THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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TUESDAY, JULY 22ND, 2025

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING, WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025. PLEASE NOTE THAT SUPERVISOR HORVATH WILL BE ABSENT FROM OUR MEETING TODAY. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. BEFORE WE BEGIN, WE WILL TAKE A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE THREE LIVES THAT WERE LOST IN THE DEVASTATING EXPLOSION AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TRAINING ACADEMY. I'D LIKE US ALL TO TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT AND SAY PRAYER.

[MOMENT OF SILENCE]

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. WE WILL 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 CARE 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

CONTINUE THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION RESULTED IN LAND SEIZURE, DISEASE, SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY, RELOCATION, BROKEN PROMISES, GENOCIDE, AND MULTI-GENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION, AND ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO GROWING AND SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE PEOPLES AND LOCAL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER, FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, GABRIELINO TONGVA INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COUNCIL, GABRIELENO/ TONGVA SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS - KIZH NATION, SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, SAN FERNANDO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FIRST PEOPLES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PLEASE VISIT THE LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION WEBSITE AT LANAIC.LACOUNTY.GOV.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THE INVOCATION TODAY WILL BE LED BY PASTOR SAMUEL CHUNG, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAN PEDRO FROM THE 4TH DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY TYRON J. PRYOR, MEMBER OF THE VETERAN PEER ACCESS NETWORK CANYON COUNTRY IN THE 5TH DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE

ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

SAMUEL CHUNG: BEFORE I BEGIN, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY JANICE HAHN AND HER OFFICE, AND ALSO TO THE PURPLE HEART VETS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE KOREAN WAR, WHOSE SACRIFICE WOULD NOT – WITHOUT THEIR SACRIFICE, ME AND MY FAMILY WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY. LET US PRAY. LOVING AND MERCIFUL GOD, THANK YOU FOR OUR AMAZING COUNTY FULL OF BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE OF ALL RACES. THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR COUNTY ONE OF THE BEST COUNTIES IN THE U.S. AND THE WORLD THROUGH OUR LEADERS AND THE HARD WORK OF ITS PEOPLE. WE REMEMBER, ACKNOWLEDGE OUR ANCESTORS WHO GAVE AND TOILED AND LIVED LIFE FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY. LET US CONTINUALLY REMEMBER THEM IN OUR HEARTS. LORD, WE PRAY FOR OUR PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ALL ITS PEOPLE. LET US STRIVE TO BECOME ONE AND LEARN HOW TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER EVEN MORE. LET US LEARN TO BE BETTER STEWARDS OF MOTHER EARTH AND ALL ITS PRECIOUS BEINGS. LET US LEARN TO RESOLVE CONFLICT AND BECOME A BETTER INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY. OPEN OUR EYES AND HEART TO THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING. MAY WE CONTINUE TO HELP HEAL OUR COUNTY AND OUR GREAT NATION. WE LIFT UP TO YOU OUR SUPERVISORS, JANICE HAHN, HILDA SOLIS, HOLLY MITCHELL, LINDSAY HORVATH, KATHRYN BARGER, OUR LEADERS WITH WHOM YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED WITH POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP. GRANT THEM WISDOM, INTEGRITY, AND COURAGE AS THEY MAKE DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THE LIVES OF MANY. GUIDE THEM TO

SEEK JUSTICE, PURSUE PEACE, AND UPHOLD THE DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON. HELP THEM TO LEAD WITH HUMILITY AND TO LISTEN WITH COMPASSION AND MOVE WITH COURAGE. MAY THEY BE SYMBOLS OF HOPE TO THOSE WITHOUT HOPE. PROTECT OUR SUPERVISORS. KEEP THEM HEALTHY IN MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT. IN TIMES OF DOUBT AND DARKNESS, PLEASE SEND THEM REMINDERS THAT THEY ARE LOVED AND RESPECTED. SURROUND THEM WITH ANGELS AND SAINTS WHO WILL HOLD THEM UNTIL THE TEMPEST PASS. FINALLY, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR OUR GREAT AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. GOD BLESS US ALL AND ALL OF GOD'S SACRED PEOPLE SAID AMEN.

TYRON J. PRYOR: GOOD DAY EVERYONE. PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, YOU MAY RENDER A HAND SALUTE. AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS ONE NATION UNDER GOD INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I'M VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME REVEREND SAMUEL CHUNG FROM THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAN PEDRO. I KNOW HIM AS PASTOR SAM BECAUSE HE'S MY PASTOR, AND I'M VERY HONORED TO HAVE HIM JOIN US THIS MORNING

AND LEAD US IN THIS INVOCATION. AND THANK YOU, PASTOR SAM, FOR THAT SHOUT OUT TO THE VETERANS WHO SERVED IN THE KOREAN WAR AND WHAT THAT MEANT TO YOUR FAMILY PERSONALLY. PASTOR SAM WAS BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES AND HE WAS PART OF THE CONTROVERSIAL BUSING PROGRAM IN 1970. HE RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM OBERLIN COLLEGE IN OHIO AND GRADUATED FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. HE SERVED AS THE PASTOR AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS. PREVIOUSLY, HE WAS THE FOUNDING PASTOR AT FIRST PROGRESSIVE CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES WHERE HE ADVOCATED FOR THOSE TRADITIONALLY NOT ACCEPTED BY THE CHURCH. TO THIS DAY, PASTOR SAM IS DEDICATED TO SERVING THE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US AND SERVES AT THE FOOD PANTRY AT THE WILSHIRE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EVERY MONDAY. HE'S BEEN HAPPILY MARRIED FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS. THANK YOU FOR LEADING US, PASTOR SAM, IN THIS INVOCATION THIS MORNING. AND I WANTED TO SAY, PERSONALLY, I ALWAYS APPRECIATE WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT YOUR WORK, NOT JUST ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, BUT THE REST OF THE WEEK, AND HOW YOU KNOW MANY OF THE HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO COME TO THE FOOD BANK BY NAME, AND YOU HAVE FOLLOWED THEIR LIVES AND THEIR JOURNEYS. AND YOU'RE DEFINITELY WALKING THE WALK. AND WE APPRECIATE THAT AND ARE HONORED TO HAVE YOU AS OUR PASTOR AT FIRST PRESS. SO, I'M HONORED TO PRESENT YOU THIS CERTIFICATE OF OUR APPRECIATION FOR LEADING THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: COME ON OVER HERE, TYRONE. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING SEAMAN TYRON J. PRYOR FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. SEAMAN PRYOR SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY FROM 2012 TO 2015 WITH THE USS SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING THE AMPHIBIOUS TRANSPORT DOCK. DURING HIS SERVICE, HE RECEIVED MULTIPLE SPECIAL DISTINCTIONS, INCLUDING GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM MEDAL, NAVY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, AND THE NATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL. IN HIS TIME SINCE LEAVING THE MILITARY, HE HAS OVERCOME HOMELESSNESS, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND SERVICE-RELATED PHYSICAL CHALLENGES, INCLUDING PARTIAL BLINDNESS AND POST-SURGICAL MOBILITY ISSUES. NONE OF THESE CHALLENGES HAS PREVENTED HIM FROM PURSUING HIS DREAMS AND GIVING BACK. TO PAY IT FORWARD TO HIS FELLOW VETERANS, SEAMAN PRYOR NOW SERVES AS A PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST WITH JVS SOCAL'S VETERAN PEER ACCESS NETWORK. HE IS ALSO THE FOUNDER OF THE VETERAN-FOCUSED FURNITURE REDISTRIBUTION PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS TO NEWLY HOUSED VETERANS AND PROMOTES SUSTAINABLE GIVING. HE IS CURRENTLY STUDYING HOLISTIC HEALTH PRACTICES AND IS ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM THAT INTEGRATES MIND, BODY, AND SPIRITUAL WELLNESS INTO HIS PEER SUPPORT WORK. HE CALLS THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HOME AND IS A FATHER OF TWO AMAZING CHILDREN, SCARLETT AND ETHAN. HE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT HIS WORK, FATHERHOOD, AND CREATING A POSITIVE IMPACT FOR HIS COMMUNITY, AND FOR THAT, WE ALL THANK YOU. WE ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE NATION AND FOR LEADING US IN

THIS PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TODAY. LET'S GIVE HIM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. AND WHAT I'M GOING TO TELL YOU IS, TWO DOGS MEAN TWICE THE FUN. AND TODAY, I WANT YOU TO MEET HAPPY AND GRUMPY, TWO-MONTH-OLD AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG PUPPIES. THEY ARE SUPER PLAYFUL, ENERGETIC, AND VERY, VERY AFFECTIONATE. IF YOU'D LIKE TO GET DOUBLE THE SNUGGLES, PLAYTIME, AND JOY, HAPPY AND GRUMPY ARE A DYNAMIC DUO FOR YOU. AND IF YOU'RE WONDERING WHY THEY'RE HAPPY AND GRUMPY, IT'S BECAUSE THERE ARE SEVEN OF THEM THAT WERE DISCARDED IN A DUMPSTER UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THEY WERE FOUND, AND THERE ARE MORE WAITING AT THE ANIMAL CARE CENTER. IF YOU WANT TO ADOPT HAPPY OR GRUMPY, ALTHOUGH GRUMPY IS NOT GRUMPY WHEN YOU PUT THEM ON THE GROUND, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO CALL THE AGOURA CARE CENTER AT 818-991-0071 TO MAKE THEM YOURS. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SCREEN FOR OUR PET FROM PALMDALE. THIS IS HENDRIX, A THREE-YEAR-OLD GERMAN SHEPHERD MIX. HE WAS SURRENDERED BY HIS OWNERS BECAUSE OF HIS SIZE, SO IF YOU HAVE ROOM IN YOUR HEART AND HOME FOR A BIG, LOVABLE DOG, HENDRIX IS FOR YOU. CALL THE PALMDALE CARE CENTER AT 661-575-2888 TO GIVE THIS SWEET AND GENTLE GIANT THE LOVE THAT HE DESERVES. THIS IS HAPPY AND GRUMPY AND THAT IS HENDRIX, ALL LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME. AND NOW I'M GOING TO TAKE LIBERTY TO JUST WRAP UP BY SAYING I WANT TO RECOGNIZE SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN A FIXTURE IN OUR WEEKLY BOARD MEETINGS. KATIE CLARK IS AN AMAZING ANIMAL CARE CONTROL OFFICER WHO BRINGS IN OUR LOVABLE PETS EACH WEEK. AND EVERYONE

WHO KNOWS KATIE LOVES HER, INCLUDING ALL THE ANIMALS THAT YOU BRING IN. SHE'S BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS, SERVING AT SEVERAL SITES IN THE NORTH COUNTY BEFORE SETTLING IN THE AGOURA CARE CENTER. KATIE IS EMBARKING ON HER NEXT ADVENTURE AND IS MOVING TO NASHVILLE TO PURSUE HER NURSING DEGREE AT GALEN COLLEGE. WHILE WE ARE GOING TO MISS YOU, AND I KNOW I SPEAK FOR MY ENTIRE OFFICE, MY SECRETARY ADOPTED THE TWO DOGS THAT IT TURNS OUT SHE FOSTERED LAST WEEK. ONE IS COMPLETELY BLIND AND THE OTHER LOST AN EYE AND IS PARTIALLY BLIND. AND KATIE, KNOWING THAT THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE A TOUGH TIME, TOOK AND FOSTERED THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY WERE CARED FOR AND NOW THEY HAVE A LOVING HOME, KATIE. THAT TAKES HEART. YOU ARE TRULY A BEAUTIFUL PERSON. I AM SO GRATEFUL THAT YOU'VE COME UP EACH TUESDAY TO BRING INCREDIBLE, INCREDIBLE DOGS AND CATS TO OUR OFFICE. YOU WILL BE MISSED BUT KNOW THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE A HOME IN THE COUNTY AND DEFINITELY IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. SO, I WANT TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE INCREDIBLE WORK THAT YOU DO. LET'S GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NOW WE ARE GOING TO DO BOARD PRESENTATIONS AND WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. YEP, THAT IS YOU ALL DAY.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: GOOD MORNING LOS ANGELES. GOOD MORNING. ACROSS THE COUNTRY, BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS HAVE BEEN A

LIFELINE FOR MILLIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, NOT SO YOUNG PEOPLE, GIVING THEM A SAFE PLACE TO LEARN, GROW, AND DISCOVER THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. AND HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THEIR IMPACT IS NOTHING SHORT OF EXTRAORDINARY. CONNECTING KIDS WITH MENTORS, OFFERING ACADEMIC AND CAREER SUPPORT, CREATING THE KIND OF OPPORTUNITIES THAT CAN CHANGE A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE FOREVER. ONE OF THOSE OPPORTUNITIES IS THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH MY OFFICE IN BRINGING THOUSANDS OF YOUTH TO THE MARINA EACH YEAR TO LEARN ABOUT OCEAN EDUCATION, WATER SAFETY, AND SAILING. FOR SO MANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE IT'S THEIR FIRST TIME ON THE WATER, THEIR FIRST TIME FEELING THE WIND ON THEIR BACK, STEERING A BOAT AND REALIZING THAT THE OCEAN IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND IT BELONGS TO ALL OF US. AND WHILE MY OFFICE PARTNERS WITH THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB ON MANY PROJECTS, WE ARE RECOGNIZING THEM TODAY TO HIGHLIGHT THEIR KINDNESS IS FREE INITIATIVE, WHICH HAS QUICKLY BECOME A MOVEMENT THAT SPANS L.A. COUNTY AND BEYOND. THROUGH BACKPACK DRIVES, POP-UP EVENTS, A KINDNESS CARNIVAL, AND EVEN A KINDNESS SUMMIT THAT HOSTED OVER 500 YOUTH FROM TEN DIFFERENT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS, KINDNESS IS FREE TEACHES THAT KINDNESS IS STRENGTH, THAT EMPATHY CAN TRANSFORM LIVES, AND THAT THEY TOO CAN BE THE SPARK THAT MAKES THEIR SCHOOLS, THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, THEIR FAMILIES STRONGER AND MORE CONNECTED. THE KINDNESS IS FREE INITIATIVE ALSO CONNECTS DEEPLY TO MY WORK AROUND RACIAL JUSTICE. TRUE KINDNESS IS MORE THAN A SMILE OR A

GESTURE. IT'S ABOUT RESPECT, INCLUSION, AND THE COURAGE TO STAND UP FOR ONE ANOTHER, EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD. WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE LEARN THAT KINDNESS CAN MEAN SPEAKING OUT AGAINST HATE, SUPPORTING A FRIEND FACING DISCRIMINATION, OR WELCOMING SOMEONE WHO FEELS LIKE AN OUTSIDER, THEY BECOME THE LEADERS WHO WILL MAKE L.A. COUNTY AND INDEED OUR ENTIRE WORLD STRONGER, MORE FAIR, AND MORE COMPASSIONATE. I WAS REMINDED OF THAT POWER JUST LAST WEEK AT OUR MONTHLY RACIAL JUSTICE LEARNING EXCHANGE EVENT. WE HOSTED A VIEWING OF A FILM, A TIME TO YELL, THAT TOLD THE STORY OF THE DEVASTATING RACIST ATTACKS THAT HAPPENED IN 2017 IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA. MUCH OF THE WORK THAT LED TO THAT HORRIBLE EVENT WAS SPEARHEADED BY A 14-YEAR-OLD WHO THOUGHT THAT SOME STATUES REPRESENTING THE CONFEDERACY PROBABLY DIDN'T BELONG IN HER NEIGHBORHOOD PARK. 14-YEAR-OLD HAD THAT COURAGE AND VISION. WE HEARD DIRECTLY FROM THE COURAGEOUS LEADERS WHO FACED HATE HEAD ON DURING THAT TIME. IT WAS NOTED A FEW TIMES THAT THESE LEADERS WERE PART OF AND SUPPORTED BY THEIR OWN LOCAL BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS DURING THOSE DIFFICULT TIMES. IT WAS A POWERFUL REMINDER THAT WHEN CRISIS STRIKES, ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB ARE THERE, LIFTING COMMUNITIES UP AND HELPING OUR YOUTH NOT ONLY HEAL BUT LEAD WITH HOPE AND COURAGE. I AM DEEPLY HONORED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE 2024 INAUGURAL KINDNESS HALL OF FAME. I WAS AN INDUCTEE, HENCE MY BADGE AND MY FABULOUS BLAZER. THANK YOU. THAT HONOR CAME WITH THE PRIVILEGE OF

RIDING IN THE KINDNESS IS FREE FLOAT IN THE PASADENA ROSE PARADE THIS YEAR. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP AND THE YOUTH DRIVE IN THE CAMPAIGN. I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE LAURIE MILGARD AND J.R. ZUBACH FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP IN ENVISIONING AND CREATING THE PROGRAM. WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND YOUR PARTNERSHIP. SO TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE NEARLY 10,000,000 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. THANK YOU TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB FOR BEING A BEACON OF OPPORTUNITY AND FOR HELPING OUR KIDS SET SAIL, LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY, AND FOR SHOWING US ALL THAT KINDNESS IS NOT ONLY FREE, BUT IT'S POWERFUL. LAURIE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW REMARKS BEFORE WE PRESENT THE SCROLL? BEAUTIFUL. STEP RIGHT UP.

LORI MILGARD: GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. MY NAME IS LORI MILGARD AND I AM THE FOUNDER OF THE KINDNESS IS FREE PROGRAM ALONG WITH J.R. ZUBACK. I CAN'T EXPLAIN WHY OR POINT TO ANYTHING SPECIFIC, BUT IT JUST FEELS LIKE THE WORLD IS MORE UNKIND AND DIVIDED THAN EVER BEFORE. BEING KIND TO ONE ANOTHER COSTS NOTHING. ANYONE CAN BE A GOOD PERSON. SO, I STARTED THE KINDNESS IS FREE PROGRAM WITH A HUMBLE GOAL OF REACHING AND ENCOURAGING KINDNESS WITH A FOCUS ON YOUTH. I BELIEVE THAT IF WE INSPIRE KIDS TO BE KIND BEFORE THEY BECOME BULLIES OR FACE NEGATIVE INFLUENCES, WE CAN

CREATE A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL FOR THE INVITATION TO SPEAK HERE TODAY. HOLLY IS A KINDNESS AND FREE HALL OF FAMER. SHE ALSO JOINED US ON THE KINDNESSES FREE FLOAT IN THE ROSE PARADE LAST YEAR, AND HER WILLINGNESS TO BE INVOLVED WITH OUR PROGRAM AND INSPIRE OTHERS IS SO VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY. SUPERVISOR LINDSAY HORVATH, HILDA SOLIS, KATHRYN BARGER, AND JANICE HAHN. TOGETHER, YOUR COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT COULD HELP LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR A KINDER LOS ANGELES. HERE WITH ME TODAY ARE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM EACH OF YOUR DISTRICTS.

SPEAKER: HELLO, MY NAME IS CLAUDIA. I'M FROM DISTRICT 1 AND I TOOK THE KINDNESS PLEDGE.

SPEAKER: HELLO, MY NAME IS CARLOS AND I AM FROM DISTRICT 2 AND I TOOK THE KINDNESS PLEDGE.

SPEAKER: HELLO, MY NAME IS LEAH, I'M FROM DISTRICT 3 AND I TOOK THE KINDNESS PLEDGE.

SPEAKER: HELLO, MY NAME IS DANIELLE AND I'M FROM DISTRICT 4 AND I TOOK THE KINDNESS PLEDGE.

SPEAKER: HELLO, MY NAME IS SOPHIA AND I AM FROM DISTRICT 5 AND

I TOOK THE KINDNESS PLEDGE.

LORI MILGARD: AS YOU CAN SEE, EVERY ONE OF THEM HAS TAKEN THE KINDNESS PLEDGE COMMITTING TO LEAD WITH EMPATHY, COURAGE, AND RESPECT, AND TO PUT KINDNESS INTO ACTION IN THEIR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES. THEY ARE LIVING PROOF THAT WHEN WE EMPOWER YOUTH TO EMBODY KINDNESS IN THEIR DAILY LIVES, OVER TIME WE BEGIN TO BUILD A CULTURE WHERE KINDNESS BECOMES PART OF THEIR DNA. TO DATE, MORE THAN 250,000 INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, FAMILIES, AND EVEN THE US SECRET SERVICE HAVE TAKEN THE KINDNESS IS FREE PLEDGE. THOUSANDS OF BUSINESSES HAVE JOINED THEM FROM SMALL LOCAL SHOPS TO MAJOR NATIONAL BRANDS SHOWING THAT KINDNESS IS NECESSARY FOR A HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE WORKPLACE. IN FACT, OUR PROGRAM WAS FEATURED IN THE WALL STREET JOURNAL IN 2021, HIGHLIGHTING THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT THAT KINDNESS HAS ON WELL-BEING AND MENTAL HEALTH OF OUR YOUTH. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LEADERS, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES JIMMY GOMEZ AND JUDY CHU. BUT I TRULY REALIZED WE WERE ON THE RIGHT PATH WHEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, JOE BIDEN, MADE A SPECIAL VISIT TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND EASTSIDE, SHOWING THAT THERE IS NO LIMIT TO HOW FAR THE SIMPLE ACT OF BEING KIND CAN REACH. WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN 15,000 BACKPACKS ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY THROUGH OUR BACKPACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS, AND WE CONTINUE TO HOST KINDNESS

POP-UPS AT SCHOOLS, CAMPS, AND COMMUNITY CENTERS. THIS YEAR, WE ALSO LAUNCHED OUR KINDNESS TEEN SUMMIT, BRINGING TOGETHER 500 TEENS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY TO RECEIVE TRAINING AND RESOURCES TO BECOME KINDNESS AMBASSADORS IN THEIR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES. ALL OF THESE EVENTS HELP PLANT KINDNESS SEEDS, WHICH WE HOPE TO SEE GROW INTO A MORE COMPASSIONATE WORLD. OUR VISION IS SIMPLE BUT BOLD TO MAKE KINDNESS A WAY OF LIFE, WHETHER SCHOOLS, PARKS, AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, OR COMMUNITY SPACES, WE ASPIRE TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE TURN SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS INTO LIFELONG HABITS. WE WOULD BE HONORED TO WORK ALONGSIDE YOU ALL TO EXPAND THE KINDNESS IS FREE PROGRAM ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, BRINGING KINDNESS CERTIFICATION TO MORE SCHOOLS, LAUNCHING YOUTH-LED INITIATIVES, AND CONTINUING TO BUILD A KINDER FUTURE FOR EVERYONE. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE TODAY AND FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO TO HELP SPREAD KINDNESS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TODAY TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF OUR AMERICAN HEROES, RECIPIENTS OF THE PURPLE HEART, THE UNITED STATES MILITARY'S OLDEST DECORATION STILL AWARDED. MILITARY'S OLDEST DECORATION STILL AWARDED. AUGUST 7TH IS PURPLE HEART DAY, AND ON JULY

15TH, THIS BOARD PROCLAIMED AUGUST 7TH AS PURPLE HEART DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AGAIN, THE PURPLE HEART IS ONE OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED MILITARY DECLARATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO HAVE BEEN WOUNDED OR KILLED IN ACTION. IT ORIGINATES BACK TO AUGUST 7, 1782, WHEN GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON, UNABLE TO PROMOTE SOLDIERS BASED ON MERIT, CREATED THE BADGE OF MILITARY MERIT. IN HIS ORDER, HE AUTHORIZED THE BADGE, A PURPLE HEART-SHAPED CLOTH SYMBOL, TO RECOGNIZE SOLDIERS WHO PERFORMED SINGULARLY MERITORIOUS ACTION. IT FELL OUT OF USE FOLLOWING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR BUT WAS REVIVED BY GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR ON THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF WASHINGTON'S BIRTH. SINCE THEN, AN ESTIMATED 1,800,000 AMERICAN SERVICE MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED THE AWARD, INCLUDING MY SPECIAL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT SCHEDULE, TINA QUEBEC'S SON, RALPH, WHO LOST BOTH HIS LEGS WHILE SERVING OUR NATION IN AFGHANISTAN. BUT HE WENT ON TO BECOME A PARALYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST IN SLED HOCKEY TWICE. LET'S HEAR IT FOR RALPH D. QUEBEC. HE WAS NOT ABLE TO BE HERE WITH US TODAY, BUT IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO HAVE 15 BRAVE PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS FROM MY DISTRICT HERE WITH US TO RECOGNIZE PURPLE HEART DAY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S HISTORY. WE ARE JOINED TODAY BY UNITED STATES ARMY PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS. LOUIS DOMINGUEZ, WHO WAS IN THE VIETNAM WAR. RUDOLPH RUDY CASAS, WHO WAS IN THE KOREAN WAR. ZAFFERINO JOHN MAGICAL III, THE AFGHANISTAN WAR. VLADIMIR RODRIGUEZ, IRAQ WAR. AARON RAIMONDO,

THE AFGHANISTAN WAR. JESUS ESQUIVEL, THE AFGHANISTAN WAR. ALBERTO LOPEZ, SERVED IN THE AFGHANISTAN WAR. SANTIAGO RIOS, THE VIETNAM WAR. MICHAEL WHITING, VIETNAM. LEONARD PIPERT, THE IRAQ WAR. ROBERT CASTILLO SERVED IN THE KOREAN WAR. ALFRED MODA, THE KOREAN WAR. ALSO JOINING US FROM THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS, RUBEN VALENCIA, WHO IS IN THE VIETNAM WAR, RICHARD DICKEY-REEVES, KOREAN WAR, AND JAMES STEPHEN DOLAN, THE VIETNAM WAR. LET'S HEAR IT FOR THESE PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS. AND TO THOSE OF YOU WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM, WELCOME HOME. EACH OF YOU HAS ENDURED WHAT MOST CANNOT IMAGINE. YOU HAVE BORNE WOUNDS IN DEFENSE OF THIS COUNTRY, PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, SPIRITUAL. TODAY WE HONOR THAT SACRIFICE. OUR NATION OWES YOU NOT ONLY GRATITUDE, BUT A CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS A PROUD AND ENDURING TRADITION OF HONORING OUR VETERANS. THE LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW, WAS COMMISSIONED IN 1921 AS A MEMORIAL TO THE YOUNG MEN WHO DIDN'T RETURN FROM WORLD WAR I. AND THEN IT WAS REDEDICATED BY MY FATHER, SUPERVISOR KENNETH HAHN, TO HONOR ALL VETERANS IN THE 1960S. IN 1926, THE COUNTY OPENED WHAT IS NOW BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL, DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE AND SUPPORT OF VETERANS, SERVING AS A TESTAMENT TO THIS COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO ITS VETERANS COMMUNITY. OUR COUNTY LEADERS, ESPECIALLY OUR DIRECTOR OF MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS, JIM ZENNER, WHO IS WITH US TODAY, HAVE REMAINED COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT ALL OF

YOU AND ALL VETERANS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAVE THE CARE, THE RESPECT, THE DIGNITY, AND THE SUPPORT THAT YOU HAVE EARNED. WE CONTINUE WORKING TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT, HOUSING, EDUCATION, AND BENEFITS FOR ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL VETERANS. AND NOW I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE UNITED STATES VETERAN OF THE VIETNAM WAR AND PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT, LOUIS DOMINGUEZ, TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

LOUIS DOMINGUEZ: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ON BEHALF OF MY FELLOW VETERANS AND MYSELF, WE WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY AND EACH SUPERVISOR FOR GIVING US THIS WONDERFUL CHANCE TO BE RECOGNIZED, ESPECIALLY OUR OWN SUPERVISOR FOR ME IN THE DISTRICT 4, JANICE HAHN. SHE'S THE ONE THAT GOT US TOGETHER. SO, IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE HOW MANY WARS WE REPRESENT ALL THE WAY FROM KOREA, VIETNAM, AND UP TO OUR LAST ONES. SO, THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS WONDERFUL PROCLAMATION. THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, THESE SCROLLS THAT WE, AS COUNTY SUPERVISORS, GET TO HAND OUT REGULARLY, CERTAINLY NOT AS IMPORTANT AS THE ACTUAL PURPLE HEART MEDAL, BUT I DO THINK IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THOSE IN THE COUNTY, OUR GRAPHIC ARTISTS, WHO SPEND SO MUCH TIME CREATING THESE RECOGNITIONS SPECIFICALLY FOR THE RECIPIENT. AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS PROCLAMATION IS PURPLE. IT HAS THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL. IT HAS EVEN THE RIBBONS OF PURPLE AND GOLD. AND SO, I WANTED TO

GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO THOSE GRAPHIC ARTISTS IN THE COUNTY WHO WORK UNSEEN BY MOST EVERYBODY BUT PRODUCE SOME OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND TOUCHING RECOGNITIONS THAT WE HAVE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND NOW I WANTED TO HAVE COMMANDER ZAFFERINO JOHN MAGICAL III COME SAY A FEW WORDS.

ZAFFERINO JOHN MAGICAL III: GOOD MORNING L.A. COUNTY, EVERYBODY HERE. THANK YOU FOR SHOWING UP. I KNOW YOU'RE DOING YOUR DAILY BUSINESS BUT WE'RE HERE TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION TO EVERY ANGELINO REGARDLESS DISTRICT NUMBER WE ARE ALL UNITED AS ONE SO I AM THE COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY ORDER THE PURPLE HEART CHAPTER 210 WE SERVICE L.A. COUNTY AND ORANGE COUNTY AND BY THAT WE WANT TO PRESENT JANICE HAHN WITH OUR OFFICIAL PARKING SIGNS THAT SHOULD BE PLACED IN A RESERVE AREA.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: OH, THAT'S FANTASTIC. OH, WOW, MY OWN PARKING. WOW, THAT'S FANTASTIC. THAT IS BEAUTIFUL. WOW. WOW. WOW. THAT IS BEAUTIFUL. DID YOU WANT TO GIVE ONE TO JIMMY?

ZAFFERINO JOHN MAGICAL III: NOW, THESE PARKINGS ARE OFFICIAL. SO, THESE ARE ALLOWED TO BE ON STATE PROPERTY, PUBLIC PROPERTY. WE'D WANT THEM AT A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY. AND WE'RE WORKING WITH OTHER CITIES IN THE L.A. COUNTY TO ACTUALLY GET THEM INSTALLED IN YOUR LOCAL AREAS THAT SHOWS AND REPRESENT THE LEGACY OF OUR MILITARY AND WHAT THEY LAID DOWN IN THE PAST

AND WHAT THEY WILL BE DOING IN THE FUTURE AND WE REMEMBER. THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND A SHOUT OUT TO THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA WHO IS BECOMING A PURPLE HEART CITY AND WILL BE MAKING THAT ANNOUNCEMENT SOON. SO, CONGRATULATIONS. WE HOPE ALL CITIES IN L.A. COUNTY BECOME PURPLE HEART CITIES THIS AUGUST. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: NEXT UP IS SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE MILITARY.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: WELL GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. BUENOS DIAS. WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY. SO FAR THE CEREMONIES HAVE BEEN JUST LOVELY, AND I'M REALLY PLEASED TO PRESENT A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE, IN MY OPINION, OUR FUTURE, AND HAVE BEEN. AND THEY REPRESENT THE LOS ANGELES ECONOMIC EQUITY AND ACCELERATOR AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. AND I WANTED TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THEM AND HONOR THEM BECAUSE WE NEED TO CELEBRATE OUR FUTURE. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE MADE SACRIFICES IN THEIR OWN LIVES, BUT THEY'VE ALSO COMMITTED TO EMPOWERING LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND IN PARTICULAR, THE EAST L.A. AREA. AND I WANTED TO PARTICULARLY CALL THEM OUT, THE LOS ANGELES ECONOMIC EQUITY ACCELERATOR AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM OUT OF OUR VERY OWN CAL

STATE L.A. UNIVERSITY AND THEY'RE KNOWN AS LEAF. TODAY WE SHINE A SPOTLIGHT NOT JUST ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THESE REMARKABLE STUDENTS BUT ALSO ON THE VALUES OF INNOVATION, RESILIENCE, COMMUNITY IMPACT THAT THIS PROGRAM SO POWERFULLY EMBODIES. THE LOS ANGELES ECONOMIC EQUITY ACCELERATOR AND FELLOWSHIP WAS CREATED WITH THE VISION TO BUILD A FUTURE WHERE OPPORTUNITY IS NOT RESERVED FOR THE FEW, BUT ACCESSIBLE TO ALL. BY FOSTERING DIVERSE TALENT, EQUIPPING OUR STUDENTS WITH REAL-WORLD SKILLS, AND EMPOWERING THEM TO ADDRESS SYSTEMIC ECONOMIC INEQUITIES, THIS PROGRAM IS CULTIVATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS, ENTREPRENEURS, AND CHANGE MAKERS. THE STUDENTS WHO ARE HERE WITH US TODAY WE CELEBRATE THEM BECAUSE THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH THEIR TEXTBOOKS AND CLASSROOMS AND ALMOST ALL OF THEM HAVE GRADUATED WITH THEIR DEGREES EITHER FROM CAL STATE L.A. OR OTHER LOCAL UNIVERSITIES. THAT'S QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT IN AND OF ITSELF. IN MARKETING, IN BUSINESS, IN FINANCE, SOCIOLOGY, AND TECHNOLOGY. THEY HAVE ENGAGED DEEPLY WITH THE CHALLENGES FACING OUR COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. FROM CLOSING WEALTH GAPS TO SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES, FROM DEVELOPING CREATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH, TO ADVOCATING FOR MORE INCLUSIVE POLICIES. THESE STUDENTS HAVE DONE SEVERAL OUTREACH EFFORTS IN THE COMMUNITY THAT I REPRESENT, THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF EAST LOS ANGELES. IN ADDITION, EARLIER THIS YEAR, THEY AND I CO-HOSTED A SUMMIT AT MY OFFICE AND DEPARTMENT OF

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ON WHAT WAS KNOWN AS REBUILDING TRUST WITH COMMUNITY AND ENTREPRENEURS. MORE THAN 100 LEADERS REPRESENTING SMALL BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND ENTREPRENEURS FROM THE COMMUNITY RECEIVED VALUABLE RESOURCES. ON THE SCREEN DISPLAYED BEHIND ME ARE SOME OF THE PHOTOS OF THE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE LOS ANGELES ECONOMIC EQUITY ACCELERATOR AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. THE STUDENTS' TIME IN THE LOS ANGELES ECONOMIC EQUITY ACCELERATOR AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM HAS NOT ONLY BEEN ABOUT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, BUT ALSO ABOUT SERVICE AND VISION. THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED WHAT IT MEANS TO LEAD WITH PURPOSE, TO INNOVATE WITH COURAGE, AND TO KEEP EQUITY AT THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING THEY DO. THEIR DEDICATION AND BRILLIANCE INSPIRE ALL OF US. THEY REPRESENT THE VALUES OF THE PROGRAM, THOSE THAT THRIVE ON DIVERSITY, DETERMINATION AND CREATIVITY. THEY SHOW US ALL WHAT'S POSSIBLE WHEN EDUCATION, MENTORSHIP AND PASSION ALL COME TOGETHER. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACULTY AND MENTORS AND PARTNERS WHO HAVE GUIDED AND SUPPORTED THESE STUDENTS EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. DIMITRI SEALS, WHO IS HERE WITH ME, HE'S THE LEAD FACULTY INDIVIDUAL AT CAL STATE L.A. AND ELAINE RODRIGUEZ THE DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES ECONOMIC EQUITY ACCELERATOR AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. PROGRAMS LIKE THIS SUCCEED BECAUSE OF A SHARED COMMITMENT TO EQUITY AND THEIR LEADERSHIP IN PAVING THE WAY FOR A BRIGHTER AND FAIRER ECONOMIC FUTURE FOR OUR ENTIRE REGION. I WANT TO THANK THEM

FOR THEIR COURAGE, THEIR HARD WORK, THEIR TENACITY, THEIR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO ECONOMIC EQUITY AND JUSTICE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I'M SO PLEASED AND HONORED TO TURN THE MIC OVER TO DIMITRI SEALS WHO WILL SHARE A FEW WORDS ABOUT THESE INCREDIBLE YOUNG PEOPLE.

DMITRI SEALS: HELLO AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS DIMITRI SEALS AND I AM A FACULTY IN SOCIOLOGY AT CAL STATE L.A. I'M HERE TO CELEBRATE THE WORK OF THE LEAF OUTREACH TEAM AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS TEAM THAT STAND BEFORE YOU. LEAF OUTREACH TEAM BASED AT CAL STATE L.A. HAS ITS ROOTS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE PANDEMIC AND A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OFFICE OF HILDA SOLIS WHERE WE WENT OUT SEEKING WHAT HAD BEEN GOING ON WITH OUR SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE COMMUNITY. WE KNEW THAT THERE WERE GAPS IN KNOWLEDGE AND WE KNEW THAT THE BEST WAY TO ADDRESS THOSE GAPS WAS TO TALK TO PEOPLE FACE TO FACE IN PERSON AND GO OUT ON THE STREET. THE PARTNERSHIP STARTED FROM THE CRUCIAL INSIGHT THAT LEADING WITH CURIOSITY AND HUMILITY CAN OPEN THE DOOR TO HONEST CONVERSATIONS EVEN BETTER THAN A PROFESSIONAL IN A SUIT. IMAGINE THAT. FROM THAT SEED, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF GROWTH. IN FRONT OF YOU STAND REPRESENTATIVES OF AN OUTREACH TEAM THAT HAS VISITED MORE THAN 13,000 SMALL BUSINESSES IN PERSON IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, MAKING CONNECTIONS, LISTENING DEEP IN INTERVIEWS, AND DELIVERING REPORTS THAT AMPLIFY VOICES TOO

OFTEN LEFT BEHIND IN POLICY CONVERSATIONS, BUILDING EQUITY AND BUILDING COMMUNITY. THESE YOUNG LEADERS HAVE MASTERED A SKILL SET THAT IS ALL TOO RARE IN THIS TIME, MEETING A STRANGER WITHOUT FEAR, BUT INSTEAD WITH EMPATHY, LISTENING DEEPLY TO THEIR CONCERNS AND THEN CONNECTING THOSE CONCERNS TO RESOURCES AND POLICIES THAT CAN GENUINELY MAKE A CHANGE. SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN CELEBRATING THE COMMITMENT, BRAVERY, AND INSIGHT OF THESE AMAZING YOUNG LEADERS, THE WORK THEY'VE DONE, AND THE GOOD WORK TO COME. THANK YOU, EVERYBODY.

SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]: I WOULD APPLY DIFFERENT PLACES. I WOULD APPLY DIFFERENT PLACES LIKE RIGHT WHEN I GET THERE I DO MY BACKGROUND CHECK AND NEVER HEAR FROM THEM AGAIN. THE JOBS I WAS TRYING TO GET DIDN'T WANT ME AND I NEEDED THAT SECOND CHANCE AND FLINTRIDGE GAVE IT TO ME.

SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]: SO, THE FLINTRIDGE CENTER HAS BEEN A PART OF THE COMMUNITY FOR 30 YEARS. AND THE APPRENTICE PREPARATION PROGRAM, OR APP, HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 17 YEARS. I SAY WE'RE A SMALL ORGANIZATION DOING BIG THINGS.

SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]: WE LIKE TO CONSIDER PASADENA FLINTRIDGE A SAFE PLACE FOR OUR STUDENTS TO COME TO AND GET HELP IN ANY AREA THAT THEY NEED.

SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]: THE APP PROGRAM IS A CAREER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM THAT INTRODUCE ALL 14 LOADED TRADES.

SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]: WHEN YOU LEARN WHAT TRADES ARE OUT THERE, HOW THEY OPERATE, AND WHAT COULD BE YOUR FUTURE.

SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]: THE PROGRAM PRETTY MUCH BASICALLY GIVING PEOPLE WITH A TROUBLED BACKGROUND OR ANY CRIMINAL ISSUES OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, TO GIVE THEM A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE AND TRY TO BE IN A FULFILLING CAREER.

SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]: FOR ME, WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT FLINT WRENCH IN PARTICULAR IS THEY MAKE YOU A BETTER WORKER, THEY MAKE YOU A BETTER TEAMMATE, THEY MAKE YOU A BETTER PERSON IN GENERAL.

SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]: TO ME, IT'S DEFINITELY A SECOND CHANCE AT TRYING TO DO SOMETHING WITH MY LIFE. I'M THE TYPE OF GUY THAT WORKS WELL WITH STRUCTURE, YOU KNOW, AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN SHOWING ME. THEY HOLD ME ACCOUNTABLE FOR MY ACTIONS. AND LIKE, YEAH, THEY'RE JUST LIKE, HELPING ME GROW.

SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]: EVERYBODY NEEDS SOMEBODY. IT DOESN'T STOP ONCE YOU COMPLETE ONE CURRICULUM. THE FLUORITE

CENTER IS A RESOURCE HUB FOR OUR COMMUNITY. LET THEM KNOW THAT, HEY, THERE'S HOPE.

SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]: WE'RE IN OUR 50TH CLASS. IT REALLY MEANS SOMETHING TO ME TO BE PART OF THIS MILESTONE. IT'S TOOK A LOT OF WORK FROM THE STUDENTS, IT TOOK A LOT OF WORK FROM THE TEAM, BUT I COULD SEE IT REACHING 100 COHORTS DOWN THE LINE. WE'RE HERE TO STAY, AND THAT'S WHAT WE TELL THE STUDENTS, EVEN AFTER GRADUATION, WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]: THE TYPE OF HEART THAT THIS PLACE HAS, THEY MAKE YOU FEEL SECURE AND SAFE.

SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]: THE ADVICE THAT I WOULD GIVE TO THE FUTURE STUDENTS THAT'S UP-AND-COMING IS EVERYTHING IN LIFE HAS A PROCESS. NOBODY CAME INTO THIS WORLD KNOWING ANYTHING. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? WE ALL HAVE TO LEARN.

SPEAKER [VIDEO RECORDING]: IT WORKS. THE LONGEVITY OF THE PROGRAM HAS PROVEN TIME AND TIME AGAIN. IF YOU DO THE WORK AND YOU PUT YOURSELF TO IT, AND YOU DEDICATE YOURSELF, AND YOU DON'T GIVE UP, IT WORKS FOR YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OUR BOARD AND THE COUNTY ARE COMMITTED TO SECOND CHANCES. THIS MORNING I AM HERE WITH AN

INCREDIBLE ORGANIZATION WHO IS TRULY WALKING THE WALK IN THEIR APPROACH TO ANTI RECIDIVISM. THE TEAM AT FLINTRIDGE CENTER IN PASADENA ARE CELEBRATING THE 50TH COHORT OF THE APPRENTICESHIP PREPARATION PROGRAM KNOWN AS APP. RECOGNIZING THE LACK OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE FORMERLY INCARCERATED, FLINTRIDGE DEVELOPED APP IN 2008. THE TEN WEEK 240 HOUR PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO PREPARE PARTICIPANTS FOR LIFE-CHANGING CAREERS IN UNION CONSTRUCTION TRADES INCLUDING HANDS-ON TRAINING, INTERPERSONAL SKILLS, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, AND MORE. THE NUMBERS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. SINCE THE PROGRAM BEGAN, 1,130 PARTICIPANTS HAVE GRADUATED LEAVING WITH THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO TRANSFORM THEIR LIVES, AND NOT JUST TO GET ANY JOB, BUT A CAREER THAT CHALLENGES, SUSTAINS, AND INSPIRES THEM. AN IMPRESSIVE 70% OF GRADUATES ARE EMPLOYED WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR. FEWER THAN 10% OF THE GRADUATES RETURNED TO INCARCERATION, COMPARED TO 50% ACROSS CALIFORNIA. FLINTRIDGE HAS PARTNERED WITH SECOND CALL, AN EXPERT IN LIFE SKILLS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED. THIS COMBINATION OF WORKFORCE TRAINING WITH TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE IS TRULY TRANSFORMATIONAL. IN COLLABORATION WITH THE L.A./ORANGE COUNTY BUILDING TRADES, FLINTRIDGE TRAINS PARTICIPANTS IN THE BUILDING TRADES' MULTI-CRAFT CORE CURRICULUM AND INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED AND COMPREHENSIVE CERTIFICATION. EQUIPPED WITH THE CREDENTIAL, GRADUATES LEAVE THE PROGRAM WITH A HIGHER LIKELIHOOD OF GETTING HIRED AND SUCCEEDING IN THE JOB. AFTER

YEARS OF ADVOCACY TO FUNDERS, FLINTRIDGE BEGAN PROVIDING STIPENDS TO MEMBERS OF THEIR COHORTS IN 2019, COMPENSATING THEM FOR THE INVESTMENT THEY ARE MAKING IN THEMSELVES AND IN THEIR FUTURE. WITH THE GOAL OF PROVIDING MORE HANDS-ON PREPARATION DURING THE PROGRAM, FLINTRIDGE COMPLETED THEIR ON-SITE WORKSHOP IN 2021 TO OFFER PARTICIPANTS OPPORTUNITIES TO DO MORE PRACTICE PROJECTS THAT BOOST THEIR SKILLS AND THEIR SENSE OF READINESS. WITH ALL THESE RESOURCES AND PARTNERSHIPS UNDER THEIR BELTS, GRADUATES EMBARK ON THEIR NEW CAREER WITH THE CONFIDENCE, INTERPERSONAL SKILLS, AND DRIVE TO GET AND TO KEEP A CAREER. I WAS HONORED TO JOIN FLINTRIDGE CENTER FOR A SPECIAL GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THEIR 50TH COHORT LAST WEEK AT THE ROSE BOWL. AND YOU CAN SEE SOME OF THE AMAZING PHOTOS FROM THE CELEBRATION ROTATING ON THE SCREEN BEHIND ME. AT THE GRADUATION, WE HEARD FROM FLINTRIDGE'S TEAM, COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND PRIOR AND CURRENT GRADUATES, AND THE COMMON THEMES WERE HOPE AND AN OPPORTUNITY. APP ENSURES NO ONE IS HELD BACK BECAUSE OF WHERE THEY'VE BEEN, INSTEAD GIVING THEM THE COURAGE TO DECIDE WHERE THEY ARE GOING. AS A GRADUATE SAID, FLINTRIDGE DOESN'T SEE YOUR RECORD, THEY SEE YOUR POTENTIAL. EACH OF THE GRADUATES REMIND US THAT THEIR PAST DOES NOT DEFINE THEIR FUTURE. AND NOW THESE GRADUATES ARE BUILDING A NEW LIFE FOR THEMSELVES AND ARE ALSO BUILDING UP OUR COMMUNITY. THEY ARE ASSUMING THE VALUABLE UNION JOBS THAT BUILD THE SCHOOLS, THE HOMES, AND THE HOSPITALS THAT OUR

COMMUNITY RELIES ON. AND AS WE RECOVER FROM THE EATON AND PALISADES FIRES, THEY WILL BE HELPING US REBUILD WHAT WAS LOST. I AM PROUD THAT OUR COUNTY IS INVESTING IN FLINTRIDGE'S GOOD WORK WITH FUNDING THROUGH THE JUSTICE, CARE AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. I WANT TO THANK YOU, FLINTRIDGE CENTER, FOR THE INVESTMENT YOU'RE MAKING WITH EACH AND EVERY GRADUATE'S FUTURE AND FOR YOUR INVESTMENT IN OUR OVERALL COMMUNITY. I'D LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS SCROLL AS A TOKEN OF MY CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATING YOUR 50TH COHORT. AND I CANNOT WAIT TO PARTICIPATE WITH MANY COHORTS TO COME. I SAW FIRSTHAND, WE HAD PEOPLE FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT THERE CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS. WE HAD THE, I ALWAYS WANT TO SAY COMMANDANT, IT'S THE, FROM SAN QUENTIN. THE WARDEN FROM SAN QUENTIN CAME DOWN, QUENTIN CAME DOWN TO SEE THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM. IT SPEAKS VOLUMES TO THE WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING. WITH THAT I'D LIKE TO INVITE THE INCREDIBLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOSH MCCURRY TO SAY A FEW WORDS AND THIS IS FOR YOU AS WELL.

JOSH MCCURRY: HEY THERE, WELL THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. JUST WANT TO SAY HOW INCREDIBLY HUMBLING IT IS TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE SUPERVISOR, BY THE COUNTY, AND IN FRONT OF ALL YOU HERE TODAY. AS THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED, WE ARE PREPARING FOLKS FOR UNION CAREERS, SO TO BE JOINED BY OTHER

FOLKS AS PART OF A NEIGHBORING UNION, REALLY APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE WITH YOU ALL. AS THE SUPERVISOR ALSO MENTIONS, THIS WORK IS NOT DONE AT ALL IN ISOLATION, AND I THINK THAT'S SUPER IMPORTANT TO UPLIFT. WE HAVE COMMUNITY PARTNERS FROM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WE HAVE STRONG COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN THE CITY OF PASADENA. WE ARE SUPPORTED BY MULTIPLE-COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, MULTIPLE CITY DEPARTMENTS. WITHOUT THAT SUPPORT, WE CANNOT CELEBRATE THESE MILESTONES OR WE CANNOT GET TO THE 50TH COHORT, WHICH WE JUST HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE. SO, WE'RE HUMBLED BY THIS RECOGNITION, BUT IT REALLY IS A RECOGNITION OF ALL OF OUR PARTNERS. WE'RE JOINED BY A FEW OF MY TEAM MEMBERS, JUST WANT TO GIVE THEM A SHOUT OUT TO MAKE THEM A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE. BUT THIS IS LILY GOLDFARB RIGHT HERE. THIS IS JOHNNY BROWN, LETICIA MARTINEZ, ADRIANA LOPEZ, AND CLARENCE JACKSON. CLARENCE IS HIMSELF A GRADUATE OF OUR PROGRAM. JOHNNY IS A MEMBER OF IBW ELECTRICIANS UNION. SO, WE'RE SO PRIVILEGED TO JUST BE SURROUNDED BY THESE FOLKS. AND I'LL JUST LEAVE YOU WITH A QUICK STORY FROM OUR GRADUATION CELEBRATION LAST WEEK. AS THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED, WE PREPARE FORMERLY INCARCERATED AND GANG IMPACTED FOLKS FOR THESE UNION CAREERS. AND AFTER OUR GRADUATION, ONE OF THE MOTHERS OF THE GRADUATES CAME UP TO ME AND SHE JUST SAID HOW GRATEFUL SHE WAS FOR THE PROGRAM. BUT WHAT SHE SAID IS, I NO LONGER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT MY SON WILL BE OKAY. AND FOR HER, THAT WAS THE MOST

IMPORTANT FEELING IN THE WORLD AS A MOTHER. SO, WHILE WE WANT OUR FOLKS TO GET INTO THESE UNION CAREERS AND HAVE GREAT CAREERS AND BE SUSTAINABLE, THAT SENSE OF THAT MOTHER'S SECURITY FOR ME IS THE GREATEST METRIC OF SUCCESS. SO, THANK YOU ALL, APPRECIATE IT.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WHAT A GREAT WAY TO START A DAY RECOGNIZING INCREDIBLE ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THIS COMMUNITY. LET'S GIVE EVERYONE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE ONE MORE TIME. SO, WITH THAT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA. WOULD YOU PLEASE? I'M GIVING YOU YOUR FIRST WARNING.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOU'RE DISRUPTING THE MEETING.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: I'M GIVING YOU YOUR FIRST WARNING. YOU'LL BE ESCORTED OUT. I'M GIVING YOU YOUR SECOND WARNING. WOULD YOU PLEASE SIT DOWN? ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO ASK OUR SERGEANT AT ARMS TO ESCORT. SHOULD WE CLEAR THE ROOM? YEAH, I'M SORRY TO EVERYONE ELSE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CLEAR THE ROOM BASED ON THEIR ACTIONS. SO, WITH THAT WE’LL BE ADJOURNED FOR FIVE MINUTES.

[ADJOURNED FOR FIVE MINUTES]

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, GO AHEAD AND PLEASE CALL THE ROLE, I MEAN THE AGENDA.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WE WILL BEGIN ON PAGE THREE, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8. ON ITEM 4, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE SEVEN, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 9 AND 10. ON ITEM 10, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE NINE, NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION. ITEM CS1 THROUGH CS4. ON ITEM CS1, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT ONE OF THE TWO CASES BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 29, 2025, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THE SECOND CASE BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 29, 2025. ON ITEM CS2 AND CS3, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 29, 2025. ON ITEM CS2 AND CS3, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 29, 2025. THE REQUEST FOR REFER BACK AND CONTINUANCES THROUGH CS4 ARE BEFORE YOU. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE CHAIR, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEMS. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE

CODE OF CONDUCT.

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

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

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: TODAY'S MEETING ORDER WILL BE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, AND 8. THEN ITEM 10 FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND FINISHING WITH CLOSED SESSION. BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING ROLES.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY DO SO IN PERSON OR REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. TO JOIN REMOTELY, PLEASE CALL 877-692-8955 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 4433663. YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. FOR ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD, YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE ITEM AND UP TO TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE ITEMS. FOR ITEMS HELD BY SUPERVISORS, YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON EACH OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND ONE MINUTE TO

ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME AND INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING. PLEASE NOTE, ONCE YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, WE WILL IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, WHEN THE BOARD MOVES TO THE ITEM YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, PROMPTLY PRESS 1, THEN 0 TO BE MOVED FROM THE LISTENING QUEUE TO THE SPEAKING QUEUE. REMEMBER TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON YOUR DEVICE AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU OR THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. IF YOU MUTED YOUR MICROPHONE, PLEASE REMEMBER TO UNMUTE WHEN YOU ARE CALLED UPON. YOU WILL NEED TO PRESS 1, THEN 0 FOR EACH ITEM YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON. TO ENSURE WE'RE HERE FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS, WE WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING QUEUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: WE ARE NOW MOVING TO THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE SWEAR AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INCLUDING IN-PERSON AND REMOTE SPEAKERS WHO ARE REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON

THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. PLEASE NOTE THAT THANK YOU PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE TESTIMONY YOU GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH. SO, HELP YOU GOD. THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 1, HEARING ON THE INCREASE TO THE EXISTING ASSESSMENT RATE FOR LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICT 2, ZONE 55, CASTAIC NORTH BLUFF FOR FISCAL YEAR 25/26. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1, THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ARE PRESENT FOR ANY QUESTIONS. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKER, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU DO SPEAK.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: ARE THERE ANY COLLEAGUES THAT WISH TO MAKE ANY REMARKS ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WISH TO SIGN UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. MODERATOR, CAN WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. YOUR LINE IS

OPEN. IF YOU ARE MUTED, PLEASE UNMUTE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, IT'S ERIC PREVIN FROM STUDIO CITY. WE'RE JACKING UP, IT'S AN ASSESSMENT RATE INCREASE, OBVIOUSLY, UP IN CASTAIC, NORTH BLUFF FROM 67 TO 89 AND TO $331 FOR BRUSH SINGLE-FAMILY PARCELS. THAT'S A BIG, THAT'S A BIG JUMP. BUT WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING AND IT'S NOT DISCRETIONARY ONCE APPROVED. IT GETS TACKED DIRECTLY ONTO THE PROPERTY TAX BILL. SO, YOU KNOW, THANKS TO PESTRELLA FOR ORGANIZING THIS. I WANT TO JUST ASK MR. YEN TO MAKE SURE THAT THE TELECAST IS IN FOCUS. WE HAD SOME REAL PROBLEMS OUT, AND THAT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE FOR THE SELF-SERVING PRESENTATIONS, OUR SUPERVISORS WANT TO LOOK GOOD, NOT OUT OF FOCUS. SO THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT. AND SECONDARILY, OBVIOUSLY, WE'RE GOING TO LOOK INTO THE ZAVALA ISSUE OF MEASURE G, BUT I NOTICED THAT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA, AND ALSO HORVATH'S NOT HERE TODAY. SO, IT'S WITH GREAT INTEREST THAT WE SAY, I HOPE SHE GETS A NICE DAY OFF. AND IN TERMS OF THE ASSESSMENT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

SPEAKER: I DON'T KNOW, PEOPLE. PEOPLE IN --

MODERATOR: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS IN

THE QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATIONS OF THE BALLOTS, AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTIONS BY THE BOARD. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 2, HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/25, HAZARDOUS VEGETATION AND DEFENSIBLE SPACE ABATEMENT ENFORCEMENT CHARGES TO CONFIRM THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S HAZARDOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT COSTS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE PLEASE PRESS 1, THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COMMISSIONER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE PRESENT FOR ANY QUESTIONS. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU SPEAK.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: SEEING NONE OF MY COLLEAGUES WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. MODERATOR, CAN WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

SPEAKER: WELL, THANK YOU. THIS IS 23,000,000 IN VEGETATION AND DEFENSIBLE SPACE CHARGES. IT'S NOT EXACTLY WILDFIRE PREVENTION. IT'S KIND OF A LITTLE COST SHIFTING. NOW, THEY GET A NOTICE AND THEN A BILL, NO HEARING, NO BREAKDOWN, NO APPEAL. BUT, YOU KNOW, AS INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE LEAVING CALIFORNIA, YOU'RE NOT JUST CLEARING OUT THE BRUSH, YOU'RE ALSO CLEARING OUT THE HOMEOWNERS. SO, WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO, I DON'T KNOW, I SUPPORT SAFETY, BUT THIS ONE LACKS BASIC CARENESS AND I DON'T KNOW THAT WE CAN OUTSOURCE THIS KIND OF THING TO A WEED WHACKER, I DON'T KNOW. GOOD LUCK, THANKS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. IT WOULD BE

APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. ITEM 2 IS BEFORE YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY, ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICE, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4 TO 0. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 3, HEARING ON THE ANNUAL LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL ZONES,

IDENTIFIED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 25/26, ENGINEERS REPORT WITHIN COUNTY LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 4, INCLUDING CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS, DIAGRAMS, OR ASSESSMENT RATES. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1, THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ARE PRESENT FOR ANY QUESTIONS. FOR OUR DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD IF YOU'RE ABOUT TO SPEAK.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: SEEING NO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 3.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON ITEM. MODERATOR, CAN WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: ERIC PREVIN.

SPEAKER: OKAY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND I APOLOGIZE THAT I'M THE ONLY ONE. I FEEL LIKE THESE MEETINGS SHOULD BE BETTER ATTENDED. NOBODY WANTS TO HEAR ME YAMMER ON. BUT THIS

IS YOUR ANNUAL LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT, WHICH IS, YOU KNOW, ALMOST LIKE BUREAUCRATIC AUTO RENEW. AND THESE ARE FOR THREE BIG DISTRICTS AND IT'S NOT THAT I SUPPOSE MOWING MEDIUMS OR LIGHTING CUL-DE-SAC BUT THESE ARE RATE INCREASES ACROSS MULTIPLE ZONES OR AT LEAST YOU'RE AUTHORIZING THESE RATES AND I THINK THEY'RE MORE. AND I THINK WE NEED TO VEER AWAY FROM AUTOPILOT. I MEAN, NOT THAT PESTRELLA HAS ANYTHING TO HIDE EXCEPT FOR THE FIASCO OUT IN THE MALIBU WATER DISTRICT WHERE THEY LEAVE A LITTLE LATE TO WONDER WHETHER OR NOT SHE'S GOING TO HAVE HER WATER SHUT OFF AND THEN HAVE TO PAY LIKE A, IT'S JUST OUTRAGEOUS. HOPEFULLY WE CAN SHAKE THAT TREE AGAIN LATER. BUT THANK YOU ALL FOR DOING A GOOD JOB AT TRYING TO MANAGE THIS. IT'S A MORASS, BUT GOOD LUCK.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM AND IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. ITEM 3 IS BEFORE YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR

SOLIS AND I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 5, HEARING ON ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, AMENDING COUNTY CODE, TITLE 12, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION THAT ADJUSTS THE ANNUAL FEES FOR

REINSPECTION, LATE SUBMITTAL, HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATOR, TIERED PERMITTING, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS HANDLER, CALIFORNIA ACCIDENTAL RELEASE PREVENTION, AND ABOVE GROUND PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK PROGRAMS DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT PROVISIONS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1, THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE PRESENT FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SEEING NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM MY COLLEAGUES. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 5.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. MODERATOR, CAN WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM AND IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. ITEM 5 IS BEFORE

YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: ITEM 5, WE HAVE A MOTION MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4 TO 0. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 6, HEARING ON ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, AMENDING COUNTY CODE, TITLE 32, FIRE CODE, ADOPTING

THE STATE MANDATED CHANGES TO THE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES IN THE LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE PLEASE PRESS 1, THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. REPRESENTATIVES FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE PRESENT FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM. AND FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, CHIEF MARRONE, FOR BEING HERE TODAY. WE RECEIVED A LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAPS FROM THE CITY OF LANCASTER CITING CONCERNS WITH THE METHODOLOGY USED TO DEVELOP THE ZONES. CAN YOU BRIEFLY SHARE WITH US WHAT THE MODELING THAT CAL FIRE USED TO DESIGNATE ZONES AND WHAT THE PROCESS FOR THE CITIES AND WHAT THEY HAD TO FOLLOW TO ADOPT THE UPDATED MAPS?

ANTHONY MARRONE: YES CERTAINLY I DID CHECK WITH STAFF AND THE LAST TIME THAT WE HAD THE LRA MAPS UPDATED BY CAL FIRE WAS BACK IN 2011. BETWEEN ALL OF US, WE COULD NOT FIND ANY CITIES THAT HAD NOT ADOPTED THE MAPS. SO, THIS IS A NEW OCCURRENCE FOR THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. WHEN THE STATE DOES IDENTIFY THE MODERATE, THE HIGH AND THE VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES, THE KEY FACTORS THAT ARE CONSIDERED IN DEVELOPING THOSE MAPS IS EMBER CAST, FIRE HISTORY, FLAME LENGTH, TERRAIN, SLOPE, LOCAL WEATHER, AND THE POTENTIAL FUEL

LOAD WITH OVER A 50 YEAR PERIOD. SO, CAL FIRE DOES USE SCIENCE TO IDENTIFY THE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES IN BOTH THE SRA AND LRA, AND WE HAD NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH AN INCORPORATED CITY NOT ADOPTING THE MAPS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: SO, THE BOARD LETTER STATES THAT THE ADDITION OF THE MODERATE AND HIGH FIRES HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES WILL BE ANALYZED FOR FUTURE INCLUSION TO THE DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTION PROGRAM. HOW SOON DO YOU EXPECT TO HAVE THAT DECISION? AND IF YOU INCORPORATE THE TWO NEW ZONES, DO YOU ANTICIPATE PHASING IN INSPECTION FEES AS WELL?

ANTHONY MARRONE: YES, IF WE DO END UP INCORPORATING THE MODERATE AND THE HIGH. IN THE FUTURE, WE WILL PHASE IN THE DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS AND THE HOME HARDENING REQUIREMENTS THAT WILL OCCUR FOR THOSE TWO ADDITIONAL ZONES. WE WILL ALSO STAIR STEP THE INSPECTION FEE FOR DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS, LIKE WE DID THREE YEARS AGO, $50, $100, ENDING IN $151 FOR ANY NEW PROPERTIES THAT ARE ADDED TO THESE ZONES.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: SO, IT WILL BE PHASED IN, IT'S NOT GOING TO --

ANTHONY MARRONE: CORRECT.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OVER WHAT PERIOD, THREE YEARS?

ANTHONY MARRONE: THREE-YEAR PERIOD.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: SO, MY OFFICE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH YOU REGARDING YOUR TEAM ABOUT EDUCATION. APPROXIMATELY 100,000 PARCELS WILL NOW BE DESIGNATED AS VERY HIGH, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOUR TEAM TO EDUCATE THE NEWLY INCORPORATED PARCEL OWNERS ABOUT DEFENSIBLE SPACE GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS BECAUSE MANY OF THESE AREAS ARE NOT EVEN AWARE THAT THEY NOW FALL INTO THAT CATEGORY BASED ON THE CAL FIRE MAP.

ANTHONY MARRONE: YEAH, THAT IS CORRECT. WE ARE GOING TO PARTNER WITH NOT ONLY THE BOARD, BUT ALSO THE BUILDING OFFICIAL, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO INCLUDE OUR FORESTRY DIVISION TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A VERY ROBUST PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS AWARE OF THE NEW REQUIREMENTS SINCE THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN IN THE ZONE BEFORE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: SO, I KNOW THAT WITH PERMITTING, WE ARE CONSIDERING STAFFING CHANGES TO HELP MEET TIMELINE FOR INSPECTIONS. ARE YOU CONSIDERING DOING SOMETHING SIMILAR IN

TERMS OF YOUR WORKFORCE TO ENSURE THAT THE TIMELY INSPECTIONS.

ANTHONY MARRONE: OH, ABSOLUTELY. BUT WHEN WE DO LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS THAT WE COMPLETE EVERY YEAR, IN 2024 WE DID APPROXIMATELY 129,000 DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS. IN 2026, THAT'S GOING TO GO DOWN TO 114,000 BECAUSE A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE PENINSULA WAS REMOVED FROM THE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE. SO, ALTHOUGH SD3 AND SD5 HAD INCREASES, ALL OTHER SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS HAD DECREASES AFTER THE NEW MAPS CAME OUT. SO, WE DO HAVE EXISTING STAFF.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: SO, YOU FEEL YOU'RE READY, OKAY,

ANTHONY MARRONE: TO DO THOSE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: WE'VE TALKED ABOUT ZONE ZERO REQUIREMENTS BEFORE. AS YOU KNOW, THERE'S A LOT OF CONCERN REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION. WHILE I KNOW THAT THE GUIDELINES ARE STILL BEING DRAFTED, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN SHARE REGARDING THE STATE BOARD OF FORESTRY AND WHAT THEY ARE CONSIDERING IN TERMS OF IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE AND ANY POSSIBLE EXEMPTIONS FOR TREES AND WOOD DECKS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IN AREAS LIKE LA CANADA AND LA CRESCENTA AND THE FOOTHILLS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT.

ANTHONY MARRONE: YEAH, OVER THE PAST YEAR THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF FORESTRY. WE'RE CURRENTLY UNDER A RULEMAKING DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER 31, 2025. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FORESTRY IS GOING TO BE ON JULY 24, 2025, BUT THEY HAVE BECOME MORE LIBERAL AND ACCEPTING OF EXISTING NONCONFORMING RESIDENCES. WOOD DECKS ARE GOING TO BE CONSIDERED PART OF THE STRUCTURE. THEREFORE, YOU CAN HAVE A WOOD DECK AND STILL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH AB3074 OR ZONE ZERO. ALSO, FOR WOODEN FENCES AND GATES, THEY DO NOT HAVE TO BE REPLACED WITH NON-COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE HOMEOWNER REPLACES THEM. SO REALLY WHAT WE'RE GOING TO END UP WITH IS NO COMBUSTIBLE VEGETATION WITHIN FIVE FEET OF THE STRUCTURE. HOWEVER, THEY NOW ARE ALLOWING POTTED PLANTS OF ANY SIZE TO BE WITHIN FIVE FEET OF THE STRUCTURE. AND FOR EXISTING NON-CONFORMING DWELLINGS, THEY'RE GOING TO STRONGLY RECOMMEND COMPLIANCE WITH ZONE ZERO, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE NOW IT'S ONLY GOING TO APPLY TO NEW CONSTRUCTION.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU, CHIEF MARRONE, AND TO YOUR ENTIRE TEAM. I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A LOT OF WORK COORDINATING THIS, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO REALLY GET THE WORD OUT TO OUR CONSTITUENTS ABOUT SOME OF THESE CHANGES, BUT ALSO EDUCATION. BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE NOT IN A HIGH FIRE SEVERITY ZONE, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO

HARDEN YOUR HOME, SOMETHING WE'RE LOOKING AT IN THE ALTADENA/PASADENA AREA AS IT RELATES TO THE REBUILD. AND IT'S MORE PREVENTATIVE MEASURES THAT REALLY ARE GOING TO BE VITAL TO THE SAFETY OF OUR HOMES AND OUR BUSINESSES. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR TEAM.

SUP. ANTHONY MARRONE: THANK YOU.

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

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. QUICK QUESTION. THINKING ABOUT COSTS AND THOSE WHO MIGHT BE WILLING BUT MAY BE FINANCIALLY CHALLENGED, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO NOW FIND THEMSELVES IN THE VERY HIGH SEVERITY ZONE AND WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS. BUT WHAT CAN THEY DO? I'M WILLING, I MAY BE A SENIOR, WHATEVER THE CASE IS, I MAY BE ON A FIXED INCOME AND CAN'T AFFORD IT. WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

ANTHONY MARRONE: EXCUSE ME. WE REALLY DON'T HAVE A PATHWAY FORWARD FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T AFFORD THE DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTION. I'LL TURN TO THE GROUP THAT I HAVE WITH ME. THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD SOME EXPERIENCE WITH THAT, BUT WE DO IMPLEMENT THIS $151 FEE THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD. SO, PEOPLE THAT DIDN'T GET INSPECTIONS BEFORE ARE NOW

GOING TO BE SUBJECT TO THOSE DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS AND THE FIRST $50 FEE, SPECIFICALLY THE SD2 SUPERVISOR, YOU HAD A REDUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 407 PROPERTIES DUE TO THE NEW MAPS, SO THERE'S GOING TO BE FEWER PEOPLE IN YOUR DISTRICT THAT ARE GOING TO HAVE THAT FEE, BUT THEY'RE ALREADY PAYING IT. THERE'S GOING TO BE NO NEW PARCELS IN YOUR DISTRICT THAT ARE SUBJECT TO DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTION FEES, BUT FOR PEOPLE IN SD3 AND SD5 THAT CAN'T AFFORD IT, I'LL JUST TURN TO MY COLLEAGUES TO SEE IF THEY HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE WITH BEING ABLE TO WAIVE A FEE.

ALBERT YANAGISAWA: AS FAR AS WAIVING THE FEE, WE HAVE NOT APPROACHED IT, BUT WE HAVE COMPLETED SOME RECENT ANALYSIS OF THE FEES TO DETERMINE WHETHER WE'RE CHARGING THE FEES APPROPRIATELY OR NOT. THE MOST RECENT STUDY RECOMMENDED AN INCREASE IN FEES, AND AS THE DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO, AND TO KEEP THE FEES AT $151 BASED ON, LIKE WHAT YOUR COMMENTS PROVIDE.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AND I GUESS THE FURTHER QUESTION, WHICH I'M CLEAR DOESN'T NECESSARILY FALL KIND OF IN YOUR LAP, IS NOT ONLY THE INSPECTION, BUT THE WORK THAT THE INSPECTION MAY ELEVATE. I KNOW TREE TRIMMING AND BRUSH CLEARANCE CAN BE VERY EXPENSIVE. AND SO HOW IS THAT MANAGED AT ALL?

RON DURBIN: DURBIN FORESTRY, DIVISION CHIEF. WE DON'T HAVE A PATH FOR ALLEVIATING THE FEE. WE HAVEN'T FIGURED THAT OUT JUST LIKE THE FIRE CHIEF SAID, BUT THERE HAS BEEN WORK TOWARDS OUTREACH GROUPS. I'VE WORKED WITH A CHURCH GROUP BEFORE FOR AN OWNER THAT COULD NOT DO THAT WORK, AND WE BROUGHT THOSE FOLKS IN AND THEY VOLUNTEERED AND DID IT FOR THEM.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: GOT IT. OKAY.

ANTHONY MARRONE: YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR, I WAS THINKING IT MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD IN ABOUT 60 OR 90 DAYS AND SEE IF WE CAN PARTNER WITH ANY NGOS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO CLEAR THEIR PROPERTY. MAYBE WE COULD DO SOME EXPLORATION AND COME BACK AND REPORT ON WHO WE CAN PARTNER WITH TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DO GET THEIR DEFENSIBLE SPACE ESTABLISHED, BUT FOR A VERY LOW COST.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: BECAUSE I JUST WOULDN'T WANT THAT TO BE THE SOLE BARRIER, SOMEBODY THAT'S WILLING, BUT THEY JUST CAN'T.

ANTHONY MARRONE: CORRECT. NO, ABSOLUTELY.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: YEAH, CHIEF MARRONE, CORE COMES TO MIND. CORE STEPPED UP IN ALTADENA AND OFFERED TO HELP THOSE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT WERE OPTING OUT THAT FINANCIALLY COULD NOT GET THE CLEARANCE. SO, THERE ARE NGOS OUT THERE THAT WOULD BE, I'M SURE, WOULD WANT TO HELP THOSE THAT ARE FINANCIALLY IN A SITUATION WHERE THEY CAN'T AFFORD IT. THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. YEAH, AND I APPRECIATE IT, BECAUSE CLEARANCE IS ONE ISSUE, BUT PAYING THE INSPECTION FEE IS A SEPARATE ISSUE. BUT IT WOULD BE NICE TO COME BACK AND PRESENT THE BOARD WITH OPTIONS, SCHOLARSHIPS, IF YOU WILL, FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTS WHO JUST FINANCIALLY, THAT'S A BIG CHUNK.

ANTHONY MARRONE: I AGREE, AND I THINK THE REPORT SHOULD NOT ONLY ADDRESS FEES BUT CLEARANCE.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: RIGHT, EXACTLY.

ANTHONY MARRONE: AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR RELIEF.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: DON'T BE RAISING THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD TO PAY FOR THIS. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO AN AGGRESSIVE OUTREACH PROGRAM, BUT SHORT OF YOU REACHING EVERYBODY, HOW CAN

AN L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT FIND OUT WHAT MAP THEY'RE IN.

ANTHONY MARRONE: YEAH, IF THEY END UP GOING TO OUR L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE, WWW.FIRE.LACOUNTY.GOV, THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO NAVIGATE TO THE PAGES WHICH GIVE THEM THAT INFORMATION. THERE'S ALSO ON THE STATE'S WEBSITE, THEY CAN SEE THE NEW MAPS, BUT LIKE WE SAID, OVERALL, THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF PARCELS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THESE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES. ALL BASED ON NEW INFORMATION.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: RIGHT, YEAH, PALOS VERDES PENINSULA WITH ALL THE BAD NEWS THEY'VE GOTTEN OVER THE YEARS. IT WAS INTERESTING THAT THEY WERE LOWERED FROM THEIR HIGH MAP DESIGNATION. BUT YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE LAST TIME WE DID IT WAS 2011, YOU SAID? SO, BASED ON THAT, EVEN IF A PARTICULAR AREA OF THE COUNTY MAYBE ENDS UP HAVING SOME HAZARDOUS INCIDENTS AS IT RELATES TO FIRE IN THE COMING YEARS, WOULD THEIR DESIGNATION REMAIN THE SAME UNTIL THE NEXT TIME THE MAPS ARE UPDATED?

ANTHONY MARRONE: CORRECT, SO THE STATE NORMALLY UPDATES THE MAPS EVERY FIVE YEARS. THEY HAD A LACK OF STAFF WHICH PREVENTED THE MAPS FROM BEING UPDATED AFTER 2011. IT TOOK TILL 2025 TO DO IT. THEY DO NOW HAVE THE STAFF AT THE STATE TO BE ABLE TO DO THE UPDATES EVERY FIVE YEARS. HOWEVER, THERE IS

SENATE BILL 629 THAT'S WORKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE STATE, WHICH COULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PARCELS IN THE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE IF SB629 DOES PASS.

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

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

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK A LOT OF QUESTIONS YOU'VE ANSWERED ALREADY. MY COLLEAGUES ARE ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE IMPACT, ESPECIALLY IN NEW AREAS, AND I'M LOOKING AT MY MAP IN MY DISTRICT AND WE HAVE A LOT OF CITIES. SO I'M WONDERING THE KIND OF OUTREACH YOU'RE DOING WITH CITIES THAT ALSO ARE IMPACTED BECAUSE THEY TEND TO HAVE INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THE COST AND WHAT ARE WE DOING TO COOPERATE WITH THEM TO ALSO SEE IF THEY HAVE A SUBSIDY OR SOMEHOW CAN USE OUR COGS IN SOME WAY BECAUSE THEY ALSO RECEIVE SPECIAL FUNDING AND MAYBE THERE'S OTHER WAYS OF LOOKING AT HOW TO OBTAIN FUNDING. SKAG EVEN. I MEAN, IF WE LOOK AT THESE MAPS AND THEY'RE GOING TO CHANGE, WHICH I IMAGINE THEY WILL IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS, I WANT OUR COMMUNITIES TO BE PREPARED KNOWING FULLY THAT MAYBE SOME WILL SAY, WELL, GEE, I REALLY DON'T FEEL LIKE I'M IN A HIGH FIRE ZONE. I MYSELF WOULD SAY THAT, BUT I WAS NOTICED BY MY INSURANCE HOLDER THAT IN EL MONTE I WAS IN A HIGH-FIRE AREA AND IF I DID NOT SEEK A

DIFFERENT INSURANCE CARRIER I WOULD BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE AND I KNOW THAT THIS IS THIS IS WE CAN HAVE IT ON A LOT OF OUR RESIDENTS RIGHT NOW. SO MAYBE YOU COULD HELP US OUT HERE TO HELP OUR COMMUNITIES UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS MEANS. AND I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THAT OUTREACH THAT'S REALLY HAPPENING WITH OUR CITIES BECAUSE WE ALSO HAVE CHALLENGES. WE HAVE IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS; HACIENDA HEIGHTS HAS A HIGH NUMBER OF API AND I'M WONDERING IF WE'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING THERE AS WELL AS A HIGH NUMBER OF SPANISH SPEAKERS AND OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT ARE ON THE MAP IN THE FIRST DISTRICT.

ANTHONY MARRONE: NO, WE AGREE. AND I THINK THAT PART OF THE REPORT BACK THAT WE SHOULD HAVE FOR THE BOARD IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS SHOULD INCLUDE A LISTING OF THE 88 CITIES IN THE COUNTY AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY DID ADOPT THE LRA MAPS. THE ONLY ONE I KNOW OF RIGHT NOW THAT IS SAYING THEY WILL NOT IS LANCASTER.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: BUT AGAIN, THE HOMEOWNERS ARE GOING TO CALL US FOR CASEWORK AND THAT'S TYPICALLY WHAT HAPPENS. SO, I THINK THE MORE INFORMATION WE PUT OUT PUBLICLY, IT'S BETTER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL. SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: YEAH, FOLLOWING UP ON THAT THOUGH, WHAT DOES HAPPEN IF THEY DO NOT ADOPT THE MAP?

ANTHONY MARRONE: COULD YOU REPEAT THAT PLEASE?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF LANCASTER DOES NOT ADOPT THE MAP.

ANTHONY MARRONE: THE FIRE DISTRICT THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IS STILL GOING TO DO THE DO THE INSPECTION AND THERE WILL STILL BE A FEE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: BECAUSE THEY CONTRACT WITH YOU INTERESTING

ANTHONY MARRONE: YEAH WE HAVEN'T RUN INTO THIS PROBLEM BEFORE, BUT WE DID CHECK WITH THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, AND EVEN THOUGH THE CITY, EVEN IF THE CITY DOES NOT ADOPT THE MAPS TODAY, WE WILL STILL BE DOING THOSE DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS AND CHARGING THE $151 FEE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY, YEAH. ALL RIGHT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. MODERATOR, CAN WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, SO WE'RE ADOPTING A STATE'S NEW FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE. I WAS VERY SURPRISED THAT PALISADES HAS BEEN DOWNGRADED. I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN ALMOST ASKED, WHY IS THAT EXACTLY BETTER? DON'T GO THERE, LISTEN, IT'S NICE, IT'S NICE. THEY DESERVE SOMETHING. AND THE ZERO, ZONE ZERO COMPLIANCE IS VERY INTERESTING. I DON'T THINK PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF THAT ONE YET, BUT THAT IS GOING TO BE THE MOST EXPENSIVE FIVE FEET IN L.A. COUNTY AROUND THESE. I MEAN, NO MULCH, NO WOOD FENCES, NO ROSEMARY. AND DOES IT REALLY ONLY APPLY TO NEW CONSTRUCTION? AND IF WE'RE GOING TO GET HELP FROM PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP, MAYBE GARY JONES COULD SIPHON OFF. I KNOW SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S WORDS. THERE'S A FOUNTAIN OF MONEY SHOOTING OUT OF THE MARINA, BUT FOR THESE LESS NEED TO HAVE A SWEETHEART DEAL OVER DECADES, HOW ABOUT WE PROVIDE SOME BRUSH CLEARANCE AND SOME GRAVEL AND THINGS THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE JUST THERE'S NO WAY THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO YOU KNOW BUDGET UP FOR THESE RETRO THINGS AND ONCE AGAIN THANKS TO THE CHIEF FOR DOING A GREAT JOB. WHERE THE [EXPLETIVE] IS HORVATH?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: YOU KNOW, CAN I JUST SAY FAR BE IT FOR ME TO CORRECT ERIC PREVIN BUT IT'S NOT THE PALISADES THAT GOT

DOWNGRADED, IT'S PALOS VERDES PENINSULA, MR. PREVIN.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. ITEM 6 IS BEFORE YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU, CHIEF. THANK YOU TO YOUR ENTIRE TEAM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 7, HEARING ON THE APPEAL OF REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION ON FEBRUARY 12, 2025, TO APPROVE THE ADDENDUM TO THE CERTIFIED FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT RELATED TO PROJECT NUMBER 96-044-5 LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WITHIN THE SOLEDAD ZONE DISTRICT APPLIED FOR BY SPRING CANYON RECOVERY ACQUISITION LLC. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1, THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING ARE PRESENT FOR ANY QUESTIONS. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE SET YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU SPEAK.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE APPLICANT, CHARLIE JACKSON, SPRING CANYON RECOVERY ACQUISITION LLC, AND GIVE HIM A TOTAL OF TWO MINUTES. AND THEN I WANT TO HEAR FROM THE APPELLANT, LYNN PLANBACK, SANTA

CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING THE ENVIRONMENT, AND GIVE HER TWO MINUTES AS WELL BEFORE WE HEAR FROM THE DEPARTMENT. GET ON YOUR MIC.

SPEAKER: I CAN SPEAK UP IF I NEED TO.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: NO. WE'VE GOT TO HAVE IT ON FOR THE RECORD.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHARLIE JACKSON. I'M WITH THE APPLICANT SPRING CANYON RECOVERY ACQUISITION, ALSO KNOWN AS RAIN TREE IN SOME OF THE CORRESPONDENCE. I WANTED TO START OFF BY SAYING THANK YOU. WE'RE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL THAT YOU GUYS ARE HEARING THIS CASE TODAY. GRATEFUL FOR STAFF AND THE TIME THAT THEY'VE PUT IN TO SHEPHERD US THROUGH THIS PROCESS AND GET US WHERE WE'RE AT THIS MORNING. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN 20 YEARS IN THE MAKING AND WE ARE PUSHING FORWARD TO BRING THIS PROJECT TO FRUITION. IT'S 492 MUCH NEEDED HOUSING UNITS HERE IN THE COUNTY AND WE ARE, YOU KNOW, READY TO PUSH FORWARD ONCE CLEARING THIS FINAL HURDLE. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, I'M HAPPY TO ADDRESS ANY ITEMS YOU GUYS HAVE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. LYNN PLENBECK.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR BARGER. WE ARE ASKING FOR A

REHEARING AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THIS MATTER BECAUSE THE PLANNING COMMISSION DID NOT RECEIVE OUR COMMENTS AND WE BELIEVE THEY WERE NOT CORRECTLY INFORMED AS TO THE CHANGE IN CONDITIONS AND AS YOU DISCUSS FIRES, THIS IS REALLY, REALLY AN IMPORTANT ISSUE WE HAD SOME EXHIBITS HERE TO SHOW YOU THE NARROWNESS OF THE PAVEMENT, WHICH IS ONLY 22 FEET WIDE, AND THE NARROWNESS OF THE UNDERPASS THAT IS THE ONLY EGRESS AND INGRESS FOR THIS PROJECT. THEY WILL NOT BUILD, YOU ARE GIVING THEM PERMISSION TO NOT BUILD A SECOND EXIT. AND THAT WAS NOT WHAT WAS IN THE CONDITIONS IN 2019 WHEN OUR GROUP NEGOTIATED WITH THE DEVELOPER AND YOUR OFFICE TO HAVE ADDED SUSTAINABILITY CONDITIONS ADDED TO THE PROJECT. THE CONDITION NUMBER 35 SAID THAT A FULLY BUILT FIRE STATION WOULD BE BUILT IN THE FIRST PHASE IF THEY WERE NOT GOING TO HAVE THE SECOND EXIT. AND THAT WAS CONDITION NUMBER 35. IN THE NEW CONDITIONS, WHICH IS 17, THE FIRE STATION IS REMOVED. HOW CAN YOU ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN? THIS IS 300 UNITS. THE FIRE CODE SAYS THAT YOU CANNOT BUILD THAT MANY UNITS WITHOUT A SECOND EXIT AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN ALLOWING THE FIRE STATE, YOU'RE NOT EVEN REQUIRING THE FIRE STATION. IF YOU'RE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE EATON FIRE AND SENIORS AND ALL OF THAT, YOU HAVE TO LOOK CLOSELY AT THIS AND I HOPE THAT YOU LOOK AT OUR CORRESPONDENCE. YOU CAN SEE THAT UNDERPASS. THAT'S THE ONLY INGRESS AND EGRESS. YOU'RE GIVING THEM PERMISSION TO BUILD NO SECOND EXIT FOR FIRST 300 UNITS. THAT'S A THOUSAND PEOPLE THAT

CAN'T GET IN AND OUT. WE ALSO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE MOUNTAIN LION, WHICH HAS JUST BEEN LISTED AS A CANDIDATE SPECIES. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ADDENDUM AND THE OTHER CEQA DOCUMENTS NEVER ADDRESSED THE MOBILITY OF THE MOUNTAIN LION. IT'S A DIFFERENT SORT OF CREATURE THAN MAYBE OTHERS THAT WOULD USE THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR. AND IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT THAT. WE ONLY ARE ASKING FOR A FOCUSED --

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO OUTLINE WHAT IS BEFORE US RIGHT NOW.

DAVID DE GRAZIA: CERTAINLY. GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISOR. I'M DAVID DE GRAZIA, A DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN REGIONAL PLANNING. SO, IN 2004, THE BOARD APPROVED THE ORIGINAL SPRING CANYON PROJECT, A 542 UNIT SUBDIVISION AND CERTIFIED THE FINAL EIR. SINCE 2004, FOUR TENTATIVE MAP AMENDMENTS AND ASSOCIATED ADDENDA TO THE FINAL EIR HAVE BEEN APPROVED. THE FOURTH AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD ALONG WITH AN ADDENDUM TO THE FEIR IN 2019. THE FOURTH AMENDMENT INCLUDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL THAT ADJUSTED THE SEQUENCING OF COMPLIANCE FOR THE PROJECT'S CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND MITIGATION AND CLARIFIES THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES FOR IMPLEMENTING MITIGATION MEASURES AND CONDITIONS THAT ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE. THE FOURTH AMENDMENT ALSO REQUIRED THE FILING OF A CUP MODIFICATION TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE CUP AND THE CONDITIONS OF

APPROVAL OF THE FOURTH AMENDMENT, WHICH IS THE REASON WHY THE CUP MODIFICATION APPLICATION WAS FILED. THE CUP MODIFICATION DOES NOT ALTER, MODIFY, OR EXPAND THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PROJECT. THE CUP MODIFICATION CARRIES OVER THESE CONDITIONS FROM THE FOURTH TENTATIVE MAP AMENDMENT TO THE CUP, INCLUDING THOSE RELATED TO FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT. WITHOUT THESE UPDATED CUP CONDITIONS, THE PERMITS WOULD POTENTIALLY CONFLICT AND LIMIT THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO ENFORCE THESE NEW CONDITIONS FROM THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. ON FEBRUARY 12, 2025, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DENIED AN APPEAL AND APPROVED THE CUP MODIFICATION. PURSUANT TO COUNTY CODE, A CUP MODIFICATION IS A TYPE 2 PERMIT AND THEREFORE THE COMMISSION'S DECISION TO APPROVE THE CUP MODIFICATION IS FINAL AND NOT APPEALABLE THEREFORE THE APPEAL BEFORE YOU TODAY IS NOT ON THE CUP MODIFICATION ITSELF, EXCUSE ME, BUT ON THE ADDENDUM TO THE FINAL EIR THAT WAS PREPARED FOR IT, SPECIFICALLY THE NEED FOR A NEW EVALUATION OF IMPACTS FOR WILDLIFE CORRIDORS. THE PROJECT'S FINAL EIR ANALYZED WILDLIFE MOVEMENT, INCLUDING MOUNTAIN LIONS AND THE PROJECT'S IMPACT ON POPULATIONS AND MIGRATION, AND DETERMINED THE IMPACT TO BE SIGNIFICANT AND UNAVOIDABLE WITH THE INCORPORATION OF FEASIBLE MITIGATION MEASURES. IN 2020, CDFW LISTED THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAIN LION AS A CANDIDATE ENDANGERED SPECIES. THIS INFORMATION DOES NOT INCREASE OR INTRODUCE ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS TO THE PROJECT THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY

ANALYZED. FURTHERMORE, THE MITIGATION MEASURES WERE UPDATED IN 2019 TO ADDRESS CONCERNS ABOUT THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR. THE CUP MODIFICATION PROJECT PRESENTED NO CHANGES TO THE SUBDIVISION DESIGN OR SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. THEREFORE, A SUBSEQUENT OR SUPPLEMENTAL EIR IS NOT REQUIRED PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES, AND AN ADDENDUM TO THE EIR IS APPROPRIATE AND SUFFICIENT TO COMPLY WITH CEQA. THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT, AND WE'RE AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT OVERVIEW. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE MAIN ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED IN THE APPEAL NOTES THAT I THINK LYNNE PLAMBECK TOUCHED ON WAS REGARDING ADEQUATE ACCESS WITHIN THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT. CAN YOU EXPAND ON WHAT YOU NOTED IN YOUR PRESENTATION AND HOW THE CONDITIONS IN PLACE TO ENSURE THE SAFE DESIGN OF THE PROJECT AS IT RELATES TO WILDFIRE? BECAUSE I FEEL THAT IS A VALID CONCERN.

DAVID DE GRAZIA: CERTAINLY IT IS. SO, THE PROJECT PROVIDES A TOTAL OF THREE MEANS OF ACCESS. TWO MEANS WILL NEED TO BE CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO THE CONSTRUCTIONS OF THE HOMES IN PHASE ONE. A THIRD ACCESS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT. ADDITIONALLY IN 2019 THE BOARD ALSO FOUND THAT THE TRANSFER OF A FIRE STATION LOT, NOT AN ACTUAL BUILDING, BUT A LOT IN ORDER TO PLACE A FIRE STATION TO THE

L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT WOULD ADDRESS FIRE AND HAZARD CONCERNS IN THE SUBDIVISION ITSELF AND IN THE SURROUNDING AREA. ADDITIONALLY, THE PROJECT IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A FUEL MODIFICATION PLAN TO THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW AND IT'S ALSO REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH ANY STATE LAWS REGARDING BUILDING IN A VERY HIGH FIRE SEVERITY ZONE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: SO, THE COMMENT REGARDING THE 300 UNITS TRIGGER REQUIRING A FIRE STATION, IS THAT ACCURATE? IN THE APPELLANT.

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON: YES, I'M JOSH HUNTINGTON WITH L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. I'M THE SUBDIVISION SECTION HEAD. AND THERE'S NOT A REQUIREMENT FOR A FIRE STATION ITSELF. NO, THE PROPOSAL WAS ALWAYS FOR A FIRE STATION LOT.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY, DID FIRE SIGN OFF ON THIS?

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON: I'M SORRY, SAY THAT AGAIN?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: DID FIRE SIGN OFF ON THIS?

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON: THAT'S RIGHT, FIRE DID A PROPOSAL.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: BASED ON THAT KNOWLEDGE?

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON: YES.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY, ANOTHER ISSUE HIGHLIGHTED FOCUSES ON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAIN LION BEING LISTED AS A CALIFORNIA ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT CANDIDATE. DOES THE PROJECT ADDRESS THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS FOR THE MOUNTAIN LION AND IF SO, WHAT?

DAVID DE GRAZIA: IT DOES. THE PROJECT DOES IMPACT WILDLIFE MOVEMENT, INCLUDING MOUNTAIN LION MOVEMENT. BUT THE FOURTH AMENDMENT INCLUDED ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL ON TOP OF WHAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN APPROVED TO FURTHER MITIGATE WILDLIFE MOVEMENT. THE CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED IT AND THERE'LL BE ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPED CROSSINGS WHICH WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COVER FOR THE WILDLIFE. THERE'LL ALSO BE THINGS LIKE SIGNS FOR REDUCED SPEED LIMITS IN THE VICINITY OF THESE CROSSINGS. THE CUP MOD DOES NOT PROPOSE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO WILDFIRE MOVEMENT, BUT WITHOUT IT, THE PERMITS WOULD BE OUT OF ALIGNMENT AND COULD POTENTIALLY THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO ENFORCE THOSE NEW CONDITIONS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: IS THAT CONSISTENT WITH OTHER AREAS WHERE MOUNTAIN LINES ARE IMPACTED? ARE WE IMPOSING THE SAME REQUIREMENTS?

DAVID DE GRAZIA: YES IT IS. IT'S BEEN STUDIED AND MITIGATED CONSISTENT WITH OTHER PROJECTS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY THANK YOU. WITH THAT EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. CAROLYN INGRAM SEITZ, DAVID ROGERS, MODERATOR, CAN WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: PAUL EDELMAN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, PAUL EDELMAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND PLANNING FOR THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY. THE SUBJECT PROJECT WAS APPROVED 20 YEARS AGO BEFORE MANY PAINFUL LESSONS WERE LEARNED BY ALL OF US, BUT A KEY LESSON TO BENEFIT THE PUBLIC CAN BE APPLIED TODAY BY GRANTING A SMALL, MIGHTY PART OF THIS APPEAL. THE LESSON IS THAT REQUIRED OPEN SPACE DEDICATIONS TO PUBLIC ENTITIES AND THE RELATED OPERATIONAL FUNDING MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO LANGUISH AND DEGRADE WHILE PROJECTS TAKE DECADES TO BE BUILT OR GO BUST IN THE MIDDLE OF GRADING OPERATIONS. THIS

DEFICIENCY CAN BE SOLVED IN THIS CASE BY REQUIRING THE 270 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE TO BE DEDICATED AND TRANSFERRED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH ISSUANCE OF GRADING PERMIT, NOT WAITING YEARS OR FOREVER UNTIL HOUSING OR BUILDING PERMIT IS ISSUED. THE OPEN SPACE DEDICATION IS A MITIGATION MEASURE TO LESSEN IMPACTS TO MOUNTAIN LIONS. AS CONDITIONED, IT IS DEFERRED MITIGATION. ONCE GRADING STARTS, LIONS NEED THE PROTECTED OPEN SPACE TO LIVE AND MOVE. CEQA REQUIRES ALL FEASIBLE MITIGATION MEASURES. TRANSFERRING TO OPEN SPACE WITH THE GRADING PERMIT IS FEASIBLE --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: SHANNON MAST, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, I FIND IT VERY CONCERNING THAT THIS PROJECT HAS EVEN GOTTEN THIS FAR. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT EVERYONE PLEASE LOOK AT THE PICTURES OF THE EXIT THE SINGLE EXIT THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS THE FIRST DAY WITH THIS PROJECT IN AN AREA THAT HAS BURNED BEFORE AND WE ALL KNOW WILL BURN AGAIN AND ALSO THIS AREA HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A LIKELY PLACE FOR A WILDLIFE CORRIDOR MOVEMENT FOR THE MOUNTAIN LION AND IT'S MUCH CHEAPER FOR THEM TO GO UNDER THE FREEWAY RATHER THAN OVER THE FREEWAY. THERE'S REALLY, IT'S

JUST SO IRRESPONSIBLE TO APPROVE THIS PROJECT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

MODERATOR: ANNETTE LUCAS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN, YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: GO AHEAD, PLEASE BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: GO AHEAD, ANNETTE. ANNETTE, WE CAN HEAR YOU. GO AHEAD ANNETTE, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

SPEAKER: OKAY. I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS PROJECT BECAUSE NOT ONLY IS THE FREEWAY UNDERPASS THE ONLY WAY OUT, THERE'S ALSO ANOTHER PROJECT BEING PROPOSED DIRECTLY ACROSS THE FREEWAY WHICH HAS 500 HOMES. BETWEEN THIS PROJECT AND THE WYNICK CANYON PROJECT, THE FIRE HAZARD IS JUST UNBELIEVABLE. THERE'S NO EXIT FOR US. WE'VE SEEN THIS AREA BURN BEFORE AND WE HAVE HAD TO EVACUATE. THE FIRE ZONE IN HERE REALLY NEEDS A FIRE DEPARTMENT, NOT JUST A LOT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

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

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: MR. ROGERS.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS DAVID ROGERS ON BEHALF OF SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT. IT APPEARS THAT THE SPRING CANYON PROJECT HAS BEEN APPROVED WITHOUT CONSIDERING CONSIDERATION FOR THE ADEQUATE WILDLIFE CORRIDORS CONNECTING THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS, SANTA CLARITA RIVER WITH THE MOUNTAINS AND SUCH BEYOND THE PROJECT. THE UNDERPASS BELOW THE FREEWAY IS NARROW. IT'S GOING TO BE FULL OF TRAFFIC ONCE THE PROJECT IS BUILT. MOUNTAIN LIONS, DEER ARE NOT GOING TO PASS UNDER IT. THERE'S ANOTHER LOWER CULVERT DOWN BELOW THAT IS 400 FEET LONG. IT'S NARROWER. IT IS BEING BLOCKED BY A STORAGE YARD FOR SEMI-TRUCKS AND ALSO BY AN AUTO-SALVAGE YARD. AND THE AUTO-SALVAGE YARD HAS NOTHING IT'S A HUGE AUTO SALVAGE YARD IT BLOCKS ACCESS AND IT ONLY HAS A THREE-FOOT DIAMETER CULVERT WHICH WILDLIFE ARE NOT GOING TO PASS THROUGH EITHER.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. I'M CAROLYN INGRAM-SIGHTS. I'M HERE FOR THE APPLICANT, SPRING CANYON. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COUPLE OF CORRECTIONS OR COMMENTS. ONE IS THAT I THINK THERE'S A MISUNDERSTANDING AND THAT SCOPE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AFTER THE FOURTH AMENDMENT FOR THE MAP. ALL THREE OF THOSE ACCESS POINTS ARE BEING DEVELOPED IN PHASE ONE. WE’RE NOT WAITING UNTIL WE GET TO BUILDING PERMIT NUMBER 300 FOR THE 300TH RESIDENTS. ALL THOSE THREE ACCESS POINT IS BEING DEVELOPED IN PHASE ONE. THAT SHOULD ELIMINATE THAT CONCERN. WE'RE ALSO MAKING CHANGES TO THE CULVERT THAT THE WILDLIFE CURRENTLY USES TO MAKE IT MORE ATTRACTIVE AND ACCESSIBLE FOR THEM. WE'VE DONE OUR BEST TO LISTEN TO SCOPE AND WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. ITEM 7 IS BEFORE YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU, BUT BEFORE WE VOTE ON IT, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ASK THE APPELLANT TO WORK WITH SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY BECAUSE I DO FEEL THERE IS A CONCERN ABOUT THE WILDLIFE QUARTER, AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD BE PROACTIVE IN WORKING WITH, ESPECIALLY MR. ELLMAN, WHO'S GOT A REPUTATION FOR UNDERSTANDING HOW TO ADAPT AND HOW TO ENSURE THAT WE PROTECT WILDLIFE. SO, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU ALL BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM AS IT RELATES TO THE PROTECTION OF NOT JUST THE WILDLIFE THERE BUT SERVES AN EXAMPLE ON WHAT WE CAN DO WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER. SO, WITH THAT, I WILL MOVE THIS ITEM. OH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: I'M SORRY. I JUST WANTED TO ASK, I KNOW THE REGIONAL PLANNING SAID THAT FIRE HAD APPROVED THE PARKING LOT. THERE WASN'T ANY OBJECTIVE. WHAT YEAR WAS THAT? WAS THAT RECENT?

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON: AND AGAIN, JOSH HUNTINGTON WITH L.A. COUNTY PLANNING. THEY'VE APPROVED IT SEVERAL TIMES BECAUSE WITH EACH AMENDMENT, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LOT, AND IT'S NOT A PARKING LOT, IT'S A SITE FOR A FUTURE FIRE STATION. AND IT IS ALWAYS REFERRED TO AS A FIRE DEPARTMENT LOT OR A FIRE DEPARTMENT SITE.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: SO, THERE'S A POTENTIAL THAT THERE COULD BE

A FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILT THERE. WE'RE NOT RULING THAT OUT IN THIS.

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON: THAT'S RIGHT.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: OKAY, YEAH, I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: NO, NO, THERE ALWAYS IS, BUT THEY DID, YEAH, THERE IS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: WITH THAT, I WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 8, HEARING ON THE HISTORIC HIGHLANDS HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE AND LANDMARK DESIGNATION PROJECT NUMBER 20190022095. TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND COUNTY CODE TITLE 22 PLANNING AND ZONING TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF THE HISTORIC HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ALTADENA AS A COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1, THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING ARE PRESENT FOR ANY QUESTIONS. FOR DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU SPEAK.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I KNOW THAT THE CITY OF PASADENA HAS LED THE EFFORT TO RECOGNIZE THE HISTORIC HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE CITY, AND I AM PROUD THAT WE ARE TAKING THIS ACTION TO RECOGNIZE THE UNINCORPORATED AREA AS WELL. THIS ITEM IS BITTERSWEET AS WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE LEGACY OF A HISTORIC RESOURCES AND ARCHITECTURE THAT MAKE ALTADENA COMMUNITY SO INTERESTING. IT IS INCREDIBLE THAT THE HISTORIC HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD DID NOT LOSE ANY STRUCTURES IN THE EATON FIRE AND FOR THAT I AM GRATEFUL. THE MIX OF ARCHITECTURAL STYLES IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD REALLY SPEAKS TO THE DIVERSITY AND THE HISTORY OF THE EVOLUTION OF ALTADENA. THE CROSS-SECTION OF HOME COVERS CRAFTSMAN, COLONIAL REVIVAL, AMERICAN FOREST SQUARE, MODERN COLONIAL, TUDOR REVIVAL, AND MANY MORE. AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO REBUILDING OF ALTADENA, I HOPE THESE EXAMPLES OF HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE CAN BE REBUILT IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE CAN REBUILD WITH RESILIENCE IN MIND, BUT WITH AN EYE ON THE HISTORY THAT WE ARE HONORING TODAY. WITH THAT, I AM GRATEFUL TO THE RESIDENTS WHO ACTUALLY BROUGHT THIS FORWARD. IT SPEAKS VOLUMES TO THE FACT THAT THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THEY LIVE IN A COMMUNITY THAT TRULY IS HISTORIC AND IS GOING TO SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE ARE GOING TO REBUILD THROUGHOUT ALTADENA. WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT WE CLOSE THE HEARING AND APPROVE THIS PROJECT BUT HEAR FROM PUBLIC COMMENT FIRST.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU ANDREW SALIMIAN, CLINT PALMER, DONNA BURDICK, GINGER LOSH, JAMA MAYOR, KAREN MATIER, NANCY GERBER, AND ROBERT BOLLOCK MODERATOR, CAN WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, WE WILL GO TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS.

SPEAKER: HELLO, MY NAME IS DONNA BURDICK AND I LIVE WITHIN THE HISTORIC LANDMARK DISTRICT, WHICH WE HOPE WILL BECOME THE FIRST DESIGNATED HISTORIC LANDMARK IN AN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY. WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET OUR AREA DEEMED HISTORIC FOR EIGHT YEARS NOW, AND HAVE CAREFULLY FOLLOWED THE REQUIRED GUIDELINES, DEFINED BOUNDARIES, AND HAVE COLLECTED SIGNATURES OF APPROVAL FROM OVER 60% OF OUR HOMEOWNERS WHO WANT TO SEE THIS HAPPEN AND ATTENDED NUMEROUS PUBLIC MEETINGS. OUR NEIGHBORHOOD INCLUDES A UNIQUE MIX OF DIVERSE ARCHITECTURAL STYLES, AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THIS ARCHITECTURE. EXCUSE ME, WHY? ALL THESE ARCHITECTURAL HOMES AND HISTORIC HOMES CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY'S UNIQUE

CHARACTER AND IDENTITY, FOSTERING A SENSE OF BELONGING AND PRIDE AMONG ITS RESIDENTS. AS WE TRAGICALLY SAW IN THE ALTADENA FIRE, SOME OF OUR BEST EXAMPLES OF PERIOD HOMES VANISHED IN AN INSTANT. EVEN WITH THE BEST INTENTIONS TO REPRODUCE THESE LOST HOMES, THE REBUILDING PROCESS WILL TAKE MANY YEARS AND GREAT EXPENSE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. ANDREW SALIMIAN SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY. WE FULLY SUPPORT THIS DESIGNATION AND WE'RE REALLY HAPPY TO SEE WHAT WILL BECOME THE FIRST HISTORIC DISTRICT IN L.A. COUNTY'S PRESERVATION PROGRAM. IF YOU KNOW ALTADENA, THIS AREA JUST NARROWLY ESCAPED THE FIRE. THERE'S PRETTY BAD DEVASTATION A FEW BLOCKS AWAY. AND WE CROWDSOURCED, KIND OF CREATED A MAP OF THE FIRE DEVASTATION. AND THIS WAS AN AREA THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE REACHED OUT TO US AND ASKED, IS HISTORIC HIGHLANDS OKAY? I KNOW THEY'VE BEEN WORKING ON THEIR DESIGNATION FOR MANY YEARS. SO, WE'RE HAPPY IT'S HERE AT THIS POINT, AND WE REALLY COMMEND THE COMMUNITY FOR PUSHING THIS FORWARD. I KNOW IT'S KIND OF A NEW PROGRAM, BUT IT'S LONG OVERDUE. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HELLO, MY NAME IS CLINT PALMER AND I'M THE CO-PRESIDENT OF THE HISTORIC HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. I WAS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN TO LANDMARK THE PASADENA PORTION OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH WE SUCCESSFULLY GOT IN 1908. IT WAS ALWAYS OUR INTENTION TO INCLUDE THE UPPER PORTION, THE ALTADENA PORTION AS THE LANDMARK DISTRICT, BUT THERE WAS NO PROCESS FOR DOING THAT THEN. SO, THIS HAS BEEN QUITE A LONG HAUL. I'M A 30-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND REALIZE THAT SO MANY OF US REALLY DO HAVE A GREAT CONCERN ABOUT HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION. AND PARTICULARLY SINCE THE FIRE, I THINK WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE AS MANY PROTECTIONS FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN TERMS OF ARCHITECTURE AS POSSIBLE SO WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL STAND WITH US AND WE CAN COMPLETE THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WAY. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS GINGER LOESCH. I'M A LIFETIME RESIDENT OF ALTADENA. I LIVE IN A HOME IN THE HISTORIC HIGHLANDS THAT WAS BUILT IN 1912, AND IT WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL HOMES THAT WAS A FARMHOUSE FOR A LARGE AGRICULTURAL FARM. AND THE HOUSES IN MY AREA ARE BUILT BETWEEN 1912 AND ABOUT 1925. UNFORTUNATELY, NOW WE SEE THAT OUR HOME IS ONE OF THE FEW ONES LEFT FROM THAT ERA. SO MANY OF THEM ARE GONE. BESIDES MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY THAT LOST HOMES, OF MY COMMUNITY, FRIENDS, CHURCH. IT BECOMES

MORE DIRE THAT WE TRY TO PROTECT THE HISTORIC NATURE OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT HAVE BEEN LEFT. AND THIS PROVIDES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP THIS NEIGHBORHOOD INTACT AND AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHER NEIGHBORS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HELLO, MY NAME IS JAMA MEYER. I'VE LIVED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR OVER 30 YEARS. I AM THE CO-PRESIDENT OF THE HISTORIC HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. IT CONSISTS OF AROUND 800 HOMES, 2/3 OF WHICH ARE IN PASADENA, 1/3 IN ALTADENA, WHICH IS THE PORTION YOU'RE CONSIDERING, LAND MARKING. WE WERE DEVELOPED BY THE SAME LAND DEVELOPER 120 YEARS AGO, DAVID MCPHERSON, WHO WAS A RENOWNED CIVIL ENGINEER AT THE TIME AND BUILT THE MOUNT LOWELL RAILROAD UP THE SIDE OF THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. SO, HE LAID OUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR ALL OF US. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL TREE-LINED NEIGHBORHOOD, ARCHITECTURALLY SIGNIFICANT HOMES, VERY RICH IN HISTORY, AND I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE CONSIDER LAND MARKING IT. WE'VE ALL LOST A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF ALTADENA HISTORY THIS YEAR, AND WE ASK THAT YOU HELP US PROTECT IT IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

SPEAKER: YES MY NAME IS KAREN MATTIER AND I'D LIKE TO THANK

THE SUPERVISORS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING IN ALTADENA FOR 42 YEARS AND SEEN MANY CHANGES IN OUR LITTLE AREA. ALL FOR THE GOOD AND AFTER THE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT WE'VE BEEN THE UNACKNOWLEDGED STEPCHILDREN OF HISTORIC HIGHLANDS, I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE A PORTION OF ALTADENA THAT WAS MERCIFULLY SAVED FROM THE FIRES AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HI, I'M NANCY GERBER, AND I LIVE IN A 1926 SPANISH IN THE HISTORIC HIGHLANDS. I ACTUALLY AM IN THE INCORPORATED PART OF THE HIGHLANDS, BUT I HAPPENED TO HAVE CO-CHAIRED THE HISTORIC HOME TOUR BACK IN 2015. I'VE ALSO BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD IN THE PAST, AND I LOVE THIS AS A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY. AND I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT I KNOW ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BEING THAT WE DID JUST SUFFER A GREAT LOSS IN ALTADENA AND SOMETHING THAT CAME TO MY ATTENTION WHEN I PULLED OUT THIS OLD 2015 TOUR THAT WE HAD IS THAT THE STREET ON WOODBURY USED TO BE CALLED ERIE STREET. AND IN 1925, IT WAS NAMED WOODBURY. IN 2015, WHEN I CO-CHAIRED THE HISTORIC HOME TOUR, THE HOMES ON THE HISTORIC HOME TOUR IN HISTORIC HIGHLANDS WERE ALL ON WOODBURY AND THOSE HOMES ARE NOT --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS ROBERT BULLOCK AND I'M THE CO-PRESIDENT OF THE LANDMARKING COMMITTEE FOR THIS HISTORIC DISTRICT. I AM THE CO-PRESIDENT WITH MY PARTNER DAVID ANDERSON THAT'S IN THE AUDIENCE. IT'S BEEN A LONG HAUL TO GET TO THIS TIMEFRAME AND WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY. A LOT HAS BEEN SAID. I'M GOING TO ADD ONLY TWO THINGS. OUR BECOMING A HISTORIC DISTRICT WILL HONOR THOSE LOST HOMES AND NEIGHBORHOODS WITH THE JANUARY FIRES AND WE REMEMBER THOSE LOST HOMES ON BOULDER DRIVE AND THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS LIKE JANE’S VILLAGE. ON BEHALF OF THE MAJORITY OF THE HOMEOWNERS IN THE PROPOSED DISTRICT, WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WE'D ALSO REQUEST THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFER THE SUPPORT TO DEAN EDWARDS AND L.A. COUNTY PLANNING WITH THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO MONITOR AND ENFORCE THIS NEW HISTORIC DISTRICT. OTHERWISE, WITHOUT THE ENFORCEMENT, THE FORCES OF MODERNITY WILL EVENTUALLY SPREAD INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU, AND I WANT TO THANK REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF FOR THE WORK THAT YOU ALL HAVE DONE

WORKING WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD. NOW, AGAIN, WANT TO THANK THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THERE'S NO QUESTION IN MY MIND, IF ANY OF YOU HAVEN'T HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO UP AND SEE THIS AREA, IT TRULY IS ABSOLUTELY, I'M NOT ONLY HISTORIC, BUT BEAUTIFUL. AND YOU CAN TELL THAT THE NEIGHBORS TRULY DO TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR COMMUNITY. AND SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. I CAN'T THINK OF A MORE FITTING FIRST FOR THIS DESIGNATION THAN HAVING IT IN ALTADENA. SO THAT MEANS A LOT TO ME AS WELL GIVEN THE FACT THAT ALTADENA TRULY IS SERVING AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT RESILIENCY REALLY LOOKS LIKE. AND SO, THIS WILL BE THE FIRST BUT I'M SURE NOT THE LAST. SO, WITH THAT, I WILL MOVE THIS ITEM AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: ABSOLUTELY, 100% AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-0. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 10, JANUARY 2025, WINDSTORM AND CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS, BIWEEKLY EMERGENCY CONTRACTS REPORT, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1, THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: I HELD THIS ITEM TODAY TO GET A FEW UPDATES ABOUT THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS ON REBUILDING FOR BOTH THE PALISADES AND THE EATON FIRE AREAS. AS THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS WRAPS UP THE DEBRIS REMOVAL MISSION AFTER SIX MONTHS, WHEN WE WERE TOLD IT WOULD BE CLOSE TO TWO YEARS, IT IS INCUMBENT UPON US TO BE READY FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF RECOVERY AND REBUILDING. FOR THE EATON FIRE, THE ARMY CORPS IS AT 96% COMPLETION FOR FINAL SIGN-OFF ON PROPERTIES ACCEPTED INTO THE PRIVATE PROPERTY DEBRIS REMOVAL PROGRAM. SO, FESIA, I FIRST WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR TEAM FOR THE WORK YOU ARE DOING IN CONCERT WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO LAY OUT THE FRAMEWORK AND VISION FOR OUR REBUILDING EFFORT. THE PATH AHEAD FOR THE COUNTY TO HELP REBUILD OUR COMMUNITIES IS SIGNIFICANT,

AS YOU KNOW. BUT I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO DISCUSS THE COUNTY'S BLUEPRINT FOR REBUILDING. I KNOW WE SAW THE ABRIDGED VERSION WHICH IDENTIFIES THE SIX CORE PILLARS OF REBUILDING RECOVERY BUT CAN YOU EXPAND ON THE BROADER WORK OF THIS BLUEPRINT?

FESIA DAVENPORT: GLADLY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. AS YOU STATED, SUPERVISOR, EARLIER THIS MONTH, WE DID RELEASE AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE DOCUMENT CALLED L.A. COUNTY FORWARD BLUEPRINT FOR REBUILDING. WE ARE JUST NOW PLACING THE FINAL TOUCHES ON THE FULL BLUEPRINT, AND WE EXPECT THAT THAT WILL BE ISSUED LATER THIS WEEK. SO, THE BLUEPRINT PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE ROADMAP AND IT'S DESIGNED TO ACCELERATE RECOVERY, TO FACILITATE EQUITABLE REBUILDING AND RECONSTRUCTION, AND TO OFFER RESIDENTS GREATER CLARITY, GREATER CERTAINTY AND SUPPORT ON THEIR PATH TO RETURNING HOME. I THINK THE BEST WAY TO THINK ABOUT IT IS IT'S A MIDTERM ROADMAP. IT'S FOCUSED ON WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO JUST FOR THE NEXT 120 DAYS, AS YOU MENTIONED, AS THE ARMY CORPS FINISHES ITS WORK AND PULLS OUT. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO OVER THE NEXT 120 DAYS TO INFUSE MOMENTUM, TO CONTINUE MOMENTUM IN THE REBUILDING PROCESS? SO, THE ENGINES OF THAT MOMENTUM, THEY ALIGN ACROSS SIX PRIORITY AREAS THAT YOU MENTIONED EARLIER. ONE IS WE WANT TO SUPPORT A FEASIBLE FINANCIAL PATH TO RETURN. TWO, WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO

CONTINUE TO ACCELERATE THE PERMITTING AND INSPECTION PROCESS. THREE, WE KNOW WE NEED TO HELP FACILITATE SCALING OF THE POOL OF BUILDERS AND MATERIALS SO THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE LOWER COSTS AND SUFFICIENT AND PREDICTABLE SUPPLY IN OUR SUPPLY CHAINS. FOUR, WE NEED TO ENSURE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IS IN PLACE LIKE WATER, GAS, AND POWER. FIFTH, WE NEED TO MOBILIZE THE WORKFORCE AND COORDINATE LOGISTICS TO AVOID BOTTLENECKS AND GAPS ON THE GROUND IN THOSE COMMUNITIES. AND LASTLY, WE NEED TO SUPPORT THE RETURN OF EVERYDAY SERVICES THAT MAKE COMMUNITIES LIVABLE AND THRIVING LIKE PARKS, SCHOOLS, AND COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS. THREE THINGS ARE IMPORTANT TO NOTE ABOUT THAT BLUEPRINT SUPERVISOR. ONE, I WILL SAY, CUTS ACROSS ALL THREE. WE ARE NOT STARTING FROM SCRATCH. THIS BOARD HAS CAUSED MUCH EFFORT AND WORK TO ALREADY BEGIN AND IT'S ALREADY UNDERWAY. SO THOSE THREE THINGS ARE, FIRST, THE PLAN BUILDS ON WHAT WE'VE ALREADY DONE AND WHAT WE'RE ALREADY DOING. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE ALREADY WORKED HARD TO REDUCE SOME OF THE COSTS. TO DATE, DEFERRED PERMIT FEES SAVE OWNERS OR CAN SAVE OWNERS UP TO $20,000. WE HAVE WAIVED OR YOUR BOARD HAS WAIVED NON-LIFE SAFETY UPGRADES FOR LIKE-FOR-LIKE REBUILDS WHICH WILL HELP ACCELERATE PERMITTING AND INSPECTIONS. IT WILL ALSO HELP STREAMLINE PERMITTING AND SPEEDING UP INSPECTIONS SO THAT PEOPLE CAN START REBUILDING SOONER. THERE'S THE IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT OF OUR ONE-STOP PERMITTING CENTERS. THE BOARD ESTABLISHED THE UNIFIED PERMITTING AUTHORITY AND A SINGLE

APPLICATION. JUST LAST WEEK THE ARCHISTAR PILOT WAS LAUNCHED. THE ARCHISTAR PILOT INVOLVES AN AI TOOL THAT WILL HELP SPEED UP THE APPROVAL PROCESS BY REDUCING THE NEED TO REDUCE PLANS OR TO REDO PLANS WHICH ARE INITIALLY SUBMITTED, BUT THEY'RE NOT 100% ACCORDING TO THE CODE. THE SECOND MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE BLUEPRINT IS IT'S INTENDED AS A FOUNDATION FOR A FLEXIBLE OPERATIONAL PLAN. WE'VE SET OUT THE VISION. NOW WE NEED TO SAY IN CONCRETE TERMS WHAT EXACTLY WILL WE BE DOING. RIGHT NOW, THE COUNTY HAS DEDICATED STAFF AND RESOURCES FOR THE REBUILD EFFORT, BUT OUR EFFORTS ARE SPREAD AMONG A NUMBER OF COUNTY AND NON-COUNTY ENTITIES. WE KNOW THAT THIS WORK WILL LAST FOR MANY YEARS. SO, WE WILL NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO BUILD UPON WHAT WE'RE ALREADY DOING, AND IT'S ESSENTIAL TO DEVOTE A LONG-TERM FOCUS ON THESE RESIDENTS AND THE REBUILDING EFFORT. THIRD, THE BLUEPRINT IS SCALABLE ACROSS JURISDICTIONS FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO PARTICIPATE. THE PLAN DOES NOT REQUIRE AND IT DOES NOT DEPEND ON PARTICIPATION OF OUR CITY PARTNERS TO IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIES OF THE PLAN, BUT WE WELCOME THE COLLABORATION AND PARTICIPATION. AND FINALLY, BECAUSE THE BLUEPRINT CONTAINS ONLY THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS THAT WE NEED TO GET STARTED FOR A SUCCESSFUL RECOVERY, ITS STRATEGIES CAN BE PAIRED WITH NEW OR ADDITIONAL FOCUS AREAS AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD AND OR IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY INPUT.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND WHEN YOU

TALK ABOUT THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT PARKS, WE HAVE THE CONCERTS IN THE PARK AND WE'RE HAVING 500 TO 700 PEOPLE SHOWING UP THAT WANT TO BE BACK IN ALTADENA EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE DISPLACED, RECOGNIZING THAT IT'S A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND A SENSE OF NORMALCY FOR THEM.

FESIA DAVENPORT: YEAH, YEAH. I THINK WE OFTEN DON'T RECOGNIZE THAT OUR PARKS ARE THE SANCTUARIES IN MANY WAYS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. AND I KNOW THAT NORMA GARCIA, OUR DIRECTOR OF THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, IS WORKING REALLY HARD TO GET THE PARKS IN THE AREAS REBUILT.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: NORMA GARCIA IS THE REASON LOMA ALTA IS WHERE IT IS. AND SO, I AGREE, WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE HER ON OUR TEAM. ONE OF THE CORE PILLARS OF THE BLUEPRINT FOCUSES ON RESTORING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE. I KNOW THAT YOU HELD MEETINGS WITH UTILITY COMPANIES, INCLUDING EDISON AND THE L.A. DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER, ALONG WITH TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES, TO REITERATE THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO UNDERGROUNDING FACILITIES IN THE FIRE-IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, SOMETHING THAT I HAVE MADE A PRIORITY BASED ON FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY. CAN YOU TELL US WHAT PROGRESS WE'VE MADE TO IDENTIFY A PATH FORWARD ON THAT COMMITMENT WITH OUR UTILITY COMPANY PARTNERS?

FESIA DAVENPORT: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, I'LL SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS. WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS AND THE PROGRESS IS SLOW AND IT SHOULD BE QUICKER. SO LEADING UP TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE BLUEPRINT DOCUMENT, MY OFFICE HELD MEETINGS WITH UTILITY COMPANIES ON APRIL 17TH AND ON JUNE 11TH. THE MEETINGS WERE ATTENDED BY OUR CITY PARTNERS, IMPACTED BY THE FIRES, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, AS WELL AS THE UTILITY COMPANIES, WATER, GAS, ELECTRICITY, AND LADWP WAS IN ATTENDANCE AS WELL. SO, DURING THE JUNE 11TH MEETING, THE COUNTY AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE SET A TARGET TO UNDERGROUND APPROXIMATELY 153 MILES OF UTILITIES WITHIN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON SERVICE AREA. WE ALSO EMPHASIZE THAT COMPANIES AND PROVIDERS SHOULD ADOPT A DIG-ONCE APPROACH TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY. AND SO, WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS WITH UTILITY AND TELECOM PROVIDERS, PARTICULARLY WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON AND LADWP, WHO HAVE COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING THE UNDERGROUNDING TARGET. HOWEVER, SECURING COMMITMENTS FROM THE TELECOM PROVIDERS, AND I JUST, THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO SAY IT. IT HAS BEEN A STRUGGLE. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, SPECTRUM HAS AGREED TO UNDERGROUND ALONG SCE'S TRENCH USING A PARALLEL TRENCH APPROACH, COORDINATING CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES FOR A SINGLE PAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE METHOD. FRONTIER AND VERIZON, THEY ARE ALSO CONSIDERING MICROTRENCHING. CROWN CASTLE, AT&T, AND T-MOBILE HAVE NOT YET, AS FAR AS I AM AWARE, HAVE NOT YET AGREED TO

UNDERGROUNDING. AND FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, THE CLOCK IS TICKING, AND THIS WORK NEEDS TO MOVE FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. UNDERSTANDABLY, THE COSTS ARE A CONCERN, UPFRONT COSTS ARE A CONCERN, AND WE RECOGNIZE THIS. DIRECTOR MARK PESTRELLA, ALONG WITH THE DPW TEAM, ARE LEADING THE UTILITY TASK FORCE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THESE COST CONCERNS. THEIR STRATEGIES INCLUDE COORDINATING TRENCHING TO MINIMIZE THE DIGGING COSTS, EXTENDING WORKING HOURS, ADOPTING FLEXIBLE BACKFILL REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHERS. WE ARE ALSO WORKING WITH THE STATE TO HELP STRATEGIZE WHICH FINANCIAL LEVERS WE CAN MOVE, WE CAN FACILITATE IN ORDER TO HELP BRING DOWN THE OVERALL COSTS. NONETHELESS, IT MUST BE STATED CLEARLY THAT NOT GOING UNDERGROUND IS NOT AN OPTION. I BELIEVE THAT SOME OF THE FOLKS THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH BELIEVES THAT THE COUNTY MAY PIVOT OR CHANGE OUR MINDS. SO, I THINK THAT BEARS WORTH REPEATING. NOT UNDERGROUNDING IS NOT AN OPTION FOR THIS EFFORT. AND ANY TEMPORARY POLES AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNTY ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS TO RESTORE POWER MUST BE REMOVED UPON EXPIRATION OF THE TEMPORARY PERMIT. WE REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT DPW WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS WITH PROVIDERS IN THE COMING DAYS TO ACHIEVE THAT 153 MILE UNDERGROUNDING COMMITMENT. AS I STATED BEFORE, THE CLOCK IS TICKING. AND SO THAT IS WHY WE HAVE REQUESTED COUNTY COUNSEL TO BEGIN DRAFTING AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD MANDATE UNDERGROUNDING FOR PROVIDERS WHO REMAIN HESITANT. THAT IS NOT OUR PREFERRED METHOD, BUT THAT IS THE

LEVERAGE THAT THIS BOARD HAS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR THAT. IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE FOR US TO HAVE TO BE IN A SITUATION WHERE WE HAVE TO DO THAT, GIVEN THE DEVASTATION IN THAT AREA AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO REBUILD INFRASTRUCTURE AND GIVEN THE FACT THAT WE HAVE UTILITY COMPANIES THAT ARE WILLING TO DO THIS. I WOULD HOPE THAT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS WOULD COME TO THE TABLE AND RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS A BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY AND IT IS A WIN-WIN SITUATION. BUT IF NEED BE, I WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO BRING IN AN ORDINANCE THAT DID JUST THAT. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE MUCH MORE WORK TO DO AND THE FINANCIAL CHALLENGE OF PIECING TOGETHER THE FUNDING TO REBUILD OUR PUBLIC AND CIVIC INFRASTRUCTURES IS NOT GOING TO BE A SMALL FEAT BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE FRAMEWORK WILL HELP US FOCUS OUR EFFORTS ON THE MOST CRITICAL ASPECTS OF REBUILDING AND IDENTIFY THE PARTNERSHIPS WE NEED TO HELP MAKE REBUILDING OF OUR COMMUNITY A REALITY. AND I'M HAPPY THAT YOU INCLUDED THE CITY IN THIS BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I CONTINUE TO SAY IS, WHILE THE EATON FIRE IMPACTED AN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY AND THE PALISADES, CITY OF L.A., AND THEN MALIBU AND OTHER CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO LOOK AT WHERE WE CAN COLLABORATE, DO LESSONS LEARNED AND REALLY LEVERAGE THE RESOURCES TO ACHIEVE A REBUILD THAT IS REALLY GOING TO BE, I THINK, REFLECTIVE OF THE RESILIENCE, NOT ONLY OF ALTADENA, BUT

THAT AS WELL, FESIA.

FESIA DAVENPORT: SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD JUST ADD ONE LAST COMMENT. I THINK IT'S HELPFUL FOR THE CONTEXT. ONE OF THE CONVERSATIONS THAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IS WHETHER THE COUNTY WOULD PROVIDE A SUBSIDY TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES TO UNDERGROUND. THAT WOULD NOT BE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CEO'S OFFICE. WE DO NOT INTEND TO PROVIDE A SUBSIDY OR TO SUGGEST OR PROMISE IN ANY WAY THAT THAT WILL HAPPEN. AND WE KNOW THAT, YOU KNOW, THESE COSTS ARE GOING TO BE BORNE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. IF THE TELECOM COMPANIES DECLINE TO UNDERGROUND NOW, WE ARE ESSENTIALLY DELAYING THE INEVITABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL INCUR FUTURE REMOVAL AND TRANSITION COSTS IF WE MANDATE REMOVAL OF POLES AFTER POST-UNDERGROUNDING ENERGIZATION.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: WELL, THANK YOU. GIVEN HOW MUCH THEY CHARGE FOR THE USE OF A CELL PHONE, I DON'T THINK A SUBSIDY IS REALISTIC, UNLESS THEY WANT TO SUBSIDIZE ALL OF OUR BILLS, WHICH I DON'T THINK THEY DO. SO, WITH THAT, I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. CLAUDIA JEREZ, DR. EZRULY-

MOHAMED. MODERATOR, CAN WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER PLEASE?

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

SPEAKER: OKAY, THANK YOU AND THANKS TO SUPERVISOR BARGER. I LIKE THE IDEA OF A BLUEPRINT. IT'S A GOOD STRATEGY. AND I THINK IN TERMS OF SHAMING T-MOBILE AND THE CHARACTERS WHO THINK THERE'S SOME KIND OF AN OPTION. YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT, I MEAN, SERIOUSLY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE PROPOSING EXACTLY. WHAT, JUST THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO? WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AWAY? THAT'S RIDICULOUS, OBVIOUSLY. BUT I THINK, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CORRECTING ME. I DID HEAR IT AS PALISADES. WHAT IT IS PALISARIUS MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE IN MY TINY LITTLE BRAIN. SO, THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING THAT. AND FINAL THOUGHTS ON THE BLUEPRINT AND THE FIRE. WHERE THE [EXPLETIVE] IS HORVATH? I MEAN ISN'T THIS HER THING? IT'S LIKE PALISADES IS PARTIALLY, I'M NOT MISTAKEN, IT'S ALL 3RD DISTRICT. YOU'VE BEEN HOLDING ALL THE WATER OVER IN THE 5TH DISTRICT IN ALTADENA. WE JUST NEED A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD SOMETIMES. NOT ALWAYS, I DON'T MIND A LITTLE SEPARATION WHEN WE'RE GOING OFF TO OUR LITTLE MEASURE G STRATEGY CAMPS BUT LISTEN --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE

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

SPEAKER: OKAY REALIZING THIS IS A BOHEMIAN TASK AND A PROJECT FOR ALL THE EFFORTS THAT YOU DO, YOU GUYS HAVE A HUGE PUBLIC RELATIONS SITUATION. EVERY TIME I TURN ON THE NEWS, NO MATTER WHAT THE STATION GIVES ME, HEY, THESE PEOPLE CAN'T GET THEIR PERMITS THROUGH SO THEY CAN GET IN THERE AND GET THEIR WORK DONE. SO, TO DO SOME MAJOR INTERVENTION ON THAT ASPECT AND PUT IT OUT TO THE PUBLIC. SAY LOOK ON THESE NEWS STATIONS, GO TO THEM AND SAY LOOK AT THE GREAT WORK AND THE PROGRESS THAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR. THAT WOULD BE JUST A GREAT POSITIVE ISSUE TO ADDRESS. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS DR. ISRA'ALLAH MOHAMMED. I'M A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST AND SYSTEMS EQUITY ADVOCATE. AS THE BOARD CONTINUES TO AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY CONTRACTS FOR CRITICAL

INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY, I URGE YOU TO CONSIDER THE ETHICAL IMPERATIVE OF IMPLEMENTATION FIDELITY. IN APRIL 2025, I SUBMITTED A TRAUMA-INFORMED PUBLIC HEALTH FRAMEWORK, THE BUREAU OF CARE TO CUSTODY CEMETERY PIPELINE, WHICH INCLUDES INFRASTRUCTURE GUIDANCE NOW MIRRORED IN CURRENT COUNTY PLANNING. EMERGENCY RESPONSE MUST NOT REPEAT THE SAME INSTITUTIONAL PATTERNS OF EXCLUSION AND INEQUITY. AS CONTRACTS MOVE FORWARD, ENSURE THAT FUNDING DECISIONS INCLUDE SAFEGUARDS FOR COMMUNITY NAVIGATION, ACCOUNTABILITY TRACKING AND AUTHENTIC ATTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC FACING TOOLS YOU NOW RELY ON.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 10 IS BEFORE YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: I WILL MOVE IT SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4 TO 0. WE WILL NOW RETURN TO ITEM 1 FOR THE BALLOT TABULATION RESULTS. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT A MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED INCREASE TO THE EXISTING ASSESSMENT RATE FOR LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT, DISTRICT 2, ZONE 55, CASTAIC NORTH BLUFF FOR FISCAL YEAR 25/26. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR A MOTION BY THE BOARD TO REFER THE ITEM BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: I WILL MOVE THAT TO REFER THIS BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: WE WILL NOW PROCEED WITH PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION BY SUPERVISORS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THE CONSENT ITEMS WILL BE ACTED UPON WITH ONE MOTION. FOR MEMBERS

OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1, THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. YOU MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WE WILL NOW CALL IN IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS. THIS WILL BE FOR ITEM 9 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. ALSO CLOSED SESSION ITEMS. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. DR. EZRULY MOHAMMED, STEVE HILL, JASON HARRIS, KATINA HOLLIDAY, DAVID WATSON, FELIX PENNINGTON, KYLIE FRASER, VANESSA CALDERON, TAICHI DUVERNA, ADRIANA GONZALEZ, TONYA SCHOFIELD, JACKIE BAKER, ELISAR HERNANDEZ, ALEXIS GUZMAN, ROSA ALCANTARA, SUE KIM, BEATRICE LEWIS, GLORIA LIMA, LI MING LIU, ROCHELLE LEWIS, AND CLAUDIA JEREZ. MODERATOR, CAN WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

SPEAKER: THESE ARE ITEMS 9 AND CS FOR I'M SORRY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT YOU CAN'T PROVIDE YOU CAN'T BUILD A HANDFUL OF CLOSED SESSIONS OR CONTINUED SO THAT'LL PACK UP THE NEXT MEETING BUT I WANT TO JUST REACH OUT BECAUSE THE COUNTY COUNSEL

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THESE ARE 9 AND CS4

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: I'M SORRY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

SPEAKER: KINDLY SENT ME SOMETHING I'VE ALREADY SEEN OF COURSE A LINK TO THE COVINGTON-BURLING REPORT, YOU KNOW COVER LETTER WHICH THEN HAS A BLACK PAGE SAYS CONCLUSION THERE'S NO TEXT WHAT I WOULD LIKE IS THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT WE PAID TO THAT PARTICULAR FIRM, COVINGTON BURLING, LLP. THIS IS AGAIN, THIS IS AN ORAL PRA. AND THE CONTRACT TERMS AND ANY CONFLICT WAIVERS OBVIOUSLY IN A COPY OF THE BOARD MOTION OR THE CEO THAT'S YOU, DAVENPORT WHEN YOU ORCHESTRATED OR ORDERED UP IT MAY HAVE BEEN ANYWAY THAT'S ALL IT'S NOT THAT BIG A DEAL WE JUST WANT TO KNOW THE LINE ITEM

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. AS A REMINDER, THESE ARE FOR ITEMS 9, CLOSED SESSION

4, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND BEGIN PLEASE.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS STEVE HILL. I'M A UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS VETERAN. I'M ALSO A RETIRED CORRECTIONAL PEACE OFFICER FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I WORK AT TWO DIFFERENT MAXIMUM-SECURITY PRISONS, ONE BEING CCI, CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AT TEHACHAPI, THE OTHER BEING CSP, LAC, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE ONLY STATE PRISON WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WAS ARRESTED ON MARCH 7, 2022, AT THE REQUEST OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I WAS ARRESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. FOR 3 1/2 YEARS, I HAD MY WEAPONS CONFISCATED AND MY HOME RAIDED AND I WAS TAKEN TO JAIL. FOR 3 1/2 YEARS, I HAVE HAD ZERO DUE PROCESS TO GET INTO A COURTROOM TO CLEAR MY NAME. THERE ARE MANY ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY THAT ARE AWARE OF THIS ARREST, APPROXIMATELY EIGHT OF THEM. SUPERVISOR HOLLY, I WOULD LIKE, MITCHELL, HONORABLE, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MEETING WITH YOU ASAP, THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM DR. KATINA HOLIDAY, CEO OF HOLIDAY'S HELPING HANDS. I'M A NURSE PRACTITIONER, A TEENAGE MOM, AND A WOMAN OF PURPOSE AND I'VE

DEDICATED MY LIFE TO LOVING PEOPLE BACK TO LIFE. SINCE 2018, HHH HAS SERVED OVER 3,000 INDIVIDUALS, PROVIDED OVER A MILLION MEALS, AND HELPED MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE FIND PERMANENT HOUSING. HHH IS NOT JUST AN ORGANIZATION, IT IS A LIFELINE. WE DO THIS WORK WITH LOVE. WE BELIEVE IN GIVING A HAND UP AND NOT A HANDOUT. YET TODAY I STAND HERE HEARTBROKEN BECAUSE ON JUNE 18TH WE WERE TOLD OUR THREE JCOD CONTRACTS WOULD BE CANCELED WITHOUT DUE PROCESS. FIRST WE WERE TOLD IT WAS BUDGET CUTS, THEN A STORY BUILT ON PROVEN ALLEGATIONS, NO CONVERSATION, NO CHANCE TO RESPOND, NO FAIRNESS. THIS DECISION WILL LEAVE 116 BEDS EMPTY AND OVER 50 STAFF WITHOUT BEDS. WHILE REAL PEOPLE LOSE HOPE AND STABILITY, I'M NOT ASKING FOR A FAVOR, I'M ASKING FOR FAIRNESS TO SPEND THE TERMINATION.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU NEXT SPEAKER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: WHERE ARE YOU LOCATED? WHERE ARE YOU LOCATED?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: YEAH, I THINK MY STAFF HAS BEEN TALKING WITH YOU,

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: OKAY, YEAH, OKAY PLEASE BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS KYLIE FRASER AND I HAVE

BEEN A RESIDENT OF HOLIDAY'S HELPING HANDS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF APRIL THIS YEAR. AND SINCE BECOMING A CLIENT AFTER EXPERIENCING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO GREATLY IMPROVE MY QUALITY OF LIFE THANKS TO HOLIDAY'S HELPING HANDS. WITH THE GRACIOUS SUPPORT OF STAFF AND THE PROGRAM MANAGER AT OUR SOUTH HARMONY LOCATION, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT AND CREATE A ROUTINE WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD I CURRENTLY RESIDE IN. IN FOUR MONTHS OF LIVING AT SOUTH HARMONY, STAFF HAS SEEN GREAT STRIDES IN MY MENTAL HEALTH AND MY ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN SOCIETY. JUST THE THOUGHT OF BEING TAKEN OUT OF THE LOCATION I'M ALREADY IN HAS CAUSED GREAT ANXIETY AND HAS BEEN AFFECTING MY MENTAL HEALTH ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS. IT WOULD SET ME BACK MONTHS IN TERMS OF FINDING NEW EMPLOYMENT AND TRYING TO NAVIGATE THE INS AND OUTS OF AN ENTIRE NEW CITY. I HOPE YOU TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS JASON HARRIS. I'M A CLIENT. ALSO, I WORK FOR HOLIDAY HELP IN HANDS SINCE SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR. I'VE BEEN EXPERIENCED HOMELESS FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS AND NEVER FELT STABLE A DAY IN MY LIFE. SO, THIS IS GOING TO AFFECT ME AND MY FAMILY MEMBERS BECAUSE HOLIDAY HELPING HANDS DID GIVE ME A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE. I WAS ABLE TO DISCHARGE

PROBATION. I WAS ABLE TO BEAT MY CASE. I WAS ABLE TO FIND EMPLOYMENT. I WAS ABLE TO GET EDUCATION SKILLS AND AS WELL AS GO BACK TO SCHOOL FOR NURSING. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS DAVID WATSON. HOLIDAY HELPING HANDS HAS A PURPOSE ON WHAT THEY DO, AND EVERY PERSON MATTERS WITH COMPASSION AND CARE. THEY HELP EVERY INDIVIDUAL FIND THEIR FOOTING AND DOING THE MOST CHALLENGING TIMES IN THEIR LIVES, WHETHER IT'S A WARM BED, HOT MEAL, OR JUST THE ONE TO LISTEN TO. THEY BELIEVE ALL SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS CAN LEAD TO BIG CHANGES BY SUPPORTING EVERY INDIVIDUAL. PLEASE FIND A SOLUTION TO KEEP THE LIGHTS ON, THE BEDS OPEN, AND PLEASE BELIEVE, KEEP THE LIGHTS ON, KEEP THE BEDS WARM, AND KEEP BELIEVING IN PEOPLE THAT'S WILLING TO CHANGE. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HI, MY NAME IS FELIX PENNINGTON AND I'M A RESIDENT OF HOLIDAY HELPING HANDS. I'VE BEEN THERE FOR ABOUT A YEAR. IT GAVE PUT A LOT OF STABILITY IN MY LIFE, KEPT ME AWAY FROM HOMELESS AND I'M JUST HERE TO ADVOCATE, KEEP IT OPEN. I AIN'T GOT A LOT TO SAY. IT'S ALL TO BE SAID. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS RACHEL LEWIS. I'M ADDRESSING CS4.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: IF YOU COULD PUT YOUR HANDS UP IF YOU SUPPORT THAT WOULD BE GREAT. THANK YOU. GET YOUR MOMENT BACK.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS RACHEL LEWIS AND I'M ADDRESSING CS4. I AM SEIU 2015 HOME CARE PROVIDERS AND I LIVE IN HILDA SOLIS'S DISTRICT. IT IS EXHAUSTING TO KEEP COMING HERE AND ASKING FOR WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN MONTHS AGO, A CONTRACT THAT WILL GIVE L.A. COUNTY CAREGIVERS LIVING WAGE. 80%, 87% OF IHSS WORKERS IN L.A. WORK MULTIPLE JOBS, TRYING TO MAKE ENDS MEET EACH MONTH. I AM PART OF THIS 80%, 87%, EXCUSE ME, INVESTING IN US AND IN THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT WE DO REDUCES THIS FIGURE. IF WE'RE EVER GOING TO FIX THINGS, WE NEED REAL INVESTMENT --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HI, MY NAME IS GLORIA AND I AM DRESSING CS4. I'M AN SEIOU 2015 HOME CARE PROVIDER AND I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL'S DISTRICT. LIKE MY COLLEAGUES BEFORE ME SAID, IT'S FRUSTRATING TO KEEP COMING HERE FOR MONTHS ON END AND GETTING

NOWHERE. WE FEEL, WE FEEL DISMISSED, IGNORED AND OVERLOOKED. THAT HAS TO CHANGE. WE DO NOT WANT TO WORK OUR CONTRACTS, BUT WE NEED TO ALL TO TAKE OUR ISSUES SERIOUSLY. IT ALSO MEANS AFFORDING US WAGE THAT REFLECTS THE HARD WORK WE PUT IN EVERY DAY. AND REMEMBER SOMETHING WE'RE WORTH --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HELLO, MY NAME IS ADRIANA GONZALEZ. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER OF SIX. I EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS IN 2020. IN 2023, I FOUND MY WAY TO HOLIDAY HELPING HANDS, WHICH THEY PROVIDED ME A TEMPORARY HOME FOR ME AND MY CHILDREN, GIVING EACH AND ONE OF US BED, THREE MEALS A DAY, AND A MORE STABLE, KEEP US SAFE, FEEL SAFETY IN THEIR HOME AND A WELCOMING HOME, BECAUSE I USED TO LIVE FROM HOTELS TO MOTELS. ALSO, ONCE I FINISHED MY PROGRAM, ALSO IT WAS ONLY LIKE A NINE MONTH PROGRAM, BUT I NEVER FELT LIKE I WAS GOING TO BE REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAM BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS GAVE ME EXTENSIONS AND MADE ME MORE CAPABLE OF FOCUSING ON MY PERMANENT HOME, WHICH I DID, AND THEY ALSO FURNISHED MY HOME, MY HOUSE THAT I HAVE NOW. THEY FURNISHED FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, AND IT WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR ME AND MY FAMILY, WHICH I APPRECIATE, THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HI, MY NAME IS VANESSA CALDRON, I'M HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR HHH. THEY BECAME MY SPIRIT FAMILY, THEY'RE NOT BLOOD FAMILY, BUT THEY'RE SPIRIT FAMILY. I APPRECIATE THE LOVE, THE COMPASSION, UNDERSTANDING AND THE CHANCE AFTER CHANCE AFTER CHANCE THAT THEY GAVE ME AND BELIEVED IN ME. I'VE MANAGED TO MAINTAIN MY SOBRIETY BEING IN THE PROGRAM. I'M A SINGLE MOM OF FIVE DAUGHTERS AND IT'D BE VERY DETRIMENTAL FOR US TO HAVE TO LEAVE THE SITE. I KNOW THAT IT'S NOT A FOREVER HOME BUT IT'S OUR TEMPORARY HOME AND IT'S TOOK A TOLL ON MY MENTAL HEALTH ALSO, A LOT OF ANXIETY, AND THEN JUST THOUGHTS OF RELAPSE, BUT I HAVE THE STAFF THAT WORKS AT HHH, THE PACIFIC SITE, AND THEY'VE HELPED ME OUT A LOT WITH JUST BEING THERE FOR ME WHEN I HAVE CRAVINGS AND HAVING SOMEBODY TO TALK TO AND JUST KNOWING THAT I HAVE SOMEBODY I COULD TURN TO THAT HAS MY BACK REGARDLESS OF WHATEVER. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HI, MY NAME IS TASHA DUVERNAY. I'M AN EMPLOYEE WITH HHH, I'M ANS, ADVANCED NURSERY SERVICES. I ALSO AM A MOTHER OF SIX AND ALSO HAVE UTILIZED THIS COMPANY TO BE A MOTHER TODAY, BE AN ACTIVE MOM TODAY. EVERYTHING THAT HHH HAS DONE FOR ME OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, I'M AN EMPLOYEE FOR FOUR YEARS, HAS GREATLY IMPROVED MY QUALITY OF LIFE OF MY CHILD'S TOO. I HAVE AN ADULT SON WHO HAS BEEN SAVED FROM THE SYSTEM AS WELL AS MY

OTHER LITTLE KIDS. MY 17-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER IS WORKING TOWARDS BEING A NURSE HERSELF TODAY JUST BECAUSE OF EVERYTHING THAT HHH HAS PROVIDED WITH US. MS. KATINA HOLLIDAY, HER HEART IS HUGE. AND THIS IMPACT THAT IT'S GOING TO HAVE ON A LOT OF THESE CLIENTS BASED ON WHATEVER THEY'RE BASING IT ON, IT'S JUST NOT RIGHT, YOU KNOW? IT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE, IT'S A LOT OF CHILDREN THAT'S GOING TO BE AFFECTED, AND TODAY IN OUR SOCIETY WITH COVID AND THE IMPACT IT'S HAD ON US, LIKE, HHH HAS DONE WONDERS. AND EVERYTHING THAT SHE DOES, SHE DOES FROM THE KINDNESS OF HER HEART. SHE'S NOT, SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO, IT'S DONE GOD'S GRACE. SHE DOES IT, DOES IT CAUSE SHE CAN.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS BEATRICE LEWIS AND I'M ADDRESSING CS4. I'M A SEIU 2015 HOME CARE PROVIDER AND I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL'S DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IN THE PAST, YOU'VE SPOKEN ABOUT HOW MUCH YOU VALUE US. WE APPRECIATE THAT AND NOW ASK THE BOARD TO TAKE THE COLLECTIVE ACTION NEEDED TO MOVE US FORWARD. L.A. COUNTY CAREGIVERS ARE IN A CRISIS AND WE HAVE BEEN FOR YEARS. EVEN WORSE, WE'VE BEEN WORKING THE LAST SEVEN MONTHS WITHOUT A CONTRACT. 69% OF IHS PROVIDERS IN L.A. COUNTY REPORTED HAVING DIFFICULT PAYING THEIR MORTGAGE OR RENT EACH MONTH. I AM PART OF THE 87%. I AM ALSO PART OF THAT 69%. THESE GRIM STATISTICS SHOULD BE SPURRING ALL OF YOU TO ACTION, BUT

WE KEEP GETTING THE EXACT OPPOSITE RESPONSE, CONSTANT IN ACTION. HERE'S THE THING, INVESTING IN US WILL BRING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE. HI, MY NAME IS ROSA ALCANTARA. I'M ADDRESSING CS4. I'M A CIU HOME CARE PROVIDER AND I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR LINDSEY HORVATH DISTRICT. WHAT IS GOING ON TO TAKE FOR US TO AGREE TO CONTRACT THE VALUES OF CARE? WHY ARE WE CONSTANTLY BEING FACED WITH EXCUSE AFTER EXCUSE IN A TIME WHEN NOW MORE THAN EVER THOSE IN POWER NEED TO BE WORKING HAND IN HAND WITH WORKERS LIKE US FINDING SOLUTIONS THAT VALUE OUR WORK AND PROTECT CARE. HOW DO WE GET TO YOU TO SEE US? HOW DO WE GET TO YOU TO SEE OUR VALUE? IF YOU WANT NUMBERS THEN HERE THEY ARE. FOR EVERY DOLLAR IN WAGES THE COUNTY ONLY CONTRIBUTES $.17. INVESTING IN HOME CARE NOT ONLY BENEFITS CAREGIVERS, BUT ALSO THE LIVES OF SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHILE STRAINING OUR COUNTY. WE NEED ALL OF YOU TO STEP UP AND SHOW US NOT TO TELL US HOW MUCH YOU VALUE THAT CONTRIBUTION --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: [SPEAKING IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

INTERPRETER: HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS LI-MING LIU. I'M A

HOME CARE PROVIDER AND A PROUD MEMBER OF SEIU 2015. I LIVE IN THE DISTRICT, REPRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS. AS A HOME CARE PROVIDER WITH SEIU 2015, WE'RE TIRED OF BEING IGNORED BY THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WEEK AFTER WEEK, WE'RE FRUSTRATED THAT OUR CALLS FOR HELP HAVE GONE UNANSWERED TIME AND TIME AGAIN. WE ALWAYS COME HERE IN GOOD FAITH, WITH RESPECT AND SINCERITY, TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU, AND WE ASK THAT YOU SHOW US THE SAME RESPECT AND SINCERITY BY WORKING WITH US REACH A STRONG, MEANINGFUL CONTRACT. DO YOU KNOW THAT INVESTING IN HOME CARE BRINGS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO LOCAL ECONOMY, CREATES JOBS AND SAVES TAXPAYER MONEY, AND FOR THE COUNTY IT REQUIRES ONLY A MODEST INVESTMENT? THE ONLY REAL SOLUTION TO THE CURRENT CAREGIVER SHORTAGE IS A CONTRACT THAT PROVIDES FAIR WAGES AND QUALITY HEALTH CARE BENEFITS. PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING. STOP IGNORING US. SHOW THROUGH YOUR ACTION, NOT JUST WORDS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND EVERYONE. MY NAME IS TANYA ELENA SCHOFIELD AND I AM AN SEIU 2015 HOME CARE PROVIDER. I RAN FOR MAYOR AND GOVERNING SCHOOL BOARD IN THE CITY OF PALMDALE IN 2020 AND 2022. I HAD A 93-YEAR-OLD CAUCASIAN WOMAN, MY NEIGHBOR, COME TO ME WITH MULTIPLE COLLEGE DEGREES THAT I'VE EARNED IN THIS

NATION TO TRUST ME TO BE HER CARE PROVIDER AND I AGREE. SUPERVISOR BARGER I LIVE UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION RESIDE IN YOUR DISTRICT. I'M ASKING YOU TO LISTEN TO THE WORDS I'M SAYING SO THEY CAN RESONATE, OKAY? AS A CONSTITUENT, OKAY? WE ARE TIRED, HUH? OF JUST TRYING TO GET YOUR ATTENTION FOR YOU GUYS TO GIVE US A CONTRACT. IF YOU VALUE US AS CONSTITUENTS, GIVE US A CONTRACT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HELLO EVERYONE, MY NAME IS MS. JACKIE BAKER AND I AM A SEIU PROVIDER. I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER DISTRICT. IT IS INCREDIBLY SAD AND DISAPPOINTING THAT WE KEEP PLEADING. MOST OF US CAN BARELY MAKE ENDS MEET AND WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES SUFFERING. WE WANT YOU TO SEE US AND SEE IN OUR PAIN, SEE IN OUR HARDSHIP, BEING WILLING TO ADDRESS THOSE THINGS, THAT REAL SOLUTION, THE BEST SOLUTION RIGHT NOW FOR US. WE NEED A CONTRACT. OFFER US A STRONG CONTRACT WITH LIVABLE WAGE AND ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE. THAT IS A SOLUTION THAT ALL OF YOU HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE. IT IS VALUABLE, LIKE YOU SAY YOU DO. SHOW US, INVEST IN US, AND INVEST IN CARE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HI, MY NAME IS ALEXIS GUZMAN. I AM AN SEIU 2015 HOME

CARE PROVIDER AND I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN'S DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR HAHN, WE ARE IN A BUILDING THAT IS NAMED AFTER YOUR FATHER, HONORING HIS LEGACY. YOU COME FROM A LONG LINE OF PUBLIC SERVANTS, AND WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP. WE KNOW TIMES ARE TOUGH. BELIEVE ME, WE KNOW TIMES ARE TOUGH. AND IN DIFFICULT TIMES, WE NEED LEADERSHIP THAT WILL STAND UP FOR WHAT'S RIGHT. AS OF TODAY, L.A. COUNTY'S 240,000 IHSS WORKERS HAVE BEEN WORKING WITHOUT A NEW CONTRACT SINCE JANUARY 1ST. THINK ABOUT THIS FOR A SECOND. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY ARE WORKING WITHOUT A CONTRACT THAT HONORS THE WORK THEY DO. HOW IS THIS OKAY WITH ANY OF YOU? WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR A HANDOUT. IN FACT, FOR EVERY ONE DOLLAR IN WAGE, THE COUNTY ONLY CONTRIBUTES ABOUT $.17. ANYONE WILL TELL YOU THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD DEAL, BUT WE NEED THE BOARD TO LEAD. HELP US GET THE CONTRACT WE NEED SO WE CAN GIVE L.A. COUNTY THE CARE THAT IT NEEDS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: [SPEAKING IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

INTERPRETER: HI, MY NAME IS SOO KIM. I AM AN SCIU 2015 HOME CARE PROVIDER, AND I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR LINDSAY HORVATH DISTRICT. THIS IS IN REGARDS TO CS4. WE RECOGNIZE THE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES THE COUNTY IS FACING, BUT THOSE

CHALLENGES CANNOT BE BALANCED ON THE BACKS OF CAREGIVERS. INVESTING IN THE COUNTY'S HOME CARE PROGRAM NOT ONLY BRINGS IN MONEY THAT HELPS CREATE MORE JOBS, BUT IT WOULD ALSO HELP STIMULATE L.A.'S ECONOMY, WHICH IS DESPERATELY NEEDED IN LIGHT OF THE DEVASTATING FIRES AND ICE RAIDS AFFECTING SO MANY SMALL BUSINESSES. INVESTING IN HOME CARE NOT ONLY BENEFITS CAREGIVERS, BUT ALSO THE LIVES OF NEARLY 290,000 SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. SO PLEASE STEP UP AND SHOW US HOW MUCH YOU VALUE THE CONTRIBUTIONS CAREGIVERS MAKE TOWARD THE COUNTY YOU OVERSEE. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HI, MY NAME IS ALIEZA HERNANDEZ. I'M AN SEIU 2015 HOME CARE PROVIDER AND I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER'S DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR BARGER, I'M GOING TO ASK THAT YOU PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO MY WORDS AS I ADDRESS THE BOARD THIS MORNING. A CARE CRISIS IS COMING WHERE L.A. COUNTY GAINS ABOUT 10,000 NEW IHSS CONSUMERS EACH YEAR. UNLESS CARE JOBS BECOME BETTER JOBS, CARE PROVIDERS WILL CONTINUE TO LEAVE THIS PROFESSION. INVESTING IN CARE WOULD CREATE MORE JOBS AND HELP FIX THIS. WE CAN'T KEEP COMING HERE MONTH AFTER MONTH AND MAKE NO PROGRESS. THIS IS A WASTE OF EVERYONE'S TIME. WE NEED YOU AS OUR ELECTED SUPERVISORS TO FINALLY SEE US. SOMETHING HAS TO CHANGE. YOU NEED TO START TAKING US SERIOUSLY. WORDS MATTER. WORDS ARE

IMPORTANT, BUT ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER. INSTEAD OF TELLING US HOW MUCH YOU SEE US, SHOW US.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DR. ISRA'ATULLAH MOHAMMED. I'M A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST CURRENTLY ON INVOLUNTARY MEDICAL LEAVE IN THE COUNTY. THIS APRIL, I FORMALLY INTRODUCED THE BUREAU OF CARE TO CUSTODY CEMETERY PIPELINE, A DIAGNOSTIC FRAMEWORK SUBMITTED PUBLICLY UNDER COPYRIGHT AND DESIGNED FOR EQUITY AND CROSS-AGENCY ACCOUNTABILITY. SINCE THEN, THE COUNTY INITIATIVES, INCLUDING OVER $50,000,000 IN INFRASTRUCTURE REFORM, HAVE ADOPTED TOOLS DIRECTLY MIRRORING THESE FRAMEWORKS I AUTHORED. THESE EMISSIONS ARE NOT BENIGN. THEY CONSTITUTE ETHICAL, PROCEDURAL, AND DISABILITY JUSTICE VIOLATIONS, PARTICULARLY WHEN THOSE SAME FRAMEWORKS ARE BEING USED BY THIS DIRECT BOARD-LEVEL DECISION-MAKING, CATALYTIC FUNDING REQUESTS AND SYSTEM-WIDE REFORM. LET US NOT MISTAKE APPROPRIATION FOR TRANSFORMATION. LET US NOT REBUILD BROKEN SYSTEMS USING TOOLS EXTRACTED FROM THOSE STILL SIDELINED. PUBLIC TRUST REQUIRED --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. PLEASE BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. I BELIEVE I HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THREE MINUTES, RIGHT? THEY TOLD ME THREE MINUTES. ALL RIGHT, THREE MINUTES. HELLO, MY NAME IS CLAUDIA JEREZ. YEAH, THERE IT IS. MY NAME IS CLAUDIA JEREZ.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: PLEASE TELL US WHAT ITEMS YOU'RE SPEAKING ON.

SPEAKER: I'M SPEAKING ON 9, 4, AND I BELIEVE CS4.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: GO AHEAD, PLEASE BEGIN.

SPEAKER: OKAY, CLAUDIA HERRERA, CENTRAL WOMEN'S CENTER. THE DESTRUCTION OF AN ENTIRE HOME IS A SERIOUS SITUATION FOR ALL THE IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. THESE HOT FIRES HAVE DECIMATED. I BELIEVE A CONTINUOUS ACTION OF EMERGENCY COORDINATION MUST BE IN PLACE AND IT'S A GOOD IDEA. THE COMMUNITY IS WITH YOU. NUMBER 4, A WATER PIPELINE IS DEFINITELY OPPOSED. THE COMMUNITY OPPOSES IT. I OPPOSE IT AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE COMMUNITY MUST BE DISCUSSED, BUT A PIPELINE OF WATER IS DEFINITELY OPPOSED. IN TERMS OF THE CS4, I CAN SAY THAT I BELIEVE THAT'S WHERE THE COMMUNITY COMES IN. AND I BELIEVE THE NEGOTIATORS THERE, WHICH IS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY HERE OF THE SEIU AND ALL THE COMMUNITY, THEY ARE PART OF THE LABOR COMMUNITY AND THEY ARE PART OF THE COMMUNITY. AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT THESE FIRES,

THESE HOT FIRES THAT ARE GOING ON ARE VERY SERIOUS, SERIOUS SITUATION. THERE ARE THE INTENT, I BELIEVE, IS TO DECIMATE THE HOMES AND EVERYTHING. I MEAN I DON'T KNOW, THE ARSON PERSON THAT'S DOING IT MORE THAN LIKELY IS ILL, MENTALLY ILL, YOU KNOW TO SET A FIRE AND DESTROY YOUR HOME AND DESTROY YOUR KITCHEN AND YOUR BED AND YOUR LIVING QUARTERS AND THE PLACE WHERE YOU GATHER WITH YOUR FAMILY. AND SO, IT TAKES ALL THAT PROCESS RIGHT THERE. SO, YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT THOSE FIRES, THOSE HOT FIRES, WE NEED TO HAVE A SERIOUS COORDINATION, SERIOUS COORDINATION, AND WE NEED TO TACKLE THEM QUICKLY WHEN THEY OCCUR, WHEN THEY POP UP, AND FIND OUT WHERE THEY ARE, WHERE ARE THEY SET UP, AND HOW IS IT SET UP, AND EVERYTHING. IT'S A VERY SERIOUS SITUATION FOR ALL OF US. I THINK THAT THE COMMUNITY IS WITH ME AND I BELIEVE THEY ARE. SO THAT'S MY --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ITEM 9 IS BEFORE YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. IS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: I'M NOW GOING TO READ THREE ADJOURNMENTS FOR THIS BOARD MEETING. FIRST, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF DETECTIVE WILLIAM OSBORNE, WHO GRADUATED FROM THE DEPUTY SHERIFF ACADEMY CLASS 278 IN FEBRUARY OF 1992 BEFORE BEING ASSIGNED TO MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. HE THEN TRANSFERRED TO PICO RIVERA STATION IN 1998 AS A

PATROL DEPUTY. HE TRANSFERRED TO THE INDUSTRY STATION IN 2001 AND WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF DETECTIVE WHERE HE RECEIVED COMMENDATIONS FOR HIS WORK RECOVERING STOLEN VEHICLES. AFTER WORKING AS A DETECTIVE FOR OVER A DECADE, HANDLING OVER 100 CASES EACH YEAR, DETECTIVE OSBORNE TRANSFERRED TO TRAINING BUREAU AS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS CENTER INSTRUCTOR IN 2016. HIS LOVE FOR INVESTIGATIONS DREW HIM BACK TO DETECTIVES. DETECTIVE OSBORNE LATER JOINED SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU AS AN ARSON AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATOR IN 2019. AS AN ARSON INVESTIGATOR, HE HANDLED CASES INVOLVING HIGH DOLLAR LOSS FIRES IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, AS WELL AS FIRES INVOLVING THE LOSS OF LIFE. HE WAS A PEER LEADER AND TOOK ON THE ROLE OF MENTORING NEWLY ASSIGNED INVESTIGATORS. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS ONE OF THE TENURED BOMB TECHNICIANS REGULARLY RELIED UPON WHEN FACED WITH A NEW CHALLENGE. HE HAD A BROAD RANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND COULD BE RELIED UPON TO PROVIDE RELEVANT INSIGHT ON A BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECTS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DETECTIVE SHANNON RINCON, FOUR SONS AND TWO DAUGHTERS. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DETECTIVE VICTOR LEMUS, WHO JOINED THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON JULY 1, 2003, AS A SECURITY ASSISTANT. HE COMPLETED THE DEPUTY SHERIFF ACADEMY AS PART OF A CLASS OF 339 IN 2003 BEFORE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WHERE HE RAN ON THE BAKER TO VEGAS RUNNING TEAM. FOLLOWING THAT, HE TRANSFERRED TO CENTURY STATION WHERE HE WORKED AS A SENIOR TRAINING OFFICER AND

DETECTIVE. AT CENTURY STATION, HE CONTINUED RUNNING ON BAKER TO VEGAS TEAMS AS AN ANCHOR FOR SOME OF THE MOST DIFFICULT LEGS OF THE RELAY RACE. HE TRANSFERRED TO THE SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU IN 2017 WHERE HE WAS ASSIGNED AS A CANINE HANDLER PRIOR TO BECOMING AN ARSON AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATOR LAST YEAR. HE RECEIVED COMMENDATIONS FOR HIS ABILITY TO MENTOR AND TRAIN FELLOW DEPUTIES, AS WELL AS NOTABLE ARRESTS INVOLVING CAREER CRIMINALS. DETECTIVE LEMUS IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DETECTIVE NANCY LEMUS, THEIR THREE DAUGHTERS, AND THREE SISTERS WHO ARE ALSO ON THE DEPARTMENT. SERGEANT BAILEY LEMUS AT SPECIAL VICTIMS' BUREAU, DEPUTY PERLA LEMUS AT CENTURY SHERIFF STATION, AND CUSTODY ASSISTANT WENDY LEMUS OF POPULATION AND MANAGEMENT BUREAU, AND BY HIS BROTHERS ALFREDO, PEDRO, JUAN, AND EFREN, AND BROTHER-IN-LAW SERGEANT ROBERT CARLAN, WHO IS ASSIGNED TO THE CARSON STATION.

AND LAST, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DETECTIVE JOSHUA KELLEY-EKLUND, WHO JOINED LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN MARCH 2006 UNDER ACADEMY CLASS 348. HE WAS LATER ASSIGNED TO THE PITCHES DETENTION CENTER NORTH AND NORTH COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. DETECTIVE KELLEY-EKLUND LATER TRANSFERRED TO LENOX SHERIFF STATION IN 2010 AND BECAME A FIELD TRAINING OFFICER AT SOUTH LOS ANGELES STATION, MENTORING SEVERAL NEW DEPUTIES AS TRAINEES. HE WAS KNOWN AS AN OUTSTANDING FIELD TRAINING OFFICER WHO WAS PROFESSIONAL AND ARTICULATE. DETECTIVE KELLY-EKLUND LATER PROMOTED TO THE RANK

OF DETECTIVE AT NARCOTICS BUREAU IN 2016 WHERE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE L.A. IMPACT TEAM INVESTIGATING COMPLEX CRIMES, SEIZING LARGE QUANTITIES OF NARCOTICS, AND ASSISTING IN THE ARREST OF MURDER SUSPECTS. IN 2022, HE BECAME AN ARSON AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATOR WITH THE SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU AND RECEIVED HIS BOMB TECH CERTIFICATIONS AS WELL AS OTHER TRAINING ACCOLADES. DETECTIVE KELLEY-EKLUND IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE, JESSICA EKLUND AND THEIR SEVEN CHILDREN. I KNOW FOR OUR TEAM WORKING IN HERE WEARING THE UNIFORM THAT YOU KNEW THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO ACTUALLY HELPED OUT HERE EACH AND EVERY DAY SO MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOU BECAUSE I KNOW IT IS YOUR FAMILY AND THIS ADJOURNMENT IS REALLY TO CELEBRATE HEROES WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE AND YOU ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE. SO, WITH THAT, WE ARE GOING TO ADJOURN THE MEMORY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS: MADAM CHAIR, BEFORE WE ADJOURN, I DO WANT TO SAY SOMETHING. LAST FRIDAY, THIS TRAGIC EVENT TOOK PLACE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. CITY TERRACE AT THE BC TRAINING ACADEMY AT 7:30 IN THE MORNING ON A FRIDAY. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE HANDLING OBVIOUSLY VERY EXTREMELY EXPLOSIVE ITEMS AND THEY LOST THEIR LIVES. THAT MORNING I WAS ON MY WAY TO ELAAC TO GO TO AN EVENT BUT VEERED UP TO THE ACADEMY AND SAW MANY OF OUR SHERIFFS AS WELL AS OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ISD PERSONNEL AND OTHERS, OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES THERE TRYING TO SECURE THE AREA

BECAUSE IT WAS NOT SECURE AT THE TIME. SO, I'M JUST WANTING TO REASSURE THAT, YOU KNOW, FOR ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED, WE DIDN'T LOSE MORE LIVES, THAT THOSE EXPLOSIVES, I HOPE, ARE NOW BEING, WHATEVER'S REMAINING IS BEING ADDRESSED. AND THERE WILL BE, I HOPE, A VERY THOROUGH INVESTIGATION BECAUSE THE LOSS OF LIFE IS TREMENDOUS. TO HAVE A HIGHLY TRAINED ARSON BOMB UNIT WIPED OUT IN ONE DAY IS HEAVY. AND I KNOW THAT SHERIFF LUNA EXPRESSED THAT AND MANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES. AND I WANT TO ALSO SAY THAT COLLECTIVELY BETWEEN THEM, I BELIEVE THEY HAD ABOUT 16 CHILDREN. SO, WE'VE GOT TO THINK ABOUT THE FAMILIES AND I BELIEVE THE SHERIFF HAS POSTED ALONG WITH OUR SHERIFF DEPARTMENT A GOFUNDME THAT HAS BEEN SET UP BY THEIR COLLEAGUES. AND WE MUST THINK ABOUT THE FAMILIES RIGHT NOW AND ALSO PAY RESPECTS TO THESE INDIVIDUALS. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT OUR HEART IS HEAVY, BUT OUR COMMUNITY IN EAST LOS ANGELES THAT LIVES DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THE FACILITY ARE ALSO VERY MUCH IN SUPPORT AND WARNING OF THE FAMILIES AND THEY WANT TO ALSO EXPRESS THEIR CONDOLENCES AND ALL OF US DO BECAUSE IT IS IT IS A TIGHT-KNIT GROUP. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT I SAW ON CAMPUS THERE ALL EXPRESSED KNOWING THEM. SO, THEY WERE VERY POPULAR, THEY'VE BEEN AROUND FOR MANY YEARS AND IT IS A TREMENDOUS LOSS FOR OUR COUNTY. SO, I WANT TO JUST EXPRESS MY CONDOLENCES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE ALL

MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THE BOARD WILL NOW BE GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS FOR CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, FESIA DAVENPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. GO TO BEADAHOLIQUE.COM FOR ALL OF YOUR BEADING SUPPLIES NEEDS!

[CLOSED SESSION]

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: WE'RE BACK IN SESSION. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON JULY 22, 2025. ITEM NUMBER CS4, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, FESIA DAVENPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF, NO REPORT OF ACTION WAS TAKEN, THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT, WE ARE ADJOURNED UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY'S BOARD MEETING AT 9:30. BE SAFE.

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 31st day of July 2025, for the County records to be used only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as on file of the office of the reporter.

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