



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2025

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025. WE TAKE NOTE THAT A QUORUM OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS PRESENT. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE'LL BEGIN TODAY'S BOARD 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 ACKNOWLEDGMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION, AND ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO



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

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12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY
13 PASTOR MELVIN VALIENTE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MAYWOOD FROM
14 THE 4TH DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH
15 WILL BE LED BY ALEJANDRO CASTILLO, FORMER SERGEANT, UNITED
16 STATES MARINE CORPS FROM THE 5TH DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ABLE,
17 PLEASE STAND.

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19 **PASTOR MELVIN VALIENTE:** ALMIGHTY GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND
20 PRAISE FOR ALL OF YOUR MIGHTY WORKS. YOU ARE LOVING AND GOOD
21 AND GRACIOUS. THANK YOU FOR CREATING US AND SUSTAINING US DAY
22 BY DAY. THANK YOU THAT YOU MADE US IN YOUR IMAGE TO EXISTING
23 COMMUNITY WITH OTHER PEOPLE. WE THANK YOU FOR OUR CITY. THANK
24 YOU FOR OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, THE BUSINESSES, THE CHURCHES,
25 THE FAMILIES, AND THE INDIVIDUALS THAT MAKE OUR CITY THE GREAT



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1 PLACE THAT IT IS. ALMIGHTY GOD, MAY YOUR WISDOM AND INSIGHT
2 ILLUMINATE OUR LEADERS' DISCUSSIONS, ALLOWING THEM TO MAKE
3 DECISIONS THAT SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS IN OUR COMMUNITY WITH
4 FAIRNESS AND COMPASSION. GRANT THEM THE STRENGTH TO LISTEN
5 ATTENTIVELY TO ALL PERSPECTIVES AND WORK TOGETHER IN UNITY TO
6 BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR CITY. AMEN.

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8 **ALEJANDRO CASTILLO:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE FACE THE FLAG, PLACE
9 YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, YOU MAY
10 RENDER A HAND SALUTE AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
11 BEGIN. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF
12 AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION
13 UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE JOIN ME IN
16 THANKING SERGEANT ALEJANDRO CASTILLO FOR LEADING US IN THE
17 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. SERGEANT ALEJANDRO CASTILLO
18 SERVED THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FROM 2005 UNTIL 2013 AND
19 DEPLOYED TO IRAQ IN 2009. DURING HIS SERVICE, HE RECEIVED THE
20 IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE
21 MEDAL, SEA SERVICE DEPLOYMENT RIBBON, ARMED FORCES RESERVE
22 MEDAL, RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP BADGE. SERGEANT CASTILLO FOUNDED
23 BOOTS ON THE GROUND ALLIANCE, AN ORGANIZATION BASED OUT OF THE
24 ANTELOPE VALLEY THAT SPECIALIZES IN ORGANIZING A WIDE RANGE OF
25 EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR VETERANS. HE IS ALSO THE OWNER OF



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1 SEMPER FIDELIS PHOTOS BOOTH. HE IS CURRENTLY IN THE DOCTOR'S
2 PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT CALIFORNIA BAPTIST
3 UNIVERSITY AND ENJOYS OFF-ROADING AND WATCHING MOVIES FROM THE
4 '80S AND THE '90S. I LIKE THAT. SERGEANT ALEJANDRO CASTILLO,
5 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION AND FOR LEADING US IN
6 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TODAY. WE REALLY APPRECIATE
7 EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE AND YOU CONTINUE TO DO ON BEHALF OF
8 L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU. AND NOW SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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10 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, AND GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I'D
11 LIKE TO THANK AND WELCOME PASTOR MELVIN VALIENTE FROM THE
12 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MAYWOOD FOR LEADING US IN TODAY'S
13 INVOCATION. PASTOR MELVIN WAS BORN IN SAN MARCOS, GUATEMALA,
14 AND IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1982 TO CONTINUE HIS
15 STUDIES IN PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY. HE COMPLETED HIS DEGREE
16 IN 1985 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE AND ALSO OBTAINED A
17 MASTER'S DEGREE IN THEOLOGY IN 1995. PASTOR MELVIN AND HIS
18 WIFE ADA HAVE SERVED AS SENIOR PASTORS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST
19 CHURCH OF MAYWOOD FOR THE LAST 22 YEARS. AND SINCE JUNE OF
20 2023, PASTOR MELVIN HAS SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE ALBERTO
21 MOTESI UNIVERSITY. THANK YOU, PASTOR MELVIN, FOR OVER TWO
22 DECADES OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY OF MAYWOOD AND THANK YOU
23 FOR YOUR WORK IN HELPING OUR HOMELESS POPULATION AND OUR
24 IMMIGRANT POPULATION. TWO OF THE MOST CRITICAL NEEDS, AREAS OF
25 NEED, RIGHT NOW MORE THAN EVER. SO, THANK YOU AND ON BEHALF OF



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1 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE WANTED TO GIVE YOU A TOKEN OF OUR
2 APPRECIATION WITH THIS CERTIFICATE. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO GO ON
5 NOW ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO GO ON NOW WITH SCROLL
6 PRESENTATIONS, AND I'M GOING TO BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
7 I'M GOING TO LET YOU GO AHEAD.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND I'M GOING TO BEGIN WITH SUVADA
10 SIVADISHVILI. I'M GOING TO LET YOU GO AHEAD. OKAY, GOOD
11 MORNING, EVERYONE AND BUENOS DIAS. BUENOS DIAS. I'M DELIGHTED
12 TODAY TO BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE A GOOD FRIEND, A LONGTIME
13 COLLEAGUE, **DR. FERNANDO J. GUERRA**, FOR HIS 40 YEARS OF
14 DEDICATED SERVICE TO EDUCATION, POLITICAL SCHOLARSHIP, AND
15 COURAGE AND DEVOTION TO OUR LATINO COMMUNITY. DR. GUERRA IS A
16 DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND LATINO
17 STUDIES AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY. DR. GUERRA HAS
18 DEMONSTRATED UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO EXPANDING RESOURCES FOR
19 STUDENTS. HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE ALLOWED FOR A
20 FULLER UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION INCLUDING A ROADMAP TO
21 ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE LATINO COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY. DR. GUERRA IS THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF THE
23 THOMAS DOROTHY LEVY CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF LOS ANGELES KNOWN
24 AS STUDY L.A. AND HE HAS BEEN A LEADING FIGURE IN THE FIELD OF
25 LOCAL AND STATE POLITICS, RACIAL AND ETHNIC POLITICS AND LOCAL



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1 GOVERNANCE REFORM. HIS SCHOLARLY WORK AND RESEARCH HAVE HAD A
2 PROFOUND IMPACT ON THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY, CONTRIBUTING TO
3 OVER 30 MAJOR STUDIES HERE IN LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING THE
4 LARGEST GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY OF RESIDENTS IN THE LOS ANGELES
5 REGION. IN ADDITION TO HIS ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS, DR.
6 GUERRA HAS SERVED ON NUMEROUS STANDING COMMISSIONS, BLUE
7 RIBBON COMMITTEES, AND AD HOC TASK FORCES FOR THE CITY OF LOS
8 ANGELES, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND REGIONAL BODIES
9 THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HIS EXPERTISE HAS BEEN SOUGHT
10 AFTER BY MEDIA OUTLETS GLOBALLY, INCLUDING THE NEW YORK TIMES,
11 THE WASHINGTON POST, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, NEWSWEEK, THE
12 ECONOMIST, AMONG OTHERS. DR. GUERRA'S DEDICATION TO EDUCATION
13 AND ADVOCACY FOR THE LATINO COMMUNITY HAS BEEN NOTHING SHORT
14 OF REMARKABLE. HIS RESEARCH AND LEADERSHIP HAS SHAPED THE WAY
15 WE UNDERSTAND LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND THE DIVERSE CHALLENGES AND
16 OPPORTUNITIES FACING COMMUNITIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HIS
17 WORK CONTINUES TO INSPIRE NEW GENERATIONS OF SCHOLARS,
18 ACTIVISTS, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. WE WANT TO THANK YOU, DR.
19 GUERRA, AND YOUR FAMILY FOR YOUR DECADES OF SERVICE THAT HAVE
20 BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN PROVIDING STUDENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE
21 FROM UNDERSERVED LATINO COMMUNITIES, WITH THE SUPPORT AND
22 RESOURCES NECESSARY TO SUCCEED IN THEIR EDUCATIONAL AND
23 PROFESSIONAL ENDEAVORS. HE IS HERE WITH HIS FAMILY AND I
24 PERSONALLY WANT TO THANK HIM FOR THE MANY YEARS OF SERVICE
25 THAT I HAVE KNOWN HIM, MAYBE CLOSE TO 30 YEARS. AND I CONTINUE



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1 TO SEE YOU BEING INTERVIEWED ON OUR MAJOR NEWS MEDIA OUTLETS
2 TALKING ABOUT POLITICS, SOCIETY, AND THE STATUS OF OUR
3 COMMUNITIES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO, WITH THAT, I AM
4 HONORED TO RECOGNIZE YOU AND ALLOW YOU TO SPEAK. AT THAT TIME
5 THEN, I WILL PRESENT A SCROLL TO YOU. THANK YOU. PLEASE
6 WELCOME HIM. THANK YOU.

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8 **DR. FERNANDO J. GUERRA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IT'S BEEN AN
9 HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO BE CIVICALLY INVOLVED AND WE HAVE
10 KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR OVER 30 YEARS WHEN YOU WERE FIRST ELECTED
11 TO A COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD AND HAVE FOLLOWED YOUR CAREER.
12 AND I'VE GREATLY ENJOYED INTERACTING WITH YOU AND WITH ALL THE
13 OTHER SUPERVISORS THAT I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH.
14 IN PREPARING FOR AN ANNIVERSARY OF 40 YEARS AT LOYOLA
15 MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, THEY ACTUALLY COUNTED HOW MANY STUDENTS
16 I'VE HAD IN CLASS AND IT'S BEEN OVER 3,000. I'VE ACTUALLY
17 TAUGHT 25 STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS I'VE ALSO TAUGHT AND I'VE
18 TAUGHT MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BECOME PUBLIC SERVANTS LIKE
19 YOURSELF, MANY WHO HAVE WORKED HERE AT THE COUNTY, AT THE
20 CITY, AND NUMEROUS PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO STATE AND
21 LOCAL AND EVEN FEDERAL OFFICE. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO BE PART
22 OF CIVIC SOCIETY AND TO WORK ALONG WITH ALL THE EMPLOYEES OF
23 L.A. COUNTY AND MANY OTHER CITIES. SO, THANK YOU FOR THIS
24 RECOGNITION. MY NUMBER ONE GOAL IS TO EDUCATE STUDENTS AND TO
25 HAVE STUDENTS BECOME AGENTS OF SOCIAL CHANGE, JUST LIKE YOU



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1 AND THE OTHER SUPERVISORS HERE AT THIS DAIS. ALSO, IT'S A
2 PLEASURE REALLY TO INTRODUCE MY WIFE, LALI DE AZTLAN, MY KIDS,
3 EMILIO, MAYA, AND RAFA. AND I ALSO HAVE 3 OLDER KIDS WHO HAVE
4 ALSO ARE OUT AND ABOUT NATIONALLY AND COULDN'T BE HERE WITH US
5 TODAY. BUT THANK YOU FOR THE RECOGNITION. GREATLY APPRECIATED.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE
8 A LONG AND RICH HISTORY IN ALTADENA. IN THE 1920'S, AN INFLUX
9 OF FAMILIES MOVED TO THE COMMUNITY IN SEARCH OF HOUSING AND
10 OPPORTUNITIES, PUTTING DOWN ROOTS TO BUY HOMES AND START
11 BUSINESSES THAT WOULD STAY IN THE FAMILIES FOR YEARS AND
12 CREATE THE GENERATIONAL WEALTH. FOR A CENTURY, CIVIC
13 ENGAGEMENT AND FAITH HAVE ALSO BEEN A PART OF THE COMMUNITY'S
14 FABRIC. LOCAL CHURCHES HAVE ALWAYS STOOD AS A SOURCE OF
15 INSPIRATION, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND SUPPORT, PROVIDING HELP AND
16 HOPE TO CONGREGANTS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. IN THE WAKE OF
17 THE EATON FIRE, FAITH PARTNERS CONTINUE TO BE A SOFT PLACE TO
18 LAND FOR LOCAL FAMILIES AND FOR POLITICIANS. I CAN SPEAK ON
19 THAT. IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, I'M PROUD TO BE JOINED
20 BY AMAZING CHURCHES WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING TO OFFER SUPPORT TO
21 RESIDENTS IN NEED. I'D LIKE TO FIRST RECOGNIZE LYFT
22 INTERNATIONAL, REPRESENTED BY PASTOR ANTHONY AND MICHELINE
23 MCFARLAND. IS IT? MICHELINE?

24

25 **SPEAKER:** MICHELINE.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THROUGH THE MCFARLAND, THE
3 MCFARLAND'S TRAGICALLY LOST THEIR OWN HOME IN THE FIRE. THEY
4 HAVE NOT HESITATED TO OFFER SUPPORT TO FELLOW RESIDENTS. AND
5 I, I'M, YOU ALL ARE AMAZING. THEY'VE SERVED MORE THAN 3,000
6 INDIVIDUALS BETWEEN BOTH THE EATON AND PALISADES FIRE AT THEIR
7 CRISIS CENTER. THEIR TEAM IS PROVIDING RESIDENTS WITH
8 FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO COVER HOUSING, FOOD, AND CLOTHING NEEDS.
9 THEY'VE ALSO ENSURED THAT FAMILIES HAVE ACCESS TO HOUSEHOLD
10 ITEMS LIKE FURNITURE, APPLIANCES, AND AIR PURIFIERS, AS WELL
11 AS HUNDREDS OF BOXES OF TOILETRIES. TO MEET THE EMOTIONAL
12 NEEDS OF THOSE SERVING, THEY'VE ALSO PARTNERED WITH DEVILLE
13 FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES TO PROVIDE COUNSELING SERVICES.
14 BECAUSE THE RECOVERY PROCESS CAN BE TEDIOUS, THEY SET UP AN
15 INCREDIBLE SENIOR SUPPORT PROGRAM TO MATCH SENIORS WITH
16 YOUNGER ADULTS TO ASSIST THEM WHILE NAVIGATING ALL THE
17 PAPERWORK THAT THEY HAVE TO FILL OUT. ADDITIONALLY, THEY'VE
18 CREATED AN ADOPT A FAMILY CAMPAIGN WHERE VOLUNTEERS CAN
19 PROVIDE FOR THEIR NEIGHBORS IN NEED WITH SUPPORT FOR THE NEXT
20 12 TO 24 MONTHS. THESE VOLUNTEERS WILL ASSIST WITH BASIC
21 NECESSITIES, OFFER EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, HELP WITH FINANCIAL
22 ASSISTANCE FOR BOTH TEMPORARY AND LONG-TERM NEEDS, AND SERVE
23 AS A LIAISON FOR THE CHURCH TO STAY UPDATED ABOUT EACH
24 FAMILY'S HOUSING NEEDS. THANK YOU TO LYFT INTERNATIONAL FOR
25 YOUR INCREDIBLE WORK YOU'RE DOING TO PROVIDE TANGIBLE SUPPORT



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1 FOR NEIGHBORS FOR THE LONG HAUL. LET'S GIVE THEM A ROUND OF
2 APPLAUSE. NOW I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE LIFELINE FELLOWSHIP
3 CHRISTIAN CENTER, REPRESENTED BY BISHOP CHARLES DORSEY AND
4 LISA DORSEY. SADLY, LIFELINE'S BUILDING WAS COMPLETELY
5 DESTROYED IN THE EATON FIRE, BUT THAT HAS NOT STOPPED THEM
6 FROM BEING A BEACON OF HOPE FOR THEIR COMMUNITY. WHILE
7 RESOURCES ARE STRAINED, MANY FAMILIES ARE PUT IN DIFFICULT
8 POSITIONS DECIDING WHAT BILLS TO PAY. LIFELINE HAS BEEN
9 COMMITTED TO PROVIDING FOOD, CLOTHING, AND TEMPORARY HOUSING
10 FOR THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN DISPLACED. BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS
11 COVERING THESE COSTS, IT ALLEVIATES A HEAVY BURDEN. SO MANY
12 FAMILIES, AND NOW THEY CAN PAY THEIR BILLS AND PRESERVE THEIR
13 DIGNITY. EVEN BEFORE THE FIRES, THE CHURCH SERVED 400 PEOPLE
14 IN NEED EVERY SINGLE MONTH. AS BISHOP CHARLES SAID, THEIR
15 BUILDING MAY BE GONE, BUT THEIR MISSION REMAINS. THANK YOU,
16 LIFELINE, FOR REMAINING STEADFAST IN YOUR COMMITMENT TO
17 SERVING THE INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY. LET'S GIVE THEM A ROUND OF
18 APPLAUSE. NEXT, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE NEW REVELATION
19 MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, REPRESENTED BY REVEREND GEORGE E.
20 HIRT. I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF VISITING NEW REVELATION AND
21 SEEING THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE UNDERWAY FIRSTHAND. THEIR TEAM
22 STOOD UP AN INCREDIBLE ASSISTANCE CENTER THAT BROUGHT TOGETHER
23 NONPROFITS, PRIVATE PARTNERS, AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO OFFER
24 RESIDENTS SUPPORT. ON-SITE, RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES COULD
25 ACCESS HELP FROM LOS ANGELES URBAN LEAGUE, SHE READY



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1 FOUNDATION, SPECIAL NEEDS NETWORK, AND OUR L.A. COUNTY
2 INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. SURVIVORS WERE ABLE TO GET
3 EVERYTHING FROM CLOTHING TO LUGGAGE TO LAPTOPS. THEY ALSO HAD
4 ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS TO HELP ATTENDEES NAVIGATE THE
5 COMPLICATED SBA AND FEMA PROCESS. THE CHURCH BUDGETED MORE
6 THAN 50,000 EACH WEEK TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL RESOURCES AND THREE
7 HOT MEALS A DAY, TRANSFORMING THEIR CAMPUS INTO A ONE-STOP
8 SHOP FOR HELP 12 HOURS A DAY. THEY CONTINUED TO ENGAGE THE
9 COMMUNITY WITH FAMILY FUN DAYS, FREE HAIRCUTS AND BRAIDING
10 SERVICES, LUNCH LEARN SESSIONS AND EVEN A SUPER BOWL PARTY TO
11 BRING SOME JOY IN THE MIDST OF A DIFFICULT TIME. LOOKING
12 AHEAD, THEY'RE PLANNING TO GIVE AWAY CARS, GAS, AND AIR
13 PURIFIERS AND HOST A COMEDY SHOW, A FINANCE CONFERENCE, A
14 BRUNCH HONORING CAREGIVERS AND EDUCATORS, AND A FUNDRAISING
15 DINNER TO SUPPORT THEIR \$1,000,000 BUDGET TO KEEP UP THE GOOD
16 WORK THROUGH THE NEXT YEAR. MY DEEPEST THANKS TO NEW
17 REVELATION FOR YOUR HEARTFELT HARD WORK AND YOUR COLLABORATIVE
18 SPIRIT THAT YOU'VE BROUGHT TOGETHER TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO
19 ALL YOUR NEIGHBORS. LET'S GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. AND
20 LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE VICTORY
21 BIBLE CHURCH, REPRESENTED BY PASTOR JOHN DECURE. THE CHURCH
22 HAS DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB OF CONNECTING RESIDENTS WITH THE
23 SUPPORT THEY NEED TO NAVIGATE EVERYDAY LIFE. THEY'VE
24 GENEROUSLY COVERED THE COST OF CARS, SCHOOLS, ADMISSION, LEGAL
25 SERVICES, COUNSELING, AND EVERYDAY ITEMS. THIS FINANCIAL



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1 SUPPORT HAS BEEN LIFE-CHANGING FOR LOCAL FAMILIES. THEY'VE
2 ALSO HOSTED WORKSHOPS AND COMMUNITY MEETINGS TO ENSURE
3 RESIDENTS HAVE THE INFORMATION THAT THEY DESERVE. PASTOR
4 DECOUR HAS BEEN A STRONG VOICE IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE FIRE,
5 SERVING AS A TRUSTED AMBASSADOR AND VOICE FOR THE COMMUNITY
6 ACROSS THE COUNTY. HE IS ALSO ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUPS
7 ASSISTING RESIDENTS WITH LAND TRUSTS TO ENSURE AFRICAN
8 AMERICAN FAMILIES CAN SECURE GENERATIONAL WEALTH, SOMETHING
9 THAT I THINK WE ARE ALL IN TO DO. YEAH. THANK YOU TO VICTORY
10 BIBLE CHURCH FOR YOUR ADVOCACY AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE
11 COMMUNITY. I HAVE TO SAY, REPRESENTING THIS INCREDIBLE
12 COMMUNITY HAS BEEN AN HONOR, BUT MY TAKEAWAY IS, I KNOW WHEN
13 THE GOVERNOR CAME DOWN AND BROUGHT ALL OF OUR FAITH LEADERS
14 TOGETHER, MANY OF WHOM HAD LOST THEIR PLACE OF WORSHIP, THEY
15 NEVER LOST HOPE. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING ME WITH
16 THE SUPPORT AND THE STRENGTH I NEED TO CONTINUE TO REBUILD A
17 COMMUNITY THAT IS GOING TO BE REBUILT BETTER, AND WE ARE NOT
18 GOING TO FORGET WHERE WE CAME FROM. SO, WITH THAT, LET'S GIVE
19 THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THANK YOU. WE'LL DO A PICTURE,
20 PLEASE. HERE WE GO. THANK YOU. I BELIEVE IT'S SUPERVISOR
21 MITCHELL.

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23 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING LOS ANGELES. LET ME START
24 BY SAYING HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH. AND I SAY IT LIKE THAT
25 BECAUSE THERE IS A MOVEMENT OF FOOT APPARENTLY NATIONALLY TO



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1 SUGGEST THAT WE NOT CELEBRATE OUR UNIQUENESS AND OUR
2 DIFFERENCE. SO, I MEET THAT BY SAYING HAPPY BLACK HISTORY
3 MONTH WITH A LITTLE EXTRA UMPH JUST TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE CLEAR
4 THAT I'M CLEAR. TO MY COLLEAGUES THE GIFTS THAT I GAVE YOU
5 TODAY ARE FROM A YOUNG MAN, SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHO'S ACTUALLY
6 FROM YOUR DISTRICT, JAMAL BROWN, HIS COMPANY IS BLACK 365, AND
7 EVERYBODY GOT CALENDARS AND WONDERFUL DEBT CARDS THAT GIVE YOU
8 WONDERFUL BLACK HISTORY MONTH FACTS. YOU SHARE IT WITH YOUNG
9 PEOPLE IN YOUR DISTRICTS. THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW THE
10 HISTORY, 1926 CARTER G. WOODSON STARTED WITH NEGRO HISTORY
11 WEEK THAT OVER THE LAST DECADES HAS EXPANDED TO THE ENTIRE
12 MONTH OF FEBRUARY BUT LIKE THE YOUNG MAN'S COMPANIES TITLED
13 BLACK 365 SOME OF US ACKNOWLEDGE OUR UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION TO
14 THE WORLD EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR. SO, I'VE GOT SOME AMAZING
15 SECOND DISTRICT CONSTITUENTS HERE TODAY THAT IN HONOR OF BLACK
16 HISTORY MONTH, WE WANTED TO PRESENT A PARTICULAR
17 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY FOR WHAT
18 YOU DO AND INTRODUCE YOU TO ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES. WE'RE GOING
19 TO START WITH WILLIAM A. YOUNG AND HIS DELIGHTFUL WIFE HELEN.
20 AND THEY ARE RECEIVING OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD FOR
21 THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE SECOND DISTRICT.
22 AS A COMMUNITY LEADER, HE'S HELPED CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP
23 FOR UNDERSERVED YOUTH, EMPOWERING THEM TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF
24 POVERTY AND BECOME FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE GRADUATES THROUGH
25 HIS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, THE YOUNG FOUNDATION. THE YOUNG



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1 FOUNDATION PROMOTES STUDENT SUCCESS THROUGH ACADEMIC SUPPORT,
2 MENTORING, AND ESSENTIAL RESOURCES. THEY'VE PARTNERED WITH THE
3 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND HAVE
4 HAD OVER 2,000 SCHOLARS GO THROUGH THEIR PROGRAM. ONE WHO WAS
5 NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART, THE FORMER MAYOR OF STOCKTON, MAYOR
6 MICHAEL TUBBS, WAS A GRADUATE OF THE YOUNG FOUNDATION. PLEASE
7 CONGRATULATE WILLIAM A. YOUNG AND HELEN YOUNG. DR. HELEN
8 YOUNG. YOU DID THAT RIGHT. NEXT, WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE WITH
9 OUR SMALL BUSINESS AWARD, NAPOLI NATURALS. NAPOLI NATURALS IS
10 A BLACK-OWNED APOTHECARY IN LIMERICK PARK FOUNDED BY UMAR AND
11 SHARON ESQUIA THAT IS DEDICATED TO HOLISTIC WELLNESS, CULTURAL
12 PRESERVATION, AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT. THEY ARE EXPANDING
13 THEIR MISSION WITH THE WELLNESS RETREAT AND DEVELOPING A
14 BLACK-OWNED GROCERY STORE TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC SELF-
15 SUFFICIENCY. THEIR WORK IS PIVOTAL IN FOSTERING A HEALTHIER,
16 MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE
17 NAPOLI NATURALS, OUR SMALL BUSINESS AWARDEES. THANK YOU. WITH
18 OUR YOUNG LEADERS AWARD, WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ECHO MERKWOOD
19 AND KENNEDY JACKSON. ECHO IS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO ENVIRONMENTAL
20 CONSERVATION, WHICH HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED THROUGH HANDS-ON
21 INVOLVEMENT IN HABITAT RESTORATION, VOLUNTEERING AT OUR VERY
22 OWN L.A. COUNTY NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND SERVING AS PAST
23 PRESIDENT OF WEST L.A. COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB.
24 ECHO STRIVES TO BLEND ART AND ACTIVISM TO RAISE AWARENESS OF
25 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES WHILE ALSO MENTORING OTHERS AND HELPING



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1 TO STRENGTHEN ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY.
2 KENNEDY, A PROGRAM ASSISTANT AT THE BLACK RESOURCE CENTER AT
3 CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS, DEMONSTRATES HER LEADERSHIP BY
4 ADVOCATING FOR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. SHE ADDRESSES KEY
5 ISSUES SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND SELF-CARE
6 WHILE CREATING VITAL PROGRAMS TO MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF
7 BLACK STUDENTS ON CAMPUS. KENNEDY ALSO HAS CREATED SAFE SPACES
8 FOR BLACK WOMEN ON CAMPUS TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT TOPICS,
9 EMPOWERING OTHERS TO OPEN UP AND FIND SUPPORT WITHIN THE
10 COMMUNITY. SO FOR OUR, SO PLEASE GIVE THEM A ROUND OF
11 APPLAUSE, OUR YOUNG LEADERS AWARD. OUR NEXT TWO AWARDS ARE
12 ACTUALLY GOING TO BE GIVEN TO TWO AMAZING COUPLES WHO'VE SHOWN
13 AMAZING AGENCY AND ADVOCACY IN OUR COMMUNITY. FIRST, WE HONOR
14 GREGORY AND MARIE RASHEL WITH OUR TRAIL BLAZERS AWARD. AFTER
15 33 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A FIRE CAPTAIN WITH L.A. COUNTY FIRE
16 DEPARTMENT, WOO WOO, GREGORY CO-FOUNDED THE BLACK SURFERS
17 COLLECTIVE, BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS AND PROMOTING INCLUSIVITY
18 IN THE WORLD OF SURFING. THROUGH THIS ORGANIZATION, HE WORKS
19 TO PROVIDE OCEAN EDUCATION, ENCOURAGE ENVIRONMENTAL
20 STEWARDSHIP, AND CREATING MORE INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE
21 SURFING CULTURE FOR UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES. MARIE SERVES
22 AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BLACK SURFACE COLLECTIVE,
23 PLAYING A CRITICAL ROLE IN ADVANCING INCLUSIVITY, UNITY, AND
24 EMPOWERMENT, PARTICULARLY FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH IN THE SURFING
25 COMMUNITY. THEIR ONGOING DEDICATION TO SERVICE HAS HAD A



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1 PROFOUND IMPACT, HELPING TO BUILD A STRONGER, MORE DIVERSE
2 COMMUNITY IN L.A. COUNTY AND INSPIRING FUTURE GENERATIONS TO
3 PURSUE THEIR DREAMS AND ADVOCATE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE. GIVE IT
4 UP FOR THE BLACK SURFING COMMUNITY. AND LAST, BUT CERTAINLY
5 NOT LEAST, WE PRESENT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD TO GLENN AND
6 MARY PORTER, MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION
7 AND BOARD MEMBERS OF SOUTHERN AREA YOUTH PROGRAMS, INC. THE
8 PORTERS ARE DEDICATED ADVOCATES FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND
9 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WITH A STRONG FOCUS ON CREATING
10 OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERREPRESENTED YOUTH TO THRIVE. THE
11 PORTERS HAVE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN HELPING TO RAISE \$20,000,000
12 FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE MAGGIE HATHAWAY GOLF COURSE IN THE
13 SECOND DISTRICT. MAGGIE HATHAWAY, YES. AGAIN, RELEVANT FOR
14 BLACK HISTORY MONTH, MAGGIE HATHAWAY WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN
15 INTEGRATING PUBLIC GOLF COURSES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. AND THESE
16 RESOURCES ARE GOING TO HELP ENSURE THAT THE HISTORIC AND
17 COMMUNITY-CENTERED GOLF COURSE REMAINS A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR
18 LOCAL RESIDENTS AND YOUTH FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. THE PORTERS
19 HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE BETTERMENT OF THE
20 COMMUNITY. BOTH COUPLES HAVE, FOCUSING ON INITIATIVES THAT
21 UPLIFT YOUTH, YOUNG PEOPLE, AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO EDUCATION
22 RESOURCES AND SAFE RECREATIONAL SPACES. SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN
23 HONORING THE SECOND DISTRICT BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONOREES WHO
24 CONTINUOUSLY TAKE PART IN MAKING THE SECOND DISTRICT BETTER
25 THAN WE ALL FOUND IT. PLEASE GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. I



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SUPERVISORS

1 APPRECIATE YOU.

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3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND NOW WE HAVE SUPERVISOR
4 HORVATH.

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6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** IT IS TRULY AN HONOR TO SHARE A FEW
7 WORDS TODAY ABOUT MS. LOUVENIA JENKINS, A BEACON OF STRENGTH
8 AND PROGRESS WHO HAS INSPIRED US ALL. LOUVENIA IS A
9 TRAILBLAZER IN OUR COMMUNITY AS ONE OF THE FIRST BLACK
10 HOMEOWNERS IN THE PACIFIC PALISADES. OVER THE PAST 97 YEARS,
11 SHE HAS DEDICATED HER LIFE TO TEACHING AND MENTORING YOUNG
12 PEOPLE ACROSS LOS ANGELES. BY STARTING THE RICHARD L. SYKES
13 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, WHICH IS NAMED AFTER HER COUSIN, HER
14 UNCLE, SHE HAS OPENED DOORS FOR MANY YOUNG BLACK STUDENTS,
15 ALLOWING THEM TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO COLLEGE. JUST
16 LAST YEAR, STUDENTS AT SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHARED
17 HER STORY IN A DOCUMENTARY HONORING HER IMPACT ON COUNTLESS
18 ANGELENOS. EVEN AFTER THE DEVASTATING 2025 PALISADES FIRE TOOK
19 HER HOME, A PLACE FILLED WITH OVER 70 YEARS OF MEMORIES, HER
20 SPIRIT AND HER STRENGTH REMAIN RESILIENT. TODAY AS WE
21 ACKNOWLEDGE THE LOSS OF HER PHYSICAL HOME, WE ALSO CELEBRATE
22 THE ENDURING LOVE, STRENGTH, AND COMMUNITY THAT DEFINES HER
23 LIFE. LET US HONOR LOUVENIA'S LEGACY BY CONTINUING TO SPREAD
24 THE WARMTH AND COMPASSION SHE HAS ALWAYS GIVEN SO FREELY. I
25 THINK THEY CALL YOU LOU, IS THAT RIGHT? LOU, THANK YOU FOR



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1 EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE LET US KNOW
2 HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOU IN THE WAYS THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH
3 TO ALL OF US. I UNDERSTAND YOU LOST CERTIFICATES FROM THE CITY
4 OF LOS ANGELES IN THE FIRE THAT WERE DEAR TO YOU. THESE ARE
5 CERTIFICATES ACKNOWLEDGING HER MANY YEARS AND HER MANY
6 CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOS ANGELES AND BEYOND. SO, WE'RE HONORED TO
7 SHARE THIS SCROLL WITH YOU TODAY ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY TO BE THE FIRST OF MANY GOING FORWARD. AND WE'RE ALSO
9 GOING TO WORK WITH OUR CITY PARTNERS TO SEE ABOUT GETTING
10 THOSE REPLACED FOR YOU. YOU HAVE BEEN THERE FOR SO MANY
11 ANGELENOS IN A TIME OF NEED, AND NOW L.A. COUNTY, IT IS OUR
12 HONOR TO BE OF SERVICE TO YOU IN THIS MOMENT. I ALSO WANT TO
13 THANK JOSIE, LOUVENIA'S DEDICATED AID WHO HAS PROVIDED
14 CONSTANT CARE. SO MANY CAREGIVERS HAVE STEPPED UP TO SAVE
15 LIVES DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME AS WELL, AND TO PROVIDE
16 ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO SO MANY IN NEED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
17 ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE, ALL THAT YOU CONTINUE TO DO, AND THE
18 WAYS THAT YOU INSPIRE US ALL. I KNOW SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
19 SHARED WITH ME YOUR STORY ON INSTAGRAM THAT HAS BEEN
20 CIRCULATING AND GONE VIRAL, AS THEY SAY. AND SO MANY OF US ARE
21 INDEBTED TO YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK, FOR YOUR DETERMINATION,
22 FOR YOUR GRIT, AND FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE TO BE OF
23 SERVICE DESPITE THE CHALLENGES THAT HAVE FACED YOU. THANK YOU
24 VERY MUCH FOR BEING WITH US TODAY. IT IS TRULY OUR HONOR. THIS
25 IS FOR YOU. WE'LL TAKE A PICTURE, BUT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY



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SUPERVISORS

1 SOMETHING FIRST? SHE'S GOING TO SAY SOMETHING FIRST.

2

3 **LOUVENIA JENKINS:** IT'S VERY HARD FOR ME TO FIND THE WORDS TO
4 EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR MY HONOR TODAY ON MY BEHALF OF
5 MOST THINGS THAT MOST OF US I THINK WOULD DO FOR THOSE WHO ARE
6 IN NEED. AND I NEVER FELT THAT I WOULD BE IN THIS POSITION,
7 BUT IT'S LIKE PHOENIX. I SHALL RISE WITH ALL OF YOUR HELP AND
8 ALL OF YOUR BLESSINGS, AND I THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND NOW SUPERVISOR HAHN.

11

12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** TODAY I WANT TO HONOR DR. WILBURN
13 DUROUSSEAU, WHO GRADUATED WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM
14 DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, THEN RECEIVED HIS MEDICAL DEGREE FROM
15 HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN 1962 AND COMPLETED
16 HIS OBSTETRICIAN-GYNECOLOGIST RESIDENCY IN 1966. DR.
17 DUROUSSEAU WAS ALSO A LIEUTENANT COMMANDER IN THE UNITED
18 STATES NAVAL RESERVES, WHERE HE SERVED AT CAMP PENDLETON AND
19 AT THE NAVAL HOSPITAL IN TAIWAN. THE TAIWANESE PEOPLE
20 INITIALLY PETITIONED FOR DR. DUROUSSEAU'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE
21 ISLANDS AS THE OB-GYN OFFICER IN CHARGE BECAUSE OF HIS RACE.
22 BUT HE WAS ABLE TO PROVE TO THE PEOPLE THAT HE WAS THE RIGHT
23 PERSON FOR THE JOB. IN FACT, THE TAIWANESE PEOPLE LATER
24 PETITIONED FOR DR. DERUSSO TO STAY IN TAIWAN. HE WAS ONLY
25 SUPPOSED TO BE IN TAIWAN FOR THREE MONTHS, BUT HE REMAINED THE



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1 OB-GYN OFFICER IN CHARGE FOR A FULL YEAR. WHILE STILL IN THE
2 NAVY, DR. DUROUSSEAU BEGAN HIS TENURE AT ST. FRANCIS AND BEGAN
3 SERVING HIS PATIENTS IN LYNWOOD FOR THE PAST 59 YEARS. ST.
4 FRANCIS IS CELEBRATED FOR OFFERING ACCESS TO MATERNITY CARE TO
5 ALL PATIENTS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ABILITY TO PAY. AND HERE AT
6 ST. FRANCIS, DR. DUROUSSEAU HAS DELIVERED OVER 10,000 BABIES.
7 AND HE CONTINUES TO TOUCH THE LIVES OF MANY THROUGH TEACHING
8 AND MENTORING. HE HAS SERVED MANY ROLES ON VARIOUS BOARDS
9 THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, INCLUDING THE ADVISORY BOARD GROUP
10 WHERE HE WORKED WITH MY DAD, KENNY HAHN, TO HELP OPEN THE
11 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOSPITAL. DR. DUROUSSEAU WAS INSPIRED
12 BY HIS MOTHER, DR. KATHLEEN JONES KING, WHO WAS THE ONLY
13 AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN ON THE FOUNDING STAFF OF ST. FRANCIS
14 MEDICAL CENTER WHERE SHE CONTINUED TO SEE PATIENTS WELL INTO
15 HER 90'S. HER PASSION FOR SERVICE WAS INGRAINED IN DR.
16 DUROUSSEAU AND HE HAS CONTINUED HER LEGACY WITH HIS COMMITMENT
17 TO SERVE AND PROVIDING THE BEST MEDICAL CARE POSSIBLE. TO THIS
18 DAY, YOU CAN FIND HIM SOMETIMES SLEEPING AT THE HOSPITAL TO BE
19 NEAR HIS PATIENTS SO THAT HE CAN PERSONALLY PROVIDE CONTINUAL
20 CARE. GIVES A NEW MEANING TO SLEEPING ON THE JOB. DR.
21 DUROUSSEAU, YOUR DEVOTION AND COMMITMENT TO YOUR PATIENTS IS
22 TRULY REMARKABLE AND ADMIRABLE. YOU HAVE MADE A GREAT IMPACT
23 ON THE COMMUNITY, HOSPITAL, AND THOSE AROUND YOU. SO, ON
24 BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DURING BLACK HISTORY
25 MONTH, THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE REGIONS



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1 BEYOND, THANK YOU AND HONOR YOU TODAY. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY
2 SOMETHING?

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4 **DR. WILBURN DUROUSSEAU:** I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD,
5 PARTICULARLY THE BOARD THAT UNDER KENNETH HAHN BUILT THE
6 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL IN RESPONSE TO THE MCCONE'S
7 COMMISSION'S FINDING THAT THE WATTS RIOT HAD AS ONE OF ITS
8 ANTECEDENTS A LACK OF CARE IN THE AREA. HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR
9 MARTIN LUTHER KING RIGHT DOWN THE STREET, I PROBABLY WOULD
10 HAVE ACCEPTED A BID TO PRACTICE UP AT STANFORD WHERE THEY WERE
11 INCREASING THEIR MEDICAL PRESENCE IN THE PALO ALTO AREA. I
12 HADN'T EXPECTED TO STAY HOME VERY LONG JUST TO HELP MY MOTHER
13 UNTIL SHE RETIRED. WITH KING, WE WERE ABLE NOT ONLY TO SERVE
14 THE AREA, BUT ALSO TRAIN PHYSICIANS WHO WERE COMPETENT AND
15 COMFORTABLE IN THE AREA. NOT ONLY BLACK PHYSICIANS BUT A LARGE
16 NUMBER OF HISPANIC PHYSICIANS AND IT IS MY HOPE THAT ONE DAY
17 WE WILL BE ABLE TO REGAIN THE VISION OF KENNY HAHN AND HAVE A
18 TEACHING HOSPITAL AGAIN IN THE AREA TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF SPA
19 6.

20
21 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, DR. DUROUSSEAU.

22
23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, WE WILL MOVE
24 ON TO TODAY'S AGENDA. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
25 AGENDA.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL BEGIN ON PAGE THREE, PUBLIC
3 HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3. THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR
4 HEARING. ON PAGE FIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS ITEMS 4 THROUGH
5 10. ON ITEM 5, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
6 HELD ON ITEM 8 THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
7 CONTINUED TO MARCH 18, 2025, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA
8 ON PAGE 11 BUDGET MATTER ITEM 11 THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR
9 REPORT. ON PAGE 12, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ITEM CS1
10 THROUGH CS3, ITEM CS2 AND CS3 ARE ADDITIONS AS INDICATED ON
11 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
12 AGENDA MADAM CHAIR. THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES THROUGH ITEM
13 CS3 IS BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
16 MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS.
17 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE
18 CODE OF CONDUCT.

19

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



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

25



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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** TODAY WE WILL GO INTO CLOSED
2 SESSION FIRST AND WHEN WE RETURN WE WILL BEGIN WITH PUBLIC
3 COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD. THEN TO ITEM 11, THE
4 BUDGET MATTER, ITEM 7, 10, AND 5, FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC HEARING
5 ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3, THEN FINISHING WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
6 BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN
7 INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA TO EXPLAIN
8 THE SPEAKING RULES.

9
10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO
11 PARTICIPATE REMOTELY AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL
12 877-692-8955 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 4433663. MEMBERS
13 OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARDROOM, YOU
14 WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE
15 MEETING. YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE ITEM AND UP TO
16 TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION BY
17 THE BOARD. YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
18 ITEMS HELD FOR DISCUSSION, ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
19 EACH OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE
20 BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
21 CLEARLY INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE
22 ADDRESSING. PLEASE NOTE ONCE YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, WE WILL
23 IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
24 PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY WHEN THE BOARD MOVES TO THE ITEM
25 YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, PROMPTLY PRESS ONE THEN ZERO TO BE MOVED



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1 FROM THE LISTENING CUE TO THE SPEAKING CUE. REMEMBER TO TURN
2 DOWN THE VOLUME ON YOUR DEVICE AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS
3 ON YOU OR THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. YOU WILL NEED TO PRESS ONE
4 THEN ZERO FOR EACH ITEM YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON. TO ENSURE
5 WE HEAR FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS, WE WILL
6 ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING CUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
7 WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME
8 DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE
9 BOARDROOM AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH
10 THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO.

11
12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND
13 COLLEAGUES, BEFORE WE GO INTO CLOSED SESSION, WE WILL TAKE UP
14 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
15 PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO, NOW TO
16 COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE
17 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THESE
18 ITEMS.

19
20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
21 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. JANKA BERNARD. AS A FINAL
22 REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE
23 TO ADDRESS CLOSED SESSION ITEMS. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE
24 SO, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE
25 SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER,



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1 PLEASE?

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3 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT TODAY IS ERIC PREVIN. YOUR
4 LINE IS OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK
5 DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** WELL, LET'S TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT EARLY SO NOBODY'S
8 PAYING ATTENTION, TRICK. GOOD ONE. BUT YOU KNOW WHO IS PAYING
9 ATTENTION? THE RESIDENTS OF CALABASAS WHO ARE NOW MOONLIGHTING
10 AS HUMAN ROADBLOCKS BECAUSE THE COUNTY THINKS ENVIRONMENTAL
11 REVIEW MEANS TRUST US. LOOK, IT'S CLEARLY A PROBLEM. BUT DUMP
12 FIRST, APOLOGIZE NEVER IS THE COUNTY'S MOTTO. AND THIS IS FIRE
13 DEBRIS, TOXIC STUFF NEAR HOMES, SCHOOLS AND PARKS. YOU DON'T
14 NEED A PHD IN LANDFILL MISMANAGEMENT TO KNOW IT'S A TERRIBLE
15 IDEA AND IT ISN'T JUST IT'S ENVIRONMENTAL SABOTAGE FRANKLY
16 SEND IT SOMEWHERE ELSE AND PREPARE FOR YOU CAN'T DO THIS YOU
17 CAN'T DO THIS.

18

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

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21 **MODERATOR:** COLLEEN HELLE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** PLEASE BEGIN.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** HI.



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2 **MODERATOR:** COLLEEN. GO AHEAD.

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4 **SPEAKER:** YES. I'M COLLEEN YELLY FROM AGOURA. I'M CALLING ABOUT
5 THE CALABASAS LANDFILL AND THE TOXIC DEBRIS DUMP. THERE HAVE
6 BEEN NO STUDIES DONE REGARDING THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF THIS
7 MATERIAL. WE'RE ALREADY DEALING WITH NUCLEAR WASTE THAT HASN'T
8 BEEN CLEANED UP, EVEN THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT PROMISED IT WOULD
9 FROM THE WACODINE MELTDOWN. EVEN COLONEL OF THE ARMY CORPS OF
10 ENGINEERS STATED ON THE RECORD THAT HE WOULD NOT SAY WITH 100%
11 CERTAINTY THAT THE MATERIALS THAT WOULD LIKELY BE DUMPED IN
12 CALABASAS, LANDFILL, ARE NOT TOXIC. THE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE
13 SUPPOSED TO TAKE THIS DEBRIS AND SAY WHETHER IT'S HAZARDOUS OR
14 NOT, EITHER HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TOOLS THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO
15 THIS, WHAT EXPERTISE THEY HAVE TO DO WITH THIS. I DON'T THINK
16 ANY STUDIES HAVE BEEN DONE, LONG-TERM STUDIES, BUT ALSO, I
17 DON'T THINK ANYONE HAS LOOKED FOR BETTER OPTIONS LIKE BURYING
18 IT IN THE DESERT WHERE THERE ARE NOT A LOT OF INHABITANTS AND
19 SCHOOLS NEARBY. WE DON'T WANT THE TOXIC MATERIALS BLOWING INTO
20 US WITH THE WINDS AND THE LAND --

21

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** ROY HUMPHRIES YOUR LINE IS OPEN YOU MAY BEGIN.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** OKAY AS TO THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER TALKING ABOUT THE
2 HIGH DESERT THERE AS ROY HUMPHRIES HAS ALREADY MENTIONED, AND
3 THAT'S THE IDEAL PLACE FOR ALL THE WASTE. AND ON CS5, WE MUST
4 NOT ALLOW THE UNIONS TO DICTATE THE DEMISE OF LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY AND THE COUNTRY AS DONE BY THE BLOCKING THE AUTOMATION
6 OF OUR COURTS OF LOS ANGELES TO BLOCK THEM FROM GOING TO WORLD
7 CLASS OPERATION STANDARDS AS IN CHINA, OTHER PARTS OF ASIA,
8 AND EUROPE PUTS US ALL TO SHAME AND COMPROMISES THIS COUNTRY
9 AND ALSO ON THE BLACK LIVES MATTERS WE CONTINUE TO AND WITH
10 AND THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH YOU CONTINUE TO FAIL TO
11 ACKNOWLEDGE.

12
13 **DAWYN HARRISON:** THIS IS CLOSED SESSION. YOU NEED TO KEEP YOUR
14 COMMENTS TO CLOSED SESSION.

15
16 **SPEAKER:** CLOSE SESSION, I GIVE YOU THAT BUT THE OTHER PERSON
17 COMMENT ON --

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

20
21 **MODERATOR:** PATTY GLUCK, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22
23 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, IS THIS ABOUT CLOSED SESSION OR ITEM 10?

24
25 **DAWYN HARRISON:** CLOSED SESSION.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THIS IS ON CLOSED SESSION.

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4 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, I'M JUST CONFUSED. OKAY, I'M GOING TO UNMUTE
5 AND THEN GO AND CALL ABOUT NUMBER 10. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

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

10

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

13

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** JANKA BERNARD. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE DUMPING OF FIRE
18 DEBRIS INTO THE CALABASAS LANDFILL OR ANY LANDFILL NEAR
19 SCHOOLS, PARKS OR COMMUNITIES. THE RISKS TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND
20 THE ENVIRONMENT ARE JUST TOO GREAT. FIRE DEBRIS CONTAINS
21 HARMFUL SUBSTANCES LIKE HEAVY METALS, ASBESTOS AND OTHER
22 TOXINS THAT COULD CONTAMINATE THE SOIL AND GROUNDWATER. NOT TO
23 MENTION IT POSES A LONG-TERM THREAT TO LOCAL WILDLIFE AND AIR
24 QUALITY IN GENERAL. WHILE USING THE LANDFILL MAY SEEM LIKE A
25 QUICK FIX, I BELIEVE WE NEED TO EXPLORE SAFER, MORE



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1 SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVES TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS
2 THE ENVIRONMENT.

3
4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER
5 IN-PERSON SPEAKERS.

6
7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
8 PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

9
10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
11 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
12 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS1
13 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, FESIA DAVENPORT AND
14 DESIGNATED STAFF. ITEM NUMBER CS2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
15 COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION AND ITEM NUMBER CS3
16 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION.
17 AND ITEM NUMBER CS3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
18 EXISTING LITIGATION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND
19 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

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21 [CLOSED SESSION]

22
23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ARE NOW BACK IN OPEN
24 SESSION. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE REPORT OF ACTION.



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
2 IN CLOSED SESSION ON FEBRUARY 25, 2025. ITEM NUMBER CS1,
3 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. FESIA DAVENPORT AND
4 DESIGNATED STAFF, NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN. ITEM NUMBER
5 CS2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
6 LITIGATION, NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN. AND ITEM NUMBER
7 CS3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
8 LITIGATION, NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN. THANK YOU.

9
10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF
11 THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT HELD FOR
12 DISCUSSION BY SUPERVISORS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE
13 TELEPHONE PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO. NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE
14 ITEMS YOU MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH
15 TO ADDRESS IN ORDER TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF
16 TIME. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE
17 PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS.

18
19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW CALL IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND
20 WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC
21 SPEAKERS. THIS WILL BE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
22 NOT HELD BY THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION. ITEMS 4, 6, AND 9. WILL
23 THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
24 ASSIST YOU. KEVIN ZENG, ABBY MARTIN, ANDREW WHITE. MODERATOR,
25 MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER PLEASE.



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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** 4, 6 AND 9. OKAY. WELL, WHAT ABOUT THE ARMED SECURITY
7 GUARD FOR THE LIBRARY? THAT WAS AN AREA WHERE I WAS
8 ADJUDICATING PREVIOUSLY BECAUSE I KNOW THE LIBRARIES ARE AN
9 IMPORTANT PLACE FOR THE COUNTY AND IT MEANS A LOT TO HAVE
10 ARMED PEOPLE ALL OVER THE PLACE. IT'S A LITTLE BIT LIKE
11 HOSPITALS AND AS SUPERVISOR HAHN POINTED OUT, SO IMPORTANT TO
12 HAVE GUN LOCKS IN OUR HOSPITALS BECAUSE FRANKLY THEY SAVE
13 LIVES. SO, I DON'T WANT TO BREAK OUT THE EMERGENCY VESTS ON
14 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DAY. BY THE WAY, WE SHOULD DECLARE AN
15 EMERGENCY AT CITY HALL AS NOW COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARQUIS
16 SARASTOSIN, MAYOR BASS, EVEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH GOT DRAGGED
17 INTO THE POKING AT ONE ANOTHER IS REALLY GETTING QUITE INTENSE
18 AT CITY HALL BECAUSE HE WAS THE ACTING MAYOR WHEN SHE WAS IN
19 GHANA PEOPLE ARE IRRITATED BY THAT BECAUSE HE DIDN'T DO
20 ANYTHING AND IS REALLY, REALLY GUILTY OF SHUTTING DOWN ALL
21 PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM SHARP CRITICS WHO MAY NOT BE ABLE TO
22 SHLEP DOWNTOWN --

23

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** AND WE HAVE OTHER PARTS --

2

3 **MODERATOR:** AND WE HAVE NIKO GOLD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY
4 BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** OH, I WANTED TO MAKE A COMMENT ON THE LANDFILL. ITEM
7 WHICH IS ITEM NUMBER 3 AND I DIDN'T HEAR THAT BEING CALLED
8 YET. IS THAT CORRECT?

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS
11 THAT HAVE NOT BEEN HELD BY THE BOARD.

12

13 **DAWYN HARRISON:** ITEMS 4, 6, AND 9.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** OH, ANY ITEMS?

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** 4, 6, AND 9

18

19 **SPEAKER:** 4, 6, AND 9. YEAH, I WANTED TO MAKE A COMMENT ON 3. I
20 MEAN WHICH USED TO BE 10. I THINK IT WAS MOVED AROUND. OKAY
21 I'LL JUST WAIT.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY, THANK YOU.

24

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



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1

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

4

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** SPEAKING FOR ITEM 4. GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS KEVIN
9 ZENG. I AM A STUDENT ADVOCATE AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL'S SUNITA
10 JAIN ANTI-TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE. THE SUNITA JAIN INITIATIVE,
11 ALSO KNOWN AS SGI, IS A LAWYER-LED SURVIVOR-INFORMED THINK
12 TANK THAT TAKES A PUBLIC HEALTH DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH TO
13 PREVENTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING. WHILE THE POST-FIRE RESPONSE TO
14 REBUILDING LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONTINUES TO EVOLVE AND THE
15 COUNTY SEEKS TO PULL FUNDING AND RESOURCES FROM STATES AND
16 FEDERAL SOURCES, THE BOARD HAS NOT YET ADDRESSED THE
17 HEIGHTENED RISK FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND LABOR TRAFFICKING,
18 SPECIFICALLY IN OUR EFFORTS RELATED TO REBUILDING AND CLEANUP.
19 OUR INITIATIVE IS TAKING PREEMPTIVE MEASURES THROUGH MEANS OF
20 EDUCATION AND SPREADING AWARENESS. WE INVITE THE BOARD TO JOIN
21 SJI AND PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE ON
22 PREVENTING LABOR TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION IN POST-DISASTER
23 REBUILDING. THIS PRESS CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE STEPS
24 OUTSIDE THIS BUILDING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH AT 1:00 P.M.
25 AGAIN, THAT IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE



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1 STEPS OUTSIDE THE BOARD'S SUPERVISOR MEETING. MY COLLEAGUE
2 WILL NOW SHARE TESTIMONY OF AN IMPACT STATEMENT FROM A
3 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

6
7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ABBY MARTIN, SPEAKING ON
8 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4, ALSO WITH SJI. I WANT TO SHARE A
9 SURVIVOR'S STORY TO HIGHLIGHT THE VULNERABILITIES CREATED BY
10 NATURAL DISASTERS. THE 2018 BUTTE COUNTY CAMPFIRE GREW TO BE
11 THE DEADLIEST AND MOST DESTRUCTIVE WILDFIRE IN CALIFORNIA'S
12 HISTORY. BUT FOR MIRANDA, IT ALSO LED TO HER BEING TRAFFICKED
13 AS A DOMESTIC WORKER. AND ONE NIGHT, THE FIRE DESTROYED ALL OF
14 MIRANDA'S POSSESSIONS, HER PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, AND THE PLACE
15 SHE RECEIVED MEDICAL CARE FOR HERSELF AND HER DAUGHTER. WITH
16 NO PLACE TO LIVE OR WORK, MIRANDA BEGAN SEARCHING FOR LOCAL
17 JOBS AND HOUSING, ULTIMATELY FINDING AN OPPORTUNITY AS A LIVE-
18 IN NANNY AND CAREGIVER FOR A DIVORCED MAN AND HIS SON.
19 UNBEKNOWNST TO HER, THE MAN OFFERING THE JOB WAS A DANGEROUS
20 INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD BECOME HER TRAFFICKER. INITIALLY, MIRANDA
21 PERFORMED DAILY HOUSEHOLD TASKS AND CAREGIVING
22 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ADOLESCENT SON. HOWEVER, SHE WAS SOON
23 FORCED TO SLEEP IN HER TRAFFICKERS ROOM AND HE OFTEN
24 THREATENED HER AND HER DAUGHTER WITH THE WEAPONS HE KEPT IN
25 THE HOUSE AFTER OVER A YEAR OF ABUSE MIRANDA REACHED OUT TO A



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1 SERVICE PROVIDER SPECIALIZING IN TRAFFICKING WHO HELPED HER
2 ESCAPE AT THE TIME OF HER ESCAPE. SHE WAS FOUR MONTHS PREGNANT
3 WITH HER TRAFFICKERS BABY MY BEGONE SOME OF HER --

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

6
7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS MY NAME IS ANDREW FROM SJI
8 SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 4 TODAY I WANT TO SHARE SOME OF
9 MIRANDA'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO BETTER PROTECT OTHERS FROM THE
10 HORRIFIC EXPERIENCE SHE ENDURED AS A VICTIM OF LABOR
11 TRAFFICKING AFTER THE CAMPFIRE. FIRST, ORGANIZED PUBLIC
12 AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS THAT ARE DIVERSE AND INFORM RESIDENTS
13 ABOUT THE INTERSECTION OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND HUMAN
14 TRAFFICKING, ESPECIALLY FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS LIKE SURVIVORS
15 OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. MIRANDA STAYED IN AN ABUSIVE
16 RELATIONSHIP FOR SO LONG BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS BEING
17 TRAFFICKED OR WHERE TO SEEK HELP. SECOND, ENSURE ALL VICTIM
18 SERVICE PROVIDERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS RECEIVE
19 STANDARDIZED TRAINING TO BETTER IDENTIFY PRE-EXISTING
20 VULNERABILITIES TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFTER NATURAL DISASTERS.
21 MIRANDA REACHED OUT FOR HELP BUT REMAINED TRAPPED LONGER
22 BECAUSE OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS FROM THOSE SHE SOUGHT HELP.
23 FINALLY, REMOVE BARRIERS SUCH AS INADEQUATE PUBLIC
24 TRANSPORTATION, LIMITED SHELTER BEDS, AND LONG DELAYS IN
25 RECEIVING GOVERNMENT BENEFITS. MIRANDA BELIEVES EXPANDED CASH



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1 ASSISTANCE AND SPECIALIZED COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR HUMAN
2 TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS ARE ESSENTIAL. AS SHE SAID, THERE IS NO
3 SURVIVOR SAFETY WITHOUT ECONOMIC SECURITY --

4
5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER
6 IN-PERSON SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

7
8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC
9 COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER
10 PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEMS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

11
12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEM 4,
13 6, AND 9 THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

14
15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVE BY SUPERVISOR HAHN SECONDED
16 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

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

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

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

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



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR
2 HORVATH? SUPERVISOR HORVATH JUST STEPPED AWAY. SUPERVISOR
3 HAHN?

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

6

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

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

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11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO
14 ITEM 11, FISCAL YEAR 2025/26, DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET
15 PRESENTATIONS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE PLEASE
16 PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. WE WILL NOW
17 HEAR FROM THIS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FEESIA DAVENPORT.

18

19 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND GOOD AFTERNOON
20 SUPERVISORS. THIS IS I THINK OUR FIFTH DAY OF DEPARTMENTAL
21 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS AND EACH YEAR, I'M SORRY EACH DAY WE HAVE
22 A DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT COME AND SPEAK AND PRESENT. I JUST
23 WANTED TO SHARE WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THESE BUDGETS
24 WERE PREPARED AND, IN SOME CASES, SUBMITTED BEFORE THE
25 DEVASTATING FIRES. THERE MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE FORMAL BUDGET



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1 REQUESTS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET PRESENTATION, BUT EACH OF OUR
2 DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO IDENTIFY THEIR UNMET NEEDS
3 AND THEIR CHALLENGES ON THE LAST PAGE OF THEIR BUDGET TEMPLATE
4 AND WITH THAT SUPERVISOR I WILL TURN IT BACK OVER TO MADAM
5 CHAIR.

6
7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT AMY BODEK YOU ARE HERE
8 WITH REGIONAL PLANNING YOUR DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND
9 YOUR STAFF TO MAKE A PRESENTATION ON YOUR BUDGET.

10
11 **AMY BODEK:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THANK YOU
12 VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME TODAY AND I APPRECIATE THE ABILITY TO
13 PRESENT TO YOU TODAY. I ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR FLEXIBILITY WITH
14 SCHEDULING THIS AS WELL. SO, FOR THE AUDIENCE, MY NAME IS AMY
15 BODEK. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING. WITH ME IS
16 CHIEF DEPUTY DENNIS SLAVIN, ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTY JOSEPH
17 HORVATH, AND BUDGET MANAGER WRINKLE VILLAS. AND THEY ARE
18 RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING ME IN LINE AS IT RELATES TO
19 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGETS AND CONTRACTING AS WELL. SO, I'M GOING
20 TO BE PRESENTING TO YOU ON OUR REGIONAL PLANNING BUDGET, AND I
21 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. I THINK IT'S REALLY
22 IMPORTANT THAT THE BOARD UNDERSTANDS WHAT EACH DEPARTMENT
23 DOES. AND ALTHOUGH WE ARE A VERY SMALL DEPARTMENT, YOU MAY BE
24 SURPRISED AT EXACTLY HOW SMALL WE ARE, WE HAVE A WIDTH AND
25 BREADTH OF ACTIVITIES THAT WE DO FOR ALL DISTRICTS. OUR



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1 MISSION, WHICH IS POSTED ON THIS SLIDE, IS IN THE TOP LEFT
2 CORNER. AND WE PROVIDE EQUITABLE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND
3 ENGAGEMENT TO ALL UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS AND
4 BUSINESSES TO HELP CREATE VIBRANT, SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT
5 COMMUNITIES. CHAIR BARGER, AS YOU KNOW, WE CELEBRATED OUR
6 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION LAST
7 YEAR. AND WE ARE THE FIRST PLANNING COMMISSION IN THE ENTIRE
8 COUNTRY. AND OUR DEPARTMENT AS A WHOLE HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 50
9 YEARS. SO, WE'RE NOT AS OLD AS A DEPARTMENT, BUT WE ARE
10 CERTAINLY OLD AS A PLANNING COMMISSION. BECAUSE OF THAT, WE DO
11 HAVE MANDATORY DUTIES, THE FIRST AND FOREMOST, WHICH IS TO
12 SUPPORT THE PLANNING COMMISSION. IT IS A STATUTORILY CREATED
13 COMMISSION AND WE ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE ONE BY THE STATE OF
14 CALIFORNIA. AND SO THAT IS A MAJOR JOB DUTY OF OURS. AS YOU
15 ALSO KNOW, WE ARE FRONT AND CENTER IN THE RECOVERY AND
16 REBUILDING PHASES OF THE WILDFIRES. AND SO, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE
17 FOR ISSUING TEMPORARY HOUSING PERMITS AND FAST-TRACKING
18 REDEVELOPMENT AND REBUILDING FOR BOTH THE PASADENA EATON FIRE
19 AND THEN THE PALISADES FIRES. AS SUPERVISOR HORVATH KNOWS,
20 THERE ARE UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN THE PALISADES AND OF COURSE,
21 ALTADENA AND KINNELOA MESA ARE UNINCORPORATED IN THE EATON
22 FIRE. WE ARE ALSO PROACTIVELY ENGAGED IN ADDITIONAL PERMITTING
23 ACTIVITIES, BUT WE'RE ALSO THE ONES THAT WRITE YOUR LONG-TERM
24 POLICIES, WHETHER THOSE POLICIES ARE RELATED TO AFFORDABLE
25 HOUSING, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, AND



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1 SPECIAL TOPICS LIKE WIRELESS ORDINANCES OR OIL ORDINANCES OR
2 OTHER ORDINANCES FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR RESIDENTS AND OUR
3 BUSINESSES. WE DEVELOPED A STRATEGIC PLAN TWO YEARS AGO THAT
4 REALLY FOCUSES ON EQUITY. AS A REGIONAL LAND USE AUTHORITY, WE
5 HAVE A HISTORY OF NOT VERY EQUITABLE LAND USES, AND IT IS UP
6 TO US TO REVERSE THAT OPPORTUNITY AND REVERSE THOSE CHANGES.
7 AND SO, OUR STRATEGIC PLAN LED WITH EQUITY AND WE LOOKED AT IT
8 FROM A LAND USE PERSPECTIVE, ESPECIALLY BEING THE ONES THAT
9 WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING THOSE VERY INEQUITIES TO BEGIN
10 WITH. AND SO, OUR NEW STRATEGIC PLAN IS TRYING TO EMBED EQUITY
11 IN EVERYTHING THAT WE DO, INCLUDING OUR LAND USE ENFORCEMENT
12 FUNCTIONS, OUR PERMITTING FUNCTIONS, HOW WE DO COMMUNITY
13 ENGAGEMENT, AND HOW WE GO FORWARD WITH DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AS
14 WELL. AND SO, ALL OF THOSE ARE THE LENS WITHIN WHICH WE ARE
15 NOW LOOKING AT ALL OF OUR LAND USE FUNCTIONS. LASTLY, WE ALSO
16 DO PUBLIC HEARINGS WITH THE HEARING OFFICER AS WELL AS THE
17 PLANNING COMMISSION, LIKE I SAID. WE STAFF TWO ENVIRONMENTAL
18 BOARDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, BOTH
19 IN THE COASTAL ZONE AND IN THE NON-COASTAL ZONE. AND THEN WE
20 ALSO, AS I SAID, ENFORCE THE ZONING CODE THAT WE HELP CRAFT
21 AND WRITE. WE DO THAT ALL WITH BUDGETED POSITIONS OF 211
22 STAFF. AS OF TODAY, WE HAVE A VACANCY RATE OF 8% IN THE ENTIRE
23 DEPARTMENT. SO, WE HAVE BEEN AGGRESSIVELY MOVING TO -- WE HAVE
24 HAD. OF THE 211 BUDGETED POSITIONS, APPROXIMATELY 180 OF THEM
25 ARE FILLED WITH PROFESSIONAL PLANNER STAFF. AND SO, IT'S NOT



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1 ALL 211 THAT ARE PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS. WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE
2 GIS TEAM. WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE A WHOLE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
3 FUNCTION THAT JOSEPH RUNS. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A BUDGET TEAM
4 THAT WRINKLE PARTICIPATES AND RUNS IN. AND SO, WE DO HAVE
5 PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND WE ALSO SUPPORT STAFF. BUT THINK ABOUT
6 140 FOLKS DOING THE JOBS THAT YOU TYPICALLY SEE US DOING IN
7 THREE MAJOR FUNCTIONS, LAND USE REGULATIONS, CURRENT PLANNING,
8 AND ADVANCED PLANNING. WE HAVE A BUDGET OF \$48,000,000,
9 INCREDIBLY SMALL. WE ARE, YOU KNOW, SOME DEPARTMENTS PROBABLY
10 SPEND THAT IN A WEEK. THAT IS OUR BUDGET FOR THE YEAR. AND THE
11 MAJORITY OF OUR BUDGET IS STAFF COSTS. 86% OF OUR BUDGET IS
12 SPENT ON STAFF COSTS. WE DO NOT HAVE A LOT OF FLEXIBILITY AT
13 ALL IN OUR BUDGET. REMAINING 13, 14% OF OUR BUDGET IS FOR
14 TRADITIONAL S & S. HOWEVER, WITHIN THAT, OUR DISCRETIONARY
15 BUDGET IS 1/2 OF 1%. SO WE HAVE FLEXIBILITY IN THE COURSE OF A
16 YEAR OF APPROXIMATELY \$250,000 AND SO WHEN I SAY I DON'T HAVE
17 THE MONEY TO DO A CONTRACT, I REALLY MEAN IT. WE DON'T HAVE
18 FLEXIBILITY IN OUR DISCRETIONARY BUDGET. AND SO, OUR BUDGET
19 PRIORITIES REFLECT NEEDS THAT ARE GOING TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND
20 OUR EXPENSES. AND WITH THAT, I TURN TO OUR THREE PRIMARY
21 NEEDS. OUR FIRST NEED IS ONGOING COSTS FOR COUNTY COUNSEL
22 ADVICE. WE UNFORTUNATELY DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO HAVE JUST
23 ONE ATTORNEY ASSIGNED TO US, BECAUSE LAND USE COMPRISES
24 MULTIPLE TOPICS AND MULTIPLE EXPERTS. WE HAVE SUBDIVISION MAP
25 ACT. WE HAVE ALL OF OUR HOUSING STATE LAW THAT WE MUST COMPLY



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1 WITH. WE HAVE ATTORNEYS THAT SPECIALIZE IN THE COASTAL ZONE.
2 WE HAVE ATTORNEYS THAT FOCUS SPECIFICALLY ON CEQA. AND SO,
3 BECAUSE OF THAT, WE DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO JUST FOCUS ON
4 ONE OR TWO ATTORNEYS. BUT WE TEND TO HAVE TO HAVE A NEED FOR
5 MYRIAD ATTORNEYS IN-HOUSE BASED ON THEIR OWN EXPERTISE TO HELP
6 US WITH US. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE OFTEN CHALLENGED LEGALLY ON A
7 NUMBER OF ACTIONS, WHETHER IT'S A DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OR AN
8 ORDINANCE. AND WE REALLY DO NEED THE ADVICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL
9 TO KEEP THOSE COSTS AS LOW AS POSSIBLE AND TO PROVIDE US WITH
10 THE EXPERT ADVICE THAT WE NEED. SO, WITH THAT, COUNTY COUNSEL
11 RECENTLY INSTITUTED A FEE FOR SERVICE FOR OUR DEPARTMENT AND
12 THAT WENT INTO EFFECT IN JULY OF 2024. AND SO, WE ARE ASKING
13 FOR \$1,500,000 TO PAY FOR THOSE ONGOING COSTS. AND THEN THE
14 SECOND LINE ITEM IS WE'RE ASKING FOR \$600,000 IN ONE-TIME
15 COSTS TO ASSIST US IN EXTERNAL LITIGATION WHERE WE DO WORK
16 WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND THEY DO HIRE EXPERTS TO HELP US FIGHT
17 VERY FOCUSED, VERY TECHNICAL ISSUES LIKE OUR WIRELESS
18 ORDINANCE. AND SO, WE DO HAVE TO PAY THOSE OUTSIDE LIGHT LEGAL
19 COSTS AS WELL. THOSE ARE TYPICALLY ONE TIME BECAUSE THEY VARY
20 DEPENDING ON THE YEAR AND HOW MUCH LITIGATION THE DEPARTMENT
21 IS FACING. AND SO, FOR THIS YEAR, WE'RE ASKING FOR \$600,000 IN
22 ONE-TIME FEES TO HELP US PAY FOR THOSE LITIGATION RELATED TO A
23 COUPLE OF SPECIFIC HIGH-DOLLAR ITEMS. SO, I WOULD SAY, AS I
24 TALKED ABOUT OUR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS, THEY ARE, YOU KNOW,
25 FAIRLY NON-EXISTENT AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE CEO TO



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1 PROVIDE US WITH ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY ON AN ONGOING BASIS
2 RELATED TO THAT. BUT OUR PRIORITIES ARE CERTAINLY KEEPING THE
3 DEPARTMENT SOLVENT. AND SO, WE DO RUN A VERY TIGHT BUDGET, AND
4 I AM VERY PROUD OF THAT. AND SO, I DO WANT TO JUST MAKE A
5 POINT OF SAYING THAT. IF WE COULD GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE,
6 PLEASE. SO, WE ALSO HAVE SOME UNMET NEEDS. THESE ARE ALSO
7 EITHER ONGOING OR ONE-TIME COSTS, BUT THESE LOOK TO BE ALL
8 ONGOING IN THIS CASE. AND THE CEO HAS HELPED US IN THE PAST
9 WITH THESE SORT OF ONE-TIME COSTS AS NEEDED. BUT AS SUPERVISOR
10 SOLIS KNOWS, WE RECENTLY OPENED THE NEW ONE-STOP AT LA PUENTE,
11 WHICH IS A VAST IMPROVEMENT OVER THE OLD ONE. WE WERE UNABLE
12 TO CONTRIBUTE ALL OF THE CONSTRUCTION COST BECAUSE WE DO PAY
13 RENT OR WE DO PAY OUR FAIR SHARE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING IN
14 THOSE BUILDINGS. AND SO, BECAUSE WE WERE NOT ABLE TO COME UP
15 WITH THE CAPITAL COSTS UPFRONT FOR OUR SHARE OF THE BUILDING,
16 WE DO HAVE A TEN YEAR AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE TO REPAY OUR
17 PORTION OF THE COST TO CONSTRUCT THAT BUILDING. AND THAT'S
18 \$240,000 A YEAR. SO THAT IS AN ONGOING COST THAT WE ARE ASKING
19 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET AS AN ONGOING EXPENSE FOR THE
20 NEXT TEN YEARS AT \$240,000 A YEAR. CALABASAS, WE HAVE AN
21 EXISTING ONE STOP IN CALABASAS. THE LANDLORD HAS CHOSEN NOT TO
22 RENEW THE LEASE ON THAT BUILDING AND SO THERE WAS AN EFFORT TO
23 FIND A REPLACEMENT LOCATION. THERE IS A REPLACEMENT LOCATION
24 THAT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND THERE IS AN ONGOING COST. IT'S A
25 LITTLE BIT HIGHER, BUT THAT'S \$185,000 A YEAR THAT WE'RE GOING



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1 TO NEED FOR THE TERM OF THAT LEASE. AND THEN LASTLY, ONE OF
2 OUR NEEDS IS I GAVE UP MY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY LAST YEAR IN THE
3 HOPES THAT WE COULD CONVERT IT INTO AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
4 THAT WOULD BE MUCH MORE EFFICIENT FOR US AND FOR THE
5 DEPARTMENT. SO CURRENTLY, DENNIS AND I ARE SHARING AN
6 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. AND THEN WE WOULD LIKE TO CONVERT MY
7 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY INTO AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT WHO CAN HELP
8 US DEAL WITH A LITTLE BIT MORE HIGHER-LEVEL ISSUES, HELP US DO
9 SOME WORK ON THE LEGISLATIVE FRONT AS WELL, AND THEN DO MORE
10 COORDINATION WITH THE BOARD AS A LIAISON. SO THOSE ARE OUR
11 UNMET NEEDS ON THAT SHEET. IF I COULD HAVE THE NEXT SLIDE,
12 PLEASE. AS OUR CEO SAID, THIS BUDGET IS A POINT IN TIME
13 REVIEW. THIS BUDGET WAS PREPARED AND SUBMITTED IN EARLY
14 JANUARY PRIOR TO THE OUTBREAK OF THE FIRE STORMS. AND BECAUSE
15 OF THAT, WE DID PRESENT YOU OUR NEEDS THAT WE DID PRESENT TO
16 THE CEO. I SUSPECT WE WILL HAVE A SEPARATE CONVERSATION ABOUT
17 OUR OVERALL NEEDS AS IT RELATES TO FACING THE SURGE IN
18 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE FIRES. AND ALSO, A
19 DISCUSSION ABOUT EPIC-L.A. AND THE CONSOLIDATED APPROACH THAT
20 WE'RE TAKING WITHIN A BUDGET FOR EPIC-L.A. BUT CERTAINLY, A
21 LARGE CONSTRAINT FOR US IS OUR LIMITED DISCRETIONARY BUDGET
22 AND OUR LIMITED S & S, AND FRANKLY, THE NEED FOR MORE
23 PERMANENT STAFF COMPARED TO WHAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW. I'M VERY
24 GRATEFUL FOR THE STAFF THAT WE HAVE, BUT WE ARE AT THE HIGHEST
25 WE'VE BEEN AND WE REALLY DO NEED MORE STAFF. AND SO, WE ARE



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1 LOOKING FOR INCREASED OPERATIONAL COSTS AS A CHALLENGE IN THE
2 FUTURE. WHEN WE DO GET AN UNEXPECTED HIT, WE DO NEED TO COME
3 TO YOU AND ASK FOR RELIEF FOR THAT. THAT REALLY DOES CONCLUDE
4 OUR FORMAL APPROVAL, AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO FIELD ANY
5 QUESTIONS. AND CERTAINLY, I AND OUR ADMIN TEAM ARE HERE TO
6 ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE ABOUT OUR BUDGET.
7 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

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

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11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, AMY, AND
12 TO YOUR TEAM FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU DO. YOU KNOW, I THINK A
13 LOT OF WHAT WE'RE OBVIOUSLY ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT DURING THESE
14 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS IS HOW ALL THIS IMPACTS CERTAINLY THE 88
15 CITIES, BUT WE ALWAYS ARE COGNIZANT THAT THE UNINCORPORATED
16 AREAS ARE REALLY, WE ARE ALL THEY HAVE. AND I THINK FOR YOUR
17 DEPARTMENT, THAT'S REALLY SIGNIFICANT. ONE OF THE THINGS I WAS
18 GOING TO BRING UP IS A FEW WEEKS AGO, YOU PRESENTED THE SOUTH
19 BAY AREA PLAN. AND ONE OF THE THINGS I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT WAS
20 HOW DEEP ARE WE GOING AS IT RELATES TO BRINGING ALONG THE
21 COMMUNITIES WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PLANNING AND LAND USE
22 CHANGES. AND WHILE YOUR TEAM DID AN ADEQUATE JOB OF GETTING
23 THE WORD OUT ABOUT COMMUNITY MEETINGS FOR THAT AREA PLAN. I
24 THINK WE CAN GO A LITTLE BIT DEEPER AND I THINK WE'VE TALKED
25 ABOUT THAT ENGAGING WITH THE NEIGHBORING CITIES AROUND



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1 UNINCORPORATED NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS THAT ARE IN AND AROUND
2 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT THE
3 CHANGES IN THE PLAN IN A DIFFERENT WAY BESIDES RELYING ON
4 PEOPLE TO SHOW UP AT NECESSARILY A COMMUNITY MEETING. DOES
5 YOUR BUDGET, IT DOES SOUND LIKE YOU HAVE A VERY LEAN AND MEAN
6 BUDGET. IT'S IMPRESSIVE WHEN I THINK ABOUT ALL THAT YOU DO. DO
7 YOU HAVE THE MEANS IN THIS BUDGET TO EXPAND THAT KIND OF
8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WHEN YOU HAVE AREA PLANS OR OTHER THINGS
9 THAT WE'RE DOING IN UNINCORPORATED.

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11 **AMY BODEK:** SO, THE FABULOUS ANSWER THAT I CAN GIVE YOU IS THE
12 SAME TEAMS THAT WORKED ON THE AREA PLANS ARE NOW FREE TO FOCUS
13 ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONTINUED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. SO
14 THAT WAS A TREMENDOUS LIFT TO DEVELOP SEVEN AREA PLANS AND
15 REZONE 60,000 PARCELS IN THREE YEARS. BUT NOW THEY HAVE THE
16 OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE PLANS. AND
17 SO, I THINK THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT THEIR FOCUS IS STILL
18 GOING TO BE ON THOSE SAME COMMUNITIES. IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO
19 HAVE THE STRESSES OF HAVING TO DEVELOP THOSE AREA PLANS WHERE
20 THEY CAN ACTUALLY FOCUS ON IMPLEMENTATION. AND SO, ONE OF THE
21 THINGS THAT THEY'RE DOING IN PARTICULAR IS A CAPITAL
22 IMPROVEMENT PLANNING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO
23 SUPPORT THE POTENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT BASED ON WHERE WE DID THE
24 REZONINGS. IF I COULD, I WOULD ASK FOR MANY, MANY MORE STAFF,
25 BUT I'M ALSO PERHAPS A LITTLE TOO REASONABLE FOR THE BENEFIT



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1 OF THE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE I NEED TO BE CONFIDENT THAT THE WORK
2 THAT I HAVE ASSIGNED TO STAFF IS VARIED AND NUMEROUS, AND THAT
3 WE ARE NOT JUST ASKING FOR STAFF FOR STAFF'S SAKE. AND SO,
4 I'VE BEEN VERY COGNIZANT OF THAT AND UNDERSTANDING THE
5 STRESSES AND PRESSURES THAT THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE HAS. AND SO,
6 I WOULD NEVER COME AND SAY, I NEED 50 NEW STAFF.

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8 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT, SO I GUESS MY QUESTION IS, HOW DO YOU
9 THINK YOU COULD EXPAND ENGAGEMENT AND BETTER WORK WITH
10 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES TO THE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
11 AREA?

12

13 **AMY BODEK:** SO, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAD ACTUALLY BEEN
14 LOOKING AT AND WE WERE FUNDED IN A PREVIOUS BUDGET AND WERE
15 ABLE TO CARRY IT OVER IS MONEY FOR WORKING WITH CBO'S. AND SO,
16 WE WOULD ACTUALLY CONTRACT WITH THOSE CBOS AND THEY WOULD HELP
17 US MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY'RE AT AND DO ENGAGEMENT ON OUR
18 BEHALF WHILE WE'RE ALSO DOING ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENT. AND SO
19 THAT WAS ACTUALLY INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT YEAR'S BUDGET, AND
20 WE'RE WORKING ON THE FOCUSING ON PUBLIC HEALTH HAS A MASTER
21 LIST OF COMMUNITY FACILITATORS. AND THEN WE'RE SETTING UP
22 SCOPES OF WORK SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO OUR CIP'S AND OUR
23 OUTREACH, USING THOSE CBO'S TO HELP US EXPAND THE OUTREACH.
24 THAT IS ONE WAY WE'RE STRETCHING OUR BUDGET THAT WAS GIVEN TO
25 US WITHOUT HAVING TO ASK FOR X NUMBER OF NEW STAFF.



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2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND SO, THE OTHER THING THAT I HEAR IN MY
3 UNINCORPORATED AREAS IS THE NEED OR LACK OF ENFORCEMENT TEAMS
4 THAT ACTIVELY PATROL, EDUCATE HOMEOWNERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS
5 ABOUT VIOLATIONS, KIND OF BEING THAT PROBLEM SOLVER BEFORE IT
6 GETS ELEVATED. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOUR CURRENT ZONING
7 ENFORCEMENT DEPENDS ON RESIDENTS SUBMITTING REQUESTS FOR
8 SERVICES. DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE RESOURCES IN THIS BUDGET
9 TO BE MORE PROACTIVE ABOUT ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATING THE
10 PUBLIC?

11

12 **AMY BODEK:** NO. IT IS NOT IN A PROACTIVE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. IT
13 IS VERY MUCH A REACTIVE AND COMPLAINT-DRIVEN AGENCY. I WOULD
14 ALSO SAY THAT LAND USE ENFORCEMENT CAN BE INEQUITABLE AND CAN
15 CREATE ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS FOR RESIDENTS IF THEY ARE ALREADY
16 STRETCHED TO THE DOLLAR AND THEY ARE EXPECTED TO IMMEDIATELY
17 COME INTO COMPLIANCE. AND SO, WE ARE CAREFULLY THREADING THAT
18 NEEDLE ON WHAT THE ROLE OF ENFORCEMENT SHOULD BE UNDER OUR
19 STRATEGIC PLAN. AND SO PROACTIVE CODE ENFORCEMENT IS NOT IN
20 THE BOOKS RIGHT NOW. AND WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW WE APPROACH
21 ENFORCEMENT FROM AN EQUITY STANDPOINT AS A WHOLE WITHIN 125
22 COMMUNITIES, BUT ALSO WITHIN DISTRICTS AND NEIGHBORHOODS
23 ITSELF.

24

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



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS OR I'M
3 SORRY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO FOLLOW
6 UP ON A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN RAISED. FIRST OF
7 ALL, WITH REGARD TO CODE ENFORCEMENT, AND I HEAR YOU THAT IT'S
8 REACTIONARY, BUT THAT UNIT ALSO HAS A ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING THE
9 GREEN ZONE ORDINANCE. AND SO AS YOU SEE IT'S REACTIONARY, I
10 JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU DO HAVE THE RESOURCES TO NOT
11 ONLY, YOU KNOW, QUICKLY RESPOND TO TYPICAL COMPLAINTS, WHICH
12 IS IN CODE ENFORCEMENT'S PURVIEW, BUT TO REALLY MAKE SURE THAT
13 YOU ARE ABLE TO MOVE INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GREEN ZONE OF
14 THE ORDINANCE FOR THOSE BUSINESSES REACHING THEIR AMORTIZATION
15 PERIOD. SO, ARE THERE RESOURCES FOR THAT UNIT TO DO THAT WORK?
16 THAT ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY ALIGNS MORE WITH OUR STRATEGIC PLAN
17 BECAUSE IT IS RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND LONG-
18 STANDING LAND USE PRACTICES THAT WE PERPETUATED. SO, THAT IS
19 ACTUALLY ONE THING THAT WE ARE FOCUSING ON, AS OPPOSED TO AN
20 OVER-HEIGHT FENCE. SO, WE ARE LOOKING AT THE DEGREE OF
21 SEVERITY OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINT AND STACKING THE DECK
22 FOR THE ONES THAT ARE MOST IMPACTFUL FROM AN EQUITY STANDPOINT
23 AND FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL STANDPOINT AND WHAT IS CAUSING THE
24 GREATEST HARM OR NUISANCE TO A COMMUNITY. AND SO, WITH THE
25 GREEN ZONE, SINCE THE ORDINANCE WENT INTO EFFECT, WE HAVE BEEN



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1 WORKING FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS TO GEAR UP FOR THIS DATE AND
2 TIME. AND SO, WE ARE USING TECHNOLOGY TO ISSUE OUR FIRST SET
3 OF LETTERS THAT WILL GO OUT TO ALL OF THE FOLKS WHO ARE
4 SUPPOSED TO BE GETTING NEW CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS IN THE NEXT
5 COUPLE OF YEARS. AND SO, WE'RE GOING TO BE PROACTIVELY DOING
6 THAT THROUGH TECHNOLOGY SO THAT IT'S NOT NECESSARILY SOMETHING
7 THAT WE HAVE TO DO DOOR KNOCKING. OUR FIRST TOUCH IS GOING TO
8 BE THAT LETTER. THE SECOND TOUCH IS GOING TO BE A LETTER. THE
9 THIRD TOUCH IS A PERSON. AND SO, THAT HELPS US MANAGE OUR
10 RESOURCES WHILE STILL COMPLYING WITH THAT DIRECTIVE. WITH
11 REGARD TO STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TEAM THAT
12 HAS DONE THAT AND I RESPECT AND APPRECIATE YOUR PERSPECTIVE OF
13 UNDERSTANDING THE COMPLEXITY OF COUNTY SERVICES AND OUR FINITE
14 RESOURCES AND NOT WANTING TO KIND OF PUSH THE ENVELOPE AND THE
15 REALITY OF YOUR SHOESTRING BUDGET, I WOULD SAY, BUT THE STATE
16 CONTINUES TO ADOPT PLANNING, LAND USE, AND ZONING LAW,
17 PARTICULARLY AROUND HOUSING. SO, YOU'VE GOT SOME EXTERNAL
18 FORCES THAT ARE IMPACTING YOUR WORKLOAD, ADDING TO IT, I WOULD
19 SUGGEST. SO, WHAT'S YOUR CAPACITY TO DO ANALYSIS OF LOCAL
20 IMPACT OF THOSE POLICIES, EVEN TO BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE
21 RECOMMENDATIONS TO US, GIVEN THE EXTERNAL INFLUENCE IS HAVING
22 ON YOUR WORKLOAD?

23
24 **AMY BODEK:** SO, WE'VE BEEN TRACKING THE NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE
25 BILLS THAT AFFECT OUR DEPARTMENT FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND



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1 IT HAS RANGED FROM A LOW OF ABOUT 60 TO A HIGH OF 100 IN A
2 SINGLE YEAR. AND MOST OF THEM ARE RELATED TO HOUSING. AND SO,
3 WE DO HAVE A PROCESS IN PLACE THAT ALLOWS US TO QUICKLY
4 RESPOND TO CEO LEDGE AFFAIRS AND PROVIDE OUR BEST ESTIMATE OF
5 THAT. BUT WE THEN TURN AROUND AND USE THE DATA OF THOSE
6 HOUSING PERMITS TO HELP US ADVOCATE FOR MORE STAFF. AND CEO
7 HAS ACTUALLY GIVEN US MORE STAFF SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO
8 HOUSING PRODUCTION. AND SO I CAN TELL YOU FOR EXAMPLE THAT IN
9 2018 WE ISSUED 826 PERMITS FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS. 826
10 THAT'S 2018 THAT'S THE YEAR I STARTED. IN 2024, 4,418 UNITS.

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12 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AMAZING.

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14 **AMY BODEK:** I'M SORRY, THOSE WERE NOT ADUS, PARDON ME. THOSE
15 ARE JUST HOUSING PERMITS. 800 TO 4,400 IN SEVEN YEARS, 435%
16 INCREASE. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SHARE THIS DATA WITH CEO IN OUR
17 BUDGETS AND ADVOCATE FOR POSITIONS SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO
18 HOUSING PERMITTING. AND SO THAT'S THE WAY THAT THE DENNIS IS
19 REALLY USING EPIC-L.A. TO HELP US BUDGET.

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21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** HELPFUL. IN TERMS OF, AND THAT'S
22 HELPFUL, THANK YOU. ANY ADDITIONAL SUPPORT THAT YOU HAVE
23 SOUGHT OR THINK YOU MAY NEED TO, YOU KNOW, I WON'T SAY PUSH
24 BACK, BUT TO KIND OF MANAGE THE PROCESS AT THE STATE LEVEL,
25 FOR EXAMPLE, WITH REGARDS TO RHNA ALLOCATION. AND AGAIN, OUR



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1 EFFORT TO SUCCESSFULLY AND APPROPRIATELY RESPOND TO CHANGES
2 COMING AT US FROM THE STATE.

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4 **AMY BODEK:** SO, WE ARE ASKING FOR THREE POSITIONS IN OUR
5 COASTAL AREA, BECAUSE WE HAVE REALLY FOCUSED A LOT OF OUR
6 PERMITS. THE MAJORITY OF OUR PERMITS NOW ARE MINISTERIAL. SO,
7 THEY DO NOT TAKE AS MUCH TIME. WE HAVE, LET'S SEE, ALMOST 98%
8 OF OUR PERMITS ARE MINISTERIAL. IT'S THE LAST 2% THAT KILL US,

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10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** RIGHT?

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12 **AMY BODEK:** BECAUSE THEY'RE THE BIG SUBDIVISIONS, THEY'RE THE
13 BIG COASTAL PERMITS. AND COASTAL PERMITS TAKE AN INORDINATE
14 AMOUNT OF TIME BECAUSE THERE'S ALSO THE POTENTIAL FOR THEM TO
15 GO TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION AS WELL. AND SO, WE ARE ASKING
16 FOR THREE NEW STAFF POSITIONS FOR COASTAL. THEY WOULD BE
17 PARTIALLY RELATED TO FIRE REBUILDS, BUT THEY WOULD TRANSITION
18 AS PERMANENT STAFF BECAUSE OUR WORKLOADS HAVE NOT BUDGED FROM
19 A DATA STANDPOINT RELATED TO TIMING AND HOW LONG IT TAKES US
20 TO GET PERMITS THROUGH. WE HAVE SPED UP OUR OTHER PERMITS EVEN
21 THE REST OF OUR DISCRETIONARY PERMITS EXCEPT FOR IN THE
22 COASTAL SECTION BECAUSE THERE'S JUST ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS
23 THAT TAKE MUCH LONGER. BUT WE ARE USING THAT DATA THAT WE
24 COLLECT TO FIGURE OUT HOW MANY CASES A PLANNER HAS, HOW LONG
25 THE TURNAROUND TIME IS TO GET TO A HEARING, HOW MANY APPEALS



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1 IT TAKES, HOW LONG IT TAKES TO GET ON THE BOARD'S CALENDAR. WE
2 HAVE THOSE DATA POINTS IF YOU'RE INTERESTED AND WE CAN SHARE
3 THEM WITH YOU. AND SO, WE ACTUALLY KNOW WHEN WE ARE TIGHTENING
4 UP THAT PROCESS VERSUS NOT. AND WE JUST CAN'T TIGHTEN IT UP
5 ANYMORE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL STAFF IN COASTAL.

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7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND THAT'S WHY I WAS REALLY ASKING THE
8 QUESTION, IS REALLY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE APPROPRIATELY
9 RESOURCING YOU FOR THE CHANGE IN WORK NEEDS. LAST QUESTION FOR
10 ME, MADAM CHAIR, AND IT REALLY IS JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
11 PUBLIC IS FULLY AWARE. SINCE ON YOUR UNMET NEEDS CHART, YOU'RE
12 REQUESTING RESOURCES FOR TWO NEW ONE-STOP DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.
13 WHERE ELSE ARE THERE ONE-STOP DEVELOPMENT CENTERS, JUST SO THE
14 PUBLIC CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR ASK IN THE APPROPRIATE CONTEXT.

15

16 **AMY BODEK:** CERTAINLY. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DO THIS BY MEMORY,
17 RIGHT? SO, WE HAVE, I'M GOING TO GO FROM EAST TO WEST.
18 ARCADIA, WE CALL THAT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. LA PUENTE, WHICH
19 IS THE NEW ONE, EAST L.A., CALABASAS, SOUTHWEST, SANTA
20 CLARITA, AND LANCASTER. WE SHARE ALL SEVEN OF THOSE LOCATIONS
21 WITH PUBLIC WORKS. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRE
22 DEPARTMENT ARE IN SOME OF THEM. AND THEN WE'RE LOOKING TO DO
23 ONE IN ALTADENA SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO THE REBUILDS BECAUSE
24 SANTA CLARITA AND EAST L.A. ARE PROBABLY THE CLOSEST ONES TO
25 THAT AND WE'RE NOT SURE THAT THAT'S A GOOD THING GIVEN THE



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1 VOLUME THAT WE EXPECT.

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3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
4 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I THINK ARCADIA IS CLOSER. YEAH,
7 THAT'S OKAY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, AMY. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE
10 WORK THAT YOUR OFFICE DOES IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT YOU ONLY
11 HAVE 211 EMPLOYEES. I THOUGHT YOU HAD MORE FOR SOME REASON,
12 BUT I CONCUR WITH A LOT OF WHAT MY COLLEAGUES ARE SAYING
13 REGARDING INSUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT
14 YOU'RE DOING NOW AND THE FEES THAT YOU COLLECT. SO, CAN YOU
15 KIND OF WALK ME THROUGH THAT? YOU KNOW, WHAT PORTION OF THE
16 FEES PAYS FOR? YEAH. CAN YOU, BECAUSE YOU JUST MENTIONED THAT
17 THERE WAS

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19 **AMY BODEK:** YES.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** A BIG INCREASE OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS.

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23 **AMY BODEK:** WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE A FULL COST RECOVERY
24 DEPARTMENT. BUT TYPICALLY, PLANNING DEPARTMENTS CANNOT BE FULL
25 COST RECOVERY BY THEIR VERY NATURE BECAUSE WE DO WORK LIKE



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1 ADVANCED PLANNING. AND SO, WHEN WE'RE WRITING ORDINANCES, WE
2 HAVE NO ONE TO CHARGE FOR THAT ORDINANCE. AND SO, YOU CAN'T
3 COLLECT A FEE FOR WORK THAT IS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE FEE
4 THAT YOU'RE CHARGING. THAT'S A BASIC STATE LAW THAT SAYS ANY
5 FEE THAT WE ARE ASSESSING MUST BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE WORK
6 THAT WE'RE DOING. SO, IF SOMEONE COMES IN FOR AN ALCOHOL
7 LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT, WE CAN'T CHARGE THEM FOR DOING WORK
8 ON A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE. SO, A PLANNING
9 DEPARTMENT IS NEVER FEE NEUTRAL. IT JUST ISN'T. SO, OUR
10 DEPARTMENT IS 76% SUPPORTED BY NCC AND 24% REVENUE. AND THE
11 REVENUE IS MADE UP OF FLAT FEES THAT WE CHARGE TO APPLICANTS,
12 BUT IT ALSO IS FOR THIRD-PARTY REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH
13 LARGE DEVELOPERS WHO ARE PAYING FOR OUR TIME AND REIMBURSING
14 US. AND THEN A LITTLE BIT OF MISCELLANEOUS FEES, GRANTS. WE
15 HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF CDBG, A LITTLE BIT OF UUT, BUT IT'S
16 REALLY QUITE MINOR.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** HAS THE FEES GONE UP? HAVE THOSE BEEN LOOKED
19 AT?

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21 **AMY BODEK:** WE DID A FEE STUDY IN 2023, LATE 2023, EARLY 2024,
22 AND WE CONSOLIDATED, YOU KNOW, A GINORMOUS AMOUNT OF FEES,
23 THAT'S A TECHNICAL TERM, A GINORMOUS AMOUNT OF FEES INTO A
24 MORE MANAGEABLE AMOUNT OF FEES BECAUSE IT WAS CONFUSING FOR
25 EVERYONE. THERE WERE FEES THAT WE AND YOU SUPPORTED US NOT



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1 GETTING FULL COST RECOVERY ON BECAUSE THE FEE WAS A VERY
2 SIMPLE FEE. AND I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE, A BANNER PERMIT. TO
3 PUT A BANNER UP, REALLY, WE SHOULD BE CHARGING THEM \$300 FOR A
4 BANNER PERMIT, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT OUR COST WOULD BE. BUT WHO
5 IS GOING TO PAY THAT? AND SO, YOU AND WE AT OUR RECOMMENDATION
6 REDUCED THAT TO A MINOR FEE. SO, WE HAVE TO FIND A SWEET SPOT
7 WHERE WE ARE NOT MAKING OUR FEES SO HIGH THAT PEOPLE CAN'T PAY
8 IT OR WON'T PAY IT, BUT WE ALSO NEED TO GENERATE REVENUE
9 BECAUSE WE ARE A PRIMARY NCC DEPARTMENT.

10
11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WOULD HOPE THAT PERHAPS LOOKING FORWARD,
12 BECAUSE I REALIZE THAT RIGHT NOW THE WAY YOU'RE OPERATING,
13 YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY DOING A LOT OF ROLES OR RESPONSIBILITIES THAT
14 I THINK EVEN DPW COULD HELP COVER. SO MAYBE THERE'S A WAY OF
15 ANALYZING THAT FOR THE FUTURE TO SEE WHERE YOU DO WORK
16 SIMILARLY ON DIFFERENT PROJECTS. AND I'M WONDERING IF THERE'S
17 A WAY TO LOOK AT COST SHARING FOR THE FUTURE. AND I WOULD ASK
18 OUR CEO TO GIVE ME AN OPINION ON SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I'M SURE
19 IT'S COME UP BEFORE, BUT YOU SHARE SPACE AT THESE CENTERS. YOU
20 DO A LOT OF WORK TOGETHER ON ALL OUR CAPITAL PROJECTS. YOU ARE
21 THERE. I WOULD THINK THAT THERE COULD BE SOME PORTION,
22 WHATEVER, OR FORMULA PUT TOGETHER TO HELP OUT WITH YOUR
23 DEPARTMENT AND YOUR STAFFING.

24
25 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, SUPERVISOR, ACTUALLY AMY AND I STARTED



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1 THIS CONVERSATION, I THINK ABOUT A WEEK AND A HALF AGO. SO, WE
2 CAN START THE CONVERSATION WITH REGIONAL PLANNING AS WELL AS
3 PUBLIC WORKS AND FIGURE OUT A PATH FORWARD. MAYBE IT'S TO
4 START WITH A CONSULTANT TO SEE WHERE THERE'S DUPLICATION
5 BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENTS. AND THEN AS NECESSARY IN TERMS OF A
6 FORMULA AND LIKE COST BREAKDOWN, WE WOULD NEED TO BRING AN
7 AUDITOR CONTROLLER. BUT WE WILL START THAT PROCESS.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. AND I KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOW BEING
10 CHARGED FOR OUR COUNTY COUNSEL.

11

12 **DAWYN HARRISON:** YES.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WHY DID THAT, WHAT'S THE RATIONALE FOR THAT?
15 CAN I ASK COUNTY COUNSEL WHY DID THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN POP UP
16 AFTER HOW MANY YEARS?

17

18 **DAWYN HARRISON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IF I CAN, I'LL GIVE
19 SOME GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CONTEXT AND THEN I'LL SPEAK TO
20 REGIONAL PLANNING SPECIFICALLY IF I CAN. SO AS A CENTRAL
21 SERVICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY COUNSEL HAS A VERY, UNLIKE REGIONAL
22 PLANNING, WE HAVE A VERY, VERY SMALL NCC. IN FACT, OUR NCC IS
23 ONLY 8% OF OUR TOTAL \$215,000,000 APPROPRIATION FOR OUR
24 OFFICE. LIKE THE OTHER CENTRAL SERVICE DEPARTMENTS LIKE ISD,
25 DHR, AUDITOR CONTROLLER, AND OTHERS, WE BUILD OUR CLIENT



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1 DEPARTMENTS FOR THE SERVICES, IN OUR CASE, LEGAL SERVICES THAT
2 WE PROVIDE TO COVER OUR OPERATING EXPENSES, ALLOCATE OUR
3 RESOURCES, PRIORITIZE OUR SERVICE DELIVERY, AND ENSURE THAT
4 OUR LEGAL COSTS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH DELIVERING OUR SERVICES
5 ARE FAIRLY DISTRIBUTED. THAT'S NO DIFFERENT THAN ANY OF THE
6 OTHER CENTRAL SERVICE DEPARTMENTS. OF THE 38 DEPARTMENTS,
7 THERE WERE SEVEN THAT HISTORICALLY WERE NON-BILLABLE THAT WE
8 DID NOT BILL. ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, AUTOR AND CONTROLLER,
9 CEO, DHR, ISD, PARKS AND REC, AND REGIONAL PLANNING WAS ONE OF
10 THEM. THEY HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN NON-BILLABLE. AS OUR
11 SERVICES TO DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THESE SEVEN, HAVE
12 INCREASED, AND AFTER DOING OUR OWN BUDGET REQUESTS A COUPLE OF
13 YEARS AGO AND BEING ASKED BY CEO, WHY DON'T YOU BUILD THESE
14 DEPARTMENTS, WE DID SOME RESEARCH TO FIND OUT WHY DON'T WE
15 BUILD THESE DEPARTMENTS. AND IT BECAME PRETTY CLEAR THAT WE
16 COULDN'T FIND ANY REASON, CERTAINLY NOT LEGALLY, AND THERE WAS
17 NO OTHER REASON WHY WE WEREN'T BUILDING THESE PARTICULAR
18 DEPARTMENTS. SO, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CEO, WE STARTED
19 ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO ONBOARDING EACH ONE OF THESE DEPARTMENTS
20 ONE BY ONE TO CONVERT THEM FROM NON-BILLABLE TO BILLABLE. WITH
21 REGARDS TO REGIONAL PLANNING SPECIFICALLY, FOR THE YEARS 2021,
22 21/22, AND 22/ 23, AS A POINT OF EXAMPLE, THEY HAD A DEDICATED
23 DIVISION CHIEF LEVEL EMBEDDED ATTORNEY THAT WAS LARGELY, WE
24 ABSORB THAT COST WITHOUT BILLING THEM FOR THAT. ALSO, I WOULD
25 NOTE IN TERMS OF JUST OUR LEGAL SERVICE HOURS, SO FOR 2022/23,



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1 THE TOTAL COUNTY COUNCIL HOURS EXPENDED FOR REGIONAL PLANNING
2 LEGAL SERVICES WAS ABOUT 5,607. OF THAT 5,607 HOURS, 5,370
3 WERE NON-BILLABLE, MEANING ABSORBED BY MY OFFICE. ONLY 237
4 WERE BILLABLE. LIKEWISE, FOR 23/24, 6,744 LEGAL SERVICE HOURS,
5 WITH 5,907 BEING NON-BILLABLE, MEANING ABSORBED BY MY OFFICE.
6 SO, YOU KNOW, AS WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD FOR THIS CURRENT FISCAL
7 YEAR, JUST THE LAST SIX MONTHS, THEY'VE INCURRED 2,314 HOURS,
8 NOW BILLABLE, BECAUSE WE'VE CONVERTED THEM TO BILLABLE. IF YOU
9 ASSUME MAYBE THAT YOU DOUBLE THAT FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF
10 THE FISCAL YEAR, WE'RE LOOKING AT APPROXIMATELY 4,628, WHICH
11 IS ACTUALLY A DECREASE OF 31% APPROXIMATELY. SO THAT'S KIND OF
12 THE HISTORY OF WHAT'S HAPPENED. IT'S LITERALLY CATCHING UP THE
13 SEVE REMAINING DEPARTMENTS TO THEIR COUNTERPARTS WHO ARE
14 BILLED. AND SO, I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THE ASK AND I HOPE IT'S
15 APPROVED.

16
17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WELL, I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT I ALSO LOOK AT
18 THEIR BUDGET. I MEAN, THEY ONLY HAVE \$48,000,000 RIGHT NOW,
19 AND WE JUST HAD A BIG MAJOR THREE OR FOUR FIRES, AND THEY'RE
20 GOING TO BE ASKED TO DO A LOT. AND I'M SURE THEY'RE GOING TO
21 NEED TO HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL HELPING THEM MORE SO NOW THAN
22 EVER. I WOULD HOPE WHEN WE LOOK AT THE FRAMEWORK OF WHERE WE
23 GO WITH PUBLIC WORKS THAT WE MAY LOOK AT THAT AS WELL TO SEE
24 WHERE WE CAN HAVE SOME COST SAVINGS BECAUSE I DO THINK IT
25 SEEMS A BIT IMBALANCED RIGHT NOW. AND MAYBE THAT'S BECAUSE



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1 WE'RE TRYING TO CATCH UP, BUT I STILL THINK THAT WHAT REGIONAL
2 PLANNING IS DOING FOR MANY OF US, ESPECIALLY IN THE
3 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, FOR ME IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. THEY
4 HAVE CHANGED DIRECTIONS IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, SEVEN YEARS.
5 AMY, YOU'VE BEEN HERE HOW MANY YEARS NOW? SIX? SINCE SHE HAS
6 BEEN ON BOARD, I JUST SEE AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT OPERATION,
7 WHICH IS MORE PROACTIVE, WHICH IS REALLY LISTENING MORE TO OUR
8 CONSTITUENTS AND DOING OUTREACH THAT THEY DON'T EVEN GET PAID
9 FOR. AND I LIKE THE IDEA THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO PAY FOR
10 COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS TO HELP THEM, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S
11 A MODEL THAT CAN BE SUSTAINED. SO, I WOULD HOPE THAT WE BEGIN
12 TO LOOK AT HOW WE REALLY PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR THAT
13 TO HAPPEN, BECAUSE THIS IS ONGOING AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE
14 MORE NEED FOR THAT AS WE BUILD OUT AND PUT IN NEW
15 NEIGHBORHOODS AS WE BEGIN TO REBUILD. SO, I DON'T KNOW. CEO,
16 YOU HAVE YOUR MIC ON.

17
18 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE'VE ALREADY STARTED
19 TALKING TO THE DEPARTMENT, REGIONAL PLANNING, AND TO A LESSER
20 EXTENT, PUBLIC WORKS. WE KNOW THAT WE NEED TO PUT TOGETHER A
21 BASICALLY A RECOVERY SURGE PLAN. AMY HAS ALREADY GIVEN US A
22 TIMELINE WHEN SHE ANTICIPATES THERE WILL BE A LARGE VOLUME OF
23 REQUESTS FOR PERMITS TO REBUILD AND SO WE HAVE ALREADY STARTED
24 TO DISCUSS WHAT PUTTING TOGETHER THAT PLAN MIGHT LOOK LIKE IN
25 TERMS OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND WHEN IT'S APPROXIMATELY WHEN



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1 IT WOULD BE NEEDED.

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I UNDERSTAND THAT BECAUSE THIS BUDGET WAS
4 PREPARED BEFORE ALL THE FIRES. ONE LAST THING ON YOUR UNMET
5 NEEDS FOR THE NEW LA PUENTE ENHANCED ONE-STOP, HOW LONG HAS
6 THAT BEEN OPEN NOW, AND WHAT DOES THE WORKLOAD LOOK LIKE?

7

8 **AMY BODEK:** IT HAS BEEN OPEN, I THINK SINCE OCTOBER, AND IT IS
9 ONE OF OUR BUSIER OFFICES. I CAN TELL YOU WHAT THAT WAS. 2024,
10 WE SERVED 2,300 FOLKS. IT WAS THE SECOND HIGHEST VOLUME AFTER
11 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO THERE'S A DEFINITE NEED THERE, BUT IF YOU
14 DON'T HAVE THIS MONEY, IF IT'S NOT THAT, THIS WAS ONE TIME
15 FROM THE CEO, BUT NOW YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT WE HAVE TO KIND
16 OF EXPECT THAT FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS SO THAT YOU CAN WIPE
17 YOUR BALANCE OFF IN TERMS OF THE CONSTRUCTION FUNDS THAT YOU
18 OWE TO DPW.

19

20 **AMY BODEK:** YEAH, THERE ARE MORTGAGE LENDER.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO, WHAT HAPPENS HERE? WHAT HAPPENS? ARE WE
23 GOING TO KEEP THOSE OFFICES VACANT NOW AFTER WE JUST OPENED IT
24 UP AND KNOW THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE SECOND HIGHEST RATED
25 OFFICES IN USE? WHICH IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE SERVICE SAN



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1 GABRIEL VALLEY AS WELL AS HOW FAR, HOW MANY CITIES, WHAT'S
2 YOUR RANGE? BECAUSE YOU COVER A LOT OF ZIP CODES.

3
4 **AMY BODEK:** WE DO. SO FOR THAT, I THINK WE PROBABLY SERVICE
5 EIGHT OR TEN DIFFERENT UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES RELATED TO
6 THAT ONE.

7
8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND THEY'RE NOT ALL FROM DISTRICT ONE? NO,
9 THEY'RE NOT. YEAH. SO IT'S A COUNTY. I MEAN YOU'RE REALLY
10 SERVICING PROBABLY THE FOURTH, THE FIFTH, MYSELF FOR SURE.

11
12 **AMY BODEK:** ANYONE CAN WALK INTO ANY OF THE FIELD OFFICES AND
13 GET SERVICE. THEY TYPICALLY DON'T DO THAT, RIGHT? THEY WOULD
14 GO TO THE ONE THAT'S CLOSEST TO THEM OR WHATEVER. BUT WE
15 ACTUALLY HAD REBUILD PERMITS TAKEN IN IN EAST L.A. FROM THE
16 FIRES IN ALTADENA AND WE DIDN'T KNOW WHY THEY CAME INTO EAST
17 L.A. THAT WAS INTERESTING TO US, BUT THAT'S WHERE THEY CAME IN
18 AND WE ACCEPTED THEIR APPLICATION THERE. SO TYPICALLY, YOU
19 KNOW, LA PUENTE, WE'RE GOING TO SEE IT IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL
20 VALLEY, A LITTLE BIT CLOSER TO VALINDA AND AVOCADO HEIGHTS.
21 THAT'S WHERE THEY START MOVING INTO EAST L.A., BUT EAST L.A.
22 IS GOING TO THEN BE WHITTIER ALL THE WAY DOWN, AND THEN WE GET
23 TO SOUTHWEST, WHICH COVERS A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF TWO AND
24 FOUR.



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** TWO AND FOUR, INTERESTING. SO, WHAT HAPPENS
2 IF THIS MONEY ISN'T PROVIDED, THE FUNDS AREN'T FOUND?

3

4 **AMY BODEK:** SO, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IS IF WE HAD SALARY SAVINGS,
5 WE WOULD PUT THAT TOWARDS THE COST THAT WE OWE PUBLIC WORKS,
6 AND THEN WE WOULD TRY TO NEGOTIATE A LONGER REPAYMENT WITH
7 PUBLIC WORKS IF WE'RE NOT ABLE TO SECURE THAT DOLLAR AMOUNT.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO PERHAPS, AGAIN, PUBLIC WORKS CAN HELP US
10 FIND A SOLUTION HERE, SINCE THEY WERE IN CHARGE OF
11 ESTABLISHING THE FACILITY, BUILDING IT OUT, AND THE WHOLE
12 PURPOSE WAS TO HAVE A COMBINATION OF YOUR OFFICE, THEIRS, AS
13 WELL AS I THINK PUBLIC HEALTH. I THINK THERE WAS EVEN THOUGHT
14 OF HAVING FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT THEY PULLED OUT. SO THAT LEAVES
15 A BIG HOLE AND THE EXPECTATION.

16

17 **AMY BODEK:** I THINK THAT'S A DISCUSSION ABOVE MY PAY GRADE. YOU
18 KNOW I'M CERTAINLY NOT HERE ASKING PUBLIC WORKS TO DO THAT.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I'M ASKING OUR CEO. I'M REQUESTING OUR CEO.

21

22 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, SUPERVISOR WE WILL SEE A LOOK INTO IT AND
23 WE WILL FIGURE OUT A SOLUTION WITH THE DEPARTMENTS.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT



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1 YOU DO AND I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT SEEING YOUR STAFF EXPAND AND
2 DO THE GOOD WORK TO SEE IT CONTINUE. SO, THANK YOU. THANK YOU,
3 MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND AMY, I HAVE A
6 FEELING THE EAST L.A. IS PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY WERE DISPLACED
7 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE'VE GOT RESIDENTS FROM ALTADENA THAT ARE
8 ACTUALLY LIVING IN SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S DISTRICT. THEY DON'T
9 HAVE FAMILY OR WAS ABLE TO FIND AN AIRBNB BUT I MEAN THAT
10 HIGHLIGHTS THE SHORTAGE OF HOUSING.

11

12 **AMY BODEK:** WE ACTUALLY HAD PEOPLE COMING TO THE WEST L.A. DRC
13 WHO WERE FROM THE EATON FIRE AS WELL SO WE HAD FLYERS FOR THE
14 EATON FIRE AT OUR WEST L.A. CENTER AND VICE VERSA, YES.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

17

18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THANK
19 YOU FOR THIS BUDGET PRESENTATION AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THANK
20 YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN DOING
21 TO RESPOND TO THE FIRES ALREADY. YOU'VE HIGHLIGHTED A LOT OF
22 WHAT YOU'VE DONE BUT I KNOW THAT SPECIFICALLY IN MY
23 NEIGHBORHOODS YOU'VE HELPED WITH NEIGHBORHOOD TOWN HALLS. YOUR
24 TEAM'S WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH OUR COMMUNITIES LIKE SUNSET
25 MESA AND TOPANGA HAVE BEEN VERY WELCOME NEWS FOR CONSTITUENTS



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1 IN THESE AREAS. SO I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. AND I KNOW
2 WITHIN DAYS YOUR COASTAL PLANNERS WERE GETTING READY FOR THE
3 START OF THE REBUILD PROCESS, WHICH IS INCREDIBLY CHALLENGING
4 AND COMPLICATED. SO, I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK THAT
5 YOU HAVE DONE, KNOWING THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO WORK IN A
6 PERIOD OF TIME AHEAD. SO HOW IS THE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR STAFF
7 AND COASTAL DEVELOPMENT REVIEW SECTION REFLECTED IN YOUR
8 BUDGET, AND I KNOW THERE'S ALSO A STATE FUND ALLOCATION TO TRY
9 AND ENHANCE THAT SO WHAT ARE WE DOING TO MAKE SURE WE GET OUR
10 FAIR SHARE OF THAT ALLOCATION?

11
12 **AMY BODEK:** SO, ON PAGE THREE WE DO HAVE A REQUEST FOR A
13 POTENTIAL INCREASE FOR THREE REGIONAL PLANNERS AND THAT WAS
14 SPECIFICALLY B FOR THE COASTAL SECTION. THE RESPONSE TO THIS
15 FIRE IN THE COASTAL ZONE IS GOING TO BE A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT
16 AND MAYBE NOT AS CUMBERSOME AS IT WAS UNDER WOOLSEY BECAUSE
17 THIS RESPONSE HAS A LOT MORE EXECUTIVE ORDERS THAT RELIEVE US
18 OF SOME OF THOSE OBLIGATIONS. THE VOLUME IS HIGHER, OR ABOUT
19 CONSISTENTLY THE SAME. BUT WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO POSITIONING
20 THE DEPARTMENT IS BUSINESS AS USUAL, AND THEN A SEPARATE
21 REBUILD SECTION THAT DEALS DIRECTLY WITH THE FIRES. AND SO, WE
22 ARE REALLY TRYING TO SEPARATE OUR STAFF SO THAT THEY CAN FOCUS
23 EITHER ON THAT BUSINESS AS USUAL, WHICH MUST HAPPEN WHILE WE
24 ARE UPGRADING OUR FIRE REBUILD STAFF. AND SO AS THE CEO SAID,
25 WE DID PRESENT THEM A VERY DRAFT OF A SURGE PLAN THAT IS



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1 LOOKING AT RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS. THERE IS APPROXIMATELY
2 \$4,000,000 AVAILABLE THAT WAS GRANTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AT THE STATE AND THAT IS
4 SUPPOSED TO BE GOING TO ALL OF THE AFFECTED JURISDICTIONS TO
5 ASSIST IN STAFFING. \$4,000,000 I COULD DO THAT IN A YEAR JUST
6 US OURSELVES AND THIS IS ALSO SUPPOSED TO ASSIST THE CITY OF
7 L.A., PASADENA, SIERRA MADRE, AND CERTAINLY MALIBU WHICH
8 SUFFERED MUCH MORE THAN IN WOOLSEY AND SO THAT'S NOT GOING TO
9 GO VERY FAR.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** YES, AND THEY'VE INDICATED THEY'RE
12 WILLING TO INVEST MORE RESOURCES, BUT IF WE TAKE OUR SWEET
13 TIME ASKING FOR IT AND PUTTING IT INTO ACTION, THEY'RE
14 PROBABLY NOT LIKELY TO INVEST IN US MORE. SO I JUST WANT TO
15 MAKE SURE WE'RE MOVING WITH URGENCY.

16

17 **AMY BODEK:** YES, WE'VE ACTUALLY HAD, JOSEPH AND I HAVE HAD
18 BUDGET MEETINGS WITH HCD BUDGET STAFF THEMSELVES.

19

20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** GREAT.

21

22 **AMY BODEK:** TO FIGURE OUT IF THIS IS A GRANT, IS THIS A LOAN,
23 WHAT'S THE FORM OF IT. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IT'S GOING TO
24 BE A VERY SIMPLE GRANT FROM HCD DIRECTLY.

25



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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** GREAT.

2
3 **AMY BODEK:** WE JUST DON'T KNOW THE PROPORTIONS THAT WE WOULD
4 GET.

5
6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY, AS LONG AS WE'RE ALREADY AT THE
7 TABLE. THAT IS WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE
8 CALABASAS OFFICE WILL BE SERVING AS THE ONE-STOP PERMITTING
9 CENTER. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE OUTCOMES OF THE AFTER-ACTION OF
10 WOOLSEY. WE'VE STOOD UP THIS THIS SPACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN COME.
11 IT'S ALREADY IN OPERATION ON A DAILY BASIS AND NOW WILL SERVE
12 A BROADER REGION. SO HOW WILL THE PLANNED OFFICE MOVE LATER
13 THIS YEAR FOR THAT LOCATION? I KNOW MY DISTRICT OFFICE IS
14 THERE WITH YOU TOO. WE'RE ALL MOVING TOGETHER, SO HOW CAN WE
15 MAKE SURE THAT THERE AREN'T ANY HICCUPS IN THAT PROCESS THAT
16 CREATE ADDITIONAL FRUSTRATION FOR EVERYBODY.

17
18 **AMY BODEK:** SO, AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE MOVE-IN DATE, WHICH I
19 BELIEVE IS THIS SUMMER, JULY, WE MAY SWITCH A COUPLE OF THOSE,
20 NOT JUST A COUPLE, A FEW OF THOSE APPOINTMENTS TO VIRTUAL FOR
21 THE SAKE OF MAKING SURE THAT IF WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
22 MOVE, WE DON'T DISRUPT THAT. AND THEN WE WOULD STAFF THOSE
23 VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS EITHER FROM DOWNTOWN OR FROM OTHER FIELD
24 OFFICES. IF WE DO NEED TO GO THERE, WE ARE HAPPY TO MEET IN
25 MALIBU CITY HALL. AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE ALSO STEPPED INTO THEIR



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1 FACILITIES AS NEEDED. AND WE'RE ALSO HAPPY TO MEET SOMEBODY IN
2 A PARKING LOT, YOU KNOW, TO HAVE A ONE-ON-ONE CONSULTATION
3 WITH THEM. BUT BECAUSE THE BEST THING ABOUT THESE
4 CONSULTATIONS IS IT'S A FOUR DEPARTMENT CONSULTATION, YOU
5 KNOW, WE HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY IN WHERE WE GO WITH THAT. IF WE
6 HAVE TO MEET IN TOPANGA'S LIBRARY, THAT'S WHERE WE'LL GO.

7

8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU. I ASKED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
9 THIS, BUT I WOULD ALSO ASK OF YOU TO PARTICIPATE. I KNOW THAT
10 THERE ARE, AS WE'RE PREPARING OUR NEW FIRE REBUILDS, THERE'S
11 STILL SOME OUTSTANDING FROM WOOLSEY. SO, WE'VE ASKED FOR A
12 STATUS REPORT FOR YOU TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THEM TO MAKE
13 SURE THAT WE ARE COMPLETING THAT WORK TOO, BECAUSE WE'VE HEARD
14 THE FRUSTRATION AND THOSE HORROR STORIES AND WE WANT TO HELP
15 CREATE RESOLUTION AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN.

16

17 **AMY BODEK:** SO, I HAVE NUMBERS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THEM.
18 WE THINK, TO THE BEST OF THE DATA THAT WE HAVE AT THE TIME,
19 397 SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES DESTROYED. 75 TEMP HOUSING PERMITS
20 WERE ISSUED WHICH IS 19%. 305 PLANS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. 301 HAVE BEEN APPROVED. 244
22 PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY BUILDING AND
23 SAFETY.

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** GREAT. I KNOW THERE WILL BE MORE FOLLOW-



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1 UP ON THAT, BUT I THINK UNDERSTANDING DATA WHERE WE ARE AND
2 THEN WHAT ARE THE HICCUPS, WHAT'S GETTING IN OUR WAY OF
3 RESOLVING THE REST, I THINK WILL BE HELPFUL FOR US TO DRILL
4 DOWN AS WELL.

5

6 **AMY BODEK:** IT WILL AND TO THAT EXTENT RELATED TO THE NEW
7 REBUILDS, THE DASHBOARDS ARE GOING TO BE VERY MUCH MORE
8 TRANSPARENT AND MORE REFLECTIVE OF THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF
9 CONSTRUCTION THAT WE'LL BE DOING SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE A
10 DIFFICULTY PARSING THE DATA LATER.

11

12 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** GREAT, GREAT, AND MY LAST QUESTION ON A
13 DIFFERENT TOPIC, WE FACE ISSUES WITH CODE ENFORCEMENT IN THE
14 SAN MONICA MOUNTAINS. AND SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOUR TEAM
15 HAS THE RESOURCES YOU NEED TO ADDRESS ANY PROBLEMATIC AND
16 POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES. SO HOW ARE
17 THOSE BEING REFLECTED IN YOUR BUDGET?

18

19 **AMY BODEK:** SO, WE HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY THIN IN TERMS OF
20 ENFORCEMENT IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, REALLY DUE TO ATTRITION AND
21 PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. SO, YOU HAD ABOUT TWO PLANNERS
22 FOCUSING ON ALL OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, AND THAT WAS
23 NOT ENOUGH. WE SPENT AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF OVERTIME WORKING
24 ON SPECIAL EVENTS AND OTHER LAND USE ACTIVITIES THAT WERE
25 OCCURRING ON THE WEEKENDS IN PARTICULAR. BUT IN THE LAST SEVEN



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1 MONTHS, WE WERE ABLE TO MOVE AROUND SOME POSITIONS AND HAVE
2 THREE NEW PLANNERS THERE. AND WE EXPECT TO HAVE ONE MORE
3 PLANNER SO THAT WE WILL BE INCREASING THE STAFFING LEVELS
4 SPECIFICALLY IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. THE CHALLENGE WITH
5 BOTH THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS THE
6 DISTANCES THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO TRAVEL ARE SO VAST.
7 COMMUNICATIONS ARE DIFFICULT. WE LOSE CELL SERVICE IN THE
8 MIDDLE OF AN ASSIGNMENT. AND SO, WHEREAS SOMEONE IN THE METRO
9 AREA MIGHT HAVE A CASELOAD OF TEN CASES IN A DAY, ALTADENA,
10 I'M SORRY, ANTELOPE VALLEY AND THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, IT
11 MIGHT BE FOUR IN A DAY. AND SO THAT REALLY DOES AFFECT THE
12 VOLUME THAT WE CAN DO. AND AGAIN, WITH THE DATA THAT WE'VE
13 BEEN PARSING WITH EPIC OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS HAS REALLY
14 HELPED US MOVE STAFF TO WHERE WE NEED THEM. AND I THINK YOU'RE
15 GOING TO SEE A DIFFERENCE IN THAT.

16
17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY, I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT WE'VE
18 THOUGHT ABOUT THAT. IT'S REFLECTED IN YOUR BUDGET. AND WE'VE
19 BEEN MAKING SOME CHANGES BASED ON WHAT WE'VE SEEN. THANK YOU.

20
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I'M JUST GOING TO
22 FOLLOW UP WITH A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. AND I KNOW, I MEAN,
23 WE'VE TALKED ABOUT YOUR BUDGET AND THE FACT THAT FEES DON'T
24 COVER THE SALARY. AND SO, I KNOW THE NET COUNTY COSTS IS
25 INVOLVED BUT THE BOARD HAS ASKED YOU TO PRIORITIZE IN YOUR



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1 UPCOMING WORK PLAN GET FEEDBACK ON THE AND I THINK IT WAS LIKE
2 13 PAGES. HOW, GIVEN THE FACT WE'VE GOT THE FIRE AND BOTH
3 PALISADES AND EATON, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO BALANCE THOSE OUT?

4
5 **AMY BODEK:** CERTAINLY, THANK YOU. SO, WE DID SOMETHING NEW THIS
6 YEAR AND THIS IS PART OF OUR SORT OF SLOWLY REPOSITIONING THE
7 TALK DEPARTMENT. I'VE NEVER STARTED IN AN ORGANIZATION AND
8 JUST MADE WHOLESALE CHANGES. IT'S ALWAYS LOOK AT THE DATA,
9 LOOK AT WHAT WE'RE DOING, AND THEN MOVE THE MASS IN THE WAY
10 THAT WE'RE GOING. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, WHAT WE STARTED THIS
11 YEAR WAS WE MET WITH EACH OF YOUR OFFICES AND LISTED EVERY
12 SINGLE IMPLEMENTATION ITEM IN EVERY SINGLE DOCUMENT THAT YOU
13 ALL APPROVED. IT INCLUDED YOUR BOARD PRIORITIES, OUR
14 PRIORITIES, THINGS THAT WERE JUST WRITTEN IN A DOCUMENT AND
15 THAT CREATED A 13 PAGE LIST THAT WE TRIED TO PUT INTO TIERS
16 LIKE IMMEDIATE, VERY SHORT-TERM, NICE TO HAVE, HOPE TO HAVE.
17 I'LL SAY IT THAT WAY. AND WE ASKED YOUR HELP TO PRIORITIZE IT
18 FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE. AND WE ASKED YOU TWO QUESTIONS.
19 PRIORITIZE IT FROM YOUR OWN DISTRICT'S PERSPECTIVE AND THEN
20 PRIORITIZE IT FROM A COUNTYWIDE PERSPECTIVE. AND THAT IS
21 HELPING US DO THAT. AS I SAID EARLIER, AND THAT'S NOT A SET IN
22 STONE PROCESS, AND I THINK THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO EVOLVE OVER
23 SEVERAL YEARS UNTIL WE GET THIS RIGHT, BUT IT IS HELPING YOU
24 UNDERSTAND THE VOLUME OF THE WORK AND IT'S ALSO HELPING US
25 UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHAT YOUR PRIORITIES ARE AND HOW YOU CAN



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1 HELP US PRIORITIZE. SO, IF YOU COULD ONLY ASK US TO FOCUS ON
2 TEN ITEMS, WHAT WOULD THOSE BE? WHICH IS VERY CHALLENGING FOR
3 ALL OF US. HAVING SAID ALL THAT, THAT WORK IS CONTINUING AND
4 THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT WE'RE DOING RELATED TO THE
5 FIRE. AND SO, IT'S A BUSINESS AS USUAL DISCUSSION.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, I MEAN, AND THE REASON I ASK
8 IS, AS YOU KNOW, THE BEST IS OF CONCERN TO ME. AND NOW WITH
9 THE FIRES, KNOWING THAT LITHIUM BATTERIES CAN'T BE PUT OUT
10 WITH WATER, EVEN WITH FOAM, THEY JUST HAVE TO BURN OUT. AND
11 KNOWING THAT WE'RE PLACING SOME OF THESE IN HIGH FIRE ZONES,
12 THAT IS A PRIORITY FOR ME.

13

14 **AMY BODEK:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND SO IS THE EATON, AND SO IS THE
17 REBUILD EFFORT.

18

19 **AMY BODEK:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO IS PUTTING MORE HOUSING ONLINE.
22 ARE THESE COMPETING NEEDS OR CAN THAT BE DONE?

23

24 **AMY BODEK:** THAT CAN BE DONE AND THE BEAUTY OF THE BEST
25 ORDINANCE IN PARTICULAR IS THERE'S MONEY ASSOCIATED WITH IT.



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1 WE ACTUALLY GOT A GRANT FROM THE CEC, CALIFORNIA ENERGY
2 COMMISSION, TO ASSIST US WITH THE TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION. SO
3 THAT'S UNDERWAY. AND SO, OUR STAFF IS ALREADY WORKING ON THAT
4 ORDINANCE. WE'LL BE DOING OUR OUTREACH. WE ORIGINALLY WERE
5 SCHEDULED TO DO OUTREACH IN FEBRUARY, EARLY FEBRUARY. WE DID
6 PAUSE THAT FROM A SENSITIVITY PERSPECTIVE RELATED TO DOING
7 OUTREACH ON AN ISSUE THAT MIGHT IN ITSELF BE CONTROVERSIAL.
8 AND SO, WE DID PAUSE THAT OUT OF RESPECT FOR COMMUNITIES WHO
9 MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE. BUT THOSE COMMUNITY
10 ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS WILL START SHORTLY.

11
12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, WHAT IS THE AVERAGE TIME IT
13 TAKES TO PULL A PERMIT? HOW MANY DAYS FROM THE DAY I COME IN?
14 HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE ME TO PULL A PERMIT?

15
16 **AMY BODEK:** IT DEPENDS ON THE PERMIT. TO REBUILD MY HOME THAT
17 JUST BURNED DOWN. TO REBUILD YOUR HOME AND ARE YOU BUILDING IT
18 THE SAME? ARE YOU ADDING AN ADU?

19
20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M ADDING ON 10%.

21
22 **AMY BODEK:** YOU'RE ADDING ON 10% AND IT'S IN THE SAME
23 FOOTPRINT? YOU'RE IN THE FAST LANE. AND SO, WE HOPE TO HAVE
24 THOSE PERMITS ISSUED AND CLEARED BY ALL DEPARTMENTS WITHIN
25 THOSE 30-DAY EXPECTATIONS THAT YOU GAVE US.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, IF I DECIDE I WANT TO DO A
3 TWO-STORY SAME SQUARE FOOTAGE VERSUS A ONE-STORY DOES THAT PUT
4 ME IN A DIFFERENT LANE? IT PUTS YOU IN A DIFFERENT LANE. AND
5 HOW LONG WILL THAT TAKE? I CAN'T ANSWER THAT YET WE'RE STILL
6 WORKING ON THOSE NUMBERS. SO, MY CHALLENGE TO YOU ALL IS GOING
7 TO BE, BECAUSE I'VE TALKED BOTH TO THE GOVERNORS AS WELL AS
8 THE FEDERAL WHO ARE WATCHING, IN TERMS OF HOW WE STREAMLINE
9 AND EVEN CONCIERGE PROCESS FOR REBUILDING, YOU KNOW, I'M
10 ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO LOOK AT OPPORTUNITIES TO GET AN
11 ARCHITECT TO DO SOME SORT OF PLANS AND BE APPROVED. BUT THE
12 REALITY IS THERE ARE GOING TO BE THOSE THAT ARE IN A SITUATION
13 WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO WANT TO MODIFY SOMETHING, AND IF IT'S
14 GOING TO TAKE AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, THAT'S GOING TO BE A
15 PROBLEM. SO, I JUST WOULD ASK THAT WE CONTINUE TO LOOK AT HOW
16 TO STREAMLINE OR EVEN LOOK AT A CONCIERGE PROCESS AND IF
17 THERE'S IDEAS THAT YOU HAVE THAT YOU CAN BRING TO ME THAT I
18 CAN TAKE TO THE COMMUNITY. I'M HAPPY TO DO THAT BECAUSE AT THE
19 END OF THE DAY, I KNOW THAT IT'S NOT JUST YOU, IT'S PUBLIC
20 WORKS, IT'S FIRE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND I'VE GOT A SENSE OF
21 URGENCY IN ME BECAUSE THE COMMUNITY IS ON PINS AND NEEDLES AND
22 I KNOW THAT ALREADY WE'RE SEEING SOME PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT
23 HAPPY WITH THE PROCESS. SO I'M JUST, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S
24 CALLED IN NEW YORK WHERE YOU JUST COME IN AND YOU'VE GOT AN
25 ENGINEER THAT'S CERTIFIED AND THAT PROCESS THEN GETS APPROVED



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1 AND THEN I GUESS WITH, I'M OVERSIMPLIFYING, BUT, AND THEN AS
2 THE BUILDING GOES ON YES THAT'S KIND OF HOW YOU DO THE
3 INSPECTIONS TO SEE YOU KNOW THE ELECTRICAL PLUMBING AND ALL
4 THAT THOSE TYPE OF THINGS ARE THINGS THAT I'M HOPING WE'RE
5 JUST LOOKING AT ESPECIALLY GIVEN HOW LEAN YOUR BUDGET IS
6 THAT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO USE STAFF TO DO PROJECTS THAT
7 ARE GOING TO BRING MORE HOUSING ONLINE BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE'RE
8 BEHIND EVEN BEFORE THIS FIRE WE WERE BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL ON
9 RHNA NUMBERS AND NOW THAT WE'VE GOT SO MANY DISPLACED, I THINK
10 WE'RE EVEN MORE SO. SO I THINK THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US.
11 AND I'M NOT BEING CRITICAL, I'M JUST CHALLENGING.

12
13 **AMY BODEK:** WE AGREE, AND PUBLIC WORKS AND WE MEET AD NAUSEUM
14 ON THESE ISSUES AS WE'RE TRYING TO DEVELOP STREAMLINED
15 APPLICATIONS, RIGHT? SIMPLIFIED APPLICATIONS. AND TO THAT
16 POINT, YOU KNOW, DENNIS IS WORKING WITH CODE FOR AMERICA. HE'S
17 ALSO WORKING WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OPERATIONS TEAM TO STREAMLINE
18 OUR PERMITTING SYSTEM TO MAKE THESE APPLICATIONS INCREDIBLY
19 SIMPLE. BUT ONE ISSUE THAT MAY GET YOU OUT OF THE FAST LANE IS
20 YOU WERE ON SEPTIC, RIGHT? SO, THERE ARE, I CANNOT SAY TO YOU
21 WITH ABSOLUTE ASSURANCES THAT ALL 10,000 UNITS WILL BE DONE IN
22 30 DAYS. I WISH I COULD.

23
24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT UP THE
25 SEPTICS BECAUSE I'M, YOU KNOW, AND I KNOW THAT SANITATION IS



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1 HERE, MR. FERRANTE IS HERE, BUT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU KNOW
2 OUT OF EVERY DARK CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING. I'M HOPING
3 THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO LOOK AT HOW

4

5 **AMY BODEK:** I ABSOLUTELY AGREE. RIGHT.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE PROVIDE AN OPTION FOR
8 INDIVIDUALS THAT WANT TO HOOK UP TO SEWER TO BE ABLE TO DO IT
9 AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I THINK WE NEED TO FRONT LOAD.

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11 **AMY BODEK:** YES.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BECAUSE WE NEED TO DO THE
14 INFRASTRUCTURE AS WELL IN TERMS OF THE --

15

16 **AMY BODEK:** CORRECT.

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18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IF IT DOESN'T GO ALL THE WAY OUT
19 TO A CERTAIN AREA. I KNOW THEY'RE IN CHARGE OF THE HOOKUP, BUT
20 I THINK WE'RE IN CHARGE OF THE BUILDING.

21

22 **AMY BODEK:** THE MAINS.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH.

25



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1 **AMY BODEK:** YES.

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3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO ANYWAY, I HEAR YOU.

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5 **AMY BODEK:** YES.

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7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SEEING.

8

9 **AMY BODEK:** WE HEAR YOU VERY LOUDLY AND CLEARLY AND THAT'S WHY
10 IT IS A SEPARATE REBUILD FUNCTION BECAUSE IT NEEDS TO BE LASER
11 FOCUSED ON THOSE ISSUES AND WE ABSOLUTELY HEAR YOUR
12 EXPECTATIONS.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU AND THANK YOU ALL AND
15 THANK YOU. I KNOW YOU'VE HAD A TOUGH TWO MONTHS.

16

17 **AMY BODEK:** YEAH. NOT AS TOUGH AS YOU OR SUPERVISOR HORVATH SO

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH

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21 **AMY BODEK:** APPRECIATE IT.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT SEEING NO OTHER
24 QUESTIONS, WE ARE NOW EXECUTIVE OFFICER. PLEASE CALL THOSE
25 MEMBERS OF PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME
3 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU ROCHELLE KELEESE AS A FINAL
4 REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE IF YOU WOULD LIKE
5 TO ADDRESS ITEM 11 IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE
6 PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE.
7 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER PLEASE.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS COLIN CAMPBELL. YOUR LINE
10 IS OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY
11 INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN. ITEM 11.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** AT 2:20, CITY COUNCIL FOR SOUTH PASADENA MEETING WITH
14 MAYOR JEANETTE BRAUN, I PRESENTED TO THEM, I MET WITH FIRE
15 CHIEF GREG LLOYD, SOUTH PASADENA THE PREVIOUS WEEK, WHO
16 ADVISED ME TO PRESENT THE INITIATIVE FOR SOUTH PASADENA CITY
17 COUNCIL FOR THEIR PERMISSION AND DIRECTION. ON 1-21-2025, L.A.
18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REQUESTED A DATABASE BY FIRE CHIEF
19 ANTHONY MARONNE AND KATHERINE BARGER. THE SAME DAY, PRESIDENT
20 TRUMP ANNOUNCED STARGATE, A \$500,000,000,000 BUDGET. I PUT IN
21 THE REQUEST OF \$238,500,000 TO SPRING BRING THE US CYBER
22 COMMANDS DATABASE TO L.A. COUNTY PUBLICLY AT THE HEARING. FOR
23 THE PILOT I SENT AN INCENTIVIZATION PLAN FOR MEMBERS OF THE
24 POLICE, FIRE, AND PLANNING DEPARTMENTS. LOCAL CHIEFS SHOULD
25 DETERMINE THEIR GRADING SYSTEM BUT THERE WILL BE ITEMS THAT



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1 SHOULD BE CLEARLY DEFINED FOR STATE POLICY. WHERE ARE YOU
2 THERE? THE CONSTITUTION AND BILL OF RIGHTS ARE ALREADY ONE FOR
3 DOGE. THANK YOU.

4

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

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7 **MODERATOR:** MARCY GOLDWATER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.
8 IS OPEN, YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** I AM HAVING TO VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE THE INCREASE IN
11 DISPOSAL CARNAGE LIMITS AND WAIVER RESTRICTIONS FOR THE
12 CALABASAS MAYFIELD.

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THAT'S ITEM 10. I'M SO SORRY THAT'S ITEM
15 10.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YEAH, LET'S MOVE ON TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

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19 **SPEAKER:** YES, THAT'S ITEM 10.

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21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THIS IS ITEM 11. CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT
22 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

23

24 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER IS ERIC PREVIN. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU
25 MAY BEGIN.



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2 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, THANK YOU. ONE IDEA WOULD BE TO, BODEK IS DOING
3 A TERRIFIC JOB, I THINK WE'VE ALL PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED, BUT
4 ONE IDEA WOULD BE TO TAKE THE SPEAKERS WHEN THEY'RE AROUND IN
5 THE MORNING. BECAUSE SUPERVISOR BARGER, I KNOW YOU CARE ABOUT
6 YOUR CONSTITUENTS. YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB WITH THE FIRE AND
7 SO, IS HORVATH ROLLING UP THE SLEEVES. BUT HEAR THE PEOPLE
8 WHEN THEY CAN COME TO THE PHONE. DON'T MAKE THEM WAIT SO LONG.
9 IT'S CRAZY. YOU CAN TAKE NOTES AND HAVE YOUR STAFF, OH,
10 THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT 10, THANK YOU, WE APPRECIATE YOUR
11 COMMENT. AND THEN THEY CAN GO ABOUT THEIR DAY, YOU'RE CREATING
12 GREAT HARM AND DIFFICULTY FOR YOUR PEOPLE. THAT'S NOT
13 NECESSARY. AND BODEK, BODEK IS EXCELLENT, VERY, VERY GOOD.
14 SHE'S NOT AS GOOD AS BRUCKNER, BECAUSE BRUCKNER WORKED
15 SYMBIOTICALLY WITH MR. RIDLEY THOMAS, AND I'M GOING TO EXPLAIN
16 ABOUT THAT IN MY NEXT CALL. THANK YOU. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK.

17

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

19

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

22

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

25



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, MA'AM. GO AHEAD, PLEASE. IN PERSON.

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3 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. HELLO TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS AND ALL THAT ARE HERE TODAY. MY NAME IS RACHELLE
5 CALLIS, SOUTH LOS ANGELES CONSTITUENT. I'M GOING TO BE
6 SPEAKING ON ITEMS 11, THE BUDGET. MEASURE G PROPOSALS AS OF
7 TODAY ARE UNSUSTAINABLE, MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO, REDUCE
8 DEMOCRACY, CIVIL LIBERTIES, AND THE RULE OF LAW. WITHIN THE
9 AMERICAN FREEDMEN'S COMMUNITY, THE STAFF, NOT ALL, BUT A LOT
10 OF THEM, AT THE AGENCIES LISTED ON THE BUDGET, THEY LACK
11 CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND ARE KILLING THE ELDERLY, YOUTH, AND
12 OUR AMERICAN HEROES DAILY. IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR
13 AMERICAN FREEDMEN COMMUNITY TO DEMAND ALL AGENCIES LISTED ON
14 THE DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATION BE REQUIRED TO E-VERIFY ALL
15 STAFF AND EMPLOYEES. I OPPOSE ALL BUDGET ITEMS, DEPARTMENT
16 BUDGET PRESENTATION, PHYSICAL YEAR 2025 UNTIL ONE, WE CAN E-
17 VERIFY THE STAFF AT THESE ENTITIES RECEIVING CITY FUNDING AND
18 TWO HAVE A SYSTEM PUT IN PLACE TO ENSURE THAT OUR FREEDMEN CAN
19 - -

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21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM MEMBERS IF THERE'S
24 NO ANY NO OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS HERE THEN THIS IS A REPORT IS
25 RECEIVED AND FILED AND HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE



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1 ORDER. MOVING ON TO ITEM NUMBER 7, THIS IS A GENERAL RELIEF
2 PROGRAM REDESIGN AND WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO HEAR FROM OUR
3 DEPARTMENT HEAD, DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
4 SOCIAL SERVICES, WHO WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION. WELCOME.

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6 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. GOOD
7 AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY TO
8 TALK ABOUT THIS VITALLY IMPORTANT PROGRAM. WE CAN BRING UP THE
9 SLIDES. SINCE 1901, OUR L.A. COUNTY GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM HAS
10 BEEN AN ESSENTIAL RESOURCE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NOWHERE
11 ELSE TO TURN FOR SUPPORT. AND IT IS AN HONOR FOR DPSS TO
12 ADMINISTER THIS PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY. THE REALITY
13 IS, OVER THOSE MANY YEARS, IT HAS REMAINED LARGELY UNCHANGED,
14 ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN APPARENT FOR SOME TIME THAT THE OUTDATED
15 PROGRAM STRUCTURE SIMPLY DOES NOT ALIGN WITH THE REALITIES OF
16 THE CURRENT ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT, NOR DOES IT ACCOUNT FOR
17 BEST PRACTICES IN SERVING INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE AND CONTINUE
18 TO BE MARGINALIZED. OUR GOAL, AS OUTLINED IN OUR STRATEGIC
19 PLAN, IS TO CONTINUE TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH OUR
20 COMMUNITY PARTNERS, OUR COUNTY FAMILY, AND THE PARTICIPANTS
21 THEMSELVES TO MAKE MEANINGFUL CHANGES TO THIS 124-YEAR-OLD
22 PROGRAM THAT TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THESE BEST PRACTICES, AS
23 WELL AS INNOVATIVE OPPORTUNITIES AND NECESSARY COLLABORATIONS,
24 WHILE ALSO STRIVING TO BALANCE FUNDING REALITIES. THIS
25 AFTERNOON, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT



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1 THE GR PROGRAM ITSELF, GO OVER THE FRAMEWORK FOR OUR THINKING
2 THUS FAR, SHARE WHAT OUR NEXT STEPS WILL BE IN THIS IMPORTANT
3 COLLABORATIVE PROCESS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY INVITE YOUR
4 QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK TO HELP FURTHER OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS.
5 GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. OUR GR PROGRAM IS CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST,
6 WITH NEARLY 124,000 PEOPLE PARTICIPATING. IT PROVIDES
7 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SINGLE PERSONS OR COUPLES WITHOUT
8 DEPENDENTS WITH VIRTUALLY NO INCOME OR RESOURCES WHO ARE
9 INELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE PROGRAMS. AN INDIVIDUAL
10 RECEIVES \$221 PER MONTH AND A COUPLE \$375 PER MONTH. IT IS
11 FULLY FUNDED WITH COUNTY NCC, APPROXIMATELY \$564,000,000
12 ANNUALLY, INCLUDING \$173,000,000 TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM,
13 \$306,000,000 EACH YEAR FOR THE ACTUAL GRANTS TO PARTICIPANTS,
14 \$61,000,000 FOR OUR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM CALLED START. NEXT
15 SLIDE, PLEASE. NOW IN ADDITION TO THE CASH GRANT, I THOUGHT IT
16 WAS IMPORTANT TO SHARE THAT 93% OF GR PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE
17 \$292 IN CALFRESH BENEFITS, WHICH IS THE MAXIMUM FOR A
18 HOUSEHOLD OF ONE. 88% RECEIVE MEDI-CAL, AND 74% RECEIVE ALL
19 THREE BENEFITS. UNLIKE CALWORKS, THESE THREE PROGRAMS ARE NOT
20 BUNDLED. GR PARTICIPANTS MUST APPLY FOR EACH SEPARATELY. SOME
21 OF THE OTHER SERVICES THEY MAY RECEIVE INCLUDE THE MANDATORY
22 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER RECOVERY PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES
23 SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TO REMOVE
24 BARRIERS THAT MAY INTERFERE WITH THEIR ABILITY TO OBTAIN AND
25 OR MAINTAIN EMPLOYMENT. THESE SERVICES ARE OFFERED THROUGH AN



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1 MOU WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND DPH ALSO
2 PROVIDES DV SERVICES. THE SERVICES ALSO INCLUDE THE COUNTYWIDE
3 BENEFITS ENTITLEMENT SERVICES TEAM, CBEST, WHICH PROVIDES SSI
4 ADVOCACY, CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LINKAGE TO NEEDED HEALTH,
5 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, AND ADDITIONAL
6 SERVICES SUCH AS HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION. CBEST SERVICES
7 ARE PERFORMED UNDER AN MOU WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
8 SERVICES. NOW IN TERMS OF THE DOLLAR AMOUNT, WE ARE REIMBURSED
9 WHEN SOMEONE TRANSITIONS TO SSI. IN FISCAL YEAR 2022/23, WE
10 WERE REIMBURSED FOR 2,537 INDIVIDUALS RECOVERING \$6,800,000.
11 AND IN FISCAL YEAR 23/24, THAT NUMBER WAS SLIGHTLY HIGHER AT
12 2,816 INDIVIDUALS, RECOVERING 8,100,000. AND THEN LASTLY ON
13 THIS SLIDE YOU SEE THE GR HOUSING SUBSIDY AND CASE MANAGEMENT
14 PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDES RENTAL ASSISTANCE. ONE THING THAT'S NOT
15 ON THIS SLIDE IS OUR WORK THAT WE PARTNER WITH DMH SERVICES
16 FOR MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS AS WELL. IT'S NOT ON THIS SLIDE
17 BECAUSE IT'S COVERED UNDER THE BROADER FUNDING. LET ME GO TO
18 THE NEXT SLIDE. NOW I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME GENERAL
19 INFORMATION ON OUR GR PARTICIPANTS THEMSELVES. ONE OF THE MOST
20 DISTRESSING DATA POINTS IS THAT 68% OF THE POPULATION IS
21 UNHOUSED, MEANING THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE A PERMANENT FIXED
22 NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE AND ARE EITHER IN A SHELTER OR COUCH
23 SURFING OR ARE ON THE STREETS. EQUALLY DISTRESSING IS THAT THE
24 CASELOAD IS DISPROPORTIONATELY BLACK AT 32.8%, WHICH IS
25 COMMENSURATE WITH THE 2024 POINT IN TIME COUNT DATA. LATINOS



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1 MAKE UP 27.1%, FOLLOWED BY WHITE PEOPLE AT 19.5%, BOTH OF
2 WHICH SUGGEST POSSIBLE UNDERUTILIZATION AS PIT COUNT DATA HAS
3 LATINOS AT 43% AND WHITE PEOPLE AT 31%. NOW THIS COULD ALSO BE
4 AN ARTIFACT OF HOW THE DATA IS COLLECTED, SO WE WILL
5 DEFINITELY BE LOOKING INTO THIS MORE CLOSELY. 2/3 OF THE
6 CASELOAD IS MALE. 81% PERCENT ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 25 AND
7 59. 67% ARE DEEMED ABLE TO WORK, MEANING THAT THEY HAVE SOME
8 KIND OF EMPLOYMENT OR HAVE PRESENTED NO INFORMATION TO US THAT
9 WOULD INDICATE THEY CANNOT WORK. FOR EXAMPLE, A MENTAL HEALTH
10 DISABILITY OR A PHYSICAL LIMITATION. NOW, I DO WANT TO
11 EMPHASIZE THAT ONLY APPROXIMATELY 1% OR 850 PARTICIPANTS ARE
12 CURRENTLY EMPLOYED. THIS IS DUE IN PART TO LOW ENGAGEMENT AND
13 THE FACT THAT ONCE SOMEONE EARNS \$621 PER MONTH, THEY ARE OVER
14 THE INCOME LIMIT FOR GR AND ARE DISCONTINUED. IN ADDITION,
15 THESE PARTICIPANTS ARE SUBJECT TO TIME LIMITS, WHICH MEANS
16 THEY ARE ONLY ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE GR BENEFITS NINE MONTHS OUT
17 OF THE YEAR. WHAT THE DATA IS SUGGESTING TO ME IS THAT WE CAN
18 AND MUST DO BETTER. THE RESULTS OF CENTURIES OF DISPARATE
19 TREATMENT ARE EVIDENT IN THESE NUMBERS AND WE HAVE THE
20 OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A HOLISTIC HUMAN-CENTERED PROGRAM
21 FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY, MOBILITY AND WELL-BEING
22 THAT WILL BETTER SERVE THIS POPULATION. CAN WE GO TO THE NEXT
23 SLIDE? SO, WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING, DPSS PROGRAM STAFF BEGAN
24 LOOKING AT ELEMENTS OF OUR GR PROGRAM THROUGH THIS NEW LENS,
25 ASSESSING OUR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE WHAT



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1 BARRIERS LIMITED PARTICIPANTS IN ACHIEVING ECONOMIC SELF-
2 SUFFICIENCY, AS WELL AS THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND GRANT
3 LEVELS. WE ALSO PARTNERED WITH THE POVERTY ALLEVIATION
4 INITIATIVE TO CONDUCT LISTENING SESSIONS, AND THEIR THOUGHT
5 PARTNERSHIP HAS BEEN INVALUABLE. THIS SLIDE GIVES YOU AN IDEA
6 OF EACH OF THE COMPONENTS THAT WE HAVE BEEN REVIEWING. ONE
7 AREA I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT IS OUR APPROACH IN HOUSING SUBSIDIES,
8 WHICH IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF HOW OUR POLICIES SOMETIMES
9 CONTRADICT OUR INTENTIONS. OUR GR HOUSING SUBSIDIES AND CASE
10 MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROVIDES GR PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE HOMELESS
11 OR AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS WITH A HOUSING SUBSIDY UP TO
12 \$475 PER MONTH. TO ACCESS THIS RESOURCE, THE GR PARTICIPANT IS
13 REQUIRED TO CONTRIBUTE \$100 FROM THEIR \$221 MONTHLY GRANT
14 TOWARDS THEIR HOUSING SUBSIDY PAYMENT, WHICH IS PAID DIRECTLY
15 TO THEIR LANDLORD, ARGUABLY CREATING A SIGNIFICANT
16 DISINCENTIVE FOR SOMEONE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. THE
17 LAST TIME THESE ISSUES WERE BEFORE THE BOARD WAS SIX YEARS AGO
18 IN 2019. AT THAT TIME, MINOR, ALBEIT NOT INSIGNIFICANT,
19 ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE TO INCREASE PERSONAL PROPERTY LIMITS
20 FROM \$500 TO \$2,000, TO INCREASE TOTAL VALUE OF CASH
21 NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS OR BANK ACCOUNTS FROM \$50 TO \$100 FOR
22 AN INDIVIDUAL AND FROM \$100 TO \$200 FOR A COUPLE. AND TO
23 EXEMPT MOTOR VEHICLES UP TO \$11,500, PREVIOUSLY \$4,500 FOR
24 INDIVIDUALS WHO USE THEIR VEHICLE AS THEIR PRIMARY RESIDENCE.
25 I SHARE THESE BECAUSE TO ME THESE ARE VERY SOBERING NUMBERS



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1 AND THAT ILLUSTRATE HOW CHALLENGING IT IS FOR SOMEONE TO MOVE
2 OUT OF POVERTY. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. NOW I WANT TO SPEND A FEW
3 MINUTES ON THIS NEXT SLIDE. WHILE WE ARE DOING A TOP-TO-BOTTOM
4 REVIEW OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM, THESE THREE INTERSECTING
5 GR POLICIES ARE KEY AREAS AS A CHANGE IN ONE WILL IMPACT THE
6 OTHERS, BOTH PROGRAMMATICALLY AND FISCALLY. SO, FIRST,
7 EVALUATING THE GRANT LEVELS. THE QUESTION OF THE GRANT AMOUNT
8 HAS BEEN A GIANT ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM FOR MANY YEARS. FRANKLY
9 SPEAKING, APPREHENSION ABOUT INCREASING THE GRANT AND THUS THE
10 COST TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND HAS BEEN WHERE MANY
11 CONVERSATIONS BEGIN AND END. ALTHOUGH I THINK MANY WOULD AGREE
12 THAT AN INCREASED GRANT WOULD OFFER A MORE HUMANE, SUPPORTIVE
13 RESOURCE AND WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO LEAD TO ECONOMIC SELF-
14 SUFFICIENCY. THE WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE REQUIRES THE GR
15 GRANT LEVEL TO BE A MINIMUM OF \$342, WHICH WAS 62% OF THE
16 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL IN 1991. THE WIC CODE ALSO ALLOWS
17 COUNTIES TO PROVIDE A MONTHLY GRANT BELOW \$342 IF THEY OFFER
18 AN EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM TO GR PARTICIPANTS, AND WE DO, WHICH IS
19 THE HISTORICAL RATIONALE FOR THE \$221 GRANT AMOUNT. WHILE I'M
20 NOT YET POSITIONED TO OFFER A RECOMMENDATION TO YOU TODAY, I
21 DO WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THERE COULD BE OPPORTUNITIES TO
22 OFFSET SOME OF THE ADDITIONAL COSTS OF AN INCREASED GRANT
23 AMOUNT. THE NEXT AREA IS START PARTICIPATION. CURRENTLY,
24 PARTICIPATION IN THE START PROGRAM IS MANDATORY FOR ALL GR
25 PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE ABLE TO WORK. MAKING IT VOLUNTARY WOULD



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1 ALLOW US TO FOCUS OUR CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES ON THOSE WHO
2 ARE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE. THE PROGRAM WOULD ALSO BE LESS
3 BURDENSOME TO ADMINISTER AS VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION ELIMINATES
4 THE NEED FOR SANCTIONS, NON-COMPLIANCES, AND TERMINATIONS,
5 POTENTIALLY REDUCING COSTS AND RED TAPE. IN ADDITION TO OUR
6 POLICY REVIEW, WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT VARIOUS GUARANTEED
7 INCOME PROGRAMS AS A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF IDEAS FOR OUR
8 REDESIGN EFFORTS, AND CURRENTLY PARTNERING WITH THE POVERTY
9 ALLEVIATION INITIATIVE AND THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE TO DEVELOP
10 A GUARANTEED INCOME PROJECT THAT WILL FOCUS ON THOSE
11 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS. AND
12 THEN THE LAST AREA IS THE GR TIME LIMITS. THE CURRENT TIME
13 LIMIT FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ABLE TO WORK IS NINE MONTHS IN A
14 YEAR. WE ARE EXPLORING VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES AND MODIFYING
15 THIS TIME LIMIT. ONE CONSIDERATION IS MAXIMIZING THE TIME
16 LIMIT TO 60 MONTHS IN A PARTICIPANT'S LIFETIME. THIS WOULD
17 PARALLEL OUR CALWORKS PROGRAM. CUSTOMERS WOULD NO LONGER HAVE
18 TO EXPERIENCE A BREAK IN AID AND REAPPLY. IT WOULD ALSO ALLOW
19 CONTINUOUS PARTICIPATION IN THE START PROGRAM, WHICH COULD
20 ENHANCE THE RELATIONSHIP AND TRUST BUILT BETWEEN THE
21 PARTICIPANT AND THE CASE MANAGER. LONGER EDUCATIONAL AND
22 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPANTS AND
23 WOULDN'T BE RESTRICTED TO SHORT-TERM TRAININGS. ADDITIONALLY,
24 THE BREAK OF AID AFTER EVERY NINE MONTHS DOES NOT CREATE A
25 STABLE INCOME SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPANTS TO LAUNCH INTO



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1 ALTERNATIVE INCOME STREAMS THAT ARE HIGHER AND OR MORE
2 PERMANENT. OF COURSE, THIS COULD ALSO MEAN PEOPLE WHO STILL
3 NEED HELP AFTER 60 MONTHS WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE THE PROGRAM,
4 WHICH CREATES A WHOLE HOST OF CHALLENGES FOR THE INDIVIDUAL
5 AND THE SYSTEM. FURTHERMORE, WE HAVE TO CONSIDER HOW TIME
6 LIMITS ARE APPLIED TO THOSE WHO ARE DEEMED EMPLOYABLE AND
7 THOSE WHO ARE NOT. NOW BEFORE WE TURN TO NEXT STEPS, I WOULD
8 LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTING THE
9 DOTS RELATIVE TO THE WORK BEING DONE IN THE PREVENTION AND
10 PROMOTION SYSTEMS GOVERNING COMMITTEE, WHICH I CURRENTLY
11 CHAIR, AND MEASURE A, WHERE I SERVE AS CO-CHAIR FOR THE
12 LEADERSHIP TABLE PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE. EACH OF THESE
13 INITIATIVES HOLD GREAT PROMISE IN SUPPORTING THE POPULATION WE
14 ARE DISCUSSING TODAY, AND WE MUST IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO
15 CONNECT THESE EFFORTS IN A MEANINGFUL WAY THAT OPTIMIZES
16 AVAILABLE RESOURCES, INTEGRATES RELEVANT STRATEGIES, AND
17 ENSURES THOSE WE SERVE ARE SUPPORTED IN A COHESIVE WAY. CAN WE
18 GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE? SO, I HOPE THIS PRESENTATION TODAY, WITH
19 THIS PRESENTATION TODAY, THAT I ESTABLISH A BASELINE FOR A
20 ROBUST, COMPLICATED, YET ABSOLUTELY OVERDUE AND NECESSARY
21 DISCUSSION ON THE GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM. I AM AWARE THERE
22 HAVE BEEN SOME CONCERNS FROM SOME OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS THAT WE
23 WILL BE MAKING DECISIONS WITHOUT THEIR INPUT. I WANT TO MAKE
24 IT VERY CLEAR THAT THE IDEAS AND CONCEPTS THAT I DISCUSSED
25 TODAY ARE JUST THAT NOTHING HAS OR SHOULD BE DECIDED AT THIS



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1 POINT. A 124-YEAR-OLD PROGRAM CANNOT BE TRANSFORMED OVERNIGHT
2 AND DPSS CERTAINLY CANNOT DO IT ALONE. WE NEED TO HEAR FROM
3 OUR COUNTY FAMILY WITH THE CEO AND COUNTY COUNSEL AT THE TOP
4 OF THAT LIST, CONSIDERING THE FISCAL AND LEGAL ISSUES THAT
5 NEED TO BE WORKED OUT. AND WE ALSO NEED GUIDANCE AND ADVICE
6 FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT WORK ALONGSIDE US, OUR LABOR
7 PARTNERS, OUR HARDWORKING STAFF, AND OF COURSE, THE
8 PARTICIPANTS THEMSELVES. ONCE WE COMPLETE OUR DISCUSSIONS, WE
9 WILL THEN PRESENT A FULLY DEVELOPED GR REDESIGN RECOMMENDATION
10 TO YOUR BOARD. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION TODAY. THANK YOU
11 FOR YOUR FOCUS AND INTEREST IN A POPULATION THAT OUR SOCIETY
12 TOO OFTEN FORGETS. TOGETHER, I BELIEVE WE CAN TRANSFORM THE GR
13 PROGRAM INTO SOMETHING WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF. AND THE NEXT
14 SLIDE IS JUST INVITING YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS.

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16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M JUST GOING TO BE
17 REALLY QUICK AND THEN I'M GOING TO PASS IT OVER TO SUPERVISOR
18 SOLIS. THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THIS ON. WHEN YOU HAD BROUGHT
19 THIS UP ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF AGO, I THOUGHT IT'D BE
20 BENEFICIAL FOR US TO BEGIN DIALOGUE AT THE BOARD LEVEL IN
21 TERMS OF WHAT THE VISION IS. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
22 SHOCKED ME IS HOW MUCH GR HAS GONE UP SINCE 2021. IT'S GONE UP
23 41%, CORRECT?

24
25 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** YES.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND IS IT CONTINUING TO GO UP EACH
3 MONTH?

4
5 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** FROM THE NUMBERS I PRESENTED TODAY, AS
6 OF JANUARY WE SAW A SLIGHT DECREASE. SO, IT'S DEFINITELY BEEN
7 GOING UP, TRENDING UP OVERALL, BUT IT'S NOT NECESSARILY A
8 MONTH-TO-MONTH INCREASE. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IS WHAT I WAS
9 ANSWERING, YES.

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11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. AND IT'S NET
12 COUNTY COSTS.

13
14 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** YES.

15
16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE PEOPLE IN
17 GR? YOU SAID 33% CAN'T WORK, SO I'M ASSUMING THAT THEY'RE IN
18 THE MIDDLE OF GETTING CERTIFIED SSI SO THAT THEY CAN MOVE OFF
19 OF GR?

20
21 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** THAT MIGHT BE THE CASE. WHAT WE'VE
22 EXPERIENCED IS THAT A NUMBER OF OUR CUSTOMERS THAT ARE ON GR
23 DO NOT HAVE THE DOCUMENTATION NEEDED TO TRANSFER TO SSI. SO,
24 WE DO MAKE THE REFERRALS TO CBEST, BUT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY
25 QUALIFY. I DO HAVE-



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WHO DO YOU MAKE THE REFERRALS TO?

3

4 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** TO THE CBEST PROGRAM THAT'S RUN BY
5 HEALTH SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ONLY REASON I'M ASKING
8 IS BECAUSE IS IT STILL IN PLAY THAT ONCE THEY GET CERTIFIED WE
9 GET REIMBURSED FOR BACK GR?

10

11 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** YES. YES. SO, WE HAVE --

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, I DON'T KNOW, FESIA, AND I
14 THINK YOU NEED TO, THAT'S NET COUNTY COSTS. AND IF IT'S GOING
15 UP, I WOULD THINK THAT WE'D WANT A FRONT LOAD TO GET EITHER IN
16 HEALTH SERVICE OR SOMETHING STAFF TO CERTIFY I KNOW THAT IN
17 THE JAILS I WORKED ON THIS, AND WE HAD PEOPLE, IT TOOK SOMEONE
18 BEING HIT BY A TRAIN THAT WAS RELEASED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
19 NIGHT THAT WAS MENTALLY ILL. FOR US TO REALIZE THAT WE
20 LITERALLY HAD EVERYONE UNDER ONE ROOF THAT COULD BE IN THE
21 CERTIFICATION SO THAT WHEN THAT PERSON WAS RELEASED, THEY
22 WOULD GET SSI. AND SO, I WOULD THINK THAT THERE'D BE A SENSE
23 OF URGENCY, IF NOT FROM A FISCAL, JUST FROM A, I MEAN, SSI IS
24 GOING TO BE MORE THAN \$221 A MONTH, RIGHT?

25



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1 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** ABSOLUTELY. AND PRE-COVID, WE DID HAVE
2 CBEST STAFF CO-LOCATED IN OUR 14 GR OFFICES. SO THAT'S
3 SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE REVISITING TO SEE IF WE CAN
4 REESTABLISH THOSE RELATIONSHIPS.

5
6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. AGAIN, I JUST THINK THAT
7 FROM A FINANCIAL STANDPOINT, IF NOT COMPASSION AS WELL,
8 BECAUSE SSI IS GOING TO PAY MORE THAN THE \$221. AND THEN I
9 WOULD SAY THAT I HOPE THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH, AND YOU SAID
10 YOU ARE, AND I KNOW YOU'RE ON ONE OF THE WORKING GROUPS, TO
11 SEE HOW WE CAN LEVERAGE OTHER FUNDING BECAUSE \$221 IS NOT
12 GOING TO GET THEM OFF THE STREET THAT'S NOT EVEN GOING TO GET
13 A MOTEL ROOM FOR A WEEK AND THE GOAL OF GR WAS AT ONE TIME TO
14 PROVIDE FOR HOUSING WHEN YOU GET AN SRO FOR WHAT IT WOULD
15 COVER, YOU KNOW, BUT GONE IN THOSE DAYS. WITH THAT \$221,
16 THEY'RE ELIGIBLE FOR CALFRESH, CORRECT?

17
18 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** YES, THEY'RE ELIGIBLE. AND I THINK 93%
19 ARE RECEIVING CALFRESH, THE MAXIMUM GRANT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL.

20
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, I, AGAIN, I KNOW THAT THIS
22 IS A TOUGH ONE BECAUSE IF WE INCREASE GR AND THE SURROUNDING
23 COUNTIES DON'T, THERE IS A FEAR THAT OUR COST IS GOING TO GO
24 UP EVEN MORE. AND I THINK WE'VE SEEN THAT BECAUSE WHEN WE
25 BROUGHT IT DOWN TO, IT USED TO BE AT LIKE \$346 I THINK, WAY



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SUPERVISORS

1 BACK WHEN, LIKE IN THE EARLY '90S. NO, WE IT WAS LIKE THE \$346
2 I THINK NO IT WAS THIS WAS LIKE ALMOST OVER 30 YEARS AGO. IT
3 WAS AND WE BROUGHT IT DOWN AND I JUST HAVE TO WONDER IF WE
4 EXCEED WHAT SURROUNDING COUNTIES DO YOU KNOW WHAT DO WE KNOW
5 AN ORANGE COUNTY OR VENTURA COUNTY PAYS OR SAN BERNARDINO?

6

7 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** WE DO, I DID WANT TO CLARIFY THAT THE
8 HIGHEST OUR GRANT HAS EVER BEEN IS \$341. THAT WAS FROM JULY OF
9 1991 TO NOVEMBER OF 92. THAT'S THE HIGHEST THAT IT HAS BEEN.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I WAS OFF BY \$5.

12

13 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** YEAH. SO, WE DO HAVE A COUPLE OF, WE'RE
14 DEFINITELY LOOKING AT ALL OF THE COUNTIES. WHAT WE SEE ACROSS
15 THE COUNTY IS THOSE COUNTIES WITH THE LARGEST GRANT AMOUNT
16 HAVE THE FEWEST CUSTOMERS. AND THERE'S NO ONE THAT COMPARES TO
17 L.A. COUNTY. I THINK THE NEXT HIGHEST IS 7,000 IN ALAMEDA
18 COUNTY AND THEN I THINK ORANGE WITH 5,000 ROUGHLY INDIVIDUALS.

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WHAT DOES ORANGE PAY? LET ME FIND
21 THAT FOR YOU. WE CAN TALK OFFLINE. I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR
22 SOLIS WANTS TO ASK QUESTIONS. I GUESS.

23

24 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** SO, ORANGE COUNTY, THERE FOR A SINGLE
25 INDIVIDUAL, IT'S \$355 AND THEN FOR A COUPLE IT'S \$577.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** DO THEY MANDATE THAT YOU HAVE TO
3 SHOW PROOF OF LIVING IN ORANGE COUNTY?

4

5 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** I DON'T KNOW THAT. THEY ANSWER THAT.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NEITHER DO I.

8

9 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** THEY DO I THINK --

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11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND WE DON'T. YOU DON'T HAVE TO
12 SHOW THAT YOU'RE A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY IN ORDER TO GET
13 GENERAL RELIEF.

14

15 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, YES.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, SO THAT'S PROBABLY WHY THE
18 NUMBER IS LOW, BECAUSE ORANGE COUNTY PUT PROVISIONS IN THERE.
19 MY UNDERSTANDING TO SHOW PROOF THAT YOU ARE A RESIDENT OF
20 ORANGE COUNTY, BECAUSE THEIR FEAR WAS THAT PEOPLE FROM L.A.
21 COUNTY WOULD GO DOWN.

22

23 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** AND MANY OF THE COUNTIES KIND OF HOVER
24 AROUND THAT \$350 AMOUNT, WHICH GIVES THEM THE FLEXIBILITY TO
25 NOT NECESSARILY PROVIDE THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES. AND THEN WE



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SUPERVISORS

1 SEE JUST A FEW COUNTIES THAT ARE 500, 600, AND I THINK THE
2 HIGHEST ONE IS 800 AND THAT IS SANTA CLARA, NO, I'M SORRY,
3 SANTA CRUZ, THAT ONLY HAS 318 PARTICIPANTS, AND THAT'S \$807,
4 THAT'S THE HIGHEST ONE.

5
6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I GUESS IN JUST IN CLOSING I WOULD
7 SAY THAT IF WE DEDUCT \$100 FOR THE HOUSING SIDE AND YET THE
8 HOUSING IS THE PRIORITY FOR THIS BOARD, I WOULD THINK THERE'D
9 BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AND YOU COMING BEFORE THE ECRA AND BEING
10 ON THE LEADERSHIP TABLE HAVE THE ABILITY TO DRIVE THIS
11 NARRATIVE TO LOOK AT HOW WE DO LEVERAGE THE \$221 TO ACTUALLY I
12 FEEL THAT THEY SHOULDN'T TAKE \$100 OUT FOR HOUSING. THAT WE
13 SHOULD BE LEVERAGING THAT IF YOU'RE GETTING GR, THAT THERE'S
14 AN AUTOMATIC PIPELINE INTO LAHSA, DIVISION OF LAHSA THAT'S GOT
15 THE HOUSING COMPONENTS SO THAT IT'S ALMOST AN AUTOMATIC
16 GUARANTEE, A PIPELINE INTO HOUSING, AND THEN CALFRESH AND ALL
17 KICK IN. I MEAN, I'M OVERSIMPLIFYING, BUT I JUST FEEL THERE'S
18 GOTTA BE A WAY TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

19
20 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** YEAH, THERE'S TWO AREAS THAT I THINK WE
21 REALLY WANT TO FOCUS OUR ENERGIES. ONE IS IN THOSE
22 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND REALLY FIGURING OUT KIND OF WHAT
23 ALL THE RESOURCES ARE AND HOW WE'RE MAXIMIZING THOSE. SO
24 THAT'S ONE AREA. AND THEN I WOULD SAY THOSE THAT ARE, WHO WERE
25 FORMERLY INCARCERATED AND COMING OUT OF THE CARCERAL SYSTEM



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SUPERVISORS

1 AND HOW ARE WE MAKING SURE THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THE
2 RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED AS WELL.

3
4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THEN DO YOU KNOW IF THE
5 PROGRAM'S STILL GOING ON IN THE JAILS WITH YOU, OR SOMEONE
6 BEING EMBEDDED IN THERE WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH?

7
8 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** YEAH, SO WE ARE NOT IN THE JAILS
9 CURRENTLY, AND I DID HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH JUDGE ARMSTEAD
10 ABOUT JCOD. THEY ARE ALSO NOT IN THE JAILS, BUT WE ARE TALKING
11 ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO PARTNER IN THEIR NEW EFFORT, THE WARM
12 LANDING PLACE. THEY'RE DEVELOPING AN MOU, AND WE'RE TALKING
13 ABOUT HOW WE CAN EITHER PERHAPS PROVIDE TRAINING TO STAFF SO
14 THEY CAN HELP PEOPLE GET ON BENEFITS OR WE COULD BE CO-LOCATED
15 WITH THEM IN THOSE EFFORTS.

16
17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I HOPE YOU ALL DO THAT THAT'S A
18 MISSED OPPORTUNITY TO QUALIFY PEOPLE THAT DON'T BELONG ON
19 GENERALLY IF THEY TRULY DO BELONG ON SSI, THAT ARE NOT GOING
20 TO BE ABLE TO GET EMPLOYMENT AND DEFINITELY NEED A STEADY
21 INCOME THROUGH SSI.

22
23 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** WELL, DHS'S SEE BEST PROGRAM IS DOING
24 THAT OUTREACH TO PEOPLE IN JAILS SO THAT THERE IS THAT AVENUE,
25 BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY IMPROVE OUR ABILITY OF CONNECTING PEOPLE.



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1
2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. AND THANKS FOR
3 THE REPORT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

4
5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU
6 FOR ASKING FOR THE PRESENTATION. I TOO HAD A LOT OF INTEREST
7 ON THIS TOPIC, IN PART BECAUSE MY DISTRICT ENCOMPASSES SKID
8 ROW, AND OF COURSE I'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT THOSE NUMBERS LOOK
9 LIKE THERE. AND AGAIN, JUST REITERATING WHAT SUPERVISOR BARGER
10 SAID, IS TRYING TO MAKE THE CONNECTION WITH LAHSA SO THAT MANY
11 OF THESE PEOPLE WHO WE KNOW COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THOSE
12 SERVICES THAT ARE UNHOUSED AND YOU HAVE THAT AS PART OF YOUR
13 PLAN, BUT I WANTED TO ASK YOU, DO YOU HAVE THE NUMBERS IN,
14 SAY, THE SKID ROW AREA? DO YOU HAVE A BREAKDOWN OF THAT?

15
16 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** I DON'T HAVE THAT BREAKDOWN, BUT WE CAN
17 CERTAINLY GET YOU THAT INFORMATION.

18
19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YOU CAN EXTRAPOLATE IT? OKAY, FOR LATER. FOR
20 LATER I'D LIKE TO SEE IT AND THEN YOU KNOW IT'S PRETTY GLARING
21 THE YOU KNOW WE'RE INCENTIVIZING PEOPLE TO STAY IN POVERTY
22 FROM WHAT I CAN TELL ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE LIMITS OF WELL
23 THE AMOUNT \$221 A MONTH COMBINED VALUE OF \$2,000 OR LESS
24 PROPERTY, AND A VEHICLE VALUED AT \$11,500 OR LESS, AND ONLY
25 \$100 IN YOUR BANK. SO, WE'RE NOT REALLY GIVING PEOPLE



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1 INCENTIVES TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT. SO, I DON'T KNOW EITHER THAT
2 THE MANDATORY OR THE VOLUNTARY YOU'RE PROPOSING PARTICIPATION,
3 RIGHT, IN THE START PROGRAM. YOU'RE LOOKING AT VOLUNTARY,
4 RIGHT?

5

6 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** WE ARE LOOKING AT, YEAH, CHANGING IT
7 FROM MANDATORY TO VOLUNTARY.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND WHAT IS YOUR RATIONALE?

10

11 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** WELL, I CAN TELL YOU THAT WHAT WE SEE IN
12 OUR GI PROGRAM, SO WE HAVE A GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM WITHIN
13 OUR DEPARTMENT AND THEN WE'RE ALSO PARTNER WITH THE BROADER
14 COUNTY EFFORT THE BREATHE PROGRAM AND THERE'S A NUMBER OF
15 DIFFERENT ONES WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IS THAT HAVING THAT RESOURCE
16 IT'S APTLY NAMED BREATHE RIGHT IT GIVES PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY
17 TO LOOK FORWARD, TO BE ABLE TO PLAN FOR THEIR FUTURES. IT
18 PROVIDES MORE HOPE FOR PEOPLE IN TERMS OF WHAT'S COMING UP.
19 AND WHAT WE SEE IN THAT IS MORE LIKELIHOOD OF ENGAGING IN
20 WANTING TO KIND OF PARTNER TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES.
21 AND SO, REQUIRING THE PROGRAM IS NOT RESULTING IN THE LEVEL OF
22 ENGAGEMENT THAT WE WOULD WANT TO SEE. IT SIMPLY IS NOT. AND
23 I'VE HEARD THAT ABOUT OTHER PROGRAMS AS WELL. WE REALLY WANT
24 TO ENGAGE PEOPLE. WE WANT THEM TO ENGAGE IN OUR SERVICES, AND
25 IF THAT IS NOT HAPPENING, WE HAVE TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THAT



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1 AND THINK ABOUT A DIFFERENT WAY OF APPROACHING THIS WORK. WE
2 HAVE A PILOT PROJECT WITH THE RIGHT WAY FOUNDATION WHERE WE'RE
3 LOOKING AT PROVIDING MORE OF A SORT OF TRAUMA-INFORMED
4 EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO REALLY HELP PEOPLE DEVELOP THEIR
5 INDIVIDUALIZED PLAN AND WE'RE SEEING MORE SUCCESS WITH THAT.
6 AGAIN, ENGAGEMENT IS HIGHER AND WE'RE ABLE TO REALLY HELP
7 PEOPLE TO DEVELOP WHAT THEIR PATH FORWARD IS.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** DO YOU HAVE ANY DATA TO SHOW IF PEOPLE AFTER
10 NINE MONTHS DO COME BACK? WHAT DOES YOUR DATA SHOW?

11

12 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** SO, WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO DIG INTO THAT
13 DATA A LITTLE BIT MORE. WHAT I CAN TELL YOU IS THAT WE KNOW
14 THAT ON AVERAGE PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AROUND 303
15 DAYS. THAT'S AN AVERAGE. SO, SOME MAY BE LESS, SOME MAY BE
16 MORE. ONE OF OUR LIMITATIONS IS THAT WE DON'T NECESSARILY
17 TRACK DATA AFTER SOMEONE HAS LEFT THE PROGRAM. AND SO, WE
18 CAN'T SPEAK TO THEIR OUTCOMES. AND SO, PART OF THE REDESIGN,
19 I'M HOPING WE CAN REALLY CAPTURE SOME OF THOSE MEASURES IN A
20 MORE MEANINGFUL WAY SO WE CAN SEE THE IMPACT.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE VERY WORTHWHILE FOR US
23 TO DO. I MEAN, WE'RE LOOKING AT, I THINK ON ALL LEVELS, REALLY
24 TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN STOP RECIDIVISM OF PEOPLE
25 GOING INTO JAIL AND BEING UNHOUSED AND WHAT HAVE YOU. BUT



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1 MAYBE THERE'S A WAY TO WORK WITH OUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO ALSO
2 FACILITATE THAT WITH J COTTER, WHOEVER IT MIGHT BE WITH LAHSA.
3 I THINK THAT MIGHT BETTER HELP US DEFINE, YOU KNOW, HOW WE
4 TARGET THIS POPULATION. BUT I AM CONCERNED THAT WE'RE NOT
5 DOING ENOUGH TO REALLY GET THEM INTO OUR HOUSED PROGRAMS OR
6 INTERIM HOUSING WITH CASE MANAGEMENT. AND SO, WHAT ARE YOU
7 PREPARED TO DO THERE? IF YOU, YOU KNOW, WHAT, AS A RESULT OF
8 YOUR MEETINGS, WHAT ARE SOME THOUGHTS THAT YOU HAVE TO HELP TO
9 FAST FORWARD OR EXPEDITE THAT?

10

11 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** YEAH, I THINK SOME OF IT HAS BEEN RAISED
12 ALREADY TODAY. I THINK THE COORDINATION WITH ALL OF THE
13 RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE AROUND HOUSING, YOU KNOW, IT'S
14 EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO COLLABORATE AND COORDINATE. AND
15 WHEN IT'S EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY, UNFORTUNATELY,
16 SOMETIMES, YOU KNOW, IT CAN BE SOMEWHAT DISJOINTED. AND SO, I
17 DO THINK THAT, AS I MENTIONED, THE PREVENTION PROMOTION
18 SYSTEMS GOVERNING COMMITTEE, ONE OF OUR TARGET AREAS AROUND
19 HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING IS FOR OUR TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH, AND
20 SO THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO ALIGN SERVICE THERE. AND THEN
21 WITH MEASURE A, THE PREVENTION WORK IS, WE'RE LOOKING AT
22 TARGETED UNIVERSALISM BECAUSE WE KNOW THERE ARE CERTAIN
23 POPULATIONS THAT PARTICULARLY STRUGGLE AROUND ISSUES RELATED
24 TO HOUSING. SO HOW CAN WE ALIGN AND TARGET EFFORTS THERE? AND
25 SO, IT'S COMING TOGETHER COHESIVELY TO BE ABLE TO MOVE THAT



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SUPERVISORS

1 WORK. AND SO, WHAT I WANT TO DO GOING FORWARD IS MAKE SURE
2 THAT OUR REDESIGN EFFORTS ARE ALIGNED WITH THOSE OPPORTUNITIES
3 AS WELL.

4
5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** RIGHT. AND I GUESS SOME OF MY CONCERN TOO IS
6 YOUR DEMOGRAPHICS SHOWING OBVIOUSLY OVER-REPRESENTATION OF
7 AFRICAN-AMERICANS. BUT ALSO, WITH LATINOS BEING THE SECOND
8 LARGEST GROUP, I STILL FEEL THERE MAY BE SOME BARRIERS OR
9 HINDRANCE OF PEOPLE FROM THAT COMMUNITY WANTING TO
10 PARTICIPATE. COULD YOU MAYBE LEND SOME INFORMATION THERE, WHAT
11 YOU'VE SEEN?

12
13 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** YEAH, SO WE DID TAKE A LOOK AT THIS. WE
14 KNOW THAT SOME LATINOS MAY IDENTIFY AS WHITE OR TWO OR MORE
15 RACES, SO THERE MAY BE SOME OF THAT DATA MAY BE MISSING IN
16 THAT SENSE. THERE'S ALSO ALWAYS A CONCERN ABOUT PUBLIC CHARGE
17 AND WHETHER OR NOT PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO PURSUE THE BENEFITS.
18 AND THEN AS IT'S BEEN PATTERNED AFTER STATE AND FEDERAL
19 PROGRAMS, IT'S NOT AVAILABLE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
20 UNDOCUMENTED. SO THAT'S ANOTHER SORT OF PIECE OF THE
21 POPULATION THAT WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ACCESS IT.

22
23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** IT WAS MODELED AFTER BUT IT'S NOT SOMETHING
24 THAT WE HAVE TO MANDATE.



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1 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** WELL ACCORDING TO THE WIC CODE MY
2 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IT IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE WHO ARE
3 UNDOCUMENTED. IF WE, L.A. COUNTY, WANT TO CREATE A PROGRAM
4 SPECIFICALLY, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE A PARALLEL PROGRAM THAT KIND
5 OF SITS ALONGSIDE THE EXISTING PROGRAM.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WELL, I THINK WE'VE HAD PRECEDENT TO DO
8 SOMETHING LIKE THAT BECAUSE WE EVEN HAVE, WE USED TO HAVE MY
9 HEALTH L.A., RIGHT?

10

11 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** YES, WE WERE JUST DISCUSSING THAT.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I DID TOO. SEE, I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING
14 THAT YOU SHOULD INCLUDE IN YOUR STUDY OR YOUR REDESIGN,
15 BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THOSE NUMBERS ARE REALLY, WHAT
16 THEY REALLY LOOK LIKE. I MEAN,

17

18 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** I THINK THE OTHER, I JUST WANT TO BE
19 SUPER TRANSPARENT ABOUT THIS. THE OTHER REALITY IS THAT OUR
20 DEPARTMENT HAS NEVER BEEN ENCOURAGED TO DO OUTREACH FOR THIS
21 PROGRAM BECAUSE I THINK IT IS ALL NCC, AND SO THAT IS A
22 DYNAMIC.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT I THINK THE REALITY
25 FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE REPRESENT, THESE



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SUPERVISORS

1 ARE THINGS THAT WE KNOW HAVE BEEN STUCK IN A TIME TUNNEL, SO
2 TO SPEAK. AND WE HAVE MOVED ON FROM A LOT OF THIS. WE'RE
3 PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE RIGHT NOW. WE'VE DONE THAT. AND
4 I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PRESSURE ON NCC TO OUR CEO, I GET THAT.
5 BUT I ALSO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PRIORITIES OF I THINK THE
6 BOARD, I HOPE, ARE THAT WE COULD LOOK AT SOME ADJUSTMENTS IF
7 NECESSARY. BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO SEE, ESPECIALLY THE MOOD
8 THAT WE'RE GOING IN, I KNOW IT COULD BE A LITTLE DICEY, BUT I
9 DO THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, THERE MAY BE OPPORTUNITY WHERE WE
10 COULD HAVE MORE COST SAVINGS. SO, YOU PREVENT SOME OF THESE
11 FOLKS THAT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FROM ENDING UP IN OUR EMERGENCY
12 ROOMS

13
14 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** ABSOLUTELY.

15
16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND SHELTERS OR IN OUR COUNTY JAILS, WHICH
17 IS COSTING US FIVE TIMES MORE.

18
19 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** ABSOLUTELY.

20
21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO, I JUST THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO TAKE A
22 LOOK AT THAT.

23
24 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** OUR EFFORTS ACROSS THE DEPARTMENT HAVE
25 BEEN TO LOOK AT THAT GAP BETWEEN THE LEVEL OF NEED AND WHO'S



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1 ACTUALLY ACCESSING, UNDERSTANDING WHAT THOSE BARRIERS ARE AND
2 WORKING TO CLOSE THAT GAP. SO, WE ARE PREPARED TO BE ABLE TO
3 DO THAT WITH THIS PROGRAM AS WELL, CERTAINLY.

4
5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GOOD, AND I'M HOPEFUL THAT YOU SIT ON L.A.
6 CARE BOARD, AS I DO, IN REACHING OUT TO SOME OF THE BIGGER
7 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO SEE, YOU KNOW, MANAGED CARE, WHAT WE
8 CAN DO IN THE FUTURE WITH THIS POPULATION BECAUSE, YOU KNOW,
9 IF YOU'RE SERVING YOUNG PEOPLE AS WELL, HOPEFULLY WE'RE
10 INCENTIVIZING THEM TO, YOU KNOW, GET ON WITH THEIR LIFE, GET
11 WORKFORCE TRAINING, GET THE KIND OF ASSISTANCE THEY NEED SO
12 THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO DEPEND ON THIS KIND OF ASSISTANCE. I
13 MEAN, IS THERE ANY THOUGHTS ON THAT? LIKE CARE FOR AS AN
14 EXAMPLE?

15
16 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** SO, I THINK UNDER CAL AIM AND THE
17 EXPANDED CASE MANAGEMENT.

18
19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES.

20
21 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** ABSOLUTELY.

22
23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ARE YOU DOING THAT NOW? ARE WE DOING THAT
24 NOW WITH THEM?



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1 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** WE'RE SO WE'RE HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH
2 THEM. I'VE BEEN IN CONVERSATIONS REGARDING DCFS AND THEIR
3 ABILITY TO ACCESS THIS RESOURCE AND AGAIN FOR TRANSITION AGE
4 YOUTH WHO WOULD BE POTENTIALLY A PART OF THIS PROGRAM. IT
5 COULD HAVE AN IMPACT THERE.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I LOOK FORWARD TO HELPING YOU WITH THAT AND
8 YOU KNOW I'M SURE THE BOARD WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SEEING HOW
9 WE CAN HELP EXPAND YOUR REACH.

10

11 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** EXCELLENT.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO, THANK YOU FOR THIS INFORMATION

14

15 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** THANK YOU

16

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

18

19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU JACKIE I
20 JUST WANT TO SAY YOU KNOW KUDOS TO YOU BECAUSE I DON'T THINK
21 ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEAD IN YOUR POSITION HAS EVEN LOOKED AT
22 REALLY SERIOUSLY TACKLING THE ISSUE OF GR. AND I APPRECIATE
23 THAT BECAUSE I THINK IT'S ALWAYS BEEN SOMETHING THAT HAS
24 CONCERNED ME FOR A LONG TIME TO THINK THAT YOU KNOW \$221 IS
25 JUST SUCH A SMALL AMOUNT AND IT CAN'T POSSIBLY LIFT ANYBODY



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1 OUT OF POVERTY. WE'RE JUST NOT GIVING THIS PARTICULAR
2 POPULATION ANY KIND OF SUSTAINABLE LIFT IN WHERE WE WANT THEM
3 TO GO. AND I GUESS LISTENING TO YOU, IS YOUR GOAL TO, LOOKING
4 TO SORT OF REFORM THE GENERAL LEAVE, IS YOUR GOAL TO, AS
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS WAS SUGGESTING, INCLUDING MORE PEOPLE IN THIS
6 OR MAKING IT BETTER FOR THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN THE
7 PROGRAM? OVERALL, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR BIGGEST ASPIRATIONAL
8 GOAL TO REFORMING GR WOULD BE? SO, I THINK THERE'S A FEW
9 THINGS I WOULD EMPHASIZE. I THINK WE'RE NOT SEEING THE
10 OUTCOMES WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE OVERALL, RIGHT?

11
12 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** SO, IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF WHAT WE'RE
13 PROVIDING TO INDIVIDUALS. I DO THINK THE PATHWAY OUT OF
14 POVERTY, WE OFTEN SAY THAT IT'S SORT OF, THERE'S A DEPENDENCE.
15 I SEE IT A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY. I DON'T THINK PEOPLE ARE
16 DEPENDENT. I THINK PEOPLE HAVE THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES AND
17 THANKFULLY THEY HAVE A RESOURCE TO HELP THEM IN THAT
18 SITUATION. I DON'T THINK THE RESOURCE IS CAUSING THAT
19 SITUATION. I WANT TO SEE THE PROGRAM BE MORE INDIVIDUALIZED. I
20 WOULD SAY TRAUMA AND HEALING INFORMED, SO THAT WE CAN REALLY
21 HELP PEOPLE MOVE ALONG THEIR PATH, MAKE IT INDIVIDUALIZED
22 BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE HALLMARKS OF OPPRESSION IS
23 TREATING PEOPLE LIKE THEY'RE ALL THE SAME. AND THAT'S SIMPLY
24 NOT THE REALITY, RIGHT? EACH INDIVIDUAL HAS THEIR STORY, THEIR
25 BEHAVIOR MAKES SENSE IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION. SO HOW



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1 CAN WE HELP TO UNPACK THAT AND HELP THEM ON THEIR PATH
2 FORWARD? AND IT'S PART OF WHAT YOU WANT TO DO IS TO
3 INCORPORATE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS IN THIS GRANT? SO THAT
4 IS NOT SOMETHING THAT HAS EVER BEEN A PART OF IT, BUT IT IS
5 ONE OF THE COMPONENTS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT. REALISTICALLY, IS
6 THAT SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD WANT TO ADD?

7

8 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I MEAN, I THINK FOR ME, ANYWAY, I THINK FOR
9 US TO MAKE SERIOUS POLICY DECISIONS ON WHETHER OR NOT TO
10 INCREASE THE GRANT AMOUNT, BECAUSE AGAIN, THE FACTS ARE EVERY
11 DOLLAR INCREASE IN GR COSTS THE COUNTY \$1,500,000. SO THAT'S
12 THE FACTS. BUT I THINK FOR ME TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION, I
13 REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHERE WE COULD, WHERE THAT WOULD SAVE
14 US MONEY IN OTHER AREAS IF WE INCREASED THIS GRANT. IT'S
15 ALMOST LIKE YOU KIND OF LIKE TO LOOK AT THE POPULATION, THE
16 PILOT GUARANTEED INCOME FOLKS. LIKE, WHAT HAS BEEN THE OUTCOME
17 THERE? I KNOW THAT WAS LIKE \$1,000, BUT KIND OF LOOK AT WHAT
18 WERE THE OUTCOMES THERE? WHICH SERVICES DID THEY NOT ACCESS
19 BECAUSE THEY HAD A GUARANTEED INCOME? AND I THINK THE
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS BROUGHT IT UP, YOU KNOW, LESS JAIL
21 POPULATION, LESS HOMELESS, RIGHT, WHICH COSTS US AN ENORMOUS
22 AMOUNT OF MONEY ON DIFFERENT LEVELS WHEN SOMEBODY IS UNHOUSED.
23 ALTHOUGH YOU'RE SEEING 68% OF THIS CURRENT GR POPULATION IS
24 UNHOUSED. BUT I THINK TO MAKE A REALLY FINANCIAL DECISION, WE
25 WOULD REALLY WANT TO KNOW, AND I BELIEVE IT'S OUT THERE, I



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1 BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE SAVINGS ELSEWHERE IF WE UPPED THIS
2 BASELINE GENERAL RELIEF GRANT. I THINK THERE WOULD BE OTHER
3 SERVICES THAT WOULD NOT BE ACCESSED IF THAT AMOUNT WERE
4 LARGER. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU KNOW WHEN YOU CAME BACK AND
5 GAVE US A REAL PROPOSAL FOR US TO BE ABLE TO LEAN INTO IT,
6 KNOWING THAT IT WILL COST MORE COUNTY DOLLARS, AND YET I
7 REALLY BELIEVE WE WOULD BE SAVING COUNTY DOLLARS ELSEWHERE,
8 AND SO TO MAKE THAT COMPARISON, I THINK WOULD BE IMPORTANT,
9 BECAUSE I REALLY BELIEVE, LISTENING TO HOW MUCH OTHER COUNTIES
10 PAY, YOU KNOW, THIS IS REALLY ABYSMAL IN MY OPINION ON WHAT
11 WE'RE GIVING PEOPLE AS GENERALLY. IT'S HARDLY RELIEF AT ALL
12 FOR THE SITUATION THAT THEY FOUND THEMSELVES IN. SO, I
13 APPRECIATE YOU TACKLING THIS. AGAIN, I DON'T THINK ANYONE ELSE
14 HAS HAD THE COURAGE TO TALK ABOUT REFORMING GR, BUT I HOPE
15 REFORMING ALSO MEANS INCREASING THAT BOTTOM LEVEL GRANT AND
16 GIVING US A PATHWAY ON HOW WE COULD DO THAT KNOWING THAT WE
17 WOULD BE SAVING COUNTY DOLLARS ELSEWHERE AS WE CONTINUE TO
18 LIFT THESE FOLKS UP AND PUT THEM ON A DIFFERENT PATHWAY TO
19 REAL SUSTAINABILITY AND REALLY ALLEVIATING POVERTY FOR THEM.
20 SO, THANK YOU.

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

24
25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.



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1 APPRECIATE THE CONVERSATION. AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUES.
2 APPRECIATE YOU TACKLING THIS. I THINK WE'RE IN A DIFFERENT
3 TIME NOW ALSO THAT PUTS SOME WIND BENEATH YOUR WINGS WITH THE
4 COUNTY OF L.A. BEING ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF COUNTIES
5 FOR GUARANTEED INCOME. I AM PROUD THIS YEAR TO CHAIR CSAC'S
6 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND INTEND TO RAISE THIS
7 AMONG OUR COLLEAGUES ACROSS THE STATE. AND YES, THE DOLLAR
8 AMOUNT IS TOO LOW, BUT I AM HOPING THAT WE USE THE AMAZING
9 DATA COMING FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY AROUND GUARANTEED INCOME
10 TO REALLY RETHINK ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS COMPLETELY DIFFERENTLY,
11 WHICH WILL REQUIRE SOME EFFORT, ADVOCACY EFFORT AT THE FEDERAL
12 PRIMARILY AND STATE LEVEL IN TERMS OF HOW WE APPROACH IT. I
13 REMEMBER HEARING ABOUT THE CBEST PROGRAM AND BEING REALLY
14 IMPRESSED WHEN I WAS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE BECAUSE OF THE
15 DOLLARS THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO DRAW DOWN IN HELPING PEOPLE
16 TRANSITION. I'M ALSO CLEAR THAT THE THRESHOLD FOR PERMANENT
17 DISABILITY THROUGH SSI IS REALLY QUITE HIGH. AND SO, WHAT I AM
18 CURIOUS ABOUT IS THIS, IS THE VALIDITY OF THE 67% IN TERMS OF
19 THEIR ABILITY TO IDENTIFY ON THEIR OWN WHETHER OR NOT THEY CAN
20 WORK OR NOT. AND SO, WHILE WE WANT TO CERTAINLY PUSH CBEST, I
21 BELIEVE, BASED ON EXPERIENCE AND THE GUARANTEED INCOME
22 EXPERIENCE AND REPORTS THAT WE'VE SEEN NATIONALLY THAT THERE
23 IS A POPULATION OF PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT GOING TO QUALIFY FOR
24 SSI BUT STILL NEED HELP AND MAY NOT BE PREPARED FOR FULL
25 EMPLOYMENT. WE MAY NEED TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY SOME KIND



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1 OF ASSISTANCE. THAT'S JUST OUR REALITY. I THINK WHEN WE LOOK
2 AT THE RACIAL DISPARITIES THAT CAUSES A WHOLE NOTHER LEADS,
3 CAN LEAD TO A WHOLE NOTHER CONVERSATION. WHEN YOU RECOGNIZE
4 THAT IN L.A. COUNTY, OUR BLACK POPULATION IS SINGLE DIGIT, 8
5 OR 9%, AND WE'RE LOOKING AT 32% PARTICIPATION. THAT MIRRORS
6 OUR CARCERAL SYSTEM OVER REPRESENTATION. THAT MIRRORS OUR
7 FOSTER CARE OVER REPRESENTATION, OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE OVER
8 REPRESENTATION. AND SO CLEARLY, AND OUR HOMELESSNESS OVER
9 REPRESENTATION, SO CLEARLY THERE ARE SYSTEMIC ISSUES THAT LEAD
10 TO THIS CONSISTENT DISPARITY FOR BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE. I
11 THINK LASTLY, I WOULD SAY I'M WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I,
12 YOU KNOW, AS A LOBBYIST FOR WESTERN CENTER ON LAW AND POVERTY,
13 HAVING DONE INTOLERANT PROGRAMS REALLY MY ENTIRE CAREER,
14 ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT BECAUSE GENERAL RELIEF WAS PAID FOR OUT
15 OF NCC, THAT THE COUNTY HAD GREATER FLEXIBILITY ABOUT WHO WAS
16 ELIGIBLE. SO, I WAS REALLY SHOCKED TO HEAR THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE
17 NOT DOCUMENTED ARE NOT ELIGIBLE. AND WOULD STRONGLY ENCOURAGE
18 US, JUST AS THE STATE HAS DONE WITH MEDI-CAL, GIVEN THE
19 DEMOGRAPHICS OF OUR COUNTY, GIVEN THE NEED THAT WE KNOW EXISTS
20 IN OUR COUNTY, THAT WE CERTAINLY ENGAGE IN THAT CONVERSATION.
21 BECAUSE LIKE I SAID, I DON'T NOW HAVE TO THINK, GO BACK TO
22 FIGURE OUT WHERE I GOT THAT FROM, BUT THAT WAS ALWAYS MY
23 ASSUMPTION. AND I THINK WHAT'S HAPPENING NATIONALLY NOW AND
24 THE CONVERSATIONS WE'RE CONTINUING TO HAVE ABOUT PROVIDING
25 RELIEF AND SUPPORT TO L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. IF THAT'S NOT THE



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1 CASE, IT'S SOMETHING WE SHOULD MAKE AN INFORMED POLICY
2 DECISION ABOUT WHO WE'RE SUPPORTING AND WHO WE ARE. I LOOK
3 FORWARD TO THE ONGOING CONVERSATION, BUT I REALLY, IN THIS
4 REDESIGN, WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT DMH IS INCLUDED, BECAUSE
5 AGAIN, IT'S BEEN MY EXPERIENCE THAT THE SSI AND SSP THRESHOLD
6 IS QUITE HIGH. CBEST DOES ALL IT CAN TO HELP PEOPLE GET
7 APPOINTMENTS, GATHER THE DATA YOU NEED TO MEET THAT HIGH
8 THRESHOLD, BUT I BET A GOOD CHUNK OF OUR PEOPLE JUST DON'T
9 QUITE GET THERE AND YET STILL NEED SUPPORT JUST BASED ON THEIR
10 REALITY. SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE ONGOING COLLABORATION AND
11 CONVERSATION. LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO BRING BACK TO YOU
12 DATA AND RESULTS FROM THE COUNTIES FOR GUARANTEED INCOME
13 EXPERIENCE. WE'LL WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH YOU AS WE TALK
14 ABOUT ENGAGING OUR CSAC PARTNERS. WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR CHART
15 ABOUT WHO PAYS WHAT, IF I CAN GET A COPY OF THAT BEFORE YOU
16 LEAVE TODAY. I THINK THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW. AND TO
17 OVERLAY THAT WITH OTHER POLICIES OTHER COUNTIES MAY HAVE THAT
18 ARE DIFFERENT FROM OURS OR THAT MAY MIRROR OURS AS YOU
19 SUGGESTED ORANGE COUNTY, JUST SO WE HAVE A REAL APPLES TO
20 APPLES COMPARISON. IT'S ONE THING TO SAY SANTA CRUZ PAYS \$800,
21 BUT WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WHAT POLICIES INFORM THAT, I THINK
22 IS A LITTLE DIFFICULT FOR ME AS A POLICYMAKER. SO LOOK FORWARD
23 TO THE ONGOING CONVERSATION AND REALLY APPRECIATE THAT AT THIS
24 POINT IN TIME, WE ARE HAVING IT AND ARE OPEN TO REALLY
25 REDESIGN THE SYSTEM THAT IS CURRENT, THAT IS RELEVANT, THAT'S



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1 GOING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WHAT WE'VE LEARNED FROM PAST
2 STRUCTURAL RACISM AND SEXISM AND CLASSISM THAT REALLY
3 UNFORTUNATELY LIMIT HOW WE AS GOVERNMENT ACROSS THE BOARD
4 PROVIDE SUPPORTS TO PEOPLE WHO DESERVE IT AND NEED IT. THANK
5 YOU.

6
7 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

10
11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. NOBODY IN THIS
12 COUNTRY CAN LIVE ON \$221 A MONTH, YET ALONE IN OUR REGION
13 WHERE WE HAVE SOME OF THE HIGHEST COSTS IN THE COUNTRY. SO, I
14 REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR ANALYSIS OF THIS. LAST APRIL, A POLICY
15 BRIEF BY FOUR TOP L.A. ACADEMICS CONCLUDED THAT MONTHLY
16 PAYMENTS OF ANYWHERE FROM \$750 TO \$1,000 WOULD ALLOW THOUSANDS
17 OF PEOPLE LIVING ON OUR STREETS TO ACCESS HOUSING,
18 PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO BECAME UNHOUSED BECAUSE OF AN ECONOMIC
19 SETBACK. THIS IN TURN COULD ULTIMATELY SAVE TAXPAYERS MILLIONS
20 OF DOLLARS IN PUBLIC SERVICES. AS WE UNDERTAKE OUR BUDGET
21 PROCESS, WE KNOW THIS FISCAL YEAR AND SEVERAL TO COME WILL NOT
22 BE EASY ONES. YET WHEN WE DON'T INVEST IN THOSE WHO NEED OUR
23 HELP THE MOST, WE PAY EXPONENTIALLY DOWN THE ROAD. THIS IS THE
24 VERY DEFINITION OF PENNYWISE AND POUND FOOLISH. AND SO, I
25 THINK WE CAN AND MUST DO BETTER. I WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT YOU'VE



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1 HIGHLIGHTED A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS THAT SERVE THIS POPULATION
2 IN ADDITION TO GR. AND I THINK WHEN WE'RE THINKING
3 SPECIFICALLY ABOUT OUR UNHOUSED POPULATION, HAVING A SINGULAR
4 DEPARTMENT TO UNDERSTAND THE VARIETY OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
5 THAT ARE BEING INVESTED INTO EACH OF THESE PEOPLE TO REALLY
6 UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT AND KNOW WHERE MORE OR LESS INVESTMENT
7 WOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE. IT'S EASIER TO TRACK THAN WHEN IT'S
8 ACROSS 14 DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS. BUT THAT ASIDE, GIVEN THE
9 MULTIPLE CHALLENGES FACING GENERAL RELIEF RECIPIENTS, WHAT
10 PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS THE COUNTY AND WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS ARE
11 IN PLACE? AND WHAT WOULD YOU ASK US TO HELP YOU WITH IN TERMS
12 OF SUPPORTING THE MULTIPLE NEEDS THAT YOU'VE HIGHLIGHTED?

13
14 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** SO, THERE ARE, I COULD TALK FOR QUITE A
15 WHILE, I THINK, ON ALL OF THE PARTNERSHIPS THAT ARE IN PLACE.
16 I'VE HIGHLIGHTED THE DMH PARTNERSHIP, HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC
17 HEALTH, ALL OF THOSE PROGRAMS ARE INTEGRAL TO THE WORK THAT
18 WE'RE PROVIDING. WE ALSO HAVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH DEO, LACOE,
19 SOUTH BAY WEB THAT ARE SPECIFIC AROUND EMPLOYMENT FOR THIS
20 POPULATION. THEY ALSO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR OUR CALWORKS'
21 POPULATION. AND SO WE HAVE SORT OF PIGGYBACKED, IF YOU WILL,
22 ON SOME OF THE CALWORKS' PARTNERSHIPS IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE
23 THAT THIS GR POPULATION ALSO HAS ACCESS TO THOSE RESOURCES. WE
24 ARE STARTING TO PARTNER MORE IN EARNEST WITH AGING AND
25 DISABILITIES AROUND THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



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1 AND WE DO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT POPULATION IN OUR GR THAT ARE 60
2 AND OVER AND SO WE'RE BEGINNING MORE OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS.
3 MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS, WE KNOW THAT THAT'S A
4 PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE GROUP AND SO WE HAVE LOTS OF PROCESSES
5 IN PLACE TO SEND REFERRALS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS TO MAKE SURE
6 THAT WE'RE MAXIMIZING RESOURCES FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS AS WELL.
7 AND THEN AS I MENTIONED MOST RECENTLY, OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH
8 JCOD ABOUT ENGAGING IN THEIR COLLABORATIVE.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** YEAH, I HEARD THAT PART. AND I KNOW THAT
11 THE COUNTY ALSO HAS THE GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM, WHICH HAS
12 BEEN REFERENCED. AND THAT DATA CAN ALSO HELP US INFORM HOW WE
13 CAN IMPROVE PROGRAMS THAT ARE, ONCE AGAIN, TRYING TO SERVE
14 THIS SAME NEED AND HOW WE CAN BEST USE THESE RESOURCES BECAUSE
15 WE'VE LEARNED THROUGH THE GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM THAT
16 PEOPLE ARE USING THIS MONEY FOR FOOD AND SHELTER AND
17 TRANSPORTATION, THEIR BASIC NEEDS. AND WE'VE REALLY BEEN ABLE
18 TO DISPEL A LOT OF THE MYTHS RELATED TO CONCERNS AROUND HOW
19 PEOPLE SPEND THE MONEY ONCE IT'S ISSUED TO THEM. DO YOU HAVE
20 ANY DATA THAT CORRELATES HIGHER GR RATES WITH REDUCED COSTS TO
21 GOVERNMENT SERVICES?

22

23 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** WE DO NOT. I THINK THAT'S AN EXCELLENT
24 QUESTION AND IT'S ONE OF THE AREAS THAT WE NEED TO EXPLORE
25 FURTHER TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THAT ARGUMENT BOTH IN TERMS OF



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1 SAVINGS AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACT THAT WE COULD HAVE. SO, IF
2 THE DATA'S OUT THERE, WE WILL FIND IT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
3 INCLUDE IT IN OUR REPORT BACK.

4

5 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. I THINK THAT WOULD
6 BE HELPFUL TO KNOW. IT'S CLEAR THERE'S WORK AHEAD IF YOU NEED
7 MORE FROM US IN TERMS OF DIRECTION, BUT I JUST REALLY
8 APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THIS ON. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I'M GLAD YOU ASKED
11 THAT QUESTION, BECAUSE FEBRUARY 6TH, THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER
12 SENT YOU SOMETHING THAT SAYS THAT DPSS MANAGEMENT WILL DEVELOP
13 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS TO MEASURE THE EFFICIENCY AND
14 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GR PROGRAM, DEVELOP PROCESS AND
15 PROCEDURES TO MONITOR KPIS TO ESTABLISH BET MARKS. SO, BEFORE
16 WE GIVE MORE MONEY, I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD HAVE DATA TO
17 BACK UP ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE BEING MADE IN TERMS OF
18 THE EFFICIENCIES OF HOW WE'RE SPENDING THE MONEY, BECAUSE I,
19 FOR ONE AM VERY COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE FACING
20 FINANCIAL STRAINS RIGHT NOW AND THIS IS ALL NET COUNTY COSTS.
21 AND IF WE'RE GOING TO INVEST IN YOUR GR PROGRAM, I WOULD HOPE
22 THAT YOU'D BRING US SOMETHING THAT SHOWS DATA SIMILAR TO WHAT
23 SUPERVISOR HORVATH JUST ASKED FOR. THAT TO ME IS ALMOST LIKE A
24 NO-BRAINER IN TERMS OF KNOWING THAT KIND OF INFORMATION. I
25 MEAN, I DID NOT REALIZE THAT THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER HAS



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1 ALREADY FLAGGED THE FACT THAT WE DO NOT DO ANY, OR THAT DPSS
2 DOESN'T DO ANY MEASURE OF PERFORMANCE.

3
4 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** SO, I THINK THE REFERENCE TO THE
5 PERFORMANCE MEASURES IS MORE ABOUT OUR PROTOCOLS THAT WE HAVE
6 IN PLACE. WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO DOCUMENT ALL OF THOSE
7 PROTOCOLS AND MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ADHERING TO THEM. THEY
8 VERIFIED THAT WE DO, WE HAVE THE PROTOCOLS IN PLACE, WE
9 PRACTICE THEM, BUT THEY ARE NOT DOCUMENTED. SO THAT IS PART OF
10 THE FOCUS. BUT THIS LARGER ISSUE AROUND KEY PERFORMANCE
11 MEASURES OVERALL, THAT'S DEFINITELY GOING TO BE PART OF WHAT
12 WE BRING BACK. BECAUSE I THINK ONCE, AND THEN I'LL JUST CLOSE
13 WITH THIS,

14
15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I THINK WHEN SUPERVISOR HAHN WAS
16 ASKING ABOUT GIVING MORE MONEY, I THINK THAT WOULD, I THINK
17 WE'RE ALL SAYING THE SAME THING. I'M SAYING, WHY AREN'T WE
18 LEVERAGING MORE RESOURCES WITHIN OTHER DEPARTMENTS? WE ARE SO
19 SILOED IN THIS COUNTY AT TIMES. AND WITH MEASURE H AND NOW
20 MEASURE A, AS WELL AS, I MEAN, I'M SURE THERE'S OTHER GRANTS
21 OUT THERE, THE JOBS. ANYWAY, THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO
22 LEVERAGE OTHER FORMS TO ENHANCE A \$221 BECAUSE IF WE INCREASE
23 THE \$221 THAT'S NET COUNTY COST IF WE LEVERAGE AGAINST
24 SERVICES THAT ARE ALREADY SUBSIDIZED THAT'S NOT NET COUNTY
25 COSTS AND THAT'S WHERE I THINK WE NEED TO THINK OUTSIDE THE



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1 BOX, BECAUSE IT'S EASY JUST TO THROW MONEY AT IT, BUT I WOULD
2 ARGUE IT TAKES MORE WORK TO PUT TOGETHER A PROGRAM THAT
3 ACTUALLY LEVERAGES THE BENEFITS OF ALL THE DIFFERENT RESOURCES
4 THE COUNTY HAS THAT ARE ACTUALLY SUBVENTED, SUBSIDIZED, AND
5 THEN USE A \$221 IN ADDITION TO. SO THAT'S THAT WAS WHAT I WILL
6 TELL YOU THAT'S THE ONLY THING THAT I WOULD REALLY SUPPORT AT
7 THIS POINT MOVING FORWARD KNOWING THAT WE ARE FACING A
8 FINANCIAL SITUATION IN THIS COUNTY. I THINK IT'S FISCALLY
9 RESPONSIBLE FOR US TO LEVERAGE WHERE WE CAN THE SERVICES THAT
10 ARE ALREADY IN PLACE THAT MAYBE ARE NOT CONNECTED TO THESE
11 PEOPLE.

12
13 **DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS:** ABSOLUTELY AND WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE
14 CAN TO LEVERAGE THAT AND WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE. I THINK
15 ABOUT THIS TIME LAST YEAR WHEN THE STATE WAS LOOKING TO CUT
16 CALWORK SIGNIFICANTLY, WE WERE DETERMINED TO ADVOCATE FOR
17 THOSE CUTS NOT TO HAPPEN. I SEE THE GR POPULATION AS OUR LOCAL
18 MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION THAT WE HAVE TO ADVOCATE FOR
19 FIERCELY AS WELL.

20
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** 100%. WE ALL AGREE ON THAT. I
22 DON'T THINK ANYONE WOULD ARGUE THAT. ALL RIGHT.WELL, THANK YOU
23 VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. SEEING NO OTHER SUPERVISORS
24 WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE
25 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
3 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. DR. IVY HILTON-PRIESTESS
4 AND DR CHAVEZ. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
5 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 7, IF YOU HAVE
6 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO BE
7 PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST
8 REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

9

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

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YES, IN ANY PROCEDURE, I HOPE THAT THE UNINTENDED
15 CONSEQUENCES ARE CONSIDERED. FOR INSTANCE, I HOPE THAT ANY
16 UPGRADES TO THE PROGRAM DO NOT INCENTIVIZE PEOPLE TO ACTUALLY
17 TRAVEL FROM OUT OF STATE TO COME AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE
18 OPPORTUNITIES. BECAUSE I KNOW TO SEE SOMEONE TRAVEL CROSS
19 COUNTRY, BE AFFORDED HOUSING WHEN THERE ARE PEOPLE LIVING ON
20 THE STREETS FOR YEARS, THE ONLY REASON I KNOW OF THAT
21 SITUATION IS BECAUSE THE HOUSING ACTUALLY USED IT AS A
22 MARKETING TOOL. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

23

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

25



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1 **MODERATOR:** ERIC PREVIN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. WELL, THIS IS A VERY TOUGH ISSUE.
4 YOU DON'T WANT TO ADVERTISE TOO MUCH BECAUSE IT'S AT COUNTY
5 COST. BUT IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE.

6

7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ERIC, ARE YOU STILL THERE? MODERATOR, CAN
8 WE TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

9

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

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOT GO TO IN-PERSON
14 SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DIRECTOR JACKIE CONTRERAS AND BOARD
17 OF SUPERVISORS. THIS IS A JUDICIAL NOTICE FOR EMERGENCY
18 NUTRITION AND CASH ASSISTANCE. PURSUANT TO THE FOOD STAMP ACT
19 OF 1964, PUBLIC LAW 88.525. EIGHTH, CONGRESS, HOUSE HR 10222.
20 AUGUST 31, 1964, THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS,
21 ARTICLES 1, 2, AND 8, 15 U.S. CODE, SECTION 1681. THE
22 HOMESTEAD ACT, SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, ARTICLES OF CONSIDERATION
23 11, SLASH 1777, WHICH IS THE ORGANIC CONSTITUTION. BEING THE
24 FIDUCIARY AND HAVING ACCESS TO MY TRUST YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION
25 TO PROVIDE ME WITH THE MINUTE WITH THE MAXIMUM MONTHLY BENEFIT



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1 FOR MYSELF AND MY HOUSEHOLD OF FOUR SINCE I AM THE BENEFICIARY
2 OF THIS ACCOUNT I AM DEMANDING THE MAXIMUM ALLOTMENT FOR A
3 HOUSEHOLD OF FOUR OR A MINIMUM OF 4,000 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES
4 ON THE EBT CASH CARD AND MAXIMUM ALLOWMEN FOR A HOUSEHOLD OF
5 FOUR OF MINIMUM OF \$1,200 FEDERAL RESERVE --

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

8
9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. AS A PREVIOUS REC AND PARK FULL-TIME
10 CAREER PROFESSIONAL, SOME THINGS THAT I HEARD FEEDBACK FROM
11 THE PROFESSIONALS THAT PAY THEIR TAXPAYERS PAY TO ASSIST WITH
12 THESE KIND OF PROGRAMMING WAS CHIEF, PAST SHERIFF CHIEF ALEX,
13 I FORGOT HIS LAST NAME, BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE DISCOURAGED
14 OF WHY PEOPLE WERE GETTING ASSISTANCE WHEN THEY COULDN'T
15 POSSIBLY, THE SUGGESTIONS THAT WERE GIVEN ARE MONTHLY IN-
16 PERSON DRUG TESTS TO RECEIVE THEIR BENEFITS, IN-PERSON MENTAL
17 HEALTH ACCESSIBLE VISITS, MEANING THEY COME INTO MENTAL HEALTH
18 PROFESSIONALS SO THEY CAN RECEIVE THEIR BENEFITS EVERY MONTH,
19 RESIDENT FACILITY CHECK-INS SO THAT TAXPAYERS ARE NOT PAYING
20 FOR PEOPLE TO USE ILLEGAL DRUGS AND HOUSE OTHER PEOPLE, PROOF
21 OF JOB SEARCHES WITH POSSIBLE DPSS STAFF, TAXPAYERS NOT PAYING
22 FOR THE ACT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, ILLEGAL DRUG SELLING OR
23 PROSTITUTION IN THESE RESIDENTS THAT ARE BEING PAID BY
24 TAXPAYER DOLLARS --



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER
2 IN-PERSON SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THIS REPORT IS A RECEIPT AND FILE,
5 HEARING NO OBJECTIONS. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW WE ARE
6 GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 10, TEMPORARY WAIVER OF
7 WATERSHED RESTRICTION AND INCREASE IN DISPOSAL TONNAGE LIMITS
8 AT LOCAL LANDFILLS, WHICH I HELD. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON
9 THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO TO COMMENT ON THIS.
10 WE HAVE A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS COMING FORWARD TO PRESENT TO
11 THE BOARD AND RESPOND TO QUESTIONS. ALL RIGHT. WHO'S GOING TO
12 LEAD, MARK? I TAG YOU.

13

14 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES, SUPERVISOR. JUST KIND OF LETTING THIS
15 CROWD GET FILL IN BEHIND HERE

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OR KEVIN OR BOB OR COLONEL.

18

19 **MARK PESTRELLA:** OKAY.

20

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

22

23 **MARK PESTRELLA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
24 BOARD. MY NAME IS MARK PESTRELLA, DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES
25 COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS. TODAY'S ACTION, ITEM 10, SEEKS YOUR



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1 APPROVAL FOR THE FOLLOWING. ONE, TEMPORARY INCREASE IN TONNAGE
2 LIMITS AT SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL. TWO, TEMPORARILY INCREASE
3 TONNAGE LIMITS AT LANCASTER LANDFILL. THREE, TEMPORARILY.

4
5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, WHOEVER'S BOOING,
6 THAT'S FIRST WARNING. IF YOU DON'T AGREE, YOU CAN PUT YOUR
7 HANDS UP, BUT PLEASE DO NOT DISRUPT THE MEETING. AND THAT'S
8 FIRST WARNING. GO AHEAD, MARK.

9
10 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THANK YOU. THREE, TEMPORARILY AUTHORIZE
11 CALABASAS LANDFILL TO ACCEPT DEBRIS FROM OUTSIDE ITS WASTE
12 SHED. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TWO BRIEF POINTS BEFORE TURNING TO
13 THE OTHER LOCAL STATE AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES HERE TODAY.
14 FIRST WITH RESPECT TO THE SUNSHINE CANYON AND LANCASTER
15 LANDFILLS, I RECOMMEND JOINTLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
16 HEALTH THAT THE BOARD TEMPORARILY INCREASE THE DAILY TONNAGE
17 LIMITS AT BOTH LANDFILLS AS ALLOWED BY THE LANDFILL CUP'S.
18 THIS ACTION IS NEEDED TO APPROPRIATELY MANAGE THE WASTE STREAM
19 TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND MEET THE DESIRED
20 OUTCOMES CONTAINED IN YOUR EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND
21 SUBSEQUENT BOARD MOTIONS DIRECTING THE COUNTY RECOVERY TASK
22 FORCE. SECOND WITH RESPECT TO CALABASAS LANDFILL THE COUNTY
23 CODE USUALLY LIMITS THIS WASTE SHED FOR THE CALABASAS LANDFILL
24 HOWEVER THE CODE ALSO PROVIDES THAT YOUR BOARD MAY PERMIT THE
25 LANDFILL TO ACCEPT WASTE FROM OUTSIDE THE WASTE SHED AREA WHEN



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1 NECESSARY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC PEACE HEALTH OR
2 SAFETY THE CURRENT EMERGENCY NECESSITATES THIS AUTHORIZATION
3 BY YOUR BOARD GIVEN THE CRISIS AT HAND THE RELEVANT EMERGENCY
4 DECLARATIONS AND THE EXISTING HEALTH ORDERS, I RECOMMEND
5 APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED ACTION. TO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS YOU
6 MAY HAVE, WE INVITED LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL EXPERTS HERE
7 TODAY, INCLUDING ROBERT FERRANTE FROM THE COUNTY SANITATION
8 DISTRICT, MAJOR GENERAL KELLY FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY
9 CORPS OF ENGINEERS, WES MINDERMAN FROM CALRECYCLE, ADDITIONAL
10 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
11 DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD,
12 STATE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL, CALIFORNIA
13 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
14 AGENCY, LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, LEA, COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH,
15 REGIONAL PLANNING, AND OEM. THAT CONCLUDES MY COMMENTS. THANK
16 YOU.

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18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO, ON THE LANCASTER, I
19 MEAN, DOES ANYONE ELSE HAVE ANY PRESENTATION? KEVIN? BOB? DO
20 YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING? COLONEL? ON THE LANCASTER, I KNOW
21 THAT THE CITY OF LANCASTER AND ACTUALLY THE [INAUDIBLE] HAVE
22 EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THE TRAFFIC. DO WE HAVE TRAFFIC
23 MITIGATION FOR ALL ROUTES AS IT RELATES TO GETTING TO AND FROM
24 THE LANDFILLS OR OURS? SO, IN OTHER WORDS IF YOU'RE LEAVING IN
25 THE MORNING YOU'RE GOING TO BE GOING AGAINST TRAFFIC WHICH IS



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SUPERVISORS

1 NOT GOING TO IMPACT THE FLOW BECAUSE IT'S ALREADY CONGESTED.

2 HAVE YOU TAKEN ANY OF THAT IN CONSIDERATION?

3

4 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, WE'RE CURRENTLY MEETING WITH THE
5 ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, WE BEING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
6 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CALTRANS, AND OTHER ROAD
7 COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS POTENTIAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS DUE TO THE
8 REMOVAL OF THE DEBRIS FROM THESE BURN AREAS.

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10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE
11 ANY QUESTIONS YOU WANT TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC? SUPERVISOR
12 HORVATH?

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14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** WE CAN HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC FIRST. I
15 HAVE A LOT TO SAY BUT I'M HAPPY TO HEAR FROM THEM FIRST.

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17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IT'S UP TO YOU. WHAT WOULD YOU
18 LIKE?

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20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THAT'S OKAY,

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22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THEN WE'LL GO AHEAD AND HEAR FROM
23 THE PUBLIC AND THEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SO EXECUTIVE OFFICER
24 PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO
25 SPEAK FOR THOSE ON THE PHONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS



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SUPERVISORS

1 ITEM PRESS ONE AND THEN ZERO TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

2

3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
4 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. ANDREW ROSENDAHL, ARMIDA
5 ARELLANO, DARYL GALE, EDWARD ALBRECHT, FRANCIS ALLETTE, GDJITA
6 BALINSKI, HALLEN ATAI, JAMES BOZAJIAN, JANE FOWLER, JANKA
7 BERNARD, JOHN FOX, KELLY MARTINO, KINDEN MEEK, KIYOKO HIBINO,
8 LAYA GILMAN, MELISSA OLIN, NATASHA DOWNING, PETER MONTGOMERY,
9 PETER KRAUT, AND VICKI KIND. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST
10 REMOTE SPEAKER PLEASE.

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

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I AM URGING THE BOARD TO VOTE AGAINST THE
17 WAIVERS FOR THE COUNTY RAMPS, ESPECIALLY FOR SUNSHINE CANYON.
18 ONLY 30 DAYS WAS GIVEN TO CLEAR THE FIRE DEBRIS FROM 16,000
19 STRUCTURES. COMPARE THAT TO THE THREE MONTHS TO CLEAR ABOUT
20 2,000 BUILDINGS DESTROYED IN LAHAINA. WHAT CAN GO WRONG? WELL,
21 A PIECE OF A BURNT DESK, A PARTICLE FROM A BATTERY, CHEMICALS
22 FROM CLEANERS CAN BE MIXED IN WITH THIS ASH SUNSHINE CANYON
23 ALREADY HAS A POOR TRACK RECORD WITH THE AQMD WITH 65 NOTICES
24 OF VIOLATIONS JUST LAST YEAR IT'S LOCATED IN A WIND TUNNEL
25 WITH FOUR SCHOOLS TWO PARKS MANY HOMES LOCATED DOWNWIND WITHIN



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SUPERVISORS

1 TWO MILES. AND TWO MILES FROM WHERE A WATER RESERVOIR THAT
2 PROVIDES DRINKING WATER FOR 1/3 OF L.A. CITY RESIDENTS. IT'S
3 IN A HIGH-FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE WITH SEVERAL EARTHQUAKE
4 FAULTS NEARBY. TO THE NORTH ANOTHER CLASS THREE LANDFILL,
5 CHIQUITA, HAS TO BE SHUT DOWN BECAUSE OF A CHEMICAL REACTION
6 AMONG ITS DEBRIS--

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

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10 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE DO NOT GRANT SUNSHINE WITH THIS LITTER. THANK
11 YOU.

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13 **MODERATOR:** NIGAR NAULZAR, THEY ARE NOW YOUR LINE IS OPEN, YOU
14 MAY BEGIN.

15
16 **SPEAKER:** I AM OPPOSED TO INCREASING OF THE TONNAGE AND TIME TO
17 DUMP FIRE DEBRIS TO CALABASAS LANDFILL STRONGLY. AND I AM
18 ACTUALLY TALKING ON BEHALF OF MANY, MANY PEOPLE. WE HAVE MORE
19 THAN 10,000 SIGNATURES OF PEOPLE OF RESIDENTS IN CALABASAS AND
20 THE CITIES NEARBY WHO ARE OPPOSING THAT AND WE TRUST YOU TO
21 MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS. WE DON'T WANT TO BE POISONS. THESE
22 DEBRIS ARE NOT TESTED AND THEY ARE GOING TO CAUSE ILLNESSES
23 DOWN THE ROAD FEW YEARS FROM NOW. THANK YOU.

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



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SUPERVISORS

1

2 **MODERATOR:** ALICIA WEINTRAUB YOUR LINE IS OPEN YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR HEARING
5 THIS ITEM TODAY. THIS ALICIA LINE TROTTS COUNCILMEMBER CITY OF
6 CALABASAS. THE CITY OF CALABASAS IS VERY TROUBLED BY THE LACK
7 OF TRANSPARENCY THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS OF SELECTING THE
8 COUNTY-OWNED LANDFILL ADJACENT TO CALABASAS AS A DISPOSAL
9 SITE. WE WERE NOT EVEN INFORMED OF THIS AND ONLY LEARNED FROM
10 A RESIDENT ON JANUARY 25TH. AT NO TIME WAS THE CITY CONSULTED
11 ABOUT INCREASING THE DAILY TONNAGE OR EXPANDING THE HOURS OF
12 OPERATION. SIMILARLY, THE CITY WAS NOT CONTACTED REGARDING THE
13 ITEM NOW BEFORE THE BOARD TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
14 WASTE SHED. LIKEWISE, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT CALABASAS
15 RESIDENTS AND OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES HAVE NOT
16 HAD A VOICE IN THESE DECISIONS. THESE INDIVIDUALS LIKE
17 OURSELVES LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY IN THE AREA SURROUNDING THE
18 LANDFILL. DISPOSING OF FIRE DEBRIS AT THESE LANDFILLS
19 JEOPARDIZES THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY RESIDENTS AND
20 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. THANK YOU
21 VERY MUCH.

22

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** ANIKO GOLD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **SPEAKER:** HI, THIS IS ANIKO GOLD, HIDDEN HILL CITY COUNCIL
3 MEMBER, INCLUDING OUR HIDDEN HILL CITY COUNCIL. WE STRONGLY
4 OPPOSE THE DISPOSAL OF FIRE DISASTER DEBRIS FROM THE PALASADES
5 AND EATON FIRES AT THE CALABASAS LANDFILL, WHICH IS NOT A
6 FULLY LINED LANDFILL. THIS IS AN ISSUE FOR OUR ENTIRE REGION.
7 WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER TO JOIN ANY LEGAL EFFORTS BY OUR
8 NEIGHBORING CITIES WHO SHARE THESE CONCERNS TO PROTECT OUR
9 COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE COMMON SENSE CONCERNS ABOUT PUBLIC
10 HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY, AND THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY
11 ABOUT THIS AGENDA ITEM. OBVIOUSLY, TO DISPOSE OF DEBRIS AT A
12 LANDFILL NEAR RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS AND WILDFIRE
13 QUARTERS CREATES POTENTIAL RISK FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THERE IS
14 NO, THERE ISN'T A SUFFICIENT OVERSIGHT TO ENSURE TOXIC WASTE
15 IS PROPERLY IDENTIFIED AND THE SHEER VOLUME OF DEBRIS MAKES IT
16 IMPOSSIBLE TO FULLY SEPARATE TOXIC HAZARDOUS AND NON HAZARDOUS
17 MATERIALS THE POTENTIAL HAS AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THIS
18 DANGEROUS AND RUSHED DECISION CANNOT BE IGNORED WE ASK THAT
19 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION --

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** MARCY GOLDWATER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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25 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE THE INCREASE IN



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SUPERVISORS

1 DISPOSAL TONNAGE LIMITS ACCEPTANCE OF DEBRIS OUTSIDE THE
2 WATERSHED AREA, AND WAIVER RESTRICTIONS FOR THE CALABASAS
3 LANDFILL. THERE ARE LANDFILLS THAT ARE NOT NEXT TO THOUSANDS
4 OF RESIDENTS, SCHOOLS, AND PARKS. ACCEPTING THIS FIRE DEBRIS
5 AT A RESIDENTIAL LANDFILL JEOPARDIZES THE HEALTH AND WELL-
6 BEING OF THE VERY PEOPLE THAT YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO SAFEGUARD
7 AND REPRESENT. LOOK, ONLY FIVE TO 10% OF CANCERS ARE GENETIC.
8 THE REST ARE MOSTLY ENVIRONMENTAL. FIRE DEBRIS AT THE
9 CALABASAS LANDFILL INCREASES THE RISK OF CANCER, AUTOIMMUNE
10 DISORDERS, AND A HOST OF OTHER AILMENTS THAT YOU HAVE THE
11 ABILITY TO PREVENT. THIS IS NOT A NOT IN MY BACKYARD COMMENT,
12 BUT NOT IN ANYONE'S BACKYARD. THANK YOU.

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

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16 **MODERATOR:** AMY, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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18 **SPEAKER:** MY COMMENT IS IN OPPOSITION OF THIS WASTE SHED
19 WAIVER. IF YOU'RE NOT DOING A DILIGENT JOB OF TESTING AND
20 REMOVING HAZARDOUS WASTE, THEN YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT IS
21 HAZARDOUS AND WHAT IS NOT. SO, YOU'RE ASKING COMMUNITIES TO
22 TAKE ON THIS DANGEROUS WASTE RATHER THAN SPEND THE EXTRA TIME
23 TO TAKE THE WASTE TO LANDFILLS AWAY FROM NEIGHBORHOODS. THE
24 COUNTY IS BEING NEGLIGENT AND HARMFUL TO OUR RESIDENT'S
25 HEALTH. WE COUNT AS PUBLIC HEALTH ALSO. YOU'RE TRYING TO DO



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1 SOMETHING QUICKLY RATHER THAN DO SOMETHING CORRECTLY. LINDSAY
2 HORVATH, YOU TOLD THE L.A. TIMES THAT THIS IS A BUREAUCRATIC
3 DISASTER. WELL, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING THAT WILL
4 HELP FIX WHAT HAS BEEN A FAILURE TO YOUR COMMUNITIES. THANK
5 YOU.

6

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

8

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.
12 I URGE YOU TO DECLINE THIS PROPOSAL THAT'S BEFORE YOU. I CALL
13 FROM CALABASAS BUT ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF ALL PEOPLE IN LOS
14 ANGELES NEAR LANDFILLS THAT ARE CURRENTLY DESIGNATED TO
15 RECEIVE FIRE DEBRIS. UNTESTED FIRE DEBRIS IS REMOVED WITHOUT
16 FULLY UNDERSTANDING ITS IMPACT. DUMPING AT THE CALABASAS
17 LANDFILL IS NOT THE RIGHT SOLUTION WHEN SO MANY UNDER YOUR
18 LEADERSHIP ARE JUSTIFIABLY FEARFUL FOR THEIR LONG-TERM SAFETY.
19 PAUVING IS NOT A DELAY, IT'S A COMMITMENT TO WISDOM OVER
20 URGENCY, TO STRATEGY OVER REACTION. THE CONSEQUENCES WON'T
21 JUST AFFECT US TODAY, THEY WILL AFFECT THE PROPERTY, HEALTH,
22 SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT AND POPULATION. THE COST OF MOVING THE
23 ACTION TOGETHER WILL BE MUCH LESS THAN A MULTI-GENERATIONAL
24 DISASTER. I URGE YOU TO TAKE OUR CONCERNS SERIOUSLY AND MOVE
25 TOWARDS REAL AND SAFE SOLUTIONS. THANK YOU.



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

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4 **MODERATOR:** JULIE SIMON, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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6 **SPEAKER:** MY FULL NAME IS JULIE MATTHEWS SIMON WASSERMAN. I'M
7 IN HIDDEN HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AND I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS, OUR REPRESENTATIVES FOR OUR HOMES, SCHOOLS, AND
9 COMMUNITIES. BUT YOU MUST BE IN CONTROL OF WHAT ENTERS OUR
10 COMMUNITY. WITH A NOD AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO THOSE WHO HAVE
11 TRAGICALLY LOST HOMES, I AM OPPOSED TO THE EXPANSION OF THE
12 WASTE SHED BOUNDARIES AND USE OF THE CALABASAS LANDFILL FOR
13 FIRE DEBRIS DISPOSAL. CLASS THREE LANDFILLS ARE MEANT FOR
14 HOUSEHOLD WASTE. FOR DECADES, THAT LANDFILL HAS BEEN CAREFULLY
15 MONITORED FOR WHAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE TRUCKS THAT ENTER
16 THERE DAILY. NO ONE IS PROVIDING ASSURANCES THAT THE WASTE
17 FROM THE FIRE IS NON-TOXIC. CHEMICALS, TOXIC MATERIALS,
18 ASBESTOS, LEAD, ETC. ARE LIKELY CONTAMINATING THE AIR AND
19 POTENTIAL GROUNDWATER. THIS IS ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS, PARKS, AND
20 HOMES. THIS IS A GENERATIONAL THREAT TO OUR POPULATION AND
21 COMMUNITIES. THIS IS NOT NECESSARY --

22

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** KARA KEMMLER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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2 **SPEAKER:** THE BOARD OF THIS ITEM STATES THAT THIS ACTION IS IN

3 SERVICE OF COUNTY'S STRATEGIC PLAN NORTH STAR TWO, FOSTER

4 VIBRANT AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES. WE THINK THIS INCLUDES OUR

5 COMMUNITY. THE FIRST GOAL LISTED UNDER THAT NORTH STAR IS

6 PUBLIC HEALTH. THE LETTER STATES THAT THE BOARD CAN INCREASE

7 THE DAILY LIMITS OF THE LANDFILL AS NECESSARY TO APPROPRIATELY

8 MANAGE THE WASTE STREAM FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

9 AND SAFETY. I DIDN'T READ ANYWHERE IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN ABOUT

10 SACRIFICING ONE COMMUNITY FOR ANOTHER. DUMPING TOXIC MATERIAL

11 AT SUNSHINE CANYON PUTS OUR COMMUNITY AT RISK, AND BY

12 APPROVING THE INCREASE IN TONNAGE, YOU'RE ENHANCING THAT RISK.

13 IF WE HAD ANY CONFIDENCE THAT SUNSHINE CANYON HAD THE ABILITY

14 TO HANDLE THIS MATERIAL RESPONSIBLY WE WOULDN'T OBJECT. THE

15 DATA SHOWS CLEARLY THE LANDFILL IS STRUGGLING TO HANDLE BASIC

16 HOUSEHOLD WASTE RESPONSIBLY AND IT HAS BEEN FOR MANY YEARS. 65

17 VIOLATIONS LAST YEAR FROM AQMD WHICH DOESN'T REPRESENT THE

18 CONSTANT ONGOING AIR QUALITY ISSUES AND UNKNOWN WATER QUALITY

19 ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THIS LANDFILL.

20 SUPERVISOR HORVATH TALKS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING THIS

21 MATERIAL OUT OF THE UNCONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT. WE AGREE. BUT

22 SUNSHINE CANYON IS NOT A SAFE CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT FOR

23 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL AND IT SOUNDS LIKE CALABASAS ISN'T EITHER.

24 THANK YOU.

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SUPERVISORS

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

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3 **MODERATOR:** RANDY FIELIS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS THANK YOU FOR HEARING THIS
6 ITEM THIS IS RANDY FIELISH CALABASAS RESIDENT AND I ALSO SERVE
7 AS VICE CHAIR OF THE CALABASAS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION. I
8 OPPOSE THE DUMPING OF PALISADES FIRE DEBRIS MATERIALS AT THE
9 CALABASAS LANDFILL UNTIL ASSURANCES CAN BE MADE THAT THE
10 QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF WASTE IS IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE
11 LAW AND IS NON-HAZARDOUS THIS IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT
12 IRREPARABLE HARM TO THE NEARBY RESIDENTS SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY
13 I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RECONSIDER THE DECISION TO
14 DISPOSE OF PALISADES FIRE DEBRIS AT THE CALABASAS LANDFILL AND
15 TO EXPLORE SAFE ALTERNATIVE METHODS. THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
16 OF OUR RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT BE JEOPARDIZED IN THE NAME OF
17 EXPEDIENCE. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EVERY COUNTY TAKE EVERY
18 MEASURE NECESSARY TO ENSURE AWFUL REMEDIATION OF ANY HARMFUL
19 TOXINS. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CITY
20 COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO TRAVELED THERE
21 TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

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

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SUPERVISORS

1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ANDREW ROSENDAHL. I LIVE IN
2 GRANADA HILLS. I'VE LIVED THERE ABOUT 20 YEARS, AND FOR MOST
3 OF THAT TIME, WE'VE BEEN SMELLING THE LANDFILL. JUST THIS
4 MORNING, I CALLED IN A COMPLAINT BECAUSE IT SMELLED LIKE
5 COTTON CANDY, ROTTEN EGGS, AND DEAD RATS. THESE ARE NOT THE
6 CUSTODIANS YOU WANT OF YOUR TOXIC FIRE DEBRIS. LAST YEAR THEY
7 HAD 2,187 COMPLAINTS, A RECORD, AND 65 NOTICES OF VIOLATION.
8 WE STILL SMELL IT EVERY DAY. SO, IF YOU SMELL THAT, WHAT KIND
9 OF TOXIC STUFF IS GOING TO GET INTO OUR LUNGS? SOME PEOPLE
10 HAVE CLAIMED IT'S NOT TOXIC, BUT PHASE TWO DEBRIS HAS ARSENIC,
11 LEAD, ASBESTOS, ALL YOUR FAVORITE THINGS TO SPRINKLE ON YOUR
12 CEREAL IN THE MORNING. IF THIS STUFF ISN'T TOXIC, THEN PEOPLE
13 WOULDN'T NEED TO WEAR HAZMAT SUITS THAT ARE HANDLING IT RIGHT
14 NOW. IF IT WASN'T TOXIC, THEN WE WOULDN'T BE RUSHING TO GET IT
15 OUT OF THESE NEIGHBORHOODS. IF IT WASN'T TOXIC, THEN SUNSHINE
16 CANYON LANDFILL WOULDN'T NEED A WAIVER TO COME AND TAKE IT AND
17 PUT IT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. PUT AN END TO ITEM 10, THANK YOU.

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

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21 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS HELENA TAI. I'M NOT HERE TO TELL YOU ALL
22 WHY YOU SHOULDN'T BE DUMPING THIS, THE TOXIC STUFF ON US
23 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU ALL KNOW THE FACTS AND REASONS TO WHY
24 NOT AND IF YOU DO NOT KNOW THAT THAT MEANS YOU'RE NOT DOING
25 YOUR JOB, RIGHT? THIS IS WHY SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S INTERVIEW



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1 LAST NIGHT ON CHANNEL 11 WITH ALL THE LIES AND MISINFORMATION
2 WAS VERY INSULTING AND FRUSTRATING. SUNSHINE CANYON HAS BEEN
3 CLASSIFIED AS CLASS 3 FOR YEARS. BUT GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND KAREN
4 BASS DECIDED TO CHANGE THAT WITH SIGNING A WAIVER WITH NO
5 STUDY OR RESEARCH. THEY ALSO DECIDED NOT TO TEST THE DEBRIS
6 BECAUSE THEY KNOW IT IS TOXIC. OTHERWISE, WHY NOT TEST?
7 ACCORDING TO SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S RIDICULOUS INTERVIEW LAST
8 NIGHT, DPH IS REQUIRING PROTECTIVE HAZMAT SUITS REMOVING THE
9 DEBRIS, BUT WHEN THE VERY SAME DEBRIS GO TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD,
10 IT MIRACULOUSLY BECOMES SAFE. HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?

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

13
14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING IN WRITING
15 THAT YOU WANT TO SUBMIT FOR THE RECORD, I KNOW YOU WERE
16 READING OFF OF SOMETHING. IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT IT FOR THE
17 RECORD FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW, YOU CAN. OH, I THOUGHT YOU HAD
18 IT WRITTEN DOWN. OKAY, THANK YOU.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** HI, FRANCES ALLETTE, CALABASAS. I URGE YOU TO
21 RECONSIDER THE PLAN TO DUMP FIRE DEBRIS INTO THE CALABASAS
22 LANDFILL BECAUSE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SORT TOXIC ASH FROM NON-
23 TOXIC ASH. IT'S NOT A CASE OF NOT IN MY BACKYARD. IT SHOULD BE
24 NOT IN ANYONE'S BACKYARD. THE COUNTY ALLOWED THE COMMUNITY OF
25 SARATOGA HILLS TO BE BUILT AT VIRTUALLY THE FOOT OF THE



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1 LANDFILL DURING A TIME WHEN THE LANDFILL WAS ACCEPTING CLASS 1
2 AND CLASS 2 HAZARDOUS WASTE. THE LANDFILL LINERS LEAKED A FEW
3 YEARS AGO AND HAD TO BE REPLACED. RECENT TESTS SHOW HIGH
4 LEVELS OF TOXICITY INDICATING THAT TOXINS MIGRATE. IT MAY TAKE
5 DECADES FOR THE PLASTIC HOLDING TOXIC ASH TO DEGRADE. YOU WILL
6 HAVE BEEN OUT OF OFFICE FOR A LONG TIME, BUT THE LEGACY OF
7 YOUR DECISION WILL START TO LEACH OUT EVENTUALLY AND ENDANGER
8 AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY. I URGE YOU TO CHOOSE ONE OF THE MANY
9 OTHER LANDFILL OPTIONS THAT DON'T HAVE PEOPLE LIVING IN ITS
10 SHADOW. THE CRUX OF YOUR VOTE IS WHETHER TO RISK A COMMUNITY'S
11 HEALTH. THIS DISASTER IN THE MAKING IS COMPLETELY PREVENTABLE

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

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16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR BARGER AND FELLOW COUNTY
17 REPRESENTATIVES. MY NAME IS ED ALBRECHT AND I AM A COUNCIL
18 MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF CALABASAS. AND THE COMMUNITY OF
19 CALABASAS RECOGNIZES THE GRAVITY AND THE DESTRUCTION FROM THE
20 PALISADES AND EATON FIRES, AND OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO THOSE MOST
21 AFFECTED BY THIS UNPRECEDENTED DISASTER. AT THE SAME TIME, WE
22 HAVE A SERIOUS CONCERN THAT THE SPEED OF THE DISPOSAL OF FIRE
23 DEBRIS IN A LAND ADJACENT TO NEIGHBORHOODS, SCHOOLS, PARKS,
24 AND BUSINESSES MAY LEAD TO A FUTURE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
25 ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS. WE SHOULD NOT MOVE WITH SUCH HASTE THAT



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1 WE CREATE A SECOND DISASTER IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST. MY
2 FELLOW CALABASAS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND I OPPOSE THE
3 DISPOSAL OF ANY AND ALL FIRE DEBRIS AND DISASTER RELATED
4 MATERIAL AT THE CALABASAS LANDFILL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

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

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8 **SPEAKER:** HI I'M JANE FOWLER. I LIVE IN GRANADA HILLS AND I'M
9 WITH ALISO MOM'S ALLIANCE, ST. PORTER RANCH, AND I'VE BEEN
10 POISONED FOR THE PAST DECADE FROM THE ALISO GAS BLOWOUT, WHICH
11 WAS THE WORST IN U.S. HISTORY. AND NOW THE DUMP IS BEING
12 RAMPED UP AND I'M FEELING VERY CONCERNED. AND MOSTLY I DON'T
13 FEEL I'LL BE PROTECTED. YOU KNOW ALL THE TALKING POINTS. SO,
14 FOR JUST, FOR ME, MYSELF, IT'S BAFFLING THAT YOU WOULD PUT
15 THIS STUFF, I'M TALKING ABOUT SUNSHINE CANYON, WHERE YOU HAVE
16 THE SANTA ANA WINDS BLOWING THROUGH THERE LIKE RAGING THROUGH
17 THERE THE WATER THE RESERVOIR THE AQUEDUCT FOR L.A. IS RIGHT
18 THERE AND ALSO, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE EARTHQUAKE FAULT LINES
19 THERE. AND I FEEL LIKE WE'RE LIVING SORT OF IN A TICKING TIME
20 BOMB, AND YOU'RE GOING TO PUT TOXIC WASTE --

21

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

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24 **SPEAKER:** DARYL GALE. LAST MONTH, TONS OF PARTICULATE MATTER,
25 BURNED HOUSES, STORES, CARS, PLASTIC ASBESTOS, ARSENIC, LEAD,



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1 PESTICIDES, TIRES, ALL HAVE BLOWN AND MIGRATED THROUGHOUT L.A.
2 COUNTY AND BEYOND. IT'S HUMAN NATURE TO WANT TO QUICKLY CLEAN
3 UP A MESS AND GO BACK TO NORMAL. AND OUR POLITICIANS,
4 ESPECIALLY IF IT'S TRAUMA, AND OUR POLITICIANS GO OUT OF THEIR
5 WAY TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE THEY ARE REALLY DOING SOMETHING, YOU
6 KNOW, MAKE THE APPEARANCE OF PROGRESS. BUT CRITICAL TO
7 REMEMBER, EDISON EITHER STARTED OR ENHANCED THE FIRE WITH A
8 DROPPED TRANSMISSION LINE AND A FIREFIGHTER CAUGHT ON TAPE
9 ASKS THEM TO SHUT EVERYTHING OFF. AND EDISON'S RESPONSE IS, WE
10 CAN'T SUE THE CRAP OUT OF EDISON, MAKE THEM CLEAN UP THIS
11 MESS, MAKE THEM BUY AND CLEAN UP ALL THE PROPERTY AND PROVIDE
12 HOUSING AND RESTORE THE AREA FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED.

13
14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

15
16 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS MELISSA OLIN AND I WANT THE VICTIMS OF THE
17 PALISADES AND ALTADENA FIRES TO BE ABLE TO REBUILD THEIR HOMES
18 QUICKLY ON NON-TOXIC LAND AND I OPPOSE DUMPING ANY FIRE DEBRIS
19 IN THE CALABASAS LANDFILL. WITH EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP, BOTH OF
20 THESE THINGS SHOULD ABSOLUTELY BE POSSIBLE. IT'S NOT ONE OR
21 THE OTHER. CALIFORNIA IS SUPPOSED TO BE AN ENVIRONMENTAL MODEL
22 FOR THE COUNTRY. WHY DO RESIDENTS HAVE TO COME HERE AND PLEAD
23 WITH YOU NOT TO DUMP TOXIC WASTE IN OUR BACKYARDS, SCHOOL
24 PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS. WITH PLASTIC BAG BANDS, ELECTRIC
25 VEHICLE MANDATES AND HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR WILDLIFE CROSSINGS



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1 TO PROTECT INSENSITIVE SPECIES, STATE AND LOCAL LEADERS ARE
2 CONSTANTLY TELLING US HOW MUCH THEY CARE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT
3 AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PROTECT IT. DUMPING HAZARDOUS WASTE
4 INTO A RESIDENTIAL LANDFILL THAT'S NOT DESIGNED TO SAFELY
5 CONTAIN IT IS BEYOND RECKLESS. THE CHOICES YOU MAKE TODAY
6 ABOUT WHERE TO DISPOSE OF THIS HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL HAVE
7 LASTING CONSEQUENCES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECOSYSTEMS FOR
8 DECADES TO COME. THANK YOU.

9

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

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12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M JAMES BIZOGIAN, MAYOR PRO- TEM OF
13 THE CITY OF CALABASAS. THE CALABASAS CITY COUNCIL STRONGLY
14 OPPOSES ANY AND ALL FIRE DEBRIS COMING TO THE CALABASAS
15 LANDFILL. THE LANDFILL SERVES A BROAD COMMUNITY REACHING AREAS
16 OF BOTH LOS ANGELES AND VENTURA COUNTIES. WE OPPOSE ACCEPTING
17 DEBRIS FROM OUTSIDE THE WASTE SHED. SEPARATION OF HAZARDOUS
18 AND NON HAZARDOUS TOXIC AND NON TOXIC WASTE SEEMS A NEAR
19 IMPOSSIBLE TASK AT THIS POINT. AS SUCH, WE HAVE LITTLE REASON
20 TO BELIEVE HAZARDOUS AND NON-HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CAN BE
21 SEPARATED. THE CITY OF CALABASAS WILL CONTINUE TO STRONGLY
22 ADVOCATE FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT OUR CONCERNS ARE
23 FULLY ADDRESSED. WE IMPLORE ELECTED AND ADMINISTRATIVE
24 OFFICIALS AT THE COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS TO EXPLORE
25 DISPOSAL LOCATIONS THAT ARE CERTIFIED TO ACCEPT HAZARDOUS AND



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1 TOXIC MATERIALS. THANK YOU.

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

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5 **SPEAKER:** ESTEEMED CHAIR AND HONOR AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS
6 KIND AND MEEK CITY MANAGER CITY OF CALABASAS THE DECISION TO
7 EXPAND THE WAY SHED AND DISPOSE OF FIRE DEBRIS AT THE
8 CALABASAS LANDFILL WILL HAVE A DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON
9 CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE LANDFILL IS SITUATED
10 NEAR THREE CITY PARKS. BRANDON'S VILLAGE AT GATES CANYON PARK
11 INCLUDES A RECENTLY COMPLETED PLAYGROUND FOR CHILDREN WITH
12 SPECIAL NEEDS. FAMILIES FROM ALL OVER THE REGION TRAVEL TO
13 BRANDON'S VILLAGE FOR THE ALL-INCLUSIVE AMENITIES OF THIS
14 PARK. THESE CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ARE A VULNERABLE
15 POPULATION. ADDITIONALLY, WITH THE INCREASED TONNAGE AND THE
16 EXPANDED WASTE-SHED DISPOSAL, HAULING ROUTES WILL PUT SCHOOL-
17 AGE CHILDREN AT RISK. SEVERAL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS ARE
18 WITHIN ONE MILE OF THE LANDFILL. A.E. WRIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL IS
19 SITUATED ON A PROPOSED HAULING ROUTE. THE INCREASED NUMBER OF
20 TRUCKS POSES A SIGNIFICANT DANGER TO CHILDREN DURING DROP-OFF
21 AND PICK-UP TIMES. FURTHERMORE, THE DIESEL EMISSIONS FROM
22 THESE TRUCKS CREATES A SERIOUS HEALTH RISK TO CHILDREN AND
23 OTHERS ALONG THAT CORRIDOR. TAKING FIRE DEBRIS TO THE
24 CALABASAS LANDFILL JEOPARDIZES THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF
25 CHILDREN --



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

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4 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS NATASHA DOWNING. I LIVE IN CALABASAS. THE
5 ROLE OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL IS TO PROTECT AND SERVE THEIR
6 CONSTITUENTS. THAT IS NOT WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE. THE CALABASAS
7 LANDFILL IS A RESIDENTIAL LANDFILL THAT IS NOT EQUIPPED TO
8 HANDLE TOXIC WASTE. IT IS 100 YARDS AWAY FROM A PLAYGROUND AND
9 WITHIN A ONE-MILE RADIUS FROM SIX SCHOOLS AND THOUSANDS OF
10 HOMES. THE L.A. TIMES HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT CORNERS ARE BEING
11 CUT. WHEN IT COMES TO TESTING THIS DEBRIS, WHAT IS MORE,
12 COLONEL SAUCER CONFIRMED THAT HE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT ANY OF
13 THIS ASH THAT IS COMING IS NOT TOXIC. WE ALL KNOW THE HEALTH
14 IMPLICATIONS OF BRINGING THIS KIND OF TOXICITY INTO A
15 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD. WE SAW WHAT HAPPENED IN 9-11. I
16 LIVED THERE. WE WERE CAUTIONED NOT TO GO OUTSIDE FOR WEEKS
17 AFTER THESE FIRES, YET WE ARE EXPECTED TO BUY THIS GOVERNMENT
18 LIE THAT THIS ASH IS SAFE TO BRING INTO OUR COMMUNITIES. THERE
19 IS A SIMPLE SOLUTION TO THIS. I BESEECH YOU TO STOP CUTTING
20 CORNERS AND SEND THIS DEBRIS TO A CLASS ONE LANDFILL WHERE IT
21 CANNOT HURT PEOPLE. IT IS YOUR CIVIC DUTY. PROTECT CALABASAS.
22 PROTECT GRANADA HILLS -

23

24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO BACK TO REMOTE
25 SPEAKERS. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?



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2 **MODERATOR:** DAN WEISBACH, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** DAN, PLEASE GO AHEAD. MODERATOR, CAN WE
5 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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

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9 **MODERATOR:** CARLEEN GASS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

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

12

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

14

15 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME? HELLO? YES. I WOULD LIKE TO TELL
16 YOU, CALABASAS WAS THE FIRST CITY TO BAN SMOKING. AND I THINK
17 YOU NEED TO LOOK AT HISTORY AT SANTA SUSANA FIELD LAB AND 9/11
18 AND REALIZE IF YOU MAKE A DECISION, IF YOU MAKE ANY DECISION
19 TO MAKE OUR LANDFILL OR ANY OTHER LANDFILL THAT IS FOR
20 RESIDENTS, NOT FOR TOXIC DEBRIS, NOT FOR TESLA BATTERY CARS
21 AND PEOPLE ENDING UP WITH CANCER AND LEUKEMIA YEARS LATER, I
22 URGE YOU TO NOT TO OPPOSE THIS. PLEASE, BECAUSE YOU ARE
23 HARMING HUMAN LIFE, YOU ARE HARMING OUR COMMUNITY. IT CAN GO
24 ELSEWHERE. IT NEEDS TO BE THOUGHT OUT, BUT IT NEEDS TO BE AWAY
25 FROM HUMAN LIFE. AND PLEASE, I URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THIS. THANK



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1 YOU SO MUCH.

2

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** CYNTHIA PETERSON YOUR LINE IS OPEN YOU MAY BEGIN.

6 ONE MOMENT PLEASE. GO AHEAD, MISS PETERSON.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HI, THIS IS MOTHER OF TWO. I HAVE A SIX-YEAR-OLD AND
9 THREE-YEAR-OLD. I LIVE HERE IN GRANADA HILLS, AND IT SMELLS
10 EVERY SINGLE DAY. SUNSHINE CANYON LANFALL IS NOT CAPABLE OF
11 TAKING THIS ON. THEY HAVE A HORRIBLE TRACK RECORD. AND IF YOU
12 ARE A PARENT AND YOU SAY YES TO THIS, I HOPE YOU CANNOT SLEEP
13 THAT NIGHT. SHAME ON YOU. IF YOU'RE NOT A PARENT AND YOU STILL
14 SAY YES TO THIS, I HOPE YOU STILL CAN'T SLEEP THAT NIGHT.
15 CAUSE WHAT GOOD ARE YOU DOING FOR THE COMMUNITY, THE PEOPLE
16 YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT? DO THE JOB RIGHT AND SAY NO. SAY
17 NO FOR THE KIDS, SAY NO FOR US SO WE CAN LIVE A LONG LIFE AND
18 WATCH OUR CHILDREN IN ALL THEIR STAGES OF LIFE. CLEAN AIR AND
19 WATER IS A HUMAN RIGHT. WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BEG FOR IT. I
20 MEAN, GOD IS WATCHING YOU. THINK ABOUT THE WHOLE PICTURE.
21 SUNSHINE CANYON CANNOT TAKE ON ANYMORE.

22

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** CAMILLE TRACY, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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2 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M JUST ASKING THAT YOU WOULD PLEASE PROTECT THE
3 CHILDREN IN THE CALABASAS AND SURROUNDING AREAS AND PLEASE
4 DUMP THE FIRE DEBRIS PROPERLY IN DESIGNATED LOCATIONS SUCH AS
5 KETTLEMAN HILLS AND BUTTONWILLOW. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** JACQUELINE LIVINGSTONE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

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12 **SPEAKER:** OUR WATERSHEDS AND AQUIFERS NEED TO BE PROTECTED AND
13 THE WATERSHED RESTRICTIONS ARE IN PLACE TO PROTECT THEM.
14 LEAVING THESE RESTRICTIONS HAS EXTREME POTENTIAL FOR
15 DEVASTATING DETRIMENTAL HEALTH EFFECTS, ESPECIALLY FOR OUR
16 CHILDREN IN THE LONG RUN. THE WATER WE DRINK IS AT RISK OF
17 BEING POLLUTED. IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WE ARE HIGHLY
18 DEPENDENT ON THAT WATER. IT IS ALREADY IN DANGER FROM TOXINS,
19 FROM ILLEGAL COMMERCIAL DUMPING OF TOXIC MULCH. WE BREATHE
20 WILL BE POLLUTED. AVIS HIGH WINDS PICK UP ALL THE DUST ALONG
21 WITH THE TOXINS AND POLLUTE OUR AIR. THERE'S NO QUICK FIX FOR
22 THE DISPOSAL OF FIRE DEBRIS, MUCH OF WHICH IS TOXIC, DUMPING
23 IN OUR LANDFILLS THAT ARE NOT SPECIALLY SPECIFICALLY EQUIPPED
24 FOR THIS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED. OUR WATERSHED AND THE AIR WE
25 BREATHE NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED. THANK YOU.



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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** DANIEL STERNBAUM, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT AND HOMEOWNER IN GRANADA

7 HILLS FOR SIX YEARS, AND I'M ALSO ON THE BOARD OF THE GRANADA

8 HILLS NORTH NEWBURGH COUNCIL. MY WIFE AND I HAVE TWO YOUNG

9 CHILDREN, A FOUR-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AND A ONE-YEAR-OLD SON.

10 TODAY I URGE YOU VERY STRONGLY VOTE NO ON AGENDA ITEM 10. YOUR

11 DECISION HERE TODAY DIRECTLY IMPACTS OUR HEALTH AND ESPECIALLY

12 OUR CHILDREN'S HEALTH. WE ARE A VERY WELL ORGANIZED COMMUNITY

13 WITH ACCESS TO MEDIA AND MONEY. WE ARE MOTIVATED. IF YOU VOTE

14 IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 10, WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO

15 END ALL OF YOUR POLITICAL CAREERS. WE HAVE THE RESOURCES.

16 THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** JEANETTE MALTAY, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I, ESPECIALLY

23 HORVATH, I VOTED FOR YOU, AND KAREN BASS, I CANVASSED

24 TIRELESSLY FOR YOUR CAMPAIGN. I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ITEM

25 NUMBER 10 AND OPPOSED TO ANY ASHES FROM THE PALASADES FIRE TO



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1 BE DUMPED AT THE CALABASAS LANDFILL. UNTIL WE KNOW THAT A
2 SPECIFIC METHOD IS BEING USED TO ENSURE THAT PHASE TWO ASHES
3 WILL NOT CONTAIN ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. SINCE CALABASAS
4 LANDFILL IS A NON HAZARDOUS MATERIALS LANDFILL AND RIGHT BY
5 HOUSES AND SCHOOLS AND PLAYGROUNDS. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO
6 APPROVED FOR THE PALISADES FIRE ASHES TO BE DUMPED HERE AT THE
7 CALABASAS LANDFILL. I SUGGEST THAT THE ASHES GET TO BE TAKEN
8 FAR AWAY TO AN AREA WHERE THERE ARE NO HOMES AROUND --

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** MATTHEW PATUKO, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS MATT PATUKO, THE PRESIDENT OF SAFE
15 PORTER RANCH. BOARD MEMBERS I IMPLORE YOU TO VOTE NO ON ITEM
16 10. WE KNOW THIS FIRE DEBRIS IS TOXIC, YOU KNOW THE FIRE
17 DEBRIS IS TOXIC. YOU KNOW IT DOESN'T BELONG IN ANY LANDFILL
18 NEAR PEOPLE. YOU KNOW SUNSHINE CANYON HAS MORE VIOLATIONS THAN
19 ALL OTHERS COMBINED. YOU KNOW THIS LANDFILL IS ALREADY
20 POISONING COMMUNITIES AND A YES VOTE WILL MAKE IT WORSE. DON'T
21 PRETEND YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. YOU DO. BUT DON'T YOU DARE
22 ABANDON THE PUBLIC WHOM YOU ARE SWORN TO PROTECT BY INSTEAD
23 PROTECTING THE PR CAMPAIGN, THE CLEANUP TIMELINE, YOUR
24 CAREERS, AND YOUR REELECTION CAMPAIGNS. YOU STAND IN FRONT OF
25 CAMERAS TALKING ABOUT REBUILDING. BUT DON'T YOU DARE TRY AND



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1 BURY THIS UGLY HAZMAT TRUTH BECAUSE YOU THINK IT WON'T AFFECT
2 YOU NOW. YOU KNOW THIS WOULD POISON YOUR OWN CONSTITUENTS.
3 THEIR SICKNESS, THEIR SUFFERING, THAT'S ON YOU. THAT'S YOUR
4 LEGACY. NOT RECOVERY, NOT LEADERSHIP, THIS. THE COVER-UP, THE
5 DAMAGE, THE LIES. AND WHEN PEOPLE START GETTING SICK, DON'T
6 ASK SURPRISE IN FRONT OF YOUR FAMILIES BECAUSE THEY KNOW TOO.
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** CAN YOU GUYS PLEASE IF YOU HAVE IF YOU
10 DESCEND OR YOU SUPPORT CAN YOU RAISE YOUR HANDS OR GO LIKE
11 THAT? OKAY? YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANY COMMENT IN THE
12 AUDIENCE TO DISTRACT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MODERATOR, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **MODERATOR:** MARIAM GOVAMI, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MARIAM, PLEASE BEGIN.

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT CALLER.

21

22 **MODERATOR:** AARON NORR, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HI EVERYBODY. THANK YOU FOR HEARING US TODAY. MY NAME
25 IS DR. AARON NOR. I'M A PARENT OF TWO YOUNG CHILDREN WHO GO TO



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1 SCHOOL NEXT TO THE CALABASAS LANDFILL. I AM HERE NOT TO APPEAL
2 TO YOU AS ELECTED OFFICIALS, BUT AS HUMAN BEINGS. GOVERNOR
3 NEWSOM HAS BEEN VOCAL ABOUT HIS CONCERNS THAT FEMA WILL NOT BE
4 TESTING THE PALISADES LOST AFTER THE DEBRIS IS REMOVED DUE TO
5 HIGH LEVELS OF TOXICITY IN THE SOIL. THIS IS AFTER THE TOXIC
6 INCHES ARE REMOVED. INDEED, PEOPLE ARE BEING TOLD TO STAY OUT
7 OF THE PALISADES BECAUSE IT'S NOT SAFE. THIS IS THE SAME SOIL
8 THAT YOU ARE PLANNING ON BRINGING TO RESIDENTIAL LANDFILLS.
9 HOW CAN YOU SAY THIS IS SAFE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES WHEN THE
10 COUNTY AND THE GOVERNOR HAVE BOTH SEEN THESE MATERIALS TOXIC?
11 I RESPECT THE ARMY. I AM SO THANKFUL FOR ALL YOU DO TO PROTECT
12 US, BUT THEIR OWN ADMISSION IS THAT THEIR TESTING PROCESS IS
13 NOT THOROUGH ENOUGH DUE TO THE EXPEDITED NATURE OF THIS
14 EFFORT. PLEASE ASK FOR THE COLONEL TO STATE ON THE RECORD IF
15 HE WOULD ALLOW HIS CHILDREN TO LIVE AND GO TO SCHOOL NEXT TO
16 THESE LANDFILLS AFTER THE FIRE ASH DISPOSAL. PLEASE DO NOT
17 POISON OUR COMMUNITIES. THERE ARE WAYS TO DISPOSE OF THIS
18 WASTE PROPERLY. I BEG YOU, PLEASE, PLEASE KEEP OUR CHILDREN
19 SAFE. THANK YOU.

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

22
23 **MODERATOR:** LAUREN STOLLER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24
25 **SPEAKER:** HI. I LIVE IN GRANADA HILLS WITH MY FAMILY AND I



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1 STRONGLY OPPOSE INCREASING THE TONNAGE TO SUNSHINE CANYON. AS
2 EVERYONE ELSE WHO LIVES IN THESE COMMUNITIES SO FAR HAS
3 ALREADY SAID, WE HAVE SCHOOLS, PARKS, FAMILIES, TINY KIDS WHO
4 LIVE SO CLOSE TO THESE LANDFILLS. WE ALL FEAR FOR OUR SAFETY
5 AND OUR HEALTH OVER THIS UNWANTED DUMPING. PLEASE, PLEASE,
6 PLEASE DO NOT PUT POISON IN OUR AIR. WE ARE BEGGING YOU TO
7 SEND IT SOMEWHERE CAPABLE OF DISPOSING OF TOXIC WASTE,
8 SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY FROM HUMANS BREATHING IT IN. LISTEN TO THE
9 PEOPLE HERE. WE ARE SPEAKING LOUD AND CLEAR. THANK YOU FOR
10 YOUR TIME.

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

13
14 **MODERATOR:** FARGO RIAL, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15
16 **SPEAKER:** HI EVERYONE. I HOPE EVERYONE CAN HEAR ME. I ALSO
17 VOTED FOR MANY IN THIS ROOM AS I TRULY BELIEVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY
18 YOU WERE ALL HERE TO PROTECT OUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THIS
19 COMMUNITY. I HIGHLY OPPOSE THE INCREASED DISPOSAL TONNAGE AT
20 CALABASAS LANDFILL AS IT IS A RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY WITH
21 CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND PARKS. THIS MEASURE WOULD ABSOLUTELY
22 CAUSE SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE HEALTH IMPACTS TO THE RESIDENTS OF
23 CALABASAS. 300+ TRUCKS PER DAY CARRYING TOXIC WASTE TO A
24 RESIDENTIAL IS ABSOLUTELY RECKLESS. IT IS TRULY AN ECOLOGICAL
25 DISASTER. THERE ARE MANY OTHER LANDFILLS AWAY FROM RESIDENTIAL



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1 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE ABLE TO HANDLE TOXIC WASTE CALABASAS
2 LANDFILL IS ABSOLUTELY NOT ONE OF THOSE AND WE DO NOT WANT A
3 CALABASAS VICTIM FUND IN 10 TO 15 YEARS FROM NOW. THANK YOU SO
4 MUCH.

5

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

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ARMIDA ARELLANO. I'M HERE TODAY TO
10 RAISE SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THE DECISION TO APPROVE NOT ONLY
11 THE CALABASAS LANDFILL BUT ANY RESIDENTIALLY BASED LANDFILL
12 FOR THE COLLECTION OF HAZARDOUS FIRE DEBRIS. THIS IS A MATTER
13 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY. AS
14 YOU KNOW THE SUBJECT FIRE DEBRIS INEVITABLY CONTAINS TOXIC
15 MATERIALS THAT WHEN AIRBORNE OR LEACHED INTO THE SOIL CAN LEAD
16 TO A WIDE RANGE OF SERIOUS LONG-TERM HEALTH PROBLEMS AS WELL
17 AS IRREVERSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE. THIS UNDERSCORES THE
18 DIRE NEED FOR PROPER DISPOSAL METHODS AND SAFEGUARDS TO
19 PROTECT BOTH THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT. IT IS
20 ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT COMPREHENSIVE TESTING IS DONE TO
21 ENSURE THE MATTER PROPOSED TO BE DUMPED THERE IS NON-TOXIC SO
22 AS NOT TO COMPROMISE THE WELL-BEING OF AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY. AS
23 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU'RE TASKED WITH ENSURING THE
24 WELL-BEING OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS AND MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY
25 OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE. IN THAT VEIN, I URGE YOU TO DENY THIS



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1 PROPOSAL AND PRIORITIZE LONG-TERM SAFETY OVER SHORT-TERM
2 CONVENIENCE. THANK YOU.

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

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6 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS KYOKO HABINO, 18 YEARS, PORTER RANCH
7 RESIDENTS, OPPOSING ANOTHER PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. YOU SIT
8 HERE, FULLY AWARE, THESE FIRE DEBRIS IN SOILS ARE TOXIC,
9 CARCINOGEN, ASBESTOS, HEAVY METALS, DIOXIN, BENZENE. YET
10 INSTEAD OF DEMANDING SAFE DISPOSAL, YOU ARE DUMPING IT IN
11 LANDFILLS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING SUNSHINE CANYON, THE
12 WORST OF THEM ALL. YOU KNOW IT HAS MORE VIOLATION THAN EVERY
13 OTHER LANDFILL COMBINED. YOU KNOW TOXIC DEBRIS CANNOT BE
14 DUMPED THERE, YET YOU'RE DUMPING. BY STAYING SILENT, YOU'RE
15 IGNORING SCIENCE, HUMAN SUFFERING, AND CREATING A DISASTER
16 THAT WILL LAST FOR GENERATIONS. THESE TOXIC WON'T STAY
17 CONTAINED. THEY WILL BLOW INTO HOMES, SCHOOLS, OUR WATERS, AND
18 THE LUNGS OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE NO SAY IN YOUR RECKLESS
19 DECISION. THIS ISN'T A LEADERSHIP. THIS IS ENVIRONMENTAL
20 NEGLIGENCE. OPPOSE THIS --

21
22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** PETER MONTGOMERY. I LIVE IN THE 3RD DISTRICT IN
25 GRANADA HILLS. I'M A RETIRED CPA AND FORENSIC ACCOUNTANT THAT



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1 HELPED INCARCERATE CROOKED, CRIMINAL CORPORATE EXECUTIVES.
2 REPUBLIC SERVICES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISASTROUS DUMP AT
3 SUNSHINE CANYON. REPUBLIC HAS AMPLE RESOURCES TO ROOT TOXIC
4 WASTE FAR AWAY FROM PEOPLE. RECORD SHARE PRICE TODAY, \$233 A
5 SHARE. \$2,000,000,000 IN NET INCOME LAST YEAR AFTER TAX.
6 \$699,000,000 PAID IN DIVIDENDS, A \$3,000,000,000 SHARE
7 REPURCHASE, 1,440,000 STOCK SALE BY GREG BRUMMER, THEIR
8 CORPORATE EXECUTIVE. THEY HAVE LAWSUITS ALL OVER THE US,
9 THOUSANDS OF COMPLAINTS OVER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS. REPUBLIC IS
10 GETTING RICH FROM POISONING PEOPLE AND PLACES WE LIVE. IT IS A
11 HORRIBLE NEIGHBOR TO HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE CLOSE TO SUNSHINE
12 CANYON. DO NOT PERMIT REPUBLIC TO POISON PEOPLE ANYMORE.

13
14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LAYA SAURAV GILMAN. I AM A
17 MOTHER TO THREE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF FIVE. OUR OLDEST
18 DAUGHTER CURRENTLY ATTENDS A DAY SCHOOL WHICH SITS RIGHT UP
19 AGAINST THE BACK OF THE CALABASAS LANDFILL. OUR DECISION
20 MAKERS HAVE NEGLIGENTLY OVERLOOKED OR PERHAPS JUST TURNED A
21 BLIND EYE TO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE SIX SCHOOLS WITHIN ONE
22 MILE OF THE SITE. CHILDREN ARE AMONG THE MOST SUSCEPTIBLE, AND
23 NOW PARENTS, MYSELF INCLUDED, MAY BE FORCED TO PULL THEIR
24 CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL BECAUSE IT WAS DECIDED THAT IT WAS
25 CONVENIENT TO DUMP HAZARDOUS TOXIC WASTE FROM ONE OF THE MOST



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1 DISASTROUS EVENTS IN OUR STATE, IF NOT OUR COUNTRY, INTO OUR
2 BACKYARD. CALIFORNIA IS THE FIFTH LARGEST ECONOMY IN THE
3 WORLD. FIGURE IT OUT. THIS IS NOT ONLY THIS IS NOT THE ONLY
4 OPTION BUT IT IS ONE OF THE ONLY TWO SITES BEING CONSIDERED
5 THAT ARE IN A DENSELY POPULATED RESIDENTIAL AREA. YOU ARE
6 OBLIGATED TO SUPPORT AND PROTECT THE PEOPLE YOU ARE SERVING.
7 YOU ARE ELECTED TO PROTECT US. YOU POORLY HANDLE THE FIRES AND
8 NOW YOU'RE POORLY HANDLING THE AFTERMATH. WE DO NOT NEED
9 ANOTHER DISASTER AND WE WILL NOT STAND BACK AND TOLERATE IT.

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

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13 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS GITA BALINSKI. PHASE TWO TOXIC
14 WASTE FROM PALISADES AND EATON FIRES CONTAIN LEAD, ARSENIC,
15 ASBESTOS AND NOVS. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT BEING TESTED BY THE
16 GOVERNMENT. SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL IS SITUATED ADJACENT TO
17 OUR SCHOOLS, HOMES, PARKS, WHERE CHILDREN PLAY. THIS CAN CAUSE
18 ASTHMA, LUNG DISEASE, AND CANCER FOR ANYONE, PARTICULARLY THE
19 MOST VULNERABLE. SUNSHINE CANYON IS CLAIMING TO WATER DOWN THE
20 FIRE DEBRIS AND USE PLASTIC LINERS. IN AN AREA WITH TORNADO
21 LEVEL WINDS AND FLOOD WARNINGS, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THE
22 TOXIC PARTICLES FROM THE LANDFILL WILL BE CARRIED INTO OUR
23 COMMUNITY AND INTO THE OPEN-AIR AQUEDUCT CASCADES AND VAN
24 NORMAN RESERVOIR WHICH SUPPLY WATER TO ONE-THIRD OF LOS
25 ANGELES. THESE SOURCES OF WATER ARE LOCATED ONLY ABOUT 1/2



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1 MILE FROM SUNSHINE CANYON DUMP. SUNSHINE CANYON HAS HAD A VERY
2 LONG HISTORY OF FAILURE WITH COMPLAINTS AND VIOLATIONS THAT
3 HAVE ONLY INCREASED IN JUST THE LAST FEW DAYS. THE LACK OF
4 TRANSPARENCY --

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

7
8 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HEARING THE PUBLIC SO
9 PROMPTLY TODAY. MY NAME IS KELLY MARTINO. I LIVE DIRECTLY
10 BELOW THE CALABASAS LANDFILL WITH MY TWO CHILDREN, ONE OF
11 WHICH WAS DIAGNOSED WITH ASTHMA SHORTLY AFTER THE WOOLSEY
12 FIRE. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' RESPONSIBILITY IS TO PROTECT
13 THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY AND YOU ARE
14 FAILING AT YOUR JOB. IT DOESN'T TAKE A SCIENTIST TO FIGURE OUT
15 THAT THIS ASH HAS TOXINS AND THEY DO NOT BELONG IN THE MIDDLE
16 OF ANOTHER COMMUNITY. OUR COMMUNITY, THE LANDFILL IS LESS THAN
17 ONE MILE FROM THOUSANDS OF HOMES, MULTIPLE SCHOOLS AND MANY
18 PARKS. YOU, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SHOULD BE SPEAKING OUT,
19 CALLING WHOEVER IS IN CHARGE AND EXPRESSING OUTRAGE OVER THE
20 DUMPING OF TOXIC WASTE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS. JOIN US IN OUR
21 PROTESTS. CALL THE GOVERNOR. CALL YOUR SENATORS. WASHINGTON,
22 D.C. DEMAND THEY TAKE THIS HAZARDOUS WASTE OUTSIDE OF L.A.
23 COUNTY WHERE YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF
24 ALMOST 10,000,000 PEOPLE. THIS HAZARDOUS WASTE--



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

3 **SPEAKER:** CAN'T POISON YOUR CONSTITUENTS WHO ELECTED YOU.

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GO AHEAD.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HI, I AM A MEDICAL ETHICIST. WHEN WE EVALUATE RISK
8 SITUATIONS, WE LOOK AT THE CONTEXT. IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY LIKE
9 RUNNING INTO A BUILDING TO SAVE A CHILD, ACTING FAST IS
10 JUSTIFIED. BUT REBUILDING HOMES, WHILE IMPORTANT, IT IS NOT AN
11 EMERGENCY. SO, IT DOES NOT JUSTIFY THE HEALTH RISKS OF ACTING
12 FAST WHEN OTHER OPTIONS COULD BE CONSIDERED. WE NEED TO BE
13 MORE CAUTIOUS. SO, HERE IS THE RULE. IN A NON-EMERGENCY
14 SITUATION LIKE FIRE CLEANUP, THE, SORRY, LIKE FIRE CLEANUP,
15 INCREASED RISK ACTUALLY MANDATES INCREASED CAUTION. I REALIZE
16 YOU WANT TO CLEAN UP PALISADES FAST BY DUMPING LOCALLY BUT
17 DOING SOMETHING FAST WHEN THERE IS SIGNIFICANT RISK IS NOT
18 ETHICAL OR SMART REPUBLIC SUNSHINE CANYON HAS PROVEN ITSELF AS
19 DANGEROUS. THEY CANNOT BE TRUSTED.

20

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** I'M PETER KRAUT, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS.
24 PLEASE VOTE NO ON EXPANDING THE WASTE SHED AND STOP SENDING
25 FIRE DEBRIS TO THE CALABASAS LANDFILL. THE OPEN FILE REPORT



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1 2008-1345 BY THE US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIES
2 THAT FIRE IMPACTED SOIL AND ASH CONTAINS LARGE QUANTITIES OF
3 HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM, A KNOWN CARCINOGEN. REGARDING THIS TOXIN,
4 THE SAME REPORT AND MANY LATER STUDIES ALL INDICATE A QUOTE,
5 CONCERNED DUE TO THE HIGH POSSIBILITY OF INHALATION OF THE
6 SMALL ASH AND SOIL PARTICULATES, END QUOTE. AFTER RECEIVING
7 PHASE TWO DEBRIS FROM THE WOLSEY FIRE, THE MOST RECENT
8 CALABASAS LANDFILL ANNUAL 2024 WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND
9 CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT DATED JANUARY 31,
10 2025, STATES THAT HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM EXCEEDED ITS CONTAINMENT
11 LEVEL IN THE REPORTING PERIOD IN THREE SEPARATE TESTS. AS SUCH
12 WE MUST QUESTION THE INTEGRITY OF THE LINER PROTECTING OUR
13 GROUNDWATER AND ASK IF RESIDENTS SHOULD HAVE TO ONCE AGAIN
14 BREATHE THESE TOXINS WHILE THE ASH FROM THE POWER --

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

17
18 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS JANKA BERNARD. I ALSO LIVE IN CALABASAS,
19 AND I'M THE MOTHER OF THREE CHILDREN. FIRE DEBRIS WASTE
20 CONTAINS HAZARDOUS WASTE REGULATED BY THE STATE. AND MANY
21 STATES HAVE WARNINGS THAT ASH AND PARTIALLY BURNED DEBRIS MAY
22 CONTAIN ASBESTOS, MERCURY, LEAD, CADMIUM, CHROMIUM, AND A
23 VARIETY OF OTHER DANGEROUS CHEMICALS. THESE MATERIALS CANNOT
24 EASILY BE REMOVED FROM CHARRED DEBRIS, SUGGESTING THE ABILITY
25 TO TRULY ISOLATE AND REMOVE HAZARDOUS WASTE FROM NON-HAZARDOUS



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1 WASTE IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE. WE MUST ASSUME THERE'S A HIGH
2 PROBABILITY THAT MATERIAL CONTAINS CONTAMINANTS THAT WILL
3 IMPACT THE HEALTH OF OUR RESIDENTS AND THE SURROUNDING
4 ENVIRONMENT. AS A RESULT, I STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY AND ALL FIRE
5 DEBRIS FROM ENTERING THE CALABASAS LANDFILL. THANK YOU.

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

8
9 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M HERE BECAUSE THERE'S A SCENARIO THAT'S BEING
10 OVERLOOKED WHICH THEN RUSHES THIS SCENARIO WHICH IS THAT THERE
11 ARE DISPLACED RESIDENTS WHO NEED LONG-TERM HOUSING SOLUTIONS
12 IN THE MEANWHILE BEFORE THEIR HOMES ARE BUILT WHO ARE BEING
13 COMPLETELY IGNORED, OVERLOOKED, AND EVEN DISPLACED FURTHER.
14 AND I JUST CAME HERE FROM THE BONAVENTURE HOTEL WHERE A
15 SATELLITE RED SHELTER IS BEING HELD IN RELATION TO THE EATON
16 FIRE. AND THERE ARE ADDITIONAL RESIDENTS AT PAMELA PARK. THEY
17 WERE TOLD TODAY VERBALLY BY RED CROSS STAFF AND I'VE CONFIRMED
18 THIS WITH STAFF AND RESIDENTS THAT THE SHELTER IS CLOSING
19 TOMORROW THEY DON'T HAVE

20
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IS THIS RELATE TO ITEM. WE'RE
22 LISTENING ON THE LANDFILL.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** DON'T INTERRUPT ME. I'VE BEEN CALLING YOUR OFFICE
25 NON-STOP SINCE THIS WAS AN --



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** STICK WITH THE LANDFILL. ALL RIGHT
3 NEXT SPEAKER.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** YOU'RE IGNORING US YOU HAVEN'T CALLED ME BACK NEXT
6 TIME

7

8 **DAWYN HARRISON:** MA'AM YOU'RE NOW DISRUPTING THE MEETING. WE
9 NEED TO MOVE FORWARD.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU CAN SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT.
12 NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE. THAT'S A SECOND WARNING YOU GUYS. PLEASE
13 HOLD DOWN YOUR CLAPPING. GO AHEAD.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS STACEY HUEN AND I AM A RESIDENT OF
16 CALABASAS. I DON'T BELIEVE L.A. COUNTY IS BEING LOOKED AS A
17 WHOLE RIGHT NOW. THE WEST SIDE IS BURNT, THE EAST SIDE IS
18 BURNT, AND NOW THEY WANT TO BRING THE FIRE ASH AND DEBRIS TO
19 RESIDENTIAL LANDFILLS IN THE VALLEY. THE EPA LIMITS THE
20 TEMPERATURES OF LANDFILLS, AND NOW WE WANT TO BRING FIRE ASH
21 THERE WHICH CAN RAISE THE TEMPERATURES. AS AN EXAMPLE, THE
22 CHIQUITA LANDFILL, WHICH WAS CONSIDERED ON FIRE DUE TO HAVING
23 ELEVATED TEMPERATURES ABOVE THE EPA LIMIT WAS EMITTING ODORS
24 AND CHEMICALS AND NOW THEIR RESIDENTS HAVE CANCER AMONGST
25 OTHER DISEASES IF WE INCREASE THE TONNAGE FOR FIRE DEBRIS AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 ASH ALL OF L.A. COUNTY IS GOING TO BE ON FIRE REGARDLESS OF
2 WHETHER WE CAN SEE IT OR NOT. WE MUST USE HISTORY AND SCIENCE
3 WHEN MAKING THESE DECISIONS. PLEASE OPPOSE ITEM 10 AND ANY
4 FIRE DEBRIS FROM COMING TO OUR LANDFILLS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. THIS IS VERY ANOTHER UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES
9 THAT AFFECTS PUBLIC HEALTH, BUT FROM THE LIGHT OF IT JOBS HAVE
10 BEEN CREATED. HUMAN KINDNESS AND HUMANS HAVE COME TOGETHER TO
11 TRY TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM. ONE SUGGESTION WITH OUR WONDERFUL
12 MAYOR AND PREVIOUS MAYOR GARCETTI OF CREATING JOBS HERE IN
13 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, PEOPLE GET PAID OR TO TRANSITION BACK TO
14 WORK OR AGAIN ACTIVATE THE PROFESSIONALS. IT LOOKS LIKE
15 THERE'S IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN TO REPAIR AND CLEAN
16 THESE FACILITIES. AND THIS IS A WONDERFUL TIME FOR OUR PUBLIC
17 HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO MAKE SURE THE HUMANS WHO ARE
18 TRANSITIONING POSSIBLY TO GET BACK TO WORK, TO MAKE SURE THAT
19 THEIR HYGIENE IS UP TO TAKE IF THEY WANT TO RECEIVE THEIR
20 BENEFITS ONE THING JUST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE HERE THAT COMES TO
21 WORK. WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE'RE PRESENTABLE WE ARE DRUG
22 HOPEFULLY DRUG-FREE ARE MEANT TO HELP OUR HOME IS OKAY WE ARE
23 NOT DOING ANYTHING ILLEGAL AND BEING GRATEFUL FOR EVERY DAY.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO BACK TO REMOTE



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SUPERVISORS

1 SPEAKERS. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

2

3 **MODERATOR:** AZITA ISK, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THESE PROPOSED WAIVERS.
6 WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM EVERY PRIOR FIRE OR DISASTER LIKE
7 THIS IS THAT THE FIRE DEBRIS IS TOXIC AND IS CARCINOGENIC. AND
8 NOT JUST THE TOP SIX INCHES, IT'S FAR MORE THAN THAT. THIS
9 TOXIC FIRE DEBRIS SHOULD NOT BE DISPOSED OF AT LOCAL LANDFILLS
10 THAT ARE NEAR SCHOOLS AND PARKS AND HOMES. IT SHOULD BE TESTED
11 AND THEN IT SHOULD BE PROPERLY DISPOSED OF IN LANDFILLS THAT
12 ARE LOCATED FAR AWAY FROM COMMUNITIES AND ONES THAT ARE
13 SPECIFICALLY EQUIPPED TO HANDLE TOXIC MATERIALS. I UNDERSTAND
14 THAT EVERYONE WANTS TO EXPEDITE THE REBUILDING PROCESS, BUT
15 WAIVING EXISTING PROTECTIONS AND LIMITATIONS IS NOT THE
16 SOLUTION. IF YOU ALL TRULY BELIEVE THAT THE FIRE DEBRIS IS
17 NON-TOXIC, THEN I URGE YOU, EACH OF YOU ON THE BOARD, TO
18 ACCEPT A FEW TRUCKLOADS OF FIRE DEBRIS IN YOUR OWN HOME AND
19 STORE IT IN YOUR OWN BACKYARDS BECAUSE THAT IS ESSENTIALLY
20 WHAT YOU ARE ASKING US TO DO.

21

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** COLLEEN HELLE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SPEAKER:** PREVIOUS ASSESSMENTS FOUND THAT WILDFIRE ASH HAD
2 LEVELS OF TOXIC CHEMICALS CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS BY CALIFORNIA
3 STANDARDS BUT YET WILDFIRE DEBRIS WILL BE TAKEN TO THE
4 CALABASAS LANDFILL IF THIS WAIVER IS APPROVED. A SIGN AT THE
5 ENTRANCE OF THIS LANDFILL READS, NO HAZARDOUS WASTE. IT IS
6 ILLEGAL TO BRING A CAN OF SPRAY PAINT OR ANY BATTERIES TO THE
7 LANDFILL. YET, IF THIS WAIVER IS APPROVED, TOXIC CHEMICALS
8 WILL BE DUMPED HERE THAT ARE WAY WORSE THAN THOSE ITEMS. WE
9 ASK THAT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT NOT ALLOW THIS TEMPORARY
10 WAIVER AND THAT THEY CONDUCT STUDIES ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL
11 IMPACT OF DUMPING TOXIC DEBRIS AT THIS LANDFILL. PUT TOGETHER
12 A PLAN THAT GUARANTEES NO TOXIC CHEMICALS COME TO A
13 RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY. DO NOT ALLOW SOMETHING THAT CAN HURT
14 THE HEALTH OF MANY OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS AS WELL AS ANIMALS
15 THAT WOULD CROSS OVER ON THE ANNENBERG WILDLIFE BRIDGE, A
16 PROJECT THAT IS COSTING \$92,000,000 TO CONSTRUCT. PLEASE FIND
17 A BETTER OPTION. THERE ARE BETTER OPTIONS. DON'T RISK OUR
18 HEALTH JUST FOR THE SAKE OF EXPEDITING THIS DUMPING OF THE
19 TOXIC MATERIALS, EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE PRESSURES ON YOU. KEEP
20 OUR ALREADY CROWDED ROADS FROM BECOMING WORSE AND POTENTIALLY
21 BLOCKING OUR ESCAPE ROUTES IN CASE OF ANOTHER FIRE. DEALS ARE
22 CURRENTLY ILL ON BEACHES OF SANTA MONICA FROM THE TOXIC WASTE.
23 PLEASE DON'T LET THIS BE OUR BEACH. THANK YOU.

24
25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.



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1

2 **MODERATOR:** DALLAS LAWRENCE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME? HELLO, I'M HERE.

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES, GO AHEAD.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. HI, I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE LONGFORD
11 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION. I'M REPRESENTING
12 10,000 STUDENTS IN HIDDEN HILLS, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CALABASAS,
13 AND AGOURA. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD. OUR BOARD VOTED
14 UNANIMOUSLY TO OPPOSE THE RECKLESS PLAN TO DUMP HUNDREDS OF
15 THOUSANDS OF TONS OF DEBRIS, POTENTIALLY CONTAINING LIFE-
16 THREATENING TOXINS INTO OUR COMMUNITY. EVEN THE ARMY CORPS OF
17 ENGINEERS HAS ADMITTED THEY CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT TOXIC WASTE
18 WON'T ENTER THE LANDFILL, ENDANGERING OUR STUDENTS, PUTTING
19 THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS AT RISK. THIS IS NOT A NOT IN MY
20 BACKYARD ISSUE. THIS IS A NOT IN ANYONE'S BACKYARD. THE LAW IS
21 CLEAR. TOXIC WASTE DOES NOT BELONG IN RESIDENTIAL LANDFILLS.
22 YOU CAN'T EVEN DUMP A BATTERY OR A SINGLE CAN OF PAINT IN OUR
23 COMMUNITY WITHOUT VIOLATING THE LAW. YET THIS ROUTE WILL ALLOW
24 US TO HAVE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF TONS OF DEBRIS DUMPED IN
25 OUR COMMUNITY THAT COULD POTENTIALLY IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY. SO,



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1 TO OUR COUNTY STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS WE HAVE ONE PLEASE
2 ASK PLEASE STOP POINTING FINGERS AND LEAD. THIS IS ILLEGAL IT
3 IS AGAINST THE LAW TO DUMP TOXIC WASTE IN A RESIDENTIAL
4 LANDFILL.

5

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** COUNCILPERSON MCCORKINDALE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU
9 MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI, THIS IS LAURA MCCORKINDALE, COUNCILMEMBER FROM
12 THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS, AND I'M ALSO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
13 BOARD REPRESENTATIVE FOR CAL CITIES FOR THE FIVE CITIES IN THE
14 REGION. I DON'T WANT TO REPEAT WHAT'S ALREADY BEEN SAID, BUT I
15 WANT TO REMIND ALL THAT THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS AND OUR
16 CONSTITUENTS STAND OPPOSED TO THE LACK OF COMMON SENSE AND
17 TRULY EXPECT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO USE THEIR VAST AND
18 FAR-REACHING POWERS TO HALT THIS DUMPING PLAN THAT DEFIES ALL
19 SOUND JUDGMENT. IN THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS, WE ARE SOLUTION-
20 ORIENTED. WE PAY SOME OF THE HIGHEST TAXES IN THE NATION AND
21 SPEND EXORBITANT AMOUNTS OF MONEY ON INNOVATIONS, OFTEN
22 LEAVING THE COUNTRY IN WHAT IS NEW, WHAT IS RIGHT. TODAY,
23 THERE ARE ADVANCED METHODS FOR SAFE DISPOSAL OF TOXIC
24 MATERIALS, AND WE ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MAKE IT A
25 PRIORITY TO MAKE THESE TECHNOLOGIES A REALITY. GEO-MELTING,



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SUPERVISORS

1 WHICH USES EXTREME HEAT TO MELT HAZARDOUS WASTE, TURNING IT
2 INTO GLASS-LIKE MATERIALS THAT SAFELY TRAP TOXINS --

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

5
6 **SPEAKER:** AND GLASS ARC GASIFICATION, WHICH USES HIGH--

7
8 **MODERATOR:** SABINA BRAHL, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9
10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** TOXIC DEBRIS SHOULD NEVER BE BROUGHT TO A
11 RESIDENTIAL LANDFILL BECAUSE IT POSES SEVERE HEALTH RISKS. I
12 WANT TO ASK ALL OF YOU TO THINK ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES AND HOW
13 YOU WOULD FEEL TO LIVE AND BREATHE THE TOXIC DEBRIS EVERY
14 SINGLE DAY. IMAGINE YOUR CHILDREN, YOUR NEIGHBORS, AND
15 YOURSELF SUFFERING FROM PREVENTABLE ILLNESSES LIKE CANCER,
16 ILLNESSES THAT COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED WITH RESPONSIBLE WASTE
17 MANAGEMENT. WOULD YOU ACCEPT TOXIC WASTE BEING DUMPED NEAR
18 YOUR HOME KNOWING THE RISKS. BEYOND IMMEDIATE HEALTH CONCERNS
19 CONSIDER THE 300 TRUCKS HAULING TOXIC WASTE POLLUTING THE
20 ROADS AND LEAKING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INTO THE ENVIRONMENT.
21 THE CONSEQUENCES GO BEYOND ONE LANDFILL. THEY AFFECT THE
22 ENTIRE REGION'S AIR QUALITY, TRAFFIC SAFETY, AND PUBLIC
23 HEALTH. THERE ARE SAFER ALTERNATIVES. THIS SITUATION DOES NOT
24 NEED TO HAPPEN. WHY CHOOSE A PATH THAT ENDANGERS LIFE WHEN
25 BETTER SOLUTIONS EXIST? THANK YOU.



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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** CHARLOTTE CONTE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHARLOTTE
7 CONTI AND I LIVE IN SARATOGA HILLS DIRECTLY BELOW THE
8 CALABASAS LANDFILL. I'M THE MOTHER OF A NINE-MONTH-OLD AND A
9 THREE-YEAR-OLD, AND I STRONGLY OPPOSE WAIVING WASTE
10 RESTRICTIONS TO DUMP FIRE DEBRIS IN OUR COMMUNITY WITHOUT
11 COMPREHENSIVE INDEPENDENT TESTING. WE'RE BEING TOLD THIS
12 DEBRIS IS SAFE, BUT WHERE IS THE PROOF? POST-FIRE WASTE IS
13 TOXIC. THEY'VE CONFIRMED IT'S TOXIC. MY CHILDREN PLAY HERE. WE
14 BREATHE THE AIR HERE. EVEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S OFFICE IS
15 NEARBY. THIS DECISION AFFECTS ALL OF US. MY HUSBAND'S HOMETOWN
16 IS THE PALISADES. HE'S LOST EVERYTHING. WE ARE ALREADY LIVING
17 THROUGH ONE TRAGEDY. THIS DECISION ONLY CREATES ANOTHER. WHY
18 SHOULD MY YOUNG CHILDREN, MY FAMILY, MY NEIGHBORS BE PUT AT
19 FURTHER RISK? IF OTHER LANDFILLS ARE UNAVAILABLE, WHAT IS A
20 FAILURE OF PLANNING, NOT AN EXCUSE TO ENDANGER OUR COMMUNITY?
21 I URGE YOU TO REJECT THIS WAIVER UNTIL THOROUGH TESTING IS
22 DONE AND SAFER ALTERNATIVES ARE CONSIDERED. OUR HEALTH IS NOT
23 NEGOTIABLE. THANK YOU.

24

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



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2 **MODERATOR:** SHIRLEY FRANK, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI. I LIVE IN DEER SPRINGS IN THE DEER SPRINGS
5 COMMUNITY. THIS IS A COMMUNITY THAT IS A MERE MILE FROM THE
6 LANDFILL. THIS LANDFILL IS WITHIN LESS THAN A MILE OF PARKS,
7 COMMUNITIES, SCHOOLS. I HAVE TWO LITTLE CHILDREN MYSELF. FOR
8 THIS VERY REASON, BECAUSE OF ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE
9 POPULATION, THIS LANDFILL IS NOT EQUIPPED TO TAKE HAZARDOUS
10 MATERIALS. YOU'VE HEARD FROM CITY REPRESENTATIVES HERE TODAY,
11 INCLUDING THE MAYOR OF CALABASAS. YOU'VE HEARD FROM SCHOOL
12 BOARD MEMBERS. AND YOU'VE HEARD FROM DOZENS AND DOZENS OF
13 RESIDENTS THAT THIS TOXIC WASTE DOES NOT BELONG IN A LANDFILL
14 THAT IS IN SUCH CLOSE PROXIMITY TO COMMUNITIES AND CHILDREN
15 AND PARKS. IT BELONGS IN A LANDFILL THAT IS PROPERLY EQUIPPED
16 AND PROPERLY LINED TO TAKE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL, WHICH THIS
17 LANDFILL IS NOT. I ALSO WANT TO SPEAK TO THE ISSUE OF THE
18 INCREASED TONNAGE THAT IS SLATED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THIS
19 LANDFILL. ON PAPER, THE INCREASE IS TO BE BY 33% A DAY. IN
20 REALITY --

21

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** DAVID PHELPS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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SUPERVISORS

1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DAVID PHELPS AND I'M A
2 RESIDENT OF THE VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD, NORTH HILLS. I'M ALSO THE
3 CHAIR OF THE UNITED CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF THE SAN FERNANDO
4 VALLEY GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND AN EXECUTIVE EP OF THE
5 NORTHWEST VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. ON BEHALF OF OUR 13-
6 MEMBER CHAMBERS AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SMALL BUSINESSES IN
7 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, WE OPPOSE ITEM 10 AND THE DUMPING OF
8 ANY WILDFIRE DEBRIS AT OUR LOCAL LANDFILLS. WE ASK THE BOARD
9 OF SUPERVISORS TO WORK WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE U.S.
10 ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO FACILITATE THE TRANSPORTATION OF
11 THIS DEBRIS TO CERTIFIED HAZARDOUS LANDFILL FACILITIES. THE
12 CORPS' STATEMENT IN THE L.A. TIMES ON FEBRUARY 21ST THAT
13 TRANSPORTATION OF THIS DEBRIS TO APPROPRIATE LANDFILLS WOULD,
14 QUOTE, REQUIRE LONGER TRUCK TRIPS THAT WOULD DELAY THE CLEANUP
15 FALLS ON DEAF EARS. IN THE ABSENCE OF DEBRIS AND SOIL TESTING
16 OUR SMALL BUSINESSES DESERVE BETTER AND TO HAVE PROPER TESTING
17 BEFORE CONSIDERING LOCAL LANDFILLS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF
18 WILDFIRE DEBRIS. THANK YOU.

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

21
22 **MODERATOR:** MIRIAM GOVAMI, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** I'M A CALABASAS RESIDENT AND A PEDIATRICIAN, AND MY
25 MOM PASSED FROM ASBESTOS-RELATED CANCER. EARLIER, YOU STARTED



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SUPERVISORS

1 BY CELEBRATING THOSE THAT PROTECTED THE ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH
2 IN L.A., AND YOU GAVE AWARDS. IT'S SADLY IRONIC THAT AGENDA 10
3 IS GLARINGLY CONTRADICTORY TO THAT. IT'S A RED FLAG THAT FEMA
4 IS NOT TESTING THE SOIL, WHICH IS STANDARD OF CARE OF EVERY
5 SINGLE FIRE BEFORE THIS ONE, AND THAT THERE IS A CEQA WAIVER,
6 WHICH ARE THE TOWTHINGS THAT WOULD ID AND MITIGATE THE TOXIC
7 SPREAD. IT IS ILLEGAL TO BRING THIS TO A NON-HAZARDOUS PLACE.
8 THERE'S A LIMIT OF PUNISHMENT FOR A REASON. YOU SAID THAT
9 THERE SHOULD BE PRESERVATION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND THAT'S
10 WHY THIS IS BEING CALLED ON, THAT SHOULD BE BILATERAL FOR
11 PEOPLE AT THE FIRE SITE AND PEOPLE AT THE DUMP AREA. WE KNOW
12 THAT THE ASH IS TOXIC. WE'RE NOT ASSUMING THIS. WE HAVE DATA
13 FROM THE 2003, 2005, 2017, MAUI AND WORLD TRADE CENTER FIRES.
14 OVER 350 CHEMICAL AGENTS WERE IN THE WORLD TRADE CENTER FIRES
15 WE KNOW THAT THE SPEECH AND --

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

18
19 **MODERATOR:** CAMI HOLMES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20
21 **SPEAKER:** HELLO RESIDENT OF CALABASAS MOTHER OF TWO. I VITALLY
22 OPPOSE NUMBER 10 ON YOUR AGENDA. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, YOUR
23 JOB IS TO SERVE AND PROTECT THE PEOPLE. L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH HAS
24 HAD 90-MINUTE-LONG TOWN HALLS INFORMING US OF ALL THE
25 HAZARDOUS CONTENT IN FIRE DEBRIS. THESE ARE CANCER-CAUSING



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1 ELEMENTS. THE SCIENCE IS THERE. STOP TURNING A BLIND EYE.
2 THESE WAIVERS ARE UNETHICAL, AND THEY GO AGAINST WHAT
3 CALIFORNIA STANDS FOR. IT'S ON YOU TO PROVE THIS DEBRIS IS
4 NON-TOXIC. THIS DECISION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT
5 DECISIONS THAT CAN HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT THAT IS
6 IMMEASURABLE. YET, THIS IS PREVENTABLE. IF YOU DON'T OPPOSE
7 THIS, YOU'RE BEING NEGLIGENT. YOU WILL BE GUILTY OF HARMING
8 BOTH HUMANS AND THE ENVIRONMENT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. DO
9 YOU WANT THIS TO BE YOUR LEGACY?

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** LAURIE AVAZIAN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YES, THIS IS LAURIE AVAZIAN. I'M A RESIDENT OF PORTER
16 RANCH. I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE NO ON THE
17 WAIVER TO INCREASING THE TONNAGE ACCEPTED AT SUNSHINE CANYON
18 LANDSVILLE. MY HEART GOES OUT TO THE VICTIMS OF THE EATON
19 PALISADES FIRES, BUT YOUR YES VOTE WOULD EQUAL POISONING THE
20 THOUSANDS OF NEARBY RESIDENTS AND THE WATER SUPPLY FOR MOST OF
21 L.A. COUNTY. THE TOXIC FIRE DEBRIS NEEDS TO BE DUMPED IN AN
22 UNPOPULATED AREA AT LANDFILL'S LICENSE TO RECEIVE TOXIC WASTE,
23 NOT IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA. THE EPA WORKERS AT THE SITES ARE IN
24 HOUSE MOUNT SUITS. SO OBVIOUSLY THE DEBRIS IS TOXIC AND THE
25 L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS REPEATEDLY WARNED



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1 OF THE HAZARDS OF BEING EXPOSED TO THE WASTE OF THE FIRE. SO
2 HOW IS IT MAGICALLY NOT TOXIC ONCE IT LEAVES THE PALISADES OR
3 ALTADENA AREAS? PLEASE, I URGE YOU TO VOTE NO. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** ANDREW PETERSON, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HEY, I'M A FATHER OF TWO HERE IN GRANADA HILLS, AND
10 MY WIFE AND I, WE BUILT OUR DREAM HOUSE HERE. WE WERE NOT
11 DISCLOSED ABOUT THE LANDFILL WHEN WE PURCHASED THE HOME. AND,
12 YOU KNOW, WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS LANDFILL WITH ANY EXPANSION,
13 LET ALONE WITH WASTE. WE HAVE SO MANY ODOR PROBLEMS FROM THIS
14 LANDFILL AT SUNSHINE CANYON THAT MY KIDS CAN'T EVEN GO OUTSIDE
15 AND ENJOY A NORMAL CHILDHOOD AND WE HAVE TO PROTECT THEM FROM
16 THAT. AND IN CALIFORNIA WHERE WE PAY SUCH HIGH TAXES, IT'S
17 JUST A DISGRACE. AND SO, WE COUNT ON YOU, THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS, TO DO THE RIGHT THING HERE. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** CARLEEN BASH, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HI, THIS IS CARLEEN BASH. I'M A RESIDENT OF HIDDEN
25 HILLS. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY TO EVERYBODY THAT WE REALLY



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1 DON'T NEED TO, EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SAID AND I JUST WANT TO
2 POINT OUT TO EVERYONE THAT THERE WAS A LAW PASSED NOT LONG AGO
3 NOT TO HAVE SMOKING IN CALABASAS. I'M NOT SURE IF YOU'RE AWARE
4 OF THAT, AND WE CANNOT REPEAT THE CATASTROPHE THAT HAPPENED AT
5 SANTA SUSANNA FIELD LAB WITH ALL THE CHILDREN GETTING CANCER
6 YEARS LATER AND IT BEING A CANCER POCKET. PLEASE, PLEASE, I
7 URGE YOU TO VOTE NO AND OPPOSE THIS IDEA OF HAVING ANY
8 LANDFILL THAT IS NEAR HUMAN LIFE NOT HAPPEN. THERE'S OTHER
9 WAYS TO DISPOSE OF IT AS OTHERS HAVE SUGGESTED BEFORE. THANK
10 YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

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

13
14 **MODERATOR:** DAN WEISBACH, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15
16 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
17 WE'VE COVERED A LOT ALREADY, SO I'D JUST LIKE TO TAKE A
18 DIFFERENT ANGLE AND SPEAK ABOUT ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF
19 SARATOGA HILLS, THE COMMUNITY THAT I PROUDLY LIVE IN. WE ARE
20 SCARED. OUR PROPERTY IS THREATENED. OUR FAMILIES ARE
21 THREATENED. OUR HEALTH IS THREATENED. AND WE'RE AT YOUR MERCY.
22 SO, I JUST IMPLORE YOU ALL TO DO THE RIGHT THING. WE KNOW WHAT
23 THE STAKES ARE AND HE CAN'T UNRING THIS BELL THIS WILL CAUSE
24 IRREPARABLE HARM TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND WE JUST WE HOPE THAT
25 YOU GUYS DO THE RIGHT THING AND HELP SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 DO RIGHT BY YOUR CONSTITUENTS THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

2

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

4

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

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** DO ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY
9 QUESTIONS?

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THERE ARE NO MORE SPEAKERS.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY?

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THERE ARE NO MORE IN-PERSON SPEAKERS.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE
18 ANY QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

19

20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO START
21 BY ACKNOWLEDGING EVERYTHING THAT WE HEARD TODAY, EVERYTHING
22 THAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO US IN WRITING, ALL OF THE VIDEOS
23 AND SOCIAL MEDIA COMMENTS. I REALLY HAVE BEEN LISTENING. I
24 APPRECIATE THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO SHARE YOUR
25 CONCERNS, TO ASK THE QUESTIONS, AND ENGAGE IN THIS PROCESS. I



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1 CALLED IT A BUREAUCRATIC DISASTER BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE THE
2 DESIGN OF THIS SYSTEM IS DESIGNED FOR THERE NOT TO BE A PERSON
3 THAT CAN BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. AND THAT IS WHY I CALLED IT,
4 BECAUSE YOU ARE ASKING VERY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS, ALL OF WHICH
5 DESERVE ANSWERS. AND TODAY, WHAT IS BEFORE US, I AM CONCERNED
6 THAT NO MATTER WHICH WAY WE VOTE, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE UPSET
7 BECAUSE MOST OF THE SPEAKERS TODAY INDICATED THAT THEY DON'T
8 WANT ANY DEBRIS TO GO TO THE LANDFILLS. BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT IS
9 BEFORE US TODAY. THAT'S NOT EVEN WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THIS
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND THAT'S A FRUSTRATING ANSWER TO HEAR
11 FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEKING ACCOUNTABILITY AND ANSWERS. SO, I
12 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BECAUSE THIS IS COMPLICATED, IT IS
13 COMPLEX, AND IT REQUIRES A LOT OF THOUGHT IN ORDER TO TAKE
14 APPROPRIATE ACTION. I WANT TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS THAT WERE
15 RAISED CONSISTENTLY AROUND FEAR OF TOXIC DEBRIS BEING IN
16 PEOPLE'S NEIGHBORHOODS. WHEN WE HEAR THAT THE DEBRIS IS LOOSE
17 AND UNCONTROLLED IN NEIGHBORHOODS, IT IS CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS.
18 BUT SOMEHOW, AS SOME OF THE SPEAKERS HAVE CHARACTERIZED, WHEN
19 IT IS PACKAGED UP, IT IS NO LONGER HAZARDOUS TO A COMMUNITY.
20 CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY THAT BEST PRACTICE IS IN PLACE AND HOW IT
21 GUARANTEES SAFETY FOR A COMMUNITY? I'LL START WITH THE ARMY
22 CORPS OR FEMA.

23
24 **ERIC SWENSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRWOMAN OR COUNCILWOMAN.
25 SUPERVISOR. SORRY, I'VE GOT TO REMEMBER WHERE I'M AT. LET ME



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SUPERVISORS

1 TAKE THAT QUESTION. SO, THE EPA IS IN CHARGE OF PHASE ONE OF
2 THIS CLEANUP BASED ON THE STATE'S REQUEST FOR DIRECT FEDERAL
3 ASSISTANCE AS ASSIGNED TO REMOVE THIS FIRE ASH AND DEBRIS. SO,
4 EPA DOES THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CLEANUP IN PHASE
5 ONE. THAT HAS ENDED. WE ARE IN PHASE TWO OF THIS, WHICH IS THE
6 CORPS OF ENGINEERS PORTION, WHICH IS THE FIRE ASH AND DEBRIS.

7

8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** PHASE ONE'S ENDED ENTIRELY. I THINK IT'S
9 FINISHING THIS WEEK, RIGHT?

10

11 **ERIC SWENSON:** IT'S FINISHING. IT'S FINISHING THIS WEEK. THERE
12 WERE PROPERTIES THAT WERE DEFERRED TO MY AGENCY TO COMPLETE
13 THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. BUT BY AND LARGE, THE EPA'S
14 MISSION TO DO --

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT'S A
17 TREMENDOUS LIFT, SO I DON'T MEAN TO BE GLIB ABOUT THAT. I JUST
18 WANT TO BE VERY SPECIFIC BECAUSE I THINK WE'VE GOTTEN TO
19 FRUSTRATION BY BEING NOT COMPLETELY ACCURATE. SO WE'RE
20 FINISHING PHASE 1, WE STILL HAVE SOME PROPERTIES TO GO, BUT
21 PHASE 2 IS WHAT YOU'RE LEADING.

22

23 **ERIC SWENSON:** YES SUPERVISOR, I'M LEADING PHASE TWO WHICH IS
24 THE REMOVAL OF THE WHAT MOST PEOPLE SEE IS THE VISIBLE SIGNS
25 OF THE FIRE ON THESE PARCELS. SO, IT'S THE FIRE ASH AND DEBRIS



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1 AND IN SOME CASES THE FOUNDATIONS WHEN THOSE OWNERS OPT IN TO
2 HAVE THEIR FOUNDATION REMOVED. SO, MY PROCESSES ARE TO TAKE
3 THAT FIRE ASH AND DEBRIS SAFELY CONTAIN IT IN THE BACK OF A
4 LINE TRUCK USING WHAT WE CALL THE WET METHOD. THAT METHOD
5 KEEPS ALL OF THE FIRE, ASH AND DEBRIS TOGETHER. IT GOES INTO
6 THE TRUCK AND IT IS SAFELY TRANSPORTED TO A PERMITTED
7 LANDFILL. AT THAT LANDFILL IT IS THEN HANDED OFF TO THE
8 LANDFILL OPERATOR. THAT'S THE PROCESS. IT IS A TIME-TESTED
9 PROCESS THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND
10 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR WELL OVER A DECADE.

11
12 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND THE NEXT PART OF THAT MAYBE GOES TO,
13 OH I'M SORRY GO AHEAD.

14
15 **ROBERT FENTON JR.:** I JUST WANT TO ADD A COUPLE THINGS TO THAT.
16 IN ADDITION TO THAT, THERE'S CERTAIN MATERIALS IN THERE THAT
17 ARE RECYCLED. SO, CONCRETE'S RECYCLED, METALS ARE RECYCLED,
18 GREEN WASTE, LIKE TREES, ARE RECYCLED SO THEY DON'T ENTER THAT
19 STREAM. HE'S JUST TALKING ABOUT THE ASH AND THE DIRT THAT'S
20 TAKEN FROM SCRAPING THE ASH ALONG THE FIRE FOOTPRINT IS WHAT
21 HE'S TALKING ABOUT GOING ON THE BURRITO METHOD, WHICH IS VERY
22 SIMILAR TO ANY HOUSEHOLD FIRE THAT HAPPENS IN LOS ANGELES ANY
23 DAY. WHEN IT'S REMOVED, IT'S REMOVED AND GOES INTO PERMITTED
24 LANDFILLS FOR THAT HOUSEHOLD ASH DEBRIS.



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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** SO, I WANT TO BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT WE
2 JUST HEARD. PHASE ONE, WHICH IS THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
3 MATERIAL REMOVAL, WHICH IS ALMOST COMPLETE, IS NOT THE
4 MATERIAL WE'RE TALKING ABOUT GOING TO THESE LANDFILLS?

5

6 **ROBERT FENTON JR.:** THAT'S CORRECT AND THAT MATERIAL IS GOING
7 TO SPECIFIC DESIGNATED LOCATIONS THAT ACCEPT THAT HAZARDOUS
8 TYPE OF MATERIAL AND SO IT'S GOING TO BE SEGREGATED PUT INTO
9 LIKE STREAMS AND THEN SENT TO LOCATIONS THAT ACCEPT THOSE
10 STREAMS LIKE BATTERIES OR PAINTS OR OTHER THINGS WILL BE GOING
11 TO THOSE STREAMS THOSE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS AND THAT WILL NOT GO
12 TO YOUR GENERAL LANDFILLS.

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY, SO THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
15 MATERIALS, WHICH CREATE THE TOXICITY THAT PEOPLE HAVE
16 EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT, ARE NOT WHAT IS BEING ORGANIZED AND
17 THEN DELIVERED TO THESE LOCAL LANDFILLS. IT'S PHASE 2 DEBRIS.
18 I LISTENED TO YOU, I WOULD LIKE, IF YOU COULD ALSO LISTEN TO

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT IS YOUR SECOND WARNING,
21 MA'AM.

22

23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** SO, PHASE, IT'S PHASE 2 AND THAT PHASE 2
24 DEBRIS, IF I COULD ASK DR. FERRER AND OUR REPRESENTATIVE FROM
25 THE LEA TO COME UP, HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED WHEN IT'S



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1 UNCONTROLLED AS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS TO INDIVIDUALS WHEN IT IS
2 OUT AND UNCONTROLLED. AND THEN WE'VE HEARD NOW FROM OUR ARMY
3 CORPS PARTNERS THAT WHEN THEY DO THIS PROCESS, IT GOES FROM
4 EXTREMELY DANGEROUS TO INDIVIDUALS TO SOMEHOW SAFELY CONTAINED
5 AND SAFE TO BE PLACED IN THESE DESIGNATED LANDFILLS. HOW CAN
6 YOU ACCOUNT FOR THAT?

7
8 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR
9 HORVATH. AND I TOO WANT TO SHARE MY APPRECIATION FOR ALL OF
10 THE RESIDENTS THAT SPOKE UP ABOUT THE CONCERNS. THE CONCERNS
11 ARE LEGITIMATE CONCERNS, GIVEN THE EXTENT OF THE FIRES AND THE
12 AMOUNT OF DEBRIS THAT WILL BE NEEDED TO MOVE INTO THE
13 LANDFILLS. BUT I DO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
14 THE DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH FIRE DEBRIS, AND THIS IS AFTER THE
15 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS HAVE BEEN REMOVED BY THE EPA, THIS IS THAT
16 ASH AND SOOT THAT REMAINS, WE'VE BEEN VERY CLEAR ABOUT
17 POINTING OUT THAT THIS IS DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO INHALE IT, FOR
18 YOU TO INGEST IT, AND FOR YOU TO TOUCH IT, WHICH IS WHY PEOPLE
19 ARE WEARING ALL THE PROTECTIVE GEAR AND WHY WE'VE ENCOURAGED
20 EVERYBODY WHO'S COMING IN CONTACT AS THEY'RE CLEANING UP THEIR
21 PROPERTIES TO ALSO WEAR THAT PROTECTIVE GEAR. BECAUSE THAT'S
22 WHEN YOUR CHANCES ARE PRETTY SIGNIFICANT OF INHALING,
23 HOPEFULLY NOT INGESTING, BUT IT CAN HAPPEN. AND CERTAINLY,
24 COMING INTO CONTACT WITH ASH AND SOOT THAT COULD BE DANGEROUS
25 TO YOUR HEALTH. WHEN IT'S PACKAGED AND IT'S SENT IN A TRUCK



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1 AND IT'S DISPOSED OF IN A LANDFILL, AND REMEMBER THE LANDFILL
2 HAS TO BE A LANDFILL THAT HAS A LINER AND A LEACHATE FIELD.
3 AGAIN, IT'S A LANDFILL THAT THE STATE HAS ALREADY, THIS IS
4 DETERMINED BY THE STATE, THE STATE HAS ALREADY DETERMINED CAN
5 HANDLE FIRE DEBRIS. THERE'S MUCH LESS CHANCE OF PEOPLE COMING
6 IN CONTACT WITH THIS, INGESTING IT, INHALING IT, OR TOUCHING
7 IT. WE DO RELY ON THE PROPRIETORS, THE MANAGERS AT THE
8 LANDFILLS TO CONTINUE TO TAKE THE PRECAUTIONS THAT THEY'RE
9 REQUIRED TO TAKE BY LAW SO THAT AGAIN FOR THEIR WORKERS
10 THEY'RE MINIMIZING EXPOSURES, BUT ALSO FOR THE SURROUNDING
11 COMMUNITY. AND FOLKS HAVE BEEN RIGHT TO NOTE THAT WHEN
12 SUNSHINE CANYON HAS BEEN IN VIOLATION, ACTIONS HAVE HAD TO BE
13 TAKEN TO TRY TO GET THE COMPANY TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE AND TO
14 MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO REDUCE THE EXPOSURES --

15
16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** BUT GIVEN THE NUMBERS--

17
18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I JUST WANT TO DIFFERENTIATE --

19
20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** YES.

21
22 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** BETWEEN WHAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT WHEN
23 PEOPLE ARE RETURNING TO --

24
25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** GIVEN THE NUMBER OF CHALLENGES THOUGH,



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1 JUST SINCE YOU MENTIONED SUNSHINE CANYON, GIVEN THE NUMBER OF
2 CHALLENGES AND NOTICES OF VIOLATION THAT HAVE HAPPENED THERE,
3 HOW CAN THIS COMMUNITY TRUST THAT THIS IS NOT GOING TO MAKE
4 THOSE CONDITIONS WORSE?

5

6 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, I THINK IT'S A GOOD QUESTION. I
7 MEAN, WE HAVE NOTED, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A LIMITED ROLE HERE, SO
8 I WANT TO SAY PUBLIC HEALTH'S ROLE IS PRETTY LIMITED THROUGH
9 THE LEA, WHERE WE CAN, IN FACT, AND IN FACT IN SUNSHINE
10 CANYON, WE'RE NOT THE LEA, WHERE WE CAN, IN FACT, SEND OUT
11 INSPECTORS TO MAKE SURE THAT IN FACT THERE'S COMPLIANCE WITH
12 THE OPERATING RULES THAT GOVERN THE LANDFILLS. BUT AGAIN, I
13 WANT TO NOTE FOR SUNSHINE CANYON, WE ARE NOT THE LEA. THAT IS
14 AN LEA THAT'S A JOINT LEA, I BELIEVE, BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE
15 COUNTY. AND I THINK WE HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THAT LEA
16 THAT COULD TALK TO --

17

18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** GREAT.

19

20 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WHAT THEY CAN OFFER. I KNOW THAT FOR
21 CALABASAS, WE HAVE ALREADY SAID, AS WELL AS FOR ANTELOPE
22 VALLEY, I MEAN FOR LANCASTER, THAT WE WILL SEND OUT OUR
23 INSPECTORS, OUR LEA INSPECTORS, TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S
24 COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES. BUT WE WOULD HAVE A DIFFERENT --

25



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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY, SO CAN THE LEA REPRESENTATIVE FROM
2 SUNSHINE CANYON SPEAK TO THAT?

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THEY'RE HERE, SOMEWHERE. THERE YOU
5 ARE.

6

7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** LET'S TURN YOUR MIC ON.

8

9 **DAVE THOMPSON:** DAVE THOMPSON.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** LET'S TURN YOUR MIC ON. THANK YOU.

12

13 **DAVE THOMPSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DAVE THOMPSON, PROGRAM MANAGER
14 FOR THE SUNSHINE CANYON LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. IN REGARDS
15 TO THE MATERIAL COMING IN, ALL OF THE MATERIAL HAS TO MEET THE
16 GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE DEBRIS, MEANING
17 THAT IT'S NON-HAZARDOUS MATERIAL. HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IS NOT
18 PERMITTED TO GO INTO THE SITE. AT SUNSHINE CANYON, WE HAVE
19 INSPECTORS THERE FOR ALL HOURS OF OPERATION. AND WE ARE GOING
20 THROUGH THE FIRE DEBRIS AREA WHERE THE, WHEN THE MATERIAL IS
21 COMING IN, THEY JUST STARTED TAKING IT YESTERDAY. I WENT OUT
22 THIS MORNING BEFORE THE BOARD MEETING JUST TO WATCH THE
23 PROCEDURES. AS THE TRUCKS COME IN, DOUBLE TARPED WITH THE
24 MATERIAL BURRITO WRAPPED, THE AREA IS WET DOWN WITH WATER
25 TRUCK, THE MATERIAL IS UNLOADED WITH THE PLASTIC WRAP ON IT.



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1 AND THEN THAT MATERIAL IS THEN WET DOWN AGAIN. IT'S PUSHED
2 INTO THE WORKING FACE AREA AND THEN WET DOWN AGAIN.

3

4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** BUT THERE'S DEBRIS THAT'S GOING TO
5 SUNSHINE CANYON NOW AND WE'VE HAD A LOT OF NOTICES OF
6 VIOLATION OVER THE PAST YEAR ALONE.

7

8 **DAVE THOMPSON:** YES, WITH AQMD VIOLATIONS FOR ODORS. THEY'VE
9 HAD TWO VIOLATIONS WITH THE SUNSHINE CANYON LEA FOR LITTER
10 ISSUES. BUT THAT'S IT FOR VIOLATIONS FROM OUR AGENCY. WE ARE,
11 WE'RE RELYING ON OTHERS FOR THE TYPE OF MATERIAL COMING IN.
12 LIKE I SAID, THAT'S UNDER THE WATER BOARDS WASTE DISCHARGE
13 REQUIREMENTS. WE WORK CLOSELY WITH AQMD AND THEIR AIR
14 MONITORING PROCEDURES.

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** SO, YOU SAID THAT YOU'RE ALREADY
17 BRINGING DEBRIS THERE AND WE'VE HEARD THAT PEOPLE DON'T WANT
18 THAT. SO, WHO AUTHORIZED YOU TO TAKE THE DEBRIS, WHO
19 AUTHORIZED DEBRIS TO BE TAKEN TO SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL?

20

21 **DAVE THOMPSON:** I DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT ONE. I WOULD
22 IMAGINE IT WAS THROUGH THE ARMY CORPS OR WHOEVER THE CONTRACT
23 IS THAT'S ALLOWING IT TO BRING THE MATERIAL TO THE LANDFILL.
24 WE HAVE ISSUED AN EMERGENCY WAIVER TO EXTEND THE HOURS OF
25 OPERATION BY AN HOUR AND ALLOW ADDITIONAL TONNAGE. THOSE ARE



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1 THE ONLY TWO THINGS FROM THE SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT THAT
2 WE HAVE WAIVED.

3

4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT CALRECYCLE IS
5 THE ENTITY THAT ISSUES LICENSES TO THE LANDFILL FOR DEBRIS TO
6 BE ACCEPTED. IS THAT ACCURATE?

7

8 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU STATE IT FOR THE RECORD?

11

12 **DAVE THOMPSON:** YES, SUPERVISOR, IT'S CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY. SO CALRECYCLE IS THE ENTITY THAT
15 ISSUES THOSE LICENSES, BUT EACH OF THESE LEAS, THE ONE THAT
16 EXISTS FOR SUNSHINE CANYON, THE ONE THAT EXISTS FOR LANCASTER,
17 AND THE ONE THAT EXISTS FOR CALABASAS, WHICH ARE ALL SEPARATE,
18 ARE THE ENTITIES THAT ARE THE ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ON THE
19 GROUND. SO THE CALRECYCLE SETS THE POLICY, BUT THE LEA IS THE
20 ONE ON A REGULAR BASIS THAT'S IN CHARGE OF ENFORCEMENT. IS
21 THAT A FAIR CHARACTERIZATION?

22

23 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, THE LEA IS IN CHARGE OF THE
24 OPERATIONS, MAKING SURE OPERATIONS ARE FOLLOWED FOR THE PROPER
25 DISPOSAL OF THESE MATERIALS. SO, THEY'RE FOLLOWING THE



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1 OPERATING PERMIT AND ENFORCING IT FOR THE LANDFILL. THE
2 REGULATORY AGENCIES ARE ALL HERE.

3
4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** SO, IF THE LEA'S ARE IN CHARGE OF
5 OPERATIONS, WHAT DO THE OPERATORS DO?

6
7 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THE OPERATORS, THEY'RE CHECKING THE OPERATOR.
8 THEY'RE MAKING SURE THE OPERATOR IS FOLLOWING THEIR RULES
9 UNDER THEIR PERMITS.

10
11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY, SO THE OPERATORS FOLLOW THE
12 DIRECTION OF THE PERMIT. THE LEA'S FOLLOW --

13
14 **MARK PESTRELLA:** OVERSEEING THEM, OVERSEEING THE OPERATOR.

15
16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** LEAS OVERSEE THE OPERATOR IN TERMS OF
17 HOW ALL OF THE POLICY IS ENFORCED.

18
19 **MARK PESTRELLA:** CORRECT.

20
21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS IS WHY I
22 CALL IT A BUREAUCRATIC DISASTER, BECAUSE EVEN THE PEOPLE WHO
23 ARE IN CHARGE HAVE DIFFICULTY ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS. AND
24 IT'S NOT BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO HIDE ANSWERS, IT'S BECAUSE
25 EACH ENTITY IS SO NARROWLY FOCUSED ON THEIR VARIOUS



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1 RESPONSIBILITY THAT IT MAKES IT INCREDIBLY CHALLENGING. AND
2 WHICH IS WHY I FEEL IN MY BODY, THE FRUSTRATION THAT HAS BEEN
3 EXPRESSED OVER THESE PAST COUPLE OF HOURS, AND I HAVE WATCHED
4 IN MY CONSTITUENTS, IT IS FRUSTRATING. IT'S FRUSTRATING TO SEE
5 THAT THIS IS HOW THE SYSTEM OPERATES AND YET THIS IS THE
6 SYSTEM IN WHICH WE ARE WORKING TODAY. AND SO, I REALLY WANT TO
7 GET MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE GETTING ANSWERS FOR HOW THIS WORKS
8 BECAUSE AS WE'RE HEARING THIS DEBRIS IS ALREADY AUTHORIZED TO
9 GO TO THESE LANDFILLS BASED ON THE LICENSES THAT EXIST AT
10 THESE LANDFILLS. NOW WE HEARD THAT IT'S NOT TOXIC OR HAS
11 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIAL FROM PHASE ONE THAT'S GOING TO
12 THESE LANDFILLS. HOW CAN WE BE SURE THAT THE MATERIAL FROM
13 PHASE TWO MEETS THE STIPULATIONS THAT CALRECYCLE HAS WHEN IT
14 ISSUES ITS LICENSE ESPECIALLY IF IT'S NOT BEING TESTED BEFORE
15 IT'S BURRITO WRAPPED.

16
17 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR WE HAVE THE OPERATORS HERE IF YOU'D
18 LIKE TO HAVE SAY L.A. COUNTY SANITATION CAN DISCUSS CALABASAS
19 OPERATIONS IF YOU'D LIKE.

20
21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

22
23 **ROBERT FERRANTE:** YEAH, I'M ROBERT FERRANTE I'M THE CHIEF
24 ENGINEER AND GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE L.A. COUNTY SANITATION
25 DISTRICT. WE OPERATE THE CALABASAS LANDFILL ON BEHALF OF THE



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1 COUNTY. SO, I THINK REALLY FOR THE FIRST PART OF THAT QUESTION
2 WITH RESPECT TO CLEARING THE SITES, THAT'S ACTUALLY A QUESTION
3 FOR THE ARMY CORPS WITH RESPECT TO ENSURE THAT THE HAZARDOUS
4 WASTE IS REMOVED.

5
6 **ERIC SWENSON:** YES, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. SO, THE
7 ARMY CORPS, WHEN OUR CONTRACTORS SHOW UP TO THE SITE UNDER THE
8 SUPERVISION OF OUR QUALITY ASSURANCE REPRESENTATIVES, THE
9 FIRST THING WE DO IS WE TEST FOR ASBESTOS. SO, WE TEST ALL THE
10 SURFACES FOR ASBESTOS. IF WE FIND ASBESTOS CONTAINING
11 MATERIAL, ACM, ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL, THEN WE HAVE A
12 SPECIALIZED CONTRACTOR COMES IN AND REMEDIATES FOR THAT
13 ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL. THAT MATERIAL DOES NOT GO, WOULD
14 NOT GO TO SAY THE CALABASAS LANDFILL, THAT GOES TO A SEPARATE
15 AND PERMITTED LANDFILL THAT IS DESIGNED TO TAKE ASBESTOS
16 CONTAINING MATERIAL. ONCE WE'RE CERTAIN THAT THERE'S NO
17 ASBESTOS, THEN WE GO ON AND WE REMOVE THE FIRE ASH AND DEBRIS
18 USING THE WET METHOD THAT I REFERRED TO EARLIER. AND THEN WE
19 ALSO REMOVE GREEN WASTE, WE ALSO REMOVE RECYCLABLES, AND THEN
20 CLEAN CONCRETE IS THE FINAL THING WE TAKE OUT. SO, I'LL PASS
21 IT BACK OVER.

22
23 **ROBERT FERRANTE:** YEAH, JUST TO CONTINUE WHAT HAPPENS ONCE
24 THERE'S A HANDOFF AT THE LANDFILL, ONCE WE RECEIVE THAT LOAD,
25 WE ACTUALLY HAVE OUR OWN SET OF STAFF, NOT ONLY AT THE SCALES,



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1 BUT WE HAVE HAZARDOUS WASTE INSPECTORS THAT WILL VISUALLY
2 INSPECT THE LOADS AS THEY'RE BEING DEPOSITED TO MAKE SURE
3 THERE'S NONE OF THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS DEBRIS THERE. THAT'S
4 SOMETHING WE DO ON A DAILY BASIS BECAUSE EVEN IN REGULAR
5 TRASH, EVEN IN RESIDENTIAL TRASH, WE AT TIMES FIND HAZARDOUS
6 WASTE INCLUDED IN THAT. WE FOLLOW THE SAME WET METHOD THAT WAS
7 DISCUSSED FOR SUNSHINE AND THAT THE ARMY CORPS IS FOLLOWING,
8 KEEPING IT WET, MAKING SURE NONE OF THAT MATERIAL BLOWS IN THE
9 WIND. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, THAT MATERIAL IS COVERED.
10 IT'LL BE COVERED UNDER 12 INCHES OF SOIL THAT'S PACKED ON TO
11 SEAL IT AT THE END OF THE DAY. SO NONE OF THAT, EVEN
12 OVERNIGHT, IF THERE'S WINDS, IF THERE'S OTHER ISSUES, THAT
13 MATERIAL IS ALL ESSENTIALLY ENCASED. THE NEXT DAY, THE PROCESS
14 STARTS AGAIN. SO, THE MOST POTENTIAL EXPOSURE IS WHILE WE'RE
15 WORKING DURING THE DAY BUT THAT'S SIMILAR TO WHAT ARMY CORPS
16 IS DOING, WE KEEP THE MATERIAL WET TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE NOT
17 ISSUES WITH WINDBLOWN DUST.

18
19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND WHEN YOU'RE CLEANING UP THE STREETS
20 FROM MUD FLOW FROM BURNT HILLSIDES, WHERE DOES THAT MATERIAL
21 GO?

22
23 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, THIS IS L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
24 OPERATING UNDER OUR FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT PERMITS AS WELL AS
25 L.A. COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT DOES WORK IN THE INTERCORPORATE



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1 AREAS. SO, I'M NOT GOING TO BE SPEAKING FOR L.A. CITY IN THEIR
2 ROAD DEPARTMENT. IN THE AREA THAT L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
3 DISTRICT OPERATES ANNUALLY WE CLEAR SEDIMENT, ROCK, DEBRIS,
4 SOIL FROM HILLSIDES THAT ARE FALLING APART OR MOVING INTO OUR
5 DEBRIS BASINS. SOME OF IT DOES ENTER INTO THE STREET SYSTEM AS
6 YOU KNOW. THAT MATERIAL IS COLLECTED AND TAKEN TO A NUMBER OF
7 LOCATIONS, INCLUDING LANDFILLS THAT ARE AUTHORIZED TO TAKE
8 THAT TYPE OF MATERIAL.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY, SO I KNOW THIS ISN'T OUR FIRST
11 FIRE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OR EVEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO
12 WHERE DID THE FIRE DEBRIS GO FOR WOOLSEY OR FOR BROADFIRE OR
13 FOR FRANKLIN OR WHERE IS WHERE HAS THAT DEBRIS GONE?

14

15 **ROBERT FERRANTE:** YEAH, AS AN OPERATOR OF THE CALABASAS
16 LANDFILL I CAN ANSWER THAT. SO, THE WOOLSEY FIRE THAT OCCURRED
17 BACK IN NOVEMBER OF 2019, THAT IT BURNED ABOUT 100,000 ACRES,
18 A NUMBER OF PARCELS AND PROPERTY WAS DESTROYED AND THAT FIRE
19 DEBRIS IN A SIMILAR WAY TO WHAT IS OCCURRING NOW, THAT THERE
20 WAS A FIRST PHASE TO CLEAR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OFF THE SITE.
21 THE SECOND PHASE DID COME TO CALABASAS AND OTHER LOCAL
22 LANDFILLS AT THAT TIME. CALABASAS ACTUALLY TOOK IN OVER
23 260,000 TONS OVER THE 18 MONTHS OF THAT OPERATION DURING THAT
24 TIME.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** SO, THERE WAS A HUNDRED THOUSAND ACRES
2 THAT BURNED. I KNOW PALISADES FOOTPRINT IS ABOUT 24,000. AND
3 YET WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A TOTAL OF MILLIONS OF TONS IS WHAT I
4 HAVE HEARD. SO HELP ME DO THAT MATH. I MEAN HOW BECAUSE I'VE
5 ALSO HEARD CONCERN ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF THIS DEBRIS THAT'S
6 COMING COMPARED TO WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST.

7
8 **ROBERT FERRANTE:** THE DEBRIS FILL IS MUCH MORE DENSIFIED WITH
9 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTS. IN THE PALISADES AREA, THERE ARE MORE
10 HOMES, SUPERVISOR, THAT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, CREATING MORE
11 DEBRIS.

12
13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND SO, THE WASTE THAT RESULTS FROM, SO
14 EVEN THOUGH THE FOOTPRINT IS SMALLER, THERE'S MORE DEBRIS TO
15 GO TO THE LANDFILLS.

16
17 **ROBERT FERRANTE:** THE WEIGHT OF THE DEBRIS IS MUCH LARGER
18 BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF HOMES THAT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

19
20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND BECAUSE OF THAT SCOPE, WHAT IS THE
21 PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN DAILY CAPACITY YOU'RE SEEKING FOR
22 SUNSHINE CANYON AND LANCASTER LANDFILLS?

23
24 **ROBERT FERRANTE:** GETTING THAT NUMBER NOW.



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1 MICHAEL STEWART: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, I'M MICHAEL STEWART. I'M
2 THE GENERAL MANAGER FOR SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL. I CAN SPEAK
3 TO THE SUNSHINE. WE'RE LOOKING FOR A 3,000 TON A DAY INCREASE
4 IN THE FIRE DEBRIS. SO THAT'S ABOUT A 20% INCREASE IN OUR
5 OVERALL PERMITTED TONNAGE.

6

7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** WELL, I KNOW THE LEA FOR CALABASAS HAS
8 ALREADY AUTHORIZED AN INCREASE. SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
9 WE'RE LOOKING AT, BECAUSE THERE ARE 17 LANDFILLS IN THIS AREA,
10 AND THERE HAVE BEEN CONCERNS EXPRESSED THAT ONE OR ANOTHER
11 LANDFILL MIGHT BE TAKING MORE DEBRIS THAN ANOTHER. SO, AN
12 EQUAL ISN'T NECESSARILY EQUITY. I WANT TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY
13 WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED OF THIS BOARD TODAY.

14

15 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** SUPERVISOR, I CAN ANSWER THE QUESTION FOR
16 CALABASAS. THE CHANGE IN TONNAGE IS FROM 3,500 TONS A DAY TO
17 5,000 TONS A DAY.

18

19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND IS THAT INCREASE THE SAME AT THE
20 OTHER LOCATIONS?

21

22 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YOU KNOW, WE'RE NOT THE LEA AT SUNSHINE,
23 SO I DON'T ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT THEIR FINAL NUMBERS ARE. I JUST
24 CAN SAY WHAT I KNOW GOT APPROVED FOR CALABASAS.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OK.

2

3 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** AND THEN I THINK THERE'S A REQUEST BEFORE
4 YOU TODAY FOR LANCASTER.

5

6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** YES, FOR SUNSHINE AND LANCASTER.

7

8 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** EXACTLY. BUT I CAN JUST TELL YOU WHAT THE
9 APPROVAL WAS FOR.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND FOR THOSE PREVIOUS FIRES, DID YOU GO
12 THROUGH THIS APPROVAL PROCESS AS WELL? WAS THERE AN INCREASE
13 ALLOWED, AN INCREASE OF TONNAGE ALLOWED AT EACH OF THE
14 LANDFILLS BEFORE?

15

16 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I THINK I WANT TO ASK SHAKIRA TO COME UP
17 AND ANSWER THAT AS THE LEA, BUT I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT YOU
18 DON'T HAVE TO, IF YOU DON'T INCREASE THE TONNAGE AND YOU DON'T
19 INCREASE THE HOURS, YOU DON'T NEED TO REQUEST OF THE LEA A
20 WAIVER.

21

22 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** UNDERSTOOD.

23

24 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** BUT, OKAY.

25



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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** SO THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING, DID WE, I
2 UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S MORE DEBRIS, EVEN THOUGH IT'S A
3 SMALLER FOOTPRINT, BUT STILL 100,000 ACRES IS NOTHING. SO, DID
4 YOU ASK FOR A WAIVER THE LAST TIME?

5

6 **SHIKARI NAKAGAWA-OTA:** SO, IN THE PAST, YES, LEA HAS APPROVED
7 THE REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY WAIVER FOR CALABASAS LANDFILL TO
8 ACCOMMODATE A TAX AT THE DEBRIS.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND CAN YOU GIVE ME AN EXAMPLE OF WHEN
11 YOU DID THAT?

12

13 **SHIKARI NAKAGAWA-OTA:** FOLLOWING THE PROCLAMATION OF THE STATE
14 EMERGENCY, THE OPERATOR CAN REQUEST THE EMERGENCY WAIVER. SO,
15 AFTER WOOLSEY FIRE, THERE WAS A REQUEST. RIGHT, REQUEST WAS
16 MADE AND BASED ON THE STATE REGULATION, LEA REVIEWED THE SITE
17 CONDITION AND AIR SPACE REMAINING TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE
18 CAPABLE OF ACCEPTING THE DISASTER DEBRIS.

19

20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND WILL ACCEPTING DEBRIS AT EACH OF
21 THESE LANDFILLS, THIS DEBRIS, ACCELERATE THEIR CLOSURE?

22

23 **SHIKARI NAKAGAWA-OTA:** IT DOES BECAUSE TAKING ON MORE SPEEDS UP
24 THE PROCESS OF THE INCREASE OF THE MASS. SO

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY

2

3 **SHIKARI NAKAGAWA-OTA:** YES.

4

5 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THAT'S A SPECIFIC QUESTION FOR CALABASAS. NOT
6 ALL OF THEM HAVE A LIMIT. THIS IS THE CALABASAS OPERATOR
7 SPEAKING. SO, FOR CALABASAS IT IS TRUE THAT THIS WILL SHORTEN
8 THE LIFE OF THE LANDFILL.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY.

11

12 **MARK PESTRELLA:** INCREASING THE LOAD.

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY. AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN A LOT
15 OF DISCUSSION AROUND WHAT HAPPENS, EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT IF
16 THIS DEBRIS, WHICH IS LICENSED TO GO TO THESE LANDFILLS,
17 ULTIMATELY DOES GO TO THESE LANDFILLS, WHAT HAPPENS IF WE
18 DON'T? WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DON'T COLLECT THE DEBRIS THAT'S OUT
19 THERE? AND I APPRECIATE THAT SOME HAVE SAID, NOT IN MY
20 BACKYARD, BUT NOT IN ANY BACKYARD, BUT WE ALL KNOW THIS DEBRIS
21 HAS TO GO SOMEWHERE. SO WITH THAT IN MIND, IF IT DOESN'T GO TO
22 THESE LANDFILLS THEN WHERE THEN WHERE?

23

24 **MARK PESTRELLA:** OKAY WELL SUPERVISOR WE'D BE SEEKING OTHER
25 LANDFILLS OUTSIDE THE AREA WE DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE A LIST TO



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1 BE ON THIS AREA THAT WE WERE OFFERING BUT WHAT HAPPENED IS
2 WE'D BE SEEKING TO ELIMINATE THE HEALTH HAZARD THAT IS UPON
3 THIS AREA RIGHT NOW BY FINDING OTHER PLACES TO DISPOSE OF THE
4 MATERIALS. AND THEN WHAT HAPPENS FROM AN ARMY CORPS AND FEMA
5 PERSPECTIVE?

6

7 **ERIC SWENSON:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK THE CRITICAL THING HERE IS
8 WE'VE GOT 13,000, ROUGHLY 13,500 PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY
9 DESTROYED STRUCTURES IN BOTH THE EATON FIRE-IMPACTED AREA AND
10 THE PALISADES FIRE-IMPACTED AREA AND ALL THAT FIRE ASH AND
11 DEBRIS IS IN AN UNCONTROLLED STATE RIGHT NOW. THOUGH EPA HAS
12 MOSTLY FINISHED, THE FIRE ASH AND DEBRIS IS IN AN UNCONTROLLED
13 STATE. AND WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT FOR THE HEALTH OF THIS
14 COMMUNITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH DECLARATION IS
15 THAT WE GET IT FROM AN UNCONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT TO A
16 CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT AS QUICKLY AND SAFELY AS POSSIBLE.

17

18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY. AND SO --

19

20 **WES MINDERMAN:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** CAN THE AUDIENCE PLEASE BE QUIET?

23

24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY. THIS IS MR. MINDERMAN FROM
25 CALRECYCLE. IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU WANTED TO CHIME IN. SO SORRY, I



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1 DIDN'T HAVE ANY INDICATION OF YOU RAISING YOUR HAND OR
2 ANYTHING, BUT.

3
4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THE AUDIENCE, PLEASE --

5
6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** GO AHEAD.

7
8 **WES MINDERMAN:** I HAD MY HAND RAISED BACK WHEN WE WERE TALKING
9 ABOUT PERMITTING DECISIONS. BUT AGAIN, I'M WES MINDERMAN. I'M
10 THE CHIEF OF THE ENGINEERING SUPPORT BRANCH HERE AT
11 CALRECYCLE. AND I WANT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION ABOUT IF NOT
12 THESE LANDFILLS WHICH BUT I ALSO WANT TO I JUST WANT TO CLEAR
13 UP ONE THING BECAUSE I THINK SOMETIMES OUR ROLE AT CALCYCLE
14 GETS A LITTLE CONFUSED. THE ACTUAL AUTHORITY THAT ALLOWS THESE
15 LANDFILLS TO TAKE THIS WASTE IS THE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE
16 REQUIREMENTS FOR DISASTERS ISSUED BY THE STATE WATER BOARD.
17 THAT ALLOWS THESE SPECIFIC LANDFILLS IN THE STATE AND THE
18 LANDFILLS YOU'RE CONSIDERING TODAY TO TAKE DISASTER-RELATED
19 DEBRIS. AND THAT'S HOW IT'S CLASSIFIED. DISASTER RELATED
20 DEBRIS NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. CALRECYCLE DOES NOT CLASSIFY
21 WASTE, DOES NOT OKAY LANDFILLS TO TAKE THIS WASTE. ITS SOLID
22 WASTE FACILITY PERMIT IS SPECIFIC THROUGH THE LEA, IS SPECIFIC
23 TO THE OPERATION. SO I JUST WANTED TO CLEAR THAT UP BECAUSE I
24 THINK SOMETIMES OUR ROLE IN ASSISTING THE DISASTER DEBRIS
25 OPERATION GETS CONFUSED WITH OUR ROLE ON HOW WE REGULATE



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1 LANDFILLS. WE ALSO HAVE A DEDICATED DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL
2 OFFICE. WE ASSIST THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE
3 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL LANDFILLS THAT CAN
4 TAKE THIS WASTE, THAT ARE PERMITTED TO TAKE IT, AND THAT ARE
5 IN THE AREA OR THE REGION OF THE DISASTER. SO, WE ALSO SERVE
6 THAT FUNCTION. AND I THINK IT GETS CONFUSED THAT WE APPROVE
7 LANDFILLS TO TAKE WASTE, WE DON'T. WITH RESPECT TO YOUR
8 SPECIFIC QUESTION ABOUT IF NOT HERE WHERE, YOU KNOW THERE ARE
9 THERE IS A LIST OF LANDFILLS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA THAT CAN
10 TAKE DISASTER RELATED DEBRIS, BUT IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A BENEFIT
11 TO HAVE A REGIONAL RECOVERY AND HAVE THOSE LANDFILLS THAT
12 ACCEPT THE WASTE AS CLOSE TO THE AFFECTED AREA AS POSSIBLE SO
13 WE CAN SPEED THAT OPERATION IN TERMS OF GETTING THE DEBRIS OUT
14 OF THE UNCONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT AND INTO THE DISPOSAL SITE AS
15 QUICKLY AND SAFELY AS POSSIBLE. SO, IF YOU WERE ASKING WHAT
16 SCENARIOS MIGHT OCCUR, THERE MIGHT BE OTHER LANDFILLS IN
17 RIVERSIDE COUNTY OR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY THAT MIGHT BE
18 APPROACHED TO SEE IF THEY COULD TAKE THE WASTE. BUT THE
19 DECISION ON WHICH LANDFILLS TO USE OPERATIONALLY RELIES WITH
20 THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THEIR CONTRACTOR.
21 CALRECYCLE JUST TRIES TO FACILITATE THAT BY IDENTIFYING
22 LANDFILLS THAT HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO TAKE THE DEBRIS.

23
24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY AND THEY HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO
25 TAKE THAT BECAUSE YOU HAVE LOOKED AT THE SITE AND LICENSED IT



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1 ACCORDING TO WHAT IT IS ALLOWED TO TAKE, CORRECT?

2

3 **WES MINDERMAN:** WE HAVE LOOKED AT THE SITE AND VERIFIED THAT
4 THEY DO HAVE THE LICENSES FROM THE OTHER REGULATORY AGENCIES
5 TO TAKE THAT DEBRIS.

6

7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY. AND SO I KNOW ANOTHER FIRE THAT'S
8 BEEN REFERENCED IS LAHAINA AND MY FRIENDS WHO WERE DIRECTLY
9 IMPACTED WHO LOST THEIR HOMES THERE. AND THEY ALSO SHARED WITH
10 ME THAT THEY WENT THROUGH THIS SAME PROCESS. AND CORRECT ME IF
11 I'M WRONG, BUT THAT THE DEBRIS FROM LAHAINA ACTUALLY WENT TO A
12 LANDFILL IN MAUI?

13

14 **ROBERT FENTON JR.:** WE ACTUALLY BUILT A TEMPORARY LANDFILL
15 RIGHT NEAR LAHAINA TO TEMPORARY HOLD IT. NOW THE COUNTY IS
16 PUTTING IT INTO A PERMANENT LANDFILL IN MAUI, IN CENTRAL MAUI.
17 THEY WERE LOOKING AT EXPANDING THEIR EXISTING LANDFILL OR
18 OPENING A NEW ONE JUST FOR THIS OPERATION AND THAT'S WHAT
19 THEY'RE DOING RIGHT NOW. THEY'RE IN THE PROCESS OF OPENING
20 THAT UP. WE WILL EVENTUALLY REMOVE THE TEMPORARY LANDFILL THAT
21 THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS CONSTRUCTED. I WOULD SAY A LANDFILL
22 TEMPORARILY, A HOLDING LOCATION THAT IS LINED AND PROTECTED
23 AND THEN MOVE IT TO THE PERMANENT LOCATION ONCE IT'S
24 CONSTRUCTED AND MEETS ALL THE CREDENTIALS.

25



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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY, SO NOT ONLY ARE WE FOLLOWING
2 PROTOCOL FROM PREVIOUS FIRES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE'RE ALSO
3 FOLLOWING PROTOCOLS, IT SOUNDS LIKE, FROM OTHER FIRES THAT
4 HAVE HAPPENED RECENTLY.

5
6 **ROBERT FENTON JR.:** YEAH, AND I WOULD JUST ADD TO THAT, YOU
7 KNOW, OUR AUTHORITY IS TO SUPPORT STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
8 IT'S TO REIMBURSE OR IN RARE INSTANCES LIKE THIS, TASK OTHER
9 FEDERAL AGENCIES TO HELP WITH RESPONDING TO WHATEVER THE
10 REQUIREMENT IS. AND IN THIS CASE, IT ENDS UP BEING, YOU KNOW,
11 PHASE ONE IN EPA AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND PHASE
12 TWO THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS. IT HAS BEEN OUR HISTORY THAT WE'VE
13 ALWAYS REMOVED IT TO THE CLOSEST LANDFILLS PERMITTED THAT HAVE
14 A LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SANCTIONED TO TAKE THE DEBRIS.
15 WE'VE DONE THAT IN ALL FIRES WE'VE BEEN IN. AND BECAUSE OF THE
16 PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER'S PUBLIC SAFETY THREAT, IT ALLOWS US TO
17 GO ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND REMOVE THAT FIRE GENERATED ASH. I
18 THINK ONE OF MY BIGGER CONCERNS IS IF WE DON'T GET THIS OUT OF
19 AN UNCONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT TO A CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT THAT'S
20 SET UP SPECIFICALLY TO HANDLE THIS, THEN YOU HAVE OTHER ISSUES
21 THAT YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH. AND FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, MY
22 CONCERNS START TO COME WITH, IF WE DON'T DO THAT, ARE WE
23 REALLY FALLING THE PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT AND HOW'S THAT IMPACT
24 ELIGIBILITY OF THE DEBRIS REMOVAL? AND IF WE'RE NOT BEING
25 REASONABLE AND MOVING IT TO THE CLOSEST LOCATION, YOU KNOW, IT



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1 STARTS TO CALL IN POTENTIAL ISSUES WITH REIMBURSEMENT OF THOSE
2 COSTS. SO YOU KNOW, I THINK THE COUNTY HAS A VERY GOOD PLAN ON
3 HOW TO DO THIS. WE ARE FOLLOWING THE APPLICABLE LOCAL AND
4 STATE LAWS WITH MOVING THIS TO THOSE LOCATIONS IN A TO COMPLY
5 WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH YOU KNOW NOTICE AND TO COMPLY WITH ALL
6 THE LOCAL REQUIREMENTS.

7
8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY I KNOW ANOTHER REMEDY THAT OUR
9 RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN SEEKING IS A TRO THROUGH THE COURTS, AND
10 WE JUST RECENTLY LEARNED THAT THAT WAS NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE
11 COURTS. BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE
12 COURTS ARE INVOLVED TO REVIEW OUR PROCESSES, TO REVIEW WHAT IS
13 BEFORE US, TO CONSIDER WHETHER THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE ARE
14 MISSING. IN ADDITION TO ALL OF THE VARIOUS AGENCIES THAT ARE
15 REPRESENTED HERE AS PART OF THIS PARTNERSHIP TO LEAD THIS
16 DEBRIS REMOVAL PROCESS, WE ALSO HAVE THE COURTS LOOKING AT
17 EXACTLY WHAT THIS PROCESS IS, WHAT OUR BEST PRACTICES ARE, AND
18 WHETHER WE ARE FOLLOWING THOSE ACCORDING TO THE SAFETY
19 STANDARDS THAT WE ARE HOLDING OURSELVES TO AS WELL. SO, I
20 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO ALSO NOTE THAT BECAUSE THIS IS VERY
21 COMPLICATED AND SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY. SO, I KNOW I'VE
22 ASKED A LOT OF QUESTIONS. I'LL DEFER TO MY COLLEAGUES IF THEY
23 HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.

24
25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM ANY, I DON'T



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1 SEE SUPERVISOR HAHN?

2

3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, I MEAN, I GUESS I WOULD JUST ASK
4 ROBERT FERRANTE, WHO'S THE OPERATOR OF THE CALABASAS LANDFILL
5 ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY. TWO THINGS THAT JUST STRUCK ME. ONE
6 WAS YOU SAID VISUALLY SOMETIMES WHEN MATERIAL COMES IN YOU
7 HAVE STAFF THERE THAT JUST VISUALLY CAN SEE WHETHER THERE'S
8 SOME ITEMS THAT SHOULDN'T BE THERE BUT I'M WONDERING IF IT'S
9 COMPLETELY ASH, HOW WOULD I WOULD ASSUME THERE'S NOT GOING TO
10 BE SOMETHING VISUAL THAT WOULD INDICATE IT'S TOXIC OR
11 HAZARDOUS?

12

13 **ROBERT FERRANTE:** THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION. YEAH, WITH
14 RESPECT TO, I THINK AS WAS MENTIONED WITH ASBESTOS, THERE'S
15 TESTING. AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO VISUALLY
16 DIFFERENTIATE ASBESTOS FROM THE ASH. AND THAT'S WHY THERE'S
17 TESTING AT THE SITE. SO, OUR STAFF IS LOOKING FOR THINGS THAT
18 ARE YES JUST VISIBLE BATTERIES, PAINT CANS, OTHER ELECTRONICS,
19 THOSE TYPES OF THINGS AND NOT THINGS THAT OBVIOUSLY THEY CAN'T
20 CATCH THAT ARE VISIBLE.

21

22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND THE OTHER THING WAS WE HEARD SOME
23 CONCERNS LONG TERM THAT THIS MATERIAL COULD LEAK, GET INTO THE
24 GROUNDWATER, SEEP INTO NEIGHBORHOODS, TALKING ABOUT SCHOOLS
25 NEARBY AND HOMES NEARBY. HOW DOES THIS LANDFILL PROTECT



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1 AGAINST THAT? WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT THE LANDFILL THAT YOU
2 OPERATE?

3
4 **ROBERT FERRANTE:** SURE, SO LANDFILLS THAT ARE PERMITTED FOR
5 FIRE DEBRIS MUST HAVE A LINER IN THAT, YOU HEARD ABOUT THE
6 LEACHATE SYSTEM THAT COLLECTS THE LIQUIDS. AND OTHER SITES
7 THAT DO NOT HAVE LINERS CANNOT ACCEPT FIRE DEBRIS AT ALL. BUT
8 LANDFILLS HAVE MULTIPLE PROTECTIONS IN PLACE. I MEAN, THEY
9 HAVE GAS SYSTEMS TO COLLECT THE GAS, TO BURN IT OFF, TO TREAT
10 IT, AND THEY HAVE EXTENSIVE MONITORING AS WELL. THERE'S
11 MONITORING WELLS AROUND THE CALABASAS LANDFILL THAT CHECK FOR
12 WATER QUALITY. IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THERE IS AN AREA OF
13 CALABASAS, THE OLDER SECTION WHICH WAS ON-LINE DOES THAT DOES
14 HAVE SOME GROUNDWATER THAT'S UNDER A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
15 WITH THE REGIONAL BOARD IT HAS BEEN UNDER THAT PLAN SINCE THE
16 YEAR 2000 WHERE WE'RE COLLECTING THAT WATER TREATING IT AND
17 REUSING IT ON SITE SO IT DOESN'T GET OFF SITE. THE WOOLSEY
18 FIRE DEBRIS THAT CAME IN CAME IN IN A LINE SECTION OF THE
19 LANDFILL, WHICH IS SEPARATE FROM THE UNLINED SECTION. THERE'S
20 BEEN NO EVIDENCE OF ANY CONTAMINATION FROM THAT MOVING OFF
21 SITE. AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK JUST TO EXPAND A LITTLE BIT, YOU
22 MENTIONED, WE MENTIONED THAT THE LEA HAS OVERSIGHT OF
23 OPERATIONS. WE'RE ALSO REGULATED BY THE SOUTH COAST AIR
24 QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT WITH RESPECT TO ALL THE GASES AND
25 ODORS. WE'RE ALSO REGULATED BY THE L.A. REGIONAL BOARD WITH



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1 RESPECT TO ALL THE WATER ISSUES, WHETHER IT BE GROUNDWATER OR
2 SURFACE WATER ISSUES AS WELL. AND THEY WILL, DURING THIS TIME,
3 HAVE ADDITIONAL INSPECTORS OUT AT THE SITE WHILE IT'S
4 RECEIVING FIRE DEBRIS.

5

6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND I THINK WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES HERE
9 PERHAPS THEY COULD SPEAK TO WHAT THEIR PROCESS WILL BE TO
10 MONITOR BOTH AIR AND WATER QUALITY.

11

12 **MARK PESTRELLA:** IS THE REGIONAL BOARD ONLINE?

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** I BELIEVE THEY WERE. SHE'S RIGHT BEHIND
15 YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GO AHEAD AND MENTION YOUR NAME, TITLE
18 PLEASE.

19

20 **JENNY NEWMAN:** HI, I'M JENNY NEWMAN. I'M THE ASSISTANT
21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER AT THE L.A. REGIONAL BOARD. AND SO THE
22 REGIONAL BOARD ISSUES A PERMIT TO ANY LANDFILL THAT WANTS TO
23 ACCEPT WASTE FROM DISASTER-RELATED DEBRIS. AND IN ADDITION TO
24 THAT SPECIFIC DISASTER-RELATED WASTE PERMIT, THE --

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** ANY LANDFILL OR --

2

3 **JENNY NEWMAN:** ANY LANDFILL THAT WISHES TO ACCEPT WASTE FROM A
4 FROM A BURN AREA A DISASTER AREA.

5

6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** I ASSUME IT'S A LANDFILL THAT'S CAPABLE
7 OF ACCEPTING THIS.

8

9 **JENNY NEWMAN:** YES. YES.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY, SO IT'S NOT ANY LANDFILL

12

13 **JENNY NEWMAN:** THAT'S RIGHT. NO, IT'S NOT ANY LANDFILL.

14

15 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** SO WHICH LANDFILLS WOULD YOU CONSIDER?

16

17 **JENNY NEWMAN:** THERE'S A LIST OF LANDFILLS THAT MEET THE
18 CRITERIA TO ACCEPT WASTE AND THEY HAVE TO HAVE LINERS AS MR.
19 FERRANTE SAID AND MEET THE CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT.

20

21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** SO, SINCE ONE OF THE LANDFILLS IN
22 CONSIDERATION DOES NOT HAVE A LINER IN SOME OF THE AREA, WHY
23 WOULD A PERMIT BE ISSUED TO THAT LANDFILL?

24

25 **JENNY NEWMAN:** THE PERMIT WOULD ONLY ALLOW THE WASTE TO BE



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1 DEPOSITED IN THE PART OF THE LANDFILL THAT HAS A LINER.

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND IT DOESN'T MOVE OR SHIFT?

4

5 **JENNY NEWMAN:** NO, IT DOESN'T. IT'S SEPARATE.

6

7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** IN WHAT WAY IS IT SEPARATE?

8

9 **JENNY NEWMAN:** I ACTUALLY DON'T KNOW THE EXACT SPECIFIC
10 PHYSICAL BARRIER BETWEEN THE UNLINED AND LINE PART OF THE
11 LANDFILL, BUT MR. FERRANTE COULD SPEAK TO THAT.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY PLEASE LIMIT THE COMMENTS FROM THE
14 PUBLIC YOU'RE GOING TO GET WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY GOTTEN ONE
15 WARNING. OKAY, THE WARNINGS THREE WARNINGS. YOU KNOW, SORRY

16

17 **ROBERT FERRANTE:** THE DIFFERENT LANDFILL SECTIONS ARE BUILT
18 THEY'RE KIND OF BASINS THAT ARE BUILT AND THEN LINED, THE
19 NEWER SECTIONS LINED AND IT'S HYDRAULICALLY THEN SEPARATED
20 FROM ANY OF THE OTHER PARTS YOU CAN IMAGINE IT'S KIND OF LIKE
21 A BOWL THAT'S LINED AND THE REFUSE IS PLACED IN IT AND THAT'S
22 WHY WE MONITOR AROUND THE LINE SECTION TO MAKE SURE NOTHING IS
23 MIGRATING OUT OF THAT OUT OF THAT BOWL OUT OF THAT FILL AREA.

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AND THERE'S NEVER BEEN A SITUATION WHERE



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1 A LINER HAS BEEN BREACHED?

2

3 **ROBERT FERRANTE:** NOT THAT WE'RE FAMILIAR WITH. I MEAN IT CAN
4 HAPPEN, BUT THERE ARE --

5

6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** HOW DO YOU KNOW IT CAN HAPPEN IF IT'S
7 NEVER HAPPENED?

8

9 **ROBERT FERRANTE:** WELL, IF A LINER IS BREACHED THERE'S
10 PROVISIONS IN PLACE TO EXTRACT THAT WATER AND TO TREAT IT TO
11 MAKE SURE IT'S NOT MOVING OFF-SITE. YOU CAN PLACE EXTRACTION
12 WELLS AROUND THE AREA. THIS IS A COMMON, IT HAPPENS AROUND
13 FUEL TANKS AND OTHER THINGS THAT LEAK THAT YOU PUT IN
14 EXTRACTION WELLS AND YOU EXTRACT THAT WATER AND THEN YOU TREAT
15 IT TO MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T CREATE AN IMPACT.

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THAT
18 INTERRUPTION.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

21

22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY ON SUPERVISOR
23 HORVATH'S LAST POINT. ALL OF THE LANDFILLS IN QUESTION TODAY
24 HAVE THE LINER.

25



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1 **ROBERT FERRANTE:** ALL THE LANDFILLS THAT WE'VE OFFERED TO THE
2 ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AS POSSIBLE, LANDFILLS TO BE USED,
3 HAVE THE PROPER LINER, SUPERVISOR.

4
5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. COUPLE OF THINGS THAT I
6 JUST HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC THAT THEY TALKED ABOUT THE TESTING
7 OF THE WASTE. HAS FEMA TESTED ALL THE WASTE IN PREVIOUS FIRES?
8 IS THIS SITUATION BEING TREATED ANY DIFFERENTLY? I'M SORRY TO
9 FORCE THE MUSICAL CHAIRS I APOLOGIZE.

10
11 **ROBERT FENTON JR.:** NOT BEFORE IT'S BEEN REMOVED. SO, WE'VE
12 ALWAYS, DEBRIS THAT IS FIRE-GENERATED DEBRIS IS ALWAYS BEEN
13 CHARACTERIZED AS HOUSEHOLD DEBRIS AND WE'VE NEVER TESTED IT
14 PRIOR TO IT MOVING. WHAT WE'VE DONE IS, IN SOME INSTANCES,
15 WE'VE GONE BACK TO THAT PROPERTY AND TESTED THE SOIL OF THAT
16 PROPERTY AFTER SIX INCHES OF MATERIAL OR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
17 MATERIAL WAS REMOVED FROM THAT PROPERTY. THERE IS TESTING THAT
18 EPA I THINK DOES AS PHASE ONE AND THEN YOU'VE HEARD THE CORPS
19 TALK ABOUT IN PHASE TWO THEY TEST FOR ASBESTOS. THAT'S THE
20 ONLY TESTING I'M AWARE OF THAT'S DONE PRE-REMOVAL OF MATERIAL.

21
22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, THE PATTERN IN PRACTICE IN THIS
23 SCENARIO IS NOT DIFFERENT FROM ANY PAST?

24
25 **ROBERT FENTON JR.:** NOT WITH REGARD TO PRIOR TO THE DEBRIS



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SUPERVISORS

1 REMOVED.

2

3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. THE CAUSE OF WHAT I'VE
4 HEARD YOU KNOW --

5

6 **ROBERT FENTON JR.:** AND I JUST WANT TO SAY AND ALSO, I THINK
7 CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE STATE HAS DONE ON THEIR OWN IN FIRES
8 THEY'VE REMOVED THE DEBRIS AND WE'VE REIMBURSED AND CONSISTENT
9 WITH WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A NORMAL HOUSEHOLD FIRE HERE IN L.A.
10 IS MY UNDERSTANDING. SO, I THINK ALL OF THEM ARE FOLLOWING
11 LOCAL REQUIREMENTS SET THAT WERE FOLLOWING NORMAL PROCESSES
12 AND PROCEDURES.

13

14 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** NOTHING DIFFERENT IN THIS SCENARIO.
15 I'VE HEARD THE RATIONALE FOR, YOU KNOW, STORAGE AS CLOSE AS
16 POSSIBLE THAT, YOU KNOW, DELAYING REMOVAL AND CONTAINMENT IS
17 INDEED IRRESPONSIBLE ON OUR PART. WHERE IS THE CLOSEST CLASS
18 ONE LANDFILL? WE TALKED ABOUT SOME NEIGHBORING COUNTIES.

19

20 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE AN EXPERT ON LANDFILLS
21 HERE. I'M GOING TO BRING HIM UP AND ANSWER THAT QUESTION
22 BECAUSE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A CLASS ONE LANDFILL. SO, I'M
23 GOING TO BRING CHRIS SHEPPARD UP WHO'S OUR SOLID WASTE MANAGER
24 TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

25



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1 CHRIS SHEPPARD. THANK YOU DIRECTOR, THANK YOU SUPERVISORS. MY
2 NAME IS CHRIS SHEPPARD, I'M A PRINCIPAL ENGINEER WITH
3 ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS DIVISION AT PUBLIC WORKS OVERSEEING
4 SOLID WASTE ACTIVITIES. THE NEAREST CLASS ONE LANDFILL IS
5 KETTLEMAN CITY LANDFILL UP NORTH.

6
7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GOT IT. WE'VE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC
8 AGAIN, OH, THAT THERE ARE OTHER DISPOSAL OPTIONS, JUST KIND OF
9 REFERENCED REPEATEDLY. AND SO, DO YOU HAVE A SENSE OF WHAT I
10 THINK THE PUBLIC MEANS WHEN THEY SAY THAT, THAT THERE ARE
11 OTHER DISPOSAL OPTIONS? ARE THEY?

12
13 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, NO, I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER
14 CURRENT DISPOSAL PROCESS THAT WE'RE UTILIZING L.A. COUNTY TO
15 MANAGE OUR SOLID WASTE. ALTHOUGH WE'RE TRYING TO MOVE TO, YOU
16 KNOW, REDUCING THE USE OF LANDFILLS AS YOU KNOW. WE CONTINUE
17 TO USE THEM AS THE SOURCE OF OUR DISPOSAL IN L.A. COUNTY.

18
19 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GOT IT. AND CAN I PIGGYBACKING ON THAT
20 I APPRECIATE YOU SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR ASKING THE QUESTION TO
21 TRY TO GET A SENSE OF THE TONNAGE INCREASE FOR THE OTHER
22 LANDFILLS AND I KNOW THAT DR. FERRER COULDN'T RESPOND BEYOND
23 THE ONE THAT THE LEA SHE'S INVOLVED IN. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE
24 HERE THAT CAN RESPOND TO THAT QUESTION? DO YOU KNOW IF THERE
25 IS?



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** TO WHICH?

3

4 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THE QUESTION YOU RAISED ABOUT THE
5 TONNAGE INCREASE FOR OTHER LANDFILLS DR. FERRER RESPONDED SO
6 THE LEA ONLY RESPONDS TO THE LEA FOR --

7

8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** FOR CALABASAS, AND THEY ALSO THEY HAVE A
9 SEPARATE LEA FOR LANCASTER SO SHE CAN ALSO SPEAK TO THAT ONE.

10

11 **MARK PESTRELLA:** WE HAVE THE LEA FOR SUNSHINE HERE AS WELL AS
12 CALABASAS.

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** SO, ALL THREE ARE REPRESENTED HERE.

15

16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO IF WE CAN HEAR THAT RESPONSE. JUST
17 IN FOLLOWING SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S QUESTION AROUND KIND OF A
18 SENSE OF EQUITY VERSUS EQUALITY. JUST CURIOUS WHAT THAT
19 PERCENTAGE IS.

20

21 **SHIKARI NAKAGAWA-OTA:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

22

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

24

25 **SHIKARI NAKAGAWA-OTA:** OKAY, THANK YOU. SO, FOR LANCASTER



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1 LANDFILL, THE LAE EMERGENCY WAIVER WAS GRANTED TO INCREASE THE
2 PERMITTED TONNAGE FROM 5,100 TO 9,100 AND EXPANDING THE
3 OPERATING HOURS FROM 5:00 TO 8:00 TO 5:00 TO 10:00 P.M. SO
4 THIS IS JUST RELATED TO LEA EMERGENCY WAIVER. RELATED TO LEA
5 EMERGENCY WAIVER.

6
7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND LAST QUESTION FOR ME, I UNDERSTOOD
8 THAT FROM THE GENTLEMAN PARTICIPATING VIRTUALLY ABOUT THE
9 DISASTER RELATED DEBRIS REMOVAL. AND I'M CURIOUS ABOUT HOW THE
10 PUBLIC IS MADE AWARE OF ANY WASTE REMOVAL PROCESSES THAT
11 DIFFER IN A DISASTER RELATED DEBRIS REMOVAL SCENARIO? HOW ARE
12 THEY COMMUNICATED WITH?

13
14 **WES MINDERMAN:** SUPERVISOR, THIS IS WES MINDERMAN FROM
15 CALRECYCLE. I APPRECIATE YOUR QUESTION. TYPICALLY, IN A
16 DISASTER-RELATED SCENARIO, WE ARE REALLY RELYING ON THE
17 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM TO DO THAT COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE
18 ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC. CALRECYCLE IS SUPPORTING
19 THAT INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM DIRECTLY IN TERMS OF DISPOSAL
20 SITES. BUT IN TERMS OF THAT INFORMATION, THAT DAY-TO-DAY
21 INFORMATION ON THE OPERATION AND WHERE WASTE IS GOING AND
22 ROUTING AND THOSE THINGS, WE DEFER TO THE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT
23 TEAM ON THAT.

24
25 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** THANKS, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THE FRAMEWORK, I



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1 WOULD CHANGE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM BECAUSE WHEN WE'RE IN
2 RECOVERY WE USE A WHOLE OF COMMUNITY RECOVERY TASK FORCE
3 MODEL. THIS WAS INTRODUCED EARLY ON IN THE BOARD MOTIONS
4 RELATED TO RECOVERY. THERE WAS ALSO AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OUT OF
5 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE THAT WAS ALSO AROUND SOME OF THESE
6 ACTIVITIES. SO REALLY WHILE THE FIRES WERE STILL BURNING,
7 THERE WAS ALREADY DISCUSSIONS THAT WERE COMMUNITY FACING
8 AROUND WHAT THE RECOVERY STEPS WOULD BE. IT IS NO ONE
9 PARTICULAR ACTION THAT SAYS THIS IS HOW WE'RE GOING TO
10 COMMUNICATE TO THE COMMUNITY. IT'S MULTI-PRONGED. WE'VE DONE
11 NUMEROUS TOWN HALLS. THOSE TOWN HALLS STARTED WITH THE FIRE
12 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS, ALL OF THE FIRES AROUND WHERE WE
13 WERE GOING TO BE TRANSITIONING FROM THE FIRE RESPONSE TO THE
14 RECOVERY OF WHICH PHASE ONE WAS INITIALLY THE MOST TALKED
15 ABOUT BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST IN THAT CYCLE. IN ADDITION TO
16 THAT I KNOW THE SUPERVISOR OFFICES HAVE HOSTED TOWN HALLS,
17 THERE'S BEEN QUITE A BIT OF BRIEFINGS AT THE BOARD MEETINGS,
18 EVERY WEDNESDAY WE DO PRESS CONFERENCES, SO IT'S BEEN A PRETTY
19 ROBUST COMMUNITY OUTREACH ON THESE DIFFERENT TOPICS.

20
21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** WELL, IT'S MY SENSE THAT THOSE
22 COMMUNICATIONS HAVE REALLY TARGETED THE COMMUNITIES DIRECTLY
23 IMPACTED BY THE FIRE. AS WE HEAR FROM RESIDENTS TODAY, THEY'RE
24 NOT IN THE AREAS IMPACTED BY THE FIRE. THEY NOW LIVE IN AREAS
25 IN VERY CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A LANDFILL. CALABASAS BUILT IN



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SUPERVISORS

1 1961, SOME LONG-STANDING LANDFILLS. SO THAT'S MY QUESTION IS
2 ONCE THE DECISION IS MADE ABOUT WHERE TO LOCATE THE DEBRIS,
3 HOW IS THAT COMMUNICATION MANAGED WITH PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN
4 THOSE COMMUNITIES?

5

6 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, WE'VE BEEN MEETING WITH THE CITY
7 OF CALABASAS AS EARLY AS A WEEK OR TWO AFTER THE EVENT
8 HAPPENING. WE HAVE BEEN, WE'VE HAD, OUR DEBRIS SECTION HAS
9 BEEN AT THE BUREAUCRATIC LEVEL THERE OF LIKE

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** QUIET PLEASE, OUT IN THE AUDIENCE. QUIET.

12

13 **MARK PESTRELLA:** WHAT DO YOU SAY WE'RE COMMUNICATING WHAT THE
14 USE OF MENTAL WOULD BE FOR THAT PURPOSE.

15

16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** PLEASE CAN YOU STOP DISRUPTING THE
17 MEETING. I CAN'T HEAR HIS ANSWER. I CAN'T HEAR HIS ANSWER.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** LISTEN, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CLOSE IT
20 DOWN. IF YOU DON'T, PLEASE REMAIN QUIET. YOU CAN LIFT YOUR
21 HANDS OR THUMBS DOWN, BUT PLEASE SO WE CAN HEAR THE PANELISTS
22 OUT OF COURTESY. THANK YOU.

23

24 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SO AS KEVIN WAS MENTIONING, WE'VE REACHED OUT
25 BOTH AT THE PUBLIC LEVEL, AS YOU'VE BEEN SEEING IN WORKSHOPS,



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SUPERVISORS

1 THERE HAVE BEEN, I'VE BEEN TO MANY, MANY, MANY WORKSHOPS,
2 THEY'RE NOT ONLY, THEY'RE NOT LIMITED TO JUST THOSE IN THE
3 BURN AREAS, SUPERVISOR.

4

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

6

7 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THE AREAS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, THIS
8 LANDFILL SPECIFICALLY LOCATED, DID EXPERIENCE SEPARATE BURN
9 AREAS AS WELL. SO THEY WERE OPEN TO PUBLIC. WE ALSO MET WITH
10 SUPERVISOR WITH THE ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM CALABASAS AND THE
11 OTHER AREAS TO INFORM THEM OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING WITH RESPECT
12 TO CALABASAS LANDFILL. IT'S DOCUMENTED, I CAN PROVIDE THE
13 DOCUMENTATION.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY. I JUST WANT TO ASK REALLY MORE OF A
18 COMMENT. I KNOW TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, ABOUT
19 OUTREACH. I THINK IT'S ALWAYS CRITICAL NO MATTER WHERE WE LAND
20 ON THIS. IF IT'S TAKING THE MATERIALS TO A LANDFILL OR USING
21 OTHER SITES FOR RECOVERY AND SORTING, AS WE DID IN AZUSA, THE
22 LARIO PARK, THAT WE COULD HAVE LESSONS LEARNED BECAUSE WE HAD
23 ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT WERE VERY CONCERNED THAT THEY WERE NOT
24 NOTIFIED, CITY AS WELL AS THE STATE. AND TO BE HONEST, IT WAS
25 PROBABLY UNNECESSARY. BUT FOLLOWING THAT, I THINK IT WAS



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1 IMPORTANT THAT THE EPA AND ARMY CORPS HELD THEIR OWN
2 DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. I WOULD WANT THAT TO HAPPEN
3 AT A MORE RAPID TIME, THINGS LIKE THIS CONTINUE TO GO ON. I
4 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE
5 PROCESS IS. I DON'T THINK RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF DUARTE OR
6 SURROUNDING AREAS OF IRWINDALE AND AZUSA FULLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT
7 WAS TAKING PLACE AND HOW DECISIONS WERE MADE. SO, MOVING
8 FORWARD, I WOULD SAY TO ALL OF US, AND THAT INCLUDES MYSELF,
9 THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE ALL IN THE LOOP AND WE CAN
10 BETTER UNDERSTAND THE PROCESSES. WHAT I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT
11 ACTUALLY IS IF THERE ARE LIABILITIES IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING
12 AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT ISN'T ENTIRELY IN OUR HANDS IN TERMS
13 OF THE COUNTY. SO THAT'S BEING DRIVEN BY THE URGENCY OF THE
14 WHITE HOUSE WANTING THIS CLEANUP AND RECOVERY TO HAPPEN FAST,
15 BUT ALSO EFFICIENT AND IN A SAFE WAY. SO I KNOW THAT'S MY JOB
16 TO MAKE SURE THAT THINGS ARE SAFE. AND SOMEONE WHO HAS WORKED
17 ON EJ ISSUES, THEY'RE VERY IMPORTANT. AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO
18 HEAR OUT THE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE THEIR CONCERNS, BUT ALSO TO
19 GIVE THEM THE ASSURANCES THAT THERE ARE PROTOCOLS THAT ARE
20 BEING FOLLOWED. SO, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT, AND I KNOW
21 WE'VE HAD THOSE DISCUSSIONS WITH SOME OF YOU AND YOUR STAFF. I
22 APPRECIATE THAT. BUT MOVING FORWARD, I THINK SOMETIMES MORE
23 INFORMATION IS BETTER. SO I WOULD JUST UNDERSCORE THAT. SO,
24 THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** I JUST WANTED TO NOTE, I KNOW THAT THE
2 CALABASAS COUNCIL MEMBERS SHARED WITH ME THAT THEY, YOU KNOW,
3 THE VERY FIRST TOWN HALL THAT WE HELD TO TRY AND GET THEM
4 ENGAGED WITH WHAT THIS PROCESS WAS GOING TO BE WASN'T A
5 DISCUSSION. IT WAS, HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING. AND I THINK
6 THAT'S, IT WAS EXPRESSED TO ME BY AT LEAST ONE COUNCIL MEMBER
7 THAT THAT WAS HIS FRUSTRATION. THAT YOU KNOW, THERE WAS A
8 BELIEF THAT AT SOME POINT CALABASAS WAS GOING TO HAVE, THE
9 COUNCIL OR SOMEBODY WAS GOING TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE.
10 AND I THINK WHAT WE'VE HEARD IS THAT THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS.
11 THE LICENSE DETERMINES WHAT DEBRIS IS ACCEPTED. THE DEBRIS
12 THAT IS IDENTIFIED IS THEN MATCHED TO A LOCATION THAT HAS THAT
13 PARTICULAR LICENSE. AND EVERY LANDFILL THAT HAS THAT LICENSE
14 HAS THE ABILITY TO ACCEPT THIS DEBRIS. I THINK WHAT YOU'RE
15 HEARING FROM OUR COMMUNITY IS A REQUEST THAT IS FOR SOME
16 PEOPLE, THEY JUST WANT NOTHING. THEY DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO GO
17 TO ANY OF THESE LANDFILLS. AND I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT
18 FRUSTRATION BECAUSE THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THIS MATERIAL
19 IS. I REALLY GET THAT ON A HUMAN LEVEL. I DO. AND I ALSO
20 UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE TO MOVE THIS DEBRIS TO A PLACE WHERE
21 OUR BEST PRACTICES INDICATE TO US THAT THIS IS THE PLACE FOR
22 IT TO GO IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE SAFE IN A COMMUNITY. AND WE
23 HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BEST PRACTICES THAT WE HAVE IN
24 PLACE AREN'T JUST LIP SERVICE. AND THAT'S, I THINK, BEHIND A
25 LOT OF THE FRUSTRATION HERE TODAY TOO, IS THERE ARE SOME



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1 ISSUES ONGOING WITH SOME OF OUR LANDFILLS THAT ARE
2 UNADDRESSED. AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE ISSUES ARE
3 ADDRESSED. AND I WOULD SAY THAT IF WE HAD A DIFFERENT KIND OF
4 STRUCTURE OVER THE GOVERNANCE OF LANDFILLS, THEN WE MIGHT HAVE
5 DIFFERENT OUTCOMES WITH LANDFILLS. AND I THINK THAT'S
6 SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT BECAUSE THIS ISN'T THE
7 FIRST ISSUE ON LANDFILLS THAT'S COME TO THIS BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS THAT HAS CAUSED GREAT UPSET IN COMMUNITIES. AND
9 IT'S FRUSTRATING. SO, I KNOW, AGAIN, THAT'S NOT BEFORE US
10 TODAY EITHER, BUT I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT I'M HEARING
11 BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE UPSET. AND THAT UPSET IS WARRANTED, IT IS
12 VALID. AND WE HAVE TO TAKE THIS MATERIAL TO A PLACE THAT IS
13 DEEMED LEGALLY APPROPRIATE FOR THIS KIND OF REMOVAL.

14
15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THERE ARE NO OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD
16 MEMBERS AND SEEING NONE FROM OUR PANEL THEN I THINK WHAT I
17 WILL WHAT WE'LL DO RIGHT NOW IS JUST TABLE THIS ITEM SO THAT
18 SUPERVISOR BARGER CAN COME BACK AND VOTE. CAN YOU, MA'AM CAN
19 YOU PLEASE SIT DOWN WE'RE NOT GOING TO VOTE AT THIS MOMENT CAN
20 YOU PLEASE SIT DOWN AND CAN I HAVE THE STAFF PLEASE? IT'S BEEN
21 WARM MA'AM. I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE TRYING TO CONDUCT OUR
22 BUSINESS. WE'RE GOING TO HOLD OFF AND TABLE THIS UNTIL
23 SUPERVISOR OR CHAIRWOMAN COMES BACK. SHE'S IN A MEETING. SO,
24 WE'LL ALLOW FOR FOLKS TO LEAVE NOW, THE PANEL, AND THEN WE'LL
25 BRING BACK THIS ITEM ONCE WE HAVE THE CHAIRWOMAN HERE. OKAY?



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1 SO, FOR NOW, WE'RE GOING TO GO, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
2 COMING. THIS IS AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF TIME BUT IT'S VERY
3 IMPORTANT AND I THANK YOU FOR ALL COMING AND LISTENING.

4

5 **DAWYN HARRISON:** IF YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE THE BOARDROOM, PLEASE
6 LEAVE QUIETLY. YOU'RE BEING DISRUPTIVE. WE'RE TRYING TO
7 CONDUCT THE MESS OF THE MEETING.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU FOR COMING THANK YOU FOR COMING
10 YEAH THANK YOU. WE'RE MOVING ON TO OUR PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.
11 SO, WE ARE NOT GOING TO GO ON TO ITEM 5 AT THIS TIME. WE'RE
12 GOING TO GO INTO THE SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. SO,
13 WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
14 PLEASE SWEAR IN THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE REQUESTING
15 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INCLUDING IN PERSON
18 GO AHEAD MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INCLUDING IN PERSON AND REMOTE
19 SPEAKERS WHO ARE REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC
20 HEARING ITEMS PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE
21 SWORN IN. PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE TESTIMONY YOU GIVE BEFORE
22 THIS BOARD YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE
23 TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH TO HELP YOU, SO HELP YOU GOD.
24 THANK YOU, YOU MAY BE SEATED.

25



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY, THANK YOU. ON ITEM 1 FOR THE MEMBERS
2 OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE AND THEN
3 ZERO. NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
4 READ IN THE SHORT TITLE.

5
6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 1 IS A HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER PRJ
7 2023003193 AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 2 ADMINISTRATION AND
8 TITLE 22 PLANNING AND ZONING WITH A TITLE 22 TUNE UP SERIES
9 003 ORDINANCE TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS WHERE NECESSARY TO CORRECT
10 DISCREPANCIES, TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS, AND OUTDATED AND
11 REDUNDANT PROVISIONS. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED
12 AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

13
14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I BELIEVE AMY BODECK IS HERE. AVAILABLE FOR
15 ANY QUESTIONS, IF ANY MEMBERS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. WOULD ANY
16 SUPERVISOR LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? NO? OKAY. OKAY.
17 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
18 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM.

19
20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON
21 SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THIS ITEM. MODERATOR, MAY WE
22 HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

23
24 **MODERATOR:** T. CARTER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GO AHEAD, CALLER.

2

3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

4

5 **MODERATOR:** T. CARTER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** IS THIS REGULAR PUBLIC COMMENT?

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** NO, NO, NO, NO. WE'RE ON PUBLIC HEARING
10 ITEMS, ITEM NUMBER 1, AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE, PLANNING AND
11 ZONING.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** I'LL WAIT BACK. OK. ALL RIGHT.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OK, THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS
16 ON THE LINE? MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS
17 IN THE QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. OKAY, SEEING NO OTHER
18 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND NO IN-PERSON AS WELL. NO IN-PERSON. OKAY.
19 THEN IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND
20 VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 1 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
21 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
22 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

23

24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

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

4

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

6

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

8 HORVATH?

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4 TO

17 0.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY VERY GOOD, MOVING ON TO ITEM NUMBER 2

20 FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE PLEASE PRESS ONE

21 AND ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON THE ITEM EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE

22 READ THE SHORT TITLE.

23

24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 2 IS A HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER PRJ

25 2021002039 TO APPROVE THE GENERAL PLAN SAFETY ELEMENT



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 AMENDMENT TO IDENTIFY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN ANY HAZARD
2 AREA IDENTIFIED IN A SAFETY ELEMENT THAT DO NOT HAVE AT LEAST
3 TWO EMERGENCY EVACUATION ROUTES. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS
4 SUBMITTED AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

5
6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ANY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WISHING TO SPEAK ON
7 THE ITEM? OKAY, SEEING NONE. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
8 THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE
9 ITEM.

10
11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS HAVE
12 SIGNED UP FOR THIS ITEM MODERATOR. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT REMOTE
13 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

17
18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
19 THEN TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 2
20 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
21 MITCHELL. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
22 THE ROLL.

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



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

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

4

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

6

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

8 HORVATH?

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 SUP JANICE HAHN: AYE.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-0.

17

18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. MOVING ON, MEMBERS, TO ITEM

19 NUMBER 3. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE

20 PRESS ZERO, THEN PLEASE PRESS ONE AND THEN ZERO. NOW TO

21 COMMENT ON THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE SHORT

22 TITLE.

23

24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 3 IS A HEARING ON ADOPTION OF A

25 RESOLUTION ACTING AS A GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE



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SUPERVISORS

1 PROTECTION DISTRICT TO INCREASE THE 2024 DEVELOPER FEE PROGRAM
2 RATES FOR THREE AREAS OF BENEFIT, INCLUDING AREA ONE MALIBU,
3 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, CITY OF CALABASAS, AREA TWO SANTA
4 CLARITA VALLEY AND AREA THREE ANTELOPE VALLEY. NO DEPARTMENTAL
5 STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

6
7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I BELIEVE OUR CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE MIGHT BE
8 HERE, BUT IF CHIEF MARRONE, THERE ARE NO REQUESTS FOR A
9 PRESENTATION ON THIS, NO SUPERVISORS REQUESTING TO SPEAK ON
10 THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE
11 PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM.

12
13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME
14 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. STEPHEN LAM. MODERATOR, MAY
15 WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER PLEASE.

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

19
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WE DO HAVE A PUBLIC SPEAKER. GO AHEAD, SIR.

21
22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. YOU'RE CONSIDERING RAISING THE FEE
23 FOR DEVELOPERS SPECIFICALLY FOR CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICTS.
24 I'M IN ALTADENA AND I JUST WENT THROUGH THE FIRE. I LOST
25 EVERYTHING I OWNED. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DID NOT FIGHT OUR



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SUPERVISORS

1 FIRE. AND THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF EXCUSES WHY THAT HAPPENED,
2 BUT I'VE TALKED TO EVERY ALTADENA I CAN FIND IN EVERY
3 NEIGHBORHOOD IN TOWN AND THOSE OF US WHO STAYED BEHIND AND
4 DIDN'T EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY ALL HAVE THE SAME STORY TO TELL
5 THE PEOPLE WHO SAVED OR WHATEVER GOT SAVED DID IT WITH GARDEN
6 HOSES AND PUMPS ATTACHED TO SWIMMING POOLS WE SHOULD NOT BE
7 SPENDING MORE MONEY ON A SYSTEM THAT DOES NOT WORK AND HAS
8 PROVEN TO COMPLETELY AND TOTALLY FAIL US. IF WE'RE GOING TO
9 SPEND MONEY ON FIRE PROTECTION, WE SHOULD BUILD NEIGHBORHOOD
10 CISTERNS AND TEACH PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOW TO USE PUMPS
11 AND FIGHT THEIR OWN FIRES BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT ACTUALLY WORKED
12 IN ALTADENA.

13
14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, SIR, WE'RE SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.
15 SEEING NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN THE QUEUE OR PUBLIC IT WOULD BE
16 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM.
17 ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. I WILL SECOND
18 TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

19
20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

21
22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

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

5

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

7

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

9

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

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4 TO
13 0.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. VERY GOOD MEMBERS. LET'S GO TO
16 ITEM NUMBER 5 AND WHAT WE'LL DO HERE IS OPEN IT UP FOR PUBLIC
17 COMMENT FIRST AND THEN WE'LL HEAR FROM THE SUPERVISORS.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
20 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** LET ME. EXCUSE ME. EXCUSE ME. BEFORE WE OPEN
23 THAT UP, LET ME JUST READ IN THE TITLE. WHAT WE'RE WHAT WE ARE
24 GOING TO BE HEARING. WE'LL MOVE TO THIS ITEM IS THE RESOLUTION
25 OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROTECTING



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SUPERVISORS

1 QUALIFYING INCOME ELIGIBLE TENANTS DIRECTLY FINANCIALLY
2 IMPACTED BY THE JANUARY 2025 WINDSTORMS AND CRITICAL WILDFIRE
3 EVENTS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF
4 THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO. NOW
5 TO COMMENT ON THE ITEM. AND WE DO HAVE RAFAEL CARBAJAL HERE, I
6 BELIEVE, AND HIS STAFF, CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS,
7 AVAILABLE IF THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS.

8

9 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE PROPOSED
10 AMENDMENTS, SO IF WE WANT THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON THE, TELL
11 ME YOUR PREFERENCE. I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW I HAVE PROPOSED
12 AMENDMENTS. SO, I DON'T KNOW IF IT MAKES SENSE TO HEAR FROM
13 THE PUBLIC FIRST. THEY WILL NOT THEN BE ABLE TO COMMENT ON THE
14 AMENDMENTS.

15

16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I MEAN, I'D LIKE TO HEAR THE AMENDMENT AND I
17 THINK IN THE PUBLIC WOULD IT WOULD BE MORE COMPREHENSIVE OF
18 WHAT THEY'RE COMMENTING ON.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** BUT THAT'S FINE. OUR CHAIRWOMAN IS BACK.

21

22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** WE WERE JUST STARTING.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, I KNOW WE'RE ON NUMBER 5.
25 YOU WANT TO HEAR?



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SUPERVISORS

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2 SUP. HOLLY J. MICHELL: YEAH, I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO HEAR
3 FROM THE PUBLIC FIRST. THE POINT I RAISED WAS JUST THAT I'VE
4 GOT AMENDMENTS THAT I WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AND SO
5 IF WE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC FIRST, THEY WOULDN'T BE COMMENTING
6 ON THE PROPOSAL.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THEN WHY DON'T YOU INTRODUCE
9 YOUR AMENDMENT?

10

11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU. BOTH OF
12 YOU. I WANT TO THANK COUNTY COUNSEL FOR THE QUICK TURNAROUND
13 IN DRAFTING THE RESOLUTION LANGUAGE THAT'S BEFORE US TODAY.
14 AND AFTER TAKING SOME TIME TO DIGEST THE AMENDMENTS TO LAST
15 WEEK'S MOTION AND THE DISCUSSION WE HAD ON THE FLOOR INTO
16 TALKING TO VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS, I'M PROPOSING CLARIFYING
17 AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION. THE AMENDMENTS ARE
18 INTENDED TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE ALIGNED WITH THE DESIRE I HEARD
19 LAST WEEK TO TAKE WHAT WE LEARNED DURING COVID AND MAKE THIS
20 RESOLUTION TAILORED AND SPECIFIC TO TENANTS WHOSE INCOME HAS
21 BEEN IMPACTED BY THE WILDFIRES. THE INTENTION OF THIS
22 RESOLUTION LANGUAGE IS TO ENSURE TENANTS HAVE APPROPRIATE
23 BREATHING ROOM TO RECEIVE RELIEF AND FIND NEW EMPLOYMENT AS
24 NEEDED DUE TO THE FIRES, AND TO ENSURE LANDLORDS ARE MADE
25 WHOLE BY THEIR TENANTS BECOMING CURRENT ON THEIR RENT AS FAST



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1 AS POSSIBLE, INCLUSIVE OF UTILIZING FIRE RELIEF OR RENT RELIEF
2 FUNDS. WE HAD AN EXTENDED CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT. SO, THE
3 AMENDMENT LANGUAGE I OFFER TODAY PROVIDES CLARIFICATION ON THE
4 UNEMPLOYMENT PIECE AS PART OF THE TENANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
5 FOR THE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE. IF YOU ARE A TENANT THAT WAS
6 ECONOMICALLY IMPACTED BY THE FIRES AND NEED TIME TO GET
7 CURRENT ON YOUR RENT, YOU'LL NEED TO APPLY TO A WILDFIRE
8 RELIEF FUND. THIS IS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE RESOLUTION.
9 HOWEVER, MY PROPOSED AMENDMENT LANGUAGE WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT
10 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THESE PROTECTIONS, A TENANT MUST DO THE
11 FOLLOWING. IF THEY ARE UNEMPLOYED, BE ACTIVELY SEEKING
12 EMPLOYMENT. AND IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT
13 BENEFITS, THEY MUST HAVE APPLIED FOR THOSE AS WELL. REMEMBER
14 WE'RE ASKING FOR YOU KNOW INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION OF THE
15 NEED BUT WE'RE JUST ADDING THESE TWO KIND OF ADDITIONAL
16 CRITERIA. ADDITIONALLY, MY AMENDMENT LANGUAGE WOULD REQUIRE
17 TENANTS TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION TO THEIR LANDLORD SUPPORTING
18 THEIR SELF ATTESTATION THAT SHOWS THEY HAVE APPLIED TO THE
19 RELIEF OR INCOME REPLACEMENT FUNDS AND ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING
20 EMPLOYMENT. THIS IS NOT A NEW CONCEPT. THIS EVIDENCE HAS
21 ALWAYS BEEN REQUIRED BY A COURT TO SUPPORT A CLAIM OF AN
22 AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE TEND TO
23 LOOSELY USE THE LANGUAGE EVICTION MORATORIUM, BUT WHAT THIS
24 COUNTY HAS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED DURING COVID WAS AND IS SIMPLY
25 AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE AGAINST EVICTION. IF BROUGHT TO COURT



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1 BY A LANDLORD, IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND THAT
2 THE RENT IS STILL DUE. AND WE GOT TONS OF CALLS AND HEARD
3 PUBLIC TESTIMONY THAT WHEN WE USE THAT TERMINOLOGY, EVICTION
4 MORATORIUM AND RENT RELIEF, THAT FOR SOME THEY DIDN'T
5 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE TRUE INTENT OF THAT LANGUAGE IS. THAT'S
6 WHY I'M TRYING TO BE VERY SPECIFIC IN THE LANGUAGE I USE
7 TODAY. IT'S IN THE TENANT'S BEST INTEREST TO BE TRACKING AND
8 DOCUMENTING THIS INFORMATION ALREADY TO HAVE ON HAND ENCASED
9 THEIR LANDLORDS' FILES AND UNLAWFUL DETAINER FOR FAILURE TO
10 PAY THEIR RENT. WE HEARD FROM TENANTS, LAWYERS, AND EVEN
11 MEMBERS OF THE BENCH DURING THE COVID EVICTION PROTECTIONS
12 THAT THE TENANTS WERE UNAWARE OF THE NEED TO HAVE
13 DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT THE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO PROTECT
14 THEM FROM EVICTION. AND NONE OF US SHOULD WANT THAT TO HAPPEN
15 AGAIN. THE INFORMATION WE ARE ASKING TENANTS TO PROVIDE IS NOT
16 ONEROUS. FOR INSTANCE, IT CAN BE AN EMAIL CONFIRMING SHOWING
17 THAT THEY'VE APPLIED FOR RELIEF FUNDS. AND SOME OF THOSE FUNDS
18 ARE OPEN NOW. FOR EXAMPLE, THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
19 OPPORTUNITIES, L.A. REGION SMALL BUSINESS AND WORKER RELIEF
20 FUNDS IS OPEN NOW THROUGH MARCH 2ND, PROVIDING UP TO \$2,000 TO
21 WORKERS AND UP TO \$25,000 FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS. SO, WE'VE
22 HEARD FROM SOME WHO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT SOME OF THE LANGUAGE
23 THAT WE PROPOSE. SO, I JUST WANTED TO ADDRESS THAT UP FRONT
24 JUST SO PEOPLE ARE CLEAR ABOUT WE'VE HEARD THEM, WE'VE SEEN
25 THEM, AND THEN I'LL READ IN MY PROPOSED AMENDMENT LANGUAGE.



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SUPERVISORS

1 FIRST OF ALL, THERE'S A CONCERN THAT MAKING ALL THE THREE
2 CRITERIA FOR THE INCOME REPLACEMENT AND TWO OF THE ITEMS MIGHT
3 OVERLAP BUT NOT ALL THREE. SO GIVEN THE NEED AND SCALE OF THE
4 IMPACT OF THE FIRES WE WANT PEOPLE TO LEVERAGE EVERY
5 OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE FOR INCOME. THIS AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
6 PROTECTION WAS CRAFTED BY THE AUTHOR TO REACH PEOPLE WHO HAVE
7 LOST INCOME DUE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT BEING IMPACTED BY THE
8 FIRES. THEREFORE, THE NOTION OF HAVING INCLUSION OF APPLYING
9 TO ANY RELIEF PROGRAM SET UP TO SUPPORT DUE TO THE FIRES AND
10 EMPLOYMENT RELATED INCOME REPLACEMENT SEEMS VERY REASONABLE
11 FROM MY PERSPECTIVE. THE APPLYING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT IS IF THEY
12 ARE ELIGIBLE AND THIS IS THE CLARIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGING
13 IF SOMEONE HAS NOT PAID INTO THAT ACCOUNT THEY CAN'T APPLY TO
14 IT AND AGAIN SINCE THIS IS DUE TO A PERSON'S EMPLOYMENT BEING
15 IMPACTED BY FIRES, KEEPING A LOG FOR JOB SEARCH ALSO SEEMS
16 REASONABLE. THE SECOND ISSUE RAISED, PROVIDING THE INFORMATION
17 TO TENANTS HAS A PRIVACY CONCERN AND CREATED A CHILLING EFFECT
18 FOR UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS. DCBA CAN ADD THE THREE QUOTE
19 INCOME REPLACEMENT ITEMS TO THE SELF-ATTESTATION TEMPLATE AND
20 INCLUDE CLARIFICATION FOR BOTH TENANTS AND LANDLORDS ON WHAT
21 INFORMATION IS REQUIRED IN THE Q&A. THE CONFIRMATION OF
22 SUBMITTING FOR A RELIEF PROGRAM OR EVEN UNEMPLOYMENT ARE
23 GENERAL STATEMENTS SUCH AS QUOTE YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN
24 RECEIVED AND AT MOST WOULD NEED A PERSON'S NAME OR EMAIL. NONE
25 OF THESE ITEMS REQUIRE ADDITIONAL PERSONAL INFORMATION. NONE



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1 OF THESE ITEMS REQUIRE DOCUMENTATION STATUS. SOMEONE WHO WAS
2 NOT ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT IS NOT AUTOMATICALLY EXCLUDED
3 BECAUSE OF DOCUMENTATION. THEY ARE EXCLUDED IF THEY'VE NEVER
4 PAID INTO THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM. AND THE THIRD
5 EXPRESSED CONCERN WAS THE TIMING OF SUBMISSION. THE SEVEN DAYS
6 WERE ALREADY IN THE RESOLUTION. SO, THE OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER
7 THE INCOME REPLACEMENT ITEMS TO INCLUDE SELF ATTESTATION
8 INCLUDES HAVING RESIDENCY OF THE UNIT BEFORE JANUARY 7TH AND
9 MEETING THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY AND A LOSS OF AT LEAST 10% OF
10 INCOME IS NOT JUST DAYS. IT IS FROM JANUARY 7TH TO WHEN THE
11 SELF ATTESTATION NEEDS TO BE SUBMITTED. SO, WE READ THOSE SOME
12 OF THE CONCERNS. NOW MADAM CHAIR IF I MAY READ IN THE
13 AMENDMENT LANGUAGE AGAIN IT'S OUR EFFORT TO PROVIDE FURTHER
14 CLARIFICATION NOT TO SLOW THIS PROCESS DOWN AND ALSO FOR IT TO
15 BE A REFLECTION OF WHAT WE LEARNED DURING COVID. SO, THE
16 AMENDMENTS ARE IN SECTION 2E, NUMBERS 3, SUB-A, B, AND C. 3,
17 HAVE BEGUN INCOME REPLACEMENT EFFORTS, WHICH MEANS, AND WE
18 DEFINE THEM, ENROLLING IN OR APPLYING FOR A RELIEF PROGRAM FOR
19 COUNTY WILDFIRES AND APPLYING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IF
20 ELIGIBLE OR OTHER QUALIFYING INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND
21 ACTIVELY SEEKING EMPLOYMENT IF UNEMPLOYED OR UNDEREMPLOYED.
22 SECTION 4 SUB A2 PROVIDES THE AFOREMENTIONED SELF
23 CERTIFICATION THE NEW LANGUAGE AS WELL AS DOCUMENTATION
24 DEMONSTRATING THEY HAVE BEGUN INCOME REPLACEMENT EFFORTS TO
25 THE LANDLORD OR LANDLORD'S AGENT WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF EACH



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1 MONTH THEIR RENT IS DUE OR WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE
2 RESOLUTION GOING INTO EFFECT FOR RENT DUE THE MONTH OF
3 FEBRUARY 2025 NEW LANGUAGE DOCUMENTATION DEMONSTRATING INCOME
4 REPLACEMENT EFFORTS MUST INCLUDE ADDING NEW SECTION FOR SUB A
5 TO A TO B AND TO C A APPLICATION OR PROOF OF ENROLLMENT IN A
6 RELIEF PROGRAM FOR COUNTY WILDFIRES EXAMPLE CONFIRMATION EMAIL
7 THAT APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND B, PROOF OF SUBMISSION
8 OF AN APPLICATION FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IF ELIGIBLE OR
9 OTHER QUALIFYING INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. C, DOCUMENTS
10 SHOWING TENANT ACTIVELY SEEKING EMPLOYMENT IF UNEMPLOYED OR
11 UNDEREMPLOYED EXAMPLE, A LOG OF RECENTLY APPLIED FOR JOBS.
12 AGAIN, I HOPE I CAN COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD IN AN
13 EFFORT TO JUST PUT A FINER POINT ONTO THE ORDINANCE THAT WE
14 HAVE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH LAST MEETING WANTING TO MAKE IT AS
15 FEASIBLE AS REASONABLE AND TO REFLECT LESSONS LEARNED FROM
16 COVID TO THE DEGREE THAT WE CAN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17
18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, DID
19 YOU WANT TO SPEAK?

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21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU. THOUGH THE PALISADES AND
22 EATON FIRES ARE FULLY CONTAINED, THE DEVASTATION WILL CONTINUE
23 TO REVERBERATE FOR YEARS TO COME. IN THE DAYS AFTER THE FIRES
24 BROKE OUT, THIS BOARD SPRANG INTO ACTION, AND WE FIRST
25 DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY. WE COORDINATED WITH OUR STATE



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1 AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO GET RESOURCES THAT WERE NEEDED, AND
2 IN THE WEEKS AFTER THE FIRES BROKE OUT, THIS BOARD QUICKLY
3 CREATED RESOURCES FOR THOSE IMPACTED MOST BY THE FIRES, OUR
4 RESIDENTS, MY CONSTITUENTS, SUPERVISORS, BARGERS'
5 CONSTITUENTS, AND THOSE WHO WORK IN THESE AREAS WHO ARE ALL OF
6 OUR CONSTITUENTS, OUR BUSINESSES AND OUR WORKERS. WE AS A
7 BOARD DID WHAT WE ALWAYS DO WHEN MAKING IMPORTANT POLICY
8 DECISIONS. WE CENTERED THE LEAST AMONG US AND THOSE MOST
9 IMPACTED. WE AS A BOARD TAKE OUR ROLE SERIOUSLY AS THE
10 COUNTY'S SAFETY NET FOR THE LEAST AMONG US AND TODAY SHOULD BE
11 NO DIFFERENT. I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS TO ENSURE OUR POLICIES
12 ARE AS BALANCED AS POSSIBLE BUT MUCH LIKE THE UNPRECEDENTED
13 NATURE AND IMPACT OF THE WILDFIRES OUR RESPONSE MUST ALSO BE
14 PROPORTIONATE TO THE DESTRUCTION LEFT BEHIND. I HAVE GREAT
15 CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS THAT INCLUDE THE
16 FOLLOWING. THEY CREATE ANOTHER BARRIER FOR FIRE IMPACTED
17 WORKERS. WE SHOULDN'T BE MAKING IT HARDER FOR THOSE WHO LOST
18 THEIR WORK DUE TO THE FIRES TO ACCESS BENEFITS AND FUNDS TO
19 HELP THEM GET BACK ON THEIR FEET. AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
20 EQUITY IN THE COUNTY, THOUGH WE ALWAYS KNOW THAT THOSE WHO
21 STRUGGLE TO GET ACCESS TO THOSE BENEFITS AND FUNDS ARE THOSE
22 WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE. DOCUMENTS PROVING THE TENANT IS
23 ACTIVELY SEEKING EMPLOYMENT WILL LEAVE A LARGE SWATH OF
24 WORKERS BEHIND. SEVERAL BELOW THE LINE FILM CREW WORKERS,
25 STAGEHANDS, MUSICIANS, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO WORK IN THE CASH



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1 ECONOMY, SUCH AS NANNIES, GARDENERS, AND HOUSEKEEPERS, DO NOT
2 FIND THEIR JOBS ONLINE. THESE JOBS ARE UNIQUE, EITHER
3 PRODUCTIONS, LIKE MOVIES OR CONCERTS, OR BY WORD OF MOUTH FOR
4 DOMESTIC WORKERS, FOR EXAMPLE. SO HOW DOES ONE PROVE THAT THEY
5 ARE LOOKING? THE AMENDMENT WILL HAVE THE LARGEST ADVERSE
6 IMPACT ON UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE, WHICH IS A COMMUNITY ALREADY
7 HESITANT TO SEEK ASSISTANCE OF ANY KIND BECAUSE OF THIS
8 ADMINISTRATION. THEY'RE LIKELY NOT APPLYING FOR RELIEF
9 PROGRAMS ALREADY BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF DOCUMENTATION, PUTTING
10 THEM EVEN FURTHER AT RISK. ADDITIONALLY, MOST UNDOCUMENTED
11 PEOPLE ACCESS THE INTERNET ON THEIR PHONES, NOT ON LAPTOPS OR
12 DESKTOPS. THIS MAKES SAVING FILES, INCLUDING DOCUMENTATION OF
13 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS OR EMPLOYMENT, EVEN MORE CHALLENGING.
14 WE ALSO DON'T REQUIRE SMALL LANDLORDS TO PROVIDE
15 DOCUMENTATION. WHY ARE LANDLORDS INHERENTLY MORE TRUSTWORTHY
16 THAN THE RENTERS THAT THEY'RE RENTING TO? THAT WE DON'T
17 REQUIRE ANY DOCUMENTATION SUCH AS PROPERTY TAX RECORDS FOR
18 THEM, BUT NOW WE'RE REQUIRING DOCUMENTATION FOR OUR RENTERS.
19 THIS AMENDMENT WILL EXACERBATE OUR HOMELESSNESS CRISIS.
20 KEEPING PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES IS THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE IN
21 KEEPING PEOPLE FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. WE'VE SEEN
22 L.A.'S HOUSING STOCK SHRINK EVEN FURTHER IN OUR ALREADY
23 STRETCHED THIN HOUSING MARKET. TENANTS REQUIRING THESE
24 PROTECTIONS CANNOT COMPETE IN THIS MARKET. ADDITIONAL BARRIERS
25 WE PUT INTO PLACE WILL INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD OF FIRE-



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SUPERVISORS

1 IMPACTED WORKERS BECOMING UNHOUSED OR UNDERHOUSED. KEEPING
2 PEOPLE HOUSED UNTIL THEY ARE ECONOMICALLY STABLE DOESN'T JUST
3 PREVENT OUR HOMELESSNESS CRISIS FROM GETTING WORSE. IT DOESN'T
4 JUST GIVE PEOPLE UNDERGOING ECONOMIC STRESS AND TRAUMA MORE
5 BREATHING ROOM. ENSURING FIRE IMPACTED WORKERS AREN'T EVICTED
6 FROM THEIR HOMES IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. AND I APPRECIATE
7 THAT WE ARE SEEKING TO FIND CONSENSUS AND I THOUGHT WE HAD IT
8 AT OUR LAST MEETING. WE WORKED TOGETHER TO DRAFT LANGUAGE TO
9 PROTECT THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING THESE HOUSING PROTECTIONS. I
10 EVEN GOT A PHONE CALL FROM AN UNLIKELY SOURCE FROM PEOPLE WHO
11 WERE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT WE WERE WORKING TOGETHER AND THAT WE
12 WERE COMPROMISING TO TRY AND FIND A WAY TO A SOLUTION. AND I
13 FEEL LIKE NOW I'M NOT SURE WHAT WE'RE SOLVING FOR. I THINK
14 WHAT THE IMPACT WILL BE IS FEWER PEOPLE WHO CAN ACTUALLY GET
15 ASSISTANCE WHEN THEY NEED IT THE MOST. AND THEY'RE PEOPLE WHO,
16 AND NOW WE'RE TREATING RENTERS DIFFERENTLY THAN PROPERTY
17 OWNERS, WHICH I THINK GOES BACK TO A FUNDAMENTAL UNFAIRNESS
18 AND DISADVANTAGE THAT THOSE WHO DON'T OWN PROPERTY FACE. SO, I
19 APPRECIATE THAT WE HAVE TO WORK TO FIND A COMPROMISE. I'M
20 HOPING THIS DOESN'T HAVE TO BE IT.

21
22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I WANTED TO ASK RAFAEL CARBAJAL
25 IF HE COULD WALK ME THROUGH THE AMENDMENTS, THE THREE



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SUPERVISORS

1 AMENDMENTS AND HOW YOU WOULD GO ABOUT FACILITATING THE WORK
2 THAT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE TO COLLECT THIS DATA?

3
4 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** WELL I THINK THE FIRST THING THAT WE WOULD DO
5 IS WORK WITH OUR COUNTY COUNSEL PARTNERS TO PUT TOGETHER AN
6 FAQ AND GUIDELINES THAT WE WOULD PROVIDE TO BOTH THE TENANTS
7 AND THE LANDLORDS THROUGH OUR WEBSITE AND PROVIDE THAT
8 GUIDANCE TO ANYONE THAT CALLS OUR HOTLINE ASKING FOR THAT
9 INFORMATION AS FAR AS WHAT'S INCLUDED WE WOULD INCLUDE THE
10 INFORMATION AND THE ATTESTATION THAT WE'RE ALREADY WE HAVE
11 ALREADY BEEN ASKED TO PUT TOGETHER. SO WE WOULD INCLUDE AN
12 AREA WHERE THEY WOULD JUST CHECK OFF FOR 2A, ITEM 4 2A. WE
13 WOULD PUT THOSE QUESTIONS ON THE APPLICATION, AND THEY WOULD
14 CHECK YES IF IT APPLIES, NO IF IT DOESN'T, AS PART OF THE
15 ATTESTATION. AND THEN WE WOULD PROVIDE THEM FAQs THAT WOULD
16 PROVIDE THEM GUIDANCE ON WHAT IS AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF
17 DOCUMENTATION OR VERIFICATION BASED ON WHAT'S ADOPTED TODAY,
18 INCLUDING HELPING THEM UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY SHOULD REDACT IF
19 THEY NEED TO REDACT ANYTHING FOR PRIVACY PURPOSES AND JUST
20 MAKE THAT WIDELY AVAILABLE IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES AND THROUGH
21 OUR PARTNERS IN PARTICULAR WITH THEIR PARTNERS THAT STAY
22 HOUSED.

23
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GIVEN YOUR EXPERIENCE DURING COVID, CAN YOU
25 TALK ABOUT HOW YOU DEALT WITH PEOPLE THAT MAY NOT HAVE HAD



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SUPERVISORS

1 APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION?

2

3 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** SO, A LOT OF THE CALLS THAT WE GOT DURING
4 COVID WERE A LITTLE DIFFERENT BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T BEING ASKED
5 TO PROVIDE THE VERIFICATION UNLESS IT WAS BEING CONTESTED AT
6 COURT DURING THE UNLAWFUL DETAINER PROCESS.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO, THEY WEREN'T ASKED?

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10 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** SO, THEY WERE NOT ASKED.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO ATTEST?

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14 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** THEY DID. THEY HAD TO FILL OUT AN
15 ATTESTATION, BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I DO WANT TO RAISE
18 IS THAT I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT THERE WERE MANY, MANY PEOPLE
19 IMPACTED IN ALTADENA AND PALISADES AS WELL. MANY OF THEM WERE
20 UNDOCUMENTED HOUSEKEEPERS, LANDSCAPERS, CONSTRUCTION WORKERS,
21 IN-HOME HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, CHILD CARE GIVERS AND ALL OF
22 THAT AND MUCH, MUCH MORE. MANY DO NOT QUALIFY BECAUSE THERE'S
23 A CASH-BASED EMPLOYMENT, DON'T HAVE UNEMPLOYMENT, AND DON'T
24 HAVE A LEGAL STANDING. IT WOULDN'T NECESSARILY BENEFIT FROM
25 ANY OF THE SERVICES THAT WE EVEN PROVIDE. WE HEARD THAT TODAY,



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1 EVEN GR, NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THAT. GIVEN THE TENOR AND TONE OF
2 WHAT IS GOING ON OUT IN OUR REAL WORLD, THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE
3 WHO ARE RELUCTANT TO EVEN APPLY FOR AID AND MANY ARE NOT CLEAR
4 THAT THERE MAY BE REPERCUSSIONS IF THEY HAVE TO PROVIDE ALL
5 THIS INFORMATION. MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS DON'T OWN INTERNET
6 SERVICE. THEY MAY JUST HAVE A TELEPHONE AND THEY DEAL, YOU
7 KNOW, TEXTING AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. HOW WOULD YOU PROPOSE
8 REACHING OUT TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS?

9

10 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. I THINK
11 WE WOULD HAVE TO RELY ON THE NETWORK OF PARTNERS THAT WE'VE
12 ALREADY BUILT, INCLUDING THROUGH OUR OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT
13 AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF LABOR EQUITY, AND ALL OTHER PARTNERS DOING
14 THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH THIS POPULATION. AND YOU'RE RIGHT,
15 THERE IS SOME HESITATION THAT WE'VE SEEN IN PARTICULARLY AT
16 THE DRCS WHEN WE SEE PARTICULAR MIXED HOUSEHOLDS COMING IN AND
17 LOOK FOR ASSISTANCE. THAT DOES PROVIDE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO
18 ALSO PROVIDE INFORMATION THERE BUT IT'LL BE A CHALLENGE THAT
19 WE'LL TAKE ON IF WE NEED TO.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ONE CONCERN THAT I HAVE IS THAT THERE ARE
22 SOME RENTERS FOR EXAMPLE THAT CAN NO LONGER RETURN TO SAY
23 ALTADENA OR PASADENA BECAUSE THERE IS NO BUILDING THERE ANY
24 LONGER. IT'S GONE. SOME HAVE HAD TO MOVE TO OTHER PARTS OF THE
25 COUNTY, INCLUDING MY OWN, AND MANY HAVE LOST THEIR CARS AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 EQUIPMENT, GARDENERS, LANDSCAPERS, SO THEY CAN'T EVEN AFFORD
2 TO LOOK FOR A JOB BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE TOOLS OR THE
3 TRANSPORTATION. SO, I JUST HAVE SOME SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT
4 THAT BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENS TO THAT GROUP OF PEOPLE SO HOW WOULD
5 YOU ADDRESS THAT HOW WOULD WE REACH THOSE FOLKS.

6
7 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** ONE OF THE EXAMPLES THAT PROVIDED A NIGHT
8 UNDER 42C IS A LOG OF RECENTLY APPLIED FOR JOBS. ONE OF THE
9 THINGS THAT WE WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE IS POTENTIALLY A SAMPLE
10 LOG. I THINK WE COULD WORK WITH DEO TO SEE HOW THEY HANDLE
11 SOME OF THESE MATTERS WHEN THEY WORK WITH A SPECIFIC
12 POPULATION AND PROVIDING ASSISTANCE ON THE WORKFORCE
13 DEVELOPMENT SIDE. BUT I DO AGREE IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT
14 FOR THEM, BUT I THINK IF THIS GOES THROUGH, WE'RE WITH OUR
15 PARTNERS TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT THE BEST WAY THAT WE COULD
16 SUPPORT THEM.

17
18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY, IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT, ALL RIGHT.
19 BUT THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT IT'S GOING TO IMPACT,
20 UNFORTUNATELY. THAT'S THE REASON WHY I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF THE
21 AMENDMENT.

22
23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** YOU KNOW, LET ME BE CLEAR. IF WE AS A



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1 COUNTY SET UP WORKER RELIEF FUNDS THAT AREN'T GOING TO BE
2 SUPPORTIVE OF OUR UNDOCUMENTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THEN
3 SHAME ON US. WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT THE WORKER
4 RELIEF FUNDS TO MAKE SURE THAT UNDOCUMENTED FAMILY, FRIENDS,
5 AND NEIGHBORS WOULD BE ELIGIBLE BECAUSE WE KNOW SO MANY OF
6 THEM DIDN'T. SO, IF WE FAILED AT THAT, THEN WE FAILED. SHAME
7 ON US. THIS TODAY, AND YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR, WE DID WORK
8 COLLABORATIVELY AND THEN THE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE CAME OUT AND
9 THEN WE LOOKED AT THE SPECIFICS AND KNEW AND UNDERSTOOD THAT
10 WE NEEDED TO MAKE THE LANGUAGE AS TIGHT AS POSSIBLE WITH
11 REGARD TO THE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE. THE COURTS WILL ASK THE
12 POTENTIAL, THE TENANT THAT IS IN COURT FACING EVICTION FOR
13 THESE DOCUMENTS. AND IF PEOPLE HAVEN'T UNDERSTOOD THEY HAD TO
14 COLLECT THEM AS THEY DID DURING COVID, THEY WILL BE PARDON
15 EXPRESSION SCREWED. SO, THE POINT OF UPFRONT ACKNOWLEDGING
16 THESE KIND OF DOCUMENTS IS TO PROVIDE THE TENANTS PROTECTION.
17 WHEN WE USE THAT TERM PROTECTION MORATORIUM, PEOPLE ASSUME
18 THEY CAN'T GET EVICTED, EXCUSE ME, EVICTION MORATORIUM. PEOPLE
19 ASSUME AND WE KNOW PEOPLE WENT THROUGH THE COURT PROCESS
20 DURING COVID AND THEY WILL GO THROUGH IT TODAY. IF WE DON'T
21 LEARN FROM OUR PAST, TRY TO TIGHTEN UP THE LANGUAGE TO PROVIDE
22 REAL PROTECTIONS TO TENANTS. LET'S NOT CONFLATE THE INCOME
23 RELIEF PROGRAMS WITH THE WORK WE'RE TRYING TO DO WITH THIS
24 ORDINANCE. THE RELIEF FUND IS FOCUSED ON RELIEF AND AGAIN THIS
25 IS ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT TENANTS AREN'T SHOCKED, AREN'T



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SUPERVISORS

1 CAUGHT FLAT-FOOTED. LAST TIME I APPLIED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT
2 INSURANCE, ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS SAY WHERE YOU WOULD APPLY,
3 WHAT KIND OF JOB YOU APPLIED FOR. AND SO, I DON'T THINK THAT
4 HAS CHANGED. WE'RE NOT TRYING TO MAKE THIS ONEROUS. IT'S ABOUT
5 JUST DOCUMENTING, AS I'M SURE EVERYBODY WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK
6 FOR WORK BECAUSE THE RENT RELIEF THAT'S AVAILABLE, EXCUSE ME,
7 THE INCOME RELIEF THAT'S AVAILABLE, WE KNOW ISN'T SUSTAINABLE.
8 THE AMOUNT THAT WE'VE PUT IN OUR FUND BASE AND WHAT WE'RE ABLE
9 TO PROVIDE US \$2,000. SO, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING FOR
10 WORK. THEY HAVE TO, TO SURVIVE. I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED, AS I
11 WAS DURING COVID, THAT PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCRUE RENT
12 BECAUSE IT IS MERELY A DELAY OF YOUR RENT. IT IS NOT MAKING
13 YOUR RENT RESPONSIBILITY GO AWAY. AND SO, I DON'T WANT PEOPLE
14 TO CONTINUE TO BE TO DIG THEMSELVES INTO DEBT THAT THEY DON'T
15 HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE OF GETTING OUT FROM UNDER. YOU KNOW I
16 DON'T SEE THIS AS A TENANT VERSUS LANDLORD. IN MY STATEMENTS
17 LAST WEEK, I BELIEVE IT IS MY JOB AS A POLICYMAKER TO NOT BE,
18 HAVE A KNEE-JERK RESPONSE TO ANECDOTAL STORIES, BUT TO REALLY
19 TRY TO CREATE A POLICY THAT IS AS FAIR AS POSSIBLE TO ALL
20 PARTIES. AND TO SIMPLY ASK THAT PEOPLE APPLY FOR THE WORKER
21 RELIEF EFFORTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE, THE ONES THAT WE'VE STOOD
22 UP, THE ONES THAT WE SHOULD HAVE STOOD UP TO APPLY TO THE
23 ENTIRE COMMUNITY THAT'S LOST INCOME AS A RESULT OF THIS FIRE,
24 I THINK IS A REASONABLE THING TO DO. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
25



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

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** I JUST, I HEAR YOU. I HEAR WHAT YOU ARE
4 ADDRESSING. I APPRECIATE YOU EXPLAINING THAT. I THINK I JUST
5 SEE IT DIFFERENTLY THAT REQUIRING THAT DOCUMENTATION UPFRONT
6 TREATS RENTERS DIFFERENTLY THAN WE TREAT PROPERTY OWNERS.
7 LANDLORDS WHO WANT TO RAISE THE RENT MORE, THE ADDITIONAL 1%
8 THAT WAS ALLOWED IN THE RSO UPDATES, MERELY HAVE TO SUBMIT A
9 FORM OR CLICK BOXES THAT THEY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF WHAT
10 A SMALL LANDLORD IS. AND THOSE, THEY DON'T HAVE TO PROVIDE ANY
11 DOCUMENTATION LIKE PROPERTY RECORDS THAT THEY'RE A SMALL
12 LANDLORD. THEY DON'T HAVE TO PROVIDE THAT UPFRONT. THEY WOULD
13 HAVE TO PROVIDE THAT IN COURT JUST AS YOU'RE DESCRIBING, BUT
14 THEY DON'T HAVE TO PROVIDE THAT UPFRONT FOR THE COUNTY TO WORK
15 WITH THEM AND TO ALLOW THEM THAT DISCRETION. ANOTHER EXAMPLE,
16 I'M NOT A PROPERTY OWNER, SO I'M READING IT. AND THEY
17 CERTAINLY DON'T HAVE TO PROVIDE ANY DOCUMENTATION OR PROOF
18 LIKE PROPERTY RECORDS TO TENANTS. SO, I JUST, I APPRECIATE
19 THAT WE JUST SEE IT DIFFERENTLY. YOU WANT TO HAVE THAT
20 DOCUMENTATION UPFRONT. OF COURSE, COURTS CAN, WILL, AND SHOULD
21 ASK FOR THAT DOCUMENTATION IF THERE BECOMES AN ISSUE. BUT
22 ASKING FOR THAT KIND OF DOCUMENTATION TO BE PROVIDED UP FRONT
23 SLOWS DOWN THE ABILITY FOR PEOPLE TO ACCESS RENTAL ASSISTANCE,
24 MIGHT PREVENT THEM FROM SEEKING IT AT ALL BECAUSE THEY CAN'T
25 PROVIDE THE DOCUMENTATION THAT YOU'RE REQUESTING, EVEN THOUGH



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SUPERVISORS

1 THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO GAIN EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO
2 SUBSTANTIATE IT. SO I THINK IT WILL BECOME ONEROUS FOR SOME
3 PEOPLE AND THEY WILL ULTIMATELY LOSE OUT ON A BENEFIT THAT I
4 THOUGHT WE WERE TRYING TO PROVIDE FOR THEM. BUT I HEAR YOU. I
5 REALLY DO.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, I THINK THANK YOU. AND I APPRECIATE
10 THE WORK WE DID LAST TIME ON COMING TO THE COMPROMISE. I KNOW
11 YOU, I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE YEAR-LONG MORATORIUM AND YOU
12 CAME DOWN SIX MONTHS. I APPRECIATE THAT. AGAIN, I FEEL LIKE WE
13 HAD CONSENSUS. I'M WONDERING IF, SIMILAR TO, AS YOU SAID, HOW
14 THE LANDLORDS WOULD HAVE TO PROVE SOME OF THAT STUFF IF THEY
15 WENT TO COURT. AND WE'RE BASICALLY, THE AMENDMENTS ARE
16 ATTEMPTING TO SORT OF PREPARE THE TENANTS IF IN FACT THEY GO
17 TO COURT. IS THERE ANOTHER WAY TO DO THAT BESIDES REQUIRING IT
18 IN A DOCUMENT UP FRONT WHEN THEY APPLY FOR THIS? IS THERE A
19 FACT SHEET THAT YOU COULD PROVIDE THEM JUST SORT OF IN CASE
20 YOU ARE TAKEN TO COURT, YOU MIGHT THINK ABOUT THINGS LIKE
21 DOCUMENTING YOUR JOB SEARCH, WHAT YOU'VE DONE IN TERMS OF
22 UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT THE AMENDMENT
23 WOULD REQUIRE UPFRONT, IF IT WOULD SERVE THEM WELL, IF THEY
24 WERE TAKEN TO COURT, IS THAT SOMETHING THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT
25 COULD PROVIDE SORT OF, YOU MAY WANT TO PREPARE YOURSELF BY



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SUPERVISORS

1 HAVING THESE DOCUMENTS AND IN THE EVENT YOUR LANDLORD TAKES
2 YOU TO COURT.

3
4 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** WE COULD ACTUALLY BUILD THAT INTO THE
5 ATTESTATION LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THEY SHOULD MAINTAIN
6 RECORDS AND BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION IF IT DOES GO
7 TO COURT. DURING COVID, WE DID PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO
8 THEM. WHEN THEY CALLED, WE WOULD LET THEM KNOW, EVEN THOUGH IT
9 IS AN ATTESTATION, IF YOU FACE AN UNLAWFUL DETAINER, YOU WILL
10 NEED TO PROVIDE THE VERIFICATION. WE WOULD TELL THEM THAT
11 VERBALLY AS WELL. SO, WE COULD INCLUDE, AS PART OF THE
12 ATTESTATION, CHECKING A BOX THAT THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SHOULD
13 THEY GO TO COURT FOR AN UNLAWFUL DETAINER, THAT THEY WOULD BE
14 REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE PROOF.

15
16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** NO, I'M NOT HAVING THEM CHECK A BOX. I'M
17 JUST SAYING IT MIGHT JUST BE SOMETHING IN THEIR WELCOME PACKET
18 WHEN THEY COME TO YOUR DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE RELIEF THAT
19 IT WOULD JUST BE SORT OF AN ASIDE. WE'RE JUST GIVING YOU THIS
20 FOR YOUR KNOWLEDGE IN CASE, YOU KNOW, YOUR LANDLORD TAKE JUST
21 SORT OF ALERTING TO THEM THAT IF IN FACT THIS HAPPENS, THEY
22 WOULD BE WELL PREPARED IF THEY HAD THIS, BUT NOTHING FOR THEM
23 TO CHECK OFF OR SAY THAT THEY.

24
25 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** YEAH, NO, WE WOULD DEFINITELY INCLUDE THAT IN



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE FAQs AND ANY GUIDANCE THAT WE PROVIDE. THAT'S WHAT I'M
2 LOOKING FOR.

3

4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND WHAT ABOUT THE LANDLORD RELIEF FUND? I
5 THINK IF THERE WAS ONE THING WE LEARNED FROM COVID, IT WAS
6 THAT, THAT THE MONEY JUST DIDN'T GET TO THE LANDLORDS. AND I
7 KNOW INITIALLY WE TALKED ABOUT A \$10,000,000 FUND. I THINK ONE
8 OF MY CONCERNS THAT I BROUGHT UP WAS MAKING SURE WE WERE GOING
9 TO PHILANTHROPY TO TRY TO UP THAT FUND. HAS THAT STARTED, HAS
10 THAT WORK STARTED?

11

12 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** I'LL DEFER TO THE CEO ON THAT.

13

14 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SUPERVISOR, THAT'S A WORK IN PROGRESS, AND WE
15 HAVE A REPORT BACK DUE NEXT WEEK.

16

17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, I KNOW. I REALIZE WE HAD A QUICK
18 TURNAROUND. THAT'S WHAT I CARE ABOUT IN THIS WHOLE THING. IF
19 THERE WAS ONE LESSON WE LEARNED, THAT'S THE ONE I WANT TO
20 DRILL DOWN IS INCREASING THE MONEY IN THAT FUND AND MAKING
21 SURE IT GETS TO THE LANDLORDS.

22

23 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** WE ARE HAVING A MEETING WITH PHILANTHROPY
24 PROVIDERS WITH A NUMBER OF OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS. THAT ONE'S
25 SPECIFICALLY SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK AND THERE'S A SECOND ONE



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1 SPECIFICALLY SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK AND THERE'S A SECOND ONE
2 THAT'S BEING COORDINATED AS WE SPEAK.

3

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

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** MR. RAPHAEL, IF YOU COULD JUST CLARIFY
9 THAT TENANTS DON'T APPLY FOR THIS PROTECTION. THIS IS PART OF
10 THE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE, SO IF YOU COULD CLARIFY THAT.

11

12 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** YES, ABSOLUTELY.

13

14 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THAT'S IMPORTANT.

15

16 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** YES, TENANTS DO NOT APPLY FOR THIS. WHAT WE
17 WILL PROVIDE THEM IS A SAMPLE ATTESTATION THAT THEY COULD USE
18 TO PROVIDE THEIR LANDLORD.

19

20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE
21 THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN HEARD THAT THEY DON'T APPLY FOR THE
22 PROTECTION.

23

24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** BUT IF THEY GET THE SAMPLE ATTESTATION
25 FORM, MAYBE IT COULD BE ATTACHED TO THAT?



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2 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** ATTACHED TO WHAT? I'M SORRY?

3

4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THE DOCUMENT THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN IS
5 DESCRIBING COULD BE ATTACHED TO A SAMPLE ATTESTATION FORM LIKE
6 YOU HAVE THAT AND THEN AS PART OF THE DOCUMENT INCLUDE THAT
7 INFORMATION.

8

9 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** YES, WE COULD.

10

11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND I THINK IT'S ALSO YOU KNOW RAFAEL
12 IF YOU COULD WALK US THROUGH THE OVERALL PROTECTION BECAUSE
13 WHAT PEOPLE HAVE TO MEET YOU KNOW IT'S NOT JUST THIS ITEM IT'S
14 RESIDENCY IN THE UNIT BEFORE THE 7TH IF YOU COULD WALK US
15 THROUGH WHAT THEY ALREADY HAVE TO PROVIDE OR CLARIFY.

16

17 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** YES. SECTION E OUTLINES WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS
18 ARE TO BE ELIGIBLE, WHICH INCLUDES THEY MUST HAVE RESIDED IN
19 THEIR RENTAL UNIT BEFORE JANUARY 7, 2025. THEY MUST BE INCOME
20 ELIGIBLE, WHICH MEANS THAT THEIR 2024 HOUSEHOLD INCOME WAS
21 EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 100% OF THE AREA AMI, THE AREA MEDIUM
22 INCOME OR AMI AS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8 OF THE
23 UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT. AND THEN THEY HAVE BEGUN INCOME
24 REPLACEMENT EFFORTS WHICH INCLUDES ENROLLING OR APPLYING FOR A
25 RELIEF PROGRAM FOR COUNTY WILDFIRES AND APPLYING FOR



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1 UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IF ELIGIBLE IS THE NEW READING OR OTHER
2 QUALIFYING INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVELY SEEKING
3 EMPLOYMENT.

4
5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO THAT WAS WHAT WAS IN THE MOTION
6 VOTED ON LAST WEEK. THESE AMENDMENTS ARE SIMPLY JUST TRYING TO
7 PROVIDE SOME CLARIFICATION ABOUT WHAT THAT MEANS SO PEOPLE
8 UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY CAN COLLECT WHAT THEY SHOULD COLLECT TO
9 MEET THAT EXPECTATION AND THE COURTS WON'T SURPRISE PEOPLE. SO
10 WHAT YOU JUST WALKED US THROUGH IS WHAT WAS IN THE MOTION LAST
11 WEEK.

12
13 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** CORRECT.

14
15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU.

16
17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT SEEING NO OTHER
18 SUPERVISORS REQUESTING TO SPEAK GIVEN THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS
19 WHO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM AND GIVEN THE TIME AND
20 ADDITIONAL ITEMS STILL PENDING; IN ORDER TO FINISH TODAY'S
21 MEETING EFFICIENTLY AND ADDRESS ALL AGENDA ITEMS, I'M GOING TO
22 LIMIT PUBLIC COMMENT TO 40 MINUTES TOTAL ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
23 5. SO, WITH THAT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE
24 THAT WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
2 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. CHRISTINA BOYER, CLAYTON
3 RILES, DANIEL JIMENEZ, DARYL ARANDA, DAVID GREENHUT, GREG
4 BURNS, JESUS ROJAS, JOSEPH LASKOWSKI, CHRISTIAN HULING, MACKIE
5 PETERS, NICHOLAS GARDNER, OLYMPIA BLANCO ZUNIGA, PAUL
6 CASTILLO, RICKY DURAN WRIGHT, AND ROB NORDHOFF. MODERATOR, MAY
7 WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER PLEASE?

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ELLEN VON ZUR-MULEN. YOUR
10 LINE IS OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK
11 DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

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

14

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ELLEN VALTEMULIN. I'M A RESIDENT OF
18 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3, THAT'S LINDSEY HORVATH'S DISTRICT,
19 AND I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF UAW 4811. SO I'M HERE TO URGE ALL
20 BOARD MEMBERS TO VOTE YES ON THE RESOLUTION WITHOUT AMENDMENTS
21 TO PROTECT VICTIMS OF THE WILDFIRES FROM EVICTION. FRANKLY, NO
22 ONE SHOULD BE OUT ON THE STREETS BECAUSE OF A NATURAL DISASTER
23 THAT DESTROYED THEIR LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS, AND WE ALSO
24 SHOULDN'T IMPOSE AN UNFAIR BURDEN OF PROOF ON TENANTS IN SUCH
25 A SITUATION. WE KNOW THAT THE RECENT WILDFIRES COST THOUSANDS



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1 OF L.A. RESIDENTS THEIR JOBS, POSSESSIONS, AND THEIR HOMES.
2 AND ON TOP OF THAT LANDLORDS HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THIS
3 CRISIS AND RAISED RENTS TO EXORBITANT PRICES. PEOPLE ARE AT
4 RISK OF ADDICTION NOW, NOT SIX MONTHS FROM NOW WHEN THEY COULD
5 POTENTIALLY GET RENTAL ASSISTANCE. AND SO I URGE EVERYONE TO,
6 ON THE SUPERVISOR BOARD, TO TAKE ACTION AND DEFEND THE COUNTY
7 RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY THE FIRE BY PASSING THIS RESOLUTION.
8 THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** STEPHANIE ROGERS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

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

15

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** OH, OKAY. I'M SORRY. I'D LIKE TO THANK HOLLY MITCHELL
19 FOR BREAKING THE AMENDMENT DOWN. I HAD SOMETHING ELSE SAID,
20 BUT I'M GLAD SHE BROKE IT DOWN. AND JUST SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF
21 ITEM 5, AND I'VE HEARD THE BREAKDOWN OF THE AMENDMENT, I'M
22 REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALLOW TIME BECAUSE IT
23 IS HARD OUT HERE. WE'RE GOING THROUGH A LOT AS A COMMUNITY.
24 WE'RE GOING A LOT. WE'RE GOING THROUGH A LOT AS A NATION. SO,
25 IT'S PRETTY HARD JUST TO JUST JUMP UP AFTER A FIRE AND JUST GO



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1 OUT AND GO GET WORK JUST SO YOU CAN PAY RENT FROM SOMETHING
2 THAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU THAT IS OUT OF YOUR CONTROL. I'M
3 ASKING, TO GOD FORBID, ANY OF YOU SUPERVISORS TO BE ONE OF
4 THESE FAMILIES THAT HAVE LOST EVERYTHING. ENACT LIMITED
5 EVICTIONS PROTECTIONS FOR WORKING FAMILIES AND SALES
6 BUSINESSES FINANCIALLY IMPACTED BY JANUARY 2025 WILDFIRES AND
7 AMENDMENTS. COUNTIES WIDE, 88 CITIES, PLEASE CONSIDER YOURSELF
8 AND PUT YOURSELF ON ONE OF THEIR SHOES --

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** MARISSA WYRICK, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

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

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MARISSA WYRICK AND I'M A MEMBER
19 OF UAW 4811. I'M ALSO A RESIDENT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'
20 DISTRICT. I WANT TO URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES
21 ON THIS RESOLUTION WITHOUT ANY AMENDMENTS. AS WE ALL KNOW,
22 THOUSANDS OF ANGELINOS HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THESE FIRES AND
23 HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES, POSSESSIONS, AND SOURCES OF INCOME. I
24 WAS IN PERSON AT THIS MEETING THIS MORNING AND I HAD TO LEAVE
25 TO GO BACK TO WORK AS I KNOW MANY OTHERS DID BUT I WAS



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1 PRESIDENT IN PART OF THE MEETING WHERE THE BOARD PRESENTED
2 AWARDS TO COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN DOING INCREDIBLE
3 WORK SUPPORTING THEIR NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT
4 THIS CRISIS AS COUNTY SUPERVISORS YOU HAVE A DUTY TO BE
5 COMMUNITY LEADERS TOO. AND TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF L.A.
6 COUNTY, I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON THIS RESOLUTION AS WRITTEN
7 WITHOUT AMENDMENTS BECAUSE ANGELENO'S IMPACTED BY THESE FIRES
8 HAVE HAD TO JUMP THROUGH ENOUGH HOOPS ALREADY AND NEED RELIEF
9 RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU.

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** ROBIN WHITNEY, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR TIME AND THE
16 OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 5 WITHOUT
17 AMENDMENTS. I'M A RESIDENT OF LINCOLN CROSSING IN ALTADENA
18 WHERE EIGHT HOUSEHOLDS, INCLUDING FAMILIES WITH TODDLERS,
19 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS ARE NOW FIGHTING
20 LEASE TERMINATIONS, EVICTION THREATS AND NEGLECT FROM OUR
21 LANDLORD, GRATEFUL LLC. ON JANUARY 7TH, OUR BUILDING WAS
22 EVACUATED DUE TO THESE FIRES. OUR ENTIRE BLOCK WAS REDUCED TO
23 ASHES, BUT SOMEHOW OUR BUILDING REMAINED INTACT AND WE HEARD
24 NOTHING UNTIL JANUARY 17TH. NO SAFETY PLAN, NO SYMPATHY. JUST
25 A NOTICE ON RENT INCREASES AND THEN AFTER ASKING FOR



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1 REMEDIATION WE WERE CERTIFIED WITH OR RECEIVED CERTIFIED
2 EVICTION THREATS INSTEAD. SEVEN WEEKS LATER WE'RE STILL
3 DISPLACED. FEMATE INSPECTIONS DECLARED OUR UNITS
4 UNINHABITABLE. OUR LANDLORD HAS DONE NOTHING. AND WE'VE EVEN
5 PAID FOR OUR OWN ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING, WHICH SHOWS CONFIRMED
6 TOXIC LEAD AND ASH IN OUR HOMES. I URGE THE BOARD TO PASS
7 EVICTION PROTECTIONS FOR WILDFIRE VICTIMS WITHOUT AMENDMENTS.
8 MORE PAPERWORK FOR TENNIS MEANS MORE POWER FOR LANDLORDS LIKE
9 OURS TO EXPLOIT US AND ENJOY SKY-HIGH RENTS AFTER THEIR
10 INEVITABLE RENOVATIONS AND RE-LISTING. THANK YOU.

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

13
14 **MODERATOR:** MEGAN EDMER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15
16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CAN WE TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE?

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18 **MODERATOR:** JESSICA CALVILLO, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.
19 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20
21 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME? HELLO. I URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THE
22 RESOLUTION EXTENDING EVICTION PROTECTIONS TO L.A. COUNTY
23 TENANTS IMPACTED BY WHAT THE WILDFIRES WITHOUT AMENDMENTS THIS
24 RESOLUTION IS NOT A BLANKET EVICTION MORATORIUM. IT HAS
25 SEVERAL REQUIREMENTS AND SAFEGUARDS AND TENANTS MUST PAY BACK



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1 ANY UNPAID RENT. THIS IS A NARROW CRUCIAL PROTECTION THAT WILL
2 NOT BE ABUSED AND THE BOARD ALREADY VOTED IN FAVOR OF IT AFTER
3 THOROUGH DISCUSSION LAST WEEK. IF WE TRUST SMALL LANDLORDS TO
4 SELF-CERTIFY THEM, WE OWE THAT SAME TRUST TO TENANTS. I HAVE
5 HEARD OF I'VE HEARD FROM MANY TENANTS WHO HAVE BEEN DISPLACED
6 FROM THEIR HOMES BY FIRE DAMAGE, HAD THEIR PLACES OF
7 EMPLOYMENT BURNING DOWN AND ARE FACING HEALTH COMPLICATIONS.
8 ONEROUS DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TENANTS TO PROVE THAT
9 THEY ARE SEEKING REPLACEMENT INCOME WILL DISPROPORTIONATELY
10 HARM VULNERABLE TENANTS, ESPECIALLY UNDOCUMENTED TENANTS WHO
11 FEAR DISCLOSING SENSITIVE INFORMATION UNDER THE CURRENT
12 PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION. THIS PROTECTION WAS DESIGNED TO
13 PROTECT PEOPLE WITH FORMAL AND INFORMAL JOBS --

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

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17 **MODERATOR:** ZACH PINE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18
19 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ZACH AND I'M AN L.A. COUNTY
20 RESIDENT AND A GRADUATE STUDENT AT UCLA. I'M CALLING ON BEHALF
21 OF OUR LOCAL 4811 TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION AS WRITTEN
22 PROTECTING FINANCIAL IMPACT TENANTS FROM UNDER-PRIVILEGED
23 EVICTION AS A RESULT OF THE WILDFIRES. OVER THE PAST MONTH,
24 I'VE PARTICIPATED IN A MUTUAL AID IN AREAS IMPACTED BY BOTH
25 THE HOUSE AND THE CONSUMER. THROUGH THIS WORK, I HAD A CHANCE



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1 TO SPEAK WITH PEOPLE WHO HAD LOST EVERYTHING. THE SCALE OF THE
2 FINANCIAL IMPACT THE FIRE HAD ON THE SMOKE CANNOT BE
3 OVERSTATED. IT WAS INSPIRING TO HELP WITH IMPACT TO RECOVER
4 FROM THE STATION. THE BEST COUNTY IS TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO
5 PROTECT THE VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS FROM FINANCIAL TURMOIL THAT
6 WOULD RESULT FROM RECREATIVE. SO THEREFORE, I SPEAK ON BEHALF
7 OF ALL WORKING PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE FIRES WHO
8 COULD NOT SPEAK TODAY WHEN I SAID IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO
9 PROTECT L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS BY VOTING YES FOR THE RESOLUTION
10 AS WRITTEN. THANK YOU.

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

13
14 **MODERATOR:** MADDIE MANGY, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15
16 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. HI. MY NAME IS MATTHEW MANGY. I'M HERE WITH
17 INNER CITY LAW CENTER AND THE KEEP L.A. HOUSED COALITION. FOR
18 US AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE PASS THIS MOTION
19 WITHOUT AMENDMENTS, WE'RE QUITE CONCERNED THAT THE AMENDMENTS
20 WILL MAKE IT QUITE DIFFICULT FOR OUR CLIENTS WHO ARE
21 UNDOCUMENTED, WHO DON'T HAVE DOCUMENTATION TO MEET THESE
22 REQUIREMENTS AND UTILIZE THESE BENEFITS. FOLKS WHO ARE
23 GARDNERS, FOLKS WHO ARE [INAUDIBLE], FOLKS WHO PROVIDE
24 CLEANING SERVICES IN THE HOME, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO APPLY
25 FOR UNEMPLOYMENT SERVICES, AND ESPECIALLY UNDER THESE



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1 CIRCUMSTANCES IF THEY'RE UNDOCUMENTED, WE CAN'T EXPECT THEM TO
2 APPLY FOR THESE SERVICES. WE KINDLY PRESS THE BOARD TO MOVE
3 FORWARD WITHOUT AMENDMENTS.

4

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** JOHN EDMOND. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOHN
10 EDMOND. I SERVE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT
11 ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN CITIES. I WANT TO THANK
12 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL FOR A THOUGHTFUL AMENDMENT
13 STRENGTHENING THE SELF-TESTING REQUIREMENT AS A REASONABLE AND
14 NECESSARY SAFEGUARD TO PREVENT ABUSE AS WE SAW HAPPENING MANY
15 TIMES, NOT ALL THE TIME, BUT MANY TIMES DURING THE PANDEMIC.
16 AND I URGE ALL THE SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT. WHILE
17 WE SUPPORT RELIEF FOR TENANTS AND PATCHABLE WILDFIRES, HOUSING
18 PROVIDERS MUST ALSO BE MADE WHOLE. FIRE AND RENT RELIEF FUNDS
19 SHOULD BE INCLUSIVE, ENSURING HOUSING PROVIDERS RECEIVE TIMELY
20 PAYMENTS, IDEALLY WITHIN 60 DAYS. LASTLY, THIS PROGRAM MUST BE
21 FULLY FUNDED. IF NOT, THE MORATORIUM MUST END IMMEDIATELY.
22 RELIEF WITHOUT PROPER FUNDING CREATES FURTHER INSTABILITY.
23 THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK. IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY.

24

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



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1
2 **MODERATOR:** LENA SULLIVAN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3
4 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS LENA SULLIVAN. I'M WITH SAGE AND ALSO
5 A MEMBER OF THE KEEP L.A. HOUSED COALITION. I LIVE IN DISTRICT
6 1 AND I AM JOINING THE CHORUS AND URGING THE BOARD TO PASS
7 THIS RESOLUTION WITHOUT AMENDMENTS. I WANT TO ECHO SUPERVISOR
8 HORVATH'S POINT THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WOULD MAKE THESE
9 PROTECTIONS MUCH HARDER TO ACCESS FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE
10 TENANTS IN L.A. UNDOCUMENTED ANGELENOS ARE ALREADY BEING
11 PROSECUTED AND HAVING A LOT OF TROUBLE ACCESSING THE LEASE. I
12 WORK WITH L.A. TENANTS EVERY DAY AND JUST TODAY I SPOKE WITH A
13 SAGE MEMBER OF MY ORGANIZATION WHO LOST HER JOB IN THE FIRES,
14 BUT SHE HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO APPLY FOR ANY OF THE FORMS OF
15 WILDFIRE RELIEF BECAUSE ONE, SHE DOESN'T HAVE THE PROPER
16 DOCUMENTATION AND TWO, BECAUSE HER FORMER JOB, HER EXCUSE ME,
17 HER FORMER BOSS AT HER JOB IN THE POLITICS HAS THREATENED HER
18 AGAINST APPLYING FOR WILDFIRE RELIEF FOR FEAR OF EXPOSING HER
19 UNAUTHORIZED JOB STATUS AND WORKING FOR THAT BOSS. SO, THIS
20 PERSON IS ONE EXAMPLE OF SOMEONE WHO REALLY NEEDS THESE
21 PROTECTIONS BUT WITH THE AMENDMENT REQUIRING THAT TENANTS HAVE
22 APPLIED FOR RELIEF, THIS PERSON WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACCESS
23 THEM. SHE'S ONE OF COUNTLESS UNDOCUMENTED AND OTHERWISE
24 INFORMAL WORKERS WHO WOULD BE HARMED BY THESE AMENDMENTS --



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

3
4 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS CLAYTON RILES. I AM AN ORGANIZER WITH
5 UAW AND I HELP WORKERS ORGANIZE AND FORM THEIR UNIONS. I AM
6 ALSO A RESIDENT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS' DISTRICT AND I WAS BORN
7 AND RAISED IN SUPERVISOR HAHN'S DISTRICT. I AM URGING THIS
8 BODY TO VOTE YES ON THIS RESOLUTION TO PROTECT TENANTS IN L.A.
9 COUNTY WITHOUT AMENDMENT. I, ALONG WITH MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES,
10 WORK DIRECTLY IN AREAS AFFECTED BY THE FIRES. I'M LUCKY, BUT
11 MANY PEOPLE WHO I KNOW WHO HAVE LOST JOBS, WORKERS ARE BARELY
12 GETTING BY AS IT IS, AND OPPORTUNISTIC LANDLORDS HAVE BEEN
13 CAPITALIZING ON THE TRAGEDY BY HIKING RENTS AS MUCH AS 150%.
14 WHY WOULD THEY ALSO NOT ATTEMPT TO EVICT VICTIMS WHO CAN'T
15 PAY? WE NEED TO HELP THOSE AFFECTED BY THE FIRES INSTEAD OF
16 PUNISHING THEM OR MAKING THEM JUMP THROUGH 20 HOOPS TO GET
17 WHAT'S RIGHT. PLEASE VOTE YES ON THIS RESOLUTION WITHOUT
18 AMENDMENT. THANK YOU.

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

21
22 **SPEAKER:** HI THERE. MY NAME IS GREG BURNS. I'M AN L.A. COUNTY
23 RESIDENT, A CONSTITUENT OF THE 5TH DISTRICT AND A PROUD MEMBER
24 OF UAW LOCAL 872. I'M HERE ALONGSIDE NUMEROUS OTHER LOCALS AND
25 ORGANIZATIONS TO URGE ALL COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO VOTE IN FAVOR



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1 OF ITEM 5 AS IT IS THAT IS WITH NO AMENDMENTS IN ORDER TO
2 PROTECT L.A. COUNTY TENANTS FROM UNFAIR EVICTIONS. THIS
3 RESOLUTION COMES AT A TIME WHEN TENANTS AND WORKERS ALREADY IN
4 THE THROES OF A COST OF LIVING AND HOUSING CRISIS ARE STILL
5 PICKING UP THE PIECES FROM THE DEVASTATING WILDFIRES LAST
6 MONTH. THE EATON AND PALISADES FIRES DESTROYED MORE THAN 6,000
7 STRUCTURES AND LEFT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS HOMELESS.
8 IN THE WAKE OF THIS DISASTER, SOME PREDATORY LANDLORDS HAVE
9 HIKE RENTS AS MUCH AS 150%, AS MENTIONED. THAT IS TO SAY,
10 NOTHING OF THE HIKE THAT WERE MADE WITHIN THE SUPPOSEDLY
11 ACCEPTABLE RANGE. MEANWHILE, PEOPLE ACROSS L.A. HAVE LOST
12 THEIR HOMES, JOBS, AND POSSESSIONS AND ARE MERELY TRYING TO
13 STAY AFLOAT. AS COUNTY SUPERVISORS, YOU HAVE A DUTY TO SUPPORT
14 THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS AND
15 PROTECT THEM FROM THE IMPACTS OF FIRES AND CORPORATE GREED. I
16 URGE YOU TO TAKE ACTION --

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

19
20 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS JOSEPH LASKOWSKI. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 1,
21 PROVIDE HOUSING IN DISTRICT 1 AND IN DISTRICT 2. I THINK THE
22 ARGUMENT ABOUT PROVIDING AS LITTLE INFORMATION, WRITTEN
23 DOCUMENTATION, AND COMPARING THE OBLIGATIONS OF A LANDLORD TO
24 A RENTER THAT'S NOT PAYING THE RENT MAKES ABSOLUTELY NO SENSE
25 IT'S COMPLETELY BIZARRE. THE RENTERS THE ONE THAT IS FAILING



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1 THEIR OBLIGATION. IT'S NOT THE LANDLORD. IT'S THAT'S
2 COMPLETELY IT JUST MAKES NO SENSE. I WATCHED THE LAST TIME WE
3 WERE HERE GOING THROUGH THIS, AND THE REALITY IS THAT WE'RE
4 TRYING TO SET THIS UP FOR MAXIMUM SCAMMING, MAXIMUM SCAMMING
5 ON ALL PARTIES. AND THIS RENT THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE
6 DEFERRED, IT'S NEVER GOING TO GET PAID. WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS
7 YOU'RE JUST BURYING THESE PEOPLE IN DEBT BY LYING TO THEM. AND
8 THE REALITY IS THAT THE SCAMMING IS A FEATURE. IT'S NOT A BUG.
9 IT'S BECAUSE PEOPLE JUST DON'T THINK THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE TO
10 PAY FOR HOUSING. AND THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS DON'T WANT TO PAY
11 FOR THAT WITH YOUR SKIMPY \$10,000,000 DOLLARS. SO, LET'S JUST
12 GET REAL. THIS DOESN'T HAVE TO DO WITH TENANTS. THIS HAS TO DO
13 WITH TRYING TO TAKE OUT LANDLORDS.

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

16
17 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS DAVID GREENHUT. I'M A PROPERTY OWNER
18 AND I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD. MANY
19 OWNERS ARE STILL GETTING OVER THE COVID EPISODE AND HAVE HIGH
20 DEBT AT THIS POINT. I'M ONE OF THEM. WE DID NOT GET EQUAL
21 PROTECTION. THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH MONEY. WE RECEIVED MAYBE 30%
22 TO HALF THE MONEY THAT WAS OWED. MOST OF THE TENANTS KNEW THAT
23 THEY HAD, IN MY OPINION, MOST OF THE TENANTS KNEW THAT THEY
24 HAD TO PAY THE MONEY BACK. IT WAS JUST IN A DEFENSE AND IT
25 ENDED UP COSTING A LOT OF MONEY FOR EVICTIONS. THIS ORDINANCE



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1 IS NOT GOOD FOR US. IT IS NOT GOOD FOR THE MEMBERS. IT DOES
2 NOT WORK FOR PROPERTY OWNERS. THE PROTECTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
3 ADDED IN THIS MEETING ARE NOT ENOUGH, NOT ENOUGH AT ALL. THE
4 OTHER THING IS THAT THERE'S NO EVIDENCE, THERE'S NO
5 INFORMATION, THERE'S NO STATS ON HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN NEED
6 OF --

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

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10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHRISTIAN
11 HEWLING, DELIVERING REMARKS ON BEHALF OF SCIU LOCAL PRESIDENT,
12 721 PRESIDENT DAVID GREEN, AND OVER 55,000 REPRESENTED L.A.
13 COUNTY EMPLOYEES. WE ARE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 5 IN ITS
14 ORIGINAL POSITION, WHICH WOULD PREVENT THE EVICTION OF THOSE
15 FINANCIALLY AFFECTED BY THE DEVASTATING WIND AND CRITICAL FIRE
16 EVENTS. OVER 3,500 OF OUR SEIU 721 MEMBERS LIVE IN THE
17 IMPACTED AREAS OF THE WILDFIRES. IN A TIME WHERE FAMILIES ARE
18 ALREADY FACED WITH CHALLENGES RELATED TO HOUSING AND SECURITY,
19 THIS RESOLUTION WILL PREVENT THE MOST VULNERABLE FROM FALLING
20 INTO HOMELESSNESS BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO CRITICAL DEFENSE
21 SUPPORT. AS WE REMAIN LASER-FOCUSED ON MAKING FORWARD PROGRESS
22 IN RECOVERY, WE MUST ALSO MAKE SURE TO KEEP OUR COMMITMENT TO
23 EVERY PERSON IMPACTED BY THIS UNPRECEDENTED TIME IN OUR
24 COUNTY. THANK YOU.

25



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

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3 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS DANIEL JIMENEZ. I'M
4 THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZING WITHIN A CITY STRUGGLE,
5 AND ALSO A PROUD MEMBER OF THE KEEPER LAKE HOUSE COALITION. I
6 AM HERE TO URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 5 AS IT IS
7 WRITTEN WITHOUT ANY AMENDMENTS. AND PREDOMINANTLY THE MAIN
8 REASON IS BECAUSE LINDSEY HORVATH ALREADY SAID IT, HILDA SOLIS
9 ASKED ABOUT IT, AND WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO ACCESSING THIS
10 RESOURCE, IT'S DEFINITELY GOING TO IMPACT COMMUNITY. COMMUNITY
11 RIGHT NOW IS FEARFUL OF GOING OUT. I HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO
12 ARE FEARFUL OF GOING TO THE STORE BECAUSE THEY'RE FEARFUL OF
13 BEING PICKED UP BY ICE. HAVING ADDITIONAL EXTRA BARRIERS FOR
14 THESE FOLKS, AND ANYBODY THAT WAS IMPACTED, ESPECIALLY THOSE
15 HOLDING ON FORMAL JOBS, IS GOING TO BE DEVASTATING. WE NEED TO
16 REALLY, YOU KNOW, CONSIDER THEM, YOU KNOW, THEY ARE THE ONES
17 THAT TAKE CARE OF THE CHILDREN, THEY'RE THE ONES THAT PROVIDE
18 SERVICES, RIGHT, TO THESE COMMUNITIES THAT WERE IMPACTED, AND
19 THEY HAVEN'T BEEN A JOB EVER SINCE.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JESUS ROJAS FOR THE APARTMENT
24 ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. THE BOARD IS EXPLOITING
25 THE RECENT WILDFIRES TO WRONGFULLY FORCE THEIR WILL UPON THE



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1 ADA INCORPORATED CITIES THAT ALREADY HAVE THEIR OWN ELECTED
2 OFFICIALS. INSTEAD, THE BOARD SHOULD LIMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO
3 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS ONLY TO LEAD RATHER THAN DICTATE
4 THOSE INDEPENDENT CITY COUNCILS. A SELF ATTESTATION IS NOTHING
5 MORE THAN A LICENSE TO LIE AS SHOWN UNDER COVID-19. THIS
6 MECHANISM IS A LOADED GUN POINTED AT THE HEADS OF RENTERS THAT
7 USE IT. IT WILL LURE RENTERS INTO THE FALLS BELIEVE THAT THEY
8 DO NOT OWE RENT AND WHEN THEY PAY BACK PERIODS ENDS THEY WILL
9 BE IN DEBT FAR TOO DEEP TO PAY THE MORE THE MOUNTAIN OF RENT
10 THAT IS OWED. A MORATORIUM OF SIX MONTHS AND AN ADDITIONAL 12
11 MONTHS FOR REPAYMENT MEANS THAT A RENTAL HOUSING PROVIDER WILL
12 BE FORCED TO GO WITHOUT RENT FOR 18 MONTHS. THIS IS A DEATH
13 SENTENCE TO MOM AND POP OWNERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WE URGE
14 THE BOARD TO LIMIT THE --

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

17
18 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS CHRISTINA BOYER. I'M AN ATTORNEY AT
19 PUBLIC COUNCIL AND A MEMBER OF THE KEEP L.A. HOUSED COALITION
20 I LIVE IN ST THREE AND I WOULD LIKE TO URGE THE BOARD TO PASS
21 THIS RESOLUTION WITHOUT AMENDMENTS. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR
22 HORVATH FOR PUTTING FORWARD THE MOTION FOR THIS NARROW CRUCIAL
23 PROTECTION THAT THE BOARD VOTED IN FAVOR OF LAST WEEK AND
24 THANK YOU TO COUNTY COUNSEL FOR DRAFTING THIS RESOLUTION. THE
25 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS INTRODUCING DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR



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1 TENANTS TO PROVE THEY ARE SEEKING REPLACEMENT INCOME WILL
2 DISPROPORTIONATELY HARM VULNERABLE TENANTS, ESPECIALLY
3 UNDOCUMENTED TENANTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY BEING TERRORIZED AND
4 TRAUMATIZED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION AND ARE
5 UNDERSTANDABLY FEARFUL TO DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION TO
6 THEIR LANDLORDS AND PUBLIC BODIES. THIS PROTECTION WAS
7 DESIGNED TO PROTECT FOLKS WITH FORMAL AND INFORMAL JOBS, AND
8 THIS AMENDMENT COULD DEFEAT THAT PURPOSE. ADDING MORE
9 ADMINISTRATIVE HURDLES WILL ONLY REDUCE ACCESS TO THESE VITAL
10 PROTECTIONS FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST. WE TRUST SMALL
11 LANDLORDS TO SELF-CERTIFY AND OWE THAT SAME TRUST TO TENANTS,
12 THE COURTS WILL VERIFY ELIGIBILITY AND THERE COULD BE OTHER
13 WAYS TO PREPARE TENANTS LIKE HOW DCBA SUGGESTED TO PUT ON THE
14 SAMPLE ATTESTATION FORM IN RESPONSE TO SUPERVISOR HAHN'S
15 QUESTION. THANK YOU.

16
17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER.

18
19 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS MAKI PETERS. I'M A RENTER, A RESIDENT
20 OF THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF
21 SEIU UHW, WHICH REPRESENTS OVER 100,000 HEALTHCARE WORKERS
22 ACROSS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WE URGE SUPPORT OF ITEM 5 AS
23 PROPOSED WITHOUT AMENDMENTS. HOUSING IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE.
24 IT AFFECTS OUR PATIENTS AS WELL AS OUR MEMBERS. WE'VE HAD
25 MULTIPLE MEMBERS OF OUR UNION AS WELL AS STAFF LOSE EVERYTHING



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1 IN THE RECENT FIRES. WE KNOW THAT WHEN TRAGEDIES LIKE THIS
2 OCCUR, THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES ARE
3 IMPACTED. LOSING INCOME IS THE NUMBER ONE REASON CALIFORNIANS
4 END UP HOMELESS. EVEN WITH A GOOD UNION JOB, OUR HEALTH CARE
5 WORKERS HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES FACING HOUSING INSECURITY OR
6 LIVING IN SHELTERS. WE KNOW FIRSTHAND JUST HOW FRAGILE THE
7 BALANCE OF LIVING PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK IS FOR WORKING PEOPLE.
8 SO, IN AN INSTANCE WHERE OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE EXPERIENCED
9 TRAGEDY AND HARDSHIP, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. ADDING
10 ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS WILL ONLY PRESENT FURTHER OBSTACLES FOR
11 PEOPLE IN NEED. THIS IS A MEASURE THE COUNTY CAN PASS
12 IMMEDIATELY TO MEET AN URGENT NEED TO ENSURE WE CAN KEEP
13 PEOPLE HOUSED. PLEASE VOTE YES ON ITEM 5. THANK YOU.

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

15
16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS DARRELL ARANDA. I'M WITH
17 IATSE LOCAL 33. I'M A FORMER ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER
18 REPRESENTING 4610, NOT TOO LONG AGO. I AM MY UNION. WE HAD 300
19 MEMBERS THAT HAVE LOST EVERYTHING. WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF MEMBERS
20 THAT USE THAT NEIGHBORHOOD FOR FILMING LOCATIONS. WE ALL KNOW
21 HOW MANY. PERRY MASON WON, WHOSE ENTIRE FILMING SCHEDULE IS
22 AFFECTED BY THIS. WE HAVE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS AND
23 THOUSANDS OF DAYS OF WORK THAT ARE GOING TO BE LOST DIRECTLY
24 BECAUSE OF THESE FIRES, THE IMPACT. WE'RE ASKING, WE'RE RISING
25 IN SUPPORT OF NUMBER 5 WITH NO EVIDENCE, THANK YOU.



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1
2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, WE WILL NOW GO BACK TO REMOTE
3 SPEAKERS. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE?
4

5 **MODERATOR:** SHANE HENSON, YOUR LINE IS OPEN, YOU MAY BEGIN.
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7 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS SHANE HENSON AND I AM FROM INNER
8 CITY LAW CENTER AND A MEMBER OF THE KEEP L.A. HOUSED
9 COALITION. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 2 AND I'D LIKE TO COMMENT ON
10 ITEM 5. I URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THE RESOLUTION EXTENDING
11 EVICTION PROTECTIONS TO L.A. COUNTY TENANTS IMPACTED BY THE
12 WILDFIRES WITHOUT AMENDMENTS. THIS RESOLUTION IS NOT A BLANKET
13 EVICTION MORATORIUM. IT HAS SEVERAL REQUIREMENTS AND
14 SAFEGUARDS AND TENANTS MUST PAY BACK ANY UNPAID RENT.
15 ADDITIONALLY, I'D LIKE TO NOTE THAT AGAIN, WITH ANY
16 AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE, THE ONUS IS ON THE TENANT AND NOT THE
17 LANDLORD TO HAVE TO PROVE THIS AT COURT. THE PROPOSED
18 AMENDMENTS ARE DIFFERENT THAN OTHER AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES IN
19 THAT IT WOULD CHANGE HOW YOU WOULD HAVE TO APPLY FOR THESE
20 AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES BY HAVING ALL OF THESE DOCUMENTS, ALL
21 THIS DOCUMENTATION DONE AT THE ANSWER STAGE, WHICH IS JUST NOT
22 HOW OTHER AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES WORK, SUCH AS A HABITABILITY
23 DEFENSE, WHEREIN YOU FLAG THE DEFENSE AND THEN AS THE CASE
24 GOES ON, YOU GATHER YOUR EVIDENCE TO WIN YOUR CASE. WE NEED
25 YOU TO PASS THIS RESOLUTION AS IS SO THAT IT CAN BE



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1 IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND BE ACCESSIBLE TO
2 PEOPLE WHO NEED IT MOST. THE FIRES HAVE DEVASTATED AND
3 TRAUMATIZED PEOPLE OVER THE COUNTY --

4
5 **MODERATOR:** KYLE NELSON, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6
7 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS KYLE NELSON AND I LIVE IN SB 3 AND
8 I'M COMMENTING IN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF ITEM 5. I APPLAUD
9 SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND SOLIS FOR THEIR CONSISTENT SUPPORT OF
10 THE COUNTY'S RENTERS AND URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THE RESOLUTION
11 WITHOUT AMENDMENTS. WHILE WELL-INTENTIONED, SUPERVISOR
12 MITCHELL'S AMENDMENT WILL MAKE IT FAR LESS LIKELY THAT THESE
13 PROTECTIONS HELP THOSE WHO ARE IN MOST OF NEED. RESEARCH HAS
14 REACHED CONSENSUS. THE MORE ADMINISTRATIVE HURDLES THAT YOU
15 ATTACH TO A BENEFIT, THE FEWER PEOPLE ULTIMATELY USE IT.
16 FURTHERMORE, THE OWNER'S DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENT, SUPERVISOR
17 MITCHELL'S AMENDMENT, WOULD DISPROPORTIONATELY HARM
18 UNDOCUMENTED TENANTS WHO FEAR DISCLOSING SENSITIVE INFORMATION
19 UNDER THE CURRENT PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION. SUPERVISOR
20 HORVATH'S ORDINANCE IS DESIGNED TO PROTECT FOLKS WITH FORMAL
21 AND INFORMAL JOBS, AND THIS AMENDMENT COULD DEFEAT THAT
22 PURPOSE. WE NEED YOU TO PASS THIS RESOLUTION AS IS, SO THAT IT
23 CAN BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND BE ACCESSIBLE TO
24 THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT MOST. LIKE SUPERVISOR HORVATH SAID
25 EARLIER, YOU ALL TRUST SMALL LANDLORDS TO SELF-CERTIFY AND YOU



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1 OWE THAT SAME TRUST. --

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

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5 **SPEAKER:** ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. THANK YOU.

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7 **MODERATOR:** DWAYNE GRUBER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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9 **SPEAKER:** I AM A LANDLORD AND AGAIN YOU'RE PUTTING LANDLORDS AT
10 ECONOMIC AND LEGAL PERIL. YOU'RE MAKING DECISIONS WITH
11 ANECDOTES VERSUS REAL DATA. AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE COMPLEXITIES
12 THAT COULD ARISE HERE, YOU'RE PROPOSING A 10% HIT, MAYBE ON A
13 GARDENER WHO MIGHT HAVE HIS INCOME DOWN BY \$300 A MONTH. THAT
14 WOULD TRANSLATE INTO SIX MONTHS OF RENT, MAYBE \$12,000 A MONTH
15 TO THE POOR LANDLORD WHO MIGHT NOT GET PAID BACK EVER, BUT
16 CERTAINLY NOT FOR 18 MONTHS. YOU GUYS HAVEN'T BEEN USING ANY
17 DATA ON THIS STUFF. YOU'RE TEACHING US NOT TO TRUST YOU. THIS
18 IS NOT TENANT VERSUS LANDLORD. IT'S POLICYMAKER VERSUS
19 LANDLORD. YOU'RE RAISING THE HURDLES NECESSARY FOR LANDLORDS
20 TO ACCEPT TENANTS. YOU'RE DISINCENTING REINVESTMENT BY YOUR
21 INCUMBENT HOUSING PROVIDERS. AND ONCE AGAIN, THESE
22 COMPLEXITIES ARE TELLING US NOT TO TRUST YOU AND YOU'RE
23 TELLING HOUSING PROVIDERS TO GIVE UP ON LOS ANGELES. PLEASE
24 STOP YOUR ATTACK ON LANDLORDS.

25



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

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3 **MODERATOR:** MARA LUCIAN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS MARA LUSKIN. I'M A RESIDENT OF L.A.
6 CITY AND L.A. COUNTY. I'M CALLING ON THE BOARD TO PASS THE
7 RESOLUTION AS WRITTEN TO PROTECT SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE
8 RESIDENTS. IF EDUCATING FOLKS ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS AND
9 RESPONSIBILITIES IS A PRIORITY, THAT CAN BE DONE WITHOUT
10 ADDING AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN. I ALSO WANT TO CALL OUT THAT
11 TODAY RESIDENTS AT REMAINING RED CROSS SHELTERS WERE INFORMED
12 THAT THE SHELTERS WERE CLOSING EITHER TOMORROW, FEBRUARY 27TH
13 OR THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE 28TH. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. I ASK
14 THE SUPERVISORS TO ENSURE NO ONE IS EVICTED FROM SHELTER DUE
15 TO THE IMPACT OF THE FIRES. THANK YOU.

16

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** JOSH LUX, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. HI. THANK YOU. I AM CALLING IN TO STRONGLY
23 OPPOSE ITEM 5, THE PROPOSED EVICTION MORATORIUM SEEMS TO BE IN
24 REACTION TO THE WILDFIRES TO PREVENT RENT GOUGING. AND AS A
25 PRIVATE PROVIDER OF RENTAL UNITS IN LOS ANGELES, LIKE OTHERS,



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1 I'VE STRUGGLED TO RECOVER FROM THE COVID PROTECTIONS IN THE
2 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THE FOUR-YEAR LONG-COVID EVICTION
3 MORATORIUM HAS MADE IT DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN THE HABITABILITY
4 OF MANY OF MY UNITS. THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR COSTS HAVE
5 SKYROCKETED, ALONG WITH UTILITIES' INSURANCE RATES HAVE
6 TRIPLED. THE MAJORITY OF THE APARTMENTS IN THE CITY OF LOS
7 ANGELES ARE ALREADY SUBJECT TO THE RSO. THAT'S 75% OF THEM,
8 AND THAT PROHIBITS EXTENSIVE RENT INCREASES. AB1482 RESTRICTS
9 ANOTHER LARGE PERCENTAGE OF LANDLORDS FROM PRICE GOUGING, AND
10 WE CURRENTLY HAVE LAWS ON THE BOOKS THAT RESTRICT PRICE
11 COUCHING THAT SIMPLY NEED TO BE ENFORCED. LINDSAY HORVATH WITH
12 RESPECT TO THE SELF-CERTIFICATION I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE BANGING
13 THAT DRUM REGARDING OWNERS SELF-CERTIFYING THAT MAY BE THE
14 CASE IN UNINCORPORATED BUT THAT IS NOT THE CASE IN
15 INCORPORATED IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND HOLLY MITCHELL, I
16 APPLAUD YOUR ATTEMPT TO STRENGTHEN THE DOCUMENTATION
17 REQUIREMENT AND THE AMENDMENT. --

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

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21 **MODERATOR:** LAURA KALEY, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22
23 **SPEAKER:** HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

24
25 **DAWYN HARRISON:** YES, WE CAN.



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2 **SPEAKER:** HELLO? HI, I AM A SINGLE MOTHER WITH A SPECIAL NEEDS
3 KID AND A RESTAURATEUR. I ALSO OWN RENTALS. ALL OF MY RENTALS
4 ARE AT LEAST 30% BELOW MARKET AND MOST OF MY TENANTS NEVER GOT
5 RENT INCREASES. I'M SELLING PROPERTIES I OWN BECAUSE THIS IS
6 YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP YOUR CITIZENS AND PROVIDE HOUSING.
7 IT IS NOT MINE. I HAVE TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES. I'M HAVING TO
8 PAY INCREASED INSURANCE RATES, UTILITIES, GARBAGE, WATER FOR
9 MY TENANTS. YOU'RE FORCING THE SMALL LANDLORDS OUT OF BUSINESS
10 AND PUTTING THE BIG CORPORATIONS IN WHO WILL MAKE A PROFIT. I
11 URGE YOU TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. LET YOU SIGN ON FOR THE RENT.
12 I STILL HAVE UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES FROM COVID THAT I'M PAYING
13 FINES ON EVERY MONTH. I WENT WITHOUT RENT. I WAS NOT ELECTED -
14 -

15

16 **MODERATOR:** FRANCESCA, EXCUSE ME, FRANCESCA JANICEK, YOUR LINE
17 IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** FRANCESCA, PLEASE BEGIN. MODERATOR, CAN WE
20 TAKE THE NEXT CALL?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** SORRY, CAN YOU HEAR ME? YES. WAIT, WAIT, CAN YOU HEAR
23 ME? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

24

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



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2 **DAWYN HARRISON:** CAN YOU HEAR ME? YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR
5 TIME AND OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS STRONG SUPPORT FOR ITEM 5
6 WITHOUT AMENDMENTS. MY NAME IS FRANCESCA ANDASEK. MY HUSBAND
7 AND I ARE RENTERS AT LINCOLN CROSSING IN ALTADENA, WHERE I,
8 ALONG WITH EIGHT HOUSEHOLDS OF RENTERS, ARE NOW FACING
9 EVICTION THREATS AND NEGLECT FROM OUR LANDLORD, GRATEFUL LLC.
10 OUR APARTMENT IS THE LOCATION OF ALSO MY SMALL HOME BUSINESS,
11 AND IT'S IN THE BURN ZONE OF THE EATON CANYON FIRE. WHILE THE
12 BUILDING IS STILL INTACT, OUR APARTMENT IS UNINHABITABLE DUE
13 TO SMOKE, SOOT, ASH, AND LEAD CONTAMINATION. WE'VE BEEN
14 DISPLACED FROM JANUARY 7TH, STILL DISPLACED, STAYING ALMOST AN
15 HOUR AWAY, HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO WORK AT OUR HOME BUSINESS
16 BECAUSE THE UNIT IS CONTAMINATED EVEN FEMA HAS DECLARED OUR
17 UNITS UNINHABITABLE. THE LANDLORD HAS REFUSED TO DO ANY
18 REMEDIATION AND IN RESPONSE TO US REQUESTING REMEDIATION
19 RAISED THE RENT AND IS NOW TRYING TO EVICT ALL THE TENANTS OF
20 THE BUILDING. PLEASE PASS ITEM 5 WITHOUT AMENDMENTS. FOR THE
21 RECORD I PAID RENT ON TIME DURING ALL OF COVID.

22

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

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25 **SPEAKER:** EVEN THOUGH I WAS FUNCTIONING AT 30% OF MY NORMAL



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SUPERVISORS

1 BUSINESS. TOTALLY DIFFERENT --

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3 **MODERATOR:** DANIEL MOSKOWITZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I AM A CONSTITUENT OF DISTRICT 5, BARGERS
6 DISTRICT. I AM A FIRE VICTIM AND I HAVE TAKEN INTO MY OWN HOME
7 OTHER FIRE VICTIMS BECAUSE OF THE HOUSING ISSUE. AND I OPPOSE
8 ITEM 5. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN UNFUNDED EVICTION MORATORIUM
9 IS NOT SUITABLE APPROACH FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. REVIVING A
10 PREVIOUSLY UNSUCCESSFUL POLICY SUCH AS THIS CARRIES
11 SIGNIFICANT CONSEQUENCES. IT DISCOURAGES DEVELOPERS FROM
12 INVESTING IN THE COUNTY'S ADA CITIES DUE TO PERCEIVED RISKS.
13 IT SIGNALS TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THAT LENDING FOR HOUSING
14 IN L.A. COUNTY IS UNWISE AS MANY CURRENT LOANS ARE FACING
15 FORECLOSURE AND PROPERTY OWNERS ARE EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL
16 DISTRESS DUE TO INCONSISTENT INCOME. IT CONVEYS TO HOUSING
17 PROVIDERS, INCLUDING MYSELF, THAT OUR SKILLS, EFFORTS, TIME,
18 ENERGY, AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES ARE BEING EXPLOITED AND
19 WASTED. IT INDICATES TO RENTERS

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THAT RENTAL PRICES WILL CONTINUE TO RISE BEYOND
24 CONTROL.

25



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

2

3 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WE NOTICED HERE FIRST THAT THE SUPERVISOR
4 HORVATH, STATES THE TERM FAIRNESS WHILE SHE CONSPIRES TO
5 FELONIOUSLY SPEND MILLIONS OF TAX DOLLARS TO SUPPORT ILLEGAL
6 IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES. A FEDERAL PENITENTIARY CELL
7 SEEMS TO BE A FAIR REWARD. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** GLORIA MARTINEZ. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF THE 38,000 MEMBERS OF UNITED TEACHERS
14 LOS ANGELES, I URGE YOU TO VOTE FOR ITEM 5, AS PROPOSED WITH
15 NO AMENDMENT. THE WILDFIRES HAVE DEVASTATED OUR COMMUNITIES
16 AND TENANTS WHO WERE ALREADY FACING UNAFFORDABLE RENTS AND ARE
17 NOW MORE VULNERABLE THAN EVER TO DISPLACEMENT. STUDENTS,
18 FAMILIES, AND PUBLIC-SCHOOL EDUCATORS HAVE NOT BEEN SPARED.
19 OVER 500 UTLA MEMBERS REPORT BEING SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED WITH
20 HUNDREDS LOSING THEIR HOMES. THREE LAUSC CAMPUSES WERE EITHER
21 COMPLETELY BURNED DOWN OR SERIALLY DAMAGED. MANY OF OUR
22 STUDENTS WHO WERE ALREADY SUFFERING FROM HOMELESSNESS AND
23 HOUSING INSECURITY, A CRISIS THAT HAS ONLY BEEN MADE BEING
24 MORE ACUTE BY THE LOSS OF INCOME CAUSED BY THE FIRES. THIS
25 MOTION WOULD BE A CRUCIAL LIFELINE TO L.A.'S WORKING CLASS AS



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1 SO MANY STRUGGLE TO REBUILD AFTER THE FIRES. RIGHT NOW, PEOPLE
2 WHO WERE AFFECTED BY THE FIRES ARE TRYING TO SURVIVE AND
3 TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE DAY. LET'S NOT
4 CREATE ADDITIONAL BARRIERS TO ASSISTANCE. WE URGE YOU TO VOTE
5 YES ON ITEM 5 AS IS, WITH NO AMENDMENTS AS BEFORE --

6

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

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS OLYMPIA BLANCO-ZUNIGA. I AM A RESIDENT
11 OF THE SECOND DISTRICT. MY MOM IS A SENIOR HOMEOWNER AND I AM
12 A STAFF MEMBER AT COMMUNITY COALITION. WE APPRECIATE THE
13 INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION AND ADDITIONALLY ASK SUPERVISOR
14 HORVATH TO ALSO CONSIDER THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE OPENED
15 THEIR HOMES TO THOSE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE FIRE AND MAY NOW
16 BE AT RISK FOR EVICTIONS AS THE CITY COUNCIL HAS FAILED TO
17 ADOPT COMPREHENSIVE TENANT PROTECTIONS AND GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S
18 EXECUTIVE ORDERS EXPIRE ON MARCH 8TH. SOLIDARITY SHOULD NOT BE
19 PUNISHED AND WE URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PROTECT BLACK
20 AND BROWN COMMUNITY HEROES WHO ARE ALREADY DISPROPORTIONATELY
21 VULNERABLE WHO HAVE WELCOMED OTHERS INTO THEIR HOMES.

22

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

24

25 **SPEAKER:** HEY, MY NAME IS RICKY DURAN WRIGHT. I'M AN ORGANIZER



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SUPERVISORS

1 WITH COMMUNITY COALITION IN SOUTH L.A. AND A PROUD MEMBER OF
2 THE KEEP L.A. HOUSED COALITION. WE STRONGLY STAND WITH OUR
3 COMRADES IMPACTED BY THE PALISADES AND EATON WILDFIRE CLIMATE
4 CATASTROPHES AND WE URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM
5 NUMBER 5. LOS ANGELES HAS FELT THE IMPACT OF THE FIRES AND
6 WILL CONTINUE TO FEEL THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS FOR YEARS TO COME.
7 WE URGE YOU TO PRIORITIZE THE COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE CRITICAL
8 ECONOMIC RELIEF FOR THE PALISADE AND ETON COMMUNITIES WHO ARE
9 IN DESPERATE NEED FOR HELP. THANK YOU.

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

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13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING, CHAIR BARGER, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY
14 NAME IS ROB NOTOFF WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION OF
15 LABOR, AND WE'RE HERE TO SPEAK IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 5, AS
16 IS WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS. WITHIN THE L.A. LABOR
17 FAMILY, WE'VE HAD OVER 7,000 MEMBERS WHO'VE BEEN IMPACTED BY
18 THE FIRES, AND 1,000 OF WHOM HAVE LOST EVERYTHING, INCLUDING
19 THEIR HOMES. WE HAVE MEMBERS WHO ARE DOING FILM SHOOTS IN
20 ALTADENA, AND WHEN THOSE PRODUCTIONS STOP DUE TO THE FIRES, SO
21 DO THE PAYCHECKS FOR THOSE WORKERS. WE HAVE MEMBERS WHO ARE
22 PROVIDING HOME CARE SERVICES FOR OUR ELDERLY AND DISABLED, AND
23 WE HAVE MEMBERS WHO ARE PROVIDING CHILDCARE, ONLY TO HAVE THE
24 HOMES THAT THEY WORKED IN BURNED DOWN, AND WHEN THOSE HOMES
25 BURNED DOWN, THOSE PAYCHECKS ALSO CEASED FOR THOSE MEMBERS. WE



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1 HAVE MUSICIANS WHO WERE SCHEDULED TO PERFORM IN SOME OF THE
2 FIRE-IMPACTED AREAS ONLY TO HAVE THOSE SHOWS BE CANCELED
3 BECAUSE OF THE FIRES. AND WITH THAT, THE PAYCHECKS STOPPED
4 ALONG WITH THEM. THESE WORKERS AND SO MANY OTHER LIKE THEM,
5 LIKE NANNIES AND GARDENERS, ARE NOW AT THE MERCY OF THE
6 HOUSING MARKET WITH RENT DUE ON SATURDAY. SO PLEASE PASS ITEM
7 5 AS IS, SO THEY CAN HAVE THE FIGHTING CHANCE TO PIECE THEIR
8 LIVES BACK TOGETHER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

9

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

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12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS NICHOLAS
13 GARDNER AND I'M WITH UNITED TEACHERS LOS ANGELES. I'M ALSO A
14 RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT AND I GREW UP IN THE FOURTH
15 DISTRICT WHERE MY FAMILY STILL LIVES. THE FIRES HAVE
16 ABSOLUTELY DEVASTATED OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR SCHOOL, LAUSD
17 COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY IMPACTED. HUNDREDS OF
18 EDUCATORS HAVE BEEN DISPLACED, WITH MANY LOSING THEIR HOMES
19 COMPLETELY. THOUSANDS OF OUR STUDENTS WERE HARMED AS WELL,
20 MANY WHO ARE STILL YOU KNOW MISSING SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY ARE
21 TRYING THEIR FAMILIES ARE TRYING TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES. WE
22 HAVE MEMBERS WHO ARE WORKING DAY AND NIGHT JUST TO KEEP A ROOF
23 OVER THEIR HEADS AND TO JUST STAY ABOVE WATER AND THIS AND YOU
24 KNOW THIS CRISIS COMES ON TOP OF AN EXISTING HOUSING CRISIS
25 WHERE THOUSANDS ARE JUST STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE. SO, WE URGE



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1 YOU TO VOTE FOR ITEM 5 AS WRITTEN WITHOUT AMENDMENTS BECAUSE
2 NO ONE HARMED BY THESE FIRES SHOULD HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MAKING
3 ENDS MEET OR PUTTING A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD. THANK YOU SO
4 MUCH.

5

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** MATT BUCK, VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR THE
9 CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION. THANK YOU FOR REQUIRING
10 TENANTS TO BEGIN INCOME REPLACEMENT EFFORTS, SUCH AS APPLYING
11 FOR WILDFIRE RELIEF, UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, OR ACTIVELY
12 SEEKING WORK TO QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE. AND THANK YOU,
13 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT REQUIRING
14 TENANTS TO PROVIDE OWNERS WITH SIMPLE DOCUMENTATION CONFIRMING
15 THEY'VE TAKEN THESE STEPS. THIS WILL ENSURE CREDIBILITY,
16 PREVENTS UNNECESSARY LEGAL PROCEEDINGS, STOPS THIS FROM
17 BECOMING AN OVERLY COMPLICATED ADMINISTRATIVE MAZE. AND
18 FINALLY, WE URGE YOU TO KEEP YOUR PROMISE, FULLY FUND THE
19 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, DO NOT MAKE THIS AN UNFUNDED
20 MONDAY. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **SPEAKER:** FRED SUTTON WITH THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT
25 ASSOCIATION. REITERATING, THANK YOU FOR THE FOCUS ON RENTAL



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1 ASSISTANCE LAST MEETING, BUT HOWEVER, THAT CRITICAL FUNDING
2 HASN'T BEEN SECURED AS OF THIS MEETING. INCLUDING THE
3 DOCUMENTS DISINCENTIVIZES HOUSING PROVIDERS FROM GOING TO
4 COURT. IT TAKES AWAY ALL THE ISSUES AND CONCERN. WITHOUT THOSE
5 DOCUMENTS WITH THE SELF-ATTESTING, THE COUNTY'S TELLING
6 HOUSING PROVIDERS THEY HAVE TO GO TO COURT TO ULTIMATELY GET
7 THOSE TYPES OF DOCUMENTS. THE DOCUMENTS STOP THE COURT
8 PROCEEDINGS. AS IT RELATES TO, ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT ALIKE, WITH
9 HOUSING PROVIDERS NOT HAVING TO SELF-ATTEST WITH THEIR OWN
10 ELEMENTS WITH THE COUNTY, WHEN YOU TRY TO GET A RENT INCREASE
11 IN RENT CONTROLLED APARTMENTS, YOU HAVE TO GIVE EXTENSIVE
12 DOCUMENTATION, EXTENSIVE. LIKE A RENT INCREASE, THIS IS
13 SOMETHING THAT IS SEPARATE AND OUT OF THE ORDINARY THAT
14 REQUIRES A LITTLE EXTRA. IT'S NOT ASKING TOO MUCH. IT'S WHAT
15 THEY WOULD BE EXPECTED ANYWAY AND IT STOPS PEOPLE --

16
17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. WE NOW GO BACK TO
18 REMOTE CALLERS. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
19 PLEASE?

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21 **MODERATOR:** JOHN HILLARY, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22
23 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS JOHN. I'M A MEMBER OF UAW 4811 AND I'M
24 A RESIDENT OF LINDSAY HORVATH'S DISTRICT. I URGE THE BOARD TO
25 PASS THE MOTION AS ORIGINALLY OPPOSED WITH NO AMENDMENT. WE'VE



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1 SEEN PROJECTIONS THAT EVICTION RATES COULD DOUBLE IN L.A. AS A
2 RESULT OF THIS, AND MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE UNDOCUMENTED, AND
3 THESE EXTRA REQUIREMENTS ARE JUST A WEAPON TO DISCOURAGE THEM
4 FROM ACTUALLY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE EVICTION PROTECTIONS. I
5 THINK HAVING AN EVICTION PROTECTION LIKE THIS IS THE MOST
6 EFFECTIVE WAY TO ACTUALLY KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED IN A TIME OF
7 CRISIS LIKE THIS.

8

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

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11 **MODERATOR:** TISHA KELL, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CAN WE TAKE THE NEXT CALLER PLEASE?

14

15 **MODERATOR:** LAUREN GATZEEZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CAN WE TAKE THE NEXT CALLER, PLEASE?

18

19 **MODERATOR:** LAUREN GATZAS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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21 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I URGE YOU TO OPPOSE ITEM 5. THIS IS A LOADED
22 GUN. THIS IS A DEAD SENTENCE FOR US. WE ARE 65 YEARS OLD AND
23 STILL STRUGGLING FROM COVID. COUNTING THE PENALTIES, THINKING
24 THAT THE NEXT PAYMENT FOR TAXES IS COMING UP, THE INCREASE OF
25 INSURANCE IS TRIPLE, AND WHO IS HELPING US, NOBODY IS HELPING



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1 US. THIS IS NOT A WAR BETWEEN LANDLORDS AND TENANTS. THIS IS A
2 PLACE WHERE WE CAN MEET AND WE CAN FIND A SPECIFIC SOLUTION
3 AND HELP THOSE TRULY IN NEED. NOT A SWEEPING COUNTYWIDE
4 MORATORIUM THAT WOULD BURDEN RENTAL HOUSING PROVIDERS. EFFORT
5 RELIEF SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND NEED-BASED, ENSURING THAT AID
6 REACHES IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT IMPOSING UNNECESSARY
7 BURDENS ON HOUSING PROVIDERS. EXPANDING EMERGENCY POWERS
8 BEYOND NECESSITIES AND OVERREACH THAT MIRRORS FAILED COVID ERA
9 POLICIES WHICH RESULTED IN DEVASTATING FINANCIAL STRAINING
10 PROPERTY OWNERS. SELF-ATTESTATION WITHOUT VERY --

11
12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT HAS
13 ENDED.

14
15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. THANK
16 YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE WHO CAME AND
17 CALLED IN TO PROVIDE THEIR PERSPECTIVE. IT REALLY IS AN
18 IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN OUR ABILITY TO TRY TO DEVELOP PUBLIC
19 POLICY THAT STRIKES THE PERFECT BALANCE TO REALLY MEET NEEDS.
20 BUT A COUPLE OF COMMENTS I WANT TO MAKE BASED ON WHAT WE
21 HEARD. I WAS PROUD TO CARRY THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL MOTION FOR
22 THIS BODY WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS AS MY CO-AUTHOR. AND I THINK
23 THE ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE PROVIDING THAT ROUTE TO COUNSEL WORK
24 ARE THOSE WHO KNOW BEST WHAT EVIDENCE IS REQUIRED IN AN
25 UNLAWFUL DETAINER ACTION. AND SO, IF WE CONTINUE TO MOVE



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1 FORWARD WITH THE LANGUAGE AS PROPOSED AND YOUR CLIENTS, OUR
2 CONSTITUENTS LOSE IN THOSE ACTIONS, THAT WILL BE REALLY
3 UNFORTUNATE WHEN WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE CLARITY TO
4 THE MOTION THAT WAS PASSED LAST WEEK TO AVOID THAT. I
5 APPRECIATE LABOR SHOWING UP TODAY. LABOR DID NOT SHOW UP WHEN
6 WE WERE HERE DEBATING THE ACTUAL WORKER RELIEF FUND. I NEVER
7 GOT A LETTER OF SUPPORT OR DIDN'T SEE ANY LABOR ORGANIZATIONS
8 HERE HELPING US NAVIGATE THAT POLICY TO MAKE SURE THAT
9 IMPACTED WORKERS ACTUALLY GOT MONEY IN THEIR POCKETS FOR RENT,
10 FOR FOOD, AND ALL OF THEIR NEEDS. SO, I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE
11 TODAY. WISH YOU WERE HERE TO HELP US WITH THE WORKER RELIEF
12 FUND DISCUSSIONS, OF WHICH THERE WERE SEVERAL. I KNOW THAT AS
13 WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THAT FUND, WE'VE NOT RAISED, THE COUNTY
14 HASN'T RAISED WHAT WE NEED TO MAKE THAT FUND REAL, THE WORKER
15 RELIEF FUND NOR THE RENT RELIEF FUND. SO, EVERYBODY THAT HAS A
16 CONCERN SHOULD HELP US AND HELP THE COUNTY ACTUALLY PUT SOME
17 FUNDS THERE TO MAKE IT REAL FOR PEOPLE. THIS ORDINANCE DOES
18 NOT PERTAIN TO PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR HOMES IN THE FIRE. WE
19 SHOULD BE REALLY CLEAR ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY. THIS
20 APPLIES TO PEOPLE WHO LOST INCOME AS A RESULT OF THEIR FIRE.
21 SO, A NUMBER OF PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT WE LOST MY HOME AND WE ARE
22 DOING A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT MOTIONS AND ACTIONS. SO, I WANT
23 EVERYBODY TO BE CLEAR AND NOT CONTINUE TO CONFLATE ISSUES
24 ABOUT WHAT THIS ORDINANCE WILL DO. IT DOES NOT IMPACT PEOPLE
25 WHO LOST THEIR HOMES, IT IMPACTS PEOPLE WHO LOST INCOME. THE



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1 PRICE GOUGING AND THE HABITABILITY ISSUES IS NOT IMPACTED BY
2 THIS ORDINANCE. SO, THE WOMAN WHOSE APARTMENT WAS DAMAGED AND
3 HER LANDLORD IS NOT HANDLING IT, THIS ORDINANCE DOES NOT
4 IMPACT HER. WE HAVE TAKEN ACTIONS IN OTHER AREAS. IT IS NOT
5 REQUIRED THAT YOU APPLY FOR THIS PROTECTION. SO, I WANT PEOPLE
6 TO BE CLEAR. WE ARE SIMPLY TRYING TO PROVIDE SOME
7 CLARIFICATION ON THE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE THAT WAS PROPOSED IN
8 THE MOTION LAST WEEK TO ATTEMPT TO PROTECT PEOPLE THAT IF THEY
9 FIND THEMSELVES IN COURT, THEY WILL ALREADY HAVE THE
10 DOCUMENTATION NEEDED. WE DON'T BELIEVE THIS DOCUMENTATION IS
11 GOING TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM BEING PROTECTED BY THIS. WE WANT
12 PEOPLE TO APPLY FOR THE WORKER RELIEF FUND BECAUSE BY SIMPLY
13 GIVING THEM AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE DOESN'T PUT MONEY IN YOUR
14 POCKET OR FOOD ON THE TABLE. SO, I REALLY HOPE THAT WE WILL
15 STOP CONFLATING THOSE TWO ISSUES AND BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THIS
16 MEANS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT OTHER PEOPLE GOT, BUT THESE ARE THE
17 EMAILS I GOT ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION ABOUT AND THEY ARE
18 PRINTED OUT IN THEIR REAL EMAILS IF YOU WANT TO COME LOOK. I
19 DON'T PLAY THE BLANK PAPER GAME, SO COME READ THEM, ABOUT
20 SEEKING CLARIFICATION ABOUT WHAT OUR INTENT WAS IN LAST WEEK'S
21 MOTION. THAT'S WHY WE CAME BACK TO TRY TO PROVIDE AS MUCH
22 CLARIFICATION AS POSSIBLE, TO REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT
23 PEOPLE WILL SHOW UP IN COURT AND NOT BE PREPARED TO DEFEND
24 THEMSELVES AGAINST A SMALL LANDLORD OR ANYBODY ELSE. THAT'S
25 THE INTENTION. THIS IS NOT ABOUT PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR HOMES.



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1 THIS IS ABOUT PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR JOBS OR THEIR INCOME WAS
2 REDUCED. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** I JUST, I KNOW THAT WE DISAGREE. I JUST
7 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ORDINANCE DOES HAVE THE FOLLOWING
8 LANGUAGE IN IT. THE TENANT MUST BE ENROLLED IN OR HAVE APPLIED
9 TO A WILDFIRE RELIEF PROGRAM, APPLIED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT
10 BENEFITS OR OTHER QUALIFYING INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, OR BE
11 ACTIVELY SEEKING EMPLOYMENT. THIS AMENDMENT REQUIRES ALL OF
12 THOSE THINGS TO HAPPEN. SO, WE ARE REQUIRING SOME FORM OF
13 REPRESENTATION OF I THINK THE DOCUMENTATION THAT YOU'RE
14 LOOKING FOR. WE'RE JUST NOT REQUIRING THAT ALL OF THEM BE MADE
15 AVAILABLE. SO JUST IN CASE ANYONE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT
16 NOTHING IS BEING REQUIRED, THAT IS PART OF THIS MOTION
17 ALREADY.

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19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT WITH THAT HEARING NO
20 OTHER COMMENTS. I DID HAVE A QUESTION FOR COUNTY COUNSEL. AT
21 WHAT POINT CAN A LANDLORD SUE THE COUNTY FOR LOSS OF INCOME
22 BASED ON THE FACT THAT WE ARE MANDATING THAT PEOPLE CAN STAY
23 IN AN APARTMENT WITHOUT HAVING TO PAY RENT? I KNOW THERE'S A,
24 IS THERE A CHALLENGE? YOU SAID WE'RE BEING CHALLENGED?

25



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1 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** SUPERVISOR, THERE ARE TWO POSSIBLE OPTIONS
2 FOR A CHALLENGE. ONE WOULD BE TO ENJOIN THE RESOLUTION ITSELF
3 TO PREVENT IT FROM GOING INTO EFFECT. THE OTHER WOULD BE TO
4 SEEK DAMAGES IF A LANDLORD, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE OF A TENANT
5 TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THESE PROTECTIONS DOES NOT PAY THE RENT
6 AND DOES NOT PAY THE RENT AFTER THE PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH
7 THEY ARE ALLOWED TO REPAY THE RENT.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND IF WE OFFER UP FUNDING, WHICH
10 WE HAVE, AND IT TAKES US 6 MONTHS TO GET THAT TO THEM, IS THAT
11 A CAUSE AS WELL? BECAUSE THEY'RE BEING TOLD THAT THEY HAVE TO
12 EAT IT FOR SIX MONTHS.

13

14 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** IT DEPENDS ON WHETHER ULTIMATELY THEY ARE
15 REIMBURSED FOR THE RENT.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT WAS JUST MY
18 QUESTION ON THE LEGAL SIDE. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS,
19 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S AMENDMENT IS BEFORE US. I WILL SECOND
20 IT. SO NOW DO I CALL FOR A VOTE ON THAT?

21

22 **DAWYN HARRISON:** ON THE AMENDMENT, YES.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I WILL SECOND THE MOTION EXECUTIVE
25 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** NO.

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS. NO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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

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10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR
11 HORVATH?

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13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** NO.

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15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, NO. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** NO.

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19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, NO. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION FAILS, 2 TO
24 3.

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1 **DAWYN HARRISON:** NOW WE NEED TO VOTE ON..

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3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** AMENDMENT,

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5 **DAWYN HARRISON:** AMENDMENT.

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7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE AMENDMENT. AMENDMENT.

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9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NOW THE MOTION IS BEFORE US.

10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER CALL THE ROLL.

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

13

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

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

17

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

19

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

22

23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AYE.

24

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



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2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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

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6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ABSTAIN.

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8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER. ABSTAIN. MOTION CARRIES,
9 4-0 WITH 1 ABSTENTION.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE ARE NOW, ARE WE
12 GOING BACK TO ITEM NUMBER 10? OKAY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ARE WE
13 CALLING FOR A VOTE ON THIS?

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 10 IS THE
18 TEMPORARY WAIVER WASTE SHED RESTRICTION AND INCREASE. TONNAGE
19 LAWS. CALL THE ROLL.

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE

24

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



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2 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THIS IS ON

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4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THE LAND FILM

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

7

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

9 HORVATH?

10

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

12

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

14

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

16

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

18

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

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

22 0.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO

25 PUBLIC HEARINGS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE SWEAR IN THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

2

3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, YOU DID THEM ALL? WELL, THEN.

6 WELL THEN. WE ARE NOW ON TO PUBLIC COMMENT. CORRECT?

7

8 **DIAS:** YES. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE

11 CALL THOSE WHO WISH TO TESTIFY AND MAKE SURE THAT STEVE LAMB

12 IS ONE OF THE FIRST PLEASE HE'S BEEN HERE ALL DAY.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR JUST FOR THE RECORD FOR ITEMS

15 4, 6, & 9 SUPERVISOR HORVATH WOULD LIKE TO RECORD HER VOTE AS

16 AN AYE. NOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO

17 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE STATE YOUR

18 NAME FOR THE RECORD. YOU MAY ONLY ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL

19 PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL NOW CALL IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND WHILE

20 THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ACTUALLY, WE'RE GOING TO DO IN-

23 PERSON BEFORE TELEPHONIC.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES, IN-PERSON BEFORE TELEPHONIC. WILL THE



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1 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
2 ASSIST YOU. DR. IVY HILTON-PRIESTES, DANIEL JIMENEZ, HELEN
3 ATAI, JANE FOWLER, KELLY MARTINO, KYOKO HIBINO, LUCY M. AND
4 STEVEN LAM.

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6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS ARE NO LONGER HERE, JUST
8 FOR THE RECORD. WE STILL HAVE A QUORUM. GO AHEAD, STEVE.

9
10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. NINE HOURS AGO, WHEN YOU DID YOUR
11 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, YOU TALKED ABOUT THE TONGVA PEOPLE. AND
12 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THAT LANDED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TALKS ABOUT
13 IS THE FACT THAT THE TONGVA PEOPLE WERE STEWARDS OF THE LAND.
14 AND THE WAY THAT THEY ENGAGED IN THEIR STEWARDSHIP WAS
15 ACTUALLY PRESCRIBED CONTROLLED BURNS OF THE HILLSIDE SO THAT
16 WE DID NOT COMPLETELY DESTROY LOS ANGELES. WHEN THEY WERE
17 ENSLAVED BY THE MISSIONS, THAT STOPPED. FOR THE 70 YEARS OF
18 THE SPANISH AND MEXICAN PERIOD AND THE FIRST 50 YEARS OF THE
19 YANKEE PERIOD, WE HAD HORRIFIC FOREST FIRES. AFTER LUKENS
20 ESTABLISHED THE FOREST SERVICE, THOSE ENDED WITH PRESCRIBED
21 BURNS. SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY HAS NOT ALLOWED PRESCRIBED
22 BURNS FOR 30 YEARS, AND THIS IS WHY WE HAVE THIS PROBLEM, AND
23 WE NEED TO CHANGE THAT. THANK YOU.

24
25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.



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2 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS LUCY AND I DID NOT KNOW THAT RENTING
3 AN APARTMENT IN WEST L.A. WOULD MEAN TURNING MY LIFE UPSIDE
4 DOWN, LOSING MY CAREER, LOSING MY DREAMS AND LOSING AND
5 DESTROYING AND LOSING MY LIFE. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO
6 ME. AND I'M THE VICTIM OF THIS LANDLORD, A PREDATOR, A SLUM
7 LORD, AN OPPRESSOR FROM BRENTWOOD IN L.A., WHO HAS ILLEGALLY
8 HIRED A HACKER, MY NEIGHBOR, FOR THE PURPOSE TO DEFEAT ME,
9 SILENCE ME, AND TURN ME, AND DISPOSE OF ME. I THOUGHT LAHSA
10 WAS CREATED TO HELP THE HOMELESS CRISIS, THAT THE PROGRAMS
11 LIKE INSIGHT SAFE AND HOME KEY PROJECT, ETC., WERE CREATED TO
12 HELP THE HOMELESS AND PUT A ROOF OVER OUR HEAD IN ORDER TO
13 BECOME HOUSED, GAIN SOME STABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE. BUT I
14 REALIZE THAT THEY ARE REALLY LIKE CONCENTRATION CAMPS. WE ARE
15 MADE TO BELIEVE WE HAVE A ROOF OVER OUR HEAD.

16

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

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19 **SPEAKER:** I'D PREFER ARBITRATION VERSUS LITIGATION, SO I'M
20 FOLLOWING UP ON THE CLAIMS I SUBMITTED NUMBER 243129 AND
21 243129A, WHICH WERE DENIED, INDICATING THAT THE COUNTY HAS NO
22 RESPONSIBILITY FOR LAHSA. HOWEVER, THIS DOCUMENT FROM COUNTY
23 OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER SHOWS A REVIEW
24 OF LAHSA'S MEASURE H FUNDS ADVANCED TO ITS SUBCONTRACTORS LIKE
25 WEINGART CENTER ASSOCIATION AND PATH. I THEREBY EMPLOY YOU TO



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1 TAKE A SECOND LOOK. MY SECOND AMENDED CLAIM IS 244424733.
2 THERE'S A TWO-MONTH WAITING LIST FOR GR'S HSSP PROGRAM. NOBODY
3 TELLS YOU THAT VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN THE GROW PROGRAM
4 WILL EXPEDITE THIS PROCESS. YOU ARE TOLD THAT YOU HAVE TO
5 APPLY FOR SSDI WITH NO GUIDANCE TOWARDS DMH AND OR CBEST. ONCE
6 YOU FIGURE THAT OUT ON YOUR OWN, YOU WAIT AT LEAST ANOTHER TWO
7 MONTHS FOR CBEST TO RESPOND AND YOU'RE DENIED. ADULTS NEED
8 NONDISCRETIONARY ACCESS TO BOTH THEIR GR AND SS ACCOUNTS AS I
9 READ EARLIER. SUBMITTING A TEMPLATE, TURN IN THE DOCUMENTS ON
10 TUESDAY.

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12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO TO REMOTE
13 SPEAKERS. MODERATOR, WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

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17 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. AND FIRST OF ALL, WE WANT TO
18 ACKNOWLEDGE THE SUPERVISORS FOR ALL THE GOOD THINGS THAT THEY
19 DO. AND THEN WE MUST NOTE THAT THE PUTTING A PERMANENT
20 LANDFILL ON THE HIGH DESERT IS ESSENTIAL. COMMENTS IN NUMBER 4
21 EARLIER ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A CRUEL JOKE AND THAT THIS
22 BOARD IS GUILTY OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ON SO MANY LEVELS.
23 GODSPEED TO PRESIDENT TRUMP. BLACK HISTORY MONTH ACKNOWLEDGED
24 PUSH THE LIMITS OF INSTITUTIONAL RACISM. IT'S KNOWN AS DEI.
25 ONLY DIE WHEN THE GANG OF FOUR ARE GONE. REPARATIONS, GO TO MY



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1 YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND SEE THAT. THE GANG OF FOUR'S WILLFUL
2 OBSTRUCTION OF PURPOSE AND INTENT, AND THE SPIRIT OF THE BROWN
3 ACT IS POWERFUL AND EXEMPLIFIED BY SPEECH AT JD, JD VANCE AT
4 THE PAC CONFERENCE --

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

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8 **MODERATOR:** ANNA LEE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9
10 **SPEAKER:** TWO ITEMS FOR GENERAL PUBLIC. IT SHOULD NOT TAKE
11 PUBLIC OUTCRIES AND PROTESTS FOR THE RESPECT OF OUTREACH AND
12 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO BE CONSIDERED. PROJECTS SHOULD NOT
13 ONLY HAVE THE ENGAGEMENT WITH THOSE WHO INTEND TO UTILIZE A
14 PROJECT, BUT ALSO THOSE LIVING IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO A
15 PROJECT 24 HOURS A DAY. ON JANUARY 8TH, WHILE WATCHING THE
16 HOLLYWOOD HILL START TO BURN IN THE SUNSET FIRE, I DID WHAT I
17 WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO DO, CHANGE THE CHANNEL. IRONICALLY,
18 THERE WAS A DOCUMENTARY ON THE FIRES OF MAUI. AFTER A FEW
19 MOMENTS, I REALLY COULD NOT DETERMINE, WAS I WATCHING AUGUST
20 2023, THE LAHAINA FIRES, OR WAS I WATCHING WHAT WAS TAKING
21 PLACE JUST MILES FROM MY HOME. I HOPE THAT THE COUNTY
22 SUPERVISORS WORK TO PROVIDE A PLAN BOOK FOR NOT IF THIS
23 HAPPENS AGAIN BUT WHEN IT DOES SO THAT YOUR FELLOW SUPERVISORS
24 CAN SHARE BEST PRACTICES BUT ALSO OTHER AGENCIES. THANK YOU.

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

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3 **MODERATOR:** T. CARTER YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **SPEAKER:** HI. DO I HAVE, HOW MUCH TIME DO I HAVE? CAN I SPEAK
6 ON AN ITEM AND PUBLIC COMMENT OR JUST PUBLIC COMMENT?

7

8 **DAWYN HARRISON:** THIS IS JUST PUBLIC COMMENT. ONE MINUTE.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** ITEM NUMBER 7.

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12 **DAWYN HARRISON:** ONE MINUTE.

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14 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. SO, IT'S JUST ONE MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY.
15 I'M CALLING IN REGARDS TO ONCE AGAIN, MS. HOLLY MITCHELL, THE
16 ONE THAT VOTED FOR ISRAEL AND NOT AGAINST PEACE. I'M CALLING
17 IN REGARDS TO HOLLY MITCHELL IGNORING AFRICAN AMERICANS IN HER
18 DISTRICT WHEN REPORTED THAT RAUL HERNANDEZ, WHO WORKED AT L.A.
19 COUNTY JAIL, LABELED TWO AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES AS
20 SCHIZOPHRENIC AND THEY'RE NOT. AND MS. MITCHELL SAID SHE LIKED
21 THE DOCUMENTS. SHE PUT THE DOCUMENTS, WELL, THE DOCUMENTS WERE
22 PRESENTED TO HER OFFICE AND TODAY RAUL IS STILL WORKING AT
23 L.A. COUNTY JAIL LABELING AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN AS
24 SCHIZOPHRENIC AND THEY'RE NOT BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO SPEAK TO A
25 SUPERVISOR. SO, I FEEL THAT HOLLY MENDOZA IS BIASED WHEN SHE



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1 SAYS THAT DMH SHOULD BE A PART OF PROGRAMS WHEN HER OFFICE
2 DOES NOT INVESTIGATE BIAS ACTS BY DMH EMPLOYEES AND IT'S ALSO
3 BIASED THAT HOLLY MITCHELL IS ON THE BOARD OF MTA AND SHE
4 ALLOWS MTA BUSES IN WHAT HOLLYWOOD TO USE PHONE CHARGERS --

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

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8 **MODERATOR:** JOSE ALONZA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** JOSE, PLEASE BEGIN. JOSE?

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12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** JOSE? JOSE, PLEASE BEGIN. JOSE?
13 JOSE?

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15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME
21 FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT THAT CONCLUDES ALSO TODAY'S MEETING
22 THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE TUESDAY, MARCH
23 4, 2025, AT 9:30 A.M.

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3 hereby certify:

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12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
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14 interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
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