ANSWERING, NOT
25 ASKING.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION. I'M
3 REALLY EXCITED ABOUT ALL THE REVOLUTIONARY THINGS THAT HAVE
4 GONE ON, ESPECIALLY WITH THE COMMONS THERE ON YOUR CAMPUS AND
5 THE BARBARA CARRASCA MURAL, WHICH YOU INITIALLY TOOK OVER EVEN
6 PRIOR TO THE, YOU KNOW, RECONFIGURATION OF THE COMMONS. SO I
7 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT AND FOR THE DONORS WHO WERE SO
8 GENEROUS IN HELPING TO SUPPORT THAT. AND I HOPE THAT MORE OF
9 OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS GET A CHANCE TO GO SEE IT. MAYBE NEXT
10 TIME YOU COME HERE, BRING SOME POSTCARDS.

11

12 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** OH, IT'S BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT?

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** IT'S GREAT. AND I MEAN, THE REVIEWS WERE
15 AWESOME. AND I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE, AGAIN, LOOK AT IT, AND
16 THEY THINK, WOW, IS THIS A DEPICTION OF LA, LOS ANGELES
17 HISTORY FROM A CENTURY AGO, AND HOW IT'S EVOLVED. AND SOME OF
18 THE PEOPLE THAT ARE DISPLAYED IN THE MURAL ARE STILL ALIVE,
19 LIKE DOLORES HUERTA AND OTHERS. IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN THERE, I
20 THINK ALL OF US MAY HAVE. IT'S BEAUTIFUL. SO I'M EXCITED ABOUT
21 THAT. AND THE MOBILE MUSEUMS, I KNOW YOU HAVE THREE, I'VE SEEN
22 THEM ALL, AND I REALLY THINK THAT'S SUCH A VALUABLE TOOL. I
23 HOPE THAT YOU CAN SEEK MORE OUTSIDE FUNDING, AND I'M WONDERING
24 IF THERE'S OTHER WAYS TO PARTNER WITH SOME OF OUR EDUCATIONAL
25 INSTITUTIONS WHO HAVE RECEIVED FUNDING FOR ART, BY THE WAY. IS



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1 THERE A WAY TO MAYBE INNER MESH THAT IN SOME WAY? BECAUSE IT'S
2 A PART OF THEM MEETING THEIR CURRICULUM BY STATE LAW, AND I
3 KNOW THAT SOME OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE GETTING HAMMERED
4 FOR NOT UTILIZING IT. WOULDN'T THIS BE SOMETHING TO HELP SOLVE
5 THAT PROBLEM? ONE ASPECT OF IT.

6

7 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** WE ARE CERTAINLY SCOURING ALL
8 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM CONTINUOUSLY. SO, THANK
9 YOU FOR THAT PARTICULAR AVENUE. I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF
10 FUNDING FOR ARTS FROM THE STATE.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** RIGHT.

13

14 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** YOU KNOW, WE CONSIDER OURSELVES
15 OBVIOUSLY TO DO WORK BETWEEN SCIENCE AND ART.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES

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19 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** BUT ALSO, WE ARE THE PRIMARY SCIENCE
20 EDUCATING VEHICLE FOR THE COUNTY. SO, I THINK THERE'S PROBABLY
21 A WAY TO, BECAUSE STEAM IS AN INTEGRATION OF BOTH AND WE DO
22 THAT INTEGRATION. AND AS YOU KNOW, THAT MOBILE MUSEUM, THE TAR
23 PITS MOBILE MUSEUM THAT WE JUST BROUGHT FORWARD IS PERFORMING
24 ARTS. SO THANK YOU. AND WE DO GET A LITTLE BIT OF SUPPORT FROM
25 THE CITY, VERY SMALL AMOUNT FOR A PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GOOD. IF YOU HAVEN'T MEMBERS, IF YOU HAVEN'T
3 SEEN THE MOBILE UNITS, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU. IT'S QUITE AN
4 EXPERIENCE TO SEE THE LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY AND JUST THE REAL
5 LEARNING EXPERIENCE BECAUSE THE STAFF WORKS WITH THE SCHOOL
6 AND CURRICULUM, WHICH I JUST HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE AND I
7 THINK THAT IS SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE, THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO KNOW
8 MORE ABOUT THAT. SO AGAIN, I'M A FAN, SO THANK YOU. AND I KNOW
9 WE HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS FROM OTHER MEMBERS, SO I'LL GO TO
10 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

11

12 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU RAISED, AND
13 IT WAS FRONT OF MIND, NOT ONLY THE IMPACT TO NATURAL HISTORY,
14 BUT REALLY EXPO PARK,

15

16 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** RIGHT.

17

18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** WHERE THE NATURAL HISTORY IS A MEMBER
19 OF A BROADER COMMUNITY, IN TERMS OF POTENTIAL FEDERAL ACTIONS
20 AND CUTS. SO YOU SHARED WHAT YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT. I DON'T
21 KNOW IF YOU'VE HEARD FROM SOME OF YOUR EXPO PARK NEIGHBORS, IF
22 OTHERS HAVE SIMILAR CONCERNS, JUST SO WE CAN GET A SENSE OF
23 THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

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1 COMING OUT AND WHAT HAPPENS AS A RESULT OF THOSE ARE ON THE
2 MINDS OF A LOT OF FOLKS THAT ARE GETTING FEDERAL FUNDS. WE
3 DON'T HAVE ANY NIH FUNDS, FOR EXAMPLE, BUT WE KNOW THAT
4 THERE'S AN IMPACT POTENTIALLY TO INDIRECT COSTS, WHICH
5 ACTUALLY GO TO SUPPORT THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED FOR THE
6 RESEARCH.

7

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

9

10 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** SO, FOR OUR NSF SUPPORT, WE KNOW THAT
11 THEY'RE ALSO LOOKING AT HOW THE NSF GRANTS DO ALIGN OR NOT
12 ALIGN WITH THE EXECUTIVE ORDER. SO I THINK THAT'S LARGELY WHAT
13 PEOPLE IN MY KIND OF ARENA ARE THINKING ABOUT. AND IT'S NOT
14 CLEAR TO ME HOW THE AGENCY FUNDS MIGHT IMPACT THE OTHER
15 ENTITIES. YOU KNOW, EACH OF US IS GOING TO RESPOND TO IT
16 DIFFERENTLY AND CERTAINLY SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH HIGHER
17 EDUCATION AND OTHER PLACES THAT ARE IMPACTED, AS WELL AS, OF
18 COURSE, THE COUNTY. SO WE JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU KNEW
19 THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE WORKING THROUGH.

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21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** LIKE I SAID, IT WAS THE TOP OF MY LIST
22 TO ASK. I'M GLAD THAT YOU HIT IT. AS YOU TALK ABOUT
23 INFRASTRUCTURE AND WE TALK ABOUT THE OLYMPICS AND RECOGNIZING
24 THE IMPACT POSITIVELY OR NOT

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1 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** OR NOT.

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3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** IN TERMS OF INFRASTRUCTURE. SO WE NEED
4 TO BE MINDFUL OF ALL OF YOUR FACILITIES AND INCLUDING EXPO
5 PARK. THE MUSEUM THAT IS CURRENTLY IN YOUR LANE THAT YOU'RE
6 TRANSITIONING OVER, ARE THERE IMPLICATIONS IN THE BUDGET?
7 BECAUSE SOMETIMES IT COSTS MONEY TO ENGAGE IN THAT KIND OF
8 TRANSFER. AND SO IS THAT REFLECTED IN YOUR BUDGET FOR THIS
9 YEAR?

10

11 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** WELL, MOST OF THE COST HAS BEEN
12 ABSORBED BY OUR TEAM AND WE DID HAVE, LESLIE CAN HELP ME WITH
13 THIS, A SMALL 60,000 AMOUNT OF RESTRICTED FUNDS SPECIFICALLY
14 FOR THE HART MUSEUM COLLECTIONS. AND THAT HELPED US DO SOME OF
15 THE INVENTORY WORK THAT WE NEEDED TO DO TO MAKE THE TRANSFER A
16 LITTLE MORE COMPLETE IN TERMS OF WHAT WAS IN THE COLLECTIONS.
17 BUT YES, WE DO ABSORB MOST OF THAT IN OUR BUDGET WITH RESPECT
18 TO THE STAFF. THERE'S REALLY ONLY A PART-TIME STAFF PERSON
19 DEDICATED THERE RIGHT NOW.

20

21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY. AND THEN LASTLY, THE PIECE I
22 ALMOST FORGOT, JUST COULDN'T AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS MORE.
23 THE COMMONS IS AN AMAZING SPACE AND PLACE. IT IS A TRUE
24 REFLECTION OF THE BEAUTY OF L.A. COUNTY. AND IT'S AN EXAMPLE,
25 MUCH LIKE WE JUST HEARD FROM THE LACMA DIRECTOR, ABOUT THE



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1 DECADES IT TAKES TO BUILD, TO RAISE THE MONEY, BUILD AND SEE
2 IT COME TO FRUITION. AND SO WE ARE ENJOYING THE FRUIT TODAY OF
3 PAST YEARS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND PAST BUDGETS OF HARD LABOR. IT
4 JUST TAKES SO LONG.

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6 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** IT DOES.

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8 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** FROM VISION AND CONCEPT TO OPENING. SO
9 I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
10 APPRECIATE IT.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. YES, GREAT. WE HAVE SUPERVISOR
13 HAHN.

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15 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, LORI, FOR THE
16 PRESENTATION. AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO. IT TRULY IS ONE OF
17 OUR GREAT TREASURES, THIS MUSEUM, FOR VISITORS FAR AND WIDE,
18 WORLDWIDE. AND I'M HAPPY TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF ANOTHER MOBILE
19 MUSEUM. HOWEVER, WHEN I LOOK AT THE DATA FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT,
20 MY DISTRICT CONTINUES TO BE THE LOWEST IN THE ATTENDANCE TO
21 THE, FOR THE EDUCATIONAL ATTENDANCE, I MEAN STUDENTS, TO THE
22 LA BREA TAR PITS AND IS ALSO VERY LOW IN THEIR INVOLVEMENT
23 WITH ONE OF YOUR MOBILE MUSEUMS. HOW DO WE COURSE CORRECT?

24

25 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** YES. YOU KNOW, WITH ATTENDANCE, I



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SUPERVISORS

1 THINK OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE AQUARIUM GETS A LOT OF
2 ATTENDANCE FROM YOUR DISTRICT AND A LOT OF SCHOOLS ONLY HAVE
3 ONE FIELD TRIP. WE'RE WORKING ON EXPANDING OUR CONNECTIONS
4 WITH THE SCHOOLS SO THAT WE CAN ENCOURAGE MORE OF THEM TO COME
5 TO NHM. THE MOBILE MUSEUMS, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I DIRECTED
6 MY NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO START
7 IMPLEMENTING THIS YEAR IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE GETTING
8 OUT TO THE DISTRICTS THAT ARE NOT SEEING AS MUCH ON-SITE
9 VISITATION. WE CAN USE THOSE TO DO THAT. AND OF COURSE, DOWN
10 THE ROAD WHEN WE CAN DO MORE.

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12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SO, WHAT'S PREVENTED THAT FROM HAPPENING
13 CURRENTLY?

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15 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** WELL PART --

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17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** BECAUSE CERTAINLY MY DISTRICT WOULD FIT THAT
18 CRITERIA.

19
20 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** YEAH, NO, WHAT'S PREVENTED IT, I
21 THINK, IS THAT A LOT OF TIMES THE WAY IT HAS WORKED IS THAT
22 SCHOOLS COME IN AND THEY DO A RESERVATION FORM, THEY MAKE THE
23 OUTREACH REQUEST. THAT'S HOW IT'S BEEN IN THE PAST. AND SO
24 ONCE THE OUTREACH REQUEST IS PROCESSED, THEN WE LOOK, OKAY,
25 CAN THAT MOBILE MUSEUM, BECAUSE THESE ARE HUGE, CAN ACTUALLY



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1 GO TO THAT SCHOOL FIRST? AND THEN SECONDLY, WHAT DOES THE
2 SCHEDULE LOOK LIKE? SO IT HAS STARTED WITH THE SCHOOLS
3 REACHING OUT TO US. WE'RE TRYING TO FLIP THAT A LITTLE BIT
4 MORE, SUPERVISOR HAHN, SO THAT OUR TEAM IS ACTUALLY GOING OUT
5 TO SCHOOLS THAT WE KNOW HAVE EITHER NOT HAD AN ON-SITE VISIT
6 OR HAVEN'T HAD A MOBILE MUSEUM VISIT IN QUITE SOME TIME. SO
7 IT'S DEFINITELY A MESSAGE I'VE BEEN PASSING DOWN TO MY TEAM.
8 THE MOBILE MUSEUM RESTARTED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO AFTER THE
9 PANDEMIC, AND I'M REALLY HOPING THAT WE CAN SEE A MOVEMENT IN
10 THE NUMBERS.

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12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I MEAN, IS THIS SOMETHING THAT MIGHT, IF YOU
13 TALK ABOUT FLIPPING THE FIRST CONNECTION OR ASK OR WHATEVER,
14 WOULD THIS BE APPROPRIATE FOR, MAYBE YOU TO SEND OUT SOMETHING
15 TO OUR SUPERINTENDENTS OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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17 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** ABSOLUTELY.

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19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** TO ALERT THEM TO THIS IDEA. AND AGAIN, IF
20 THEY ONLY HAVE ONE FIELD TRIP A YEAR, MAYBE, AT LEAST, MAYBE
21 THE NEXT YEAR, THEY RIGHT. BECAUSE THEY'RE VERY DIFFERENT
22 MUSEUMS, RIGHT?

23
24 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** THEY ARE.



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THE AQUARIUM AND THE NATURAL HISTORY ARE
2 VERY DIFFERENT. BUT MAYBE, YOU KNOW, WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP TOO
3 WITH A KIND OF A SECOND LETTER TO OUR SUPERINTENDENTS. BUT I
4 DO THINK OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS AT THAT LEVEL MAYBE ARE NOT
5 AWARE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE KIDS IN THEIR SCHOOL
6 DISTRICT TO MAKE ONE OF THESE EITHER ON-SITE VISIT, IN-PERSON
7 VISIT, OR INTERACT WITH YOUR MOBILE MUSEUM.

8

9 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** I ABSOLUTELY LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING
10 OUR TEAM MORE DIRECTLY WORK WITH YOUR TEAM TO MAKE SURE THAT
11 YOU'RE SEEING THOSE VISITATIONS HAPPEN.

12

13 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU. TWO QUESTIONS. FIRST, I GUESS
18 PIGGYBACKS OFF OF SUPERVISOR HAHN. I KNOW THAT IN YOUR BUDGET
19 REQUEST UNDER TIER THREE, YOU INCLUDE A VARIETY OF PROGRAMMING
20 THAT MAKES THE MUSEUM AND ALL OF ITS ASSETS MORE ACCESSIBLE.
21 SO IS THERE SOMETHING SPECIFIC THAT WE CAN HELP YOU WITH IN
22 TERMS OF JUMPSTARTING ANY OF YOUR POTENTIAL FUNDRAISING
23 STRATEGIES OR PARTNERSHIPS? SO I KNOW WE HAVE THE EXISTING
24 AGREEMENT OF COUNTY FUNDING A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE, AND WE SORT
25 OF HEARD HOW THAT WORKS WITH LACMA. IS THERE SOMETHING THAT



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SUPERVISORS

1 YOU'RE ENVISIONING THAT WE COULD HELP CATALYZE FOR YOU TO MAKE
2 SURE THAT ACCESSIBILITY IS HAPPENING?

3
4 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** SO, I WOULD SAY THAT, JUST SO YOU
5 KNOW, THAT OUR ADVANCEMENT TEAM RAISES BETWEEN 6 TO \$8,000,000
6 A YEAR FOR ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS AND OUR RESEARCH, AND THEY'RE
7 CONSTANTLY SCOURING OPPORTUNITIES, AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW. AND
8 THEN I CERTAINLY WOULD WELCOME ANY PARTNERSHIP IDEAS FROM YOUR
9 TEAM THAT, YOU KNOW, MIGHT BE AN OPPORTUNITY WE HAVEN'T HEARD
10 OF. WE WORK, THE FOUNDATION WORKS WITH, YOU KNOW, FOLKS IN
11 SACRAMENTO, ALWAYS ALIGNED WITH WHAT THE PUBLIC SIDE IS DOING,
12 AND ALSO WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SO WE ARE LOOKING AT
13 BOTH GOVERNMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS
14 AND INDIVIDUAL DONORS. AND THAT'S A CONSTANT PROCESS. WE ALSO
15 KNOW THAT YOU ALL HAVE INCREDIBLE COMMISSIONERS, GOVERNORS WHO
16 ALSO SERVE AS TRUSTEES OF THE FOUNDATION. AND THEY HAVE ALL
17 BEEN FANTASTIC SUPPORTERS OF THE WORK WE DO, AND THEY BRING
18 THEIR OWN IDEAS ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE. SO
19 I THINK THAT WHEN WE COME TO YOUR OFFICES WITH A REQUEST FOR
20 HELP, WE FOUND NOTHING BUT SUPPORT FROM YOUR TEAMS. SO I THINK
21 THAT COLLABORATION IS WHAT WE CONTINUE TO DESIRE. AND LIKE I
22 SAID, I THINK ALL OF YOU HAVE INCREDIBLE PEOPLE REPRESENTING
23 YOUR DISTRICTS ON OUR BOTH ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, BUT ALSO
24 AS TRUSTEES OF THE FOUNDATION.



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** SIMILARLY, I KNOW WE'VE HAD A WE JUST
2 HAD A VISIT TOGETHER AT THE LA BREA TAR PITS AND ESPECIALLY
3 HAVING IT BE ONE OF A KIND ON THE PLANET IN TERMS OF TELLING
4 THE STORY OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE
5 DISASTERS THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN OUR REGION IN PARTICULAR AND
6 HOW WE EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT THAT, INSPIRE WORK IN THAT SPACE.
7 THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THAT PARTICULAR
8 KIND OF WORK, GIVEN THE UNIQUENESS OF THIS SETTING. ARE THERE
9 UNIQUE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES THAT SPEAK TO THAT MISSION AS
10 PART OF THE LA BREA TAR PITS?

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12 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** WELL, YES, AGAIN, IT'S A MATTER OF
13 FINDING THOSE FOLKS THAT ARE BOTH INTERESTED IN THE FACT THAT
14 THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE LIKE IT IN THE WORLD, THAT THE STORY IS
15 DEEPLY RELEVANT TODAY, THAT IT IS A LOCATION THAT, I MEAN,
16 COME ON, IT INSPIRES AWE. AND I THINK TO ME, AWE INSPIRES
17 ACTION. SO IT IS A STORY THAT WE REALLY WANT TO TELL. AND IT IS
18 ALSO A PLACE THAT WE THINK INSPIRES FUTURE SCIENTISTS. AND WE
19 ARE INVESTED IN HELPING THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT HAPPEN IN
20 L.A. COUNTY FOR SCIENCE. WE NEED FUTURE SCIENTISTS. SO, ALL OF
21 THOSE THINGS CAN HAPPEN BOTH LOCATIONS BUT CERTAINLY WITH
22 RESPECT TO CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY AND UNDERSTANDING OUR
23 PLACE ON THIS PLANET WITH RESPECT TO RATE OF CHANGE, THERE'S
24 NO PLACE THAT DOES IT BETTER IN MY VIEW THAN L.A. BREA TAR
25 PITS. SO, WE'RE USING THE MESSAGING, WE'RE DEVELOPING THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 ASSETS FOR POTENTIAL DONORS TO REALLY HELP THEM UNDERSTAND NOT
2 ONLY THE WORLD VALUE BUT THE CIVIC VALUE OF THIS ICONIC
3 LOCATION THAT HAPPENS TO BE IN LOS ANGELES, THE WORLD'S MOST
4 IMPORTANT ICE AGE TERRESTRIAL FOSSIL SITE. AND THE ONLY ACTIVE
5 PALEONTOLOGICAL SITE IN AN URBAN SETTING. IT IS TRULY UNIQUE
6 IN SO MANY WAYS.

7

8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND YOUR PASSION FOR IT IS ALSO UNIQUE.
9 I'M ALWAYS INSPIRED BY THAT. I THINK DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
10 THAT SPEAK TO, YOU KNOW, THERE ARE MANY FOUNDATIONS THAT FUND
11 STEAM AND STEM EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE PARTICULARLY
12 INTERESTED IN THIS KIND OF CONTENT THAT MIGHT ALSO BE
13 INTERESTED IN PARTNERING IN THE CAPITAL PROJECT THAT YOU'RE
14 EMBARKING ON. AND SO I JUST THINK OUT LOUD WITH YOU ON THAT
15 AND IF THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO PARTNER IN THAT WAY
16 AS WELL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK.

17

18 **DR. LORI BETTISON-VARGA:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** VERY GOOD. I THINK THAT CONCLUDES OUR
21 DISCUSSION HERE AND THANK YOU SO MUCH LORI AND YOUR STAFF FOR
22 COMING. IT WAS A GREAT PRESENTATION. MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO
23 NOW TRANSITION TO PUBLIC COMMENT AND I AM GOING TO ALLOW FOR
24 INSTEAD OF THE ONE MINUTE, 90 SECONDS. SO THAT'S A LITTLE BIT
25 MORE. AND WE'LL GO AHEAD AND TURN TO ANY SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE



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1 LINE.

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3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
4 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. DR. CHAVEZ, DR. KRIDIKAL
5 TRUTHBEY, ZAMAN BROWN, KEVIN ZENG, LILLIAN CABRAL, LISA LISA,
6 NAVALEEN SMITH, PALOMA BUSTOS, AND SARAH PETERSON. AS A FINAL
7 REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE
8 TO ADDRESS ITEM 19, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE
9 PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE.

10 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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12 **MODERATOR:** ADRIANA BAUTISTA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN, YOU MAY BEGIN.
13 ADRIANA?

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15 **SPEAKER:** YES, I'M HERE IT'S PUBLIC COMMENT NOW.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, GO AHEAD. OKAY YEAH I JUST I WANT TO
18 COMMENT BECAUSE I KNOW THE CEO SAID THAT HE WILL BE TAKING
19 INTO CONSIDERATION THE NEEDS DUE TO THE FIRES AND I JUST WANT
20 TO LET YOU ALL KNOW, THERE'S A MOTHER I MET AT THE RED CROSS
21 SHELTER IN PASADENA WHO'S MOVING TO NEVADA NOW. SO, AND THE
22 RED CROSS SHELTER IS ACTIVELY WORKING TO MAKE PEOPLE LEAVE TO
23 GO TO TWO WEEK HOTELS, FOUR WEEK HOTELS. YOU ARE, YOU THE
24 COUNTY ARE PART OF A SYSTEM THAT IS ACTIVELY DISPLACING PEOPLE
25 BY DIRECTING PEOPLE TO 211 AND NOWHERE ELSE. THE HUD OFFICE AT



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE ALTADENA RECOVERY CENTER IS CLOSED. I WENT THERE ON
2 FRIDAY. THERE WAS NOBODY TO HELP PEOPLE THERE. I AM A HOUSING
3 JUSTICE ADVOCATE AND I'M AWARE THAT SECTION 8 LISTS HAVE BEEN
4 FILLED AND USUALLY ARE FILLED FOR LONG PERIODS ON END AT LEAST
5 IN PASADENA AND WE NEED EMERGENCY SECTION 8 HOUSING. WE NEED
6 SUBSIDIZED HOUSING. WE NEED TO MASTER LEASE ENTIRE HOTELS FOR
7 TWO YEARS PLUS IN ORDER TO SAVE BLACK AND BROWN ASIAN
8 INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN THIS AREA FROM BEING DISPLACED FROM
9 THE AREA PERMANENTLY.

10

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

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13 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS VERY SERIOUS AND I --

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

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

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19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, I'M GOING TO TRY IN 90 SECONDS IT'S VERY
20 HARD. FIRST OF ALL A \$250,000,000,000 REGIONAL I'D LOVE TO SEE
21 HOW THAT'S YOU SEE I'VE HEARD THAT NUMBER AND IF WE HAVE A AAA
22 BOND RATING WHICH IS CLEAR WE DO WE HAVE ONE OF THE BEST BOND
23 RATINGS IN THE WORLD, I WAS LOOKING CAREFULLY TO GET THE
24 LEADOFF HITTER, GARY JONES OF BEACHES AND HARBORS, HOW IS IT
25 THAT WE CAN'T MAKE ALL OF THE RESTROOMS WORK? THAT IS



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1 PROBLEMATIC AND HE IS SPECTACULAR. THIS GUY, HE PRECEDED
2 SANTOS KREIMAN WHO WAS A CHIP OFF FIELD, GLORIA GRAND PARK,
3 MOLINA AND BILL FUJIOKA. THESE GUYS WENT RIGHT DOWN TO THE
4 REBAR AND NOW MARINA DEL REY IS A CASH REGISTER SO THIS IS
5 FANTASTIC. BY THE WAY RICHARD GOLDBERG THE LAWYER IS ALSO
6 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM GEYSER BECAUSE
7 THERE'S A \$1,000,000 EVERY YEAR, RIGHT BACK INTO THE GIANT WEB
8 OF ACADEMICS, WHICH IS NOT WHAT THE PUBLIC AT THE COUNTY
9 REALLY WANT, BUT GOOD WORK BY BETTE SINVERGAS. CHILD SUPPORT
10 IS A BILLION DOLLAR MACHINE. AND I'M WORRIED THAT IT DRAINS
11 PARENTS DRY AND PREACHING EQUITY, BUT IT DOESN'T OFTEN THE MEN
12 ARE SCREWED VETERANS AFFAIRS THESE GUYS ARE REACHING OUT TO
13 PHILANTHROPY, WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT AND KIRK LAUREN WHAT A
14 YEAR FOR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES NATE VARGHESE AND THE WASHINGTON
15 SKETCH SO FUNNY I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE SEEN IT, BUT IT IS WET
16 YOUR PANTS FUNNY. YOU KNOW, THE DOZEN, WE HAVE A WORD FOR
17 OTHER, NOPE, WE DON'T HAVE ONE, DON'T NEED ONE. AND THEN
18 FINALLY, IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE ANYTHING IN EXPOSITION PARK
19 WITH THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, LET'S MAKE IT FREE AND LET'S
20 MAKE SURE THAT THE LUCAS --

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

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24 **SPEAKER:** NO, IT'S GOTTA BE FREE.
25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **MODERATOR:** AND NO FURTHER SPEAKER, THANK YOU.

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

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GO AHEAD.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** OKAY YES GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS LILLIAN CABRAL AND
9 I'M A 46-YEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEE. SPEAKING TODAY ON BEHALF OF
10 SEIU 721, OUR UNION HAS BEEN SOUNDING THE ALARM BELL OVER
11 CRUCIAL VACANCIES ACROSS THE DEPARTMENTS FOR YEARS. SINCE WE
12 HAVE BEEN SLIGHTED OR MAKING A FULL PRESENTATION REQUIRED OUR
13 VACANCY HEARING, WE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY. AS OF
14 DECEMBER 2024, THE COUNTY HAS OVERALL VACANCIES RATED AT 17%,
15 WHICH SEIU LOCAL 721 REPRESENTS POSITIONS TO EQUAL MORE THAN
16 12,000 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS LEFT UNFILLED. THE
17 COUNTY'S CONSISTENTLY HIGH VACANCY RATE MANUFACTURES A STAFF
18 CRISIS WHICH CREATES AN EXCUSE TO HIRE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES OR
19 CONTRACT OUR BARGAINING UNITS WORK TO PRIVATE CONTRACTORS.
20 FROM 2014 TO 2023, THE COUNTY ALMOST DOUBLED ITS SPENDING ON
21 CONTRACTING SERVICES, INCREASING \$3,200,000,000 TO
22 \$6,200,000,000. TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST QUALITY SERVICES FOR
23 OUR COMMUNITY, WE DEMAND THAT THE BOARD PRIORITIZES FILLING
24 CRUCIAL VACANCIES INSTEAD OF CONTRACTING OUT OUR PUBLIC
25 SERVICE. WE TRAIN THOSE CONTRACT WORKERS AT COUNTY EMPLOYEES.



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1 WE TRAIN THEM. THEY COME FOR JOBS AND A PAYCHECK. WE COME SO
2 THAT WE CAN HAVE CAREERS WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO
3 MAKE IT BETTER FOR OUR PATIENTS, OUR CLIENTS, OUR CUSTOMERS,
4 AND OUR COMMUNITY.

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

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8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NAVALEEN SMITH. I'M HERE
9 IN REFERENCE OF THE DEPARTMENT BUDGET REQUEST. AND FIRST OF
10 ALL, I WANT TO THANK MS. HOLLY MITCHELL FOR SUPPORTING THE
11 HOMELESS CHILDREN IN SOUTH CENTRAL. YOU HAVE PROVIDED BUSES
12 FOR THEM. I HAVE TAKEN THEM TO DISNEYLAND. I HAVE TAKEN THEM
13 TO THE ANGELS GAME AND DISNEY ON ICE. AND WE'RE IN THE PROCESS
14 OF TAKING THEM TO BIG BEAR. AND THE REASON WHY I'M HERE IS
15 BECAUSE THE ALTADENA FIRE DEBRIS REMOVAL, I FEEL THAT WE CAN
16 GET THE HOMELESS WORKING. MY MISSION IS TO HELP TO DISPLACE
17 RESIDENTS IN COMPTON BACK INTO SOCIETY BY HELPING TO REMOVE
18 THE DEBRIS IN ALTADENA CAUSED BY THE WILDFIRE. THIS WILL GIVE
19 THEM THE CHANCE TO GET BACK INTO SOCIETY AND POSSIBLY SECURE
20 EMERGENCY HOUSING AS A RESULT. THEY'RE DISPLACED. THEY HAVE
21 BEEN DISPLACED, AND NOBODY IS HELPING THEM. MY GOAL IS TO GIVE
22 OUR UNHOUSED RESIDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OTHERS BY
23 HELPING TO REMOVE THE FIRE DEBRIS FROM THE FIRES AND TRAIN
24 THEM AND GET THEM INTO HOUSING. WE CAN DO THAT BECAUSE THE

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SUPERVISORS

1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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3 **SPEAKER:** LET THEM GO. --

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5 **STARR COLEMAN:** MADAM, WE NEED TO MOVE ON.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MADAM, YOUR TIME IS UP, BUT IF YOU HAVE
8 ANYTHING YOU WANT TO TURN IN, YOU CAN. ANYTHING THAT'S
9 WRITTEN. OKAY, AND WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

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11 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VALOMA BUSTOS AND I'M A
12 POLICY ASSOCIATE WITH THE SUNITA JAIN ANTI-TRAFFIC INITIATIVE.
13 I'M GLAD THE ISSUE OF THE L.A. FIRES WAS BROUGHT UP TODAY
14 DURING MULTIPLE DISCUSSIONS DURING THE BUDGET BECAUSE A LOT OF
15 THE ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO PRICE GOUGING AND LOOTING TO
16 ENSURE THE SAFETY OF RESIDENTS. BOTH ARE SERIOUS ISSUES IN THE
17 TIME OF CRISIS, AND WE'RE NOT HERE TO DISAGREE, BUT I URGE THE
18 BOARD TO ALSO CONSIDER INVESTING EFFORTS IN ANOTHER FORM OF
19 EXPLOITATION EQUALLY IMPORTANT, AND THAT'S THE EVIDENCE
20 LINKING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND NATURAL DISASTERS. FOR INSTANCE,
21 A 2024 STUDY IN HOUSTON SHOWED THAT 32% OF CONSTRUCTION
22 WORKERS INVOLVED IN REBUILDING EFFORTS AFTER A DISASTER
23 REPORTED EXPERIENCING LABOR TRAFFICKING. THAT'S NEARLY ONE IN
24 THREE WORKERS, ONE TOO MANY. THE RISK ALSO EXTENDS BEYOND
25 CONSTRUCTION SITES. DOMESTIC WORKERS AND DAY LABORERS WHO



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1 OFTEN DON'T QUALIFY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OR OTHER FORMS
2 OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE ARE ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE.
3 HOSPITALITY WORKERS KEEPING HOTELS RUNNING FOR DISPLACED
4 RESIDENTS ALSO FACE INCREASED RISK. WE BELIEVE PREVENTION IS
5 KEY. WE RECOMMEND INVESTING IN A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TO
6 STOP TRAFFICKING BEFORE IT STARTS. MY COLLEAGUES CAN SHARE
7 SPECIFIC STRATEGIES THAT YOU CAN CONSIDER TO ADDRESS AT THIS
8 TIME. THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS KEVIN ZHANG. I AM A
13 STUDENT ADVOCATE AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL AS WE NEED SUNITA JAIN
14 ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE. AS OUR COUNTY CONSIDERS
15 BUDGETS AND FUNDING ALLOCATIONS, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR
16 ADMINISTRATION TO SET ASIDE A PORTION OF FUNDS TO MITIGATE
17 FORCED LABOR AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING LIABILITY AS WE DEVELOP AND
18 REBUILD OUR COUNTY AND CITY. KEEPING IN MIND THE L.A. FIRES,
19 EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURGES AFTER NATURAL
20 DISASTERS. ACCORDINGLY, THE CITY BENEFITS BY SPENDING SOME
21 FUNDING ON ADOPTING AN ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING MULTI-PRONG
22 APPROACH TO ASSISTING WITH REBUILDING AND ADDRESSING THINGS
23 BEYOND JUST PRICE GOUGING AND LOOTING. FIRST, WE SHOULD
24 CONSIDER RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE HEIGHTENED RISKS
25 OF TRAFFICKING AFTER NATURAL DISASTERS. EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY



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SUPERVISORS

1 ON HOW TO IDENTIFY AND RESPOND TO TRAFFICKING. WHEN SOMETHING
2 GOOD SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT LIKELY IS. SECOND, ENSURE
3 ALL COUNTY DISASTER RESPONSE WORKERS ARE TRAINED ON THE
4 INTERSECTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND NATURAL DISASTERS. FEMA
5 MANDATES A 30-MINUTE TRAINING FOR FEDERAL DISASTER WORKERS,
6 AND THE CITY SHOULD DO THE SAME. IMPLEMENTING THESE STEPS WILL
7 ENHANCE PROTECTIONS AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION EFFORTS
8 WHILE EFFECTIVELY SAVING THE CITY'S BUDGET IN THE LONG RUN. MY
9 COLLEAGUE WILL DISCUSS ANY ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK
10 YOU FOR ANY CONSIDERATION.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SARAH, AND I'M FROM LOYOLA
15 LAW SCHOOL WITH THE SJI STUDENT ADVOCACY. BESIDES RAISING
16 AWARENESS AND TRAINING EFFORTS AS MENTIONED BY MY COLLEAGUES,
17 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MUST ALSO TAKE THE TIME TO SCRUTINIZE
18 ITS PUBLIC PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND CONTRACTS AND ALLOCATE
19 APPROPRIATE BUDGETS FOR NECESSARY ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS.
20 THIS WILL ENSURE THAT WORKERS INVOLVED IN THE REBUILD, BOTH
21 LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY, ARE NOT TRAFFICKED. ALARMINGLY, AS MY
22 COLLEAGUE HAS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED IN A 2024 STUDY FUNDED BY
23 THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ON LABOR
24 TRAFFICKING AND CONSTRUCTION DURING THE RECOVERY AND
25 RECONSTRUCTION FROM A NATURAL DISASTER, IT WAS FOUND THAT 32%



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1 OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WHO WERE SURVEYED POST-DISASTER
2 REPORTED BEING TRAFFICKED, AND OVER 75% EXPERIENCED LABOR
3 EXPLOITATION. INVESTING SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN SPECIAL
4 PROTECTIONS NOW FOR THESE WORKERS AND ENFORCING LABOR LAWS
5 WILL PREVENT TRAFFICKING BEFORE IT STARTS. ALSO, ON FEBRUARY
6 27TH, WE WILL BE HOSTING A PUBLIC AWARENESS EVENT ON THE STEPS
7 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUILDING, AND I INVITE YOU TO
8 OBSERVE THAT. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING ALL THESE CRITICAL
9 MEASURES AS WE REBUILD LOS ANGELES. PROACTIVE POLICIES CAN
10 MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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14 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. THIS IS ON ITEM 19, WHICH IS 2025-2026 BUDGET.
15 I JUST WANT TO THANK OUR GOVERNOR NEWSOM FOR AGAIN SECURING AB
16 30, AB 31, ARTICLE 10.05, IDENTIFYING OPEN SPACES, GREEN
17 SPACES, WHICH GOES BACK TO WEINGARD RIGHTS BEING VIOLATED BY
18 HUMANS WHO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY OR WHO HAVE BEEN
19 EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T
20 REPRESENTED BY THEIR UNIONS AND DIDN'T SEEK LEGAL COUNSEL BUT
21 TO CHANGE POLICIES TO BE PROACTIVE. WE WANT TO, AND I WANT TO
22 REMIND THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL IN CALIFORNIA AND THE
23 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THEY'RE STILL LISTENING. IT'S
24 FEBRUARY 11, 2025. WHISTLEBLOWER RETALIATION STILL CONTINUES
25 FOR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EMPLOYEE 4573783, CITY OF LOS



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1 ANGELES EMPLOYEE 76266 FOR EXPOSING THE CONTINUOUS OF HUMAN
2 TRAFFICKING THAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL OPEN SPACES, GREEN
3 SPACES, WAGE THEFT, SLAVERY, SEXUAL HARASSMENT FOR BIOLOGICAL
4 WOMEN AND MEN, ASSAULT AND EXPOSING U.S. VETERANS FOR
5 SOLICITING IN CALIFORNIA, AND PAYING FOR PROSTITUTION AT VA
6 FACILITIES AND OUTSIDE.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. LET'S GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. ANY
9 OTHER SPEAKERS? NONE? OKAY, VERY GOOD, MEMBERS. THANK YOU SO
10 MUCH. WITH THAT, THESE REPORTS ARE RECEIVED AND FILED AND
11 HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NEXT, WE'RE
12 GOING TO TURN TO SPECIALS. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, HOWEVER,
13 THAT THERE ARE NO SPECIALS TODAY BEING OFFERED BY ANY MEMBERS.
14 SO WE'LL NOW GO TO ADJOURNMENTS. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO
15 HEAR ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WILL BEGIN WITH THE
16 SECOND. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.
19 APPRECIATE THAT. WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, COLLEAGUES, I ASK THAT
20 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MS. NZINGA KAMARA. MS. KAMARA WAS BORN
21 ON JANUARY 30, 1950 AND UNFORTUNATELY PASSED AWAY DECEMBER 18TH
22 HERE IN LOS ANGELES AT THE AGE OF 74. MS. KAMARA WAS A
23 PROFESSOR OF AFRICAN ART, DANCE, AND CULTURE WHO TAUGHT AT
24 NUMEROUS L.A. COUNTY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING INCLUDING
25 CAL STATE LONG BEACH, UC IRVINE, SANTA MONICA COLLEGE, CAL



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1 STATE L.A., AND UCLA. SHE WAS A PRODUCER, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR,
2 AND CHOREOGRAPHER WHO TAUGHT WEEKLY AT DADA, THE DEBBIE ALLEN
3 DANCE ACADEMY AND LULA WASHINGTON DANCE STUDIO. SHE RECEIVED
4 HER FORMAL TRAINING FROM THE LÉ BÉLÉ AFRIKAANS NATIONAL DANCE
5 COMPANY IN GUINEA, WEST AFRICA. MISS KAMARA WAS
6 INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN THROUGH HER PERFORMANCES IN MOVIES,
7 MUSIC VIDEOS, AND TELEVISION, INCLUDING THE COLOR PURPLE,
8 POETIC JUSTICE, AND THE AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS, AND IT'S A
9 DIFFERENT WORLD. MISS KAMARA WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE QUEEN
10 MOTHERS OF LEIMERT PARK, SANKOFA CITY, WHERE SHE WAS DEDICATED
11 TO ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC INEQUITIES SUFFERED BY DISADVANTAGED
12 SOUTH L.A. COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. SHE WAS ALSO A HUGE SUPPORTER
13 AND CONTRIBUTOR TO THE L.A. COMMONS ANNUAL DAY OF THE
14 ANCESTOR'S FESTIVAL OF MASKS, THE LEIMERT PARK JAZZ FESTIVAL,
15 AND PAN-AFRICAN FILM AND ARTS FESTIVAL. SHE RECEIVED MANY
16 AWARDS, INCLUDING MASTER ARTIST FROM THE CITY OF L.A.'S
17 CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND THE LESTER HORTON AWARD FROM
18 THE DANCE RESOURCE CENTER OF LOS ANGELES. SHE WILL BE
19 REMEMBERED AS AN ACCOMPLISHED AFRICAN DANCER WHO INSPIRED
20 COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS TO KEEP TRADITIONS ALIVE AND REMEMBER
21 THEIR ROOTS AND ORIGINS. MISS KAMARA WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY
22 HER HUSBAND LARRY KINSEY WHO PASSED AWAY IN 2014. SHE IS
23 SURVIVED BY AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HER TWO DAUGHTERS,
24 GRANDCHILDREN, SISTER AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND
25 FRIENDS WHO WILL KEEP HER LOVING SPIRIT KINDNESS AND



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1 CREATIVITY ALIVE. COLLEAGUES WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT
2 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF QUINCY LEON BUSH SENIOR. MR. BUSH
3 BORN MARCH 18TH IN WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS, AND PASSED AWAY
4 OCTOBER 31, 2024, AT THE AGE OF 83 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. HE
5 RECEIVED HIS EDUCATION FROM L.A. TRADE TECH COLLEGE. IN 1985,
6 HE BECAME A FOSTER PARENT FOR OUR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
7 FAMILY SERVICES, WHERE HE COMMITTED HIMSELF TO PROVIDING CARE
8 AND ADVOCATING FOR NEGLECTED AND ABUSED CHILDREN OF ALL AGES
9 WITH VARYING LEVELS OF NEED. HE COACHED FOOTBALL AND
10 BASKETBALL AND CHAPERONED YOUTH ON AN ANNUAL FISHING TRIP.
11 THROUGHOUT HIS 39 YEARS WITH DCFS, HE WAS THE FOSTER PARENT TO
12 50 CHILDREN, LEGAL GUARDIAN TO TEN, AND ADOPTED FIVE. HE ALSO
13 SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE STEPPING STONES FOSTER PARENT
14 ASSOCIATION AND WAS AN ACTIVE PARENT WITH WEST LOS ANGELES
15 FOSTER CARE KINSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAM. HE RETIRED IN 2016. MR.
16 BUSH WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LOVING HUSBAND AND FATHER AND FOR
17 HIS ADVOCACY, COMPASSION AND KINDNESS. HE IS SURVIVED BY AND
18 WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HIS DEDICATED WIFE, MARGARET, SIX
19 CHILDREN, GEORGINA, ADRIENNE, BRANDON, CRYSTAL, ANIA AND
20 NICHOLAS, AS WELL AS A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS,
21 INCLUDING THE MANY CHILDREN HE RAISED AND CARED FOR IN OUR
22 PUBLIC SYSTEM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TURN NOW TO
25 SUPERVISOR HAHN.



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2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, I MOVE
3 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LAURA
4 SILVIA TREJO, WHO WAS THE MOTHER OF OUR DR. LAURA TREJO, WHO'S
5 OUR DIRECTOR OF AGING AND DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT. MRS. TREJO
6 WAS BORN IN EL SALVADOR. SHE SPENT HER CHILDHOOD IN CUBA AND
7 LATER MOVED TO PENNSYLVANIA WHERE SHE GRADUATED FROM WEATHERLY
8 HIGH SCHOOL. AND SHE RETURNED TO EL SALVADOR TO MARRY DR.
9 HECTOR TREJO. MRS. TREJO WAS THE RESIDENT OF SOUTHEAST LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY SINCE 1971 AND WORKED AS A SKILLED EMBROIDERY
11 MACHINE OPERATOR. IN RETIREMENT, HER JOYS INCLUDED CARING FOR
12 HER RESCUE DOGS, TENDING TO HER FLOWER GARDEN, NEIGHBORHOOD
13 CHILDREN GREW UP CALLING HER ABUELA, WHICH ALWAYS BROUGHT A
14 SMILE TO HER FACE. SHE WAS A FEARLESS ADVOCATE FOR YOUTH AND
15 WAS KNOWN FOR ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO PURSUE AMBITIOUS
16 CAREERS. BEING GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EDUCATION, HER
17 DAUGHTER INCLUDED, HER FAVORITE SAYING WAS THE STREETS OF
18 AMERICA MAY NOT BE PAVED WITH GOLD, BUT THE SCHOOLHOUSES ARE.
19 MRS. LAURA SILVA TREJO LEAVES HER IMPRINT ON THE HEARTS OF
20 FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES WHO RESPECTED HER. I KNOW
21 YOU WILL ALL JOIN ME IN THIS ADJOURNMENT AND WE OFFER OUR
22 DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO DR. TREJO FROM THE WHOLE COUNTY FAMILY.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH SUPERVISOR HAHN, WOULD
25 LOVE TO JOIN YOU ON THAT. WITH THAT, WE'LL TAKE ALL MOTIONS AS



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1 SECONDED. THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO AN UNANIMOUS VOTE. THAT WILL
2 BE THE ACTION. NOW MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO TRANSITION INTO
3 CLOSED SESSION. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED
4 SESSION.

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
7 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
8 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS1,
9 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION.

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11 [CLOSED SESSION]

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13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IN OPEN SESSION, EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE REPORT OUT OF ACTION.

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16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
17 IN CLOSED SESSION ON FEBRUARY 11, 2025. ITEM NUMBER CS1,
18 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION.
19 NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN. ITEM NUMBER CS2, CONFERENCE
20 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION IN OPEN
21 SESSION. THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 18,
22 2025. AND ITEM NUMBER CS3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS,
23 VISAS TO AVONPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF IN OPEN SESSION. THIS
24 ITEM WAS CONTINUED 1 WEEK TO FEBRUARY 18, 2025. THANK YOU.



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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 11, 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 21st 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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