



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 2025

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND START THE BOARD MEETING. ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO START WITH GOOD MORNING. WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR PUBLIC MEETING, PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 2025. WE TAKE NOTE THAT A QUORUM OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE'LL BEGIN TODAY'S BOARD MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR [VIDEO RECORDING]: THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND ORIGINALLY AND STILL INHABITED AND CARED FOR BY THE TONGVA, TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH, AND CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS AND DESCENDANTS, PAST, PRESENT, AND EMERGING AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION RESULTED IN LAND SEIZURE, DISEASE, SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY, RELOCATION, BROKEN PROMISES, GENOCIDE, AND 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



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

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13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THE INVOCATION TODAY WILL BE LED
14 BY JAIME, CANON JAIME EDWARDS ACTON, ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL
15 CHURCH IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF
16 ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED BY TOYE MYERS, TOYE MYERS,
17 FORMER E371L, UNITED STATES ARMY FROM THE 2ND DISTRICT. IF YOU
18 ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

19
20 **REVEREND CANON JAIME EDWARDS-ACTON:** LET US TAKE A MOMENT TO
21 CENTER OURSELVES. [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]. LET US BREATHE DEEPLY
22 AND REMEMBER WHY WE ARE HERE. ON THIS DAY WHEN MANY HONOR ST.
23 JUDE, A PATRON OF LOST CAUSES AND DESPERATE SITUATIONS, WE
24 LIFT UP ALL IN OUR COUNTY WHO FEEL FORGOTTEN, TRAPPED, OR
25 WITHOUT HOPE. THOSE FOR WHOM SYSTEMS HAVE FAILED, THOSE



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1 WAITING FOR HEALING, HOUSING, THOSE WAITING FOR JUSTICE THAT
2 NEVER SEEMS TO COME. SPIRIT OF WISDOM, JUSTICE, AND
3 COMPASSION, WE GATHER THIS MORNING MINDFUL OF THE SACRED TRUST
4 PLACED IN THE HANDS OF THESE SUPERVISORS, WHOSE DECISIONS
5 RIPPLE OUTWARD TO TOUCH THE LIVES OF MILLIONS. IN EVERY
6 NEIGHBORHOOD, BARRIO, ON EVERY STREET, ACROSS THIS VAST AND
7 VIBRANT COUNTY. GRANT THEM CLARITY OF VISION AND STEADINESS IN
8 HEART. GIVE THEM THE COURAGE TO ACT BOLDLY FOR WHAT IS RIGHT,
9 THE HUMILITY TO LISTEN DEEPLY, AND THE COMPASSION TO INCLUDE
10 THOSE WHOSE VOICES ARE TOO OFTEN UNHEARD. MAY THE WORK DONE IN
11 THIS ROOM BRING MORE JUSTICE WHERE THERE IS INEQUITY, MORE
12 FAIRNESS WHERE THERE IS EXCLUSION, MORE HEALING WHERE THERE IS
13 HURT, AND MORE OPPORTUNITY WHERE HOPE HAS BEEN SCARCE. REMIND
14 US ALL THAT THE MEASURE OF GOOD GOVERNANCE IS FOUND NOT IN
15 PROFIT OR PRESTIGE, BUT IN THE WELL-BEING OF THE MOST
16 VULNERABLE AMONG US, THE POOR, THE UNHOUSED, THE SICK, LOS
17 INMIGRANTES, THE CHILD, THE ELDER. MAY THIS BOARD'S
18 DELIBERATIONS TODAY REFLECT NOT ONLY WISDOM OF MIND, BUT
19 GENEROSITY OF SPIRITS SO THAT THE POLICIES SHAPED HERE BUILD
20 COMMUNITIES OF SAFETY, DIGNITY, AND BELONGING FOR EVERY
21 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AMEN.

22
23 **TOYE MYERS:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE PLACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR
24 RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU'RE A VETERAN, YOU MAY HAND
25 SALUTE AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. I PLEDGE



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1 ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO
2 THE REPUBLIC OF WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
3 INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

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5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING. BUENOS DIAS
8 TO EVERYONE. AND HOW ABOUT THOSE DODGERS? I'M EXCITED TO
9 INTRODUCE TO YOU FATHER CANON JAMIE EDWARDS ACTON FOR LEADING
10 US TODAY IN THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION AND FOR GROUNDING
11 TODAY'S MEETING WITH SUCH MEANINGFUL AND COMPASSIONATE WORDS.
12 FATHER JAMIE AND HIS FAMILY HAVE BEEN PROUD RESIDENTS OF EAGLE
13 ROCK FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. DURING THAT TIME, HE HAS SHOWN
14 EXTRAORDINARY DEDICATION TO FAITH, SERVICE, AND JUSTICE.
15 FATHER JAMIE SERVES AS PRIEST IN CHARGE AT THE ST. BARNABAS
16 CHURCH IN EAGLE ROCK WHERE HIS MINISTRY CONTINUES TO UNITE
17 PEOPLE THROUGH COMPASSION AND PURPOSE. HE ALSO SERVES AS A
18 PASTOR AT ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN HOLLYWOOD, A
19 VIBRANT, INCLUSIVE, AND BILINGUAL ENGLISH SPANISH CONGREGATION
20 THAT HE HAS HELPED NURTURE INTO A WELCOMING AND DYNAMIC
21 COMMUNITY IN THE HEART OF LOS ANGELES. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP,
22 BOTH CHURCHES HAVE BECOME A PLACE WHERE ALL ARE INVITED TO
23 BELONG, REFLECTING THE DIVERSITY AND HUMANITY OF OUR GREAT
24 COUNTY. FATHER JAMIE IS ALSO A LEADER IN THE L.A. SACRED
25 RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, WHICH SUPPORTS IMMIGRANTS, REFUGEES, AND



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1 VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES THROUGH ADVOCACY, SANCTUARY, AND DIRECT
2 ACTION. THROUGH HIS WORK, FATHER JAMIE HAS HELPED MOBILIZE
3 FAITH LEADERS IN CONGREGATIONS ACROSS LOS ANGELES TO STAND IN
4 SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE SEEKING SAFETY, DIGNITY, JUSTICE, AND
5 HOPE. FATHER JAMIE, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY
6 AND NOW I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT YOU AN APPRECIATION
7 CERTIFICATE ON BEHALF OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
8 OF SUPERVISORS AND THE 10,000,000 PEOPLE THAT WE COLLECTIVELY
9 REPRESENT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

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13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING LOS ANGELES. IT'S MY
14 HONOR TODAY TO INTRODUCE TODAY'S PLEDGE VETERAN, MRS. TOYA
15 MYERS. MRS. MYERS SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1984
16 TO 1990, ATTENDING THE RANK OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS. SHE IS A
17 PROUD MEMBER OF OUR COUNTY FAMILY, CURRENTLY SERVING AS A
18 SUPERVISING TYPIST CLERK WITH THE REGISTRAR RECORDER COUNTY
19 CLERK'S OFFICE IN NORWALK. ABSOLUTELY EVERY DAY. SHE CONTINUES
20 TO DO THAT, RIGHT? A RESIDENT OF COMPTON FOR OVER 50 YEARS,
21 MRS. MYERS HAS BUILT A LIFE DEEPLY ROOTED IN SERVICE, FAMILY,
22 AND COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION TO HER PROFESSIONAL
23 ACCOMPLISHMENTS, MRS. MYERS PURSUED A HIGHER EDUCATION AT CAL
24 STATE UNIVERSITY DOMINGUEZ HILLS. GO TOROS, ALL RIGHT. SHE'S
25 MARRIED TO ANTHONY, AND TOGETHER THEY ARE THE PROUD PARENTS OF



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1 TWO ADULT CHILDREN, ANTOINETTE AND ANTHONY JR. THEY ARE ALSO
2 BLESSED WITH TWO GRANDDAUGHTERS WITH WHOM MRS. MYERS LOVES
3 SPENDING HER FREE TIME. SHE ALSO ENJOYS ARTS AND CRAFTS AS
4 WELL AS GARDENING. PLEASE JOIN ME IN EXPRESSING OUR SINCERE
5 GRATITUDE TO MRS. MYERS FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR
6 COUNTRY AND OUR COUNTY, HER ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY
7 OF COMPTON, OUR COMMUNITIES, AND FOR LEADING US IN TODAY'S
8 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PLEASE GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. I
9 APPRECIATE YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ARE NOW GOING TO
12 HAVE THE SCORE PRESENTATIONS AND WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN WITH
13 THE WONDERFUL SUPERVISOR FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR
14 JANICE HAHN.

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16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** GOOD MORNING LOS ANGELES. GO DODGERS. HOW
17 MANY OF YOU STAYED UP TO THE END OF THE GAME LAST NIGHT? LOOK
18 AT THAT. WOW. IT'S IMPRESSIVE. OKAY, GOOD MORNING, AND IT IS
19 MY HONOR TODAY TO CELEBRATE THE REMARKABLE CAREER OF TWO LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS, THE FIRST ONE BEING CAPTAIN
21 SHEILA KELLIHER BERKOH. IN HER 25+ YEAR CAREER WITH OUR FIRE
22 DEPARTMENT, CAPTAIN KELLIHER HAS SERVED WITH DEDICATION,
23 EXCELLENCE, AND COURAGE. SHE WAS FIRST HIRED IN 2000 AND AT
24 THE TIME SHE WAS ONLY THE 15TH FEMALE FIREFIGHTER HIRED BY OUR
25 L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. THAT'S AMAZING. THAT'S WHERE THE



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1 COURAGE COMES IN. HER MANY IMPACTFUL CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE
2 REMEMBERED FOR YEARS TO COME. HAVING BEEN ASSIGNED TO FIRE
3 STATIONS FROM GARDENA TO WEST HOLLYWOOD AND CALABASAS, CAPTAIN
4 KELLIHER IS BEST KNOWN LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY FOR HER
5 CONTRIBUTIONS AS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FIRST FEMALE PUBLIC
6 INFORMATION OFFICER. AND THIS ROLE MEANT THAT SHE WAS ON
7 CAMERA TALKING TO REPORTERS AND SHOWING YOUNG GIRLS ACROSS THE
8 COUNTY THE IMAGE OF A WOMAN IN THE ROLE OF A FIREFIGHTER.
9 LEADERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP COLLEAGUES AND MEMBER OF THE MEDIA
10 PRAISED CAPTAIN KELLIHER IN HER CAPACITY AS THE VOICE OF THE
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. IT DID NOT MATTER THE DAY
12 OR TIME SHE DELIVERED ON BRINGING US THE LATEST NEWS AND
13 UPDATES ON MAJOR INCIDENTS IMPACTING L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS AND
14 COMMUNITIES ALWAYS CALM AND COOL UNDER PRESSURE. I FIRST MET
15 YOU BACK IN 2022 AFTER THAT HORRIFIC INCIDENT WHEN THE SUV
16 SLAMMED INTO A GROUP OF OUR L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
17 RECRUITS WHO WERE JOGGING EARLY IN THE MORNING IN SOUTH
18 WHITTIER. I SAW FIRSTHAND YOUR STEADINESS AND PROFESSIONALISM
19 DURING SUCH A DIRE PRESS CONFERENCE AND THAT TRAGIC AND
20 CHAOTIC MORNING. AND I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
21 ACKNOWLEDGE CAPTAIN KELLIHER'S LEADERSHIP AS A FOUNDING MEMBER
22 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE. THANK YOU FOR
23 THAT. THROUGHOUT HER CAREER, SHE'S ALWAYS MENTORED OTHERS TO
24 PURSUE LIFELONG CAREERS IN THE FIRE SERVICE, INSPIRING WOMEN
25 TO JOIN THE RANKS ALONG WITH CHAMPIONING AND LEADING THE



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1 WOMEN'S FIRE PREP ACADEMY AND GIRLS FIRE CAMP PROGRAMS. I HEAR
2 SHE'S ALSO A FIVE-TIME WORLD POLICE AND FIRE GAMES GOLD
3 MEDALIST. AWESOME. AND WHO WON'T FORGET THE PARTICULARLY
4 EXCITING MOMENT IN HER CAREER WHEN SHE GOT TO ANNOUNCE BEYONCE
5 AS THE GRAMMY WINNER FOR ALBUM OF THE YEAR. YOU LOOK SO GREAT
6 ON STAGE. THAT WAS PRETTY COOL. THAT WAS PRETTY COOL.

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8 **CAPTAIN SHEILA KELLIHER BERKOH:** SHE SMELLED LIKE MONEY.

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10 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH. CAPTAIN KELLIHER, AS YOU LOOK BACK ON
11 YOUR CAREER, I HOPE YOU TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN KNOWING THAT YOU
12 HAVE ACHIEVED SOMETHING TRULY EXTRAORDINARY AND THAT YOU ARE
13 VERY MUCH APPRECIATED, AND YOU WILL BE MISSED. I ALSO HOPE YOU
14 KNOW HOW MUCH YOU HAVE PAVED THE WAY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF
15 WOMEN FIREFIGHTERS AND HOW GREAT OF A ROLE MODEL YOU ARE FOR
16 THE WOMEN IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATED
17 SERVICE TO NOT ONLY OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO TO LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS AND ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. AND NOW
19 I'M GOING TO PASS THE MIC TO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER HEIDI
20 OLIVIA, WHO WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

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22 **HEIDI OLIVA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I'M HEIDI OLIVA,
23 COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE
24 DEPARTMENT. ON BEHALF OF FIRE CHIEF ANTHONY MARRONE, I WOULD
25 LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN, MADAM



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1 CHAIR SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING OUR DEAR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE,
3 FIRE CAPTAIN SHEILA KELLIHER BERKOH, ON HER NOTEWORTHY 25-YEAR
4 CAREER WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. KNOWN AS THE VOICE OF OUR
5 GREAT DEPARTMENT AND AS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FIRST FEMALE
6 PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, SHEILA HAS SERVED WITH EXCELLENCE,
7 DEDICATION, AND GREAT COURAGE. AS SUPERVISOR HAHN SHARED,
8 BEFORE COMING TO PIO, SHEILA WORKED OUT OF FIRE STATIONS FROM
9 THE DESERT TO THE SEA, FROM LANCASTER TO GARDENA, WEST
10 HOLLYWOOD, AND CALABASAS. HER CONTRIBUTIONS AS OUR PIO ARE
11 KNOWN LOCALLY, NATIONALLY, AND INTERNATIONALLY. SHEILA ALWAYS
12 DELIVERED. SHE IS WELL KNOWN BY THE MEDIA AND HAS ALWAYS
13 REMAINED CALM AND COOL UNDER PRESSURE, ALWAYS BRINGING OUR
14 RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES ALL THE LATEST AND IMPORTANT
15 INCIDENT INFORMATION IMPACTING L.A. COUNTY. OUTSIDE OF PIO,
16 SHEILA WAS ALSO KNOWN AS A FIREFIGHTER'S FIREFIGHTER, A
17 MENTOR, AND A TRUE TRAILBLAZER. AS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE
18 L.A. COUNTY WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE, SHE ALWAYS ENCOURAGED
19 EVERYONE TO PURSUE LIFELONG CAREERS IN THE FIRE SERVICE AND
20 WAS ALWAYS THERE TO NOT ONLY SUPPORT HER PEERS, BUT SHE ALSO
21 MENTORED THEM AS THEY PROMOTED THROUGH THE RANKS. SHEILA, AS
22 YOU LOOK BACK ON YOUR CAREER, I HOPE YOU TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN
23 YOUR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS. YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND
24 ALREADY GREATLY MISSED. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATED
25 SERVICE, NOT ONLY TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, BUT ALSO TO L.A.



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1 COUNTY RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES. AND TODAY IS A FITTING DAY
2 TO ACKNOWLEDGE SHEILA. IT IS NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS' DAY.
3 WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ALL THE BEST IN RETIREMENT. I HOPE
4 THIS NEXT CHAPTER IS FILLED WITH TREASURED MEMORIES AND DOING
5 ALL THE THINGS THAT BRING YOU JOY WITH YOUR BEAUTIFUL AND
6 LOVING FAMILY. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND NOW PLEASE GIVE A WARM ROUND OF APPLAUSE
9 TO SHEILA. PLEASE SAY A FEW WORDS.

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11 **CAPTAIN SHEILA KELLIHER BERKOH:** GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND MEMBERS
12 OF THE BOARD. I JUST WANT TO START BY SAYING THANK YOU FOR
13 TAKING THE TIME TO RECOGNIZE MY RETIREMENT. I HAVE HAD THE
14 PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITHIN SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S DISTRICT FOR
15 MOST OF MY CAREER. AND WE DID WORK SHOULDER TO SHOULDER
16 RECENTLY DURING THE PALISADES FIRE. AND I SAW FIRSTHAND HOW
17 HARD SHE WORKED AND HOW DEEPLY SHE CARED FOR HER COMMUNITY AND
18 THE PEOPLE THAT SHE SERVED. IT'S INCREDIBLE. I'VE ALSO HAD THE
19 OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN, BARGER,
20 SOLIS, AND MITCHELL ON MANY OCCASIONS. AND THEY HAVE STOOD
21 BEHIND OUR DEPARTMENT IN SO MANY MEANINGFUL WAYS, FROM
22 SUPPORTING OUR MEN AND WOMEN ON THE FRONT LINES TO BACKING THE
23 EFFORTS OF OUR WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE. THEY'VE HELPED MAKE SURE
24 ALL FIREFIGHTERS HAVE HAD THE TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO
25 DO THE JOB SAFELY. THAT INCLUDES ENSURING ALL OF OUR WOMEN



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1 HAVE FIREFIGHTER PROTECTIVE GEAR AND UNIFORMS THAT ACTUALLY
2 FIT THE WOMEN WEARING THEM. THAT MATTERS. THANK YOU. THOSE
3 THINGS MIGHT SEEM SMALL TO SOME, BUT THEY MEAN SO MUCH TO THE
4 PEOPLE IN THE FIELD. AND IT WAS CRITICAL. AND I PERSONALLY
5 KNOW IT HAS HAD A RIPPLE EFFECT IN OTHER INDUSTRIES THAT WERE
6 FACING THE SAME CHALLENGES AND FOR THAT THEY SHOULD BE
7 INCREDIBLY PROUD FOR PUSHING THAT THROUGH. IT IS NOT LOST ON
8 ME THAT I'M STANDING HERE TODAY BEING RECOGNIZED BY A BOARD
9 MADE UP OF ALL WOMEN. WHEN I STARTED THE JOB 25 YEARS AGO AS
10 ONE OF THE FEW FEMALES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN HARD TO IMAGINE.
11 BUT SEEING ALL OF YOU LEAD THIS COUNTY WITH SUCH COURAGE,
12 HEART, AND STRENGTH GIVES ME SO MUCH HOPE FOR THE NEXT
13 GENERATION. THIS CAREER HAS BEEN AN HONOR OF MY LIFE. IT HAS
14 GIVEN ME PURPOSE, PRIDE, AND A FRONT ROW SEAT TO TRUE
15 TEAMWORK. THE COMMUNITY CAN LEARN A LOT FROM WHAT THE FIRE
16 SERVICE DOES. SO, THANK YOU FOR THE HARD WORK. THANK YOU FOR
17 CONTINUING TO MOVE OUR DEPARTMENT FORWARD AND OUR COUNTY
18 FORWARD. YOUR LEADERSHIP HAS HELPED MAKE LOS ANGELES COUNTY A
19 SHINING EXAMPLE OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE IN THE FIRE SERVICE TODAY.
20 ONE THAT REFLECTS THE COMMUNITY IT SERVES. IT LEADS WITH
21 PASSION, COURAGE, AND PURPOSE, AND IT SETS THE STANDARD FOR
22 EXCELLENCE. AND AS I STEP INTO RETIREMENT, I MUST SAY, YOU CAN
23 TAKE THE GIRL OUT OF THE FIREHOUSE, BUT YOU CAN'T TAKE THE
24 FIREHOUSE OUT OF THE GIRL. THANK YOU FOR MY TIME.

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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND ON BEHALF OF THE ALL-WOMEN
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ALL THE BEST
3 IN RETIREMENT. I HOPE THIS NEXT CHAPTER IS FILLED WITH
4 TREASURED MEMORIES IN DOING ALL THE THINGS THAT BRING YOU JOY,
5 SPENDING TIME WITH YOUR HUSBAND AND TWINS, GOLFING, PLAYING
6 PICKLEBALL, COOKING, TRAVELING, AND MORE. CONGRATULATIONS,
7 SHEILA. IT'S BEEN AN HONOR FOR ME TO GET TO KNOW YOU.

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9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, CAN WE ALL DO A
10 PICTURE WITH HER? WOULD THAT BE OKAY REAL QUICK?

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12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, I WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO SAY THAT. WHY
13 DON'T YOU ALL COME UP HERE? OH, SHEILA, ALL THE GIRLS WANT TO
14 GET IN A PHOTO. AND THERE'S MORE. THERE'S A BOY. OKAY, I'D
15 LIKE NOW TO BRING MY NEXT HONOREE, JOHN PFAU, FORWARD. EACH
16 YEAR, ONE INDIVIDUAL IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE
17 DEPARTMENT'S FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION IS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR
18 INVOLVEMENT IN FIRE PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WITHIN
19 L.A. COUNTY. THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION PERPETUAL AWARD OF
20 EXCELLENCE IS BEING PRESENTED TO FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST JOHN
21 PFAU FOR HIS OUTSTANDING INVOLVEMENT IN FIRE PREVENTION AND
22 SERVICE ACTIVITIES. FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST PFAU BEGAN HIS
23 CAREER WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT IN 2016
24 AND HE NOW WORKS AT THE SANTA CLARITA FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE.
25 HE HAS SERVED AS A FIREFIGHTER, FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC, AND



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1 FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST AND HIS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE HAS
2 ALLOWED HIM TO STEP UP AND SERVE IN MANY DIFFERENT ROLES
3 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO KEEP OUR RESIDENTS SAFE. IT HAS BEEN
4 FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST FOWL'S JOB TO ENSURE THAT EVEN WITH THE
5 LARGE INFLUX OF NEW CONSTRUCTION IN THE SANTA CLARITA REGION,
6 PLAN REVIEWS AND FIELD INSPECTIONS ARE DONE SAFELY AND
7 QUICKLY. IN FACT, HE SERVES AS LEAD INSPECTOR FOR HUNDREDS OF
8 FIELD INSPECTIONS EACH YEAR, INCLUDING HUGE EVENTS LIKE THE
9 SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN FRIGHT FEST. FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST
10 PFAU IS ALSO THE TEAM LEAD FOR THE SANTA CLARITA NUISANCE
11 ABATEMENT TEAM WHERE HE SUPPORTS COORDINATED MISSIONS WITH
12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND
13 OTHER VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO HOLD BUSINESSES WHO ARE OPERATING
14 ILLEGALLY, ACCOUNTABLE, AND ENFORCE FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS,
15 FURTHER KEEPING OUR RESIDENTS SAFE. ON TOP OF ALL OF THIS,
16 FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST PFAU SOMEHOW FINDS THE TIME TO ALSO
17 SERVE AS THE DIVISION'S ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM COORDINATOR AND
18 AS ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING INSTRUCTORS. FIREFIGHTER
19 SPECIALIST PFAUS' TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE, STRONG WORK ETHIC, AND
20 VARIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY ADVANCED BOTH
21 TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL CAPACITIES WITHIN THE FIRE PREVENTION
22 DIVISION. HIS DEDICATION TO TRAINING, POLICY DEVELOPMENT,
23 INTERAGENCY COORDINATION, AND MISSION LEADERSHIP REFLECT THE
24 VALUES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, AND WE ARE
25 SO GRATEFUL THAT HE IS A MEMBER OF OUR VERY OWN L.A. COUNTY



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1 FAMILY. AND NOW I'M GOING TO PASS THE MICROPHONE TO CHIEF
2 YANAGISAWA. IS THAT RIGHT?

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4 **CHIEF ALBERT YANAGISAWA:** THAT'S PERFECT.

5

6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I KNOW. MARRONE IS EASIER TO SAY. SAY A FEW
7 WORDS.

8

9 **CHIEF ALBERT YANAGISAWA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. I AM DEPUTY
10 FIRE CHIEF AL YANAGISAWA. ON BEHALF OF FIRE CHIEF ANTHONY
11 MARRONE, I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THE MEMBERS OF
12 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING FIREFIGHTER
13 SPECIALIST JOHN PFAU AS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 33RD ANNUAL
14 PERPETUAL FIRE PREVENTION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT. WE
15 ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP
16 AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS. WE ARE
17 HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST JOHN PFAU. HE
18 IS SO DESERVING OF THIS HONOR. JOHN HAS DISPLAYED EXEMPLARY
19 DEDICATION AND A COMMITMENT IN HIS CURRENT ROLE IN THE FIRE
20 PREVENTION DIVISION AS FIRE INSPECTOR FOR THE SANTA CLARITA
21 OFFICE. SINCE HIS ENTRY INTO THE FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION IN
22 2021, COLLEAGUES, SUPERVISORS, MANAGEMENT ALIKE HAVE CONVEYED
23 JOHN'S DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP, TECHNICAL
24 KNOWLEDGE, AND MISSION-FIRST ATTITUDE. HE HAS A DISCIPLINE AND
25 LEARNED IT AS BEING A PARAMEDIC AND IN A FORMER CAREER AS A



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1 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. HIS ETHIC, HIS WORK ETHIC
2 CONTRIBUTIONS AND SIGNIFICANTLY HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY ADVANCED
3 BOTH TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL CAPACITIES WITHIN THE FIRE
4 PREVENTION DIVISION. JOHN PLAYS AN PIVOTAL ROLE, AS MENTIONED,
5 AS OUR ENERGY SERVICE SYSTEM COORDINATOR, DEVELOPING TRAINING
6 PROGRAMS AND CURRICULUM, AND SERVING AS THE LEAD INSPECTOR FOR
7 LARGE COMMERCIAL PROJECTS. JOHN PFAU, WE COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR
8 NINE YEARS OF LOYAL AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY RESIDENTS AND FOR YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE THAT YOU
10 PROVIDE TO ALL OF US, YOUR COLLEAGUES. YOU SERVE SHAPING THE
11 FUTURE OF THE FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION. SO, CONGRATULATIONS,
12 FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST JOHN PFAU, ON THIS NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT.
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14
15 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND PLEASE GIVE ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO
16 FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST JOHN PFAU.

17
18 **JOHN PFAU:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN, BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS, CHIEF YANASIGAWA, FOR THE KIND WORDS. I DON'T
20 TAKE THIS LIGHTLY, AND I KNOW HOW MANY GREAT INDIVIDUALS HAVE
21 STOOD HERE BEFORE, AND IT IS SUCH AN HONOR RIGHT NOW TO BE
22 STANDING IN FRONT OF ALL OF YOU. AND ONE THING I WANT TO
23 MENTION IS THAT THIS WASN'T DONE ALONE. THIS WAS DONE THROUGH
24 THE COLLABORATION AND JUST COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THIS WHOLE
25 DEPARTMENT, FROM THE CHIEF OFFICERS, FROM CHIEF YANASAGAWA,



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1 FIRE CHIEF MARRONE, FIRE MARSHAL, CHIEF STILLWAGON, AND OUR
2 BATTALION CHIEFS AS WELL, CHIEF HARRELSON, CHIEF DORITO, AND
3 CHIEF GOMEZ. THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO
4 AHEAD AND EFFECTIVELY DO OUR JOB, TO DO IT SAFELY, BUT ALSO TO
5 DO IT WITH COMPASSION AND MIND AND WITH EMPATHY. ALSO, I WANT
6 TO THANK MY MENTORS IN THE SANTA CLARITA OFFICE AND ONE MAJOR
7 BEING CAPTAIN NUESCA, WHO HAS OVER TWO DECADES OF EXPERIENCE,
8 SO I AM TRULY GRATEFUL THAT I WAS ABLE TO GET THE EXPERIENCE
9 AND BE TRAINED BY YOU. TO MY FAMILY, MY MOM AND DAD, THANK YOU
10 FOR RAISING ME WITH MORALS AND THE KINDNESS TO GO AHEAD AND
11 SUCCEED IN MY CAREER AND FIELD. MY BROTHER PETE FOR, AGAIN,
12 TEACHING ME WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR AND AS I GROW OLDER, AND HE
13 DEFINITELY HAS BEEN A MENTOR TO ME AS WELL. AND THE MOST
14 IMPORTANT PERSON I WANT TO MENTION TODAY IS MY WIFE TIFFANY.
15 YOU HAVE BEEN SUCH A GUIDING LIGHT IN MY LIFE, AND YOU'VE SEEN
16 ME IN MY HIGHEST OF HIGHS AND MY LOWEST OF LOWS. AND I KNOW
17 THERE IS ALWAYS A CONSTANT THAT YOU'RE BY MY SIDE. I FEEL SAFE
18 WHEN I'M WITH YOU. YOU ARE THE BEST THING ABOUT ME AND I'M
19 TRULY HONORED TO CALL YOU, OR TO BE CALLED YOUR HUSBAND. SO,
20 THANK YOU AND YOUR DREAMS ARE MY DREAMS AND I COULDN'T HAVE
21 DONE THIS WITHOUT YOU. AND ALSO, I JUST WANT TO FINALLY THANK
22 GOD FOR BLESSING ME WITH INCREDIBLE FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND A
23 WIFE AND JUST THANK YOU SO MUCH AND GOD BLESS.

24
25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OH, THAT WAS BEAUTIFUL. OH MY GOD. THAT WAS



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1 BEAUTIFUL. WOW. OKAY, THAT WAS BEAUTIFUL. AND NOW WE KNOW YOU
2 HAVE THAT LITTLE AWARD THERE, BUT WE HAVE A SCROLL, A
3 BEAUTIFUL COUNTY SCROLL, AND I WAS GOING TO HAVE CHAIR BARGER,
4 ARE YOU HERE? BECAUSE HE'S OUT IN YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS. SO
5 COME OUT HERE AND HELP PRESENT THIS TO HIM. BY THE WAY, CHAIR
6 BARGER WANTS TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT SHE HAS NO
7 RELATIONSHIP TO THAT PLAYER ON THE OTHER TEAM. AND PEOPLE WERE
8 TEXTING HER AND SAYING MEAN THINGS TO HER, BUT SHE IS NOT
9 RELATED TO THAT GUY. OKAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, NOT
10 JUST TO OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, BUT TO ALL THE RESIDENTS OF L.A.
11 COUNTY PARTICULARLY IN KATHRYN BARGER'S DISTRICT. OKAY, COME
12 FORWARD.

13
14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

15
16 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GO DODGERS.
17 OH MY GOSH, WE HAVE TWO MORE GAMES TO WIN. COME ON, THERE'S
18 GOT TO BE MORE ENERGY THAN THAT. I WAS THERE ALL LAST NIGHT,
19 AND I AM STILL HERE THIS MORNING. ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING.
20 GOOD MORNING. AND THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. I HAVE TWO
21 VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS THIS MORNING, AND I WANT TO START
22 OUT IN RECOGNITION OF OUR SENATE PRO TEM, MIKE MCGUIRE. YES,
23 YOU CAN APPLAUD. HE HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE PUBLIC SERVANT IN A
24 NUMBER OF CAPACITIES, BUT ESPECIALLY IN THIS ROLE, HE HAS
25 SHOWN UP FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN WAYS I CAN'T EVEN DESCRIBE.



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1 WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT YOU ARE HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TODAY,
2 A PLACE WHERE YOUR PARTNERSHIP HAS MADE A PROFOUND DIFFERENCE.
3 YOU HAVE CONSISTENTLY SHOWN WHAT PUBLIC SERVICE LOOKS LIKE
4 WHEN IT IS ROOTED IN COMMUNITY, IN COLLABORATION, AND A DEEP
5 COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE. WHEN THE JANUARY 2025
6 WILDFIRE STRUCK, OUR RESIDENTS FACED UNCERTAINTY AND
7 DEVASTATION. AND IN THOSE CRITICAL MOMENTS, YOU SHOWED UP, YOU
8 LISTENED, AND YOU TOOK DECISIVE ACTION TO ENSURE THAT
9 RESOURCES MOVE QUICKLY TO THE COMMUNITIES THAT NEEDED THEM.
10 AND YOU DID IT BECAUSE IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITIES, YOU HAD YOUR
11 OWN EXPERIENCE OF WHAT IT TOOK TO SHOW UP AND TAKE CARE OF
12 PEOPLE THROUGH THEIR PAIN, THROUGH THEIR TRAUMA. YOU HAVE BEEN
13 AN EXTRAORDINARY LEADER. AT A TIME WHEN OUR CLIMATE IS RAPIDLY
14 CHANGING, YOUR LEADERSHIP HAS STRENGTHENED OUR ABILITY TO
15 RESPOND, TO RECOVER, AND TO PLAN FOR A MORE RESILIENT FUTURE.
16 AND YOUR WORK WILL CONTINUE TO PROTECT FAMILIES ACROSS
17 CALIFORNIA IN THE YEARS TO COME. WHILE WE FIRST MET WHILE I
18 WAS WORKING IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON AN ISSUE OF
19 SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND A BILL THAT BROUGHT TOGETHER THE MOST
20 UNLIKELY COALITION, I LEARNED VERY EARLY ON THE KIND OF LEADER
21 THAT YOU ARE, SOMEONE WHO BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER, WHO WORKS
22 ACROSS DIFFERENCE TO FIND COMMON SENSE SOLUTIONS AND TO MAKE
23 SURE THAT EVERYONE IS HEARD. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THANKFUL
24 FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP, YOUR COURAGE, AND YOUR RELENTLESS FOCUS
25 ON DELIVERING REAL RESULTS FOR CALIFORNIANS. AND I WAS PROUD



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1 FOR A BRIEF MOMENT IN TIME TO BE CALLING YOU OUR GOVERNOR. ON
2 BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I WANT TO
3 PRESENT YOU WITH A SCROLL IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR LEADERSHIP
4 AND SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE ACROSS OUR STATE AND THANK YOU FOR
5 ALWAYS PUTTING OUR COMMUNITIES FIRST FOR LEADING WITH
6 INTEGRITY WITH COMPASSION AND MOST IMPORTANTLY IN MOMENTS LIKE
7 THIS WITH ACTION. CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU
8 HAVE DONE AND BEST WISHES IN ALL THAT YOU WILL DO. HE ISN'T
9 SHY, BUT HE DOESN'T WANT TO SPEAK THIS MORNING, BUT WE THANK
10 YOU. AND I KNOW THAT HE IS OFF TO DO GREAT THINGS. NOW THE
11 NEXT ONE IS ALSO INCREDIBLY SPECIAL. TODAY WE HAVE THE GREAT
12 HONOR OF RECOGNIZING SOMEONE WHOSE NAME IS SYNONYMOUS WITH
13 PUBLIC SERVICE HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, MARIA CHONG-
14 CASTILLO. FOR 50 YEARS, THAT BEARS REPEATING, 50 YEARS, MARIA
15 HAS DEDICATED HER CAREER TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF ANGELENOS.
16 SHE HAS SERVED BOTH THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
17 WITH EXTRAORDINARY COMMITMENT, UNMATCHED INSTITUTIONAL
18 KNOWLEDGE AND A HEART FOR PEOPLE THAT DEFINES WHAT PUBLIC
19 SERVICE OUGHT TO BE. WE ARE ALSO HONORED TO HAVE FORMER
20 SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY HERE TODAY BECAUSE NO ONE KNOWS
21 MARIA QUITE LIKE ZEV. SHE JOINED HIS TEAM WHEN HE WAS FIRST A
22 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AND CAME WITH HIM TO THE THIRD DISTRICT
23 AND SHE'S SINCE SERVED TWO OTHER SUPERVISORS. AND WHILE SHE'S
24 NOT HERE TODAY, SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL'S GRATITUDE IS ALSO
25 DEEPLY FELT FOR MARIA'S PARTNERSHIP, HER WISDOM, AND HER HEART



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1 BECAUSE NO ONE KNOWS THE 3RD DISTRICT QUITE LIKE MARIA.
2 MARIA'S WORK HAS SHAPED THE VERY LANDSCAPE OF OUR COMMUNITIES,
3 FROM OVERSEEING MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS LIKE THE
4 TRANSFORMATION OF THE MISSION CANYON LANDFILL INTO AN OPEN,
5 ACCESSIBLE PARK SPACE, TO HELPING BRING THE SHEILA KUEHL
6 FAMILY WELLNESS CENTER TO LIFE IN SAN FERNANDO, A FIRST OF ITS
7 KIND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY WHOSE LOBBY NOW BEARS MARIA'S
8 NAME. HER LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN MOMENTS OF
9 CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY, INCLUDING HER PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE
10 EFFORTS AFTER THE WOOLSEY FIRE AND EVEN IN THE SUCCESSFUL
11 JOURNEY OF A 340 TON ROCK TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF
12 ART, A FEAT ONLY MARIA COULD MANAGE WITH ABSOLUTE PRECISION.
13 IN MY FIRST YEAR AS SUPERVISOR, MARIA SERVED AS OUR ACTING
14 CHIEF OF STAFF, ENSURING THAT OUR NEW TEAM CARRIED FORWARD THE
15 DEEP SENSE OF PURPOSE AND INTEGRITY THAT HAS DEFINED HER
16 CAREER. AND I WILL TELL YOU, IT WAS RARE TO HAVE SOMEONE IN
17 OUR OFFICE WHO'S BEEN THERE WITH THE YEARS AND EXPERIENCE, WHO
18 SHOWED UP FOR OUR TEAM IN THE WAY THAT YOU DID, MARIA. WE WILL
19 NEVER, EVER, EVER FORGET IT. THANK YOU. SHE CONTINUES TO
20 EMBODY WHAT IT MEANS TO SERVE QUIETLY, EFFECTIVELY, AND ALWAYS
21 FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD. OKAY, SO MAYBE SOMETIMES NOT QUIETLY, BUT
22 YOU KNOW. SHE ALSO SUFFERS NO FOOLS. WE CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON
23 MARIA TO NOT MINCE WORDS AND TO GET THINGS DONE. BUT ALL
24 KIDDING ASIDE, HER CANDOR AND VAST KNOWLEDGE HAVE BEEN
25 ABSOLUTELY INVALUABLE TO ALL OF US AND TO ME PERSONALLY. I



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1 WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL TO HAVE WORKED WITH YOU THESE LAST
2 THREE YEARS. THAT YOU CHOSE TO STAY HAS BEEN SUCH A GIFT AND I
3 THANK YOU FOR THAT. YOUR DECADES OF DEDICATION HAVE LEFT AN
4 INDELIBLE MARK ON THIS COUNTY AND ON THE PEOPLE WHOM YOU'VE
5 MENTORED AND SUPPORTED ALONG THE WAY AND THERE ARE SO MANY.
6 YOUR LEGACY WILL LIVE ON IN ALL OF OUR WORK. ON BEHALF OF LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IT IS MY GREAT HONOR TO
8 PRESENT YOU WITH THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNITION OF 50 YEARS OF
9 SERVICE AND YOUR EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR
10 COMMUNITIES. YOU ARE AN ABSOLUTE LEGEND. AND I THANK YOU FOR
11 SHOWING US ALL WHAT TRUE PUBLIC SERVICE LOOKS LIKE. BEFORE WE
12 MAKE THAT PRESENTATION, I'D LIKE TO TURN THE MIC OVER TO
13 FORMER SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

14
15 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I THINK,
16 WHAT MONTH DID YOU START IN, NOVEMBER OR AUGUST? NOVEMBER 20,
17 1975, IS WHEN WE HIRED MARIA. I DON'T KNOW HOW WE FOUND HER,
18 BUT IT WAS ONE OF THE GREAT FINDS OF ALL TIME. SHE STARTED OUT
19 AS A FIELD DEPUTY IN MY CITY COUNCIL OFFICE, TAKING CARE OF
20 THE WESTERN PART OF THE DISTRICT, BEL AIR, BEVERLY GLEN,
21 BENEDICT CANYON, AND ALL THOSE AREAS, AND WESTWOOD. AND SHE
22 CUT HER TEETH ON DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHERE THEY WERE. AND I
23 BELIEVE, I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED, AND I BELIEVE TO THIS DAY, THAT
24 THE BEST TRAINING FOR GOVERNMENTAL LEADERSHIP IS BEING A FIELD
25 DEPUTY, DEALING WITH REAL PEOPLE AND THEIR REAL PROBLEMS. WHEN



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1 I BECAME A COUNTY SUPERVISOR IN 1994, OF COURSE MARIA CAME
2 WITH US, AND I ASSIGNED HER THE JOB OF BEING IN CHARGE
3 BASICALLY OF PROJECTS. I CALL HER THE EXECUTIONER BECAUSE SHE
4 EXECUTED ALL THE THINGS, ALL THE GREAT IDEAS THAT WE ALL HAD.
5 SO, SHE WAS THE LORD HIGH EXECUTIONER IN OUR OFFICE. WHENEVER
6 WE HAD A PROBLEM, WHENEVER WE HAD A CHALLENGE, WHENEVER WE
7 WERE GOING TO BUILD SOMETHING, WHENEVER THERE WAS A PROJECT
8 THAT WAS GOING SOUTH, WE ALWAYS TURNED TO MARIA AS THE PERSON
9 WHO COULD FIX IT. AND I'LL JUST GIVE YOU A SENSE OF THE RESUME
10 SHE HAS. SHE DEALT WITH ALL THE BEACH ACCESS ISSUES THAT WE
11 HAD ON THE PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY. THOSE ARE NOT EASY. SHE
12 MANAGED, SHE WAS MY COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE, MY BOARD OFFICE
13 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ON THE BENEDICT
14 CANYON FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT STORM DRAIN WHICH SHUT DOWN
15 BENEDICT CANYON DRIVE FOR ABOUT EIGHT OR NINE MONTHS. SHE WAS
16 THE FLAT CATCHER, NOT ME. AND SHE WAS OUT THERE. AND SHE WOULD
17 CONTINUE TO COME TO HOMEOWNER MEETINGS EVERY TIME I SPOKE TO A
18 HOMEOWNER, EVEN THOUGH SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO. IT WASN'T ANYTHING
19 WE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH, BUT I HAD TO GET ELECTED, SO I
20 WENT TO SEE MY CONSTITUENTS WHEREVER I COULD. SHE DIDN'T HAVE
21 TO DO IT. SHE WAS THERE EVERY SINGLE TIME BECAUSE SHE LOVED
22 PEOPLE. AND THE ONE THING ABOUT PUBLIC SERVICE IS YOU GOT TO
23 LOVE PEOPLE. IF YOU DON'T LOVE PEOPLE, YOU'RE IN THE WRONG
24 BUSINESS. AND IF YOU DON'T LOVE HELPING PEOPLE, YOU'RE IN THE
25 WRONG BUSINESS. THIS PERSON IS A NUMBER ONE ACE IN THE HOLE



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1 WHEN IT COMES TO A PUBLIC SERVANT. LINDSAY MENTIONED THE 340-
2 TON ROCK THAT NOW SITS AT THE REAR OF THE L.A. COUNTY MUSEUM
3 OF ART AS LEVITATED MASS, A GREAT PHYSICAL SCULPTURE. THAT
4 ROCK HAD TO BE TRANSPORTED FROM RIVERSIDE COUNTY THROUGH FOUR
5 DIFFERENT COUNTIES AND 22 DIFFERENT CITIES AND EACH ONE OF
6 THOSE JURISDICTIONS HAD TO GET A PERMIT TO TAKE THIS 100 YARD
7 LONG TRUCK A PLATFORM TRUCK THAT WAS CARRYING THIS 340 TON
8 ROCK TO WILSHIRE AND FAIRFAX SHE WAS THE PERSON WHO WAS
9 RESPONSIBLE ON MY BEHALF TO DEAL WITH 22 CITIES AND 4
10 COUNTIES. BY THE WAY, JANICE LAKEWOOD WAS A PROBLEM FOR US.
11 AND SO, I CALLED MY NEIGHBOR UPSTAIRS, DON KNABE, I SAID, CAN
12 YOU CALL THE CITY MANAGER AND ASK HIM TO STOP SHAKING US DOWN
13 ON THIS THING? AND HE TOOK CARE OF IT. THAT WAS AN INCREDIBLE
14 ACHIEVEMENT AND IT WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED BUT FOR MARIA'S
15 INVOLVEMENT. THREE HEALTH CLINICS THAT WE BUILT ON SCHOOL-
16 BASED HEALTH CLINICS THAT WE BUILT IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY,
17 THAT WAS HER MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY. THE JOHN ANSON FORD
18 THEATER, THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, ASPECTS OF EXPANSION OF THE
19 COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART, I COULD GO ON AND ON. THESE WERE THE
20 KINDS OF THINGS THAT WE ASSIGNED HER TO DO. AND SHE STARTED
21 WITH ME AT A VERY YOUNG AGE, IN HER EARLY 20S, AND PULLED
22 HERSELF UP BY HER OWN BOOTSTRAPS, LITERALLY, AND HAD JUST BEEN
23 A STAR. AND WHEN I LEFT OFFICE, SHE WAS MY DEPUTY CHIEF OF
24 STAFF. SHE'S FAMILY TO ME, AND SHE WAS FAMILY TO BARBARA. THE
25 THING I LOVED ABOUT MARIA, SHE DIDN'T GIVE A DAMN WHO I WAS.



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1 SHE TOLD IT TO ME STRAIGHT, AND THAT'S WHAT I APPRECIATED MORE
2 THAN ANYTHING ELSE. SCOOP JACKSON, THE SENATOR FROM
3 WASHINGTON, THE LATE SENATOR FROM WASHINGTON, WHEN I FIRST GOT
4 ELECTED SAID TO ME, SURROUND YOURSELF WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE
5 SMARTER THAN YOU ARE, WHO ARE MORE COMMITTED THAN YOU ARE, AND
6 WHO ARE NOT INTIMIDATED BY YOU. AND I DID, I DIDN'T KNOW ANY
7 BETTER. I SURROUNDED MYSELF WITH PEOPLE LIKE THAT. AND MARIA
8 WAS THE KIND OF PERSON WHO I KNEW WHEN SHE WALKED INTO MY
9 OFFICE AND SAID, HEY, YOU'RE ABOUT TO WALK OFF THE CLIFF,
10 BOSS. I LISTENED. SO, WHAT A LOSS IT IS TO THE CITY AND THE
11 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAT SHE'S GOING TO RETIRE AFTER 50
12 YEARS. BUT AS I TOLD HER FOR THE LAST 10 OR 15 YEARS, YOU'RE
13 WORKING FOR NOTHING. SO, GET OUT THERE AND THERE IS A LIFE
14 AFTER PUBLIC SERVICE. YOU'RE GOING TO FIND OUT AND YOU'LL BE
15 FINE. AND I WANT TO THANK LINDSAY HORVATH BECAUSE THE ONLY
16 THING I ASKED OF HER WHEN SHE GOT ELECTED, I SAID, FOR YOUR
17 OWN GOOD, KEEP MARIA CHONG-CASTILLO ON YOUR STAFF. AND NOT
18 EVERYBODY LISTENS TO MY ADVICE, BUT YOU LISTEN TO THAT ADVICE.
19 ANYWAY, MARIA, I LOVE YOU. ALISA WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE, BUT SHE
20 HAD A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT TODAY. I WAS GOING TO DRAG HER IN
21 HERE TO GIVE YOU A HUG. OUR WHOLE STAFF JUST LOVES YOU AND
22 FEELS VERY PRIVILEGED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK WITH YOU, IN
23 MY CASE FOR 40 YEARS, BUT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY AND THE
24 CITY FOR 50 YEARS. IT'S A REAL ACHIEVEMENT AND YOU ARE
25 SPECIAL. CONGRATULATIONS.



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2 **MARIA CHONG-CASTILLO:** THANK YOU. SO, I DIDN'T WRITE A SPEECH.
3 I USUALLY WRITE SPEECHES, BUT YOU NEVER READ THEM ANYWAY. SO,
4 I'M GOING TO SPEAK FROM MY HEART. BUT I DO WANT TO SAY ONE
5 THING, ZEV ASKED HOW DID HE HIRE ME, WELL, I'LL TELL YOU WHY.
6 SO, I WAS A COLLEGE DROPOUT FROM USC, AND I NEEDED A JOB, AND
7 I HAD NO CLUE WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO AND SOMEBODY TOLD ME, YOU
8 NEED TO GET A GOVERNMENT JOB. I SAID, OKAY, SO I WENT TO CITY
9 HALL. THERE WAS AN ADVERTISEMENT AND A NEW COUNCIL PERSON AND
10 I SAID, OKAY, SO I WENT UP TO THE FLOOR AND I WALKED IN AND
11 MARGIE WAS SECRETARY AT THE TIME. SHE WAS A PIECE OF WORK. SHE
12 WAS GREAT. SHE RAN THAT OFFICE AND SHE SAYS, WHAT DO YOU WANT?
13 BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT SHE TAUGHT. I SAID, I NEED A JOB. SHE
14 SAYS, WHERE DO YOU COME FROM? I SAYS, I'M A COLLEGE DROPOUT.
15 SHE SAYS, CAN YOU READ? CAN YOU FILE? I SAID, SURE. I DIDN'T
16 KNOW WHAT SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT. AND SO I WAS REALLY VERY
17 LUCKY THAT A PERSON DROPPING OUT OF COLLEGE WITH NO WORK
18 EXPERIENCE AT ALL. AND I WAS FORTUNATE BECAUSE I WALKED INTO A
19 POLITICAL OFFICE, A COUNCIL PERSON JUST, YOU KNOW, ELECTED IN
20 JUNE OF 75 AND HE WAS ONLY 26. HE WAS INEXPERIENCED, HE DIDN'T
21 KNOW ANY BETTER, AND I GOT HIRED, YOU KNOW. SO THAT WAS
22 HISTORY. SO OTHERWISE, IF YOU KNEW I WAS FROM SC, WHICH YOU
23 DIDN'T KNOW AT THE TIME, YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE HIRED ME
24 ANYWAY. YOU WOULD HAVE NEVER HIRED ME. SO THAT'S HOW I
25 STUMBLED INTO ZEV'S OFFICE AND THAT'S HOW I GOT HIRED. AND



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1 THEN YOU CAN'T DO THAT TODAY. YOU DON'T, YOU KNOW, YOU NEED A
2 COLLEGE DEGREE AND CERTAINLY YOU DON'T GIVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF
3 WORKING UP THE LADDER, WHICH IS WHAT ZEV GAVE ME. SO HE GAVE
4 ME THE OPPORTUNITY AND THAT I'M GRATEFUL FOR AND ZEV TAUGHT ME
5 HOW TO BE A PUBLIC SERVANT AND I DO APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH.
6 HE TAUGHT ME A LOT. I WORKED FOR ZEP FOR 39 YEARS. I WORKED
7 FOR SHEILA KUEHL FOR EIGHT YEARS, AND NOW WITH SUPERVISOR
8 HORVATH FOR THREE YEARS. AND THE ONE THING WHICH IS WHAT ZEV
9 DID SAY IS THAT YOU, TO BE A PUBLIC SERVANT, IT'S NOT ABOUT
10 YOU. YOU HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE, AND YOU HAVE TO
11 HAVE A HEART TO HAVE EMPATHY FOR PEOPLE, AND I'VE ALWAYS HAD
12 THAT. IT COMES FROM MY PARENTS AND THAT'S WHAT I WAS TAUGHT.
13 MY FATHER WAS A HARD WORKER. HE RAISED SIX KIDS ON ONE SALARY.
14 MY MOTHER DID NOT WORK AND HE WAS A PLUMBER CONTRACTOR. THAT'S
15 HOW I LEARNED HOW TO DO PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS. AND HE WAS A
16 TOUGH MAN. SO THAT'S WHERE MY HUMBLENESS COMES FROM. AND I
17 DEDICATED 50 YEARS OF MY LIFE TO THIS AND I HAVE NO REGRETS.
18 PEOPLE ASK, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? AND I KNOW THAT I SAID
19 THIS AND I SOUND LIKE A BROKEN RECORD, BUT YOU DON'T
20 UNDERSTAND THAT, FIRST OF ALL, WORKING IN PUBLIC SERVICE, YOU
21 ARE DEDICATED TO HELPING PEOPLE, FOR SURE. BUT WHEN YOU WORK
22 FOR A POLITICIAN, YOU ARE ACTUALLY WORKING 24/7. SO, AND THEN
23 BECAUSE I HAD SO MANY RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN I WAS ON VACATION,
24 I WASN'T ON VACATION. YOU HAVE YOUR PHONE ALL THE TIME. I WAS
25 ACCUSTOMED TO THAT. I DIDN'T MIND, IT WAS MY LIFE. SO, I DON'T



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1 KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO ACTUALLY BE A NORMAL PERSON. AND MY
2 CHILDREN DON'T BELIEVE THAT I'M ACTUALLY RETIRING. I DRAGGED
3 MY KIDS TO MEETINGS THE WHOLE TIME THEY WERE LITTLE UNTIL THEY
4 BECAME TEENAGERS. AND THEN I COULDN'T BRING THEM TO MEETINGS
5 ANYMORE BECAUSE THEY PUT THEIR FOOT DOWN. BUT MY CHILDREN,
6 THAT IS THEIR BACKGROUND AS WELL. SO, I'M GOING TO RETIRE, I'M
7 GOING TO MISS EVERYONE. YOUR WORK FAMILY IS YOUR FAMILY AND
8 THIS IS THE FAMILY THAT I'M LEAVING. HOWEVER, I HAVE
9 TREPIDATION BECAUSE I'M LIKE, OH MY GOD, ALL MILLENNIALS,
10 MILLENNIALS. MY CHILDREN ARE MILLENNIALS. AND IT KEPT ME
11 YOUNG. AND I REALLY THANK YOU FOR THE ENERGY. YOU ARE A NEW
12 WAVE OF A GENERATION THAT CARES AND YOU WANT TO DO GOOD. SO
13 PLEASE DON'T EVER FORGET THAT. AND THEN DON'T LOSE FAITH. WE
14 ARE COMING UPON REALLY HARD TIMES. WE'RE ALREADY IN IT. AND WE
15 HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT WE'RE HERE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE. AND NOW
16 IT'S GOING TO GET HARDER FOR US TO DO THAT. BUT JUST, YOU
17 KNOW, MAINTAIN YOUR STRENGTH. THE LEADERSHIP THAT YOU HAVE IS
18 WONDERFUL. I STARTED WITH A 24/7 SUPERVISOR, AND I'M ENDING
19 WITH A 24/7 SUPERVISOR. HOW GREAT IS THAT? SO, I LEAVE ON A
20 GOOD NOTE. I STILL AM VERY HAPPY, IS WHAT I'M DOING. I COULD
21 WORK ANOTHER TEN YEARS, BUT OF COURSE I'M NOT, BECAUSE AT SOME
22 POINT YOU HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO WALK OUT THE DOOR, WHICH MY
23 DAUGHTER KEEPS REMINDING ME. AND SO, YOU KNOW, I'M HAPPY. SO,
24 I'M GOING TO WALK OUT THE DOOR AND LEARN WHAT IT'S LIKE TO
25 LIVE A NORMAL LIFE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS YET, AND THEN



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1 AFTER THAT, I'LL FIGURE IT OUT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, I
2 APPRECIATE IT. I LOVE WHAT I DO, I LOVE, FOR ONE THING, I ALSO
3 WANT TO SAY THAT COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE THE MOST DEDICATED
4 EMPLOYEES THAT I'VE EVER SEEN. EVER. HANDS DOWN. AND NOT JUST
5 THE PUBLIC SERVICE, THE PUBLIC SAFETY, BUT ALL THE WAY DOWN.
6 YOU ARE THE MOST, PEOPLE DON'T, ANOTHER THING TOO IS PEOPLE
7 DON'T SEE THAT, YOU KNOW, DEPARTMENTS, PUBLIC WORKS, HARBORS,
8 LIBRARY, ALL THESE PUBLIC SERVING DEPARTMENTS LOVE WHAT THEY
9 DO AND THEY WORK HARD FOR THE COMMUNITY OUT THERE. AND I HAVE
10 ALWAYS RECOGNIZED THAT AND I KNOW THAT THE SUPERVISORS HAVE
11 TOO. SO, YOU ARE THE BEST AND I HAVE ALWAYS SHOWN RESPECT FOR
12 THE DEPARTMENTS, ALWAYS, BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T, THEY DON'T HELP
13 YOU. THEY WILL NOT HELP YOU. SO, I'VE LEARNED THAT FROM EARLY
14 ON. I THANK YOU SO MUCH. APPRECIATE IT.

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16 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE
17 JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, MARIA. I'D LIKE TO WELCOME MY
18 COLLEAGUES TO TAKE A PHOTO WITH MARIA AS WELL. THANK YOU MADAM
19 CHAIR FOR ALLOWING US TO PRESENTATIONS THIS MORNING.

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. COME ON UP. GOOD
22 MORNING. TALKING ABOUT THE COUNTY TEAM. SO, WHILE THEY'RE
23 COMING UP, I'LL BEGIN. EACH YEAR, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION RECOGNIZES INNOVATIVE AND
25 COST-EFFICIENT PROJECTS THAT HELP OUR COUNTY BETTER SERVE THE



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1 PUBLIC. THE 38TH ANNUAL PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY AWARDS
2 PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS THE COUNTY'S CREATIVITY AND COMMITMENT TO
3 IMPROVE SERVICES, EXPAND ACCESS, AND FOSTER EQUITY AND
4 INCLUSION. THIS YEAR'S THEME, RESILIENT TODAY, TOMORROW,
5 TOGETHER, REFLECTS THE ENDURING SPIRIT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
6 THIS SPIRIT CARRIES US THROUGH CHALLENGES AND DRIVES US TO
7 DELIVER OUR PROMISE TO SERVE OUR RESIDENTS WITH EXCELLENCE.
8 THERE WERE 107 COUNTY PROJECTS SUBMITTED FOR AWARDS THIS YEAR,
9 EACH ONE SHOWCASING THE RESILIENCE OF THE COUNTY IN ITS WORK
10 TO CARE FOR THE NEEDS OF THE MOST VULNERABLE AND UNDERSERVED
11 POPULATIONS. ALL, AND I WANT TO SAY THIS, ALL OUR HONOREES
12 HERE TODAY ARE ADDRESSING VERY DIFFERENT CHALLENGES THAT
13 REQUIRE TAILOR-MADE SOLUTIONS. TIME AND TIME AGAIN, COUNTY
14 EMPLOYEES AND OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS RISE TO THE OCCASION TO
15 SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS, TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS. THIS
16 YEAR'S HONOREES REALLY LIVE UP TO THAT MISSION, BUT LET ME SAY
17 ALL 107 SUBMISSIONS, AND I THINK YOU WOULD AGREE, WERE
18 EXTRAORDINARY. THIS YEAR'S HONOREES ARE THE FIRST ANIMAL CARE
19 AND CONTROLS VET AT THE PARK PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES CONTRACT MONITORING AND REPORTING
21 SYSTEM, L.A. COUNTY'S LIBRARIES READING FOR RESILIENCE LIBRARY
22 SERVICES FOR ALL, THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COURT BY THE PUBLIC
23 DEFENDER IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.
24 YEAH. WELL, NOW YOU'VE GOT TO CLAP FOR EVERY SINGLE ONE. THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE HELP IN ANY LANGUAGE ON



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1 DEMAND INTERPRETATION PROJECT. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
2 FOR PROTECTING AND SAVING LIVES WITH SAFETY LOCKS. I KNOW
3 THAT'S SOMETHING, SUPERVISOR HAHN. DID YOU HEAR THAT? YEAH,
4 SHE HEARD IT. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STREETLIGHT
5 ACQUISITION AND LED CONVERSION PROJECT. THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 HEALTH SERVICES FOR SAFETY MATTERS, DECREASING STAFF ASSAULTS,
7 EARNING THE BRONZE EAGLE AWARD. THE JUSTICE CARE AND
8 OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT FOR THE JCOD LOS ANGELES TRAINING
9 CENTER, WHICH WAS AWARDED THE SILVER EAGLE. AND THE GOLD EAGLE
10 WAS AWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR RECORDER COUNTY CLERK FOR ITS
11 STATE-OF-THE-ART BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER. LET'S GIVE HIM A
12 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. I HAVE TO SAY I AM BEYOND PROUD. I REMEMBER
13 WHEN THESE AWARDS WERE PUT INTO PLAY AND EACH YEAR YOU ALL
14 TAKE IT TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL AND IT IS ABOUT COLLABORATION.
15 IT'S ALSO ABOUT THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX AND IT'S ALSO ABOUT
16 THIS BOARD ALLOWING YOU ALL TO TAKE YOUR IDEAS AND RUN WITH
17 THEM. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I JUST WANT
18 TO THANK YOU ALL AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM FOR THE WORK THAT YOU
19 DO. I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY COMMISSIONERS, VIGGO BUTLER AND
20 SCOTT PALMER FOR THEIR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHEN AND
21 STREAMLINE OUR COUNTY THROUGH INGENUITY AND RESOURCEFULNESS.
22 AND OF COURSE THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION. YOU ALL HAVE BEEN
23 INCREDIBLE WORKING WITH OUR HONOREES. YOU ARE TRULY REFLECTIVE
24 OF THE POSITIVE IMPACT OUR COUNTY CAN HAVE ON THE DAILY LIVES
25 OF OUR RESIDENTS. AND WE HAVE ONE MORE SPECIAL RECOGNITION



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1 LEFT. I'D LIKE TO INVITE BILL PARENT, CHAIR OF THE QUALITY AND
2 PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION, TO INTRODUCE THE COMMISSION'S CHAIR
3 LEADERSHIP AWARD.

4
5 **BILL PARENT:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MADAM CHAIR
6 PRO TEM, SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY
7 TO RECOGNIZE THESE PROJECTS AT THIS BOARD MEETING. AND IN
8 PARTICULAR, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR HOSTING US. I
9 LIKE THAT. SO, ONE OF THE THINGS TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE QPC
10 AWARDS IS THAT BACK IN AUGUST, SENIOR PUBLIC MANAGERS IN THE
11 PUBLIC MANAGEMENT NETWORK, PRODUCTIVITY MANAGEMENT NETWORK,
12 GET TOGETHER AND THERE WERE 107 APPLICATIONS. AND 57 PUBLIC
13 MANAGERS SAT DOWN AND RANKED THOSE ALONG WITH ABOUT EIGHT
14 COMMISSIONERS. AND I JUST WANT TO REPORT, BECAUSE THESE AWARDS
15 BEHIND YOU JUST KIND OF EXEMPLIFY SOME OF THE THEMES OF THOSE
16 107 EXCELLENT APPLICATIONS. AND THREE THEMES STAND OUT THIS
17 YEAR AS WE LOOKED AT THEM. NUMBER ONE IS COMMITMENT TO OUR
18 LOCAL VALUES IN THE FACE OF FEDERAL CHALLENGES. AND WE SEE
19 THESE THROUGHOUT THE APPLICATIONS, WHETHER IT IS IMPROVING
20 ACCESS, WHETHER IT IS LANGUAGE AND INTERPRETATION SERVICES,
21 AND ESPECIALLY THE BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER DEDICATED TO OUR
22 LOCAL PREFERENCE FOR MAIL-IN BALLOTING AND DROP-OFF BALLOTING
23 AND MAKING SURE THAT THAT OPERATES WITH INTEGRITY. THE SECOND
24 THEME THAT COMES THROUGH IS THE WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ON THE
25 MOST VEXING, DIFFICULT CHALLENGES. AND I THINK THESE AWARD



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1 WINNERS, THE ONE THAT EXEMPLIFIES THAT THE MOST THIS YEAR FOR
2 US IS THE JCOD TRANSFORMATION OF CAMP GONZALES. BUT THERE IS A
3 SCORE OF OTHER APPLICATIONS THAT TOOK ON VEXING PROBLEMS LIKE
4 THIS. AND THE THIRD ONE IS THAT REALLY MADE THE REVIEWERS
5 EXCITED IS TEAMWORK. AND THIS IS, YOU KNOW, TEAMS WITHIN
6 DEPARTMENTS AND TEAMS THAT COLLABORATE ACROSS DEPARTMENTS TO
7 SOLVE PROBLEMS AND DEVELOP A MORE EFFICIENT AND PRODUCTIVE AND
8 EXCELLENT GOVERNMENT. AND SAFETY MATTERS AT HARBOR UCLA
9 EXEMPLIFY THESE VALUES, BUT AGAIN THERE ARE ANOTHER 20
10 APPLICATIONS THAT WAS A KEY FEATURE. AS CHAIR, I ALSO HAVE THE
11 HONOR OF PRESENTING TWO CHAIRS' AWARDS. THE PRODUCTIVITY
12 MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD RECOGNIZES EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP
13 WITHIN THE PRODUCTIVITY MANAGERS NETWORK. OUR HONOREE IS A
14 COMMITTED PUBLIC SERVANT WHO WAS APPOINTED TO THE PRODUCTIVITY
15 MANAGERS NETWORK IN FEBRUARY 2021 AND HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS
16 COMMISSION AND AD HOC COMMITTEES OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS. SHE
17 HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY HER DEPARTMENT, THE STATE LEGISLATURE,
18 AND BY INDUSTRY FOR HER EXCELLENT SERVICE. DR. PATRICIA
19 SOLTERO SANCHEZ IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE DAISY AWARD FOR
20 NURSING EXCELLENCE AND WAS RECOGNIZED AS NURSE LEADER BY
21 WORKING NURSE MAGAZINE. WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE IN
22 ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND A DOCTORATE IN NURSING PRACTICE,
23 SHE LEADS HER DEPARTMENT QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY EFFORTS. FOR
24 THE LAST THREE YEARS, SHE HAS SERVED AS THE PMN'S PQA CHAIR.
25 SO, CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 PRODUCTIVITY MANAGER OF THE



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1 YEAR, DR. PATRICIA SOLTERO SANCHEZ FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 HEALTH SERVICES, RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION
3 CENTER. MIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER. THE OTHER AWARD
4 IS THE COMMISSION CHAIR LEADERSHIP AWARD, WHICH GOES TO A
5 DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR WHO PROMOTES INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY,
6 ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTEGRITY. THIS YEAR'S WINNER LEADS BY
7 EXAMPLE AND PROMOTES INNOVATION, CREATIVITY AND COLLABORATION
8 IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF ANTHONY C. MARRONY HAS
9 BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR
10 39 YEARS AND A CHIEF OFFICER FOR THE PAST 27 YEARS. UNDER HIS
11 LEADERSHIP, THE COMMISSION IS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH THE
12 DEPARTMENT IN SEVERAL INNOVATION AND LIFE-SAVING PROJECTS.
13 WHILE OPERATING IN ALMOST 200 LOCATIONS COUNTYWIDE, HE LEADS
14 ONE OF THE LARGEST EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCIES IN THE NATION
15 AND ONE THAT IS RECOGNIZED GLOBALLY FOR ITS URBAN RESEARCH AND
16 RESCUE TEAM, ONE OF ONLY TWO HIGHLY SPECIALIZED TEAMS
17 AVAILABLE FOR INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE. SO PLEASE
18 CONGRATULATE, HE'S NOT HERE RIGHT NOW, HE'S IN NEW YORK AT A
19 CONFERENCE, BUT CONGRATULATIONS TO FIRE CHIEF ANTHONY MARRONE
20 AND HERE REPRESENTING HIM IS DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF ELENI PAPPAS.
21 THANK YOU. ELENI, RIGHT, ELENI PAPPAS. ELENI PAPPAS. SO, THANK
22 YOU AND NOW ON WITH THE SHOW.

23
24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I'LL GET ALL THE TEAM UP HERE, BUT
25 I JUST WANT, WE WERE JUST TALKING, WE GOT NOTIFIED THAT



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1 ACTUALLY CHIEF MARRONE HAS DEPLOYED FIREFIGHTERS AND IS IT THE
2 SEARCH AND RESCUE OVER TO HAITI IN ANTICIPATION OF THE
3 HURRICANES. JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WHAT AN INCREDIBLE
4 DEPARTMENT WE HAVE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. SO, WITH THAT, MY
5 COLLEAGUES, CAN WE DO A PICTURE? JANICE? WE'RE GOING TO DO A
6 PICTURE. LET'S GIVE THEM ALL ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
7 ALL RIGHT. BECAUSE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SPANS FROM
8 SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER, I'M EXCITED TO CELEBRATE SOME VERY
9 SPECIAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH HONOREES FROM THE 5TH DISTRICT
10 TODAY. AS I WAS SELECTING OUR VERY DESERVING GUEST FOR TODAY,
11 A THEME EMERGED, FEEDING THE SOUL. WHETHER IT'S THROUGH FOOD,
12 THE ARTS, OR A COMMUNITY CONNECTION, ALL OUR HONOREES ARE
13 INVESTING HOPE, JOY, AND UNITY INTO THE LIVES OF THE RESIDENTS
14 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M DEEPLY THANKFUL TO ALL OF THESE
15 INCREDIBLE GROUPS FOR THE PROFOUND WORK THEY'RE DOING TO BRING
16 PEOPLE TOGETHER AND LIFT THEIR SPIRITS. OUR COUNTY IS TRULY A
17 BETTER PLACE BECAUSE OF THEIR PRESENCE, ENGAGEMENT, AND THEIR
18 MANY TALENTS. I'D NOW LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR FIFTH
19 DISTRICT HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH HONOREES. I'LL BEGIN WITH OUR
20 LOCAL BUSINESS. FIRST, MI RANCHITO MEXICAN BAR AND GRILL, WHO
21 HAS BEEN SERVING IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY SINCE 1997.
22 ACROSS 11 LOCATIONS, THEY LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED MI
23 RANCHITO'S SERVING UP DELICIOUS, AUTHENTIC FOOD AND DRINKS
24 THAT ARE BELOVED BY RESIDENTS IN EVERY CORNER OF THE ANTELOPE
25 VALLEY. LET'S GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. YEP. AND THEN NEXT UP



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1 EL PATRON MEXICAN FOOD RESTAURANT, A TRUE CORNERSTONE AND
2 GATHERING PLACE IN ALTADENA, STILL STANDING AS A BEACON OF
3 HOPE. EL PATRON CONTINUES TO BE THE GO-TO SPOT FOR ALTADENA
4 RESIDENTS AS THE COMMUNITY RECOVERS, PROUDLY SHOWING WHAT
5 ALTADENA STRONG MEANS BY REMINDING THE COMMUNITY OF ITS HOPE,
6 FAITH, AND RESILIENCE. AND I SAW ON THE NEWS TODAY THAT YOU
7 ALL ARE GOING DODGER BLUE. THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE TALKING
8 ABOUT. SO, LET'S GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. AND THEN WE
9 ALSO HAVE MEJADES MEXICAN RESTAURANT, WHICH HAS BEEN A FIXTURE
10 IN PASADENA FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS AND STANDS AS THE CITY'S
11 OLDEST MEXICAN RESTAURANT. A TRUE FAMILY AFFAIR, MEJADES'S IS
12 FAMILY RUN BY THREE GENERATIONS, HOLDING ON TO THE SAME VALUES
13 AND RECIPES THAT THEIR GRANDMOTHER, HESUITA, BEGAN WITH THE
14 BUSINESS. I KNOW THAT IT IS AN AMAZING, AMAZING INSTITUTION
15 AND IT WAS THEIR HOME THAT THEY HAVE NOW CONVERTED INTO THE
16 RESTAURANT. SO, LET'S GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. AND THEN
17 ALSO SWEET AND SAVORY CAFE AND BAKERY, WHICH WAS OPENED IN SAN
18 DIMAS IN 2019. INSPIRED BY HER TRAVELS, OWNER HEIDI CREATED A
19 FRESH, DIVERSE, AND DELICIOUS MENU FEATURING DIFFERENT, FROM
20 DIFFERENT MANY CULTURES, AND HAS TRIPLED SALES IN THE LAST
21 THREE YEARS AND IF YOU ARE OUT IN SAN DIMAS I HIGHLY RECOMMEND
22 YOU STOP BY AMAZING, AMAZING, AMAZING, SO LET'S GIVE HER A
23 ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND THEN OF COURSE LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT
24 LEAST, PORTO'S BAKERY AND CAFE, A TRUE SYMBOL OF LOS ANGELES
25 COUNTY WITH ITS SIX LOCATIONS ACROSS THE REGION. ICONIC IS AN



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1 UNDERSTATEMENT FOR PORTO'S BAKERY. AND IF I GET ONE MORE EMAIL
2 FROM ANYONE IN SANTA CLARITA ASKING WHEN THEY'RE OPENING A
3 PORTO'S BAKERY, I'M GOING TO OPEN ONE FOR THEM. THEIR ICONIC
4 YELLOW BOXES CARRY CUBAN CAKES AND PASTRIES. AND ALSO, THE
5 INCREDIBLE STORY AND LEGACY OF THEIR FOUNDER, ROSA, CONTINUES
6 TO THIS DAY BY HER CHILDREN, BEATRIZ, RAUL, AND MARGARITA, AND
7 THEIR INCREDIBLE GRANDCHILDREN. TRULY A FAMILY AFFAIR. SO,
8 WITH THAT, LET'S GIVE PORTO'S A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. YEAH.
9 FIRST, THE PASADENA LATINO HERITAGE COMMITTEE PROUDLY HOSTING
10 THE ANNUAL LATINO HERITAGE FESTIVAL THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE
11 STORIES, CULTURE, AND UNITY OF THE LATINO COMMUNITY WITH LIVE
12 ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD VENDORS, RESOURCE BOOTHS, AND AN ARTISAN
13 MARKETPLACE AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES. THIS YEAR'S THEME, A
14 PROUD PAST, A HOPEFUL FUTURE, SPOTLIGHTS THE RESILIENCE AND
15 PRIDE OF THE LATINO COMMUNITY AND THE DEEP ROOTS AND ENDURING
16 CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ARE SO WORTHY OF A CELEBRATION. I'D ALSO
17 LIKE TO SPOTLIGHT VIVER BRASIL DANCE COMPANY, ESTABLISHED IN
18 L.A. IN 1997 WITH BOLD, CULTURALLY ROOTED AFRO-BRAZILIAN DANCE
19 THEATER. THEY FEATURE A SIGNATURE BLEND OF ANCESTRAL
20 PRACTICES, STREET STYLES, AND LIVE MUSIC THAT ADDRESSES ISSUES
21 LIKE RACIAL AND SOCIAL INEQUITY WHILE IMAGINING A MORE HOPEFUL
22 FUTURE. ALSO, ABOUT PRODUCTIONS, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1988
23 BY FOUR CALARTS GRADUATES TO GIVE A VOICE TO A UNIQUE UNTOLD
24 STORIES AND CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES. THEIR ORIGINAL WORK
25 FEATURES THE REGION'S LEADING PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTISTS



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1 AND ILLUMINATES THE CULTURAL HISTORIES OF LATIN AMERICA, THE
2 SOUTHWEST, CALIFORNIA, AND LOS ANGELES. AND FINALLY, FORTE
3 CANTO DANCE THEATER, FOUNDED IN 1975, IS THE OLDEST
4 PROFESSIONAL MEXICAN FOLK DANCE TROUPE IN LOS ANGELES AND THE
5 FIRST MEXICAN FOLK DANCE TOURING COMPANY NATIVE TO THE UNITED
6 STATES. THE COMPANY PRESENTS AUTHENTICALLY STAGED, FULLY
7 RESEARCHED, AND COLORFULLY COSTUMED DANCES REPRESENTING THE
8 FOLKLORIC TRADITIONS OF MEXICO WHILE PRESERVING, CELEBRATING,
9 AND RAISING AWARENESS OF THE MEXICAN CULTURE. CAN I GET A
10 ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR OUR INCREDIBLE HONOREES? I WANT TO THANK
11 YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY EACH AND EVERY DAY.
12 YOUR VIBRANT, BEAUTIFUL, AND PASSIONATE WORK TRULY SERVES TO
13 STRENGTHEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK
14 YOU.

15
16 **VANNIA DE LA CUBA:** SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU. I'M VANNIA DE LA
17 CUBA. I'M THE DEPUTY MAYOR TO MAYOR VICTOR GORDO IN THE CITY
18 OF PASADENA. AND I JUST WANT TO TAKE THIS MOMENT TO THANK YOU
19 FOR RECOGNIZING THE DIVERSITY AND THE STRENGTH AND THE
20 RESILIENCE AND JUST THE AMAZING LOVE THAT WE HAVE IN OUR
21 LATINO COMMUNITY AND WHAT WE DO EVERY MONTH DURING LATINO
22 HERITAGE MONTH TO CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY, INSPIRE OUR
23 COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO EVERY DAY. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR
24 RECOGNIZING OUR SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE TERRIFIC AND OUR
25 LOCAL GROUPS THAT ALSO PROMOTE ARTS AND CULTURE. SO, THANK YOU



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1 ALL AND CONGRATULATIONS.

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3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. FIRST, SUPERVISOR
4 SOLIS.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** HELLO. I KNOW EVERYBODY'S ENJOYING
7 THEMSELVES TODAY. IT'S A SPECIAL OCCASION FOR US TO HONOR SO
8 MANY GREAT PEOPLE THAT REPRESENT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
9 BUT I HAVE THE DISTINCT PLEASURE THIS MORNING ALSO TO
10 RECOGNIZE INDIVIDUALS THAT SERVE OUR COUNTY AS WELL. SOMETIMES
11 THEY'RE NOT ALWAYS ON OUR LIST, SOMETIMES THEY'RE IN THE
12 SHADOWS BUT THEY WORK VERY HARD. AND PART OF OUR CELEBRATION
13 TODAY IS TO RECOGNIZE THIS MONTH, NOVEMBER, AS NATIONAL FAMILY
14 CAREGIVER MONTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, A TIME TO HONOR THE
15 NEARLY 63,000,000 FAMILY CAREGIVERS ACROSS THIS COUNTRY WHO
16 PROVIDE ESSENTIAL AND OFTEN UNPAID CARE TO LOVED ONES WITH
17 DISABILITIES, CHRONIC ILLNESSES, OR AGING-RELATED NEEDS. THESE
18 CAREGIVERS, MANY OF THEM RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
19 SOME WHO HAVE COME HERE TO JOIN US, PLEASE HAVE A SEAT.
20 SIENTENSE. PLEASE HAVE A SEAT. AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THEIR
21 LEADERSHIP FOR BEING HERE TODAY. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE
22 THEM AND THEN I WILL HAVE CARMEN ROBERTS, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE
23 VICE PRESIDENT FOR LOCAL 2015, SEIU, WHO IS HERE. LET'S GIVE
24 HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. BLANCA CARLOS, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT,
25 HOME CARE INDUSTRY. YES. CHERYL STUBBS, IN-HOME HEALTHCARE



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1 SERVICES. MARLA CIBRIAN, IN-HOME HEALTHCARE SERVICES. AND
2 LILIANA REED, IN-HOME HEALTHCARE SERVICES. I WANTED TO
3 ACKNOWLEDGE THEM FOR ALL BEING A PART OF THIS OCCASION TODAY.
4 THEY ARE ALL QUITE THE HEROES, INCLUDING THE ONES THAT ARE
5 SITTING HERE IN THE FRONT ROW, WHO WORK TIRELESSLY TO ENSURE
6 THAT OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE TREATED WITH
7 DIGNITY, LOVE AND RESPECT. THEY PROVIDE, AS YOU KNOW,
8 ESSENTIAL SERVICES, BOTH PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SPIRITUAL
9 SUPPORT, OFTEN AROUND THE CLOCK, WHILE BALANCING THEIR OWN
10 FAMILIES, THEIR JOBS, AND THEIR OWN HEALTH CARE. THIS MONTH
11 NOT ONLY IS ABOUT THEIR RECOGNITION, BUT IT'S ALSO A CALL TO
12 ACTION. IT REMINDS US TO STRENGTHEN THE SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR
13 CAREGIVERS, PROVIDE ACCESS TO RESPITE SERVICES TO PROMOTE
14 THEIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND RESOURCES AND THEIR MENTAL
15 HEALTH. BECAUSE IF THEY'RE ALSO FEELING BURNT OUT, THEN THAT
16 SHOWS. AND WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF OUR CAREGIVERS
17 BECAUSE THEY ARE DOING THE HARD WORK RIGHT NOW. MANY TIMES, AS
18 I SAID, IN THE SHADOWS, BUT THEY'RE NOT REALLY IN THE SHADOWS.
19 IF YOU HAD ANY ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WORK ALONGSIDE WITH
20 YOUR FAMILY MEMBER, WHICH I HAVE HAD THE EXPERIENCE, I KNOW
21 HOW HARD THIS WORK IS, AND I KNOW THE SACRIFICES THAT YOU ALL
22 HAVE MADE. TODAY WE ALSO TAKE SPECIAL PRIDE IN HONORING THE
23 WORKERS, OUR OWN WORKERS, SEIU LOCAL 2015, WHO REPRESENT MORE
24 THAN 470,000 LONG-TERM CARE PROVIDERS ACROSS THE STATE OF
25 CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HOME CARE WORKERS



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1 RIGHT HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. LET'S GIVE THEM ALL A
2 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THESE CAREGIVERS, AS YOU KNOW, ARE THE
3 BACKBONE OF OUR LONG-TERM CARE SYSTEM, ENSURING THAT OLDER
4 ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CAN LIVE SAFELY AND
5 INDEPENDENTLY IN THEIR HOMES. SEIU 2015 MEMBERS EXEMPLIFY WHAT
6 IT MEANS TO SERVE WITH HEART, CORAZÓN, AND HUMANITY AND
7 HUMILITY. THEIR COMPASSION AND COMMITMENT UPLIFT OUR ENTIRE
8 COMMUNITIES AND THEIR ADVOCACY CONTINUES TO ENSURE THAT
9 CAREGIVERS RECEIVE RESPECT, FAIR WAGES, AND PROTECTIONS THAT
10 THEY ALL DESERVE. LET US ALL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS
11 GRATITUDE, TO SAY THANK YOU, MUCHAS GRACIAS, TO THE CAREGIVERS
12 IN OUR LIVES, TO OFFER THEM SUPPORT AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
13 INVALUABLE ROLE THEY PLAY IN THE FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITIES. TO
14 ALL CAREGIVERS, WHETHER YOU CARE FOR A PARENT, A CHILD, A
15 SPOUSE OR A NEIGHBOR, WE SEE YOU, WE THANK YOU AND WE STAND
16 WITH YOU. ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IT'S
17 MY HONOR TO PRESENT THIS PARTICULAR SCROLL TO SEIU LOCAL 2015
18 IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR TIRELESS WORK AND LEADERSHIP IN
19 ADVANCING THE WELL-BEING AND DIGNITY OF FAMILY CAREGIVERS
20 THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. SO, I'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS AND THEN I
21 WILL HAVE THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, CARMEN ROBERTS, TO SAY
22 A FEW WORDS. BUT LET'S TAKE A QUICK PHOTO WITH YOU.

23
24 CARMEN ROBERTS: GOOD MORNING. I'M CARMEN ROBERTS, THE
25 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF SEIU 2015. AND THANK YOU,



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1 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS FROM ALL THE IHSS CARE PROVIDERS IN LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY. WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD TO RECEIVE THIS PRESENTATION.
4 HOME CARE PROVIDERS KNOW THE WORK THEY DO IS ESSENTIAL, AND
5 THAT SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO
6 LIVE AT HOME WITH DIGNITY, IF IT WERE FOR THE CARE THAT THEY
7 PROVIDE. BUT EVEN KNOWING THIS, IT IS ALWAYS JOYFUL WHEN
8 OTHERS SEE THEM AND ACKNOWLEDGES THE VALUE HOME CARE PROVIDERS
9 BRING TO ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM
10 OF MY HEART FOR RECOGNIZING, LIFTING UP, AND HONORING L.A.
11 COUNTY, EXCUSE ME, L.A., ALL THE IHSS, IHSS WORKERS IN L.A.
12 COUNTY DOING NATIONAL CAREGIVERS MONTH. AND I ACCEPT THIS
13 PRESENTATION ON THEIR BEHALF. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

14
15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY IT'S BEEN TO
16 HONOR THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE L.A. COUNTY RUN EVERY DAY SO WE
17 DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOU ALL SO IT IS MY ABSOLUTE PLEASURE AND
18 HONOR AS WE CELEBRATE OUR HEROES THE L. A. COUNTY LIFEGUARDS
19 GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. KNOWN AFFECTIONATELY AS THE BEST
20 LIFEGUARD DEPARTMENT IN THE WORLD, THEY CONSISTENTLY RANK
21 AMONG THE TOP AT THE WORLD LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ARE
22 RECOGNIZED AS THE LARGEST PROFESSIONAL LIFEGUARD AGENCY IN THE
23 WORLD. I BET YOU ALL DIDN'T KNOW THAT L.A. COUNTY. I'M HONORED
24 TO RECOGNIZE THEM BEFORE THE BOARD AND THE PEOPLE OF L.A.
25 COUNTY FOR WINNING THE PRESTIGIOUS WIELAND SHIELD AWARD. SO,



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1 TO EDUCATE US ALL ABOUT WHAT THAT IS ALL ABOUT, BECAUSE IT'S
2 SIGNIFICANT. THE WIELAND SHIELD EXCHANGE, EVERY TWO YEARS,
3 LIFEGUARDS FROM VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA, AND L.A. COUNTY COMPETE
4 FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS SHIELD. FROM JULY 28TH TO AUGUST 18,
5 2025, L.A. COUNTY AND THE INTERNATIONAL SURF FESTIVAL HOSTED
6 33 AUSTRALIAN LIFEGUARDS FOR THE 20 EIGHTH EDITION OF THIS
7 BIENNIAL. BIENNIAL OCEAN RACING COMPETITION THE VISITORS WERE
8 ALSO HONORED AT THE LIFEGUARD MEDAL OF VALOR DINNER HOSTED AT
9 THE SECOND DISTRICT I'M PROUD TO SAY. THE WIELAND SHIELD
10 CELEBRATES NOT ONLY COMPETITION BUT ALSO THE EXCHANGE OF LIFE
11 SAVING SKILLS KNOWLEDGE BETWEEN CALIFORNIA AND THE VICTORIA
12 LIFEGUARDS. THIS FASCINATING COMPETITION WAS FIRST HELD IN
13 1967, AND AGAIN IT BRINGS TOGETHER THE TWO LIFEGUARDS GROUPS
14 FROM L.A. AND AUSTRALIA. AND WINNING THE SHIELD REFLECTS NOT
15 JUST ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE BUT LEADERSHIP, INNOVATION, AND
16 GLOBAL RESPECT IN THE FIELD OF OCEAN SAFETY. SO, THE SLIDESHOW
17 THAT YOU SHOULD BE SEEING BEHIND ME HIGHLIGHTS PHOTOS OF THE
18 COMPETITORS, THE COMPETITION, AS WELL AS THE AWARD ITSELF. IT
19 WAS A PRIVILEGE TO MEET BOTH TEAMS AT THE DINNER AND SPENT A
20 LOT OF TIME TALKING TO THEM ABOUT THEIR COMMITMENT TO THEIR
21 CRAFT AND WHAT BRINGING THE SHIELD HOME MEANS TO THEM. OUR
22 LIFEGUARDS ARE CHAMPIONS IN EVERY SENSE, BUT LIKE MANY COUNTY
23 DEPARTMENTS, THEY'VE HAD TO OVERCOME BARRIERS TO INCLUSION. IT
24 WAS THE MID-SIXTIES BEFORE L.A. COUNTY HAD ITS FIRST AFRICAN
25 AMERICAN LIFEGUARD, AND 1973 WAS THE FIRST YEAR THAT A WOMAN



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1 SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY. BUT TODAY, THANKS TO PROGRAMS LIKE
2 CAPTAIN RUSSELL WALKER'S WATER PROGRAM, WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF
3 COLOR ARE NOT ONLY SERVING, THEY ARE THRIVING AS LIFEGUARDS.
4 MY OFFICE IS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH OUR LIFEGUARDS IN THEIR
5 BEACH SAFETY PROGRAMS AND TO EXPAND ACCESS TO WATER SAFETY
6 PROGRAMMING AND JOB PIPELINES THROUGH THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD
7 PROGRAM. IT'S MY EXPECTATION THAT WE CONTINUE TO OPEN DOORS
8 FOR COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE NOT HISTORICALLY HAD ACCESS TO THESE
9 OPPORTUNITIES, ENSURING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LIFEGUARDS
10 REFLECT THE DIVERSITY, THE RICH DIVERSITY THAT WE KNOW TO BE
11 L.A. COUNTY, L.A. COUNTY LIFEGUARDS NOT ONLY KEEP OUR BEACHES
12 SAFE, BUT THEY ARE ALSO VERSATILE, HIGHLY TRAINED FIRST
13 RESPONDERS. THEY STOOD WITH FIREFIGHTERS TO FIGHT THE
14 DEVASTATING PALISADES AND ALTADENA WILDFIRES AND LED THE
15 RESPONSE TO THE TOXIC ALGAE BLOOM RESCUING STRANDED SEA LIONS,
16 DOLPHINS, AND EVEN FOUR WHALES. TWO VERY DIFFERENT CRISES,
17 SAME UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO PEOPLE, WILDLIFE, AND THE
18 ENVIRONMENT. AND NONE OF THIS WORK IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT
19 DEDICATED LEADERSHIP. SO, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE CHIEF MARRONE
20 FOR HIS STEADFAST LEADERSHIP OF THE EXTRAORDINARY DEPARTMENT
21 AND TO CHIEF FERNANDO BOITEUX, WHOSE VISION AND LEADERSHIP
22 HAVE ELEVATED L.A. COUNTY LIFEGUARDS TO GLOBAL RECOGNITION.
23 CHIEF BOIRIER HAS LED THE INTEGRATION OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY
24 INTO RESCUE WORK, PARTNERING WITH THE U.S. NAVY TO TEST TOOLS
25 LIKE AUTONOMOUS SURFACE VEHICLES, WHICH ARE NOW VITAL TO THE



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1 COUNTY'S TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM. IN 2016, HE WORKED ALONGSIDE
2 THE HELLENIC COAST GUARD IN GREECE, HELPING RESCUE OVER 400
3 REFUGEES AND EXTENDING L.A. COUNTY'S LIFEGUARD'S LIFE-SAVING
4 MISSION GLOBALLY. HIS LEADERSHIP ENSURES OUR LIFEGUARDS
5 CONTINUE TO SET THE GLOBAL STANDARD FOR INNOVATION,
6 HUMANITARIAN SERVICE, AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE. BOITEUX,
7 WILL YOU PLEASE HONOR US BY PROVIDING SOME WORDS?

8
9 **FERNANDO BOITEUX:** GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY. I'M THE COUNTY OF
10 LOS ANGELES LIFEGUARD CHIEF FERNANDO BOITEUX. I WOULD LIKE TO
11 ON BEHALF OF FIRE CHIEF ANTHONY MARRONE, I'D LIKE TO THANK
12 SECOND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, MADAM CHAIR KATHRYN
13 BARGER, SUPERVISORS HILDA SOLIS, LINDSAY HORVATH, AND JANICE
14 HAHN FOR THIS RECOGNITION. AFTER 13 YEARS, CALIFORNIA LIFE
15 COURAGE PROUDLY WON THE WHIRLENSHIELD, AGAIN, YOU KNOW, AFTER
16 CALIFORNIA, LIFEGUARDS PROUDLY WON THE WILLENSHIELD AGAIN
17 AFTER THE 27TH EXCHANGE WITH THE LIFE-SAVING VICTORIA. THE
18 HISTORIC VICTORY HIGHLIGHTS A SHARED LEGACY OF OVER 50 YEARS
19 OF TEAMWORK, KNOWLEDGE, AND RIVALRY. WILL AND SHIELD, HELD
20 FROM AUGUST 1ST THROUGH THE 3RD OF THIS YEAR IS MORE THAN JUST
21 A COMPETITION. IT'S A LONG-STANDING TRADITION THAT FOSTERS
22 INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION, SKILL DEVELOPMENT, AND LIFELONG
23 FRIENDSHIPS. THE CALIFORNIA TEAM INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING COUNTY
24 OF LOS ANGELES OCEAN LIFEGUARDS. SO RETIRED RESCUE BOAT
25 CAPTAIN JAY BUCKEY, OCEAN LIFEGUARD SPECIALIST BRIAN MURPHY,



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1 AS THE COACHES FOR THE CALIFORNIA WILLING SHIELD TEAM. FOR THE
2 ATHLETES, WE HAVE OCEAN LIFEGUARD SPECIALIST JAKE MILLER,
3 OCEAN LIFEGUARD STEFAN BLAU, OCEAN LIFEGUARD CAMP, AND OCEAN
4 LIFE CARD LUCAS POLLARD. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE TWO LIFEGUARDS
5 THAT COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY, ALEXANDER COLE AND HOLLY MAIN.
6 TOGETHER, THEY DEMONSTRATED SKILL DETERMINATION, SPORTSMANSHIP
7 AND A STANDOUT PERFORMANCE FROM OCEAN LIFE COURAGE CORAL CAMP
8 AND HOLLY MAIN. SO, WHILE CELEBRATING THIS ACHIEVEMENT, WE
9 ALSO HONOR THE ENDURING PARTNERSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
10 CALIFORNIA AND VICTORIA. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE LIFEGUARDS
11 THAT PARTICIPATED.

12
13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU AND I
14 APPRECIATE YOU GINGERLY SAYING THE HEALTHY COMPETITION. IT WAS
15 SOME FIERCE COMPETITION. THEY WERE SERIOUS. AND I WAS VERY
16 PROUD TO BE ROOTING YOU ALL ON, AND EVEN MORE PROUD WHEN Y'ALL
17 WON. SO, OUR LIFEGUARDS EMBODY COURAGE, SKILL, AND DEDICATION
18 FROM SAVING LIVES AT SEA TO MENTORING YOUTH TO PROTECTING
19 COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS. THEIR WORK ENSURES OUR BEACHES REMAIN
20 SAFE, ACCESSIBLE, AND WELCOMING FOR EVERY ANGELENO. THE WHEEL
21 AND SHIELD VICTORY IS MORE THAN JUST A COMPETITION, A
22 COMPETITIVE WIN, IT'S A REFLECTION OF THEIR HEROISM,
23 PROFESSIONALISM, AND ENDURING LEGACY OF SERVICE TO L.A.
24 COUNTY, SO CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED, AND THANK
25 YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO EVERY DAY IN BETWEEN THE COMPETITIONS TO



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1 KEEP US SAFE. IT'S MY HONOR ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD. YOU
2 ALL GOT INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATES, BUT WE ALSO WANTED TO PRESENT
3 YOU WITH A SCROLL SIGNED BY ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. SO,
4 CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYBODY. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE,
5 PLEASE. THANK YOU. YAY. I HAVE TO SAY COLLEAGUES, NOW YOU KNOW
6 CORAL'S PARENTS MUST HAVE FORESHADOWED WHAT HER CAREER WOULD
7 BE WITH A NAME LIKE CORAL KEMP, RIGHT?

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEP. YEP. THANK YOU. WE LOVE THE
10 LIFEGUARDS. ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
11 CALL THE AGENDA.

12

13 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL BEGIN ON PAGE THREE,
14 SET MATTER 1, REPORT BY THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON
15 THE COUNTY'S BUDGET, INCLUDING THE LATEST FEDERAL AND STATE
16 POLICY CHANGES WITH POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO COUNTY STAFF,
17 CONTRACTED PROVIDERS, AND SERVICE DELIVERY. THIS ITEM WILL BE
18 HELD FOR REPORT. ON PAGE FOUR, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 2
19 THROUGH 5, THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE
20 SEVEN, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEM 6 THROUGH 8. ON ITEM 6,
21 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 10,
22 NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ITEM CS1 THROUGH CS3. ON ITEM CS1,
23 COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK
24 TO NOVEMBER 4, 2025. THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE THROUGH CS3
25 ARE BEFORE YOU. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA,



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1 MADAM CHAIR.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
4 MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM,
5 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE
6 CODE OF CONDUCT.

7

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



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1 PROFANE, PERSONAL, THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR
2 OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF,
3 STAFF, OR ANY OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE
4 RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND
5 BOARD MEMBERS, AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE
6 DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON
7 ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO
8 BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU
9 WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
10 THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN
11 THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER
12 COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

13
14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** TODAY'S MEETING ORDER WILL BE SET
15 MATTER 1, THEN PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 2,3,4, AND 5, FOLLOWED BY
16 ITEM 6, THEN PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION
17 BY THE BOARD, INCLUDING CLOSED SESSION MATTERS AND GENERAL
18 PUBLIC COMMENT, AND FINISHING WITH CLOSED SESSION. BEFORE WE
19 BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION
20 AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES.

21
22 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE
23 PUBLIC. IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY
24 DO SO IN PERSON OR REMOTELY. TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, PLEASE
25 VISIT OUR WEBSITE, WWW.BOS.LACOUNTY.GOV, TO REGISTER AND JOIN



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1 THE MEETING, OR YOU MAY CALL 213-306-3065, AND USE ACCESS CODE
2 25364170510, AND MEETING PASSWORD 2672025. YOU WILL HAVE THE
3 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. FOR
4 ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD, YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE FOR
5 ONE ITEM AND UP TO TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE ITEMS. FOR
6 ITEMS HELD BY SUPERVISORS, YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS
7 THE BOARD AND ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON EACH OF THE
8 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, AND ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
9 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME AND
10 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING.
11 PLEASE NOTE, ONCE YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, WE WILL IMMEDIATELY
12 MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, IF
13 REGISTERED ON A COMPUTER OR DEVICE, YOU WILL HEAR A BEEP AND
14 YOUR NAME WILL BE CALLED. OR IF JOINING BY TELEPHONE, YOU WILL
15 HEAR YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, YOUR AREA CODE, AND THE FIRST 3
16 DIGITS OF YOUR PHONE NUMBER WILL BE CALLED. TO ENSURE WE'RE
17 HERE FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND REMOTE SPEAKERS, WE WILL
18 ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING CUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
19 WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME
20 DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE
21 BOARDROOM AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH
22 THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO SET
23 MATTER 1, REPORT BY THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON THE
24 COUNTY'S BUDGET. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY
25 TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF



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1 YOU ARE ONLINE, OR PRESS STAR 3 IF ON THE TELEPHONE.

2 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE WILL MAKE A
3 PRESENTATION. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE STATE YOUR
4 NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

5
6 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. GOOD MORNING, THIS
7 IS OUR FOURTH UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.

8 UNFORTUNATELY, THE SITUATION IN WASHINGTON REMAINS UNCHANGED,
9 AND THERE ARE NO BRIGHT SIGNS ON THE HORIZON THAT CONGRESS OR
10 THE PRESIDENT WILL RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND REOPEN THE
11 GOVERNMENT. AND IN FACT, I JUST FOUND OUT THAT ANOTHER VOTE IN
12 THE SENATE HAS JUST FAILED. IN ADDITION, THE USDA ANNOUNCED
13 OVER THE WEEKEND THAT THEY WILL NOT RELEASE ABOUT

14 \$5,000,000,000 IN SNAP CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO COVER FOOD

15 BENEFITS STARTING NOVEMBER 1ST. THAT IS AN EXTREMELY
16 DISAPPOINTING DEVELOPMENT AND SOMETHING THAT WE HAD ADVOCATED
17 STRONGLY ALONG WITH OUR PARTNERS AT NACO AND ACROSS THE

18 COUNTRY TO DO. WE'RE SURVEYING DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS TO
19 BETTER UNDERSTAND THE FINANCIAL AND OTHER IMPACTS SHOULD THE
20 SHUTDOWN STRETCH INTO NOVEMBER. WE'LL UPDATE YOUR BOARD AS WE
21 KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT. FOR TODAY, WE WANTED TO FOCUS OUR UPDATE
22 ON THE COUNTY'S URGENT MOBILIZATION TO HELP OUR RESIDENTS
23 THROUGH THE IMMEDIATE IMPACTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
24 SHUTDOWN. WE ALSO WANTED TO RESPOND DIRECTLY TO THE CONCERNS
25 AND QUESTIONS YOU RAISED LAST WEEK. SO, YOU HAVE SOME CLOSURE



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1 ON WHAT YOU ASKED US TO LOOK INTO. IF WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT
2 SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS SLIDE IS AN UPDATE OF THE SLIDE WE SHOWED
3 YOU LAST WEEK. IT ILLUSTRATES WHEN THE HAMMER WILL DROP ON
4 SPECIFIC PROGRAMS DIRECTLY IMPACTING COUNTY RESIDENTS. AS I
5 REPORTED LAST WEEK, THE STATE LET US KNOW THAT IT WILL COVER
6 CALWORKS BENEFITS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS THROUGH THE END OF
7 THE YEAR. AND THAT MEANS WE'RE NOW LOOKING AT A SLIGHTLY
8 LONGER RUNWAY FOR CALWORKS BENEFITS AND SECTION 8 RENTAL AND
9 HOUSING ASSISTANCE, BOTH OF WHICH AS OF TODAY ARE EXPECTED TO
10 CONTINUE THROUGH DECEMBER. HOWEVER, THE GRIM REALITY REMAINS
11 THAT CALFRESH BENEFITS, WHICH PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE FOR
12 1,500,000 CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN L.A. COUNTY WILL RUN OUT IN
13 JUST A FEW DAYS. AND IN FACT, THE L.A. TIMES JUST PUBLISHED AN
14 ARTICLE WITH THE HEADLINE, HUNGER LOOMS AS MILLIONS PREPARE TO
15 LOSE FOOD AID AMID THE SHUTDOWN. YOUR BOARD HAS RIGHTLY
16 RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR THE COUNTY AND OTHER SAFETY NET
17 PROVIDERS IN THE COUNTY TO MOUNT AN AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN TO
18 HELP RESIDENTS THROUGH THIS FRIGHTENING TIME. I'M PLEASED TO
19 REPORT THAT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER AGENCIES HAVE ANSWERED THE
20 CALL FOR URGENT ACTION. SO, I WANTED TO TURN THE PRESENTATION
21 OVER TO DR. CARRIE MILLER WHO'S THE BRANCH MANAGER OVER THE
22 CEO'S POLICY IMPLEMENTATION AND ALIGNMENT BRANCH. SHE WILL BE
23 JOINED BY ANGELA OVALLE, ACTING BRANCH MANAGER OVER
24 LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, AND BY KHRISTINA MEZA, OUR EXECUTIVE
25 DIRECTOR OF THE POVERTY ALLEVIATION INITIATIVE TO RESPOND TO



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1 ANY QUESTIONS YOU ALL HAVE. CARRIE.

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3 **CARRIE MILLER:** THANK YOU, JOE. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE,
4 PLEASE. SO, ALTHOUGH WE'RE NOT SEEING ANY POSITIVE ACTION IN
5 WASHINGTON, WE ARE SEEING A LOT OF POSITIVE ACTION HERE IN
6 L.A. COUNTY. BEFORE I GET INTO OUR EFFORTS, I DO WANT TO
7 HIGHLIGHT THAT THE STATE ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK THAT THEY WILL BE
8 SPEEDING UP THEIR PROCESS FOR THE STATE'S CALFOOD PROGRAM,
9 WHICH PROVIDES FUNDING FOR FOOD BANKS WITH ACTIVE CONTRACTS.
10 THE L.A. REGIONAL FOOD BANK IS ONE OF THOSE CONTRACTED INDICES
11 AND WAS AWARDED LAST SUMMER \$18,000,000 TO SERVE THAT PROGRAM.
12 THAT IS EXISTING FUNDING. HOWEVER, WHAT THE GOVERNOR'S
13 ANNOUNCEMENT DID IS IT REMOVES THE PREVIOUSLY DEFINED CASH
14 ADVANCE LIMIT SO THAT NOW ENTITIES CAN DRAW DOWN 100% OF THAT
15 ALLOCATION UPFRONT AS NEEDED. AND NOW I'LL TALK ABOUT OUR
16 LOCAL EFFORTS. SO, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THE SLIDE, L.A. COUNTY IS
17 WELL UNDERWAY WITH ITS ACTION PLAN. DPH PULLED OFF A HERCULEAN
18 EFFORT AND EXECUTED A CONTRACT AMENDMENT LAST FRIDAY WITH THE
19 L.A. REGIONAL FOOD BANK IN RECORD TIME THAT ADDS \$10,000,000
20 TO EXPAND THEIR FOOD PURCHASING CAPACITY AND SET UP POP-UP
21 SITES AND DRIVE THROUGH PANTRY LOCATIONS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY.
22 I'M REALLY PLEASED TO SAY THAT ALL BUT 25,000 OF THAT
23 \$10,000,000 CONTRACT WILL BE USED SPECIFICALLY TO PURCHASE
24 FOOD. L.A. REGIONAL FOOD BANK HAS COMMITTED TO SETTING UP
25 ADDITIONAL POP-UP SITES AND FOOD DESERTS IN AREAS OF CONCERN



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1 THAT THE COUNTY IDENTIFIES. AND THEY'VE SPECIFICALLY COMMITTED
2 TO WORKING WITH EACH OF YOUR OFFICES TO SET UP PANTRY SITES AT
3 EITHER CBOS OR OTHER FACILITIES THAT YOU IDENTIFY. IN
4 ADDITION, L.A. CARE HAS ALLOCATED UP TO \$500,000,000 TO EXPAND
5 CAPACITY AND DISTRIBUTE GROCERY GIFT CARDS AND FRESH FOOD
6 BOXES, AND THEY'VE ALSO IDENTIFIED AN ADDITIONAL \$400,000 FOR
7 SMALL GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY.
8 THEY WILL DISTRIBUTE GIFT CARDS AT THEIR 14 COMMUNITY RESOURCE
9 CENTERS ACROSS THE COUNTY AS WELL. ADDITIONALLY, WE USE THE
10 POVERTY ALLEVIATIONS DASHBOARD TO CROSSWALK THE MOST IMPACTED
11 COMMUNITIES WITH LOCATIONS OF FOOD PANTRIES SO THAT WE COULD
12 FURTHER IDENTIFY HOT SPOTS THAT NEED TAILORED RESOURCES.
13 THROUGH OUR OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND NEIGHBORHOOD
14 PARTNERSHIP, WE HAVE OUTREACH TO THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY AND
15 ENCOURAGE THEM TO START THEIR HOLIDAY GIVING CAMPAIGNS EARLY.
16 WE ALSO HAVE WORKED WITH CENTER FOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
17 THAT'S HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AT ITS
18 SEMI-ANNUAL FUNDERS BRIEFING LAST WEEK AND HAS PROVIDED
19 ADDITIONAL MESSAGING AND ADVOCACY TO OUR PHILANTHROPIC
20 ORGANIZATIONS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE
21 ALSO BEEN STEPPING UP VERY PROACTIVELY. AS YOU'LL SEE, THIS IS
22 A PARTIAL LIST OF THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED TO DATE.
23 WE'RE SEEING AN OVERWHELMING SURGE OF ACTIVISM BY OUR
24 DEPARTMENTS, AND THIS INCLUDES A BROAD-BASED ACTIONS AS WELL
25 AS HIGHLY TARGETED ACTIONS THAT ADDRESS INDIVIDUAL



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1 DEPARTMENTS' CLIENTS. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, DHR HAS LAUNCHED A
2 COUNTYWIDE GIVING CAMPAIGN AND WEBSITE FOR THE L.A. REGIONAL
3 FOOD BANK. THEY HAVE SET UP DONATION DROP BOXES THAT ARE
4 AVAILABLE AS OF TODAY HERE AT THE HALL. THERE'S ONE ON THE
5 BASEMENT AND THERE'S ONE ON THE FIRST THROUGH SEVEN FLOORS ALL
6 NEAR WHERE THE ENTRANCES ARE AND THEY ARE AVAILABLE TO ACCEPT
7 DONATIONS STARTING TODAY AND I AM PLEASED TO SAY I CHECKED AT
8 LEAST FOUR FLOORS AND THERE WAS FOOD IN THEM SO THE GIVING HAS
9 BEGUN. ALSO, DEO HAS OUTREACH TO MORE THAN 60,000 LOCAL
10 BUSINESSES AND ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS TO ENCOURAGE
11 THEM TO NOTIFY PEOPLE ABOUT WHERE THEY CAN ACCESS FOOD OR
12 DONATE IF INTERESTED. OUR PARKS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING FREE
13 FOOD PROGRAMS TO YOUTH, TEENS AND SENIORS ACROSS ALL OF THEIR
14 PARKS. DCFS IS DEVELOPING A PLAN TO COMMIT UP TO \$2,000,000 TO
15 ASSIST ITS IMPACTED FAMILY MAINTENANCE FAMILIES AND SUPPLYING
16 SERVICES AND GOODS THROUGH ITS PREVENTION AFTERCARE AGENCIES
17 AS WELL AS ITS PARTNERSHIP FOR FAMILIES PROGRAMS. DPSS HAS
18 PLEDGED \$2,000,000 TO EXPAND CAPACITY AT LOCAL FOOD BANKS. DMH
19 WILL BE PROVIDING GROCERIES TO DMH CLIENTS WHO ARE RECEIVING
20 CALFRESH BENEFITS AT SOME OF ITS IDENTIFIED DMH CLINICS. LACTA
21 HAS IDENTIFIED FUNDING TO MAINTAIN HOUSING SUPPORTS FOR ALL OF
22 ITS CLIENTS THROUGH DECEMBER. MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS HAS
23 COMMITTED TO HELPING VETERANS THAT ARE REFERRED TO THEIR
24 DEPARTMENT TO FIND ANY KIND OF SUPPORTS OR SERVICES THEY CAN
25 PROVIDE DIRECTLY TO THEM. AND ANIMAL CARE IS SEEKING DONATIONS



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1 OF PET FOOD AND SUPPLIES FROM PHILANTHROPY AND OTHER PARTNERS
2 SO THEY CAN PROVIDE THIS TO THE PUBLIC WHO NEEDS IT.
3 ADDITIONALLY, THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, PARKS, DEO, AND DPSS HAVE
4 ALL VOLUNTEERED TO HOST ON-SITE FOOD DRIVES AS NEEDED. NEXT
5 SLIDE, PLEASE. AND OUR COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN IS ALSO MOVING
6 INTO HIGH GEAR. DPSS IS PARTNERING CLOSELY WITH COUNTYWIDE
7 COMMUNICATIONS ON A MULTI-PLATFORM, MULTILINGUAL PUBLIC
8 OUTREACH CAMPAIGN THAT INCLUDES SOME OF THE ELEMENTS THAT WE
9 DISCUSSED LAST WEEK. THEY ARE WORKING HARD TO REACH PEOPLE
10 WHERE THEY ARE AND USING ALL PLATFORMS AND FORMATS TO DO THIS.
11 FOR EXAMPLE, DPSS AND COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS YESTERDAY
12 FILMED 9 PSAS IN THRESHOLD LANGUAGES AT AN L.A. REGIONAL FOOD
13 BANK. WE ALSO HAVE ACTIVATED INFORMATIONAL BANNERS ACROSS ALL
14 L.A. COUNTY WEBSITES LETTING PEOPLE KNOW WHERE THEY CAN GO IF
15 THEY HAVE A NEED. OTHER TACTICS INCLUDE TEXT MESSAGING, EMAILS
16 THAT DPS HAS DONE DIRECTLY TO ITS CALFRESH RECIPIENTS.
17 MULTILINGUAL SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKITS FOR DEPARTMENTS HAS ALSO
18 BEEN SHARED WIDELY. WE HAVE OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT TO ETHNIC
19 AND LOCAL MEDIA. WE'VE ALREADY GOTTEN, I KNOW, AT LEAST TWO
20 REQUESTS FROM MEDIA FOR INTERVIEWS AND STORIES ON THIS. AND
21 LASTLY, WE'VE BEEN SHARING REGULAR INFORMATION WITH OUR 211 SO
22 THAT PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET OR MEDIA CAN
23 CALL 211 TO GET ALL THE INFORMATION THAT THEY NEED. NEXT
24 SLIDE, PLEASE. I'D LIKE TO CLOSE OUR PRESENTATION BY PROVIDING
25 SOME ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS THAT YOUR BOARD ASKED US AT LAST



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1 WEEK'S UPDATE. SO, FOR COMMUNICATIONS TO RESIDENTS, DPSS IS
2 OUTREACHING TO ITS RECIPIENTS THROUGH MULTIPLE AVENUES ACROSS
3 ALL THRESHOLD LANGUAGES AND HAS SHARED INFORMATION WITH
4 PROMOTORAS, COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS AND MORE THAN 200 CBOS
5 AND FAITH-BASED PARTNERS. DPSS HAS ALSO SHARED A WRITTEN
6 COMMUNICATIONS PLAN WITH YOUR BOARD AS REQUESTED AT OUR LAST
7 MEETING. IN REGARDING IMPACTS TO CHILDCARE AND HEAD START,
8 LACOE HAS ALREADY BEEN AWARDED ITS HEAD START GRANT FROM THE
9 FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2025 APPROPRIATIONS. SO, ITS FUNDING IS
10 SECURE THROUGH JUNE 30TH OF 2026. IN TERMS OF OTHER HEAD START
11 PROGRAMS, THEY ARE ALL ON DIFFERENT GRANT SCHEDULES. AND SO
12 THERE MAY BE SOME IMPACTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, DEPENDING ON
13 WHAT THOSE GRANT AGREEMENTS LOOK LIKE, BUT WE ARE WORKING WITH
14 HEAD START ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS TO MONITOR AND RESPOND TO
15 THESE IMPACTS AS OTHER PROGRAMS MAY BE EXPERIENCING THEM.
16 THERE'S NO IMMEDIATE IMPACT SO FAR TO MOST SUBSIDIZED CHILD
17 CARE PROGRAMS. THE ONE THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THAT MAY HAVE
18 SOME POTENTIAL IMPACTS IS THE USC HEAD START PROGRAM. IT'S THE
19 ONLY ONE SO FAR WE'VE IDENTIFIED, BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO
20 MONITOR THIS AND ARE WORKING IN COORDINATION WITH THE STATE'S
21 CHILDCARE AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION IN CASE THERE ARE OTHER
22 IMPACTS THAT COME ABOUT. WITH WIC BENEFITS, IN TERMS OF
23 CONTINGENCY AND PLANNING, WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT ALL
24 CALIFORNIA WIC AGENCIES, DESPITE THE CUTS THAT HAVE HAPPENED,
25 ARE CURRENTLY OPERATIONAL BY ACTIVATING OTHER TYPES OF FUNDING



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1 OPTIONS THAT WERE AVAILABLE TO THEM. AND SO, WE WILL CONTINUE
2 TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH THEM AND MONITOR THAT AS WELL. WITH
3 REGARD TO MANAGED CARE PLANS, AS MENTIONED, L.A. CARE HAS
4 STEPPED UP IN ALLOCATING UP TO \$5,000,000 TO EXPAND GROCERY
5 GIFT CARDS, FOOD PURCHASES, AND PROVIDING THE \$400,000 FOR
6 SMALL GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. WE HAVE ALSO MET WITH
7 HEALTH NET, WHO IS NOW IDENTIFYING WHAT THEY CAN DO TO SUPPORT
8 THIS NEED, AND WILL CONTINUE REACHING OUT TO THE OTHER MANAGED
9 CARE PLANS AS WELL. YOU ASKED ABOUT CREATING A COUNTYWIDE
10 GIVING CAMPAIGN. IN RESPONSE TO THAT, DHR LAUNCHED A
11 COUNTYWIDE GIVING CAMPAIGN TODAY. THERE'S AN ACTIVE WEBSITE
12 THAT COUNTY EMPLOYEES CAN GO TO DONATE MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS.
13 AND AS I MENTIONED, THERE ARE FOOD DROP BOXES ON THE BASEMENT
14 AND THE FLOORS ONE THROUGH SEVEN OF THIS BUILDING. TO IDENTIFY
15 FOOD DESERTS. AS WE PROMISED LAST WEEK, WE TOOK DATA THAT
16 LAYERED THE HIGHEST CONCENTRATION OF CALFRESH RECIPIENTS WITH
17 OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES USING THE POVERTY ALLEVIATION
18 DASHBOARD SO THAT WE COULD IDENTIFY WHERE ARE THE AREAS OF
19 GREATEST NEED THAT WE NEED TO TARGET RESOURCES TO. THAT
20 INFORMATION HAS BEEN SHARED WITH L.A. REGIONAL FOOD BANK
21 ALREADY WHO IS ACTIVELY LOOKING AT IT. WE WILL ALSO BE SHARING
22 THAT WITH OUR PARTNERS, BOARD OFFICES, AND IT WILL BE POSTED
23 ON THE POVERTY ALLEVIATIONS WEBSITE. WE HAVE MET WITH DEPUTIES
24 FROM EACH OF YOUR OFFICES AND IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL FOOD
25 DISTRICTS IN YOUR DISTRICTS AS WELL AS SHARED THIS LIST WITH



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1 THE L.A. REGIONAL FOOD BANK AND WILL CONTINUE OUTREACH TO YOUR
2 OFFICES TO REFINE THAT INFORMATION. IN TERMS OF FOLLOWING UP
3 WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGES THAT YOU ASKED ABOUT, WE HAVE OUTREACH
4 TO THE L.A. COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION TO SHARE
5 INFORMATION WITH THEIR STUDENTS ABOUT WHERE STUDENTS CAN FIND
6 RESOURCES OR DONATE IF INTERESTED. YOU ASKED ABOUT TALKING
7 POINTS FOR CBOS AND OTHER PARTNERS. WE SENT A LIST OF
8 AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND KEY TALKING POINTS TO 211, ALL OF OUR
9 PARTNERING CBOS, INCLUDING CBOS IDENTIFIED BY YOUR BOARD
10 OFFICES. WE ALSO SENT THIS LIST TO ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS,
11 EACH OF YOUR BOARD OFFICES, AND ARE SHARING THE SAME
12 INFORMATION WITH OTHERS AS REQUESTED OR IDENTIFIED AS A NEED.
13 IN TERMS OF COLLABORATING WITH THE OFFICE OF FOOD SYSTEMS,
14 CHRISTINA MESA FROM THE POVERTY ALLEVIATION INITIATIVE MET
15 WITH THEM LAST WEEK AND HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THEM AND WILL
16 CONTINUE TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANDING THAT
17 PARTNERSHIP. CURRENTLY, THEY ARE WORKING ON LINKING FOOD
18 RESOURCES WITH CBOS IN HIGH COMMUNITIES. FOR EXPLORING
19 RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN STATE SUBACCOUNTS TO COVER CALFRESH,
20 LAIR CONFIRMED THAT THE CHILD, POVERTY AND FAMILY SUPPLEMENTAL
21 SUPPORT SUBACCOUNT IS STATUTORILY RESTRICTED AND WOULD REQUIRE
22 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES IN ORDER TO FUND SNAP BENEFITS. LAIR ALSO
23 CONFIRMED THAT THE STATE SAFETY NET RESERVE HAS ALSO BEEN
24 FULLY EXHAUSTED. LAIR TALKED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE TO
25 ASK IF THE SPECIAL FUND OF ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTIES IS AVAILABLE



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1 TO ASSIST RESIDENTS. THEY INDICATED THAT THIS IS NOT AVAILABLE
2 AT THIS TIME. AND WITH THAT, I'LL TURN THE PRESENTATION BACK
3 TO JOE.

4
5 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** THANK YOU, CARRIE SUPERVISORS. I'LL JUST
6 CLOSE WITH A COUPLE THOUGHTS. THE FIRST IS THAT THIS PLAN
7 REPRESENTS PHASE 1 AS WE EXTEND INTO NOVEMBER, WE'RE GOING TO
8 HAVE TO LOOK AT PHASE 2, WHICH IS WHAT ADDITIONAL
9 INTERVENTIONS OR SUPPORTS ARE NEEDED IN ADDITION TO OUR OWN
10 BUDGETARY IMPACTS, IMPACTS TO CASH FLOW, GRANTS THAT WE
11 OPERATE THAT AREN'T SHOWING UP. WE'RE BECOMING AWARE OF OTHER
12 THINGS, PARTNERSHIPS WE HAVE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT
13 ARE STOPPED RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THERE ARE NO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
14 OPERATING THESE PROGRAMS AND, YOU KNOW, CALLS GO STRAIGHT TO
15 VOICEMAIL AND THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE BACK UNTIL EITHER THE
16 GOVERNMENT REOPENS OR THERE'S SOME STOPGAP SOLUTION FOR THEM
17 TO GET BACK TO WORK. SO, WE'RE CONTINUING TO WORK ON THAT. WE
18 HAVE SURVEYS INTO ALL DEPARTMENTS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT
19 THE IMPACTS LOOK LIKE. AND I WANTED TO JUST CLOSE BY THANKING
20 CARRIE AND HER TEAM. THEY'VE DONE A LOT OF WORK ON THIS. AND
21 THE DEPARTMENT HEADS TOO. THEY'VE REALLY STEPPED UP, PUT THEIR
22 OWN RESOURCES ON THE LINE. I THINK EVERYBODY RECOGNIZES HOW
23 IMPORTANT THIS IS, SO I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR
24 COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT. WITH THAT, WE'LL TURN IT BACK TO
25 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.



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

3
4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, JOE,
5 AND TO YOUR TEAM FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING TO ASSESS
6 AND RESPOND QUICKLY THE BEST WE CAN TO THIS FEDERAL SHUTDOWN.
7 I'M REALLY IMPRESSED ABOUT HOW QUICKLY, HOW YOU HAVE ORGANIZED
8 AND REALLY PULLED TOGETHER OUR RESOURCES TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE
9 GOING TO HAVE SOME VERY TOUGH TIMES. BUT I ALWAYS WANT TO SAY,
10 I THINK AS BAD AS THINGS ARE NOW FOR SOME PEOPLE. I THINK THE
11 REAL CRISIS WILL BEGIN WHEN HARDWORKING L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS
12 SEE THEIR HEALTHCARE PREMIUMS DOUBLE. AND THEN YOU'RE GOING TO
13 FIND PEOPLE WHO CAN'T AFFORD HEALTHCARE. AND THEN WE'RE GOING
14 TO GO BACK TO THE WAY IT USED TO BE BEFORE THE AFFORDABLE CARE
15 ACT, WHERE PEOPLE COULD HAVE ONE ILLNESS OR ONE ACCIDENT AND
16 IT COMPLETELY WIPE OUT THEIR SAVINGS. SO, THE AFFORDABLE CARE
17 ACT WAS PUT IN PLACE TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY COULD HAVE
18 HEALTH CARE THAT WAS AFFORDABLE. AND THESE GOVERNMENT
19 SUBSIDIES WERE FOR THE POOREST, THE LOWEST OF THE INCOME FOLKS
20 TO MAKE SURE THAT EVEN THEY COULD AFFORD THEIR PREMIUMS AND
21 THEIR HEALTHCARE. SO, I HOPE OUR FRIENDS IN CONGRESS KEEP
22 FIGHTING TO EXTEND THOSE HEALTHCARE PREMIUMS SUBSIDIES BECAUSE
23 I REALLY THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE THE BAD TIME. AND I DON'T
24 KNOW IF WE REALIZE HOW TOUGH THAT'S GOING TO BE FOR MOST
25 PEOPLE. BUT WHILE THEY KEEP FIGHTING FOR THAT, I REALLY



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1 APPRECIATE THE COUNTY MEETING THIS MOMENT. AND WHILE WE
2 CERTAINLY CAN'T BACKFILL 320,000,000 A MONTH IN CALFRESH
3 BENEFITS, I REALLY APPRECIATE THE FACT TO WATCH YOU OUTLINE,
4 MARSHALING THE RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY TO GET FOOD TO PEOPLE
5 WHO NEED IT DURING THIS SHUTDOWN. BETWEEN THE \$10,000,000 FOR
6 THE L.A. REGIONAL FOOD BANK, THE 5000000 FOR L.A. CARE, THE
7 \$2,000,000 FROM DPSS, \$2,000,000 FROM DCFS, WE HAVE REAL
8 RESOURCES TO HELP LESSEN THE PAIN FROM THE SNAP CUTOFF. AND
9 ONE OF THE SLIDES TALKED ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
10 HEALTH, WHO IS GOING TO PROVIDE GROCERIES TO THEIR CLIENTS
11 WHOSE CALFRESH BENEFITS ARE DISRUPTED. WONDERING HOW, WHAT IS
12 THEIR PLAN? ARE THEY GOING TO BUY THE GROCERIES? IS IT GOING
13 TO BE THROUGH GIFT CARDS? ARE THEY JUST GOING TO ACCESS THE
14 REGIONAL FOOD BANK? DO YOU KNOW HOW THEY PLAN TO DO THAT? AND
15 CAN WE LEAN IN WITH THEM AND HELP THEM?

16
17 **CARRIE MILLER:** ABSOLUTELY, SUPERVISOR. I KNOW THAT DMH IS IN
18 CONTACT WITH DPSS NOW TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE BEST WAY AND
19 MECHANISM FOR PROVIDING THOSE SUPPORTS, BUT WE CAN ABSOLUTELY
20 FOLLOW UP AND MAKE SURE THAT THAT HAPPENS.

21
22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** BECAUSE I REALLY APPRECIATE THEM ALSO
23 STEPPING UP. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ALL LEAN IN AND HELP
24 THEM FIGURE OUT HOW TO BEST PROVIDE GROCERIES. I DO LIKE THE
25 FACT THAT WE'RE DOING A GREAT OUTREACH FOR WITH DONATIONS FOR



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SUPERVISORS

1 PHILANTHROPY. I ALSO LIKE THAT YOU'RE ACTIVATING OUR FAITH-
2 BASED COMMUNITY BECAUSE AGAIN THIS IS WHERE OUR FAITH-BASED
3 COMMUNITY I THINK DOES REALLY WELL. THEY REALLY LIKE TO SHOW
4 UP AND DO SOMETHING LIKE COLLECT FOOD, COLLECT DONATIONS FOR
5 FOOD. AND I REALLY WANT TO ENCOURAGE THAT AND LET US KNOW IN
6 OUR OWN DISTRICTS HOW WE CAN DO THAT. I KNOW MY CHURCH THAT I
7 GO TO IS VERY INTERESTED. THEY'RE NOT QUITE SURE WHAT TO DO.
8 SHOULD THEY COLLECT MONEY AND JUST GIVE IT TO THE L.A. FOOD
9 BANK? SHOULD THEY COLLECT GROCERIES? HOW DO THEY, WHO SHOULD
10 THEY GET THOSE GROCERIES TO? THEY HAD A LOT OF QUESTIONS FOR
11 ME ON SUNDAY, WHICH I DIDN'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO. WHAT WOULD
12 YOU SUGGEST FOR OUR FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED
13 AND HELP OUT?

14
15 **CARRIE MILLER:** I LOVE THAT QUESTION, THANK YOU, BECAUSE THIS
16 IS SOMETHING WE REALLY ARE TRYING TO PUSH HARD. ONE OF THE
17 THINGS THAT WE WILL BE COMMUNICATING ACTUALLY AT THE FAITH-
18 BASED RECOGNITION BREAKFAST THAT'S HAPPENING TOMORROW IS THAT
19 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES CAN DO IS JUST
20 START THEIR DONATION CAMPAIGNS EARLY. WE KNOW THAT THERE'S
21 ALWAYS A BIG PUSH AROUND HOLIDAYS TO GET PEOPLE TO DONATE AND
22 TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO THOSE IN NEED. WE'RE ASKING THAT THEY
23 START THOSE CAMPAIGNS EARLY BECAUSE PEOPLE NEED THE HELP NOW.
24 AND SO, IT WOULD BE GREAT TO START EARLY WITH THAT. WE ALSO
25 ARE LOOKING AT ANY WAYS THAT FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES WANT TO



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1 COLLECT FOOD, PROVIDE DONATIONS TO OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS, AND
2 VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME. THE FOOD BANKS NOT ONLY NEED FOOD, THEY
3 NEED VOLUNTEERS BECAUSE AS PEOPLE COME, THEY NEED PEOPLE TO BE
4 ABLE TO STAFF THE SITES. YEAH, SO I'M THINKING EVERY CHURCH
5 HAS SOME FORM OF A, WE USED TO CALL IT A CHURCH BULLETIN,
6 RIGHT, OR A LITTLE NEWSLETTER OR SOMETHING EVERY CHURCH DOES.
7 IS THERE A QUICK ONE SHEET OF WHAT YOU JUST SAID THAT WE MIGHT
8 GET TO OUR VARIOUS CHURCHES SO THEY COULD PUT IT IN THEIR
9 SUNDAY BULLETIN. THEY'RE ALWAYS LOOKING TO FILL UP THE
10 BULLETINS WITH SOMETHING INTERESTING. THIS WOULD BE REALLY
11 GOOD. AND IF YOU COULD PROVIDE EXACTLY WHAT YOU JUST SAID WE
12 COULD GET IT OUT TO ALL OF OUR CHURCHES. OKAY ABSOLUTELY AND
13 AGAIN IT REALLY APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'VE DONE SO QUICKLY IT'S
14 GOING TO MEAN A LOT TO PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE HIT HARD BY
15 THIS. THANK YOU.

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

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19 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR YOU
20 KNOW I THINK I HAVE TO JUST START TODAY WITH, FOR ME, IS
21 STATING THE OBVIOUS, BUT IT MAY NOT BE OBVIOUS TO ALL. BUT,
22 YOU KNOW, WHATEVER YOUR POLITICAL ORIENTATION, WHATEVER IT MAY
23 BE, WITHHOLDING FOOD FROM PEOPLE WHO EARN SO LITTLE THAT THEY
24 QUALIFY FOR A FOOD SUBSIDY IS INHUMANE. AND TO KNOW THAT THE
25 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS A \$5,000,000,000 SNAP RESERVE AND THEY



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1 ARE CHOOSING TO NOT USE IT AS A BRIDGE DURING THIS GOVERNMENT
2 SHUTDOWN TO GIVE FOOD TO PEOPLE WHO QUALIFY FOR IT IS
3 INHUMANE. I JUST THINK THAT THE CONVERSATION HAS TO START
4 THERE. IT IS INHUMANE AND WE SEE YOU. THANK THE COUNTY FOR
5 DOING ALL THAT YOU CAN. I'M PROUD THAT WE'VE GOT A POVERTY
6 ALLEVIATION PROGRAM THAT HAS GOOD DATA TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
7 ARE PRIORITIZING OUR RESOURCES IN AREAS AND TO PEOPLE WHO NEED
8 IT THE MOST. THANK YOU FOR THE FOLLOW-UP ON QUESTIONS WE
9 RAISED LAST WEEK. YOU TALKED ABOUT THE L.A. COUNTY COMMUNITY
10 COLLEGE FOUNDATION. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THE
11 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS WITHIN THE COUNTY ARE SUPPORTED BY
12 THAT FOUNDATION AND NOT JUST THE L.A. COMMUNITY COLLEGE
13 DISTRICT. SO, WE HAVE SEVERAL DISTRICTS. SO, COMPTON IS ONE,
14 SUPERVISOR SOLIS I'M SURE REPRESENTS OTHER RIO HONDO AND
15 OTHERS. SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY
16 COLLEGES ARE RECEIVING THAT. YOU KNOW AS WE TALK ABOUT FOOD
17 DRIVES, I REMEMBER READING RECENTLY, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE LEARNED
18 THROUGH COVID, AND THAT WHEN WE HEARD FROM PEOPLE WHO RELIED
19 ON THE FOOD, THE REGIONAL FOOD BANKS, AND THEY SAID THINGS
20 LIKE, IT'S GREAT TO GET CEREAL, BUT IF I DON'T HAVE MILK, IT'S
21 NOT HELPFUL. IT'S GREAT TO GET HAMBURGER HELPER, BUT IF
22 THERE'S NO GROUND ROUND, IT'S NOT HELPFUL. SO, I HOPE THAT
23 WE'VE LEARNED FROM THOSE EXPERIENCES AND THAT WE'RE THOUGHTFUL
24 IN TERMS OF WHAT WE DONATE COOKING OIL SPICES POWDERED MILK
25 GROUND ROUND IF YOU'VE TAKEN HAMBURGER HELP FOR IT. SO I HOPE



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1 THAT WHAT WE PROVIDE TO FOOD BANKS AS INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
2 DONATING IS GOING TO AUTHENTICALLY AND TRULY MEET THE NEED. I
3 LEARNED FROM DPSS EMPLOYEES THAT WE CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO
4 CHALLENGE THE ELIGIBILITY OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE CALFRESH. SO
5 DON'T GIVE CASH BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT THEM TO THEN HAVE THEIR
6 ELIGIBILITY COMPROMISED. SO, GIFT CARDS, I THINK, IS WHAT'S
7 MOST APPROPRIATE. TO SUPERVISOR HAHN, I COULDN'T AGREE WITH
8 YOU MORE. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY, IRONICALLY, THIS PAST SUNDAY
9 TO VISIT A NUMBER OF CHURCHES, FOUR ACTUALLY, IN THE SECOND
10 DISTRICT, AND WAS LITERALLY MOVED TO TEARS BY BISHOP FISHER AT
11 GREATER ZION AND COMPTON, WHO STOOD UP AND ASKED HIS
12 CONGREGANTS WHO WERE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS TO RAISE THEIR HANDS,
13 AND TIMIDLY HANDS WENT UP. AND HE ASKED THEM TO COME FORWARD
14 AND THE CHURCH IS COMMITTING GIFT CARDS TO EACH PARISHIONER
15 WHO IS A CALFRESH RECIPIENT. SO, I THINK IN ADDITION TO THE
16 FOOD PANTRIES, WE NEED ALL OF OUR PARTNERS TO STAND UP LIKE
17 L.A. CARE, HEALTH NET I'VE HEARD, TO PUT SOME MONEY ON THE
18 TABLE. HOPEFULLY THROUGH A VERY SHORT BRIDGE PERIOD, TO HELP
19 PEOPLE EAT. IT IS JUST THAT BASIC. I AM RELIEVED TO KNOW THAT
20 CALWORK, SOME SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE WILL CONTINUE. BUT WHEN I
21 HEAR ABOUT HEAD START BEING QUESTIONABLE, I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED
22 BECAUSE CHILDREN WHO QUALIFY FOR HEAD START, THEY ARE FROM THE
23 FAMILIES WHO QUALIFY FOR CALFRESH. AND THE MOST FOUNDATIONAL
24 ELEMENT OF CHILD CARE IS THE FACT THAT CHILDREN EAT WHILE
25 THEY'RE IN CARE. BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AND IN SOME PROGRAMS



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1 DINNER ALSO. SO, WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE RIPPLE EFFECT. IF
2 MY SNAP BENEFITS STOP AND MY CHILDREN AREN'T IN CHILD CARE OR
3 HEAD START, THEY DON'T EAT. AND SO, I THINK IT IS JUST THAT
4 ELEMENTARY THAT WE ALL NEED TO ON A CELLULAR LEVEL UNDERSTAND
5 THE INHUMANITY OF THIS ACTION. I'M CONCERNED THAT IF WE
6 CONTINUE COUNTY OPERATIONS BEYOND OUR CURRENT CASH ON HAND,
7 FOR INSTANCE, THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION OR THE HOUSING SUPPORT, IS
8 THERE ANY PRECEDENT FOR FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT AFTER A
9 SHUTDOWN? I THINK THAT QUESTION PERHAPS IS BEST DIRECTED AT
10 LAIR.

11
12 **ANGELA C. OVALLE:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, DURING
13 PREVIOUS SHUTDOWNS IN CASES WHERE STATES FRONTED MONEY TO KEEP
14 FEDERALLY FUNDED AND STATE ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS, MANDATORY
15 PROGRAMS, LIKE CALWORKS GOING DURING A SHUTDOWN, THE FEDERAL
16 GOVERNMENT HAS REIMBURSED THE STATES ONCE A NEW APPROPRIATIONS
17 BILL HAS BEEN SIGNED. HOWEVER, CURRENTLY WE FEEL THAT THE
18 STATE AND THE COUNTY WILL BE TAKING A SIGNIFICANT RISK USING
19 OUR OWN RESOURCES TO COVER GAPS BECAUSE IT'S UNCLEAR HOW LONG
20 THE SHUTDOWN MAY LAST OR WHETHER THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD IN
21 FACT REIMBURSE THOSE COSTS ONCE THE SHUTDOWN ENDS. LAST WEEK,
22 THE ADMINISTRATION INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD NOT PLAN, THEY DO
23 NOT PLAN TO REIMBURSE STATES FOR BACKFILL OF SNAP BENEFITS,
24 AND ANY REIMBURSEMENT WOULD REQUIRE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.



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1 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THE INHUMANITY OF IT ALL. CLEARLY IT
2 IS A RISK THAT L.A. COUNTY MUST AND WILL TAKE WITH 1,500,000
3 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO ARE SNAP BENEFICIARIES. FAR TOO MANY
4 OF THEM CALL THE SECOND DISTRICT HOME, BUT COUNTYWIDE, IT'S A
5 RISK. IT'S CLEAR THAT WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE. I'M SURE
6 THAT WE'RE ALIGNING OUR FEDERAL AND STATE ADVOCACY WITH OUR
7 LOCAL MESSAGING AROUND THIS ISSUE AND I KNOW THAT CSAC IS
8 ENGAGING IN CONVERSATION I CHAIR THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
9 COMMITTEE FOR CSAC I'M SURE NACO IS ALL OVER THIS IT'S GOING
10 TO BE A ROUGH WEEK AND WEEKS THEREAFTER IN L.A. COUNTY WHEN
11 PEOPLE ARE BEING TOLD THAT THEY ALL, BE THEY ELIGIBLE, ARE NOT
12 GOING TO RECEIVE THEIR FOOD SUBSIDIES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13
14 **KRISTINA MEZA:** JUST VERY QUICKLY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, TO THE
15 POINT ABOUT THE CONTINGENCY FUND, JUST THIS MORNING GOVERNOR
16 NEWSOM JOINED 20 STATES IN SUING THE ADMINISTRATION TO HAVE
17 THEM ACCESS THAT CONTINGENCY FUND FOR SNAP BENEFITS.

18
19 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THAT'S THE \$5,000,000,000 RESERVE
20 ACCOUNT THAT IS DESIGNED FOR SNAP. IT IS NOT A GENERAL
21 RESERVE. I UNDERSTAND THE ADMINISTRATION HAS SUGGESTED THAT
22 THEY'RE GOING TO HOLD THOSE DOLLARS IN CASE WE NEED IT IN AN
23 EMERGENCY. I HOPE THAT THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION WILL STEP UP
24 AND HELP FELLOW MAN AS THIS STORM IS VERY LIKELY TO TOUCH
25 DOWN. IT DOESN'T DO PHOTO OPS WHERE HE THROWS PAPER TOWELS AT



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1 PEOPLE. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. I HOPE THAT THAT LAWSUIT WILL
2 HELP FREE THOSE RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE ENTITLED TO THEM
3 AND NEED THEM TODAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. AND I APPRECIATE THE
8 COMMENTS MADE BY MY COLLEAGUES AND THE PRESENTATION AND GLAD
9 TO SEE THAT YOU'RE FOLLOWING UP ON A LOT OF SUGGESTIONS THAT
10 WE MADE. APPRECIATE THAT AND I'M SURE THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE
11 THAT WE CAN ADD TO IT. ONE THING I LEARNED DURING COVID IS
12 THAT SOMETIMES TRADITIONAL PLACES THAT EXIST, FOLKS DON'T
13 ALWAYS SHOW UP AT THOSE PLACES TO GET GOODS, FOOD IN
14 PARTICULAR. AND I KNOW THAT HAPPENS TO BE THE CASE IN THE
15 IMMIGRANT LATINO COMMUNITY. ONE THING THAT WE UTILIZED THAT
16 WORKED ALSO FOR US, AND I'M JUST TALKING ABOUT MY DISTRICT. I
17 DON'T KNOW IF IT WOULD WORK IN OTHERS, BUT WE WOULD COORDINATE
18 WITH SWAMP MEATS BECAUSE YOU HAVE PEOPLE THERE THAT ARE OUR
19 POVERTY LEVEL. THEY GO THERE, THEY SHOP BECAUSE THEY DON'T
20 HAVE, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF WHAT THEY DO IS CASH BASE OR THEY ARE
21 ON THE VERGE OF, YOU KNOW, JUST BARELY SURVIVING. AND I WOULD
22 HOPE THOSE ARE SAME FAMILIES THAT WE HELP. THEIR CHILDREN ARE
23 ALSO MANY TIMES MIXED STATUS. SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
24 WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT AND HOW WE CAN COORDINATE. AND I'M HAPPY
25 TO HEAR THAT WE HAVE L.A. CARE ON BOARD. LET'S GO AFTER THE



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1 OTHER HEALTHCARE, THE HEALTH NET, MOLINA MEDICAL, ALL THE
2 OTHERS. AND THEY'RE ALSO GIVING \$5,000,000, BUT ALSO 400,000,
3 I THINK YOU SAID, IN GIFT CARDS, WHICH IS GREAT. AND THEY'RE
4 USING THEIR CENTERS, THEIR 14 CENTERS THAT THEY HAVE. WHAT ARE
5 WE DOING TO UTILIZE OUR COMMUNITY CENTERS, NOT THE PARKS,
6 BECAUSE THAT'S HAPPENING, BUT THEY ALSO IN SOME CASES GIVE
7 LIMITED FOOD. WHY ARE WE RESOURCING THAT RIGHT NOW AND CAN WE
8 CAN WE DO THAT?

9

10 **CARRIE MILLER:** YES SUPERVISOR WE ARE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
11 WE'VE BEEN TALKING TO YOUR OFFICES ABOUT IS TRYING TO IDENTIFY
12 WITHIN YOUR DISTRICTS WHAT THOSE SPACES ARE. WE ARE WORKING
13 WITH L.A. REGIONAL FOOD BANK ON THAT WHO'S VERY OPEN TO
14 EXPLORING OTHER PARTNERS AND SO THAT CONVERSATION HAS BEGUN
15 AND WE ARE LOOKING INTO WHAT ARE THOSE OTHER RESOURCES AND
16 FACILITIES THAT WE CAN BE USING, CBOS, OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
17 THAT WE CAN WORK WITH.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YEAH, AND I JUST WANT TO UNDERSCORE, I SAY
20 THAT BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE AFRAID BECAUSE OF
21 THE PENDING RAIDS. THEY DON'T WANT TO BE IN A LINE, THEY WON'T
22 SIT IN A CAR AND GRANTED THEY MAY NOT EVEN WALK UP TO A PLACE
23 WITH A CART TO GET THEIR FOOD. SO, WE'VE GOT TO THINK ALSO
24 WHAT THAT MEANS IN TERMS OF OUR OUTREACH AND HOW WE NEED TO
25 WORK SMART ON THAT. I WAS, I GUESS YOU RAISED AN ISSUE



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1 REGARDING OUR L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION. THEY'RE WORKING
2 WITH THE, WITH THE CHILDCARE CENTERS AND THOSE, THOSE
3 FACILITIES. BUT WE HAVE A LOT OF STATE RUN CHILDCARE
4 FACILITIES THAT DEAL WITH TODDLERS AND THAT. I DON'T KNOW THAT
5 THEY'RE REALLY IN OUR MECHANISM AND I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE
6 BECAUSE I KNOW WE HAVE ONE IN EAST L.A. AT OUR CIVIC CENTER
7 THAT IS STATE FUNDED AND THEY DO GIVE MEALS AND WHAT HAVE YOU,
8 BUT WE NEED TO FIND OUT ALL OF THOSE THAT ARE IN OUR
9 PARTICULAR DISTRICTS AND I'M SURE MY STAFF WILL PUT TOGETHER
10 OUR LIST FOR OUR AREA. SO, I THINK THAT'S REALLY CRITICAL. THE
11 OTHER THING IN TERMS OF PARTNERSHIP IS WE HAVE A LOT OF
12 FEDERALLY QUALIFIED CLINICS THAT SERVE PEOPLE THAT WE
13 REPRESENT AND THEY ARE THEIR FIRST, YOU KNOW, KIND OF
14 COMMUNITY CENTER WHERE THEY GO FOR A LOT OF CARE, A LOT OF
15 DIFFERENT THINGS, NOT JUST IMMUNIZATIONS AND MEDICAL
16 TREATMENT, BUT CAN WE EXTEND MAYBE OUR SERVICES TO THEM AND
17 HELP THEM OUT WITH REGIONAL FOOD BANK, WITH ADDITIONAL FOODS,
18 BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE WILL GO TO MEET THEIR APPOINTMENTS AND
19 THAT MIGHT BE A WAY OF AT LEAST LETTING THEM KNOW HERE'S A
20 HANDOFF, HERE'S INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO YOU AS WELL. I THINK
21 THAT IS REALLY CRITICAL. AND I THINK ONE THING I WOULD LIKE TO
22 ASK IS, I KNOW WE'RE REACHING OUT THE CENTER OF STRATEGIC
23 PARTNERSHIP PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS, HAVE WE HAD ANY HARD
24 COMMITMENTS, ANY HARD COMMITMENTS COMING IN?

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **CARRIE MILLER:** WE HAVE NOT HAD A HARD COMMITMENT YET, BUT WE
2 DO HAVE ONE INTERESTED. FOUNDATION THAT EXPRESS SOME INTEREST
3 LAST WEEK AND IS ACTUALLY TAKING A PROPOSAL TO THEIR BOARD FOR
4 CONSIDERATION. SO, WE'RE HOPING TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON
5 THAT EITHER LATER THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT WEEK.

6
7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WOULD JUST SAY THAT IN THE COURSE OF THE
8 LAST TWO WEEKS, I'VE BEEN AT DIFFERENT FUNDER VIRTUAL MEETINGS
9 AND WE'RE ASKING THEM FOR ASSISTANCE FOR OUR RESILIENCY FUNDS
10 FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. MANY OF THESE SAME FUNDERS I THINK COULD
11 ALSO GET THIS SAME MESSAGE AND I THINK IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE
12 BECAUSE MANY OF THEM WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO OPT TO HELP US IN
13 THIS MANNER. AND THEN LASTLY, I JUST WANT TO ASK THE OFFICE OF
14 IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, WHAT ROLE ARE THEY PLAYING IN HELPING US
15 ASIDE FROM JUST IDENTIFYING SOME OF THE GROUPS THAT THEY WORK
16 WITH, WHO ARE ALSO ON THE VERGE, MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT
17 THEY WORK WITH, CBOS, ARE IMPACTED VERY HEAVILY. THEY'RE ALSO
18 GETTING CUTBACKS FROM FEDERAL FUNDING. WHAT ARE WE DOING TO
19 REACH OUT TO THEM AND ASKING THEM WHAT IDEAS PERHAPS THEIR
20 PROVIDERS CAN ALSO GIVE US TO BETTER TARGET OUR OUTREACH AND
21 SERVICE. I THINK IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FOR YOU TO HAVE THEM
22 HOST SOMETHING SO WE GET THAT FEEDBACK RIGHT AWAY. AND THEY
23 KNOW ALSO WHAT IT IS WE'RE DOING BECAUSE MY SENSE IS EVERYBODY
24 HAS THEIR HEAD DOWN RIGHT NOW AND THEY'RE WORRYING ABOUT THEIR
25 OWN BUDGET, CBO BUDGET, BUT THEY'RE NOT THINKING, WELL, WHAT



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1 ELSE IS THERE AND HOW CAN I PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY? SO JUST
2 AS A SUGGESTION. OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU TO
3 THE CEO AND TO ALL OF YOU. AND THE DEPARTMENTS THAT ALSO
4 STEPPED UP. I THINK WE HAVE OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT SHOULD BE
5 DOING THE SAME IF THEY CAN AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE US TO DO
6 THAT. AND ONE LAST THING, THE BOXES. ARE THEY GOING TO BE AT
7 ALL OUR DEPARTMENTS OUTSIDE OF THE HALL? ARE WE GOING TO PLACE
8 THOSE IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT LIKE I'M THINKING OF DPW, I'M
9 THINKING ABOUT HEALTH, DHS, EVERYTHING. FIRE DEPARTMENT, THEY
10 COLLECT TOYS, THEY COLLECT FOOD.

11
12 **CARRIE MILLER:** WE CAN CERTAINLY LOOK INTO THAT. I WILL SAY
13 THAT JUST WHILE WE WERE WAITING TO COME UP HERE, THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ASKED FOR SOME BOXES, AT
15 LEAST AT THEIR AJCC CENTERS AS A STARTING PLACE SO I'M SURE WE
16 CAN GET THOSE PUT IN OTHER LOCATIONS AS WELL. RIGHT, OKAY.
17 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU.

18
19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

20
21 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK GIVEN
22 THE WHERE WE ARE WITH THIS GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMENTS THAT
23 HAVE BEEN MADE ALREADY TO ADDRESS THAT, I KNOW THAT WE'RE ALL
24 DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT HOW LONG THIS COULD LAST AND THE DEPTHS
25 TO WHICH THE HARM WILL BE CAUSED. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR



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1 TODAY'S PRESENTATION, MOST IMPORTANTLY FOR YOUR SWIFT AND
2 COORDINATED RESPONSE AT A TIME OF NEED LIKE THIS. I THINK THIS
3 SHOWS THE BEST OF WHAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN DO, AND I THANK
4 EACH OF YOU FOR THE ROLE THAT YOU'VE PLAYED IN HELPING THIS
5 COME TOGETHER. I, TOO, AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE TOLL THAT
6 THIS SHUTDOWN WILL TAKE, ESPECIALLY THE NEARLY 1,000,000
7 HOUSEHOLDS WHO WILL LOSE ACCESS TO CALFRESH IN A FEW DAYS. I
8 APPRECIATE THAT WE HAVE MOBILIZED QUICKLY, AND I THANK YOU FOR
9 LAUNCHING A COUNTY-WIDE GIVING CAMPAIGN AND ADDING A DONATION
10 BOX HERE AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION. I'M ALSO VERY GRATEFUL
11 TO OUR PARTNERS IN THE THIRD DISTRICT WHO HAVE ALREADY REACHED
12 OUT TO MY OFFICE AND ARE READY TO HELP ADDRESS THE NEED. WHEN
13 I SEE THE MESSAGING THAT'S COMING OUT, I SAW THE WEAPONIZATION
14 OF THE USDA WEBSITE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN WHAT THIS ONGOING
15 CONFLICT IS IN CONGRESS. IT'S JUST DEEPLY DISAPPOINTING TO SEE
16 DISREGARD FOR WHAT THESE INSTITUTIONS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE TO
17 OUR COUNTRY AND HOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE SUPPORTING OUR
18 COMMUNITIES. BUT I KNOW THAT L.A. COUNTY IS OPERATING
19 DIFFERENTLY. AND I KNOW THAT THIS PRESENTATION MENTIONS THE
20 PUBLIC OUTREACH CAMPAIGN AND COMMUNICATIONS TO CALFRESH
21 RECIPIENTS. BUT I THINK WE MISSED THE INFORMATION THAT WE
22 WOULD LIKE TO SEE GO TO THE BROADER PUBLIC ABOUT WHAT'S
23 HAPPENING RIGHT NOW WITH CALFRESH. SO HOW ARE WE MAKING
24 EXPLICITLY CLEAR WHAT IS HAPPENING? BECAUSE I THINK THERE WILL
25 STILL BE PEOPLE WHO DESPITE THE CONVERSATION WE'RE HAVING HERE



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1 TODAY AND EACH OF OUR RESPECTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS AND
2 NEWSLETTERS AND EVERYTHING YOU KNOW THERE WILL STILL BE PEOPLE
3 WHO ARE NOT AWARE AND YOU HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR INFORMATION. SO
4 HOW ARE WE DIRECTLY REACHING OUT TO THEM?

5

6 **CARRIE MILLER:** I THINK THAT'S AN EXCELLENT POINT, SUPERVISOR,
7 AND IT'S ONE THAT HAS BEEN CONCERNING TO US TOO BECAUSE AS
8 WE'VE BEEN REACHING OUT TO A NUMBER OF PARTNERS OUTSIDE OF THE
9 COUNTY FAMILY AND WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, WE WERE SURPRISED
10 ABOUT HOW MANY PEOPLE DID NOT HAVE THIS ON THEIR RADAR, KNEW
11 THAT THIS WAS COMING. AND SO, IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE
12 CONCERNED ABOUT AS WELL. I KNOW THAT THERE'S SOME
13 COMMUNICATIONS THAT OUR COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM IS
14 PUTTING OUT, I BELIEVE TOMORROW, THEY'RE STARTING TO PUSH
15 MESSAGING OUT. WE'RE GETTING ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR
16 INTERVIEWS SO THAT WE CAN GET INFORMATION OUT INTO THE MEDIA,
17 BUT WE DEFINITELY DO NEED TO DO MORE AND THINK ABOUT OTHER
18 WAYS TO GET THIS OUT SO THAT PEOPLE REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT'S
19 HAPPENING, WHERE TO GO IF THEY HAVE A NEED, AND IF THEY WANT
20 TO DONATE, WHERE TO GO TO DO THAT. SO, WE WILL CONTINUE TO
21 WORK ON THAT.

22

23 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I SEE SPECTRUM
24 IN THE ROOM. I'M SURE THERE ARE OTHERS WHO ARE LISTENING AND
25 FOLLOWING THIS AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING SURE THAT THE



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1 MESSAGE GETS OUT TO THE BROADER PUBLIC HOW ARE WE COORDINATING
2 THAT MESSAGING ACROSS DEPARTMENTS AS WELL TO MAKE SURE THAT
3 PEOPLE ARE GETTING CONSISTENT RELIABLE INFORMATION?

4
5 **CARRIE MILLER:** SO, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE DONE ON THAT
6 FRONT IS WE'VE ADDED BANNERS TO EVERY COUNTY WEBSITE ABOUT
7 EXACTLY WHERE TO GO OR WHERE TO DONATE. WE HAVE CREATED A LIST
8 OF WHAT WE'RE CALLING TALKING POINTS, BUT REALLY IT'S A
9 RESOURCE LIST AND A GUIDE TO IF SOMEONE SHOWS UP AT YOUR
10 OFFICE, WHAT TO TELL THEM. AND WE SHARED THAT CONSISTENTLY
11 ACROSS ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. WE SHARED IT WITH OUR CBOS.
12 WE'VE SHARED IT WITH YOUR BOARD OFFICES. WE SHARED IT WITH 211
13 L.A. SO THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS 211 WILL ALSO GET THAT SAME
14 MESSAGE. AND WE ARE LOOKING AT OTHER PLACES AND OTHER WAYS TO
15 SHARE THAT INFORMATION. WE DID SHARE THAT WITH THE FAITH-BASED
16 COMMUNITY AS WELL IN CASE THEY GET QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT THAT
17 IS. WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE MAKE SURE, ESPECIALLY IN
18 THIS VERY DYNAMIC, MOVING SITUATION, THAT EVERYBODY'S GETTING
19 CLEAR, CONSISTENT INFORMATION, AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR ALL WAYS
20 TO DO THAT. SO, WE ARE ALSO OPEN TO OTHER SUGGESTIONS IF FOLKS
21 HAVE IDEAS ABOUT HOW WE CAN GET THAT OUT, WE'RE VERY
22 INTERESTED IN HEARING THAT.

23
24 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** IT SEEMS LIKE THE CEO'S OFFICE IS
25 REALLY LEADING IN THIS COORDINATION EFFORT, BUT I ALSO KNOW



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1 THAT WE HAVE THE OFFICE OF FOOD SYSTEMS, AND SO I WANT TO MAKE
2 SURE I UNDERSTAND, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THAT OFFICE WAS CREATED
3 IN PART TO LEAD THE COUNTY WIDE FOOD COORDINATION AFTER WE SAW
4 CHALLENGES DURING THE PANDEMIC. SO, WHAT ROLE ARE THEY PLAYING
5 IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING THE COUNTY'S INTERNAL ACTION
6 PLAN?

7

8 **KRISTINA MEZA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT QUESTION SUPERVISOR.
9 WE'VE BEEN WORKING DIRECTLY WITH PAULA DANIELS WHO'S DOING A
10 PHENOMENAL JOB OF COLLECTING RESOURCES AND INFORMATION ACROSS
11 ALL OF THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE EXPRESSING
12 HIGH NEED, DOCUMENTING WHAT THOSE NEEDS ARE AND AS YOUR
13 OFFICES ARE SHARING SOME OF THE CBOS THAT YOU ALL WOULD LIKE
14 US TO WORK WITH DIRECTLY WE WILL BE SHARING THAT INFORMATION
15 WITH THE OFFICE OF FOOD SYSTEMS AS WELL SO THAT WAY WE'RE
16 COORDINATED IN RESPONDING TO THAT NEED THAT WE'RE BOTH
17 DOCUMENTING.

18

19 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I THINK THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT I
20 KNOW THEY PLAY A UNIQUE FUNCTION WITHIN OUR COUNTY ECOSYSTEM,
21 BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WHOLE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY
22 EXIST AND ALL OF THE LESSONS LEARNED THAT THEY HAVE DEVELOPED
23 ARE ACTUALLY BENEFITING US AS WE'RE DEALING WITH THIS NEW
24 CRISIS BEFORE US. SO, THANK YOU, PAULA, FOR BEING HERE. THANK
25 YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH THE



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1 COUNTY. AND I'M GLAD TO KNOW THAT WE'RE COORDINATING. SO, IF
2 THE SHUTDOWN CONTINUES PAST NOVEMBER, HOW LONG CAN WE SUSTAIN
3 THIS LEVEL OF SUPPORT?

4

5 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISOR, I CAN TAKE THAT QUESTION. I
6 THINK THE ANSWER IS WE DON'T KNOW. WE DON'T KNOW BECAUSE WE
7 DON'T KNOW WHAT ALL OF THE IMPACTS WILL LOOK LIKE AFTER
8 NOVEMBER. IT'S ONE THING TO MAKE FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR
9 ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS TO THE FOOD BANK AND HAVING DEPARTMENTS
10 USE THEIR OWN RESOURCES TO PLUS UP WHERE THEY CAN, IT'S
11 ANOTHER THING TO HAVE OUR OWN FUNDING FALL AWAY IN DIFFERENT
12 AREAS AND HAVE TO DEAL WITH MULTIPLE DIFFERENT CRACKS IN THE
13 DAM SO TO SPEAK. SO, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE FOCUSED ON
14 NOW, AND I MENTIONED IT BEFORE, IS REALLY UNDERSTANDING FROM
15 DEPARTMENTS WHAT IS ON THE HORIZON. AND AS WE GET PAST
16 NOVEMBER, I WILL SAY, THINGS GET SCARIER. AND THEN IT WILL GET
17 A LOT MORE DIFFICULT FOR US TO SUSTAIN INTERVENTIONS AND
18 SUPPORTS WHILE ALSO TRYING TO MANAGE OUR OWN ISSUES. SO, WE'LL
19 HAVE MORE ON THAT ONCE WE HAVE A BETTER SENSE OF IT, BUT WE
20 ARE DEFINITELY LOOKING AT THAT AS PHASE 2.

21

22 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** YEAH, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE
23 THAT WHILE WE'RE ALL HERE AT THIS BOARD MEETING, WHICH WE HAVE
24 REGULARLY AND SPEAKING SORT OF WITHIN THE CONSTRUCTS OF WHAT
25 THIS EXPERIENCE IS, IT IS VERY SCARY. AND WHILE WE'RE TRYING



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1 TO HAVE A VERY CALM CONVERSATION, THE REALITY IS DEVASTATING.
2 AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S LOST ON ANYONE HERE. I THINK THE
3 CONVERSATION THAT WE'RE TRYING TO HAVE REINFORCES JUST HOW
4 IMPORTANT IT IS FOR OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO BE SHOWING UP
5 BECAUSE WE CANNOT FILL ALL OF THE HOLES. AND SO, I THINK IT'S
6 INCREDIBLY CHALLENGING ON EVERY LEVEL THAT WE'RE TRYING TO
7 ADDRESS. I'M ALSO PARTICULARLY WORRIED ABOUT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
8 AND OUR FAMILIES WHO ARE IMPACTED AND WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT
9 WE CAN DO TO OUTREACH TO YOUTH WHO HAVE EXITED CARE AND ARE ON
10 CALFRESH. I SEE OUR DIRECTOR FROM DCFS HERE. SO IS THAT
11 SOMETHING THAT YOU THINK IS POSSIBLE?

12
13 GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR BRANDON NICHOLS, DIRECTOR OF THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. YES, WE ARE
15 PRIORITIZING SUPPORTING OUR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH. WE WORRY
16 ABOUT THEM GOING HUNGRY AND NOT HAVING FOOD. IT'S AN
17 UNCONSCIONABLE TO THINK ABOUT IT. IT GIVES ME GOOSEBUMPS AND
18 IT BREAKS MY HEART TO THINK ABOUT HUNGRY KIDS. SO ABSOLUTELY
19 WE HAVE PLANS TO GET FOOD OUT TO THEM.

20
21 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND FOR OTHER FAMILIES WHO ARE NOT IN
22 THE SYSTEM, BUT ALSO CONNECTED.

23
24 **BRANDON T. NICHOLS:** YEAH, SO WE HAVE A PLAN. YOU'LL RECEIVE A
25 LETTER SOON TO DISTRIBUTE UP TO \$2,000,000 WORTH OF FOOD



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1 THROUGH EXISTING CONTRACTS. WE'VE LOOKED AT THREE CONTRACTS
2 THAT WE HAVE TODAY THAT SERVE FAMILIES AND HAVE FOOD SUPPORT.
3 I HAVE DELEGATED AUTHORITY ALREADY TO AMEND THOSE CONTRACTS BY
4 10%. AND IT'S MY INTENTION TO AMEND THOSE CONTRACTS, PUT MONEY
5 WE'VE IDENTIFIED INTO THEM AND DELIVER FOOD DIRECTLY IN A
6 COMMUNITY WAY OUT TO FAMILIES THROUGH THOSE CONTRACTS.

7

8 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. I THINK TO ECHO
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU KNOW, THIS IS, I
10 WOULD ARGUE, NOT JUST A GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS, IT'S A MORAL
11 CRISIS THAT WE ARE EVEN, YOU KNOW, EVEN HAVING TO CONSIDER THE
12 KINDS OF QUESTIONS THAT WE'RE TACKLING RIGHT NOW. AND SO,
13 PEOPLE STEPPING UP TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE. THIS
14 SHOULDN'T BE A DIFFICULT DECISION. IT SHOULD BE SOMETHING
15 THAT'S VERY EASY TO PRIORITIZE. AND SO I THANK YOU FOR THE
16 WORK THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT IS DOING AND FOR EVERYONE WHO'S
17 PRESENTED HERE TODAY TO TRY AND BRING SOME SUPPORT WHERE
18 PEOPLE ARE FEELING EVEN MORE INSECURE BASED ON WHAT THE
19 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS DOING RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. I JUST AS I
24 LISTENED TO OUR CONVERSATION ABOUT MAKING DONATION BOXES
25 AVAILABLE I WAS JUST HOPING THAT MAYBE WE COULD PUT A LIST ON



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1 THE TOP OF DONATION BOXES TO PROVIDE SOME GUIDANCE TO PEOPLE
2 ABOUT WHAT FOLKS HAVE SAID THEY WOULD FIND MOST USEFUL. YOU
3 KNOW, THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO PURGE YOUR OWN PANTRY AND BRING
4 CANNED GOODS THAT ARE CLOSE TO EXPIRATION. THAT'S NOT, THIS IS
5 NOT THE TIME FOR THAT. SO IF THERE COULD BE A LIST, JUST TO
6 PROVIDE PEOPLE WITH SOME GUIDANCE IN TERMS OF WHAT FOLKS
7 WHO'VE RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM FOOD BANKS, WHO SAY THEY FIND THE
8 MOST VALUE AND SO WE COULD STRETCH OUR OWN THINKING ABOUT WHAT
9 A MOST HELPFUL DONATION WOULD BE, THAT AS WE GROCERY SHOP, BUY
10 TWO OF AN ITEM THAT OUR HOUSEHOLD NEEDS TO PUT INTO THE
11 DONATION BOX.

12
13 **CARRIE MILLER:** WE LOVE THAT IDEA, AND IN FACT, DHR HAS THAT ON
14 THE WEBSITE THAT THEY LAUNCHED FOR THE GIVING CAMPAIGN. IT HAS
15 DESIRABLE DONATIONS AND A LIST OF SOME TIPS OF WHAT IS MOST
16 USEFUL.

17
18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** IF WE COULD PRINT THAT AND PUT IT ON
19 THE BOX.

20
21 **CARRIE MILLER:** YES.

22
23 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** WE CAN. AS PEOPLE ARE MAKING THEIR
24 DONATION, THEY'RE REMINDED OF WHAT'S MOST HELPFUL.



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1 **CARRIE MILLER:** WE CAN DO THAT.

2

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

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5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I ALSO WANT TO
6 THANK YOU, JOE AND CARRIE. WHEN SUPERVISOR HAHN WAS ASKING
7 ABOUT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR THE CHURCHES, IF ANYONE CAN
8 DO IT, IT'S YOU. I MEAN, YOU AND YOUR TEAM DO A TREMENDOUS
9 SERVICE FOR THIS COUNTY. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS.
10 JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, AND JOE, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ANSWERED
11 THIS OR YOU TOUCHED ON IT. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT EVEN IF
12 THE VOTE TAKES PLACE AND LET'S SAY IT OPENS, IT STILL TAKES A
13 WEEK OR TWO FOR THINGS TO START TO KICK BACK IN. IS THAT
14 CORRECT?

15

16 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS YES, THAT IS CORRECT. SO
17 AS OF TODAY, THERE WILL BE A GAP. THERE ISN'T. RIGHT. LIKE
18 EVEN IF THEY OPEN THE GOVERNMENT TODAY AND THEN PUT ALL THE
19 MONEY BACK AND SNAP, THERE ARE MECHANICAL AND OPERATIONAL
20 THINGS THAT NEED TO HAPPEN TO GET THE MONEY INTO THE CARDS.
21 AND THERE WILL BE SOME GAP. WELL, I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THAT
22 GAP IS, BUT AS OF LAST WEEK, THAT DEADLINE PASSED FOR US TO
23 HAVE A SEAMLESS TRANSITION INTO NOVEMBER.

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. I ECHO MY



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1 COLLEAGUES. I MEAN, I DON'T CARE WHICH SIDE OF THE AISLE
2 YOU'RE ON. THIS IS IMMORAL. AND I THINK MY FRUSTRATION IS
3 THAT, TO SURVEYOR MITCHELL'S POINT, WHEN YOU LOOK AT OUR
4 BUDGET, HEALTH AND WELFARE MAKE UP A MAJORITY OF THE FUNDING
5 THAT WE PROVIDE, WHICH ARE TO THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION
6 IN L.A. COUNTY, WHETHER IT BE DCFS, DPSS, PROBATION ACROSS THE
7 BOARD. IT IMPACTS ACROSS THE BOARD AND DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE
8 IN TERMS OF WHERE IT'S GOING TO IMPACT IN L.A. COUNTY AND
9 ACTUALLY IN THE STATE. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. I HOPE
10 THAT WE CAN GET THE WORD OUT BEYOND OUR COUNTY FAMILY,
11 ALTHOUGH I KNOW THIS COUNTY AND I SEE THE GENEROSITY DURING
12 COVID. I SAW IT. I WILL SEE IT, I'M SURE. AGAIN, AS PEOPLE
13 STEP UP AND HELP US GET THROUGH THIS TO HELP THOSE THAT NEED
14 IT THE MOST. SO, WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

15
16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** JUST A QUICK QUESTION. BRANDON, I KNOW THAT
17 YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH IN THE AREA OF FOSTER CARE. WE STILL HAVE
18 A LOT OF PARENTS, FOSTER-CARE PARENTS, THAT ARE STRUGGLING
19 TOO. AND SOMETIMES THEY'RE ON A LIMITED STRAP BUDGET. WE KNOW
20 THAT. AND ARE WE DOING ANYTHING TO REACH OUT TO MAKE SURE THAT
21 THE CHILDREN THAT THEY'RE OVERSEEING THAT THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT
22 FOOD AS WELL? I MEAN, NOW IT'S AN ADDED, RIGHT? SO, ANY
23 THOUGHTS ON THAT?

24
25 **BRANDON T. NICHOLS:** A LOT OF DETAILS THERE, SUPERVISOR. BUT



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1 BOTTOM LINE, OUR PLANS ARE NOT PERFECT, AND I WILL ADMIT THAT.
2 THERE ARE HOLES IN THE FOOD WE CAN PROVIDE IN THE POPULATIONS
3 WE CAN GET TO OR TRYING TO FILL IN THOSE HOLES AND ONE OF THE
4 WAY WE'RE GOING TO FILL IN HOLES WHICH WILL ASSIST FOSTER
5 PARENTS AS WELL IS WE'RE GOING TO BUY GROCERY STORE GIFT
6 CARDS. WE'RE GOING TO DEPLOY THEM IN OUR REGIONAL OFFICES,
7 WE'RE GOING TO GIVE THEM TO SOCIAL WORKERS, AND WE'RE GOING TO
8 GIVE THEM TO OUR GROUP THAT OVERSEES TRANSITION AGE YOUTH. AND
9 IF THEY RUN INTO A FAMILY, A FOSTER PARENT, A KID THAT IS
10 HUNGRY, I MEAN, WITH APPROPRIATE CONTROLS, BECAUSE IT IS REAL
11 MONEY, WE DON'T WANT FRAUD, BUT THEY'LL HAVE GIFT CARDS AT
12 HAND TO GIVE OUT TO PEOPLE THAT NEED THEM.

13
14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY, GREAT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15
16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER
17 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS AGAIN TO YOUR ENTIRE TEAM. THANK YOU.
18 ALL RIGHT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE
19 PUBLIC THAT WISH TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

20
21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON
22 SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. AS A FINAL
23 REMINDER FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS, TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING
24 QUEUE TO ADDRESS SET MATTER 1. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE
25 SO, USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE ON YOUR DEVICE OR PRESS STAR 3



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1 ON YOUR TELEPHONE NOW. ROY HUMPHRIES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

2 PLEASE BEGIN. ROY HUMPHRIES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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4 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** YES. OKAY. CAN YOU COME BACK TO ME? I LOST MY
5 COMPUTER.

6

7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ALL RIGHT.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK
10 ON THIS ITEM, SO WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. NEXT SPEAKER.

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CALLER 850305, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE
13 BEGIN.

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15 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** YES, MY NAME IS JASON. I'M A FOCUS
16 [INAUDIBLE].

17

18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** PLEASE CONTINUE.

19

20 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** COOL. I LIKE TO PICK ON ALL THE WAY
21 VIOLENCE DURING PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, THE OTHER DAY I'M DOWN ON
22 FIGUEROA AND --

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NO.

25



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1 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** SIR, SIR,

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THIS IS NOT PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS
4 IS ON SET MATTER 1. SO, GO BACK IN THE QUEUE IF YOU WANT TO
5 SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT, OKAY? NEXT CALLER.

6

7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 818-645, YOUR LINE
8 IS OPEN, PLEASE BEGIN.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. AND I SHARE THE BOARD'S MORAL OUTRAGE
11 ABOUT THE, YOU KNOW, CUTTING BACK ON THE HELP FOR THE FOOD
12 HELP FOR I THOUGHT I HEARD 2,000,000 KIDS ACROSS THE REGION,
13 BUT MAYBE SOMEBODY SAID A MILLION FAMILIES, IT'S TERRIBLE. AND
14 THAT WAS A VERY NICE AND LENGTHY PRESENTATION. I THINK THE
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DESERVES CREDIT FOR REMEMBERING THAT THE
16 PUBLIC NEEDS TO JUST APPRECIATE MARIA CHONG-CASTILLO AND
17 OTHERS. AND IT WAS GREAT TO SEE ZEV DOWN THERE, ALSO THE BIG
18 BOSS. AND I MEAN, THIS IS JUST A WONDERFUL HOMECOMING. IT'S A
19 PITY WE COULDN'T GET JOEL BELLMAN OUT AND RANDI TAHARA FROM
20 THE GOOD OLD DAYS, BUT STILL I REALLY DO APPRECIATE THE SELF-
21 COMMEMORATION ENDLESSLY FOR HOURS WHILE WE CANNOT FACE THE
22 REAL STORY, WHICH IS PAINFUL. IT IS PAINFUL. THAT SAID, COUNTY
23 WORKERS HAVE GREAT JOBS, AND ONE THING THAT THERE IS NO LAW
24 THAT WOULD PREVENT, YOU CAN CHECK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL IF SHE
25 STILL WORKS THERE. AND LET'S MAKE A CALL.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 626-390. YOUR LINE
3 IS OPEN.

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5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, CAN YOU ASSIST
6 EXECUTIVE OFFICE WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL? ALL RIGHT, NEXT CALLER.

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 626-390, YOUR LINE
9 IS OPEN, PLEASE BEGIN.

10

11 **COLIN CAMPBELL:** DEAR MR. PRESIDENT TRUMP, GOVERNOR NEWSOM,
12 HONORABLE JUDY CHU, MAYOR PERRON, AND FAMILY BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS. THE ALPHA TEAM WAS FORMED WITH SUSIE WILES ON 9-
14 15 TO ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE, COMBINING THE CAPABILITIES OF DOD,
15 DOJ, FBI, AND LOCAL POLICE. THE TECHNOLOGY CAN BE USED FOR
16 FIRE PREVENTION, EVACUATION, HOMELESS, DPSS, CALFRESH, AND TO
17 PROTECT SCHOOLS. BUT THE L.A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JOINED THE
18 ALPHA TEAM SO WE CAN BUILD STARGATE LIFE SUPPORT FOR LOS
19 ANGELES AND RELEASE THE \$238,500,000,000 FEDERAL BUDGET.
20 THERE'S AN INCENTIVIZATION PLAN FOR ALL PUBLIC SERVANTS
21 WISHING TO ENROLL. REQUEST START DATE DECEMBER 3RD TO MOBILIZE
22 OUR WORKFORCE. TREAT PTSDS. AND THIS IS BACKED BY JAPAN
23 MASAYOSHI SON, LARRY ELLISON, SAM ALTMAN AND PRESIDENT TRUMP
24 BY A \$500,000,000,000 BUDGET ON 121. COLIN CAMPBELL, DISTRICT
25 5, AN EPIC DODGER 18 WINNING GAME. THANK YOU.



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

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ONE IN-PERSON SPEAKER
5 WHO HAS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. DR. ESRORULEH
6 MOHAMMED, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. DID YOU
9 CALL, WHO DID YOU CALL FORWARD TO SPEAK?

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ESRORULEH MOHAMMED FOR SET MATTER 1.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT WAS HIM. I THINK HE
14 DID. OH, OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. CAN WE CLOSE THAT DOOR,
15 PLEASE?

16

17 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CAN WE HAVE SOMEONE PLEASE
18 CLOSE THE DOOR?

19

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

21

22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** PLEASE BEGIN.

23

24 **DR. ESRORULEH MOHAMMED:** CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR
25 THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT. THIS BUDGET DISCUSSION REFLECTS



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1 THE SAME PREVENTION GOVERNANCE LOGIC I FIRST DOCUMENTED UNDER
2 ADA PROTECTED CONDITIONS DURING MY JANUARY 21, 2025,
3 INTERACTIVE PROCESS MEETING. BY LINKING FEDERAL AND STATE
4 IMPACTS TO COUNTY OPERATIONS, THE DISCUSSION NOW MOVES TOWARD
5 THE FISCAL ALIGNMENT AND WORKFORCE STABILITY PRINCIPLES
6 ESTABLISHED IN THE BUREAU CARE TO CUSTODY CEMETERY PIPELINE
7 AND THE B2C3A PIPELINE PREVENTION FRAMEWORKS ENTERED INTO THE
8 PUBLIC RECORD ON APRIL 10, 2025. I OFFER THIS STATEMENT SOLELY
9 TO PRESERVE FACTUAL ACCURACY AND ADA PROTECTED RECORD
10 CONTINUITY BECAUSE PREVENTION LIKE BUDGETING ONLY HOLDS IF THE
11 RECORD DOES. THANK YOU.

12
13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
14 BOARD. THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

15
16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, COME ON. I KNOW THAT SCARED
17 ME. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A BRIEF RECESS.

18
19 **[RECESS]**

20
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE ARE GOING TO BE BACK
22 IN SESSION. EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

23
24 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE STILL NEED TO RECEIVE AND
25 FILE THE REPORT.



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO PUBLIC
3 HEARINGS.

4

5 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE JUST NEED TO, YOU JUST HAVE
6 TO SAY HEARING NO OBJECTIONS AND I'LL BE ABLE TO ORDER.

7

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

9

10 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SO, THIS CONCLUDES PUBLIC
11 COMMENT AND THE REPORT WILL BE RECEIVED IN FILE. JUST NEED
12 YOUR APPROVAL THAT WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** OKAY. NOW WE ARE MOVING TO
17 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. AND WE CAN SWEAR IN THE MEMBERS OF THE
18 PUBLIC. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING IN-PERSON AND REMOTE
19 SPEAKERS WHO ARE REQUESTING ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC
20 HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE
21 SWORN IN. SO, THESE ARE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. PLEASE NOTE
22 IN THE TESTIMONY YOU GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, YOU SOLEMNLY
23 SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE
24 TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD. THANK YOU, YOU MAY BE SEATED. WE WILL
25 NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 2, HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION OF PARCELS



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SUPERVISORS

1 WITHIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORIES OF CASTAIC AND TWIN LAKES
2 AND THE CITIES OF AZUSA, BRADBURY, GLENDORA, ROLLING HILLS
3 ESTATES, AND SANTA CLARITA INTO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER
4 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE LEVYING OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES
5 WITHIN THE ANNEX PARCELS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US
6 REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND
7 FEATURE IF YOU ARE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR 3 IF ON THE TELEPHONE.
8 A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND NO CORRESPONDENCE
9 WAS RECEIVED. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
10 WORKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL
11 SPEAKERS, PLEASE SET YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN
12 YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

13
14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SEEING NONE OF MY
15 COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
16 PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK
17 ON THIS ITEM.

18
19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS
20 THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. WE WILL GO TO
21 REMOTE SPEAKERS. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 850305 YOUR LINE IS
22 OPEN. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN. STATE YOUR NAME AND
23 BEGIN.

24
25 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** YES, MY NAME IS JASON. I'M A [INAUDIBLE].



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SUPERVISORS

1 SO, AS I WAS SAYING EARLIER, THE OTHER DAY I WAS DOWN ON
2 FIGUEROA AND CHICK AND I PAID A FINE OF \$5 TO INTRODUCE
3 [INAUDIBLE][EXPLICIT]. AND SHE WAS TELLING ME THAT SHE WAS
4 HAVING ISSUES DOWN THERE WITH YOU GUYS. SHE SAID I COULD MAYBE
5 CALL IN AND SEE IF WE CAN GET SOMETHING DONE ABOUT IT BECAUSE
6 THE ISSUE SHE WAS HAVING WAS A QUESTION.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ARE YOU SPEAKING ON ITEM 2?

9

10 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** HOLD ON, LET ME SAY, LET ME MAKE SURE. ITEM
11 2. YES, YES, YES, MA'AM. I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT. AS I WAS
12 SAYING, I WAS THINKING ABOUT ITEM 2. IS THAT OKAY?

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** OKAY, CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 81. PLEASE
17 CONTINUE.

18

19 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** YES, MY NAME IS JASON. I'M A FOCUS SCAN
20 VIEWER.

21

22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** OKAY, WE WILL GO TO OUR NEXT CALLER. CALLER
23 WITH PHONE NUMBER 818-645, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

24

25 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY. AND



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 I'D LIKE TO THANK PUBLIC WORKS FOR OVERSEEING A FAIRLY LARGE
2 YOU KNOW PROJECT SET OF PROJECTS AND IT'S A BIG, BIG GROUP
3 INCLUDING IN THAT GROUP IS THE WATER GROUP OUT IN THE MALIBU
4 AREA. AND THANK YOU TO HORVATH AND ALL THE THIRD DISTRICT
5 PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO HELP RESTORE SERVICE WHERE NEEDED AND
6 WHATNOT. BUT YOU KNOW, THERE'S THE LOW-HANGING FRUIT. AND
7 THERE'S A COUPLE OF OLDER LEGACY PROPERTIES THAT HAVE THEIR
8 LINES AREN'T SPLIT, AND IT'S CAUSED GREAT HARM TO AN OLDER
9 PERSON. AND IT'S FUNNY BECAUSE WE RAISED IT UP, AND WE THOUGHT
10 PESTRELLA HEARD THAT, YOU KNOW, LET'S JUST TAKE CARE OF IT,
11 BUT I GUESS HE DIDN'T. INSTEAD, IT'S THE SAME STORY. NOW WE
12 CAN'T EVEN GET ACCESS TO OUR OWN WATER BILL, AND WE HAVE THE
13 BAD ACTOR PARTNER, SO IT'S SUPER STRANGE, AND I WAS HOPING
14 PUBLIC WORK WAS GOING TO HELP, BUT I GUESS AT THE END OF THE
15 DAY, THERE'S A LIMIT TO WHAT FOLKS CAN DO. THEY JUST WANT TO
16 HOLD THE COUNTY LINE AND ALLOW FOR THE AVAILABILITY.

17
18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THERE ARE NO OTHER
19 REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. THAT CONCLUDES THE TIME
20 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, AND IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
21 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

22
23 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM, ITEM 2 IS BEFORE YOU.

24
25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I WILL MOVE IT,



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SUPERVISORS

1 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

3

4 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

7

8 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE.

9 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

10

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

12

13 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE.

14 SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AYE.

17

18 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE.

19 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

20

21 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

22

23 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE.

24 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

3 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION
4 CARRIES, 5 TO 0. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 3, HEARING ON THE
5 PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE ALLEY WEST OF ALAMEDA
6 STREET AND NORTH OF 134TH STREET AND UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY
7 OF WILLOWBROOK. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY
8 TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF
9 YOU ARE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR 3 IF ON A TELEPHONE. A
10 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS
11 RECEIVED. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
12 ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS,
13 PLEASE SET YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS
14 THE BOARD.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SEEING NO MEMBERS ON,
17 MY COLLEAGUES WISHING TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM EXECUTIVE OFFICER
18 PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO
19 SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 3.

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON
22 SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM WE WILL GO
23 TO A REMOTE SPEAKERS. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 850305, YOUR
24 LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** YES, MY NAME IS JASON. I'M A [INAUDIBLE].
2 ABOUT THE ALLEY DOWN THERE, I THINK THE ISSUES WITH THE
3 ADVOCATE HAVING ARE THE SAME THING, THEY HAVE ONE DOWN ON 50
4 [INAUDIBLE]. BECAUSE THE OTHER DAY I WAS DOWN ON 50
5 [INAUDIBLE] WITH THIS CHICK, AND SHE WAS TELLING ME HOW PEOPLE
6 HAVE TO GO UP ON THEIR PRICES, AND I'M SAYING, LIKE, ALL
7 RIGHT, YOU KNOW, IT'S KIND OF A PROBLEM BECAUSE ME HAVING TO
8 PAY MORE THAN \$5 FOR A DRIVE-THROUGH IS GOING TO BE AN ISSUE,
9 BUT EVERYONE CAN GO UP TO \$5 AND QUARTER.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THIS IS ITEM NUMBER 3. THIS IS
12 ITEM NUMBER 3 REGARDING THE NORTH OF 134TH STREET, WEST OF
13 ALAMEDA STREET ALLEY.

14

15 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** YEAH. YEAH. YEAH, AND ABOUT THE ALLEY, HOW
16 TO GET DOWN OUT OF THE COUNTY PLANE HOUSE, THE ISSUES THEY
17 WERE HAVING THE SAME ONE, THEY WERE HAVING THAT ON THE FIGURE
18 OF RULES. KIND OF, KIND OF, KIND OF APPLIED THE SAME IN THE
19 ISSUES THEY WERE ALREADY TALKING ABOUT, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THE
20 ISSUES THEY WERE HAVING DOWN ON THE FIGURE OF RULES. SO, I
21 SAID, ALL RIGHT, WELL, YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY, PEOPLE ARE TELLING
22 ME THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAVE UP MONEY SO YOU CAN GO ON EBAY,
23 AND PURCHASE ONE OF THOSE DOLLS, THEY GIVE YOU THE, THEY GIVE
24 YOU THE POINT TO WHERE YOU WERE TOUCHED. AND I SAID THAT'S
25 COOL. AND THEY'RE SAYING, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO PAY MORE THAN



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SUPERVISORS

1 \$5 FOR A DRIVE-UP TEST. YOU KNOW, EVEN IF YOU WANT TO, YOU
2 KNOW, SPEND ALL THAT TIME AND DO WHATEVER, I DON'T THINK IT
3 CAN BE DONE. SO, THE CARRY OVER THE --

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
6 BOARD, THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS WHO ADDRESS THE
7 BOARD ON THIS ITEM. THAT CONCLUDES THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
8 ON THIS ITEM, AND IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC
9 HEARING.

10

11 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THE PUBLIC HEARING
12 IS NOW CLOSED. ITEM 3 IS BEFORE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MOVED BY
15 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE
16 THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

18 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

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

21

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

24

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



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SUPERVISORS

1

2 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE.
3 SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

4

5 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AYE.

6

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

9

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

11

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

14

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

16

17 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION
18 CARRIES, 5 TO 0. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 4 HEARING ON THE
19 2024/25 FISCAL YEAR END REPORT FOR THE LIBRARY FACILITIES
20 MITIGATION FEE FUNDS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US
21 REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND
22 FEATURE IF YOU ARE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR 3 IF ON A TELEPHONE.
23 NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND NO CORRESPONDENCE
24 WAS RECEIVED. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY ARE
25 AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE



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SUPERVISORS

1 STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE
2 BOARD.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SEEING NO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS
5 FROM MY COLLEAGUES, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE
6 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WISH TO TESTIFY ON ITEM NUMBER 4.

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME
9 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. DR. ESRORULEH MOHAMMED. WE
10 WILL NOW GO TO OUR REMOTE CALLERS. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER
11 850305. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

12

13 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** YEAH, MY NAME IS JASON. I'M A [INAUDIBLE].
14 SO, THE OTHER DAY I'M DOWN WITH A FIGUEROA AND THIS CHICK. I
15 PAID HER \$5 TO INTRODUCE THINGS OUT OF [EXPLICIT]. AND SHE WAS
16 TELLING ME HOW EVERY DAY DOWN THERE SHE'S HAVING ISSUES WITH
17 THE GUYS NOT BRINGING THE PROPER CHANGE BECAUSE SHE'S NOT A
18 BANK OR ANYTHING. SO, SHE ONLY, YOU KNOW, [EXPLICIT] WITH \$5
19 THAT'S WORTH A [EXPLICIT] AND YOU GOT A [EXPLICIT] TO GETTING
20 [EXPLICIT]. SO, WE CAN LIKE HAVE THE GUYS MAYBE BRING EXACT
21 CHANGE WHEN THEY RUN DOWN TO PICK A RULE BECAUSE I THINK, YOU
22 KNOW, US BEING ABLE TO HAVE HIM HAVING PROPER, YOU KNOW,
23 EXCHANGE BETWEEN SERVICES AND GOODS, BECAUSE MIKE IS ON MY
24 BABY BATTER THAT I RELEASED OUT THERE. THEIR SERVICES ARE, YOU
25 KNOW, WE CAN CUT THEM OUT AND HAVE MORE PLACE TO LAY FOR A



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1 MINUTE AFTER THAT BUT I THINK IF WE CAN GET SOMETHING DONE
2 ABOUT THAT WOULD BE NICE YOU KNOW IT'S ONLY \$5. TWENTY
3 DOLLARS, YOU KNOW THE HOUSE THAT GOT MORE THAN \$5 YOU KNOW
4 SPIN ON LITTLE CHICKEN SO YOU KNOW GET YOUR MONEY RIGHT BEFORE
5 YOU COMING OUT THERE TO BRING GUYS THERE. YOU KNOW THEY HAVE
6 TWO TO ONE STUFF GOING ON. YOU WERE AT \$7, THEY CUT YOU OUT
7 FOR \$2.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE
10 CALLERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. WE WILL NOW GO TO OUR IN-PERSON
11 SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

12

13 **DR. ESRORULEH MOHAMMED:** GOOD AFTERNOON: THE LIBRARY CAPITAL
14 IMPROVEMENT PLAN EMBODIES EQUITY AS INFRASTRUCTURE, A
15 PRINCIPLE THAT ORIGINATED IN MY ADA-PROTECTED DISCLOSURES AND
16 WAS LATER FORMALIZED IN THE BUREAU OF CARE TO CUSTODY CEMETERY
17 PIPELINE AND THE B2C3A PIPELINE PREVENTION MODELS. BY
18 CONNECTING COMMUNITY DESIGN, ACCESS, AND INCLUSION, THIS PLAN
19 DEMONSTRATES PREVENTION-BASED GOVERNANCE APPLIED TO PUBLIC
20 SPACES. THIS COMMENT IS ENTERED ONLY TO MAINTAIN FACTUAL
21 CONTINUITY AND ADA-PROTECTED PROVENANCE WITHIN THE PUBLIC
22 RECORD, SO THE FOUNDATION OF THIS WORK REMAINS VISIBLE LONG
23 AFTER THE CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 BOARD, THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM AND IT WOULD
2 BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. MADAM CHAIR, THE
3 PUBLIC HEARING IS NOW CLOSED. ITEM 4 IS BEFORE YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
6 HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

8

9 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

12

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

15

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

17

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

20

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

22

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

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

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

5

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

7

8 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION
9 CARRIES, 5 TO 0.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SKYE, FOR EVERYTHING
12 YOU DO.

13

14 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 5,
15 HEARING ON THE APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER R2011011263, MINOR
16 COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NUMBER 201500036, AND VARIANCE
17 NUMBER RPPL2019006788, LOCATED WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA
18 MOUNTAINS PLANNING AREA. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US
19 REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND
20 FEATURE IF YOU'RE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR 3 IF ON A TELEPHONE. NO
21 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS
22 RECEIVED. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
23 PLANNING WILL MAKE A BRIEF VERBAL PRESENTATION FOR THE
24 DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKER, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE
25 RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I DON'T SEE ANY
3 QUESTIONS FROM MY COLLEAGUES. WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM THE
4 APPLICANT. OH, DID YOU WANT TO? OH, YEAH, NO, I'M IT. YEAH.
5 WE'RE GOING TO NOW HEAR FROM THE APPLICANT, GARY AND JANINE
6 ISABEL, WHO WILL BE GIVEN A TOTAL OF TWO MINUTES TO TALK, AND
7 THEN WE WILL HEAR FROM THE APPELLANT. SO PLEASE BEGIN. YOU
8 HAVE TWO MINUTES. HI.

9

10 **GARY ISABELL:** MY NAME IS GARY ISABEL. I STARTED THIS PROJECT
11 IN 2010, 16 YEARS AGO, TO BUILD A HOME FOR MY FAMILY, MY KIDS.
12 I WAS HOPING FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT THEY COULD RIDE THEIR
13 BIKES AROUND AND ENJOY THE SMALL COMMUNITY. THAT DREAM HAS
14 CHANGED. SINCE THEN, I'VE HAD ONE OF MY KIDS GRADUATE COLLEGE,
15 WORKING AS A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, AND THE OTHER TWO ARE
16 FINISHING OFF THEIR CAREERS NOW. I LOOK AT THIS THAT IT'S
17 GOING TO BE THE NEXT PHASE OF MY LIFE IN CHAPTER, HOPEFULLY
18 I'LL GET TO BUILD IT. I HAVE FOLLOWED AND DID EVERYTHING AND
19 ANYTHING THAT WAS REQUESTED OF ME FROM REGIONAL PLANNING OR
20 COASTAL OR THE BOARD FOR THIS HOME. I HAVE MOVED THE HOUSE TO
21 THE FAR CORNER OF THE PROPERTY TO PUT A SMALL FOOTPRINT. I
22 HAVE KEPT THE GRADING TO A MINIMAL AND I HAVE SHRUNK THE HOUSE
23 MULTIPLE TIMES. I'VE HAD TWO PREVIOUS HEARINGS AND I'VE HAD
24 APPROVAL ON BOTH OF THEM FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND THE
25 ERB. I'M HERE BECAUSE OF MY NEIGHBOR MARK MARSHALL WHO HAS



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1 APPEALED THIS PROJECT TWO SEPARATE TIMES WHO LIVES ACROSS THE
2 STREET FROM ME. MARK HAS ALWAYS BEEN AGAINST THIS PROJECT AND
3 DOESN'T WANT ME TO BUILD. HE HAS REQUESTED THAT I BUILT THE
4 ONE-STORY HOME AT ONE POINT, BUT ONCE I SAID THAT IS
5 UNFEASIBLE BECAUSE IT WOULD KEEP IT DOWN TO A THOUSAND SQUARE
6 FOOT HOME, HE DECIDED THAT HE DOESN'T WANT ANY HOME THERE. SO,
7 HE'S DOING WHATEVER HE COULD TRY TO STOP ME. MY LOT GETS USED
8 RIGHT NOW BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD AS A TRASH DUMP, A MOTORCYCLE
9 TRACK. IT'S A PLACE FOR A DOG PARK. IT'S A PLACE THAT BIDS DO
10 DRUGS. I FOUND PARAPHERNALIA BEER BOTTLES. I HAVE TAKEN MANY
11 YEARS TO PROTECT THIS PROPERTY, KEEP IT CLEAN FOR FIRE
12 SEASONS. I'VE DONE EVERYTHING REQUESTED BY PEOPLE ON THIS.
13 LIKE I SAID, I'VE BEEN APPROVED TWO TIMES. AND EACH TIME I GET
14 APPEALED BY MY NEIGHBOR, MARK, I'M JUST REQUESTING THAT I CAN
15 FINALLY BUILD MY HOME AFTER 60 YEARS OF THIS. THAT'S IT. I
16 HAVE FOLLOW-UP THROUGH WITH WHAT YOU.

17
18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. ISABELL, WE WILL
19 NOW HEAR FROM THE APPELLANT, MARK MARSHALL, WHO WILL BE GIVEN
20 A TOTAL OF TWO MINUTES.

21
22 **MARK MARSHALL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR
23 HEARING MY APPEAL. CONTRARY TO MR. ISABELL'S CLAIM, I'M NOT
24 ANTI-HOUSING. I'M PRO-BUILDING. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT LOT
25 BEING USED FOR SOMETHING OTHER THAN A MOTORCYCLE TRACK AND A



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1 DOG PARK AND PARKING LOT. HOWEVER, THERE'S A SEPTIC SYSTEM
2 PROPOSED FOR THE FRONT OF THAT LOT. IT'S BEEN MOVED TO THE
3 FRONT OF LOT BECAUSE THERE'S A CREEK ALONG THE BACK OF A LOT.
4 THAT'S JUST THAT SEPTIC SYSTEM IS DISTURBINGLY CLOSE TO THE
5 WATER MAIN. AND THERE'S BEEN NO PROVISION NOTED ON THE PLAN TO
6 HAVE SEPARATION OR NO NOTE OF THAT WATER MAIN ON THE PLANET.
7 AT THIS POINT, I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEALTH OF THE
8 COMMUNITY AND CONTAMINATION FROM THAT SEPTIC SYSTEM. THE
9 COUNTY AND THE STATE CALLED FOR A 10-FOOT SEPARATION BETWEEN A
10 WATER MAIN AND A SEPTIC SYSTEM, LEECHFIELD. THIS HAS NOT BEEN
11 TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THAT I'VE SEEN AND I'M HOPING THAT IF MR.
12 ISABELL DOES BUILD THAT HOME, WHICH HE SEEMS OUR INTENT ON
13 DOING, THAT'LL BE A NICE HOME AND THAT IT WON'T CAUSE ANY
14 CONTAMINATION OF THE COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

15
16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT DO ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES
17 HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT? SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

18
19 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I BELIEVE YOU
20 ALL HAD MAYBE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT TO SHARE AS
21 WELL TO PROVIDE SOME CONTEXT BEFORE I GET INTO COMMENTS.

22
23 **WILLIAM CHEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS WILLIAM
24 CHEN, SENIOR PLANNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING.
25 THE ITEM BEFORE YOU IS AN APPEAL OF THE PROJECT, MYER COASTAL



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1 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NUMBER 201500036 AND VARIANCE NUMBER RPPL
2 2019006788. THE PROJECT IS A NEW 2479 SQUARE FOOT SINGLE
3 FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH AN ATTACHED GARAGE AND AN ONSITE WASTE
4 TREATMENT SYSTEM ON A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 25830 DARK CREEK
5 ROAD IN THE SAN MONICA MOUNTAINS PLANNING AREA. THE PROJECT
6 WAS FIRST APPROVED BY THE HEARING OFFICER. THE HEARING OFFICER
7 APPROVED THE PROJECT AND IT WAS APPEALED TO THE REGIONAL
8 PLANNING COMMISSION, WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DENIED. AND THE
9 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THE PROJECT. THE
10 DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT YOUR BOARD DENY THE APPEAL AND
11 UPHOLD THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL. WE'RE
12 AVAILABLE FOR ANY OTHER FURTHER QUESTIONS.

13
14 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT TODAY AND
15 FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS PROJECT OVERALL ON THIS APPLICATION. I
16 RECOGNIZE THIS CASE IS VERY PERSONAL FOR BOTH THE PROPERTY
17 OWNER WHO'S BEEN WORKING ON IT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AS WE'VE
18 HEARD AS WELL AS THE APPELLANT AND THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO
19 HAVE TAKEN THEIR TIME TO COMMENT ON THIS PROJECT. THE SITE IS
20 ONE OF THE LAST REMAINING UNDEVELOPED LOTS ON THIS PART OF
21 MONTANITO AND DUE TO ITS PROXIMITY TO THE CREEK, THIS LOT
22 HOLDS SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE FOR THE COMMUNITY,
23 WHICH WE ACKNOWLEDGE. SO, I JUST HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT
24 THE PROJECT. FIRST, FIRE SAFETY IS ALWAYS A MAJOR CONCERN FOR
25 THIS REGION. SO, WILL THE PROJECT BE REQUIRED TO BUILD IN



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1 COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 7A OF THE BUILDING CODE, WHICH HAS THE
2 STRICTER FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YES, IT WILL BE AS AFFIRMED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 PUBLIC WORKS.

6

7 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. AND WHAT ARE THE DEFENSIBLE
8 SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROJECT?

9

10 **WILLIAM CHEN:** THE DEFENSIBLE SPACE REQUIREMENTS ARE AS
11 DICTATED AND APPROVED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FORESTRY IN THE
12 FUEL MODIFICATION PLAN THAT WAS APPROVED FOR THIS PROJECT.

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY, DO YOU HAVE A FOR EXAMPLE OF
15 THE KINDS OF THINGS THEY NEED TO DO?

16

17 **WILLIAM CHEN:** YES, THE FENSIBLE SPACE WILL REQUIRE FUEL
18 MODIFICATION, REMOVAL OF BRUSH AND DRY LEAVES WITHIN A 200-
19 FOOT RADIUS AROUND THE PROPERTY.

20

21 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. AND GIVEN THE PROXIMITY TO THE
22 STREAM, WHICH WAS MENTIONED, DID THE STATE'S DEPARTMENT OF
23 FISH AND WILDLIFE REVIEW THE PROJECT?

24

25 **WILLIAM CHEN:** YES, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND



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1 WILDLIFE DID INDICATE THAT THE PROJECT COULD PROCEED AS
2 DESIGNED.

3

4 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY, AND RELATED TO BIOLOGICAL
5 CONCERNS, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CONDITIONS OF THE APPROVAL
6 WILL REQUIRE A QUALIFIED BIOLOGICAL MONITOR TO BE RETAINED
7 DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT TO AVOID IMPACTS TO
8 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES? IS THAT A CORRECT UNDERSTANDING AND WHAT
9 SHOULD NEIGHBORS EXPECT TO SEE IN TERMS OF THAT MONITOR IN
10 THEIR PRESENCE DURING THAT TIME?

11

12 **WILLIAM CHEN:** YES, SUPERVISOR, THAT IS CORRECT. THE CONDITION
13 WILL REQUIRE THE PRESENCE OF A BIOLOGICAL MONITOR ON SITE,
14 CONDUCTING SURVEYS AND MAKING REPORTING AS NECESSARY
15 ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY.

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. SO, IN LIGHT OF THE TESTIMONY,
18 AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THE
19 RECOMMENDED ACTION ON THE ITEM TO DENY THE APPEAL AND UPHOLD
20 THE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC
23 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE A REMOTE CALLER FOR



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1 ITEM 5, CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 850305. PLEASE BEGIN.

2

3 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** YES, MY NAME IS JASON. I'M ON A
4 [INAUDIBLE]. THE OTHER DAY I WAS DOWN ON FIGUEROA AND A CHICK
5 AND I PAID HER \$5 AND [INAUDIBLE][EXPLETIVE] --

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** JASON, THIS IS AN ITEM REGARDING A
8 PUBLIC HEARING ON APPEAL OF A DECISION. ITEM 3? NO.

9

10 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** ON ITEM 3?

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NO. ITEM 5.

13

14 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** I THOUGHT IT WAS ITEM 3.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ITEM 5,

17

18 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** OKAY, I'M ON MY BACK. I'M ON MY SIDE AND I
19 WAS ON MY OWN. I THOUGHT WE WERE ON MY SIDE.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NEXT CALLER, NEXT CALLER, NEXT
22 CALLER. NEXT CALLER.

23

24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW GO TO OUR IN-PERSON SPEAKER,
25 NICK KAZEMI. OKAY, THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE



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1 BOARD ON THIS ITEM AND IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE
2 PUBLIC HEARING.

3

4 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THE PUBLIC HEARING
5 IS NOW CLOSED ITEM 5 IS BEFORE YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
8 HORVATH. I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THIS ITEM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.
9 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL

10

11 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

12

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

14

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

17

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

19

20 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE.
21 SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

22

23 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AYE.

24

25 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE.



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1 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

2

3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

4

5 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN. AYE.

6 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

7

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

9

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

12

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

14

15 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 6,
16 SETTLEMENT OF THE MATTER ENTITLED JANE BP1-B DOE ET AL VERSUS
17 DOE 1 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ET AL, WHICH WAS HELD BY
18 SUPERVISOR BARGER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US
19 REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND
20 FEATURE IF YOU'RE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR 3 IF ON A TELEPHONE.
21 REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTY COUNSEL, AUDITOR CONTROLLER,
22 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AND
23 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR
24 QUESTIONS. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE STATE YOUR
25 NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES, I'VE HELD
3 THIS AGENDA ITEM, WHICH IS FOR THE APPROVAL OF ANOTHER MASSIVE
4 SETTLEMENT RELATED TO THE GONZALES BILL AB 218. I'M HOLDING
5 THIS ITEM AS I DID IN APRIL WITH THE FIRST 4000000000
6 SETTLEMENT BECAUSE THESE SETTLEMENTS ARE UNLIKE ANYTHING I'VE
7 EVER SEEN IN MY 30 PLUS YEAR HISTORY WITH THE COUNTY. TODAY'S
8 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT BEFORE THE BOARD IS FOR 828,000,000 FOR
9 APPROXIMATELY 414 PLAINTIFFS WHO ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN
10 SEXUALLY ABUSED WHILE IN COUNTY'S JUVENILE JUSTICE OR CHILD
11 WELFARE SYSTEM. WITH THE SETTLEMENT, ALONG WITH THE
12 \$4,000,000,000 AGREEMENT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED, THE COUNTY IS
13 ATTEMPTING TO REDRESS AND PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR PAST
14 WRONGS, NAMELY ABUSES OF POWER BY THOSE ENTRUSTED TO CARE FOR
15 OUR YOUTH, FAILED CHECKS AND BALANCES OF DEPARTMENTS, AND A
16 LACK OF TRUST BY YOUTH WHO FELT THEY COULD NOT COME FORWARD
17 EARLIER. LOS ANGELES COUNTY REMAINS STEADFAST IN ITS
18 COMMITMENT TO VICTIMS OF ABUSE, AND THIS BOARD CONTINUES TO
19 REAFFIRM OUR DEDICATION TO HELPING THE SURVIVORS OF CHILDHOOD
20 SEXUAL ABUSE RECOVER AND REBUILD. I KNOW SINCE WE FIRST
21 LEARNED OF THE VARIOUS ALLEGATIONS WE IMMEDIATELY BEGAN
22 IMPLEMENTING REFORMS IN PREVENTION, REPORTING AND DISCIPLINE
23 TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY'S CARE ARE SAFE FROM
24 ABUSE. THESE SETTLEMENTS WILL IMPACT THE COUNTY FOR DECADES TO
25 COME, ESPECIALLY IN OUR MISSION TO SERVE AS A SAFETY NET FOR



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1 OUR RESIDENTS. WE'VE IMPLEMENTED SOME PROTECTIONARY MEASURES
2 TO PREVENT ANY MORE FRAUD. WE'VE IMPLEMENTED MEASURES TO
3 PREVENT AGAINST FRAUD AND ANY MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS. THERE IS
4 NO QUESTION THAT JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS IS LONG OVERDUE, AND IT'S
5 ESSENTIAL THAT ANY FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED TO THE SURVIVORS WHO
6 HAVE SUFFERED SO MUCH. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SOME FOLLOW-UP
7 QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS. AND
8 I'M GOING TO BEGIN WITH YOU, JOE, JOE NICCHITTA, ACTING CHIEF
9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER. WHEN THESE ALLEGATIONS FIRST AROSE, THE
10 COUNTY BEGAN DEVELOPING AN EXTENSIVE CORRECTION ACTION PLAN TO
11 MAKE SURE CHILDREN AND YOUTH ARE PROTECTED FROM ABUSE AND
12 NEGLECT IN THE COUNTY'S CARE. CAN YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THE
13 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN THAT THE CEO RISK MANAGEMENT TEAM IS
14 WORKING ON WITH DEPARTMENTS TO PREVENT THIS TYPE OF ABUSE FROM
15 HAPPENING AGAIN?

16
17 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** YEAH, GREAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU.
18 EXCUSE ME. WE HAVE INDEED BEEN WORKING ON AN EXTENSIVE
19 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN. I HAVE MEMBERS ON MY TEAM, INCLUDING
20 DESTINY CASTRO, OUR RISK MANAGER, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
21 RESOURCES HERE, WHO CAN TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE EFFORTS
22 THAT ARE UNDERWAY. A LOT HAS BEEN DONE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO SAY
23 A LOT HAS BEEN DONE SINCE 2000, SINCE THE YEAR 2003 OR SO WHEN
24 MCLAREN CLOSED, I BELIEVE THAT'S THE DATE, AND A LOT OF OTHER
25 INTERVENING LAWS CAME INTO EFFECT THAT REQUIRED US TO



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1 IMPLEMENT REFORM. SO, A LOT WAS ALREADY UNDERWAY AND WE'RE
2 DOING MORE. AND SO BEFORE I HAND IT OFF TO THEM FOR SOME, TO
3 DESCRIBE THE SPECIFIC EFFORTS, ONE THING IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE.
4 DESTINY AND OUR RISK TEAM WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND DHR ARE KIND
5 OF LEADING THE COORDINATION EFFORT. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
6 THESE REFORMS HAPPEN IN THE DEPARTMENTS, AND IT'S IN THE
7 DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE YOUTH WHO THEY EITHER CARE FOR OR COME
8 THROUGH THEIR DOORS, PROBATION, DCFS, PARKS, ET CETERA. AND
9 SO, THEY'VE ALL STEPPED UP AS WELL. WE'RE WORKING WITH ALL OF
10 THEM ON THE IMPLEMENTATION SIDE OF IT. AND SO I'LL HAND IT
11 OVER TO DESTINY CASTRO TO KIND OF GIVE YOU AN OVERVIEW OF THE,
12 OF WHERE WE ARE IN THE CORRECTIVE ACTION.

13
14 **DESTINY CASTRO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M DESTINY
15 CASTRO, CEO'S OFFICE. TODAY I'M GOING TO WALK THROUGH A FEW OF
16 THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS, CORRECTIVE ACTION STEPS, AND THEN
17 I WILL HAND IT OVER TO DHR. SO, WHEN WE STARTED THE CORRECTIVE
18 ACTION PLAN, WHICH IS THE COUNTYWIDE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
19 THAT DEALS WITH ALL DEPARTMENTS. THE COUNTY STARTED BY
20 CREATING AN EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE THAT CONSISTS OF CEO,
21 COUNTY COUNSEL, AUDITOR CONTROLLER, AND DHR TO WORK WITH ALL
22 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ON COUNTYWIDE CORRECTIVE ACTION STEPS THAT
23 MODIFIED POLICIES AND PROCESSES TO REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF
24 FUTURE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND TO ADDRESS ANY FUTURE
25 ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE BY COUNTY WORK FOR MEMBERS



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1 OR WITHIN COUNTY FACILITY IN EXPEDITED AND CONSISTENT MANNER.
2 SO, I'M GOING TO GO INTO SOME OF THE ELEMENTS RIGHT NOW. ONE
3 OF THE FIRST ACTIONS WE HAD WAS TO CREATE A COUNTY-WIDE
4 HOTLINE AND WEBSITE FOR REPORTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
5 ALLEGATIONS AGAINST COUNTY WORKFORCE MEMBERS. AT THIS TIME, WE
6 HAVE CONTRACTED WITH A THIRD-PARTY VENDOR WHO WILL HOST THE
7 HOTLINE AND WEBSITE FOR REPORTING SERVICES THAT WILL BE USED
8 TO REPORT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE THAT OCCURS WITHIN COUNTY
9 FACILITIES AND OR BY COUNTY WORKFORCE MEMBERS. THIS WILL
10 INCLUDE CONTRACTORS. THIS IS A 24/7, 7 DAYS A WEEK HOTLINE
11 WHERE A LIVE PERSON IS ANSWERING THE PHONES. THE CALLER CAN
12 STATE THEIR NAME OR RENAME ANONYMOUS AND CAN REPORT VIA A
13 WEBSITE. THE VENDOR IS AN OUTSIDE THE COUNTY AND IS INTENDED
14 TO BE A SAFE SPACE FOR CALLERS TO REPORT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.
15 WE INTEND THIS TO BE OPERATIONAL BY THE END OF THE YEAR AND
16 HOPE THAT IT MAY BE SOONER THAN THAT. SO, FOLLOWING WITH THE
17 CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE, THE NEXT STEP THAT WE DESIGNED WAS
18 TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM FOR EXPEDITED INVESTIGATIONS. FOR NEW
19 TIMELY COMPLAINTS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, WE ARE ESTABLISHING A
20 NEW INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS THAT INCLUDES CEO, DHR, AND COUNTY
21 COUNSEL. ONCE AN ALLEGATION IS REPORTED VIA OUR NEW SYSTEM,
22 THE ALLEGATION WILL BE SENT IMMEDIATELY TO EXECUTIVE
23 MANAGEMENT AND CEO RISK MANAGEMENT, DHR, COUNTY COUNSEL, AS
24 WELL AS SECURITY OPERATIONS UNIT, WHICH IS PART OF THE
25 SHERIFF. MY OFFICE WILL THEN SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH



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1 REPRESENTATIVES FROM CEO, DHR, AND COUNTY COUNSEL, AND WITHIN
2 THREE BUSINESS DAYS, WE WILL TRIAGE THE ALLEGATIONS AND ASSIGN
3 FOR INVESTIGATION BY EITHER DHR OR OUTSIDE COUNCIL. THE
4 EMPLOYEE WILL THEN BE PLACED ON ORDERED ABSENCE AND EXPEDITED
5 INVESTIGATION WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 90 DAYS.
6 IF THE INVESTIGATION IS SUBSTANTIATED, THE EMPLOYEE WILL BE
7 TERMINATED AND REFERRED TO THE D.A. FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
8 AND OR PROSECUTION. THIS NEW PROCESS WILL BE IN PLACE BEFORE
9 THE END OF THE YEAR. AND WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO TURN IT ON
10 OVER TO DHR TO TALK ABOUT THE POLICIES.

11
12 **LISA GARRETT:** THANK YOU, DESTINY. LISA GARRETT, DIRECTOR OF
13 PERSONNEL. THERE ARE SIX ELEMENTS TO THE CORRECTIVE ACTION
14 PLAN. DESTINY MENTIONED THE FIRST THREE. THE NEXT IS TO
15 ENHANCE THE COUNTY'S ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR CHILD SEXUAL
16 ABUSE AND DHR COUNTY COUNSEL, CEO, AND AUDITOR CONTROLLER
17 WE'VE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER TO FINALIZE THE POLICY THAT IS
18 ACTUALLY NEAR FINAL RIGHT NOW. BUT IT'S A POLICY AGAINST CHILD
19 SEXUAL ABUSE AND IT CALLS FOR THE DISCHARGE FOR SUBSTANTIATED
20 CASES OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE FOUND. IT'S ALSO A REQUIREMENT FOR
21 NOT ONLY FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES, NOT JUST SUPERVISORS AND
22 MANAGERS, BUT FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO REPORT INSTANCES OF
23 SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE HOTLINE. ALSO, REFERRALS TO, THERE WILL BE
24 REFERRALS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE D.A.'S OFFICE, ET CETERA, TO
25 MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE ARE PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN OUR



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1 WORKFORCE. WE HAVE TO MEET WITH THE LABOR UNITS BECAUSE THERE
2 IS DISCIPLINE, OF COURSE, THAT IS INVOLVED WITH THIS PROCESS,
3 AND WE WILL BE DOING THAT SHORTLY. SO, IN ADDITION TO THE
4 POLICY WE HAVE WE'RE GOING TO BE LODGING A CAMP LAUNCHING A
5 CAMPAIGN AND ALSO TRAINING AND RODNEY COLLINS IS GOING TO TALK
6 ABOUT THE NEXT THREE ELEMENTS.

7
8 **RODNEY COLLINS:** GOOD AFTERNOON COMMISSIONERS RODNEY EXCUSE ME
9 BOARD MEMBERS THIS IS RODNEY COLLINS. NOW THERE ARE SOME
10 ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS THAT NEED TO BE CAPTURED IN THIS. SO,
11 IT'S NOT ONLY GOING TO BE, OF COURSE, OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES,
12 BUT WITHIN THE POLICY, WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE
13 CAPTURING ANYONE THAT HAS ACCESS TO CHILDREN. SO THAT'S ALSO
14 GOING TO INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO, OF COURSE, OUR WORKFORCE
15 MEMBER, EMPLOYEES, COMMISSIONERS, CONTRACTORS, VOLUNTEERS,
16 INTERNS, AND ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE
17 THE MANDATORY TRAINING. SO, THE MANDATORY TRAINING WILL BE
18 FOCUSED ON YOUR BOARD POLICY. WE DECIDED TO MAKE IT A BOARD
19 POLICY. AND THE BOARD POLICY, OF COURSE, TRACKS WHAT YOU JUST
20 HEARD DESTINY TALK ABOUT, ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS THERE, AND
21 OF COURSE, LISA. AND SO, WE EXPECT THE TRAINING TO BE
22 DEVELOPED AND FINALIZED WITHIN, OF COURSE, BY THE END OF THE
23 YEAR. WE'VE ALREADY WORKED WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WE'VE
24 WORKED WITH LAUSD. AND THE FINAL PIECE OF THIS IS TO ADD
25 COUNTY-CENTERED INFORMATION IN THE POLICIES AND IN THE



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1 TRAINING THAT WE WILL INCORPORATE AS PART OF OUR FINAL POLICY
2 ONCE WE FINALIZE WORKING WITH THE BOARD. THE LAST STEP OF THIS
3 IS GOING TO BE A MARKETING CAMPAIGN. IT'S NOT ENOUGH FOR US TO
4 HAVE A POLICY AND FOLKS NOT KNOW ABOUT IT AND NOT KNOW WHAT TO
5 DO. AND SO OUR LAST PIECE OF THIS WILL BE A MAJOR MARKETING
6 CAMPAIGN THAT CROSSES THE ENTIRE COUNTY, MAKE SURE THAT COUNTY
7 EMPLOYEES ARE ACTUALLY ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRAINING, TAKING THE
8 TRAINING, AND UNDERSTAND THEIR OBLIGATION UNDER THE POLICY TO
9 REPORT IF THEY SEE SOMETHING, IF THEY FEEL SOMETHING, TO
10 REPORT IT, AND THEN LET THE WORKFORCE TEAM DEAL WITH IT. AND
11 SO THAT GIVES YOU JUST A LITTLE BIT OF INSIGHT INTO WHERE WE
12 ARE AND WHAT WE'RE THINKING AND WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING
13 BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THE POLICY IS ESSENTIALLY READY TO
14 GO AND SO IS THE TRAINING. SO, WE ANTICIPATE BY THE END OF THE
15 YEAR, EVERYTHING MOVING FORWARD. AND I'LL HAND IT BACK TO
16 DESTINY TO CONCLUDE.

17
18 **DESTINY CASTRO:** SO, MY FINAL COMMENTS ARE THAT I WANTED TO
19 THANK THE BOARD FOR RECOMMENDING WE REACH OUT TO THE SEXUAL
20 ASSAULT COUNCIL. THE SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL WAS RECOMMENDED
21 LAST TIME. THEY PROVIDED US WITH EXCELLENT FEEDBACK PERTAINING
22 TO THE OVERALL CAP, AND WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM ON NEW
23 IDEAS THAT ARISE. THE LAST THING I WILL SAY IS THAT THE
24 DOCUMENT'S A LIVING DOCUMENT. THAT MEANS IT'S GOING TO INVOLVE
25 AS TIME MOVES ON TO ENSURE THAT NEW IDEAS ARE INCLUDED IN



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1 SMART, CORRECTIVE ACTIONS THAT ARE ACHIEVABLE AS WE MOVE
2 FORWARD WITH THIS PROCESS ARE PUT IN PLACE. THE CEO'S RISK
3 MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT WILL NOW ALSO INCLUDE A SECTION THAT
4 SHOWS HOW MANY NEW CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ALLEGATIONS WE RECEIVE
5 BY DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION IN MY
6 ANNUAL REPORT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I DO
9 APPRECIATE, AND I'M ANXIOUS TO GET THAT UP AND RUNNING, YOU
10 SAID BY THE END OF THE YEAR? OKAY. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT.
11 CAUSE I THINK FOR THE MOST PART, THEY'RE MANDATED REPORTERS
12 WITHIN EACH DEPARTMENT, CORRECT? OKAY. THANK YOU AGAIN. THIS
13 QUESTION IS FOR OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, DAWYN. UNFORTUNATELY, A
14 RECENT L.A. TIMES ARTICLE REVEALED ALLEGED UNSCRUPULOUS
15 BEHAVIOR BY PLAINTIFFS, ATTORNEYS INVOLVED IN THE
16 \$4,000,000,000 SETTLEMENT. AND I'D LIKE TO ASK OUR COUNCIL
17 WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO ADDRESS THOSE ALLEGATIONS IN THE
18 SETTLEMENT, BUT ALSO ASSURE THIS BOARD AND THE PUBLIC THAT THE
19 SAME ALLEGATIONS ARE NOT PRESENT WITH THIS SETTLEMENT THAT WE
20 ARE GOING TO APPROVE TODAY.

21

22 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THE QUESTION.
23 AND I'D LIKE TO ANSWER IT ADDRESSING FOUR POINTS FOR, TO
24 PROVIDE CLARITY AND CONTEXT. THE FIRST IS ANTICIPATED AND
25 CONTROLLED RISK. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE FROM THE OUTSET THAT



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1 WE ANTICIPATED THE POTENTIAL FOR FRAUD, WHICH IS ALWAYS
2 EXPECTED IN MASS TORT CASES. HOWEVER, HERE, THIS REALITY IS
3 COMPOUNDED BY THE FACT THAT THIS IS NOT LIKE A TRADITIONAL
4 MASS TORT CASE. AB218 ALLOWED FOR DECADES OLD CLAIMS, WHICH
5 MEANS MOST EVIDENCE IS NOT AVAILABLE NOR ARE THE WITNESSES.
6 THAT IS WHY THIS SETTLEMENT INCLUDED MULTIPLE LAYERS OF
7 REVIEW, INCLUDING COUNSEL VETTING, SWORN FACTUAL
8 QUESTIONNAIRES, AND INDEPENDENT ALLOCATOR REVIEW. THE COUNTY'S
9 PROCESS IN THIS VETTING IS NOT FLAWED, AND THE SYSTEM WE BUILT
10 WAS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO IDENTIFY FRAUD. THE SECOND POINT
11 I WANT TO RAISE IS THE LEGAL LANDSCAPE THAT AB218 CREATED.
12 AB218 CREATED EXTRAORDINARILY OR EXTRAORDINARY CHALLENGES
13 FUNDAMENTALLY AT ODDS WITH HOW OUR LEGAL SYSTEM WORKS, WHERE
14 BOTH SIDES RELY ON EVIDENCE AND PROCEDURE TO ENSURE FAIRNESS.
15 INSTEAD, AB218 ERASED THOSE GUARDRAILS AND ALLOWED FOR DECADES
16 OLD CLAIMS THAT NO ONE COULD MEANINGFULLY VET UNDER NORMAL
17 STANDARDS. THAT SHIFT OVERWHELMED THE PROCESS NOT BECAUSE OF
18 HOW THE COUNTY APPROACHED VETTING FRAUD, BUT BECAUSE THE
19 STATUTE OFFERED NO GUARDRAILS FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITIES TO
20 PROTECT VICTIMS AND TAXPAYERS. SO, OUR ROLE IN THIS HAS BEEN
21 TO MANAGE AN UNMANAGEABLE LAW WHILE ENFORCING INTEGRITY,
22 ACCOUNTABILITY, AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. AND WHILE THE
23 COUNTY DID NOT CREATE AB218, WE'VE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR
24 OPERATIONALIZING ITS CONSEQUENCES AT AN UNPRECEDENTED SCALE.
25 THE THIRD POINT IS THE ENHANCED FRAUD REVIEW THAT YOU ASKED



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1 ABOUT. THERE ARE THREE LEVELS OF REVIEW IN THE FIRST PRIOR
2 \$4,000,000,000 SETTLEMENT THAT THIS BOARD APPROVED BACK IN
3 APRIL. THE FIRST LEVEL, WHICH ALWAYS EXISTED IN THE SETTLEMENT
4 AGREEMENT, IS WHERE ALL PLAINTIFFS' FACT SHEETS OR
5 QUESTIONNAIRES WILL NOW GO THROUGH THIS LEVEL OF REVIEW, NOT
6 JUST THE ONES THAT WE HAD IDENTIFIED AS POTENTIALLY BEING
7 FRAUDULENT. THIS LEVEL OF REVIEW INCLUDES AND IS ALWAYS
8 INCLUDED A ROBUST REVIEW AND VERIFICATION OF EACH PLAINTIFF'S
9 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, THE DETAILS REGARDING THE ALLEGED
10 ABUSE, PERPETRATORS, TREATMENT SOUGHT, AND CORROBORATING
11 EVIDENCE. THIS LEVEL ALSO INCLUDES AND HAS ALWAYS INCLUDED A
12 SYSTEMIC REVIEW OF ALL FACT SHEETS TO DETERMINE IF THERE'S ANY
13 REPETITIVE PATTERNS, SUCH AS USING THE SAME DOCTOR FOR MEDICAL
14 PROFESSIONAL FOR EVALUATIONS OR USING THE SAME KIND OF ROTE,
15 CUT AND PASTE LANGUAGE TO DESCRIBE THEIR ABUSE OR INJURIES.
16 AFTER THIS, ANY SUSPECT FACT SHEETS WILL MOVE ON TO LEVEL TWO.
17 THE LEVEL TWO REVIEW, WHICH ALSO ALWAYS EXISTED IN THE
18 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, NOW WILL FOCUS ON ALL DTLA PLAINTIFFS
19 AND THEN, OF COURSE, THOSE NON-DTLA PLAINTIFFS WHERE THE FACT
20 SHEETS WERE DEEMED SUSPECT IN THE FIRST LEVEL OF REVIEW. THIS
21 LEVEL INCLUDES A MORE DETAILED REVIEW BY THE ALLOCATOR AND
22 THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THOSE
23 FACT SHEETS AND WHETHER IT BE A PERSON OR ANY OF THOSE
24 REPETITIVE PATTERNS IDENTIFIED. IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE
25 INTERVIEWS OF PLAINTIFFS AND MAY REQUIRE INTERVIEW OF THE



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1 PLAINTIFFS AND IT MAY REQUIRE FURTHER PROOF OF THE CLAIMS MADE
2 IN THE FACT SHEETS. THE THIRD LEVEL OF REVIEW, WHICH IS A
3 COMPLETELY NEW LEVEL OF REVIEW, IS WHERE ALL DTLA PLAINTIFFS
4 AND ANY OTHER PLAINTIFF WHO HAS INDICATED THAT THEY WERE
5 BROUGHT INTO THIS LITIGATION BY A RECRUITER OR A VENDOR, THEY
6 WILL GO THROUGH THIS LEVEL OF REVIEW. AND THIS LEVEL WILL
7 INCLUDE A REVIEW OF DETAILS ON HOW AND WHEN EACH PLAINTIFF WAS
8 SIGNED UP BY THE FIRM, DETAILS REGARDING THE RECRUITER, AND
9 FURTHER, DETAIL A WILL BE REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY EVERY RECRUITER
10 IT USED, A LIST OF EACH PLAINTIFF BROUGHT IN PER RECRUITER,
11 INFORMATION ABOUT ANY FUNDS THAT CHANGED HANDS AND A
12 DECLARATION UNDER OATH BY EACH RECRUITER IDENTIFYING WHAT WAS
13 DONE WHAT WAS SAID AND ANY MONIES PAID. WITH REGARDS TO THE
14 CURRENT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT THAT IS BEFORE THIS BOARD TODAY
15 THE COUNTY HAS THE ABILITY AND WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO IDENTIFY
16 ANY PLAINTIFFS WHO WE BELIEVE HAVE A FRAUDULENT CLAIM. AFTER
17 SO IDENTIFYING, WE WILL WORK WITH PLAINTIFFS' COUNCILS TO TRY
18 AND WORK TOGETHER TO RESOLVE ANY CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE
19 IDENTIFIED REGARDING THOSE CASES. AND IF WE CANNOT COME TO A
20 RESOLUTION, THE ALLOCATOR WILL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE
21 CLAIM IS VALID. AND IF THE ALLOCATOR FINDS THAT THE CLAIM IS
22 FRAUDULENT, THAT CLAIMANT WILL RECEIVE NOTHING. TO OUR
23 KNOWLEDGE, THERE IS NO OTHER PUBLIC ENTITY IN CALIFORNIA THAT
24 HAS BUILT A PROCESS THAT'S VIGOROUS AND TRANSPARENT. AND
25 THROUGH THIS SETTLEMENT PROCESS, WE WILL WEED OUT FRAUD AND NO



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1 PLAINTIFF WILL RECEIVE A CHECK UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN FULLY
2 VETTED. LASTLY, I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK TO WHY IT IS THAT WE'RE
3 MAKING THIS RECOMMENDATION TO SETTLE THIS MATTER. THE
4 SETTLEMENT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE CLAIMS BOARD, BY MY OFFICE,
5 AND BY OUR OUTSIDE COUNCIL. THESE SETTLEMENTS, BOTH THE PRIOR
6 \$4,000,000,000 SETTLEMENT THAT THIS BOARD HAS ALREADY APPROVED
7 AND THE CURRENT SETTLEMENT BEFORE YOU, BALANCE JUSTICE FOR
8 VICTIMS, HONORING SURVIVORS, WITH FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND
9 FISCAL DISCIPLINE. TAKING EVEN A FRACTION OF THESE CASES TO
10 TRIAL COULD MEAN MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR VERDICTS AND SOARING
11 LEGAL FEES. THE SETTLEMENTS, INCLUDING THE FISCAL STRUCTURE
12 AND INDEPENDENT ALLOCATOR REVIEW THAT HAS BEEN BUILT IN, WERE
13 A DATA-DRIVEN STRATEGIC CHOICE TO HONOR SURVIVORS WHILE
14 SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC FUNDS. AND AGAIN, AT EACH STEP, WE WILL
15 WEED OUT FRAUD AND NO PLAINTIFF WILL RECEIVE A CHECK UNTIL
16 THEY HAVE BEEN FULLY VETTED. BUT FRAUD CANNOT BECOME THE RED
17 HERRING THAT OBSCURES WHAT THE SETTLEMENT ACHIEVES, WHICH IS
18 JUSTICE FOR LEGITIMATE VICTIMS AND MANAGED FINANCIAL EXPOSURE
19 FOR THE COUNTY. THE FOCUS NOW NEEDS TO BE ON FIXING THE
20 STATUTORY SCHEME THAT CREATED THESE VULNERABILITIES, NOT
21 UPENDING THE SETTLEMENT FOR DOING THE RIGHT THING UNDER
22 IMPOSSIBLE CIRCUMSTANCES. AND THEN LASTLY, IF I MAY, I WOULD
23 JUST LIKE TO COMMEND MY TEAM, BOTH MY IN-HOUSE LAWYERS AND OUR
24 OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR THE HARD WORK THEY HAVE DONE ON SECURING
25 THESE SETTLEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY. THANK YOU,



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1 SUPERVISOR.

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3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. JUST OUT OF
4 CURIOSITY, BECAUSE I KNOW I'VE BEEN ASKED THIS QUESTION, AND I
5 APPRECIATE THE LAYERS OF PROTECTION THAT ARE IN PLACE. EARLY
6 ON, I MEAN, THE FACT THAT THE TIMES DISCOVERED THIS, WHAT WERE
7 WE DOING PRIOR TO THIS ARTICLE? DID WE HAVE ANYTHING, DID WE
8 HAVE THE ABILITY TO GET THE INFORMATION FROM THE PLAINTIFF'S
9 ATTORNEYS REGARDING THE INDIVIDUAL SO WE COULD FULLY VET IT?
10 BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING IS WE WERE NOT.

11

12 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** SO AGAIN, WE HAD THE FIRST AND SECOND
13 LEVELS OF REVIEW BUILT INTO THE PROCESS, BUT IN TERMS OF
14 INTERVIEWING ANY OF THE PLAINTIFFS, THEIR COUNSEL WOULD NOT
15 ALLOW US TO INTERVIEW ANY OF THOSE PLAINTIFFS. SO, WE WERE NOT
16 ABLE TO GET ANY INFORMATION DIRECTLY FROM THEM.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT
19 THING TO NOTE TO THE PUBLIC BECAUSE THERE WAS THIS
20 MISINFORMATION THAT IN FACT THAT WE DID HAVE INFORMATION WHICH
21 WE DID NOT HAVE.

22

23 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** SO THAT IS CORRECT SUPERVISOR.

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THEN TO I GUESS JOE OR TO RISK



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1 MANAGEMENT OR EVEN TO HR, FOR THOSE CASES THAT WE KNOW THAT
2 THERE ARE EMPLOYEES THAT THE ALLEGATIONS ARE MADE AGAINST,
3 WHETHER IT BE DCFS OR PROBATION, ARE WE RESEARCHING THE STATUS
4 OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT NOW AND ADDRESSING THAT?

5
6 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISOR, I CAN TAKE THAT QUESTION. YEAH,
7 I KNOW THERE'S SOME FOLKS ON THE, ON THE DAIS ON THE OTHER
8 SIDE WHO CAN PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION, BUT YES, 1 OF THE
9 THINGS WE DID COMING OUT OF AB218 IS WE WENT THROUGH AN
10 EXTENSIVE EFFORT TO MATCH UP ANY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION THAT
11 WAS PROVIDED TO US BY PLAINTIFF'S COUNCIL WITH EXISTING
12 EMPLOYEES WHO ARE WORKING IN THE COUNTY. AND SOMETIMES IT WAS
13 STRAIGHTFORWARD. IT WAS A NAME AND A RANK AND A DATE. AND
14 SOMETIMES IT WAS MORE ESOTERIC. IT WAS MAYBE A HEIGHT AND A
15 WEIGHT AND THE PERSON'S RACE, OR IT WAS A LAST NAME THAT
16 MIGHT'VE BEEN COMMON. AND SO, WE WENT THROUGH AN EXERCISE OF
17 TRYING TO FIND OUT, LIKE WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE AND WHERE ARE
18 THEY WORKING? WE DO HAVE FOLKS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED WHO ARE
19 STILL WORKING IN THE COUNTY, PRIMARILY AT PROBATION, AND THERE
20 WAS ONE OR TWO INDIVIDUALS AT DCFS. THE DEPARTMENTS ARE HERE,
21 THEY CAN TALK ABOUT THE STATUS OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS, BUT I
22 WILL SAY WITHOUT THE INFORMATION FROM PLAINTIFFS' LAWYERS OR
23 FROM THE PLAINTIFFS THEMSELVES TELLING US WHAT HAPPENED AND
24 REALLY SITTING DOWN FOR AN INTERVIEW, IT HAS PROVED VERY
25 DIFFICULT FROM AN EMPLOYMENT PERSPECTIVE TO SUBSTANTIATE ANY



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1 OF THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THEM AT THIS POINT. SO, I WOULD
2 TURN OVER TO THE DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION.

3

4 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. GUILLERMO VERA, THE
5 COUNTY'S PROBATION OFFICER. WE HAVE FOLKS HERE THAT ARE GOING
6 TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT MORE DETAIL ON THE ACTUAL
7 INVESTIGATORY PROCESS, BUT TO MAKE CLEAR, THAT'S THE PRIORITY.
8 SO, AS WE RECEIVE INFORMATION THE PRIORITY IS TO IDENTIFY IF
9 FOLKS ARE STILL WITH US BECAUSE THAT GOES SORT OF TO THE TOP
10 OF THE LIST BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE PREVENT ANY
11 FURTHER HARM. AND THEN WE WANT JUSTICE FOR THOSE THAT ARE
12 MAKING THE CLAIMS. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET THE
13 EVIDENCE AND THAT WE'RE ABLE TO ULTIMATELY PROSECUTE IF
14 POSSIBLE. BUT I JUST, ON THE ONSET, I WANT A LEVEL SET TO MAKE
15 SURE THAT WE HAVE TO DO ALL OF THIS WITHOUT THROWING AWAY THE
16 AMERICAN JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF
17 THOSE DUE PROCESS AND CIVIL RIGHTS THAT ARE AFFORDED TO
18 EVERYBODY IN CALIFORNIA ARE NOT TRAMPLED ON IN AN EFFORT TO
19 BRING JUSTICE TO THE VICTIMS. AND SO, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT
20 FROM THE ONSET BECAUSE I DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO THINK THAT IT'S
21 THAT WE ARE TRYING TO COVER UP OR THAT WE ARE ON THE SIDE OF
22 EMPLOYEES. NONE OF THAT IS TRUE. WE'RE FOR THE TRUTH AND TO
23 GET TO IT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE
24 THAT WE'RE STILL RESPECTING THE CALIFORNIA'S CONSTITUTION AND
25 REMEMBER THAT WE'RE JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS. WITH THAT, I'LL



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1 HAND IT OVER TO SOME OF OUR PROBATION CHIEFS HERE TO SORT OF
2 GIVE YOU THE UNIVERSE OF INVESTIGATIONS.

3

4 **DEANNA CARLISLE:** HI. HELLO. SO, I THINK THE QUESTION HAD TO BE
5 --

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7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU JUST STATE YOUR RECORD FOR
8 THE --

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10 **DEANNA CARLISLE:** OH, I APOLOGIZE.

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12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OR YOUR NAME OF THE RECORD.

13

14 **DEANNA CARLISLE:** MY NAME IS DEANNA CARLISLE, AND I'M THE
15 DEPARTMENTAL HR MANAGER FOR PROBATION. AND SO, I CAN GIVE YOU
16 AS WAS ASKED SOME OF THE LANDSCAPE ON THE CURRENT EMPLOYEES.
17 SO AS WAS PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED, IT HAS BEEN CHALLENGING TO GO
18 THROUGH ALL OF THE NAMES AND IDENTIFY. WE'VE IDENTIFIED 291
19 NAMES AT THIS POINT. 58 OF THOSE NAMES, WE ACTUALLY HAVE NO
20 RECORD OF THEM BEING AN EMPLOYEE. THEY WERE IDENTIFIABLE
21 NAMES, BUT WE HAVE NO CORRESPONDING RECORD THAT THEY WERE AN
22 EMPLOYEE. 92 OF THOSE, 291 HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FROM THE COUNTY
23 PREVIOUSLY BECAUSE SOME OF THESE CLAIMS OF COURSE GO VERY FAR
24 BACK. AND THEN WE HAVE 141 OF THE 291 THAT ARE ACTIVE
25 DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES. AND THEN FOR INFORMATION ON THE



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1 INVESTIGATIONS, I CAN HAND THAT OFF TO MR. GALVAN.

2

3 **JOSEPH GALVAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. JOE GALVAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
4 OVER IN JOURNAL AFFAIRS FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. TODAY WE
5 HAVE CONDUCTED OR OPENED APPROXIMATELY 161 INVESTIGATIONS ON
6 137 UNIQUE FOLKS. WE ARE NEARING COMPLETION ON ALL THOSE
7 INVESTIGATIONS. 149 OF THEM HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND GONE
8 THROUGH THE PROCESS. THE OTHER 12 SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE
9 END OF NOVEMBER, WE ANTICIPATE. CURRENTLY WE HAVE
10 APPROXIMATELY, I WANT TO SAY 11 FOLKS, 12 FOLKS THAT ARE STILL
11 EMPLOYED THAT ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, AND I WOULD ASK THAT, OKAY,
14 THAT YOU KEEP US UPDATED ON THE STATUS OF THAT. I DON'T KNOW,
15 BRANDON, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ADD?

16

17 **BRANDON T. NICHOLS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BRANDON NICHOLS,
18 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. AS
19 OUR PROBATION COLLEAGUES DISCUSSED, WE TAKE IT VERY SERIOUSLY.
20 WE DO AN INVESTIGATION TO TRY TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF ANY
21 EMPLOYEE WHO'S BEEN ALLEGED TO HAVE DONE ANY KIND OF
22 MISCONDUCT. WE'VE ACTUALLY HIRED A RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT TO
23 HELP US WITH THOSE INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS CURRENT TRANCHE. THE
24 SETTLEMENT THAT'S BEFORE THE BOARD RIGHT NOW, I'M HAPPY TO
25 REPORT NONE OF THE EMPLOYEES WE'VE IDENTIFIED CURRENTLY WORK



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1 FOR THE COUNTY. IN THE PREVIOUS TRANCHE, WE WERE ABLE TO
2 IDENTIFY TWO EMPLOYEES WHO STILL WORK FOR THE COUNTY. ONE IS
3 ON DESK DUTY, THAT'S A KIND OF A TERM OF ART. THEY DON'T HAVE
4 ANY CONTACT WITH CHILDREN OR FAMILIES. THE OTHER, WE HAVE YET
5 TO COMPLETE OUR INVESTIGATION. I WILL SAY, AS YOU HAVE READ IN
6 THE PAPERS, NOT ALL OF THE CLAIMS APPEAR TO BE TRUE. AND WE
7 HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHERE CLAIMS WERE MADE AGAINST THEM AND WE
8 HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE YET TO SUBSTANTIATE THOSE CLAIMS. WE TAKE IT
9 SERIOUSLY, BUT IF WE DO DETERMINE IN OUR OPINION THAT SOMEBODY
10 DID SOMETHING WRONG WITH A KID, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE
11 AROUND KIDS ANYMORE.

12
13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, TO COUNTY COUNSEL, WHAT IS THE
14 STATUTE LIMITATION TO PROSECUTE SOMEONE WHO SEXUALLY EXPLOITS
15 OR ABUSES? IS THERE A STATUTE LIMITATION? OR DID THE GONZALES
16 BILL TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION SO THAT WE COULD PROSECUTE
17 THOSE PEOPLE?

18
19 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE STATUTE OF LIMITATION
20 IS FOR THE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

21
22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, I THINK I'M PRETTY SURE
23 THERE IS A STATUTE OF LIMITATION. YEAH, AND I JUST FIND IT
24 IRONIC THAT THE GONZALES BILL, 218, DIDN'T TAKE THAT INTO
25 CONSIDERATION BECAUSE IF YOU REALLY WANT TO WEED OUT THE BAD,



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1 YOU PROSECUTED THE FULL SYSTEM OF THE LAW. SO, I JUST WANTED
2 TO POINT THAT OUT. SO, I HOPE THAT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE
3 RECONVENES AND DECIDES TO PLUG THE LOOPHOLES IN THE GONZALES
4 BILL, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE AUTHOR NOW WANTS TO WORK TO DO
5 THAT, THAT WE CAN GET THAT DONE. AND THEN LAST, AND THEN I'LL
6 TURN TO MY COLLEAGUES. OSCAR, WE'VE GOT THE 800 NUMBER UP AND
7 RUNNING FOR THE FRAUD HOTLINE AND TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO REPORT IF
8 THEY HAVE BEEN APPROACHED FOR FRAUDULENT CLAIMS, CORRECT?

9

10 **OSCAR VALDEZ:** MADAM CHAIR, OSCAR VALDEZ, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER,
11 CORRECT. AS OF OCTOBER 17TH, AT 6 P.M., AUDITOR CONTROLLER IN
12 COLLABORATION WITH ISD, CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL,
13 THOSE PROGRAMS WERE ACTUALLY ROLLED OUT. SO, WE DO HAVE AN
14 ACTIVE WEBSITE, WHICH IS FRAUD.LACOUNTY.GOV/AB218. AND WE DO
15 HAVE A DEDICATED HOTLINE NUMBER WHICH IS 844-901-0001 SO THOSE
16 ARE ACTIVE.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WILL NOW WE HAVE --

19

20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** CAN I JUST ASK A QUICK FOLLOW UP
21 QUESTION ON WHAT WAS JUST SAID. I'D APPRECIATE THAT WE HEARD
22 THAT THE PEOPLE, THE NUMBERS ARE STILL WORKING FOR THE COUNTY.
23 IT'S A DIFFERENCE TO BE EMPLOYED AS OPPOSED TO SHOWING UP TO
24 WORK EVERY DAY. SO, CAN YOU TELL US IF THE INFORMATION, IF
25 THOSE PEOPLE ARE ON PAID LEAVE OR ARE THEY STILL SHOWING UP TO



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1 WORK EVERY DAY? I WANTED TO MAKE, UNDERSTAND THAT DISTINCTION.

2

3 **DEANNA CARLISLE:** SURE, I CAN RESPOND TO THAT QUESTION. SO, OF
4 THE 137 INVESTIGATED, 117 ARE STILL ACTIVE EMPLOYEES. OF THAT
5 NUMBER, 18 ARE ON ORDER TO ABSENCE CURRENTLY. AS JOE SAID, HE
6 HAS 12 OPEN CASES. OF THE 12 OPEN CASES, FOUR OF THOSE ARE ON
7 ORDERED ABSENCE. ONE PERSON HAS TRANSFERRED OUT TO ANOTHER
8 DEPARTMENT, AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE'RE WORKING WITH
9 THAT DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE AND CLOSE THAT INVESTIGATION. AND
10 THEN WE HAVE FIVE STAFF WHO ARE ACTIVE CURRENTLY WORKING IN
11 THE DEPARTMENT.

12

13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND WHAT'S THE TERM YOU'RE USING? I
14 DON'T KNOW THAT TERM.

15

16 **DEANNA CARLISLE:** ORDERED ABSENCE.

17

18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** ORDERED ABSENCE.

19

20 **DEANNA CARLISLE:** RIGHT, THAT'S WHEN WE PLACE THEM OFF ONLY
21 PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE INVESTIGATION.

22

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

24

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



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THANK YOU FOR
3 HOLDING THIS DISCUSSION. FOLLOWING UP ON THAT QUESTION, I
4 THINK I WANT TO UNDERSTAND IF YOU'RE DOING WHAT DCFS IS DOING
5 AND TAKING, MAKING SURE THAT PROBATION OFFICERS WHO HAVE ANY
6 SORT OF INTERACTION WITH WHO ARE, YOU KNOW, THROUGH THEIR
7 COURSE OF THEIR DUTIES HAVE INTERACTION WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
8 IF THEY ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION, THAT THEY'RE BEING REMOVED
9 FROM INTERACTION WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHILE THAT
10 INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING?

11

12 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** YES, BY AND LARGE, THE ALLEGATIONS ARE
13 FOLKS THAT WERE NO LONGER WITH US. AND THEN THERE'S THE
14 SUBGROUP OF THOSE THAT ARE STILL EMPLOYEES, AND ALMOST ALL OF
15 THOSE INVESTIGATIONS HAVE ALREADY RUN THROUGH. SO, IF THEY
16 WERE ON ORDERED ABSENCE, THAT INVESTIGATION HAS CONCLUDED. AND
17 THEN THERE'S AN EVEN SMALLER GROUP THAT ARE STILL ACTIVE IN
18 INVESTIGATIONS. SOME OF THOSE ARE ON ORDERED ABSENCE AND SOME
19 ARE NOT. AND I CAN WALK THROUGH SORT OF THE LOGIC BEHIND THAT,
20 WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY THE INITIAL INQUIRY THAT BEGINS OR THE
21 INITIAL ALLEGATION, IF WE WANT TO CALL THAT, COMES TO US WITH
22 DIFFERENT AMOUNTS OF INFORMATION. AND SO THERE MAY BE SOME
23 EMPLOYEES THAT CONTINUE TO WORK BECAUSE ALL THERE IS, FOR
24 EXAMPLE, NOT AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT SPECIFIC CASES,
25 BUT AS A WHAT IF, ALL THERE IS A NAME, FOR EXAMPLE. AND TO



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1 TAKE SOMEBODY, THERE ISN'T MUCH THAT YOU CAN DO WHEN THERE'S
2 JUST A NAME. SOMETIMES IT'S DIFFICULT TO EVEN FIGURE OUT WHAT
3 THE ALLEGATION OR THE CRIME WOULD BE. SO, THERE'S ALL SORTS OF
4 VARYING TYPES OF INFORMATION. SO, ON THE OFF CHANCE THAT THERE
5 IS SUCH LITTLE INFORMATION THAT IT'S UNLIKELY THIS IS GOING TO
6 GO ANYWHERE, WE DON'T STOP THE INVESTIGATION, BUT WE DO HAVE
7 TO BE CAREFUL WHAT WE DO WITH THE EMPLOYEE. SO, IF THERE'S
8 ANYTHING AND WE HAVE A CRITERIA, THEY'RE TAKEN OFF WORK,
9 THEY'RE TAKEN TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBLE CONTINUED
10 HARM. THESE DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE. I WANT TO REMIND FOLKS,
11 THESE ARE LAW ENFORCEMENT, THESE ARE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS
12 THAT ARE TAKING A LOOK AT THIS. SO, IT'S NOT SIMPLY, FOR
13 EXAMPLE, ME OR SOMEONE ELSE, AN ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY. IT'S
14 ACTUALLY FOLKS THAT ARE WORKING THESE CASES THAT GO THROUGH
15 THIS CRITERIA TO MAKE THAT DETERMINATION.

16
17 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I THINK I WOULD FEEL BETTER. I DON'T
18 KNOW HOW MUCH IF MY COLLEAGUES AGREE I THINK I WOULD FEEL
19 BETTER IF PROBATION IS MATCHING WHAT DCFS IS DOING IN TERMS OF
20 MAKING SURE THAT THEY'RE NOT WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. I
21 UNDERSTAND YOU MAY NOT ORDER THEM TO BE ABSENT OR HAVE THE
22 ORDERED ABSENCE BUT MAKING SURE THAT THEY AREN'T WORKING WITH
23 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE UNTIL THAT INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETE, I
24 THINK, ACKNOWLEDGES THE SEVERITY OF WHAT WE'RE ALREADY
25 EXPERIENCING FROM THESE CLAIMS AND MAKES SURE THAT WE AREN'T



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1 RISKING PUTTING YOUNG PEOPLE IN HARM'S WAY.

2

3 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** I THINK THE GENERAL ANSWER TO THAT
4 QUESTION IS THAT WE ARE. SO, IF WE BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE AN
5 EMPLOYEE, THAT WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT COULD PUT, WE REMOVE
6 THEM. I'M JUST SORT OF GETTING TO THE NUANCE PIECE, WHICH IS
7 THERE IS, BECAUSE WE HAVE MANY MORE CASES, RIGHT? AND SO, WE
8 HAVE MORE VARIETY OF AMOUNTS OF INFORMATION THAT COME TO US I
9 WOULD JUST WARN THAT THE SYSTEM THAT WE COME UP WITH DOES NOT
10 TREAT OUR EMPLOYEES DIFFERENTLY FOR THIS TYPE OF CLAIM HAD IT
11 BEEN ANOTHER CLAIM. SO THIS FALLS INTO THE GENERAL PROCESS
12 THAT PROBATION HAS TO PROTECT THOSE THAT ARE WITHIN OUR CARE.
13 AND WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL IF WE DO SOMETHING TO AN
14 EMPLOYEE BECAUSE THE ALLEGATION CAME THROUGH THIS AVENUE
15 VERSUS SOMEONE THAT'S CURRENTLY IN A FACILITY MAKES A CLAIM
16 AND THAT'S A DIFFERENT PROCESS. I WANT TO MAKE SURE, I DON'T
17 WANT TO CONFUSE IT MORE, BUT WE DO HAVE A DUTY TO TAKE A LOOK
18 AT THE INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED TO US BEFORE WE CREATE A
19 HARM FOR AN EMPLOYEE. AND IN THE MAJORITY OF THE CASES, WE'RE
20 ABLE TO, WITH THE INFORMATION THAT'S PROVIDED TO US, PUT THE
21 PERSON OFF OF WORK. BUT THERE ARE THIS SUBSET OF CASES WHERE
22 THE INFORMATION IS SO LIMITED THAT TO PROCEED AND AFFECT
23 SOMEONE'S EMPLOYMENT WOULD ACTUALLY BE MORE RISK. BUT WE'RE
24 WILLING TO CONTINUE TO DISCUSS IT BECAUSE I DON'T WANT ANYBODY
25 TO LEAVE HERE TO THINK THAT WE'RE MAKING SOME TYPE OF NUMBERS



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1 DECISION OR THAT WE'RE NOT BEING IF WE HAVE ANYTHING AT ALL
2 THAT WOULD LEAD TO OUR ABILITY TO PUT SOMEBODY OFF WORK WHILE
3 WE'RE DOING THE INVESTIGATION THAT'S WHAT WE DO.

4
5 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** WELL, I'M JUST EXPRESSING MY POINT OF
6 VIEW MY COLLEAGUES I'M SURE WILL TAKE IT UPON THEMSELVES TO
7 EXPRESS THEIRS. I JUST THINK THAT WE SHOULDN'T BE GIVEN THAT
8 THIS IS THE GONZALES BILL, AS OUR CHAIR HAS INDICATED, IT'S
9 NOW A FOREVER BILL. IT IS ONGOING. AND WHILE I APPRECIATE THAT
10 YOU HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF MORE DETAIL THAN PERHAPS EVEN WE
11 DO AS A BOARD IN SOME OF THESE CASES, THE FACT THAT ANY LEVEL
12 OF DETAIL EXISTS ON A GOING FORWARD BASIS COULD POTENTIALLY
13 CAUSE HARM TO THE COUNTY IN ADDITION TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO
14 ARE ENTRUSTED TO OUR CARE. SO, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER
15 WHAT IS HAPPENING IN DCFS'S CASE AND TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU
16 CAN MIRROR THAT AS LEGALLY ADVISABLE, I THINK THAT WOULD MAKE
17 ME FEEL BETTER. AND SO, I GUESS I'LL LEAVE IT THERE AT THIS
18 POINT. FOR OUR CEO, I RECOGNIZE WE'VE GONE THROUGH A VERY
19 DIFFICULT BUDGET CYCLE. AND WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
20 SHUTDOWN, OBVIOUSLY IT DOESN'T SEEM THINGS ARE GOING TO GET
21 BETTER ANYTIME SOON. SO, WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT WHERE THIS
22 SETTLEMENT FITS INTO OUR BROADER EXPECTATIONS REGARDING AB218
23 LIABILITY AND OUR BUDGETING.

24
25 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. SO, FOR THE



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1 \$4,000,000,000 SETTLEMENT THAT PRECEDED THIS, PLUS THIS
2 SETTLEMENT, WE HAVE ALREADY DEVELOPED A FINANCING PLAN. SO,
3 THIS IS PART OF OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE SURE WE CAN PAY THESE
4 JUDGMENTS. WE HAD CURTAILED OUR BUDGET AND DURING RECOMMENDED
5 BUDGET, WE CUT 3% FROM THE BUDGET. AND THEN WE HAVE A MIX OF
6 CASH AND DEBT THAT WE WILL LEVERAGE TO FINANCE THESE CASES.
7 SO, FOR THIS PARTICULAR SETTLEMENT, IT'S ALREADY BAKED INTO
8 THE FINANCING PLAN. WE DON'T EXPECT TO CUT FURTHER TO PAY FOR
9 IT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE MORE CASES ON THE HORIZON.
10 THOSE ARE NOT PART OF OUR FINANCING PLAN. AND I THINK MAYBE
11 IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY NOW TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT LEGISLATIVE
12 REFORM PERHAPS BECAUSE THAT IS I THINK WHERE WE'RE HEADED.
13 WITH THAT IN MIND, YOU KNOW, THE RISK TO OUR BUDGET,
14 LEGISLATIVE REFORM ON AB218 IS REALLY OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY
15 AT THIS POINT. THE LAW HAD SOME VERY NOBLE INTENTIONS, BUT
16 IT'S BEEN, I THINK, AND I'M JUST GOING TO SAY WHAT I THINK,
17 IT'S BEEN HIJACKED BY THE PLAINTIFFS BAR. IT'S FUELED A SYSTEM
18 WHERE THE ATTORNEYS ARE DECIDING WHAT JUSTICE LOOKS LIKE FOR
19 VICTIMS, AND THEY ARE DOING IT AT THE EXPENSE OF GOVERNMENTS
20 LIKE US. THEY DO ALL THE VETTING, THEY DO ALL THE INTAKE, THEY
21 ADVERTISE EXTENSIVELY, THEY'RE INCENTIVIZED TO BRING AS MANY
22 CASES AS POSSIBLE. AND AS WE'VE SEEN, SOME CASES ARE VERY
23 STRONG AND OTHERS ARE ON THE FLIMSIER SIDE. AND THAT DOESN'T
24 MATTER BECAUSE YOU'RE TRYING TO GET THIS RACE TO GET AS MANY
25 CASES AS POSSIBLE. THE FIRMS WE ESTIMATE WILL TAKE OUT OF THIS



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1 SETTLEMENT, THAT THESE TWO SETTLEMENTS ANYWHERE BETWEEN 1 TO
2 \$2,000,000,000, THAT'S PUBLIC MONEY THAT WILL GO INTO THEIR
3 POCKETS FOR BRINGING THESE CASES. IT'S ALSO BECOME APPARENT TO
4 ME, AND I'M KIND OF LEARNING THIS AS I GO, THAT THIS IS A
5 BUSINESS, THIS IS A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT
6 PART OF THE LAW FIRMS. WE HAD HEARD, THIS WAS ABOUT SIX MONTHS
7 AGO UP IN SACRAMENTO, THAT SOMEBODY, SOME FIRM WAS ASKING
8 ABOUT THE COUNTY'S FISCAL HEALTH. THEY WERE ASKING QUESTIONS
9 OF STATE PEOPLE TO VERIFY INFORMATION THEY HAD ON THE COUNTY'S
10 FISCAL HEALTH. AND I CAN'T CONFIRM IT, BUT IT GOT BACK TO LAIR
11 IN SACRAMENTO, AND WHAT THEY SURMISED WAS GOING ON IS THAT
12 VENTURE CAPITALISTS ARE INVESTIGATING WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE
13 ENOUGH CASH TO PAY FOR ANOTHER SETTLEMENT SO THAT THEY CAN
14 FINANCE A LAW FIRM TO BRING ANOTHER ROUND OF SETTLEMENTS
15 AGAINST US. SO, THIS HAS GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE IT'S CLEAR
16 TO ME THE SYSTEM IS A LITTLE RUPTURED. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE
17 THAT WE CAN GET SOME LEGISLATIVE REFORM. THE CALLS FOR REFORM
18 ARE GROWING. EVERYBODY SEES WHAT'S HAPPENING. I THINK WHAT
19 WOULD BE HELPFUL IS TO REACH OUT, TALK TO, ALIGN OURSELVES
20 WITH SURVIVORS GROUPS AS WELL, BECAUSE IT'S NOT CLEAR TO ME
21 THAT THIS IS WORKING FOR SURVIVORS EITHER. I THINK THE L.A.
22 TIMES PROFILED A FEW FOLKS WHO HAD ALLEGED ABUSE AND SAID,
23 THIS, MY SETTLEMENT'S GOING DOWN BECAUSE OTHERS ARE MAKING UP
24 CLAIMS OR I CAN'T HEAR FROM MY ATTORNEYS BECAUSE THEY'RE
25 REPRESENTING 1,000 PEOPLE. I THINK THERE'S REAL OPPORTUNITY TO



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1 MAKE SOME CHANGES THAT DON'T TAKE AWAY THE PATH FOR JUSTICE
2 FOR SURVIVORS, BUT ACTUALLY CREATE SOMETHING THAT MAKES SENSE
3 BECAUSE WHERE THE MONEY IS COMING FROM IS PUBLIC DOLLARS AND
4 IT GOES TO SERVE THOSE WHO NEED IT THE MOST, ESPECIALLY AT THE
5 COUNTY LEVEL. SO THAT IS OUR PRIORITY, LOTS OF DISCUSSIONS
6 HAPPENING, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING SOME HEADWAY THIS
7 LEGISLATIVE YEAR.

8

9 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU HIGHLIGHT THAT.
10 I THINK THIS BOARD OBVIOUSLY HAS STRUGGLED WITH THE FACT THAT
11 WE SUPPORT THE INTENTION BEHIND THE BILL. WHAT WE'VE HAD
12 PROBLEM WITH IS HOW IT WAS WRITTEN AND HOW IT'S ACTUALLY
13 EXECUTED AND THE CONSEQUENCES TO OUR PUBLIC DOLLARS THAT ARE
14 RELIED UPON TO FUND ALL OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT WE'VE TALKED
15 ABOUT AT THIS MEETING AND OTHER MEETINGS THAT WERE BEING
16 CHALLENGED ON BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND SO MANY OTHER
17 PLACES. AND SO OBVIOUSLY WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT SURVIVORS
18 ARE RECEIVING WHAT IS DUE TO THEM THROUGH THIS COURSE OF
19 ACTION, AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE PROTECTING PUBLIC DOLLARS,
20 THAT WE'RE NOT JUST SORT OF HAVING A SYSTEM THAT LIKE YOU
21 DESCRIBED WHERE THAT CAN BE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF IN THE WAYS
22 THAT YOU'VE OUTLINED. TO THAT END, I WANT TO FOLLOW UP WITH
23 COUNTY COUNSEL ON SOMETHING THAT YOU SAID THAT OPPOSING
24 COUNSEL DID NOT PROVIDE ACCESS TO THEIR CLIENTS FOR
25 YOU TO BE ABLE TO TALK WITH THEM. SO, I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND



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1 HOW DID A JUDGE EXPECT YOU TO PROCEED WITHOUT THAT INFO?

2

3 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** THE JUDGE IN THESE CASES HAS STAYED
4 DISCOVERY BECAUSE WE WEREN'T GOING TO LITIGATE THESE MATTERS
5 SO THE DISCOVERY WAS STAYED WHILE WE WERE IN SETTLEMENT
6 DISCUSSIONS. SO, IF DISCOVERY HAS STAYED, YOU CAN'T THEN GO
7 AND INTERVIEW PLAINTIFFS THAT ARE REPRESENTED BY COUNCIL.

8

9 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** SO, THE JUDGE ORDERED THAT?

10

11 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** THAT'S CORRECT, YES.

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT THING TO
14 UNDERSTAND AS WELL, THAT IT'S NOT JUST THAT YOU ASKED AND WERE
15 DENIED ACCESS AND LEFT IT THERE, THAT THERE'S ACTUALLY A
16 DIRECTIVE BY THE JUDGE REGARDING YOUR ABILITY TO ACCESS THAT
17 INFORMATION. AND SO, I THINK THAT FURTHER HAMSTRINGS HOW THE
18 COUNTY CAN PROCEED ON WHAT MIGHT SOUND LIKE A LOGICAL
19 TIMELINE, BUT THE ORDER OF OPERATIONS HAS TO ACCOUNT FOR ALL
20 OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT YOU'RE CONTENDING WITH, AND I THINK
21 THAT'S BEEN ALSO A UNIQUE CHALLENGE AS WELL. SO I JUST THINK
22 THAT WE'RE PRESENTED WITH ANOTHER HIGH DOLLAR VALUE SETTLEMENT
23 RELATED TO SEXUAL MISCONDUCT EXPERIENCED BY HUNDREDS OF OUR
24 COMMUNITY MEMBERS AT THE HANDS OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO SHOULD
25 HAVE BEEN TAKING CARE OF THEM. AND THE COUNTY HAS A



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1 RESPONSIBILITY TO ADDRESS THIS HORRENDOUS MISCONDUCT. I'M GLAD
2 TO HEAR WHAT THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS ARE OUTLINED AND WHAT WE
3 ARE ACTIVELY DOING TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE HORRORS NEVER
4 HAPPEN AGAIN. AND I'M ALSO GLAD TO HEAR THAT PLAINTIFFS'
5 COUNSEL AND OUR COUNTY TEAM HAVE AGREED TO A LEGAL PROCESS TO
6 PREVENT POTENTIALLY FRAUDULENT CLAIMS THROUGH ADDITIONAL
7 REVIEW PROCEDURES, THAT THIS WAS, AS I HEARD FROM COUNTY
8 COUNSEL, ALWAYS CONTEMPLATED AS PART OF THE PROCESS. AND
9 UNFORTUNATELY, GIVEN THE CONFINES WITHIN WHICH YOU'RE WORKING,
10 IT MAKES IT EVEN MORE CHALLENGING FOR US TO PROCEED IN A WAY
11 THAT MIGHT ORDINARILY MAKE SENSE. SO, FOR MY PART, I WANT TO
12 MAKE SURE WE'RE INVESTING MONEY FOR THESE SETTLEMENTS DIRECTLY
13 TO THOSE WHO ACTUALLY EXPERIENCE THE ABUSE AS OUR CEO SAID,
14 NOT IN THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING TO PROFIT FROM SOMEONE ELSE'S
15 HARDSHIP. AND I'M GLAD THAT WE'RE HAVING A CONVERSATION ABOUT
16 WHAT DID OR DIDN'T HAPPEN TO GET TO THIS STAGE OF A
17 SETTLEMENT. I THINK IT HELPS PROVIDE A LOT OF PUBLIC CLARITY
18 AND UNDERSTANDING AND REMINDS US OF THE CONCERN THAT STILL
19 EXISTS AS LONG AS THIS BILL REMAINS IN PLACE IN ITS CURRENT
20 FORM. THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

23
24 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU
25 FOR HOLDING THIS AND BRINGING IT UP. THERE ARE SO MANY LEVELS



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1 TO THIS CRISIS, THIS EVENT THAT HAS HAPPENED. THE
2 \$4,000,000,000 FIRST TRANCHE SETTLEMENT, THIS \$828,000,000
3 SECOND TRANCHE, 28,000,000 SECOND TAUNTS, BLOWN A HUGE HOLE
4 INTO OUR COUNTY BUDGET CAUSED US TO REDUCE SERVICES THROUGHOUT
5 L.A. COUNTY TO THOSE WHO MOST NEED US. EVERY DEPARTMENT WAS
6 ASKED TO CURTAIL 8%, WHICH WAS DIFFICULT FOR A LOT OF OUR
7 DEPARTMENTS. AND YET THAT'S BALANCED WITH THE HORRIBLE THING
8 THAT HAPPENED TO SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE IN OUR CARE.
9 AND THEN TO FIND ON TOP OF THAT, BECAUSE OF THE L.A. TIMES
10 INVESTIGATION, THAT SOME OF THESE CLAIMS COULD BE FRAUDULENT.
11 AND IT'S HARD TO ACTUALLY EVEN BALANCE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS
12 OR HOW YOU TALK ABOUT IT. BECAUSE CERTAINLY THE FRAUDULENT
13 CLAIMS, YOU KIND OF WANT TO EXPOSE AND YET, AND EVEN TALKING
14 ABOUT OUR COUNTY BUDGET BEING DECIMATED, YOU KIND OF WANT TO
15 TALK ABOUT THAT, BUT NONE OF THAT REALLY RISES TO THE LEVEL
16 ABOVE WHAT SOME OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCED AT THE HANDS
17 OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ENTRUSTED TO TAKE CARE OF
18 THEM. SO, THE WHOLE THING IS HARD TO TALK ABOUT. SO, TWO
19 ISSUES HERE TODAY ARE, ONE, HOW DO WE MAKE SURE IT NEVER
20 HAPPENS AGAIN? NUMBER TWO, HOW DO WE MAKE SURE THAT THESE
21 CLAIMS ARE THE REAL DEAL? AND IT SOUNDS LIKE, DAWYN, YOU WERE
22 TALKING ABOUT WE ALREADY HAD TWO LEVELS OF FRAUD DETECTION IN
23 PLACE, BUT WE DIDN'T DETECT WHAT THE L.A. TIMES DETECTED, DID
24 WE?

25



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1 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** WELL, SO WE WERE LOOKING AT, AND WE
2 PROBABLY WOULD HAVE GOTTEN TO THAT ON THOSE CASES. WE WERE
3 LOOKING AT THE INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNAIRES AND FACT SHEETS SWORN
4 DECLARATIONS, SWORN FACT SHEETS THAT WERE SUBMITTED BY THE
5 PLAINTIFFS, REVIEWING THEM AND REVIEWING ALL THE DETAILS THAT
6 I LAID OUT EARLIER IN TERMS OF THE DETAILS OR LACK THEREOF
7 THAT THEY PROVIDED. AND THOSE, WE WERE AMASSING OUR OWN LIST
8 OF FOLKS. AND SO THOSE WOULD HAVE GONE THROUGH THAT FIRST
9 LEVEL OR WERE GOING THROUGH THAT FIRST LEVEL. WE'RE GOING TO
10 GO THROUGH THE SECOND LEVEL. NOW WHAT WE'RE DOING IS THE
11 DIFFERENCE, EVEN THOUGH LEVEL ONE AND LEVEL TWO ALREADY
12 EXISTED, THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT EVERYONE IS NOW, WHETHER IT
13 DOESN'T MATTER HOW LEGITIMATE IT LOOKS ON PAPER, EVERYONE NOW
14 IS GOING THROUGH THAT FIRST LEVEL. ALL DTLA ARE GOING THROUGH
15 THAT SECOND LEVEL. AND OF COURSE, THE DTLA IS GOING THROUGH
16 THE THIRD LEVEL AS WELL.

17
18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT. BUT L.A. TIMES JUST SENT A COUPLE
19 PEOPLE TO STAND OUTSIDE OUR DPSS FACILITY. ONE REPORTER, WAS
20 IT REBECCA WHO JUST WENT AND STOOD OUT THERE AND STARTED
21 TALKING TO PEOPLE AND FOUND ALL SORTS OF INFORMATION, WHICH
22 I'VE BROUGHT FORTH THE IDEA THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A LITTLE
23 BUFFER ZONE IN FRONT OF OUR DPSS FACILITIES, SOME MAYBE OUR
24 OTHER COUNTY FACILITIES WHERE PEOPLE GO FOR HELP BECAUSE THESE
25 ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE AND SURE ENOUGH, THERE ARE



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1 THOSE WHO WOULD PREY ON THEM AND FIND A WAY TO PROFIT FROM IT.
2 SO THERE'S A LOT WE'VE LEARNED FROM THIS THAT WE NEED TO DRILL
3 DOWN ON TO PREVENT THIS KIND OF FRAUD FROM HAPPENING. SO THE
4 \$4,000,000,000 SETTLEMENT HAS NOT YET STARTED, THE PAYMENTS
5 HAVE NOT GONE OUT YET. THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO GO OUT IN JANUARY.

6

7 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** THAT'S CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND I KNOW I'VE HAD A CONCERN THAT WE MAKE
10 SURE AND THAT IF WE HAVE TO DELAY THOSE SETTLEMENTS THAT WE
11 SHOULD UNTIL WE MAKE SURE EVERY ONE OF THEM IS THE REAL DEAL.

12

13 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** CORRECT, EVERY PLAINTIFF WILL BE VETTED AND
14 NO CHECKS WILL BE CUT UNTIL THEY'RE VETTED.

15

16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** GOOD, I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE
17 PUBLIC TO HEAR. BUT ON THE, AND I APPRECIATE THE FRAUD HOTLINE
18 THAT WE'VE SET UP, AND I APPRECIATE THE HOTLINE THAT WE'RE
19 ATTEMPTING TO SET UP TO REPORT ABUSE. I WAS A LITTLE SURPRISED
20 THAT THAT'S NOT UP AND RUNNING YET AND THAT YOU SAID IT WON'T
21 BE UP AND RUNNING TILL THE END OF THE YEAR OR MAYBE SOONER,
22 BUT THAT WAS A LITTLE SURPRISING TO ME. IT SEEMED LIKE THAT
23 SHOULD GET UP AND RUNNING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. BUT I WILL
24 SAY, AND GUILLERMO, I'M GOING TO THROW THIS TO YOU, WHEN I
25 LOOKED AT ALL THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, NONE OF IT, NOT ONE OF



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1 IT, WAS TO PREVENT. IT WAS ALL AFTER THE FACT, RIGHT? A
2 HOTLINE TO REPORT IT AFTER THE FACT. AND EXPEDITED
3 INVESTIGATIONS AFTER THE FACT. SEEMS LIKE WE'RE, WHICH IS
4 IMPORTANT, BUT NOTHING I'VE HEARD SO FAR REALLY TELLS ME HOW
5 YOU, GUILLERMO, ARE PREVENTING OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES IN OUR
6 PROBATION FACILITIES FROM, YOU KNOW, CONTACTING OR FROM
7 ENGAGING IN ANY KIND OF ABUSE. I MEAN, IT SEEMS TO ME WHEN I
8 READ SOME OF THE EGREGIOUS ACTS, RIGHT? LIKE NOBODY WAS
9 WATCHING OR DO WE NOT HAVE CTV CAMERAS? OR WHAT ARE YOU DOING
10 NOW TO PREVENT ABUSE? BECAUSE ONCE IT'S HAPPENED, THEN WE'RE
11 GOING TO BE IN THE SAME SITUATION. WE'RE GOING TO BE LIABLE.
12 AND MAYBE WE GET RID OF THE PERSON SO THEY CAN'T DO IT AGAIN.
13 OKAY. BUT HOW DO WE PREVENT IT FROM HAPPENING IN THE FIRST
14 PLACE? I THINK THAT'S WHAT I HAVEN'T HEARD YET TO MY
15 SATISFACTION. AND MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME UNDERSTAND THAT.

16
17 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** YES, SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU FOR THE
18 OPPORTUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WHAT YOU'VE HEARD
19 FROM US IS IN RELATIONSHIP TO THIS SETTLEMENT OF THE CIVIL
20 LAWSUIT. THERE'S A WHOLE HOST OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES
21 THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS IN
22 PROBATION THAT ARE RELATED, BUT NOT OCCURRING BECAUSE OF THIS.
23 SO SINCE I ARRIVED AS A CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, BRINGING
24 SAFETY TO THE FACILITIES AND ENSURING THAT EVERYBODY
25 UNDERSTOOD AND INCLUSIVE OF OUR EMPLOYEES THAT THERE IS ZERO



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1 TOLERANCE FOR THE ABUSE OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITHIN OUR SYSTEM,
2 THAT IF YOU ABUSE A YOUNG PERSON WITHIN OUR SYSTEM, YOU WILL
3 BE DISCOVERED AND YOU WILL BE HELD TO ACCOUNT. THAT'S
4 INDEPENDENT OF THIS ACTION. AND SO, IN OTHER PRESENTATIONS,
5 WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THE ENHANCEMENTS TO SAFETY AND SECURITY.
6 ALL OF THOSE ARE RELATED TO THIS. SO FROM THE CREATION OF AN
7 ENTIRE SAFETY AND SECURITY DIVISION TO THE CREATION OF NEW
8 CLASSIFICATIONS TO ENHANCING THE CAMERAS THAT WE HAVE, TO
9 MAKING SURE THAT THE STAFFING RATIOS EXCEED THE PREA
10 REQUIREMENTS TO THE REFERRAL OF CRIMINAL CASES OUTSIDE OF THE
11 DEPARTMENT IN THE EVENT THAT THERE'S A SUSPICION OF ABUSE, TO
12 BRINGING IN A NEW CHIEF INTEGRITY OFFICER THAT'S SITTING HERE
13 TO MY RIGHT, TO HIRING NEW INVESTIGATORS THAT ARE TRAINED TO
14 THE STATE STANDARDS AS CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS, TO A DIFFERENT
15 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR MANAGEMENT TO MAKE SURE THERE'S
16 MORE ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, TO BRINGING IN
17 CONSULTANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE MONITORING WHAT IS
18 TAKING PLACE. I MEAN, IT GOES ON AND ON AND ON. ALL OF THOSE
19 THINGS ARE BEING DONE BECAUSE WE NEED A HEALTHY SYSTEM. THEY
20 ARE RELATED TO THIS, BUT THEY'RE NOT SIMPLY PART OF A CAP TO
21 IT. SO MAYBE THE DISCONNECT, AND THIS ONLY INCLUDED THINGS
22 THAT WERE DIRECTLY RELATED TO IT, BUT ALL OF THOSE OTHER
23 ACTIVITIES ARE TAKING PLACE AND THEY ARE TO ENSURE THAT WE
24 HAVE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I HEAR YOU, BUT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
2 WAS TO SEE WHAT WE COULD DO TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING
3 AGAIN. EVERYTHING FROM CREATING THE EXECUTIVE STEERING
4 COMMITTEE. I MEAN, ALL THAT WAS TO PREVENT, IT IS RELATED TO
5 THIS BECAUSE THIS PUT A SPOTLIGHT ON THE INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF
6 ABUSE THAT HAPPENED MOSTLY WITHIN OUR JUVENILE FACILITIES,
7 SOME IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY, BUT MOSTLY OUR JUVENILE
8 FACILITY. SO AGAIN, I'M ALL FOR ROOTING IT OUT, BUT ONCE IT'S
9 HAPPENED, YOU HAVE THEN FOREVER, NOT EVEN TO MENTION OUR
10 LIABILITY, BUT YOU HAVE FOREVER RE-TRAUMATIZED SOMEONE WHO
11 WE'VE BEEN CHARGED WITH CARING FOR, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE
12 INCARCERATED, WHO HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO, AND THEY'VE
13 BASICALLY BEEN BORN INTO TRAUMA, AND THEIR LIVES HAVE
14 CONTINUED TO SPIRAL OUT OF CONTROL AND ARE TRAUMATIZED. SO, TO
15 THINK THAT AT THE HANDS OF OUR JUVENILE CAREGIVERS, THIS HAS
16 HAPPENED. I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN REALLY LEAN
17 INTO MAKING SURE IT DOES NOT HAPPEN AGAIN. ONCE IT'S HAPPENED,
18 THE HARM HAS BEEN DONE. YES, YOU CAN ROOT THEM OUT. HOPEFULLY,
19 ALTHOUGH IT TAKES A LONG TIME, SOUNDS LIKE IT TAKES A LONG
20 TIME, EVEN WITH THE INVESTIGATION, TO ACTUALLY DISMISS THEM.
21 SO, I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT THING, AND WE'RE ALWAYS LEANING
22 IN HERE, GUILLERMO, TO FAST HIRING. WE'RE TRYING TO STAFF UP
23 OUR JUVENILE FACILITIES. WE'RE CUTTING THROUGH BUREAUCRATIC
24 RED TAPE. WE'RE TRYING TO HIRE AS FAST AS WE CAN. BUT CLEARLY,
25 THAT'S ALSO THE PLACE WE NEED TO LEAN IN IN VETTING PEOPLE WHO



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1 ARE COMING IN TO BE THE CARETAKERS IN OUR JUVENILE FACILITIES.
2 THAT'S WHERE WE REALLY HAVE TO SPEND EXTRA TIME. EVEN THOUGH
3 WE'RE TRYING TO DO IT FAST, AND WE'VE GOT AN EMERGENCY ORDER,
4 AND WE'RE REALLY TRYING TO CUT THE BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE. THIS
5 IS WHERE WE HAVE TO START. YOU HAVE TO REALLY TAKE THE TIME TO
6 VET THESE PEOPLE THAT WE WILL BE HIRING INTO OUR SYSTEM TO
7 CARE FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT AND KEEP
8 US UP TO DATE ON ALL THAT WE'RE DOING TO PREVENT IT FROM
9 HAPPENING IN THE FIRST PLACE.

10

11 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISOR, CAN I RESPOND TO, SORRY, YOUR
12 QUESTION ABOUT THE HOTLINE, THE ABUSE HOTLINE? SO, WE DID
13 CONTRACT WITH 211. THEY HAD ASKED US FOR A LITTLE TIME TO DO A
14 FEW THINGS. ONE IS TO HIRE UP, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE 24/7.
15 AND THEN THEY NEEDED TIME TO DEVELOP AND DEPLOY TRAINING
16 BECAUSE IT'S A VERY SPECIALIZED TYPE OF HOTLINE AND SO THE
17 ADDITIONAL TIME TO GET IT UP AND RUNNING JUST AS FOR THEM TO
18 DO IT IN A WAY THAT ONCE IT'S ONLINE, IT'S DONE CORRECTLY.

19

20 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** SUPERVISOR, TO THAT POINT, AND I TRY NOT
21 TO SPEAK MORE THAN I HAVE TO, BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE CLEAR
22 THAT FOLKS UNDERSTAND THAT ANYBODY CURRENTLY WITHIN OUR
23 SYSTEM, THEY'RE NOT WAITING ON A HOTLINE. THIS IS AN
24 ENHANCEMENT FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE COUNTY, BUT WE HAVE THE
25 OMBUDS PERSON. WE HAVE A YCR WE HAVE THOSE POSTED THROUGHOUT



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1 FACILITIES. YOU CAN GO ON TO OUR WEBSITE SO IF IT IS PROBATION
2 RELATED THAT THERE'S NO NEED TO HESITATE WE WERE READY TO TAKE
3 THOSE COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATE THEM.

4

5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I KNOW BUT YOU KNOW THAT WHOLE SYSTEM I MEAN
6 IT'S TOUGH FOR A YOUNG PERSON WHO'S INCARCERATED AND AT THE
7 MERCY OF STAFF AND SCHEDULING AND EVERYTHING ELSE TO FEEL SAFE
8 ACTUALLY REPORTING ONE OF THE VERY PEOPLE THAT ARE CHARGED
9 WITH THEIR WELL-BEING. YOU KNOW, I MEAN THE WHOLE SYSTEM IS
10 MESSED UP, AS YOU KNOW, IN JUVENILE. IT'S RETRIBUTION, IT'S,
11 YOU KNOW, FORMING ALLIANCES TO PROTECT YOURSELF. IT'S DOING
12 THINGS THAT, YOU KNOW, FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE SOMETIMES THAT GET
13 THEM IN TROUBLE, JUST SO THEY CAN FEEL SAFE AND ACCEPTED AND
14 YOU KNOW HAVE PROTECTORS IN THERE. SO, IT'S A VERY MESSED UP
15 SYSTEM AND I WORRY THAT WE ACTUALLY DO HAVE SOMETHING THAT
16 THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE REPORTING IT. THAT'S HOW I FEEL.

17

18 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** VERY INSIGHTFUL BUT ANYONE THAT CAN HEAR
19 MY VOICE, I WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT THEY HAVE ADVOCATES HERE.
20 THEY'RE NOT ALONE. AND I KNOW THEY MAY FEEL THAT WAY. BUT IF
21 THEY CAN GET THEIR VOICE TO US THROUGH ONE OF THOSE SYSTEMS,
22 WE WILL BE THERE FOR THEM. I DON'T WANT A CONTINUED SENSE OF
23 HOPELESSNESS. AND EVERYTHING YOU SAID IS TRUE, AND IT SEEMS
24 LIKE IT'S MOUNTED AGAINST THEM, BUT IF THEY CAN HEAR ME,
25 PLEASE REACH OUT TO THAT ONE PERSON YOU TRUST OR TO A FAMILY



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1 MEMBER OR ANONYMOUSLY, WE WILL INTERVENE. THANK YOU. AND I
2 WOULD AGAIN ENCOURAGE YOU TO JUST YOU KNOW WALK, WALK THE
3 CAMPUS YOU KNOW AS MUCH AS YOU CAN AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF THE
4 DAY UNANNOUNCED AND TALK TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN IN SOME WAY
5 WHERE YOU CAN CONVEY WHAT YOU JUST SAID TO US.

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7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO ASK, THERE
10 WERE A LOT OF NUMBERS THROWN OUT ABOUT CASES AND
11 INVESTIGATIONS THAT ARE STILL ONGOING AND SOME THAT MAY HAVE
12 BEEN WRAPPED UP. IS THERE A WAY WE CAN GET THAT INFORMATION
13 FROM BOTH DEPARTMENTS? BECAUSE YOU WERE VERBALLY GIVING US AN
14 UPDATE, BUT I WOULDN'T MIND HAVING THAT IN SOME KIND OF
15 WRITING OR REPORT. THAT'S POSSIBLE. I KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE TO
16 PUT THEIR NAMES, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THOSE NUMBERS
17 WERE. OKAY.

18

19 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** CERTAINLY, WE'LL PROVIDE THAT TO YOUR
20 OFFICES REDACTED OR WITH NO IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. BUT
21 YOU'RE JUST INTERESTED IN KNOWING THE UNIVERSE.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I JUST WANT TO KNOW, YOU MENTIONED WHAT YOU
24 STARTED WITH, WHERE YOU ARE, AND ALL OF THAT. SO, IF YOU COULD
25 JUST SUMMARIZE THAT WITH BOTH DEPARTMENTS, I THINK THAT WOULD



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1 BE HELPFUL. AND I THINK MY QUESTIONS COULD JUST GO BACK TO THE
2 BILL, BECAUSE APPARENTLY THERE WASN'T A GOOD THOUGHT PROCESS
3 IN TERMS OF HOW THIS WAS GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED. AND I THINK
4 WE'RE ALREADY DISCRENING HOW BAD THIS IS REALLY GETTING. AND
5 WE ARE, UNFORTUNATELY, THE GUINEA PIG FOR THE BILL. NOT TO SAY
6 THAT I WANT TO TAKE AWAY ANYTHING FROM THE VICTIMS, BECAUSE
7 THE VICTIMS STILL HAVE TO BE MADE WHOLE, NO MATTER WHAT AT THE
8 END OF THE DAY. OUR MESSAGE SHOULDN'T BE THAT, OH, WOE IS ME,
9 WE GOT RIPPED OFF BY SOME FRAUDULENT INDIVIDUALS, BUT WE NEED
10 TO ALSO BE REMORSEFUL FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WERE IN OUR
11 CARE, AND SOME I THINK WHO MAY HAVE EVEN LOST THEIR LIVES OR
12 COMMITTED SUICIDE AFTERWARDS. I DON'T KNOW ALL THOSE FACTS,
13 BUT I DO REMEMBER A LONG TIME AGO WHEN I WAS A STATE
14 LEGISLATOR, WE DID LOSE A YOUNG CHILD AT MCLAREN HALL THAT I
15 WAS MADE AWARE OF BECAUSE I EVEN WENT DOWN THERE WITH ANOTHER
16 PANEL OF SENATORS AND WE VISITED THE FACILITY AND IT WAS SO
17 DISTRESSING. SO, I COULD JUST IMAGINE WHAT FAMILY MEMBERS OR
18 WHAT ANY SURVIVORS ARE GOING THROUGH. BUT I THINK WE HAVE AN
19 OBLIGATION TO CONTINUE ON THAT. AND WHATEVER WE LEARN HERE,
20 THE STEPS, THE PROCESSES, AND I THINK THE QUESTIONING FROM MY
21 COLLEAGUES HAS BEEN GOOD. IT'S TELLING US THAT AT THE
22 BEGINNING OF THIS CASE, WHEN WE WERE DEALING WITH THE
23 PLAINTIFFS AND THE JUDGES, WE DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF TOOLS, OR
24 WE THOUGHT WE DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF TOOLS. AND THEN ONCE WE DID
25 LEARN THAT WE HAD AN ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE AND WORK WITH THE



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1 JUDGES, AND I THINK IT WAS PRECIPITATED BECAUSE OF THE L.A.
2 TIMES ARTICLE, QUITE FRANKLY, AND THAT'S KIND OF WHERE THINGS
3 TURNED MORE, I THINK, IN OUR FAVOR SO THAT WE COULD ACTUALLY
4 START TO ROOT OUT THE FRAUD. BUT THE FRAUD, I DON'T KNOW WHAT
5 SIZE IT IS THAT'S THERE, BUT I HOPE THAT WE DO GET THERE
6 SOONER THAN LATER. SO, ANY TYPE OF SUPPORTS THAT WE NEED TO
7 PUT IN PLACE, WRAPPING UP MORE STAFF TO HELP US WITH THAT
8 VETTING PROCESS, WHETHER IT BE COUNSEL OR OUTSIDE COUNSEL OR
9 OUR OWN DHR STAFF OR OTHERS THAT HAVE THE ABILITY TO DECIPHER
10 AND FILTER THROUGH THIS INFORMATION, I THINK WILL HELP US. THE
11 FASTER WE CAN GET WORKING ON THIS, I THINK THE BETTER, BUT I
12 KNOW IT'S GOTTA BE MANAGED BY OUR OUTSIDE COUNSEL AND BY OUR
13 COUNTY COUNSEL, BUT I WOULD URGE US TO MOVE QUICKLY ON THIS.
14 TIME FOR US IS OF THE ESSENCE HERE. AND IF THERE ARE MORE
15 PENDING CASES COMING FORWARD, I FEEL LIKE WE'RE JUST FALLING
16 INTO ANOTHER HOLE HERE. SO THE SOONER WE CAN GET THAT AND MAKE
17 THAT A PRIORITY. I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO DO. I
18 WANT TO I WANT TO THANK OUR PRIVATE COUNSELS THAT ARE THAT ARE
19 HELPING US ON THIS AND EXPLAINING TO US HOW THIS HAPPENED AND
20 I WOULD HOPE THAT EVERYTHING IS KEPT ACCORDINGLY IN A MANNER
21 SO THAT WE COULD ALSO PROVIDE TO ANY LEGISLATORS OR PEOPLE
22 THAT NEED TO BE INFORMED ABOUT WHAT THE IMPACTS ARE. AND WE'RE
23 NOT THE ONLY PUBLIC ENTITY. L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, I
24 KNOW ALSO, HAS SIMILAR ISSUES WITH THE SAME FIRMS. SO, IT
25 WOULD BEHOOVE US TO TRY TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THEM, I WOULD



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1 THINK AND SHARE OUR NOTES OR WHAT KIND OF STRATEGY WE MIGHT
2 HAVE MOVING FORWARD. I TOO AM CONCERNED THOUGH ABOUT, I KNOW
3 THE AUDITOR SAID THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A HOTLINE SYSTEM UP
4 AND NOW IT'S BEEN EXPLAINED THAT IN ORDER FOR 211 TO PUT THAT
5 UP IT'S GOING TO TAKE A COUPLE OF MONTHS. I DON'T THINK WE
6 HAVE A COUPLE OF MONTHS TO WAIT. I MEAN, I KNOW OF NONPROFITS
7 RIGHT NOW THAT RUN HOTLINES. AND THEY ARE, THEY HAVE
8 PROFESSIONALS AND SEMI-PROFESSIONALS. WE COULD PROBABLY LEARN
9 BY SOME OF THEM. AND I'M THINKING OF PEOPLE WE KNOW. YOU KNOW,
10 PEACE OVER VIOLENCE. THEY RUN A 24-HOUR HOTLINE FOR ASSAULTS
11 AND RAPE. WHY CAN'T WE PUT SOMETHING UP SIMILAR, FIND OUT HOW
12 QUICKLY WE CAN GET SOMETHING GOING? JUST A THOUGHT, JUST A
13 THOUGHT. GUARDRAILS, LORD KNOWS WE NEED MORE GUARDRAILS. AND I
14 AM, I CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT
15 ARE STILL EMPLOYED WITH US. AND MY QUESTION IS ALSO, WHAT ARE
16 WE DOING TO TALK TO OUR EMPLOYEES DIRECTLY, NOT JUST THE STAFF
17 TRAINING. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT. THIS IS AN UNCOMFORTABLE
18 SUBJECT TO BEGIN WITH. AND I BELIEVE THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN
19 HISTORICALLY A CYCLE WHERE PEOPLE WERE REWARDED BECAUSE THEY
20 DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING THAT WERE EMPLOYED WITH US BUT KNEW THAT
21 THESE THINGS WERE GOING ON. WE'VE HEARD THAT IN OTHER
22 SETTINGS. SO I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO DIG DEEPER, AND THAT'S
23 GOING TO REQUIRE MORE TIME PERSONNEL, BUT IT SHOULD HAPPEN
24 BECAUSE THERE COULD BE PEOPLE WHO DO KNOW THINGS, BUT BECAUSE
25 OF RETALIATION, LOSS OF JOB, WAGES OR WHATEVER, OR RETALIATION



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SUPERVISORS

1 BY A SUPERVISOR WHO'S THERE OR ABOVE THEM THAT CAN ALSO, YOU
2 KNOW, IT ADDS UP. WE SAW SOME OF THIS A COUPLE OF YEARS BACK,
3 I THINK, IN PROBATION AT ONE OF OUR HALLS. AND I'M NOT GOING
4 TO SAY WHERE, BUT I THINK THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE NEED
5 TO LOOK AT. AND IT WOULD, GO AHEAD, YES.

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7 **OSCAR VALDEZ:** SO, SUPERVISOR, WITH REGARDS TO THE FRAUD
8 HOTLINE FOR THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER, IT'S A LITTLE BIT
9 DIFFERENT FROM THE FRAUD HOTLINE THAT DHR AND RISK MANAGEMENT
10 IS ROLLING OUT. LIKE THEY MENTIONED, THEY ARE TRYING TO
11 PROCURE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE A LITTLE BIT MORE EXPERTISE IN
12 NEW ALLEGATIONS. OUR FRAUD HOTLINE IS MORE DESIGNED TO REALLY
13 IDENTIFY ANY FRAUDULENT CLAIMS THAT WERE RUN THROUGH THE
14 PROCESS.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO THAT'S DIFFERENT.

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18 **OSCAR VALDEZ:** SO, WE ALSO TRIED GOING THROUGH 211 AND THEY
19 ALSO GAVE US A COUPLE OF MONTHS TO IMPLEMENT. SO, FOR US, IT'S
20 NOT A 24/7 ON THE PHONE. IT'S FROM 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M. STAFFING
21 WISE, THE WEBSITE IS 24/7. BUT I ALSO WANTED TO ADDRESS YOU
22 KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN'S QUESTION IN REGARD TO PROACTIVELY HOW
23 DO WE REDUCE ALLEGATIONS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN I THINK THE YOU
24 KNOW THE ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY IS A GOOD START. YOU KNOW,
25 MAKING SURE THAT ALL EMPLOYEES ARE FAMILIAR WITH THAT OR



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SUPERVISORS

1 TRAINED THAT THEY'RE SIGNING OFF ON THIS NEW REQUIREMENT IN
2 THE FUTURE, REFERENCING THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A FRAUD
3 HOTLINE THAT YOU AS AN EMPLOYEE HAVE THE RIGHT AND THE
4 OBLIGATION TO REPORT THOSE EITHER AS AN IDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL
5 OR CONFIDENTIAL. AND I THINK THAT DEFINITELY WILL SERVE AS A
6 DETERRENT IN THE FUTURE, BUT THAT'S ONLY A SMALL STEP. BUT I
7 THINK IT IS A GOOD START IN REGARD TO HOW DO WE PROACTIVELY
8 ADDRESS THIS IN THE FUTURE.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WE NEED A THREE-PRONGED APPROACH, THOUGH.
11 YOU NEED TO HAVE A HOTLINE SO PEOPLE CAN CALL ABOUT ABUSE, AND
12 THEN YOU NEED THIS, YOU KNOW, THE FRAUDULENT HOTLINE. NO DOUBT
13 ABOUT IT. YOU NEED THAT. BUT I ALSO THINK THAT WE NEED TO BE
14 THINKING CLOSELY HOW OUR EMPLOYEES INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER IN
15 THESE TWO DEPARTMENTS. IT COULD ALSO BE OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT
16 DEAL WITH YOUTH. THEY'VE HAD THEIR, YOU KNOW, INCIDENTS AS
17 WELL. WE KNOW THAT. AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN ON HERE, I'VE KNOWN
18 THAT. BUT IT WAS JUST MORE PERVERSE INTO RIGHT NOW, FROM MY
19 PERSPECTIVE, TO DEPARTMENTS. SO WE NEED TO ROOT THAT OUT. AND
20 THE SOONER WE GET TO IT AND WORK ON IT, I THINK IT'LL BE MORE
21 HELPFUL. I'M ALSO INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHERE THE D.A. IS WITH
22 ALL OF THIS. YOU KNOW, WHERE ARE WE, WHEN WE SAY LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT, WHERE ARE WE IN TERMS OF THEIR ASSISTANCE ON
24 THIS?

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** I THINK CHIEF GALVÁN IS BETTER PRESENTED
2 TO ANSWER THIS, BUT I JUST WANT TO PUT A LITTLE BIT OF CONTEXT
3 THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE CASES THAT PROBATION HAS INVESTIGATED
4 ARE MORE THAN A DECADE OLD. AND SO, I DON'T WANT FOLKS TO
5 THINK THAT THESE ARE ACTIVE CASES OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE
6 WITHIN OUR SYSTEM. SOME I THINK SOME PEOPLE THINK THAT'S
7 WHAT'S HAPPENING. THAT'S NOT WHAT THESE CASES ARE. AND WE HAVE
8 UPDATED RETALIATION POLICIES. WE HAVE ADDITIONAL TRAINING. BUT
9 TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS I, THIS
10 IS THE THIRD TIME I'VE SAID THIS, BUT IF YOU'RE HEARING ME,
11 THE FEW FOLKS THAT HAVE HIDDEN BETWEEN OUR GOOD STAFF AND
12 PROCEEDED WITH IMPUNITY TO ABUSE YOUNG CHILDREN ARE GOING TO
13 BE HELD TO ACCOUNT. YOU KNOW, THE REASON THAT THIS WAS ALLOWED
14 TO OCCUR IN THE PAST TO THE EXTENT IT DID IS PEOPLE ONLY DO
15 THIS IF THEY BELIEVE THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH IT. I THINK WE'VE
16 SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT IN THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR WITH
17 OUR NEW INVESTIGATIONS AND HOLDING PEOPLE TO ACCOUNT THAT
18 THAT'S NO LONGER THE CASE. THIS ISN'T A SAFE PLACE TO ABUSE
19 CHILDREN.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I UNDERSTAND. DID YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING,
22 MR. GALVAN?

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24 **JOSEPH GALVAN:** YEAH, SO WE HAVE WORKED WITH OUR COUNTY
25 PARTNERS WITH REGARDS TO THIS, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,



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SUPERVISORS

1 THEIR INVESTIGATIVE UNIT, AND THE SHERIFF'S SVU UNIT. WHEN WE
2 DEVELOP ENOUGH INFORMATION OR ANY INFORMATION THAT LEADS US TO
3 BELIEVE THERE COULD BE SOMETHING THERE, WE GENERALLY SEND IT
4 OVER FOR THEIR REVIEW AND THEY WILL GET BACK TO US. BUT YOU'RE
5 RIGHT, I THINK SUPERVISOR BARGER RAISED EARLIER, THERE ARE
6 STATUTE ISSUES WITH MANY OF THESE BECAUSE OF THE TIME FRAME.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** RIGHT. I GUESS I UNDERSTAND THAT MY CONCERN
9 THOUGH IS IF SOME OF THOSE FOLKS ARE STILL WITH US AND WE
10 HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO THAT YET BUT I GUESS TIME WILL TELL I HOPE,
11 I HOPE, BUT AGAIN YOU KNOW THAT'S MY OPINION I GUESS. I'M
12 FRUSTRATED.

13

14 **JOSEPH GALVAN:** YEAH, SO EVEN THOUGH THE CRIMINAL STATUTE MAY
15 HAVE RUN, DEPENDING ON WHEN WE GOT THE INFORMATION, THE
16 ADMINISTRATIVE STATUTE MAY HAVE NOT, AND WE HAVE TAKEN
17 ADMINISTRATIVE DISCIPLINE WHEN WE HAVE A PONDERED THE EVIDENCE
18 THAT SOMETHING MAY HAVE OCCURRED.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND I'D LOVE TO GET INFORMATION BACK FROM
21 YOU ON THAT WHERE WE ARE IN THAT PROCESS BECAUSE CLEARLY
22 YOU'VE ALREADY TAKEN SOME STEPS.

23

24 **JOSEPH GALVAN:** CERTAINLY, WE COULD DO THAT.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL

2

3 **JOSEPH GALVAN:** CERTAINLY.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND IF IT'S CONFIDENTIAL OR WHATEVER FINE.

6 OKAY, I APPRECIATE WHAT YOUR WORK IS I APPRECIATE WHAT THE CEO

7 AND OUR OUTSIDE COUNSEL HAVE GIVEN US A CORRECTIVE ACTION

8 PLAN. BUT IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH. SO MORE TO DO. AND THEN

9 FINDING OUT WHO CAN BE OUR CHAMPION OR CHAMPIONS IN SACRAMENTO

10 AND GETTING THE EAR OF THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE UP IN SACRAMENTO

11 AND OTHERS. BECAUSE NO DOUBT, THIS IS AN INTERNATIONAL CRISIS

12 IN TERMS OF HOW PEOPLE ARE LOOKING AT WHAT THESE FOLKS GOT

13 AWAY WITH. AND I THINK THAT'S THE MOST HURTFUL PART FOR THE

14 VICTIMS AND FOR US, OUR TAXPAYERS. SO, I THINK YOU BRING IT

15 BACK HOME TO THAT. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO TO RECTIFY THAT?

16 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS FOR THE

21 CONVERSATION. THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY MY COLLEAGUES. I DON'T

22 WANT TO BE REPETITIVE. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK COUNTY

23 COUNSEL. I APPRECIATE YOUR CLEAR ARTICULATION OF THE

24 STRUCTURAL CHALLENGE THE BILL CREATED TO USE YOUR TERMINOLOGY,

25 THE LACK OF LEGAL GUARDRAILS. AND SO THAT WAS IMPORTANT FOR US



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1 TO HEAR AND FOR IT TO BE A PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD. I THINK
2 IT'S DIFFICULT SOMETIMES TO SEPARATE LEGISLATIVE INTENT. THE
3 LEGISLATIVE INTENT OF THE BILL WAS CLEARLY TO ADDRESS THE
4 HORROR OF CHILD SEX ABUSE. THE BILL WENT THROUGH, HAD NO, NO
5 VOTES, AS THE AUTHOR HAS REPEATEDLY SAID PUBLICLY, MITCHELL
6 WAS THERE AND VOTED AYE, I'M SURE I DID. I'M SURE ALL OF US
7 WOULD, BASED ON THE HORROR OF SEX CHILD ABUSE. THE ISSUE IS
8 LEGISLATIVE INTENT VERSUS IMPLEMENTATION. AND THAT'S SOMETHING
9 THAT WE AS POLICYMAKERS HAVE TO THINK ABOUT TOO AND MOTIONS WE
10 BRING FORWARD. THE INTENT, THE PROBLEM WE'RE TRYING TO SOLVE
11 FOR AND HOW IT'S IMPLEMENTED. AND SO, THE IMPLEMENTATION, AS I
12 HEAR AND COUNTY COUNSEL CLEARLY ARTICULATED, IT LACKED THESE
13 LEGAL GUARDRAILS FUNDAMENTALLY THAT COMPROMISE OUR ABILITY TO
14 TRULY THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE AND DO OUR FULL DUE DILIGENCE ON
15 THE FRONT END. SO, I LOOK FORWARD AS THE CHAIR SAYS TO LOOK AT
16 WAYS IN WHICH THAT ELEMENT CAN BE RESOLVED, TAKING NOTHING
17 AWAY FROM THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE, SEXUAL
18 ABUSE OR OTHERWISE. THAT CAN'T BE LOST AND NONE OF US DO THAT.
19 NONE OF US FEEL THAT WAY. IT'S ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION AND HOW
20 THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE, THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED RECEIVE
21 SUPPORT AND APPROPRIATE REMUNERATION AS OPPOSED TO THOSE WHO
22 ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A VOLATILE SITUATION. YOU KNOW, TO
23 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S POINT, YOU KNOW, ALL THE ASPECTS OF HALL
24 LIFE THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT, FEAR, SURVIVAL, RETRIBUTION, NONE
25 OF THAT IS NEW. AND THAT HAS EXISTED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF



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SUPERVISORS

1 TIME IN EVERY CARCERAL SETTING. WHAT STRIKES ME,
2 UNFORTUNATELY, AND THE QUESTION I HAVE IS, WELL, WHAT IS NEW?
3 IT'S HARD FOR ME TO IMAGINE THAT WITH TECHNOLOGY BEING WHAT IT
4 IS, THAT THE BEST THAT WE CAN DO OR WHAT WE ARE STILL RELYING
5 ON ARE HOTLINES AND OMBUDSMEN. SO, I DON'T KNOW IF WE ARE
6 TALKING TO OTHER MUNICIPALITIES, THROUGH CSAC, OTHER LEVELS OF
7 GOVERNMENT, TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IS NEW IN CREATING AN
8 OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO REPORT. I MEAN, WE'VE BEEN USING
9 HOTLINES AND OMBUDSPEOPLE FROM THE BEGINNING OF TIME. SO, IS
10 THERE ANYTHING NEW AND INNOVATIVE THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED?
11 HAVE WE TALKED TO OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO FIGURE OUT IF THERE
12 ARE OTHER CONCEPTS OR IDEAS THAT MIGHT WORK BETTER?

13
14 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THAT THE
15 DIFFICULTY IS IN SEPARATING AND I THINK I'M GOING TO GO BACK
16 TO IT, IS SEPARATING THE PERIOD FOR WHICH THESE CLAIMS ARE
17 COMING WITH TODAY'S REALITY. SO MANY OF THESE CLAIMS, LIKE I
18 SAID, ARE OVER A DECADE OLD, AND THEY COME FROM, LET'S SAY, A
19 CAMP SETTING. VERSUS TODAY, IF YOU GO INTO THE JUVENILE HALL,
20 THERE ARE LAYERS. THERE ARE CAMERAS. THERE ARE PEOPLES WHOSE
21 ENTIRE JOB IS TO LOOK AT THOSE CAMERAS AND MAKE REPORTS. THERE
22 ARE MONITORS AND DEPUTY MONITORS THAT ARE HAVING INDEPENDENT
23 CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THERE IS A STATE LEVEL
24 OMBUDS IN ADDITION TO THE COUNTY'S PROBATION OMBUDS. SO, THE
25 LAYERS ARE THERE TODAY. UNFORTUNATELY, MUCH OF THE SETTLEMENT



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SUPERVISORS

1 DOESN'T SPEAK TO THE REALITY OF WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY.

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3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I GET THAT, BUT WE'RE HEARING ABOUT A
4 HOTLINE THAT WON'T GO LIVE FOR A WHILE IS IN RESPONSE TO
5 ONGOING AB218 CASES. AND SO, MY QUESTION IS, I APPRECIATE WHAT
6 YOU PUT IN PLACE FOR PREVENTION. MY QUESTION IS, WE CAN'T USE
7 TECHNOLOGY IN A BETTER WAY TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO REPORT ON A GO-
8 FORWARD BASIS. IT'S A HOTLINE, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE
9 BUREAUCRACY THAT WE APPARENTLY HAVE TO CUT THROUGH THAT
10 CREATES THE TIMEFRAME TO SET IT UP.

11

12 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** I SEE, I UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION. I'M
13 GOING TO STEP AWAY FROM THE MICROPHONE. I DON'T THINK THAT
14 QUESTION'S FOR ME.

15

16 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** WELL, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR,

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18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I DON'T SEE ANY DOUBT, YES.

19

20 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** YEAH, THERE'S TWO THINGS GOING ON. ONE IS
21 THE COUNTY-WIDE LEVEL CAP. AND SO THE HOTLINE IS FOR NOT JUST
22 FOR PROBATION, BUT FOR ANY DEPARTMENT. AND DESTINY MENTIONED
23 THE LIVING DOCUMENT, THE NATURE OF OUR, WE HAVE TO BE A
24 LEARNING ORGANIZATION. IT'S A GREAT SUGGESTION. WE CAN TALK TO
25 CSAC. WE CAN TALK TO NACO. THERE MAY BE TOOLS THAT HELP US NOT



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1 JUST WITH REPORTING, BUT RISK ANALYSIS AND RISK ASSESSMENT.
2 THERE ARE, AND THEN, YOU KNOW, AFTER THE COUNTYWIDE CAP, WHICH
3 APPLIES TO ALL DEPARTMENTS, AND THERE ARE VARIOUS THINGS IN
4 THERE THAT ARE BOTH FORWARD-FACING AND PREVENTION-BASED, THERE
5 ARE THE DEPARTMENTS. AND SO, WITH THE DEPARTMENTS IN
6 PARTICULAR, WORKING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, THEY HAVE ORDERED
7 EXTENSIVE REVIEWS OF POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROTOCOLS IN THE
8 DEPARTMENTS, PRIMARILY PROBATION AND DCFS. THOSE ARE ONGOING,
9 BUT THEY ARE EXTENSIVE. I WAS READING THROUGH A DRAFT, AND
10 IT'S STILL A DRAFT, BUT THEY'VE REVIEWED THOUSANDS OF PAGES OF
11 PROTOCOLS AND DOCUMENTS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. THEY'VE
12 INTERVIEWED PEOPLE, THEY'VE TALKED TO OIG, AND SO THERE'S MANY
13 LAYERS HERE, AND I DIDN'T WANT US TO LEAVE THIS CONVERSATION
14 THINKING THAT THE COUNTYWIDE OVERARCHING CAP IS EVERYTHING
15 BECAUSE IT'S NOT EVERYTHING BECAUSE I MENTIONED AT THE TOP
16 DEPARTMENTS ARE THE ONES WHO NEED TO BE IMPLEMENTING TO THEIR
17 OPERATIONS AND SO WE HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
18 KNOW WHAT WE NEED TO DO AND IMPLEMENT THOSE THINGS TO REDUCE
19 THE RISK. I THINK IT'S FOOLISH TO THINK WE'RE GOING TO
20 ELIMINATE EVERY RISK, BUT WE'RE LOOKING AT THINGS LIKE
21 FACILITY BLIND SPOTS, WHICH WE'VE NEVER LOOKED AT BEFORE. IT'S
22 ANOTHER LAYER. THERE ARE ISSUES WITH DOING THAT AND DOING IT
23 WELL AND DOING IT WITHIN OUR BUDGETED RESOURCES. WE'RE LOOKING
24 AT THINGS LIKE MAKING SURE THERE ARE VERY FEW OPPORTUNITIES
25 WHERE THERE WILL BE A COUNTY WORKER ALONE WITH A YOUTH. AND



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1 THAT IS A BIG OPERATIONAL SHIFT. SO THOSE ARE THINGS THAT
2 WE'RE DOING THAT I THINK ARE PREVENTION FOCUSED. AND IT'S NOT
3 JUST THE HOTLINE AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE, BUT WE ARE
4 DEFINITELY OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS. WE'LL TALK TO NACA. WE'LL TALK
5 TO CSAC AND IF THERE'S OTHER THINGS THAT EXIST WE WILL ADOPT
6 THEM.

7

8 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT JUST WHEN WE THE
9 AMOUNT OF TIME WE TALK WE SPENT TALKING ABOUT A HOTLINE. I
10 JUST THOUGHT THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING ELSE THROUGH WITH THE
11 USE OF TECHNOLOGY BESIDES A HOTLINE FOR THE INTENDED PURPOSE
12 THAT IT'S BEEN DESIGNED FOR. I APPRECIATE THAT THERE ARE
13 MULTIPLE LEVELS AND OTHER STRATEGIES, BUT THE AMOUNT OF TIME
14 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IT, THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT'S GOING TO TAKE
15 TO SET IT UP.

16

17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND THEY MONITOR THEIR PHONE CALLS AT OUR
18 JUVENILE FACILITIES. THOSE PHONES ARE MONITORED AND THEY KEEP
19 TRANSCRIPTS OF WHAT THOSE KIDS SAY ON THE PHONE.

20

21 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** THAT'S TRUE AND SUPERVISORS, WE'LL TAKE
22 BACK YOUR CHALLENGE TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT TECHNOLOGY TO SEE
23 IF THERE'S SOMETHING WE'VE MISSED. BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE,
24 YOU KNOW, THERE'S EMAILS, THERE'S THIRD PARTIES YOU CAN REPORT
25 TO NOW. SO, IF WE KEEP HARPING ON THE PHONES, THAT'S TRUE, BUT



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SUPERVISORS

1 THERE ARE THESE OTHER WAYS THAT PEOPLE CAN REPORT. BUT ON THE
2 PROBATION SIDE, WE'LL GO BACK AND TAKE ANOTHER.

3
4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I APPRECIATE THAT, AND THEN THE QUESTION IS,
5 HOW DO WE PUBLICIZE IT? BECAUSE THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEYS
6 UTILIZE PAID MEDIA, AND SO IF IT'S A HOTLINE OR WHATEVER IT
7 IS, I HOPE THAT WE CAN USE THE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
8 LAWS TO MAKE SURE THAT RADIO GIVES US EQUAL TIME BECAUSE URBAN
9 RADIO WAS USED IN EXCESS BY THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEYS. YOU
10 COULDN'T TURN ON AN URBAN RADIO STATION WITHOUT HEARING A
11 COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING THESE CASES AND SO I CERTAINLY HOPE
12 WHATEVER WE USE AS WE TALK ABOUT OUR OUTREACH THAT WE LEAN IN
13 AS HARD AND EITHER PAY FOR IT OR AGAIN ASK FOR THE PUBLIC
14 SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT AGREEMENT TO GET OUR VOICE HEARD AS WELL.

15
16 **JOSEPH GALVAN:** YES, SUPERVISOR, I'LL ECHO WHAT THE CHIEF SAID.
17 WE DO HAVE ELECTRONIC MEANS OF REPORTING THROUGH MANDATORY
18 REPORTERS WITH SCAR REPORTS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. AND I
19 THINK ONE OF THE MESSAGES WE WANT TO GET ACROSS IS NOT ONLY
20 REPORTING, WHICH I THINK WE'VE MADE CHANGES TO FOSTER AN
21 ENVIRONMENT, BUT TIMELY REPORTING. TIMELY REPORTING IS THE KEY
22 TO REALLY INVESTIGATING THESE EFFECTIVELY AND THOROUGHLY. AND
23 SO THAT IS PART OF THE MESSAGING. SOME OF THOSE THINGS THAT WE
24 PUT INTO PLACE, I KNOW THE OMBUDSMAN IS AN OLD CONCEPT BUT
25 HAVING ON-SITE OMBUDSMEN WHO ARE REGULARLY INTERACTING WITH



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE YOUTH --

2

3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** ESTABLISHED TRUST.

4

5 **JOSEPH GALVAN:** HAS PROVEN A REAL USEFUL TOOL FOR US. THEY ARE
6 REGULARLY INTERACTING WITH YOUTH PARENTS DURING VISITING. THAT
7 IS A REAL USEFUL TOOL FOR US. THEY ARE REGULARLY INTERACTING
8 WITH YOUTH PARENTS DURING VISITING. THAT IS A REAL USEFUL TOOL
9 FOR US. SO THAT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, SOMETHING THAT WE MAY
10 NOT HAVE ALWAYS HAD IN THE PAST.

11

12 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND THE TIMELY REPORTING GETS A LITTLE
13 CHALLENGING BECAUSE THE WHOLE POINT OF AB218 WAS ACKNOWLEDGING
14 NEW THERAPY PRACTICES AND UNDERSTANDING THAT SOMETIMES
15 MEMORIES ARE LATENT. AND SO I APPRECIATE FROM OUR NEED, IT
16 NEEDS TO BE TIMELY, BUT I THINK IT ALSO, WE NEED TO
17 COMMUNICATE THAT IT IS SAFE, THAT WHATEVER WAY IN WHICH YOU
18 CHOOSE TO REPORT THE ABUSE, THAT YOUR PRIVACY IS PROTECTED TO
19 THE DEGREE THAT IT CAN BE, THEN THAT IT'S A SAFE SPACE AND WAY
20 IN WHICH TO REPORT. SO, I THINK THE SAFETY ELEMENT IS
21 CRITICAL. JUST A COUPLE MORE QUESTIONS, MADAM CHAIR. TO OUR
22 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, I HEARD YOU LOUD AND CLEAR WITH
23 REGARD TO YOUR REMINDER TO ALL OF US ABOUT DUE PROCESS FOR
24 BOTH THE VICTIM AND THE ALLEGED PERPETRATOR. AND I GUESS FROM
25 MY PERSPECTIVE, ANOTHER ELEMENT OF DUE PROCESS IS TIMELINESS



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1 OF INVESTIGATIONS. THE FACT THAT THEY CAN TAKE SO VERY LONG,
2 THE FACT THAT, YOU KNOW, HOW ARE THE VICTIMS EVEN LOOPED IN TO
3 KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING ABOUT AN INVESTIGATION. AND SO, ARE WE
4 MAKING ANY PROGRESS ACROSS THE BOARD IN EXPEDITING TO THE
5 DEGREE APPROPRIATE THESE INVESTIGATIONS?

6
7 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** ABSOLUTELY, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF JOE
8 GALVAN AND THE COMPLETE RESTRUCTURING AND HAVING SORT OF
9 DEDICATED INVESTIGATORS FOR THIS, THESE PROCEED VERY
10 DIFFERENTLY. HOWEVER, AND I HAVE TO ADDRESS IT BECAUSE YOU'VE
11 MENTIONED IT, I DON'T WANT FOLKS TO BE UNDER THE MISCONCEPTION
12 THAT SOME OF THESE CASES, THERE'S NO INTERVIEW OR THERE'S NO
13 ACCESS TO THE VICTIM. AND SO, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER HOW
14 ROBUST OUR INVESTIGATIVE SIDE IS. IF THERE'S NO INTERVIEW WITH
15 A VICTIM, PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, WITNESSES, SO WE GET TO THAT WE
16 WANT JUSTICE FOR THE VICTIM, THAT THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING
17 CAN BE DONE IN THE COMPLETE ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE. WE'RE DOING
18 OUR PART. THESE ARE BEING PROCESSED AND EXPEDITED WITH
19 ULTIMATE PRIORITY. BUT THERE'S ONLY SO FAR THAT THEY CAN GO.
20 AND I THINK THERE'S A CONFUSION. YOU CAN BE A CLAIMANT AND A
21 VICTIM FOR COMPENSATION, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF DISCIPLINE OR
22 CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, THERE MAY BE NO EVIDENCE. AND THAT'S
23 SORT OF, I THINK, THE DISCONNECT WHEN I THINK SUPERVISORS ASK,
24 WELL, WHY WOULD A PERSON STILL BE EMPLOYED? BECAUSE THE FACT
25 THAT THEY WERE NAMED OR BY A CLAIMANT FOR PURPOSES OF



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SUPERVISORS

1 COMPENSATION DOESN'T MEAN THAT THERE'S ANYTHING, INCLUDING AN
2 INTERVIEW BEING PRESENTED, IN ORDER TO TAKE DISCIPLINE.

3
4 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** IF DISCHARGE HAPPENS, WE TALKED ABOUT
5 THAT, YOU KNOW, IN OUR CURRENT POLICY, ARE PENSIONS
6 AUTOMATICALLY FORFEITED?

7
8 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** THAT MIGHT BE A QUESTION FOR --

9
10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** IF DISCHARGE HAPPENS, YOU SAID WHAT IS
11 THE QUESTION, IF DISCHARGE HAPPENS, MY QUESTION IS, ARE
12 PENSIONS THEREFORE FORFEITED?

13
14 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** AT L.A. COUNTY COUNSEL, THERE'S A
15 DISTINGUISHED UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION
16 VERSUS A SIMPLE DISCHARGE.

17
18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THAT'S WHY I WAS ASKED.

19
20 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** I WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO DEFER TO OUR
21 DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. I THINK IF SOMEONE'S CRIMINALLY
22 CONVICTED, THEN SHE'S SAYING YES.

23
24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** IS THAT THE ONLY CIRCUMSTANCE IN
25 WHICH?



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2 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** I BELIEVE SO. I'LL DEFER TO THE --

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4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IT'S WHEN THE CRIME OCCURRED. THEY
5 GET A PENSION FOR ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED BEFORE THAT, CORRECT?

6

7 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** NO, I THINK IT'S FORFEITED WHEN THEY'RE
8 CRIMINALLY CONVICTED. BUT I WOULD DEFER TO LISA.

9

10 **LISA GARRETT:** YES, WHEN SOMEONE IS CRIMINALLY CONVICTED OF A
11 CRIME, THEY DO FORFEIT THEIR PENSION. IT DOESN'T HAPPEN JUST
12 FOR DISCHARGE, BUT IT'S --

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** JOE, THAT'S NOT RIGHT. I DON'T
15 THINK THAT'S ACCURATE, LISA.

16

17 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** I THINK THE QUESTION IS WHEN DOES IT KICK
18 IN?

19

20 **LISA GARRETT:** AND IT GOES BACK TO THE DATE OF THE ACTUAL
21 CRIME.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** EXACTLY.

24

25 **LISA GARRETT:** YES.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THE CRIME. SO, THEY GET A PENSION,
3 SO IF THEY COMMITTED THE CRIME IN 2023, IF THEY GOT A RAISE,
4 YOU KNOW, IN 2024 THAT MADE THEIR PENSION, THEY WILL NOT GET
5 THAT, THEY ONLY GET THE PENSION FOR WHAT THEY EARNED BEFORE
6 23.

7

8 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, IF THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE
9 SEPARATED, WHO HAVE RETIRED, HAVE BEEN COLLECTED A PENSION, IN
10 SOME OF THESE CASES, THEY GO BACK DECADES. WHAT DOES THAT
11 MEAN? DO THEY OWE THE COUNTY?

12

13 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** I THINK WE'D HAVE TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON
14 THAT.

15

16 **LISA GARRETT:** I AGREE.

17

18 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** I THINK WHAT SOUNDS LIKE THE RULE IS, ONCE
19 YOU COMMIT THE CRIME, YOUR PENSION IS FORFEITED FROM THAT
20 MOMENT IN TIME WHETHER WE ARE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT WE'D
21 HAVE TO FIND OUT.

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23 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** AND WE'LL LEAVE THAT A COUNTY COUNSEL'S
24 THERE WAS ALSO A RECENT MODIFICATION TO THAT THAT EXPANDED THE
25 TYPES OF CONVICTIONS THAT WAS EARLY ON. REALLY, I THINK WHAT



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1 YOU'RE GETTING AT HERE, SUPERVISOR, IS THE VAST MAJORITY OF
2 THESE CASES DON'T RESULT IN A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION. SO, IF WE
3 HAD, AND MANY OF THESE FOLKS WERE ALREADY RETIRED, AND THERE
4 IS NO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, THEN CLAWING BACK THAT PENSION IS
5 JUST IMPOSSIBLE.

6

7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** YEAH, AND I'M ASKING BECAUSE IT GOES
8 BACK, I THINK, TO THE QUESTION RAISED BY SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES
9 ABOUT WHAT REALLY CONSTITUTES PREVENTION. AND THAT'S A
10 CHALLENGING BECAUSE THE REALITY IS, I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT
11 THERE'S AN COUNTY EMPLOYEE IN ANY DEPARTMENT THAT DOESN'T
12 UNDERSTAND THAT CHILD ABUSE IS ILLEGAL AT THE MAX,
13 INAPPROPRIATE MINIMALLY. SO, IT'S NOT LACK OF INFORMATION. IT
14 IS ABOUT POWER AND CONTROL. AND SO, WHAT THAT WOULD ALTER THE
15 BEHAVIOR OF SOMEONE WHO ALREADY KNOWS THAT SAID BEHAVIOR IS
16 INAPPROPRIATE. SO, AS WE TALK ABOUT PREVENTION, LIKE WHAT IS
17 IT REALLY? BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE TRAINING WOULD ENTAIL
18 TO HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF VULNERABLE
19 PEOPLE WHO YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DAILY MOVEMENT FROM
20 POINT A TO B, ACCESS TO FOOD, I MEAN THAT IS A REAL CONTROLLED
21 SETTING THAT EXPLOITING THAT IS INAPPROPRIATE. SO, I
22 APPRECIATE THERE'S TRAINING. I DO THINK THAT WE NEED TO LOOK
23 INTO EVERY OPTION AVAILABLE TO MAKE THE CONSEQUENCE SO SEVERE
24 THAT IT WOULD ALTER A PERSON'S CHOICE AND BEHAVIOR. I
25 APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INVESTIGATION AND DUE PROCESS



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1 IN THE EVENT THAT PEOPLE WE GET TO THE END OF THE LINE WITH
2 SOMEONE AND I THINK IT SENDS A RESOUNDING MESSAGE TO ALL A
3 HUNDRED AND YOU KNOW 19,000 OF US ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF
4 INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR.

5

6 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** WELL, I PERSONALLY APPRECIATE THAT AND
7 WE ARE WILLING, OPEN AND LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER CONVERSATIONS
8 WITH RESPECT TO THAT.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER
13 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE
14 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WISH TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME
17 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. DR. ESRORULEH MOHAMMED. AS
18 A FINAL REMINDER FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS TO BE PLACED IN THE
19 SPEAKING QUEUE TO ADDRESS ITEM 6, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE
20 SO, USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE ON YOUR DEVICE OR PRESS STAR 3
21 ON YOUR TELEPHONE NOW. WE'LL CALL OUR 818-645. YOUR LINE IS
22 UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, IT'S ERIC PREVIN FROM STUDIO CITY. AND
25 LORANIGAN'S LAW, THIS BILL, YOU KNOW, WAS FUNDED BY ACTUALLY



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1 THOSE LAWYERS, AND IT IS BEING EXPLOITED. AND WHEN I HEARD THE
2 [INAUDIBLE] EXPLAINING ABOUT THE VENTURE CAPITALISTS FUNDING
3 ADDITIONAL LITIGATION, IT REALLY IS PAPERWORK AS I WROTE IN
4 THE DAILY NEWS. AND, YOU KNOW, THE SAD THING IS, ZEV WAS IN
5 THE HALL TODAY, VERY TOUCHING, VERSUS, THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON
6 FOR A VERY LONG TIME THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL GET THE
7 LONGEST SUSTAINED FLAWS LIKE COVERING IT UP WITH THE VERY
8 GREAT PRIVATE COUNSEL SITTING TO OUR LEFT AND RIGHT, WHO
9 HELPED US NEGOTIATE WITH THESE LORDS OF CARS. THEY MADE A
10 TERRIBLE DEAL. IT IS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE PUBLIC,
11 WHICH IS WHY THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN THE ROOM, THAT PEOPLE
12 WHO CAN'T EVEN SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE AND BE ASKED ABOUT
13 THE INCIDENT, IT'S ALL PAPERWORK. THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE
14 TRAVESTY, AND I DID, NO DISRESPECT TO VICTIMS, THERE ARE
15 VICTIMS EVERY DAY AND ONGOING, SO IT WAS A TEN-YEAR PROBATION
16 SAYING IT'S A DECADE OLD. PROBATION, READ THE NEWSPAPER, SIR.

17
18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ROY HUMPHREYS, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, PLEASE
19 BEGIN.

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21 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** THANK YOU, ROY HUMPHREY, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, A
22 TWILIGHT ZONE EXPERIENCE. I DO RESPECT THE DYNAMICS OF THE
23 TASK BEFORE THE PRESENT PROBATION DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP IN
24 DEALING WITH DECADES OF CRIMINAL CORRUPTION AND WISH THEM
25 WELL. THE SUPERVISORS PASSED AND PRESENT ALLOWED FELONY SEX



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SUPERVISORS

1 CRIMES WITHIN THEIR GOVERNANCE EXHIBIT ITEM 6, WHICH WAS IN
2 PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE FOR DECADES AND EXTENDS TO MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
3 AND MORE, WHICH WOULD BANKRUPT THE MORALLY BANKRUPT COUNTY IN
4 PERPETUITY. THE COUNTY MUST ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT
5 CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT UNDER A MODIFIED PENAL CODE 4025.
6 SUPERVISOR BARGER'S 35-YEAR-OLD KNOWLEDGE COMMENT IS MIND
7 BOGGLING. HAVING TO BE TRAINED TO REPORT SEX CRIMES, THE STAFF
8 NOTES THE HISTORY OF DENIAL OF LA LA LAND. SUPERVISOR MUST
9 VISIT THESE LOCKUPS UNANNOUNCED EACH WEEK. THANK YOU.

10
11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.
12 YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED.

13
14 **MEL BAILEY:** YES. YES, MEL BAILEY, DISTRICT 2. THE FIRST ONE
15 START OFF BY SAYING FOR THOSE SURVIVORS THAT WERE ACTUALLY
16 VICTIMIZED, YOU KNOW, THESE ACTS WERE JUST HORRIBLE AND
17 DISGUSTING. AND I AGREE WITH THE PUNISHMENT OF WHOEVER, YOU
18 KNOW, MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. SAY THAT THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF
19 AMAZING COUNTY EMPLOYEES OUT THERE THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO
20 WITH THIS AND ARE BEARING THE BRUNT OF THIS. I ASKED THAT, I
21 KNOW THAT THERE WAS A NUMBER GIVEN AS FAR AS INVESTIGATIONS,
22 BUT HAS NOTICE BEEN GIVEN TO ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE
23 UNDER INVESTIGATION? AND WHAT THE OTHER PART WAS ALREADY
24 ANSWERED. HOW WILL THE COUNTY EXONERATE THE NAMES OF THOSE
25 EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN ACCUSED THAT ARE FOUND TO HAVE BEEN



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1 ACTUALLY NOT GUILTY? AND THEN ALSO, OUR PUNITIVE MEASURE IS
2 GOING TO BE LEVIED UPON THOSE WHO HAVE FRAUDULENTLY REPORTED.
3 AND IT'D BE NICE TO KNOW ABOUT THE POOR BOY ASPECTS. AND 0.1%
4 IS TOO MUCH, BUT IT'D BE NICE TO KNOW I MAY HAVE MISSED A
5 PERCENTAGE OF THE EMPLOYEES WHO.

6

7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER
8 REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR
9 ITEM 6 IS NOW CONCLUDED. WE WILL GO TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS.
10 PLEASE BEGIN.

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12 **DR. ESRORULEH MOHAMMED:** DR. MUHAMMED FOR THE RECORD, CHAIR AND
13 SUPERVISORS, THIS SETTLEMENT REFLECTS THE SAME POSTVENTION AND
14 SYSTEMIC RISK LOGIC DOCUMENTED IN MY ADA-PROTECTED INTERACTIVE
15 PROCESS MEETING ON JANUARY 21, 2025, AND IN THE BUREAU OF CARE
16 TO CUSTODY CEMETERY PIPELINE PREVENTION FRAMEWORK, LATER
17 ENTERED INTO THE COUNTY RECORD. I ALSO WANT TO NOTE FOR
18 PROVIDENCE AND CONTINUITY THAT THE COUNTY EQUITY OVERSIGHT
19 PANEL INVESTIGATIVE FILES, INCLUDING 2025135038, 135756, AND
20 133757, FILED BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND SEPTEMBER 2025, CONTAIN
21 REAL-TIME EVIDENCE CONCERNING PREVENTABLE CHILD ABUSE, CHILD
22 FATALITIES, AND MEDICATION OVEREXPOSURE CASES THAT WERE FIRST
23 RAISED DURING THE SAME ADA PROTECTED PROCESS. THESE FILINGS
24 ILLUSTRATE HOW EARLY PREVENTION FAILURES ESCALATE INTO BOTH
25 HUMAN AND FINANCIAL LIABILITY. ALIGNING TODAY'S SETTLEMENT



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1 WITH THOSE EXISTING --

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3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
4 BOARD, THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 6 IS
5 BEFORE YOU.

6

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

9

10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK YOU
11 ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CRIMINAL.
12 THE CRIMINAL STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR FELONY-LEVEL SEXUAL
13 CRIMES FOR AN ADULT IS TEN YEARS. IF THE VICTIM WAS UNDER 18,
14 THE PROSECUTOR HAS TO FILE CHARGES BY THE INDIVIDUAL'S 40TH
15 BIRTHDAY AND MISDEMEANORS HAVE SHORTER LIMITATIONS.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, THANK YOU FOR THAT.
18 SUPERVISOR HORVATH. ACTUALLY SENT ME A CHART WITH IT BECAUSE I
19 KNEW THAT THERE WAS A STATUTE LIMITATION, WHICH JUST IS IRONIC
20 TO ME BECAUSE IF THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATION IS
21 ACCOUNTABILITY, YOU WOULD THINK THAT THE AUTHOR WOULD WANT TO
22 HOLD THE PERPETRATOR ACCOUNTABLE. BUT I GUESS THAT WAS LOST ON
23 HER WHEN SHE SPONSORED THIS LETTER.

24

25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I FOLLOW? ANY CAUSE WHERE



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SUPERVISORS

1 ABUSE HAS BEEN FOUNDED, DOES THAT GET FORWARDED TO THE D.A.
2 FOR PROSECUTION?

3

4 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** WE WOULD AFFORD ANY CASES THAT WE BELIEVE
5 WERE, WE WOULD JUST FORWARD THEM AND LET THE D.A. DO HIS OWN
6 INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINATION.

7

8 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH. OKAY.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, SEEING NO
11 OTHER COMMENTS, I WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS
12 TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

13

14 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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

17

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

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

22

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

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

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3 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE.

4 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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8 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN. AYE.

9 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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

12

13 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION
14 CARRIES, 5 TO 0. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON
15 ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS, INCLUDING CLOSED SESSION
16 MATTERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AT THIS TIME, WE WILL HEAR
17 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL
18 ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION BY SUPERVISORS, INCLUDING CLOSED
19 SESSION MATTERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THESE CONSENT
20 ITEMS WILL BE ACTED UPON WITH ONE MOTION. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
21 PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS, PLEASE
22 USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU'RE ONLINE, OR PRESS STAR 3
23 IF ON A TELEPHONE. PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS
24 THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS IN THE BEGINNING OF YOUR COMMENT FOR
25 US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW CALL, SORRY. WE WILL NOW CALL
3 IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD WE WILL
4 TAKE REMOTE SPEAKERS. THIS WILL BE FOR ITEMS 7 AND 8, CLOSED
5 SESSION MATTERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. J.O. BRAGANCA,
6 ALYSSA TATE, DR. ESRORULEH MOHAMMED, DOUGLAS KIM, ALYSSA TATE,
7 JAIME MONTOYA, ROSIE ESPINOSA, NICHOLAS CARDUCCI. MELISSA
8 BUMSTEAD, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND
9 BEGIN.

10

11 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** THE COMMENT IS TO STAY APPROPRIATE TIME.

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES.

14

15 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THIS IS FOR ITEM 7, 8, AND
16 CLOSED SESSION MATTERS, AND WE WILL BE PROVIDING ONE MINUTE
17 AND 30 SECONDS AT MAXIMUM, BUT IF YOU HAVE ONE ITEM, IT WILL
18 BE ONE MINUTE.

19

20 **MELISSA BUMSTEAD:** OKAY, I APOLOGIZE. THIS IS FOR GENERAL
21 PUBLIC COMMENT. I HAVE A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE
22 AGENDA.

23

24 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES, THAT'S, YOU CAN SPEAK NOW.

25



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1 **MELISSA BUMSTEAD:** OKAY, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MELISSA
2 BUMSTEAD. I'M WITH A GROUP CALLED PARENTS AGAINST THE SANTA
3 SUSANNA FIELD APP. I WANTED TO MAKE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
4 AWARE THAT BOEING HAS SUBMITTED THEIR CORRECTIVE MEASURE STUDY
5 CALLED THE CMS AND THE DTSC HAS RELEASED THEIR STATEMENT OF
6 BASIS. WE FOUND SOME EXTREMELY ALARMING ISSUES UNDER THESE
7 DOCUMENTS THAT WILL ALLOW FOR BOEING TO DO MINIMAL TESTING,
8 ONE SAMPLE PER TEN TRUCKLOADS, BEFORE DECLARING THE SOIL NON-
9 HAZARDOUS AND SENDING IT TO CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL LANDFILLS
10 SUCH AS SIMI VALLEY AND AZUSA. COMMENTS ARE DUE TO THE DTSC BY
11 MIDNIGHT, OCTOBER 30TH, AND I WOULD ASK THE BOARD TO SUBMIT A
12 STATEMENT SAYING THAT THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. WE NEED
13 COMPREHENSIVE TESTING BEFORE ANY WASTE FROM THE SANTA SUSANNA
14 FIELD REACHES MUNICIPAL. THANK YOU.

15
16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. KRISTEN MUNSON, PLEASE STATE THE
17 AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING AND BEGIN. KRISTEN MUNSON,
18 PLEASE BEGIN. OKAY. NEXT CALLER. CALLER, PLEASE STATE THE
19 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND BEGIN.

20
21 **MEL BAILEY:** MEL BAILEY, DISTRICT 2 MY THIS QUESTION GOES ALONG
22 THE LINES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE CITY, AND I WONDER IF
23 THERE'S ANY ASSESSMENT OR ANY EVALUATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE
24 TO IDENTIFY IF THE ILLEGAL FIREWORKS THAT ARE REGULARLY USED
25 ESPECIALLY OUT HERE AND IN MY DISTRICT IF THERE'S ANYTHING



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1 THAT'S BEING DONE TO IDENTIFY IF THOSE ILLEGAL FIREWORKS ARE
2 INTERFERING WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF OUR STREETS AND OUR
3 HIGHWAYS, WHICH ENDS UP COSTING TAXPAYERS MUCH MORE MONEY DOWN
4 THE ROAD. SO THAT'S ALL I HAVE, AND POTHOLES AS WELL. THANK
5 YOU.

6

7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. KYRSTIN MUNSON, PLEASE BEGIN.
8 PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND BEGIN.

9

10 **KYRSTIN MUNSON:** OKAY, HI, THIS IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE.

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES.

13

14 **KYRSTIN MUNSON:** RIGHT, SO I'M ALSO CALLING ABOUT THE SANTA
15 SUSANA FIELD LAB. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY NOT KNOW, IT'S ON
16 THE VENTURA L.A. COUNTY BORDER, WHERE IT WAS USED FOR ROCKET
17 TESTING AND NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTS, LEAVING BACK DANGEROUS
18 CHEMICALS AND RADIATION THAT CAUSES CANCER AND OTHER HEALTH
19 PROBLEMS. THERE'S OVER A HUNDRED PEDIATRIC CANCERS THAT
20 SURROUND THE SANTA SUSANNA FIELD LABS THAT WE STRONGLY BELIEVE
21 ARE VERY LINKED TO THE RESIDUE AND THE CLEANUP PLAN AS YOU
22 HEARD IS DUE, COMMENTS ARE DUE OCTOBER 30TH AND WE'RE VERY,
23 VERY, CONCERNED THAT THE PROPOSAL IS LEAVING BEHIND A LOT OF
24 CONTAMINANTS. THEY'RE NOT EVEN TOUCHING CONTAMINANTS IN MORE
25 THAN 50 AREAS AND THE PLAN CURRENTLY ASSUMES THAT THE



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1 CONTAMINANTS DON'T MIGRATE OFFSITE, WHICH WE CERTAINLY KNOW
2 AND HAVE SEEMED TO BE THE CASE AND ESPECIALLY IF THERE'S ANY
3 WILDFIRES CAN ALSO GET INTO THE WATER TABLES AND WE'RE VERY
4 CONCERNED THAT THE DTSC CLAIMS. THANK YOU.

5
6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. JENNY KNACK, PLEASE STATE THE
7 AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING AND BEGIN.

8
9 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** COMMENT, DTSC'S RELEASED THE WASTE
10 CHARACTERIZATION METHODS FOR BOEING'S SSFL CLEANUP, AND THEY
11 THREATENED TO UNDER CLASSIFY THE MAJORITY OF EXCAVATED SOILS
12 AS NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE. THEY STATE THEN THEY PLAN TO DISPOSE
13 OF 85% OF THE WASTE AS NON-HAZARDOUS IN MUNICIPAL WASTE
14 FACILITIES OF AZUSA AND SIMI VALLEY, WHICH ARE UNLICENSED TO
15 RECEIVE HAZARDOUS OR RADIOACTIVE WASTE. BOEING CMS REPORTS
16 ESTIMATE THAT 85% OF THE SOILS WILL BE CHARACTERIZED AS NON-
17 HAZARDOUS. THAT'S ONE SAMPLE PER 150 CUBIC YARDS WILL BE
18 TAKEN. THAT'S ESSENTIALLY ONE SAMPLE FOR EVERY 10 TO 15
19 TRUCKLOADS 97 CONSTITUENTS OF CONCERN IT SFL ARE CLASSIFIED AS
20 HAZARDOUS BY CALIFORNIA REGULATION 78 ARE DEEMED TOXIC 38
21 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS WE ASK YOU TO INSTRUCT DTSC STAFFERS TO
22 MANDATE THEY TEST EVERY TRUCK --

23
24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ROY HUMPHRIES, PLEASE STATE THE
25 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND BEGIN.



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2 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, THE SUPERVISORS GANG OF
3 FOUR DEMOCRATS VOTED TO SPEND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON ILLEGAL
4 ALIENS TO INCLUDE THE SECOND-GENERATION BIDEN GROUP WHILE
5 STABBING THE LEGACY ILLEGALS IN THE BACK. FEDERAL DEMOCRATS
6 HAVE CHOSEN TO IMPOSE AND PERPETRATE A MORAL OUTRAGE STRESSOR
7 ON THE QUOTE MOST VULNERABLE AND UNDERSERVED AS A MEANS TO
8 EXTORT AND CONTINUE FRAUDULENT USE OF FEDERAL HEALTH FUNDS.
9 YOU CREATED THE MONSTER FOR POLITICAL GAIN. ALL THINGS HAVE
10 ENDPOINTS AND THANKS TO PRESIDENT TRUMP AND COMPANY, YOUR
11 CRIMINAL PARASITIC LEECHING WILL COME TO A JUST END. YOU
12 AREN'T THE GOD PROTECT PRESIDENT TRUMP FROM THE ASSASSINS.
13 MORAL OUTRAGES ON THE DEMOCRATS FOR HOLDING THE NATION HOSTAGE
14 AS DEMOCRATS WITH THE --

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER
17 REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR
18 THESE ITEMS IS NOW CONCLUDED. WE WILL GO TO IN-PERSON
19 SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

20

21 **ALYSSA TATE:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. TODAY I'M ADDRESSING ITEM 7
22 AND 8. HI, MY NAME IS ALYSSA TATE, AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING
23 THE AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTY. THIS PAST JANUARY, I LOST MY
24 HOME OF EIGHT YEARS IN THE EATON CANYON FIRE. MY COMMUNITY, MY
25 BELONGINGS, AND EVERY FAMILY PHOTO I OWNED ARE GONE. EVEN



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1 THOUGH TODAY'S AGENDA FOCUSES ON CONTINUING THE STATE OF
2 EMERGENCY TO REBUILD INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SURVIVORS, THE
3 INTERNAL HORROR PERSISTS LONG AFTER THE FLAMES ARE OUT. AS A
4 SURVIVOR AND A MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST, I KNOW THAT HEALING A
5 COMMUNITY SCARS TAKES MORE THAN REBUILDING WALLS. I SUPPORT
6 EXTENDING PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE 22050, BUT URGE THAT IT ALSO
7 COVER MENTAL HEALTH, TRAUMA RECOVERY, AND COMMUNITY
8 REBUILDING. BECAUSE REAL RECOVERY MEANS REBUILDING PEOPLE, NOT
9 JUST PROPERTY. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON. IT'S
14 TEAM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS JOHN BERGANZA AND I'M
15 ALSO A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTY. I CAME HERE TO
16 DISCUSS THE EATON FIRE DISASTER, BUT I NOTICED SOMETHING WHEN
17 AGENDA ITEM 6 WAS ALSO BEING DISCUSSED. BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THE
18 LEGISLATURES ARE SETTING UP LAWS THAT ARE JUST DESIGNED TO PAY
19 THE LAWYERS IN THESE MASSIVE LAWSUITS, AND THEY AREN'T DOING
20 ANYTHING TO PREVENT ANYTHING. ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS ASKED,
21 YOU KNOW, WHAT CAN WE DO TO KEEP THESE KIDS FROM GETTING
22 ABUSED AGAIN IN THESE FACILITIES. I WOULD ALSO ASK THE SAME
23 QUESTION REGARDING THE FIRES. WHAT CAN WE DO TO PREVENT THESE
24 FIRES IN THE FUTURE? IT JUST SEEMS THAT NOTHING IS BEING DONE
25 TO PREVENT THESE DISASTERS, AND IT'S ALL JUST GOING TO END UP



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1 IN THE POCKETS OF LAWYERS. YEAH, THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.
2 THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **JAIME MONTOYA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
7 IS JAIME MONTOYA. I'M HERE WITH MY LAHSA BY THREE TEAM. DURING
8 THE LAST WEEK'S COMMISSION MEETING, WE WERE INFORMED THAT
9 COUNTY WOULD NOT BE ABSORBING LOSSES NEXT YEAR AFTER MOVING
10 ITS FUNDING TO THE NEW L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
11 HOMELESSNESS SERVICES. THIS LAYING OFF A LOT OF OUR HOMELESS
12 ENGAGEMENT TEAMS. WE WOULD LIKE TO PLEASE ASK IF THIS COULD BE
13 RECONSIDERED. OUR OUTREACH TEAMS ARE ESSENTIAL IN REDUCING
14 HOMELESSNESS PATHWAY HOME AND INSIDE SAFE OPERATIONS. TWO THAT
15 OUR MAYOR HAS SPOKEN HIGHLY OF, WHICH OUR TEAMS HAVE BEEN THE
16 REASON FOR THEIR SUCCESS. FROM UTILIZING EVIDENCE-BASED
17 PRACTICES, SUCH AS TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE AND MOTIVATIONAL
18 INTERVIEWING, THE TEAM ENGAGED MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORS INTO
19 HOUSING, WHERE NOW OUR TEAMS ARE FACING THE SAME FATE OF BEING
20 HOMELESS THEMSELVES. WE HAVE FACED MANY EMERGENCIES SUCH AS
21 WILDFIRES, INCLUDING THE PALISADE AND EDEN FIRES, COVID FLOODS
22 WITH HEAVY RAIN AND OTHER EMERGENCIES THAT BREAK OUT. I ASK
23 NOT TO TRANSFER EVERYONE, BUT OF COURSE I ASK IF THEY MAY HAVE
24 THE OPPORTUNITY TO AT LEAST APPLY FIRST BEFORE THE FLOODGATES
25 OPEN.



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

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4 **NICOLAS CARDUCCI:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NICOLAS CARDUCCI
5 AND I WANT TO SPEAK FOR ITEM 7 AND 8. I AND MY TWO CHILDREN
6 NEED YOUR HELP TO REUNITE. THEIR LIVES ARE AT STAKE. WE SEEK
7 JUSTICE FOR THEIR ABUSE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW LONG OUR
8 GOVERNMENT LET MY CHILDREN TO BE ABUSED AND EVENTUALLY KILLED
9 UNTIL IT'S TAKING ACTION TO PROTECT THEM. MY TWO CHILDREN WERE
10 KIDNAPPED AND BEING HELD AGAINST THEIR WILL BY CPS BASED ON
11 FALSE ALLEGATIONS WHICH I PROVED TO BE FALSE. KIDNAPPING
12 CHILDREN AND TRAFFICKING THEM IS A BUSINESS FOR DCFS. I AND
13 THE CHILDREN WERE PERSECUTED, TERRORIZED AND ALIENATED BY THE
14 DCFS AND CHILDREN FAMILY COURT FOR SPEAKING UP AGAINST THE
15 ALLEGED ABUSE. THE DCFS AND THE COURT WHO SUPPOSED TO PROTECT
16 THE CHILDREN ARE ABUSING THEM. WE WERE DEPRIVED BY OUR
17 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND DUE PROCESS. THE SOCIAL WORKER AND
18 THE MOTHER THREATENED TO PUT THE CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE IF
19 THEY COULD AND THEY WILL NEVER SEE ME AGAIN IF THEY COULD
20 COMPLAIN AGAINST THE ABUSE. AS A RESULT, MY SON HAS SUICIDAL
21 THOUGHTS AND MY DAUGHTER GOT HEART PROBLEMS BECAUSE I'M NOT
22 ALLOWED TO RETURN TO LIVE WITH ME. A DCFS SOCIAL WORKER CALLED
23 ME LAST WEEK, SAYING THAT THE MOTHER HAS THE RIGHT TO
24 DISCIPLINE THE CHILDREN BECAUSE THEY WERE MISBEHAVING. THE
25 MOTHER OF OUR CHILDREN BRUTALLY BEAT UP OUR CHILDREN,



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1 THREATENING THEIR LIVES, AND CARRY OUT TO DEADLY THREATS
2 AGAINST THEM. THE MOTHER PUNCHED AND KICKED IN THE HEAD 20 TO
3 30 TIMES AS HER RUSSIAN CALLED OUR TEN YEARS OLD AUTISTIC SON.
4 SHE THREATENED --

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

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8 **DOUGLAS KIM:** HI, MY NAME IS DOUGLAS KIM AND I'M ALSO WITH THE
9 AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTY. HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL, THE JANUARY
10 FIRES IN PALISADES AND EATON EXPOSED A CRISIS OF NEGLECTED
11 CORPORATE GREED. CHRONIC BUDGET CUTS HAVE GUTTED THE LAFD
12 TRUCK MAINTENANCE, LEAVING FIREFIGHTERS POWERLESS. NINE MONTHS
13 LATER, WE'RE STILL IN EMERGENCE MODE UNDER SECTION 22050,
14 GREEN LIGHTING NO BID CONTRACTS AMID DELAYS THAT CRIPPLE
15 RECOVERY. REV GROUP, DOMINATING 44% OF THE US FIRETRUCK MARKET
16 AND 85% OF THE LACFD'S FLEET EXPLOITS THIS WITH PREDATORY
17 DELAYS UP TO TWO YEARS FOR PARTS PUSHING SHODDY OVERPRICED
18 WALMART FIRE TRUCKS. FIREFIGHTERS REPORT BREAKDOWNS IN
19 RESPONSE ENDANGERING LIVES. SINCE 2010, THE PRIVATE EQUITY
20 CONSOLIDATION HAS CREATED A MONOPOLY INFLATING COSTS AND
21 STARVING REPAIRS. THIS ISN'T ACCIDENTAL, IT'S PROFIT OVER
22 PEOPLE. SO, THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO REVOLUTIONIZE PUBLIC SAFETY,
23 EQUITY OVER EXPLOITATION, RESILIENCE OVER GREED. LET'S RECLAIM
24 OUR FIREFIGHTERS' TOOLS AND PROTECT EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK
25 YOU.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR
3 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
4 BOARD, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, 7 AND 8. THESE
5 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S MOVED BY
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE
9 THESE ITEMS WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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12 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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16 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE.
17 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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

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21 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE.
22 SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

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24 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AYE.

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1 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE.

2 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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

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6 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE.

7 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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

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11 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION

12 CARRIES, 5 TO 0. WE WILL NOW PROCEED WITH AN ADJOURNMENT.

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14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, THIS IS GOING TO BE AN ALL
15 MEMBERS. SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY
16 OF DOMINIC GILLOTTE, MARINE CORPS VETERAN AND BUSINESSMAN WHO
17 PASSED AWAY ACTUALLY ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2025. DOMINIC LIVED A
18 RICH LIFE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN THE MARINES AND AS AN ALLIED
19 CRAFT TRADE PRESSMAN PRINTER. HE LOVED DONUTS AND COFFEE AND
20 ONLY AFTER MARRYING HIS BELOVED WIFE WILMA DID HE LEARN TO EAT
21 RICE AND VEGETABLES AND THE OTHER HEALTHY FOOD SHE COOKED FOR
22 HIM. DOMINIC WHO WAS ITALIAN ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HIS FACE
23 AND BROUGHT A FIRE TO EVERYTHING HE DID. HE LED BY EXAMPLE AND
24 WORKED HARD TO PROVIDE FOR HIS FAMILY. HE WILL BE MISSED BY
25 ALL THAT KNEW HIM AND HIS MARK ON THIS WORLD WILL FOREVER BE



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1 REMEMBERED BY HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY. DOMINIC SURVIVED BY HIS
2 WIFE WILMA AND HIS THREE CHILDREN, DAVE GILLOTTE, PRESIDENT OF
3 1014, CHERYL AND STEVE. THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE THAT AS A MOTION
4 AND SECOND IT WITH NO OBJECTION. THAT WILL BE UNANIMOUS VOTE
5 ON THAT ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED
6 SESSION.

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8 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THE
9 BOARD WILL NOW BE GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH
10 THE BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. THE BOARD
11 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS. ITEM
12 NUMBER CS2, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, JOE NICCHITTA,
13 ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AND ITEM
14 NUMBER CS3, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AS
15 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS.

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17 **[CLOSED SESSION]**

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19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE ARE BACK IN SESSION.
20 EXECUTIVE OFFICE, PLEASE READ US, READ ANY REPORTABLE ACTION.

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22 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF
23 ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON OCTOBER 28, 2025, ITEM
24 NUMBER CS2 AND CS3. NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN.

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING
2 WILL BEGIN AT 11 0'CLOCK, NOT 9.30, NEXT TUESDAY, OCTOBER, OR
3 NO, NOVEMBER, WHAT IS IT? FOURTH, NOVEMBER 4TH AT 11 0'CLOCK.
4 WE ARE ADJOURNED. ELECTION DAY, THAT'S RIGHT.

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2 qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
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11 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
12 related to any party to the said action; nor in anywise
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14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
15 7th day of November 2025, for the County records to be used
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