



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2025

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND WELCOME, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING. TODAY IS TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025. PLEASE NOTE THAT A QUORUM OF SUPERVISORS ARE HERE AS WELL AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE'LL BEGIN TODAY'S BOARD MEETING WITH 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 MULTIGENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION, AND ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO



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

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12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND ALSO LET THE RECORD
13 REFLECT SUPERVISOR HAHN WILL NOT BE AT THE BOARD MEETING
14 TODAY, BUT WE'VE GOT A QUORUM HERE AT THE BOARD. THE
15 INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY REVEREND DR. FELICIA R. BAGNERIS,
16 BAGNERIS MURPH CHAPEL, ST. PAUL AME CHURCH FROM THE FIRST
17 DISTRICT FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY
18 ANTHONY DIXON, SENIOR VICE COMMANDER AMERICAN LEGION POST 3261
19 FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.
20 REVEREND DR. FELICIA R. BAGNERIS: LET US PAUSE FOR A SACRED
21 MOMENT. ETERNAL AND EVER-LOVING GOD, KNOWN BY MANY NAMES,
22 WORSHIPED IN MANY WAYS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR DIVINE PRESENCE IN
23 THIS PLACE. YOU ARE THE SOURCE OF JUSTICE, THE WELLSPRING OF
24 MERCY, THE SPIRIT THAT STIRS US TOWARD WHAT IS RIGHT AND GOOD.
25 WE COME TODAY WITH HEARTS OPEN AND MINDS FOCUSED, GRATEFUL FOR



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1 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AND TO LEAD. THANK YOU FOR THESE
2 PUBLIC SERVANTS, THE WOMEN AND MEN OF THIS BOARD, WHO CARRY
3 THE WEIGHT OF DECISION AND BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SHAPING
4 POLICIES THAT TOUCH THE EVERYDAY LIVES OF FAMILIES, CHILDREN,
5 WORKERS, ELDERS, AND DREAMERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, ACROSS THE
6 COUNTY. GRANT THEM WISDOM, NOT JUST KNOWLEDGE, BUT
7 UNDERSTANDING BORN OF COMPASSION. GRANT THEM COURAGE, NOT JUST
8 BOLDNESS, BUT THE STRENGTH TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, EVEN WHEN IT
9 IS NOT EASY. GRANT THEM VISION, NOT JUST FOR WHAT IS, BUT FOR
10 WHAT CAN BE, WHEN JUSTICE AND EQUITY WALK HAND IN HAND. BLESS
11 EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD, EVERY UNINCORPORATED CORNER, EVERY STREET
12 WHERE HOPE FEELS DISTANT. LET RESOURCES MEET NEED. LET VOICES
13 RISE AND BE HEARD. LET DIGNITY BE RESTORED WHERE HE HAS BEEN
14 DENIED. OH GOD, IN A TIME WHEN OUR WORLD IS DIVIDED, HELP US
15 TO BUILD BRIDGES, NOT WALLS. LET THIS CHAMBER BE A PLACE OF
16 UNITY WHERE DIVERSITY IS NOT JUST TOLERATED BUT CELEBRATED AND
17 MAY ALL WHO SERVE TODAY BE REMINDED THIS WORK IS HOLY THIS
18 SERVICE IS SACRED THIS MOMENT IS YOURS IN THE NAME OF THE ONE
19 WHO CALLS US TO JUSTICE, TO LOVE, AND TO WALK HUMBLY. AMEN.

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21 **ANTHONY DIXON:** GOOD MORNING. AND THANK YOU EVERYONE AND THANK
22 YOU BOARD FOR LETTING ME SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PLEASE
23 PLACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND IF
24 YOU'RE A VETERAN PLEASE RENDER THE HANDS SALUTE IF YOU WISH. I
25 PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



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1 AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
2 INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU.

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

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M EXTREMELY
7 EXCITED TO SEE REVEREND DR. FELICIA RENEE BAGNERIS BE HERE
8 WITH US TODAY TO CONDUCT THE INVOCATION. SINCE THE YOUNG AGE
9 OF SEVEN, THE REVEREND KNEW THERE WAS A CALLING IN HER LIFE TO
10 PREACH. SHE EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION FROM
11 CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE AND A MASTER'S OF DIVINITY AND A
12 DOCTORATE OF MINISTRY FROM PAYNE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN
13 WILBERFORCE, OHIO. IN 1997, REVEREND BAGNERIS ACCEPTED HER
14 CALL TO PREACH THE GOSPEL IN THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL
15 CHURCH KNOWN AS THE AME CHURCH. A YEAR LATER IN 1998 SHE
16 RECEIVED HER PREACHING LICENSE. THEN IN 2003 SHE WAS ORDAINED
17 AS AN ITTERANT ELDER AND FROM 2015 TO 2017 SHE SERVED A SENIOR
18 PASTOR AT HOLY TRINITY AME CHURCH LOCATED ON THE CAMPUS OF HER
19 ALMA MATER, PAYNE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN OHIO, WHERE SHE ALSO
20 WORKED AS A PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE COORDINATOR. FROM 2017 TO
21 2021, SHE SERVED AS THE FIRST EVER FEMALE PASTOR IN A 180 YEAR
22 HISTORY OF PAYNE CHAPEL AME CHURCH IN HAMILTON, OHIO. THERE
23 SHE ALSO SERVED AS THE THIRD EPISCOPAL DISTRICT CHURCH SCHOOL
24 SUPERINTENDENT AND WAS APPOINTED BY BISHOP FRANK MADISON REED
25 III TO SERVE AS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE THIRD EPISCOPAL



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1 DISTRICT OF THE AME CHURCH. REVEREND BAGNERIS THEN MOVED TO
2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHERE SHE SERVED AS COORDINATOR FOR THE AME
3 CHURCH, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE WOMEN IN MINISTRY, ONE
4 OF THE FASTEST GROWING ORGANIZATIONS IN ALL AFRICAN METHODISM.
5 FOR FOUR YEARS SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN LEADING A DELEGATION OF
6 17 WOMEN PASTORS AND HUNDREDS OF ORDAINED CLERGY, MINISTERS,
7 AND LAYPERSONS IN AN EFFORT TO DEFINE, ENHANCE, SUPPORT, AND
8 EXPAND THE PRESENCE OF WOMEN IN MINISTRY IN THE AME CHURCH.
9 SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN CHANGING THE FACE OF WOMEN IN MINISTRY
10 IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE BY PROMOTING UNITY AMONGST
11 ALL CLERGY, REGARDLESS OF THEIR GENDER. UNDER HER LEADERSHIP,
12 THE CONFERENCE AWARDED NUMEROUS SCHOLARSHIPS TO WOMEN CLERGY
13 WHO WERE PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION AS WELL AS SUPPORTING WOMEN
14 AND CHILDREN FROM TRANSITIONAL LIVING HOMES IN LOS ANGELES
15 COUNTY. THE REVEREND IS A PROUD MOTHER OF THREE ADULT CHILDREN
16 AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN WHO LOVINGLY CALL HER MAMA REV. SHE IS
17 ALSO AN IMMENSELY PROUD MEMBER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SOCIETY,
18 INCORPORATED. REVEREND BAGNERIS RECENTLY SERVES AS A SENIOR
19 PASTOR AT MURPH CHAPEL AT ST. PAUL AME CHURCH AND
20 UNINCORPORATED VALINDA IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. SHE HAS WORKED
21 WITH MY OFFICE ON NUMEROUS EVENTS WHICH INCLUDED THE SUMMER
22 SOUNDS ON THE GROUND EVENT THAT PROVIDED BACKPACK
23 DISTRIBUTIONS AND A RESOURCE FAIR AND A CONCERT AND A VACCINE
24 CLINIC AND HELD THEIR CHILI CORNBREAD AND A PRAYER EVENT.
25 THANK YOU AGAIN, REVEREND BAGNERIS, FOR JOINING US TODAY AND



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1 FOR COMING OUT TO VISIT US HERE AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS ON THIS SPECIAL, SPECIAL WEEK FOR ALL OF US. THANK
3 YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL THE COUNTY 10,000,000
4 PEOPLE WE ALL REPRESENT FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK
5 YOU SO MUCH.

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

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9 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM
10 PROUD TO THANK MR. DIXON, WHO WAS A PROUD FIRST RESPONDER WHO
11 JOINED THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD BACK IN
12 2004. HE SERVED 11 YEARS IN THE MILITARY, ATTAINING THE RANK
13 OF SPECIALIST AND SERVING IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. HE IS A
14 GRADUATE OF GARDENA HIGH SCHOOL, EL CAMINO COLLEGE, AND THE
15 AMERICAN MILITARY UNIVERSITY. HE'S ALSO A DEDICATED COUNTY
16 EMPLOYEE WORKING AS A MEDIUM TRUCK DRIVER FOR L.A. COUNTY'S
17 FIRE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL REGIONAL OPERATION BUREAU IN THE
18 GREAT CITY OF INGLEWOOD. MR. DIXON IS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE
19 CALIFORNIA STATE FIREFIGHTERS, SENIOR VICE COMMANDER AT VFW
20 POST NUMBER 3261 IN GARDENA, A MEMBER OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF
21 GARDENA, AND A LIAISON ADVISOR FOR THE GARDENA HIGH SCHOOL KEY
22 CLUB. IN HIS SPARE TIME, YOU HAVE SPARE TIME? RIGHT. HE ENJOYS
23 KARAOKE. ALL RIGHT, I SEE YOU. KARAOKE, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND
24 FLYING DRONES. HE IS THE PROUD FATHER OF TWO AND HAS BEEN A
25 SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT FOR OVER 35 YEARS. SO, THANK YOU FOR



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1 YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, TO OUR COUNTY, AND FOR LEADING US
2 IN TODAY'S PLEDGE. PLEASE GIVE ANTHONY BROWN A ROUND OF
3 APPLAUSE. DIXON, ANTHONY DIXON. WHO'S ANTHONY BROWN?

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5 **ANTHONY DIXON:** SOMEBODY OUT THERE.

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7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND NOW I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE A
8 PUP WHO LIVES UP TO THE SWEETNESS OF HIS NAME. HER NAME IS
9 TANGERINE. TANGERINE IS A ONE-YEAR-OLD, WELL, ACTUALLY ALMOST
10 TWO, SPAYED FEMALE AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG AND GERMAN SHEPHERD
11 MIX. SHE HAS A GENTLE PLAY STYLE AND GETS ALONG WITH OTHER
12 ANIMALS SO SHE IS DEFINITELY A GENTLE SPIRIT. SHE LOVES TO GO
13 ON WALKS AND PLAY BALL. SHE COMES FROM LANCASTER ANIMAL CARE
14 CENTER AND HAS BEEN AT THE AGOURA CARE CENTER SINCE FEBRUARY
15 19. IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE TANGERINE YOUR OWN PLAY PARTNER,
16 CALL THE AGOURA CARE CENTER AT 818-991-0071. AGAIN, THIS IS
17 TANGERINE AND SHE IS UP FOR ADOPTION. SHE'S ONE YEAR, EIGHT
18 MONTHS OLD. AND NOW I'LL DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SCREEN FOR
19 OUR PET FROM PALMDALE. MEET PRINCESS, A TWO-YEAR-OLD SABLE,
20 FEMALE, GERMAN SHEPHERD MIX. PRINCESS IS LOOKING FOR REAL
21 TREATMENT AND LOTS OF HUGS. THE SWEET GAL CAME FROM THE
22 PALMDALE CARE CENTER BECAUSE HER OWNER HAD TOO MANY DOGS. TO
23 ADOPT PRINCESS, CALL THE PALMDALE CARE CENTER AT 661-575-2888.
24 AGAIN, WE'VE GOT TANGERINE HERE OUT OF THE AGORA, AND WE'VE
25 GOT PRINCESS UP IN PALMDALE. BUT I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO



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1 TO ANY ONE OF OUR ANIMAL CARE CENTERS AND TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT
2 WE'VE GOT. WE'VE GOT PUPPIES, BUT WE ALSO HAVE OLDER DOGS WHO
3 ARE LOOKING FOR OUR HOMES. AND WITH SPRING HERE, SPRING IS A
4 PERFECT TIME TO BRING HOME A NEW PET BECAUSE THE COUNTY HAS
5 TWO GREAT PROMOTIONS GOING ON. FOR ONLY TWO MORE WEEKS IN
6 APRIL, ADOPTION FEES ARE WAIVED FOR BOTH DOGS AND CATS AT THE
7 PALMDALE ANIMAL CARE CENTER THANKS TO A GENEROUS GRANT. IN
8 ADDITION, WE ARE GOING TO, AT ALL OF OUR CENTERS, ADOPTION
9 FEES ARE WAIVED FOR SENIOR PETS OLDER THAN SIX YEARS OLD
10 THROUGH APRIL. THESE OLDER PETS DESERVE LOVE AND AFFECTION
11 JUST AS MUCH AS THE PUPPIES, AND THEY ARE DEFINITELY,
12 DEFINITELY, DEFINITELY WAITING FOR YOU TO COME AND ADOPT THEM.
13 IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO BRING LOVE INTO YOUR LIFE, NOW IS THE
14 TIME TO VISIT YOUR LOCAL ANIMAL CARE CENTER. I WOULD ENCOURAGE
15 YOU TO EITHER GO ONLINE OR GO IN PERSON. THANK YOU AND THANK
16 YOU FOR BRINGING TANGERINE DOWN. ALL RIGHT, WE WILL NOW MOVE
17 ON TO TODAY'S AGENDA. EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE
18 AGENDA.

19
20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
21 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO, SET MATTER.
22 ON SET MATTER ONE, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
23 BE CONTINUED TO MAY 6, 2025, AS INDICATED ON THE POST OF THE
24 AGENDA. ON PAGE THREE, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
25 ITEMS 2-15. ON ITEM 2, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED



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1 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 6, THIS INCLUDES A
2 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 10,
3 THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
4 AGENDA. ON ITEM 11, THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 1D. SUPERVISOR
5 HORVATH IS RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO
6 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308 BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A
7 CONTRIBUTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$500 WITHIN THE
8 PAST 12 MONTHS FROM WATT CAPITAL PARTNERS INC. WHO IS A PARTY
9 PARTICIPANT OR AGENT OF A PARTY PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING.
10 ON ITEM 12, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
11 HELD. ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
12 BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
13 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 12, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS
14 16 THROUGH 43. ON ITEM 16, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT
15 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED
16 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
17 HORVATH WOULD LIKE TO BE RECORDED AS A NO VOTE. ON ITEM 25,
18 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO
19 WEEKS TO APRIL 29, 2025. ON ITEM 33, SUPERVISOR HORVATH
20 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 34, SUPERVISOR BARGER
21 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THESE ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN UP
22 TOGETHER. ON ITEM 37, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR REPORT. ON
23 PAGE 28, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA,
24 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING
25 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA FOR ITEMS 41A THROUGH



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1 41D. ON PAGE 29, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 44 TO 45.
2 ON PAGE 30, SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 46 THROUGH 47. ON PAGE 31,
3 BUDGET MATTER, ITEM 48. ON ITEM 48, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR
4 REPORT. ON PAGE 32, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE
5 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
6 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1D TO 2D. ON ITEM 1D, THIS ITEM RELATES TO
7 ITEM 11. SUPERVISOR HORVATH IS RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE
8 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308 BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED
9 A CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$500 WITHIN THE
10 PAST 12 MONTHS FROM WATT CAPITAL PARTNERS INC. WHO IS A PARTY
11 PARTICIPANT OR AGENT OF A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE
12 PROCEEDING. ON PAGE 34, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ITEMS CS1
13 THROUGH CS5. ON CS3, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT 1 CASE BE
14 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO APRIL 29, 2025. ON ITEM CS5, THIS IS AN
15 ADDITION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ALSO, THE
16 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
17 TWO WEEKS TO APRIL 29, 2025. ON PAGE 37, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM
18 PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE
19 BOARD, ITEMS A7. ON ITEM A7, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT
20 THIS ITEM BE HELD THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
21 MADAM CHAIR THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES THROUGH A7 ARE BEFORE
22 YOU.

23
24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
25 MITCHELL SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS,



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1 SO THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE
2 CODE OF CONDUCT.

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



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

9
10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** TODAY WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM 37,
11 THEN PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION BY THE
12 BOARD. THEN WE WILL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION, AND WHEN WE
13 RETURN, WE WILL TAKE UP ITEMS 48, THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET,
14 FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 12, 13, 16, 33, AND 34, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN
15 UP TOGETHER. THEN ITEM A7 AND FINISHED WITH GENERAL PUBLIC
16 COMMENT. BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE
17 CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND
18 EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES.

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



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

22
23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM
24 37, REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE ROSAS AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS
25 HELD FOR REPORT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE,



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1 PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. WE'VE
2 GOT PAULA TOKAR, ASSISTANT SHERIFF, WHO WILL MAKE A
3 PRESENTATION. ROBERT HOUSTON, KATHY KENNY, AND NICHOLAS
4 MITCHELL. COMPLIANCE MONITORS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY
5 QUESTIONS AND WE THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. THE FLOOR IS
6 YOURS.

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8 **PAULA TOKAR:** THANK YOU. ONE OF THE PROVISIONS WITHIN THE ROSAS
9 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REQUIRES THAT LASD PUBLICLY REPORT TO THE
10 BOARD TWICE PER YEAR. THIS PRESENTATION WILL REFLECT DATA FROM
11 2022 AND 2023 TO SHOW COMPLIANCE DURING THE 13TH AND 14TH
12 REPORTING PERIODS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE AND NEXT SLIDE. THIS IS A
13 BREAKDOWN OF OUR COMPLIANCE DURING THE LAST TWO REPORTING
14 PERIODS WITHIN EACH OF THE PROVISIONS. YOU'VE SEEN WE MADE
15 INCREASES IN COMPLIANCE IN ALL BUT ONE AREA AND INCREASED OUR
16 COMPLIANCE FROM 78 PROVISIONS TO 81. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS
17 SLIDE BREAKS DOWN THE ONE AREA WHERE WE DIDN'T MAKE GAINS IN
18 TOTALITY. WE DID INCREASE COMPLIANCE IN OUR FORCE PREVENTION,
19 INMATE ON INMATE VIOLENCE, HEAD STRIKES AND KICKS AND A
20 SUPERVISOR BEING CALLED TO THE SCENE AS WELL AS PREVENTING
21 EXCESSIVE FORCE. THE ONE AREA WHERE WE HAD SOME DIFFICULTY WAS
22 IN 17.5, MINIMIZING MEDICAL DISTRESS. WE HAVE SINCE DISCOVERED
23 WHAT THE ISSUE WAS IN THAT AREA. IT HAD TO DO WITH HOW WE
24 APPLIED OUR WRAP RESTRAINT DEVICE. WE HAVE SINCE TRAINED OUR
25 STAFF, EMPHASIZING THAT WE WOULD ELIMINATE THE HEAVY FORWARD



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1 ON THE WRAPPER STRAIN. WE'VE ALSO VERY RECENTLY COME TO AN
2 UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUITABLE RECOVERY POSITIONS. THE
3 DEPARTMENT WAS USING A SEATED POSITION AS A RECOVERY POSITION.
4 WE WILL NO LONGER BE DOING THAT AND WE WILL BE PUTTING
5 EVERYONE ON THEIR SIDE AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS. NEXT
6 SLIDE PLEASE. SINCE WE BEGAN ASSESSING OUR COMPLIANCE IN 2018,
7 THERE HAS BEEN A 35.9% DECREASE IN OVERALL FORCE INCIDENTS,
8 ALTHOUGH WE DID SEE A SLIGHT UPTICK IN 2024. BUT WHAT ALSO
9 HAPPENED IN 2024 IS WE MADE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO INCREASE OUR
10 SEARCHES OF THE INMATE POPULATION WITH THE INTENT OF
11 PREVENTING SOME OF THE DRUGS IN JAIL AND PREVENT OVERDOSES. WE
12 ALSO MADE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO ELIMINATE TENTING. TENTING IS
13 WHEN CURTAINS ARE PUT UP IN THE CELLS, THEY USE BLANKETS AND
14 SHEETS, AND WE CAN'T SEE IN TO DO TITLE 15 CHECKS, AND WE MADE
15 A LARGE-SCALE OPERATION TO ELIMINATE TENTING AND IT DID RESULT
16 IN SOME INCREASED USE OF FORCE AS OUR POPULATION WAS NOT HAPPY
17 WITH THOSE EFFORTS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. ALTHOUGH OUR OVERALL
18 USES OF FORCE DID GO UP IN 2024, OUR MOST SERIOUS FORCE WENT
19 DOWN SLIGHTLY. OUR CATEGORY TWO USES OF FORCE, THOSE ARE FORCE
20 THAT USES ANY PERSONAL WEAPONS, ANY TASER APPLICATION, OR ANY
21 INCIDENT THAT RESULTS IN AN IDENTIFIABLE INJURY. AND THERE'S
22 BEEN A 57% DECREASE IN CATEGORY TWO USES OF FORCE BETWEEN 2018
23 AND 2024 IN THE BASIN FACILITIES. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WE BEGAN
24 TRACKING HEAD STRIKES SPECIFICALLY OUTSIDE OF JUST THEM BEING
25 A CATEGORY TWO USE OF FORCE IN 2021. AND SINCE THAT TIME,



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1 WE'VE HAD A 60% DECREASE IN HEAD STRIKES. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
2 OUR CFIT TEAM IS UP AND RUNNING. IT NOW HAS TEN OF THE 12
3 BUDGETED SERGEANT POSITIONS FILLED. WE ARE SLOWLY SEEING A
4 DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TAKES TO COMPLETE FORCE
5 PACKAGES BY THE TEAM AND WE HOPE TO SEE EVEN FURTHER
6 IMPROVEMENT OVER TIME. AND WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE, AN
7 IMPROVEMENT IN THE DOCUMENTATION THAT'S COMPLETED BY THOSE
8 CFIT TEAMS. CFIT'S COMPLETED 220 CASES, AND THEY HAVE MADE
9 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS IN 37 OF
10 THOSE CASES AND IN 19 OF THOSE CASES ADMINISTRATIVE
11 INVESTIGATIONS WERE OPENED. WE DON'T NECESSARILY OPEN
12 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS FOR EVERY VIOLATION OF POLICY.
13 IT'S ACCORDING TO OUR GUIDELINES FOR DISCIPLINE. POLICY
14 VIOLATIONS CAN BE RESOLVED IN OTHER WAYS. THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF
15 FINDING A POLICY VIOLATION IS TO CORRECT THE BEHAVIOR. SO, IF
16 THAT CORRECTION CAN BE DONE THROUGH TRAINING, THROUGH A
17 PERFORMANCE LOG ENTRY, WE DO THAT BASED UPON THE TOTALITY OF
18 THE CIRCUMSTANCES. WHAT WE'RE REALLY FOCUSING ON IS MAKING
19 SURE THAT OUR VISION OF WHAT A POLICY VIOLATION IS AND WHAT'S
20 ACCEPTABLE FOR US MIRRORS THAT OF THE MONITORS AND THEN TAKING
21 APPROPRIATE ACTION TO MAKE SURE THE BEHAVIOR IS CURBED AND OUR
22 DEPUTIES AND CUSTODY ASSISTANTS KNOW HOW THEY SHOULD HAVE
23 BETTER HANDLED THE SITUATION. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. IN THE
24 CALENDAR YEAR OF 2023, THERE WERE 21 FOUNDED USE OF FORCE
25 INVESTIGATIONS. THE POLICIES THAT WERE VIOLATED INCLUDED THE



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1 FORCE PREVENTION PRINCIPLES AND DE-ESCALATION, USE OF FORCE
2 REPORTING, UNREASONABLE FORCE, TASER PROCEDURES, FALSE
3 STATEMENTS, AND DISHONESTY. AND DISCIPLINE FOR THOSE
4 VIOLATIONS RANGED FROM WRITTEN RECORD DEMANDS TO LOW LEVEL
5 SUSPENSIONS OF ONE, TWO, OR THREE DAYS TO A 20, A 30 DAY
6 SUSPENSION AND A DISCHARGE. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. IN 2023 WE
7 INTRODUCED A NEW CUSTODY INMATE GRIEVANCE APPLICATION. AND IF
8 YOU NOTICE ON THIS SLIDE OUR COMPLAINTS AGAINST STAFF
9 DRAMATICALLY INCREASED. ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THAT IS
10 PREVIOUS TO THE NEW APPLICATION, WE DIDN'T COUNT DUPLICATE
11 GRIEVANCES. NOW, EVERY GRIEVANCE THAT'S SUBMITTED HAS A UNIQUE
12 IDENTIFYING NUMBER, AND IT CAN INCREASE – EVEN IN OUR
13 COMPLAINTS AGAINST STAFF, IT DID INCREASE OUR NUMBERS TO A
14 CERTAIN EXTENT. WE'RE STILL VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE
15 COMPLAINTS AGAINST STAFF, BUT WE ARE VERY HOPEFUL THAT THE
16 ROLLOUT OF OUR BODY-WORN CAMERAS WILL SHED LIGHT ON THESE
17 INCIDENTS AND WILL BE ABLE TO HELP US TO INVESTIGATE WHAT'S
18 REALLY GOING ON AND ADDRESS ANY ISSUES THAT WE FIND. WE ALSO
19 BELIEVE THAT THE ROLLOUT OF TABLETS, WHICH WILL STILL BE A
20 YEAR OR TWO BEFORE THEY'RE FULLY IMPLEMENTED, THAT WILL
21 INCREASE THE ACCESSIBILITY TO THE INMATE POPULATION OF THE
22 GRIEVANCE FORMS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AND THIS IS JUST AN
23 OVERVIEW OF SOME OF OUR IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS. WE DO HAVE AN E-
24 FORCE APPLICATION THAT WE ARE NOW PILOTING IN TWO FACILITIES.
25 THIS GIVES US BETTER TRACKING OF THE FORCE PACKAGES AND THE



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1 TIMEFRAMES WHERE IT SITS AT EACH LEVEL OF REVIEW FROM THE
2 SERGEANT WHO BEGINS THE PROCESS OF WRITING IT TO THE WATCH
3 COMMANDER WHO REVIEWS IT ALL THE WAY UP THROUGH THE CHAIN OF
4 COMMAND AND IT'LL GIVE US A BETTER SENSE OF WHERE WE NEED TO
5 FOCUS ATTENTION AND GET THE PACKAGES MOVING SO THAT THEY'RE
6 TURNED IN IN A TIMELY MANNER TO THE MONITORS. WE'RE ALSO VERY
7 EXCITED ABOUT THE BODY SCANNERS WITHIN CUSTODY. THEY HAVE BEEN
8 FULLY FUNDED AT THIS POINT. THEY ARE READY TO BE DEPLOYED OUT
9 OF THE VENDOR. AND WE'RE STARTING THE TRANSITION PROCESS. WE
10 BELIEVE IT WILL STILL BE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO GET THEM
11 INSTALLED AND TRANSITION ALL OF THE DATA OVER WITHIN THE BODY
12 SCANNERS, BUT IT'S SUPER POSITIVE NEWS FOR US. SO THAT'S MY
13 PRESENTATION AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY
14 HAVE.

15
16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. I JUST HAVE A
17 COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. WHAT CHANGES HAS THE DEPARTMENT PUT IN
18 PLACE TO REDUCE THE OVERTIME SHIFTS IN CUSTODY? I KNOW THAT
19 THE MONITORS NOTED A SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT IN THIS AREA IN THEIR
20 REPORT. SO, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WITH
21 BUDGET, OVERTIME HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT. SO, I'D JUST BE CURIOUS TO KNOW WHAT STAFFING
23 MODIFICATIONS YOU MADE.

24
25 **PAULA TOKAR:** BECAUSE THE FACILITY COUNT HAS BEEN LOW, WE'VE



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1 BEEN ABLE TO CONSOLIDATE SOME OF OUR INMATE POPULATION INTO
2 HOUSING AREAS AND CLOSE DOWN AREAS. ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT WE
3 HAVE IS IF WE HAVE A DORM THAT HAS FIVE PEOPLE IN IT OR WE
4 HAVE A DORM THAT HAS 50 PEOPLE IN IT, THE STAFFING NEED TO
5 MONITOR THOSE AREAS IS THE SAME. SO, WE ONLY SEE A REDUCTION
6 IN STAFFING IF WE CAN COMPLETELY CLOSE AN AREA. WE HAVE BEEN
7 ABLE TO DO THAT. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG WE'LL BE ABLE TO
8 SUSTAIN THAT AS OUR POPULATION GOES BACK UP OR AS WE HAVE
9 MAJOR MAINTENANCE ISSUES THAT ARE OCCURRING. FOR EXAMPLE, WE
10 HAD A MAJOR MAINTENANCE ISSUE AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WHERE THE
11 INMATE POPULATION IS ABLE TO OPEN THEIR OWN CELL DOORS. IT'S
12 REQUIRED US TO CLOSE DOWN AN AREA OF THAT JAIL AND MOVE THE
13 INMATE POPULATION. SO, AS WE MOVE, WE HAVE TO OPEN UP NEW
14 HOUSING AREAS. THE OTHER CONCERN THAT WE HAVE IS AS WE MOVE
15 MORE ILL INDIVIDUALS OR PEOPLE WHO ARE ON MEDICATION OUT OF
16 THE BASIN OUT TO LIKE OUR PITCHES FACILITIES, IT INCREASES THE
17 NUMBER OF RADIO CAR RUNS WE HAVE TO DO BECAUSE WE DON'T MOST
18 OF OUR MEDICAL FACILITIES ARE DOWN IN THE BASIN. WE ARE
19 AVERAGING 500 RADIO CAR RUNS OR HOSPITAL SHIFTS AT OUTSIDE
20 HOSPITALS PER MONTH AND THAT IS REALLY IMPACTING OVER TIME.
21 SO, WE'VE MADE SOME IMPROVEMENTS BUT THEY'RE NOT SUSTAINABLE.
22 OUR STAFFING LEVELS ARE STILL LOW AND WE ARE OUR HIRING IS NOT
23 KEEPING UP WITH ATTRITION.

24
25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO OUT OF THE HOSPITAL RUNS YOU



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1 DO, HOW MANY ARE ADMITTED?

2

3 **PAULA TOKAR:** OH, I CAN GET YOU THAT INFORMATION.

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, I'D LIKE TO SEE IT BECAUSE
6 I'D BE CURIOUS TO KNOW HOW THAT'S BEING TRIAGED BECAUSE I KNOW
7 THAT THERE WAS A QUESTION ON TWIN TOWERS, WHICH I THINK
8 ORIGINALLY UNDER BLOCK WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE HOUSE, LIKE THE
9 HOSPITAL, BUT IT COULDN'T GET LICENSED. SO, I'M JUST WONDERING
10 WHAT PERCENTAGE ARE BEING ADMITTED AND WHAT PERCENTAGE ARE
11 BEING DISCHARGED BACK TO THE JAILS AND HOW THE TRIAGE IS GOING
12 IN SERVICES THAT WE'RE PROVIDING.

13

14 **PAULA TOKAR:** WE'LL GET YOU THAT INFORMATION.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY AND THEN ON THE MONITOR NOTES
17 THE DEPARTMENT EMBRACED RECOMMENDATION TO PERFORM AN
18 INDEPENDENT STAFFING ANALYSIS. FESIA, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S FOR
19 YOU OR FOR YOU, WHERE ARE WE ON IDENTIFYING SOMEONE TO PERFORM
20 THE STAFFING ANALYSIS THAT THE MONITORS RECOMMENDED? OR YOU
21 DIDN'T RECOMMEND YOU EMBRACE, SORRY.

22

23 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YEAH, SUPERVISOR, THERE WAS A REPORT DONE. I
24 BELIEVE THE INFORMATION WAS PRE-COVID AND MAYBE THE REPORT WAS
25 COMPLETED DURING COVID WHERE THERE WAS A STAFFING ANALYSIS



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1 DONE. AND I BELIEVE THERE WERE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THAT
2 REPORT. WELL, I'LL HAVE TO CIRCLE BACK WITH THE DEPARTMENT. I
3 KNOW THAT THE REPORT WAS COMPLETED AT THE TIME THAT SHERIFF
4 LUNA CAME INTO LEADERSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT AND I THOUGHT THAT
5 THERE WERE A BUNCH OF CHANGED ASSUMPTIONS. AND SO, I THINK THE
6 QUESTION IS, WHAT IN THAT REPORT DOES THE CURRENT
7 ADMINISTRATION BELIEVE IS APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT?

8

9 **PAULA TOKAR:** SO, I KNOW THAT WE HAVE TWO OLDER STAFFING
10 STUDIES THAT DID SHOW THAT OUR STAFFING WAS, MY UNDERSTANDING,
11 AND I ACTUALLY AM PULLING THEM TODAY, SO I HAVE TO CIRCLE BACK
12 AS WELL. BUT I THINK THERE WAS ANOTHER DEPARTMENT-WIDE
13 STAFFING STUDY THAT WAS GOING TO BE CONDUCTED AND I THINK THAT
14 THAT'S STILL THE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR THAT IS STILL
15 ONGOING.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YEAH. CAN WE FOLLOW UP
18 ON THAT?

19

20 **PAULA TOKAR:** ABSOLUTELY.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. AND THEN TO
23 THE MONITORS. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE CREATION OF THE CUSTODY
24 FORCE INVESTIGATION TEAM HAS SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO
25 NARROWING OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY GAP. I KNOW THAT WE SAW THE



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1 STATS HERE. DO YOU ANTICIPATE THAT YOUR SUBSEQUENT REPORTS
2 WILL CONTINUE TO SHOW THIS GAP NARROWING AS IT RELATES TO THE
3 IMPACT THIS TEAM IS HAVING?

4

5 **KATHY KENNY:** I THINK IN THE 14TH REPORT, WHICH IS OUR MOST
6 RECENT PUBLIC REPORT.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THERE YOU GO.

9

10 **KATHY KENNY:** THANKS. THE 14TH REPORT, OUR MOST RECENT PUBLIC
11 REPORT, WE NOTED THAT WE DID HAVE, WE DID SEE SOME
12 IMPROVEMENTS WITH THE CFIT INVESTIGATIONS. OF COURSE, THE UNIT
13 IS, WHICH JUST STARTED THEN, WE'RE CERTAINLY SEEING MORE
14 DETAILED ANALYSIS AND MORE TIMELINESS OF INVESTIGATIONS. SO,
15 WE ABSOLUTELY THINK IT'S HAVING A POSITIVE IMPACT. FOR THE
16 14TH REPORT, WE DEFINITELY SAW A NARROWING OF THE GAP BETWEEN
17 WHAT WE SAW AS BEING OUT OF COMPLIANCE AND WHAT THE DEPARTMENT
18 SAW AS BEING OUT OF COMPLIANCE. I'M NOT SURE THAT THAT NARROW
19 GAP WILL HOLD IN THE 15TH REPORT, THOUGH. I THINK WE'LL SEE IT
20 MAYBE CREEP OUT A LITTLE BIT IN OUR NEXT REPORT. AND I'M NOT
21 SURE THAT THAT'S RELATED TO CFIT.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IS THAT IN PART BECAUSE I KNOW
24 THAT YOU SAID THERE WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT LAYING ON THE
25 SIDE VERSUS SITTING. I MEAN, IS IT BECAUSE THERE IS NOT CLEAR



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1 UNDERSTANDING ABOUT PROPER PROTOCOLS? I MEAN, I DON'T, GO
2 AHEAD.

3

4 **PAULA TOKAR:** THE CASES THAT ARE REVIEWED BY THE MONITORS ARE
5 NOT RANDOMLY SELECTED. AND I THINK THERE ARE A COUPLE OF CASES
6 WHERE THERE'S JUST A FUNDAMENTAL, WELL THERE'S ONE CASE IN
7 PARTICULAR WHERE THERE IS A FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE IN OPINION
8 ON WHAT OCCURRED ON THE FACTS OF THAT CASE. SO THAT'S ONE. AND
9 WHEN YOU'RE REVIEWING A SMALL NUMBER OF CASES, THAT CHANGES
10 COMPLIANCE. THERE ARE TWO OTHERS THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED AND
11 IT'S FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES IN A DIFFERENT ASPECT OF FORCE
12 THAT THE DEPARTMENT HADN'T LOOKED AT BEFORE, BUT WE ARE TAKING
13 ALL OF THE MONITOR'S SUGGESTIONS INTO ACCOUNT AND THEIR
14 OPINIONS AND HOW THEY'RE SEEING THINGS. AND AS A RESULT,
15 WHETHER WE AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH THE FINDINGS OR NOT, WE
16 ARE ADDRESSING THE UNDERLYING ISSUES TO FURTHER COMPLIANCE.
17 THESE ARE CASES THAT HAVE ALREADY OCCURRED. ONE OF THEM HAD
18 OCCURRED AT LEAST TWO YEARS AGO, AND THERE'S STILL A GREAT
19 SENSE OF COOPERATION AND A DESIRE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PART TO
20 COME INTO COMPLIANCE. BUT IT'S A LEARNING PROCESS AND OUR
21 POLICY IS DRASTICALLY DIFFERENT TODAY THAN IT WAS AS ALL OF
22 OUR OFFICER MANAGERS ARE COMING UP. SO, THERE'S BEEN A HUGE
23 SHIFT IN OUR THINKING.

24

25 **KATHY KENNY:** I WOULD CONCUR THAT THERE'S ABSOLUTELY A GOOD



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1 RELATIONSHIP GOING BACK AND FORTH IN NOTING WHEN WE DO SEE
2 ISSUES IN CASES, WHETHER THERE'S AN AGREEMENT AS TO WHETHER
3 IT'S COMPLIANCE OR NOT COMPLIANCE, WE RECENTLY MADE SOME
4 SIGNIFICANT RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO IMPROVE THE
5 INVESTIGATION PROCESS AND THEY ARE WORKING TOWARDS
6 IMPLEMENTING MANY OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS. SO, I WOULD NOTE
7 IN OUR 14TH REPORT THAT WE FILED IN NOVEMBER, THE CASES THAT
8 WE REVIEWED FOR THAT REPORT OCCURRED BETWEEN JANUARY OF 2023
9 AND JANUARY OF 2024. SO, AS YOU'LL SEE, WE'RE KIND OF BEHIND
10 OF WHEN WE USUALLY DON'T GET THE CASES UNTIL ABOUT A YEAR
11 AFTER THEY HAPPENED. SO WHEN WE SEE THAT THERE'S A PROBLEM
12 THAT NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED, IT TAKES A WHILE FOR THAT TO GET
13 UP. BUT WE CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON THE REAL WAY FOR THE
14 DEPARTMENT TO GET TO COMPLIANCE. AND THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
15 IS ACCOUNTABILITY, ACCOUNTABILITY BOTH AT THE DEPUTY LEVEL AS
16 WELL AS THE SUPERVISOR LEVEL.

17
18 **NICHOLAS MITCHELL:** YEAH, I WOULD, I AGREE WITH THAT AND TO
19 EXPAND AND MAYBE ADD A LITTLE BIT OF NUANCE WITH RESPECT TO
20 CFIT. THE CURRENT PROCESS IS SORT OF BIFURCATED WHEN THERE'S A
21 USE OF FORCE IN THERE'S AN INVESTIGATION AND THEN THERE ONCE
22 THE INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED THERE IS A REVIEW OF THE FACTS
23 FOUND BY THE INVESTIGATION. AND CFIT, YOU KNOW, PRINCIPALLY
24 WORKS IN THE SORT OF FRONT END OF THE PROCESS, GATHERING THE
25 FACTS, CONDUCTING THE INTERVIEWS, OBTAINING THE MEDICAL



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1 RECORDS AND WHATEVER OTHER RECORDS ARE NECESSARY TO FORMULATE
2 A SORT OF COHERENT NARRATIVE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN THE USE OF
3 FORCE, AND THEN THERE IS THE FORCE REVIEW PROCESS THAT HAPPENS
4 ONCE THE INVESTIGATION'S COMPLETED. I THINK WE'VE SEEN SOME
5 REAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE QUALITY OF THE INVESTIGATIVE WORK
6 BEING DONE BECAUSE OF THE NEW CFIT TEAM. I THINK WE'VE SEEN
7 IMPROVEMENTS IN THE THOROUGHNESS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS THAT
8 ARE BEING CONDUCTED, THE OBJECTIVITY OF THE INVESTIGATIONS
9 THAT ARE BEING CONDUCTED, AND TO SOME EXTENT THE TIMELINESS OF
10 THE INVESTIGATIONS THAT ARE BEING CONDUCTED. I THINK WHERE THE
11 OPPORTUNITIES ARE, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, I CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE
12 ENTIRE PANEL, IS IN THAT SECOND PHASE IN THE REVIEW OF THE
13 COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS. WE CONTINUE TO SEE CASE EXAMPLES
14 THAT, WHERE WE HAVE SOME DISAGREEMENT WITH THE FINDINGS OF THE
15 COMMAND PERSONNEL IN THE DEPARTMENT AS TO, AS TO THOSE
16 COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS. WE THINK THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO
17 ENHANCE THE TIMELINESS OF THE REVIEW PROCESS, THE OBJECTIVITY
18 OF THE REVIEW PROCESS, AND FRANKLY TO ENSURE, YOU KNOW, ONE OF
19 THE FACTS THAT ASSISTANT SHERIFF TOKAR MENTIONED WAS THE CFIT
20 RECOMMENDED 37 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS AND I THINK 19 OF
21 THOSE RESULTED IN ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS. SO, WE WANT
22 TO ENSURE THAT CFIT IS SUFFICIENTLY INDEPENDENT AND EMPOWERED
23 THAT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS GENERALLY ARE SORT OF PERSUASIVE ON
24 THE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THEY ARE THE SORT OF INDEPENDENT BODY
25 THAT'S DOING THESE FORCED INVESTIGATIONS. I THINK WE WOULD



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1 GENERALLY LIKE TO SEE A GREATER NUMBER OF CFIT'S
2 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS SORT OF
3 HONORED AND CARRIED OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT. SO, THERE ARE, WE
4 THINK THE INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS HAS IMPROVED TO THE CREDIT OF
5 THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS LEADERSHIP, BUT THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES
6 TO IMPROVE THE OBJECTIVITY OF THE REVIEW PROCESS.

7
8 **PAULA TOKAR:** AND I AGREE WITH MR. MITCHELL'S POINT. AND ONCE
9 WE SAW THIS TREND, SO THESE FIGURES ARE FROM WHEN CFIT WAS
10 INITIALLY STOOD UP. WE SAW THIS TREND OCCUR AND WE'VE CHANGED
11 OUR PROCESS. SO, AT THIS POINT, IF A CAPTAIN DISAGREES WITH
12 THE RECOMMENDATION FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION, IT NOW
13 NEEDS TO GO UP TO THE CHIEF OF THE DIVISION TO HAVE A SECOND
14 OPINION. SO, IT INCREASES THE OBJECTIVITY BECAUSE THE CAPTAINS
15 AND OTHER PERSONNEL ARE VERY TIGHT AT THEIR FACILITY. NOW IT
16 GOES UP TO THE CHIEF LEVEL PRIOR TO MAKING THAT DECISION. AND
17 AGAIN, THERE WILL BE INSTANCES WHERE THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A
18 RECOMMENDATION FOR AN ADMIN, BUT AFTER FULL DISCUSSION,
19 TRAINING, OR SOME LESSER MEANS OF CORRECTION IS DECIDED TO BE
20 THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION. AND THAT'S IN, THAT'S WHAT OUR
21 GUIDELINES FOR DISCIPLINE FOR THE DEPARTMENT STATE. WE'RE
22 STAYING IN LINE WITH THAT, BUT WE ARE ALWAYS OPEN FOR THE
23 DISCUSSIONS AND WE WILL IMPROVE AS TIME GOES ON.

24
25 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** SO, ONE OF THE BIG COMMITMENTS, I THINK, GOING



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1 FORWARD THAT'S GOING TO BE REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE
2 DEPARTMENT HAS DONE IS WE HAVE A PROVISION CALLED 2.6 AND IT
3 HAS TO DO WITH HEAD STRIKES. AND THERE'S THREE CONDITIONS THAT
4 NEED TO BE MET. WE, YOU CAN SEE FROM TODAY THAT THE HEAD
5 STRIKES HAVE BEEN DROPPING, BUT WE BELIEVE THEY CAN DROP EVEN
6 FURTHER AND GET DOWN TO THE POINT WHERE THEY'RE ABSOLUTELY
7 NECESSARY. SO, THE THREE PARTS OF IT IS, IS THE INMATE
8 ASSAULTED? NUMBER TWO, BEING ASSAULTED, IS THERE A POSSIBILITY
9 OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH? AND THEN THE THIRD PRONG
10 IS, THERE'S NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE. AND SO THOSE THREE
11 CONDITIONS HAVE TO BE SATISFIED. AND REALLY WHAT IT MEANS IS
12 THAT IF A DEPUTY IS BEING ASSAULTED AND THE DEPUTY IS LIKELY
13 BY HIMSELF, WE WANT THAT DEPUTY TO USE EVERY MEANS POSSIBLE TO
14 SURVIVE THAT INCIDENT. BUT IN SITUATIONS WHERE THERE'S AN
15 ALTERNATIVE, THERE'S BACKUP, THEY CAN STEP BACK, HEAD STRIKES
16 SHOULD NOT BE USED. AND SO, WHAT THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW
17 COMMITTED TO IS TO ANALYZE IN THEIR FORCE IN THAT TYPE OF
18 DETAIL TO FOLLOW UP WITH WHAT NICK IS SAYING. SO, AND I THINK
19 IT'S AN IMPORTANT MOVE AND I THINK CFIT IS ABLE TO DO THAT.
20 AND WE INTEND TO VISIT WITH THEM IN DETAIL AS WE MOVE ALONG.
21 BUT THAT'S VERY OPTIMISTIC. IT'S A VERY GOOD MOVE FORWARD, AND
22 IT'S A NECESSARY MOVE.

23
24 **PAULA TOKAR:** AND TO EXPLAIN SOME OF THE NUANCE THAT HE'S
25 TALKING ABOUT AND WHERE WE'RE DEALING WITH PEOPLE, OUR



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1 DEPUTIES ARE PEOPLE. AND SOME OF THE NUANCE WE'RE TALKING
2 ABOUT IS A DEPUTY WILL BE PUNCHED IN THE FACE. AND HIS FIRST
3 PUNCH IN RETALIATION MAY BE ACCORDING TO POLICY. BUT HE
4 CONTINUES THAT HE JUST GOT PUNCHED AND THE REACTION, THE THIRD
5 PUNCH OR WHAT HAPPENS AT THE FOURTH PUNCH MAY NO LONGER BE IN
6 POLICY BECAUSE THERE'S BACKUP THERE. SO, THERE IS NUANCE. WE
7 ARE LOOKING AT IT. AND THAT'S WHERE SOME, THE DISAGREEMENTS
8 WE'RE HAVING NOW ARE MUCH MORE NUANCED, IN MY OPINION, THAN A
9 COUPLE OF YEARS AGO WHEN THINGS WERE JUST NOT OKAY. SO, WE ARE
10 COMMITTED TO WORKING THROUGH THAT AND TO DOING THAT REALLY
11 DETAILED ANALYSIS.

12
13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
14 RESPONSES. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

15
16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I
17 APPRECIATE YOUR LAST COMMENT THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE
18 AND THAT ALSO APPLIES TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN OUR CUSTODY. I
19 JUST HAVE TO SAY, EVERY TIME I HEAR THE TERM HEAD STRIKE, IT
20 JUST SENDS A CHILL DOWN MY BACK. AND EVERY TIME I GET THE
21 REPORT, I GO BACK TO MY NOTES FROM THE PREVIOUS REPORT SINCE I
22 WAS ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD. AND ON ONE HAND, I WANT TO
23 ACKNOWLEDGE IMPROVEMENT, ALBEIT INCREMENTAL. AND YET, WHEN I
24 LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE IN THE USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BETWEEN
25 YOUR 13TH REPORT AND THE 14TH REPORT, IT'S ABOUT 50. WE'RE



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1 STILL OVER 300. AND SO, I JUST THINK, YOU KNOW, ROSAS CAME TO
2 BE FOR A REASON AND I AND WE CAN'T LOSE SIGHT OF THAT. SO, I
3 ACKNOWLEDGE THE PROGRESS THAT'S MADE AND YET WE STILL HAVE,
4 YOU KNOW, 300 REPORTS. I WANT TO FOCUS MY QUESTIONS, MADAM
5 CHAIR, IF I MAY, AGAIN, ON THE USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS, WHERE
6 THERE CONTINUE TO BE THE DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE MONITOR'S
7 ASSERTIONS AND THOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND A GAP IN WHAT THE
8 PANEL FINDS COMPLIANT VERSUS WHAT THE DEPARTMENT FINDS
9 COMPLIANT. THAT DISCREPANCY, I THINK, JUST CONTINUES TO GIVE
10 ME CONCERN. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE USE OF FORCE CASES IN THIS
11 REPORT, 12 INVOLVED HEAD STRIKES, AND OF THOSE 12, THE
12 MONITORS FOUND HALF OF THEM OUT OF COMPLIANCE, AND THE
13 DEPARTMENT FOUND NONE OF THEM OUT OF COMPLIANCE. SO, I GUESS
14 BASED ON THAT, IT'S REASONABLE FOR ME TO ASSUME THAT NO ONE
15 WAS DISCIPLINED OR EVEN INVESTIGATED FOR THE HEAD STRIKES IN
16 THOSE SIX CASES. IS THAT AN ACCURATE ASSUMPTION?

17
18 **PAULA TOKAR:** IF WE DID NOT FIND THEM OUT OF COMPLIANCE FOR
19 THE, THERE MAY HAVE BEEN NON-COMPLIANT ISSUES THAT THE
20 DEPARTMENT FOUND, SUCH AS THE FORCE PREVENTION PRINCIPLES THAT
21 THEN LED TO THE HEAD STRIKE. SO, WE MAY NOT HAVE FOUND THAT
22 HEAD STRIKE OUT OF POLICY, BUT WE WOULD HAVE FOUND THE
23 INCIDENT OUT OF POLICY IN OPEN AND ADMINISTRATIVE
24 INVESTIGATION FOR HOW IT STARTED. WHERE IT, WHERE -



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1 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, YOU'VE GONE FURTHER UPSTREAM, IF
2 YOU WILL.

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4 **PAULA TOKAR:** TO FIND IT.

5

6 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY.

7

8 **PAULA TOKAR:** WHERE WE'RE STRUGGLING IS THE MAKING THE CHANGE
9 FROM THE GRAHAM VERSUS CONNOR STANDARD WHERE WHAT A REASONABLE
10 PERSON WOULD DO IN THAT SITUATION TO THE ROSAS VERSUS LUNA
11 STANDARD AND I WILL ADMIT IT'S BEEN A STRUGGLE WHEN THE
12 DEPUTIES HAVE BEEN ASSAULTED AND HIT IN THE FACE FOR US TO
13 FIND THEN THAT THEY DESERVE TIME OFF FOR WHAT WE FEEL IS
14 DEFENDING THEMSELVES. WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH THE
15 MONITOR AND MAKING A SWITCH, BUT IT HASN'T BEEN LIKE THAT, AND
16 IT HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT WHEN WE'RE WATCHING OUR EMPLOYEES
17 BE ASSAULTED. SO, I RECOGNIZE AND I HEAR YOU, AND THERE IS A
18 REASON WHY WE'RE IN THIS POSITION, AND WE NEED TO CHANGE FOR
19 THE BETTER, BUT IT'S NOT, AS I SAID, I THINK THIS IS MORE
20 SUBTLE IN SOME OF WHAT WE'RE FINDING NONCOMPLIANCE. AND IF
21 IT'S CLEARLY A VIOLATION OF POLICY THAT WOULD SHOCK THE
22 CONSCIENCE, WE ARE TAKING ACTION.

23

24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT, AND I APPRECIATE
25 YOU WALKING THROUGH KIND OF THE SCENARIOS THAT WOULD LEAD TO A



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1 HEAD STRIKE. ARE WE DOING ANY BETTER IN REDUCING THE FREQUENCY
2 WITH WHICH A DEPUTY FINDS HIM OR HERSELF ALONE WITHOUT THE
3 APPROPRIATE BACKUP. SO IN THE EVENT THEY ARE ATTACKED, THAT
4 THEY THEN HAVE FRANKLY LIMITED OPTIONS COMPARED TO ALL OF THE
5 OTHER DE-ESCALATION AND WHAT ELSE, ALL THE OTHER THINGS YOU
6 CAN DO IF YOU'VE GOT BACKUP AND SUPPORT. ARE WE MAKING MUCH
7 PROGRESS THERE?

8

9 **KATHY KENNY:** I WOULD SAY IN THE CASES WHERE WE FIND THE HEAD
10 STRIKES WITHIN COMPLIANCE. SO, IN THIS LAST REPORT, THE SIX, I
11 DON'T KNOW THE FACTS OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THOSE, BUT IT
12 USUALLY IS THAT THE DEPUTY IS BY THEMSELVES. THAT USUALLY IS
13 THE SCENARIO AND THEY'VE SOMEHOW BEEN ASSAULTED. SOME OF THE
14 HEAD STRIKE CASES DO INVOLVE SITUATIONS WHERE THE DEPUTY HAS
15 NOT BEEN ASSAULTED. BUT AS FAR AS THE DEPUTIES BEING BY
16 THEMSELVES, I WOULD SAY THAT'S PRETTY RARE WHERE THAT IS. AND
17 I'VE MADE IT CLEAR THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY SYSTEM IN THE
18 COUNTRY THAT HAS A BETTER RESPONSE TIME THAN THE SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT. SO, WHEN THEY ASK FOR HELP, THEY GET A LOT OF HELP
20 AND GET IT VERY QUICKLY.

21

22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY, THAT'S HELPFUL TO KNOW AND
23 UNDERSTAND BECAUSE WE'RE HEARING, YOU KNOW, ASSAULT OF
24 BEHAVIOR ON BEHALF OF THOSE WE'VE INCARCERATED AND THE NOTION
25 THAT DEPUTIES HAVE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. AND SO, IF THERE ARE



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1 FEW INSTANCES WHEN THEY'RE ALONE AND THEY DO HAVE BACKUP, THAT
2 GIVES ME A GREATER SENSE OF OTHER OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE
3 AS OPPOSED TO HEAD STRIKES. AGAIN, REALLY TRYING TO CLOSE THE
4 GAP BETWEEN WHAT THE MONITORS SEE. AND SO, HELP ME, BECAUSE I
5 THINK US BEING ABLE TO DRILL DOWN TO THE DATA IS WHAT'S GOING
6 TO BE HELPFUL FOR ME AS A POLICYMAKER SITTING ON THE BOARD.
7 HOW MANY USES OF FORCE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOUND OUT OF
8 POLICY DURING THE 14TH REPORTING PERIOD? CAN YOU GIVE ME THAT
9 TOTAL NUMBER?

10

11 **PAULA TOKAR:** WE DON'T TRACK IT THAT WAY. OKAY. WE WILL, IN THE
12 REVIEW, WE WILL CALL OUT ISSUES THAT WE FIND AND THEN IF A
13 VIOLATION IS SUFFICIENTLY EGREGIOUS THAT WE FEEL AN
14 INVESTIGATION NEEDS TO OCCUR WE CAN TRACK IT BY INVESTIGATION,
15 BUT ESPECIALLY WITH CFIT ON BOARD, I THINK THE RECOMMENDATIONS
16 OF WHAT THINGS WE COULD DO BETTER, IT HAS GROWN EXPONENTIALLY.
17 AND I'M NOT SURE IF THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION, BUT THERE'S
18 NO, WE JUST TRACK THINGS DIFFERENTLY.

19

20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, YOU'RE
21 MEASURING IMPROVEMENT BY WHAT?

22

23 **PAULA TOKAR:** REALLY BY WHAT I SEE. BY LOOKING AT, WATCHING
24 FORCED VIDEO AND SEEING HOW THE RESPONSES ARE AND EVEN IF IT'S
25 NOT THE IDEAL OF WHAT WE WOULD WANT, I'M SEEING WITH A FEW



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1 NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS, I'M SEEING THAT WE ARE HANDLING THINGS
2 DIFFERENTLY.

3

4 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** YOU GAVE US EXAMPLES OF THE DISCIPLINE
5 THAT HAD BEEN RENDERED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD AND IT
6 RANGED FROM A COUPLE DAYS, 30 DAYS. HOW WAS THAT DETERMINATION
7 MADE? AND ONE, I THINK YOU SAID TERMINATION. SO, WHO AND HOW
8 WAS THAT DETERMINATION MADE? BECAUSE IT WAS A PRETTY BROAD
9 RANGE.

10

11 **PAULA TOKAR:** SO, OUR DISCIPLINE SYSTEM, IF THE DISCIPLINE IS
12 LESS THAN 16 DAYS, 15 DAYS OR LESS, THE DETERMINATION FOR THE
13 AMOUNT OF DISCIPLINE IS DETERMINED BY THE UNIT COMMANDER OR
14 THE CAPTAIN. ANYTHING ABOVE 16 DAYS GOES TO OUR EXECUTIVE
15 REVIEW PANEL FOR THOSE HIGHER LEVELS OF DISCIPLINE, AND THAT'S
16 THE ASSISTANT SHERIFFS AND THE UNDERSHERIFFS SIT ON THAT
17 PANEL. HOW WE DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF DISCIPLINES, WE TAKE IN
18 THE TOTALITY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT OCCUR. SO, IF IT'S
19 JUST, IF WE HAD A FORCE INCIDENT WHICH WAS NOT, WAS KIND OF
20 SPURRED BECAUSE OF THE DEPUTIES' ACTIONS AND THE FORCE USED
21 WAS NOT APPROPRIATE TO THE LEVEL OF RESISTANCE THAT WAS COMING
22 TOWARDS THEM. I MEAN, ALL OF THOSE FACTORS WOULD GO TO A
23 HIGHER-LEVEL DISCIPLINE, ALONG WITH THE TENURE OF THE
24 EMPLOYEE, THEIR PAST DISCIPLINARY HISTORY, YOU KNOW, THE
25 ENVIRONMENT THEY WERE IN. I MEAN, WE TAKE EVERYTHING INTO



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1 CONSIDERATION AND TRY AND DETERMINE THE BEST LEVEL OF
2 DISCIPLINE TO CORRECT THE BEHAVIOR. SO, IF THE BEHAVIOR CAN BE
3 CORRECTED BY A COUNSELING SESSION AND IT DOESN'T OCCUR AGAIN,
4 THEN GREAT, WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED OUR GOAL. IF THIS IS A PERSON
5 WHO'S HAD A PAST INCIDENCE OF A VIOLATION OF THE RECALCITRANT
6 INMATE POLICY, AND THEN THIS IS THEIR SECOND ONE AND THE FORCE
7 WAS AGREED, THEN IT JUMPS UP IN THE LEVEL OF DISCIPLINE. SO,
8 WE USE PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE BASED ON THE TOTALITY OF
9 CIRCUMSTANCES.

10
11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND THE SLIDE YOU SHOWED WITH REGARD
12 TO GRIEVANCES, AND YOU EXPLAINED WHY THE SIGNIFICANT BUMP THAT
13 YOU'RE NOW COUNTING EACH ONE AS AN INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINT. DO
14 YOU LOOK AT, YOU KNOW, PATTERNS THAT SINCE YOU'RE NOW COUNTING
15 EACH INDIVIDUAL ONE THAT YOU SEE, YOU KNOW, DEPUTY X WHO HAS
16 MULTIPLE COMPLAINTS. SO HOW DO YOU, NOW THAT YOU HAVE ALTERED
17 THE WAY IN WHICH YOU'RE COLLECTING THE DATA, HOW WILL THAT
18 IMPACT OUTCOMES, IF YOU WILL?

19
20 **PAULA TOKAR:** WE STILL ARE STRUGGLING WITH IT BECAUSE IT'S
21 BEHIND. THE GRIEVANCES COME IN AND WE DON'T KNOW UNTIL IT'S
22 FULLY INVESTIGATED WHERE WE'RE AT, AND THEN IT HITS THE EARLY
23 WARNING SYSTEM. SO, GRIEVANCES DO GO INTO OUR PERFORMANCE
24 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND IF WE GET TOO MANY, THEN WE KNOW TO
25 WATCH THAT PERSON AND WE'LL PUT THEM ON PERFORMANCE MENTORING



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1 AND LOOK. BUT THERE IS A LAG BETWEEN THE INVESTIGATION TIME
2 AND THE TIME THAT THEY'RE PUT IN. SO WE KNOW WHEN WE'RE
3 GETTING A BUNCH IN, BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU WITH STATS. WHAT I
4 THINK IS GOING TO BE HUGE IS THAT BODY-WORN CAMERA COMPONENT,
5 BECAUSE THE INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD BE MUCH GETTING THEM TO THE
6 POINT WHERE THEY'RE IN THE SYSTEM MAY TAKE JUST AS LONG, BUT
7 REALLY GETTING TO THE HEART OF WHAT OCCURRED IN THAT INSTANCE
8 SO WE CAN WATCH IT AND WE WILL KNOW AND WE CAN FAST TRACK ANY
9 CASES THAT WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT. I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE
10 HUGE AND I'M REALLY, REALLY HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL START
11 TRAINING FOR THE BODY WORN CAMERAS IN MAY. WE'RE STILL --

12
13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU THE
14 TIME.

15
16 **PAULA TOKAR:** IT'S COMING FAIRLY QUICKLY. WE STILL HAVE ONE
17 UNION ISSUE THAT WE'RE TRYING TO WORK THROUGH, BUT IT'S MY
18 HOPE THAT BY MAY WE'LL START THE TRAINING AND WE'LL START
19 ROLLING THESE OUT.

20
21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND LAST QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR, YOU
22 SAID, YOU KNOW, IF THERE ARE TOO MANY, WHAT CONSTITUTES TOO
23 MANY?

24
25 **PAULA TOKAR:** I CAN'T, WHEN I SAID THAT I KIND OF MISSPOKE



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1 THERE'S A TRIGGER OF HOW MANY IN A MONTH. SO, I THINK IT'S
2 LIKE TWO FOUNDED IN A PERIOD OF TIME.

3

4 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THAT GIVES ME A CONTEXT. THANK YOU
5 VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU FOR COMING THIS MORNING AND
10 FOR GIVING US THIS REPORT. IT APPEARS AS THOUGH WE HAVE MADE
11 SOME PROGRESS IN SOME AREAS. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW,
12 SINCE I'VE BEEN ON THE BOARD ALREADY TEN YEARS, AND WE'RE HERE
13 AT THIS SAME STATE, WE'VE MADE SOME IMPROVEMENTS. BUT IT SEEMS
14 LIKE THEY'RE SMALL STEPS STILL. AND WE COULD PROBABLY DO A LOT
15 MORE. I THINK WE DO HAVE AN OBLIGATION, AND I'VE SAID THIS
16 TIME AND TIME AGAIN, THAT WE NEED TO PROVIDE DIGNITY, RESPECT,
17 AND HUMANE TREATMENT OF ALL INDIVIDUALS, WHETHER THEY'RE OUR
18 INMATES, THEY'RE IN OUR CUSTODY, OR THEY ARE OUR EMPLOYEES,
19 AND NOT JUST THE SHERIFF EMPLOYEES, BUT ALSO OUR CLINICIANS,
20 OUR OTHER STAFF THAT ARE THERE BECAUSE I RECALL ON ONE
21 OCCASION WHEN I VISITED MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WHERE YOU COULD SEE
22 THERE ARE STAFF THAT ARE TORN IN TERMS OF THE COMMITMENT THAT
23 THEY HAVE TO DO THEIR JOB, BUT ALSO, COULD I SAY, JUST THE
24 IMPENDING SEVERITY OF WHAT THEY FACE EVERY DAY TOO. AND I'M
25 NOT JUST SAYING THAT THEY'RE PUTTING THEMSELVES IN HARM'S WAY.



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1 I'M TALKING ABOUT THE FACILITY ITSELF AND THE FACT THAT SOME
2 OF THOSE STRUCTURES MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT THESE
3 REFORMS. AND ONE INSTANCE THAT I RECALL, WE VIEWED A KIND OF A
4 CONGREGATE AREA WHERE THERE WERE SEVERAL INMATES HELD. AND I
5 HAVE TO THINK THERE WERE AT LEAST 30 OR MORE. AND I KNOW THERE
6 WERE SOME CUSTODY FOLKS THERE, BUT NOT NEARLY ENOUGH. I MEAN,
7 I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T FEEL SAFE GOING IN THERE. AND, YOU KNOW,
8 IT SEEMED CALM, BUT ALSO IT SEEMED VERY PERPLEXING TO ME TO
9 VIEW THIS. I THOUGHT I WAS VIEWING SOMETHING OUT OF A MOVIE, A
10 HORROR MOVIE, TO SEE PEOPLE THAT WERE MENTALLY ILL AND SOME
11 THAT WERE NOT. IT WAS A MIXED POPULATION, CLEARLY, BUT SOME
12 HAD BEEN PLACED THERE BECAUSE THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH BEDS FOR
13 MENTAL OBSERVATION, I SUPPOSE. THAT'S WHAT WE WERE TOLD. BUT
14 THE FACT THAT IT EXISTS REALLY GIVES ME HEART, YOU KNOW,
15 HEARTACHE TO SEE THAT THAT'S HOW WE ARE TREATING INDIVIDUALS.
16 AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE LACK OF
17 AVAILABILITY OF HAVING PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL STAFF THERE AND
18 THE ONES THAT ARE THERE ARE TAXED, THEY'RE TAXED EVERY DAY AND
19 HOW MANY CAN DO THAT EVERY YEAR. AND THEY COMMIT THEMSELVES.
20 AND I ALSO HOPE THAT WHEN WE HAVE THESE EVALUATIONS THAT WE'RE
21 ALSO, WHEN WE LOOK AT, YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY YOUR ROLE IS TO
22 LOOK AT USE OF FORCE AND HOW TO REFORM THINGS, BUT THAT ALSO
23 ADDS TO ALL OF THIS. AND SOMETIMES, YOU KNOW, I GET UPSET WHEN
24 I HEAR THAT SOMETIMES OUR FOLKS THAT COME VISIT US ARE
25 SEVERELY ILL. THEY HAVE MANY PHYSICAL AILMENTS AS WELL AS



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1 PERHAPS MENTAL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE. AND BY THE TIME WE GET
2 THEM, OR THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH THE REVOLVING DOOR SEVERAL
3 TIMES, WE'RE JUST TREATING TOPICALLY. WE'RE NOT GETTING TO
4 REALLY WHAT IS NECESSARY. AND THAT, I THINK, ADDS TO THE
5 NUMBER OF DEATHS THAT WE SEE IN THE JAILS. THOSE ARE THE
6 REPORTS THAT I RECEIVE. AND I THINK WE HAVE TO DO A BETTER JOB
7 OF GETTING BETTER PHYSICAL, OUR PHYSICIANS, MEDICAL STAFF,
8 NURSING STAFF, AND ALL OF THAT UP TO SPEED AND CREATING THOSE
9 PODS AND BEDS THAT WE HAD ASKED FOR A WHILE BACK. WE ASKED FOR
10 500 BEDS. I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE WITH THAT CEO OR SHERIFF
11 BUT WE WERE WE WERE PUSHING FOR 500 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS AND I
12 HAVE YET TO HEAR PRECISELY WHERE THOSE ARE AT.

13
14 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SUPERVISOR AS I RECALL THAT WAS A PILOT THAT
15 WAS DONE BY DMH I BELIEVE UNDER THE PRIOR DMH DIRECTOR DR.
16 SHERIN AND I KNOW THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO DEVELOP SOME BEDS.
17 I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHERE THEY LANDED. THERE WAS A REPORT
18 BACK TO THE BOARD AT SOME POINT THAT INDICATED THE NUMBER OF
19 BEDS THEY WERE ABLE TO BRING ONLINE.

20
21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW --

22
23 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE 500-BED PILOT, I
24 KNOW THAT THERE WAS ONE WITH DMH WITH DR. SHERIN.



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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IT WAS LIKE AT 175 I THINK OR
2 SOMETHING, BUT I'M SURE IT'S MORE.

3

4 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YEAH.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AT ONE POINT IT WAS AT 175.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND I DON'T THINK WE EVER REACHED 500 FOR
9 SURE, BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS WHERE ARE WE? WHY WAS IT
10 JUST A PILOT? WAS IT NOT SUCCESSFUL? SO THOSE ARE THE
11 QUESTIONS.

12

13 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YEAH, WE COULD DO TWO THINGS. WE'LL PULL THE
14 REPORT AND THEN ALSO AS PART OF THE SET ITEM THAT THE BOARD
15 HAS RELATED TO THE BIDS AND THE CONTINUUM OF CARE WE COULD ASK
16 THAT WHENEVER I BELIEVE THAT MATTER IS BEING CONTINUED BUT
17 WHEN THAT MATTER IS HEARD BY THE BOARD THEN WE CAN ASK THAT
18 SPECIFIC ATTENTION BE PAID TO THIS QUESTION.

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I DON'T THINK IT
21 WAS A PILOT.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** NO IT WASN'T.

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THIS WAS PART OF DIVERSION. THIS



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1 WAS ONGOING CONTRACTING FOR BEDS SO WE COULD DO --

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YEAH. SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I CARRIED THAT
4 ONE.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, SO I DON'T THINK IT WAS A
7 PILOT. IT WAS BUILDING CAPACITY.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THIS WAS AFTER SHERIN.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IN THE COMMUNITY.

12

13 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, THE REASON WHY I CALLED IT A PILOT IS I
14 REMEMBER WHEN WE WORKED ON THAT REPORT, THERE WERE SOME
15 DELEGATED AUTHORITIES GIVEN TO THE DEPARTMENT SO THAT THEY
16 WERE ABLE TO BRING ON BIDS QUICKLY, AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
17 AND SO THERE WERE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES PROVIDED. THAT'S WHY I
18 CALLED IT A PILOT. IT WASN'T THAT THE BEDS WOULD GO AWAY AT
19 SOME POINT. IT WAS THEIR IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** NONETHELESS, WE DEFINITELY WANT THE
22 INFORMATION ON THAT.

23

24 **PAULA TOKAR:** I'M SORRY. I APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING TO LIGHT THE
25 CONCERNS OF THE CONDITION OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BECAUSE THAT'S



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1 WHERE OUR HOSPITAL IS. OUR MEDICAL OUTPATIENT SPECIALTY CLINIC
2 IS AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND THOSE BEDS DO NOT EXIST ANYWHERE
3 ELSE IN THE SYSTEM. AND WHILE I FULLY SUPPORT DIVERTING THE
4 PEOPLE THAT CAN SAFELY BE DIVERTED, I UNFORTUNATELY HAVE A
5 LARGE POPULATION WITHIN MY CUSTODY THAT THEY CAN'T BE
6 DIVERTED. THE JUDGES WON'T DIVERT THEM. AND MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
7 IS STILL DETERIORATING. AND WE'RE OVERCROWDED. WE ARE STILL
8 RELEASING PEOPLE EARLY BECAUSE OF THE CROWDING CONDITIONS TO
9 THE TUNE OF A BED NEED OF ABOUT 500 IF WE STOP THAT EARLY
10 RELEASE FOR CROWDING CONDITIONS. SO, I HAVE HUGE CONCERNS
11 ABOUT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN MY CUSTODY THAT CAN'T BE
12 DIVERTED AND THE CONDITION THAT THEY'RE LIVING IN WITH THE
13 DECISION NOT TO REPLACE THE FACILITIES. THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT
14 CANNOT BE HOUSED IN THE COMMUNITY AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO
15 HAVE A PARALLEL OF TRACKS THAT WE CAN TAKE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
16 OFFLINE BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE SOME OF OUR SICKEST PEOPLE ARE
17 BEING HELD.

18
19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND TO YOUR POINT I AGREE WITH THAT BUT I
20 ALSO KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WITH YOU KNOW BECAUSE OF
21 THEIR PHYSICAL SITUATION THEY MAY NOT LAST VERY LONG IN THAT
22 JAIL. AND I KNOW THAT WE'VE HAD PEOPLE COME TO THE BOARD
23 MEETING, FAMILIES REQUESTING WHY WERE THEY NOT RELEASED TO
24 THEM AT HOME OR HOSPICE IN AN OUTSIDE SITUATION AND GIVING
25 THEM THAT KIND OF DIGNITY. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THOSE CASES



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1 ARE REVIEWED AND LOOKED AT AS WELL.

2

3 **PAULA TOKAR:** AND THEY ARE. I KNOW CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES
4 DOES SEND MULTIPLE LETTERS TO THE COURT REQUESTING
5 COMPASSIONATE RELEASE PER MONTH. AND I'VE BEEN INVOLVED, IF I
6 CAN FIND A WAY, IF IT'S JUST A COURT PROCESS ISSUE, I DO REACH
7 OUT TO OUR JUSTICE PARTNERS TO TRY AND HELP THAT ALONG. THE
8 REALITY IS THAT SOME OF THOSE FOLKS THAT WE KNOW WILL PROBABLY
9 PASS AWAY WHILE IN CUSTODY, IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE THERE FOR
10 VERY SERIOUS CHARGES. ONE PERSON IN FOR CRIMES AGAINST
11 CHILDREN AND A COUPLE OF MURDER CHARGES THAT THERE ISN'T A
12 DIVERTABLE PLACE FOR THEM TO GO AND THEY'RE NOT TO THE POINT
13 WHERE THE COURT IS WILLING TO RELEASE THEM. SO, I DO HEAR YOU
14 AND WE DO WORK TO GET AS MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE OUT AS WE CAN
15 WHEN APPROPRIATE.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WOULD LOVE TO SEE ANY DATA ON THAT AND
18 WHAT THAT CRITERIA IS ON WHAT YOU ARE BASING THAT. AND I JUST
19 WANT TO GO BACK TO THE REPORT ON THE PANEL'S 14TH REPORT AS OF
20 THE END OF 2023, LASD WAS STILL OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH 23 OUT
21 OF 104 PROVISIONS, IS THAT CORRECT?

22

23 **KATHY KENNY:** I THINK THEY WERE IN COMPLIANCE WITH 81 TOTAL
24 PROVISIONS. YEAH, THEY WERE FOUND IN COMPLIANCE WITH 81 OUT OF
25 THE 100 APPLICABLE PROVISIONS.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO, THE DATA, I GUESS, IS CHANGING.

3

4 **KATHY KENNY:** YEAH, THERE'S A FEW PROVISIONS THAT AFTER THE
5 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ARE NO LONGER TRACKED OR NO LONGER
6 CONSIDERED APPLICABLE, THERE'S FOUR. SO, IT'S 81 OUT OF 100
7 WHERE THEY WERE FOUND IN COMPLIANCE.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO IT WOULD BE, I GUESS ONE OF THE THINGS I
10 WOULD ASK YOU IS OF THOSE 20 THAT THEY'RE NOT IN COMPLIANCE
11 WITH, WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT?

12

13 **KATHY KENNY:** YOU KNOW, I THINK MOST OF THEM ARE WITHIN THE
14 FORCE, YOU KNOW, KIND OF THE HEART OF THE CASE OR THE 2.2, THE
15 FORCE PREVENTION, THE HEAD STRIKES, AND WE JUST CONTINUE TO
16 WORK ON TRYING TO GET US CLOSER. I THINK THE REDUCTION IN
17 FOCUSING ON REDUCING THE RELIANCE ON HEAD STRIKES IS WHERE WE
18 NEED TO GO IN HOLDING PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE. WE CONTINUE TO LET
19 THE COURT KNOW WHERE THEY ARE ON COMPLIANCE. WE CONTINUE TO
20 HAVE DISCUSSIONS OR HEARINGS OR, I GUESS, CONFERENCES WITH THE
21 COURT SO THE JUDGE IS AWARE OF WHERE THEY ARE ON COMPLIANCE.
22 BUT I DO BELIEVE WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME, WE ALL HAVE THE SAME
23 GOAL OF GETTING THEM TO COMPLIANCE AND HAVING US GET AWAY. WE
24 CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY BECOME SELF-CRITICAL AND
25 CATCH THEIR PROBLEMS BEFORE ANY OUTSIDE PARTY NEEDS TO GET



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1 INVOLVED OR SEES THAT THEY CAN SELF-CORRECT THEIR OWN
2 BEHAVIOR.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** RIGHT AND I WON'T GO INTO THE YOU KNOW
5 QUESTIONS THAT MY COLLEAGUE ASKED ABOUT HOW YOU DETERMINE HEAD
6 STRIKES, THE SEVERITY AND DISCIPLINE AND ALL THAT, BUT IT DOES
7 SEEM AS THOUGH IT'S TAKING A LONG TIME. AND AS YOU STATED
8 EARLIER, THIS INFORMATION IS ALREADY ALMOST A YEAR OLD. AND
9 THAT IS TROUBLING TO ME. I JUST THINK THAT WE HAVE A
10 RESPONSIBILITY TO REALLY PUSH THAT FORWARD. SO, WE NEED TO
11 WORK BETTER AT THAT WITH THE SHERIFF. SHERIFF NEEDS TO DO THAT
12 AS WELL. I WANT TO JUST CHANGE A LITTLE BIT AND GO INTO
13 SOMETHING ELSE. ONE THING THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT, AS I WAS
14 SAYING EARLIER, IS THE CONDITIONS OF THE JAILS AND LIVING
15 CONDITIONS AND THE GRIEVANCES THAT WERE SUBMITTED BY INMATES.
16 I WANT TO ASK, HAVE WE MADE IMPROVEMENTS, FOR EXAMPLE, TO THE
17 ELEVATORS AND ESCALATORS? HAVE THOSE BEEN REPAIRED?

18

19 **PAULA TOKAR:** THERE'S AN ONGOING ELEVATOR PROJECT AT TWIN
20 TOWERS RIGHT NOW, AS WELL AS AT CRDF. CURRENTLY THE ESCALATORS
21 AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ARE NOT OPERATIONAL.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND THEY HAVEN'T BEEN, RIGHT? FOR HOW MANY
24 YEARS?

25



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1 **PAULA TOKAR:** THAT'S CORRECT.

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** FOR HOW MANY YEARS?

4

5 **PAULA TOKAR:** I MEAN, EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, WE'LL GET ONE UP
6 FOR A WEEK OR SO, BUT IT'S AN ONGOING ISSUE. THE CONDITIONS IN
7 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ARE NOT GOOD.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** BUT WHAT'S SAD IS THAT I'VE HEARD ON
10 OCCASION THAT WHEN MEDICINE HAS TO BE DELIVERED OR TAKEN UP TO
11 DIFFERENT AREAS THAT IN AND OF ITSELF IS A DELAY FOR OUR
12 STAFF, THE CUSTODY STAFF, BUT ALSO THE MEDICAL STAFF. AND THE
13 FACT THAT PEOPLE AREN'T GETTING WHAT THEY NEED IMMEDIATELY
14 TELLS ME SOMETHING THAT IS NOT URGENT. AND IT IS URGENT, IS
15 WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY. I DON'T THINK THAT SITS WELL AND WE
16 NEED TO BE DOING BETTER ON THAT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT MAYBE ISD
17 OR SOMEONE ELSE COULD COME UP WITH SOME BETTER SENSE OF HOW
18 THOSE ESCALATORS AND ELEVATORS COULD BE MORE FUNCTIONAL.

19

20 **PAULA TOKAR:** THE SHERIFF WOULD LOVE, HAS A HIGH-LEVEL THOUGHT
21 FOR A CARE CAMPUS WHERE THESE FOLKS COULD BE HOUSED OUTSIDE OF
22 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL SO THAT WE WOULD ACTUALLY HAVE LIVING
23 ENVIRONMENTS THAT WOULD TREAT THESE INDIVIDUALS AS PATIENTS
24 FIRST AND NOT INMATES FIRST FOR THE PEOPLE THAT NEED TO REMAIN
25 IN OUR CUSTODY. IT'S STILL HIGH LEVEL BUT I'M SURE HE WOULD BE



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1 VERY, VERY HAPPY TO DISCUSS THAT WITH ANYONE ON THE BOARD
2 BECAUSE WE CONCUR WITH THE CONDITIONS.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IT. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT
5 IT. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IT. BUT I WANTED TO ASK ALSO, HAS THE
6 PLUMBING ISSUES IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BEEN ADDRESSED?

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8 **PAULA TOKAR:** THE PLUMBING CONDITIONS IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ARE
9 ADDRESSED EVERY DAY. WE'VE HIRED MORE PLUMBERS. IT'S THE AGE
10 OF THE FACILITY AND THE ABUSE THAT THE PLUMBING HAS TO PUT UP
11 WITH, EVERYDAY THINGS ARE FLUSHED DOWN THOSE TOILETS THAT
12 SHOULDN'T BE FLUSHED AND THE PLUMBERS ARE WORKING ON THEM AS
13 THE EMERGENCIES COME UP. SO, WE HAVE PLUMBERS IN THE FACILITY
14 EVERY DAY AND EVERY DAY THEY LEAVE AND COME BACK WITH A WHOLE
15 NEW SET OF THINGS TO WORK ON. SO, IT IS AN ONGOING AND WILL
16 CONTINUE TO BE AN ONGOING ISSUE.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WANTED TO ASK AT ONE MEETING THAT WE HAD,
19 I CARRIED A MOTION TO PROVIDE BETTER CLOTHING, PROTECTION
20 BECAUSE OF THE CHILL IN THE JAILS? HAVE ALL THOSE PRODUCTS
21 BEEN ACQUIRED AND ARE THEY DISTRIBUTED? EVEN WHEN IT'S SUMMER,
22 I'M TOLD IT GETS REALLY COLD IN THE JAILS AS WELL.

23

24 **PAULA TOKAR:** EVERY INMATE WHO CAN SAFELY BE DISTRIBUTED
25 THERMALS HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE DELIVERED. THEY ALL HAVE



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1 THERMALS.

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THAT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED. OKAY. AND THEN I
4 WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE REPORT MENTIONS THE INTRODUCTION
5 OF TABLETS AND A COOK CHILL FOOD SYSTEM. CAN YOU DESCRIBE WHAT
6 THAT IS?

7

8 **PAULA TOKAR:** SO, THE SIZE OF, WELL TABLETS IS A SEPARATE
9 ISSUE, COOK CHILL, THE SIZE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WE DELIVER
10 FOOD IN BIG CAMBROS AND THEN WE DISH IT OUT, THEN WE RUN IT TO
11 THE CELLS. I MEAN, THERE ISN'T A REALLY EFFICIENT WAY TO
12 DELIVER FOOD. COOK CHILL IS WE MAKE AHEAD OF TIME LITTLE TV
13 DINNERS, BASICALLY. THEY'RE COVERED IN PLASTIC. THEN THEY ARE
14 HEATED AND TRANSPORTED IN HEATED CABINETS DOWN THE ROWS IN THE
15 FACILITIES. WE DID A PILOT IN ONE OF OUR HOUSING LOCATIONS IN
16 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND WE PICKED THE PLACE WITH THE HIGHEST
17 NUMBER OF GRIEVANCES, WHICH NOT OUR BEST PLAN, TURNED OUT TO
18 BE OUR DISCIPLINE UNIT. AND THE GENTLEMAN LIKED THE FOOD SO
19 MUCH THEY DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE DISCIPLINE. SO, TAKING THAT
20 FEEDBACK THAT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF AB109 FUNDING WE HAVE
21 ORDERED EQUIPMENT THAT WILL ALLOW US TO PROVIDE THOSE
22 PREPACKAGED MEALS TO ALL OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WE HAVE A
23 COUPLE OF ISSUES WITH TRYING TO GET THEM INSTALLED RIGHT NOW.
24 WE'RE WORKING THROUGH. I THOUGHT WE WERE ALL GOOD TO GO, BUT
25 OF COURSE SOMETHING CAME UP YESTERDAY. BUT I'M STILL HOPEFUL



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1 THAT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WE'LL HAVE THAT INSTALLED. AND
2 THAT WAS, FOOD HAS BEEN ONE OF OUR BIGGEST COMPLAINTS FROM THE
3 MA POPULATION, AND I'M REALLY, REALLY EXCITED THAT THIS WILL
4 DRAMATICALLY INCREASE THE QUALITY AND THE SATISFACTION OF
5 THOSE RECEIVING OUR MEALS.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND I KNOW, I KNOW JUST LASTLY, I KNOW WE'VE
8 OFTEN TALKED ABOUT PROVIDING ACCESS TO MEANINGFUL PROGRAMMING,
9 EDUCATION, HEALING, AND OTHER MECHANISMS THAT MIGHT HELP TO
10 REDUCE STRESS AND CONFLICT WITHIN THE FACILITIES. WHAT HAVE WE
11 DONE THERE SO FAR? WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE
12 UNDERTAKEN?

13

14 **PAULA TOKAR:** WE HAVE INCREASED SOME PROGRAMMING AND WE'RE IN
15 CONVERSATIONS WITH VOLUNTEERS TO COME IN. I'VE TALKED TO A FEW
16 FOLKS THAT WANT TO COME IN AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING
17 TO THE LGBTQ POPULATION, BUT WE ARE STILL EXPERIENCING
18 TREMENDOUS STAFFING SHORTAGES, WHICH DOESN'T ALLOW US TO
19 INCREASE PROGRAMS THAT REQUIRE MORE STAFF. SO WE ARE HAMPERED
20 RIGHT NOW ON MAKING ANY MAJOR INCREASES. WE DO HAVE PLANS AND
21 THINGS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO, BUT AT THE MOMENT HAVING THE
22 PERSONNEL TO ESCORT PEOPLE TO AND FROM TRAINING PROGRAMS. ANY
23 PROGRAM THAT CAN'T BE HOUSED INSIDE A HOUSING LOCATION IS A
24 CHALLENGE. AND OUR SPACE NEEDS, WE'RE JUST PROGRAMMING SPACES
25 AT A PREMIUM. AND ESPECIALLY LIKE AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WE



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1 JUST WE DON'T HAVE AS MUCH PROGRAMMING SPACE AND THE STAFF TO
2 GET PEOPLE THERE THAT WE WOULD NEED.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** BUT WHAT ABOUT AT TWIN TOWERS? YOU HAVE YOU
5 HAVE MORE SPACE THERE.

6

7 **PAULA TOKAR:** TWIN TOWERS WE'VE INCREASED THE FIPP STEP DOWN I
8 THINK THAT WE HAD A REPORT LAST BOARD MEETING, SO THAT HAS
9 INCREASED WHERE IT CAN. SOME OF THE POPULATION IN THERE IS TOO
10 SEVERELY ILL AT THIS POINT TO MOVE IN, BUT WE HAVE MADE THE
11 INCREASES TOWARDS THAT PROGRAM THAT YOU HAD REQUESTED.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
14 THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANKS TO MY
19 COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL QUESTIONS ALREADY. I WANT TO
20 THANK OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE WORK THAT THEY'RE DOING
21 WITH THE MONITORS TO MAKE PROGRESS. AND I ALSO SHARE THE
22 CONCERNS THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE RAISED WITH SORT OF WHERE WE
23 ARE IN TERMS OF THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN WHAT MONITORS ARE
24 SEEING AND WHAT THE DEPARTMENT IS SEEING. I'M GLAD TO KNOW, AS
25 I SAID, THAT THERE'S PROGRESS BEING MADE. AND TO YOUR POINT



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1 ABOUT UNDERSTAFFING, I THINK IF WE'RE EVER GOING TO HAVE THE
2 OPPORTUNITY, YOU KNOW, JUST READING L.A. TIMES ARTICLE AGAIN
3 TODAY, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW THAT THEY'RE COMING INTO
4 A WORKPLACE WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO BE SAFE AND VALUED AND, YOU
5 KNOW, THIS KIND OF SCRUTINY, I THINK, ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO
6 CONCERN REGARDING THAT. AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS
7 SITUATION IF WE AREN'T MAKING THE PROGRESS THAT HELPS US NOT
8 ONLY GET INTO COMPLIANCE, BUT MAKE SURE THAT THAT KIND OF
9 MONITORING AND ONGOING SUPPORT IS ACTUALLY EXISTING WITHIN OUR
10 DEPARTMENT ON AN ONGOING BASIS. AND I THINK THAT, TO ME, IS
11 THE GOAL OF THESE CONVERSATIONS. I REMAIN TROUBLED BY CONCERNS
12 I HEAR RAISED BY THE MONITORS AND ACLU THAT ARE ESSENTIALLY
13 THAT ARE REPEATED FROM THE LAST TWO REPORTS. THIS IS NOW THE
14 THIRD REPORT WHERE WE'VE ZEROED IN ON MONITORS CONCERNS ABOUT
15 THE DIVIDE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE MONITORS ON
16 POTENTIAL POLICY VIOLATIONS AND I WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON A
17 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL COMMENT TO SAY I KNOW THAT YOU HEARD YOU
18 YOUR RESPONSE WAS THAT YOU DON'T REPORT SOME OF THE THINGS OUT
19 OF POLICY SORT OF IN THE WAY THAT THAT'S NOT HOW YOUR REPORTS
20 ARE CONDUCTED, BUT I WOULD OFFER ON AN ONGOING BASIS IF WE CAN
21 MAKE THAT THE STANDARD PROTOCOL THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
22 WOULD INCLUDE IN FUTURE REPORTS HOW MANY CASES YOU FOUND
23 SOMETHING OUT OF POLICY, WHETHER OR NOT THAT, I APPRECIATE
24 THAT THAT BECOMES YET ANOTHER DATA SET TO MONITOR, BUT I THINK
25 TO GET TO THE DIFFERENCES IN PERCEPTION AROUND SOME OF THE



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1 CIRCUMSTANCES. WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET CLOSER IF WE'RE
2 TRACKING SOME OF THOSE DETAILS. I KNOW THAT THE MONITORS ARE
3 FINDING SOME ISSUES THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS NOT, AND
4 I JUST WANT TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE ACTUALLY GET TO IN REAL TIME
5 WHETHER THE STEPS WE ARE TAKING ARE WORKING INSIDE THE
6 DEPARTMENT. SO, I GUESS THAT WOULD BE MY FIRST QUESTION. HOW
7 DO WE GET TO THAT PLACE FROM HERE?

8

9 **PAULA TOKAR:** MY BRAIN WAS STILL WORRYING ON YOUR DATA SET
10 PIECE, SO I'M THINKING ABOUT THAT. I CAN'T REITERATE ENOUGH
11 THE CHANGE THAT WE'VE SEEN IN THE FORCE. ARE WE IN TOTAL
12 AGREEMENT ON EVERY CASE? NO BUT THE TYPE OF FORCE, IF I COULD
13 SHOW YOU VIDEO, YOU KNOW, WE COULD DO A CLOSE UP, I WILL SHOW
14 YOU WHERE, WE WERE AND WHAT WE ARE NOW AND WHAT THE
15 DISAGREEMENTS THAT WE'RE HAVING ARE. IT'S A VERY DIFFERENT
16 WORLD, AND I AM JUDGING PROGRESS BASED UPON WHAT I'M SEEING,
17 THE TYPE OF FORCE BEING USED. THERE ISN'T, WITH ONE NOTABLE
18 EXCEPTION, THERE ISN'T ANYTHING THAT'S REALLY SHOCKING. WE'RE
19 TALKING A MATTER OF DEGREES. SO, IT'S VERY HARD FOR ME TO
20 ANSWER YOUR QUESTION IN A SATISFYING WAY, BUT I MEAN I THINK
21 WE CAN JUDGE THREE YEARS AGO, FOUR YEARS AGO, WE WERE SO FAR
22 APART AND WE WEREN'T LOOKING. WE ARE IN THE NITTY GRITTY AND
23 WE ARE LEARNING TO CHANGE THE WAY WE'RE THINKING. AND I DON'T
24 KNOW HOW TO PUT THAT ON PAPER FOR YOU OTHER THAN, I DON'T
25 KNOW, MAYBE IF YOU COULD MAYBE HAVE A SAY. SO YES, WE'RE



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1 GETTING CLOSER AND WE ARE CHANGING THE WAY WE REVIEW CASES.
2 LIKE ONE INSTANCE IS THE THREE PRONGS THAT MR. HOUSTON TALKED
3 ABOUT. WE ARE REQUIRING NOW THAT THE REVIEWS BY THE CAPTAIN
4 AND COMMANDER SPELL OUT WHETHER THIS PRONG WAS MET OR THIS
5 PRONG WAS MET. I MEAN, WE ARE PUTTING THAT IN OUR REVIEW
6 PROCESS. I DON'T THINK THAT THE MONITORS HAVE SEEN THAT YET
7 BECAUSE IT'S A MORE RECENT DEVELOPMENT. BUT HOPEFULLY THEY'LL
8 BE ABLE TO REPORT ON THAT NEXT TIME.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** I HEAR YOUR FRUSTRATION AND I HEAR YOUR
11 SORT OF EXASPERATION AROUND THE QUESTION AND I IN THE SENSE
12 THAT YOU KNOW YOU'RE WORKING VERY HARD AND SO THAT'S WHY I
13 STARTED WITH ACKNOWLEDGING THE PROGRESS THAT'S MADE AND I ALSO
14 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IF WE DON'T MAKE MORE PROGRESS, WHICH I KNOW
15 IS THE HARD PART, THIS WILL CONTINUE. AND WE DON'T WANT IT TO
16 CONTINUE FOR ANY NUMBER OF REASONS. AND SO MAYBE I WOULD POSE
17 THE QUESTION TO THE MONITORS FROM YOUR VANTAGE POINT, WHAT
18 WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THAT WE TAKE AS STEPS TO GET TO MORE REAL-
19 TIME ASSESSMENT OF, YOU KNOW, SORT OF THE DISCREPANCIES THAT
20 YOU'RE IDENTIFYING? I HEAR YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU DON'T SEE
21 ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTRY DOING WHAT YOU SEE
22 HAPPENING HERE, SO I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HEARD THAT.
23 THAT'S SIGNIFICANT. AND I ALSO HEAR YOU SAYING THAT THERE'S
24 STILL THIS DIVISION BETWEEN WHAT YOU'RE SEEING AND WHAT THE
25 DEPARTMENT IS REPORTING. SO FROM YOUR VANTAGE POINT, WHAT



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1 WOULD YOU RECOMMEND AS AN ADJUSTMENT TO BE CONSIDERED TO GET
2 US MORE TO THAT REAL-TIME ASSESSMENT.

3
4 **KATHY KENNY:** I THINK I THINK ONE OF THE CHANGES THAT WILL BE
5 COMING DOWN THE PIKE IN OUR PROVISIONS AND COMPLIANCE MEASURES
6 MAY GET TO YOUR POINT AND WE'RE WORKING OUT THE FINAL DETAILS
7 ON THAT NOW AND IT HAS TO DO WITH WHAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES
8 WITH OUR NON-COMPLIANT FINDINGS, YOU KNOW, WHETHER THEY CIRCLE
9 BACK TO THAT INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE, WHICH IS WHAT WE HAVE
10 PROPOSED, BECAUSE WE THINK THAT'S WHAT CHANGES BEHAVIOR. AND
11 IN SOME OF THOSE CASES, IT MAY BE BEYOND THE TIME WHEN THEY
12 CAN DO AN ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION, BUT THEY STILL NEED TO
13 KNOW THAT WHAT THEY DID IN THAT PARTICULAR CASE WAS NOT WITHIN
14 THE, YOU KNOW, CONFINES OF THE POLICY OR A ROSAS PROVISION.
15 SO, I THINK WHEN WE WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF THAT COMPLIANCE
16 MEASURE, I THINK IT MIGHT GET TO YOUR POINT OR IN HELP CLOSE
17 THAT GAP BECAUSE YOU REALLY NEED TO SHARE THAT INFORMATION
18 WITH THE DEPUTY ON THE LINE IN ORDER FOR THAT BEHAVIOR TO
19 CHANGE.

20
21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** I THINK THAT'S RIGHT. AND I THINK, YOU
22 KNOW, TO ACKNOWLEDGE ASSISTANT SHERIFF'S POINT ABOUT THIS
23 BEING A HUMAN SITUATION WHEN WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING
24 EXTENDED OVERTIME, THEY ARE IN CONDITIONS THEMSELVES THAT ARE
25 CHALLENGING THEM TO SHOW UP AS THEIR BEST. THAT'S



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1 EXTRAORDINARILY CHALLENGING. AND SO, YOU KNOW, HEARING A
2 CRITIQUE, ESPECIALLY AFTER THEY'VE JUST BEEN ASSAULTED IS A
3 CHALLENGE AS WELL. AND SO I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I
4 WANT TO GET TO WHAT YOU'RE DESCRIBING, YOU KNOW, IN TERMS OF
5 REAL-TIME REPORTING BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S WHAT, YOU KNOW, THE
6 STANDARD NEEDS TO BE IN TERMS OF OPERATING A DEPARTMENT THAT,
7 YOU KNOW, IS MEETING OUR EXPECTATIONS. AND I THINK GIVEN THE
8 CHALLENGE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE HEAR DESCRIBED, THAT
9 CONTRIBUTES TO THE DIVIDE. AND SO, I HEAR FROM THE DEPARTMENT
10 A LOT OF EFFORT BEING EXPENDED TO TRY AND BRIDGE THAT GAP. AND
11 SO, IT'S HELPFUL TO HEAR WHAT YOU IDENTIFY AS ACTIONABLE.
12 BECAUSE IT'S CLEAR, SORT OF AS I ALLUDED TO EARLIER THAT, YOU
13 KNOW, I DON'T WANT TO GET OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR THE SAKE
14 OF GETTING OUT OF IT IF WE'RE NOT, IF WE HAVEN'T MADE THE
15 IMPROVEMENTS. BUT I DO RECOGNIZE THAT THE LONGER WE CONTINUE
16 TO BE IN THIS DYNAMIC, IT'S CHALLENGING FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED.
17 AND YOU KNOW, IF FUTURE REPORTS WOULD INCLUDE A DIRECT
18 COMPARISON BETWEEN THE CASES THE MONITORS FOUND OUT OF
19 COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATION 2.2, WHICH IS FORCE PREVENTION, 2.6,
20 WHICH IS HEAD STRIKES REFERENCED EARLIER, AND 17.5, REDUCING
21 MEDICAL DISTRESS AS WELL AS SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S CONCLUSIONS
22 FOR THE SAME CASES. I THINK THAT WOULD BE A WAY TO HELP US
23 TRACK PROGRESS. AND YOU KNOW, I'M ALSO GLAD TO SEE THAT WITH
24 THE HELP OF THE COURTS, ACLU AND OTHERS, THAT THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO IMPROVED SEVERAL OF YOUR FORCE-RELATED



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1 POLICIES. I THINK THAT'S BEEN A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTOR TO THE
2 PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN NOTED HERE TODAY. AND I ALSO KNOW THAT
3 THOSE POLICIES ARE ONLY AS EFFECTIVE AS YOU TRAIN PEOPLE TO DO
4 SOMETHING DIFFERENT. AND TRAINING IS DIFFICULT WHEN PEOPLE ARE
5 WORKING OVERTIME. SO, TELL ME ABOUT THE REALITY OF TRAINING
6 AND IMPLEMENTATION.

7
8 **PAULA TOKAR:** THE TRAINING PROVISIONS HAVE ALL BEEN MET. SO,
9 EVERYONE IS GETTING THE BASIC TRAINING THAT THEY NEED WHERE WE
10 ARE MAKING IMPROVEMENT IS IN THE REINFORCEMENT. AND THIS FORCE
11 POLICY WAS ONLY APPROVED ON AUGUST 4TH. SO WE HAD BEEN WORKING
12 UNDER A DIRECTIVE AND NOW WE HAVE A SOLID POLICY BECAUSE
13 REALLY OUR OLD POLICY WAS IN DIRECT CONFLICT TO THE
14 PROVISIONS. SO, WE'RE STARTING ON A BETTER FOOTING NOW. WE
15 HAVE COMPLETED TRAINING WITH ALL NEW STAFF AND WE ARE CREATING
16 VIDEOS FOR MORE SPECIFIC POLICY THINGS LIKE MORE HOT TOPICS
17 AND WE'RE ABLE TO PUSH THOSE OUT THROUGH EMAIL AND THEN TRACK
18 WHO'S SEEN THOSE. SO, WE'RE DOING WELL ON THE REQUIRED
19 TRAINING AND WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF AUGMENTING IT TO REALLY
20 DRILL DOWN ON WHATEVER THE HOT TOPIC RIGHT NOW IS THAT'S
21 HAMPERING OUR COMPLIANCE.

22
23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY. AND FROM A COMPLIANCE PERSPECTIVE,
24 ARE THERE ANY, IT SOUNDS LIKE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT THING THAT
25 WILL MOVE THE NEEDLE FOR YOU ALL IS HOW THE DEPARTMENT FOLLOWS



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1 UP ON YOUR IDENTIFIED ISSUES OF LACK OF COMPLIANCE AND SORT OF
2 WHAT THAT FOLLOW-UP AND CHAIN IS. DO YOU HAVE CONFIDENCE BASED
3 ON WHAT YOU'VE SEEN THAT THAT WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE?

4

5 **KATHY KENNY:** I THINK WE'VE HAD A LOT OF CONVERSATIONS ON
6 ACCOUNTABILITY AND I THINK WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN THE
7 NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS THAT THEY'VE OPENED
8 RECENTLY IN THE PAST, I WOULD SAY, SIX MONTHS OR SO. SO I
9 THINK WITH THAT CONTINUED FOCUS ON IT AND CONTINUED
10 DISCUSSIONS ABOUT IT, I'M HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL IMPROVE.

11

12 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY. AND DO YOU SEE ANY SIGNIFICANT
13 BARRIERS TO THE CONTINUED PROGRESS THAT YOU'VE BEEN
14 IDENTIFYING? BECAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE WE'VE BEEN MOVING IN THE
15 RIGHT DIRECTION. AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE DEPARTMENT
16 IS DOING A LOT. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, IT'S FRUSTRATING TO GET
17 SO CLOSE AND STILL SORT OF, AND THEN FEEL ALMOST LIKE YOU'RE
18 SORT OF STUCK. AND SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T GET TO A
19 PLACE WHERE WE'RE STUCK AND CONTINUING TO BE HERE. SO DO YOU
20 SEE ANY SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE
21 THAT PROGRESS?

22

23 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** WELL, I CAN MAKE A COMMENT. WELL, THERE'S TWO,
24 HAVING BEEN ON BOTH SIDES AS AN AGENCY HEAD AND NOW AS A
25 MONITOR, WE'RE TRYING TO PROVE THE AGENCY IN COMPLIANCE. THE



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1 DEPARTMENT, AS I DID, IS TRYING TO FIND THINGS OUT OF
2 COMPLIANCE. SO THOSE ARE TWO DIFFERENT APPROACHES. AND I THINK
3 WHERE WE MEET IN THE MIDDLE TO FILL IN THAT GAP IS THROUGH
4 CONSISTENCY AND ANALYSIS THAT I TALKED ABOUT EARLIER, REALLY
5 ANALYZING EACH FOUR SITUATION, REALLY DRILLING DOWN ON THOSE
6 THREE PRONGS OF ASSAULTIVE, SERIOUS ASSAULTIVE AND NO OTHER
7 OPTIONS. AND THERE'S A CULTURE THAT NEEDS TO BE MITIGATED. AND
8 EVERY AGENCY HAS A CULTURE THAT NEEDS TO BE MITIGATED. BUT
9 WHAT NEEDS TO GO AWAY IS THE BELIEF THAT HEAD STRIKES IN SOME
10 WAY CAN BE EFFECTIVE. THEY'RE NOT EFFECTIVE. THEY CAUSE HARM
11 TO THE DEPUTIES. PEOPLE GET THEIR HANDS BROKEN AND SO FORTH.
12 THEY DON'T WORK. IF SOMEBODY IS FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIFE, YES.
13 EVERYTHING YOU CAN POSSIBLY DO TO SURVIVE THAT AND SURVIVE IT
14 QUICKLY IS NECESSARY. AND SO, I THINK THAT AS WE MOVE AHEAD
15 AND AS MORE CAREFUL ANALYSIS BEING MADE, I THINK THAT THERE'S
16 GOING TO BE A COMMONPLACE WHERE WE CAN MITIGATE OR DO AWAY
17 WITH THAT CULTURE AND BRING MORE OF THE PROVISIONS INTO
18 COMPLIANCE.

19
20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU FOR THAT.

21
22 **NICHOLAS MITCHELL:** YEAH, I WOULD ADD TO THAT. WE HAVE SEEN
23 IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE BEING DISCUSSED HERE, WHICH ARE VERY
24 ENCOURAGING. WE STILL, YOU KNOW, ON SOME SIGNIFICANT FORCE
25 CASES HAVE, YOU KNOW, SOME DISAGREEMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT



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1 THAT WE'D LIKE TO SEE ADDRESSED. AND I TALKED EARLIER ABOUT
2 THE SORT OF BIFURCATED NATURE OF THE FORCE INVESTIGATION AND
3 REVIEW PROCESS, AND I WANTED TO JUST EXPAND ON THAT IN LIGHT
4 OF YOUR QUESTION. THE DEPARTMENT CREATED CFIT IN PART TO
5 CENTRALIZE THE INVESTIGATION OF FORCE INCIDENTS, TO EMPOWER
6 ONE UNIT TO DO FORCE INVESTIGATIONS, BECAUSE FORCE
7 INVESTIGATIONS USED TO BE DISPERSED ACROSS THE JAILS. AND
8 THERE WERE BIG DIFFERENCES IN THE QUALITY OF THE INVESTIGATIVE
9 WORK BEING PERFORMED BY DIFFERENT TEAMS OF SUPERVISORS IN THE
10 JAILS. AND SO CFIT WAS AN ATTEMPT TO CENTRALIZE THE
11 INVESTIGATIVE FUNCTION AND THEREBY IMPROVE IT BY EMPOWERING
12 ONE CADRE OF LEADERS TO DO THOSE INVESTIGATIONS. THE
13 DISCIPLINARY REVIEW, OR I'M SORRY, THE FORCE REVIEW PROCESS IS
14 STILL DISPERSED BACK INTO THE JAIL. SO INDIVIDUAL TEAMS OF
15 COMMAND PERSONNEL, WHEN THE INVESTIGATIONS ARE COMPLETED,
16 INDIVIDUAL TEAMS OF JAIL LEADERS ARE REVIEWING THOSE
17 INVESTIGATIONS AND MAKING DETERMINATIONS ABOUT THE ULTIMATE
18 OUTCOME OF THOSE INVESTIGATIONS. AND I THINK, LIKE HOW WE USED
19 TO IDENTIFY DIFFERENCES IN THE QUALITY OF INVESTIGATIVE WORK
20 BEING DONE ON FORCED INCIDENTS, WHICH HAS BEEN ADDRESSED BY
21 CFIT, WE STILL ARE IDENTIFYING DIFFERENCES IN THE QUALITY OF
22 FORCE REVIEWS CONDUCTED BY DIFFERENT TEAMS OF LEADERS AT THE
23 VARIOUS JAILS THAT ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT. SO, WE'VE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT
25 ABOUT CENTRALIZING THAT FUNCTION, CREATING A CADRE OF LEADERS



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1 WHO WOULD DO FORCE REVIEWS FROM A CENTRAL LOCATION SO THAT THE
2 SAME TEAM OF LEADERS IS TRAINED AND EMPOWERED TO MAKE THOSE
3 FINDINGS ABOUT FORCE PACKAGES. THERE MAY BE OPERATIONAL OR
4 BUDGETARY REASONS WHY THAT'S NOT AN OPTIMAL SOLUTION FOR THE
5 DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW. BUT WE'VE ALSO RECOMMENDED VARIOUS
6 POLICY CHANGES THAT COULD BE INSTITUTED TO TRY TO STANDARDIZE
7 THE QUALITY OF THE FORCE REVIEWS CONDUCTED IN THAT SECOND
8 PHASE OF THE KIND OF INVESTIGATION AND REVIEW PROCESS. SO,
9 THERE ARE, AS I SAID EARLIER, WE THINK THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES
10 FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPROVE. A LOT OF THOSE OPPORTUNITIES
11 ARE IN THE REVIEW PORTION OF THE FORCE SORT OF INVESTIGATION
12 AND REVIEW PROCESSES. AND WE'RE GOING TO BE IN CONTINUED
13 CONVERSATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THAT AND LIKELY TO
14 INCLUDE SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT IN THE NEXT REPORT WE FILE
15 WITH THE COURT.

16
17 **PAULA TOKAR:** AND WE'RE OPEN TO THOSE DISCUSSIONS. ONE OF MY
18 CONCERNS WITH THAT CENTRALIZED REVIEW PROCESS IS IT TAKES THE
19 ONUS OFF THE CAPTAIN THAT IS THERE AND SETTING THE TONE FOR
20 EACH FACILITY TO BE COMPLETELY OUT OF IT. OH, DEPUTY, I
21 DIDN'T, I DIDN'T FIND YOU OUT OF COMPLIANCE. IT WAS THE BIG
22 BAD GUYS OVER HERE. I NEED MY LEADERS IN THOSE CUSTODY
23 FACILITIES THAT LOOK AT WHAT'S GOING ON EVERY DAY TO
24 UNDERSTAND THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE EXPECTATIONS
25 OF THE MONITORS AND TO UPHOLD THAT WITHIN THEIR FACILITY



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1 BECAUSE THEY SET THE TONE. SO, I DON'T WANT TO REMOVE THEM
2 FROM THE PROCESS. WE WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS BUT THERE ARE
3 THERE'S REASONS WHY WE AREN'T SAYING YEAH LET'S DO THAT RIGHT
4 NOW BESIDES THE STAFFING PIECE AND THE FACT THAT WE DON'T DO
5 THAT ANYWHERE ELSE. MY GOAL IS TO GET ALL OF OUR LEADERSHIP ON
6 BOARD WITH WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT THE EXPECTATIONS ARE AND NOT
7 TO TAKE THEM OUT OF THE PROCESS AND GIVE THEM A BUY. THEY ARE
8 CAPTAINS FOR A REASON.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** I HEAR THAT AND THERE ARE ASPECTS OF
11 THAT THAT ARE COMPLETELY VALID. YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
12 THERE'S WHAT WE'RE HEARING IS THAT THE CULTURE SHIFT IS REALLY
13 WHAT'S CRITICAL TO THIS WHOLE PROCESS BEING FUNCTIONALLY
14 DIFFERENT. AND SO THAT CULTURE SHIFT HAS TO NOT JUST EXIST
15 WITHIN ONE DEPARTMENT, BUT AT ALL LEVELS. BUT WHAT I'M ALSO
16 HEARING IS UNTIL THAT LEVEL OF CONSISTENCY IS HAPPENING,
17 THAT'S ALSO DIFFICULT FOR DEPUTIES WHO MAY BE TREATED
18 DIFFERENTLY DEPENDING ON WHICH UNIT THEY'RE IN AND WHO'S
19 OBSERVING. SO, IF YOU HAVE THAT SORT OF, WHAT I'M HEARING IS
20 THE CENTRALIZED EFFORT HELPS TO ESTABLISH THAT CONSISTENCY AND
21 CAN BE CULTURE SETTING WHILE YOU'RE TRYING TO BAKE IT IN
22 THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT. AND SO, I THINK IT HAS TO BE A BOTH
23 AND. AND I RECOGNIZE THE CHALLENGE THAT YOU'RE HIGHLIGHTING
24 BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO LET PEOPLE OFF THE HOOK. YOU WANT A
25 CULTURE OF ACCOUNTABILITY BAKED INTO HOW YOU'RE DOING THAT



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1 WORK EACH AND EVERY DAY. SO, IT SOUNDS LIKE WE HAVE ACTIONABLE
2 WORK AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS FIGURING OUT HOW TO MAKE THAT
3 NEXT LEAP OF PROGRESS IN THE NEXT REPORT. AND I THINK YOU'VE
4 HEARD OUR CONCERNS WITH REGARD TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY. AND I
5 ALSO WANT TO ONCE AGAIN ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE SEE THE PROGRESS
6 THAT'S BEING MADE. IT DOES MAKE AN IMPACT ON ME TO HEAR THE
7 MONITORS SAY THEY ARE SEEING THINGS THAT ARE NOT DONE IN ANY
8 OTHER DEPARTMENT, WE WANT TO MOVE TO A PLACE OF BEING STANDARD
9 SETTING IN TERMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY. AND THAT'S WHY THIS
10 ONGOING DISCUSSION IS SO CRITICAL BECAUSE WE HAVE TO GET
11 THERE. NOT JUST BECAUSE OF THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT, BUT
12 BECAUSE IT'S ALL OF THE PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
13 INCARCERATED THERE, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE DOING THE WORK THERE,
14 THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PROVIDING SERVICE THERE, EVERYONE DESERVES
15 TO HAVE A BETTER SITUATION THAT THEY'RE WORKING IN. THANK YOU.

16
17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
18 AND THEN I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY AT THE END. GO AHEAD.

19
20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OH, THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, BECAUSE THE
21 REPORTS ARE IN ARREARS, AND I'M HEARING A LOT OF BIG NEXT
22 THINGS, YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE
23 IMPACT BODY-WORN CAMERAS WILL HAVE ON THIS ENTIRE PROCESS AND
24 THE EXPERIENCE OF BOTH YOUR DEPUTIES AS WELL AS THOSE IN THEIR
25 CUSTODY. HELP ME WITH MY TIMING AND MY EXPECTATIONS. THE NEXT



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1 REPORT WON'T REFLECT. IT'LL BE A REPORT OR TWO AWAY, CORRECT?

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3 **PAULA TOKAR:** THAT'S CORRECT, I'M THINKING A YEAR AND A HALF.

4

5 **KATHY KENNY:** YEAH, IT'S PROBABLY AT LEAST TWO REPORTS AWAY

6 BEFORE THE BODY ITSELF WILL START REVIEWING. SO, IF THEY

7 IMPLEMENT BODY WORN CAMERAS IN MAY OR JUNE OF THIS YEAR, WE

8 WON'T START REVIEWING THOSE CASES UNTIL JUNE OF 26. OKAY. AND

9 IT WILL BE IN THAT REPORT SOMETIME IN THE FALL PROBABLY.

10

11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SOME OF THE OTHER POLICY CHANGES THAT

12 YOU ALL ARE WORKING ON CLOSER, WILL WE SEE IMPACT OF THOSE IN

13 THE NEXT REPORT?

14

15 **KATHY KENNY:** PROBABLY NOT THE NEXT REPORT, BUT THE REPORT

16 AFTER THAT. THE NEXT REPORT SHOULD BE DONE BY JUNE, SO IT WILL

17 BE THE ONE AFTER THAT. WE SHOULD SEE SOME CHANGES FROM THOSE

18 POLICIES.

19

20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THEN I JUST WANT TO

23 FOLLOW UP ON THE LINE OF QUESTIONING AS IT RELATES TO THE

24 MEN'S CENTRAL. I HAVE TO WONDER, BASED ON EVEN WHAT YOU SAID

25 ABOUT THE FOOD THAT WAS SERVED AND IT WAS SO GOOD THEY DIDN'T



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1 WANT TO LEAVE, I HAVE TO WONDER HOW MUCH OF THE PHYSICAL
2 STRUCTURE IMPACTS HOW THE DEPUTIES RESPOND AND EVEN HOW THE
3 PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THERE, THE INMATES ARE RESPONDING AS WELL.
4 AND I LOOKED AT THE NUMBERS AND I COULDN'T SEE A BIG
5 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN, EVEN ON THE HEADSTRIKE BETWEEN THE TTCF
6 AND MCJ, BUT I HAVE TO WONDER IF THE CONDITION IN THAT JAIL IS
7 SUCH THAT, I MEAN, IT'S, I MEAN, NOT TO BE CRUDE, BUT WE TREAT
8 OUR ANIMALS IN OUR SHELTERS BETTER THAN WHAT'S GOING ON IN
9 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, QUITE FRANKLY, IN THE WAY THEY'RE HOUSED.
10 AND THAT'S NOT A REFLECTION ON YOU. THAT'S NOT A REFLECTION ON
11 YOU IN THE SENSE THAT IT NEEDS, IT'S IMPACTING, I THINK, THE
12 OVERALL WAY WE CONDUCT OURSELVES. NO EXCUSE FOR WHAT IS TAKING
13 PLACE, BUT I HAVE TO WONDER IF THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN
14 THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURE AND THE CONDUCT OF THE INMATES, AS WELL
15 AS THE CONDUCT OF THE SHERIFFS. AND SO, I'LL JUST THROW THAT
16 OUT THERE. I MEAN, I HEAR THESE STORIES AND I, YOU KNOW, GO
17 OUT THERE AND I REMEMBER WHEN I STARTED WITH THE COUNTY IN 89,
18 WE WERE TALKING ABOUT CLOSING IT. I REMEMBER THAT. I MEAN, I
19 REMEMBER WHEN TWIN TOWERS WAS BUILT, AND THE THOUGHT WAS WE'RE
20 GOING TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WHICH NEVER OCCURRED, AND
21 AT THAT TIME, THEY FELT IT WAS TIME TO CLOSE IT. SO I HEAR YOU
22 LOUD AND CLEAR. ALSO, FOLLOW UP, ON THE ESCALATORS, WHAT
23 IMPACT DOES THAT HAVE? I MEAN, I KNOW WE HAVE AN ISSUE HERE IN
24 OUR BUILDING WITH ESCALATORS BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE PARTS AND
25 WE HAVE TO WAIT. I MEAN, IS THAT IMPACTING MOVEMENT WITHIN THE



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1 JAIL?

2

3 **PAULA TOKAR:** ABSOLUTELY, AND IT IMPACTS STAFF. IT'S A STEEP
4 CLIMB. I MEAN, IF YOU ONLY HAVE TO GO UP ONE SET, YOU'RE GOOD.
5 BUT IF YOU HAVE TO GO UP TWO, I MEAN, EVEN OUR FIT DEPUTIES
6 HAVE TO TAKE A MINUTE. SO, IT DOES. AND THEN, IN MAKING OUR
7 INMATE POPULATION WALK THAT, WE HAVE SOME OF OUR LESS WELL
8 INMATES IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE THE MEDICAL
9 HOUSING IS, THAT'S WHERE THE CELLED HOUSING IS. IT IS A
10 CONCERN, IT'S A SAFETY CONCERN AS WELL, TRYING TO GET A
11 HANDCUFFED INMATE DOWN THOSE STAIRS AFTER AN INCIDENT, IT
12 DEFINITELY IMPACTS EVERY ASPECT OF THE FACILITY OPERATION.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THEN WHEN YOU SAY ABOUT THE
15 HOSPITAL BED, I THOUGHT THAT THE TWIN TOWERS WAS GOING TO BE
16 THE LOCATION FOR THOSE HOSPITALS, EVEN THOUGH YOU COULDN'T GET
17 IT LICENSED AT THE HOSPITAL. SO, I'M CONFUSED IN TERMS OF
18 WHAT'S BEING HOUSED AT MEN'S CENTRAL THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM
19 WHAT WE HAD AT TWIN TOWERS.

20

21 **PAULA TOKAR:** SO, THE, AND I SHOULDN'T SPEAK FOR CHS, BUT IF
22 DR. BELOVICH WAS HERE, HE WOULD SAY WE'RE GETTING MORE SICK
23 PEOPLE IN CUSTODY. IT'S JUST EXPANDING BEYOND WHAT WE EVER
24 THOUGHT. THE BEDS AT TWIN TOWERS, THOSE ARE MORE ACUTE
25 CONDITIONS. SO, SOMEONE THAT HAS JUST COME BACK FROM AN



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1 INPATIENT STAY IN THE HOSPITAL MIGHT GO THERE. IT'S OUR
2 SICKEST 5150 LEVEL OF MENTAL HEALTH IS IN THE CTC. THAT IS
3 MORE LICENSED. THAT'S THE HOSPITAL AREA. BUT FOLKS WHO ARE
4 DEALING WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT ARE CHRONIC, SUCH AS
5 DIABETES, HEART DISEASE, ANYTHING LIKE THAT, THEY'RE HOUSED AT
6 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ON FLOORS THAT THEY CAN BE IN SMALLER PODS
7 AND RECEIVE THEIR MEDICATION TOGETHER. THAT IS ALL OCCURRING
8 AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND IT DOES NOT HAVE A REPLICA ANYWHERE
9 ELSE. THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T JUST, MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL JUST CAN'T
10 BE CLOSED DOWN. THERE ARE THINGS THERE THAT DO NOT OCCUR
11 ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE SYSTEM. AND SINGLE MAN HOUSING, SINGLE
12 MAN CELL HOUSING IS ONLY AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THAT
13 OUTPATIENT, WE CALL IT THE MOSH, MEDICAL OUTPATIENT SPECIALTY
14 HOUSING, THAT IS ONLY AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. SO, TO THE
15 MONITORS, AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER THIS, BUT I'M JUST
16 CURIOUS, GIVEN YOUR EXPERTISE, HOW MUCH DO YOU BELIEVE THAT
17 THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURE IMPACTS PERFORMANCE IN THE JAILS?

18
19 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** OK. WELL, I THINK I CAN ANSWER THAT.

20
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** COMING FROM BOTH SIDES FOR YOU,
22 YEAH.

23
24 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** YES. SO, I'VE BEEN WATCHING THESE FOR YEARS.
25 AND THERE SEEMS TO BE TWO UNDERLYING FACTORS BEHIND USE AS A



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1 FORCE. THE FIRST ONE IS SERVICE ORIENTED, OKAY? MY SHOWER
2 DOESN'T WORK. I DON'T HAVE HOT WATER. TOILET DOESN'T WORK. I
3 HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET OUT BECAUSE OF MAINTENANCE TO THE
4 YARD AND SO FORTH. SO THOSE ARE THE TIPPING POINTS FOR
5 INMATES, YOU KNOW, THOSE BASIC THINGS THAT THEY WANT. AND THE
6 SHAPE OF THE INSTITUTION AS FAR AS NOT, YOU KNOW, HAVING HOT
7 WATER, HAVING, YOU KNOW, TOILETS THAT WORK AND SO FORTH, IT
8 MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE. AND WHEN THOSE INEFFICIENCIES ARE
9 THERE AND THE INMATES CAN'T GET A DECENT SHOWER AND HAVE A
10 CONSISTENCY IN HOW THEY LIVE THEIR LIFE, THAT'S A TIPPING
11 POINT THAT TURNS INTO AN IRATE INMATE AND ONE THAT EVENTUALLY
12 CAN TURN INTO A USE OF FORCE. THE OTHER ONE IS, AND IT'S
13 REALLY SOMETHING THAT THE DEPUTIES REALLY CAN'T CONTROL, AND
14 THAT IS A LOT OF THE INMATES WANT TO BE SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN
15 WHERE THEY ARE. AND I DON'T MEAN JUST FREEDOM, BUT THEY'LL
16 HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER INMATES AND OTHER INMATES WILL
17 THREATEN THEM IN SOME WAY. AND THEY FEEL THEY NEED TO GET OFF
18 THAT HOUSING UNIT AND BE SOMEWHERE ELSE. AND SO THOSE ARE
19 THINGS THAT REALLY MANAGEMENT CAN'T REALLY KNOW BECAUSE YOU
20 CAN'T KNOW THE INMATE POPULATION AS WELL AS YOU NEED TO, TO
21 PROVIDE THAT TYPE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY. BUT TO COME BACK TO
22 THE PHYSICAL PLANT AND HOW MANY USES OF FORCE THAT ARISE
23 AROUND THAT, MY GUESS WOULD BE, AND I'LL KEEP CLOSER TRACK, IS
24 AT LEAST HALF ARE FOR THAT REASON.

25



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

2

3 **KATHY KENNY:** YOU KNOW, WE DO FOCUS GROUPS EVERY TIME WE COME
4 TO VISIT WHERE WE TALK TO THE INDIVIDUALS INCARCERATED AND WE
5 ALSO TALK TO STAFF. AND THE CONDITIONS AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
6 ARE ALWAYS TOP OF MIND IN THOSE CONVERSATIONS. THEY ALWAYS
7 COMPLAIN ABOUT THE FOOD, THE PLUMBING, YOU KNOW, THE PHYSICAL
8 STRUCTURE THINGS THAT, YOU KNOW, STAFF CAN WRITE THE WORK
9 ORDERS, THEY CAN DO THAT, BUT THEN YOU HAVE FOLKS WHO ARE THEN
10 ANGRY WHEN IT'S NOT GETTING FIXED, EVEN THOUGH THE DEPUTY'S
11 DONE WHAT HE CAN DO OR SHE CAN DO TO GET IT FIXED. THE FACT
12 THAT THEY HAVE GATES, THE CELL DOORS THAT DO NOT PROPERLY
13 CLOSE IS A HUGE SAFETY ISSUE FOR THE STAFF THERE. IT REALLY
14 IS. AND THEY'VE HAD SOME SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS AS A RESULT OF
15 THAT. AND THEY'VE TRIED TO MANAGE THE POPULATION, LIKE WE'LL
16 PUT A LOWER SECURITY POPULATION HERE IN THOSE, BUT THEIR
17 ABILITY TO GET AROUND THE SECURITY THAT SHOULD BE IN A JAIL
18 LIKE THAT IS REALLY PROBLEMATIC.

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH. SO, WHAT I WOULD SAY TO THE
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS, IF YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT A CARE-FIRST
22 MODEL, WE'RE BEYOND A WHITE PAPER, OKAY? BECAUSE WE'VE TALKED,
23 THIS BOARD HAS TALKED AND TALKED AND TALKED ABOUT SHUTTING
24 DOWN MEN CENTRAL. AND WE HAD A REPORT LAST WEEK WHERE WE WERE
25 TOLD THAT WE COULD SHUT IT DOWN WITHOUT REPLACEMENT. BUT WHEN



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1 I TALK TO SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS, SOME OF WHICH I TRUST A LOT,
2 THEY TELL ME THAT THAT IS NOT THE CASE. SO, WHAT I WOULD SAY
3 TO YOU IS AS LONG AS WE ARE CONTINUING WITH MEN'S CENTRAL
4 JAIL, WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO HAVE REPORTS LIKE THIS AND
5 WE'RE GOING TO GET TO KNOW YOU ALL REALLY WELL. YOU'RE GOING
6 TO GET TIRED OF US. BUT I DON'T SEE US MOVING AWAY FROM BEING
7 UNDER A CONSENT DECREE. BECAUSE THE REALITY IS THAT WE TAKE
8 TWO STEPS FORWARD, THREE STEPS BACK. WE FIND OUT THAT THE
9 JAILS DON'T LOCK NOW, OR THE DOORS DON'T LOCK, WHICH CREATES A
10 SITUATION WHERE WE GO BACK INTO MAYBE USE OF FORCE. SO, IT'S
11 TIME FOR THE SHERIFF TO STEP UP AND TELL US WHAT HIS PLAN IS.
12 OTHERWISE, WE ARE GOING TO BE REPEATING THIS, REPEATING THIS,
13 REPEATING THIS. AND IT DOES NO GOOD FOR THE MORALE OF THE
14 INMATES AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND IT DOES NO GOOD FOR THE MORALE
15 OF THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT GO IN THERE, AS WELL AS THE CA'S. SO
16 THAT'S JUST MY OPINION, BUT BASED ON EVERYTHING I'VE HEARD, I
17 DON'T SEE HOW WE DON'T DO, TO YOUR POINT, A FACILITY THAT
18 ACTUALLY TREATS THE PATIENT FOR THEIR NEEDS BECAUSE, AS YOU
19 SAID, AND I THINK THAT THE MONITORS WOULD AGREE, MANY OF THESE
20 INDIVIDUALS NEED CARE, AND MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS NOT THE PLACE
21 TO GIVE IT, IN MY OPINION. EVEN FROM A CLEANLINESS STANDPOINT,
22 WHEN YOU TELL ME THAT THEY'RE SICK, SICK, SICK, I HAVE TO
23 WONDER IF WE'RE MAKING THEM SICK OR ALLOWING THEM TO STAY AT
24 MEN'S CENTRAL BECAUSE OF THE FILTH OF THE FACILITY IN AND OF
25 ITSELF. SO YES, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.



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2 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** JUST TO FOLLOW UP ON YOUR COMMENT,
3 SUPERVISOR BARGER. YOU KNOW, THE SHERIFF HAS COME ANY NUMBER
4 OF TIMES AND TALKED TO US ABOUT THIS IDEA, BOTH HERE AND IN
5 ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS. AND WHAT HE ALSO CONTINUES TO SAY IS
6 THAT, AND I HATE TO PUT WORDS IN HIS MOUTH AND HE'S NOT HERE,
7 BUT THAT IF IT'S TRULY A CARE FACILITY, THAT HE ALONE CAN'T
8 DRIVE THAT. THAT IF HE IS THE ONE THAT DRIVES IT, IT WILL BE
9 PERCEIVED BROADLY AS A CARCERAL FACILITY. AND SO, IF WE'RE
10 LOOKING TO HIM TO GO BEYOND THE WHITE PAPER, I JUST THINK THAT
11 WE NEED TO ALSO HEAR FROM HIM WHO THE OTHER KEY PLAYERS ARE
12 AND LOOK AT MODELS TO FIGURE OUT WHO NEEDS TO CO-LEAD THIS
13 EFFORT. SO, WE'RE CLEAR THAT IT'S NOT A CARCERAL SYSTEM, BUT
14 IT TRULY IS A CARE-BASED SYSTEM. SO --

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16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I AGREE WITH YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO NEXT WITH
19 THAT. IF HE SHOULDN'T OWN IT ALONE, THEN WHO ELSE AND HOW
20 ELSE?

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I AGREE WITH YOU 100%, AND I KNOW
23 THAT A YEAR AGO HE BROUGHT IT UP. AND THEN TO FIND OUT A
24 COUPLE WEEKS AGO THAT HE SAID HE'S GOING TO GET A WHITE PAPER
25 GOING, I FEEL AS THOUGH WE CAN STUDY SOMETHING TO DEATH. AND I



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1 AGREE WITH YOU, HE DOESN'T HAVE TO DRIVE IT. BUT AT THE SAME
2 TIME, WHO THEN WILL? WHO THEN WILL? AND I DON'T KNOW, FESIA,
3 SINCE YOU ARE CHARGED WITH SHUTTING DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL, MAYBE
4 THAT'S WHERE IT LANDS. I DON'T KNOW. BUT I DO KNOW THAT WHAT
5 I'M HEARING TODAY CONCERNS ME BECAUSE I DON'T SEE US MOVING IN
6 A DIRECTION WHERE WE ARE NO LONGER UNDER A CONSENT DEGREE,
7 ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO MEN CENTRAL. AND THAT'S
8 DISHEARTENING TO ME BECAUSE WE'RE SETTING UP FOR FAILURE, IN
9 MY OPINION, BY CONTINUING DOWN THIS PATH.

10

11 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, I THINK, YES, WE
12 HAVE HEARD FROM THE SHERIFF ABOUT THE CARE CAMPUS AND A WHITE
13 PAPER, CERTAINLY AGREE THAT THIS CANNOT BE A SHERIFF-ONLY
14 ENDEAVOR. AND SO, WE KNOW THAT WE NEED ALL OF THE OTHER
15 PARTNERS IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH
16 SERVICES. WE ALSO KNOW THAT WE NEED, YOU KNOW, OTHER PARTNERS
17 LIKE JCOD TO HELP PREVENT PEOPLE FROM LANDING IN OUR JAILS IN
18 THE FIRST PLACE. WE ALSO NEED THE CLOSER CONNECTION WITH THE
19 COURT. AT THE END OF THE DAY, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO COME DOWN
20 TO TWO VERY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS. WE'VE HEARD THAT THE FACILITY
21 IN AND OF ITSELF IS NOT WELL DESIGNED TO ADDRESS WHAT OUR
22 CURRENT NEEDS ARE UNDER THIS PLAN. AND SO, I AGREE THAT WE
23 WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THIS ISSUE EVEN AS WE CONTINUE TO INVEST
24 AND SINK MORE MONEY INTO THE JAIL. AND SO, WE ARE PAYING FOR
25 ADDITIONAL REFINEMENTS, WE'RE DOING INFRASTRUCTURE, WE'RE



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1 DOING IT, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY WHAT REALLY NEEDS TO
2 HAPPEN IS WE DO NEED A NEW AND A DIFFERENT FACILITY. AND THEN
3 THE QUESTION IS, HOW DO WE MAKE THAT HAPPEN? SO, I THINK THE
4 REPORT FROM THE SHERIFF HAS TO BE OWNED BY THE OTHER MEMBERS
5 OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. AND THEN WE NEED TO HAVE A REAL
6 DISCUSSION ABOUT, YOU KNOW, WHAT IS THAT GOING TO COST AND
7 WHAT IS THE TIMEFRAME AND HOW DO WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE
8 IMPLEMENTATION?

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10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT. SO, DOES
11 THE BOARD TELL YOU TO DO THAT OR ARE YOU DOING THAT? I MEAN, I
12 FEEL LIKE THIS IS DEJA VU WELL ALL OVER AGAIN.

13

14 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO HERE I THINK THE CONUNDRUM IS THAT WE HAVE
15 NOT HAD THE DISCUSSION ABOUT A REPLACEMENT FACILITY AND SO I
16 FEEL LIKE WHAT WE ARE DOING IS, WELL, I THINK THE CURRENT
17 MANDATE FROM THE BOARD IS TO FIX THE PROBLEM, BUT NOT HAVE A
18 REPLACEMENT FACILITY. AND IF THAT IS THE PATH THAT WE'RE GOING
19 TO CONTINUE ON, THEN I THINK THAT WE WILL MAKE IMPROVEMENTS,
20 WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE INVESTMENTS, BUT WE WILL ALSO
21 CONTINUE TO HAVE THESE REPORTS.

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23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE JUST
24 SHUT DOWN THE JAIL TOMORROW? WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?

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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** WE WOULD NOT HAVE PLACES TO, WE DO, WE KNOW
2 THAT WE HAVE FOLKS.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT'S THE ROAD WE'RE LEADING
5 TOWARD. THAT'S WHAT YOUR OFFICE TOLD THE BOARD LAST WEEK THAT
6 THE JAIL CAN BE SHUT DOWN WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT. SO, FOUR
7 YEARS AGO WE VOTED TO CLOSE IT AND SAID WE'D CLOSE IT IN TWO
8 YEARS. WHAT IS THE TIMEFRAME TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL?

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10 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** WELL, I THINK IT DEPENDS ON THE TWO
11 CONCEPTUAL APPROACHES. IF IT IS TO WORK WITHIN OUR EXISTING
12 RESOURCES AND THIS EXISTING FACILITIES, THAT'S GOING TO BE A
13 LONGER TIMEFRAME. I CAN'T GIVE YOU A DATE, BUT WE KNOW THAT
14 IT'S GOING TO TAKE MUCH LONGER BECAUSE WE'RE DOING TWO THINGS.
15 WE ARE DIVERTING RESOURCES TO SHORE UP A FACILITY THAT HAS
16 FOUNDATIONAL AND STRUCTURAL ISSUES OR THE BOARD CAN MAKE A
17 COMMITMENT TO DOING A CARE CAMPUS FACILITY AND THEN THE
18 DIRECTION THERE IS THEN DRAW UP THE PLANS AND IDENTIFY FUNDING
19 TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. THOSE ARE TWO DIFFERENT APPROACHES.

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BECAUSE AS I RECALL YOU SAID THAT
22 EVEN WITH DIVERSION THE PEOPLE THAT ARE BEING HOUSED RIGHT NOW
23 COULD NOT BE PLACED INTO DIVERSION, CORRECT?

24

25 **PAULA TOKAR:** YES.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** FOR THE MOST PART.

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4 **PAULA TOKAR:** YES.

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6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I MEAN YOU'RE RELEASING THOSE THAT
7 YOU CAN BECAUSE OF OVERCROWDING BUT THERE ARE CERTAIN ONES
8 THAT CANNOT BE RELEASED. SO AGAIN, MY QUESTION IS THIS BASED
9 ON RESOURCES OR WHAT BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO TALK
10 ABOUT BUDGET LATER AND I KNOW THAT THE CARE FIRST MODEL, WE
11 ACTUALLY HAVE DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE UNDERSPENT ON THAT POT OF
12 MONEY. AND SO, I GUESS MY QUESTION TO YOU IS WE HAVE FUNDING
13 THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE FOR CARE FIRST. AND I JUST FEEL LIKE WE
14 ARE MAKING NO MOVEMENT FORWARD. AND AGAIN, THE ONE THING WE
15 ALL AGREE ON IS CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL. IF YOU ANNOUNCED NEXT
16 WEEK, YOU WERE CLOSING IT, I WOULD BE THE FIRST TO TAKE A
17 JACKHAMMER TO IT. I MEAN, THAT'S HOW STRONGLY I FEEL ABOUT
18 THIS. BUT I DO NOT FEEL THAT WE ARE BEING TRANSPARENT AND
19 HONEST WITH THE PUBLIC IN TERMS OF WHAT HAPPENS NEXT. AND
20 THAT'S WHERE I'M JUST KIND OF PUSHING THE ENVELOPE BECAUSE I'M
21 FRUSTRATED WHEN I HEAR WHAT I'M HEARING TODAY, ESPECIALLY AS
22 IT RELATES TO MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND YET WE ARE CONTINUING TO
23 HAVE A STUDY TO STUDY, A STUDY TO STUDY, WHICH WILL BE ANOTHER
24 STUDY TO STUDY THAT STUDY. AND I JUST, AT SOME POINT, JUST
25 SHUT IT DOWN.



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2 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** I, SUPERVISOR, I AGREE WITH WHAT YOU'RE
3 SAYING AND I, AND I HEAR THE FRUSTRATION. I BELIEVE THAT JSID
4 IS WORKING WITHIN THE CONFINES OF LET'S FIGURE OUT HOW TO
5 CLOSE DOWN THE JAIL WITHOUT BUILDING A REPLACEMENT FACILITY.
6 LET ME JUST FINISH. AND SO, IF THAT IS THE DIRECTIVE, WE'RE
7 GOING TO SPEND A WHOLE BUNCH OF TIME, A WHOLE BUNCH OF
8 RESOURCES AND FUNDING ON DEPOPULATION STRATEGIES, WHICH I
9 THINK IS ABSOLUTELY THE RIGHT THING TO DO. BUT I ALSO THINK
10 THAT IF THERE WAS, YOU KNOW, YOU TALKED ABOUT US NOT BEING
11 TRANSPARENT, WHAT WE HAVEN'T REALLY TALKED ABOUT IS THE NEED
12 FOR A REPLACEMENT FACILITY AND WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BUT I THINK THAT'S WHAT SUPERVISOR
15 MITCHELL, AND ACTUALLY I AGREE 100% WITH HER, IT SHOULD NOT BE
16 DRIVEN BY THE SHERIFF. BUT HE DOES PLAY A ROLE, HE HAS A SEAT
17 AT THE TABLE. AND SO, I GUESS MY QUESTION IS THEN WHO IS
18 LEADING? AND IT'S YOU, AND IT'S YOUR TEAM. AND AT SOME POINT,
19 YOU KNOW, I'M LOOKING TO YOU ALL, BECAUSE YOU HAVE SEEN THIS
20 OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN HERE. AND IT'S
21 LIKE WE, IT'S LIKE, I'M SURE FOR YOU, DEJA, BUT WE'VE HAD THIS
22 DISCUSSION BEFORE. AND I JUST, I'M NOT GOING TO JUST BE HERE
23 TO BE A PLACEHOLDER SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THIS MEETING AND THEN
24 SAY WE'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING AND THEN NEXT YEAR WHEN YOU
25 COME BACK TO GIVE YOUR REPORT WE SAY WE'RE GOING TO DO



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1 SOMETHING AND THEN THE NEXT YEAR AND THEN I'M TERMED OUT THAT
2 YOU GET SOMEONE NEW WHO SAYS WAIT A MINUTE I DON'T WANT TO DO
3 ANYTHING BECAUSE I NEED TO STUDY IT. THAT WAS SOMEONE ELSE
4 THAT WAS IN CHARGE. THAT'S ANOTHER FOUR YEARS. IT'S LIKE
5 SOMEONE'S GOT TO STAND UP AND SAY, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

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7 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SUPERVISOR, I ABSOLUTELY AGREE. AND I THINK
8 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN THIS MOMENT,
9 IN THIS CONVERSATION, IS WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE CARE CAMPUS
10 THAT THERE IS A COMMITMENT AND A RECOGNITION THAT WE NEED TO
11 DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. NOT THAT, YOU KNOW, WE WOULD FOCUS
12 PRIMARILY ON DEPOPULATION, YOU KNOW, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT
13 THAT'S AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT, BUT THAT YES, THE BOARD IS
14 SUPPORTIVE OF MOVING FORWARD WITH A CARE CAMPUS AND WE CAN
15 HAVE THE SHERIFF AND ALL OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ALONG WITH
16 THE STAKEHOLDERS TO DO A ROBUST, YOU KNOW, DESIGN AND
17 DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, I THINK THAT
18 THERE NEEDS TO BE VISIBLE SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD THAT THAT IS
19 THE DIRECTION THAT WE'RE MOVING IN. AND I REALIZE THAT THERE'S
20 A LOT OF UNKNOWNNS THERE. SO, WE NEED TO GET SOME PLANNING
21 COMPLETED. WHAT DOES THE CARE CAMPUS LOOK LIKE AND WHO'S
22 THERE, ET CETERA, ET CETERA. BUT ONCE THAT IS DONE, THE
23 QUESTION IS, IS THERE SUPPORT TO HAVE THE ACTUAL
24 IMPLEMENTATION?

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW, BUT I DO KNOW THAT
2 WE SPENT HOW MUCH TO CANCEL A CONTRACT FOR A FACILITY FOR?
3 HOW'S FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND ALL \$50,000,000? HOW MUCH DO WE
4 SPEND?

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6 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** IT WAS AT LEAST THAT AMOUNT.

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8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** 70

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10 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** PROBABLY BETWEEN 50 AND 75.

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12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, SO WE'VE BEEN DOWN THIS PATH
13 BEFORE. AND I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WANT TO BE CAUTIOUS. BUT
14 EITHER VOTE IT UP OR VOTE IT DOWN. SO, SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** JUST MORE ABOUT. I JUST WANT TO
17 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT THE FACILITY IS A
18 RELATED TOPIC TO WHAT'S BEFORE US TODAY, BUT ROSA'S
19 COMPLIANCE, MY LAST QUESTION WAS DO YOU SEE ANY SIGNIFICANT
20 HURDLES TO THE DEPARTMENT COMING INTO COMPLIANCE? I DIDN'T
21 HEAR THAT THE FACILITY ITSELF, THE EXISTENCE OF THE CURRENT
22 FACILITY IS THE MAJOR ISSUE TO COMPLIANCE. IT'S THE REPORTING.
23 AND SO, I JUST, FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CONVERSATION, I JUST WANT
24 TO MAKE SURE WE ABSOLUTELY, THERE'S NO QUESTION WE NEED TO
25 TALK ABOUT SHUTTING DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL. AND FOR PURPOSES OF



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SUPERVISORS

1 THIS CONVERSATION, I DON'T THINK WE CAN BLAME THE FACILITY FOR
2 THAT. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE SHIFTING CULTURE AND
3 THAT THE ACTION THAT'S HAPPENING IN WHATEVER FACILITY EXISTS
4 IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH WHAT, THE STANDARDS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO
5 SET.

6

7 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** WELL, MY COMMENT TO THAT WOULD BE IS THE
8 LEADERSHIP IS IN PLACE. THERE'S COMPETENT LEADERSHIP. I MEAN
9 LOOK AT WHAT THEY'VE MANAGED OVER THE YEARS, THE CROWDING,
10 STAFFING ISSUES AND SO FORTH. YOU'VE GOT VERY COMPETENT
11 LEADERS AT THE JAIL. AS FAR AS ROSAS IS CONCERNED, WE JUST
12 NEED THOSE LEADERS TO STEP FORWARD AND SAY, ENOUGH. WE'RE NOT
13 GOING TO RELY ON HEAD STRIKES. WE'RE GOING TO MEET THESE
14 PROVISIONS. WE'RE GOING TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT EVERY PROVISION
15 IS LOOKED AT AS WE GO THROUGH USE OF FORCE SITUATIONS. AND I
16 THINK ONCE THAT STEP IS TAKEN FORWARD, THAT EVEN WITH MEN IN
17 CENTRAL JAIL, THAT THEY CAN STILL COMMIT TO COMPLIANCE WITH
18 ROSAS.

19

20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU FOR GETTING US BACK ON TRACK
21 ON THE AGENDA, SUPERVISOR HORVATH. NOW I'M GOING TO TAKE US
22 BACK OFF, TO GO BACK TO WHAT THE CHAIR SAID. AND I JUST HAVE
23 TO SHARE MY CURRENT KIND OF LIVED EXPERIENCE WITH THE
24 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER AT MARTIN LUTHER KING, IN THAT WE
25 DON'T HAVE AN IMD WAIVER. AND ALL THE COMPLICATIONS,



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1 STRUCTURAL, BUREAUCRATIC COMPLICATIONS WE FACE IN TRYING TO
2 MOVE OUR CARE FIRST AGENDA FORWARD IN BEING CREATIVE. AND JUST
3 ALL OF THE, YOU KNOW, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAVING
4 EXPECTATIONS OF THIS ONE AND, YOU KNOW, BEING FRUSTRATED IN
5 THAT EXAMPLE OF WE HAVE BEDS READY TO GO AND YET WE DON'T HAVE
6 AGREEMENTS ON WHAT ER THEY WOULD GO TO IF THEY HAPPEN TO CALL
7 911 BECAUSE SO, AND I THINK SOMETHING OF THIS MAGNITUDE, IT'S
8 DIFFICULT IF IT'S DRIVEN VIA MOTION, A MOTION THAT'S VERY
9 PRESCRIPTIVE WHERE WE DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE
10 CONVERSATION AND LEARNINGS AND SHARED EXPERIENCES TO ELEVATE
11 WHAT THE IT SHOULD BE. AND SO THAT'S WHY I STRUGGLE HERE,
12 FRANKLY, AS A BOARD MEMBER ABOUT HOW DO WE GET THERE IF IT'S
13 NOT MOTION DRIVEN WITH REPORT BACKS THAT THEN SEEMS VERY
14 WHIPLASH LIKE TO ME AS OPPOSED TO A WAY IN WHICH WE CAN
15 ORGANICALLY WITH THE SHERIFF AND OTHER IMPACTED DEPARTMENTS. I
16 APPRECIATE IT COULD BE HOUSED INTO THE CEO, BUT THE CEO CAN
17 ANSWER THE QUESTIONS FOR ME RIGHT NOW, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.
18 THAT'S THE CROSSHAIRS BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH
19 SERVICES. IT'S THOSE DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR SUBJECT MATTER
20 EXPERTISE THAT HAVE TO HAVE BUY-IN AND SHARED AGREEMENT THAT
21 THEY'RE GOING TO PUT EXPERTISE AND TIME AND ENERGY AND
22 RESOURCES FROM THEIR DEPARTMENTS TO BUILD THIS. TO HEAR WHEN
23 YOU THINK ABOUT WHO'S IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, MEN OF COLOR,
24 WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT HEALTH DISPARITIES THAT IMPACT
25 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, OF COURSE YOU HAVE DISPROPORTIONATE



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SUPERVISORS

1 NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH DIABETES AND CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS
2 AND PROBABLY ASTHMA. AND SO THOSE ARE ALL GOING TO IMPACT OUR
3 HEALTH DEPARTMENT IF WE'RE GOING TO BUILD SOMETHING THAT TRULY
4 IS GOING TO MEET THEIR NEEDS. AND SO, I DON'T KNOW THE PLACE,
5 MADAM CHAIR, WHERE WE CAN MORE ORGANICALLY VERSUS IN A
6 PRESCRIPTIVE MANNER COME UP WITH THIS SHARED BUYING AS OPPOSED
7 TO US DIRECTING A DEPARTMENT WITH A REPORT BACK. I MEAN, IT
8 REALLY IS A QUESTION ABOUT HOW WE GET THERE. SO, WE DON'T HAVE
9 THESE FALSE STARTS AND STOPS WITH WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A BIG
10 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY, SIGN A CONTRACT. NO, WE'RE NOT. YOU
11 SEE WHAT I'M SAYING?

12
13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I AGREE. I THINK I'M PROBABLY THE
14 MOST FRUSTRATED, WE ALL AGREE, BUT UNDERSTAND THIS. THIS HAS
15 BEEN DEBATED SINCE 20, I'M LOOKING OVER AT ANNA, 2013, 20, 20,
16 2003, 2003. AND THE BOARD VOTED TO DO SOMETHING AND THEN THAT
17 WAS OVERTURNED AND THEN WE STARTED FROM SCRATCH. AND THEN WE
18 VOTED TO DO SOMETHING BEFORE I WAS ELECTED AND THEN THAT GOT
19 SCRAPPED. SO, I JUST FEEL LIKE WE START AND STOP, START AND
20 STOP. I AGREE WITH YOU 100% BUT I'M PROBABLY A LITTLE MORE
21 FRUSTRATED BECAUSE I'VE HEARD THIS TIME AND TIME AGAIN AND I
22 FEEL IT'S A DISSERVICE TO THE PEOPLE THAT ARE HOUSED THERE AND
23 ALSO TO THEIR FAMILIES. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY FAMILIES,
24 WHEN I WAS A DEPUTY, WOULD CALL BECAUSE THEY WERE CONCERNED
25 ABOUT THE WELL-BEING OF THEIR LOVED ONE WHO WAS SUFFERING FROM



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SUPERVISORS

1 MENTAL ILLNESS AND WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SAFETY IN THE
2 JAIL, NOT BECAUSE OF THE MENTAL ILLNESS, BUT BECAUSE OF THE
3 PHYSICAL STRUCTURE. AND SO, IT WEIGHS HEAVY ON ME.

4
5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, MY QUESTION REALLY IS
6 STRUCTURALLY, GIVEN HOW WE GOVERN IN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND
7 BROWN ACT AND ALL THOSE THINGS, HOW DO WE MOVE A CONVERSATION
8 FORWARD IN TERMS OF FIGURING OUT WHAT THE SOLUTION IS? I HEAR
9 THE CEO SAY IT, WE'RE DOING WHAT THE BOARD TOLD US TO DO WHICH
10 WAS CLOSED SO WE'VE GONE DOWN THAT TRACK.

11
12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WHICH CONCERNS ME BECAUSE I DON'T
13 KNOW THAT THIS BOARD IS GIVING CLEAR DIRECTION. I AND TO YOUR
14 POINT THOUGH I FEEL IT SHOULD BE FROM THE BOTTOM-UP IT
15 SHOULDN'T BE DRIVEN BY THE BOARD TELLING YOU WHAT TO DO IT
16 SHOULD BE DRIVEN BY WHAT THE NEED IS.

17
18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** YES.

19
20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND SO, AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S
21 A CARE FIRST, I DON'T KNOW. ALL I KNOW IS THAT THE BASIS RIGHT
22 NOW IS THAT THERE'S A THOUGHT THAT THE GOAL IS JUST TO CLOSE
23 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.

24
25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BUT FOR ME, THE THOUGHT IS TO
3 CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BECAUSE I FEEL IT IS NOT A FACILITY
4 FIT FOR THE VERMIN THAT ARE PROBABLY LIVING IN THERE AS WELL,
5 ALL RIGHT? BUT THE QUESTION IS, DO WE NEED TO HAVE A PLACE TO
6 PROVIDE THE SERVICES BECAUSE FROM WHAT I'M BEING TOLD BY THE
7 DEPARTMENT, THESE INDIVIDUALS CANNOT BE DIVERTED INTO THE
8 COMMUNITY. SO THAT'S WHERE I THINK TO YOUR POINT, IT SHOULD BE
9 BOTTOM UP.

10

11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO IF WE WERE TO HAVE AT ONE OF OUR
12 POLICY PRESENTATION MEETINGS A PRESENTATION FROM THE SHERIFF,
13 FROM SOMEONE FROM THE BENCH, FROM SOMEONE FROM OUR JAIL
14 CLOSURE DEPARTMENT, MENTAL HEALTH, DA, AND HEALTH SERVICES TO
15 HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT LET'S BE CLEAR ABOUT WHO IS IN
16 CUSTODY, WHO THE JUDICIARY WILL, YOU KNOW, REMAND WHERE. I
17 MEAN, ALL OF THOSE PARTIES AT THE TABLE TO HAVE A
18 CONVERSATION. AND SO WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE ABOUT WHO IS
19 IN CUSTODY, WHAT THEIR NEEDS ARE, AND THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
20 FOR HELPING TO BUILD AND DESIGN THOSE SERVICES.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, I THINK WE SHOULD DO IT ON A
23 PUBLIC HEARING DAY AND IT SHOULD BE THE FOCUS OF THIS BOARD
24 VERSUS AT THE END OF THE BOARD MEETING WHEN IT'S, YOU KNOW,
25 ONE OF MANY THINGS.



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2 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I AGREE.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. I THINK
5 THAT IT'S LONG OVERDUE. AND I WOULD EVEN ARGUE THAT CHRISTINA
6 GHALEY SHOULD BE AT THE TABLE. AND I JUST WANT TO CORRECT
7 SOMETHING THAT I CAN'T REMEMBER WHO SAID IT. DHS AND DMH ARE
8 PROVIDING INPUT ON ANY RECOMMENDATIONS COMING OUT OF THE CEO'S
9 OFFICE, CORRECT? I KNOW YOU CAN'T SPEAK FOR THEM, BUT THEY ARE
10 PART OF THE PROCESS AS IT RELATES TO WHAT'S PERCOLATING.

11

12 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, SO WE WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THEM AND
13 THE SERVICES THAT THEY PROVIDE ARE INCLUDED IN THE JSID WORK
14 AS WELL AS DOJ. ON THE ISSUE OF I AGREE THE BOARD SETS THE
15 WHAT AND THEN YOU ASK THE DEPARTMENTS ABOUT THE HOW AND I
16 THINK WHEN YOU WHEN WE HAVE THE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE HOW
17 BASED ON DATA THAT'S DATA DRIVEN THERE WILL BE A DECISION
18 POINT AND I THINK THAT DECISION POINT IS, DO WE TAKE A LONGER
19 PATH TO JAIL CLOSURE BY FOCUSING ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON
20 DEPOPULATION, ALL OF THE STRATEGIES THAT WE HAVE AT OUR
21 DISPOSAL? OR DO WE DO SOMETHING IN PARALLEL WHERE WE SAY WE
22 WILL CONTINUE TO DEPOPULATE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, BUT WE ARE
23 ALSO COMMITTING TO DOING SOME SORT OF, YOU KNOW, THE CARE
24 CAMPUS CONCEPT. IT WAS, YOU KNOW, AN EARLIER VERSION OF THAT
25 WAS THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FACILITY OR CENTER. SO, WHEN



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1 WE GET TO THAT DISCUSSION ABOUT THE HOW, THE DEPARTMENTS CAN
2 HAVE ALL THE CONVERSATION, THEY CAN TALK ABOUT ALL THE
3 RESOURCES THAT THEY CAN BRING TO BEAR, BUT THERE IS A PARALLEL
4 TRACK OR PARALLEL OPTIONS. ONE IS A COMMITMENT OR AT LEAST A
5 DISCUSSION ABOUT A REPLACEMENT FACILITY THAT HELPS OUR MENTAL
6 HEALTH, OUR FOLKS WITH SEVERE ILLNESS. AND THEN THE OTHER IS
7 NO CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** GOT IT. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT.
10 SEEING NO OTHER SUPERVISORS REQUESTING TO TALK, EXECUTIVE
11 OFFICER, OR DO YOU HAVE ANY CLOSING COMMENTS? I'M SORRY. NO?
12 NO.

13

14 **PAULA TOKAR:** NO, THANK YOU FOR THE CONVERSATION. REALLY
15 APPRECIATE IT.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. EXECUTIVE
18 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE
19 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR
20 BEING HERE. WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE.

21

22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
23 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? DEREK STEELE, MELISSA
24 CAMACHO, AND PETER ELIASBERG. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR
25 PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS



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1 ITEM 37, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS ONE AND
2 ZERO NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE
3 HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

4

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

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S ERIC PREVIN FROM STUDIO
10 CITY, AND I JUST WILL NOTE THAT THAT WAS A TWO-HOUR
11 CONVERSATION. WE DID VEER A LITTLE BIT OFF SUBJECT, BUT I
12 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE DISCUSSION. AND I'LL TAKE THE
13 FULL THREE MINUTES ON THIS ITEM. THE MAIN CENTRAL JAIL IS A
14 BIG OLD FACILITY AND THE CULTURE IS WRONG. WE SHOULD
15 DEFINITELY TAKE IT DOWN. I THINK PETER ELIASBURG IS IN THE
16 QUEUE. JAMES AUSTIN RECOMMENDED 2012 OR SOMETHING, JUST
17 DECENTRALIZING, SENDING DANGEROUS PEOPLE WHO NEED TO BE IN
18 CUSTODY TO SMALLER FACILITIES AROUND THE COUNTY, AND THEN PICK
19 A DEMO DATE AND DEMOLISH. THEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH CAN GET WITH
20 THE DESIGN TEAM TO DESIGN A CARE CAMPUS BUT WE CAN'T, WE CAN'T
21 KEEP CIRCLING AROUND BECAUSE THE CREDIBILITY IS VERY, VERY BAD
22 AND I MEAN WHEN I HEAR THAT IT'S ONLY GOING TO BE A COUPLE
23 YEARS BEFORE THE TABLETS, I MEAN THIS COMPETITION IS EXPENSIVE
24 AND YOU CAN'T MAKE AN IPAD WORK YET. I MEAN, IT HURTS BECAUSE
25 I CAN FEEL THAT SOMEBODY HAS TO OPEN IT.



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

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4 **MODERATOR:** BYRON JOSE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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6 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. BYRON JOSE WITH THE TRANS-LATINA
7 COALITION AND RE-IMAGINE L.A. NOT BODY CAM, NOT FURTHER
8 TRAINING, AND DEFINITELY NOT REVIEWING OR RE-UPDATING THE
9 REVIEW PROCESS. IT'S GOING TO REDUCE THE POPULATION. SO,
10 BEYOND THE 325 UNSPENT CSDI MONEY, THERE'S \$5,100,000,000 IN
11 THE SHARE RISK AND INFORMATION IN THE RECURSIVE SYSTEM, AND
12 THAT IS NOT LOOKING INTO THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS BEING SPENT
13 BEING PAID OUT ON LAWSUITS, PAYOUTS. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
14 THE BOARD IS PRIORITIZING OUR NEEDS, AND SINCE WE'RE JUMPING
15 FROM TOPIC TO TOPIC, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BOARD IS
16 PRIORITIZING OUR NEEDS. AND SINCE WE'RE JUMPING FROM TOPIC TO
17 TOPIC, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BOARD IS NOT JUST LOOKING
18 AT THE STATE SANCTIONED VIOLENCE THAT IS DISPROPORTIONATELY
19 IMPACTING TCI COMMUNITIES, SPECIFICALLY BLACK AND BLACK TRANS
20 WOMEN, BUT ALSO FUNDING CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. AND CAN THE
21 CHAIR INSTRUCT THE SEARCH AND ARMS TO MAKE SPACE? I AM OUTSIDE
22 TRYING TO ACCESS THE BUILDING AND THERE ARE DIFFERENT
23 COMMUNITY MEMBERS WANTING TO SPEAK ON OTHER ITEMS ON THE
24 AGENDA. PLEASE INSTRUCT THE SEARCH AND ARMS TO MAKE SPACE.
25 THANK YOU.



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

3

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** AS TO JAILS, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THE IDIOCRACY
7 BARRIERS. ARE YOU SERIOUS? THE REAL CRIMINALS ARE OCCUPYING
8 THE FIVE BOARD SEATS. CURE. EACH BOARD MEMBER GOES TO JAIL
9 UNTIL THIS IS DEFINITELY RESOLVED. GANG OF FOUR VOTED TO
10 QUASH THE \$1,700,000,000 MEN'S JAIL PROJECT 2019. THE GANG OF
11 FOUR VOTED DOWN A 2,000 BED MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY IN 2019. WE
12 MUST ALSO RECOGNIZE WE ARE DEALING WITH CENTURIES OF JAIL
13 PRISON CULTURE, TAXPAYER CITIZENS' ACCEPTANCE OF OUT OF SIGHT,
14 OUT OF MIND. THIS BOARD HAS FAILED TO GO TO THE STATE TO TAKE
15 AWAY THE JAILS FROM THE SHERIFFS AS I HAVE RECOMMENDED SEVERAL
16 TIMES. MANY OF COURSE WE HAVE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL DIVERTING
17 THE QUESTION WITH THE RACE CARD. DO THE CRIME, DO THE TIME. A
18 PUBLIC HEARING IS A WASTE OF TIME. GET SOME MEN ON THE BOARD.
19 STOP RACE BAITING AND CARE FOR YOUR OWN.

20

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YOU LADIES COULD TALK --

24

25 **MODERATOR:** PAMELA AUGUSTINE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** PAMELA, ARE YOU THERE? MAY WE TAKE THE NEXT
3 CALLER, PLEASE?

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5 **MODERATOR:** YOUR LINE IS OPEN. OKAY, ONE MOMENT. HELEN
6 EIGENBERG, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS HELEN EIGENBERG. I'M A CONSTITUENT IN
9 SB3. AND I'M SITTING HERE AND I'M LISTENING TO THIS. I'LL BE
10 HONEST, MY FOCUS FOR THE LAST COUPLE YEARS HAS BEEN ON THE
11 JUVENILE SYSTEM. AND WHAT IS BREAKING MY HEART AND ANGERING ME
12 IS WHAT WE ARE DOING BY KEEPING THE CONDITIONS. WE ARE SETTING
13 UP OUR YOUTH. IT'S THE SAME THING AT LOS ANGELES WITH OUR
14 YOUTH. WE ARE NOT TREATING THEM WITH KINDNESS AND CARE AND
15 REHABILITATION AND HEALING. AND ALL WE'RE DOING IS WITH OUR
16 TREATMENT OF THE YOUTH, IS THEY'LL JUST BE CONDITIONED TO GO
17 RIGHT INTO MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. PLEASE CLOSE IT. PLEASE DO THE
18 RIGHT THING. WE SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF OURSELVES, LOS ANGELES
19 CITY. THANK YOU.

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** GRACE SOSA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** HI. I'M CALLING IN TO VOICE MY TOTAL AND COMPLETE



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1 OPPOSITION TO A CARE CAMPUS. AS BOARD MEMBER BARGER MENTIONED,
2 IT'S A DISSERVICE TO THE WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE IN MCJ TO KEEP
3 THEM THERE, AND I CANNOT UNDERSTATE ENOUGH THAT THE CIRCUS IS
4 NOT AN ALTERNATIVE TO MCJ. WE DO NOT NEED A MODERN ASYLUM
5 THAT'S MANAGED BY A SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT ENGAGES IN
6 ORGANIZED CRIME AND THAT THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT TRUST. WHAT WE
7 NEED IS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT OF LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT. AND WE NEED INCREASED HOUSING FOR HOUSING
9 INSECURE FOLKS. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** JENNIFER CHEN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JENNIFER CHEN. I'M HERE TO
16 PROVIDE A SUPPORTIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE RESORT OF CARE
17 VILLAGE PROJECT. I THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE REALLY THOUGHTFUL
18 AND MUCH NEEDED DEVELOPMENT BRINGING VITAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING
19 TO THE AREA. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL BUILDING. THE COMMUNITY IS WELL-
20 RECEPTEED --

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I'M SORRY, YOU'RE ON THE WRONG ITEM. YOU'RE
23 ON THE WRONG ITEM.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THIS IS 37. YOU CAN YOU CAN COME BACK WHEN
3 WE GET TO YOUR ITEM. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** I'LL COME BACK. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YES. WHEN I'M LISTENING TO THIS, I DON'T HEAR HOW THE
12 HEAD STRIKE IS. IS IT A BLOW FROM THE FIST OR FROM A BATON?
13 YEAH, IF YOU HIT SOMEBODY IN THE FOREHEAD WITH YOUR FIST,
14 THAT'S OKAY. IF YOU BREAK THEIR NOSE, YOU'VE MAIMED THEM. IF
15 YOU HIT THEM WITH A BATON, YOU COULD PROBABLY HURT THEM MORE
16 ONE WAY THAN THE OTHER. THE DEPUTIES SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HOW TO
17 HIT A PERSON WITHOUT CAUSING MORE HARM ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. AND
18 AS FAR AS KEEPING THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL OPEN, YOU GOT TO
19 PROMOTE REHABILITATION THROUGH ART, DRAWING PICTURES, GIVE
20 THEM WATERCOLORS AND PASTEL PAINTS. I WAS IN JAIL WHEN I WAS
21 18. I MADE A LEATHER BELT AND I CUT IT IN A WAY I SLICED IT
22 AND I WEAVED IT LIKE A GIRL'S BRAIN, THEY SHOWED ME HOW TO DO
23 IT. YEAH YOU GOT TO REHABILITATE

24

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



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2 **MODERATOR:** MARCELA ROSEN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS MARCELA ROSEN. I'M WITH THE JUSTICE
5 L.A. COALITION AND I'M CALLING IN TO SPEAK IN STRONG
6 OPPOSITION OF THE ALLEGED CARE CAMPUS. THIS CONVERSATION THAT
7 JUST STARTED LAST WEEK THAT THE BOARD AT THE TIME SHOT DOWN
8 AND NOW I CAN SEE IS FULLY ENTERTAINING THIS POSSIBILITY. AS
9 WE'VE ALREADY MENTIONED, THE LAST TIME IT WAS ATTEMPTED,
10 \$50,000,000 OF TAXPAYER MONEY WAS WASTED ON THIS PROJECT. THE
11 IDEA THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SHOULD HAVE ANYTHING TO DO
12 WITH MENTAL HEALTH CARE IS LUDICROUS. EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM
13 KNOWS THAT THEY ARE GANGS. THEY ARE THE REASON THAT PEOPLE DIE
14 INSIDE. THEY'RE THE REASON PEOPLE DIE INSIDE THE HOSPITALS
15 AFTER THEY BRING THEM THERE. THEY AREN'T, IT'S NOT THE
16 FACILITY AND WE CANNOT REBUILD IT. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** ANNE ALVAREZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ANNE, ARE YOU THERE?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I, HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

25



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME? I'M SORRY. GOOD AFTERNOON. I BELIEVE
4 THAT TOO OFTEN WE PUT CRIMINALS BEFORE YOUR EVERYDAY AVERAGE
5 CITIZEN WHO IS LAW ABIDING. AND I BELIEVE THE SHERIFFS DO A
6 GREAT JOB. AND I JUST WANT TO KEEP THE SHERIFFS INVOLVED. AND
7 I'M OPPOSED TO ALL THE NGO'S THAT KEEP CALLING. AND THEY GET
8 PAID TO MAKE THESE PHONE CALLS. THANK YOU. HAVE A NICE DAY.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** HODAL AZEBRAO, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. SO, I HAVE RECENTLY ALSO BEEN
15 JOINING THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND AT THIS
16 POINT IT IS VERY FUNNY TO ME HOW EVERYONE KEEPS ON POINTING
17 THE FINGERS TO ONE ANOTHER AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET
18 PEOPLE INVOLVED, HOW TO GET PEOPLE WHO ARE IN POWER INVOLVED
19 ACTUALLY. I THINK THAT A LOT OF THE POWER RELIES ON THE
20 COMMUNITY. IT IS TIME TO START HAVING CONVERSATIONS HOW TO
21 FACILITATE THE PROCESS BETWEEN GETTING COMMUNITY MEMBERS
22 INVOLVED AND INSTEAD OF DOING MORE RESEARCH, IT'S IN OUR
23 COMMUNITIES TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS IN THESE
24 FACILITIES AND ALSO GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE COLLEGES AND
25 STUDENTS TO FIND AND FACILITATE BETTER PROCESSES TO BE ABLE TO



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1 CLOSE OUT AND TO ALSO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE
2 INDIVIDUALS. THANK YOU ALL.

3

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

5

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

8

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DEREK STEELE AND THIS CAPACITY CHAIR
13 OF THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. I WANT TO ECHO
14 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WHAT SHE RAISED. WE NEED TO BE CLEAR ABOUT
15 WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ENSURE ALIGNMENT ACROSS THE AGENCIES
16 INVOLVED IN CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. SHERIFFS, JSID,
17 PROBATION, MENTAL HEALTH, THE COURTS. IF WE DON'T NAME WHO'S
18 ACCOUNTABLE, THEN WE KEEP SPINNING IN CIRCLES. AND I AGREE
19 WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER. WE'VE BEEN AT THIS SINCE 2003. THE
20 MIRACLE ROUND MUST STOP. WE CAN'T KEEP REVISITING THE SAME
21 CONVERSATIONS OVER AND OVER AGAIN. CFCI DOLLARS HAVE ALREADY
22 BEEN ALLOCATED TO HELP DRIVE THIS CLOSURE FORWARD. A GREATER
23 MAJORITY OF THAT HAS REMAINED UNSPENT BECAUSE THE WRONG PEOPLE
24 WERE LEADING THE EFFORT THAT LACKED THE ABILITY TO COORDINATE
25 THE WAY THINGS NEEDED TO BE COORDINATED. I'M ACTUALLY EXCITED



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1 ABOUT THE NEW DIRECTION WITH THE NEW FOLKS ON THE TEAM, BUT
2 THE COMMUNITY HAS SHOWN UP WITH SOLUTIONS. WE NEED LEADERS TO
3 MATCH THAT ENERGY. SO, LET'S STOP STUDYING THE PROBLEM AND
4 START COORDINATING THE RESPONSE. CARE FIRST REQUIRES BOLD
5 ACTION, ALIGNMENT, AND FOLLOW THROUGH. LET'S CLOSE MEN'S
6 CENTRAL JAIL ONCE AND FOR ALL. THANK YOU.

7

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

9

10 **SPEAKER:** MELISSA CAMACHO WITH THE ACLU OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.
11 LET'S BE CLEAR, A CARE CAMPUS IS A NEW JAIL, FULL STOP. IF THE
12 SHERIFF IS HOLDING THE KEYS, IT IS A JAIL. IT DOESN'T MATTER
13 IF OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE INVOLVED. THIS BOARD PROMISED TO
14 CLOSE THE JAIL WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT. AND LET'S REMEMBER WHY.
15 BECAUSE IT WAS GOING TO TAKE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND MANY,
16 MANY YEARS TO BUILD THIS MEDICAL CAMPUS. THE SAME THING WOULD
17 BE IN PLACE TODAY. IT WOULD ONLY TAKE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
18 DOLLARS AND COULD BE ROLLED OUT MORE QUICKLY, COMMUNITY-BASED
19 MENTAL HEALTH CARE THAT THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER MENTIONED. WE'RE
20 STILL SITTING ON UNSPENT FUNDS. WE NEED TO SPEND FUNDS IN A
21 WAY THAT'S GOING TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY INSTEAD OF INFLICTING
22 FURTHER TRAUMA. AS TO ROSAS, THE IDEA OF THE SHOCKING CASE IS
23 REALLY TOO NARROW IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MIND. I'VE
24 TALKED TO THREE PEOPLE IN JAIL IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS WHO'VE
25 LOST TEETH BY HEAD PUNCHES AND HAVING THEIR HEADS SLAMMED



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SUPERVISORS

1 AGAINST THE FLOOR AND DOORS. WHEN YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF AN
2 UNDESERVED HEAD STRIKE, THEY ARE ALL RIGHT --

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

5
6 **SPEAKER:** HI. PETER ELIASBERG FROM THE ACLU, MEMBERS OF THE
7 BOARD. I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE OF QUICK POINTS. IT'S
8 BEEN TEN YEARS SINCE THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WAS
9 ENTERED INTO. TWENTY PERCENT OF THE ROSAS PROVISIONS ARE NOT
10 IN COMPLIANCE FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND AS MS. KENNY
11 SAID, THOSE ARE THE CORE PROVISIONS THAT ARE NOT IN
12 COMPLIANCE. THERE REMAIN HUGE GAPS BETWEEN WHAT THE MONITORS
13 FIND AND WHAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FINDS. AND WE'RE NOT
14 REALLY JUST TALKING ABOUT TEN YEARS. AS WE PROVIDED IN A
15 LETTER, YOU CAN GO BACK 35 YEARS TO THE COLTS COMMISSION
16 REPORT WHICH SAID VERY CLEARLY, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
17 DOESN'T TAKE EXCESSIVE FORCE SERIOUSLY, THEY DON'T HOLD PEOPLE
18 ACCOUNTABLE BECAUSE THEY DON'T FIND VIOLATIONS OF CLEAR
19 POLICY, AND THEY DON'T DISCIPLINE PEOPLE. THE PROBLEMS PERSIST
20 YEAR AFTER YEAR AND UNTIL THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TAKES
21 SERIOUSLY THAT THEY FIND OUT-OF-FORCE POLICY WHEN IT EXISTS
22 AND THEY DISCIPLINE PEOPLE SEVERELY FOR IT, YOU'RE GOING TO BE
23 HERE YEAR AFTER YEAR HEARING THESE PRESENTATIONS. THANK YOU.

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



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2 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS REBA STEVENS. I AM A
3 COMMUNITY ADVOCATE, A MEMBER OF CARES FIRST COMMUNITY
4 INVESTMENTS, A PERSON WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE. AND I OPPOSE THIS
5 ITEM, AND I WOULD STRONGLY, YOU KNOW, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
6 WE ARE REALLY CLEAR ON WHERE OUR DOLLARS ARE GOING. AND SO,
7 FOR THAT REASON, THIS IS A NO. THIS IS A CLEAR NO. THANK YOU.

8

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

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT
13 TESTIFIED AND CALLED IN AND THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES. THIS
14 REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS THAT WILL
15 BE THE ORDER. COLLEAGUES, BEFORE WE HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT ON
16 NON-HELD ITEMS, PLEASE NOTE THAT I'M GOING TO HOLD ITEM 17 FOR
17 DISCUSSION LATER IN THE MEETING. BUT FOR NOW, WE WILL NOW HEAR
18 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
19 ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION BY SUPERVISORS, INCLUDING CLOSED
20 SESSION MATTERS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE,
21 PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO. NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS, YOU
22 MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS
23 IN ORDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME.
24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

25



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW CALL IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND
2 WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC
3 SPEAKERS. THIS WILL BE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL ITEMS AND CLOSED
4 SESSION ITEMS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEMS 48, 12, 13, 16, 17,
5 33, 34, AND A7. THESE ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN UP LATER FOR
6 DISCUSSION. MODERATOR MAY, I'M SORRY, AL SNYDER, PLEASE COME
7 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE
8 FIRST SPEAKER PLEASE.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** YOLANDA DUARTE YOUR LINE IS OPEN, YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING THANK YOU SUPERVISOR SOLIS
13 AGAIN FOR ENSURING THAT OUR COMMUNITY VOICES HAVE BEEN HEARD.
14 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A. IS ONE OF OUR
15 HIGHEST PRIORITIES. SO, AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN MEETING AROUND
16 THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE AT L.A. GENERAL
17 MEDICAL CENTER FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW AND THIS PROJECT WILL
18 BRING JUST UNDER 300 SORELY NEEDED HOUSING UNITS. PLEASE
19 SUPERVISORS APPROVE THIS ITEM THAT IT WILL RESULT IN CONCRETE
20 SOLUTIONS. THANK YOU. I'M BOARD CHAIR FOR ELMA FAMILY SERVICES
21 AND FOUNDING MEMBER OF HEALTH INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERS.
22 THANK YOU.

23

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

25



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1 **MODERATOR:** MICKEY UCOLODNY, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

2

3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ARE YOU THERE?

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5 **MODERATOR:** YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN. MODERATOR, LET'S
6 TAKE THE NEXT CALLER, PLEASE.

7

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

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. BOY, WHAT A BIG AGENDA. I WANTED TO CALL
11 OUT THE MARINA DEL REY ITEM. AND WHERE IS HAHN? I KNOW
12 MITCHELL TOOK OVER, BUT IT'S SAD THAT SHE MISSED ROSAS. I KNOW
13 SHE LIKES ROSAS. WE ALL DO. BUT THIS IS A NICE, WE'LL TAKE
14 CARE OF IT TO THE CRESCENDO PACIFIC MARINA LLC WHERE WE'RE IN
15 EXCHANGE FOR SOME, WE'RE ALSO DOING A LITTLE IP SWAP. BUT
16 WE'RE HELPING THE ELITE CLIENTELE, THIS IS A YACHT CLUB ON
17 PUBLIC LAND IF YOU CAN BELIEVE IT, WITH SOME DAMAGE FOLLOWING
18 A FLYER. AND I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO GARY JONES, WHO
19 COULD BE AN ELECTED CEO ONE DAY. HE'S THAT GOOD AT
20 FACILITATING FOR THE LESSEES. NICE WORK. ALSO, STREET TAKEOVER
21 CRACKDOWN REDUX. WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN. GOOD WORK. I MEAN, WE
22 CANNOT DO THAT ENOUGH. JUST TRY SOMETHING. AND THEN I HAVE TO
23 ADMIT, HOW MANY WE'RE WEDGING TO ONE MEETING WITH FAIR
24 HOUSING, STI AWARENESS WEEK, CORVATH IS GOING TO REFUSE ON
25 THAT ONE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK --



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

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4 **SPEAKER:** AND SO MANY --

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6 **MODERATOR:** VIVIANA ENGLISH, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M REFERRING TO ITEM 2D, THE
9 AFFORDABLE MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUNDING
10 AGREEMENT. MY NAME IS VIVIANA ENGLISH. I'M CALLING ON BEHALF
11 OF THE WELLNESS CENTER L.A. GENERAL. WE JUST WANT TO EXPRESS
12 OUR DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE GATT FUNDING SUPPORT FOR CENTURY
13 HOUSING AT L.A. GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUS. THIS IS A
14 CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT PART OF THE BORDER RESTORATIVE CARE
15 VILLAGE AND HEALTHY VILLAGE DIVISION THAT'S BRINGING REAL
16 CHANGE TO OUR COMMUNITY. THE CENTURY PROJECT INCLUDES 296
17 AFFORDABLE UNITS ACROSS TWO PHASES, A PUREST FIT CENTER AND
18 WORKFORCE KITCHEN, A CAFE, PUBLIC ARTS AND MOBILITY HUB. ALL
19 THINGS THAT REFLECT THE DIGNITY AND NEEDS OF PEOPLE WE SERVE.
20 THIS IS ABOUT MORE THAN HOUSING. IT'S ABOUT WELLNESS, HEALING,
21 AND STABILITY FOR OUR EXTREMELY AND LOW-INCOME NEIGHBORS.
22 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR MAKING SURE THE COMMUNITY WAS
23 TRULY INCLUDED AT EVERY STEP.

24

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



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1

2 **MODERATOR:** PAMELA AUGUSTINE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN, YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
5 PAMELA. I'M A MEMBER OF THE HEALTH INNOVATION COMMUNITY
6 PARTNERSHIP IN THE EAST SIDE AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
7 SOLIS FOR HER ONGOING SUPPORT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN NOT
8 JUST IN DISTRICT ONE BUT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SO, I'M HERE
9 SPEAKING ON ITEM 2D, BECAUSE THIS WILL BRING MUCH NEEDED GAP
10 FUNDING FOR THE CENTURY HOUSING PROJECT AT L.A. GENERAL
11 MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUS. WE EXPECT IT TO BE 296 UNITS OF ACUTELY
12 LOW INCOME, LOW INCOME, EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME HOUSING, HOUSING
13 THAT IS DEEPLY NEEDED NOT JUST IN THIS DISTRICT BUT
14 COUNTYWIDE. SO, I ASK THAT YOU JOIN SUPERVISOR SOLIS IN
15 SUPPORTING THIS ASK FOR GAP FUNDING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OSCAR ALVARADO, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HI, THIS IS OSCAR ALVARADO WITH CENTURY HOUSING. WE
22 JUST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HER ENTIRE STAFF FOR
23 THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR RESTORATIVE CARE PERMANENT
24 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT. THIS ADDITIONAL GAP FUNDING THAT
25 IS BEING PROVIDED TODAY WILL BE IMPERATIVE IN HELPING US TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 RENOVATE 296 AFFORDABLE HOMES TO THE COMMUNITY ALONG WITH
2 RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES THAT ARE MUCH NEEDED AND
3 MUCH DESIRED BY THE COMMUNITY. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING
4 SUPPORT.

5

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

7

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

9

10 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THERE'S FIVE, 4 THROUGH 7 IN GENERAL PUBLIC
11 COMMENT. THERE WERE SEVEN SETS OF HOT TOPIC, AGAIN, YOUR FEAR
12 OF ADDRESSING THE ISSUE PROFESSIONALLY WITH FACTS AND FIGURES,
13 BUT INSTEAD PLACATING WITH THIS FLUFF STUFF AND NOTHING AS WAS
14 DONE WITH THE UNPROCESSED RAPE KITS. THE STATE'S PHYSICAL
15 CONDITION IS A GENERAL CRISIS RATING THE GENERAL FUND FOR
16 ILLEGAL ALIENS. L.A. COUNTY IS IN PHYSICAL CRISIS. L.A. CITY,
17 \$1,000,000,000 DEFICIT. WE HAVE RESERVED SPECIAL
18 ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE BOARD'S TOXIC GANG OF FOUR AND GAVIN
19 NEWSOM AND EL SALVADOR FOR SPENDING CITIZENS' CRISIS FUNDS ON
20 ILLEGALS AND SUBVERTING THE RULE OF LAW, INCLUDING AIDING AND
21 ABETTING ILLEGALS. WE NOTE DEI IS PROVEN ITSELF BY BRINGING US
22 IDIOT SAVANT, KAMALA HARRIS, WITH EMPHASIS ON IDIOT. GOD SAVE
23 AMERICA. GOD SAVE PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP.

24

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



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2 **MODERATOR:** MICKEY UCOLOGNI, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YES, I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM NUMBER 13. I AM A
5 RETIRED PHYSICIAN AND A VOLUNTEER AT THE MARINE MAMMAL CARE
6 CENTER AND WE ARE CURRENTLY SUFFERING AN EPIDEMIC.

7

8 **DAWYN HARRISON:** ITEM 13 IS BEING HELD. ITEM 13 IS BEING HELD.
9 YOU CAN SPEAK WHEN WE CALL THE ITEM.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** OKAY.

12

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

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** FRANCISCO SANCHEZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF THE RESCORDED
21 CARE VILLAGE, CONTINUING CARE, AND GREATLY APPRECIATE THE GAP
22 FUNDING FOR CENTERING HOUSING L.A. I WAS PART OF THE COMMUNITY
23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND LINCOLN HEIGHTS, BOYLE HEIGHTS HAVE
24 BEEN, YOU KNOW, COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN THROUGH A LOT
25 HISTORICALLY AND AS THE ECONOMY EVOLVES, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT



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SUPERVISORS

1 TO PROVIDE THESE NEW SOCIAL SAFETY FOR PEOPLE WHO WILL REALLY
2 NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT THE LOWEST RUNS. SO, I REALLY
3 APPRECIATE EVERYBODY'S SUPPORT FOR THAT TYPE OF HOUSING.
4 THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

5

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** LILY TRUJILLO-PUCKETT, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY
9 BEGIN. LILY TRUJILLO-PUCKETT, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT CALLER, PLEASE?

13

14 **MODERATOR:** KEVIN MARTINEZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

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

17

18 **DAWYN HARRISON:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

19

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 2D IN SUPPORT OF
23 ESPERANZA VILLAGE. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
24 PROVIDING GAP FUNDING THAT'S GOING TO HELP REALIZE THIS MUCH
25 NEEDED AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT. AND I THINK THAT THE



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1 HOUSING PROJECT IS GOING TO BE PART OF A HOLISTIC VISION TO
2 TRANSFORM THE MCLAREN SITE INTO A MAXIMIZED COMMUNITY SERVING
3 SITE FOR THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY THAT WILL INCLUDE A PARK
4 AND MEDICAL CLINICAL BUILDING AS WELL. THANK YOU, GUYS, SO
5 MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR SUPPORT.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** MICHAEL TORRES YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MICHAEL AND I'M CALLING IN TO
12 SUPPORT THE MCLAREN ESPERANZA VILLAGE PROJECT. THIS PROJECT
13 WILL PROVIDE 202 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS THAT IS JUST REALLY
14 NEEDED BY A WIDE RANGE OF PEOPLE. THIS IS WHAT WE NEED. I WANT
15 TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THIS
16 PROJECT AND UNDERSTANDING THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU
17 FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND REPRESENTING US. HAVE A GOOD DAY AND
18 PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.

19

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

21

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

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO TO IN-PERSON



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1 SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS ELLE. I'M A RESIDENT OF ALTADENA AND
4 CURRENTLY DISPLACED FROM MY HOME, WHICH IS CONTAMINATED. IN
5 2019, THE BOARD RECOGNIZED THE DEVASTATING HEALTH IMPACTS OF
6 LEAD, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS, SEIZURES, AND DEATH
7 BY CREATING THE LEAD PAINT MITIGATION HAZARD PROGRAM. THIS
8 PROGRAM SEEKS TO TEST AND REMEDIATE OLDER HOMES IN L.A. COUNTY
9 WHERE LEAD MAY POSE AN IMMINENT THREAT TO FAMILIES. SINCE
10 JANUARY, RESIDENTS OF ALTADENA, WHERE MORE THAN 90% OF THE
11 HOMES WERE BUILT BEFORE 1975, HAVE RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT LEAD
12 CONTAMINATION IN ASH DUE TO THE AGE OF BURNED STRUCTURES
13 FEARFUL OF THE SAME HEALTH IMPACTS THAT THE BOARD LEAD PROGRAM
14 WAS DESIGNED TO ADDRESS. NOW THAT DATA HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY
15 BOTH EATON FIRE RESIDENTS UNITED AND CALTECH SHOWING
16 WIDESPREAD HEAVY METAL CONTAMINATION BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE
17 OF UNBURNT HOMES WITH 100% OF HOMES TESTED FOR LEAD RETURNING
18 POSITIVE RESULTS. WE'RE HAPPY TO HEAR THAT THE BOARD IS MOVING
19 FORWARD TO TEST THE SOIL. I AND MY FELLOW AFFECTED RESIDENTS
20 URGE YOU TO AMEND YOUR MOTION TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING
21 FOR TESTING AND REMEDIATION INSIDE OF HOMES AND SCHOOLS
22 AFFECTED BY THE EATON FIRE TO PROTECT FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE
23 MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER



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1 IN-PERSON SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
4 PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT WE WILL BE VOTING.

5

6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. 2
7 THROUGH 10, 11 AND 1D WITH SUPERVISOR HORVATH ACCUSING HERSELF
8 ON THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308. 14 AND
9 15, 18 THROUGH 24, 26 THROUGH 32, 35 AND 36, 38 THROUGH 40,
10 41A THROUGH 41D, 44 THROUGH 47, 2D. THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH,
14 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH
15 THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. EXECUTIVE
16 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

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

21

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

23

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

25



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR
2 HORVATH.

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

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

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

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

12
13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
14 AND COLLEAGUES WE ARE NOW GOING TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.
15 WHILE WE ARE IN CLOSED SESSION, WE WILL BE SHOWING THE
16 FOLLOWING VIDEOS. SUPERVISOR HORVATH HAS A VIDEO PRESENTATION
17 RECOGNIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLES OF LEXINGTON
18 AND CONCORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICE, OFFICER PLEASE READ US INTO
19 CLOSED SESSION.

20
21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
22 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
23 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS1,
24 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION.
25 ITEM NUMBER CS2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING



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1 EXISTING LITIGATION. ITEM NUMBER CS3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
2 COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION ONE CASE. ITEM NUMBER
3 CS4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION.

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5 [CLOSED SESSION]
6

7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH [VIDEO RECORDING]:** I'M LINDSAY HORVATH
8 YOUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT. I'M
9 JOINED HERE TODAY BY ASSESSOR JEFFREY PRANG, AS WELL AS THE
10 SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN
11 REVOLUTION, AND THE CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.
12 THEY'RE HERE AHEAD OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF
13 LEXINGTON AND CONCORD, AND THE MOMENT THAT MARKED THE
14 BEGINNING OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. FOR THEIR WORK TO KEEP
15 TELLING THE STORY OF OUR DEMOCRACY, OUR FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS,
16 AND THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, THE PATRIOTISM,
17 COURAGE, SACRIFICE, AND TRIUMPH THAT BEGAN OUR INCREDIBLE
18 COUNTRY, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THEM WITH THIS SCROLL. WE'RE
19 SO GRATEFUL TO CELEBRATE THIS ANNIVERSARY WITH YOU ALL. THANK
20 YOU FOR MAKING SURE THAT THIS HISTORY CONTINUES TO BE
21 REMEMBERED, UNDERSTOOD, AND PASSED ON FOR GENERATIONS.

22
23 **MARK CROSS [VIDEO RECORDING]:** MY NAME IS MARK CROSS AND I AM
24 PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER OF THE SONS OF THE
25 AMERICAN REVOLUTION OR SAR TODAY WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM



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1 THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION DAR AND THE CHILDREN
2 OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, CAR. WE COLLECTIVELY THANK LINDSAY
3 HORVATH AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
4 ISSUING THIS PROCLAMATION TO REMEMBER THE BATTLES OF LEXINGTON
5 AND CONCORD, WHICH MARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR OF AMERICAN
6 INDEPENDENCE IN APRIL OF 1775, 250 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH, MORE
7 THAN A YEAR PRIOR TO THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IN JULY
8 OF 1776. THE SAR ENCOURAGES OUR COUNTRY TO CELEBRATE SAR
9 AMERICA 250 TO COMMEMORATE 250 YEARS OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE
10 FROM MISTREATMENT BY TYRANTS THAT RULED OVER OUR COLONIAL
11 FOREBEARS. EVERY AMERICAN SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE STRUGGLES OUR
12 PATRIOT ANCESTORS ENDURED IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM AND
13 INDEPENDENCE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO AMERICAT250SAR.COM.
14 I'D NOW LIKE TO INTRODUCE SARAH TANDESICO OF THE DAUGHTERS OF
15 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

16
17 **SARAH TOWNE-DI CICCIO [VIDEO RECORDING]:** THANK YOU, MARK. I AM
18 THE DISTRICT TEN AMERICA 250 COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE,
19 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. THIS BATTLE OF LEXINGTON
20 AND CONCORD HERALDED THE BEGINNING OF A REVOLUTION WHICH
21 TESTED MIGHTILY THE COURAGE AND CONSTANCY OF THE BRAVE MEN AND
22 WOMEN WHO FOUGHT FOR LIBERTY TO CREATE A NEW NATION, MANY OF
23 WHOM INDEED SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES AND FORTUNES. THIS IS TRULY
24 A HERITAGE TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
25 SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPTER, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, AND



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1 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS GREAT
2 OCCASION HONORING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THIS SEMINAL
3 BATTLE. WE CHERISH OUR HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU AND LOOK
4 FORWARD IN THE COMING MONTHS TO CELEBRATING TOGETHER MORE
5 HISTORIC MILESTONES ALONG THE ROUTE TO OUR NATION'S 250TH
6 BIRTHDAY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH [VIDEO RECORDING]:** THANK YOU.

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10 [CLOSED SESSION]

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12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND
13 COLLEAGUES, WE ARE NOW BACK FROM CLOSED SESSION. EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER PLEASE READ THE REPORT OF ACTION AND EXCUSE ME. ALL
15 RIGHT EXECUTIVE PLEASE READ THE REPORT OF ACTION.

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING IS THE REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
18 IN CLOSED SESSION ON APRIL 15, 2025. ITEM NUMBER CS1,
19 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,
20 NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN. ITEM NUMBER CS2, CONFERENCE
21 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, NO
22 REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN. ITEM NUMBER CS2, CONFERENCE OF
23 LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, NO REPORTABLE
24 ACTION WAS TAKEN. ITEM NUMBER CS3, CONFERENCE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
25 REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION ON ONE CASE, NO REPORTABLE



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1 ACTION WAS TAKEN. AND ITEM NUMBER CS4, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
2 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN. THANK
3 YOU.

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5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ARE NOW GOING TO
6 MOVE ON TO ITEM 48, THE 2025/26 RECOMMENDED BUDGET. I WOULD
7 LIKE TO CALL ON OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT,
8 TO PRESENT THE 2025/26 RECOMMENDED BUDGET, AFTER WHICH I WILL
9 OPEN UP TO MY COLLEAGUES TO MAKE REMARKS. MEMBERS OF THE
10 PUBLIC, ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO TO
11 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. FESIA, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

12
13 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD AFTERNOON,
14 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE
15 RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 25/26. THIS IS THE FIRST
16 STEP IN OUR ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY UP
17 FRONT THAT THE ROAD AHEAD OF US IS DIFFICULT AND PAVED WITH A
18 SERIES OF UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES. WE ARE FACING MOUNTING
19 BUDGETARY PRESSURES THAT, TAKEN TOGETHER, HAVE THE POTENTIAL
20 TO SERIOUSLY DESTABILIZE THE COUNTY'S BUDGET. THESE INCLUDE
21 POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING CUTS IN FEDERAL FUNDING, AN ESTIMATED
22 \$2,000,000,000 IN IMPACTS RELATED TO THE WILDFIRES, AND THE
23 TENTATIVE \$4,000,000,000 AB-218 SETTLEMENT, THE COSTLIEST IN
24 COUNTY HISTORY. IN RESPONSE, WE ARE MAKING 3% CUTS IN
25 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS, ELIMINATING HUNDREDS OF VACANT



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1 POSITIONS, AND TRIMMING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM SERVICES AND
2 SUPPLIES. GIVEN THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION, I
3 WILL NOT BE SHOWING AN ANIMATED EXPLAINER VIDEO TODAY, BUT
4 WE'LL GO STRAIGHT TO A BRIEF POWERPOINT PRESENTATION TO
5 OUTLINE THE SPENDING PLAN WE ARE RECOMMENDING AND TO PROVIDE
6 CONTEXT ABOUT THE ISSUES WE MUST CONFRONT. MAY I HAVE THE
7 FIRST SLIDE, PLEASE? THIS SLIDE SHOWS AN OVERVIEW, A HIGH-
8 LEVEL OVERVIEW. THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS \$47,900,000,000,
9 AND THAT'S NEARLY \$1,300,000,000 LESS THAN THE FINAL BUDGET WE
10 ENDED UP WITH LAST YEAR. AS YOU KNOW, A LOWER BUDGET AMOUNT AT
11 THIS STAGE IS NOT UNUSUAL. ORDINARILY, WE COULD COUNT ON
12 ADDING FUNDING BACK INTO THE BUDGET IN LATER BUDGET PHASES,
13 BUT THIS YEAR IS NOT AN ORDINARY BUDGET YEAR, SO THAT IS NOT A
14 GIVEN, AS I WILL EXPLAIN LATER. THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET
15 INCLUDES 14 NET NEW POSITIONS FOR A TOTAL OF 117,100
16 POSITIONS. WE ARRIVE AT 14 NET NEW POSITIONS BECAUSE WE ARE
17 ADDING 324 POSITIONS IN KEY AREAS WHILE CUTTING 310 VACANCIES,
18 WHICH I WILL DISCUSS LATER IN MY PRESENTATION. OUR DEPARTMENTS
19 SUBMITTED MORE THAN \$2,400,000,000 IN BUDGET REQUESTS, MOST OF
20 WHICH WE ARE UNABLE TO FUND AT THIS TIME WE HAVE DEFERRED
21 \$815,000,000 OF THOSE TILL LATER IN THIS YEAR, LEAVING
22 \$1,300,000,000 IN UNMET NEEDS. IF WE ARE RECOMMENDING A
23 \$47,900,000,000 BUDGET, WHY AREN'T WE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THE
24 \$2,400,000,000 IN BUDGET REQUESTS FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS? THIS
25 IS A LOGICAL QUESTION, AND I'LL EXPLAIN MORE LATER ON IN THE



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1 NEXT SLIDE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AS THESE DOWNWARD ARROWS SHOW,
2 OUR REVENUE OUTLOOK IS CHALLENGING, TO PUT IT MILDLY. THE
3 AMOUNT OF NEW, ONGOING FUNDING IN THIS BUDGET IS AT A FIVE-
4 YEAR LOW. THIS MEANS THAT OUR LOCAL REVENUE, LIKE PROPERTY
5 TAXES, IS GROWING, BUT THE AMOUNT OF GROWTH IS FAR LOWER THAN
6 THE GROWTH WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN PRIOR YEARS. THE FIVE-YEAR
7 LOW IS DUE IN PART TO DECLINES IN HOME SALES DRIVEN BY HIGHER
8 INTEREST RATES. IF YOU LOOK AT THE CHART ON THE LEFT OF THIS
9 SLIDE, YOU'LL SEE THE VOLUME OF HOME SALES STARTING IN 2021
10 WITH ABOUT 87,000 HOMES. THEN IT DROPPED TO ABOUT 49,000 HOME
11 SALES BETWEEN 2022 AND 2023, BEFORE INCREASING SLIGHTLY LAST
12 YEAR. THIS REPRESENTS A 41% DECLINE IN HOME SALES SINCE 2021.
13 IF YOU LOOK AT THE RED BAR ON THE BOTTOM, THE DECLINE IN HOME
14 SALES MIRRORS THE DECLINE IN GROWTH OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES,
15 WHICH HAVE BEEN CUT ROUGHLY IN HALF FROM \$450,000,000 IN 2023
16 TO A PROJECTED \$233,900,000 FORECASTED FOR FISCAL YEAR
17 2025/2026. WHY THE FOCUS ON GROWTH? OUR FOCUS IS ON GROWTH
18 BECAUSE WHEN WE DEVELOP THE BUDGET EACH YEAR, WE DON'T START
19 FROM SCRATCH TO CONSIDER HOW TO SPEND THE ENTIRE
20 \$47,000,000,000. THE FUNDING FROM LAST YEAR HAS BEEN SPOKEN
21 FOR. IT IS BEING USED TO PAY FOR EMPLOYEES' SALARIES,
22 BENEFITS, LEASES, AND SERVICES FOR CONSTITUENTS. THINGS THAT
23 WE HAVE ALREADY COMMITTED TO DOING AND THINGS THAT WE WANT TO
24 KEEP DOING. INSTEAD, WE FOCUS ON THE NEW ONGOING GROWTH. WE
25 USE THE NEW ONGOING REVENUE TO FUND DEPARTMENT REQUESTS, TO



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1 FUND BOARD MOTIONS, AND OUR OTHER OBLIGATIONS. SO BACK TO MY
2 QUESTION FROM SLIDE THREE. WHY CAN'T WE FUND \$2,400,000,000 IN
3 REQUESTS FROM DEPARTMENTS IF THE BUDGET IS \$47,000,000,000?
4 THE ANSWER IS THAT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE
5 \$47,000,000,000 IS ALREADY SPOKEN FOR. EXCUSE ME, SPOKEN FOR.
6 AND TODAY, WE FORECAST ABOUT \$234,000,000 IN NEW ONGOING
7 REVENUE THAT WE CAN USE FOR NEW PROGRAMS, AND THAT'S ALL WE
8 HAVE AVAILABLE TO FUND THESE NEW REQUESTS. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT
9 SLIDE PLEASE. OUR SUSTAINED REVENUE DECLINE COULDN'T COME AT A
10 WORSE TIME. WE FIND OURSELVES IN THE MIDST OF MOUNTING AND
11 SIMULTANEOUS BUDGET PRESSURES. SOME OF THE BIGGEST ARE SHOWN
12 ON THIS SLIDE AND INCLUDE EXTREME MARKET VOLATILITY AND THE
13 THREAT OF A RECESSION, POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING CUTS IN FEDERAL
14 FUNDING, PRESSURES ON THE STATE BUDGET THAT COULD AFFECT US
15 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. THE COST OF RESPONDING TO AND RECOVERING
16 FROM THE DEVASTATING WILDFIRES, NOT TO MENTION LOST REVENUES
17 RELATED TO THE FIRES. WE SAY IN OUR TRANSMITTAL LETTER THAT
18 THESE IMPACTS WILL EXCEED \$1,000,000,000, AND THEY WILL,
19 PROBABLY GROWING TO APPROXIMATELY \$2,000,000,000 AS ALL COSTS
20 AND REVENUE LOSSES ARE FULLY TALLIED. WE DO EXPECT FEMA
21 REIMBURSEMENT FOR SOME OF THE COUNTY'S LOSSES, BUT THOSE
22 REIMBURSEMENTS CAN TAKE YEARS. SO, WE WILL BE ON THE HOOK TO
23 COVER THOSE EXPENSES OURSELVES IN THE MEANTIME. AND OF COURSE,
24 OUR TENTATIVE \$4,000,000,000 SETTLEMENT OF THOUSANDS OF CLAIMS
25 UNDER AB218, A LAW PASSED IN 2019 WHICH WAIVED FOR A THREE-



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1 YEAR PERIOD THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS TO FILE A CLAIM OF
2 CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ASSAULT. WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF LABOR
3 NEGOTIATIONS WITH 49 OPEN TABLES REPRESENTING 14 UNITS IN 46
4 BARGAINING UNITS, 14 UNIONS IN 46 BARGAINING UNITS. WE ARE
5 WORKING HARD TO BALANCE THE INTERESTS OF OUR VALUED WORKFORCE
6 WITH THE VERY REAL FINANCIAL PRESSURE WE ARE UNDER. SO, LET'S
7 TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT JUST ONE OF THOSE PRESSURES, AB218. TAKE
8 THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AB 218 REPRESENTS AN UNPRECEDENTED
9 SETTLEMENT, BY FAR THE COSTLIEST IN COUNTY HISTORY. IF
10 APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD LATER THIS MONTH, WE EXPECT TO USE A
11 COMBINATION OF FUND BALANCE, BUDGET CUTS, AND BORROWING TO PAY
12 THE STAGGERING COST OF THIS LITIGATION. THIS IS NOT A ONE-YEAR
13 OR EVEN A ONE-DECADE IMPACT. WE ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL BE
14 PAYING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EVERY YEAR UNTIL 2030
15 AND MILLIONS MORE ANNUALLY THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2050/51. AND
16 ALTHOUGH THIS SETTLEMENT IS EXPECTED TO COVER MOST CLAIMS, WE
17 ARE STILL NEGOTIATING OTHERS THAT COULD ADD EVEN MORE COSTS TO
18 THE COUNTY'S BOTTOM LINE. WE KNEW THAT THE COST OF THE
19 SETTLEMENT WOULD BE UNPRECEDENTED AND THAT IT WOULD HAVE A
20 DEVASTATING IMPACT ON OUR BUDGET. SO AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S
21 BUDGET PROCESS, WE ASKED MOST COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO PREPARE 3%
22 CURTAILMENT PLANS. THAT IS WHY WE ARE CALLING THIS AN
23 UNPRECEDENTED SEASON OF BUDGETARY PRESSURE AND CONSTRAINT.
24 WE'RE CUTTING 310 VACANT POSITIONS, AS I INDICATED EARLIER,
25 AND MAKING ADDITIONAL CUTS TO ACHIEVE \$88,900,000 IN ONGOING



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1 SAVINGS. THESE ARE TARGETED CUTS WHICH WE ARE MAKING IN
2 COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENTS TO TRY AS BEST AS WE CAN TO
3 MINIMIZE OPERATIONAL IMPACTS ON THE PUBLIC AND TO FULFILL OUR
4 SAFETY NET RESPONSIBILITIES. WE DID NOT ANTICIPATE LAYOFFS DUE
5 TO THESE CUTS AT THIS TIME, BUT AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH
6 THE CURTAILMENTS WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS, IT IS CLEAR THAT WE'RE
7 GOING TO HAVE TO DELAY OR DEFER SOME NEW PROGRAMMING. NEXT
8 SLIDE, PLEASE. THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET ALWAYS INCLUDES
9 UNCERTAINTIES AND PROJECTIONS. THIS YEAR, WE HAVE
10 SIGNIFICANTLY MORE UNKNOWNNS THAN USUAL THAT WE WILL NEED TO
11 ADDRESS IN FUTURE BUDGET PHASES. SOME ARE SHOWN ON THE SLIDE.
12 THE POTENTIAL FOR FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS IS VERY REAL AND COULD
13 DESTABILIZE THE COUNTY BUDGET. FEDERAL ASSISTANCE MAKES UP 13%
14 OF THE COUNTY'S BUDGET AND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS MORE FLOW TO
15 DEPARTMENTS INDIRECTLY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF HEALTH, MENTAL
16 HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES TO MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES
17 AND OTHER PROGRAMS RUN BY YOUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS. PUBLIC
18 HEALTH WAS RECENTLY NOTIFIED THAT MORE THAN \$45,000,000 IN
19 PREVIOUSLY AWARDED GRANT FUNDS, WHICH WERE INTENDED TO LAST
20 THROUGH JULY OF 2026, WERE BEING RESCINDED. THAT DECISION IS
21 BEING CHALLENGED RIGHT NOW IN COURT AND A TEMPORARY
22 RESTRAINING ORDER HAS BEEN GRANTED. IT IS NOT THE ONLY EXAMPLE
23 OF POTENTIAL BUDGET CUTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUT IT
24 UNDERSCORES THE COUNTY'S RELIANCE ON FEDERAL POLICYMAKING. THE
25 STATE BUDGET MAY ALSO BE IMPACTED BY FEDERAL CUTS, WHICH ONLY



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1 MULTIPLY OUR UNCERTAINTIES. WE WILL KNOW MORE FOLLOWING THE
2 GOVERNOR'S RELEASE OF THE MAY REVISION, WITH A MORE DEFINITIVE
3 PICTURE EXPECTED AFTER THE FINAL STATE BUDGET IS ADOPTED IN
4 JUNE. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, GOVERNOR NEWSOM HAS JUST SIGNED
5 INTO LAW AB100. WE ARE AWAITING DETAILS, AWAITING DETAILS, BUT
6 THIS COULD POTENTIALLY HELP US RECOVER LOST REVENUE AND
7 DISASTER COSTS RELATED TO THE WILDFIRES. IN ADDITION, WE HOPE
8 TO BE ABLE TO FILL IN MORE DETAILS ON OUR PLAN TO SETTLE THE
9 AB218 CASES. WE ALSO HOPE TO HAVE A BETTER SENSE OF WHERE WE
10 STAND IN OUR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH OUR VALUED LABOR PARTNERS
11 IN FUTURE BUDGET PHASES. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. DESPITE
12 EVERYTHING, THE COUNTY IS NOT RETREATING FROM OUR FUNDAMENTAL
13 SAFETY NET RESPONSIBILITIES. WE INTEND TO KEEP SERVING THE
14 PUBLIC IN OUR HOSPITALS, IN OUR PARKS, IN OUR LIBRARIES, AND
15 AT OUR BEACHES, AND TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD WITH WILDFIRE
16 RECOVERY EFFORTS IN OUR HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES. OUR 38
17 DEPARTMENTS ARE ON THE JOB AND ARE READY TO SERVE. WE ARE ALSO
18 NOT RETREATING FROM YOUR BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO CARE-FIRST AND
19 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT, ALSO KNOWN AS CFCI. THIS YEAR'S NEW
20 ONGOING ALLOCATION IS \$287,700,000 AND THE TOTAL FOR THIS
21 PURPOSE IS \$571,600,000, WHICH INCLUDES UNSPENT FUNDS FROM
22 PREVIOUS YEARS. GIVEN THE HIGH LEVEL OF COMMUNITY NEED, WE MAY
23 RECOMMEND ALLOCATING SOME OF THAT AVAILABLE FUNDING TO COUNTY
24 DEPARTMENTS TO SUPPORT CFCI'S OBJECTIVES OF DIRECT COMMUNITY
25 INVESTMENT AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. I WANT TO BE



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1 CLEAR THAT WE WOULD NOT BE BACKFILLING DEPARTMENTAL
2 CURTAILMENTS. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE OUTSIZE NEED ACROSS THE
3 COUNTY RIGHT NOW AND OUR LIMITED RESOURCES, IT MAKES GOOD
4 SENSE TO TAKE MONEY THAT HAS GONE UNSPENT FOR MORE THAN A YEAR
5 AND PUT IT TO WORK IN THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY WHEN CFCI'S
6 PURPOSE AND THE PROPOSED USE OF THE MONEY ARE IN COMPLETE
7 ALIGNMENT. THAT COULD INCLUDE EXPANDING SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS
8 THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE RECEIVE ANY FUNDING THIS YEAR OR IN
9 FUTURE YEARS DUE TO THE HIGH DEMANDS AND LIMITED ONGOING
10 FUNDING. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. CONTINUING TO MOVE FORWARD. SO,
11 I'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT WHAT WE ARE CONSTRAINED IN DOING AND
12 WHAT WE CAN'T DO THIS SEASON OF RELATIVE AUSTERITY AND
13 TREMENDOUS UNCERTAINTY, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE ARE
14 STANDING STILL. THIS SLIDE SHOWS SOME OF THE PROGRAMS WE ARE
15 FUNDING, AND MORE ARE INCLUDED IN ATTACHMENT A OF THE BUDGET
16 TRANSMITTAL LETTER. HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS. THIS
17 BUDGET REFLECTS THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE A, THE VOTER APPROVED
18 HALF-CENT SALES TAX THAT REPLACED MEASURE H AND WHICH HAS
19 ALREADY STARTED TO BRING AN ENHANCED STREAM OF FUNDING INTO
20 THE ENTIRE L.A. REGION, INCLUDING OUR CITIES, TO ADDRESS
21 HOMELESSNESS. THE NEARLY \$1,100,000,000 IN MEASURE A REVENUES
22 IN THIS BUDGET WILL BE SHARED BY OUR PARTNERS IN THIS WORK,
23 WITH \$382,800,000 GOING TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFFORDABLE
24 HOUSING SOLUTIONS AGENCY, ALSO KNOWN AS LACAHS, \$32,100,000
25 TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND



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1 \$96,300,000 TO LOCAL CITIES THROUGH THE LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND,
2 AND THEN MORE THAN \$500,000,000 FOR THE COUNTY'S OWN
3 COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESSNESS SERVICES CURRENTLY ADMINISTERED BY
4 THE CEO'S HOMELESS INITIATIVE AND TO BE ADMINISTERED IN THE
5 FUTURE BY THE NEW COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON HOMELESSNESS. WE ARE
6 ALSO BEGINNING TO RAMP UP TO MEASURE G, THE VOTER-APPROVED
7 MEASURE TO REMAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WITH AN EXPANDED BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS, AN ELECTED EXECUTIVE, AND THE CREATION OF A NEW
9 ETHICS COMMISSION. THERE IS FUNDING IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET
10 ALSO FOR THE GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE THAT WILL GUIDE
11 THESE EFFORTS. WE ARE ALSO DEDICATING ONGOING FUNDS TO SUPPORT
12 THE OPERATIONS OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION AND THE OFFICE OF
13 ETHICS COMPLIANCE WHEN THEY ARE ESTABLISHED IN 2026, AS
14 REQUIRED BY MEASURE G. YOU'LL SEE ON THE SLIDE THAT WE'RE ALSO
15 IMPROVING AFTER-HOURS SAFETY AND SUPPORTING AQUATICS PROGRAM
16 PROGRAMMING AT OUR PARKS, FUNDING THE YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM,
17 EXPANDING ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE, AND HELPING VICTIMS OF
18 EBT OR ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER FRAUD AMONG OTHER PROGRAMS
19 AND PROJECTS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. FOLLOWING YOUR BOARD'S ACTION
20 ON THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET TODAY, THE NEXT STEPS ARE PUBLIC
21 HEARINGS ON MAY 7TH WILL PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR
22 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SHARE THEIR VISION FOR THE COUNTY
23 BUDGET. BUDGET DELIBERATIONS SET FOR JUNE 23RD WILL ALLOW THE
24 BOARD TO APPROVE A SPENDING PLAN FOR THE NEXT YEAR BEFORE THE
25 FISCAL YEAR ENDS ON JUNE 30TH. AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET



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1 PHASE, SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 30TH, WILL ENABLE THE BOARD TO
2 ALLOCATE ANY ONE-TIME FUNDING THAT IS AVAILABLE AT THE END OF
3 THE FISCAL YEAR AND NOT OTHERWISE OBLIGATED AND TO AMEND THE
4 BUDGET TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NEW INFORMATION BASED ON THE FINAL
5 STATE BUDGET AND ANY OTHER DEVELOPMENTS PARTICULARLY ANY
6 DEVELOPMENTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE,
7 PLEASE. IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOUR BOARD FOR YOUR
8 LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT TO RESPONSIBLE BUDGETING. THIS
9 APPROACH MEANS LIVING WITHIN OUR MEANS AND CONSISTENTLY
10 SETTING ASIDE SUFFICIENT RESERVE FUNDS FOR THE PROVERBIAL
11 RAINY DAY. BY AVOIDING BOOM AND BUST CYCLES, WE HAVE BEEN
12 ABLE, WE AND THE COUNTY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUSTAIN OUR
13 WORKFORCE AND SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC. THIS IS MORE IMPORTANT
14 THAN EVER TODAY AS WE FACE GREAT UNCERTAINTIES ON THE ROAD
15 AHEAD. AS ALWAYS, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOUR TEAMS AND MY TEAM FOR
16 HELPING TO PUT TOGETHER THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND I'D BE
17 HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

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19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO START
20 WITH THE SECOND DISTRICT. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS?

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22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND
23 THANK YOU, MS. DAVENPORT, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION AND ALL OF
24 YOUR WORK AND YOUR TEAM AS WELL, AS THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE PUT
25 IT TO, DEVELOPING NOT ONLY THE 25/26 BUDGET, BUT JUST THE



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1 RECOMMENDED BUDGET EVERY YEAR. AND I AM CLEAR THAT TODAY WHAT
2 YOU HAVE PROVIDED US IS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW OUR
3 BASELINE BUDGET SHOULD BE ADJUSTED, GIVEN CHANGES IN POLICY,
4 REVENUES, AND COSTS. THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS NOT
5 ESTABLISHED ON A ZERO-BASED OR PROGRAM EVALUATION-BASED SET OF
6 POLICY DECISIONS. I GET THAT. I'M ALSO CLEAR ABOUT THE
7 COUNTY'S ROLE IN THAT WE MUST ENSURE RESOURCES GO TO
8 COMMUNITIES AND PROVIDE SERVICES TO THOSE WITH THE HIGHEST
9 NEED. AND FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, EQUITY IS THE BEST PROBLEM-
10 SOLVING POLICY. IT SHOULDN'T BE A CHECKMARK EXERCISE, NOR
11 SHOULD WE SHY AWAY FROM IT BECAUSE OF FEAR. OUR BUDGET MUST
12 REFLECT A CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO THIS VALUE AND THE NEEDS OF
13 EVERY RESIDENT, EVERY RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. JUST
14 LAST MONTH, WE HEARD ABOUT 30 HOURS OF TESTIMONY FROM
15 DEPARTMENT HEADS WHOSE BUDGET REQUESTS TOTALED OVER
16 \$770,000,000 IN NEW NCC AND OVER 2,000 NEW POSITIONS. WE ALSO
17 HEARD ABOUT THE MANY INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PRESSURES ON OUR
18 BUDGET THIS YEAR. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY JUST LAST WEEK TO BE
19 IN SACRAMENTO AND ATTEND THE CENTER FOR BUDGET AND POLICY
20 PRIORITIES ANNUAL WORKSHOP AND HEARD THE CHAIRS OF THE
21 ASSEMBLY AND SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEES TALK ABOUT THEIR OWN
22 CONCERNS AT THE STATE LEVEL. AND I WAS REMINDED ABOUT WHAT
23 SLICE OF OUR BUDGET PIE COMES FROM STATE DOLLARS AND HOW WE
24 ARE RELIANT ON BOTH ACTIONS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE
25 STATE GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS THE HEALTH OF OUR OWN L.A. COUNTY



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1 ECONOMY. IN TIMES OF HIGH UNCERTAINTY SUCH AS THESE WE DRAW
2 OUR STRENGTH FROM OUR COLLECTIVE VALUES AND MY FOCUS IS TO
3 ENSURE OUR BUDGET CONTINUES TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES
4 FOR THE COUNTY TO REMAIN A STRONG LAST LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST
5 POVERTY. TO GET INTO SOME OF THE SPECIFICS WITHIN THE BUDGET,
6 I THINK WITH REGARD TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE, I APPRECIATE THE
7 ADDITION OF HIGH-LEVEL ATTORNEYS IN OUR INDIGENT DEFENSE
8 DEPARTMENTS WHO MUST BY LAW PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THOSE
9 ACCUSED WHO HAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO COUNSEL. I THINK
10 THIS LAST ELECTION CYCLE, WE SAW A BIT OF A PENDULUM SWING
11 WITH REGARD TO PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE STATE. AND SO HAVING A
12 RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE BALANCE THE RESOURCES FOR
13 NOT ONLY PROSECUTORIAL BUT ALSO DEFENSE SERVICES BECAUSE WE
14 ARE AFTER ALL A SYSTEM WHERE INDIVIDUALS ARE INNOCENT UNTIL
15 PROVEN GUILTY. HOMELESSNESS, AN ISSUE THAT WE MUST GET RIGHT
16 TO SOLVE FOR IT. WE MUST GET RIGHT. AND THROUGH BOARD MOTIONS,
17 VOTER INITIATIVES, AND STATE BILLS, WE ARE ADDING TO THE
18 REGIONAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS ECOSYSTEM. AS IN MOST
19 SYSTEMS, INTRODUCING MULTIPLE CHANGES AT THE SAME TIME COULD
20 POTENTIALLY CAUSE DISRUPTIONS AND WE HAVE TO BE THOUGHTFUL AND
21 STRATEGIC ABOUT THAT. THE EYES OF UNHOUSED ANGELENOS,
22 ADVOCATES, CITI'S AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ARE ON US, THE
23 COUNTY. AND OUR VISION FOR THIS NEW SYSTEM MUST INCLUDE THE
24 PERSPECTIVES OF THESE STAKEHOLDERS. WE MUST BE NIMBLE ENOUGH
25 NOT TO CREATE DISRUPTIONS AND ULTIMATELY BE SUCCESSFUL IN A



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1 WAY THAT IS UNDENIABLE. WE MUST ENSURE PROVIDERS AND PEOPLE
2 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS DON'T FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS IN THE
3 TRANSITION TO A NEW COUNTY HOMELESSNESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT. I
4 AM PLEASED TO SEE RECOMMENDED RESOURCES TO MEET THE CHALLENGES
5 OF INTERIM HOUSING BED RATE INCREASES, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD
6 TO SEEING PATHWAY HOME RECEIVE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO
7 SUSTAIN, IN FACT GROW ITS PROGRESS AND CONTINUE TO RAMP UP AND
8 EXPAND SERVICES INDEED ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY. I'M VERY
9 HAPPY TO SEE THE RESOURCES ALLOCATED FOR YEAR THREE OF L.A.
10 COUNTY'S DOULA HUB WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. L.A.
11 COUNTY, THE LARGEST IN THE NATION, WHERE BLACK WOMEN ARE FOUR
12 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE FROM PREGNANCY-RELATED COMPLICATIONS
13 IN WOMEN OF OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS. AND SO, THIS DOULA HUB IS
14 PROVIDING NECESSARY TRAINING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND
15 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO RECRUIT NEW DOULAS AND SUPPORT
16 EXISTING DOULAS IN BECOMING MEDI-CAL PROVIDERS. WE RECOGNIZE
17 THAT 40% OF THE BIRTHS FROM WOMEN OF COLOR IN L.A. COUNTY ARE
18 PAID BY MEDI-CAL, MAKING SURE THAT WE RECRUIT DOULA'S, THAT
19 THEY BECOME MEDI-CAL PROVIDERS WILL REALLY HELP US REDUCE THIS
20 HISTORIC, IMMORAL DISPARITY AMONG BLACK WOMEN DYING IN
21 CHILDBIRTH. OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, L.A. COUNTY WILL BECOME
22 HOME TO MULTIPLE WORLD EVENTS. WE TALK ABOUT IT A LOT, AND THE
23 MORE WE TALK ABOUT IT, IT FEELS TO ME LIKE THE FASTER THE
24 CALENDAR MOVES. THE UPCOMING WORLD CUP IN JUNE, THE SOCCER
25 WORLD CUP IN 2026, AND THE OLYMPICS IN 2028. IN BETWEEN THERE



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1 WE HAVE NBA FINALS AND ANOTHER SUPER BOWL. THESE HUGE EVENTS
2 WILL REQUIRE A ROBUST PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE TO PREVENT
3 ANY PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS. AND RIGHT NOW, THAT INFRASTRUCTURE IS
4 BEING WEAKENED BY FEDERAL CUTS. OUR BUDGET PRIORITIES MUST
5 REFLECT THAT PRESERVING OUR PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE IS A
6 CRITICAL COMPONENT OF OUR COUNTY'S PUBLIC SAFETY EFFORTS. WE
7 MUST ALSO BOLSTER OUR HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS AS
8 CONGRESS CONSIDERS PROPOSALS THAT WOULD SLASH OUR HEALTH AND
9 MEDI-CAL PROGRAMS. WE'VE GOT TO ENSURE WE PRESERVE LIFE-SAVING
10 SERVICES THAT OUR RESIDENTS HAVE COME TO RELY ON. MORE THAN
11 THAT, WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO INVEST IN SERVICES THAT OUR YOUTH
12 NEED TO THRIVE. SO, I'M GLAD TO SEE THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET
13 INCLUDES RESOURCES FOR AQUATICS PROGRAMMING STAFF AS THIS
14 ISSUE IS IMPORTANT TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT.
15 WHERE FAR TOO MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T KNOW HOW TO SWIM
16 AND IT'S STILL THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.
17 IT'S BEEN REALLY IMPORTANT TO ME TO VISIT ALL 14 COUNTY POOLS
18 IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, NOT JUST VISIT, BUT JUMP IN AND SWIM
19 IN OUT OF THE 30 THAT ARE COUNTYWIDE AND I'M GLAD THAT WE'RE
20 PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR AQUATIC PROGRAMMING. AGAIN, FROM MY
21 PERSPECTIVE, THIS IS LIFE-SAVING WORK. I'M ALSO PLEASED TO SEE
22 RESOURCES FOR NIGHTTIME CLOSURE STAFF AT OUR PARKS. AS THE
23 ISSUE OF PARK SAFETY HAS BEEN RAISED HERE MULTIPLE TIMES, I
24 HOPE TO SEE THE RESULTS AND OUTCOMES FOR HOW THESE ADDITIONAL
25 RESOURCES MAKE PARKS SAFER FOR RESIDENTS AND STAFF. I DO HAVE



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1 SOME CONCERN THAT SOME OF THE PARKS IN MY DISTRICT, WHICH HAVE
2 SOME OF THE GREATEST NEED FOR GREEN SPACE AND COMMUNITY
3 INVESTMENT, REMAIN UNDER-RESOURCED. AND SO, I INTEND TO
4 CONTINUE TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH PARKS AND THE CEO
5 REGARDING THIS ISSUE TO ENSURE WE HAVE EXPLORED ALL AVAILABLE
6 AVENUES TO FUND STAFF AT THESE PARKS. IT'S NOT JUST ENOUGH TO
7 BUILD A PARK, IT'S NOT JUST ENOUGH TO BRING A PARK TO AN AREA
8 THAT DOESN'T HAVE TREE CANOPY AND GREEN SPACE. THE PARK HAS TO
9 BE VIABLE. IT HAS TO HAVE STAFF SO PEOPLE WILL USE IT AND FEEL
10 SAFE DOING SO. SO, YOU KNOW, IT'S ODD FOR ME TO CONSIDER BEING
11 HAPPY ABOUT THE FISCAL PRUDENCE OF A BUDGET. THAT'S NOT WHO I
12 TEND TO BE. BUT I'M ALSO CLEAR ABOUT WHY THAT'S NECESSARY SO
13 WE CAN CONTINUE TO AFFORD TO PROVIDE THESE IMPORTANT SERVICES
14 THAT ANGELENOS RELY ON AND REQUIRE. WE'VE GOT TO SET DOLLARS
15 ASIDE FOR BUDGETARY PRESSURES AND FUTURE COSTS. WE'VE SEEN TOO
16 MANY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS GO BANKRUPT, INCLUDING COUNTIES, AND
17 OUR COUNTY IS NOT IMMUNE TO THE FACTORS THAT RESULTED IN THOSE
18 BANKRUPTCIES. SO, I APPRECIATE OUR CEOS' UNDERSTANDING OF THIS
19 PROCESS, UNDERSTANDING OF THE VALUE OF OUR TOP CREDIT RATING
20 THAT ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES ANGELENO'S
21 EXPECT OF US. AND IN THE FACE OF ECONOMIC CONTRACTION AND THE
22 DEVASTATION FROM THIS YEAR'S WILDFIRES, THE COUNTY'S ROLE IN
23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE CRITICAL OR TIMELY.
24 OUR WORK ACROSS DEPARTMENTS ISN'T JUST ABOUT JOBS, IT'S ABOUT
25 CREATING A RESILIENT ECONOMY, IT'S ABOUT REDUCING POVERTY AND



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1 IMPROVING LIVES. SO, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE CEO FOR RECOGNIZING
2 THE MOMENT AND COMMITTING TO FULLY FUND REPRESENT L.A. AT
3 \$5,500,000. LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES
4 IS A MATTER OF DIGNITY AND JUSTICE, AND THIS PROGRAM DELIVERS
5 ON BOTH. CONCERNED THAT THE OFFICE OF RESILIENCE WITHIN THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY REMAINS UNFUNDED, I THINK
7 OUR SMALL BUSINESSES, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN FIRE IMPACTED
8 AREAS AND AREAS THAT ARE OTHERWISE ECONOMICALLY VULNERABLE,
9 NEED THE ON THE GROUND SUPPORT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND
10 RESOURCES TO STAY AFLOAT AND BUILD. WE KNOW THAT SMALL
11 BUSINESSES ARE THE PRIMARY ECONOMIC ENGINE FOR OUR COUNTY. IT
12 CERTAINLY IS THE CASE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT AND SO HELPING
13 THEM BECOME RESILIENT IS IMPORTANT AND I THOUGHT THAT WORK IN
14 THAT DEPARTMENT WAS CRITICAL. AND FINALLY, TO THE SECOND
15 DISTRICT CONSTITUENTS THAT I HAVE THE HONOR TO REPRESENT, I
16 WILL BE HOSTING ONCE AGAIN MY OWN ANNUAL BUDGET TOWN HALL IN
17 EARLY MAY TO CONTINUE TO ENGAGE YOU IN THIS BUDGET PROCESS. I
18 WAS VERY PROUD OF THE RESIDENTS OF TWO UNINCORPORATED
19 COMMUNITIES WHO PARTICIPATED WITH MY TEAM AND I IN OUR
20 COMMUNITY BUDGETING PROCESS. AND ALL OF THIS, FROM MY
21 PERSPECTIVE, IS REALLY WHAT CO-GOVERNANCE MUST AND SHOULD LOOK
22 LIKE. AND YOUR VOICE AND INPUT WILL BE CRUCIAL TO HELP US
23 ENSURE WE CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES EQUITABLY AND
24 OPTIMALLY. BUDGETING ISN'T EASY IN YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD, IN YOUR
25 OWN CHECKBOOK, AND CERTAINLY NOT A GOVERNMENT THIS SIZE AND



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1 COMPLEXITY AND MAGNITUDE WITH MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE
2 EXTREME NEED MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO RELY ON COUNTY SERVICES
3 FOR THEIR SHEER SURVIVAL. AND SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING
4 ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS BOARD TO MAKE SURE THAT EVEN
5 IN THIS ERA OF GREAT FISCAL UNKNOWNNS AND POTENTIAL AUSTERITY
6 THAT WE ARE GOING TO USE THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US TO
7 MAKE THE APPROPRIATE PRIORITIES TO PROVIDE FUNDING AND
8 RESOURCES THAT PEOPLE NEED TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE ACROSS L.A.
9 COUNTY. MADAM CHAIR, DO YOU WANT US TO COME BACK AFTER
10 EVERYONE MAKES THEIR STATEMENT TO ASK QUESTIONS? HOW WOULD YOU
11 LIKE TO DO THIS?

12
13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. WHY DON'T
14 WE GO AHEAD AND MAKE STATEMENTS, THEN WE'LL COME BACK TO YOU,
15 BE THE FIRST TO ASK QUESTIONS, IF THAT'S FAIR. YEAH.
16 SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

17
18 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY, MY QUESTIONS ARE SORT OF MIXED IN,
19 SO ARE YOU ALL RIGHT WITH THAT? MY QUESTIONS ARE SORT OF MIXED
20 INTO MY REMARKS, SO. START WRITING. YEAH. SO, I'LL JUST GO AND
21 YOU'LL DECIDE. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED
22 IN PREPARING THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, INCLUDING ALL OF OUR
23 DEPARTMENTS, OUR CEO, OF COURSE, AND HER STAFF, OUR BUDGET
24 STAFF, AND EACH OF OUR BOARD OFFICES. THESE DECISIONS ARE MORE
25 DIFFICULT THIS YEAR DUE TO OUR CONSTRAINED RESOURCES, OUR



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1 UPCOMING NEEDS, AND FUTURE UNCERTAINTIES. A BALANCED BUDGET IS
2 A RESULT OF OUR BUDGET FUNDAMENTALS. WE DON'T OVERESTIMATE OUR
3 REVENUES, WE LIMIT OUR EXPENDITURES TO WHAT WE HAVE, WE
4 MAINTAIN ADEQUATE RESERVES. THESE PRUDENT PRACTICES HAVE
5 ALLOWED US TO REMAIN SOLVENT, AVOID BRUTALIZING DEFICITS LIKE
6 WE'RE SEEING IN OTHER PLACES AND MAINTAINING SERVICES AND
7 ABSORBING SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL SETBACKS WHEN THEY OCCUR.
8 UNFORTUNATELY, CHALLENGES ARE NOT JUST HYPOTHETICAL RIGHT NOW
9 THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY REAL AND HAVE INCLUDED DECREASED PROPERTY
10 TAX REVENUE FROM THE JANUARY FIRES, SIGNIFICANT FIRE RECOVERY
11 COSTS, MULTI-YEAR AB218 SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS, AND UNCERTAINTIES
12 ABOUT THE ECONOMY AND HOW IT MAY HAMPER OUR BUDGET THIS YEAR,
13 AS WELL AS PROJECTIONS INTO FUTURE YEARS. WE ARE DOING ALL WE
14 CAN TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES, AND OUR COST-
15 SAVING EFFORTS WILL GIVE US TOOLS TO ADDRESS NEW COSTS IN THE
16 FUTURE WITHOUT IMPACTING OUR CURRENT OPERATIONS OR WORKFORCE.
17 WE'RE ALSO WORKING WITH THE STATE TO SECURE REVENUE
18 STABILIZATION FUNDS TO HELP OFFSET DECLINES FROM THE JANUARY
19 FIRES AND IN ADDITION WE'RE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR
20 STATE TO SECURE UPFRONT FUNDS TO COVER THE COST OF RECOVERY
21 EFFORTS UNTIL WE CAN BE REIMBURSED THROUGH FEMA, WHICH WILL
22 HELP TO STABILIZE OUR COUNTY CASH FLOW. NONE OF THESE EFFORTS
23 ALONE WILL FULLY RESOLVE OUR BUDGETARY PRESSURES, BUT THEY
24 WILL HELP PUT US IN A BETTER POSITION TO MAKE STRATEGIC
25 DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT WE CAN FUND IN THE FUTURE AND WHEN WE CAN



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1 FUND IT. THERE ARE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES ON THE HORIZON,
2 INCLUDING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH NEW MOU'S WITH OUR VITAL
3 WORKFORCE THAT PROVIDE SERVICES OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS DEPEND ON
4 EACH AND EVERY DAY. WE'LL NEED TO BE CAREFUL, STRATEGIC, AND
5 IN OUR BUDGETARY DECISION-MAKING OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS,
6 BUT WE CAN'T ALSO FORGET OUR WORKFORCE AND OUR RESIDENTS WHO
7 DEPEND ON THE COUNTY SAFETY NET. OUR WORKFORCE DESERVES OUR
8 INVESTMENTS BECAUSE WITHOUT THEM THE WORK WOULD NOT BE
9 POSSIBLE. THIS YEAR HAS NOT ONLY USHERED IN CHALLENGES, BUT IT
10 HAS ALSO USHERED IN CHANGE WITH THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE G.
11 TRANSPARENCY IS A KEY COMPONENT OF THIS CHANGE, AND NOWHERE IS
12 TRANSPARENCY MORE IMPORTANT THAN IN HOW A GOVERNMENT SPENDS
13 ITS MONEY. ADJUSTING HOW WE ALLOCATE FUNDS WILL TAKE TIME, BUT
14 I AM HAPPY THAT WE WERE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT THE FIRST COMPONENT
15 OF MEASURE G THIS YEAR, PUBLIC BUDGET PRESENTATIONS BY
16 DEPARTMENT HEADS. OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT ROUTINELY DO
17 THIS, BUT AS A COUNTY WE HAVE NEVER CALLED OUR DEPARTMENT
18 HEADS IN FRONT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXPLICITLY
19 DISCUSS BUDGET NEEDS IN THE WAY THAT WE DID. INSTEAD, THIS WAS
20 TYPICALLY HANDLED BEHIND THE SCENES, AND WHILE LENGTHY AT
21 TIMES, THESE BUDGET PRESENTATIONS PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR
22 EVERYONE TO BE IN A ROOM TOGETHER AND DISCUSS A DEPARTMENT'S
23 NEEDS. IT'S INVALUABLE FROM MY PERSPECTIVE THAT WE WERE ABLE
24 TO HEAR FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS THEMSELVES, ASK QUESTIONS OF
25 THEM AND OUR CEO, AND HEAR DIRECTLY FROM THE PUBLIC ALL BEFORE



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1 THE CEO MADE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS TODAY. AS WITH EVERYTHING
2 NEW, WE WILL ABSOLUTELY BE MAKING REFINEMENTS IN THE PROCESS,
3 BUT I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE START THAT WE'VE MADE AND I LOOK
4 FORWARD TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK
5 FORCE WHO WILL BEGIN MEETING WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH AND A HALF.
6 NOW TO GET INTO A FEW SPECIFICS IN THE BUDGET, THE FIRST BEING
7 HOMELESSNESS. AS WE TRANSITION TO A NEW COUNTY DEPARTMENT,
8 BUDGETARY NEEDS WILL BE CRITICAL. SO, I WANT TO ENSURE WE
9 REMAIN FLEXIBLE WITH OUR BUDGETARY RESOURCES AND THAT WE CAN
10 PIVOT AS NEEDS COME UP. WE ARE STARTING WITH A CRITICAL
11 FOUNDATION IN HOUSING FOR HEALTH. THEIR SUCCESS HAS BEEN
12 DOCUMENTED FOR MORE THAN A DECADE AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
13 THE FLEXIBILITY THAT THEY HAVE HAD, WHICH HAS LED TO THEIR
14 SUCCESS, WILL ALSO BE CORNERSTONE IN HOW WE ESTABLISH THIS
15 DEPARTMENT. SO, TO OUR CEO HOW WILL WE BE RESPONDING MAKING
16 SURE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO RESPOND IN REAL TIME TO EMERGING NEEDS
17 AS WE IMPLEMENT THIS NEW DEPARTMENT.

18
19 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I THINK IT'S PART
20 OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS THAT WE USE ALL THE TIME. WHEN
21 THE BOARD DIRECTS US TO DO SOMETHING LIKE ESTABLISH A
22 DEPARTMENT, A NEW DEPARTMENT, INEVITABLY THERE ARE TENS OF
23 MAYBE EVEN HUNDREDS OF GLITCHES, UNFORESEEN QUESTIONS THAT POP
24 UP ALONG THE WAY. AND NORMALLY WE FIGURE OUT A WAY TO RESOLVE
25 THEM AND STILL MEET THE TIMELINE WITHIN WHICH WE ARE ABLE TO



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1 STAND UP THE DEPARTMENT. SO, I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE THE
2 EXISTING FLEXIBILITY. SOMETIMES IT REQUIRES FLEXIBILITY AND
3 CREATIVITY. THE SOLUTION ISN'T ALWAYS SITTING THERE, YOU KNOW,
4 STARING YOU IN THE FACE, BUT WE HAVE ENOUGH, I THINK, THOUGHT
5 PARTNERS THAT'S SITTING AROUND THE TABLE IN THE CREATION OF
6 THIS NEW DEPARTMENT TO LEVERAGE THE FLEXIBILITY THAT WE DO
7 HAVE AND TO IDENTIFY CREATIVE SOLUTIONS IF THERE IS A
8 ROADBLOCK THAT PRESENTS ITSELF.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** I KNOW ONE ASPECT THAT THE AUDITOR
11 CONTROLLER BROUGHT UP AS HE WAS REQUESTING TWO POSITIONS FOR
12 ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR MEASURE A AND LACAHSA, AS WELL AS
13 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR AUDITING AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES
14 REQUIRED FOR MEASURE A. SO, ARE THESE POSITIONS FUNDED IN YOUR
15 PROPOSED BUDGET? IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THESE FUNDS ARE
16 SUPPOSED TO COME FROM MEASURE A, SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE I
17 UNDERSTAND HOW THAT'S OPERATING.

18

19 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, YOU ARE UNDERSTANDING CORRECTLY. SO, WE
20 DO INTEND TO FUND THOSE WITH MEASURE A. ALTHOUGH THE BOARD IS,
21 ALTHOUGH WE ARE RECOGNIZING THE MEASURE A REVENUE IN THIS
22 BUDGET, THE DIFFERENT ALLOCATIONS FOR ALL OF THE DIFFERENT
23 USES WILL ACTUALLY BE INCLUDED IN OUR FINAL CHANGES BUDGET IN
24 JUNE. AND SO, WE DO HAVE THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER'S REQUEST ON
25 RECORD. THEY ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE CEO HOMELESS



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1 INITIATIVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE NUMBER RIGHT. SO, WE
2 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND AND THAT WE UNDERSTAND
3 WHAT THEIR FORECAST AT SCALE AND SCOPE OF THE WORKLOAD IS SO
4 THAT WE MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE RIGHT NUMBER OF POSITIONS
5 BEING REQUESTED AND FUNDED.

6
7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THAT'S GOOD. I THINK THE PUBLIC WAS VERY
8 CLEAR IN PASSING MEASURE A THAT THEY NOT ONLY WANTED TO INVEST
9 IN BOTH SERVICES AND HOUSING BUT ALSO ACCOUNTABILITY AND I
10 THINK THAT WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
11 ESPECIALLY AS WE STAND UP THIS DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE PRESENT
12 FROM DAY ONE. SWITCHING TO FIRES, AS WE STARTED OUR FIRST
13 BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY OF 2025, NONE OF US FORESAW THE
14 DEVASTATION THAT WOULD OCCUR THAT DAY AND THAT WEEK AND ON.
15 AND THE WIND AND FIRE STORMS OF THOSE DAYS HAVE CHANGED LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY IN MANY WAYS FOREVER. THEY'VE CHANGED OUR
17 ENVIRONMENT AND OUR COMMUNITIES PHYSICALLY. THEY'VE IMPACTED
18 OUR LIVES IN DEEPLY EMOTIONAL WAYS. AND THEY HAVE IMPACTED ALL
19 OF US ECONOMICALLY AND OTHERWISE, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO
20 WORKED OR LIVED IN THESE IMPACTED AREAS. OUR COUNTY IS HERE TO
21 SUPPORT EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN IMPACTED AND WE'RE GRATEFUL TO
22 OUR PARTNERS WHO HAVE ALSO SHOWN UP IN DELIVERING THAT SUPPORT
23 AND WE'RE ALL HERE TO WORK ON SOLUTIONS TO ABSORB FINANCIAL
24 IMPACTS. SO, WE KNOW WE'VE GOTTEN INTO A LOT OF DETAIL AS IT
25 RELATES TO FIRES. WHERE ARE WE, WHERE DO WE STAND TODAY,



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1 ESPECIALLY RECOGNIZING THAT OUR RELIANCE ON STATE AND FEDERAL
2 PARTNERSHIP ARE CRITICAL COMPONENTS TO BEING ABLE TO
3 SUCCESSFULLY MOVE THROUGH THIS PROCESS OF RECOVERY.

4
5 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, ON THE, WE
6 KNOW THAT WITH THE FIRES, WE HAVE TWO IMPACTS. ONE OF THE
7 IMPACTS IS TO OUR REVENUE. THE SECOND IMPACT IS TO OUR
8 EXPENDITURES, THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE ARE SPENDING TO
9 RESPOND TO THE FIRE AND ULTIMATELY ENGAGE IN OUR RECOVERY
10 EFFORTS. ON THE REVENUE PIECE, WE ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL HAVE
11 REVENUE IMPACTS OF ABOUT A BILLION DOLLARS OVER THE ENSUING
12 YEAR. SO, WE'RE NOT JUST LOOKING AT THE CURRENT YEAR OR NEXT
13 YEAR, WE'RE LOOKING FOR LIKE LONGEVITY. AND WE ANTICIPATE
14 ABOUT A BILLION DOLLAR IMPACT. THANKFULLY, THE GOVERNOR SIGNED
15 JUST YESTERDAY OR THIS WEEK, AB100, WHICH IS LEGISLATION THAT
16 WILL HELP THE COUNTY BACKFILL SOME OF OUR LOST REVENUE FOR THE
17 FIRST, THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND FOR FISCAL YEAR 25/26. SO
18 THAT WILL BE VERY HELPFUL TO US. IT'S NOT THE ENTIRE
19 \$1,000,000. IT WILL PROBABLY BE SOMEWHERE IN THE RANGE OF 150
20 TO \$170,000,000. AND THEN ON THE SECOND PIECE, WHICH IS OUR
21 INCREASED EXPENDITURE, WE ANTICIPATE ANOTHER ROUGHLY ABOUT
22 \$1,000,000,000. THAT'S BROKEN DOWN BETWEEN OUR IMMEDIATE
23 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS AND ALSO OUR PERMANENT WORK
24 REGARDING RECONSTRUCTION AND REBUILDING. BUT WE'RE PEGGING
25 THAT AT ABOUT ANOTHER \$1,000,000,000. AND AGAIN, THANKFULLY,



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1 THE GOVERNOR IN THAT SAME LEGISLATION THAT WAS SIGNED THIS
2 WEEK ALSO MADE AVAILABLE TO US RECOVERY FUNDS THAT WE WILL BE
3 ABLE TO DRAW DOWN ON. THERE IS A CAVEAT IN THE SENSE THAT
4 WHATEVER WE DRAW DOWN ON AND WE ARE REIMBURSED FOR BY FEMA,
5 THEN THOSE FUNDS HAVE TO BE RETURNED TO THE STATE. BUT WE KNOW
6 THAT THE FEMA REIMBURSEMENT TAKES A COUPLE OF YEARS, AND SO WE
7 ARE VERY, WE THINK THAT THIS WILL BE VERY HELPFUL TO US TO BE
8 ABLE TO ACCESS THOSE FUNDS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY TO HELP US
9 CONTINUE OUR REBUILDING AND OUR RECOVERY EFFORTS, BUT ALSO TO
10 SUPPORT OUR CASH FLOW ISSUES HERE IN THE COUNTY AS A RESULT OF
11 THE FIRES.

12
13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** HAVING THE MOST DISASTER PRONE DISTRICT,
14 A RELATED COMPONENT OF THIS CONVERSATION FOR US IS EMERGENCY
15 PREPAREDNESS. AND I KNOW THAT THIS BUDGET LOOKS AT AN
16 ADDITIONAL 25 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POSITIONS THAT
17 WERE REQUESTED, BUT I THINK ONLY SIX WERE APPROVED. SO, CAN
18 YOU TALK TO ME ABOUT HOW WE'RE MAKING THOSE DECISIONS AND HOW
19 WE'RE MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE PREPARED FOR THE NEXT EMERGENCY?

20
21 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ONE OF THE THINGS
22 THAT WE ARE LOOKING TO DO IN THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
23 MANAGEMENT IS TO ENHANCE WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE. AND SO, WE DO
24 HAVE A VERY STRONG OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM, AND
25 THAT REQUEST FOR 25 ADDITIONAL STAFF WAS A REQUEST TO REALLY



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1 OPTIMIZE THAT OPERATION WHICH WE WOULD NORMALLY DO IN PHASES.
2 WE ARE VERY MINDFUL OF THE BUDGET SITUATION THAT WE'RE IN
3 CURRENTLY AND SO WE WORKED WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
4 MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR AND ASKED WHAT ARE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY
5 NEEDS RIGHT NOW? AND THAT'S HOW WE LANDED ON THE SIX
6 POSITIONS. THOSE SIX POSITIONS, IF ULTIMATELY APPROVED BY THIS
7 BOARD, WILL FOCUS ON FOUR THINGS. ONE IS COST RECOVERY, MAKING
8 SURE THAT WE ARE EXPEDITING OUR CLAIMING AND DRAWING DOWN OUR
9 REIMBURSEMENT FROM FEMA. TWO IS TRAINING AND WE WANT TO
10 ENHANCE OUR CAPACITY FOR OEM TO DELIVER EMERGENCY TRAINING TO
11 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND OUR OTHER CITIES, FOLKS IN OUR CITIES
12 THAT WORK IN THE DISASTER AND RECOVERY AREA. THIRD, WE HAVE
13 PLANNING AND THAT IS DEVELOPMENT OF HAZARD SPECIFIC PLANS THAT
14 DETAIL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT WILL HELP ENHANCE OUR
15 RESPONSE EFFORTS. AND FINALLY, IT'S SPECIAL EVENTS OF
16 PLANNING. AND THAT RELATES TO PREPAREDNESS FOR LARGE-SCALE
17 EVENTS LIKE FIFA AND WORLD CUP, THE OLYMPICS, PLANNING, SUPER
18 BOWL, AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. THERE'S A WHOLE SLATE OF
19 LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS THAT HAPPENS ALONG WITH THOSE
20 EVENTS. SO THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT WOULD BE PRIORITIZED FOR
21 THOSE SIX.

22
23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** YEAH, I KNOW THERE'S A LOT THAT AS IT
24 RELATES TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS, I'M MOST INTERESTED IN CLIMATE
25 IMPACT BECAUSE I KNOW THAT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REALLY SHOWS



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1 UP FOR US AND IN THAT WAY. WHETHER IT'S DISEASE AND
2 INFESTATION THAT ARE KILLING OUR TREES AND VEGETATION, WHETHER
3 IT'S OBVIOUSLY THE FIRES THAT WE'VE HAD TO SURVIVE AND THE WET
4 WEATHER THAT FOLLOWED AND THE CHALLENGES THAT WERE POSED BY
5 THAT. I KNOW A FEW YEARS AGO, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BEGAN
6 REQUESTING SEVERAL FORESTRY POSITIONS TO HELP COMBAT THE
7 EMERGENCE OF PESTS LIKE GOLD SPOTTED OAK BORER, WHICH IN A
8 TIME OF ALL OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE CONSIDERING MIGHT SEEM
9 MINOR, BUT IF WE LOSE ALL OF OUR OAK TREES, THE CLIMATE
10 DISASTERS ONLY GET WORSE. I KNOW OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET IS
11 ALSO CONSTRAINED, THOUGH WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE RECENT BALLOT
12 MEASURE, THERE IS SOME HOPE THERE. SO, I KNOW THESE POSITIONS
13 THAT YOU'VE IDENTIFIED FOR OEM ARE CRITICAL. CAN YOU TELL US
14 FROM A FIRE PERSPECTIVE WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IN TERMS OF THE
15 FINAL CHANGES BUDGET IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY ANY OTHER REQUESTS
16 THAT MAY BE.

17
18 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES. SO WITH REGARD TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
19 SPECIFICALLY, WITH THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE E, WE KNOW THAT
20 CHIEF MARRONE WILL BE RETURNING TO THE BOARD WITH HIS PLAN TO
21 IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF MEASURE E, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT
22 THIS REQUEST FALLS SQUARELY WITHIN THE FUNDING PARAMETERS OF
23 MEASURE E, AND WE'LL BE WORKING WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO
24 ALLOCATE MEASURE E FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE TO ENSURE THAT THE
25 REQUEST IS FUNDED.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY. SWITCHING GEARS TO OUR JUSTICE
3 EFFORTS. WE HEARD LAST WEEK FROM OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY
4 SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, I THINK, JAIL CLOSURE
5 IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, WE'RE WORKING ON A PROLONGED, MULTI-
6 PRONGED APPROACH TO REDUCING JAIL POPULATIONS AND ENSURING WE
7 HAVE ADEQUATE FACILITIES. SO, WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH REGARD TO
8 JAIL CLOSURE IN THIS BUDGET CYCLE TO GET THE JAIL CLOSED?

9

10 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES. SO, SUPERVISOR, THERE IS A LOT. THERE
11 ARE THINGS THAT ARE ALREADY IN PLAY IN THE COUNTY'S BASE
12 BUDGET, AND THEN THERE ARE A FEW THINGS THAT ARE BEING ADDED
13 IN THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET. SO LET ME FIRST TALK ABOUT SOME OF
14 THE RENOVATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND FUNDED. SO THAT'S
15 AS PART AS THE BASE BUDGET FOR DOJ AND FOR THE CLOSURE OF MCJ.
16 AND IT RELATES TO FUNDING RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH OBSERVATION
17 UNITS. SO, RENOVATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND FUNDED FOR THE
18 CHAPO AT MCJ TO BUILD OUT PRIVATE INTERVIEW SPACES AND OFFICES
19 FOR DHS'S CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES STAFFING TO PROVIDE
20 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND ASSESSMENTS FOR INMATES AT MCJ. THE
21 HOPE IS THAT ALL THE WORK WILL BE COMPLETED AND THE SPACE IS
22 AVAILABLE FOR THESE USES BY THE END OF JUNE, THE END OF THIS
23 FISCAL YEAR. ADDITIONAL FURNITURE ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE
24 MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING UNIT AREAS WAS ALSO APPROVED THIS
25 FISCAL YEAR FOR BOTH MCJ AND ANOTHER FACILITY, INCLUDING MORE



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1 COMFORTABLE CHAIRS, GAME TABLES, AND TELEVISIONS FOR THE
2 COMMON SPACE AREAS. THESE ARE ALL THE TYPES OF THINGS THAT THE
3 DOJ COMPLIANCE MONITOR AND IN THEIR REPORTS THEY CRITICIZE US
4 FOR, FOR NOT HAVING SUFFICIENT SPACE TO PROVIDE ONE TIME OUT
5 OF SALE AND THEN TO AN ENVIRONMENT AT LEAST WHERE SOME MENTAL
6 HEALTH SERVICES COULD BE PROVIDED. THAT'S JUST ONE EXAMPLE. ON
7 THE CLINICAL CARE SITE, THE JAIL MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION TEAM
8 PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR CRISIS CALLS AT MCJ SEVEN DAYS A WEEK.
9 THIS IS IN THE EXISTING BUDGET. AND AT IRC, IT'S ALSO
10 AVAILABLE DURING EVENING HOURS WITH A BOLSTERED TEAM OF MENTAL
11 HEALTH AND PSYCHIATRIC STAFFING TO COVER ANY GAPS. AGAIN, THAT
12 RELATES TO OUR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES THAT ARE PRESENTED BY
13 FOLKS THAT ARE INCARCERATED. AND I'LL SAY THIS ONE LAST THING.
14 BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER OF 2024, THERE WAS A CHANGE IN A
15 LEADERSHIP FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH TEAM THAT I JUST DISCUSSED.
16 AND THAT NEW LEADERSHIP NOW SUPERVISES CLINICIANS AT BOTH MCJ
17 AND OTHER JAIL FACILITIES. THE IMPORTANT THING THERE IS TO
18 MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE SAME QUALITY AND THE SAME PRACTICES
19 AT ALL OF OUR FACILITIES, REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE SERVICES ARE
20 ACTUALLY BEING RENDERED. THIS IS A NEW POSITION WHICH WILL
21 OVERSEE INCREASES IN CLINICAL OVERSIGHT. AND ONE OF THE FOCUS
22 AREAS WILL BE APPROPRIATE THERAPEUTIC MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND
23 TIMELY CLINICAL VISITS TO PROVIDE THERAPEUTIC MENTAL HEALTH.
24 SO, I CAN GO ON WITH EXISTING, WITH OTHER EXAMPLES. I THINK
25 THE POINT IS THERE ARE THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING ALREADY IN



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1 OUR EXISTING BUDGETS THROUGH OUR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. AND THEN
2 THERE IS SOME ALLOCATION IN THIS PARTICULAR BUDGET FOR THE
3 CSIT TEAM RELATED TO JAIL CLOSURE.

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5 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** OKAY. I HEARD A LOT OF SERVICES BEING
6 PROVIDED IN THE EXISTING FACILITY AND OBVIOUSLY WE NEED TO
7 CLOSE IT. SO MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE FINDING WAYS TO PROVIDE
8 THOSE SERVICES IN OTHER LOCATIONS AND OTHER SUITABLE PLACES IS
9 GOING TO BE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT AS WELL. AND AS WE HEARD THIS
10 MORNING, IT'S NOT ONLY THE FACILITIES, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY,
11 THAT CULTURE SHIFT AND CHANGE. AND SOME OF WHAT WAS
12 HIGHLIGHTED IN THE L.A. TIMES TODAY BUT HAS BEEN AN ONGOING
13 CONVERSATION IS WITH THE AMOUNT OF OVERTIME THAT THE SHERIFF'S
14 DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN RACKING UP, THAT MEANS THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE
15 WHO ARE VERY OVERWORKED OPERATING IN FUNCTIONS THAT REQUIRE
16 CRITICAL DECISION-MAKING AND OFTEN LEAD TO A LOT OF BAD
17 SITUATIONS. SO WHAT ARE WE DOING TO FILL THOSE VACANCIES IN
18 THIS BUDGET?

19
20 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YEAH SO, A COUPLE OF THINGS. ONE, THE BUDGET
21 AS IT DOES EVERY YEAR, IT PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THE SHERIFF TO
22 HOST NEW RECRUIT ACADEMY CLASSES. SO, THERE WILL BE FUNDING
23 FOR ADDITIONAL ACADEMY CLASSES THIS YEAR, TOO, IN THE
24 SHERIFF'S EXISTING BUDGET. THEY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN
25 ENGAGING A CONSULTANT THAT HAS HELPED THEM ATTRACT AS WELL AS



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1 HIRE NEW RECRUITS. SO, THEIR NUMBERS, EVEN THEIR RECRUITMENT
2 NUMBERS WERE DOWN A FEW YEARS AGO, AND THROUGH THE WORK OF
3 THIS NEW CONSULTANT, THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INCREASE THEIR
4 HIRING. AND SO THOSE ARE TWO OF THE THINGS THAT WHAT THEY, IF
5 THOSE ARE SUCCESSFUL, YOU WOULD HOPE WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE
6 NUMBER OF STAFFING WOULD INCREASE ON THE FRONT END, BUT THEN
7 THERE'S A PIECE ON THE BACK END ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT FOLKS
8 STAY, THAT THEY RETAIN WORKERS. ONE OF THE REQUESTS THAT THE
9 SHERIFF SUBMITTED IN THE 25/26 BUDGET WAS A MENTAL WELLNESS
10 CENTER. AND THERE WAS A REQUEST FOR NINE STAFF. YOU MAY
11 REMEMBER ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO THEY HAD A SLEW OF SUICIDES WITH
12 SOME OF THEIR CURRENT STAFF. AND SO, THEY ARE IN THE SAME VEIN
13 LIKE THE SHERIFF, I'M SORRY, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS STANDING
14 UP A MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER FOR ITS EMPLOYEES.
15 SHERIFF IS TRYING TO DO THE SAME THING ON THE SHERIFF'S SIDE.

16
17 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** GOT IT. I KNOW ANOTHER COMPONENT HAS
18 BEEN IN ADDITION TO INVESTING IN RECRUITMENT, WE'VE ALSO
19 DISCONTINUED CONTRACTS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE AREN'T REQUIRING
20 OVERTIME HOURS BE SPENT IN WAYS THAT SOMETHING ELSE CAN BE
21 SHOWING UP. AND SO, I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT
22 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AS WELL THAT WE, YOU KNOW, THERE ARE ONLY SO
23 MANY DEPUTIES THAT EXIST AND THEY SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON THE
24 THINGS FOR WHICH THEY ARE UNIQUELY TRAINED AND WHERE WE CAN
25 HAVE A DIFFERENT KIND OF INTERVENTION SHOWING UP. IT'S NOT



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1 ONLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE RIGHT KIND OF RESPONSE, BUT IT ALSO
2 HELPS IN TERMS OF OUR STAFFING AND OTHER CHALLENGES THAT WE'VE
3 SEEN.

4

5 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** I AGREE THAT THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT. YOU KNOW,
6 WE'VE HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT, YOU
7 KNOW, CONSIDERING THE STAFFING CONSTRAINTS THAT WE ARE
8 EXPERIENCING HERE IN THE COUNTY, BUT THAT ARE NOT UNIQUE TO
9 THE COUNTY. THERE HAS TO BE A SERIOUS DISCUSSION ABOUT
10 REDUCING THE FOOTPRINT IN SOME OF THE SERVICES THAT ARE
11 PROVIDED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY. THERE'S ALSO A
12 CONVERSATION AROUND HAVING FOLKS IN, LET'S SAY, ADMINISTRATIVE
13 POSITIONS THAT ARE FILLED BY SWORN PERSONNEL. AND SO, TO MAKE
14 SURE THAT THEY ARE ALIGNING THE TYPE OF POSITION WITH THE TYPE
15 OF EMPLOYEE THAT IS FILLING THAT POSITION. IF YOU CAN FREE UP
16 MORE OF YOUR SWORN STAFF, YOU CAN HELP ADDRESS SOME OF THE
17 SHORTAGES THAT WE SEE IN THE SWORN PERSONNEL RANKS.

18

19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** SHIFTING GEARS, I'M GRATEFUL WE'VE
20 COMPLETED THE FINAL INVESTMENT OF \$1,600,000 IN FUNDING FOR
21 GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. I'M GLAD TO SEE THE INVESTMENTS WE'RE
22 MAKING IN PARKS AND RECREATION, WHICH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
23 HIGHLIGHTED AS WELL, AS WELL AS PROVIDING PERMANENT FUNDING
24 FOR AQUATICS PROGRAMMING AND STAFF TO CLOSE OUR PARKS AT
25 NIGHT. RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR OUR COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY OUR



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1 YOUTH DURING THE HOTTEST SUMMER MONTHS IS INCREDIBLY
2 IMPORTANT. AND JUST AS IMPORTANT IS THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING
3 OF OUR STAFF PARTICULARLY AS THEY'RE FINISHING HARD DAYS WORK
4 AND CLOSING UP PARK FACILITIES. SO, I KNOW THERE'S A LOT THAT
5 WE'RE ALSO INVESTING IN IN TERMS OF FUNDING FOR SELF-HELP
6 LEGAL CLINICS IN REPRESENT L.A. WHILE SOME OF THESE DOLLARS
7 MAY BE ONE TIME, WE'RE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO MAKE THE
8 INVESTMENTS IN AN ONGOING WAY WHILE CONTINUING TO WORK ON
9 THOSE PERMANENT FUNDING STREAMS. I HAVE ALSO REVIEWED THE
10 REPORT ON THE TGI WELLNESS INITIATIVE AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS
11 THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT NON-NCC FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS
12 INITIATIVE AND SO MY REQUEST IS THAT WE HAVE THIS FUNDED BY
13 THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR. OUR TGI FRIENDS ARE FACING TOO
14 MANY CHALLENGES RIGHT NOW. THEY ARE THE TARGET OF TOO MANY
15 ATTACKS AND TO DELAY THIS INITIATIVE ANY FURTHER WOULD JUST
16 CONTINUE TO PUT THEM IN HARM'S WAY. FINALLY, I WOULD BE REMISS
17 TO NOT POINT OUT THAT THIS BUDGET INCLUDES A \$40,000,000
18 INCREASE TO JUDGMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS LINE ITEM FOR THE
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IF THIS LINE ITEM WERE NOT INCLUDED, WE
20 COULD HAVE FUNDED NEARLY ALL OF THE BUDGETARY ITEMS I
21 MENTIONED, THE TGI PILOT INITIATIVE, ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR
22 REPRESENT L.A. AND SELF-HELP LEGAL CLINICS, FORESTRY
23 POSITIONS, COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING AT PARKS, TRANSITION AGE
24 YOUTH AND HOMELESS PREVENTION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
25 ACTIVITIES, I COULD GO ON. SO, WHAT ARE WE DOING IN THIS



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1 BUDGET TO PROTECT OUR BUDGET FROM ONGOING IMPACTS FROM THESE
2 SETTLEMENTS, WHICH DEVASTATE US, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME LIKE
3 THIS?

4
5 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES. SO, AS PART OF OUR NORMAL PROCESSES, NOT
6 JUST WITH THE SHERIFF, BUT WITH ANY DEPARTMENT, WHEN THERE IS
7 A LAWSUIT OR A SETTLEMENT, THE DEPARTMENT CREATES A CORRECTIVE
8 ACTION PLAN. IT'S REVIEWED AND, YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES
9 QUESTIONED, BUT MOST TIMES APPROVED BY THE CLAIMS BOARD. AND
10 THEN THOSE SETTLEMENTS ARE ULTIMATELY FORWARDED TO THE BOARD
11 AND THE BOARD OFTEN ASKS WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE CORRECTIVE
12 ACTION PLAN. AND SO, MY OFFICE WORKS WITH THE DEPARTMENTS
13 REVIEWING CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS, SEEING WHERE DEPARTMENTS
14 ARE WITH COMPLIANCE. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THAT'S A
15 REALLY REACTIVE APPROACH. AND SO, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT YOU
16 SEE HAPPENING IN A DEPARTMENT IS, I'LL JUST GIVE YOU AN
17 EXAMPLE, CAR ACCIDENTS. IN AN ATTEMPT TO TRY TO MOVE TO A MORE
18 PROACTIVE MODEL, WE HAVE WORKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO CREATE
19 A TRAFFIC RISK REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND THEY WILL REVIEW DATA
20 FROM DEPUTY-INVOLVED TRAFFIC COLLISIONS AND DETERMINE IF THERE
21 ARE ANY ASPECTS OF THE INCIDENT WHICH EXPOSE THE DEPARTMENT TO
22 UNDUE RISK. PUT ANOTHER WAY, WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT COULD
23 HAVE BEEN DONE TO PREVENT THE ACCIDENT IN THE FIRST PLACE?
24 THAT WOULD BE PART OF AN ONGOING ANALYSIS, NOT JUST IN
25 RESPONSE TO A SPECIFIC OR A PARTICULAR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT. AND



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1 SO, I BELIEVE ALSO OUR RISK MANAGER WITHIN THE CEO'S OFFICE
2 HAS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT OUT WITH A
3 CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE AREAS
4 WHERE THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED TO HAVE THE MOST LIABILITY.

5
6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** I HIGHLIGHTED THE SHERIFF SETTLEMENTS,
7 BUT IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING AB218 AND THAT SETTLEMENT IS THE
8 MOST SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WE'VE SEEN RECENTLY. AND THOSE KINDS
9 OF SETTLEMENTS JUST ARE DEVASTATING EVEN IN A GOOD BUDGET
10 YEAR. AND TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO MANAGE THAT AT A TIME LIKE
11 THIS IS JUST, IT'S HORRIBLE IN ADDITION TO THE ATROCITY THAT
12 EACH OF THOSE DOLLARS IN THE SETTLEMENT REPRESENT FOR WHAT
13 ACTUALLY HAPPENED. SO, WITH THAT, I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE,
14 OBVIOUSLY THIS IS THE FIRST STAGE OF OUR BUDGET PROCESS. I
15 WANT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO CONTINUE TO ENGAGE WITH MY OFFICE.
16 WE'LL BE CONDUCTING MORE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON THE BUDGET. THEY
17 CAN BE FLUID, SOMETIMES THEY'RE GOOD, SOMETIMES THEY'RE MORE
18 CHALLENGED, BUT WE ALWAYS WANT TO HAVE THE DISCUSSION AROUND
19 HOW OUR BUDGET IS WORKING FOR US, WHERE IT NEEDS TO IMPROVE,
20 AND WHERE WE NEED TO BE MAKING MORE AND BETTER INVESTMENTS FOR
21 OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, I'M GLAD THAT WE WERE ABLE TO GET A GOOD
22 START ON GOVERNANCE REFORM AND HOW THAT CAN HELP US IMPROVE
23 OUR BUDGETS, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUED CONVERSATION
24 AHEAD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.



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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO
2 THANK YOU, FESIA, AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM FOR THE BUDGET THAT YOU
3 PUT TOGETHER. I MEAN, I KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN CHALLENGES,
4 AND YOU'VE OUTLINED THOSE CHALLENGES. AND I DO BELIEVE THAT
5 ONE OF THE BEAUTIES OF WHERE THIS COUNTY HAS BEEN AND WHERE
6 WE'RE GOING IS THAT WE DO HAVE A RAINY DAY, WHICH HAS HELPED
7 SOFTEN THE BLOW AS IT RELATES TO THE 218 SETTLEMENTS AS WELL
8 AS OTHER UNEXPECTED CHALLENGES TO OUR BUDGET THAT ARE
9 OCCURRING. IT GOES BACK TO MAINTAINING A SOUND BUDGETING
10 PROCESS. AND ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS, IN MY OPINION,
11 OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS THAT IT HELPS US MAINTAIN OUR MOST
12 CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES THAT CANNOT BE
13 COMPROMISED. AND THIS YEAR WE ARE FACING UNPRECEDENTED
14 FINANCIAL CHALLENGES WHICH WE ARE SEEING UNFOLD. AND
15 TRANSPARENCY IS KEY TO UNDERSTAND FOR THE PEOPLE OUT THERE
16 THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, AGREED TO THE MEASURE A TAX. TO UNDERSTAND
17 THAT WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CURTAILMENTS, IT CONTRADICTS
18 WHAT EVERYONE THOUGHT THEY WERE VOTING FOR. SO, IT'S IMPORTANT
19 FOR US TO BE TRANSPARENT IN TERMS OF HOW WE ARE ALLOCATING OUR
20 RESOURCES AND HOW WE ARE PRIORITIZING. AND I KNOW THAT
21 SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND I PERSONALLY RECOGNIZE THAT THE
22 DESTRUCTION OF JANUARY WILDFIRES DEMANDS MORE THAN JUST
23 IMMEDIATE RESOURCES. IT REQUIRES SUSTAINED SUPPORT AND LONG-
24 TERM SERVICES TO ENSURE FULL RECOVERY FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY
25 THE EATON AND PALISADE FIRES. SO, THIS IS NOT A ONE, YOU KNOW,



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1 WE'RE APPROACHING OUR 100 DAY. THIS IS GOING TO BE YEARS OUT
2 THAT WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND
3 THE NEEDS AND THE RESPONSE TO THIS DEVASTATING FIRE. AND THIS
4 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION IS A REFLECTION OF THE MOMENT. L.A.
5 COUNTY FACES POTENTIAL LOSS OF SIGNIFICANT FUNDING FROM THE
6 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND AN ANTICIPATED SETTLEMENT OF CHILDHOOD
7 SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES VALUED UP TO \$4,000,000,000. I THINK IT'S
8 IMPORTANT AND I'LL WAIT FOR QUESTIONS BUT ONE OF THE QUESTIONS
9 I'M GOING TO HAVE IS ABOUT CURTAILMENTS AS IT RELATES TO
10 BEELAN'S AND SECTION 17,000 ON THE HEALTH CARE SIDE. I TALKED
11 TO DR. GHALY. I WANT TO UNDERSTAND IN PREPARATION FOR THE
12 WHAT-IF, WHAT IS THE RAMP GOING TO LOOK LIKE. I ALSO RECOGNIZE
13 A \$2,000,000,000 IN ONE TIME FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN
14 RESQUEUE PLAN ACT IS SET TO DRAW IT DOWN AND THE COUNTY IS
15 FACING AN EVEN SLOWER PROPERTY TAX REVENUE GROWTH. STRONG
16 INDICATORS, THE PROPERTY TAX IS ALWAYS AN INDICATOR OF WHAT'S
17 TO COME AS IT RELATES TO HOW PEOPLE PAY THEIR PROPERTY TAX AND
18 EVEN THE SALES TAX THAT'S GOING TO COME IN THAT WE DEPEND
19 UPON. THESE PRESSURES INDUCE MUCH UNCERTAINTY SHARED BY ME AND
20 MY CONSTITUENTS, AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS
21 PROVIDED BY YOUR OFFICE TO LEAD A FINANCIAL PATH FORWARD. I
22 REMAIN VIGILANT IN ENSURING THAT ONGOING FUNDING IS SUFFICIENT
23 TO SUPPORT PROPOSED PROGRAM AND SERVICES. ONE OF THE AREAS OF
24 GROWING CONCERN IS CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN GENERAL RELIEF
25 CASELOADS, WHICH IS COVERED THROUGH THE COUNTY UNRESTRICTED



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1 FUNDING SO THAT'S NET COUNTY COSTS. THIS INCREASE IS INCLUDED
2 IN TODAY'S BUDGET ALONG WITH COVERAGE FOR THOSE WHO ARE
3 VICTIMS OF EBT SCAMMING OR SKIMMING, SOMETHING THAT WE
4 CONTINUE TO SHAKE OUR HEADS BECAUSE IN DISBELIEF THAT WE CAN'T
5 FIX IT. I KNOW WE ALL GET PHONE CALLS IN OUR OFFICE FROM
6 PEOPLE WHO GO TO THEIR, WITH THEIR EBT CARD TO DRAW OUT MONEY
7 AND IT'S GONE. AND THEN WE HAVE TO REPLENISH IT AND EVERY TIME
8 WE THINK WE'VE FIGURED IT OUT, THEY OUTSMART US AND CONTINUE
9 TO DRAW DOWN THE MONEY. IN LIGHT OF THE DEVASTATING WILDFIRES
10 THAT WREAKED HAVOC ON OUR COUNTY, I THANK THE CEO FOR
11 INCREASING OUR ALLOCATION TOWARDS STRENGTHENING EMERGENCY
12 SERVICES BY FUNDING \$1,700,000 AND SIX NEW POSITIONS TO
13 SUPPORT CAPACITY AND PLANNING IN THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
14 MANAGEMENT. I THINK IT'S AN INVESTMENT THAT IS GOING TO BE
15 WELL, IT'S WELL DESERVED BUT ALSO WELL NEEDED. I MEAN WE KNOW
16 THAT DURING THIS FIRE HAVING OUR DIRECTOR KEVIN MCGOWAN FRONT
17 AND CENTER HELPED NAVIGATE A LOT OF THE FEDERAL AND STATE AND
18 EVEN THE COUNTY RESOURCES THAT WE NEEDED TO FIGURE OUT AND
19 ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO DECLARING AN EMERGENCY ORDER. IN
20 ADDITION TO BOTH BUDGET ALLOCATIONS TODAY ARE A SIGNIFICANT
21 STEP FORWARD IN ADDRESSING THE HOMELESSNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH
22 CHALLENGES. IF APPROVED, AND I THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT TO
23 NOTE, WE WILL BE PROVIDING 149 NEW POSITIONS FOR THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE CRISIS
25 RESPONSE AND CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PROGRAMS AMONG OTHER



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1 ESSENTIAL MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. WE HAVE BEEN UNITED AS A BOARD,
2 PRIORITIZING MENTAL HEALTH BECAUSE MENTAL HEALTH INTERSECTS
3 ALL POPULATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY, WHETHER WE'RE TALKING
4 PROBATION, DCFS, UNHOUSED, ACROSS THE BOARD. SO MENTAL HEALTH
5 IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO INVEST IN. IT ALSO INCLUDES
6 \$102,000,000 IN ONE-TIME FUNDING FOR THE INCREASED NUMBER OF
7 INTERIM AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BEDS. AND THOSE GO
8 HAND IN HAND. WE'RE NOT GOING TO BUILD OUR WAY OUT OF WHAT'S
9 GOING ON THE STREET IF WE DON'T HAVE THE SOCIAL SERVICES TO
10 SUPPORT GETTING PEOPLE BACK ON THEIR FEET ONCE WE GET THEM
11 HOUSED. WITH REGARDS TO PUBLIC SAFETY, THE BUDGET INCLUDES THE
12 \$2,900,000 AND NINE POSITIONS FOR THE SHERIFF'S WELLNESS
13 CENTER, TO SUPPORT DEPUTY WELLNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH.
14 WELLNESS, NOT ONLY WITH OUR PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES, BUT ACROSS
15 THE BOARD, IS A PRIORITY WHICH HAS GROWN GIVEN THE PERSISTENT
16 STAFFING CHALLENGES AND OVERTIME ISSUES THAT WE HAVE FACED FOR
17 THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. AND I KNOW WE'VE HEARD FROM MANY
18 CITIES WHO EQUALLY SHARE THESE CONCERNS, SO I'M PLEASED TO SEE
19 THIS RECOMMENDATION INCLUDED AS RELATES TO OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT
20 PARTNER. ADDITIONALLY, OUR BUDGET WILL RECOGNIZE POTENTIAL
21 \$1,100,000,000 COMMITMENT OF MEASURE A REVENUE SHARED BY
22 COUNTY PARTNERS TO FUND HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.
23 WHEN THE COUNTY INVESTS IN HOUSING SUPPLY AND PROVIDES NEW
24 OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE UNHOUSED OR AT RISK OF BECOMING
25 UNHOUSED. THESE ACTIONS BENEFIT ALL RESIDENTS AND RELIEVE THE



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1 COUNTY OF LONG-TERM COSTS, PREPARING US FOR A HEALTHIER,
2 SAFER, AND MORE THRIVING FUTURE. I APPRECIATE THESE PRIORITIES
3 THAT ARE BEING ADDRESSED IN TODAY'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET. AND
4 LASTLY, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE THE WORK OF THE CEO
5 AND THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IN IDENTIFYING AREAS WHERE WE CAN
6 SAVE FINANCIALLY AMONG THE MOUNTING BUDGET PRESSURES. BECAUSE
7 EVEN BEFORE THIS CURTAILMENT PRACTICE, MANY WERE DOING MORE
8 WITH LESS. CURTAILMENTS ARE NOT IDEAL, ESPECIALLY DURING A
9 TIME WHEN RESIDENTS ARE ALREADY EXPERIENCING IMMENSE DISTRESS,
10 BUT WE ARE ALL, AND I KNOW I'M LASER-FOCUSED ON PRIORITIZING
11 GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND PROVIDING A SUSTAINABLE SAFETY NET
12 FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE
13 COUNTY. AND I'M GOING TO LET SUPERVISOR SOLIS SPEAK AND THEN
14 WE'LL GO BACK TO YOU ON QUESTIONS. BUT I DO WANT TO ALSO TOUCH
15 ON CURTAILMENT, BECAUSE ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I'M ASKED
16 ABOUT, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ALL HAVE GOTTEN IT, IS WE ELIMINATE
17 THE POSITIONS. AND THE QUESTION, AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER
18 IT NOW, BUT I WANT YOU TO KIND OF WALK THROUGH THE PUBLIC ON
19 WHAT THAT MEANS BECAUSE TO THEM IF THERE'S IF THE MONEY IS
20 SITTING THERE FOR A POSITION THAT'S NOT FILLED HOW IS THAT A
21 CONTAINMENT WHY ISN'T THAT POSITION BEEN FILLED AND SO I WANT
22 TO KIND OF DRAW THAT THAT PICTURE SO PEOPLE UNDERSTAND IN THE
23 PUBLIC WHAT THAT MEANS BECAUSE IT GETS A LITTLE CONFUSING WHEN
24 SOME DEPARTMENTS ARE IN FACT CUTTING REAL POSITIONS AND OTHERS
25 ARE JUST CUTTING POSITIONS THAT WERE SITTING THERE FUNDED BUT



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1 NEVER FILLED. SO, WITH THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND TO YOU, FESIA
4 AND YOUR BUDGET TEAM AND ALL OF OUR BOARD OFFICES AS WELL FOR
5 THEIR HELP BUT I ESPECIALLY WANT TO RECOGNIZE OUR DEPARTMENT
6 HEADS WHO ARE HERE. CAN YOU RAISE YOUR HAND SO PEOPLE CAN KNOW
7 WHO YOU ALL ARE? THESE ARE THE FOLKS THAT RUN AND OPERATE THE
8 TRAINS FOR THE BUDGET. AND I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK THEM
9 BECAUSE THIS HAS BEEN A CHALLENGING TIME, NOT JUST FOR THEM,
10 BUT FOR ALL OF US. AND WHILE YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD A
11 DESCRIPTION OF WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE GOING THROUGH, A FISCAL
12 AUSTERITY PLAN ONCE AGAIN, THIS ONE IS SERIOUS AND IT'S A BIG
13 HIT. IT IS A BIG HIT WHEN WE HEAR FROM OUR CEO THAT WE'RE
14 GOING TO BE FACING A STAGGERING \$4,000,000,000 WORTH OF
15 SETTLEMENTS IN AB218 UNPRECEDENTED IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY AND
16 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO OWN UP TO AND WE HAVE TO
17 PREVENT FROM EVER HAPPENING AGAIN AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE
18 TO WORK WITH OUR LEGISLATORS TO GET A FIX BECAUSE THIS CAN'T
19 CONTINUE TO GO ON. WE CAN'T SUSTAIN OUR LEVEL OF SERVICES TO
20 THE 10,000,000 PEOPLE THAT WE ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE IF THIS
21 KEEPS GOING ON AND ON AND THERE'S OTHER ITEMS THAT MIGHT COME
22 UP THAT COULD IMPACT US AS WELL. I KNOW THAT THE
23 \$2,000,000,000 THAT WE ARE ESTIMATING AND LOST REVENUE ALSO
24 FROM THE FIRES AND MY HEART GOES OUT TO THE RESIDENTS IN
25 PALISADES AND ALSO IN ALTADENA, PASADENA AND ALL THOSE AREAS,



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1 ALL OF US HAVE BEEN IMPACTED. JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT WE WERE
2 GETTING OUT OF THE COVID PANDEMIC, OH MY GOD, THE SHOE ON THE
3 OTHER FOOT FELL OFF. ONLY THIS TIME OUR FOOT ISN'T HEALING.
4 THERE ARE SORES THERE. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT THE CONTINUING
5 DROP IN PROPERTY TAXES, AS YOU OUTLINED, IS SOMETHING THAT
6 PERHAPS WE REALLY HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT. AND NOW THAT YOU HAVE
7 PUT IT IN A GRAPH AND YOU CAN SHOW US HOW WE HAVE SEEMINGLY
8 JUST DECLINED AND WILL CONTINUE NOW BECAUSE OF EVEN MORE COSTS
9 THAT ARE GOING TO BE IMPARTED UPON US AND THE FACT THAT WE'RE
10 NOT GOING TO GET A LOT OF THAT PROPERTY TAX THAT WE WERE
11 THINKING ABOUT. I THINK IT'S A 1% POINT LESS, WHICH MEANS A
12 \$1,000,000,000 OR SO. THAT HURTS. THAT HURTS OUR COUNTY
13 SERVICES AND OUR EMPLOYEES. BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT SOME OF
14 THIS CAN BE SEEN INSURMOUNTABLE, BUT WE'VE GONE THROUGH THIS
15 BEFORE AND I'VE BEEN HERE NOW TEN YEARS AND I KNOW THAT WE'VE
16 MANAGED TO WEATHER. IT DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE IN THE BEST SHAPE, I
17 REALIZE THAT, AND WE NEED TO DO MORE. BUT I WANT TO FOCUS A
18 LITTLE BIT OF MY COMMENTS ON WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE
19 CONGRESSIONAL LEVEL. AND, FOR EXAMPLE, THE LATEST FIGURES
20 PASSED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS RECONCILIATION BILL
21 PROJECTS \$880,000,000,000 IN CUTS TO HEALTH PROGRAMS LIKE
22 MEDICAID. AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
23 GRAPPLE WITH BECAUSE THE STATE, AS YOU KNOW, WILL PASS THIS
24 THROUGH TO US. IF THEY DON'T GET THEIR SHARE, WE WON'T GET OUR
25 SHARE. AND I DO WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THAT LATER, I GUESS AS



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1 QUESTIONS DO COME UP. AND PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW THAT THAT HIT IS
2 VERY REAL FOR L.A. COUNTY. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 3,400,000
3 RESIDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY COVERED BY MEDI-CAL IN OUR COUNTY
4 AND WE'RE THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY FOLKS AND CUTS TO
5 MEDICAID ARE GOING TO RESULT IN MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN LOS
6 ANGELES LOSING THEIR HEALTH CARE RIGHT AT A TIME WHEN THEY
7 NEED IT THE MOST. FOR ME, THIS IS UNTHINKABLE. AND FURTHER, I
8 WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S PROJECTED THAT 1,600,000 RESIDENTS ARE
9 ENROLLED IN OUR CALFRESH PROGRAM. THAT'S THE FOOD ASSISTANCE
10 PROGRAM WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS
11 ARE TRYING TO SLASH BY \$200,000,000,000. SO, I WANT TO
12 UNDERSTAND AT SOME POINT WHAT THESE IMPACTS ARE GOING TO HAVE
13 ON THE DELIVERY OF SERVICE, NOT JUST FROM OUR DEPARTMENT
14 HEADS, BUT ALSO FROM YOU, OUR CEO AND OUR FISCAL AGENTS. AND I
15 KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE FIGHTING SOME OF THESE IN COURT,
16 WHICH IS GOOD, AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC IS
17 FULLY AWARE OF WHAT OUR STRATEGY AND OUR PLAN IS GOING TO BE
18 MOVING FORWARD. I AM CONCERNED THOUGH THAT THE FEDS ARE ALSO
19 SIGNALING CUTS THAT WOULD DECIMATE HIV AND STD PROGRAMS TO THE
20 TUNE OF \$767,000,000 IN FUNDING. AND THAT IN MANY WAYS ISN'T
21 DIRECTLY GOING TO IMPACT SAY OUR DEPARTMENT BUT IT'S ALL THOSE
22 FEDERALLY QUALIFIED CLINICS ALL OF THOSE FOLKS THAT ARE OUT IN
23 THE FIELD DOING THE PREVENTION WORK RIGHT NOW. JUST WHEN WE
24 FEEL LIKE WE HAVE A HANDLE ON CONTROLLING THIS EPIDEMIC, IT'S
25 GOING TO SLIP AWAY UNLESS WE STAND UP AND DO SOMETHING. I'M



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1 EQUALLY CONCERNED THAT THERE ARE THREATS ALSO TO THE TEMPORARY
2 ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES KNOWN AS TANF AND THE CALWORKS
3 PROGRAM WHICH NEARLY IMPACTS ABOUT 280,000 RESIDENTS WHO
4 DEPEND ON THAT PROGRAM NOW. AND WITH ALL THESE LOOMING
5 POTENTIAL CUTS THAT ARE THAT ARE BEING LEVELED AGAINST THE
6 ENTIRE COUNTRY BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY IN PLACES LIKE LOS
7 ANGELES, I THINK WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
8 PROTECT AS MUCH AS WE CAN FOR OUR RESIDENTS. THE RECOMMENDED
9 BUDGET, AS YOU KNOW BEFORE US TODAY, IS \$47,900,000,000, BUT
10 THAT'S A REDUCTION, AS YOU SAID EARLIER, \$1,300,000,000 FROM
11 OUR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, \$1,300,000,000. AND AS ALWAYS, THE
12 PROCESS ESTIMATES, AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE REFINED AS WE
13 MOVE THROUGH THIS. SO THIS ISN'T THE LAST BITE AT THE BUDGET,
14 AND IT MAY BE CHIPPED AWAY MORE, GIVEN WHAT WE'RE SEEING AND
15 PENDING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES A 3% CUT
16 ACROSS OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND THAT REFLECTS, AS YOU SAID,
17 310 POSITIONS THAT WERE BUDGETED FOR BUT NOT YET FILLED AND
18 I'M AND I CONCUR WITH THE CHAIR THAT WE NEED TO EXPLAIN THAT
19 TO THE PUBLIC WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ALSO WE KNOW THAT MANY OF
20 OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE ALREADY PUT OFF SPENDING FUNDS ON
21 SERVICES AND SUPPLIES OR CONTRACTS AND COMMODITIES AS WELL AS
22 OTHER COST SAVINGS. SO THAT WILL IMPACT THEIR BUDGETS AS WELL.
23 I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN MAINTAIN THE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS, AS
24 I SAID EARLIER, FOR OUR RESIDENTS. BUT I WANT TO SAY THAT
25 WHILE THIS IS A HARD, A HARD, HOW COULD I SAY, STEP TO TAKE,



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SUPERVISORS

1 AND IT IS GOING TO BE, I THINK, DEVASTATING FOR MANY OF OUR
2 RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT ARE ALREADY BEING HEAVILY
3 IMPACTED BECAUSE OF DISASTERS, HUMAN AND OTHERWISE, THAT THIS
4 IS THE TIME WHEN WE ALL NEED TO COME TOGETHER. AND I WOULD
5 EVEN ASK THAT OUR COUNTY WORKFORCE REMEMBER WE'RE WITH THEM,
6 WE'RE WITH YOU, BUT WE ALSO NEED THEM TO BE WITH US. AND I
7 WANT TO ENCOURAGE THEM BECAUSE I KNOW WE'RE ALSO GOING THROUGH
8 NEGOTIATIONS TO STAY AT THE TABLE TO DO THE RIGHT THING ON
9 BEHALF OF OUR RESIDENTS AND THEIR DUTY AS PUBLIC SERVANTS. I
10 ALSO WANT TO CALL OUT THAT THE BUDGET DOES INCLUDE SOME, I
11 THINK, VERY IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS, PARTICULARLY FOR SOME OF
12 THE RESIDENTS THAT I REPRESENT AND ITEMS THAT I HAVE BEEN
13 PUSHING FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS, ONE OF WHICH INCLUDES THE
14 \$12,300,000,000 FOR THE YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM. SOME OF US WERE
15 ACTUALLY PRODUCTS OF THOSE PROGRAMS WHEN THEY WERE CALLED CEDA
16 AND JPA. I WAS ONE OF THOSE KIDS, WAS MY FIRST PAYCHECK. BUT
17 THIS PROGRAM WILL HELP PROVIDE JOBS TO 10,000 YOUTH WHERE THEY
18 NEED IT THE MOST. SO, I'M HAPPY THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
19 PRESERVE THAT. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT THE OTHER THING THAT I
20 THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT IS WE NOT FORGET ABOUT OUR FOSTER
21 YOUTH, OUR TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH, AND OUR YOUTH THAT ARE
22 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND YOUTH THAT ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN
23 OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM AND INCLUDING PREGNANT AND PARENTING YOUTH.
24 LET'S NOT FORGET THEM. I'M ALSO PLEASED TO SEE THAT IN THE
25 BUDGET, AND I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF



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1 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND TO YOU THE CEO FOR LISTENING
2 TO THE BOARD FOR PROVIDING THE \$5,500,000 FOR THE OFFICE OF
3 IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS REPRESENT L.A. PROGRAM. THANK YOU. THAT'S A,
4 HOW COULD I SAY, A DROP IN THE BUCKET MAYBE, BUT IT'S A STEP
5 IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK FOR MORE.
6 SO, BE PREPARED. RIGHT NOW, WE NEED TO PROVIDE LEGAL
7 REPRESENTATION FOR OUR IMMIGRANTS WHO ARE FACING DEPORTATION,
8 AND ESPECIALLY MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. AND GIVEN THE
9 AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS BY THIS FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION, THE PROGRAM
10 IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT NOW THAN EVER BEFORE. AND AS PEOPLE MAY
11 KNOW, IMMIGRANTS MAKE UP 35% OF THE COUNTY'S POPULATION, WITH
12 OVER 90% HAVING LIVED HERE FOR OVER A DECADE. THEY'RE OUR
13 FAMILY, THEY'RE OUR FRIENDS, THEY'RE OUR WORKERS, THEY'RE OUR
14 STUDENTS, AND MUCH MORE. AND AS WE HAVE SEEN MORE RECENTLY,
15 EVEN PEOPLE WITH RESIDENT STATUS ARE AT RISK OF REMOVAL. AND I
16 WAS PLEASED TO SEE \$3,000,000 FOR THE SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS
17 CENTERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT, WHICH PROVIDES TRAINED
18 LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ON SITE AT SELECT COURTHOUSES TO ASSIST
19 LITIGANTS WITH THEIR PAPERWORK FOR VARIOUS COURT PROCESSES,
20 SUCH AS CHILD CUSTODY, TENANT EVICTION, AND RESTRAINING
21 ORDERS. THESE ARE VITAL SERVICES THAT OUR CONSTITUENTS NEED.
22 THE FUNDING FOR REPRESENT L.A. AND SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS
23 CENTER IS ONLY ONE TIME. LET ME REMIND PEOPLE. SO, I WOULD ASK
24 AND REQUEST THAT THE CEO CONTINUE TO SEEK ONGOING FUNDING,
25 ESPECIALLY OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. AND I ALSO WOULD ASK THAT



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1 WE INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET, AND THIS IS ALSO A ONE-TIME FUND,
2 FOR A GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME EXPANSION FOR TRANSITIONAL AGE
3 YOUTH. THAT PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY ADMINISTERED BY THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, AND THEY PROVIDE
5 ELIGIBLE TAY STUDENTS OR PARTICIPANTS MONTHLY STIPENDS OF
6 \$1,000. THEY RECEIVE COUNSELING SERVICES, FINANCIAL LITERACY,
7 MONEY MANAGEMENT, AND HELP TO SUPPORT THEM SUCCESSFULLY
8 TRANSITION INTO ADULTHOOD ONCE THEY LEAVE OUR CARE. TO DATE,
9 CLOSE TO 300 OF THOSE TAY RECIPIENTS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE
10 PROGRAM. AND FOR OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THE BUDGET
11 INCLUDES \$125,000 IN ONE-TIME FUNDS TO CONTINUE CONSULTING
12 SERVICES FOR GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM. ONE TIME. LET'S
13 SEE IF WE CAN FIND MORE TO HELP EXPAND THAT PROGRAM. AND I
14 JUST WANT TO SAY I HAVE BEEN A LONG TIME SUPPORTER THROUGHOUT
15 MY CAREER, BOTH IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, THE CONGRESS, AND AS
16 FORMER SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA, THAT WHEN WE
17 HAVE FIGHTS AND CHALLENGES AHEAD OF US, WE DON'T WALK AWAY. WE
18 MOVE STRAIGHT TOWARD THEM. AND I WOULD EXPECT THE COUNTY AND
19 ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES, OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND OUR PUBLIC TO
20 PLEASE SUPPORT US IN THAT MANNER BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT TO DO.
21 SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND WE CAN TURN TO
22 QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

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



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. IF I COULD JUST ASK THE
2 CEO, AND ACTUALLY NOT TODAY, IF YOU COULD GIVE US A REPORT
3 BACK WITH THE INFORMATION THE NEXT TIME WE CONVENE, ON HOW
4 MUCH HAS BEEN SPENT OF OUR CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
5 FUNDS AS OF NOW. I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE BOARD AS
6 WELL AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH OF THAT
7 MONEY HAS BEEN SPENT. AND I DON'T BELIEVE THE SHERIFF IS HERE.
8 I'M CURIOUS, BASED ON OUR EARLIER CONVERSATION AROUND THE
9 CONDITIONS IN THE JAIL AND STAFFING AND OVERTIME, I KNOW THAT
10 IN RECENT BUDGET YEARS WE HAVE FUNDED ADDITIONAL ACADEMIES AND
11 I'M CURIOUS AS TO HOW MANY GRADUATES OF THOSE ACADEMIES ARE
12 COMING TO ACTUALLY WORK FOR US VERSUS THOSE THAT PEEL OFF
13 COMPARED TO THOSE WHO PERHAPS GO TO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT
14 ENTITIES. YOU KNOW, IT'S A BUDGET QUESTION FOR ME IN THAT WE
15 HAVE FUNDED THE ADDITIONAL ACADEMIES IN RESPONSE TO YOUR
16 DESIRE, AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COUNTY IS
17 BENEFITING FROM HAVING PAID FOR THOSE ACADEMIES AND THOSE WHO
18 GO THROUGH THEM AS OPPOSED TO LOSING THEM TO OTHER POLICE
19 DEPARTMENTS.

20
21 **GERARDO J. PINEDO:** CHAIR BARGER, BOARD MEMBERS, GERARDO
22 PINEDO, CFAO FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HERE REPRESENTING
23 SHERIFF LUNA, ACCOMPANIED BY CHIEF OF STAFF SERGIO ESCOBEDO.
24 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THAT'S A REALLY GOOD QUESTION. WE'RE
25 TRACKING THAT CLOSELY. TO GIVE YOU JUST A FEW GENERAL NUMBERS,



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SUPERVISORS

1 WE TOOK A FIRST OF ALL ON BEHALF OF THE SHERIFF, THANK YOU FOR
2 FUNDING THE ADDITIONAL ACADEMY CLASSES. WE ARE IN A HIGHLY
3 COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT. ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ACROSS
4 THE REGION WERE ALL COMPETING FOR THE SAME APPLICANTS AND WHEN
5 YOU HAVE OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OFFERING HIGHER
6 SALARIES, SIGNING BONUSES, AND ADVERTISING NEAR OUR
7 FACILITIES, IT'S EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE. SO HAVING THE EXTRA
8 ACADEMIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR HELPS US TO REALLY ENGAGE THOSE
9 APPLICANTS RIGHT AWAY SO THAT WE GET THEM ENROLLED, GET THEM
10 IN THE TRAINING, AND THAT REALLY AVOIDS THEM GOING TO
11 COMPETING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. SO, ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF
12 LUNA, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. JUST TO SHARE A FEW
13 NUMBERS, WE TOOK A LOOK AT THE LAST FIVE CALENDAR YEARS, AND
14 DURING THAT TIME WE GRADUATED FROM OUR ACADEMY'S L.A. COUNTY
15 DEPUTY SHERIFF'S 1,580. ALL OF THOSE CLASSES HAD PARTICIPATING
16 AGENCIES. THE AVERAGE NUMBER OR PERCENTAGE FOR OTHER LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IS APPROXIMATELY
18 20%. WE TOOK A LOOK AT OUR ATTRITION RATES AS WELL, AND OF THE
19 1,580 DEPUTY SHERIFFS THAT GRADUATED DURING THAT FIVE-YEAR
20 PERIOD, 74 OF THOSE LEFT OUR DEPARTMENT, SEPARATED SERVICE
21 FROM L.A. COUNTY. SO THAT'S AN ATTRITION RATE OF APPROXIMATELY
22 4.68%. WE ARE DOING BETTER IN THIS AREA. WE HAVE MANY
23 INITIATIVES THAT ARE ENGAGING OUR EMPLOYEES ACTIVELY. I'LL
24 GIVE YOU ONE EXAMPLE. JUST LAST MONTH, WE HAD THE WOMEN'S
25 SYMPOSIUM THAT IS MEANT TO ATTRACT NOT ONLY WOMEN APPLICANTS,



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1 BUT TO RETAIN EXISTING WOMEN DEPUTIES. CURRENTLY, WE HAVE
2 19.2% OF OUR DEPUTIES THAT ARE WOMEN. SHERIFF LUNA IS
3 COMMITTED TO INCREASING THAT NUMBER TO 30% BY 2030. SO, WE
4 HAVE A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES TO RETAIN OUR EXISTING STAFF AND
5 TO FILL THE VACANCIES, WHICH AT THE MOMENT, UNFORTUNATELY,
6 TOTAL OF JUST OVER 3,000 THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT. AND A
7 LITTLE OVER HALF OF THOSE ARE DEPUTY SHERIFFS.

8

9 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, THE ATTRITION NUMBER YOU GAVE, YOU
10 SAID THEY SEPARATED FROM SERVICE. DOES THAT MEAN THEY
11 GRADUATED FROM THE ACADEMY, THEY WERE HIRED BY YOU AND THEN
12 LEFT, OR THEY GRADUATED FROM THE ACADEMY AND THEN WENT
13 SOMEPLACE ELSE?

14

15 **GERARDO J. PINEDO:** SO, WE DO, THAT'S A REALLY GOOD QUESTION,
16 SUPERVISOR. WE DO EXIT INTERVIEWS AND UNFORTUNATELY NOT ALL
17 PEOPLE TELL US WHERE THEY GO WHEN THEY SEPARATE COUNTY
18 SERVICE.

19

20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY. YOU'RE SAYING SEPARATE SERVICE.
21 SO, YOU'RE COUNTING IT AS COUNTY SERVICE WHEN THEY'RE IN THE
22 ACADEMY?

23

24 **GERARDO J. PINEDO:** NO, THESE ARE GRADUATES. SO, THESE ARE
25 PEOPLE WHO GRADUATE THE ACADEMY, WHO WITHIN THAT FIVE-YEAR



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SUPERVISORS

1 PERIOD THAT WE TOOK A LOOK AT.

2

3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** WITHIN FIVE YEARS.

4

5 **GERARDO J. PINEDO:** YEP. SO, WITHIN THAT FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, 74
6 GRADUATES WHO WERE EMPLOYED AS DEPUTY SHERIFFS, TAN AND
7 GREENS, LIKE THE UNIFORM YOU'RE SEEING SERGIO WEAR, DURING
8 THAT FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, 74 OF THEM LEFT COUNTY SERVICE.

9

10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, MY QUESTION IS NOT, SO DO YOU
11 THINK THE NUMBERS ARE HIGHER, THOSE WHO GRADUATE FROM THE
12 ACADEMY AND NEVER ENGAGE, NEVER BECOME A COUNTY SHERIFF, THEY
13 IMMEDIATELY GO TO ANOTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT? THAT'S
14 WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET AT. LET ME TELL YOU WHY. I HEAR FROM
15 CONSTITUENTS AND HAVE HEARD THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, WHEN WE
16 LOOK AT THE PERCENTAGE OF NCC THAT GOES TO THE SHERIFF, PEOPLE
17 AREN'T CONCERNED, GIVEN THE NEEDS FOR NCC. AND SO, I DON'T
18 WANT, AND I'M CLEAR THAT WE NEEDED MORE ACADEMIES, THAT YOU'RE
19 UNDER RESOURCED. IF WE'RE LOOKING AT THE QUALITY OF POLICING
20 AND THE CALIBER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
21 PEOPLE AREN'T WORKING OVERTIME, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
22 TRAINING IS GOING WELL, AND WE HAVE THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN THE
23 TAN UNIFORMS. AND SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT
24 SPENDING OUR VALUABLE NCC ON PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T LEAVE. AND L.A.
25 COUNTY TAXPAYERS DON'T GET THE BENEFIT OF THEIR INVESTMENT.



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SUPERVISORS

1 THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY.

2

3 **GERARDO J. PINEDO:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WE SHARE, WE AGREE
4 100% WITH YOU, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE
5 TO KEEP THOSE DEPUTIES HERE WITH US.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BUT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, CAN I
8 JUST GET A CLARIFICATION? IN THE ACADEMY, FOR EXAMPLE, YOU GOT
9 SOME STATE AGENCIES WHO ALSO SEND THROUGH THE ACADEMY. WE'RE
10 NOT PAYING FOR THOSE. SO IF PASADENA PD PUTS FOUR PEOPLE
11 THROUGH THE ACADEMY, PASADENA PD PAYS FOR THOSE SLOTS. BECAUSE
12 WHEN THEY GRADUATE, THEY'RE WEARING A PASADENA POLICE OFFICER
13 UNIFORM, CORRECT?

14

15 **GERARDO J. PINEDO:** CHAIR BARGER, WE HAVE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED,
16 HISTORICALLY WE HAVE NOT CHARGED PARTICIPATING AGENCIES. SO,
17 WE HAVE RECENTLY INFORMED ALL OTHER POLICE CHIEFS THAT WE WILL
18 BE CHARGING THEM FOR ENROLLING THEIR RECRUITS IN OUR ACADEMY.
19 SO, ONE THING THAT HAPPENS IS --

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M SHOCKED BECAUSE I WAS TOLD
22 ACTUALLY THE OPPOSITE.

23

24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO--

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, NO, THAT'S AN IMPORTANT,
2 THANK YOU FOR THAT, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. THAT IS SHOCKING.

3
4 **GERARDO J. PINEDO:** SO, SUPERVISORS, ONE THING THAT HAPPENS,
5 AND SERGIO MAY WANT TO CHIME IN HERE, IS PARTICIPATING
6 AGENCIES WILL OFTENTIMES SEND TRAINERS THAT ARE PART OF OUR
7 ACADEMY, SO THEY OFFSET SOME OF THE COST IN THAT REGARD. BUT
8 WE DO HAVE A PLAN AND WE HAVE ANNOUNCED AND WE HAVE SOUGHT THE
9 ASSISTANCE OF THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER TO ESTABLISH A RATE THAT
10 WE WILL CHARGE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES WHEN THEY SEND THEIR
11 RECRUITS THROUGH OUR ACADEMY?

12
13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. ONE MORE QUESTION FOR ME,
14 IF I MAY, MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE SHERIFF, AND THANK YOU ALL FOR
15 COMING.

16
17 **SERGIO ESCOBEDO:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, CHAIR
18 BARGER. YES, JUST FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE TRAINING COSTS,
19 WHEN PARTICIPATING AGENCIES SEND THEIR OFFICERS TO OUR
20 TRAINING, WE ARE NOT BILLING THEM FOR THE TRAINING, BUT THEIR
21 SALARY IS BEING PAID BY THEIR AGENCY, BY THEIR CITIES, NOT BY
22 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. BUT IT'S THE TRAINING COSTS THAT ARE
23 NOT BEING RECOUPED.

24
25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BUT LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION, AND



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1 I'M SORRY TO INTERJECT, IF YOU'VE GOT ACADEMY CLASSES, HOW
2 MANY ARE IN THE ACADEMY CLASSES RIGHT NOW? NOT THAT ARE
3 PHYSICALLY THERE, BUT THAT YOU, CAPACITY-WISE?

4

5 **SERGIO ESCOBEDO:** IDEALLY, WE WOULD WANT TO REACH APPROXIMATELY
6 100 PER CLASS.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, IF YOU HAVE 50, IS IT PER
9 CADET OR IS IT THIS FIXED PRICE WHETHER IT'S 50 OR 100?

10

11 **GERARDO J. PINEDO:** IT'S GENERALLY A FIXED PRICE, BUT I WILL
12 SHARE THAT THERE ARE RATIOS. SO, WE HAVE ONE TRAINER TO
13 APPROXIMATELY 25 DEPUTIES FOR THE GENERAL COURSES. WE DO HAVE
14 OTHER PARTS OF THE CURRICULUM WHERE WE HAVE ONE TRAINER PER
15 FOUR RECRUITS AND IT VARIES BASED ON THE KIND OF TRAINING THAT
16 THEY'RE RECEIVING.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

19

20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. I WAS NOT SUPPORTIVE. I
21 HAVE, YOU KNOW, CONTINUED TO ENGAGE YOUR DEPARTMENT IN
22 CONVERSATION ABOUT THE PLAN AND ACTIONS AROUND THE ELIMINATION
23 OF DEPUTY GANGS FROM YOUR MIDST, FROM OUR MIDST, BASED ON
24 EXPERIENCES OF MY CONSTITUENTS AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WE'VE
25 HELD ZOOM TOWN HALLS TOGETHER WHERE WE HEARD FROM FAMILIES,



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1 AND SO WE'VE CONTINUED TO ASK THE QUESTION. SO, IN THE BUDGET
2 IN 23/24, THERE WERE THREE CAPTAIN POSITIONS THAT WERE FUNDED.
3 FOR ME, THAT WAS CART BEFORE THE HORSE BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE
4 A PLAN. SO, I WAS NEVER REALLY CLEAR WHAT THOSE CAPTAINS WERE
5 GOING TO DO. BUT HERE WE ARE NOW SEVERAL YEARS LATER. AND SO,
6 CAN YOU SHARE WITH ME WHAT ARE SOME OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE
7 ADDITIONAL THREE CAPTAIN POSITIONS THAT WERE PROVIDED?

8

9 **GERARDO J. PINEDO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. YEAH, THE TWO-
10 CAPTAIN MODEL HAS BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL FOR US. WE HAD ISSUES
11 AS ADDRESSED, AS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE RAND REPORT THAT WERE RUDE
12 CAUSES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT GANGS, CLIQUES AND SUBGROUPS. I'D
13 LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE BOARD FIVE EXAMPLES OF IMPACTS THAT
14 HAVE BEEN VERY POSITIVE FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS A
15 RESULT OF THE TWO-CAPTAIN MODEL, AND WE APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S
16 APPROVAL OF THAT AND FUNDING THAT. THE FIRST IS IMPROVEMENT IN
17 OVERSIGHT AND TRAINING. SINCE THESE STATIONS NOW HAVE A
18 CAPTAIN THAT IS NOT ESSENTIALLY MIRED IN ADMINISTRATIVE
19 DUTIES, THAT CAPTAIN IS NOW ABLE TO IDENTIFY ISSUES EARLY ON,
20 PROVIDE TRAINING, MENTORING, GUIDANCE TO DEPUTIES TO RESOLVE
21 ANY PROBLEMATIC ISSUES BEFORE THEY SNOWBALL INTO BIGGER
22 ISSUES. THE SECOND POSITIVE IMPACT, IT'S LOWERED THE BACKLOG
23 OF USE OF FORCE CASES AND COMPLAINTS, ENABLING APPROPRIATE AND
24 TIMELY REVIEW AND ADJUDICATION OF THOSE CASES. THIRD, IT'S
25 LOWERED THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF USES OF FORCE, THEREBY REDUCING



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1 LIABILITY EXPOSURE TO THE COUNTY AND PROVIDING IMPROVED
2 POLICING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MODERN DAY PRACTICES. FOURTH, IT'S
3 INCREASED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, WHICH SHERIFF LUNA AND I KNOW
4 THE BOARD REALLY WANT TO SEE. AND FIFTH, WE ARE NOW IN
5 COMPLIANCE MORE THAN EVER BEFORE WITH SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
6 PROVISIONS AND WE CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS IN THIS AREA. THE
7 MONITORS HAVE SHARED WITH OUR DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
8 CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING THAT IN THE LAST TWO YEARS WE'VE MADE
9 MORE PROGRESS THAN THE PRIOR SEVERAL YEARS IN THIS PARTICULAR
10 AREA. SO THOSE ARE FIVE EXAMPLES OF VERY POSITIVE IMPACTS.

11
12 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND SO THOSE, AND THAT'S BECAUSE OF
13 THE NEW TWO-CAPTAIN MODEL IN THOSE PARTICULAR PRECINCTS. HAVE
14 YOU ROLLED OUT THE TWO-CAPTAIN MODEL BEYOND THOSE PRECINCTS?

15
16 **GERARDO J. PINEDO:** NOT AT, CURRENTLY SUPERVISOR WE HAVE THEM
17 IN PALMDALE, LANCASTER, AND EAST L.A. ONLY. OKAY. AND I HEAR
18 YOUR FIVE POINTS THAT SOUND GOOD IN TERMS OF THE REDUCTIONS
19 THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO GARNER, BUT IS THAT ANY DIRECT
20 CORRELATION TO GANG ACTIVITY OF DEPUTIES? REDUCTION IN USE OF
21 FORCE, ET CETERA, ET CETERA, BUT HELP ME CONNECT THE DOTS IN
22 TERMS OF THE OFTEN-REPORTED GANG-LIKE BEHAVIOR BY SOME
23 DEPUTIES.

24
25 **SERGIO ESCOBEDO:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. IT



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1 ALLOWS, THE TWO-CAPTAIN MODEL ALLOWS THE SUPERVISION TO BE
2 ENHANCED. WE TALK ABOUT METRICS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN LANCASTER
3 STATION, WE TALK ABOUT USE OF FORCE. WE EXPERIENCED A 15%
4 REDUCTION IN USE OF FORCE INVESTIGATIONS. BACKLOG OF USE OF
5 FORCE PACKETS, OVERDUE USE OF FORCE PACKETS, 74% REDUCTION.
6 THAT'S A HUGE NUMBER. SO, IT ALLOWS OUR CAPTAINS TO HAVE
7 ADDITIONAL OVERSIGHT AND IDENTIFY PROBLEMS EARLY ON, TO
8 IDENTIFY PATTERNS OF BEHAVIOR OR ABUSE, TO EXERCISE THEIR
9 DISCRETION IN ORDER TO CHANGE THE CULTURE OF WHAT'S BEING
10 CREATED BY OVERSIGHT ON THOSE BACKLOG CASES.

11
12 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I GOT IT. SO, THESE PRECINCTS WERE
13 SELECTED BASED ON THE INCIDENCE OF GANG-RELATED ACTIVITIES.
14 AND SO, ARE YOU GOING TO LOOK AT ROLLING OUT THIS TWO-CAPTAIN
15 MODEL TO OTHER AREAS WHERE YOU HAVE HIGH INCIDENCE OF
16 EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT NECESSARILY THE
17 SAME. THEY COULD BE A DIFFERENT METRIC. RIGHT.

18
19 **SERGIO ESCOBEDO:** AND HOPEFULLY IN THE FUTURE WE CAN WITH
20 DEPENDING ON THE BUDGET AND THE REQUEST IS --

21
22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM
23 CHAIR.

24
25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FESIA, SEEING THERE'S



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SUPERVISORS

1 NO OTHER QUESTION, CAN YOU ANSWER THEN THE QUESTION, BECAUSE
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS BROUGHT IT UP AS WELL. AND EXCUSE ME,
3 SUPERVISOR SOLIS BROUGHT IT UP AS WELL. AS IT RELATES TO THE
4 FEDERAL CUTS ON LIKE THE HEALTHCARE WITH A BEILENSON AND EVEN,
5 I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF SEPTEMBER 17,000 WOULD APPLY, BUT I KNOW
6 BEILENSON, HOW WOULD WE PLAN FOR HEARINGS AROUND THAT
7 REQUIREMENT, THAT MANDATE?

8

9 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** WE PLAN FOR HEARINGS TO IMPLEMENT THEM?

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, ISN'T IT A MONTH OUT OR
12 SOMETHING?

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, IF WE WERE NOTIFIED IN
15 SUFFICIENT TIME FOR FINAL CHANGES. WE WOULD CERTAINLY REQUEST
16 TO COME TO THE BOARD AND HOLD SOME SORT OF MEETING TO SHARE
17 WITH THE BOARD, HEAR WHAT THE PROPOSED CUTS WILL BE. THIS IS
18 ASSUMING THAT WE'VE GONE THROUGH SOME COURT PROCESS AND WE'RE
19 UNSUCCESSFUL. SO, WE WOULD COME TO THE BOARD AND SAY HERE IS
20 THE PLAN. HERE IS A PLAN FOR MITIGATION. AND THEN ONCE WE HAVE
21 MITIGATED AS MUCH AS WE POSSIBLY CAN, IF NECESSARY, HERE IS
22 THE PLAN FOR CURTAILMENTS, REDUCTIONS, AND LAYOFFS. IF THE
23 FEDERAL FUNDING REDUCTION IS OF THAT SCALE.

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT WITH



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SUPERVISORS

1 HEALTHCARE, WE HAVE TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING. I MEAN, WITH
2 EVERY DEPARTMENT, I WOULD HOPE WE WOULD DO THAT, BUT WITH
3 THIS, WITH HEALTH, IT'S IN A DIFFERENT CATEGORY.

4

5 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, YES, I'M SORRY. SO, WITH THE HEALTHCARE
6 SPECIFICALLY, IF THERE WERE SUBSTANTIAL CUTS, WE WOULD LIKELY
7 HAVE TO CLOSE ONE OF OUR HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTY, DEPENDING ON
8 THE NATURE, THE SCALE, SCOPE, AND EXTENT OF THE LOSS IN
9 FEDERAL FUNDING. IT WOULD, YOU KNOW, DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF

10 --

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, CAN I JUST ASK ONE QUESTION?
13 I'M GOING TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL. CAN YOU PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION
14 ON WHAT THIS BOARD HAS TO DO TO SATISFY BEILENSON HEARINGS,
15 BOTH AT THE STATE LEVEL, SO THAT WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING IN
16 TERMS OF WHAT OUR OBLIGATION IS AS A BOARD MOVING FORWARD
17 BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND ALL THAT BUT THERE'S A WE HAVE A
18 REQUIREMENT THAT'S DIFFERENT ON THE HEALTH CARE SIDE AND IT'S
19 USUALLY DRIVEN BY COUNTY COUNSEL.

20

21 **DAWYN HARRISON:** WE'LL PROVIDE THAT REPORT BACK.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND THEN, OH, GO AHEAD
24 SUPERVISOR.

25



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YEAH, THANK YOU. MY QUESTION WAS MORE ABOUT,
2 THIS BUDGET DOESN'T REFLECT THE CURRENT CUTS. AND ONE IN
3 PARTICULAR WAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WHERE I BELIEVE
4 \$45,000,000, WHICH RESULTED IN OVER 100 EMPLOYEES THAT WERE
5 NOTIFIED, GIVEN A TWO-WEEK NOTICE, I BELIEVE. SO THOSE THINGS
6 TO ME ARE REALLY CRITICAL TO TALK ABOUT. AND WHAT WE'RE GOING
7 TO DO, HOW DO WE BACKFILL THAT, OR DOES IT NEVER GET
8 BACKFILLED? WHAT YOU KNOW, AND THAT TO ME IS VERY, VERY
9 IMPORTANT.

10
11 **FESIA DAVEPORT:** SO, SUPERVISOR, WE UNDERSTAND, AND COUNTY
12 COUNSEL CAN CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG. SO, WE HAVE REQUESTED A
13 TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER SO THAT THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN. THE
14 RESTRAINING ORDER WAS GRANTED, BUT IT'S ONLY TEMPORARY. AND
15 SO, THEN WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO COURT FOR AN EVIDENTIARY
16 HEARING AND GET A FINAL DECISION. AND THEN ONCE THAT DECISION
17 IS MADE, THEN OF COURSE WE WOULD COME BACK TO THE BOARD AND
18 BRIEF THE BOARD ON WHAT THE PROBLEM. ONE IS A BUDGETARY PIECE.
19 WHAT IS THE BUDGETARY IMPACT? AND THEN IF THE BUDGETARY IMPACT
20 REQUIRES THAT WE GO INTO CURTAILMENTS, OUR WORKFORCE
21 REDUCTION, AND THEN WE'LL WORK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO BRING THAT BACK TO THE BOARD.

23
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I'M JUST CONCERNED BECAUSE IT SEEMS AS
25 THOUGH EVERY WEEK THERE'S A HIT ON ARTS LIBRARY WHICH IS GOING



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SUPERVISORS

1 TO IMPACT US AND OUR PARKS AS WELL. AND DOT, DEPARTMENT OF
2 TRANSPORTATION, WHICH I BELIEVE HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO IMPACT
3 OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORK. SO, AT SOME POINT IT MIGHT BE
4 WORTHWHILE TO JUST HAVE A CONFERENCE MEETING HERE WITH
5 EVERYONE AND PUT THAT AS AN ITEM TO TALK ABOUT WHERE THESE
6 CUTS ARE AND WHAT IS OUR PLAN OF ACTION.

7

8 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, IT MAY BE THAT IT'S NOT THAT WE WON'T, SO
9 THE IDEA OF TIME TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION IS, YOU KNOW,
10 AROUND THE TIME OF THE FINAL CHANGES BUDGET BECAUSE THAT GIVES
11 THE BOARD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE BUDGET BEFORE
12 THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR. BUT IF THE TIMING OF ANY FUTURE
13 CUTS IN OUR FEDERAL FUNDING DOESN'T ALLOW FOR THAT, THEN
14 ABSOLUTELY WE WOULD NEED TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD BEFORE
15 THAT.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY, I THINK THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING.

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH. AND THEN, CAN I JUST, ON THE
20 BUDGETED POSITIONS THAT ARE PART OF THE CURTAILMENT, EXPLAIN
21 TO ME HOW DEPARTMENTS HAVE BUDGETED POSITIONS THAT ARE PAID
22 FOR, THAT ARE NEVER FILLED AND THEN DURING CURTAILMENTS, THAT
23 IS THE CURTAILMENT? BECAUSE THAT LEADS ME TO WONDER HOW MANY
24 DEPARTMENTS HAVE BUDGETED POSITIONS, I MEAN, FUNDED POSITIONS
25 THAT JUST KIND OF SIT THERE AND THAT'S I JUST WANT TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 UNDERSTAND BECAUSE PEOPLE ASKED ME.

2

3 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YEAH, SO SUPERVISOR ALMOST IN EACH BUDGET
4 PHASE THE BOARD WILL APPROVE NEW POSITIONS FOR A DEPARTMENT
5 AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS TO DO THINGS IN ORDER TO FILL THAT
6 POSITION. AND SO, THEY CAN DO A RECRUITMENT, THEY CAN HIRE,
7 THEY CAN REQUEST TRANSFERS, THEY CAN PROMOTE FROM WITHIN. SO,
8 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REASONS WHY A POSITION MAY NOT BE FILLED
9 IMMEDIATELY. AND THEN WE KEEP RECORDS IN TERMS OF HOW LONG
10 POSITIONS ARE VACANT. SO, WHAT WE ARE DOING IN THE CURTAILMENT
11 EXERCISE FOR THE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE ELIMINATING VACANT
12 POSITIONS, THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED POSITIONS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN
13 FILLED FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, AND THEY ARE OFFERING THOSE
14 POSITIONS AS PART OF THEIR CURTAILMENT REQUIREMENT. WE WOULD
15 ELIMINATE THE POSITION AND THEREFORE THE FUNDING BEHIND THE
16 POSITION FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO, CAN I FOLLOW UP? SO, GIVE US AN EXAMPLE
19 FIREFIGHTER POSITION. YOU KNOW, WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT
20 BALLPARK?

21

22 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, SUPERVISOR, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES
23 VERY LITTLE NCC FROM THE COUNTY BECAUSE THEY'RE A SPECIAL
24 DISTRICT.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY, LET'S TALK ABOUT DPW.

2

3 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE LIKE THE DISTRICT
4 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. PRIMARILY NCC FUNDED, I BELIEVE AS PART OF
5 THE CURTAILMENT EXERCISE, THEY HAVE 50 VACANT POSITIONS THAT
6 THEY ARE ELIMINATING FROM THEIR BUDGET. SO, THEY'RE GETTING
7 RID OF THE POSITION AND THE MONEY THAT'S USED TO FUND THAT
8 POSITION WE ARE USING FOR THE CURTAILMENT.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** RIGHT. AND THAT, WHAT IS THAT AMOUNT?
11 BECAUSE I'M SURE YOU HAVE IT. MY TEAM IS --

12

13 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** \$8,700,000 FROM THEIR BUDGET.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I THINK THAT'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT. PEOPLE NEED
16 TO REALIZE THAT IT'S MONEY THAT'S BEEN SOCKED AWAY AND THEN
17 WE'RE PULLING IT OUT AND WE'RE PUTTING IT TOWARDS OUR OTHER
18 PRIORITIES, RIGHT?

19

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

21

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

23

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

25



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** TWO QUICK THINGS, A FOLLOW UP ON THAT.
2 AND IT'S IMPORTANT, I THINK, FOR THE PUBLIC AND US TO
3 UNDERSTAND THAT THOSE POSITIONS WEREN'T JUST KIND OF CREATED,
4 THEY WEREN'T MADE UP OUT OF THIN AIR. IT'S DRIVEN BY WORK, BY
5 NEED. YOU KNOW, I THINK OUR ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS ARE CASELOAD
6 DRIVEN, BUT THERE ARE OTHER PROCESSES THAT THESE OTHER NON-
7 CASELOAD DRIVEN DEPARTMENTS USE TO COME UP WITH THEIR STAFFING
8 NEEDS. SO, IT'S NOT LIKE, OH, THESE ARE 50 POSITIONS WE DIDN'T
9 FIELD AND WE NEVER REALLY NEEDED THEM. SO, WE ALL HAVE TO
10 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE WILL BE WORK THAT WILL EITHER NOT GET
11 DONE. IT'S AN EFFORT, IN ESSENCE, A CUT. IT'S A CUT TO
12 SERVICE. IT'S A CUT SOME KIND OF WAY.

13
14 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THAT IS CORRECT.

15
16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY.

17
18 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES.

19
20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE MINDFUL
21 OF THAT. HELP ME UNDERSTAND IN PIGGYBACKING ON SUPERVISOR
22 SOLIS' COMMENTS, BECAUSE I COMPLETELY AGREE WE NEED TO SEE A
23 LIST, ALTHOUGH THAT LIST COULD CHANGE BY THE DAY OF THE WEEK
24 AND TIME OF DAY, BECAUSE THE ASSAULT IS CONSISTENT. HOW WILL
25 OUR TIMING ON OUR BUDGET BE IMPACTED? THE STATE IS CLEAR. THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 GOVERNORS MAY REVISE, WILL BE BASED ON WHAT THEY KNOW BY THEN.
2 WHILE THEY HAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO PASS A
3 BUDGET BY JUNE 15TH, THEY'RE CLEAR THAT THEY MAY NOT HAVE ALL
4 THE INFORMATION THEY NEED, WHICH MEANS WE WON'T HAVE ALL THE
5 INFORMATION WE NEED BASED ON THE PERCENTAGE OF OUR BUDGET THAT
6 IS INFORMED BY STATE ACTION. SO, I MEAN THIS IS BEYOND BOBBING
7 AND WEAVING. YOU KNOW, HOW DO YOU SEE THIS UNFOLDING IN TERMS
8 OF THE FACT THAT WE'RE GOING TO VERY LIKELY BE REQUIRED TO
9 PIVOT AND ADJUST BASED ON THE ONSLAUGHT OF NEW DIFFERENT
10 HORRIFIC ORDERS THAT ARE COMING DOWN FROM THE FEDERAL
11 GOVERNMENT.

12
13 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, I THINK THERE --

14
15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THAT WAS A THANK YOU, NO THANK YOU.

16
17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT'S JUST AN
18 AFFIRMATIVE, YES.

19
20 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS. FIRST, WE
21 HAVE IN A COUNTY A STRUCTURE THAT ALLOWS OUR BUDGET TO GROW OR
22 NOT AND TO BE MODIFIED OVER TIME. THAT'S OUR THREE BUDGET
23 PHASES, RECOMMEND, FINAL CHANGES, AND SUPPLEMENTAL. ALSO BUILT
24 INTO THAT PROCESS, AS WE NEED TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE
25 BUDGET, WE ISSUE LETTERS TWICE A YEAR. THEY'RE CALLED BUDGET



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SUPERVISORS

1 ADJUSTMENTS. WE'LL CALL THEM THE MIDYEAR BA. SO, WE DO THOSE
2 TWICE A YEAR. AND IF THERE IS A NEED TO DO SOMETHING EVEN MORE
3 RESPONSIVE ON A SHORTER TIMEFRAME, WE CAN AGENDIZE, PLACE
4 SOMETHING ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA AT ANY TIME, AND BRING FORWARD
5 A BOARD LETTER REQUESTING THE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE
6 CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE BUDGET.

7
8 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY. AND I GUESS THE CLOSEST I CAN
9 THINK TO KIND OF THE PLACE WE ARE IN TODAY WAS DURING THE
10 MAJOR RECESSION BEFORE THE STATE HAD THE CONSTITUTIONAL
11 REQUIREMENT TO PASS A BUDGET BY JUNE 15TH AND THOSE TOUGH
12 BUDGET YEARS WHEN IT REQUIRED 2/3 VOTE AND THEY WOULD GO INTO
13 THE FALL WITH NO BUDGET. I'M ASSUMING HERE AT THE COUNTY YOU
14 WERE, YOU KNOW, LIKE THE MERVINS COMMERCIAL, WAITING, WAITING,
15 WAITING, OPEN, OPEN, PASS A BUDGET, PASS A BUDGET. SO THAT'S
16 SIMILAR TO WHERE WE ARE NOW, NOT KNOWING WHAT THE FEDS WILL DO
17 AND HOW THE TRICKLE DOWN OF PUBLIC RESOURCES WILL IMPACT US.

18
19 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, THAT IS ALSO CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. AND
20 SO, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE THESE WORKING TITLES FOR OUR BUDGET
21 PHASES. SO, WE CALL FINAL CHANGES, YOU KNOW, THAT'S REALLY THE
22 BOARD'S ADOPTED BUDGET. AND THEN WE CALL SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES,
23 BUT THE FORMAL NAME FOR IT IS THE FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET. AND WE
24 ARE REQUIRED UNDER THE STATE BUDGET, THE COUNTY BUDGET ACT TO
25 ADOPT OUR FINAL BUDGET IN THE COUNTY BY OCTOBER 2ND OF EACH



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SUPERVISORS

1 YEAR. SO, WE HAVE TIME TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS.
2 HOWEVER, IF WE ALLOCATE ALL OF OUR RESOURCES IN THE EARLIER
3 BUDGET PHASES, THEN IT MAKES THOSE SUBSEQUENT OPPORTUNITIES TO
4 CORRECT EVEN MORE, TO CORRECT THE BUDGET BECAUSE WE RECEIVE
5 SOME INFORMATION AFTER THE FACT. IT MAKES THOSE SUBSEQUENT
6 BUDGET PHASES ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT. YES.

7

8 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** YEAH, AND DEEPER. AND JUST AGAIN, I
9 DIDN'T WANT IT TO GET LOST IN MY CONVERSATION AROUND THE
10 ACADEMIES ASKING THAT YOU GIVE US A REPORT BACK ON HOW MUCH
11 HAS BEEN SPENT OF THE CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
12 FUNDS AS OF NOW. IF I CAN GET THAT REPORT BACK NEXT WEEK.

13

14 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** WE WILL ISSUE THAT REPORT BACK.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SEEING NO OTHER
19 COMMENTS, THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. THANK YOU TO YOUR
20 TEAM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
21 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK AND WHAT THE RULES WILL BE FOR THIS
22 ITEM.

23

24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, GIVEN THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE
25 WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS AGENDA AND GIVEN THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 NUMBER OF AGENDA ITEMS ON TODAY'S AGENDA. IN ORDER TO FINISH
2 TODAY'S MEETING EFFICIENTLY AND ADDRESS ALL AGENDA ITEMS, THE
3 CHAIR IS GOING TO BE ALLOWING 60 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON
4 AGENDA ITEM 48. THE TIME IS CURRENTLY 3 14 P.M. THE PUBLIC
5 COMMENT WILL END AT 4 15 P.M.

6
7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WILL THE, THAT IS YOUR FIRST
8 WARNING. WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE HOLD IT DOWN SO WE CAN GET
9 STARTED BECAUSE IT'S CUTTING INTO THE HOUR. WILL YOU PLEASE
10 CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC? WE'RE GOING TO GO WITH IN-
11 PERSON FIRST, AND THEN WE'LL GO TO PHONE.

12
13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
14 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. TIMBO ALPHA, ALIZE
15 HERNANDEZ, HENDERSON, ARAYA BLAKELY, BLANCA CORTEZ, BLANCA
16 CARRILLAS, BROOKLYN LOVE, BYRON JOSE, CARLOS MORALES, CAROL
17 THOMAS, CECIL HUE, CLARA KIM, CLAIRE MENDOZA, CRYSTAL FLORES,
18 CYNTHIA MEZA, DEJA SCOTT. FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE BEGIN.

19
20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CAN YOU DIRECT THE FIRST SPEAKER TO THE
21 PODIUM, PLEASE? WE'RE GOING TO DO IN-PERSON AS A PRIORITY,
22 GIVEN THE FACT THAT YOU ALL HAVE BEEN WAITING. YEP. YOUR NAME?

23
24 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, HI. MY NAME IS ALIEZER HERNANDEZ. I'M AN SEIU
25 2015 HOME CARE PROVIDER AND SUPERVISOR AT CATHERINE BARGER'S



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SUPERVISORS

1 DISTRICT. I'M HERE TODAY WITH TWO CLEAR ASKS. FIRST, SEND A
2 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COUNTY CEO'S OFFICE TO OUR
3 NEGOTIATIONS, JUST LIKE YOU DO FOR ALL OTHER BARGAINING UNITS.
4 SECOND, DON'T PLACE THE COST OF SEXUAL ABUSE LAWSUITS ON THE
5 BACKS OF COUNTIES LOWEST PAID WORKFORCE. HERE'S WHY THIS
6 MATTERS. I CARE FOR TWO CLIENTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, AND
7 I LOVE WHAT I DO. I KNOW I MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THEIR
8 LIFE, BUT I STRUGGLE EVERY DAY TO MAKE ENDS MEET. I SEE MY
9 COWORKERS STRUGGLING, TOO, AND IT SHOULDN'T BE THIS WAY. I
10 NEED TO AFFORD ESSENTIALS LIKE GAS SO I CAN DRIVE AND CARE FOR
11 MY CLIENTS. WE ARE L.A. COUNTY'S LARGEST LOW-WAGE WORKFORCE.
12 YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THAT, AND WE'RE ASKING YOU TO DO
13 THE RIGHT THING. QUALITY WAGES FOR QUALITY HOME.

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

16
17 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

18
19 **INTERPRETER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS CICELY HU. I'M A HOME CARE
20 WORKER AND A PROUD SEIU 2015 MEMBER FROM SUPERVISOR HILDA
21 SOLIS DISTRICT. I'M HERE WITH TWO CLEAR DEMANDS. SEND A
22 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COUNTY CEO'S OFFICE TO OUR CONTRACT
23 NEGOTIATIONS. DON'T MAKE THE COUNTY'S LOWEST PAID WORKERS
24 COVER THE COST OF SEXUAL ASSAULT LAWSUIT SETTLEMENTS. I LOVE
25 MY WORK BECAUSE I KNOW IT MAKES A REAL DIFFERENCE. BUT TOO



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SUPERVISORS

1 MANY HOME CARE WORKERS ARE STRUGGLING JUST TO PAY RENT AND
2 LIVE IN FEAR OF HOMELESSNESS. WE ARE THE LARGEST LOW-WAGE
3 WORKFORCE IN L.A. COUNTY. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THAT.
4 PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING. THANK YOU.

5

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS CAROL THOMAS. I'M AN SIU 2015 HOME
9 CARE PROVIDER AND SUPERVISOR, KATHERINE BARGER'S DISTRICT. I'M
10 HERE TODAY WITH TWO CLEAR ACTS. FIRST, SEND A REPRESENTATIVE
11 FROM THE COUNTY CEO'S OFFICE TO OUR NEGOTIATIONS JUST LIKE YOU
12 DO FOR ALL OTHER BARGAINING UNITS. SECOND, DON'T PLACE THE
13 COST OF SEXUAL ABUSE LAWSUITS ON THE BACKS OF THE COUNTY'S
14 LOWEST PAID WORKFORCE. HERE'S WHY THIS MATTERS TO ME. I CARE
15 FOR MY DAUGHTER AND A NON-FAMILY CLIENT WHO I CONSIDER MY
16 BROTHER AND I LOVE WHAT I DO BUT I STRUGGLE. EVERYTHING IS
17 GOING UP. I CAN'T EVEN AFFORD BASIC THINGS LIKE EGGS. WE ARE
18 L.A. COUNTY'S LARGEST LOW WAGE WORKFORCE. YOU HAVE THE POWER
19 TO CHANGE THAT. QUALITY WAGE FOR QUALITY HOME CARE. THANK YOU.

20

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

24

25 **INTERPRETER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS BLANCA CARIAS. I AM WITH SEIU



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SUPERVISORS

1 2015 HOME CARE PROVIDERS IN MS. HOLLY MITCHELL'S DISTRICT. I'M
2 HERE WITH TWO CLEAR REQUESTS. THE FIRST THAT YOU SEND A
3 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COUNTY CEO'S OFFICE TO OUR
4 NEGOTIATIONS AS THEY DO IN OTHER BARGAINING UNITS. THE SECOND,
5 THAT YOU NOT PLACE THE COST OF SEXUAL ABUSE LAWSUITS ON THE
6 BOTTOM LINE OF THE COUNTY'S LOWEST PAID WORKFORCE. HERE'S WHY
7 I CARE ABOUT THIS. I TAKE CARE OF MY MOM AND I LOVE WHAT I DO,
8 BUT I BATTLE WITH PAYING THE RENT SO MY MOM AND I DON'T END UP
9 LIVING ON THE STREETS.

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **INTERPRETER:** WE ARE THE LARGEST LOW WORKFORCE IN LOS ANGELES
14 COUNTY. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THIS.

15

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALFRED
19 G. TIMBO, AND I AM A COMMUNITY LEADER HERE IN LOS ANGELES FOR
20 THE SIERRA LEONE AND GUINEAN COMMUNITY. AND I'M HERE TODAY TO
21 RESPECTFULLY HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR
22 MIGRANT COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM SIERRA LEONE AND
23 GUINEA AND OTHER WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN THE COUNTY'S
24 BUDGET, IN THE COUNTY'S BUDGET. SIERRA LEONE AND GUINEA AND
25 OTHER WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES HERE IN LOS ANGELES ARE PART OF



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE BROADER BLACK MIGRANT POPULATION WHOSE CONTRIBUTION TO
2 THIS COUNTY ARE OFTEN OVERLOOKED. EVEN AS THEY FACE SOME OF
3 THE MOST URGENT CHALLENGES, OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE
4 EXPERIENCED DISPLACEMENT, TRAUMA, ECONOMIC HARDSHIP, AND YET
5 CONTINUE TO WORK TIRELESSLY TO BUILD A STABLE AND THRIVING
6 LIFE HERE IN LOS ANGELES. OVER THE PAST YEAR, WE HAVE
7 SUPPORTED NUMEROUS SIERRA LEONEANS, GUINEANS, AND OTHER
8 AFRICAN COMMUNITIES FOR CRITICAL SERVICES FROM LEGAL REPRESENT
9 - -

10

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

14

15 **INTERPRETER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CLARA KIM. I AM AN SCIU 2015
16 HOME CARE PROVIDER IN SUPERVISOR DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR HILDA
17 SOLIS DISTRICT. I'M HERE TODAY WITH TWO REQUESTS. FIRST, SEND
18 A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COUNTY'S CEO'S OFFICE TO OUR
19 NEGOTIATIONS, JUST LIKE YOU DO FOR ALL OTHER BARGAINING UNITS.
20 SECOND, DON'T PLACE THE COST OF SEXUAL ABUSE LAWSUITS ON THE
21 BACKS OF THE COUNTY'S LOWEST PAID WORKFORCE. HERE'S WHY THIS
22 MATTERS TO ME. I CARE FOR MY MOM AND NON-FAMILY MEMBER, NON-
23 FAMILY CONSUMER, AND I LOVE WHAT I DO. I KNOW I MAKE A BIG
24 DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES, BUT I STRUGGLE TO KEEP A ROOF OVER
25 MY HEAD. EVERY MONTH I WORRY ABOUT WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH



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SUPERVISORS

1 TO PAY RENT. WE ARE L.A. COUNTY'S LARGEST LOW WAGE WORKFORCE.
2 YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE
3 THAT. AND WE ARE ASKING YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING. --

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HEY, YOU KNOW ME, MS. LAVETTA LORRAINE. HEY,
8 MITCHELL, WHAT'S UP? I LIKE YOU REGULATED, BECAUSE IT'S TRUE.
9 A LOT OF OUR, I'M HERE FOR TREY LATINA. I'M ONE OF THE OLDEST
10 TRANSGENDER THERE IS. AND A LOT OF POLICE HAVE KILLED OUR
11 GIRLS, AND WE HAVE DIED, AND WE'VE BEEN HERE. AND ALSO, I
12 UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE HERE ONE DAY, AND THEN WE'RE BEING
13 VIOLENT, ABUSED, VIOLENT. A LOT OF GIRLS HAVE BEEN MURDERED.
14 LATELY, A LOT OF THE GIRLS HAVE BEEN MURDERED BY THE POLICE.
15 AND I HONOR MY GIRLS THAT HAVE PASSED. AND THE KIDS RIGHT
16 HERE. NOW, Y'ALL GOT THOSE CHECKS. LET'S SIGN THOSE CHECKS
17 TODAY. LET'S MAKE THAT CAKE GO AROUND. LET'S CUT IT, GIRLS.
18 COME ON. I KNOW Y'ALL CAN DO IT. MITCHELL, I'VE SEEN YOUR WORK
19 AND I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT. ALSO, Y'ALL LADIES, LET'S GIVE THESE
20 PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT AND ALSO LOOK OUT FOR MY GIRLS.

21

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

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. BYRON JOSE WITH THE TRANS-LATINA
25 COALITION AND REIMAGINE L.A. WE DIDN'T SEE A VIDEO TODAY, SO



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SUPERVISORS

1 WE'RE TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE PRIORITY MOUNTAIN AND THE CEO'S
2 TIER ONE FISCAL RESILIENCY PROTOCOL BUT THANK YOU FOR
3 INCLUDING THE TGI WE IN THAT LIST. AS YOU KNOW, OUR
4 COMMUNITIES CANNOT WAIT. SO, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, TO
5 ENSURING THAT THAT CONTINUES TO MOVE ALONG. AND THANK YOU,
6 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR ENSURING THAT WE'RE GETTING WHERE IS
7 THE MONEY GOING TO IF WE'RE TRAINING THESE GANG DEPUTY GANGS.
8 BEYOND THE UNSPENT CFCI MONEY WE REALLY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE
9 10% ALLOCATION AND THE CALCULATION. THE CEO STAFF HAS NOT BEEN
10 ABLE TO CLEARLY DEFINE HOW THEY'RE DOING THOSE ASSESSMENT
11 DURING THE CFCI ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS. SO BEYOND JUST
12 TAKING ALL THE UNSPENT MONIES THAT YOU CONTINUE TO GIVE THE
13 DEPARTMENTS TIME AND TIME AGAIN, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU
14 CONTINUE TO ADD 10% SO WE CAN GET A FAIR ASSESSMENT UNDER
15 MEASURE J, A LAW, NOT A STATE, NOT A BOARD POLICY. THANK YOU.

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

18
19 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. HELLO. MY NAME IS CYNTHIA. I'M 17 YEARS AGO. I
20 WAS A YOUTH THAT WAS INSIDE LP, BARRY J AND CENTRAL JUVENILE
21 HOME. WE HAD NO TYPE OF PROGRAMMING WHATSOEVER. HOWEVER, I AM
22 NOW A CREDIBLE MESSENGER WITH THE YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM
23 CENTER. I NOW SERVE THE 50 GIRLS AND THE GENDER-EXPANSIVE
24 YOUTH INSIDE. I'M HERE TO SPEAK A LITTLE BIT ON THE BUDGET.
25 YOU GUYS REALLY NEED TO STOP INVESTING FUNDS TO PROBATION



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1 DEPARTMENT. THEY JUST COST YOU GUYS A \$4,000,000,000
2 SETTLEMENT LAWSUIT, WHICH IS WHY ALL THESE PROPOSED CUTS ARE
3 COMING FROM. INSTEAD, ACTUALLY INVESTING INTO THE CBO'S WHO
4 ARE ALREADY DOING THE WORK AND ARE TRYING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE
5 SURE TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT WORK SINCE PROBATION CAN'T
6 APPARENTLY. THANK YOU.

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

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10 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS CHERIS TATUM. I'M FROM THE YOUNG
11 WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER. I'M 18 YEARS OLD. I'M ALSO A TEEN MOM.
12 I WAS HOPING YOU GUYS CAN FIND TOURS TEAM MOMS OR ANY PARENTS
13 SO WE CAN HAVE RESOURCES IT'S A LOT OF MOMS AND DADS OUT HERE
14 THAT NEED HELP THAT ALSO DOING IT BY THEMSELVES SOME EXAMPLES
15 ARE LIKE HOW WITH HOUSING ARE ALSO JOBS RIGHT NOW. I'M TRYING
16 TO GET IN I'M TRYING TO GET HOUSING IN A JOB. IT HAS NOT BEEN
17 EASY. A LOT OF JOBS DON'T TAKE PEOPLE WITHOUT EXPERIENCE. L.A.
18 COUNTY SHOULD CONTINUE TO INVEST IN SYSTEM IMPACT FOR YOUTH
19 FOR JOB TRAINING AND SKILLS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR
20 MENTIONING YOUNG MOMS AND FAMILIES. THANK YOU.

21

22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
23 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. DEONTI CONRAD,
24 DAVE MATTHEWS, DEANNA PITTMAN, DEREK STEELE, DR. SOS HAITI
25 TRUTHBEY, ELEAZAR HERNANDEZ, EMILY PASS, STEPHANIE HERNANDEZ,



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1 EVELYN ESPINAL, GABRIELLA VASQUEZ, GARY RALLISON, HADIR AZAB,
2 JASON B., JASON BURNETT, JOEY WILLIAMS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE
3 BEGIN.

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5 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ALIZE HENDERSON. I AM SEIU 2015 HOME CARE
6 PROVIDER AND SUPERVISOR OF LINDSAY HORVATH DISTRICT. I'M HERE
7 TODAY WITH TWO CLEAR ACTS. FIRST, SEND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM
8 THE COUNTY CEO OFFICE TO OUR NEGOTIATIONS, JUST LIKE YOU DO
9 FOR ALL OTHER BARGAINING. SECOND, DON'T PLACE THE COST ON
10 SEXUAL ABUSE LAWSUIT ON THE BACKS OF THE COUNTY LOWEST PAID
11 WORK FIRST. HERE'S WHY THIS MATTERS TO ME. I CARE FOR MY
12 DAUGHTER AND I LOVE WHAT I DO. EVERY DAY IS A STRUGGLE. RENT,
13 GROCERY, EVERYTHING IS GOING UP. AND I KNOW I'M NOT ALONE.
14 THERE ARE OVER 290,000 PROVIDERS LIKE ME WHO WORRIES ABOUT HOW
15 WE'RE GOING TO PROVIDE FOR OUR FAMILY. AND MANY OF US HELPS
16 COVER OUR CONSUMER EXPENSES. WE SHOULDN'T BE IN THIS POSITION.
17 AREN'T WE ESSENTIAL WORKERS? WE ARE L.A. COUNTY --

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

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21 **SPEAKER:** HELLO EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS ARIA BLAKELY AND I'M A
22 PROGRAM MANAGER AT YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER. SINCE
23 NOVEMBER 2023, YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER LOS ANGELES HAS
24 SUPPORTED 250 GIRLS AND TRANS YOUTH IN JUVENILE HALLS IN
25 COMING HOME IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE HERE TO DEMAND THE



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1 FOLLOWING, REJECT THE GLOBAL PLAN, INCREASE THE OVERALL
2 INVESTMENT OF MEASURE J AND CFCI FUNDING, AND CONTINUE TO
3 CENTER THE VOICES OF THOSE MOST IMPACTED BY SYSTEMS, WHICH ARE
4 THE INCARCERATED GIRLS AND TRANS YOUTH OF ALL GENDERS. WE
5 APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S WILLINGNESS TO COLLABORATE AND WORK
6 WITH US AS WE MOBILIZE YOUNG PEOPLE INTO THESE IMPORTANT
7 CONVERSATIONS THAT DRASTICALLY IMPACT THEIR FUTURES. TODAY IS
8 A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF HOW THE COMMUNITY CARE TEAM MODEL WORKS.
9 WE FED EACH OTHER, MADE SURE FOLKS WERE CONNECTED TO
10 RESOURCES, AND WE CONVENED TO REDUCE HARM. IN THE WORDS OF A
11 YOUTH ORGANIZER WHO'S SEVEN YEARS OLD, RUN US OUR MONEY. FREE
12 THE 50. THANK YOU.

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

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16 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS CRYSTAL FLORES. I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH SEIU
17 UNITED SERVICE WORKERS WEST. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF OUR
18 SPEAKERS BECAUSE THEY ALL HAD TO GO TO WORK AT THE COUNTY
19 ACTUALLY. OUR MEMBERS ARE SUBCONTRACTED JANITORS, FOOD SERVICE
20 WORKERS, AND SECURITY OFFICERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS
21 ANGELES. I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT WE LED THE FIGHT TO WIN 100%
22 EMPLOYER PAID HEALTH CARE AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR OUR MEMBERS
23 WHO WORK UNDER THE COUNTY'S DHS WITH THE MOTION THAT WE PASSED
24 UNANIMOUSLY IN 2023. AND WE'RE SO THANKFUL BECAUSE OF ALL THE
25 GOVERNMENT SLASHING THAT WE'RE SEEING NOW TO PUBLIC HEALTH



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1 FUNDS. WE WERE TOLD THE REST OF OUR JANITORS AND SECURITY
2 OFFICERS IN THE COUNTY WOULD BE NEXT IN LINE TO RECEIVE THESE
3 BENEFITS, BUT INSTEAD YOU, THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS, HAVE EVEN
4 TAKEN AWAY IN PLACE UNION BENEFITS FROM OUR MEMBERS BY
5 AWARDED JANITORIAL AND SECURITY SERVICES TO NON-UNION
6 COMPANIES, LEAVING THEM TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES AGAINST GREEDY
7 AND IRRESPONSIBLE CORPORATIONS. KNOWING THE DEVASTATION AND
8 ATTACKS THIS COUNTRY FACES AGAINST WORKER AND IMMIGRANTS UNDER
9 THIS ADMINISTRATION. IT IS CRUEL TO TAKE AWAY THE LITTLE
10 PROTECTION OUR UNION MEMBERS HAD AS WORKING PEOPLE IN L.A.

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

13
14 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS DEANNA PITTMAN WITH THE YOUNG WOMEN'S
15 FREEDOM CENTER. I'M HERE TODAY WITH MY SIBLINGS TO LET IT BE
16 KNOWN THAT THE COMMUNITY DEMANDS A BUDGET THAT TRULY PUTS CARE
17 OVER CAGES. CARE LOOKS LIKE FULFILLING YOUR PROMISE TO
18 DECARCERATE GIRLS AND GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH OUT OF THE
19 PROBATION DEPARTMENT. A DEPARTMENT THAT IS OPERATING A
20 JUVENILE HALL ILLEGALLY, A DEPARTMENT WHERE THREE YOUNG PEOPLE
21 OVERDOSED LAST WEEK, AND A DEPARTMENT THAT HELPED L.A. COUNTY
22 MAKE HISTORY AND NOT IN A GOOD WAY. L.A. COUNTY NOW RANKS
23 FIRST IN THE WORLD FOR SEXUAL ABUSE SETTLEMENTS AT
24 \$4,000,000,000 AND IS BEING PAID OUT TO VICTIMS OF ABUSE AT
25 THE HANDS OF PROBATION. DECARCERATION IS THE ONLY OPTION FOR



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1 OUR GIRLS AND GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH. WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO
2 MEANINGFULLY INVEST IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
3 ARE GOING UNSPENT AND COMMUNITY ORGS HAVE BEEN STEPPING UP TO
4 SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE. IT'S TIME FOR THE BOARD TO MAKE GOOD ON
5 THEIR PROMISE TO DECARCERATE YOUTH AND INVEST IN YOUTH JUSTICE
6 REIMAGINED.

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

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10 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS EMILY. I'M A YOUTH ORGANIZER WITH
11 YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER. I'M 24 YEARS OLD AND FORMERLY
12 SYSTEM IMPACTED. I AM HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS ABOUT THE BILLIONS
13 OF DOLLARS THAT THE COUNTY WILL BE BUDGETING FOR NEXT YEAR.
14 THE COUNTY SHOULD BE FUNDING COMMUNITY PRIORITIES. THE
15 COMMUNITY BASIC NEEDS ARE MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION, FINANCIAL
16 EDUCATION, HOUSING, AND YOUTH PROGRAMS LIKE US, YOUNG WOMEN'S
17 FREEDOM CENTER. PUT MONEY INTO COMMUNITY NEEDS, NOT CAGES FOR
18 PEOPLE WHO HAVE TRAUMA, MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, OR STRUGGLING TO
19 SURVIVE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ESTEFANY AND I'M A YOUTH, A MEMBER
24 OF YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER. I'M HERE TODAY TO ADVOCATE
25 FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO BE AVAILABLE FOR OUR YOUTH. YOUTH



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1 NEED ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL SHOW THEM A PATH AWAY
2 FROM NEGATIVITY AND TO GROW AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND OBTAIN SKILLS
3 THAT WILL BENEFIT THEM IN THE LONG RUN. THIS INCLUDES
4 INVESTING IN PROGRAMS SUCH AS AMERICORPS, PUBLIC ALLIES, LOS
5 ANGELES, YOWAS, YOUTH SOURCE CENTER, AND OTHER PROGRAMS THAT
6 HELP YOUTH GET JOBS AND PROVIDE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
7 THAT EXPAND THEIR VIEW OF THE WORLD AWAY FROM WHAT'S BEING
8 PORTRAYED VIA SOCIAL MEDIA, MUSIC, AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT, AND
9 SO ON. I GOT MY FIRST JOB WHEN I WAS 18 THROUGH YOWA'S YOUTH
10 RESOURCE CENTER. I WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN A
11 NONPROFIT SECTOR. THEN WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE, I DID COLLEGE
12 CORPS, AND AFTERWARDS, I JOINED PUBLIC ALLIES. THESE
13 OPPORTUNITIES MOTIVATED ME TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE A CAREER IN A
14 NON-PROFIT WORLD AND CONTRIBUTE TO MY COMMUNITY. I GOT TO GROW
15 FROM A YOUTH WHO CAME FROM A MARGINALIZED COMMUNITY WHERE
16 DELINQUENCY IS PREVALENT TO A LEADER WHO WANTS YOUTH TO HAVE
17 THE SAME OPPORTUNITY AS I DID. CALIFORNIA CAN'T MOVE FORWARD
18 UNTIL OUR YOUTH ARE HEARD. THANK YOU.

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

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22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EVELYN. I'M A SYSTEM
23 IMPACT THE YOUTH AND THE YOUTH ORGANIZER WITH THE YOUNG
24 WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER. AN ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS WITH WOMEN
25 AND GENDER-EXPANSIVE YOUTH THAT ARE SYSTEM IMPACTED. I'M HERE



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1 TO URGE THE BOARD TO PRIORITIZE A CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST
2 BUDGET. PLEASE INVEST OUR MONEY INTO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
3 LIKE US THAT ARE WORKING TO KEEP GIRLS OUT OF INCARCERATION.
4 BUT WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE. WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY.
5 MAKE RIGHT ON THE PROMISE YOU MADE TO DECARCERATE GIRLS AND
6 GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH. LET'S FUND TO YOUTH AND FREE TO 50.
7 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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11 **SPEAKER:** HI, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS DIANA, DIANA SUNIGA. THANK
12 YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY. FIRST, I JUST HOPE THAT
13 EVERYBODY THAT HAS BEEN WAITING CAN SPEAK ON THE BUDGET TODAY.
14 I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S A VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT TO NOT ALLOW
15 PEOPLE TO SPEAK THAT HAVE BEEN WAITING. SO, I REALLY HOPE IT'S
16 NOT JUST 50 PEOPLE THAT EVERYBODY CAN SPEAK. SECOND, I'M A
17 LITTLE BIT APPALLED THAT WE STILL HAVE MONEY ON THE TABLE
18 AROUND CARE FIRST. IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS SINCE WE STOPPED A
19 \$2,300,000,000 JAIL PLAN, SINCE WE CREATED THE ALTERNATIVES TO
20 INCARCERATION VISION, SINCE WE DEVELOPED MULTIPLE CLOSURE
21 REPORTS FOR MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, SINCE WE REDUCED THE JAIL
22 POPULATION BECAUSE OF COVID-19 AND CONTINUED THAT PROCESS. AND
23 TO KNOW THAT THERE'S MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN
24 SPENT OVER THOSE FIVE YEARS IS APPALLING. WE'VE ALL BEEN
25 FIGHTING FOR THIS AND WE NEED YOU TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THAT



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1 MONEY FOR THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS TOGETHER
2 EVEN IF WE HAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS. IT'S ALSO APPALLING THAT
3 THE PRE-TRIAL --

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

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS GABRIELLA VASQUEZ. I'M WITH
8 THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION. FIVE YEARS AGO, I WORKED
9 ALONGSIDE MY COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO HELP PASS MEASURE J AT THE
10 HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC WHEN WE COULDN'T CANVAS OR KNOCK ON A
11 SINGLE DOOR. DESPITE THAT, OVER 2,000,000 ANGELENOS VOTED YES
12 TO ENSURE FUNDING WENT DIRECTLY TO YOUTH SERVICES, TO MENTAL
13 HEALTH SERVICES THAT DID NOT INVOLVE LAW ENFORCEMENT, BY THE
14 WAY, ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, GREEN SPACES, ECONOMIC
15 DEVELOPMENT, AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION PROGRAMMING
16 THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. MEASURE J IS A MANDATE, AND OUR COUNTY
17 ELECTEDS MUST DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO ENSURE THAT
18 FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO THESE VITAL PROGRAMS. WE
19 WILL NOT ACCEPT A NEW INTERPRETATION OR REVISIONIST HISTORY TO
20 EXCUSE USING CFCI FUNDS FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN DIRECT
21 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS. THIS BOARD MUST CONTINUE TO
22 CALL OUT THE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE HEMORRHAGING ALL OF THE
23 MONEY AND TAKING IT FROM THEM, NOT FROM CFCI. WE DON'T HAVE A
24 SAFETY PROBLEM, WE HAVE A SPENDING PROBLEM. THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT IS ALREADY BLOATED WITH A \$4,000,000,000 BUDGET,



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SUPERVISORS

1 EVEN AS JAIL CONDITIONS DETERIORATE, LAWSUITS AND DEATHS
2 INCREASE, AND PUBLIC TRUST --

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

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6 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS JASON BARNETT. I'M WITH KINGDOM
7 CAUSES, BELLFLOWER, AND GOOD SOIL INDUSTRIES, WHICH IS A PART
8 OF THE LA:RISE PROGRAM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK WITH
9 SUPPORTING OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS AND INVESTING IN THROUGHPUT
10 AND PERMANENT HOUSING. I URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER THE 20% CUT
11 PROPOSAL TO THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. THIS FUNDING REMOVES
12 BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT, A KEY STEP FOR PEOPLE MOVING FROM
13 TEMPORARY HOUSING TO PERMANENT HOUSING WITHOUT A MINI RISK
14 FALLING BACK INTO HOMELESSNESS. WITH FEDERAL CUTS REDUCING
15 AVAILABILITY OF SECTION 8 VOUCHERS, JOBS ARE MORE CRITICAL NOW
16 THAN THEY EVER WERE. EMPLOYMENT RESTORES DIGNITY AND SELF-
17 SUFFICIENCY AND HOPE. PLEASE PROTECT THIS VITAL FUNDING. AND
18 REMEMBER, JUST 2 WEEKS AGO, 80% OF THE BUDGET WAS CUT OUT. SO,
19 THE REMAINING 20% WILL BE DETRIMENTAL. AND WITHOUT JOBS,
20 PERMANENT, WITHOUT JOBS OR PERMANENT SUBSIDIES, THERE WILL BE
21 --

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

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25 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS



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1 HADIR AZA, BUT I'M THE POLICY COORDINATOR AT THE COUNCIL ON
2 AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS LOS ANGELES CHAPTER AND I'M ALSO A
3 RESIDENT IN CHINATOWN OF THE FIRST DISTRICT. I'M HERE TO ASK
4 THAT WE CONTINUE TO CONSIDER UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS AS THE
5 CURRENT ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES TO CRIMINALIZE MUSLIM, ARAB,
6 SOUTH ASIAN, AND NORTH AFRICAN COMMUNITIES, AS WELL AS MANY
7 UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES FROM THEIR IMMIGRATION
8 STATUS. THEY NEED THE SAFETY NETS FROM THE COUNTY. WE SIT HERE
9 FOR THREE PLUS HOURS TO EVEN GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL TO
10 YOU AS BOARD MEMBERS AS YOU SIT AND WORK THROUGH AND DECIDE ON
11 MILLIONS TO SPEND. AS THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS ANNOUNCED AND
12 REVIEWED, I ASK THAT THE BOARD DOES NOT FORGET OUR
13 UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT POPULATION THAT GREATLY CONTRIBUTES TO
14 THE COUNTY THROUGH THEIR TAX DOLLARS. STRENGTHENING IMMIGRANT
15 COMMUNITIES WILL ONLY BOLSTER L.A. COUNTY AS IT CONTINUES TO
16 DO SO. BY ADDRESSING HOUSING, FINANCIAL EXCLUSION, AND THE
17 LACK OF A SOCIAL SAFETY NET, L.A. COUNTY CAN CONTINUE TO LEAD
18 AN INCLUSIVE BUILDING AND WILL PROTECT ITS RESIDENTS
19 REGARDLESS OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THANK YOU.

20
21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
22 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. JOSE LUIS
23 DURAN, KALANI BROWN, KATE MCNEIL, KEEGAN GULATI, LAQUEL WHITE,
24 LEAH PEREZ, LYDIA MEDINA, LENA MALLET, LESLIE GUARDADO,
25 LUPITA MARTINEZ, LUZ CASTRO, MARIA CIBRIAN, MARIA DIAZ, MAYA



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1 DANIELS, MAYA SANCHEZ. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE BEGIN.

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3 **SPEAKER:** HI THERE. MY NAME'S DAVE MATTHEWS. I'M WITH THE
4 HARBOR GATEWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND I AM PART OF SUPERVISOR
5 MITCHELL'S DISTRICT AND I JUST WANT TO SAY PLEASE CONTINUE TO
6 FUND PATHWAY HOME. WE'VE, I'VE BEEN OUT ON THE STREETS FOR THE
7 LAST THREE YEARS AND I'VE SEEN THE PROGRESS THAT'S BEEN MADE
8 WITH THE RV COMMUNITY. I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH IN 2023 TO BE
9 PART OF THE PROJECT PATHWAY HOME PROJECT. WE STAGED FOLKS IN
10 THE RVS AND GOT THEM READY FOR THE TRANSITION. AND OF THE 71
11 PEOPLE THAT WERE HOUSED, 68 ARE WORKING, THEY'RE DOING WELL,
12 AND I THINK IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF YOU TO MEET THESE
13 FOLKS AND SEE HOW GREAT THEY'VE DONE OVER THE COURSE OF THE
14 LAST TWO YEARS. THERE IS A NEED FOR SANITATION DURING THE WAIT
15 FOR THE PATHWAY HOME. WE'VE BEEN DOING CLEANUPS AS A COMMUNITY
16 AND WE'VE REMOVED A 1,000,000 POUNDS OF GARBAGE LAST YEAR
17 THANKS TO OUR LOCAL WASTE SERVICE PROVIDERS. OUR BUSINESSES
18 HAVE DONATED DUMPSTERS --

19

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** DEREK STEELE, CARE FIRST COMMITTEE INVESTMENT ADVISOR
23 COMMITTEE CHAIR. GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M HERE TO
24 REMIND THIS BODY THAT CFCI FUNDS ARE THE PEOPLE'S FUNDS
25 ESTABLISHED BY MEASURE J, WHICH IS NOW LAW, AND BOTH MEASURE J



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1 AND YOU, YOUR OWN ADOPTED COUNTY POLICIES ARE CRYSTAL CLEAR.
2 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MUST LEAD THE FUNDING RECOMMENDATION
3 PROCESS THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. THAT PROCESS IS NOT
4 SYMBOLIC, IT'S NOT PROCEDURAL. THE POLICY SAYS, ADVISOR
5 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS, CEO REVIEWS FOR COMPLIANCE, BOARD
6 APPROVES. BUT TODAY WE SAW THE CEO'S OFFICE PRESENT A PLAN TO
7 REALLOCATE ON-SPEND CFCI FUNDS TO DEPARTMENTS, THE ONES THAT
8 ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ON-SPEND FUNDS IN THE FIRST PLACE, WITHOUT
9 ONCE ACKNOWLEDGING THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE REQUIRED
10 COMMITTEE PROCESS TO MAKE SURE THAT MEASURE J AND THE BOARD
11 POLICY IS FOLLOWED. LET'S BE HONEST. THE ADVISOR COMMITTEE WAS
12 THE BODY THAT ASKED THE QUESTIONS AND DID THE WORK TO MAKE
13 SURE JCOD COULD FIND AND IDENTIFY THE \$218,000,000 OF UNSPENT
14 FUNDS. WE DID THE VERY VETTING THE CO'S OFFICE IS NOT DOING --

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

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18 **SPEAKER:** YOUR LAW STUDENT AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL PARTICIPATING
19 IN THE PRETRIAL JUSTICE PRACTICUM IN WHICH WE HAVE LEARNED
20 ABOUT BAIL, BAIL REFORM, PRETRIAL JUSTICE, AND PRETRIAL
21 REFORM. I'M ALSO A LONG-TERM RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
22 AND HAVE WORKED FOR THE L.A. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. I
23 STRONGLY ADVOCATE FOR GREATER FUNDING OF PRETRIAL AND
24 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND OPPOSE ANY FUNDS BEING ALLOCATED TO THE
25 CONTINUED OPERATION OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THE INTRODUCTION OF



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1 THE PRE-ARRAYMENT RELEASE PROTOCOLS HAS BEEN A STEP IN THE
2 CORRECT DIRECTION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'VE SEEN
3 MEANINGFULLY INCREASES IN PUBLIC SAFETY AND IN RELEASE RATES,
4 AND FURTHER FUNDING OF PROGRAMS SUCH AS JCOD AND ODR WILL ONLY
5 FURTHER THAT GOAL. DATA SHOWS THAT 52% OF THOSE INCARCERATED
6 IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ARE PRE-TRIAL AND CONTINUING TO ALLOW
7 THIS WOULD BE AN INJUSTICE. THANK YOU.

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

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11 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

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13 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA SIBIAN AND I AM
14 A 2015 SEIU HOME CARE PROVIDER IN SUPERVISOR LINDSAY HORVATH'S
15 DISTRICT. I AM HERE WITH TWO CLEAR REQUESTS. THE FIRST, THAT
16 THEY SEND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COUNTY CEO'S OFFICE TO OUR
17 NEGOTIATIONS AS THEY DO IN OTHER BARGAINING UNITS. THE SECOND,
18 THAT THEY NOT PLACE THE COST OF SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMS ON THE
19 BOTTOM LINE OF THE COUNTY'S LOWEST PAID WORKFORCE. HERE'S WHY
20 THIS MATTERS TO ME. I TAKE CARE OF MY DAUGHTER AND I'M ALSO A
21 CANCER SURVIVOR. BUT I STRUGGLE TO PROVIDE FOR BOTH OF US
22 BASIC FOODS LIKE MEDICINE AND A PLACE TO LIVE. WE ARE THE
23 LARGEST DUAL-WAGE WORKFORCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT'S TIME
24 FOR YOU TO INVEST IN US. THANK YOU.

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SUPERVISORS

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

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3 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS KATE MCNEIL. I'M A RESIDENT OF
4 EL MONTE AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT I'VE WORKED IN THE
5 CRIMINAL JUSTICE FIELD FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS AND I'M A MEMBER
6 OF LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL'S PRE-TRIAL JUSTICE PRACTICUM WHERE I'VE
7 LEARNED ABOUT THE CRIMINOGENIC EFFECTS OF PRE-TRIAL DETENTION
8 AND THE PROVEN ALTERNATIVES AND STRATEGIES THAT ADDRESS CRIME
9 AND PUBLIC SAFETY. TODAY, I STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS TO UPHOLD THE COMMITMENTS OF MEASURE J BY
11 ALLOCATING UNSPENT FUNDS TO THE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS THAT THEY
12 WERE INTENDED FOR. USING THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
13 FUNDS FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE WOULD UNDERMINE THE EFFORTS OF THE
14 PUBLIC IN ITS VISION FOR PREVENTING CRIME AND ADDRESSING THE
15 STRUCTURAL INEQUITIES OF THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM THROUGH
16 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. MEASURE J DIRECTS RESOURCES
17 FROM PUNITIVE SYSTEMS INTO COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES. ONE KEY
18 STRATEGY IS PRE-TRIAL SUPPORT, WHICH THE JUSTICE, CARE, AND
19 OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT HAS ADVANCED BY UTILIZING MEASURE J
20 FUNDS. CONTINUED AND CONSISTENT FUNDING IS ESSENTIAL. PLEASE
21 HONOR THE WILL OF THE LOS ANGELES VOTERS BY KEEPING THESE
22 FUNDS WHERE THEY BELONG. THANK YOU.

23

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS ROSA ANDRESEN AND I'M A SEIU 2015 HOME
2 CARE PROVIDER AND SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN'S DISTRICT. I'M HERE
3 TODAY WITH TWO CLEAR ASKS. FIRST, SEND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
4 COUNTY CEO'S OFFICE TO OUR NEGOTIATION, JUST LIKE YOU DO TO
5 ALL OTHER BARGAINING UNITS. SECOND, DON'T PLACE THE COST OF
6 SEXUAL ABUSE LAWSUITS ON THE BACK OF THE COUNTY'S LOWEST PAID
7 WORKFORCE. HERE'S WHY THIS MATTERS TO ME. I CARE FOR MY
8 DAUGHTER FULL-TIME. SHE HAS CEREBRAL PALSY AND SERIOUS
9 CONDITIONS, HEALTH NEEDS. SO, I HELP HER EAT, MOVE, AND GET
10 THROUGH EACH DAY WITH AS MUCH COMFORT AND CARE AS POSSIBLE.
11 BUT EVERY DAY I WORRY TO BE ABLE TO PAY RENT. THIS MONTH I'VE
12 HAD TO MOVE BECAUSE I CAN'T AFFORD HOUSING ON MY CURRENT WAGES
13 AND NOW, I KNOW I KNOW I'M NOT ALONE. MANY OF US ARE
14 STRUGGLING JUST TO PROVIDE. WE ARE THE LARGEST COUNTY LOW-WAGE
15 WORKFORCE --

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

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19 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS LESLIE GUARDADO. I'M A LOS ANGELES
20 RESIDENT. I'VE BEEN ORGANIZING AND WORKING WITH COMMUNITY-
21 BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS WITH HOMEBOY
22 INDUSTRIES, YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, SOCIAL JUSTICE LEARNING
23 INSTITUTE AND CURRENTLY WITH THE YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER.
24 AS TAXPAYERS, WE HAVE VOTED TO DECRIMINALIZE YOUTH AND HAVE
25 OUR TAX DOLLARS BE USED FOR REHABILITATION, PROGRAMMING AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 REENTRY SERVICES. AS OF NOW, WE HAVE ENTERED THE FOURTH YEAR
2 SINCE THOSE FUNDS HAVE BEEN GRANTED TO CONTINUE THESE TYPES OF
3 SERVICES AND HAVE YET TO SEE CLEAR TRANSPARENCY OF THOSE FUNDS
4 BEING ALLOCATED TO SAID SERVICES OR COMMUNITY-BASED
5 ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING THESE RESOURCES. WHAT WE ARE DEMANDING
6 IS THAT AT LEAST 10% OF THOSE CFCI FUNDS THAT WERE PROPOSED
7 FOR PROGRAMMING ACTUALLY BE USED FOR FUNDING COMMUNITY ORGS
8 PROVIDING THESE SERVICES. WE HAVE HAD SUCCESS IN PROVIDING
9 REENTRY SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING FOR SYSTEM-IMPACTED YOUTH,
10 GIRLS, AND GENDER-EXPANSIVE FOLKS, AND IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN
11 RETENTION AND SUCCEED IN THEIR OWN SELF-DETERMINATION --

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

14
15 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MAYA
16 DANIELS. I'M THE POLICY ASSOCIATE WITH THE TRANS LATINA
17 COALITION. MY PRONOUNS ARE THEY THEM. I'M HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR
18 SEVERAL THINGS TODAY. FIRST, THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY
19 INVESTMENTS. THESE FUNDS MUST BE ALLOCATED TO CARE FIRST
20 PROGRAMS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITIES WITH ACTUAL
21 ORGANIZATION, COMPASSION, AND WITH A SWIFT PROMPTNESS AS
22 PROMISED. TWO, THE COUNTY WORKING WITH IMMIGRANTS RLA TO
23 INVEST INTO AND IMPROVE PROGRAMS FOR THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY
24 AS WELL AS TAKING A STAND IN PROTECTIONS FOR YOUR IMMIGRANT
25 CONSTITUENTS. THREE, FREEING THE 50 GIRLS AND GENDER EXPANSIVE



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SUPERVISORS

1 YOUTH STILL STUCK IN HORRENDOUS CONDITIONS IN PROBATION CAMPS
2 IN THE COUNTY. FOUR, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE SOME INITIATIVE TO
3 PUT IN PLACE THE TGI WELLNESS AND EQUITY INITIATIVE. TRANS,
4 GENDER NON-CONFORMING AND INTERSEX FOLKS DESERVE SPECIFIC
5 LIFE-SAVING AND LIFE ALTERING SERVICES THAT SHOULD NOT BE
6 ACCUMULATED WITH OTHER LGBT CENTERED SERVICES. I KNOW THAT
7 THERE'S ENOUGH SPACE IN THE CFCI FUNDS TO SEE ALL OF OUR
8 COLLABORATIVE WORKS BE FUNDED AND SUPPORT THE RESIDENTS OF --

9

10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
11 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MEGAN CASTILLO,
12 MELINDA CACANI, MONICA JUAREZ, NICOLE BROWN, NINA MOORE,
13 OLIVIA SHIELDS, PATRICIA SANTANA, PEARL GONZALEZ, RACHEL
14 FEATHERSTONE, REBA STEVENS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE BEGIN.

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16 **SPEAKER:** LENA MALLET WITH THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND, LAY UP
17 AND REIMAGINE L.A. THE WHOLE NARRATIVE TIED TO THIS FISCAL
18 YEAR IS THAT WE ARE GRIPPED BY UNPRECEDENTED AND UNAVOIDABLE
19 BUDGET CONSTRAINTS. AND WHILE THERE ARE SOME REAL CONCERNS
20 BROUGHT ON BY FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS IN THE AFTERMATH OF CLIMATE
21 CATASTROPHES, OTHER PRESSURES HAVE GROWN OUT OF YEARS OF
22 NEGLIGENT POLICY DECISIONS THAT FAVOR AND PROTECT POLICING AND
23 PUNISHMENT. IF WE COMBINE PROBATION AND SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
24 VACANCIES, THIS BOARD IS WASTING A MINIMUM OF \$300,000,000
25 ANNUALLY, NOT INCLUDING THE \$5,000,000,000 THAT'S INVESTED



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SUPERVISORS

1 BETWEEN THE AFOREMENTIONED DEPARTMENTS OR THE \$4,000,000,000
2 SETTLEMENT BROUGHT ON BY THEIR DECADES OF HARM. THIS CHOICE
3 JEOPARDIZES ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT ARE ALREADY
4 STRUGGLING AND STRAPPED FOR CAPACITY. THIS IS NOT UNAVOIDABLE.
5 THIS IS A POLICY DECISION IN YOUR HANDS. THE QUESTION SHOULD
6 NOT BE ABOUT FINDING WAYS TO FILL THEIR VACANCIES. IT HAS BEEN
7 MADE CLEAR THAT THE HIRING RATE WILL NEVER RISE ABOVE THE RATE
8 OF ATTRITION. THIS BOARD MUST SHRINK THESE BLOATED BUDGETS AND
9 REALLOCATE DOLLARS TO MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS. ESSENTIAL
10 INITIATIVES LIKE LA:RISE SHOULD NOT BE HAVING TO FIGHT FOR
11 CRUMBS. WE KNOW THE SOLUTION OF SCARCITY IS A LIE --

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

14
15 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MEGAN
16 CASTILLO. I'M WITH LA DEFENSA, THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION,
17 AND I'M ALSO THE CO-VICE CHAIR OF THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY
18 ADVISORY COMMITTEE. ROUGHLY \$300,000,000 IN MEASURE J FUNDS
19 REMAIN UNSPENT, LANGUISHING, AND COUNTY DEPARTMENT BUDGETS
20 WHILE URGENT CRISES IN HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH, AND YOUTH
21 SERVICES CONTINUE TO ESCALATE. IT IS UNACCEPTABLE FOR
22 TRANSFORMATIVE FUNDS TO SIT IDLE WHILE COMMUNITIES ARE IN
23 SURVIVAL MODE. DESPITE A NEAR \$6,000,000,000 SALARY AND
24 INFRASTRUCTURE, L.A. COUNTY CONTINUES TO SEE LAWSUITS, CIVIL
25 RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR SETTLEMENTS FROM



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE SHERIFF AND THE PROBATION'S DEPARTMENT. THAT'S MONEY DOWN
2 THE DRAIN WHILE UNHOUSED PEOPLE DIE IN OUR STREETS AND
3 COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS BEG FOR SCRAPS. WE SHOULD BE FUNDING
4 RESULTS NOT FAILED AND TRACK FAILED TRACK RECORDS BY THESE TWO
5 DEPARTMENTS. EVERY DOLLAR WE POUR INTO THE CARCERAL SYSTEM IS
6 A DOLLAR STOLEN FROM PROVEN COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS. FULLY FUND
7 MEASURE J, CUT THE RED TAPE, DECARCERATE THE GIRLS AND GENDER
8 EXPANSIVE YOUTH, REJECT PROBATION'S GLOBAL PLAN, PROTECT THE
9 TGI WELLNESS FUND AND WORK WITH THE CFCI ADVISORY BODY AND
10 LISTEN TO COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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

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14 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT. I HOPE THAT, SEE MY FLAG IS NOT EVEN
15 SHOWING. ALL RIGHT. SO, GREETINGS BOARD. HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A
16 WHILE. YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL BUDGET. WHAT YOU'RE MISSING, THE
17 THRESHOLD LANGUAGES ON YOUR WEBSITE. SO, YOU HAVE ARMENIAN,
18 CHINESE, FARSI, HINDU, JAPANESE, KOREAN, RUSSIAN, SPANISH,
19 TAGALOG, HOPEFULLY I SAID IT RIGHT, THAI, VIETNAMESE, OF
20 COURSE ENGLISH, ARABIC, AND KHMER. I HOPE I SAID IT RIGHT FOR
21 CAMBODIAN. ON YOUR WEBSITE, YOU DON'T HAVE THE THRESHOLD
22 LANGUAGES OF FRENCH, CREOLE. SO, [SPEAKING IN FOREIGN
23 LANGUAGE] WHAT ARE WE SAYING, LOS ANGELES, THAT FRENCH CREOLE
24 IS NOT AN IMPORTANT THRESHOLD LANGUAGE, EVEN THE DEPARTMENT OF
25 MENTAL HEALTH REQUIRES THAT TO BE ONE OF THE THRESHOLD



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SUPERVISORS

1 LANGUAGES. SO, WITH THIS BUDGET, TAKE \$1,000,000 OUT OF YOUR
2 \$54,000,000,000 BUDGET WHILE YOU MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING
3 THAT THEY NEED IS TAKEN CARE OF, THAT YOU ADD FRENCH AS A
4 THRESHOLD LANGUAGE FOR LOS ANGELES --

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

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8 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MONICA AND I AM A PARTICIPANT WITH
9 THE YOUNG WOMEN FREEDOM CENTER. TODAY'S MEETING IS HOW WHAT
10 ARE THE COUNTIES SHOULD INVEST THEIR MONEY IN. I THINK THE
11 COUNTY SHOULD HELP AND SUPPORT PEOPLE IN NEEDS AND USE THE
12 MONEY FOR FOOD BANKS, SUPPLIES FOR TEEN MOMS AND FAMILY WITH
13 KIDS. INVEST MORE MONEY IN SCHOOL SUPPLIES THAT HAVE FALLEN
14 WITH LEAKS AND MANY MORE. I ALSO THINK THE COUNTY CAN DONATE
15 MONEY AND FOSTER HOME SUPPORT WITH SUPPORT THEM WITH FOODS,
16 GOOD CLOTHING, NEW SHOES, NEW TOYS, NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES,
17 SPORTS EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS HOUSING. WE SHOULDN'T SPEND ANY
18 MORE MONEY ON POLICE PROBATION OR ANYTHING HARMFUL. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** LET'S TURN ON YOUR MIC. SORRY.
23 START OVER AGAIN.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS RACHEL FEATHERSTONE AND I'M AN ADVOCATE



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SUPERVISORS

1 AND CREDIBLE MESSENGER AT LOS PADRINOS WITH YOUNG WOMEN'S
2 FREEDOM CENTER. LET ME TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THESE KIDS THAT ARE
3 INSIDE ARE NOT DANGEROUS. EVERYDAY SPEAKING WITH YOUTH WHO
4 HAVE EXPERIENCED UNTHINKABLE TRAUMA, VIOLENCE IN THEIR HOMES,
5 INSTABILITY IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND COMPLETE DISCONNECTION
6 FROM THE SYSTEMS THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THEM. THEY
7 DON'T NEED MORE SURVEILLANCE. THEY DON'T NEED MORE PUNISHMENT.
8 THEY NEED SUPPORT. THEY NEED CONSISTENT MENTORSHIP. THEY NEED
9 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, HOUSING, AND PEOPLE WHO WILL SHOW UP
10 WITH CARE, NOT CUFFS. IT IS DISHEARTENING TO SEE THAT L.A.
11 COUNTY IS SITTING ON OVER \$300,000,000 OF UNSPENT CFCI FUNDS,
12 MONEY THAT COULD BE TRANSFORMING THESE KIDS' LIVES RIGHT NOW.
13 WE'RE SPENDING OVER \$800,000 A YEAR TO INCARCERATE ONE YOUNG
14 PERSON. IMAGINE WHAT THAT MONEY COULD DO OUTSIDE THOSE WALLS,
15 INVESTED IN THERAPY, FAMILY SUPPORT, JOB TRAINING, EDUCATION.
16 THAT'S A BETTER MORAL DECISION. IT'S A SMARTER BUDGET
17 DECISION. I'M ASKING YOU TO STOP FUNDING FAILURE. SHRINK THE
18 BLOATED PROBATION BUDGET AND REINVEST THAT MONEY INTO PROGRAMS
19 THAT ACTUALLY WORK --

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

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23 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

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25 **INTERPRETER:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PATRICIA SANTANA.



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SUPERVISORS

1 TO HONOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO AS WELL AS MY COLLEAGUES. WOULD
2 THEY PLEASE STAND BEHIND ME? I AM HERE WITH SEIU 2015. I'M A
3 HOME CARE PROVIDER AND SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS'S OFFICE WHO HAS
4 BEEN AN EXCELLENT SUPERVISOR. AND I AM HERE WITH TWO CLEAR
5 REQUESTS. THE FIRST, THAT THEY SEND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE
6 COUNTY CEO'S OFFICE TO OUR NEGOTIATIONS AS THEY DO WITH OTHER
7 BARGAINING UNITS. IT SOUNDS VERY REPETITIVE BUT IS EXTREMELY
8 IMPORTANT FOR US. AND THE SECOND, THAT THEY NOT PLACE THE COST
9 OF SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMS ON THE BOTTOM LINE OF THE COUNTY'S
10 LOWEST PAID WORKFORCE. HERE I WILL EXPLAIN WHY. I TAKE CARE OF
11 MY HUSBAND, AND I LOVE WHAT I DO. I KNOW I MAKE A BIG
12 DIFFERENCE IN HIS LIFE, BUT I STRUGGLE TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL
13 EVERYDAY NEEDS BETWEEN RENT AND MEDICAL NEEDS. AND I WILL LET
14 YOU KNOW THAT WHAT I BRING IN ALLOWS US TO PAY FOR THAT OXYGEN
15 FOR US TO SURVIVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL
16 WORK.

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

19
20 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS PEARL GONZALEZ AND I'M AN SEIU 2015
21 HOME CARE PROVIDER AND SUPERVISOR OF JANICE HAHN'S DISTRICT.
22 I'M HERE TODAY WITH TWO CLEAR ASKS. FIRST, SEND A
23 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COUNTY'S CEO OFFICE TO OUR
24 NEGOTIATION, JUST LIKE YOU DO WITH ALL OTHER BARGAINING UNITS.
25 SECOND, DON'T PLACE THE COST OF SEXUAL ABUSE LAWSUITS ON THE



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1 BACK OF THE COUNTY'S LOWEST PAID WORKFORCE. HERE'S WHY THIS
2 MATTERS TO ME. I CARE FOR AN OLDER, NON-FAMILY CONSUMER WITH
3 KIDNEY FAILURE AND I LOVE WHAT I DO. I KNOW I MAKE A BIG
4 DIFFERENCE IN HIS LIFE, BUT I NEED TO MAKE SURE I CAN AFFORD
5 MY OWN BASIC NEEDS. I CAN'T KEEP WORRYING ABOUT GROCERIES,
6 GAS, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, RENT. WE ARE L.A. COUNTY'S LARGEST
7 LOW-WAGE WORKFORCE. IT'S TIME TO INVEST IN US.

8

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

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12 **MODERATOR:** NATHAN SUDEEP, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS NATHAN SUDEEP. I'M A VOLUNTEER
15 CASEWORKER WITH PROJECT HEP C CONNECT. TODAY, I'M HERE TO ASK
16 THE BOARD TO EXPAND THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
17 HEALTH HEPATITIS C BUDGET BY \$441,000 TO FUND TWO FULL-TIME
18 STAFF POSITIONS FOCUSED ON HEP C LINKAGE TO CURE. RIGHT NOW,
19 MORE THAN TWO OUT OF THREE PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY WITH HEP C
20 REMAIN UNTREATED, EVEN THOUGH IT'S CURABLE. I WORK WITH MANY
21 OF THEM, INCLUDING PEOPLE WHO ARE UNHOUSED OR STRUGGLING WITH
22 SUBSTANCE ABUSE. AND MANY OF THEM FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS
23 BECAUSE WE LACK THE STAFF TO KEEP THEM CONNECTED TO CARE. THIS
24 ISN'T JUST A MEDICAL ISSUE, IT'S A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE. PEOPLE
25 WITH UNTREATED HEP C CAN UNKNOWINGLY TRANSMIT THE VIRUS TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 OTHERS INCLUDING FAMILY AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS. THAT IS WHY
2 I SUPPORT THE MOTION PASSED BACK IN JUNE 2024 WHICH DIRECTED
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO EXPAND STAFFING FOR HEP C.
4 BUT TO MOVE FORWARD WE NEED DEDICATED COUNTY FUNDING NOW. WE
5 HAVE THE CURE FOR HEP C BUT LET'S MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE STAFF
6 TO DELIVER IT. THANK YOU.

7

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** JESSICA FERRIS. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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12 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'M JESS FERRIS WITH ACLU SOCAL AND THE DISTRICT
13 FOUR RESIDENT. AND FOR YEARS COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN LOUD
14 AND CLEAR DEMANDING A REDUCTION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT BUDGETS AND
15 AN INCREASE IN SPENDING ON COMMUNITY AND HOUSING SERVICES. WE
16 WANT TO SEE AND HAVE A SAY IN A TRUE CARE-FIRST BUDGET, BUT WE
17 CAN'T CONTINUE TO OVERFUND LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EXPECT
18 IMPROVEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SHERIFF'S HOST PROGRAM SPENDS
19 MONEY ON THINGS LIKE OVERTIME AND WEAPONS AND SEES THE SAME
20 RESULTS YEAR AFTER YEAR, INCREASED USE OF FORCE AGAINST THE
21 UNHOUSED, INCREASED CRIMINALIZATION, AND A FAILURE TO CONNECT
22 PEOPLE TO MEANINGFUL SERVICES. YET THE HOST PROGRAM CONTINUES
23 TO RECEIVE FUNDING DESPITE BEING COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FOR
24 HOMELESSNESS AND DESPITE THE AUSTERITY DISCUSSED HERE. EVERY
25 DOLLAR WE'RE GIVING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT IS A DOLLAR WE AREN'T



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SUPERVISORS

1 SPENDING ON COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS THAT SAVE LIVES INSTEAD OF
2 ENDANGERING THEM. SO, WE'RE CALLING ON YOU TO PLEASE EXPEDITE
3 AND SIMPLIFY THIS --

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

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7 **MODERATOR:** YVETTE ALFERLITO. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS
8 OPEN.

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10 **SPEAKER:** YVETTE ALFERLITO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LA DEFENSA
11 WITH THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION, RESIDENT OF DISTRICT ONE.
12 THE COUNTY IS AT AN IMPASSE WHERE YOU CAN CHOOSE TO DOUBLE
13 DOWN ON INVESTMENTS IN CARE BY EXPANDING FUNDING FOR CFCI,
14 TRANS SERVICES, IMMIGRANT SUPPORT, AND YOUTH DIVERSION, OR
15 CONTINUE TO WASTE OUR TAX DOLLARS ON DEPARTMENTS COSTING US
16 BILLIONS IN LAWSUITS. PREVIOUS BOARDS FAILED TO HEED OUR
17 WARNINGS THAT PROBATION WAS HARMING YOUNG PEOPLE AND
18 CANNIBALIZING FUNDING, AND NOW THE QUESTION IS, HOW WILL YOU
19 COURSE CORRECT TODAY? INCREASING FUNDING TO THE DEPARTMENTS
20 THAT ARE OF GREATEST LIABILITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE BUDGETING.
21 JUST A FEW YEARS AGO, THE COUNTY WAS READY TO SPEND BILLIONS
22 ON NEW JAILS AND ALTHOUGH THE BOARD MADE THE RIGHT DECISION TO
23 PASS THOSE PLANS WE HAVE YET TO SEE THE LEVEL OF AGGRESSIVE
24 INVESTMENT IN THE ALTERNATIVE IT IS EGREGIOUS THAT PROBATION
25 IS SITTING ON OVER 1,000 VACANT POSITIONS AND INCOMPREHENSIBLE



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1 BUT THERE'S ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SHERIFF LIABILITY AND
2 RECRUITMENT IN THIS BUDGET WHILE OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE FACING
3 CUTS WE DON'T NEED MORE SHERIFFS. WE NEED MORE HEALTH CARE
4 WORKERS. WE DON'T NEED MORE REMODELED JAILS. WE NEED HOUSING,
5 LET'S STOP FUNDING ABUSE AND LIABILITY. WE SIMPLY CANNOT
6 AFFORD IT MORALLY OR FINANCIALLY. RIGHT SIZING THE BUDGET
7 TODAY WILL SAVE US THE FUTURE.

8

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

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11 **MODERATOR:** BRIANNA SUGUNZA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BRIANNA. I'M RESIDENT OF
14 DISTRICT FOUR, REPRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN. I'M HERE
15 TO DEMAND THAT THE BOARD UPHOLD THE PROMISE OF A CARE-FIRST
16 BUDGET AND STOP BALANCING THE SPOKES ON THE BACKS OF OUR
17 COMMUNITY. IN 2020, OVER 2,000,000 LOS ANGELES VOTERS FROM
18 MEASURE J TO FUND HOUSING, YOUTH SERVICES, AND COMMUNITY-BASED
19 CARE, NOT CAGES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. YET FOUR YEARS LATER,
20 OVER \$325,000,000 AND UNSPENT MEASURE J FUNDS REMAINS TRAPPED
21 IN COUNTY BUREAUCRATS WHILE PROBATION AND THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT, BOTH UNDER FIRE FOR ABUSE AND MISMANAGEMENT,
23 CONTINUE TO RECEIVE BILLIONS. WE DO NOT NEED MORE EXCUSES, WE
24 NEED A BUDGET THAT REFLECTS THE VALUES THAT VOTERS HAVE
25 DEMANDED. THAT MEANS EXPEDITING THE RELEASE OF CSI FUNDING,



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SUPERVISORS

1 INVESTING IN YES TEAMS AND REENTRY PROGRAMS, AND FULLY
2 REJECTING THE PROBATION'S DANGEROUS GLOBAL PLAN. LET'S STOP
3 FUNDING HARM AND START FUNDING HEALING. FREE THE 50. THANK
4 YOU.

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

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8 **MODERATOR:** PASTOR CALVIN SAULS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY
9 BEGIN.

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11 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS IS PASTOR CALVIN SALVES. GLAD TO
12 JOIN THE MEETING TODAY. FAITH-ROOTED COMMITTEE ORGANIZER AND
13 FORMER PASTOR FOR THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. JUST HERE TO
14 REMIND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT ANY BUDGET IS A MORAL
15 DOCUMENT AND SO WE WANT TO SUPPORT POLICIES THAT WILL CONTINUE
16 TO REIMAGINE INNOVATIVE AND TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNITY LED
17 SERVICES. AND SO AS A RESIDENT AND SUPERVISOR OF MITCHELL'S
18 DISTRICT, I'M GLAD TO BE HERE TO SUPPORT ALL OF THESE
19 INITIATIVES THAT WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE GUARANTEED INCOME
20 AS WELL AS INVESTMENTS IN DMH AND DHS AND ALSO THE DPS GENERAL
21 RELIEF PROGRAMS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

22

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** BROOKLYN LOVE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** PLEASE BEGIN. MODERATOR, WE'LL TAKE THE
3 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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5 **MODERATOR:** DEJA SCOTT, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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7 **SPEAKER:** HI. SO SORRY. OKAY, WELL, HI, I'M DEJA SCOTT. I'M A
8 FORMALLY, WELL, NOT FORMALLY INCARCERATED. I'M SO SORRY. OKAY,
9 CAN I START OVER?

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** PLEASE CONTINUE.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, HI, I'M DEZA SCOTT. I'M NOT A GENDER, I'M SO
14 SORRY. CAN YOU GUYS JUST GET ME?

15

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

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18 **MODERATOR:** MORRIS JUMELOG, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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20 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS MORRIS DUMALOG AND I'M WITH SEARCH TO
21 INVOLVE FILIPINO AMERICANS IN THE HI-FI COALITION. I'D LIKE TO
22 SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM A7. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR
23 READING. IT'S AN IMPORTANT MOTION. OUR SCHOOLS ARE MANDATED BY
24 FEDERAL LAW TO ENSURE THAT NO STUDENT IS DENIED ENROLLMENT OR
25 FACED WITH BARRIERS TO THEIR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IT'S A DIFFERENT ITEM. THIS IS ALL
3 ON BUDGET. THIS IS ON BUDGET RIGHT NOW. CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT
4 SPEAKER? YES, JUST GO BACK INTO THE QUEUE.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** HELEN EICHENBERG, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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12 **SPEAKER:** HI, HELEN EICHENBERG. I LIVE IN DISTRICT NUMBER
13 THREE. PROBATION IS SITTING ON OVER 1,000 VACANT POSITIONS
14 WHILE THEIR BUDGET BALLOONS YEAR AFTER YEAR. IT'S NOT ONLY
15 WASTEFUL, BUT IT'S SENSITIVE TO THE COMMUNITY. WE'RE IN A
16 BUDGET CRISIS YET YOU CONTINUE TO REWARD THE DEPARTMENT THAT
17 HAS FAILED OUR YOUTH AND ABUSED PUBLIC TRUST. WE MUST SHRINK
18 THE FLOATED BUDGET AND REALLOCATE THOSE DOLLARS TO HOUSING
19 EDUCATION AND CARE. PLACES WHERE THEY CAN ACTUALLY STAY FINE.
20 THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** VANESSA MELENDREZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY
25 BEGIN.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MODERATOR. WE ARE NOW GOING BACK
3 TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE BEGIN.

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5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NICOLE BROWN, POLICY
6 DIRECTOR WITH THE URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE. I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE
7 FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET. FIRST, THE
8 VOTERS PASS MEASURE J TO BRING URGENTLY NEEDED INVESTMENT TO
9 COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY MASS INCARCERATION AND COMMUNITY
10 VIOLENCE. THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO FUNDING CFCI IS CRITICAL,
11 BUT I URGE YOU TO TAKE ACTION TO RELEASE THE UNSPENT FUNDS AND
12 ALLOW THE CFCI ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DECIDE HOW THOSE FUNDS
13 NEED TO BE SPENT SO THE WILL OF L.A. COUNTY VOTERS CAN BE
14 REALIZED. WE ARE PLEASED ALSO TO SEE THE INVESTMENTS IN
15 COMMUNITY-BASED SAFETY STRATEGIES SUCH AS SAFER PARKS, GENDER-
16 BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION, AND ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE.
17 HOWEVER, THE COUNTY HAS HISTORICALLY UNDERFUNDED COMMUNITY
18 VIOLENCE INTERVENTION. THE COUNTY MUST INCREASE INVESTMENT IN
19 PEACEMAKERS TO ENSURE SAFETY IN OUR MOST VULNERABLE
20 NEIGHBORHOODS. LASTLY, WE MUST BREAK THE CYCLE OF INVESTING
21 BILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO A FAILED PROBATION DEPARTMENT WHOSE
22 ABUSES WILL NOW COST TAXPAYERS \$4,000,000,000 ADDITIONAL
23 DOLLARS ON TOP OF THEIR BILLION-DOLLAR ANNUAL BUDGET.

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



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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
2 REVA STEVENS, AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE CFCI ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3 REPRESENTING LIVED EXPERTISE, LIVED EXPERIENCE, AS WELL AS
4 THOSE WHO ARE LIVING THE EXPERIENCE. I AM REALLY UPSET TODAY
5 AFTER LISTENING TO THE CEO'S BUDGET REPORT THAT STATED THAT
6 THE UNSPENT CFCI MONIES WOULD GO BACK TO THE COUNTY TO DECIDE
7 HOW THEY'RE GOING TO BE SPENT. SHAME ON ALL OF US IF THAT'S
8 THE CASE WHEN THEY'RE ALREADY UNSPENT WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT?
9 TO KEEP HOLDING ON TO DOLLARS WHEN PEOPLE ARE DYING EVERY
10 SINGLE DAY THERE ARE DOLLARS THAT WERE UNSPENT THAT WERE
11 EARMARKED TO PROVIDE INTERIM HOUSING THAT NEVER WENT SPENT.
12 THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OVERALL HAVE UNSPENT DOLLARS RIGHT NOW
13 TODAY. IT IS VERY DISHEARTENING. WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THIS --

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

16
17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO HAVE SOMEONE COME
18 OVER. ANNA, CAN YOU HAVE SOMEONE GO OVER AND TALK TO YOU? GO
19 AHEAD. NEXT SPEAKER.

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21 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS NATALIE SEGURA. I'M WITH THE YOUTH
22 JUSTICE COALITION. I'M A FREE L.A. STUDENT AND A LEVEL FELLOW.
23 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION WORKS TO AN ABOLITION YOUTH LED
24 MOVEMENT TO END POLICE TERROR AND THE CRIMINALIZATION OF
25 YOUTH. TODAY I'M SHARING MY THOUGHTS ON THE RECOMMENDED



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1 BUDGET. I'M HERE TO URGE THE BOARD TO PRIORITIZE A CARE FIRST,
2 JAILS LAST BUDGET. PROVIDE MEANINGFUL INVESTMENTS AND YES CARE
3 TEAMS TO PROVIDE GIRLS AND GENDER-SPENT YOUTH WITH WRAPAROUND
4 SUPPORT. YOUTH NEED EDUCATION, MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES, CAREER
5 PATHWAYS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, FUNDING FOR THEIR NEEDS. THIS IS
6 IMPORTANT BECAUSE THESE YOUTH ARE ASKING, I MEAN, THESE YOUNG
7 PEOPLE ARE ASKING FOR THEIR NEEDS TO BE MET. IF YOU ASK EVERY
8 YOUNG PERSON WHO IS HERE RIGHT NOW, WHAT WOULD THEY DO WITH
9 \$4,000,000,000? THEY WILL TELL YOU THAT THEY WILL INVEST THAT
10 MONEY IN THEIR COMMUNITY TO MEET THEIR NEEDS. AND THE
11 RESOURCES THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR. PLEASE INVEST IN YOUTH
12 JUSTICE REIMAGINE SHUTTING DOWN THESE FACILITIES THAT ARE
13 DESTROYING OUR YOUTH WHEN YOU SET THE 2025/2026 BUDGET. THANK
14 YOU.

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

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18 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS RUTH CAMILIA AND I'M SPEAKING ON
19 BEHALF OF THE TRANS-LATINO COALITION IN DISTRICT TWO. WE'RE AN
20 ORGANIZATION LED BY AND FOR TRANS, GENDER-EXPANSIVE, AND
21 INTERSEX TGI INDIVIDUALS, BRILLIANT PEOPLE WHO HOLD
22 INTERSECTING IDENTITIES AS MIGRANTS, BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND
23 PEOPLE OF COLOR, COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE LONG CARRIED THE WEIGHT
24 OF SYSTEMIC NEGLECT AND THE VIOLENCE OF INCARCERATION YET
25 CONTINUE TO RISE, ORGANIZE, AND LOVE IN THE FACE OF IT ALL. AS



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1 A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER AND FORMER LEGAL ANALYST AT THE
2 COALITION I WITNESSED DAILY THE SACRED TRANSFORMATION THAT
3 OCCURS WHEN OUR COMMUNITIES ARE TRULY INVESTED IN.
4 TRANSITIONAL, HOUSING, LEGAL AID, ACCESS TO CARE, THESE ARE
5 NOT LUXURIES, THEY ARE LIFELINES. IN THIS PIVOTAL BUDGET
6 PLANNING MOMENT, I URGE YOU TO PRIORITIZE FUNDING FOR
7 COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES OVER PUNITIVE SYSTEMS, INVEST IN
8 WHAT HEALS, COMMIT TO A FUTURE ROOTED IN COMPASSION AND
9 JUSTICE. TRANS --

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

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13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. HELLO, MY NAME IS SHANIQ. I AM 23 YEARS OF
14 AGE. I'VE BEEN FORMERLY INCARCERATED AS A YOUTH AND I AM STILL
15 DEALING WITH BEING SYSTEM IMPACTED. I'M HERE TODAY AS A YOUTH
16 ORGANIZER ADVOCATE WITH THE YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER, AN
17 ORGANIZATION THAT FOSTERS A COMMUNITY FOR YOUNG GIRLS AND
18 GENDER-EXPENSIVE YOUTH. I AM HERE TO URGE THE BOARD TO
19 PRIORITIZE DECARCERATING OUR YOUNG GIRLS AND GENDER-EXPENSIVE
20 YOUTH FIRST AND FOREMOST. IT'S HIGHLY IMPORTANT THAT THE MONEY
21 SHOULD BE INVESTED INTO OUR BLACK AND BROWN ORGANIZATIONS
22 DOING THE GROUNDWORK TO SHOW THAT LOCKING OUR YOUTH AWAY DOES
23 NOT HELP THEM. PROBATION IS REQUESTING MORE MONEY THIS BUDGET
24 SEASON, BUT FOR WHAT? WE SHOULDN'T INVEST NOT A DOLLAR MORE ON
25 A DEPARTMENT THAT IS TRAUMATIZING OUR YOUTH. NO MONEY CAN FIX



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1 THAT. THANK YOU.

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

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5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DIONNE MICHELLE LESLIE. I AM THE
6 CEO OF QUEEN UNITY MOVEMENT OUT OF DISTRICT ONE, TWO, THREE,
7 FOUR, FIVE, ALL THE WAY TO 32. I RESQUEUE YOUNG WOMEN AND
8 CHILDREN OFF OF BUS STOPS AND STREET CORNERS INTO SAFETY,
9 HOUSING, HOTELS, MOTELS, YOU NAME IT, I DO IT. MOST OF THE
10 PEOPLE I GET ARE FROM HOPPIX RIGHT OFF THE STREET CORNERS AND
11 SALVATION ARMIES AND THESE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHO USE OUR
12 FUNDS FOR SLUSH MONEY, WHILE REAL PEOPLE OUT HERE WITH BOOTS
13 ON THE GROUND ARE RESCUING WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND THE FUNDS
14 THAT THEY ARE USING. THEY GET \$5,000,000 A MONTH. THEY HELP
15 FIVE PEOPLE A DAY, OTHER PEOPLE SITTING OUTSIDE CRYING. THEN
16 THEY CALL ME. I HAVE BEEN A DATABASE WITH 211. I GOT YOUNG
17 GIRLS CALLING ME THAT NEED TO BE RESQUEUED. I JUST RESQUEUED A
18 14 YEAR OLD, AN 18 YEAR OLD THAT'S BEEN THROWN AWAY BY THE
19 FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. I JUST NEED FOR THESE ORGANIZATIONS TO
20 HELP THE ORGANIZATIONS, THE YOUNG ORGANIZATIONS OUT HERE, NON-
21 PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.

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

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.



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2 **SPEAKER:** I'M THE ONLY ONE OUT HERE RESCUING WOMEN AND CHILDREN
3 OFF A BUS STOP AND STREET. NO, I'M NOT. I'M TRYING MY BEST. I
4 DIDN'T ORGANIZE ANYTHING. CAN I GO OUT HERE AND HELP THEM
5 START THE CLOCK, PLEASE?

6

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

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9 **SPEAKER:** IF I CAN DO IT, Y'ALL CAN DO IT.

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11 **DAWYN HARRISON:** MA'AM, MA'AM, YOU'RE BEING DISRUPTIVE. WE NEED
12 THE NEXT SPEAKER TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK, PLEASE.

13

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

15

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

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18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** START THE CLOCK, PLEASE.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** I FELT THAT. GOOD MORNING. IT'S NOT MORNING ANYMORE,
21 RIGHT? MY NAME IS TORI. I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE. IF YOU DON'T
22 RECOGNIZE ME, I'VE ALSO APPLIED FOR SOME OF YOUR GUYS' OFFICES
23 AND DIDN'T GET THE JOB. I'M A MOTHER AND PROUD RESIDENT OF
24 L.A., BUT SOMETHING I'VE NEVER SHARED BEFORE IN THIS SPACE AND
25 NEVER SHARED WITH SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE IS THAT I'M ALSO



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1 A SURVIVOR OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. LET ME BE
2 FRANK, YOU CANNOT EXPECT L.A. COUNTY TO MOVE FORWARD FROM THE
3 HARM IT'S DONE WHILE STILL INVESTING IN THE ABUSERS THAT ARE
4 HURTING US, IN THE SAME WAY THAT YOU WOULD NEVER LET YOUR
5 DAUGHTER STAY IN A HOME WHERE YOU KNOW SHE'S BEING BEATEN AND
6 RAPED. UNLESS YOU WOMEN ENJOY SUPPORTING ABUSERS, I URGE YOU
7 ALL TO NOT GIVE OUR POLICE AND CARCERAL SYSTEMS ANY MORE
8 MONEY. DON'T GIVE THEM ONE MORE DOLLAR. THIS IS A WASTE OF
9 TIME AND YOU MIGHT JUST END UP HAVING TO PAY FOR IT. THANK
10 YOU.

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12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** IT IS NOW 4:15 P.M. AND THAT CONCLUDES
13 PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEM 48.

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15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU WANT TO PROVIDE
16 A WRITTEN COMMENT, YOU CAN. ALL RIGHT. I AM ASKING YOU FIRST
17 WARNING BEFORE YOU ESCORT IT OUT. ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. THIS
18 IS SERGEANT AT ARMS. I'M PUTTING THAT'S THE FIRST WARNING. ALL
19 RIGHT. WE ARE NOW EXECUTIVE OFFICER. WOULD YOU PLEASE MAKE THE
20 ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE ITEMS THAT ARE BEING CONTINUED TO
21 MAY 20TH? DO WE HAVE TO VOTE ON? WE DON'T VOTE ON THE IT'S A
22 RECEIVING FILE ON THE FILE. YEAH, SO IT'S A RECEIVING FILE ON
23 THE BUDGET WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED GO AHEAD.

24
25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MEMBERS OF BOARD, PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS



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1 A REQUEST TO CONTINUE ITEMS 33 AND 34 TO MAY 20, 2025. IF
2 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO
4 ITEM 16, REPORT ON OPTIONS FOR NON-PATHWAY HOME FUNDS, WHICH
5 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ON THE
6 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS
7 ITEM.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, YES. MY APOLOGIES. WE DO NEED
10 TO VOTE ON THE BUDGET.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, OKAY. BACKUP. WE'RE GOING TO
13 CONTINUE. TELL US WHAT WE'RE VOTING ON.

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ON ITEM 48.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** TO CONTINUE.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NO, ITEM 48 IS FOR THE --

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, IT IS, I THOUGHT IT WAS THE
22 RECEIVING FILE. I'LL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.
23 TAKE THE ROLL.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

7

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

9 HORVATH?

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

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

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

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

18 0.

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20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, COUNTY COUNSEL, DO WE HAVE TO

21 TAKE A VOTE ON CONTINUANCE OF THE PROBATION ITEM TO THE MAY

22 20TH BOARD MEETING? YOU'RE SHAKING YOUR HEAD YES. SO, WE'RE

23 GOING TO TAKE THE ROLL. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THE ROLL. I'LL

24 MOVE THAT WE CONTINUE IT SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. WOULD

25 YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL TO CONTINUE THE PROBATION ITEMS?



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

5

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

7

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

9

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

11 HORVATH?

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AYE.

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

16

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

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4 TO

20 0 TO CONTINUE ITEMS 33 AND 34.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL GO ON TO

23 ITEM NUMBER 16 REGARDING THE REPORT ON OPTIONS FOR NON-PATHWAY

24 HOME FUNDS. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

25



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1 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE THAT
2 MY COLLEAGUES BROUGHT FORWARD A MOTION TO ADDRESS SOME OF WHAT
3 WAS DISCUSSED AT OUR LAST MEETING. AND I WALKED AWAY FROM THAT
4 MEETING THINKING THAT WE WERE IN AGREEMENT ABOUT FULLY FUNDING
5 THE TAY SUPPORTS THAT WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE BUDGET AND THEN
6 FINDING A PATHWAY TO SUPPORTING THE PREVENTION EFFORTS, WHICH
7 ARE SO CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO MAKING SURE PEOPLE DON'T FALL
8 INTO HOMELESSNESS. AND SO, TO AUGMENT WHAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED,
9 I'M HAPPY TO OFFER EITHER AS AMENDMENT IF THE AUTHORS WILL
10 CONSIDER OR AS A SEPARATE MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION, TWO
11 AMENDMENTS BECAUSE IN THESE INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT TIMES WE MUST
12 FUND THE PROGRAMS THAT GET US THE MOST RETURN ON OUR
13 INVESTMENT AND SERVE THE MOST PEOPLE STRENGTHENING OUR SOCIAL
14 SAFETY NET. WE HEARD FROM DOZENS OF PEOPLE WHEN WE WERE HERE
15 THE LAST TIME, YOUNG PEOPLE THEMSELVES, THAT THIS IS A SYSTEM
16 THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED AND THEY HAVE HELPED TO DEVELOP THE
17 TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH ITEMS. I WANT TO LISTEN TO THEM, THE
18 PEOPLE RECEIVING THESE SERVICES, AND FUND THIS NETWORK OF
19 PROGRAMS AS WE SAID WE WOULD. AND I WANT TO NOT JUST FUND
20 THESE PROGRAMS AT LAST YEAR'S ACTUALS, BUT AT THEIR FULL
21 REQUESTED BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR. I'M ALSO FIGHTING FOR
22 PREVENTION FUNDING BECAUSE WE MUST STOP THE INFLOW INTO
23 HOMELESSNESS. WE MUST EMPOWER PEOPLE TO STAY IN THE PLACES
24 THEY CALL HOME. AND WE HAVE ALL BEEN SAYING THIS, SO I KNOW
25 WE'RE IN AGREEMENT. IF WE WANT TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS, WE



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1 MUST PROVIDE FUNDING TO PREVENT IT. IT WON'T JUST HAPPEN
2 BECAUSE WE SAY WE BELIEVE IN IT. IT ALSO RECENTLY CAME TO MY
3 ATTENTION THAT THE SEVERE CUTS TO EMPLOYMENT SERVICES COULD
4 IMPACT A FEDERAL REVENUE OFFSET THAT THIS WORK CAN GENERATE.
5 SO, IT'S NOT ONLY DOLLARS THAT THE COUNTY CUTS, BUT IT'S
6 ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT IS LEVERAGED TO BRING MORE INVESTMENT
7 INTO OUR REGION. I'M MINDFUL THAT THE NEW FEDERAL
8 ADMINISTRATION MAY ATTACH WORK REQUIREMENTS TO BENEFIT
9 PROGRAMS, MAKING THIS NO TIME TO CUT A NETWORK OF SUPPORT FOR
10 THOSE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT. I KNOW WE HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION ON
11 MEASURE A FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR, AS IT WILL
12 TAKE TIME TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO PAY OUR
13 PROVIDERS BY THE START OF THE NEW FISCAL YEAR ON JULY 1. I AM
14 WILLING TO DO THAT AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE US CONTINUE THE
15 CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW WE WILL KEEP MORE OF THESE SYSTEMS
16 WHOLE. PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS AND SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH IS NOT
17 JUST THE JOB OF MEASURE A FUNDING. THESE ARE COUNTY-FUNDED
18 SYSTEMS OF CARE THAT MUST BE FUNDED BY THE COUNTY. I KNOW WE
19 CAN FIND A WAY, WHICH IS WHY I'M PROPOSING THE FOLLOWING. ONE,
20 DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PROVIDE A VERBAL REPORT
21 BACK TO THE BOARD ON MAY 13, 2025, IDENTIFYING DEPARTMENTS
22 THAT ARE ANTICIPATED TO HAVE AVAILABLE FUND BALANCE AT THE END
23 OF FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 THAT CAN BE UTILIZED AND ALLOCATED
24 DURING THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET TO RESTORE \$18,403,250 IN
25 FUNDING FOR THE ITEMS BELOW. THE REPORT BACK SHOULD INCLUDE A



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1 RECOMMENDATION OF WHAT ANTICIPATED AVAILABLE FUND BALANCE
2 SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO THESE ITEMS. A, TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH
3 PROGRAMS, \$7,097,000 FROM THE APRIL 1, 2025, REPORT BACK ON
4 FISCAL YEAR 25/26 HOMELESS INITIATIVE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS.
5 FUNDING NEEDED TO COVER THE GAP FOR FULL FUNDING RESTORATION
6 IS \$1,487,000. B. PREVENTION ITEMS. \$13,693,000 FROM THE APRIL
7 1, 2025, REPORT BACK ON FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 HOMELESS FUNDING
8 HOMELESS INITIATIVE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FUNDING NEEDED TO
9 COVER THE GAP FOR FULL FUNDING RESTORATION IS \$10,269,250. C.
10 EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME SUPPORT \$8,427,000 FROM THE HOMELESS
11 INITIATIVE FISCAL YEAR 25/26 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION BOARD
12 LETTER. FUNDING NEEDED TO COVER THE GAP FOR FULL FUNDING
13 RESTORATION IS \$6,647,000. AND TWO, TO DIRECT COUNTY COUNCIL
14 TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC WRITTEN REPORT BACK AND VERBAL REPORT TO
15 THE BOARD ON MAY 13, 2025 ON THE LIMITATIONS OF THE LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS AGENCY, LACAHA, SA,
17 TO FUND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS AS DEFINED IN SB 679
18 AND MEASURE A. WE ARE LEARNING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE
19 STATE STATUTE THAT ENABLED LACAHA DO NOT ALLOW FOR LACAHA TO
20 TAKE OVER PREVENTION FUNDING IN ITS ENTIRETY. IN FACT, IT WAS
21 EXPLICITLY WRITTEN TO NOT REPLACE IT. AND SO WE NEED CLEAR
22 DIRECTION ON WHAT CAN HAPPEN AT LACAHA TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE
23 AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT PREVENTION WORK IS ABLE TO HAPPEN
24 THERE AND WHAT PREVENTION WORK MUST CONTINUE TO BE FUNDED BY
25 THE COUNTY IF IT'S GOING TO EXIST. THE PREVENTION WORK IS



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1 ESSENTIAL. IT IS THE LIFELINE THAT KEEPS PEOPLE IN HOUSING
2 THEY'RE ALREADY IN, THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE WAY TO ADDRESS OUR
3 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. SO, I'M OFFERING THESE AMENDMENTS TO
4 SUPPLEMENT WHAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY MY COLLEAGUES TO ADDRESS
5 WHAT WE KNOW IS A VERY CHALLENGING SITUATION ON HOMELESSNESS,
6 AND I OFFER THEM FOR CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU.

7
8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR. I
11 WANT TO START BY RESTATING AND REAFFIRMING MY STRONG SUPPORT
12 FOR TAY PROGRAMS, PREVENTION SERVICES AND LEGAL SERVICES FOR
13 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. IT'S CLEAR TO ALL OF US THAT
14 THESE ARE VITAL, FRONT-END SUPPORTS THAT STABILIZE LIVES
15 BEFORE A DEEPER CRISIS SETS IN. I APPRECIATE OUR EFFORT TO
16 FUND THIS WORK, BUT I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROCESS
17 THAT WE ARE ENGAGING IN WHERE IT FEELS KIND OF LIKE WHACK-A-
18 MOLE. LAST WEEK WE WERE LOOKING AT PATHWAY HOME AS A FUNDING
19 SOURCE, AND I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT OVERALL APPROACH AND
20 STRATEGY. I DON'T THINK WE CAN KEEP MAKING FUNNY DECISIONS IN
21 SILOS. WE NEED A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE FULL COST OF A VARIETY
22 OF THINGS. OUR NEW HOMELESSNESS DEPARTMENT, THE LACAHS
23 SPENDING PLAN, AND THE IMPACT OF EVERY COUNTY FUNDED PROGRAM
24 BEFORE WE CAN RESPONSIBLY BEGIN TO KIND OF ARBITRARILY, WHICH
25 IT FEELS LIKE TO ME, MOVE DOLLARS AROUND. SO BASED ON THE



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1 CONVERSATION LAST WEEK, THAT'S WHY I AM TODAY CO-AUTHORING
2 THIS MOTION IN CHIEF WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHICH I BELIEVE
3 RESPONSIBLY RESTORES \$5,600,000 FOR TAY PROGRAMS. I THINK WE
4 HAVE HOMELESSNESS' INITIATIVE STAFF HERE WHO CAN CLARIFY WHY
5 THAT DOLLAR AMOUNT IS APPROPRIATE. THE \$811,000 FOR LEGAL
6 SERVICES AND APPROXIMATELY 25% OF FUNDING FOR PREVENTION
7 PROGRAMS, WHICH IS ENOUGH TO CARRY US THROUGH THE FIRST
8 QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 25/26. THE MOTION IN CHIEF ALSO DIRECTS
9 THE CEO TO REPORT BACK WITH OPTIONS TO FURTHER RESTORATION
10 ONCE WE REVIEWED ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND HAVE A HOLISTIC VIEW
11 OF OUR PROJECTED RESOURCES. I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT IF WE ARE
12 GOING TO MAKE STRATEGIC, THOUGHTFUL FUNDING DECISIONS AS
13 OPPOSED TO REALLY KIND OF ARBITRARILY LOOKING AT DEPARTMENTS
14 AND DECIDING WHICH OF THEIR PROGRAMS WE CAN ELIMINATE AND
15 WHICH OF THEIR DOLLARS WE CAN SWEEP. WITH REGARD TO THE
16 AMENDMENT BROUGHT FORWARD BY MY COLLEAGUE, I JUST THINK IT'S
17 IMPORTANT THAT WE REMEMBER THAT LACAHSa HAS ITS OWN
18 INDEPENDENT COUNCIL PER SB679, ITS OWN DECISION-MAKING BODY OF
19 WHICH WE ALL SERVE ON AND I CAN'T SUPPORT AND I DON'T SUPPORT
20 THAT ELEMENT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT. YOU KNOW THERE WERE
21 VARIOUS OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WE'VE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE COURSE
22 OF THE LAST 24 HOURS THAT WERE GOING TO POTENTIALLY BE
23 IDENTIFIED TO CUT, AND THAT'S WHY I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT
24 WE NOT DO THIS IN SILOS, THAT WE TAKE COUNSEL FROM CEO OF HI
25 ABOUT THE RESOURCES THAT WILL BE NECESSARY IN TERMS OF TAY.



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1 SO, IF I COULD ASK THE DIRECTOR OF HI A QUESTION JUST TO HELP
2 US CLARIFY THE \$5,600,000 VERSUS THE \$7,000,000. TELL ME
3 WHICH, FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE AMOUNT.

4
5 **CHERI TODOROFF:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M CHERI TODOROFF, THE
6 DIRECTOR OF THE CEO HOMELESS INITIATIVE. AND JUST PROVIDE
7 INFORMATION ON WHERE THE 5,600,000 FOR THE ESTIMATED ACTUAL
8 EXPENDITURES CAME FROM FOR THE TAY PROGRAMMING. WE WORKED WITH
9 LAHSA AND WE GOT THE ACTUAL INVOICES THAT HAD BEEN SUBMITTED
10 YEAR TO DATE FOR THE MAJORITY, THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE
11 CONTRACTORS WHO WERE PROVIDING SERVICES UNDER THESE PROGRAMS
12 THAT INCLUDED SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS WORTH OF INVOICES. SO, WE
13 LOOKED AT THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE OVER SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS AND
14 THEN AVERAGED OUT WHAT THAT WOULD THEN BE FOR A FULL 12 MONTHS
15 OF EXPENDITURE. SO, IF THEIR EXPENDITURES CONTINUED AT THE
16 SAME LEVEL FOR THE REMAINING FOUR TO SIX MONTHS, THEN THE
17 ESTIMATE HERE WOULD BE REFLECTIVE OF THAT SPENDING LEVEL. WE
18 DID ALSO DOUBLE-CHECK THE FORMULAS AND THE CALCULATIONS, AS
19 WELL AS THE METHODOLOGY, WHICH IS CONSIDERED A STANDARD ONE,
20 JUST TO DO THAT EXTRA LEVEL OF REVIEW ON IT.

21
22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO AGAIN, JUST SEEING THE AMENDMENT
23 LANGUAGE, CONCERNED ABOUT ONE SUB BAY, ABOUT THE 7,000,000,
24 DEFINITELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE REFERENCE TO LACAHSA, IT'S A
25 SEPARATE ENTITY WITH A SEPARATE BOARD. FOR THOSE REASONS,



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1 GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT'S BEEN SPENT TALKING ABOUT THE
2 MOTION IN CHIEF THAT'S BEFORE US AND THE USE OF THE 5,600,000
3 FOR TAY, THANKS FOR THAT CLARIFICATION, THE LEGAL SERVICES, I
4 THINK THIS IS A MORE APPROPRIATE FIRST STEP AT TRYING TO MAKE
5 SURE THAT WE KEEP THESE CRITICAL SERVICES TO TAY YOUTH,
6 PREVENTION SERVICES, AND LEGAL SERVICES VIABLE AND FUNDED. SO,
7 I'LL BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION IN CHIEF. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER
10 QUESTIONS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CAN YOU PLEASE CALL MEMBERS OF
11 THE PUBLIC AND EXPLAIN THE LIMIT ON THIS?

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
14 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. REBA STEVENSON, SOMA
15 SNAKEEL, GIOVANNI PESCHE, CHIE LU, ADAM MURAY, DEREK STEELE,
16 AUDREY GARCIA, RYAN BARKSDALE, DIEGO CARTAGENA, MARIA
17 ALEXANDER, TRICIA LOCKIE, KLEIN MILBY, CASSIE KOZAK. AS A
18 FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD
19 LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 16, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO,
20 PLEASE PRESS ONE AND ZERO NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING
21 QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKERS, PLEASE?

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PEOPLE ON
24 THE PHONE?

25



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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YES. NO, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE
2 FORWARD IN PERSON WHEN WE LIMIT THE TIME. I'D LIKE TO DO IN
3 PERSON FIRST AND THEN WE'LL SWITCH OVER TO THE PHONE.

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL FIRST BEGIN WITH IN-PERSON
6 SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

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8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** FOR ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION, WE WILL BE
9 MOVING FORWARD WITH SPEAKERS FOR 30 MINUTES. SO, WE WILL START
10 RIGHT NOW AT 4:30, AND WE WILL END AT 5:00PM. FOR SPEAKERS FOR
11 THIS ITEM.

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13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS AUDREY. I AM A GRADUATE OF
14 THE LA:RISE AND A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER AT THE CENTER FOR
15 LIVING AND LEARNING IN VAN NUYS. I AM HERE TODAY TO ADVOCATE
16 FOR THE RESTORATION OF FULL FUNDING FOR LA:RISE PROGRAM, A
17 PROGRAM THAT PROFOUNDLY IMPACTED MY LIFE. AFTER FIVE YEARS OF
18 BEING HOMELESS AND COMPLETING RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT, LA:RISE
19 PROVIDED THE CRITICAL SUPPORT AND OPPORTUNITY I NEEDED TO
20 REBUILD MY LIFE. THANKS TO LA:RISE, I AM NOW A PRODUCTIVE
21 MEMBER OF SOCIETY EMPLOYED AT CLL FOR OVER A YEAR. WITHOUT
22 THIS PROGRAM, I WOULD NOT BE WHERE I AM TODAY. PRESERVING AND
23 RESTORING FUNDING FOR LA:RISE IS VITAL FOR COUNTLESS OTHERS
24 WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE WHO DESERVE THE SAME CHANCE I RECEIVED
25 TO TRANSITION INTO A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY. I



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1 RESPECTFULLY URGE THE BOARD TO REJECT FURTHER CUTS AND FIND A
2 WAY TO RESTORE FULL FUNDING FOR LA:RISE. IT IS AN INVESTMENT
3 IN LIVES OF OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE. THANK YOU.

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

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7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IF YOU COULD JUST RAISE YOUR HANDS
10 IN SUPPORT, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. GO AHEAD.

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12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS
13 TRISHA LOCKE AND I AM FROM THE CENTER FOR LIVING AND LEARNING
14 IN VAN NUYS. I'M A GRADUATE FROM THE LA:RISE PROGRAM AND
15 CURRENTLY WORKING AS A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER. TODAY I'M HERE
16 TO REQUEST THE RESTORATION OF THE FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM,
17 WHICH SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED MY LIFE. I ENROLLED IN LA:RISE
18 AFTER EXPERIENCING NEARLY TEN YEARS OF HOMELESSNESS, WHICH WAS
19 A RESULT OF REPEATED INCARCERATIONS AND A SUBSTANCE USE
20 ADDICTION. BECAUSE OF THIS, I HAD BEEN OUT OF THE WORKFORCE
21 FOR 13 YEARS AND FELT DISCOURAGED ABOUT RE-ENTERING IT.
22 LA:RISE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING ME UPDATE ESSENTIAL SKILLS
23 AND RESTORE MY CONFIDENCE IN THE WORKPLACE. I RECEIVED JOB
24 TRAINING AND SUPPORT, AND THIS ENABLED ME TO OVERCOME THE
25 BARRIERS OF EMPLOYMENT THAT I FACE. I'M A PROVEN EXAMPLE THAT



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1 THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM GENERATES --

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

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5 **SPEAKER:** I'M CLINT NILBY. I WAS SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE
6 LA:RISE PROGRAM. A YEAR AGO I WAS LIVING IN MY CAR. I WAS
7 BATTLING ADDICTION, DEPRESSION, AND I TRULY BELIEVED THAT MY
8 LIFE WAS OVER. GETTING INTO TREATMENT SAVED ME BUT AFTERWARD I
9 WAS LOST. I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO START OVER. THEN I FOUND THE
10 CENTER FOR LIVING AND LEARNING AND I WAS ACCEPTED TO THE
11 LA:RISE PROGRAM. THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING. AT LA:RISE, I GAINED
12 JOB SKILLS, CONFIDENCE, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, A SUPPORT SYSTEM
13 OF PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTOOD WHAT I'D BEEN THROUGH. THEY BELIEVED
14 IN ME, PUSHED ME, AND HELPED ME SEE I WAS CAPABLE OF MUCH
15 MORE. I FINISHED THE PROGRAM THIS YEAR. NOW I'M WORKING AS A
16 PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST, HELPING OTHERS IN CRISIS ACROSS L.A.
17 COUNTY. FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME, COMING OUT OF TREATMENT, JAIL, OR
18 THE LIFE ON THE STREETS, LA:RISE ISN'T JUST A PROGRAM, IT'S
19 HOPE. IT'S A SECOND CHANCE. PLEASE CONTINUE TO FUND LA:RISE.
20 THANK YOU.

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

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24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CASSIE KOZAK AND I'M
25 HONORED TO REPRESENT THE LA:RISE PROGRAM AT THE CENTER FOR



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1 LIVING AND LEARNING LOCATED IN VAN NUYS. AFTER YEARS OF
2 HOMELESSNESS, I HAD COMPLETELY LOST HOPE. I STOPPED BELIEVING
3 A BETTER LIFE WAS POSSIBLE. THEN I FOUND LA:RISE. THIS PROGRAM
4 GAVE ME STRUCTURE, PURPOSE, AND THE WORK EXPERIENCE I NEEDED
5 TO STAND ON MY OWN. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I CAN
6 AFFORD MY OWN HOME. I NOW HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH
7 LA:RISE AS A CASE MANAGER HELPING OTHERS FIND THE SAME HOPE
8 AND OPPORTUNITY THAT I WAS GIVEN. BY DOING THIS WORK I'M
9 REMINDED EVERY DAY THAT TRANSFORMATION IS REAL, THAT NO MATTER
10 WHERE YOU'VE BEEN, YOUR FUTURE CAN STILL BE BRIGHT. LA:RISE IS
11 A PATHWAY TO POSSIBILITY. IT'S A REAL SOLUTION TO
12 HOMELESSNESS, NOT JUST A BAND-AID. PROGRAMS LIKE THIS DON'T
13 JUST CHANGE LIVES, THEY SAVE THEM. THANK YOU.

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

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17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA ALEXANDER AND I'M
18 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CENTER FOR LIVING AND LEARNING IN
19 VAN NUYS. JUST OVER 23 YEARS AGO, I WAS LIVING IN THE ALLEYS
20 JUST DOWN THE STREET AND ON THE SIDE OF THE 110 FREEWAY. AND
21 THEN 23 YEARS AGO, I CAME INTO OUR OWN PAID WORK EXPERIENCE
22 PROGRAM THAT SAVED MY LIFE, BROUGHT ME OUT OF HOMELESSNESS,
23 GAVE ME A CAREER, GAVE ME MY CHILDREN BACK. SINCE 2017, WE
24 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OFFER THAT THROUGH LA:RISE TO ALL OF OUR
25 PEOPLE. WITHOUT LA:RISE, WE CANNOT CONTINUE OUR PAID WORK



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1 EXPERIENCE PROGRAM. IT IS A HOMELESS SOLUTION. IT'S HOMELESS
2 PREVENTION. IT HELPS PUT OUR PEOPLE TO WORK IN CAREERS IN OUR
3 COUNTY-FUNDED SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES, HOMELESS PREVENTION,
4 DRUG TREATMENT THAT ARE CRYING FOR TALENT. AND WE'RE PROVIDING
5 THAT TALENT THROUGH THE SECTOR PROGRAM WITH JCOD AND LA:RISE.
6 SO, I IMPORE YOU TO PLEASE RESTORE THAT FUNDING AND RESTORE
7 IT AND DON'T CUT IT --

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9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
10 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. JULIA SOHNBERG,
11 KENNY WALKER, ROBERT HAYSBROOK, RODOLFO BARRIENTES, LISA
12 LAAJALA, SONIA GUERRA, ENRIQUE MORALES, RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ,
13 TAHANA WEEKS, EVA KOEPKE, DAVE MATTHEWS, ROBERTA FLORES,
14 BRIANNA GONZALEZ, ALLISON COOPER, AND DARIAN PERRY. NEXT
15 SPEAKER, PLEASE BEGIN.

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17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ADAM MURRAY FROM INNER CITY LAW
18 CENTER. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE REVISED MOTION TO PRESERVE
19 FUNDING FOR THE LAWYERS PREVENTING AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS
20 PROGRAM THROUGH THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE UPCOMING YEAR. THIS
21 IMPORTANT PROGRAM FIGHTS TO HELP PEOPLE OBTAIN KEY PUBLIC
22 BENEFITS, STOP EVICTIONS AND ZIP CODES WHERE STAY HOUSED IS
23 NOT CURRENTLY OPERATING. WE ALSO ELIMINATE FINES, CITATIONS
24 AND WARRANTS THAT IMPEDE ACCESS TO JOBS AND HOUSING AND HELP
25 OUR CLIENTS TO ADDRESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, IMMIGRATION ISSUES



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1 AND CONSUMER DEBTS. NEARLY EVERY ONE OF OUR PRECARIOUSLY
2 HOUSED CLIENTS IS HOUSED WHEN WE CLOSE THEIR CASE. AND OVER
3 THE SEVEN YEARS OF THIS GRANT, 15 TO 30% OF OUR UNHOUSED
4 CLIENTS ARE ALSO HOUSED WHEN WE CLOSE THEIR CASE. THIS IS THE
5 ONLY PROGRAM IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY THAT SERVES THESE VULNERABLE
6 RESIDENTS IN THIS WAY. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK THE AUTHORS
7 OF THIS MOTION, SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND BARGER, SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS FOR YOUR STRONG ADVOCACY FOR CRUCIAL LEGAL SERVICES, AND
9 SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR YOUR FOCUS ON PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS
10 BEFORE IT HAPPENS. THANK YOU.

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

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14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS DIEGO
15 CARTAGENA. I'M THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF BETSEDEC LEGAL
16 SERVICES, A PARTICIPANT IN THE PREVENTING AND ENDING
17 HOMELESSNESS PROJECT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS PEP, ADMINISTERED BY
18 INNER CITY LAW CENTER. I AM HERE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR
19 KEEPING TOP OF MIND THE NEED FOR PREVENTING AND ENDING
20 HOMELESSNESS LEGAL SERVICES FUNDING. AS HAS BEEN NOTED, THE
21 CURRENT FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION HAS MOVED TO ELIMINATE HUD
22 PROGRAMS SUCH AS SECTION 8, GUT, MEDICAID, UNDERSTAFFED SOCIAL
23 SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, AND MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR
24 CLIENTS TO SECURE BENEFITS. INDEED, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS
25 MOVED TO MAKE IT SO THAT 100% OF BENEFICIARIES' SOCIAL



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1 SECURITY BENEFITS WILL BE WITHHELD IN ANY OVERPAYMENT CASES.
2 ACCESS TO PEP PROGRAMS ARE CRITICAL TO PREVENTING HOUSING
3 INSECURITY AND KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED. TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF
4 SUCCESSFULLY ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES AND THEIR IMPACT ON
5 HOUSING SECURITY, CLIENTS REQUIRE THE FREE LEGAL SERVICES
6 PROVIDED BY THE PEP PROGRAM. MOREOVER, THIS IS A WISE
7 INVESTMENT WITH AGENCIES LIKE OURS WORKING WITH LAW FIRMS TO
8 PROVIDE PRO BONO SERVICES WHICH MAGNIFY OUR --

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

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12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS GIOVANNI PESCI AND I'M WITH
13 THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK IN
14 SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 16 AND CONTINUE FUNDING FOR LEGAL
15 SERVICES. AND ALSO THANK YOU SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR YOUR
16 CONTINUED ADVOCACY FOR LEGAL SERVICES. I'D LIKE TO SHARE JUST
17 A COUPLE CLIENT EXAMPLES. I THINK IT HELPS TO HUMANIZE THE
18 WORK. BUT SOME OF THE LEGAL SERVICES WE ENGAGE IN MIGHT BE A
19 CLIENT WHO COMES IN WITH A DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENDED, LIVING
20 OUT OF THEIR CAR. SHE'S TRYING TO DRIVE OR WORK FOR UBER OR
21 LYFT. WE CAN HELP HER CLEAR THE CITATIONS, GET HER LICENSE
22 BACK IN ORDER. SHE CAN DRIVE, CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
23 HER LIFE, ESTABLISH SOME KIND OF FINANCIAL STABILITY, AND THEN
24 SEEK HOUSING AFTER THAT. ANOTHER EXAMPLE WE HAD WOULD BE A
25 CLIENT WHO CAME IN FLEEING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION. SHE



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1 NEEDED HELP WITH NAME CHANGE FOR HERSELF AND HER SON FOR
2 SAFETY PURPOSES. WE'RE ABLE TO ASSIST HER FILING THE NAME
3 CHANGE, MOVED INTO TRANSITIONAL LIVING FACILITY, AND SHE'S NOW
4 ON PATH TO REESTABLISHING HER LIFE WITH JOB AND HOUSING.

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

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8 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS CHAE AND I'M WITH NLS. I'M SPEAKING IN
9 SUPPORT OF ITEM 16. FIRST, THANK YOU SUPERVISORS FOR ALL OF
10 YOUR SUPPORT AND CONTINUED ADVOCACY FOR LEGAL SERVICES. SINCE
11 2018, THE COUNTY HAS FUNDED HOLISTIC LEGAL SERVICES FOR SOME
12 OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THOSE
13 WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND THOSE AT IMMINENT RISK
14 OF HOMELESSNESS. THESE SERVICES INCLUDE SECURING PUBLIC
15 BENEFITS, EXPUNGING CRIMINAL RECORDS, CONSUMER ISSUES ADVOCACY
16 AND ADDRESSING IMMIGRATION CONCERNS. I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THE
17 IMPACT LEGAL SERVICES HAS ON OUR COMMUNITY. OUR CLIENT WAS A
18 HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITIES. DESPITE THE HARDSHIPS
19 THEY EXPERIENCED, THEY DREAMED OF TURNING THEIR LIFE AROUND
20 AND BEING HOUSED. THEY WORRIED ABOUT ENGAGING WITH SERVICES
21 DUE TO CONCERNS THAT THEY WOULD BE LOOKED DOWN UPON AS A
22 HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL. THEY CAME TO PEP. WE SUCCESSFULLY
23 OBTAINED EXPUNGEMENTS, SUPPORTED THEM IN WORKING TO REINSTATE
24 THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND ADVOCATED FOR THEM TO SECURE
25 PUBLIC BENEFITS. DUE TO THIS ADVOCACY, THEY ARE NOW HOUSED.



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1 PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS CRITICAL LEGAL SERVICE SUPPORT
2 FOR OUR VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THANK YOU.

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

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6 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS JOY RICHARDSON. I'M THE VP OF EXTERNAL
7 AFFAIRS FROM ST. JOSEPH CENTER, AND WE ARE IN FAVOR OF ITEM
8 16. I URGE YOU TO PASS THE BUDGET TODAY. WITHOUT AN IMPROVED
9 BUDGET, THERE IS A VERY REAL RISK THAT OUR CONTRACTS WILL NOT
10 BE IN PLACE BY JULY 1. THIS WOULD LEAD TO AN INTERRUPTION IN
11 CIVIC CRITICAL SERVICES AND PEOPLE COULD LOSE THEIR HOUSING.
12 ST. JOSEPH CENTER WORKS EVERY DAY TO KEEP ANGELENOS HOUSED,
13 AND WE CANNOT AFFORD A GAP IN FUNDING. THE STAKES ARE
14 EXTREMELY HIGH. PLEASE PASS THE BUDGET TODAY SO WE CAN
15 CONTINUE TO SERVICE THOSE WHO ARE OUR MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS
16 OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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

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20 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ROBERTO FLORES. GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIR AND
21 BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS ROBERTO FLORES FROM CENTER FOR
22 LIVING AND LEARNING IN VAN NUYS. I'M CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN
23 LA:RISE. AFTER I LEFT TREATMENT, I HIT A WALL TRYING TO FIND A
24 JOB AND HOUSING. THROUGH LA:RISE, I WAS ABLE TO GAIN NEW
25 SKILLS TO BE EMPLOYED AND AFFORD A PLACE TO LIVE. THANKS TO



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1 LA:RISE, I'VE GAINED CONFIDENCE AND WORK EXPERIENCE THAT I
2 NEED TO BE A FUNCTIONING MEMBER OF SOCIETY. DEFUNDING LRIS
3 WILL NOT GIVE PEOPLE THIS OPPORTUNITY I'VE GAINED THROUGH THIS
4 PROGRAM. I RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO NOT DEFUND THIS PROGRAM.
5 THANK YOU.

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

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9 **SPEAKER:** DEREK STEELE, CFCI CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO SPEAK TO THE
10 IMPORTANCE OF THE PROCESS WE BUILD THROUGH THE CFCI ADVISORY
11 COMMITTEE. THIS IS NOT JUST A RUBBER STAMP. IT'S A COMMUNITY
12 CENTERED MODEL FOR PUBLIC BUDGETING. ONE THAT ALLOWS FOR DEEP
13 UNDERSTANDING PROPOSALS LIKE TODAY. ASK THE HARD QUESTIONS AND
14 MAKE SURE THAT THE DOLLARS RECOMMENDED TO YOU ALL HAVE GONE TO
15 THE RIGHT PLACES. KEEPS FOLKS FROM HAVING TO JOCKEY FROM
16 POSITION FOR ONE MINUTE AT A TIME IN THIS SPACE TO TRY TO MAKE
17 A CASE FOR THEIR VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAMS. THIS IS HOW PUBLIC
18 DOLLARS SHOULD BE SPENT WITH CARE, INTENTION, AND COMMUNITY
19 ACCOUNTABILITY. THAT'S WHAT MEASURE J WAS ABOUT. THAT'S WHAT
20 CFCI WAS BUILT ON. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE OFFICES THAT
21 HAVE MET WITH MY FELLOW LEADERS AND I ON THIS. THERE'S MORE TO
22 DISCUSS, BUT WE NEED YOU ALL TO TELL THE CEO'S OFFICE TO STAND
23 DOWN AND GET BEHIND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN DOING THIS
24 PROCESS RIGHT. PROTECT THE PUBLIC TRUST, RESPECT THE LAW, LET
25 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DO ITS JOB, AND WE GOT YOUR BACK.



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

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4 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LISA LILA. I'M WITH THE CENTER FOR
5 LIVING AND LEARNING IN VAN NUYS. I ASK YOU TO PRESERVE AND
6 RESTORE FULL FUNDING FOR THE LA:RISE PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES
7 HOPE FOR SO MANY EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. LA:RISE PROVIDES
8 OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP HARD, SOFT, AND LIFE SKILLS LEADING
9 TO EMPLOYMENT. AT THE CONCLUSION OF OUR PROGRAM, 76% OF OUR
10 PARTICIPANTS ARE PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT, 10% MOVE ON TO
11 ADDITIONAL TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. OUR
12 ORGANIZATION ALSO HAS A HOUSING NAVIGATOR WHO ASSISTS OUR
13 PARTICIPANTS IN FINDING HOUSING. WITH NEW LIFE SKILLS, A
14 STEADY PAYCHECK, AND A SUPPORT SYSTEM AROUND THEM, OUR
15 PARTICIPANTS MOVE FORWARD IN REACHING THEIR NEW LIFE GOALS.
16 WITHOUT LA:RISE, YOU ARE PERPETUATING A REVOLVING DOOR OF
17 HOMELESSNESS. PEOPLE NEED NEW TOOLS. THEY NEED NEW
18 PERSPECTIVES. THEY NEED NEW COMMUNITIES --

19

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

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22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
23 KENNY WALKER. I'M AN EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST AT CENTER FOR
24 LIVING AND LEARNING IN VAN NUYS. AS A GRADUATE OF LA:RISE, I'M
25 DEEPLY TROUBLED BY THE POSSIBLE FUNDING CUTS TO THIS PROGRAM.



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1 I'VE BEEN EMPLOYED AND SAFELY HOUSED SINCE MY PARTICIPATION IN
2 LA:RISE JUST OVER THREE YEARS AGO. WHILE YOU UNDERTAKE THE
3 GREAT CHALLENGE OF REFORMING OUR HOUSING CRISIS, I URGE YOU TO
4 FOCUS ON THE LINK BETWEEN EMPLOYABILITY AND STABLE HOUSING. WE
5 NEED PATHS TO JOBS THAT OFFER A LIVING WAGE AND LA:RISE OFFERS
6 THAT. BY CUTTING FUNDING TO LA:RISE YOU WOULD BE ROBBING
7 HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE JUST LIKE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RISE AND
8 RECOVER. YOU WOULD BE THROWING OUT THE BABY WITH THE BATH
9 WATER. LA:RISE OFFERS A REAL SOLUTION TO OUR HOUSING CRISIS.
10 PLEASE PRESERVE IT. THANK YOU.

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

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14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS
15 ENRIQUE MORALES FROM CENTER FOR LIVING AND LEARNING IN VAN
16 NUYS. I'M A GRADUATE OF THE LA:RISE AND CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS
17 A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER. I'M HERE TODAY TO ADVOCATE FOR THE
18 RESTORING OF FUNDS FOR THIS PROGRAM THAT HAS HAD SUCH A
19 PROFOUND IMPACT ON MY LIFE. I ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM AFTER
20 BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON AND COMPLETING RESIDENTIAL
21 TREATMENT. THE LA:RISE PROGRAM HAS PROVIDED ME WITH A LOT OF
22 SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE, AND GETTING ME TO WHERE I AM TODAY. I AM
23 NOW A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY AND I HAVE LEARNED
24 EVERYTHING I KNOW THROUGH THE OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED TO ME
25 THROUGH THE LA:RISE PROGRAM AND CENTER FOR LIVING AND



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1 LEARNING. I NOW HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED FOR OVER TWO YEARS. I
2 WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET HERE IF IT WASN'T FOR THESE
3 PROGRAMS. PRESERVING AND RESTORING FUNDING, I BELIEVE, IS
4 VITAL FOR COUNTLESS AND OTHERS LIKE MYSELF WITH LIVED
5 EXPERIENCE TO RECEIVE SUPPORT IN TRANSITIONING INTO A
6 PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. I RESPECTFULLY URGE FOR
7 THE BOARD TO REJECT FURTHER CUTS AND TO FIND A WAY TO RESTORE
8 FULL FUNDING FOR LA:RISE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND
9 CONSIDERATION.

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS
14 RODOLFO BARRIENTES. JUST TWO YEARS AGO, I LOST EVERYTHING DUE
15 TO MY ADDICTION, MY HOME, MY CIVILITY, AND MY SENSE OF
16 PURPOSE. ALTHOUGH I GOT CLEAN I WAS STILL BROKE. I HAD NO JOB,
17 NO DIRECTION, AND I WAS HOMELESS. THEN I FOUND LA:RISE PROGRAM
18 THROUGH THE CENTER FOR LIVING AND LEARNING IN VAN NUYS. I WAS
19 SCARED AND SURE IF I COULD MAKE IT, BUT FROM THE VERY FIRST
20 INTERVIEW AT THE CENTER FOR LIVING AND LEARNING, THEY SAW
21 POTENTIAL IN ME. THAT BELIEF CHANGED MY LIFE. THROUGH LA:RISE,
22 I GAINED STOP TRAINING, CERTIFICATIONS, AND SOMETHING EVEN
23 MORE POWERFUL, A COMMUNITY THAT HELPED ME BELIEVE IN MYSELF
24 AGAIN. BECAUSE OF THIS PROGRAM, I AVOIDED HOMELESSNESS, STAYED
25 SOBER, AND BUILT A NEW PATH FORWARD. TODAY I'M PROUD TO BE



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1 ALMOST TWO YEARS CLEAN, EMPLOYED THROUGH LA:RISE, AND NOW
2 HELPING OTHERS ON THEIR JOURNEY. LA:RISE DIDN'T JUST SUPPORT
3 ME, IT SAVED MY LIFE. PLEASE CONTINUE FUNDING THIS LIFE-
4 CHANGING PROGRAM. THERE ARE SO MANY OTHERS WHO JUST NEED A
5 CHANCE LIKE I HAD. THANK YOU.

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

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9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS
10 JULIA SOMBERG FROM CENTER FOR LIVING AND LEARNING IN VAN NUYS.
11 IF YOU HAD SEEN ME A YEAR AGO, YOU WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE THE
12 PERSON I AM TODAY. I WAS LIVING ON THE STREETS TRYING TO
13 SURVIVE DAY TO DAY. EVERYTHING I THOUGHT WAS IMPORTANT TO ME
14 HAS CHANGED. WHEN I CAME TO CENTER FOR LIVING AND LEARNING,
15 THEY DIDN'T JUST PROVIDE A ROOF OVER MY HEAD. THEY GAVE ME
16 HOPE, TOOLS, AND THE SUPPORT I NEEDED TO HELP MYSELF. NOW I'M
17 ON A PATH WHERE I CAN TURN AROUND AND HELP OTHERS LIKE ME,
18 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE READY FOR CHANGE, WHO JUST NEED A CHANCE.
19 PLEASE DON'T TAKE AWAY THE MIRACLE BEFORE IT HAS A CHANCE TO
20 HAPPEN. THE CENTER FOR LIVING IS CHANGING LIVES, IT CHANGED
21 MINE. I RESPECTFULLY URGE THE BOARD TO REJECT FURTHER CUTS AND
22 FIND A WAY TO RESTORE FULL FUNDING TO LA:RISE. THANK YOU FOR
23 YOUR TIME AND YOUR CONSIDERATION.

24

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



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1 SPEAKERS. MODERATOR, CAN WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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3 **MODERATOR:** SEAN MORRISSEY, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SEAN MORRISSEY, VICE
6 PRESIDENT OF ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT UNION
7 STATION HOMELESS SERVICES. WE ACKNOWLEDGE HOW CHALLENGING THIS
8 PROCESS HAS BEEN AND WE THANK YOU. AT THIS TIME, WE
9 STRENUOUSLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO APPROVE TODAY THE H.I.
10 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS HAPPEN TO
11 ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF SERVICES WITHIN THE SECTOR AND COUNTY
12 AND TO AVOID COSTLY CONTRACT DELAYS. COSTLY NOT JUST TO
13 SERVICE PROVIDERS BUT THOSE WITHIN OUR HOMELESS COMMUNITY WHO
14 WILL SURELY SUFFER THE BIGGEST IMPACTS. IN ORDER TO
15 EFFECTIVELY FUNCTION WE MUST MOVE FORWARD WITH AN APPROVED
16 BUDGET TODAY. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** ERICA HARTMAN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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22 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ERICA HARTMAN AND I'M THE CEO OF SAFE
23 PLACE FOR YOUTH AND I WANT TO START BY THANKING THE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR VOTE TO RESTORE YOUTH SERVICES AND IN
25 PARTICULAR SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. I



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1 ALSO WANTED TO THANK CHERI FOR ALL THE WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO
2 MEASURE 8 PLANNING. IT IS WITHOUT QUESTION IMPORTANT TO PASS
3 THE BUDGET TO AVOID CONTRACT DELAYS, BUT I ALSO WANT TO URGE
4 THE BOARD TO MAINTAIN LEVEL FUNDING FOR YOUTH HOMELESS
5 SERVICES. AND IF THERE IS SIGNIFICANT UNDERSPEND, THEN
6 CONSIDERING A MIDYEAR REDUCTION, IT IS MORE PRACTICAL TO RAMP
7 A PROGRAM DOWN IN THE FUTURE THAN TO RAMP IT DOWN NOW AND RAMP
8 IT BACK UP MIDYEAR. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE COUNTY PRIORITIZE
9 FUNDING TO MAINTAIN EXISTING PROGRAMS AND PLAN TO UTILIZE
10 FUTURE MEASURE A SURPLUS TO INITIATE NEW PROJECTS AND
11 EXPANSION. NEW PROJECTS WILL NOT IMMEDIATELY BEGIN UTILIZING
12 FULL FUNDING, AND BY STAGGERING NEW PROJECTS AND NOT CUTTING
13 FROM EXISTING PROGRAMS, THE BOARD WILL HAVE GREATER VISIBILITY
14 INTO RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP INFORM EXPANSION STRATEGY IN
15 THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

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

18
19 **MODERATOR:** KAREN CORNELIUS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20
21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME'S
22 KAYLIN CORNELIUS FROM REDDIT, AND I'M HERE TO ALSO URGE YOU TO
23 PRESERVE AND RESTORE FUNDING FOR LA:RISE. WHILE WE STRONGLY
24 SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF YOUTH HOMELESS PEOPLE, THIS IS NOT,
25 THIS SHOULD NOT COME AT THE EXPENSE OF FURTHER CUTS TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 LA:RISE. LA:RISE IS A CENTRAL PROGRAM THAT OFFERS JOB
2 TRAINING, PLACEMENT, AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS
3 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND FACING SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS TO
4 EMPLOYMENT AS YOU'VE HEARD FROM MULTIPLE PARTICIPANT
5 TESTIMONIES THIS AFTERNOON. ENDING HOMELESSNESS REQUIRES A
6 COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED SYSTEM OF CARE ENCOMPASSING
7 HOUSING, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. WORKFORCE
8 DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS LIKE
9 LA:RISE ARE CRITICAL. WE RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO REJECT
10 FURTHER CUTS AND FIND WAYS TO RESTORE FUNDING. THANK YOU FOR
11 YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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

14
15 **MODERATOR:** ZENO P, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16
17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ZENO. I'M A REPRESENTATIVE OF
18 THE TOWN OF LEIMERT PARK, OF COURSE. TWO REMINDERS. ONE, YES,
19 HOMELESS FUNDING IS NOT A QUESTION. IT'S JUST A
20 RESPONSIBILITY. TWO, YES, WE DO NEED TO BE MORE MINDFUL OF THE
21 PROGRAM GETTING THE FUNDING. ESPECIALLY PROGRAMS LIKE THE
22 PERSON WHO JUST SPOKE OR SPOKE WAS SPEAKING FOR, AND COMPANIES
23 LIKE SCJI, SOCIAL JUSTICE FUNDING INSTITUTE. AND, YOU KNOW, IF
24 THE MONEY IS BEING FUNDED, THAT'S ONE THING. HOLD ON TO THE
25 MONEY AND REFINE HOW EFFECTIVE THESE PROGRAMS ARE BEFORE YOU



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SUPERVISORS

1 FUND THEM AND LOOK OUT FOR OTHER PROGRAMS THAT AREN'T AS
2 ESTABLISHED BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO WORK IN THE COMMUNITY AS
3 WELL WITHOUT GETTING ANY FUNDING LIKE AFTER THEM. WE ACTUALLY
4 HELD A HOUSING LOTTO AND THE GUY WHO WON NOW WORKS FOR KAREN
5 BASS. SO, EFFECTIVENESS, REGULATION, RESPONSIBILITY. THANK
6 YOU.

7

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** KARINA OLARAS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS
13 KARINA, THE ORGANIZING PROGRAM ASSOCIATE AT CENTER FOR
14 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. I AM HERE TO URGE YOU TO PRESERVE
15 AND RESTORE FUNDING FOR LA:RISE. WHILE WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE
16 RESTORATION OF THE YOUTH HOMELESS FUNDING, THIS SHOULD NOT
17 COME AT THE EXPENSE OF FURTHER CUTS TO LA:RISE. LA:RISE IS AN
18 ESSENTIAL PROGRAM THAT OFFERS JOB TRAINING, PLACEMENT, AND
19 SUPPORT SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND
20 FACING SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT. THE PROGRAM HAS
21 ALREADY SERVED NEARLY 10,000 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING OR AT
22 RISK OF HOMELESSNESS AND STANDS AS THE ONLY HOMELESSNESS
23 WORKFORCE INITIATIVE IN THE COUNTY WITH A PROVEN TRACK RECORD
24 OF HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE LONG-TERM STABILITY AND SUCCESS.
25 PROTECTING THIS PROGRAM WILL ENSURE THAT THESE CRITICAL



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 SERVICES CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SOME OF L.A.'S MOST VULNERABLE
2 POPULATIONS. THIS PROGRAM HAS HAD A GREAT IMPACT ON OUR
3 ORGANIZATION BY PROVIDING OUR MEMBERS WITH A STABLE JOB AND
4 THE ABILITY TO GET HOUSING. WE RESPECTFULLY URGE THE BOARD TO
5 REJECT FURTHER CUTS AND FIND A WAY TO RESTORE FUNDING TO
6 LA:RISE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

7

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** MICHELLE MARTINEZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY
11 BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS MICHELLE MARTINEZ, AND I'M A PHD SOCIAL
14 SCIENTIST. I'VE MIRRORED INDUSTRIES AND OPPORTUNITIES I COULD
15 PURSUE, BUT I'VE CHOSEN TO DEDICATE THE LAST SEVEN YEARS OF MY
16 LIFE TO HELPING THE PRESENTING AND ENDING OF HOMELESSNESS
17 PROJECTS SUCCEED. AS BOTH ITS COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS AND DATA
18 MANAGERS HAVE BEEN BLOCKED, I'VE HAD A FRONT ROW SEAT TO THE
19 PHENOMENAL AND COMPLICATED WORK DONE AND RESULTS ACHIEVED BY
20 THIS FIRST OF ITS KIND LEGAL AID CONSORTIUM. ON BEHALF OF
21 CLIENTS, WE IDENTIFIED AS THE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US. THESE
22 DEDICATED LEGAL WORKERS REMOVE BARRIERS NOT OTHERWISE
23 ADDRESSED IN OUR CURRENT SYSTEM. IN FACT, THEY REMOVE BARRIERS
24 CAUSED BY THE SYSTEM, WHICH MEANS TO PUT IT AS SIMPLY AS I
25 CAN. WE WILL NOT SOLVE HOMELESSNESS WITHOUT THIS WORK.



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SUPERVISORS

1 COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO LANGUAGE ON OUR STREETS AND
2 COUNTLESS MORE WILL JOIN THEM AFTER THEY LOSE THEIR HOUSING
3 WITHOUT THE HOLISTIC WRAP AROUND TRAUMA INFORMED WORK THESE
4 LEGAL WORKERS DO LITERALLY EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK. THE
5 INVESTMENT IN THIS WORK IS CRITICAL AND OUR SUCCESS RATES ARE
6 OFF THE CHARTS. AGAIN, I'M A SOCIAL SCIENTIST, DATA MANAGER. I
7 DON'T DO BLIND FAITH, I DO RESULTS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO
8 SPECIALIZE IN MOST IMPORTANTLY NECESSARY PROGRAMS. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

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

14

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ AND I
19 PARTICIPATED IN THE LA:RISE PROGRAM AFTER BEING IN THE
20 TREATMENT CENTER FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, WITH NOWHERE TO
21 GO AND AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS. MY GOAL WAS TO PICK UP NEW JOB
22 SKILLS THAT WOULD ALLOW ME TO SECURE STABLE HOUSING AND
23 CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY. I NOW TEACH FINANCIAL LITERACY AT
24 CENTER FOR LIVING AND LEARNING AND DO PEER-TO-PEER COACHING. I
25 BELIEVE LA:RISE IS A PROGRAM THAT MOTIVATES AND PREPARES THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS AND ULTIMATELY PREVENTS HOMELESSNESS. I'M
2 HERE TODAY TO URGE YOU TO PRESERVE AND RESTORE THE FUNDING FOR
3 THIS PROGRAM THAT HAS HELPED ME CHANGE MY LIFE AROUND. THANK
4 YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

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

7
8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS EVA
9 AND I AM A GRATEFUL EMPLOYEE OF THE CENTER FOR LIVING AND
10 LEARNING IN VAN NUYS. I FOUND MY WAY TO CALIFORNIA IN SEARCH
11 OF FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION. WHAT I ANTICIPATED TO BE A 30-DAY
12 STAY-IN TREATMENT BECAME OVER 30 REHABS, VARIOUS
13 HOSPITALIZATIONS, INCARCERATION, AND EVENTUALLY HOMELESSNESS.
14 I COULD NOT FORESEE MY ESCAPE FROM THIS HOMELESS STATE UNTIL I
15 WAS INTRODUCED TO LA:RISE, WHICH HELPED ME ESTABLISH
16 PRODUCTIVE HABITS WHILE ALLOWING ME TO RETAIN A SENSE OF
17 NAVIGATION IN MY LIFE. I WAS PROVIDED THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO
18 REENTER THE WORKFORCE. I HAVE GAINED CONFIDENCE IN WITNESS OF
19 THOSE SKILLS TRANSFERRING TO TANGIBLE VALUE, AND I'M ACTIVELY
20 CONTRIBUTING THAT VALUE TO THE BETTERMENT OF MY COMMUNITY AND
21 SOCIETY AS A WHOLE. I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THESE SERVICES
22 CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE STILL STRUGGLING TO FIT INTO
23 THE GREATER WHOLE.

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



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **SPEAKER:** AND I AM ASKING TODAY FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

3

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS DARIANNE PERRY FROM THE CENTER FOR LIVING
7 AND LEARNING. I STRUGGLED WITH ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH FOR
8 NEARLY A DECADE. I ENROLLED IN THE LA:RISE PROGRAM AT CENTER
9 FOR LIVING AND LEARNING WHEN I WAS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS. I
10 WAS DETERMINED TO CHANGE THE TRAJECTORY OF MY LIFE, BUT UNSURE
11 OF HOW I COULD ACTUALLY DO IT. LA:RISE GAVE ME THE STRUCTURE
12 AND THE DIRECTION THAT I NEEDED TO BUILD A LIFE WORTH LIVING.
13 THE COUNSELORS IN LA:RISE SAW POTENTIAL IN ME THAT I MAY NOT
14 HAVE OTHERWISE SEEN. AND I NOW HAVE THE PRIVILEGE AND
15 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN THE FINANCIAL OFFICE AT THE CENTER FOR
16 LIVING AND LEARNING AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. THIS
17 PROGRAM HELPS PEOPLE TO TRULY CHANGE THEIR LIVES FOR THE
18 BETTER, WHO MAY OTHERWISE BE STUCK IN CYCLES OF ADDICTION,
19 INSTITUTIONS, AND POVERTY. AND I ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO
20 PRESERVE AND RESTORE FULL FUNDING FOR LA:RISE. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING, CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS
25 ALLISON COOPER AND I AM AN LA:RISE PARTICIPANT. AND I STRONGLY



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SUPERVISORS

1 URGE YOU GUYS TO PLEASE PRESERVE THE FUNDING THAT WE HAVE HERE
2 BECAUSE BEFORE I ENTERED THERE, I WAS HOMELESS ON SKID ROW. I
3 HAD A FENTANYL ADDICTION, AND I DIDN'T REALLY SEE ANY OTHER. I
4 HAD BEEN SHUFFLED THROUGH ORGANIZATIONS, THROUGH YOU GUYS,
5 THROUGH THE CITY, AND THEY JUST DIDN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING
6 BECAUSE HOUSING IS JUST SUCH A SMALL ASPECT OF IT LIKE THERE
7 IS SO MUCH MORE TO ACHIEVING SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND ONCE I WAS
8 INTRODUCED TO THE CENTER FOR LIVING AND LEARNING AFTER LEAVING
9 TREATMENT FOR MY ADDICTION THEY IT WAS A GODSEND IT WAS A
10 GAME-CHANGER THEY PROVIDED ME WITH THE SUPPORT AND THE
11 RESOURCES THAT I NEEDED TO NOT JUST SECURE HOUSING, WHICH THEY
12 DID, BUT THEY ALLOWED ME TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT AND REALLY GAVE
13 ME A FUTURE I DIDN'T THINK I WAS EVER GOING TO BE POSSIBLE FOR
14 ME. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

15
16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. THIS CONCLUDES THE TIME FOR
17 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 16.

18
19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR
20 BEING HERE AND FOR WAITING SO LONG TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM. I
21 KNOW I SPEAK MYSELF, BUT I'M SURE MY COLLEAGUES AGREE. THANK
22 YOU FOR SHARING YOUR PERSONAL STORIES AND YOU ARE EXACTLY WHY
23 WE ARE SO COMMITTED TO INVESTING IN ADDRESSING THE UNHOUSED ON
24 THE STREETS. SO, THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING AND SHARING YOUR
25 STORIES. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I
3 WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY THAT CAME AND SPOKE. THIS IS REALLY
4 FOR ME VERY CHALLENGING BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO PIT ONE GROUP
5 AGAINST ANOTHER AND I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT WE HAVE A
6 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PROCESS WHERE WE CAN ALSO COME BACK AND
7 HELP TO REALIZE WHERE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES CAN EXIST. AND
8 WHILE I'M NOT TOTALLY HAPPY WITH THE PART THAT I ASKED FOR
9 THAT GOT INCLUDED IN THE AMENDMENT THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
10 AND BARGER PUT FORWARD ON LEGAL AID, I WANT TO SEE MORE. BUT
11 THE COMPROMISE IS THAT WE CAN ONLY FUND ONE QUARTER, BUT TO
12 COME BACK AND THEN SEEK MORE FUNDING, BECAUSE NO WAY AM I
13 SATISFIED WITH THIS I NEED TO SEE MORE AS WELL SO WE'RE GOING
14 TO CONTINUE I BELIEVE TO PUSH FORWARD BECAUSE I THINK MANY OF
15 THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT CAME AND SPOKE TODAY, WE HEAR YOU. I
16 SUPPORT WHAT YOU'RE DOING WE HAVE PROGRAMS IN OUR DISTRICT
17 THAT I WOULD LOVE TO SEE, SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU HAVE OFFERED AND
18 WHAT YOU'RE OFFERING IN SAN FERNANDO. I REPRESENT THE SAN
19 GABRIEL VALLEY. WE NEED A LOT OF HELP OUT THERE AS WELL. WE
20 NEED LEGAL ASSISTANCE. WE NEED HELP WITH OUR RENTERS, KEEPING
21 THEM FROM BEING EVICTED AND FROM BECOMING HOMELESS. AND I
22 THINK WE HAVE A LOT TO DO, AND I HOPE THAT ALL OF US,
23 INCLUDING OUR CEO, TAKE THIS AS WE KNOW VERY SERIOUSLY, AND WE
24 WILL TAKE THOSE COMMENTS WHEN APPROPRIATELY NEEDED TO BE VOTED
25 UPON WHEN WE COME BACK, I THINK, FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL. BUT FOR



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE TIME BEING, I'M PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE MOTION THAT I HAVE
2 SUPPORTED BECAUSE THERE WAS A SO-CALLED CARVE OUT OR LEGAL
3 ASSISTANCE BECAUSE I CAN'T GO BACK AND FACE PEOPLE THAT I
4 REPRESENT ON THESE VERY IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN
5 HURTING MANY OF MY RESIDENTS. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT AND I
6 APPRECIATE WHAT SUPERVISOR HORVATH HAS PUT FORWARD YOU KNOW, I
7 CAN'T AGREE WITH HER MORE ON A LOT OF HER ITEMS BUT I THINK
8 THERE IS A PROCESS AND WE'RE ALL GOING TO NEED TO WORK THROUGH
9 IT JUST AS WE HAVE BEFORE SO WE HAVE A LOT OF STRONG OPINIONS
10 ON BOARD BUT I KNOW THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE'RE GOING TO
11 ALL HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER. SO, I WOULD HOPE WE CAN DO THAT.
12 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13
14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO, ON ITEM 16 MY JOINT
15 MOTION WAS FURTHER MITCHELL IS BEFORE US I WILL MOVE SECOND BY
16 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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18 **DAWYN HARRISON:** WAIT, I THOUGHT THERE WAS AN AMENDMENT THAT WE
19 NEED TO.

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WELL, THE WAY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
22 GAVE IT TO ME WAS MY MOTION, BECAUSE THIS IS A SEPARATE
23 MOTION, CORRECT? I MEAN, I CAN DO THAT AS WELL.

24
25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** I DON'T THINK THERE WAS A SECOND. SO, I



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SUPERVISORS

1 THOUGHT IT FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

2

3 **DAWYN HARRISON:** EITHER WAY.

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, I'M JUST DOING WHAT THE
6 EXECUTIVE OFFICE PROVIDED. I'M GOING TO BEGIN TO CONSULT WITH
7 MY PARLIAMENTARIAN HERE. SO WHAT IS THE PREFERENCE?

8

9 **DAWYN HARRISON:** HOWEVER, THEY ADVISE IS FINE. EITHER WAY IS
10 FINE.

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SO, WHAT WE SAW, IT WAS ANOTHER MOTION, A
13 SEPARATE MOTION.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BUT

16

17 **DAWYN HARRISON:** I THOUGHT IT WAS --

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SO, WE'RE GOING FIRST WITH THE JOINT
20 MOTION.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT KIND OF IS WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED
23 TO BE AN AMENDMENT, CORRECT?

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** YEAH, IT WAS OFFERED AS AN AMENDMENT.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IT'S AN AMENDMENT TO OUR MOTION SO
3 THAT WOULD COME FIRST. YOU'RE CORRECT, COUNTY COUNSEL. SO,
4 SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S MOTION AS AN AMENDMENT IS BEFORE US. IS
5 THERE A SECOND? ALL RIGHT SECOND. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU
6 PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL?

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ABSTAINED.

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12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR
13 MITCHELL?

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15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** NO.

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17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NO. SUPERVISOR
18 HORVATH?

19

20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AYE.

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

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NO.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. MOTION FAILS. ONE
2 AYE, TWO NO'S, AND ONE ABSTENTION.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, NOW ON ITEM 16, MOVED
5 BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, OR MOTION, I'LL MOVE IT. SUPERVISOR
6 MITCHELL WILL SECOND. CALL THE ROLL.

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

9

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

11

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

13

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

15

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

18

19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AYE.

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

22

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

24

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



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3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO
4 GO TO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO LOSE A
5 QUORUM AT 5:15 P.M. AND WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE 17 TO WHAT
6 DATE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER? TELL US WHAT WE'RE DOING, PLEASE.

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** TO MAY 6TH.

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10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MAY 5TH. AND THEN ON THE OTHER
11 ITEMS.

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MAY 6TH

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WHAT ARE WE DOING?

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MAY 6TH, AS WELL AS ITEMS 12 AND 13, THOSE
18 WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OVER TO MAY 6TH.

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND I'M SORRY, WHAT ABOUT THE
21 OTHERS?

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NA1 AND A7.

24

25 **DAWYN HARRISON:** WHEN WE LOSE QUORUM, ALL THE ITEMS WOULD BE



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 ADMINISTRATIVELY CARRIED OVER TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M JUST MAKING SURE. I DIDN'T
4 KNOW IF THERE WAS TIME SENSITIVE BECAUSE THERE WERE HOLDS ON
5 SOME. I KNOW THE MAMMAL AND I KNOW THE STREET RACING. WE'RE
6 GOING TO CONTINUE THEM.

7

8 **DAWYN HARRISON:** WE DON'T, WE NEED TO TAKE.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SO LET'S GO AHEAD TO
11 PUBLIC COMMENT, BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO LOSE A QUORUM AT 5.15
12 P.M. DO PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY, PUBLIC COMMENT.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
15 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. DR. KRITIKAL TRUTHBEY,
16 ZDOME BROWN, PASTOR WILLIAM SMART, REVEREND FRANK WOLF,
17 CYNTHIA WHITE, TERESA VELASCO, PHIL JEFFORDS, GISDOM BROWN,
18 SOMA SNAKEOIL, RICHELLE CALLES, ELIZABETH JEFFORDS, CHICHI
19 NAVARRO, EVELYN ESPINAL, JOHN WARNER, LAQUEL WHITE, LORETTA
20 LORRAINE, GABRIELLA VASQUEZ, GIOVANNI PESE. FIRST SPEAKER
21 PLEASE BEGIN.

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR.

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WELL, WE'VE GOT WE'RE GOING TO



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1 LOSE QUORUM AT 5:15. SO, WHAT IS THE PREFERENCE KNOWING HOW
2 MANY PEOPLE I HATE TO LIMIT IT TO LIKE 30 SECONDS, BUT I WANT
3 YOU ALL TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. SO, I'M LOOKING AT
4 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, RECOGNIZE WE'RE GOING TO LOSE A QUORUM.

5

6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SO, WE WANT TO VOTE FOLLOWING GENERAL
7 PUBLIC COMMENT ON 12.

8

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

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11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** AND THEN SO --

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13 **DAWYN HARRISON:** THEN EVERYTHING ELSE IS ADMINISTRATIVELY
14 CARRIED OVER.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SO, WE'LL VOTE FOR, WE'LL VOTE FOR, WE'LL
17 VOTE ON 12. OKAY. TO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, WHY DON'T WE
18 DO 5 MINUTES?

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SIR, YOU'RE ON.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** I'M PASTOR WILLIAM D. SMART JR., PRESIDENT AND CEO OF
23 THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN
24 CALIFORNIA. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE WORKERS OF FCIU 721.
25 THEIR MEMBERS LOVE AND SERVE THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES. THEY



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1 PROVIDE RELIEF FOR THE POOR, CARE FOR SICK, COMFORT THOSE IN
2 PRISON, HOPE FOR THOSE THAT ARE ORPHANED, AND JUSTICE FOR
3 THOSE WHO ARE WRONG. I'M HERE TO PRESENT A LETTER FROM 25
4 FAITH-BASED LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY THAT ARE CONCERNED
5 ABOUT THEIR PLOT RIGHT NOW AND HOW THEY ARE BEING TREATED AND
6 THE NEED FOR THEM TO BE RESPECTED AS THEY GO THROUGH THE WHOLE
7 NEGOTIATING PROCESS. THIS SITUATION CANNOT CONTINUE. THESE ARE
8 THE PEOPLE THAT STRUGGLE, THEY'RE FRONT-LINE WORKERS FOR THIS
9 COUNTY. WITHOUT THESE WORKERS, OUR COUNTY AND OUR FACILITIES,
10 OUR PEOPLE AND OUR SERVICES WILL NOT BE MET. PLEASE --

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

13
14 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS TERESA VELASCO AND I AM A COMMUNITY HEALTH
15 WORKER. I WORK AT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS AND I AM A PROUD L.A.
16 COUNTY EMPLOYEE. L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES WORK EVERY DAY TO BUILD
17 A COUNTY WHERE EVERYONE CAN THRIVE AND GET ESSENTIAL SERVICES
18 TO HELP IF THEY NEED IT AND THE HELP IF THEY NEED IT. BUT
19 RIGHT NOW L.A. COUNTY MANAGEMENT HAS CHOSEN NOT TO VALUE THE
20 ESSENTIAL WORKFORCE OR THE PEOPLE WE SERVE. MYSELF AND MORE
21 THAN 55,000 OF MY UNION SISTERS AND BROTHERS ARE WITHOUT A
22 CONTRACT. THE SEIU ELECTED BARGAINING COMMITTEE HAS PUT FORTH
23 OUR PROPOSALS WITH THE ASK TO INVEST IN MORE ESSENTIAL
24 SERVICES AND GOOD JOBS THAT UPLIFT COMMUNITIES AND TO STOP
25 SENDING OUR PUBLIC MONIES TO PRIVATE CONTRACTORS. L.A. COUNTY



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SUPERVISORS

1 EMPLOYEES AND THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE, WE DESERVE BETTER.

2 PLEASE SUPPORT THE FIGHT THAT WE HAVE --

3

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HELLO EVERYONE. MY NAME IS CYNTHIA WHITE. I WORK FOR
7 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
8 WORKERS LOVE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES AND WE NEED
9 YOUR SUPPORT. WE PROVIDE RELIEF TO THE POOR, WE CARE FOR THE
10 SICK, WE COMFORT THOSE IN PRISON, AND WE HOPE FOR EQUITY AND
11 JUSTICE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WRONG. WE ARE A SAFETY NET AND
12 WE WORK EVERY DAY TO BUILD A COUNTY WHERE EVERYBODY CAN THRIVE
13 AND GET HELP IF THEY NEED IT. RIGHT NOW, WE NEED YOUR HELP.
14 MYSELF AND MORE THAN 55 OF MY UNION SISTERS AND BROTHERS ARE
15 WORKING WITHOUT A CONTRACT. WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING AT THE
16 BARGAINING TABLE FOR THE COUNTY TO INVEST IN MORE ESSENTIAL
17 SERVICES AND GOOD JOBS THAT UPLIFT OUR COMMUNITY TO STOP
18 SENDING OUT PUBLIC MONEY TO PRIVATE CONTRACTORS. THE COUNTY
19 MANAGEMENT IS CHOOSING NOT TO VALUE OUR WORK. --

20

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS RACHELLE CALLIS. I'M A
24 CONSTITUENT OF HOLLY MITCHELL'S AREA. I RECEIVED A VACATE
25 NOTICE ON FRIDAY, AND I WAS NOT GIVEN A WHOLE FULL FIVE DAYS



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1 TO RELOCATE. I WAS ONLY GIVEN THREE, SO, THE 16TH TOMORROW, MY
2 BABIES FOR THEIR BIRTHDAY, THEY'RE GOING TO GET THEIR BEDS
3 THROWN OUT ON THE CURB. SO, WHAT I'M ASKING IS FOR REASONABLE
4 ACCOMMODATIONS IF I CAN GET SOME SUPPORT TO GET MY WHOLE FULL
5 5 DAYS, I CAN HAVE ALL MY STUFF OUT BY FRIDAY. THANK YOU FOR
6 LISTENING, AND I NEED SOME HELP.

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

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10 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU GUYS HEAR ME? HI, MY NAME IS PHIL JEFFORDS. I
11 WANT TO BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO AN IMMINENT FINANCIAL CRISIS
12 THAT'S LURKING IN THE VAL VERDE AND CASTAIC AREA DUE TO
13 CHIQUITA LANDFILL. THE TOP THREE CAUSES FOR PERSONAL
14 BANKRUPTCIES IN THE USA, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU GUYS ARE AWARE OF
15 THIS, ARE LOSS OF INCOME, MEDICAL EXPENSES, AND FORECLOSURES.
16 IF NOTHING HAPPENS TO THIS COMMUNITY, THIS IS WHAT'S LEADING,
17 THIS IS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THESE PEOPLE, RIGHT? OUR
18 COMMUNITY WILL FALL SIMPLY BECAUSE OF LACK OF ACTION. NOW, I
19 DON'T KNOW THE CORRECT COURSE OF ACTION OR WHAT YOU GUYS HAVE
20 TO DO, WHETHER IT'S BE FUNDS FROM A STATE, FROM A FEDERAL
21 LEVEL, I'M NOT SURE. BUT WHAT I DO KNOW IS IF PEOPLE CAN'T GO
22 TO WORK DUE TO SYMPTOMS THAT ARE BEING CAUSED BY TOXIC GASES,
23 IT LEADS TO FINANCIAL CATASTROPHE. IT LEADS TO LOSS OF INCOME,
24 THEY CAN'T PAY MEDICAL EXPENSES, AND THEY'LL GET FORECLOSED ON
25 THEIR HOME.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC
3 COMMENT.

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5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW PROCEED WITH A VOTE ON ITEM 12.
6 WE DID NOT HAVE ANY SPEAKERS FOR ITEM 12, SO WE'LL BE VOTING
7 ON ITEM 12. SO, THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, GO AHEAD. CALL THE, MOVED BY
10 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. CALL THE
11 ROLL.

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13 **SPEAKER:** CALL THE ROLL.

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15 **DAWYN HARRISON:** CALL THE ROLL.

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17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPER --

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19 **DAWYN HARRISON:** MA'AM, YOU'RE BEING DIS--, YOU'RE BEING
20 DISRUPTIVE,

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

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24 **DAWYN HARRISON:** IT'S YOUR FIRST WARNING.

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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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

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

10 BARGER?

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

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14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

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16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, WHAT IS NEXT, EXECUTIVE

17 OFFICER? EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHAT IS NEXT?

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19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW MOVE TO SPECIALS.

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, WE'RE GOING TO LOSE A QUORUM.

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23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** OH, WE'RE, APOLOGIES. WE WILL BE

24 ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. FOR, IS IT FOR NEXT
2 WEEK? OH, IT'S FOR NEXT WEEK. GO AHEAD AND READ IT IN AND THEN
3 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ADJOURN.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY, THIS IS ITEM A7. I WANT TO READ IN.
6 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND ALSO, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
7 MITCHELL FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. EARLIER THIS
8 YEAR, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESCINDED A LONG-STANDING
9 SENSITIVE LOCATIONS POLICY WHICH LIMITED WHERE MIGRANTS COULD
10 BE ARRESTED. IMMIGRATION OFFICERS ARE NOW ABLE TO ARREST
11 MIGRANTS AT SITES THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY OFF LIMITS, INCLUDING
12 OUR SCHOOLS. SINCE THAT DECISION, EDUCATORS ACROSS THE COUNTRY
13 HAVE BEEN GRAPPLING WITH THE FEAR AMONG STUDENTS AND PARENTS
14 THAT IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT WILL SHOW UP AT SCHOOLS TO
15 EXECUTE DEPORTATION RAIDS. IN FACT, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
16 ANNOUNCEMENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, K-12 SCHOOLS REPORTED
17 DECLINES IN SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BY AS MUCH AS 30%. AND JUST LAST
18 WEEK, TEAMS OF HOMELAND SECURITY AGENTS ENTERED THE FRONT
19 OFFICE OF TWO LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT CAMPUSES,
20 RUSSELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND LILLIAN STREET ELEMENTARY
21 SCHOOL. THE AGENTS REQUESTED INFORMATION ABOUT THE WELFARE OF
22 FOUR STUDENTS ATTENDING RUSSELL ELEMENTARY AND REQUESTED TO
23 SPEAK WITH ONE STUDENT AT LILLIAN ELEMENTARY. FOLLOWING LAUSD
24 POLICY AND PROTOCOLS, THE TWO SCHOOL PRINCIPALS ASKED THE
25 AGENTS FOR IDENTIFICATION AND A JUDICIAL WARRANT TO ENTER THE



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1 SCHOOL. ABSENT THE JUDICIAL WARRANT, THE AGENTS' REQUESTS WERE
2 DECLINED. OUR SCHOOLS ARE MANDATED BY FEDERAL LAW TO ENSURE
3 THAT NO STUDENT IS DENIED ENROLLMENT OR FACED WITH BARRIERS TO
4 THEIR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. THEREFORE, I BELIEVE IT'S
5 IMPORTANT TO REINFORCE THAT ALL STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO A
6 PUBLIC EDUCATION, REGARDLESS OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. AND
7 GIVEN LAST WEEK'S INCIDENT, IT'S URGENT THAT WE ACT TO ENSURE
8 OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE TOOLS NECESSARY TO
9 PROTECT THEMSELVES. AND I WANTED TO COMMEND LOS ANGELES COUNTY
10 OFFICE OF EDUCATION, WHO HAS WORKED WITH OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
11 ACROSS THE COUNTY TO OFFER RESOURCES TO IMMIGRANT STUDENTS.
12 THIS INCLUDES ONE, TRAINING FOR EDUCATORS AND IMMIGRATION
13 RELATED CONCERNS. TWO, TOOLKITS FOR DISTRICT EDUCATORS,
14 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. AND THREE, KNOW YOUR RIGHTS
15 TRAININGS AND OPTIONS FOR REMOTE LEARNING DESPITE THESE
16 EFFORTS IT'S NOT IT'S NOT ALSO CLEAR WHETHER RESOURCES OFFERED
17 BY LACOE ARE BEING UTILIZED AND EVENLY IMPLEMENTED ACROSS ALL
18 OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS SO THIS MOTION WILL HELP US DO THE
19 FOLLOWING. WE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FIND THAT
20 THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION AND THE NEED CAME TO
21 THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE
22 AGENDA. AND WE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REQUEST THE
23 SUPERINTENDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, IN
24 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, TO SURVEY
25 ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTY TO DETERMINE WHICH HAVE



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1 ADOPTED ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION OPTIONS, PROVIDED KNOW YOUR
2 RIGHTS PRESENTATIONS TO STUDENTS, PARENTS AND SCHOOL STAFF AND
3 STAFF, AND OFFERED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT. ENSURE THAT KNOW
4 YOUR RIGHTS PRESENTATIONS AND OUTREACH MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED
5 IN A MANNER THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO THE LANGUAGE, CULTURAL, AND
6 IMMIGRATION-RELATED NEEDS OF PARENTS AND STUDENTS. AND REPORT
7 BACK TO THIS BOARD IN 14 DAYS IN WRITING WITH THE PLAN TO
8 ENSURE ALL STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO ALTERNATIVE LEARNING
9 OPTIONS AND KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TRAINING REGARDLESS OF WHAT
10 SCHOOL DISTRICT THEY ATTEND. THE PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE TECHNICAL
11 ASSISTANCE FOR IMPACTED SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HELP SECURE
12 NECESSARY PERMITS FOR POSSIBLE STUDENT TRANSFERS AND REPORT
13 BACK TO THE BOARD IN 14 DAYS IN WRITING WITH DATA ON EMPLOYING
14 ASSISTANCE SERVICE FOR EDUCATION, KNOWN AS EASE, AND LACOE'S
15 MENTAL HEALTH UNIT PROGRAM UTILIZATION RATES, IDENTIFICATION
16 OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE GAPS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
17 ENSURING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES.
18 WE FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DIRECT CHIEF
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICE, LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
20 RELATIONS BRANCH TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION OR POLICY PROPOSALS
21 THAT WILL EXPAND ACCESS TO ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION OPTIONS,
22 ONLINE LEARNING, STUDENT TRANSFERS, ETC. FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE
23 BEEN DETERRED FROM ATTENDING SCHOOL BY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION
24 ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. SO, MEMBERS, THAT'S THE ITEM BEFORE US
25 THAT WE WILL BRING BACK. THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.
3 NOW WE'RE GOING TO GO TO ADJOURNMENTS. GO AHEAD.

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5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR. I ASK
6 THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY. SHE IS REALLY CONSIDERED AN EXTENDED
7 MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
8 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ELAINE P. WYNN. MS. WYNN WAS BORN
9 ON APRIL 28, 1942, IN NEW YORK CITY AND SADLY PASSED AWAY
10 UNEXPECTEDLY YESTERDAY ON APRIL 14TH AT THE AGE OF 82. SHE WAS
11 CO-CHAIR OF THE L.A. COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART, LACMA, WHICH SHE
12 JOINED IN 2015 TO CHAMPION ACCESSIBILITY TO THE ARTS. SHE WAS
13 CONSIDERED AMONG THE MOST GENEROUS AND SUPPORTIVE LEADERS IN
14 LACMA'S HISTORY, OFFERING THE FIRST LANDMARK CONTRIBUTION TO
15 HELP OPEN THE NEW MUSEUM BUILDING AND OFFERING AN EARLY
16 CONTRIBUTION TO THE LEVITATED MASS SCULPTURE. IN 1964, MS.
17 WYNN EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM
18 GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. WHILE IN COLLEGE, SHE WAS SET UP
19 ON A BLIND DATE WHERE SHE MET HER SOON-TO-BE-THEN HUSBAND
20 STEVE, WHO SHE MARRIED IN 63. TO THEIR UNION, TWO DAUGHTERS
21 WERE BORN, JILLIAN AND KEVIN, WHO WERE HER GREATEST PRIDE. IN
22 1976, THE WYNN'S RELOCATED TO LAS VEGAS, WHERE THEY REVITALIZED
23 AND TRANSFORMED THE LAS VEGAS STRIP BY OPENING THE MIRAGE
24 HOTEL IN 1989, THE FIRST NEW DEVELOPMENT ON THE LAS VEGAS
25 STRIP IN 16 YEARS. IN 1998, THEY OPENED BELLAGIO RESORT AND



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1 CASINO, AND IN 2005, THEY OPENED AND BUILT WYNN LAS VEGAS INTO
2 ONE OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY AND MOST RESPECTED BUSINESSES IN
3 THE NATION. IN ADDITION TO HER BUSINESS ACUMEN, MS. WYNN WAS
4 AN AVID ART COLLECTOR AND PROUD SUPPORTER OF PERFORMING ARTS
5 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE
6 THEATER. IN 2010, THEN PRESIDENT OBAMA NAMED HER AS A TRUSTEE
7 OF THE KENNEDY CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS. LAST YEAR, SHE
8 COMMITTED TO OPENING AN ART MUSEUM IN LAS VEGAS, THE LARGEST
9 CITY IN AMERICA, WITHOUT AN ART MUSEUM. THIS MUSEUM LAUNCHED
10 AS A PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR OWN COUNTY MUSEUM, LACMA, ALLOWING
11 IT TO SHARE ITS COLLECTIONS AND PROGRAMMING. MS. WYNN WILL BE
12 REMEMBERED AS A FIERCE ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION,
13 SERVING AS CO-CHAIR OF THE GREATER LAS VEGAS AFTERSCHOOL ALL-
14 STARS, WHICH SERVES LOW-INCOME YOUTH, AND AS CHAIRWOMAN OF
15 COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS, A PROGRAM FOCUSING ON HELPING AT-RISK
16 YOUTH. UNDER HER LEADERSHIP, SHE EXPANDED THE PROGRAM TO SERVE
17 MORE THAN 1,700,000 STUDENTS ACROSS 2,900 SCHOOLS IN 26
18 STATES, CREATING PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS FOR COUNTLESS YOUNG
19 PEOPLE. SHE ALSO CO-CHAIRLED NEVADA'S BLUE RIBBON EDUCATION
20 REFORM TASK FORCE IN 2011, AND SAT ON THE NEVADA STATE BOARD
21 OF EDUCATION FROM 2012 TO 2020, INCLUDING AS PRESIDENT, FROM
22 2015 TO 2017. MS. WYNN LIVED HER LIFE WITH PURPOSE AND LEAVES
23 BEHIND A LEGACY OF CREATIVITY, AMBITION, LEADERSHIP, TENACITY,
24 AND LOVE. AGAIN, L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, I'M RECOGNIZING HER
25 GIVEN THE LARGESSE OF HER FINANCIAL COMMITMENT AND TIRELESS



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1 WORK AND REALLY SECOND BEHIND THE COUNTY ALONE, THE LARGEST
2 DONOR TO THE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF LACMA, WHICH IS NOW A STATE-
3 OF-THE-ART INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM. AND SO THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT
4 IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ELEVATE HER PASSING AND HER RELEVANCE TO
5 ALL OF US AS L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. SHE'S GOING TO BE DEEPLY
6 MISSED BY HER FAMILY, ESPECIALLY HER DAUGHTERS AND HER SEVEN
7 GRANDCHILDREN, AS WELL AS A HOST OF EXTENDED FRIENDS,
8 INCLUDING HER LACMA BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF. SO AGAIN, I ASK
9 THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY. WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF A TRUE
10 PIONEERING VISIONARY BUSINESSWOMAN, ELAINE P. WYNN. THANK YOU,
11 MADAM CHAIR.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE THOSE
14 MOTIONS AS SECONDED, AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO UNANIMOUS
15 VOTE THAT WILL BE THE ACTION I BELIEVE WE'RE WAITING FOR
16 POSSIBLY TO COME POSSIBLY TWO MINUTES

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18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YEAH, BUT IN THE MEANTIME MADAM CHAIR PRO
19 TEM WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS JUST TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CONTINUE
20 THOSE ITEMS AND CLARIFY THAT THOSE ARE ITEMS 13, 17, A1 AND
21 A7.

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23 **DAWYN HARRISON:** I'M SORRY, WHAT IS THE QUESTON ON THE FLOOR?

24
25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ADMINISTRATIVELY CONTINUING THOSE ITEMS



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2 **DAWYN HARRISON:** THE REMAINING ITEMS GET ADMINISTRATIVELY
3 CONTINUED TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING, WHICH IS MAY 6TH WHEN
4 WE LOSE A QUORUM.

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ARE WE CONTINUING 17?

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10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** I THINK I GUESS WE'RE TRYING TO GET SOME
11 CLARIFICATION ON THAT.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THE CHAIR HAS ENTERED HIS BOARDROOM. OKAY,
14 SO WE'RE GOING TO GO TO ITEM 17.

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16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** OKAY.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY, GO AHEAD THEN. LET'S GO TO ITEM 17.

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20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ITEM 17, WILL YOU TAKE?

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22 **DAWYN HARRISON:** SO, YOU'RE DOING A MOTION FOR RECONSIDER.

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24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, I'LL MOVE IT.

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1 **DAWYN HARRISON:** DO YOU HAVE A SECOND?

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3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SECOND.

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5 **DAWYN HARRISON:** CALL AN EMOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION. IS THERE
6 A SECOND ON 17?

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

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10 **DAWYN HARRISON:** SECOND. TAKE A VOTE.

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12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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

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

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

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

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

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25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 3 TO



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3 **DAWYN HARRISON:** TO RECONSIDER, NOW VOTE ON THE MOTION.

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5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** OKAY, TO RECONSIDER.

6

7 **DAWYN HARRISON:** ON THE BOARD LETTER.

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9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, AND THEN NOW. SECONDED
10 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TAKE THE ROLL.

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12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

13

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

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

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

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

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

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25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 3 TO



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3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY, ANYTHING ELSE? EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WE
4 NEED TO READ IN.

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES, SO THEN JUST TO CLARIFY, WE ARE
7 ADMINISTRATIVELY CARRYING OVER ITEM 13, A1 AND A7, INCLUDING
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS' MOTION THAT YOU JUST READ IN AND THAT'S IT.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I BELIEVE THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING.
11 OUR REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL COME ABOUT ON APRIL 22, 2025.
12 I'M SORRY, THAT MEETING IS CANCELED. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
13 BOARD WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY
14 APRIL 29, 2025, AT 9:30 A.M. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS OF
15 THE PUBLIC AND EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

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17 **SPEAKER: [VIDEO RECORDING]:** WORK WITH THEIR KIDS, HELP GUIDE
18 THEM THROUGH, CREATE SOME SENSE OF NORMALCY, AND CREATE A
19 HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT SO THAT WE CAN ALL HEAL THROUGH THIS
20 TOGETHER. OUR WEBSITE IS A WONDERFUL LINK TO OUR RESOURCES AND
21 THAT IS DMH.LACOUNTY.GOV. WE ALSO HAVE OUR CRISIS MENTAL
22 HEALTH LINE, WHICH IS 1-800-854-7771, AS WELL AS THE 988
23 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LINE. OUR HOPE IS THAT WE REACH PEOPLE WHEN
24 THEY NEED US THE MOST.

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2 qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

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