



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2025

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND BEGIN THE BOARD MEETING. GOOD MORNING. WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2025. PLEASE NOTE THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN WILL BE ABSENT FROM OUR MEETING TODAY. 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 WILL BEGIN TODAY'S BOARD MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR [VIDEO RECORDING]: THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND ORIGINALLY AND STILL INHABITED AND CARE FOR BY THE TONGVA, TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH, AND CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS AND DESCENDANTS, PAST, PRESENT, AND EMERGING, AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS. WE 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



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

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14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL
15 BE LED BY PASTOR DAVID LAIRD, PEARBLOSSOM FOURSQUARE CHURCH,
16 PEARBLOSSOM FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF
17 ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY HENRY FIMBRES, MEMBERS, SONS OF THE
18 AMERICAN LEGION, MONTEBELLO FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT. IF YOU
19 ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

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21 **PASTOR DAVID LAIRD:** DEAR JESUS, WE COME RIGHT NOW AND WE ASK
22 FOR YOUR GUIDANCE IN THE CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING OUR COUNTY.
23 WE HAVE LOTS OF NEEDS FOR A LOT OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE. I PRAY
24 THAT YOU WILL GIVE WISDOM TO THESE COUNCIL MEMBERS. I PRAY
25 THAT THEIR LEADERSHIP WILL EMPHASIZE SERVANT OTHERS, HUMILITY,



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1 INTEGRITY, AND COURAGE. I PRAY THEY WILL SEIZE THEIR LEADERS
2 RESPONSIBILITY TO SERVE THE PEOPLE YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED TO THEM,
3 TO LEAD WITH AN UPRIGHT HEART AND TO BE AN EXAMPLE OF GOOD
4 CONDUCT, INTEGRITY, FAITH, AND HOPE. WE JUST ASK THESE THINGS
5 AND WE ASK THAT YOU BLESS US IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.

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

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15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** FOR 25, OR FOR 23 YEARS, I ADDED
16 TWO YEARS TO THAT, FOR 23 YEARS, PASTOR DAVID LAIRD HAS BEEN
17 IN MINISTRY AT PEARBLOSSOM FOURSQUARE CHURCH, WHICH IS IN THE
18 RURAL EASTERN PART OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. WITH A TEAM OF
19 LOVING VOLUNTEERS, PEARBLOSSOM FOURSQUARE FEEDS AND CLOTHES
20 MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE A WEEK. A GRADUATE OF NORTH CENTRAL
21 UNIVERSITY, PASTOR DAVID HAS BEEN IN PASTORAL MINISTRY FOR
22 MORE THAN 47 YEARS, INCLUDING TWO YEARS AS A MISSIONARY IN
23 GUAM. IN ADDITION, PASTOR DAVID HAS WORKED FOR 20 YEARS AT
24 KEPPEL UNION HIGH SCHOOL, OR SCHOOL DISTRICT, 16 YEARS AS A
25 LIBRARIAN, AND FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS AS A SUBSTITUTE



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1 TEACHER. AND YOU'RE WEARING THIS IN CELEBRATION OF AN AUTISTIC
2 STUDENT THAT YOU HAVE?

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4 **PASTOR DAVID LAIRD:** YES, I AM, MAX.

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6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MAX. PASTOR DAVID AND HIS WIFE
7 LAURA, WHO IS IN THE AUDIENCE, HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 31
8 BEAUTIFUL YEARS. THEIR SON KENDRICK IS FINISHING HIS SECOND
9 MASTER'S DEGREE AT PACIFIC RIM CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY IN HAWAII.
10 PASTOR DAVID, THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN THE INVOCATION AND
11 FOR ALL THE TIRELESS SERVICE THAT YOU PROVIDE FOR THOSE IN
12 NEED. LET'S GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THANK YOU. THANK
13 YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I
16 WANT TO THANK HENRY BIMBIDES FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND LEADING
17 US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. HENRY IS A DEDICATED PUBLIC
18 SERVANT AND COMMUNITY LEADER WHOSE LIFE EXEMPLIFIES SERVICE,
19 INTEGRITY, AND COMMITMENT TO OTHERS. FOR OVER FIVE DECADES, HE
20 PROUDLY CALLED THE FIRST DISTRICT HIS HOME, ACTUALLY
21 CONTRIBUTING SO MANY COUNTLESS WAYS TO THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO.
22 HENRY CURRENTLY SERVES AS A TRAINING COMMAND OF THE CALIFORNIA
23 STATE GUARD, WHERE HE SERVES AS FIRST LIEUTENANT. HE HELPS TO
24 DEVELOP AND PREPARE THE GUARD PERSONNEL TO SERVE OUR STATE IN
25 TIMES OF NEED. HIS MILITARY SERVICE REFLECTS THE SAME



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1 DEDICATION THAT DEFINED HIS CIVILIAN CAREER, ONE MARKED BY
2 LEADERSHIP AND COMPASSION. BEFORE JOINING THE STATE GUARD,
3 HENRY SERVED AS A CHIEF OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE STATE OF
4 CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION PARK AND AS CHIEF OF SCHOOL SAFETY FOR
5 THE NORWALK-L.A. MIRADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. IN THOSE
6 ROLES, HE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO ENSURE SAFE ENVIRONMENTS FOR
7 THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND VISITORS, ALWAYS GUIDED BY A
8 DEEP SENSE OF DUTY TO PROTECT AND UPLIFT OTHERS. BEYOND HIS
9 PROFESSIONAL LIFE, HENRY CONTINUES TO SERVE HIS COMMUNITY IN
10 MANY WAYS. HE IS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO
11 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, ENSURING THAT THERE IS FAIRNESS AND
12 MERIT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT HIRING. HE ALSO SERVES AS VICE
13 PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL LATINO PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION,
14 EAST LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, WHERE HE ADVOCATES FOR DIVERSITY,
15 MENTORSHIP, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.
16 HENRY'S DEDICATION EXTENDS TO HIS FAITH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.
17 AT THE ARC MONTEBELLO, HE PLAYS AN ACTIVE ROLE IN BOTH THE
18 MARRIAGE MINISTRY AND THE MILITARY MINISTRY, OFFERING GUIDANCE
19 AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO FAMILIES AND VETERANS ALIKE. HE IS ALSO A
20 PROUD MEMBER OF THE MONTEBELLO ALLIANCE CLUB, SUPPORTING LOCAL
21 CHARITABLE EFFORTS AND SERVES AS PART OF THE HONOR GUARD FOR
22 AMERICAN LEGION POST 272. AND THAT'S WHERE I'VE SEEN YOU ON
23 MANY, MANY OCCASIONS. HENRY, ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I WANT TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS
25 CERTIFICATE THAT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS AND



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1 WISH YOU SUCCESS AND CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR ALL YOUR ENDEAVORS.
2 WE THANK YOU SO MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
3 AND FOR THE FOLKS IN MONTEBELLO, BECAUSE I KNOW THEY
4 APPRECIATE YOU. SO, WITH THAT I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU ALSO A
5 CHALLENGE COIN. THANK YOU. YOU'RE TOO FAST. THANK YOU.
6 GRACIAS.

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8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE TWO BEAUTIFUL
9 PUPPIES WITH US TODAY. THIS IS KYLA. AND THAT IS FERN. TWO-
10 MONTH-OLD HUSKIES WHO ARE EQUAL PARTS ADORABLE AND LOVING, AND
11 THEY REALLY ARE. THIS DYNAMIC DUO IS PLAYFUL AND CURIOUS,
12 SPENDING THEIR TIME ALTERNATING BETWEEN EXPLORING, PLAYING,
13 EATING, AND OF COURSE NAPPING A MUST. AFTER BEING TRANSFERRED
14 FROM THE PALMDALE CARE CENTER, THEY'VE BEEN STAYING WITH A
15 FOSTER FAMILY AND I WAS TOLD THAT THE FOSTER FAMILY FAILED
16 BECAUSE THEY KEPT ONE OF THEM. BUT NOW THESE TWO NEED TO FIND
17 FOR FOREVER HOMES. SO, TO OPEN UP YOUR HEART AND YOUR HOME TO
18 KYLA OR FERN OR BOTH, CALL THE AGOURA CARE CENTER AT 818-991-
19 0071. AGAIN, KYLA AND FERN, AND THEY REALLY ARE VERY, VERY
20 SWEET. AND HE SAID THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET TOO BIG. THEIR MOM
21 IS ABOUT 40 POUNDS SO THAT'S I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING MORE
22 THAN HUSKY IN THEM. YEAH AND NOW PLEASE TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO
23 THE SCREEN FOR OUR PET FROM PALMDALE. MEET HEWITT, A FOUR-
24 YEAR-OLD GERMAN SHEPHERD. THE CARE CENTER STAFF HAS BEEN VERY
25 SWEET AND WOULD LOVE, HE'S BEEN VERY SWEET AND WOULD LOVE TO



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1 MAKE HIM SOMEONE'S FOREVER PARTNER. WE HAVE A LOT OF LARGE
2 DOGS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. WE HAVE A LOT OF ANIMALS IN ALL
3 OF OUR SHELTERS, BUT UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WE HAVE A LOT
4 OF LARGE DOGS WHO ARE ABANDONED INTO THE DESERT, WHO ARE
5 LOOKING FOR LOVING HOMES. THE BIGGER DOGS MEAN EVEN MORE LOVE
6 AND MORE SNUGGLES. SO, IF YOU WANT TO GIVE HEWITT THE LOVE HE
7 DESERVES, CALL THE PALMDALE CARE CENTER AT 661-575-2888. ALL
8 RIGHT. YEAH. OKAY. WITH THAT EXECUTIVE OFFICER. WILL YOU
9 PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA?

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11 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND
12 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO,
13 SET MATTER 1. SET MATTER 1 IS A REPORT BY THE ACTING CHIEF
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON THE COUNTY'S BUDGET, INCLUDING THE LATEST
15 FEDERAL AND STATE POLICY CHANGES WITH POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO
16 COUNTY STAFF, CONTRACTED PROVIDERS, AND SERVICE DELIVERY. ON
17 STEP MATTER 1, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR REPORT. ON PAGE
18 THREE, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 2 THROUGH
19 10. ON ITEM 6, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
20 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 8, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT
21 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED
22 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 10, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
23 OF THE BOARD REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO
24 NOVEMBER 4TH, 2025. ON PAGE TEN, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS
25 11 TO 45. ON ITEM 12, SUPERVISOR HORFATH REQUESTS THAT THIS



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1 ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 27. ON ITEM 19, THE
2 DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH WOULD LIKE TO REVISE THE BOARD
3 LETTER TO REMOVE RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 4. ON ITEM 21,
4 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IS RECUSING HERSELF ON THE VOTE PURSUANT
5 TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308 BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A
6 CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$500 WITHIN THE
7 PAST 12 MONTHS FROM JIM MANGIA, WHO IS A PARTY PARTICIPANT OR
8 AGENT OF A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING. ON ITEM 26,
9 THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
10 AGENDA. ON ITEM 27, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
11 BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 12. ON PAGE 37, THE CHIEF
12 PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS
13 TO NOVEMBER 4, 2025. ON ITEM 41, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS
14 INDICATED ON A SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 33, THIS INCLUDES
15 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
16 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
17 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEMS 43A THROUGH 43F. ON PAGE 34,
18 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM 46. ON PAGE 35, NOTICES OF
19 CLOSED SESSION, ITEM CS1 THROUGH CS7. ON ITEM CS1 THROUGH 4
20 AND 5, ONE CASE, AND 6, THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS
21 THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO NOVEMBER 4, 2025,
22 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ALSO, ON ITEM CS5,
23 COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT ONE CASE BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO
24 OCTOBER 28, 2025, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
25 THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR. THE



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1 REQUEST FOR QUICK CONTINUANCES THROUGH CS7 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVE BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED
4 BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH TO APPROVE THE ITEMS. THAT WILL BE THE
5 ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

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



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

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13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, TODAY'S MEETING ORDER WILL BE
14 SET MATTER 1, THEN PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD FOR
15 DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD, INCLUDING CLOSED SESSION MATTERS,
16 FOLLOWED BY ITEM 8, THEN ITEMS 12 AND 27, WHICH WE'VE TAKEN UP
17 TOGETHER, FOLLOWED BY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AND THEN
18 FINISHING WITH CLOSED SESSION. BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE
19 OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION AND EXPLAIN THE
20 SPEAKING ROLES.

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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 AT 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 2531-727-7601 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, ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC
8 COMMENT FOR A TOTAL OF SIX MINUTES. WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO
9 SPEAK, IF REGISTERED ON A COMPUTER OR DEVICE, YOU WILL HEAR A
10 BEEP AND YOUR NAME WILL BE CALLED. OR IF JOINING BY TELEPHONE,
11 YOU WILL HEAR YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, YOUR AREA CODE, AND THE
12 FIRST 3 DIGITS OF YOUR PHONE NUMBER WILL BE CALLED. TO ENSURE
13 FROM BOTH, WE HEAR FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND REMOTE SPEAKERS, WE
14 WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING CUES. MEMBERS OF THE
15 PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME
16 ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARD ROOM
17 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM
18 UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO SET MATTER 1,
19 REPORT ON THE COUNTY'S BUDGET. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
20 JOINING US REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE
21 RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU ARE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR 3 IF ON A
22 TELEPHONE. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE
23 WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS,
24 PLEASE SET YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS
25 THE BOARD.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, JOE, DO YOU WANT TO
3 BEGIN?
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5 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
6 BOARD. TODAY I WILL PROVIDE ANOTHER UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL
7 GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN AS PART OF OUR ONGOING UPDATES ON THE
8 BUDGET PRESSURES FACING THE COUNTY. THIS IS OUR THIRD
9 PRESENTATION ON THE SHUTDOWN, AND WHILE THERE ARE FEW SIGNS OF
10 A RESOLUTION TO THE DEADLOCK IN D.C., THERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS
11 HERE IN CALIFORNIA. YESTERDAY, THE STATE CONFIRMED THAT THEY
12 WOULD BRIDGE CALWORKS BENEFITS THROUGH THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.
13 AS OF FRIDAY, WHEN THIS PRESENTATION POSTED, WE EXPECTED THESE
14 BENEFITS TO RUN OUT IN OCTOBER, SO THIS IS A WELCOME REPRIEVE.
15 THE STATE IS ALSO BRIDGING COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SUBSIDIES FOR
16 BOTH THE CALWORKS AND CALFRESH PROGRAMS, ENSURING THAT OUR
17 DPSS STAFF WILL REMAIN ON THE JOB AND CONTINUE TO OPERATE BOTH
18 PROGRAMS DURING THE SHUTDOWN THROUGH NOVEMBER. THAT SAID, WE
19 ARE A MERE 10 DAYS FROM A BENEFITS CLIFF FOR NEARLY 1,000,000
20 COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS WHO RELY ON CALFRESH TO FEED THEMSELVES AND
21 THEIR FAMILIES. DURING TODAY'S PRESENTATION, WE WILL FIRST
22 UPDATE YOUR BOARD AND THE PUBLIC ON OUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS IN DC
23 TO AVOID A CONTINUED SHUTDOWN, AS WELL AS OUR WORK WITH THE
24 STATE TO ADDRESS ANY GAP IN BENEFITS. WE WILL THEN FOCUS ON
25 WHAT WE'RE DOING LOCALLY TO PREPARE FOR ANY GAP IN BENEFITS,



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1 INCLUDING A DISCUSSION OF THE NETWORK OF SUPPORTS AND
2 PARTNERSHIPS ALREADY IN PLACE, CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR THE
3 MONTH OF NOVEMBER, AND BEYOND, SHOULD THE SHUTDOWN PERSIST
4 THAT LONG, AND OUR PLAN FOR KEEPING THE PUBLIC INFORMED TO
5 FURTHER LIMIT THE DAMAGE DONE BY THE SHUTDOWN. SO, I'LL BE
6 JOINED TODAY BY A COUPLE MEMBERS OF THE CEO TEAM TO MAKE THE
7 INITIAL PRESENTATION. ANGELA OVALLE, ACTING BRANCH MANAGER,
8 CEO LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND
9 DR. CARRIE MILLER, BRANCH MANAGER FOR THE CEO POLICY
10 IMPLEMENTATION AND ALIGNMENT BRANCH. WE HAVE DEPARTMENT HEADS
11 AND DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE ALSO ON HAND IN CASE
12 THE BOARD HAS ANY QUESTIONS FOR THEM AFTER THE PRESENTATION.
13 PLEASE BRING UP THE NEXT SLIDE, AND I WILL TURN THE FLOOR OVER
14 TO ANGELA OVALLE TO KICK OFF THE PRESENTATION.

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16 **ANGELA OVALLE:** THANK YOU, JOE. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.
17 TODAY MARKS DAY 21 OF THE SHUTDOWN AND AS OF TOMORROW WILL BE
18 THE SECOND LONGEST SHUTDOWN IN HISTORY. THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES REMAINS IN RECESS, AND ON FRIDAY, SPEAKER
20 JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS DESIGNATING THIS WEEK AS A
21 DISTRICT WORK PERIOD, MEANING NO VOTES OR HOUSE HEARINGS ARE
22 EXPECTED TO BE HELD DURING THIS TIME. THE SENATE'S 11TH VOTE
23 ON THE HOUSE PASSED CONTINUING RESOLUTION FAILED ON MONDAY
24 WITH A VOTE OF 50 TO 43. AND THE SENATE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET
25 AGAIN TODAY, BUT SENATOR MAJORITY LEADER JOHN THUNE HAS



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1 ACKNOWLEDGED THAT A LONGER-TERM STOP GAP SPENDING BILL MAY BE
2 NECESSARY IF THE SENATE CANNOT PASS THE CURRENT CONTINUING
3 RESOLUTION. DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS HAVE NOT FORMALLY
4 NEGOTIATED ON THE CR AND DEMOCRATS CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE THAT A
5 RENEWAL OF ACA SUBSIDIES, WHICH EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31ST, BE
6 PART OF THE NEGOTIATIONS TO REOPEN THE GOVERNMENT. NOW A NEW
7 DEVELOPMENT IS THAT REPUBLICAN LEADERS ARE QUIETLY TALKING
8 WITH SENIOR MEMBERS AND WHITE HOUSE STAFF OFFICIALS OVER HOW
9 TO POSSIBLY STRUCTURE AND ADVANCE AN EXTENSION OF THE ACA
10 SUBSIDIES BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO
11 WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENTS TO ANALYZE ANY PROPOSALS THAT COME
12 FORWARD. OCTOBER 31ST IS THE DATE TO WATCH AS A NUMBER OF
13 ADDITIONAL FEDERAL PROGRAMS WERE RUN OUT OF FUNDING, INCLUDING
14 WIC, WHICH WAS FUNDED THROUGH THE END OF THE MONTH WITH
15 DIVERTED FUNDS. STATES HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT NOVEMBER SNAP
16 PAYMENTS ARE UNLIKELY IF THE SHUTDOWN CONTINUES PAST OCTOBER
17 27TH AND LAIR IS PREPARING A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY OF
18 AGRICULTURE AND CONGRESS REQUESTING THE EXPENDITURE OF ANY
19 REMAINING CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR SNAP ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL
20 RESOURCES REQUIRED TO FULLY SUPPORT PARTICIPANTS. AND WE'VE
21 ALSO ASKED OUR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TO DO A
22 SIMILAR EFFORT. IN AN EFFORT TO PUT PRESSURE ON DEMOCRATS TO
23 END THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN, THE SENATE IS EXPECTED TO VOTE
24 THIS WEEK ON LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ENABLE PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN
25 ESSENTIAL FEDERAL WORKERS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO WORK DURING THE



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1 SHUTDOWN. HOWEVER, DEMOCRATS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO SUPPORT THIS
2 BILL. THE ADMINISTRATION HAD PLANNED LAST WEEK ON FRIDAY TO
3 ANNOUNCE ADDITIONAL CUTS OR ELIMINATION OF SOME FEDERAL
4 PROGRAMS, BUT THOSE ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE DELAYED DURING PENDING
5 LAWSUITS. AS JOE MENTIONED, WE ARE IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE
6 STATE AND OUR STATE ASSOCIATIONS OVER THE WEEKEND TO DISCUSS
7 THE UPCOMING LAPSE IN SNAP BENEFITS, AND HE SHARED THOSE
8 DETAILS WITH YOU IN HIS OPENING REMARKS. YESTERDAY, GOVERNOR
9 NEWSOM SAID THAT IF THE SHUTDOWN DOES NOT END BEFORE THE END
10 OF THIS WEEK, CALFRESH BENEFITS WILL LIKELY BE DELAYED INTO
11 NOVEMBER, FOR NOVEMBER, I SHOULD SAY. AND HE ALSO NOTED THAT
12 SOME STATE-FUNDED FOOD BENEFIT, SUCH AS THE CALIFORNIA FOOD
13 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES FOOD ASSISTANCE, EXCUSE ME,
14 FOR NON-CITIZENS WHO DO NOT QUALIFY FOR CALFRESH, WOULD ALSO
15 BE IMPACTED. AND IN DC, WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR NATIONAL
16 ASSOCIATION, AS WELL AS OUR CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, TO ADVANCE
17 FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO REOPEN. THANK YOU. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

18
19 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SO, SUPERVISORS, LAST WEEK, SUPERVISOR
20 BARGER HAD ASKED, WHEN ARE THE HAMMERS FALLING ON THESE
21 PROGRAMS? SO, THIS IS OUR HAMMER SLIDE. WHAT WE'RE
22 REPRESENTING HERE IS, IN A PICTORIAL WAY, THE BENEFITS, THE
23 PROGRAMS THAT ARE AT RISK AND WHEN THEY END. WE'VE LAID OUT
24 THE PRIMARY SAFETY NET PROGRAMS WE DISCUSSED LAST WEEK. THIS
25 INCLUDES CALFRESH, CALWORKS, SECTION 8 HOUSING AND PUBLIC



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1 HOUSING MAINTENANCE AS I MENTIONED AT THE TOP OF THE
2 PRESENTATION THE SLIDE IS ALREADY OUT OF DATE SINCE WHEN IT
3 WAS POSTED ON FRIDAY BASED ON THE NEWS THAT WE SHARED ABOUT
4 THE STATE STEPPING INTO BRIDGE CALWORKS BENEFITS AND COVER
5 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR BOTH CALWORKS AND CALFRESH FOR
6 ANOTHER MONTH. SO, EACH BAR SHOWS HOW LONG FUNDING LASTS
7 BEFORE IT RUNS OUT AS INDICATED BY THE RED VERTICAL LINE AND
8 INCLUDES THE MONTHLY FUNDING AMOUNT. THE BARS IN GREEN ARE
9 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS WITH LOSSES HITTING THE COUNTY BUDGET AND
10 OUR STAFF. THE BARS IN BLUE ARE BENEFITS GOING DIRECTLY TO
11 RESIDENTS WITH LOSSES HITTING OUR COMMUNITIES IN WAYS THAT
12 WILL INDIRECTLY IMPACT THE COUNTY BUDGET BY INCREASING UNMET
13 NEEDS FOR FOOD AND FOR HOUSING. GIVEN THE STATE'S SUPPORT TO
14 BRIDGE FUNDING GAPS, THE SECOND TWO BARS FROM THE TOP,
15 REPRESENTING CALFRESH ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND CALWORKS
16 BENEFITS, WILL BE PUSHED OUT ONE MORE MONTH TO THE END OF
17 NOVEMBER. SO THAT IS THE CHANGE TO THE SLIDE THAT WAS NOT
18 REFLECTED WHEN WE POSTED IT ON FRIDAY. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT MEANS
19 AN ADDITIONAL \$112,000,000 IN FUNDING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE
20 FOR CALWORKS BENEFITS AND ANOTHER \$48,000,000 TO SUPPORT
21 CALFRESH ADMIN FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. THE STATE DEPARTMENT
22 OF SOCIAL SERVICES INTENDS TO NOTIFY COUNTIES OF ADDITIONAL
23 UPDATES IF THE SHUTDOWN DRAGS ON BEYOND NOVEMBER AS THE STATE
24 CONTINUES TO REFINE ITS CASH BALANCES AND LOOK AT OPTIONS TO
25 HELP THE COUNTIES BRIDGE THESE BENEFITS. DPSS PREVIOUSLY



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1 REPORTED THAT THEY HAD ENOUGH CASH TO COVER CALWORKS ADMIN
2 THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST, SO THAT INFORMATION AT THE BOTTOM OF
3 THE SLIDE DID NOT CHANGE. SO BASED ON THESE CHANGES, OUR FOCUS
4 RIGHT NOW IS ON THE TOP BAR. THIS IS THE \$320,000,000 MONTHLY
5 CALFRESH BENEFITS THAT ARE STILL SLATED TO END OCTOBER 31ST
6 WITHOUT RELIEF FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AND WHILE THE
7 STATE CONTINUES TO EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR CALFRESH IN THE EVENT
8 OF A PROLONGED SHUTDOWN SCENARIO, THE STATE HAS MADE CLEAR
9 THAT NONE OF THE OPTIONS, NONE OF THEM WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN
10 TIME TO COVER ALL NOVEMBER CALFRESH BENEFITS. NOR DOES THE
11 STATE CURRENTLY HAVE ACCESS TO ENOUGH GENERAL FUND DOLLARS TO
12 COVER MORE THAN THE \$1,000,000,000 IN STATEWIDE BENEFITS FOR
13 NOVEMBER. SO, THERE'S TWO PROBLEMS HERE, SUPERVISORS. ONE IS
14 THE MECHANISM FOR USING STATE MONEY TO BRIDGE A FEDERAL
15 BENEFIT. RIGHT NOW, IT'S ONLY FEDERAL MONEY GOING INTO THOSE
16 BENEFITS. AND THEN THE OTHER ISSUE IS FINANCIAL. WHERE IS THE
17 MONEY GOING TO COME FROM AT THE STATE LEVEL? FOR THESE
18 REASONS, AND AS ANGELA MENTIONED, THE GOVERNOR ISSUED A PRESS
19 RELEASE WARNING RECIPIENTS YESTERDAY THAT THEY WILL LIKELY
20 FACE A BENEFITS GAP FOR SOME PART OF NOVEMBER SHOULD THE
21 SHUTDOWN CONTINUE PAST THE END OF THE MONTH, AND OUR TRIGGER
22 DATE IS FRIDAY. IF WE DON'T FIND OUT BY FRIDAY THAT THERE IS
23 SOME RESOLUTION, WE KNOW THAT SOME PART OF NOVEMBER BENEFITS
24 WILL NOT BE PAID TO RECIPIENTS. JUST ANOTHER POINT OF NEWS.
25 THE CALIFORNIA WELFARE DIRECTORS AGENCY ALSO INDICATED THEY



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1 HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES FROM COUNTIES ABOUT THE
2 FEASIBILITY OF LOCALLY BACKFILLING CALFRESH BENEFITS. AND I
3 KNOW WE HAD A DISCUSSION ON THIS DURING THE FIRST PRESENTATION
4 ON THE SHUTDOWN. THE AGENCY CONFIRMED THERE IS NO AVAILABLE,
5 I'M SORRY, THEY'RE AN ASSOCIATION, NOT AN AGENCY. THE
6 ASSOCIATION CONFIRMED THERE IS NO AVAILABLE REIMBURSEMENT
7 MECHANISM FOR COUNTIES WHO CHOOSE TO ISSUE BENEFITS PAYMENTS
8 EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH FUNDING TO OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS
9 AND THEY WARNED COUNTIES THAT THEY WOULD BE ASSUMING
10 SIGNIFICANT GENERAL FUND EXPOSURE IF THEY DECIDE TO ADVANCE
11 PAYMENTS, WHICH IS WHAT WE DISCUSSED IN OUR FIRST
12 PRESENTATION. SUPERVISORS, I WANT TO FLAG ONE MORE RISK, AND
13 WE FLAGGED IT BEFORE, BUT I DON'T WANT TO LOSE SIGHT OF IT.
14 WHILE WE'RE FOCUSED TODAY ON THE IMMEDIATE RISKS DUE TO THE
15 SHUTDOWN, WE CAN'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE ADDITIONAL PRESSURES THAT
16 WILL COME TO BEAR AS H.R.-1, THE SO-CALLED BIG BILL IS
17 IMPLEMENTED. WE HAVEN'T TOUCHED ON THIS IN THE PAST FEW
18 PRESENTATIONS, BUT IT IS STILL A HUGE RISK. AND AS WE'VE SAID
19 IN EARLIER BUDGET UPDATES, THE PRECISE IMPACTS OF THE BIG BILL
20 WILL NOT BE CLEAR UNTIL THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF
21 IMPLEMENTATION ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
22 AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID
23 SERVICES, AND OTHER AGENCIES TASKED WITH MAKING THE BILL A
24 REALITY. SO, AT THIS POINT, I'M GOING TO TURN THE FLOOR OVER
25 TO CARRIE MILLER, WHO'S GOING TO DISCUSS WHAT WE'RE DOING



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1 LOCALLY TO PLAN FOR A BENEFITS GAP IN NOVEMBER.

2

3 **CARRIE MILLER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, AS YOU
4 HEARD, OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS ABOUT THE LOSS OF CALFRESH
5 BENEFITS AND WITH THAT, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW BEST TO
6 PROVIDE FOOD TO OUR RESIDENTS. AS YOU CAN SEE ON THE LEFT
7 SLIDE, THE NEED IS REALLY GREAT. WE HAVE ABOUT 980,000 L.A.
8 COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS WHO RELY ON CALFRESH NOW, WHICH TRANSLATES
9 TO ABOUT 1,500,000 CHILDREN AND ADULTS THAT RELY ON THIS
10 PROGRAM TO BUY GROCERIES. THEY ONLY HAVE TEN DAYS OF GROCERY
11 MONEY LEFT BETWEEN NOW AND WHENEVER THE GOVERNMENT REOPENS.
12 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS WHAT ARE OUR
13 EXISTING RESOURCES IN TERMS OF SUPPORTING THESE FAMILIES, AND
14 ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES WE HAVE IS A VERY STRONG NETWORK OF FOOD
15 PANTRIES AND LOCAL CBOS AND PARTNERS. WE HAVE MORE THAN 600
16 PARTNERS WITH 940 SITES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY THAT ARE ALL
17 COORDINATED WITH THE L.A. REGIONAL FOOD BANK. THE COUNTY AND
18 OUR PARTNERS HAVE A NUMBER OF EXISTING PROGRAMS THAT ARE
19 OFFERING RESOURCES RIGHT NOW AS WE SPEAK WITH RESIDENTS WHO
20 ARE FACING FOOD INSECURITY, WHICH IS OUTLINED ON THE SLIDE. I
21 WON'T WALK THROUGH ALL OF THESE RESOURCES NOW, BUT AS YOU CAN
22 SEE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THESE LINKS ARE SUPPORTING FOOD AND
23 FOLKS WHO ARE FOOD INSECURE. HOWEVER, WE ALSO INCLUDED
24 SUPPORTS THAT AFFECT RENT, MORTGAGE, AND HOUSING SUPPORTS
25 BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE, ONCE THEY LOSE THIS CALFRESH



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1 BENEFIT, MAY NEED TO START SPENDING MORE OF THEIR MONEY ON
2 THESE OTHER TYPES OF SERVICES AS WELL. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO
3 AS PART OF OUR CONTINGENCY PLANNING, WE'VE BEEN WORKING VERY
4 CLOSELY WITH A NUMBER OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER
5 PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT ARE ACTIONS WE
6 CAN TAKE NOW TO HELP MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF THESE DELAYS AND
7 TRY TO INCREASE OR ADDRESS THE INCREASING DEMAND THAT WE ARE
8 ANTICIPATING IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. SO, WE'VE BEEN TALKING
9 TO A NUMBER OF FOLKS AND ONE OF THE KEY STRATEGIES THAT WE'RE
10 RECOMMENDING TO THE FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION IS TO
11 INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF OUR FOOD PANTRIES BY ALLOCATING AN
12 ADDITIONAL \$10,000,000 IN FUNDING TO HELP THEM MEET THIS
13 ANTICIPATED SURGE OF FOOD REQUESTS. THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO NOT
14 ONLY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FOOD, BUT IT WOULD ALLOW US TO ADD
15 ADDITIONAL SITES, DRIVE-THROUGH SITES, AND MAKE IT PEOPLE TO
16 ACCESS THE FOOD THAT THEY NEED WITHIN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES.
17 OUR INQUIRY SO FAR TO PARTNERS WHO WORK IN THE FOOD INSECURITY
18 FIELDS ACROSS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS OUR COMMUNITY
19 PARTNERS IS THAT THE \$10,000,000 INITIAL INVESTMENT IS THE
20 RIGHT STARTING POINT FOR WHERE WE ARE. THIS WAS THE STRATEGY
21 THAT WE TOOK DURING COVID-19. OUR FIRST INITIAL STRATEGY WAS
22 TO INVEST \$10,000,000 WITH OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES, AND THEN
23 WE INCREASED THAT AMOUNT ACCORDINGLY AS NEEDED AS THE PANDEMIC
24 CONTINUED. WHAT THAT FUNDING ALLOWED US TO DO BACK IN COVID
25 WAS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DONATIONS OF FOOD TO AS MANY AS



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1 550,000 RESIDENTS, WHICH INCLUDED 10 TO 12 MEALS PER RESIDENT,
2 ADD AN ADDITIONAL 500 SITES, AND THIS FUNDING AND SUPPORT
3 LASTED FOR EIGHT WEEKS. AND IT INCLUDED 15 COUNTY-SPONSORED
4 FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS THAT SERVED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AT EACH
5 ONE. MANY OF THOSE WERE UP TO 3,500, AND THERE WAS ONE SITE
6 THAT ACTUALLY SERVED UP TO 7,000 PEOPLE IN A SINGLE DAY. WE
7 ALSO ARE HAVING POSITIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR MANAGED CARE
8 PLANS ABOUT SUPPORTING FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND WE ARE HOPEFUL
9 THAT THEY WILL PARTNER WITH US IN INCREASING THE FOOD THE
10 SUPPLY AS WELL AND WE WILL CONTINUE THOSE CONVERSATIONS. THIS
11 SLIDE ALSO NOTES THAT IF THIS SHUTDOWN CONTINUES BEYOND
12 DECEMBER, THAT WE HAVE OTHER OPTIONS THAT WE CAN EXPLORE,
13 INCLUDING EXPANDING GROCERY VOUCHERS, LOOKING AT GRANTS TO EBT
14 VENDORS, AND ALSO LOOKING AT EXPANDING OUR EMERGENCY RENT
15 RELIEF PROGRAMS. THESE POTENTIAL ACTIONS COULD BE IMPLEMENTED
16 AS PART OF A LONGER-TERM STRATEGY THAT FOCUSES ON SIGNIFICANT
17 INCREASES TO FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND HOUSING SUPPORTS, WHICH WE
18 KNOW BOTH ARE CRITICAL COMPONENTS OF OUR SAFETY NET THAT IS
19 VERY LIKELY TO BECOME AT RISK IF THIS SHUTDOWN CONTINUES
20 BEYOND DECEMBER. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AND SO, WHAT WE ARE DOING
21 NOW IS WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS ON A MESSAGING
22 CAMPAIGN BOTH TO THOSE WHO MAY BE FOOD INSECURE, BUT ALSO TO
23 FOLKS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING TO DONATE AND HELP THOSE
24 FOLKS IN NEED. SO, WE HAVE A TWO-PART COMMUNICATION STRATEGY
25 RIGHT NOW THAT'S BEING LED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL



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1 SERVICES. PART ONE INCLUDES EFFORTS TO NOTIFY RECIPIENTS THAT
2 THEIR CALFRESH BENEFITS WILL BE IMPACTED AND SHARING
3 INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE TO GO IF THEY NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE.
4 THE SECOND PART IS A CALL TO ACTION FOR OUR PUBLIC SEEKING
5 THEIR HELP IN INCREASING DONATIONS OF FOOD AND OTHER CRITICAL
6 SUPPORTS TO OUR LOCAL CBOS AND OTHER PROVIDERS. DPSS HAS
7 LAUNCHED A TEXT AND EMAIL CAMPAIGN ALREADY THAT HAS ALLOWED
8 THEIR RECIPIENTS TO KNOW THAT THIS IS COMING, AND THEY STARTED
9 THAT CAMPAIGN LAST THURSDAY. THE MESSAGING WILL BE AMPLIFIED
10 THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS, AND THE POSTS THAT ARE BEING
11 OFFERED ARE IN FIVE LANGUAGES THAT INCLUDE ENGLISH, SPANISH,
12 KOREAN, MANDARIN, AND ARMENIAN. WE ALSO ARE WORKING WITH DPSS,
13 DCBA, AND DEO ON TRYING TO LEVERAGE OUR NETWORK OF EBT GROCERS
14 TO ALSO GET INFORMATION OUT AT POINT OF SALE TO EITHER A, LET
15 FOLKS KNOW THAT THESE DELAYS ARE COMING, BUT ALSO TO LET FOLKS
16 KNOW IF THEY'RE INTERESTED IN DONATING WHERE TO DO THAT AND
17 HOW TO PROVIDE THOSE DONATIONS. OUR COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS
18 TEAM HAS CREATED A SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT THAT URGES RESIDENTS
19 TO FIND HELP IF THEY ARE IN NEED, AS WELL AS ENCOURAGE PEOPLE
20 TO DONATE AND SUPPORT THESE FOLKS. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT
21 GIVING AN EARLY CAMPAIGN TO THOSE WHO ALREADY ARE PRIMED TO
22 GIVE FOOD AND DONATIONS DURING THANKSGIVING AND THE CHRISTMAS,
23 WINTER HOLIDAYS TIME PERIOD BECAUSE THEY'RE ALREADY WILLING TO
24 DO THIS. SO, WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IS ASK PEOPLE TO GIVE
25 EARLY BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THE NEED IS GOING TO BE COMING



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1 EARLY THIS YEAR. AND I DO WANT TO SAY THAT THE SOCIAL MEDIA
2 TOOLKITS ARE BEING SHARED AS WE SPEAK AND ARE STARTING TO GO
3 OUT. WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE TO SHARE THAT THE CAMPAIGN THAT
4 WE'RE DOING AROUND COMMUNICATIONS IS ALIGNED WITH THE STATE
5 AND WE'RE STAYING CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT
6 OUR MESSAGE IS MIRRORING THE TIMING AND EFFECT OF WHAT THEY'RE
7 SHARING AS WELL. AND WITH THAT, I WILL TURN THIS BACK TO JOE.

8
9 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISORS, LET ME CONCLUDE THE
10 PRESENTATION WITH A DISCUSSION OF OUR IMMEDIATE NEXT STEPS.
11 CARRIE MENTIONED THE RECOMMENDED INVESTMENT OF \$10,000,000 IN
12 THE REGIONAL FOOD BANK TO SUPPORT A SURGE IN FOOD DISTRIBUTION
13 AT LOCAL SITES. IF BY FRIDAY THIS WEEK, THE FEDERAL SHUTDOWN
14 REMAINS UNRESOLVED, THEN RESIDENTS WILL FOR SURE SEE A GAP IN
15 THEIR NOVEMBER FOOD BENEFITS. I MENTIONED THAT EARLIER IN THE
16 PRESENTATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS AN EXISTING
17 CONTRACT WITH THE REGIONAL FOOD BANK. IF THAT DAY COMES AND
18 GOES, WE WILL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE THAT
19 CONTRACT BY \$10,000,000 ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS. IT'S A VERY
20 SIMILAR MODEL TO WHAT WE DID DURING COVID AS CARRIE MENTIONED.
21 SO, WE HAVE A GOOD PLAYBOOK WE CAN BORROW FROM. AND THEN AT A
22 LATER TIME, WE WILL RETURN TO YOUR BOARD WITH A RECOMMENDED
23 SOURCE OF THE \$10,000,000 THAT WE WOULD ADD BACK TO THE DPH
24 BUDGET TO COVER THE EMERGENCY CONTRACTING NEEDS. AND THAT
25 WOULD LIKELY TAKE PLACE IN YOUR BOARD'S REGULAR MID-YEAR



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1 ADJUSTMENT IN FEBRUARY. THE LAST POINT I'LL MAKE IS THIS.
2 CARRIE TALKED ABOUT HOW WE ARE REACHING OUT TO ALL OF THE
3 FOLKS IN THIS SPACE WHO PROVIDE FOOD OR OTHERWISE SUPPORT
4 DIAPERS AND PET FOOD OR WHATEVER IT IS FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED
5 SOME ADDITIONAL HELP. I SEE THIS AS AN ALL-COUNTY, ALL-
6 PARTNERS MOMENT, ALL HANDS-ON DECK. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT
7 THE COUNTY CAN SHOULDER ALONE GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE OF THE CUTS.
8 AND I'M CONCERNED THAT OUR PARTNERS AREN'T AS CONCERNED AS WE
9 ARE. SO, WE'VE BEEN RINGING THE ALARM BELL FOR THE LAST TWO
10 WEEKS. AND AS CARRIE MENTIONED, WE'VE HAD SOME POSITIVE
11 CONVERSATIONS OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS AS PEOPLE START TO
12 REALIZE THAT THIS IS LOOKING MORE AND MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN.
13 AND SO, WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT IN THE NEXT 234 DAYS, WE'LL HAVE
14 OTHER PARTNERS STEP UP, INCLUDING THE HEALTH PLANS,
15 PHILANTHROPY, AND OTHERS WHO WE'VE BEEN TALKING TO, JUST TO
16 ADD SOME MORE CAPACITY TO THE SYSTEM DURING THAT BENEFITS GAP.
17 AND I'LL CONCLUDE MY PRESENTATION THERE. WE SHOULD BE ON
18 SLIDE, THE QUESTION SLIDE. THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND
21 THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING, CARRIE, TO PUT THIS
22 ALL TOGETHER. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

23
24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND
25 I AGREE, THANK YOU FOR RINGING THE ALARM BELL, WHICH WE HAVE



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1 DONE THROUGH THESE STANDING ITEMS, AND REALLY BEING VERY
2 PUBLIC AND DIRECT AND UPFRONT ABOUT WHAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC'S
3 GOING TO FACE AND HOPEFULLY GETTING THE ATTENTION OF OUR
4 PARTNERS. AS YOU MENTIONED, LITERALLY RINGING THE ALARM BELL
5 AND HOPING PEOPLE HEAR I GOT A TEXT FROM A COMMUNITY COLLEGE
6 PRESIDENT IN MY DISTRICT WHO HEARD THE CLEARING CALL AND IS
7 TALKING ABOUT HOW HE'S GOING TO PARTNER WITH PRIVATE ENTITY TO
8 PROVIDE FIVE MEALS A WEEK TO EVERY STUDENT ON CAMPUS. SO, I
9 WANT TO USE THAT AS AN EXAMPLE TO REACH OUT TO OTHER COMMUNITY
10 COLLEGES TO FIGURE OUT WHAT RESOURCES THEY HAVE. A COUPLE
11 QUICK QUESTIONS FROM ME, MADAM CHAIR. AGAIN THE MECHANISM
12 ISSUE, IN YOUR WALK AROUND YESTERDAY, JOE, WE TALKED ABOUT IT,
13 AND I'M STUCK ON THAT BECAUSE I THOUGHT THERE WAS A MECHANISM,
14 AND I'M NOT SURE IF IT WAS THE STATE OR THE COUNTY THAT WOULD
15 USE IT. WHEN CALFRESH BENEFITS WERE LOST THROUGH FRAUD, THERE
16 WAS A WAY THAT BENEFITS COULD BE, YOU KNOW, UPLOADED TO THEIR
17 CARD. I DON'T KNOW HOW IMMEDIATE, BUT THERE WAS A WAY IN WHICH
18 PEOPLE WERE MADE WHOLE. I NEVER ASSUMED THAT THAT WAS THE
19 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT TOOK THAT ACTION. SO, I JUST WANT TO
20 CONTINUE TO PUSH BACK ON THE LACK OF MECHANISM ASSERTION. SO,
21 CAN YOU HELP ME, CAN SOMEONE HELP ME UNDERSTAND IF THERE'S A
22 DIFFERENCE?

23
24 **MICHAEL SYLVESTER:** SUPERVISOR, MICHAEL SYLVESTER, CHIEF DEPUTY
25 ADMINISTRATION FOR DPSS. THE FRAUD FULFILLMENT ON A FRAUD



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1 TRANSACTION IS A REQUEST IN, I'M SORRY. YOUR PARTICULAR
2 QUESTION ABOUT FRAUD AND REIMBURSEMENT TO THE CARD VERSUS
3 WHERE WE ARE TODAY.

4

5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** YES. YES, BECAUSE I'M HEARING THAT THE
6 STATE SAYS THAT WE DON'T HAVE A MECHANISM, BECAUSE THE
7 RESOURCES COME DIRECTLY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THAT
8 THERE IS NO WAY IN WHICH THE STATE OR COUNTY COULD ADD
9 BENEFITS TO A CARD, IF WE WERE TO MAGICALLY FIND THE MONEY. SO
10 THAT'S THE PIECE THAT I'M CONFUSED ABOUT.

11

12 **MICHAEL SYLVESTER:** SO, THE FRAUD RESTORATION ACTUALLY DOES RUN
13 RIGHT BACK THROUGH THE SAME CHANNEL. IT GOES BACK THROUGH THE
14 FEDERAL PROCESSOR, FIS, WHO ACTUALLY PROVIDES IT TODAY, AND
15 IT'S ON A REQUEST AND RECEIVE BASIS.

16

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

18

19 **MICHAEL SYLVESTER:** SO THAT'S SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT.

20

21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY. I NEVER UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WAS
22 THE FEDS THAT DID THAT DIRECTLY. I WANT TO MAKE SURE I
23 UNDERSTAND THE GOOD NEWS, AND I HOPE YOU'LL UPDATE THAT CHART
24 BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SHARE THAT CHART WITH MY
25 CONSTITUENTS. SO, THE RELIEF, THE GOOD NEWS, THE RELIEF THAT



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1 WE GOT FROM THE STATE WAS ON ADMIN COSTS ONLY, NOT BENEFITS,
2 CORRECT? SO, IF WE CAN GO BACK TO THAT CHART.

3

4 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** YEAH, CAN WE BRING UP THE SLIDE SO WE CAN
5 LOOK AT IT I THINK IT'S SLIDE 3.

6

7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, THE ONE LINE, THE ADMIN LINE WILL
8 EXTEND TO NOVEMBER BUT THE BENEFICIARIES, THE 320 PER MONTH
9 CASH BENEFITS TO RECIPIENTS STILL ENDS OCTOBER, IS THAT
10 CORRECT?

11

12 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** RIGHT, SO THE FIRST BAR FROM THE TOP, THE
13 CASH BENEFITS TO RECIPIENTS UNDER CALFRESH, THAT ENDS IN
14 OCTOBER. THE NEXT TWO BARS BELOW IT, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE
15 COSTS FOR CALFRESH AND BENEFITS FOR CALWORKS, THOSE ARE PUSHED
16 OUT ANOTHER MONTH. SO, ONE BENEFIT PROGRAM GETS US AN
17 ADDITIONAL MONTH, AND THAT'S WHY WE FOCUSED TODAY ON THE
18 CALFRESH BENEFIT.

19

20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** ON THE FOOD ELEMENT. EXCELLENT.
21 ANOTHER QUESTION TO LAIR. THERE ARE TWO SAFETY NET FUNDS AT
22 THE STATE. THERE'S THE SAFETY NET RESERVE ACCOUNT, ALL DONE
23 THROUGH BUDGET WORK. THEN THERE'S THE CHILD AND FAMILY, I
24 DON'T REMEMBER THE NAME, WHICH WAS THE SUB ACCOUNT USED TO
25 HELP INCREASE CALWORKS BENEFITS ANNUALLY OVER THE LAST SEVERAL



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1 YEARS. I KNOW THE SAFETY NET RESERVE WAS DRAWN DOWN IN THE
2 24/25 BUDGET YEAR TO KEEP FROM CUTTING INTO THE PROGRAMS AS IT
3 WAS DESIGNED TO DO. MY QUESTION IS, ARE THERE ANY RESOURCES IN
4 EITHER OF THOSE TWO ACCOUNTS THAT COULD BE TAPPED AT AN
5 EMERGENCY BASIS? THE SAFETY NET RESERVE WAS DESIGNED FOR
6 CALWORKS AND MEDI-CAL SPECIFICALLY, BUT THE LEGISLATURE COULD
7 OPINE IF WE WERE TO USE IT FOR CALFRESH. I DON'T KNOW IF
8 THERE'S ANY MONEY LEFT IN THAT ACCOUNT, THAT'S ONE QUESTION.
9 BUT THE SUB-ACCOUNT THAT'S BEEN USED OVER YEARS TO INCREASE
10 THE CALWORKS BENEFIT PROBABLY HAS SOME MONEY IN IT. IS THAT
11 SOMETHING THAT THE STATE IS CONSIDERING OR IF WE SHOULD ASK
12 THEM TO?

13
14 **ANGELA OVALLE:** YES, WE WILL ASK THEM. AS OF NOW, THEY HAVE NOT
15 INDICATED THAT THEY'RE GOING IN THAT DIRECTION, BUT WE WILL
16 REACH OUT TO DOF TODAY.

17
18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND I WILL GIVE YOU IN TWO SECONDS THE
19 NAME OF THE FIRST SUB-ACCOUNT THAT I CAN REMEMBER. THAT I KNOW
20 IS AN ONGOING FUND, BECAUSE AGAIN, IT'S BEEN TAPPED TO
21 INCREASE CALWORKS BENEFIT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS SINCE 2017 OR
22 THEREABOUTS. SO HOPEFULLY THERE'S SOME RESOURCES THERE THAT
23 COULD BE TAPPED INTO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE
24 PRESENTATION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.



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

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YEAH, THANK YOU BOTH CEO AND THE PANEL FOR
4 YOUR ANSWERS AND AT LEAST THE DIRECTION THAT WE HAVE A PATH
5 FORWARD. BUT I AM CONCERNED VERY MUCH SO THAT IN TEN DAYS
6 WE'RE GOING TO SEE CALFRESH AND THAT IS AROUND THE BLOCK. AND
7 EVEN THOUGH WE'RE GOING TO PUT RESOURCES IN 10,000,000, IT
8 ALWAYS TAKES TIME TO GET THAT ON THE GROUND SO WHAT IS THE
9 EXPEDITED PLAN GIVEN THAT THIS IS THIS IS UPON US AND EVEN IF
10 THE SENATE DOES SOMETHING, IS THAT STILL GOING TO HOLD US
11 OVER? ARE WE STILL GOING TO HAVE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT AND FOOD
12 PRODUCT TO BE ABLE TO PUT OUT? CAN YOU RESPOND?

13

14 **CARRIE MILLER:** YES, SO WHAT WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH OUR L.A.
15 REGIONAL FOOD BANK, WE HAVE AN EXISTING CONTRACT THAT WE COULD
16 LEVERAGE AND DO SO QUICKLY. THE PLAN WOULD BE THAT TYPICALLY
17 IT TAKES ONE TO THREE WEEKS TO PURCHASE FOOD. HOWEVER, WHAT
18 THEY WILL DO IS LOOK FOR EXISTING FOOD PURCHASES SO THAT THAT
19 CAN HAPPEN WITHIN A WEEK, AND THEN WE WILL START TO ROLL THE
20 FUNDING OUT THAT WAY. THEY HAVE SAID THAT IT WORKS ON A
21 ROLLING BASIS, SO THEY WOULDN'T NEED ALL THE FUNDING AT ONCE,
22 AND THEY WOULDN'T BE PURCHASING ALL THE FOOD AT ONCE. SO, AS
23 THE WEEKS GO ON, WE BELIEVE THAT THAT WOULD SUFFICE. AND EVEN
24 THOUGH 10,000,000 DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A LOT, WHEN WE'VE TALKED
25 TO THEM AND OTHER PARTNERS WHO DO THIS WORK, THEY SAID THAT



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1 THEY FEEL LIKE THAT'S A VERY GOOD INITIAL INVESTMENT AND
2 ENOUGH TO WORK WITH THROUGH NOVEMBER AND POTENTIALLY INTO
3 DECEMBER AS WELL.

4
5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO, ONE QUESTION I HAVE IS DURING COVID,
6 REGIONAL FOOD BANK HELD THESE BIG DRIVE-INS WHERE YOU WOULD
7 GET 2,000, 3,000, AND PEOPLE COME DRIVING THROUGH, AND THEY
8 WOULD GET TEXT MESSAGES FROM DPSS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.
9 BUT NONETHELESS, THERE'S STILL A VACUUM, AND I WANT TO
10 UNDERSCORE THAT IN PLACES LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE SAN GABRIEL
11 VALLEY. THE REGIONAL FOOD BANK, WE WOULD HAVE TO TELL THEM
12 WHERE TO GO AND WHO TO INCLUDE. AND THERE ARE OTHER CBOS THAT
13 WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH THAT I THINK IN SOME WAYS DO A BETTER,
14 MORE STRATEGIC FOCUS OUTREACH BECAUSE OF THE IMMIGRANT
15 POPULATION. AND I'M NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT LATINOS OR SPANISH
16 SPEAKERS. I'M TALKING ABOUT ALL THE OTHER GROUPS, PARTICULARLY
17 VIETNAMESE AND ALSO A FILIPINO. AND I REALLY BELIEVE THAT WE
18 NEED TO THINK ABOUT THAT. I THINK OUR OFFICES MIGHT BE ABLE TO
19 GIVE YOU SOME CBOS THAT ARE DOING SOME OF THIS WORK RIGHT NOW,
20 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IT IS A BURDEN FOR L.A. REGIONAL FOOD
21 BANK, BECAUSE THEY'RE BASED ON VOLUNTEERS, JUST LIKE ALL THESE
22 OTHER GROUPS ARE. AND IT ISN'T ALWAYS, YOU KNOW, SUPPLY SIDE
23 ISN'T ALWAYS THERE. AND I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT BECAUSE
24 WE HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE ALREADY IN OUR CITIES PUTTING OUT FOOD
25 THROUGH PROGRAMS THAT THEY'VE DESIGNED WITH THE CITY. SO, MY



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1 REGIONAL FOOD BANK ALSO CONNECT WITH THOSE DIFFERENT CITIES
2 THAT ARE DOING THAT RIGHT NOW. I COULD THINK OFF THE TOP OF MY
3 HEAD, EL MONTE, BALDWIN PARK, MONTEBELLOS, POMONA, AND OTHERS
4 THAT HAVE GOOD, YOU KNOW, ACCESS TO FOLKS IN THE PIPELINE. SO,
5 I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT. AND THEN I KNOW 10 MILLION IS JUST THE
6 STARTING POINT. SO, I KNOW WE SPOKE YESTERDAY, JOE, ABOUT WHAT
7 OTHER RESOURCES MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE, LOOKING AT OTHER PFUS
8 IN THE FUTURE FOR OTHER THINGS. AND I AM EQUALLY CONCERNED
9 ABOUT THE RENT ASSISTANCE, BECAUSE WHEN YOU SEE FOOD
10 ASSISTANCE, RENT IS PROBABLY ALREADY DELAYED, BECAUSE PEOPLE
11 ARE GOING TO BUY FOOD BEFORE THEY PAY RENT. SO, WE CAN'T
12 ASSUME THAT THEY'RE GOING TO STAY PUT THERE AND THEY MAY BE
13 EVICTED. SO, WHAT PLANS DO WE HAVE FOR THAT?

14
15 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SO, I MEAN, THOSE ARE GOOD SUGGESTIONS,
16 SUPERVISOR, AND WE'LL CERTAINLY WORK WITH THE FOOD BANK. AND I
17 KNOW THAT DR. CONTRERAS HAD MENTIONED HOSTING, POTENTIALLY
18 HOSTING FOOD DRIVES AT THE DPSS OFFICE LOCATION SO THAT WE
19 MAKE SURE WE HAVE GOOD COVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. YOU
20 KNOW, I THINK IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT THE
21 PHASING OF OUR PLANNING. RIGHT NOW, AS KERRY MENTIONED, WE'RE
22 IN PHASE ONE, WHICH IS GETTING FOOD ON THE STREET FOR A
23 POTENTIAL GAP IN NOVEMBER BENEFITS. WE HAVE A PHASE TWO IF THE
24 SHUTDOWN STRETCHES ON LONGER THAN NOVEMBER. THAT'S WHEN WE
25 START TO LOOK AT NEEDS FOR RENT RELIEF, FOR EXAMPLE, AND WE'VE



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1 TALKED A LOT WITH DCBA ABOUT THEIR TIMING FOR THE EMERGENCY
2 RENT RELIEF PROGRAM AND THE FACT THAT THE APPLICATIONS, I
3 BELIEVE, OPEN UP IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER AND THEY WILL HAVE A
4 SENSE OF WHAT THEIR NEED IS. AND AT THAT POINT, THE TIMING IS
5 GOOD. I THINK WE HAVE THE ABILITY THAT BETWEEN NOW AND THEN TO
6 FIGURE OUT WHAT RESOURCES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE PROBABLY
7 THROUGH A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT FUNDING SOURCES TO MEET THAT
8 NEED. AND THEN WE CAN REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THAT AT THAT
9 TIME.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I AM CONCERNED THOUGH THAT I WONDER IF
12 THERE'S A HOTLINE OR A ROLLING AMOUNT OR A NUMBER THAT TELLS
13 US WHAT PEOPLE ARE ALREADY AT RISK OR THEY ALREADY MISSED
14 THEIR PAYMENT FOR THIS MONTH. AND THEN NOW WE'RE GOING INTO
15 NOVEMBER, SO ARE WE GOING TO BE IN A POSITION TO BE ABLE TO
16 HELP BACKFILL SOME OF THAT? AND THAT'S WHAT I'M CONCERNED
17 ABOUT, BECAUSE I'M ASSUMING PEOPLE RIGHT NOW, AS WE HEAR FOLKS
18 COMING IN AND CALLING OUR OFFICES, IT'S ALREADY UPON US. SO,
19 IF WE COULD THINK THAT THROUGH AND WHAT OUR RESOURCES, OUR
20 CBOS THAT ARE OUT THERE THAT HAVE THEIR RADAR ON AND PEOPLE
21 ARE ALREADY LETTING THEM KNOW, IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR US TO HAVE
22 THAT IDEA.

23

24 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** I THINK IT'S A GOOD, AS WE TALK ABOUT THE
25 NETWORK OF FOLKS WHO ARE IN THE SPACE WHO CAN HELP, IT'S A



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1 GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR US WHEN WE TALK TO PHILANTHROPY TO TALK
2 ABOUT SOME OF THE GAPS BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE DON'T HAVE A
3 VEHICLE FOR GETTING RENT RELIEF OUT ON THE STREET AS THE
4 PROGRAM BUILDS UP. BUT MAYBE THERE ARE SOME OPPORTUNITIES
5 THROUGH PHILANTHROPIC SOURCES TO GET THAT OUT SOONER. AND SO
6 THAT IS ONE OF OUR PRIORITIES IS TO SEE WHO ELSE CAN STEP INTO
7 THE ROAD TO STEP IN HERE TO HELP US COVER SOME OF OUR
8 OPERATIONAL GAPS. EXCUSE ME, BEFORE WE CAN BEFORE WE CAN CATCH
9 UP ON THE PROGRAM THAT WE'RE LAUNCHING.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION COMES TO MIND,
12 AMITY AND OTHERS THAT HAVE BEEN HELPING US AND THE COUNTY IN
13 THE PAST. SO JUST HAVING THOSE CONVERSATIONS AND TRYING TO
14 FIGURE THAT OUT, PULLING THEM IN, I THINK WOULD BE VERY, VERY
15 HELPFUL. AND I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE VENDOR GRANTS
16 POTENTIALLY, EBT FOR THE SMALL MOM AND POP STORES IN OUR
17 NEIGHBORHOOD. AND MANY OF THEM ARE IMMIGRANT AND HAVE, YOU
18 KNOW, THEY'RE MONOLINGUAL. SO, I THINK WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE
19 THAT WE ARE REALLY REACHING AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE AND AT
20 VARYING DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. SO, I DON'T KNOW THAT THE 5 IS
21 GOING TO COVER IT THAT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER, CARRIE. I KNOW I
22 HAVE A LOT OF FILIPINO AND INDO-AMERICAN FOLKS THAT RUN SOME
23 OF THESE OPERATIONS OUT THERE AND I WOULD REALLY WANT TO SEE
24 HOW WE'RE REALLY STRETCHING THE NET THERE TO GET TO THEM.
25 OTHER THEN THAT, IT'S JUST SAD NEWS. I'M GLAD THE GOVERNOR IS



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1 HELPING US. I WANT TO GIVE THANKS TO THEM AND THE LEGISLATURE
2 AND WE'LL BE CALLING ON THEM MORE. SO, AND HAVING JUST A YOU
3 KNOW ONE MESSAGE ALL THE TIME. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE TALKING
4 POINTS THAT WE CAN SHARE EVEN WITH OUR FRIENDS AND CBOS OUT IN
5 THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE THEY'RE ALSO TRYING TO SHARE THEIR
6 FRUSTRATION AND THEIR PAIN AT THE SAME TIME IF WE ARE GOING TO
7 PROVIDE RELIEF, THEY NEED TO KNOW THAT SO THEY CAN ALSO TELL
8 THEIR CLIENTS AND THE PEOPLE THAT THEY SERVE THAT WE ARE ON
9 TOP OF THIS AND THAT WE DO HAVE PLANS. I JUST THINK THAT WHERE
10 THERE'S A BIG GAP RIGHT NOW, INFORMATION GAP WITH SOME OF OUR
11 PROVIDERS. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION AND
12 THANK YOU JOE.

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

15
16 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO
17 THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PRESENTATION AS WELL. I TOO AM DEEPLY
18 CONCERNED ABOUT THE VERY REAL IMPACTS THAT THIS SHUTDOWN IS
19 ALREADY HAVING ON OUR COMMUNITIES AND WHAT IS ON THE HORIZON.
20 THOUSANDS OF ANGELENOS, AS YOU HAVE SAID, RELY ON CALFRESH AND
21 CALWORKS, AND THESE ARE OUR NEIGHBORS, OUR FRIENDS, OUR FAMILY
22 MEMBERS WHO NEED SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER. I APPRECIATE THAT
23 THE STATE IS ABLE TO COVER HOW WORKS THROUGH DECEMBER. BUT THE
24 LOSS OF NOVEMBER CAL FRESH BENEFITS MEANS FAMILIES AND
25 INDIVIDUALS ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'LL GO WITHOUT FOOD



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1 RELYING HEAVILY ON FOOD BANKS, UNCERTAIN OF WHERE THEIR NEXT
2 MEAL MIGHT COME FROM. AND SO, I KNOW OUR DISTRICT TOO IS ALSO
3 RECEIVING CALLS FROM CONSTITUENTS WHO ARE SCARED, WHO ARE
4 LOOKING FOR HELP, AND I BELIEVE THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING.
5 THE PRESENTATION DID NOT, UNLESS I MISSED IT, EXPLICITLY
6 MENTION WIC. DID I MISS THAT IN YOUR PRESENTATION?

7

8 **ANGELA OVALLE:** SO, WIC HAS FUNDING THROUGH THE END OF THIS
9 MONTH AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT SIGNED WHETHER OR NOT
10 THEY INTEND TO DIVERT MORE FUNDS TOWARDS THAT.

11

12 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND IS THERE PLANNING FOR A POTENTIAL
13 LOSS OF WIC BENEFITS INCLUDED IN THE CONTINGENCY PLANNING IF
14 THAT COMES TO BE?

15

16 **CARRIE MILLER:** YES, SUPERVISOR. WE ARE LOOKING AT ALL IMPACTS
17 TO BENEFITS AND MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO COVER THEM AS
18 WE ANTICIPATE THE DEED ARISING. SO, WE WILL LOOK AT THAT AS
19 WELL.

20

21 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT'S
22 INCLUDED. IS THE OFFICE OF FOOD SYSTEMS INVOLVED IN OUR
23 COUNTY'S RESPONSE AND HOW ARE WE LEVERAGING THEIR EXISTING
24 PARTNERSHIPS?

25



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1 **CARRIE MILLER:** YES, WE HAVE REACHED OUT TO THEM. THEY HAVE AN
2 EMERGENCY MEETING AROUND THIS ISSUE THAT ONE OF OUR TEAM
3 MEMBERS WILL BE ATTENDING ON FRIDAY, SO WE CAN BETTER MAKE
4 SURE WE ARE ALIGNED AND COORDINATED WITH THE EFFORTS THAT THEY
5 ARE MOVING FORWARD. AND WE ARE REACHING OUT TO MEMBERS AND
6 HAVE SPOKEN TO A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE EQUITY ROUND TABLE
7 THAT THEY RUN TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE LEVERAGING ALL EXISTING
8 RESOURCES AS POSSIBLE.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I KNOW THAT YOU MENTIONED A LOT OF
11 SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM INFORMATION, TOOLKITS THAT PEOPLE CAN
12 USE. BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE HERE, BUT
13 THAT DOESN'T, WE ALREADY KNOW THAT MORE THAN A 1,000,000
14 PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY ARE IMPACTED AND I THAT PROBABLY MEANS
15 EITHER THEY'RE AFRAID TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES BECAUSE OF THE
16 TARGETING THAT'S HAPPENING BY OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR THEY
17 ARE WORKING AND THEY CAN'T BE HERE TO VOICE THEIR CONCERN. SO
18 HOW ARE WE DOING? INTENTIONAL OUTREACH TO MAKE SURE THAT WHAT
19 WE'RE PUTTING ON SOCIAL MEDIA, WHAT WE ARE DOING AS A COUNTY
20 IS ACTUALLY REACHING THE PEOPLE WHO ARE INTENDED TO GET THIS
21 INFORMATION AND SUPPORT BEYOND SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.

22

23 **CARRIE MILLER:** THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
24 WE HAVE REACHED OUT TO IS OUR 211 L.A. PARTNER, BECAUSE WE
25 KNOW THAT A LOT OF FOLKS WHO ARE IN A POSITION OF HAVING NEEDS



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1 BUT ARE NOT CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET OR ARE NOT ON SOCIAL
2 MEDIA CALL 211. SO, WE'VE ALREADY ALERTED THEM OF THIS. THEY
3 ARE PLANNING AND READY WITH WHAT THE ANSWERS CAN BE AND WHAT
4 TYPES OF ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS AND REFERRALS THEY CAN MAKE, AS
5 WELL AS WE'VE BEEN PARTNERING WITH DPSS, WHO HAS CELL PHONE
6 NUMBERS AND EMAILS FOR EVERY RECIPIENT ON THE BENEFITS AND
7 THEY ARE SENDING OUT MESSAGES THAT STARTED LAST WEEK DIRECTLY
8 TO IMPACTED RECIPIENTS LETTING THEM KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING AND
9 WHERE TO GO IF THEY HAVE A NEED FOR RESOURCES WHICH INCLUDES
10 NOT ONLY LINKS TO LINKS TO LOCAL PANTRIES BUT ALSO TO 211 L.A.
11 IF THEY WANT TO TALK TO SOMEBODY LIVE.

12
13 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND WILL WE BE GETTING A WRITTEN PLAN
14 OF WHAT DPS'S OUTREACH PLAN IS?

15
16 **MICHAEL SYLVESTER:** YES, SUPERVISOR, YES. WE HAVE OUR
17 COMMUNICATION PLAN, WHICH INCLUDES COORDINATION WITH THE
18 STATE. WE LAUNCHED OUR TEXT AND EMAIL CAMPAIGN LAST WEEK AS
19 CARRIE ALLUDED TO WE ALSO HAVE OUR THE STATE IS LAUNCHING
20 THEIRS THIS WEEK. SO, WE'RE COORDINATING THOSE SO THAT WE CAN
21 MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE NOT CONFUSING THE PUBLIC AS WELL. ONE
22 OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE MAKING SURE TO EMPHASIZE IN THE
23 COMMUNICATION IS NOT ONLY INFORMING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE
24 POTENTIAL DELAY AND BENEFITS BECAUSE IT COULD BE ANY WEEK
25 AHEAD THAT IT COULD BE RESOLVED AND THEN WE COULD MOVE FORWARD



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1 WITH. BUT ALSO THE NEED FOR THEM TO CONTINUE TO COMPLY WITH
2 ANY REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAMS BECAUSE
3 WE DON'T WANT THEM TO MISUNDERSTAND AND THINK THAT IF THERE'S
4 A FEDERAL SHUTDOWN, I DON'T NEED TO TURN IN MY PAPERWORK, I
5 DON'T NEED TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THAT. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE
6 THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING HAPPENING THERE. SO, WE'RE TRYING
7 TO MESSAGE ON MULTIPLE FRONTS, AND WE'RE ALSO TAPPING IN THE
8 STATE ACTUALLY HAS THEIR OWN TEXTING CAMPAIGN CAPABILITIES
9 BESIDES OURS, SO THAT SHOULD BE A SUPPLEMENT TO THIS. AND WE
10 DID PUSH IT OUT LAST WEEK. WE DID ALSO HAVE A MEETING LAST
11 WEEK ON OUR COMMUNICATION TEAM WITH 60 PROMOTORAS TO MAKE SURE
12 WE CAN GET IT OUT THROUGH THE COMMUNITY. WE MET WITH 90
13 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, SO WE'RE REALLY TRYING TO PUSH IT
14 OUT INTO MULTIPLE CHANNELS SO THAT THEY'RE INFORMED ABOUT IT
15 AND THEY KNOW WHAT TO DO TO TRY TO HOLD ON TO THEIR BENEFITS
16 AS WELL, BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT THAT LOST IN THE MESSAGING. WE
17 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE MESSAGE IS GOING OUT.

18
19 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THAT'S HELPFUL TO HEAR. THAT WAS SORT
20 OF MY NEXT QUESTION IS THE FRONTLINE WORKERS WHO ARE ACTUALLY
21 CONNECTING WITH FOLKS, MAKING SURE THAT THEY ARE TRAINED AND
22 GETTING THAT INFORMATION AS WELL. SO, WHILE WE HAVE THIS
23 CONVERSATION HERE, NOT EVERYONE WILL GET THAT. SO, I'M GLAD TO
24 HEAR THAT YOU'RE BEING INTENTIONAL IN MAKING SURE THAT
25 EVERYONE WHO'S FIELDING THOSE CALLS ACTUALLY HAS THE RIGHT



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1 INFORMATION. THE COUNTY'S ACTION PLAN ALSO MENTIONS EXPANDED
2 FOOD DONATION SITES AND FOOD DRIVES. AND YOU'VE TOUCHED ON
3 THIS A LITTLE BIT, BUT IS THE COUNTY PLANNING TO HOST ANY
4 OFFICIAL FOOD DRIVES BEYOND WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT
5 IN TERMS OF THE PARTNERSHIPS? I KNOW IN MY DISTRICT IN
6 PARTICULAR, WE'RE OBVIOUSLY WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH
7 COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTHEAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, AND OUR
8 COUNTY FOCUSES ITS RESOURCES WHERE NEED IS MOST CONCENTRATED
9 AND THE HIGHEST. AND ALSO REPRESENTING WEST LOS ANGELES, THERE
10 ARE PEOPLE IN WEST L.A. WHO NEED HELP, AND THE WEST L.A.
11 REGIONAL FOOD BANK NEEDS SUPPORT TO SUPPORT THEM. THERE'S
12 OFTEN A PRESUMPTION THAT BECAUSE THERE IS A CONCENTRATION OF
13 WEALTH, THAT THERE ISN'T A CONCENTRATION OF POVERTY THERE, BUT
14 THERE ARE DIVERSE COMMUNITIES WHO ARE RELYING ON THEM AND
15 SUPPORT. SO HOW ARE WE MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE LEVERAGING ALL
16 POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE'RE FOCUSING ON? WILL THERE BE
17 COUNTY OFFICES THAT ACCEPT CANNED FOOD DONATIONS THAT WE CAN
18 THEN SHARE OR DELIVER. CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT
19 THAT AND HOW PEOPLE CAN GET ENGAGED IN THAT EFFORT?

20
21 **CARRIE MILLER:** YES, ABSOLUTELY. SO WE ARE LOOKING AT, IN TERMS
22 OF INCREASING FOOD DISTRIBUTION, WE'RE LOOKING AT ALL
23 CHANNELS. SO, WE'RE LOOKING AT OUR FOOD BANKS, WE'RE LOOKING
24 AT ALL OF THEM. WE'RE VERY WELL OF THE WEST FOOD BANK AS WELL
25 AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW DO WE LEVERAGE ALL PARTNERS



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1 ACROSS THE COUNTY BECAUSE THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT'S GOING TO
2 AFFECT EVERYBODY. SO, WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW WE GET FUNDING OUT
3 AND SUPPORT. LIKE I SAY, A LOT OF THE PARTNERS THAT WE'RE
4 WORKING WITH ARE ALSO LOOKING AT WAYS THAT THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE
5 AND GIVE TO OTHER RESOURCES AS WELL. SO, WE MAKE SURE WE COVER
6 THE AREA. WE ARE LOOKING ALSO AT OUR, IN OUR CHIEF INFORMATION
7 OFFICE, WE HAVE A GI CODING MAPPING WHERE WE CAN LOOK AT WHERE
8 ARE THE GREATEST NEEDS AND OVERLAY THAT WITH THE LOCAL FOOD
9 PANTRIES TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE HITTING THE AREAS OF MOST
10 NEED AND GREATEST NEED AND THAT THERE AREN'T ANY FOOD DESERTS.
11 AND IF SO, THEN MAKE SURE WE'RE TARGETING THOSE COMMUNITIES.
12 BUT I WOULD DEFINITELY INVITE INFORMATION FROM YOUR OFFICES,
13 IF THERE ARE PARTICULAR COMMUNITIES THAT YOU ARE WORRIED
14 ABOUT, LET US KNOW AND WE CAN WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS TO MAKE
15 SURE THAT WE ARE TARGETING THOSE IN PARTICULAR. ADDITIONALLY,
16 WE ARE LOOKING AT OTHER TYPES OF WAYS TO LEVERAGE FOOD
17 DISTRIBUTION. AND SO, DEPENDING ON, AGAIN, HOW LONG THIS GOES,
18 THERE ARE OTHER THINGS THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IN OUR PLANNING
19 THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT
20 LOOKS AT PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION THROUGH A CONTRACT WITH THREE
21 DIFFERENT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ACTUALLY SERVE 19
22 OTHER SITES. AND SO, DPSS ACTUALLY HAS FOUR CONTRACTS WITH
23 CBOS THAT DO FOOD DISTRIBUTION ALMOST COUNTYWIDE. AND SO,
24 WE'RE TRYING TO LEVERAGE ALL OF THOSE ACCESS POINTS, FIGURE
25 OUT WHERE THEY ARE AND MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S NO AREA THAT



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1 WOULD BE LEFT UNTOUCHED IS INTO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITIES OF
2 COVERING ALL THE DESERTS.

3
4 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND IS THERE GEOGRAPHIC RESTRICTION
5 ON ANYONE WHO'S ABLE TO ACCESS THOSE FOOD BANKS OR ANY OF THE
6 RESOURCES THAT ARE BEING PROVIDED? LIKE IF THERE'S AN OFFICE
7 IN THE VALLEY, IS THAT ONLY AVAILABLE TO VALLEY RESIDENTS FOR
8 EXAMPLE?

9
10 **CARRIE MILLER:** NO, ABSOLUTELY NOT. AND GREAT QUESTION. WE WILL
11 MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS AVAILABLE. AND ONE OF THE THINGS
12 THAT'S GOOD ABOUT WHAT WE DID IN COVID, WHICH WE'RE GOING TO
13 LEVERAGE THIS TIME, IS WE CAN SET UP ADDITIONAL SITES WHEREVER
14 WE SEE A NEED. SO, WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT ON LOOKING FOR WHERE
15 THERE'S EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE ALREADY. WE CAN DECIDE, HEY,
16 HERE'S AN AREA OF NEED. WE WANT TO SET UP A SITE AND THEN FIND
17 A PLACE TO DO THAT. WE DID LEVERAGE THAT DURING COVID THERE
18 WAS 15 COUNTY SPONSORED SITES OF. AREAS OF LAND THAT WE
19 PROVIDED SO THAT FOLKS COULD SET UP THESE SITES. AND AS
20 MICHAEL MENTIONED, DPSS HAS ALREADY OFFERED UP ALL OF ITS
21 PARKING LOTS TO BE THESE SITES IF WE NEED TO. AND THEN OF
22 COURSE, IF THERE'S OTHER SITES WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY THAT ARE
23 WITHIN COUNTY CONTROL, WE COULD USE THAT AND LEVERAGE THAT
24 INFRASTRUCTURE TO MAKE SURE WE'RE SETTING UP SITES AND
25 COVERING ALL THE AREAS WE NEED.



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1
2 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THAT'S REALLY GREAT. AND I WILL SAY
3 TO MY PREVIOUS QUESTION, YOU KNOW, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
4 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE ESSENTIALLY FUNCTIONING
5 AS THE FRONTLINE BECAUSE WE HAVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO DON'T
6 WANT TO BE ANYWHERE NEAR A GOVERNMENT OFFICE FOR FEAR OF BEING
7 TARGETED. AND SO MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE NOT ONLY, I'M GLAD
8 THAT WE'RE USING OUR OFFICES AND OUR COUNTY SPACES AND MAKING
9 SURE THAT WE'RE WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO WILL
10 GET THOSE CALLS AND PERHAPS EVEN MORE THAN WE WILL IS
11 IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE INVOLVED BECAUSE THEY'LL
12 BE ABLE TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE YOU KNOW JUST IN A WAY THAT'S
13 DIFFERENT THAN JUST SORT OF SETTING UP A SITE AND HOPING THAT
14 PEOPLE SHOW UP. AND SO THAT SORT OF INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY
15 CONNECTION. I THINK, CAN GO A LONG WAY. AND I'LL MAKE SURE
16 THAT MY OFFICE IS DOING THAT ON BEHALF OF OUR DISTRICT. I'M
17 SURE MY COLLEAGUES WILL DO THE SAME BASED ON THEIR COMMENTS AS
18 WELL. BUT I THINK JUST BEING MINDFUL THAT THERE MAY BE
19 COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO ARE BETTER POSITIONED TO MAKE THOSE
20 CONNECTIONS ON OUR BEHALF WILL GO A LONG WAY IN THE COMMUNITY.
21 THANKS. THANK YOU.

22
23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND I WANT TO ALSO THANK JOE AND
24 YOUR TEAM AND ANGELA AND CARRIE AND EVERYBODY FOR TODAY'S
25 UPDATE ON THE IMPACTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN ON



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1 COUNTY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. AND YOU KNOW, THERE ARE MANY
2 THAT DON'T THINK IT IMPACTS LOCAL. THEY THINK IT'S ALL ABOUT
3 WASHINGTON, D.C. BUT THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE TRICKLE-DOWN
4 EFFECT THAT IT HAS, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, AND I
5 APPRECIATE THE DEEPER DIVE INTO HOW THE SHUTDOWN IS IMPACTING
6 COUNTY REVENUES AND THE EXPECTED DISRUPTION OF CALFRESH
7 BENEFITS. THE LENGTH TO WHICH THIS SHUTDOWN IS GOING IS REALLY
8 DEEPLY TROUBLING, AND NOT ONLY JUST AT THIS LEVEL, BUT I MEAN,
9 ACROSS THE STATE, I MEAN, I THINK L.A. COUNTY IS BETTER
10 POSITIONED IN SOME WAYS THAN OTHER COUNTIES THAT ALREADY ARE
11 FACING CHALLENGES AS IT RELATES TO, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITHOUT
12 THE FOOD. THIS COMES AT A TIME WHEN THE COUNTY IS ALREADY
13 FACING MASSIVE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES, AND IT'S NOT LOST ON ME
14 THAT DEPARTMENTS LIKE DPSS HAVE HAD TO PUT CURTAILMENTS INTO
15 PLAY AND ARE BEING ASKED TO DO MORE WITH LESS AND NOW YOU'VE
16 GOT PEOPLE COMING IN THAT QUITE FRANKLY NEED MORE AND SO I
17 WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADS AND THE ENTIRE COUNTY
18 TEAM FOR GOING THE EXTRA MILE BECAUSE THAT'S REALLY WHAT IT'S
19 GOING TO TAKE FOR ALL OF US AS COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO GO THE
20 EXTRA MILE. I WANT TO LET L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS KNOW THAT WE
21 ARE PLANNING AHEAD. AND CARRIE, I REALLY APPRECIATE THE FACT
22 THAT WE'VE GOT THE HOLIDAYS COMING UP AND IT'S TIME NOW FOR US
23 TO BEGIN GIVING. I KNOW I'M ONE OF THOSE FRUSTRATED PEOPLE
24 BEFORE HALLOWEEN THAT SEE CHRISTMAS CAROLS BEING PLAYED, BUT I
25 THINK IT'S TIME FOR US TO STEP UP OUR GAME AND ASK PEOPLE TO



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1 OPEN THEIR HEARTS AND THEIR CHECKBOOKS SOONER RATHER THAN
2 LATER, ALTHOUGH I GUESS NOW IT WOULD BE VENMO, RIGHT? IT'S NOT
3 CHECKBOOKS ANYMORE. I JUST DATED MYSELF. IMMEDIATE
4 COMMUNICATION WITH OUR IMPACTED COMMUNITIES IS PRIORITY NUMBER
5 ONE, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE RECEIVING BENEFITS FROM CALFRESH.
6 AND I DO APPLAUD OUR EFFORTS TO PARTNER WITH LOCAL FOOD BANKS
7 AND LEVERAGE NONPROFIT AND PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT TO HELP FILL
8 THE VACUUM AND MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. BUT
9 LET'S NOT FORGET THAT WITH THE FIRES, I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW
10 STRETCHED OUR FOOD BANKS ARE. TO THIS DAY, ON SATURDAYS, AT
11 ONE OF THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITES, THE LINE IS LITERALLY
12 GOING AROUND THE BLOCK. AND THAT IS WITHOUT THE FEAR OF
13 BENEFIT CUTS. SO, RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS JUST ONE MORE LAYER
14 OF NEED FOR THE FOOD BANKS. AND THEY ESTIMATE THAT THE NUMBER
15 OF MEALS THEY PROVIDE PALES IN COMPARISON TO THE NUMBER OF
16 MEALS PROVIDED BY OUR CALFRESH. SO, I MEAN, THINK ABOUT THAT.
17 THEY'RE ALREADY PROVIDING, AND WITH CALFRESH, THEY KNOW THAT
18 THE NUMBER OF MEALS EXCEEDS THEIR CAPACITY. SO, I AGREE WITH
19 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I THINK 10,000,000 IS THE TIP OF THE
20 ICEBERG. BUT THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO
21 DO MORE. AND I WOULD EVEN SAY, YOU KNOW, MAYBE A CAMPAIGN
22 WITHIN THE COUNTY TO HAVE OUR COUNTY FAMILY BEGIN DONATING.
23 SOMETHING THAT I WOULD WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT. WE MUST PUSH
24 LAWMAKERS TO PASS THE FEDERAL BUDGET. AND I THINK WE, IT'S
25 INCUMBENT UPON US TO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS IMPACTING PEOPLE'S



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1 LIVES. AND WE NEED TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS AND
2 RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IMPACT IS NOT GOING TO BE, ONCE IT
3 REOPENS, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A QUICK RECOVERY. AND I KNOW
4 THAT WITH COVID, WE SAW IT. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US
5 TO BE PREPARED FOR THE LONG HAUL. IF THE SWITCH WERE TO BE
6 TURNED BACK ON FRIDAY, WE'RE STILL GOING TO HAVE TO FACE A LOT
7 OF THE FALLOUT FROM WHAT'S TAKING PLACE. SO, I AGAIN WANT TO
8 THANK YOU ALL. I AM VERY PROUD OF THIS COUNTY BECAUSE WE DO
9 TALK IT, BUT WE WALK IT WHEN IT COMES TO THE MOST VULNERABLE
10 POPULATION AND I REMIND PEOPLE, OUR BUDGET IS ALMOST 2/3
11 HEALTH AND WELFARE. AND THAT IS SERVING THE MOST VULNERABLE.
12 WE HAVEN'T TALKED ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH AND THE
13 IMPACT IT'S HAVING ON THEM. BUT AGAIN, IT'S A TRICKLE-DOWN.
14 IT'S A DOMINO EFFECT AS IT RELATES TO THE CLOSURE OF THE
15 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AND WE ARE THE ONES THAT ARE LEFT HOLDING
16 THE BAG BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GOING TO LOCK UP OUR HOSPITALS AND
17 TURN PEOPLE AWAY. WE CAN'T. OR WE'RE NOT GOING TO, DPSS IS NOT
18 GOING TO FURLOUGH ALL THEIR STAFF AND SAY, WE'RE NOT OPEN FOR
19 BUSINESS. WE DON'T DO THAT. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL, AND I
20 HOPE NEXT WEEK WE'VE GOT BETTER NEWS FOR SURE. SUPERVISOR
21 MITCHELL.

22
23 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I AGREE WITH
24 EVERYTHING THAT ALL MY COLLEAGUES SAID. JUST A COUPLE THINGS
25 HIT ME AS I LISTENED. FIRST OF ALL, MY TEAM WAS TOLD, I THINK



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SUPERVISORS

1 JUST YESTERDAY, THAT THE OUTREACH WAS EXPECTED TO COME FROM
2 INDIVIDUAL IMPACTED COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. I WOULD HOPE BASED ON
3 WHAT WE'VE HEARD TODAY THAT OUR COUNTYWIDE COMPS TEAM WOULD BE
4 ENGAGED BECAUSE THIS GOT TO GO FAR AND WIDE BEYOND JUST
5 IMPACTED DEPARTMENTS. SO, IS THAT THE PLAN?

6

7 **ANGELA OVALLE:** YES, SUPERVISOR. ACTUALLY, THE SOCIAL MEDIA
8 CAMPAIGN THAT WAS LAUNCHED THIS MORNING WAS BY COUNTYWIDE
9 COMMUNICATIONS.

10

11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** EXCELLENT, THANK YOU. TWO MORE QUICK
12 THINGS, MADAM CHAIR. THE SLIDE THAT SHOWS US THE TIME WHEN THE
13 FEDERAL FUNDING LAPSES AND I'VE ALWAYS SAID AND BECAUSE I'VE
14 LIVED IT AND SEEN IT MY WHOLE CAREER THE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE
15 IMPACTED IT'S THE ACCUMULATIVE EFFECT YOU KNOW IF I AM ON
16 CALFRESH I'M ON CALWORKS I'M VERY LIKELY HAVE SOME KIND OF
17 HOUSING SUBSIDY AND THE ONE ENTITLEMENT THAT I SAW HERE THAT I
18 REALIZE IS MISSING IS CHILD CARE. OUR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE
19 HAS A FEDERAL FUNDING ELEMENT AND THEN HEAD START IS ALL FEDS
20 AND SO DO WE KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN ON THE CHILD CARE
21 PIECE BECAUSE AGAIN IT'S THE ACCUMULATIVE EFFECT THAT A
22 FAMILY'S GOING TO BE HIT FROM A VARIETY OF CUTS, AS WELL AS
23 THE CHILDCARE ELEMENT IS, YOU KNOW, ALSO THE COMMUNITY OF
24 PROVIDERS ON THE CHILDCARE SIDE WHO WILL LOSE INCOME AS WELL
25 AS THE LOSS BENEFITS. SO, IF WE COULD KNOW WHERE WE ARE IN



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1 CHILD CARE AND HEAD START, I DON'T KNOW THAT I'VE HEARD ANY
2 PRESS ACCOUNTS IN TERMS OF IMPACT TO HEAD START. AND LASTLY,
3 THE \$10,000,000 FIGURE, I AGREE, IT FEELS LIKE A DROP IN THE
4 BUCKET. AND AS WE CONTINUE TO USE KIND OF OUR EXPERIENCE WITH
5 COVID AS THE EXAMPLE, THE DIFFERENCE IS DURING COVID, CALFRESH
6 BENEFITS CONTINUED TO ROLL. SO, THE PEOPLE THAT SHOWED UP AT
7 OUR FOOD BANKS WERE FOLKS, WORKERS WHOSE INCOME WAS IMPACTED.
8 THEY COULDN'T GO TO WORK BECAUSE OF COVID. BUT CALFRESH
9 BENEFITS CONTINUE TO ROLL. SO, WITH ACKNOWLEDGING THAT PEOPLE
10 ARE STILL LINING UP FOR ALL OF THE REASONS, FIRE, I.C.E.
11 INVASION, CALFRESH LOSS IS A WHOLE NEW POPULATION THAT WE
12 DIDN'T SEE DURING COVID. AND SO, I CONTINUE TO JUST ELEVATE. I
13 APPRECIATE THE \$10,000,000 IS WHAT PEOPLE THINK IS ENOUGH.
14 NOW, IF THIS IS GOING TO CONTINUE INTO THE LATTER PART OF THIS
15 YEAR, PERHAPS INTO THE NEW YEAR. WE CERTAINLY PRAY NOT. WE
16 NEED TO BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THE DOLLAR FIGURE REALLY WOULD BE.
17 THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. EXECUTIVE
20 OFFICER, DO WE HAVE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WISH TO
21 SPEAK?

22
23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON
24 SPEAKERS. AMILO, DID YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING BY THE WAY?



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY, ARE YOU FINE? OKAY. GO
2 AHEAD. OKAY.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON
5 SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THIS ITEM. WE WILL GO TO
6 REMOTE SPEAKERS. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS
7 TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING CUE TO ADDRESS SET MATTER 1 IF
8 YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE ON
9 YOUR DEVICE OR PRESS STAR 3 ON YOUR TELEPHONE NOW. CALLER
10 626390, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
11 BEGIN.

12

13 **COLIN CAMPBELL:** HELLO, THIS IS COLIN CAMPBELL, DISTRICT 5.
14 DEAR MR. PRESIDENT TRUMP, GOVERNOR NEWSOM, HONORABLE JUDY CHU,
15 MAYOR BRAUN, AND L.A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE ALPA TEAM WAS
16 BORN WITH SUZY WILES ON 9-15 TO ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE,
17 COMBINING THE CAPABILITIES OF THE DOD, DOJ, FBI, AND LOCAL
18 POLICE. THIS TECHNOLOGY CAN BE USED FOR FIRE PREVENTION AND
19 EVACUATION, HOMELESS, DPSS, CALFRESH, AND TO PROTECT SCHOOLS.
20 WITH THE L.A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JOIN THE ALPHA TEAM SO WE
21 CAN BUILD STARGATE, LIFE SUPPORT FOR LOS ANGELES, AND RELEASE
22 THE \$238,500,000,000 FEDERAL BUDGET WHEN THERE'S AN
23 INCENTIVIZATION PLAN FOR ALL PUBLIC SERVANTS WISHING TO
24 ENROLL. THE BUDGET OF \$238,500,000,000 I PRESENT TO L.A. BOARD
25 OF SUPERVISORS ON 1-21, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP



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SUPERVISORS

1 ON THE SAME DAY AND IS BACKED BY LARRY OLSON, SAM ALTMAN, AND
2 MASAYOSHI SON WITH A \$500,000,000,000 BUDGET BACKED BY JAPAN.
3 THANK YOU.

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5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ROY HUMPHREYS, YOUR LINE IS
6 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. ROY HUMPHREYS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE
7 BEGIN.

8

9 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** WORLDWIDE JOKE ON ALL NETWORKS FOR THEIR
10 LUDICROUS EMERGENCY FUNDING OF ILLEGAL ALIENS WHILE CITIZENS
11 GO HOMELESS AND HUNGRY. YES, EVEN DEMOCRATS ARE JUMPING SHIP
12 OVER THIS PERVERTED GRAB OF POLITICAL POWER WHILE SUBVERTING
13 AND LONG-STANDING ILLEGALS OVER THE BIDEN ILLEGALS SUPPORTING
14 ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE. AND YES, DENNIS HAHN PULLED
15 \$50,000,000 OFF THE CRITICAL UPGRADE OF FULLERTON AND 60
16 ROWLAND HEIGHTS TO FUND THE ILLEGALS OVER CITIZENS FOR CORRUPT
17 POLITICAL POWER. THE CITIZENS MUST NOT CONCEDE. AND FURTHER,
18 YOU CREATED THIS PROBLEM AND CREATING IMPOVERTY IN THIS COUNTY
19 AND YOU DESERVE WHAT YOU GET. THANK YOU.

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21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER 310562, YOUR LINE IS
22 UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

23

24 **ERIKA ROGERS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ERIKA
25 ROGERS, AND I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY CLINIC



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1 ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH REPRESENTS 67
2 NONPROFIT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS SERVING PATIENTS ACROSS THE
3 COUNTY. WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR ITEM 8 AND
4 THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HORVATH FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION
5 TO EXPAND ACCESS TO MEDI-CAL AND CALFRESH. WE'VE PROGRAMMED
6 OUR ESSENTIAL LIFELINES.

7

8 **DAWYN HARRISON:** I'M SORRY, MA'AM, WE'RE ON SET MATTER 1,
9 REPORT ON THE COUNTY'S BUDGET. THAT ONE'S THE NEXT ITEM.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, IT'LL BE HEARD NEXT, SO IF
12 YOU WANT TO WAIT IN THE CUE, THANK YOU.

13

14 **ERIKA ROGERS:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER 310972, YOUR LINE IS
17 UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

18

19 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS GENO REPRESENTING LEIMART
20 PARK WE CALL IT ASK A TOWN I WANT TO LEND SOME ENCOURAGEMENT
21 AT LEAST BETTER DIRECTION IN TERMS OF WHAT TO DO WITH THE REST
22 OF THE YEAR. I KIND OF HEARD A LITTLE BIT OF SOME RENT
23 MORATORIUMS DOWN IN STYLE ADVICE, AND THAT NEEDS TO BE
24 CONSIDERED. ALSO, WHEN IT COMES TO NONPROFITS, ESPECIALLY IN
25 OUR AREA FOR FOOD AND STUFF LIKE THAT. FOOD REVOLUTION L.A. IS



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1 SOME ORGANIZATION YOU SHOULD LOOK INTO. THEY FEED THE VILLAGE
2 EVERY SUNDAY, AND WITH A LITTLE BIT MORE HELP, THEY COULD FEED
3 THEM MORE DAYS THAN THAT. OTHER THAN THAT, YOU DO NEED TO BE
4 MORE MINDFUL ABOUT WHAT EMERGENCIES YOU GUYS ARE PRIORITIZING
5 THAT LAST CLUSTER MEETING ABOUT THE BIKE PATH THAT DEFINITELY
6 NEEDS TO BE REPRIORITIZED BECAUSE THE EMERGENCY FUNDS NEED TO
7 BE USED FOR THE PEOPLE AND THAT'S ABOUT IT. THANK YOU.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER 323388 YOUR LINE IS
10 UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

11

12 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** HI, I WAS HOPING TO SPEAK ON MATTER 8. I'LL
13 GO AHEAD AND WAIT IN THE CUE, THANK YOU.

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER 562783, YOUR LINE IS
16 UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

17

18 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** HI, I WAS ACTUALLY HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 8,
19 IF I CAN GET PUT BACK IN THE CUE, THANK YOU.

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SURE, THANK YOU. OKAY, MADAM CHAIR AND
22 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS
23 ITEM. THIS REPORT WILL BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ALL RIGHT, HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL



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SUPERVISORS

1 BE THE ORDER.

2

3 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, WE WILL NOW
4 PROCEED WITH PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS,
5 INCLUDING THE CLOSED SESSION MATTER. AT THIS TIME, WE WILL
6 HEAR FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY TO COMMENT
7 ON THESE ITEMS, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU'RE
8 ONLINE OR PRESS STAR 3 IF ON THE TELEPHONE. PLEASE INDICATE
9 THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS IN THE
10 BEGINNING OF YOUR COMMENT FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE
11 AMOUNT OF TIME.

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW CALL IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND
14 WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE REMOTE SPEAKERS.
15 THIS WILL BE FOR ALL ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD FOR
16 DISCUSSION, INCLUDING CLOSED SESSION. GREG STIEGERWALD,
17 NICHOLAS LAMPROS, CLAUDIA JEREZ, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS
18 YOU'RE ADDRESSING AND BEGIN. YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE
19 BEGIN.

20

21 **CLAUDIA JEREZ:** IS THIS ON CLAUDIA?

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES.

24

25 **CLAUDIA JEREZ:** OKAY. SO, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE SAFETY NET.



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE SAFETY NET, I WAS JUST LOOKING UP THE NUMBERS FOR L.A. USC
2 STUDENTS' BLACKS ARE ABOUT 9% HISPANICS ARE 29% OF L.A. USC
3 AND THE REST WHAT ARE THEY? ASIAN, BLACK, WHITE AND OTHER
4 CULTURES. NOW I HAVE TO TELL YOU, THE ATTACK ON THE SAFETY NET
5 IS A VERY BIG DEAL. IT HAPPENS EVERY SINGLE TIME THERE'S A
6 SHUTDOWN FOR THE GOVERNMENT. WE KNOW THAT. SO, WE'RE GOING TO
7 RIDE IT. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RIDE THE WAVE, AND THAT'S
8 UNDERSTOOD. SO, I'M VERY, VERY GRATEFUL THAT YOU KNOW, WE'RE
9 COORDINATING THAT, YOU KNOW, THERE'S ENOUGH FOOD FOR
10 EVERYBODY. AND SO JUST KNOW THAT THE SAFETY NET IS BEING
11 ATTACKED. READ THE BOOK ATTACK ON POVERTY. I BELIEVE IT WAS
12 WRITTEN BACK IN THE 1970S. YOU KNOW, IT'S ATTACK ON THE POOR.
13 IT'S CALLED ATTACK ON THE POOR. SO THAT'S AN ATTACK ON POVERTY
14 - -

15
16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CALLER 818645, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, THE
17 AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING, AND BEGIN.

18
19 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S ERIC PREVEN, AND I'M ANNOYED BECAUSE I WAS
20 IN THE CUE PREVIOUSLY AND WASN'T CALLED UP ON THE LAST ITEM,
21 SO I'D LIKE THAT MINUTE, AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON 7,16,19,26-
22 27 AND SUPPLEMENTAL. SO, FIRST OF ALL, YOU'RE CANCELING THE
23 MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12TH, WHICH SHOULD START AT ONE, IT'S
24 FOLLOWING VETERANS DAY. THAT'S LAME BECAUSE YOU HAVE A
25 PROBLEM. AND YOU'RE POINTING TO THE CLUSTER MEETINGS, WHICH I



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1 TOOK THE TIME TO AUDIT THE OTHER TAGS, THE ONE ON CHILDREN AND
2 FAMILY SERVICES. AND LET ME SIMPLY SAY CONFUSION, AN HOUR, AND
3 YOU CALL IT TRANSPARENCY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SUPERVISOR
4 HORVATH TO GET EVERYBODY IN THE ROOM, NOBODY IN THE ROOM,
5 OKAY, NO PROBLEM. SO THAT'S CHEESE. NOW, CHECK FOR YOUR
6 EMERGENCIES. I WANT THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT WE ARE REDUCING
7 THE EMERGENCY LIST BY TWO. WE STILL HAVE 10 ONGOING
8 EMERGENCIES. SO, THIS IS AN EMBARRASSMENT, OBVIOUSLY, BECAUSE
9 IF EVERYTHING IS AN EMERGENCY, NOTHING IS. AS FOR THE \$500,000
10 PARTY FOR DMH AT THE HOTEL DOWNTOWN, THE OPTICS ARE NOT GREAT
11 ON SUCH A THING, I'LL BE HONEST. AND IF YOU REALLY WANT TO
12 LOOK AT OUTREACH, EVERYBODY'S WORRIED ABOUT HOW DO WE MAKE
13 SURE PEOPLE KNOW THEY'RE ELIGIBLE FOR CALFRESH AND VARIOUS,
14 YOU KNOW, NET THINGS. HERE'S \$16,500,000 UP TO FOR 3
15 ORGANIZATIONS, MOSAIC MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS, MODERN TIMES
16 INC. AND SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS FUND. WHAT? LOL, NOT FUNNY.
17 AND WHAT DO THEY DO? ALL THEY'RE DOING IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL
18 AGENDA IS CORRECTING THE 501C3 BECAUSE THEY HAD IT LISTED AS A
19 401C3, WHERE'S THAT? THAT'S LIKE UP TO \$45 MILLION, OKAY? NOW,
20 I'M SORRY FOR THE CARE FIRST, JAIL'S LAST PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO
21 HAVE A LOOK AT ITEM 27 AND 12. AND I KNOW HORVATH WILL JUMP UP
22 AND, YOU KNOW, DO A LITTLE DANCE, BUT THIS IS NOT WHAT PEOPLE
23 NEED, IS RENOVATIONS AT A JAIL WHEN WE NEED AN ALTERNATIVE TO
24 THIS --

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SUPERVISORS

1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. DRACONE. CALLER 323388, PLEASE
2 STATE YOUR NAME, THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING, AND
3 BEGIN.

4

5 **BRIAN NUNEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS BRIAN NUNEZ. I'M WITH ALMA FAMILY
6 SERVICES. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I SERVE AS THE ASSOCIATE
7 DIRECTOR OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR ALMA FAMILY SERVICES, WHERE
8 OUR PROGRAM SUPPORTS THOUSANDS OF MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES
9 ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
10 SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR BRINGING FORWARD THE IMPORTANT MOTION.

11

12 **DAWYN HARRISON:** SIR, ITEM 8 IS BEING HELD. THIS IS PUBLIC
13 COMMENT ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT HELD BY THE SUPERVISORS.

14

15 **BRIAN NUNEZ:** MY APOLOGIES. THANK YOU.

16

17 **DAWYN HARRISON:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ROY HUMPHRIES, PLEASE STATE THE
20 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND BEGIN.

21

22 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** LARGE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE MEN CENTRAL
23 JAIL. THANKS ERIC PREVEN FOR MENTIONING THAT AGAIN THE
24 SUPERVISOR SHOULD BE ALLOWED SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO HABITATE
25 THAT UNTIL THIS IS A PUBLIC STATE IT'S A DISGRACE AND IT'S ALL



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1 ON YOU. AND NOTICE HERE IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE
2 A MEETING ON HOMELESSNESS IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS BY THE COUNTY.

3
4 **DAWYN HARRISON:** SIR, SIR, SIR, THIS IS NOT GENERAL PUBLIC
5 COMMENT. THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE
6 SUPERVISORS.

7
8 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THEY STILL GET TO GO TO JAIL.

9
10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME,
11 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING, AND BEGIN.

12
13 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** LOS ANGELES RESIDENT, MAY I SPEAK ON 43C?

14
15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES.

16
17 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THIS IS A GAMES FOR ALL VISION
18 EVENT PARKING FEE WAIVER. PLEASE ADVISE HOW DO YOU BEGIN IN
19 LESS THAN A THOUSAND DAYS TO ACCLIMATE YOUR CITIZENRY FOR A
20 SUPPOSED CARS-FREE GAMES FOR ALL WHEN YOU WAIVE PARKING FEES.
21 YOU HAVE LESS THAN 1,000 DAYS. THIS IS NOT THE STEP TO DO SO.
22 AGAIN, THIS IS JUST ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, DO AS I SAY, NOT AS I
23 DO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

24
25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. BYRON JOSE, PLEASE STATE THE



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1 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND BEGIN.

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3 **BYRON JOSE:** VERY CONCERNED RESIDENT AND LONG TIME OF SD2 AND
4 BUSINESS OWNER IN SD1, CS7. WHO CAN'T RISE FOR IT WITH A
5 \$50,000,000,000 BUDGET? AND AGAIN, THIS IS GOING TO BE A VERY
6 SHORT MEETING. I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS TO GET TO IN A
7 CLOSED SESSION AND WE HAVEN'T BEEN TRACKING THOSE AS PART OF
8 MY PERSONAL MENTAL HEALTH. I'VE BEEN NOT READING YOUR AGENDAS.
9 BUT I GUESS WE DO HAVE TO TRACK THE CLOSED MEETING SESSION
10 AGENDAS AND MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE NOT USING OUR NCC, OUR LAW
11 TAX DOLLARS TO PAY OUT TO THE CEO AND OTHER STAFF AND THAT
12 CONTINUE TO BLOCK OUT MEASURE J. BUT AGAIN, WE WANT TO MAKE
13 SURE THAT WE'RE PRIORITIZING NOT THE PAYOUTS AND THE
14 LIABILITIES AND THE SHARES, BUT WE'RE ACTUALLY PRIORITIZING
15 CARE. SO, WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO FIND OURSELVES INTO HAVING TO
16 RUSH INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONTINUE TO PAY OUT AND THEN
17 FURTHER PUT US INTO THE RIGHT FIELD.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER
20 REMOTE CALLERS ON THESE ITEMS. WE WILL NOW MOVE TO IN-PERSON
21 SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

22

23 **GREG STEIGERWALD:** HI, EVERYONE. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. MY
24 NAME IS GREG STEIGERWALD AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF STREET
25 SURFER EVERYONE TO VOICE MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR MOTION 5 TO



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1 ALLOCATE FUNDS TOWARDS FIXING THE MARVIN BRODE BIKE PATH AT
2 DOCKWEILER BEACH. FOR OVER A YEAR, THE BIKE PATH IN THIS
3 LOCATION HAS BEEN OUT OF COMMISSION, PUSHING CYCLISTS AND
4 PEDESTRIANS LIKE MYSELF OUT ONTO THE ROADWAY. THIS CORRIDOR IS
5 USED BY THOUSANDS DAILY. MANY OF YOU MAY USE IT DAILY FOR
6 BIKING AND WALKING. YET THE CURRENT STATE OF THE BIKE PATH
7 MAKES IT VERY WILLFULLY UNSAFE AND DISCOURAGES ACTIVE
8 TRANSPORTATION. THERE IS CRACKED PAVEMENT AND DEBRIS FORCING
9 RIDERS INTO THE TRAFFIC, CREATING UNNECESSARY RISK. INVESTING
10 IN THIS REPAIR IS MORE ABOUT FIXING PAVEMENT HOWEVER IT'S
11 ABOUT PROTECTING LIVES PROMOTING CLEAN TRANSPORTATION AND
12 FULFILLING OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFER STREETS FOR EVERYONE AS
13 BOTH THE CYCLIST AND PEDESTRIAN I JUST WANT TO KNOW THAT I CAN
14 RIDE SAFELY AND WITH PEACE OF MIND AND AT THE INFRASTRUCTURE I
15 RELY ON AND PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY IS MAINTAINED.

16
17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** DID YOU, WERE YOU SPECIFIC ABOUT
18 WHAT BIKE PATH OR ARE YOU SAYING IN GENERAL? OH, ITEM 5, I'M
19 SORRY, OKAY. THANK YOU.

20
21 **GREG STEIGERWALD:** ITEM 5.

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

24
25 **NICHOLAS LAMPROS:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS NICHOLAS LAMPROS.



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1 I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES TO SUPPORT
2 AGENDA ITEM 43B. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND SOLIS.
3 OUR ORGANIZATION REGULARLY ADVISES MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES
4 COMMUNITY IN CONNECTION WITH MEDI-CAL COVERAGE. WE'VE SEEN
5 FIRSTHAND THE CONFUSION AND DISRUPTION THAT OCCURS WHEN MEDI-
6 CAL RULES CHANGE. THAT IS WHY WE BELIEVE COUNTY-LEVEL OUTREACH
7 AROUND THE MEDI-CAL ASSET TESTING RULE CHANGES IS SO CRITICAL.
8 THIS MOTION WILL ENABLE TRUSTED, LOCALLY TAILORED MESSAGING
9 AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO MINIMIZE CONFUSION AND SUPPORT
10 CONTINUITY OF CARE. TO THAT END, WE HAVE LAUNCHED OUR OWN
11 MEDI-CAL CARES OUTREACH INITIATIVE TO PROACTIVELY ADVISE PRIOR
12 CLIENTS ABOUT THESE CHANGES AND INFORM COMMUNITY SOCIAL
13 WORKERS ABOUT THE NEW RULES. FINALLY, I WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE
14 COUNTY TO INCLUDE IN ITS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN INFORMATION ABOUT
15 THE MEDI-CAL SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT RULES FOR MARRIED COUPLES.
16 THESE RULES ENABLE PEOPLE WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES WHO
17 ARE MARRIED TO QUALIFY FOR MEDI-CAL WITHOUT DEPLETING THEIR
18 SPOUSE'S ASSETS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH
19 THE COUNTY TO REDUCE BARRIERS.

20
21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR
22 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS.

23
24 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
25 BOARD, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEMS 2-7, 9, 11,



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1 13-18, 19 AS REVISED, 20, 21 WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL RECUSING
2 HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
3 84308, 22 THROUGH 26, 28 THROUGH 36, 38 THROUGH 42, 43A
4 THROUGH 43F, 46, THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVE BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH,
7 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH THE
8 EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. 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 BARGER?

2

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

4

5 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION
6 CARRIES, 4 TO 0. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 8, ACCESS TO
7 MEDI-CAL AND CALFRESH AT-RISK PRESERVING BENEFICIARY
8 ENROLLMENT, WHICH IS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF
9 THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM,
10 PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU ARE ONLINE OR PRESS
11 STAR 3 IF ON THE TELEPHONE. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH SERVICES AND
13 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. FOR THE
14 DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR
15 THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANT TO
20 THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME.
21 COLLEAGUES, AS YOU KNOW ON JULY 4TH, PRESIDENT TRUMP SIGNED
22 INTO LAW H.R.-1, WHICH INCLUDES SWEEPING CHANGES TO PUBLIC
23 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. THIS INCLUDES IMPLEMENTING WORK
24 REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING MEDI-CAL THROUGH THE
25 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT EXPANSION, AS WELL AS EXPANDING EXISTING



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SUPERVISORS

1 REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE ENROLLED IN CALFRESH. THE WORK
2 REQUIREMENTS UNDER CALFRESH WILL IMPACT NEW CATEGORIES OF
3 INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING FORMER FOSTER YOUTH, VETERANS, AND
4 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AMONG OTHERS. ACCORDING
5 TO COUNTY ESTIMATES, APPROXIMATELY 202,000 INDIVIDUALS
6 ENROLLED IN CALFRESH WILL BE REQUIRED TO MEET WORK
7 REQUIREMENTS BEGINNING EARLY NEXT YEAR. THIS IS MORE THAN
8 DOUBLE THE CURRENT NUMBER. AND MEANWHILE, AS MANY AS 1,500,000
9 MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES COULD BE AT RISK OF LOSING COVERAGE
10 WHEN THE WORK REQUIREMENTS TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2027. WE
11 KNOW THAT EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT WORK REQUIREMENTS DO NOT
12 INCREASE EMPLOYMENT. THE VAST MAJORITY OF BENEFICIARIES ARE
13 ALREADY WORKING OR HAVE A GOOD REASON NOT TO WORK SUCH AS
14 STRUGGLING WITH HEALTH ISSUES, DISABILITIES, OR BEING A
15 CAREGIVER FOR SOMEONE IN THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY. WORK
16 REQUIREMENTS WILL LEAD TO SIGNIFICANT COVERAGE LOSSES DUE TO
17 BURDENSOME ADMINISTRATIVE BARRIERS PUTTING A BIGGER STRAIN ON
18 OUR COUNTY SOCIAL SAFETY NET. AND EARLIER THIS YEAR, I WAS
19 GLAD TO SEE THE BOARD APPROVE A MOTION TO IDENTIFY
20 OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT BENEFICIARIES TO VOLUNTEER
21 OPPORTUNITIES, AS WELL AS USING THE AMERICAN JOB CENTERS TO
22 HELP MEET WORK REQUIREMENTS AND PRESERVE ENROLLMENT STATUS.
23 THOSE ARE GOOD TOOLS TO USE. BUT WE KNOW AGAIN THAT WE HAVE TO
24 DO MORE. AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVE ALSO LED AT THE COUNTY WHAT
25 WE CALL KEEP YOUR COVERAGE, A CAMPAIGN TO RAISE COMMUNITY



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1 AWARENESS. AND I WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT, DPSS, FOR THAT.
2 HOWEVER, GIVEN THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THESE PROGRAMS, WE
3 NEED TO DO MORE TO SUPPORT THOSE AT RISK OF LOSING ACCESS TO
4 MEDI-CAL AND THEIR CALFRESH BENEFITS. THAT'S WHY THIS MOTION
5 IN PARTICULAR DIRECTS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO COORDINATE WITH
6 DPSS TO CREATE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP COUNTY
7 RESIDENTS MEET THOSE WORK REQUIREMENTS. THE MOTION ALSO
8 DIRECTS DPSS IN COLLABORATION WITH DHS, DPH, DMH, DCFS, AND
9 THE DEO, AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGING AND DISABILITIES AND
10 HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING, AMONG OTHER RELEVANT PARTNERS,
11 TO DO THE FOLLOWING. PREPARE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
12 COORDINATED VERIFICATION SYSTEM TO TRACK WORK AND VOLUNTEER
13 PARTICIPATION, EXEMPTIONS AND ELIGIBILITY ACROSS BOTH MEDI-CAL
14 AND CALFRESH PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
15 COMPREHENSIVE DATABASE THAT INCLUDES TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS,
16 DATA INTEGRATION, AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH NONPROFIT AND
17 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND WITH SPECIAL CONSIDERATION
18 FOR POPULATIONS THAT HAVE BARRIERS TO ACCESS, INCLUDING
19 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND THOSE WITH LANGUAGE
20 ACCESS NEEDS. THE MOTION ALSO DIRECTS CEO LAIR TO FINALLY
21 ENGAGE THE STATE ON ESTABLISHING A FLEXIBLE AND MINIMALLY
22 RESTRICTIVE VERIFICATION PROCESS AND DEVELOP A STRATEGY TO
23 ADVOCATE FOR TECHNOLOGY THAT SUPPORTS THE SUBMISSION OF
24 VERIFICATION DOCUMENTS TO HELP THOSE RESIDENTS KEEP THEIR
25 COVERAGE. MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, WORK REQUIREMENTS WILL DO



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1 NOTHING BUT HURT THOSE THAT ARE MOST VULNERABLE. THIS WILL
2 IMPACT WORKING FAMILIES, VETERANS, FORMER FOSTER YOUTH, PEOPLE
3 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS
4 UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS WHO ARE NOW AT RISK OF LOSING
5 ACCESS TO THE BASIC SUPPORT SYSTEMS THAT THEY CURRENTLY RELY
6 ON COLLEAGUES, I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTES AND NOW I
7 WILL HAND IT OVER TO MY CO-AUTHOR SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

8
9 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO THANK
10 YOU SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INVITING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS
11 CRITICAL MOTION. AS YOU SAID, H.R.-1 CONTINUES TO DEVASTATE
12 COMMUNITIES ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO
13 RELY ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS LIKE CALFRESH AND MEDI-CAL,
14 OUR TWO LARGEST DPSS PROGRAMS. THESE PROGRAMS ARE ESSENTIAL TO
15 THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF MILLIONS OF ANGELENO'S, INCLUDING
16 VETERANS, CHILDREN, FAMILIES, UNHOUSED PEOPLE, AND PEOPLE
17 LIVING WITH DISABILITIES. THE CHANGES UNDER H.R.-1 WILL CAUSE
18 PEOPLE TO LOSE HEALTH COVERAGE, TO GET SICK, TO OVERCROWD OUR
19 EMERGENCY ROOMS, AND EVEN GO HUNGRY. IT WILL MAKE LIFE HARDER
20 FOR THOSE WHO ALREADY STRUGGLE THE MOST, AND AS MANY AS
21 1,500,000 ANGELENOS ARE AT RISK OF LOSING MEDI-CAL WHEN NEW
22 WORK REQUIREMENTS TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2027. AS OF LAST
23 MONTH, OVER 980,000 HOUSEHOLDS RELYING ON CALFRESH INCLUDE
24 MORE THAN 460,000 CHILDREN IN FOOD INSECURE HOMES. AND WE
25 DON'T KNOW YET HOW MANY WILL LOSE BENEFITS DUE TO THESE NEW



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1 REQUIREMENTS. OUR MOTION TODAY CALLS ON COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO
2 COME TOGETHER AND TO SUPPORT RESIDENTS IN MEETING THESE NEW
3 REQUIREMENTS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. IT ALSO CALLS ON DPSS TO LEAD
4 A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO EXPAND QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES,
5 INCLUDING WORKFORCE, A WORK FAIR FOR A CALFRESH AND COMMUNITY
6 SERVICE OR ENGAGEMENT FOR MEDI-CAL AND CALFRESH. IT ALSO
7 DIRECTS DPSS TO WORK WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, HEALTH PLANS,
8 AND COMMUNITY PROVIDERS TO DEVELOP A CLEAR AND EFFICIENT
9 FEDERAL VERIFICATION PROCESS. ADDITIONALLY, CEO LEGISLATIVE
10 AFFAIRS, DPSS, AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS MUST WORK WITH OUR STATE
11 TO REDUCE THE BURDEN ON BENEFICIARIES AS THIS PROCESS IS
12 FINALIZED. WE MUST ALL DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO HELP ANGELENOS
13 KEEP THE SUPPORT THAT THEY RELY ON. WHILE WE MUST COMPLY WITH
14 H.R.-1, WE HAVE A DUTY TO PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE
15 RESIDENTS. WE ALSO NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUT THAT OUR PUBLIC
16 UNDERSTANDS THESE CHANGES AND I KNOW DPSS IS WORKING ON A KEEP
17 YOUR COVERAGE CAMPAIGN WHICH WE TALKED ABOUT IN OUR LAST ITEM
18 AND I WANT TO STRESS THE URGENCY OF SHARING ACCURATE UP TO
19 DATE INFORMATION, WHICH INCLUDES UPDATES TO THE MEDI-CAL ASSET
20 TEST, WHICH TAKES EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2026. THAT'S THIS JANUARY
21 1ST. I'VE AUTHORED ANOTHER MOTION ON TODAY'S AGENDA, CO-
22 AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THIS. AND
23 I WANT TO THANK MY FRIEND CHUCK FISHER FOR BRINGING THIS TO MY
24 ATTENTION. BEGINNING NEXT YEAR MEDICAL WILL REVIEW APPLICANTS'
25 ASSETS SUCH AS BANK ACCOUNTS SECOND VEHICLES OR HOMES,



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1 ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE 65 AND OVER IN NURSING HOMES OR LIVING
2 WITH DISABILITIES. ROUGHLY 400,000 CURRENT MEDI-CAL
3 BENEFICIARIES IN L.A. COUNTY COULD BE AFFECTED BY THESE ASSET
4 TEST CHANGES, AND WE MUST ENSURE THEY'RE INFORMED AND
5 PREPARED. THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO DO THEIR DARNDDEST
6 TO PROTECT THEMSELVES SHOULD AN EMERGENCY BEFALL THEM AND NOW
7 WE'RE ASKING THEM TO LIVE WITH LESS OF A PERSONAL SAFETY NET
8 WHILE THERE IS LESS OF A SOCIAL SAFETY NET. THESE ARE ALL
9 SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THAT WILL IMPACT THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES
10 ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE
11 RESIDENTS ARE INFORMED, SUPPORTED, AND ABLE TO MAINTAIN ACCESS
12 TO THE HEALTH CARE AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS THEY DEPEND ON.
13 THANK YOU.

14
15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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17 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND
18 THANKS TO MY TWO COLLEAGUES FOR BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD
19 TODAY. I APPRECIATE IT. WHILE I FULLY SUPPORT THE GOAL OF
20 ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY, THAT GOAL CAN'T COME AT THE EXPENSE
21 OF COMPASSION OR ACCESS. AND WE KNOW FROM DECADES OF RESEARCH
22 THAT WORK REQUIREMENTS REDUCE CASELOAD, BUT NOT POVERTY. LET
23 ME BE CLEAR THAT REQUIRING PEOPLE TO ADHERE TO WORK
24 REQUIREMENTS WILL, WITHOUT QUESTION IN MY MIND, RESULT IN
25 CERTAIN GROUPS DROPPING OFF THE CASELOAD. AND DATA SHOWS THAT



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1 PEOPLE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT ARE ALREADY DROPPING OFF BECAUSE
2 OF THE NUMEROUS OTHER FEDERAL POLICIES AND ACTIONS. I'M AWARE
3 THAT DPSS IS STILL ASSESSING POTENTIAL FISCAL PENALTIES AND
4 THE ADMINISTRATIVE COST SHARING IMPLICATIONS FROM THE STATE,
5 SO I'LL STAY TUNED FOR THOSE FURTHER UPDATES. H.R.-1 IS NOT A
6 PLAN FOR ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY. IT'S A PLAN FOR EXCLUSION.
7 AND L.A. COUNTY CAN AND MUST SHOW THAT WE CAN MEET THESE NEW
8 FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS WITHOUT LOSING OUR MORAL COMPASS. AND SO
9 AGAIN I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT BACK IN 90
10 DAYS. I APPRECIATE THAT THE MOTION DIRECTS CROSS-DEPARTMENT
11 COLLABORATION ENCOURAGING DEPARTMENTS TO WORK TOGETHER TO
12 ENSURE ALIGNMENT. I WOULD ALSO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF
13 INCLUDING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROCESS TO ENSURE THE
14 SYSTEM IS ACCESSIBLE, EQUITABLE, AND CULTURALLY AND
15 LINGUISTICALLY RESPONSIVE. THIS KIND OF SYSTEM LEVEL
16 COORDINATION IS EXACTLY WHAT THE COUNTY NEEDS TO MAKE SURE
17 PARTICIPANTS EXPERIENCE ONCE CONNECTED AND TO MAKING SURE THAT
18 OUR SAFETY NET IS ACTUALLY A SAFETY NET AND NOT A MAZE OF
19 DISCONNECTED PROGRAMS. SO, I HOPE THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL BE
20 INCLUDED. AND I THINK WE HAVE TO BE HONEST, THERE'S CURRENTLY
21 NO TECHNOLOGY CAPABLE OF RELIABLY DETERMINING WHETHER SOMEONE
22 IS WORKING, HOW MANY HOURS THEY'RE WORKING, OR WHETHER THEY
23 QUALIFY FOR ANY OF THE EXEMPTIONS AT SCALE. SO, I APPRECIATE
24 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES IS WORKING WITH THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO LEVERAGE YOUR VIRTUAL



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1 AMERICA'S JOB CENTER TO BRING THE TECHNOLOGY ONLINE. I DO HAVE
2 A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, IF I MAY, MADAM CHAIR, REALLY GETTING
3 TO THAT CORE ISSUE OF OUR CURRENT TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY AND
4 WHAT THAT DESIGN WILL LOOK LIKE. FIRST OF ALL, CAN YOU WALK ME
5 THROUGH WHAT A CASEWORKER WOULD NEED TO DETERMINE WHETHER
6 SOMEONE IS SELF-EMPLOYED, IF THEY'RE WORKING A GIG JOB OR
7 THEY'RE AN ENTREPRENEUR, HOW ARE WE GOING TO TRACK AND ALLOW
8 THOSE PEOPLE TO COUNT THEIR WORK TOWARD THE WORK REQUIREMENT?
9 BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT THEM PENALIZED.

10

11 **MICHAEL SYLVESTER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. MICHAEL SYLVESTER,
12 CHIEF DEPUTY ADMINISTRATION FOR DPSS HERE ON BEHALF OF DR.
13 JACKIE CONTRERAS. GREAT QUESTION. WITH THE ECONOMY MOVING
14 TOWARDS GIG JOBS AND TOWARDS A LOT OF SELF-EMPLOYMENTS, THE
15 REGS DO ALLOW FOR SELF-ATTESTATION FOR THESE SELF-EMPLOYMENT
16 OPPORTUNITIES. SO THAT WILL BE SOMETHING THAT WE WILL BE
17 EMPLOYING AND WE'LL BE HANDLING VERIFICATION THROUGH SELF
18 ATTESTATION AND THEN THEY CAN ALSO SUBMIT ANY OTHER KIND OF
19 ARTIFACTS SUCH AS RECEIPTS OR THINGS LIKE THAT THAT ARE
20 RELATED TO THE BUSINESS THAT WOULD HELP SUBSTANTIATE, BUT IT
21 DOESN'T GO FURTHER THAN THAT. SO THAT'S ACTUALLY, SELF
22 ATTESTATION IS KEY TO THAT.

23

24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ACTUALLY
25 ALLOWING FOR SELF ATTESTATION?



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2 **MICHAEL SYLVESTER:** AT THIS POINT, WE HAVE NOT HAD THAT
3 NEGATED. I CAN ONLY SAY IT THIS WAY.

4
5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** WELL, THAT IS NEW. ALL RIGHT, I'LL
6 KEEP MY FINGERS CROSSED. WHAT CAPACITY DOES DPSS HAVE TO TRACK
7 DATA, REALLY IN REAL TIME, TO IDENTIFY REGIONS OR COMMUNITIES
8 WHO ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY LOSING ELIGIBILITY? AND I SAY IN
9 REAL TIME BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO PIVOT AND INTERVENE AS
10 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. SO, WHAT CAPACITY DO YOU HAVE TO DO THAT?

11
12 **MICHAEL SYLVESTER:** WELL, DBSS DOES HAVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF
13 DATA THAT WE CAPTURE OVER PERIODS OF TIME. WE USE OUR AT-A-
14 GLANCE CASE INFORMATION, WHICH IT DRILLS DOWN QUITE
15 EXTENSIVELY, AND WE RUN ANALYTICS AGAINST THAT TO BASICALLY
16 PULL PROJECTIONS AND PATTERNS. BUT WE'RE ALSO GOING FURTHER,
17 ESPECIALLY WITH ABODS BEING ON THE RISE, WE'RE IMPLEMENTING A
18 GIS PLATFORM THAT WILL PUT A GEOGRAPHIC LAYER OVER THIS. SO IT
19 MAKES IT EASIER FOR OUR POLICY INDIVIDUALS TO BE ABLE TO FOCUS
20 IN ON CERTAIN COMMUNITIES, WHERE RIGHT NOW WE HAVE TO JOIN ZIP
21 CODES AND WE HAVE TO DO IT THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY, BUT THIS
22 WILL GIVE US A WAY TO REALLY SEE IT VISUALLY AND BE ABLE TO
23 SEE IF WE'RE SEEING DISPROPORTIONALITY AND THEN WE CAN MAKE
24 ADJUSTMENTS TO OUR MARKETING AND OUR OUTREACH CAMPAIGNS.



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1 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY, THAT'S GREAT. THAT'S GREAT NEWS.
2 I APPRECIATE THAT. YOU KNOW, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT
3 BACK, YOU KNOW, AS SOMEONE WHO HAS SPENT MY ENTIRE ELECTED
4 CAREER REMOVING ASSET TESTS AND HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN DOING
5 SO, IT IS SO DISHEARTENING BASED ON WHAT ALL THE RESEARCH
6 TELLS US. WELL, I MEAN, I GUESS IT MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE
7 GOAL OF THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION IS NOT ABOUT POVERTY
8 ALLEVIATION. IT'S ABOUT EXCLUSION AND TARGETING POOR PEOPLE
9 AND HOLDING THEM ACCOUNTABLE THEMSELVES FOR BEING POOR AS
10 OPPOSED TO ACKNOWLEDGING THE ROLE GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEMS HAVE
11 PLAYED IN KEEPING THEM POOR. SO, I APPRECIATE THE MOTION AND
12 THE WORK THAT WE'LL DO TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE GOING TO
13 LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY IN A MEANINGFUL WAY TO SUPPORT PEOPLE
14 GIVEN WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW TO BE TRUE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

15
16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER
17 COMMENTS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE
18 PUBLIC THAT WISH TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM.

19
20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON
21 SPEAKERS. OH, I'M SORRY. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
22 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. LORETTA LORRAINE. AS A
23 FINAL REMINDER FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS TO BE PLACED IN THE
24 SPEAKING CUE TO ADDRESS ITEM 8. 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. PRETTY THANKY, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED,
2 PLEASE BEGIN. PLEASE BEGIN. PRETTY, PLEASE BEGIN.

3
4 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES.

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8 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** OKAY, JUST A SECOND, SORRY. I HAVE TO MUTE.
9 HI. MY NAME IS PRETTY THANKEE AND I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF
10 L.A. CARE HEALTH PLAN TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR ITEM
11 NUMBER 8. WE THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HORVATH FOR THEIR
12 MOTION TO PROTECT ACCESS TO MEDI-CAL AND CALFRESH. L.A. CARE
13 SERVES MORE THAN 2,700,000 LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS IN LOS ANGELES
14 COUNTY WITH 2.3 OF THOSE LIVES IN THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM. AND WE
15 SHARE THE COUNTY'S DEEP COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING ACCESS TO
16 VITAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION BENEFITS. WE APPRECIATE THE
17 COUNTY'S PROACTIVE WORK CONNECTING BENEFICIARIES TO VOLUNTEER
18 OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOPING A VERIFICATION PROCESS THAT HELPS
19 PEOPLE KEEP THEIR BENEFITS UNDER THE NEW FEDERAL WORK
20 REQUIREMENTS. AS A HEALTH PLAN, WE HAVE STARTED WORKING
21 COLLABORATIVELY WITH DPSS TO EDUCATE AND SUPPORT BENEFICIARIES
22 ON UPCOMING CHANGES TO MEDICAID. OUR COMMUNITY RESOURCE
23 CENTERS OFFER FREE HEALTH CLASSES, FOOD PANTRIES, AND SOCIAL
24 SERVICES ASSISTANCE, WHICH DIRECTLY SUPPORTS THE COUNTY'S
25 EFFORTS TO HELP RESIDENTS STAY IN.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ROY HUMPHRIES, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, PLEASE
3 BEGIN.

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5 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** I'VE BEEN ABUSED FOR SO LONG. THIS BOARD AND
6 STATE HAVE CREATED THIS MONSTER OF DEPENDENCE AND ABUSE AND
7 WILL NOT BE CORRECTED WITHOUT THE DESERVE PAIN AND SUFFERING,
8 BUT WILL PROVIDE STRONGER, HEALTHIER SELF-IMAGE TO UPHOLD THAT
9 PROCEDURE. THIS VIEW OF SUPERVISOR MITCHELL BRINGS TO QUESTION
10 AS TO WHO IS DEFINING WHAT IS MORAL SINCE THE WORLD KNOWS WHAT
11 THE GANG OF FOUR DEMOCRATS DID WITH THE DEFINITION OF THE WORD
12 EMERGENCY WITH THE LAST MEETING. THANK YOU.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER 323388, YOUR LINE IS
15 UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

16

17 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS REM
18 NUNEZ AND I'M PROUD TO SERVE AS THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF
19 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR ALMA FAMILY SERVICES WHERE OUR PROGRAM
20 SUPPORTS THOUSANDS OF MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES ACROSS L.A.
21 COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR
22 HORVATH FOR BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION FORWARD. EVERY DAY
23 WE SEE HOW COMPLEX THE PROCESS CAN BE FOR RESIDENTS TRYING TO
24 MAINTAIN THEIR MEDI-CAL OR CALFRESH BENEFITS, ESPECIALLY THOSE
25 FACING LANGUAGE BARRIERS AND STABILITY IN HOUSING OR MENTAL



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1 HEALTH CHALLENGES. FOR MANY, THESE PROGRAMS ARE A BRIDGE THAT
2 ALLOW THEM TO ACCESS CARE, STAY NOURISHED, AND MOVE FORWARD
3 WITH STABILITY. THIS MOTION TAKES A PRACTICAL AND
4 COMPASSIONATE STEP BY PREPARING FOR THE NEW VERIFICATION
5 REQUIREMENTS AND ENSURING THAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND
6 COMPLIANCE OPTIONS ARE DESIGNED WITH EQUITY IN MIND. NO ONE
7 SHOULD LOSE CRITICAL BENEFITS BECAUSE THE SYSTEM IS TOO
8 DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE. ON BEHALF OF ALL MY FAMILY SERVICES AND
9 THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE, I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT ITEM
10 NUMBER 8. THANK YOU.

11
12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER 562783, YOUR LINE IS
13 UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

14
15 **BRENDA OLIVAS:** AND I'M THE, OH. HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS
16 BRENDA OLIVAS AND I'M THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER WITH
17 SPIRIT FAMILY SERVICES. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF
18 ITEM NUMBER 8. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS, HORVATH, AND
19 THEIR MOTION TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO MEDI-CAL AND CALFRESH. THESE
20 PROGRAMS DO ENABLE SOME OF THE COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE
21 COMMUNITIES TO ACCESS ESSENTIAL FOOD, ASSISTANCE, AND LIFE-
22 SAVING HEALTH CARE. I APPRECIATE THE COUNTY TAKING THESE
23 PROACTIVE STEPS TO ENSURE BENEFICIARIES KEEP THE BENEFITS THEY
24 ARE ENTITLED TO AND I REQUEST THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS
25 IMPORTANT MOTION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.



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1
2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CLAUDIA JEREZ, YOUR LINE IS
3 UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

4
5 **CLAUDIA JEREZ:** WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS THIS. I THINK IT'S A VERY
6 GOOD IDEA, AS MICHELLE SAID, ABOUT THE LEVERAGING. HOW THESE
7 TECHNOLOGICAL DATABASES WILL HELP US CLIENTS LEVERAGE THIS NEW
8 DATABASE AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES COMING IN. I THINK THAT IS VERY
9 CRUCIAL THAT. IT'S VERY APPRECIATIVE.

10
11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CLAUDIA, PLEASE LOWER THE VOLUME ON YOUR
12 DEVICE. NEXT CALLER. CALLER 562322, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED.
13 PLEASE BEGIN.

14
15 **PAUL HUDAK:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS PAUL HUDAK
16 AND I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE COO CONSULTANT AND ONE OF MY
17 CLIENTS, SANITIZE PROS. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
18 8 AND COMMEND SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HORVATH FOR ADVANCING A
19 PLAN THAT PROTECTS ACCESS TO MEDI-CAL AND CALFRESH WHILE
20 EXPANDING WORKFARE OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE
21 RECOGNIZE THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP IN PROTECTING ACCESS TO
22 MEDI-CAL AND CALFRESH WHILE SPENDING WORKFARE OPPORTUNITIES
23 ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE RECOGNIZE THE COUNTY'S
24 LEADERSHIP IN PROTECTING ACCESS TO MEDI-CAL AND CALFRESH WHILE
25 PREPARING FOR THE CHALLENGES OF NEW FEDERAL WORK REQUIREMENTS.



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1 AT SANITIZE PROS WE ARE COMMITTED TO BEING PART OF THE
2 SOLUTION OR COMPANIES ACTIVELY HIRES UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS AND
3 PEOPLE WITH EXPERIENCE PROVIDING THEM WITH TRAINING, STABLE
4 EMPLOYMENT, AND PATHWAYS TO LONG-TERM SELF-SUFFICIENCY. BY
5 CREATING THESE OPPORTUNITIES, WE NOT ONLY UPLIFT INDIVIDUALS
6 BUT ALSO HELP ALLEVIATE THE COST BURDENED ON BOTH THE COUNTY
7 AND THE STATE. EVERY PERSON WE EMPLOY IS ONE LESS PERSON AT
8 RISK OF LOSING COVERAGE OR FALLING DEEPER INTO CRISIS. WE
9 BELIEVE THIS ALIGNS DIRECTLY WITH THE COUNTY'S VISION OF
10 EXTENDING OPPORTUNITIES WHILE SAFE BY ESSENTIAL BENEFITS. WE
11 BELIEVE THIS MOTION STRIKES THE RIGHT BALANCE. IT PRESERVES
12 BENEFITS, REDUCES ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN, AND CREATES
13 MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES.

14
15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CALLER 818645, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE
16 STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

17
18 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S QUITE AN ENTERPRISING SPEAKER. LOOK, LET'S
19 STIPULATE THAT WHAT WE HAVE, OUR NET, IS IN FACT A MAZE OF
20 DISCONNECTED SERVICES. IT'S PROBLEMATIC IN PLAIN ENGLISH AND
21 BROAD DAYLIGHT. SO NOW THAT WE'RE UNDER GREAT PRESSURE, FROM
22 PRIORITY MOUNTAIN, WHERE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL LIKES TO DO
23 EXTENSIVE REPORTS TO SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S FRONTLINE QUERIES
24 INTO MULTIPLE LANGUAGES IF YOU CAN BELIEVE IT AGREED BUT WHAT
25 WE HAVE A TERRIBLE SYSTEM I THINK WE HAVE TO COME TO TERMS AND



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1 ALSO THE FACT THAT NOW IT IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO
2 BE ALLOWING ATTESTATION WHICH IS A GOOD THING RUN DIRECTLY IN
3 THAT DIRECTION AND SOMEBODY MENTIONED PHILANTHROPY YEAH WHERE
4 IS THE RAMP TO BE IN THE PARTNERS CONVENIENT THAT THEY'RE
5 COMING UP WITH THEIR PLANS IN THREE OR FOUR DAYS FOLLOWING THE
6 MEETING. JUST IN TIME FOR THE NEXT --

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8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER 310972, YOUR LINE IS
9 UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

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11 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** HI, THIS IS ZENO AGAIN REPRESENTING AFRICA
12 TOWN, COMMERCIALY KNOWN AS LEIMERT PARK. I WANT TO LET YOU
13 GUYS NOT FEEL A LITTLE BIT MIXED ABOUT THIS ONE BECAUSE BEING
14 SO DEPENDENT ON THE COUNTY, I'M PRETTY MUCH AWARE OF ALL THE
15 DIFFERENT PROCESSES THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED THROUGHOUT THE
16 LAST LIKE TEN YEARS EVEN TO STREAMLINE THINGS LIKE THIS.
17 THERE'S SOMETHING CALLED A SAR 7, THAT'S A SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
18 AND AS FAR AS YOU KNOW AS FAR AS VERIFICATION PROCESSES, IT'S
19 SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE DONE ALL THE TIME TO MAKE SURE THAT
20 YOU STILL GET YOUR BENEFITS. SO, I WANT TO KNOW THAT, YOU
21 KNOW, YOU GUYS ARE PROBABLY MAKING THAT EXTRA CONSIDERATION TO
22 MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT REINVENTING WHEEL OR ADDING MORE DELAYS.
23 THERE'S ONE THING THAT DEFINITELY NEEDS TO BE NOTED IS THAT
24 THE DEPENDENCE ON VIRTUAL ASSISTANTS DEFINITELY CAUSES A DELAY
25 IN PEOPLE BEING ABLE TO VERIFY THINGS OR GET PAPERS AND



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1 DOCUMENTS TURNED IN, THEREFORE BEING ABLE TO RECEIVE THEIR
2 BENEFITS ON TIME SO THERE NEEDS TO BE GOING BACK TO THE
3 DRAWING BOARD JUST FOR A LITTLE BIT JUST FOR SOME LITTLE
4 CONSIDERATIONS HERE AND THERE --

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
7 THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 8 IS BEFORE
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THIS ITEM, OH NO, GOT A
11 PUBLIC, GOT SOMEONE HERE THAT WANTS TO SPEAK. YEAH, GO AHEAD,

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** I'M SORRY.

14

15 **LORETTA LORAIN:** ALL RIGHT, I'M MS. LORETTA LORAIN, AND THANK
16 YOU LADIES, AND I TELL YOU, THIS ADMINISTRATION IS GETTING
17 RIDICULOUS EVERY DAY. DONALD TRUMP IS JUST BENEFIT FROM ALL
18 THIS CHAOS. THERE'S PEOPLE OUT HERE THAT NEED THOSE STAMPS,
19 NEED THAT MONEY BECAUSE THEY GOT TO FEED THEIR CHILDREN.
20 THERE'S POOR PEOPLE OUT HERE. HE IS JUST BENEFIT FROM THIS,
21 EXCUSE MY LANGUAGE, FROM THIS BECAUSE HE DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO
22 VOTE YES ON HIS ON THAT ON THAT PROP 50. WE HAD TO VOTE PROP
23 50 YES BECAUSE THIS IDIOT WANTS TO MAKE A LOT OF CHANGES. HE'S
24 MAKING AN AMERICA, AMERICA'S RIDICULOUS. THIS IS CALIFORNIA, A
25 STATE THAT'S BEEN, ALWAYS BEEN BEAUTIFUL AND DONE THINGS FOR



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1 THE PEOPLE. DON'T TURN BACK ON THIS IDIOT BECAUSE THAT'S NOT
2 WHAT CALIFORNIA'S ABOUT. CALIFORNIA IS ABOUT THE PEOPLE AND
3 Y'ALL LADIES SHOULD KNOW AND THANK YOU MITCHELL AND THANK YOU
4 MISS HORVATH I'VE BEEN TO Y'ALL THINGS AND I LOVE IT AND Y'ALL
5 GOT TO INVITE ME OVER THERE BUT THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME AND
6 I TELL YOU JUST LET'S MAKE AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AND VOTE. YES.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT NOW THE ITEM IS BEFORE
9 US MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH.
10 WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE 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?

23

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

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

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

5

6 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION
7 CARRIES, 4 TO 0. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 12, REPORT ON THE
8 PROGRESS OF CLOSING MEN'S JAIL, AND ITEM 27, PITCHESS
9 DETENTION CENTER SOUTH RENOVATION CAPITAL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION
10 CONTRACT, WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. THESE ITEMS
11 WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING
12 US REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS, PLEASE USE THE RAISE
13 HAND FEATURE IF YOU ARE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR 3, IF ON THE
14 TELEPHONE. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE
15 WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CHIEF
16 EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ARE AVAILABLE
17 FOR QUESTIONS. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE STATE
18 YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND AGAIN, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE
21 THAT WE ARE TAKING UP BOTH 12 AND 27 TOGETHER. SO, IF YOU WANT
22 TO TALK ON EITHER ONE OF THOSE, THIS IS GOING TO BE DURING
23 THIS PERIOD OF TIME. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. I ACTUALLY THINK THERE'S A



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1 PRESENTATION. SO, I WANT TO TURN IT TO OUR PANEL TO PRESENT
2 YOUR LATEST REPORT, AND THEN I'LL GO INTO QUESTIONS FROM
3 THERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4
5 **WILFORD PINKNEY JR.:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO GOOD MORNING.
6 THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TO DISCUSS THIS IMPORTANT WORK. YOU CAN
7 GO TO THE FIRST SLIDE. MY NAME IS WILFORD PINKNEY, AND I'M THE
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION
9 TEAM. I'M JOINED BY CHIDINMA UME, THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE
10 DIRECTOR OF THE TEAM. WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE PROGRESS WE
11 HAVE MADE TOWARDS DEVELOPING A PLAN TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL
12 JAIL WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT. ONE QUESTION I KNOW SOME OF YOU
13 HAVE IS WHEN WILL WE PROVIDE A TIMELINE WITH BENCHMARKS TO
14 CLOSE MCJ WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT? IT WOULD BE EASY FOR ME TO
15 GIVE YOU A DATE AND BEGIN BACKING INTO THAT DATE WITH A
16 MANUFACTURED PLAN TO FIT THAT DATE, BUT THAT IS NOT MY
17 APPROACH. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO MEET THE NINE-MONTH TARGET
18 FOR COMPLETION OF THE TIMELINE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE MANY FORCES
19 THAT INFLUENCE THIS WORK THAT ARE BEYOND OUR CONTROL. OUR
20 DIRECTIVE ISN'T ONLY ABOUT CLOSING THE BUILDING THAT IS MEN'S
21 CENTRAL JAIL. WE DO NOT SEE OUR WORK AS FINITE AS A FINITE
22 PROCESS OR EFFORT. WE BELIEVE IT ALSO INVOLVES BUILDING THE
23 INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE AS FEW PEOPLE
24 IN JAIL AS POSSIBLE FOR THE SHORTEST TIME NECESSARY WITHOUT
25 COMPROMISING PUBLIC SAFETY. THIS APPROACH IS ESSENTIAL EVEN IF



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1 WE WERE NOT TO CLOSE MCJ. IT IS MEANT TO PREVENT US FROM BEING
2 IN THIS POSITION AGAIN IN THE FUTURE. THE COUNTY WILL NEED TO
3 OPERATIONALIZE THE PROCESSES WE ARE DEVELOPING AND BUILD THE
4 INFRASTRUCTURE TO PRODUCE DATA IN REAL TIME THAT ANSWERS THE
5 QUESTIONS WE ARE ASKING TO ENSURE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THESE
6 EFFORTS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE GROWTH IN THE JAIL
7 POPULATION IS PUTTING OUR DIRECTIVE AT RISK. AS OF SUNDAY, THE
8 JAIL POPULATION IS 13,405 PEOPLE, WHICH IS UP BY APPROXIMATELY
9 800 PEOPLE SINCE FEBRUARY, WHEN THE POPULATION WAS 12,664.
10 THIS IMPACTS THE OTHER QUESTION THAT PEOPLE ARE WAITING FOR US
11 TO ANSWER, CAN YOU CLOSE THE JAIL WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT?
12 UNLESS THE COUNTY GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND EXISTING STRATEGIES
13 AND CURRENT INVESTMENTS, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO CLOSE THE JAIL
14 WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT. WITH THAT IN MIND, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED
15 CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND SOME OF THE UNDERLYING ACTIONS
16 NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE CLOSURE OF MCJ WITHOUT A
17 REPLACEMENT. THE TWO VARIABLES THAT DETERMINE THE SIZE OF A
18 JAIL POPULATION ARE HOW MANY PEOPLE COME INTO THE JAIL AND HOW
19 LONG THEY STAY. THE ACTIONS WE HAVE OUTLINED IN OUR REPORT ARE
20 FOCUSED ON IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES THAT WILL ACTUALLY DECREASE
21 THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ENTERING THE JAIL AND SHORTEN THEIR
22 LENGTH OF STAY. IF WE MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH AN OUT AND EYE
23 TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION, WE WON'T KNOW IF THEY ARE EVEN
24 POSSIBLE OR WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. THAT STARTS WITH AN
25 UNDERSTANDING OF WHO IS IN THE JAIL, WHY THEY ARE THERE, AND



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1 WHAT WE CAN DO TO PREVENT THEM FROM BEING THERE IN THE FUTURE.
2 THIS APPROACH INVOLVES CONSTANT REVIEW OF DATA AND
3 COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING. FOR EXAMPLE, THIS APPROACH
4 RESULTED IN NEW YORK CITY DECREASING THEIR JAIL POPULATION AT
5 ONE POINT TO BELOW 4,000 PEOPLE. PAST EFFORTS HERE IN L.A.
6 HAVE MADE PROGRESS, BUT WE STILL HAVE A GROWING JAIL
7 POPULATION. THOSE EFFORTS DID NOT BUILD THE COMPREHENSIVE DATA
8 INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY TO REVIEW DATA ON A DAILY, WEEKLY, OR
9 MONTHLY BASIS TO IDENTIFY THE IMPACTS OF STRATEGIES AIMED AT
10 DECREASING INFLOWS AND LENGTH OF STAY. THAT'S WHY WE ARE
11 BUILDING ON PREVIOUS EFFORTS BY USING AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION
12 CALCULATIONS AND BUILDING THE CAPACITY TO MATCH DATA FROM
13 MULTIPLE SOURCES TO HELP TRACK PROGRESS. THIS WILL GIVE US THE
14 ABILITY TO SEE WHERE WE ARE, TRACK WHERE STRATEGIES ARE
15 FALLING SHORT, AND TRACK WHERE STRATEGIES ARE FALLING SHORT SO
16 WE CAN ADDRESS ISSUES IN REAL TIME. THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE
17 FAST OR EASY TO IMPLEMENT. COLLABORATION AND COMMITMENT ARE
18 IMPORTANT TO OUR WORK AND REQUIRES A LOT OF EVERYONE INVOLVED.
19 DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES THAT ARE COLLABORATING WITH US HAVE
20 LARGE COMPLEX OPERATIONS THAT ARE FOCUSED ON THEIR CORE
21 RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO ADDRESSING THE EVERYDAY NEEDS OF
22 COUNTY RESIDENTS. OUR WORK WITH DEPARTMENTS HAS STRETCHED
23 THEIR RESOURCES, BUT THEY CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIVE AND
24 SUPPORTIVE, AND I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THAT. TODAY WE WILL
25 WALK THROUGH WHAT WE'VE LEARNED, WHAT ACTIONS WE BELIEVE NEED



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1 TO BE TAKEN, AND OUR NEXT STEPS. NEXT SLIDE. SO, IN TERMS OF
2 THE JAIL CLOSURE FRAMEWORK, WE INTEND TO OUTLINE WHAT NEEDS TO
3 HAPPEN. THIS GOES TO THE TIMELINE QUESTION. WHAT NEEDS TO
4 HAPPEN? WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR EACH PART? HOW MUCH IS LIKELY TO
5 COST AND HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE TO GET THIS DONE. WE'VE
6 IDENTIFIED COSTS RELATED TO SOME OF OUR PROPOSED ACTIONS AND
7 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH PARTNERS ON OTHERS. WE WILL HIGHLIGHT
8 SOME OF THESE ACTIONS IN THE NEXT SEVERAL SLIDES. NEXT SLIDE.
9 WE HAVE COMPLETED THE FIRST PART OF THE JAIL POPULATION
10 PROJECTION THAT I KNOW WE SPOKE ABOUT IN A PREVIOUS REPORT
11 BACK. I ALREADY MENTIONED WHERE WE ARE WITH THE JAIL
12 POPULATION AS RELATED TO JUST A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO. THE
13 PROJECTION PROJECTED THAT THE POPULATION WILL INCREASE TO
14 ABOUT 14,500 PEOPLE IN 2031. THAT'S IF ALL CURRENT CONDITIONS
15 REMAIN THE SAME, WHICH ISN'T OFTEN THE CASE. WE KNOW THAT FROM
16 WHAT HAPPENED WITH PROP 36. THE CHANGING NATURE OF THIS WORK
17 REQUIRES CONSTANT INNOVATION, ANALYSIS, AND PROBLEM SOLVING. I
18 CAN SPEAK TO THE IMPACT OF THIS FIRSTHAND FROM MY TIME IN ST.
19 LOUIS WHERE WE DID CLOSE THE JAIL. WE USED THAT DAILY
20 MONITORING OR PROBATION VIOLATIONS TO HELP DECREASE THE JAIL
21 POPULATION TO A POINT WHERE THE JAIL WAS ABLE TO CLOSE. WE
22 MUST INSTITUTIONALIZE THESE PROCESSES TO MONITOR OUR PROGRESS
23 AND ADDRESS ISSUES IN REAL TIME. NEXT SLIDE. AVERAGE DAILY
24 POPULATION IS AN IMPORTANT MEASURE AS WE LOOK AT THE IMPACTS
25 OF THE WORK AND LIKE I SAID, MEASURE PROGRESS IN REAL TIME.



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1 AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION DOES NOT SPEAK TO THE LONG-TERM
2 IMPACT OR VALUE OF A PROGRAM, BUT IT DOES LET US SEE WHAT THE
3 IMPACT OF STRATEGIES ARE ON DECREASING THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE IN
4 A SPECIFIC SUBGROUP ESPECIALLY, FOR EXAMPLE, PEOPLE ON
5 PROBATION VIOLATIONS. GIVEN TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE NEED TO
6 DEPOPULATE THE JAIL AND THE IMPACT OF THE STRATEGIES IN REAL
7 TIME ON THESE EFFORTS, IT WILL TAKE MULTIPLE REFORMS TO WORK
8 TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF CLOSURE. YOU SEE ON THE SLIDE,
9 WE'VE LISTED THE BROADER CATEGORIES OF THE PROPOSED REFORMS.
10 IT IS NOT ABOUT HOW MUCH AN INDIVIDUAL STRATEGY LOWERS AN
11 AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION OR ADP. IT'S ABOUT THE ACCUMULATIVE
12 IMPACT OF ALL OF THE ACTIONS. THAT'S WHY OUR APPROACH IS TO
13 ENSURE THERE ARE MULTIPLE OFF-RAMPS BETWEEN THE REST AND THE
14 DISPOSITION OF A CASE AS WE THINK ABOUT CLOSURE. MANY OF THE
15 ACTIONS RELATED TO THE REFORMS WILL TAKE TIME AND A LOT OF
16 EFFORTS, AS I SAID BEFORE. NEXT SLIDE. SO, WE SAID ONE OF THE
17 TWO THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT ARE NUMBER OF PEOPLE COMING INTO
18 THE JAIL. SO, WE ARE ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF PROGRAMS THAT DO
19 DIVERT PEOPLE AND DEFLECT PEOPLE FROM COMING INTO THE JAIL,
20 FROM BEING BOOKED, AND EVALUATING THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING
21 THOSE PROGRAMS. ONE SUCH PROGRAM THAT IS ABOUT TO GET UP AND
22 RUNNING IS JCOD'S JUSTICE SUPPORTIVE RELEASE PROGRAM. IT WILL
23 BE LAUNCHING SOON IN TWO SITES AND WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN
24 SUPPORTING JAIL CLOSURE AND DEPOPULATION EFFORTS. WE WILL
25 MONITOR THE IMPACT OF THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT PROGRAM AND



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1 WORK WITH J. KYLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT EFFORTS AND COSTS WILL BE
2 NEEDED TO EXPAND THAT PROGRAM AND INCORPORATE THOSE INTO THE
3 TIMELINE THAT WE ARE DEVELOPING. THE ADP, ANOTHER AREA WE'RE
4 LOOKING AT IS PROGRAMS THAT DIVERT AND WOULD DEFLECT PEOPLE
5 WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER. AND ONE OF THE
6 WAYS WE'RE USING DATA TO IDENTIFY SUBGROUPS AND STRATEGIES IS
7 WE LOOKED AT THE ADP OF PEOPLE RELEASED IN THE FIRST SEVEN
8 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WHO ARE CHARGED ONLY WITH NONVIOLENT DRUG-
9 RELATED CHARGES. AND THAT WAS APPROXIMATELY 180 PEOPLE. AND
10 THEIR LENGTH OF STAY WAS ABOUT 28 1/2 DAYS. WE KNOW BY
11 IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES TO REDUCE THAT LENGTH OF STAY DOWN TO
12 TEN DAYS, WE COULD CUT THAT AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION DOWN
13 ABOUT 125 PEOPLE TO ABOUT 66 PEOPLE. SO THAT'S AN EXAMPLE OF
14 HOW WE DO USE DATA TO LOOK AT THE DATA WE ARE ALREADY
15 RECEIVING FROM THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO IDENTIFY
16 SUBGROUPS AND THEN IDENTIFY STRATEGIES SO THAT WE CAN THEN
17 DEVELOP A TIMELINE BY UNDERSTANDING THE COST OF EXPANDING OR
18 EVEN CREATING THOSE STRATEGIES. SO, WE ARE LOOKING AT TO SEE
19 HOW MANY PEOPLE RIGHT NOW, THE NEXT STEP IN THIS PROCESS IS
20 WE'RE LOOKING TO SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN JAIL THAT WOULD
21 HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN ELIGIBLE FOR DEFLECTION AND AVERSION
22 PROGRAMS BUT WERE NOT SCREENED OR DECLINED SCREENING. ANOTHER
23 EXAMPLE OF DATA IN THIS REALM IS PRO-BORAL AND PROBATION
24 VIOLATIONS. THERE WERE ABOUT APPROXIMATELY 1,277 PEOPLE IN
25 JAIL ON POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF PROBATION. AND THEY STAYED FOR



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1 ROUGHLY TWO TO FIVE MONTHS. AS I SAID, IN ST. LOUIS, WE DID A
2 LOT IN WORKING WITH COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS, THE COURTS,
3 DEFENDERS, PROSECUTORS, TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF
4 THE VIOLATIONS AND TO IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES TO ENSURE THAT THAT
5 GROUP WHERE APPROPRIATE DIDN'T END UP IN THE JAIL, AND IT
6 HELPED SIGNIFICANTLY IN REDUCING THE JAIL POPULATION. IN NEW
7 YORK, THEY USED THE SAME APPROACH TO IDENTIFY THE ISSUES IN
8 PAST LEGISLATIONS THAT BROUGHT THE PROBATION POPULATION AT
9 RIKERS DOWN FROM 700 PEOPLE TO 10. AND IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY,
10 THERE WAS A SIMILAR REDUCTION IN THE REVIEW PERIOD OF THESE
11 VIOLATIONS FROM 99 DAYS TO 10. I'M GOING TO PASS IT OVER TO
12 CHIDINMA NOW.

13
14 **CHIDINMA UME:** THANK YOU, WILL. SO, ONE OF THE TAKEAWAYS SO FAR
15 FROM WHAT WILL HAS SHARED IS, I WOULD SAY, A COMBINATION OF
16 THINGS, DATA AND ACTION. SO, THE DATA IS SHOWING US WHO'S IN
17 AND WHY. AND THE ACTION THAT CC IS PURSUING AND WORKING ON
18 WITH ALL OF THE PARTNERS WHO ARE HERE IS WHAT DO WE DO TO GET
19 THEM OUT? CAN WE GET THEM OUT? SO, THE EXAMPLES BEFORE YOU SO
20 FAR ARE HOW WE'RE PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM COMING IN, SO WHAT
21 DATA DO WE HAVE TO SEE WHO'S COMING IN, ON WHAT BASIS, AND HOW
22 DO WE KEEP THEM FROM COMING IN POTENTIALLY. I WANT US TO FLIP
23 TO THE NEXT SLIDE SO WE CAN LOOK AT ONCE PEOPLE COME IN, HOW
24 DO WE REDUCE HOW LONG THEY STAY? SO NEXT SLIDE. SO AGAIN, AS
25 WILL MENTIONED, THERE ARE TWO MAIN FACTORS THAT DRIVE A JAIL



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1 POPULATION ANYWHERE. L.A. COUNTY IS NO DIFFERENT. SO, WHO COMES
2 IN AND HOW LONG THEY STAY. A LOT OF THE DATA THAT WE'VE SEEN
3 SO FAR SHOWS US THAT CASE PROCESSING WHICH IS WHAT'S HAPPENING
4 AND AGAIN GOING BACK TO THAT COMBINATION OF THINGS WE'VE GOT
5 THE LENGTH OF STAY SO HOW LONG SOMEONE IS PHYSICALLY IN OUR
6 COUNTY JAIL BUT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF IT IS WHAT'S HAPPENING ON
7 THE COURT PROCESS TO HELP THEM RESOLVE THE CASE THAT'S KEEPING
8 THEM THERE. AND IT'S ON THE COURT PROCESS SIDE THAT WE GET A
9 LOT OF THE ACTION. SO AS OF AROUND AUGUST OF THIS YEAR, THERE
10 WERE ROUGHLY 2,189 PEOPLE WHO WERE IN OUR JAIL FOR OVER A
11 YEAR, SO WHO HAD A LONG LENGTH OF STAY. THAT NUMBER IS
12 SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE THE TIME THAT IT TAKES TO PROCESS A CASE,
13 WE CURRENTLY HAVE STANDARDS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WHICH
14 DICTATE THAT CASES, WE SHOULD MAKE EVERY, YOU KNOW, A BEST
15 EFFORT TO RESOLVE CASES WITHIN A YEAR, EXCEPT FOR CAPITAL
16 CASES. SO, IF SOMEONE'S FACING A CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, THAT GETS
17 A LONGER TIMELINE. BUT FOR OTHER CASES, A YEAR IS TYPICALLY
18 THE STANDARD AMOUNT OF TIME THAT THE STATE TRIES TO RESOLVE
19 THAT CASE WITHIN. SO AGAIN, THINKING ABOUT DATA AND ACTION,
20 OUR WORK HAS DUG INTO THE DATA. SO, WHO IS IN AND WHO IS IN
21 PAST THAT YEAR MARK, WHICH I JUST SHARED THE NUMBER FOR, AND
22 THEN WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT IT? ONE CHALLENGE WE FACED IS THAT
23 THE DATA ISN'T GREAT. IT EXISTS, BUT IT TAKES A NUMBER OF
24 STEPS TO GET IT, AND WE'VE GOT TO PUT IT TOGETHER FROM ALL THE
25 DIFFERENT PARTNERS. SO, THERE'S SOME DATA FROM THE COURTS,



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1 THERE'S SOME DATA FROM THE D.A.'S OFFICE AND ALL THE
2 DEFENDERS. SO, WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE GREAT DATA?
3 YOU CREATE IT. SO A LOT OF OUR WORK THUS FAR HAS BEEN
4 GENERATING DATASETS, SO, AND THE PARTNERS HAVE BEEN DOING THE
5 HEAVY LIFTING ON THIS. SO, THEY'VE GOTTEN DATA IN A NUMBER OF
6 DIFFERENT WAYS. ONE IS WE SPENT TWO MONTHS COLLECTING DATA IN
7 REAL TIME ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT WERE CONTRIBUTING TO CASES
8 BEING DELAYED. SO, IF WE THINK ABOUT THAT ON A DAILY BASIS,
9 WHAT BARRIERS WERE ATTORNEYS FACING TO RESOLVE CASES, WHAT
10 BARRIERS ARE CLIENTS FACING TO GET SCREENED FOR DIVERSION, FOR
11 EXAMPLE, OR CONNECTED TO SERVICES. SO, WE DID SURVEYS WITH THE
12 ATTORNEYS THROUGH THE PARTNERS. WE'VE ALSO DUG INTO, SO
13 SECONDLY, WE'VE ALSO DUG INTO SOME OF THE OLDEST CASES THAT
14 HAVE EXCEEDED THAT ONE-YEAR MARK. SO, LOOKING AT THE CASES, WE
15 PULLED A SAMPLE OF 30 CASES, AND AGAIN, THE PARTNERS HELPED US
16 LOOK FOR TRENDS. AND THEN FINALLY WE'VE ALSO CCID HAS WORKED
17 TO GET MORE DATA FROM THE COURTS SO WE NOW HAVE ACCESS TO
18 WHAT'S CALLED THEIR JUSTICE PARTNER PORTAL. SO, WE'RE ABLE TO
19 LOOK UP CASES IN REAL TIME AND WE HAVE TO DO IT 1 AT A TIME.
20 WE'RE WORKING TO GET IT SO THAT THERE'S A FEED OF CASES
21 INSTEAD OF HAVING TO DO A MANUAL LOOKUP, BUT WE HAVE SECURED
22 THE MANUAL LOOKUP. I MENTION THAT BECAUSE THAT IS HOW WE GOT
23 THAT MIDDLE COLUMN. SO, IF YOU LOOK AT THE BARRIERS COLUMN,
24 YOU'LL SEE THAT THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS WE'RE HEARING
25 FROM ATTORNEYS DAY IN AND DAY OUT ABOUT WHAT IS ADDING TO THE



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1 LENGTH OF A CASE AND THAT WHAT IS THEN ON THE OTHER SIDE
2 CONTRIBUTING TO PEOPLE STAYING FOR LONG TIMES AND AT TIMES
3 LONGER THAN A YEAR. THOSE EXAMPLES ARE HERE. WE PUT THEM IN
4 OUR REPORT. I'LL NAME A FEW. WE'RE WORKING TO ADDRESS EXPERT
5 APPOINTMENTS. WE'VE LEARNED FROM THE, AGAIN, FROM THE DATA
6 THAT WE'VE GOTTEN THAT ON ANY GIVEN CASE, IF YOU NEED AN
7 EXPERT APPOINTED, THAT MEANS FOR A DIVERSION PROGRAM OR ANY
8 OTHER TYPE OF EXPERT, EVEN FOR YOUR TRIAL, JUST THE PROCESS OF
9 GETTING THAT EXPERT MAY ADD SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS TO YOUR CASE.
10 AND IF SOMEONE'S IN, IN CUSTODY, THAT'S ANOTHER SIX TO NINE
11 WEEKS ON THEIR STAY AT MINIMUM. SO THAT'S ONE EXAMPLE. BUT I
12 ALSO WANT US TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THIS SLIDE,
13 WHICH IS THE NEXT STEPS, BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE WE'RE FOCUSING
14 THE ACTION. SO, THERE'S A LOT HERE, AND I'M SURE ONE COULD
15 SPEND ALL DAY TALKING ABOUT IT, BUT I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A
16 FEW OF THE STEPS THAT WE HAVE PUT INTO PLACE SINCE WE STARTED
17 THIS WORK. SO CSIT HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON REAL-TIME PILOTS THAT
18 CAN HELP US ADDRESS SOME OF THESE ISSUES. SO, ONE IS WE WORKED
19 WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE TO GET MORE FUNDING FROM THE
20 CFCI, THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FUND. AND THROUGH
21 THAT FUNDING, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER NOW HAS A PUBLIC DEFENDER
22 EMBEDDED IN THE JAIL, TWIN TOWERS, EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK, WHO
23 WAS ABLE TO GO AND LOOK AT, MEET DIRECTLY WITH CLIENTS, IN
24 PARTICULAR PEOPLE WHO ARE ODR CANDIDATES AND WHO MAY HAVE SOME
25 ISSUE GETTING TO THEIR COURT DATE OR MAY HAVE AN ISSUE WITH



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1 GETTING SCREENED AND THEY'RE WAITING. SO, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
2 IS NOW DOING THAT. THEY'VE BEEN DOING IT SINCE JULY, AND WE'RE
3 TRYING TO SEE WHERE WE CAN GO NEXT WITH THAT PILOT. FOR
4 INSTANCE, HAVING SOME HEARINGS HELD VIRTUALLY VIA VIDEO. SO
5 AGAIN, PUTTING ACTION INTO PLACE AND THEN BUILDING ON IT.
6 ANOTHER EXAMPLE IS A PILOT THAT WE'VE WORKED WITH THE PARTNERS
7 TO START IN ONE OF THE COURTHOUSES IN SAN FERNANDO COURTHOUSE.
8 THE IDEA THERE IS TO TRY TO RESOLVE A CASE EARLIER ON. SO ONCE
9 THE CASE IS ARRAIGNED, WHICH IS THE FIRST COURT DATE, BETWEEN
10 THAT FIRST AND SECOND COURT DATE, THE PRELIMINARY HEARING,
11 WE'RE TRYING TO SEE IF WE CAN DO TWO THINGS. CAN WE RESOLVE
12 THAT CASE EARLIER ON, OR CAN WE GET A PERSON RELEASED? THE
13 REASON THAT'S IMPORTANT IS BECAUSE ALL THOSE BARRIERS THAT YOU
14 SEE IN THE MIDDLE, THOSE ARE THE TYPES OF THINGS THAT KEEP THE
15 CASE PROLONGED AND ADD COURT DATES. SO ANYTIME WE CAN'T GET
16 SOMETHING DONE IN BETWEEN COURT DATES, WE MAY HAVE TO ADD
17 EXTRA COURT DATES. AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO
18 SHRINK. SO THOSE ARE JUST TWO EXAMPLES. A THIRD ONE BEFORE I
19 TRANSITION BACK TO WILL IS THAT WE'RE REVIEWING MORE OF THE
20 OLD CASES. SO, YOU HEARD ME TALK ABOUT THAT ONE YEAR MARK
21 AROUND THE CASE STANDARDS. WE NOW ARE WORKING WITH THE DAA,
22 APD, IDCO, AND PD TO REVIEW ALL OF THE OLD CASES WHERE PEOPLE
23 ARE IN CUSTODY AND TRY TO RESOLVE THOSE CASES. SO, EACH OF
24 THOSE DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING IN EACH COURTHOUSE. THEY'RE
25 REVIEWING LISTS EVERY MONTH AND ARE STARTING TO WORK. THEY'VE



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1 BEEN WORKING THEIR WAY THROUGH, BUT THERE'S A RENEWED FOCUS
2 AND WE'RE WORKING WITH THE COURTS ON THAT AS WELL. SO, WITH
3 THAT, I'M GOING TO PASS TO WILL TO TAKE US TO THE NEXT SLIDE,
4 WHICH IS ABOUT OFF-RAMPS FOR PEOPLE FROM JAIL.

5
6 **WILFORD PINKNEY JR.:** THANK YOU, CHIDAMAH. SO, YOU KNOW, AS WE
7 GO INTO THE NEXT SLIDE, WHICH IS ABOUT ENHANCING THE
8 COMMUNITY-BASED SYSTEM OF CARE, WE'RE REALLY LOOKING TO FOSTER
9 THE OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE PEOPLE RELEASED INTO COMMUNITY CARE.
10 I THINK THE IMPORTANT THING TO THINK ABOUT HERE IS THAT PEOPLE
11 DON'T START OUT WITH HIGH LEVELS OF ACUITY AND SO WE REALLY
12 NEED TO FOCUS UPSTREAM AND WE REALLY NEED TO ENGAGE PEOPLE AS
13 EARLY AND OFTEN AS POSSIBLE EVEN THOUGH I GIVE THE CAVEAT THAT
14 PEOPLE HAVE TO BE READY AND WILLING TO RECEIVE SERVICES. ONE
15 OF THE CHALLENGES HERE IS THIS IS A COUNTY WE HAVEN'T BEEN
16 ABLE TO FULLY MAP THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN CUSTODY, THE NUMBER
17 OF PEOPLE RECEIVING TREATMENT AND WHAT'S REQUIRED TO MEET
18 THOSE NEEDS. YOU KNOW, THERE WAS A PRIOR EFFORT I KNOW BACK IN
19 2020 BY RAN THAT USED ODR ELIGIBILITY TO DETERMINE THE
20 PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO COULD BE DIVERTED FROM THE JAIL WITH
21 SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. THEY CONDUCTED SOME LIMITED CHART
22 REVIEWS. WELL, WE'RE ONCE AGAIN, WE'RE LOOKING TO BUILD ON
23 THAT EFFORT. IT DIDN'T FOCUS ON THE NEEDS GENERALLY OF THOSE
24 INCARCERATED. IT JUST USED THAT ODR ELIGIBILITY AS A MARKER.
25 AND IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO FOCUS ON THE NEEDS OF THOSE



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1 BECAUSE WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE NEED TO DO MORE THAN
2 WHAT WE'RE ALREADY DOING. IT HELPS US SET BENCH LINES AS WE
3 THINK ABOUT SETTING TIMELINES. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS
4 THE INTERVENTIONS THAT WE'RE GOING TO IMPLEMENT, HOW LONG IT
5 TAKES TO IMPLEMENT THOSE, SO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
6 INTERVENTIONS, AND THEN UNDERSTAND WHAT THE EXPECTED IMPACT
7 WILL BE, BECAUSE NOW WE CAN HAVE A BASELINE ON WHICH TO BUILD.
8 AND THE EXAMPLE OF THIS, AND WE PUT IN OUR REPORT, IS ODR. WE
9 TALKED ABOUT ODR REACHING THIS CAPACITY, AND WE TALKED ABOUT
10 EXPANDING ODR SERVICES TO P2. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THEY DO TO
11 SOME EXTENT, BUT NOT TO THE EXTENT THAT WE PUT IN OUR REPORT.
12 WE WERE ABLE TO WORK WITH ODR TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS THE RAMP
13 UP TIME. SO, WHAT WOULD THIS TAKE TO IMPLEMENT THE EFFORT?
14 WHAT WAS THE COST OF IMPLEMENTING THE EFFORT? AND SO, THAT'S
15 INFORMATION THAT NOW WE CAN PUT IN A TIMELINE AND HELP US TO
16 BUILD A BROADER TIMELINE AS TO JAIL CLOSURE. YOU KNOW, ONCE
17 AGAIN, YOU SEE THE BARRIERS, YOU SEE THE CHALLENGES. ONE OF
18 THE BIG CHALLENGES HERE, I WILL POINT OUT, IN WORKING WITH OUR
19 PARTNERS, IS, YOU KNOW, THERE'S A LOT OF TALK ABOUT RELEASE
20 PLANNING, PREVIOUS, THERE WERE PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS AND
21 PREVIOUS REPORTS ABOUT RELEASE PLANNING. BUT ONE OF THE
22 CHALLENGES ARE THESE LACK OF SPECIFIC RELEASE DATES, RIGHT?
23 78% OF THE POPULATION DIDN'T HAVE A SPECIFIC RELEASE DATE,
24 WHICH IS A CHALLENGE, AND THEN CONNECTING PEOPLE TO SERVICES.
25 SO, YOU KNOW, WE ARE WORKING WITH PARTNERS, WE'RE GOING TO BE



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1 WORKING WITH THE CAL AEM EFFORTS TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE MIGHT BE
2 ABLE TO INCREASE THOSE OR OVERCOME THOSE BARRIERS. NEXT SLIDE.
3 ON THIS SIDE, YOU KNOW, I'VE TALKED ABOUT IN THE PAST THAT
4 THERE IS AN IMPACT TO CLOSING DOWN MCJ. THE MOTION SPEAKS
5 ABOUT DEMOLISHING IT. SO WE HAVE BEEN MAKING PROGRESS ON
6 UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE EXTENT OF THAT IS. WE WORK WITH
7 PARTNERS IN DOJ. THERE'S A MATRIX THAT WE DEVELOPED THAT WE'VE
8 BEEN IDENTIFYING COSTS BASED ON PREVIOUS EFFORTS. I THINK THE
9 MHTC EFFORT HAD A LOT OF DATA NUMBERS THAT GIVE US INFORMATION
10 AROUND TIMELINES, COST EFFORTS. AND SO, THE MATRIX ALLOWS US
11 TO UNDERSTAND THOSE OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS. IT LISTS THEM
12 OUT. WE'RE WORKING WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND OTHER
13 PARTNERS NOW TO CONFIRM THOSE THINGS AND TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE
14 ACCURATE. AND THEN IF IT'S GOING TO, IF WE NEED TO GO BEYOND
15 THAT, THEN AT SOME POINT WE WOULD HAVE TO ENGAGE AN ARCHITECT
16 AND OTHERS. NEXT SLIDE. I WANTED TO SHOW WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH
17 DATA BECAUSE WE'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT DATA. SO, WE'VE STARTED
18 TO CREATE SOME INTERNAL DASHBOARDS WITH THE DATA THAT WE'VE
19 RECEIVED FROM THE LASD. YOU CAN SEE IT TELLS US A LOT OF
20 THINGS. WE CAN SEE SENTENCING, WE CAN SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE
21 IN ON PROP 36, WE CAN SEE LENGTH OF INCARCERATION. ON ALL
22 THOSE THINGS ARE GREAT, IT ALLOWS US TO TRACK CHANGES IN THE
23 JAIL POPULATION, WHICH ARE GOING TO BE IMPORTANT TO
24 UNDERSTANDING IMPACTS AND DEVELOPING STRATEGIES, BUT IT
25 DOESN'T BY ITSELF PROVIDE A COMPLETE PICTURE. WE NEED TO OFTEN



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1 TIMES MATCH THIS WITH OTHER DATA TO GET A COMPLETED PICTURE.
2 ONE OF THE WAYS WE'VE USED THIS, AND THIS IS CALLED A SNAPSHOT
3 FILE. IT'S JUST A FILE, A PICTURE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE JAIL,
4 IN JAIL, IN THE JAIL CURRENTLY. AND AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'LL
5 LET CHIDINMA SPEAK TO THIS, BECAUSE WE USED THIS AS WE WERE
6 THINKING AND WORKING WITH PARTNERS AROUND REVIEWING OLD CASES.

7

8 **CHIDINMA UME:** SO THAT OLD CASE LIST THAT I MENTIONED, THE ONE
9 THAT THE PARTNERS ARE REVIEWING EVERY MONTH, WE WERE ABLE TO
10 PULL THOSE CASES FROM OUR DASHBOARD. SO THAT SHOWS US WHO'S IN
11 AND HOW LONG THEY STAY. I WOULD POINT EVERYONE TO THE YELLOW
12 BARS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DASHBOARD BECAUSE THAT'S ESSENTIALLY
13 HOW WE GOT THE 2000+ FIGURE THAT I MENTIONED. AND FROM HERE,
14 WE'RE ABLE TO PULL INDIVIDUAL RECORDS, PROVIDE THEM TO THE
15 PARTNERS, AND DIG INTO WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE CASES IN REAL
16 TIME AND ADDRESS THEM.

17

18 **WILFORD PINKNEY JR.:** SO, I'LL GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. WE'VE
19 STARTED LOOKING AT, WE'VE TALKED A LOT OF, WE'VE TALKED ABOUT
20 P LEVELS BEFORE. THESE ARE LABELS OR CLASSIFICATIONS THAT ARE
21 PROVIDED BY LSSD TO PEOPLE TO SORT OF DENOTE THEIR ACUITY,
22 THEIR MENTAL HEALTH ACUITY. SO, THIS IS ANOTHER DASHBOARD WE
23 CREATED. THIS IS WHERE WE SEE THAT OF ALL THE PEOPLE WITH P
24 LEVELS, P2S ARE THE LARGEST POPULATION. THIS IS WHY WE TALKED
25 ABOUT GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND CURRENT EFFORTS AND THINKING



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1 ABOUT DEPOPULATION AND CLOSING THE JAIL. SO, IT DOES TELL US
2 THAT, BY THE WAY, ANY OF THESE DASHBOARDS WE CAN FILTER OUT BY
3 ANY OF THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES ON HERE AND THEN THE REST OF THE
4 CATEGORIES WILL CHANGE SO WE COULD SEE SENTENCING BY P LEVEL
5 AND THINGS LIKE THAT, CHARGES, LENGTH OF INCARCERATION. SO,
6 THIS IS A MENTAL HEALTH SNAPSHOT, BUT IT DOESN'T PROVIDE
7 INFORMATION ON TREATMENT, AS WE THINK ABOUT WHERE PEOPLE ARE
8 ENDING UP. SO ONE OF THE THINGS WE DID HERE, AS WE WERE
9 TALKING ABOUT THE BASE POPULATION PROJECTION AND THE SECOND
10 COMPONENT OF THAT, WHICH IS APPLYING REFORMS AND UNDERSTANDING
11 THE IMPACT OF THOSE REFORMS ON REDUCING THAT 14,500 NUMBER
12 PROJECTION, WE STARTED TO ONCE AGAIN PULL A SAMPLE FROM THIS
13 FILE OF 100 PEOPLE TO SHARE WITH OUR HEALTH PARTNERS TO
14 UNDERSTAND WHAT IS THE POSSIBILITY OF PEOPLE WHO ARE CURRENTLY
15 INCARCERATED AND BEING ELIGIBLE AND BEING ENROLLED IN THEIR
16 PROGRAMS. AND SO, WE DID SHARE THAT WITH THEM, AND IT HELPED
17 US IN THAT WAY. THE NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. THE NEXT SLIDE IS THE
18 RELEASE FILE. SO, THIS IS BASED ON THE PEOPLE WHO ARE RELEASED
19 ON A MONTHLY BASIS. ALL THESE WE UPDATE ON A MONTHLY BASIS.
20 ONE OF THE CHALLENGES WITH THIS, IT TELLS US RELEASE AGENCY TO
21 SOME EXTENT, ESPECIALLY FOR CONDITIONAL RELEASES. IT TELLS US
22 RELEASE REASONS. BUT IT DOESN'T SPECIFY. THERE'S NO SPECIFIC
23 REASON THAT'S RELATED SPECIFICALLY TO TREATMENT. SO, WE CAN'T
24 REALLY SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE RELEASED TO TREATMENT. THIS IS
25 WHY, ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE LOOKING TO COUPLE THIS WITH OTHER



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1 DATA. BUT THE RELEASE DASHBOARD DID SHOW US THAT PROBATION
2 VIOLATIONS MADE UP APPROXIMATELY 9% OF RELEASES FROM THE
3 COUNTY JAIL. AND I'LL LET CHIDINMA TALK TO THAT.

4
5 **CHIDINMA UME:** SO AGAIN, IN THE THEME OF DATA AND ACTION, SO
6 THE EXAMPLE WILL WAS JUST POINTING US TO WITH PROBATION
7 VIOLATIONS, I'LL POINT EVERYONE TO THE BLUE BARS ON THE RIGHT
8 SIDE OF THE SCREEN. I KNOW THE FONT IS TINY, BUT JUST PAY
9 ATTENTION TO THE BARS BECAUSE YOU'LL SEE THAT THE TOP BLUE BAR
10 IS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE IN ON A POST-RELEASE COMMUNITY
11 SUPERVISION VIOLATION. USING THIS INFORMATION, WE WERE ABLE TO
12 MEET WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AGAIN, WHO'S REPRESENTED
13 HERE TODAY, AND FIGURE OUT WHAT'S DRIVING THOSE VIOLATIONS.
14 MANY OF THEM ARE TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS, SO SOMEONE MAY BE NOT
15 MISSING AN APPOINTMENT OR MISSING A SERIES OF APPOINTMENTS, AT
16 LEAST THREE, AND GOING INTO WHAT'S CALLED ABSCONDER STATUS.
17 SO, IN MEETING WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, THEY EXPRESS
18 THAT THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT THEY'RE NOT HAPPY WITH IT EITHER.
19 SO, WE STARTED TALKING ABOUT, AGAIN, WHAT SOLUTIONS CAN WE
20 ADDRESS? THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN PARTNERING WITH JCOD, THE
21 JUSTICE, CARE, AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT THAT WE ALL KNOW
22 ABOUT, TO CO-LOCATE IN THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES PROBATION OFFICE,
23 BUT TO ADDRESS THE ABSCONDERS, YOU KNOW, POTENTIAL WARRANTS
24 THAT LEAD TO THESE ARRESTS, THEY'RE EXPANDING THAT
25 PARTNERSHIP. SO I BELIEVE THEY'RE IN AN MOU STATUS AND THEY



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1 CAN SPEAK TO THIS WHEN WE DO Q&A. BUT THEY ARE NOW EXPANDING
2 THOSE SERVICES TO OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY SO THAT WHEN
3 SOMEONE, WHEN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS A DIFFICULTY
4 REACHING SOMEONE AND THAT PERSON IS NEARING WARRANT STATUS,
5 NEARING POTENTIALLY FALLING IN THAT FIRST BLUE BUCKET, JCOD IS
6 WORKING WITH THEM TO POTENTIALLY PROVIDE REMINDERS, RIDES TO
7 APPOINTMENTS, AND OTHER SERVICES THAT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
8 DOESN'T ALREADY PROVIDE.

9
10 **WILFORD PINKNEY JR.:** NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, THE DASHBOARDS
11 BEFORE THIS WERE OUR OWN INTERNAL ONES AND NOT PUBLIC, BUT
12 THIS IS A PUBLIC DASHBOARD THAT THE CIO'S OFFICE HAS CREATED,
13 A JUSTICE DASHBOARD. SO, WE'VE BEEN SHARING THIS IN OUR
14 PRESENTATIONS WITH COMMUNITY AND WE SHARED IT IN THE CLUSTER.
15 SO, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE KNOW THIS IS SOMETHING
16 THEY CAN GO, IT PULLS FROM THE SAME SOURCE OF DATA THAT WE DO
17 THAT PEOPLE CAN GO TO AND SEE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE LINK IS
18 REALLY LONG. SO WE WERE GOING TO PUT THE ACTUAL LINK ON THERE.
19 BUT IT PROBABLY WON'T LOOK GOOD. BUT IF THIS, I BELIEVE THIS
20 PRESENTATION IS UPLOADED ON THE WEBSITE, SO THAT LINK AT THE
21 BOTTOM RIGHT WILL TAKE YOU TO THIS DASHBOARD. SO, WE JUST
22 WANTED TO SHARE THAT. NEXT SLIDE. I'M NOT GOING TO SPEND A LOT
23 OF TIME, BECAUSE WE TALKED A LOT ABOUT DATA, BUT THE WORK THAT
24 WE'RE DOING IS IN VARIOUS STAGES OF BEING COMPLETED.
25 OBVIOUSLY, WHEN WE THINK ABOUT COLLECTING DATA, WE WANT TO



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1 MAKE SURE THAT WE DO IT IN A WAY THAT RESPECTS THE PRIVACY OF
2 INDIVIDUALS. SO I WILL SAY THIS REALLY SPEAKS TO THE SAPC
3 DATA ON THE TOP LEFT IS REALLY ABOUT REALLY UNDERSTANDING
4 MORE. AND THIS RELATES TO PROP 36 SPECIFICALLY, BUT BROADER AS
5 WELL. WE'RE ALL TALKING ABOUT WE WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHO'S
6 GOING INTO TREATMENT, HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING INTO
7 TREATMENT. THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING WITH CIO AND SAPC THERE
8 WILL ALLOW THEM TO TELL US THAT INFORMATION AND KNOW FOR
9 THEMSELVES AS WELL, OBVIOUSLY. WE'RE WORKING WITH CHS AND DHS
10 TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT NEEDS AND ABOUT SERVICES THAT PEOPLE
11 ARE RECEIVING. THE SAPC MOU IS IN THE SIGNATURE PHASE. WE'RE
12 WORKING WITH DHS, AND WE'RE DOING SOME CHART REVIEWS WITH CHS,
13 WITH DMH, AND WITH SAPC TO UNDERSTAND THOSE NEEDS. BUT WE'RE
14 WORKING WITH DHS MORE BROADLY TO COLLECT DATA. LASD, WE'VE
15 ALREADY GOTTEN THE DATA THAT ALLOWED US TO CREATE THE
16 DASHBOARDS THAT YOU'VE SEEN. ISAB, WE'VE GOT SOME ARREST DATA
17 AS WE THINK ABOUT DIVERSION EFFORTS. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE
18 HAVE THAT SO WE CAN ASSESS THOSE STRATEGIES AIMED AT REDUCING
19 JAIL ADMISSIONS. AND THEN WE'RE WORKING WITH OUR COURT
20 PARTNERS TO REALLY GET INFORMATION THAT'S GOING TO HELP US
21 ESTABLISH BASELINES ON CASE PROCESSING, BUT UNDERSTAND THE
22 FACTORS THAT LEND TO, AND A LOT OF THAT WAS ON THE SLIDE THAT
23 CHIDINMA SHARED ALREADY, LEND TO WHAT THAT MEANS, AND I'LL LET
24 CHIDAMAH ADD ANYTHING SHE WANTS TO ADD HERE. THAT COVERS IT.
25 GOOD, OKAY. NEXT SLIDE.



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1
2 **CHIDINMA UME:** IT'S ME AGAIN. YOU KNOW, I'D BE REMISS IF I
3 DIDN'T ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRIOR TWO PRESENTATIONS THAT SPOKE TO
4 THE IMPACT OF THE CURRENT BUDGET CLIMATE ON OUR WORK. WE'RE
5 FEELING IT TOO IN THE CSIT SPHERE AND THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO
6 CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE
7 PARTNERS. I THINK THE TAKEAWAY HERE IS THAT WE'RE MONITORING
8 THE IMPACTS IN REAL TIME AND WE'RE TRYING TO ADDRESS THEM AS
9 BEST WE CAN AS A COUNTY. A COUPLE OF THINGS TO NOTE, THIS IS
10 NOT ALL OF THE BUDGET CONSTRAINTS THAT THE DEPARTMENTS ARE
11 EXPERIENCING THAT AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
12 WORK AND MOVE IT FORWARD, BUT THESE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES. I
13 WOULD SAY THE THEME IS ESSENTIALLY REDUCTION. REDUCTION IN
14 SERVICES LIKE WITH ODR. SO, THEY ARE PROJECTING THAT DUE TO
15 POTENTIAL CUTS WITH STATE FUNDING, FEDERAL FUNDING, THIS ONE
16 IS LESS ABOUT COUNTY CURTAILMENTS AND MORE ABOUT OUTSIDE
17 FUNDING THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO DRAW DOWN FOR PROVIDING SERVICES,
18 THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE, LESS ABLE TO PROVIDE SLOTS,
19 SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE DIVERTED OUT OF JAIL. AND AS
20 WE ALL KNOW, THEY SERVE OUR MOST SERIOUS POPULATION IN THE
21 JAIL, SERIOUS IN TERMS OF MENTAL HEALTH NEED AND THEN MOST
22 SERIOUS IN TERMS OF CHARGES. PD, APD, IDCO AND THE DISTRICT
23 ATTORNEY ALL FALL WITHIN A SIMILAR SPHERE OF THEIR REDUCTION
24 IS MORE ABOUT POTENTIAL BUDGETED VACANCIES AND STAFF. SO EACH
25 OF THE OFFICES HAS REPORTED TO US THAT FEWER POTENTIAL STAFF



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1 MEANS THAT THEY MAY SEE HIGHER CASELOADS, MORE DELAYS, AGAIN,
2 GOING BACK TO THE CASE DELAY THAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT BEFORE
3 WITH LEVER TWO, ALL OF WHICH MEANS THAT THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO
4 MOVE AS QUICKLY TO RESOLVE THOSE CASES, AND PEOPLE REMAIN IN
5 JAIL DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME. SO, THEIRS IS MORE ABOUT
6 STAFFING. WE ARE WORKING AT CEO, WE'RE WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC
7 DEFENDER TO TRY TO MITIGATE SOME OF THESE CHALLENGES. SO, I
8 BELIEVE THE BOARD IS QUITE FAMILIAR WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S
9 PIPELINE PROGRAM THAT ESSENTIALLY TRAINS NEW ATTORNEYS TO BE
10 ABLE TO HANDLE CASES. SO RECENTLY, CEO DID RESOLVE AN ISSUE
11 THAT WE SAW THAT THEY VOICED TO US WHERE THEY WERE GOING TO
12 HAVE BUDGETED VACANCIES, BUT WE RIGHT SIZED THEIR BUDGET SO
13 THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE TO HIRE UNDER THEIR PIPELINE PROGRAM.
14 JUST A QUICK NOTE ABOUT THE CFCI, AGAIN THE CARE FIRST
15 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDING. THERE, THE CHALLENGE IS A LITTLE
16 BIT DIFFERENT. THE CFCI PROCESS CHANGED IN MAY, WHERE
17 PREVIOUSLY WE WERE, WE AT CSIT, WERE ABLE TO DIRECTLY ALLOCATE
18 WHERE ONE TIME CARRYOVER FUNDING WOULD GO. AND DUE TO THE
19 CHANGE IN THE BOARD PROCESS, WE NOW WORK MORE COLLABORATIVELY
20 WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT
21 THE FUNDING. SO, IT CREATES A, IT DOES CREATE ANOTHER STEP,
22 BUT THANKFULLY AS OF THURSDAY THE 16TH, SO LAST WEEK WE WERE
23 NOTIFIED, WE DID LEARN THAT THE PROGRAMS THAT WE IDENTIFIED AS
24 POTENTIALLY DEPOPULATING THAT WE REQUESTED FUNDING FOR THE
25 COMMITTEE FOR THAT THOSE PROGRAMS WERE APPROVED. SO THAT'S



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1 AGAIN ANOTHER WAY THAT WE'RE TRYING TO WORK AROUND THE COUNTY
2 AS A COUNTY TO ADDRESS SOME OF THESE BUDGET CUTS. WITH THAT,
3 WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, WHICH IS OUR LAST SLIDE. I WOULD
4 SUM THIS UP BY SAYING WE ARE CONTINUING EVERYTHING YOU'VE
5 HEARD US MENTION. I'LL JUST NOTE AGAIN THE BUDGET CURTAILMENTS
6 AS I MENTIONED WE'RE MONITORING THOSE WE ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT
7 WITH THE DEPARTMENTS ABOUT ISSUES AS THEY ARISE AND HOW WE CAN
8 ADDRESS THEM. WE ARE ALSO CONTINUING TO GATHER INFORMATION
9 THAT'S GOING TO HELP US CONTINUE TO BUILD THE IMPLEMENTATION
10 EFFORTS THAT WE HAVE NAMED. I WOULD SAY, AND AS WILL
11 MENTIONED, WE ARE STILL WITHIN THE NINE MONTH TIMEFRAME THAT
12 WE PROVIDED TO YOUR BOARD ABOUT THE FRAMEWORK. SO, TRYING TO
13 IDENTIFY THOSE KEY STEPS THAT IF TAKEN, CAN HELP US CLOSE THE
14 JAIL POPULATION. THAT 9 MONTH PERIOD PUTS US AT ABOUT EARLY
15 NEXT YEAR. SO, ALL OF THESE OTHER NEXT STEPS ARE GEARED
16 TOWARDS HELPING US COMPLETE THE INFORMATION THAT WE WILL
17 PROVIDE TO YOUR BOARD FOR REVIEW. SO, I WILL PAUSE THERE. WE
18 ARE HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS WHEN THE TIME COMES, BUT I WILL
19 PROVIDE, I'LL SEE THE MIC.

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

22
23 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WAS THERE ANY
24 INFORMATION? I KNOW THAT WE HELD THESE TWO ITEMS TOGETHER, 12
25 AND 27. THIS PRESENTATION LARGELY FOCUSES ON ITEM 12, BUT I



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1 JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IF THERE'S ANYTHING WITH REGARD TO
2 27 THAT NEEDS TO BE PRESENTED BEFORE WE BEGIN DISCUSSION.
3 OTHERWISE, WE CAN JUMP RIGHT INTO QUESTIONS.

4

5 **MAGGIE CARTER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH SUPERVISOR. I'M MAGGIE
6 CARTER, THE COUNTY'S CHIEF DOJ COMPLIANCE OFFICER CHARGED WITH
7 WORKING ACROSS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO DRIVE THE COUNTY'S MULTI-
8 PILLAR STRATEGY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE U.S. DOJ SETTLEMENT
9 AGREEMENT AND RELATED CASES. WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE
10 WITH OUR CSIT COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THEIR WORK TO REDUCE JAIL
11 POPULATION AND CLOSE MCJ. AND WE SEE THAT WORK AS VERY
12 COMPLIMENTARY TO THE COUNTY'S COMPLIANCE STRATEGIES. INDEED,
13 DEPOPULATION, COMMUNITY BEDS, AND FACILITIES ALIGNMENT ARE
14 THREE OF OUR FIVE STRATEGIC PILLARS ALONG WITH IMPROVING
15 STAFFING AND SUPPORT AND OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND DATA BOTH
16 INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE JAILS. NOW WE ARE MY TEAM IS FOCUSED
17 VERY SPECIFICALLY ON THE BOARD'S PRIORITY TO GET INTO
18 COMPLIANCE AND ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
19 AND THE NEEDS OF OUR MENTAL HEALTH POPULATIONS IN PARTICULAR.
20 WHILE CSIT IS VERY FOCUSED FIRMLY ON WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO
21 CLOSE MCJ. BUT THOSE MISSIONS AND THOSE BOARD PRIORITIES HAVE
22 SIGNIFICANT OVERLAP, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
23 DEPOPULATION EFFORTS, DIVERSION FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS,
24 REDUCING LENGTHS OF STAY THROUGH CASE PROCESSING TIMES. WE
25 ALSO THINK THERE'S SUBSTANTIAL OVERLAP AND ALIGNMENT WHEN IT



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1 COMES TO INCREASING THE FLEXIBILITY OF OUR OTHER EXISTING
2 FACILITIES TO REDUCE OUR RELIANCE ON MCJ, ESPECIALLY FOR
3 INDIVIDUALS WITH MODERATE MENTAL ILLNESS WHO ARE CURRENTLY
4 HOUSED IN MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING DORMS AT MCJ. CURRENTLY
5 WE DON'T HAVE ANY SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS OR ACUTELY
6 MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS AT MCJ. THOSE ARE THE P3S AND P4S THAT
7 WE SOMETIMES TALK ABOUT. THE MEN ARE EXCLUSIVELY HOUSED AT
8 TWIN TOWERS AND THE WOMEN ARE EXCLUSIVELY HOUSED AT CRDF, BUT
9 WE DO HAVE SOME MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING AT MCJ. WE HAVE
10 BEEN WORKING FOR SOME TIME TO REDUCE OUR RELIANCE ON MCJ FOR
11 MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING. THAT STRATEGY HAS BEEN A
12 STRATEGY OF THE COUNTY THAT PREDATES EVEN MY ROLE OR THE
13 EXISTENCE OF MY TEAM. IT STARTED BACK IN 2022 WHEN WE BEGAN
14 THE FULL RENOVATION OF PDC NORTH, WHICH USED TO BE AN
15 EXCLUSIVELY GP OR WELL FACILITY TO BE NOW AN EXCLUSIVELY
16 MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING FACILITY. THAT WORK BEGAN IN
17 2022. IT COMPLETED IN JANUARY OF 2024. DURING THE COURSE OF
18 THAT RENOVATION, WE WERE ACTUALLY COURT ORDERED TO COMPLETE IT
19 BY A CERTAIN DATE. WE HAD TO GET AN EXTENSION OF THAT DATE,
20 BUT WE ULTIMATELY COMPLETED IT WITHIN THE COURT'S REQUIREMENTS
21 BY JANUARY 31ST OF 2024. BUT SINCE THAT TIME, OUR NEED FOR
22 MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING CONTINUES TO GROW. EVEN AS OUR
23 JAIL POPULATION HAS DRAMATICALLY GONE DOWN IN THE LAST TEN
24 YEARS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, OUR
25 MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION KEEPS GROWING, BOTH IN ABSOLUTE



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1 NUMBERS AND AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE JAIL POPULATION. SO, THE
2 DEMANDS OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND THE DEMANDS OF OUR
3 USDOJ MONITOR IS THAT WE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO RENOVATE
4 OUR EXISTING FACILITIES TO BE APPROPRIATE FOR MODERATE
5 OBSERVATION HOUSING. AS WE WERE COMPLETING THE PDC NORTH
6 RENOVATION AND ESSENTIALLY EVERY QUARTER THEREAFTER, IT HAS
7 BEEN CLEAR THAT WE NEED STILL MORE APPROPRIATE FACILITIES TO
8 REDUCE OUR MOH POPULATION AT MCJ, AND THE MONITOR HAS BEEN
9 ASKING IT FOR US TO LOOK FOR THAT. SO, WE HAVE BEEN DOING
10 FEASIBILITY STUDIES AT OUR OTHER EXISTING FACILITIES TO LOOK
11 FOR WHAT ARE THE BEST NEXT OPTIONS. AND WE'VE BEEN REPORTING
12 THE CERTAIN BENCHMARKS AND THE PROGRESS OF THOSE FEASIBILITY
13 STUDIES IN CONNECTION WITH CSIT'S WORK AND BEFORE CSIT
14 RETURNED TO THE CEO THROUGH JCOD'S REPORTING. AND WHAT ITEM
15 27, THE BOARD LETTER DOES IN OUR VIEW IS TAKE THE NEXT STEP
16 TOWARDS MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.
17 WHAT IT DOES IS IT SETS OFF DESIGN WORK FOR A RENOVATION OF
18 THE PDC SOUTH FACILITY TO MAKE 600 GP BEDS THERE, APPROPRIATE
19 TO BE 600 MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING BEDS THERE. SO, THERE
20 IS NO INCREASE TO THE JAIL FOOTPRINT OR INCREASE IN OUR RATED
21 PERMANENT HOUSING CAPACITY AT THAT FACILITY. IT IS A
22 RENOVATION TO MAKE IT APPROPRIATE FOR A POPULATION THAT IS
23 GROWING. MOH IS OUR FASTEST GROWING SUBPOPULATION IN THE JAILS
24 WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING JUST ACROSS THE DIFFERENT MENTAL HEALTH
25 CLASSIFICATIONS. AND SO, WE ARE CONTINUALLY LOOKING AT



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1 POSSIBILITIES FOR MAKING OUR EXISTING FACILITIES MORE
2 APPROPRIATE. IN THE WORDS OF THE MONITOR, SAFER, MORE
3 CLINICALLY APPROPRIATE. SO, I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS
4 ABOUT THE SPECIFICS OF THAT BOARD LETTER. WE ALSO HAVE
5 COLLEAGUES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, FROM
6 CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND FROM LASD AND CEO ASSET
7 MANAGEMENT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS FROM YOUR BOARD. BUT
8 ESSENTIALLY, YOU KNOW, THE PLAN IS TO RENOVATE 600 BEDS TO
9 MAKE THEM SAFE AND MORE CLINICALLY APPROPRIATE FOR MOH AND
10 ALSO TO BUILD OUT THE CLINICAL FOOTPRINT AT THAT SITE, WHICH
11 IS CURRENTLY SMALL BECAUSE IT'S CURRENTLY SIZED FOR A
12 POPULATION THAT IS NOT ON MEDICATION TO THE SAME EXTENT AND
13 DOES NOT NEED ALL OF THE CLINICAL PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES
14 REQUIRED BY THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. AND AS WE CONTINUE TO,
15 YOU KNOW, WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT THIS IS NECESSARILY THE LAST
16 OR FULL SOLUTION. WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO WORK ACROSS ALL
17 FIVE OF THOSE STRATEGIC PILLARS TO LOOK FOR SMALL, MEDIUM, AND
18 LARGE SOLUTIONS ACROSS THE SHORT, MEDIUM, AND LONG TERM. BUT
19 IN OUR VIEW, THIS RENOVATION IN ITEM 27 IS AN IMPORTANT MEDIUM
20 TERM AND MEDIUM SIZE PROJECT. THAT 600 BED CONVERSION 600 BED
21 CONVERSION WOULD ALLOW US TO ESSENTIALLY REHOUSE 600 OF WHAT
22 IS NOW A LITTLE OVER 700 FOLKS AT MCJ WHO NEED MOH HOUSING AND
23 DO NOT HAVE SOME OTHER SECURITY RESTRICTION OR COURT ORDER OR
24 MEDICAL NEED THAT REQUIRES THEM TO STAY IN THE BASIN. AND WE
25 DO HAVE FOLKS IN THAT CATEGORY TOO, INCLUDING SOME WHO HAVE



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1 COURT ORDERS SAYING THAT THEY CAN'T MOVE FROM THE BASE AND BUT
2 WE DO HAVE A LARGE ENOUGH POPULATION THAT WE COULD WE
3 DEFINITELY NEED AND COULD USE THOSE BEDS TODAY AND WE EXPECT
4 THAT IF OUR TRENDS GO ANYTHING LIKE THEY'VE GONE IN THE PAST,
5 THAT THAT NEED FOR MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING WILL BE A
6 PERSISTENT NEED AS WE LOOK ACROSS WHAT OUR EXISTING JAIL
7 FACILITIES NEED TO DO AND WHAT THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIES NEED TO
8 BE.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY, WELL, I WANT TO START OUT,
11 THANK YOU FOR BOTH PRESENTATIONS AND FOR THE WORK THAT YOU
12 HAVE DONE. I THINK IT HELPS TO SET THE TABLE FOR OUR
13 CONVERSATION VERY CLEARLY, AND I'M GLAD THAT YOU ACKNOWLEDGED
14 THE OVERLAP AS WELL AS THE COURT ORDERS, BUT DEFINITELY THE
15 OVERLAP BETWEEN THESE TWO ISSUES. WHILE THEY ARE SEPARATE, I
16 THINK IN THE WORK OF THE COUNTY, MAKING SURE THAT THERE IS
17 SHARED VISION AND DE-SILOING OF WHAT SORT OF EFFORTS ARE
18 HAPPENING IS IMPORTANT. AND SO, WHILE I UNDERSTAND, LIKE I
19 SAID, THESE ARE TWO DISCRETE ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS THAT WE
20 ARE, YOU KNOW, ONE CAN INFLUENCE AND HAVE IMPACT ON ANOTHER.
21 AND SO, TO THAT END, I JUST WANT TO CONFIRM WITH COUNTY
22 COUNSEL, ITEM 12 IS DIRECTED AS A RECEIVE AND FILE. IT IS NOT
23 AN ACTION. ITEM 27 IS AN ACTION ITEM WHETHER WE WANT TO TAKE
24 ACTION ON THE PROPOSED RENOVATIONS TO PITCHESS DETENTION
25 CENTER.



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1
2 **DAWYN HARRISON:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

3
4 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY, I HIGHLIGHT THAT BECAUSE I KNOW
5 THERE WERE A LOT OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS THAT
6 TODAY THE BOARD IS TAKING ACTION TO CLOSE THE JAIL. AND 2015,
7 THERE WAS A VOTE TO TAKE FOR A NEW FACILITY. IN 2018, THERE
8 WAS AN APPROVED PLAN. IN 2019, THE BOARD CANCELED THE CONTRACT
9 AND INSTEAD MOVED TOWARDS A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY, THEN THAT
10 PLAN WAS LATER ABANDONED. 2020, THE VOTE WAS TAKEN TO CLOSE
11 WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT, AND IN 2021, THE BOARD GAVE DIRECTION
12 TO DECARCERATE AND DEPOPULATE. SO JUST FOR THE HISTORY OF
13 WHERE WE ARE, THOSE WERE ACTION ITEMS THAT THE BOARD TOOK
14 TODAY IS NOT AN ACTION ITEM NECESSARILY UNLESS THE BOARD
15 DECIDES, BUT IT IS A RECEIVING FILE IN TERMS OF THE PROGRESS
16 THAT HAS BEEN MADE BY THIS TEAM. AND I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT
17 TO HIGHLIGHT, GIVEN THE CONTEXT OF THE CONVERSATION, I KNOW
18 THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO REACHED OUT TO MY OFFICE EXPRESSING
19 POSITIONS ON SOMETHING THAT ISN'T ACTUALLY ON OUR AGENDA
20 TODAY. I THINK IN A 21ST CENTURY REALITY, I SHARE YOUR CONCERN
21 AND FRUSTRATION AROUND THE LACK OF HAVING A DATABASE TO TRACK
22 WHAT YOU SEE AS A VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR US TO BE
23 MINDFUL OF AS WE'RE THINKING ABOUT CLOSURE AND HOW WE MEET NOT
24 ONLY OUR DOJ OBLIGATIONS, BUT ALSO THE OBLIGATIONS THAT THIS
25 BOARD INTENDS TO HAVE IN TERMS OF A CARE-FIRST APPROACH AND



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1 HOW WE GENERALLY TREAT PEOPLE IN OUR CUSTODY AND IN OUR CARE.
2 AND THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF A JAIL FACILITY AT THE COUNTY LEVEL
3 IS LARGELY TWOFOLD, TO HOLD PEOPLE OVER FOR STATE CASES AND TO
4 ALSO INCARCERATE FOR LOWER-LEVEL OFFENSES. I KNOW THAT POST-
5 AB109, THERE'S A SMALLER POPULATION THAT DOES STAY FOR A
6 LONGER TERM, BUT THAT'S LARGELY THE PURPOSE OF A JAIL. AND SO,
7 I THINK THE DATA THAT YOU HIGHLIGHTED IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR US
8 TO UNDERSTAND HOW LONG PEOPLE ARE STAYING AND WHAT SORT OF
9 ISSUES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ADDRESSED IN THAT FACILITY, I WOULD
10 SAY ARE NOT SUFFICIENTLY BEING ADDRESSED THERE. I THINK IT'S
11 ALSO IMPORTANT THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE BROADER SYSTEM OF
12 CARE AND ALL OF THE RELATIONSHIP THAT THE RESPECTIVE
13 DEPARTMENTS HAVE TO THIS EFFORT TO CLOSE THE JAIL, WHICH IS
14 DIRECTED BY COURT ORDER, WHICH IS A DOJ DIRECTIVE THAT WE MUST
15 COMPLY WITH, BUT IT'S ALSO SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM
16 OUR COMMUNITY THAT IS A GOAL AS WELL, AS WELL AS THIS BOARD,
17 TO CLOSE THE JAIL. SO HOW HAS YOUR EXPERIENCE BEEN IN WORKING
18 WITH THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO GET THE DATA THAT YOU NEED,
19 AND WHAT HAS YOUR TEAM DONE TO OVERCOME ANY CHALLENGES THAT
20 YOU'VE EXPERIENCED?

21
22 **WILFORD PINKNEY JR.:** YEAH, THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. SO, ONE
23 OF THE THINGS TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES CHIDINMA TALKED ABOUT.
24 SO, THE DATA IS THERE IN THE SENSE THAT PEOPLE ARE IN THE
25 JAIL, THEY'RE RECEIVING SERVICES, THEY'RE BEING CLINICALLY



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1 EVALUATED. THE CHALLENGE IS IT MAY NOT BE BEING COLLECTED, IN
2 WHICH CASE TO OVERCOME THAT, LIKE CHIDINMA TALKED ABOUT, IT
3 WAS I THINK IN THE CASE OF THE COURTS, WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR
4 PARTNERS TO START COLLECTING DATA FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, RIGHT?
5 I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY WE NEED TO BUILD THE CAPACITY TO COLLECT IT
6 GOING FORWARD, BUT IN THE SHORT TERM FOR A 30-DAY PERIOD, YOU
7 CAN SAY, HEY, THE PARTNERS NOW THIS IS A CHALLENGE FOR THE
8 DEPARTMENTS, RIGHT? THEY'VE SUPPORTED US IN THIS, BUT THE
9 CHALLENGE IS WHO DO THEY GET TO DO THAT RIGHT, WHEN THEY HAVE
10 OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES TO MEET? AND SO, ONE OF THE WAYS WE
11 OVERCOME THE CHALLENGE OF DATA IS THAT. THE OTHER WAY YOU
12 OVERCOME THE CHALLENGE, YOU KNOW, WE'VE DONE IT WITH THE
13 REVIEWS OR THE CHART REVIEWS, RIGHT? SO, WE NEED TO
14 UNDERSTAND, YOU KNOW, WHAT PEOPLE'S NEEDS ARE BECAUSE WE NEED
15 TO THEN UNDERSTAND THERE'S A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO
16 ARE VOLUNTARILY GOING INTO CARE, RIGHT, OR ACCEPTING REFERRALS
17 TO CARE. WHATEVER THAT PERCENTAGE IS, WE NEED TO INCREASE THAT
18 TO DEPOPULATE THE JAIL. SO, AN IMPORTANT PART OF THAT IS
19 UNDERSTANDING WHAT IS THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN
20 THE JAIL, UNDERSTANDING HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE NOT ONLY BEING
21 REFERRED, BUT ENDING UP IN TREATMENT, SO THAT WE CAN SET
22 BASELINES AND SAY, WE WANT TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND THAT. WE
23 ALSO WANT TO MAP THOSE TWO AGAINST THE LEVELS OF TREATMENT
24 THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT PARTNERS PRESENT IN THEIR BED
25 REPORT, RIGHT? WE HAVE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF TREATMENT FROM HIGH



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1 ACUITY, RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT, OUTPATIENT, ALL FSB. AND SO, WE
2 NEED TO GET AN IDEA OF, YOU KNOW, WHAT IS IT MAPPED LIKE FROM
3 PEOPLE WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN THE JAIL AND THEIR NEEDS IF THEY
4 WERE TO GO INTO COMMUNITY TREATMENT TO SAY, WELL, DO WE HAVE
5 ENOUGH BEDS SO THAT WE'RE CREATING THE RIGHT BEDS, RIGHT? AND
6 I KNOW THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S BOARD REPORTS IS ALL ABOUT
7 THAT, RIGHT? AND THEY SPOKE ABOUT THAT AND THEY SPOKE ABOUT
8 WHERE THEIR DEFICIENCIES. BUT IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE
9 THAT INFORMATION BE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE. AND THEN TALKING
10 ABOUT GOING FORWARD, YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO QUERY THAT
11 INFORMATION ON A REGULAR BASIS, RIGHT? SO, I UNDERSTAND HOW
12 SOME PEOPLE MIGHT SEE, LIKE, WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH
13 CLOSING THE JAIL? BUT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO CLOSE IN THE
14 JAIL, NOT JUST IN THE HEALTH VEIN, BUT EVEN THINKING ABOUT
15 PAROLE AND PROBATION VIOLATIONS, RIGHT? SO, THE CHALLENGE
16 THERE IS WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE NATURE OF THOSE
17 VIOLATIONS ARE. SO, WE CAN SEE THE PAROLE VIOLATIONS, WE CAN
18 GET PERCENTAGES ON THAT, WE CAN SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE
19 JAIL, BUT TO THEN DEVELOP AN INTERVENTION TO SAY, TO
20 CHIDINMA'S POINT EARLIER, HEY, WE WANT TO CONNECT THEM WITH
21 JCOD. THEY HAVE ALL THESE GREAT PROGRAMS TO CONNECT PEOPLE TO
22 SERVICES. WELL, WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE? AND THEN ONCE WE CAN
23 UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE, THEN TO THE POINT OF A
24 TIMELINE, WE CAN SAY, OK, TO DEVELOP THAT INTERVENTION, IT
25 REQUIRES THIS MANY PEOPLE. IT REQUIRES THIS MUCH MONEY. AND



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1 THIS IS HOW LONG IT'S GOING TO TAKE. SO THAT HELPS US GET
2 THERE. SO, I'M ANSWERING TWO QUESTIONS OR MAYBE ONE YOU DIDN'T
3 EVEN ASK, BUT THAT'S HOW WE TEND TO BE OVERCOMING IT. A LOT OF
4 IT IS JUST AROUND WORKING WITH CIO AND THE DEPARTMENTS TO GET
5 THIS INFORMATION SO IT CAN BE MATCHED. SO THAT'S THE BIGGEST
6 THING. SO, THE DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING WITH US. IT'S A
7 CHALLENGE FOR EVERYBODY, AND WE'RE JUST WORKING THROUGH THOSE
8 CHALLENGES, AND I'LL LET CHIDINMA.

9

10 **CHIDINMA UME:** TO THE TOPIC OF WORKING THROUGH THOSE
11 CHALLENGES, JUST TWO EXAMPLES FOR YOU ALL. SO, FOR YOUR BOARD,
12 ONE IMPORTANT, IF WE GO BACK TO THE TWO MAIN DRIVERS OF THE
13 JAIL POPULATION, RIGHT, HOW MANY PEOPLE COME IN IS A BIG
14 FACTOR. SO, FOR US, THAT PRACTICALLY MEANS BOOKING AND
15 ADMISSIONS DATA. WHEN WE ASSISTED, THIS ITERATION OF IT
16 STARTED, WE REALIZED THAT THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT IN PLACE THAT
17 ALLOWED US TO RECEIVE DATA ON BOOKINGS, BUT WE WEREN'T
18 RECEIVING IT IN OUR HAND, RIGHT? IT WASN'T IN OUR HANDS. SO
19 NOW OUR TEAM IS ACTIVELY WORKING WITH ISAP SO THAT WE CAN GET
20 THAT INFORMATION AND PLUG IT INTO THE DASHBOARDS THAT YOU ALL
21 SAW SO THAT WE CAN MONITOR SPIKES, INCLUDING WITH PROPOSITION
22 36, WHICH I KNOW IS ANOTHER BIG FACTOR FOR US. SO THAT'S ONE
23 IS DATA ON BOOKINGS, AND THEN THE OTHER IS, TO WILL'S POINT
24 ABOUT MATCHING DATA, A BIG QUESTION FOR US, AND THIS IS
25 ANOTHER AREA WHERE THE DOJ COMPLIANCE WORK IS RELATED IS, WHAT



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1 DO WE DO ABOUT THE CHANGING COMPOSITION OF THE JAIL
2 POPULATION? THAT MORE PEOPLE HAVE SERVICE NEEDS, SUBSTANCE
3 USE, MENTAL HEALTH, HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THOSE NEEDS ARE
4 AND HOW DO WE TRACK WHEN WE SEE THAT POPULATION OR THE
5 PARTICULAR POPULATIONS GROWING IN THE JAIL POPULATION AND AT
6 WHAT RATE AND WHERE. SO ON THE CSED END, WE'VE BEEN WORKING
7 WITH SAPC TO AMEND THE MOU THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE WITH THE
8 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MATCH PEOPLE
9 WHO ARE WHO WE'RE SEEING WHO HAVE THOSE NEEDS AND ON THE BACK
10 END IT WILL HELP THEM BETTER IDENTIFY HOW THEY SERVE THOSE
11 PEOPLE AND HOW THEY CONNECT WITH THEM UPON RELEASE.

12
13 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I THINK THAT'S HELPFUL ESPECIALLY
14 BECAUSE AS I ALLUDED TO EARLIER, IT'S GENERALLY EXPECTED THAT
15 PEOPLE WHO COME TO L.A. COUNTY JAIL AREN'T GOING TO STAY THERE
16 FOR LIFE OR HOPEFULLY EVEN FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME
17 BASED ON THE CHARGES, ALTHOUGH AS I ACKNOWLEDGE, THERE ARE
18 SOME CASES IN WHICH THAT'S A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT. BUT THE
19 POINT BEING, IF PEOPLE COME INTO THE COUNTY JAIL, THEY WILL
20 THEN BE RELEASED BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY AT SOME POINT. AND
21 THE GOAL IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY NOT ONLY FACE CONSEQUENCES
22 FOR WHATEVER THE CRIME WAS THAT THEY MAY HAVE COMMITTED, BUT
23 ALSO MOST IMPORTANTLY, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASES THAT YOU JUST
24 HIGHLIGHTED, IF THERE'S A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE OR SUBSTANCE USE
25 ISSUE OR OTHER ISSUES THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THOSE FACTORS, THAT



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1 WE'RE ACTUALLY ADDRESSING WHAT THE CAUSE IS, SO WE'RE CREATING
2 SAFETY THROUGH CARE BY ADDRESSING WHAT'S ACTUALLY HAPPENED IN
3 THAT CIRCUMSTANCE. IT'S NOT, IN MY VIEW, IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO
4 JUST PUT SOMEBODY IN TIMEOUT. WE ACTUALLY SHOULD BE DOING ALL
5 THAT WE CAN TO ADDRESS THE CAUSES OF WHAT TOOK PLACE TO BRING
6 SOMEONE THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE. AND YOU DID HIGHLIGHT WHAT
7 YOU EXPECT TO BE YOUR ONGOING TIMELINE. AND SO I APPRECIATE
8 THAT BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S THE CONCERN THAT I'VE CONSISTENTLY
9 HEARD IS, YOU KNOW, I JUST OUTLINED SORT OF THE TEN YEAR
10 CONVERSATION WE'VE BEEN ON, AND NOW YOU CAME IN, I THINK
11 AROUND DECEMBER, SO WE'RE COMING UP, GETTING CLOSER TO A YEAR
12 OF YOU BEING HERE, AND YOU KNOW, STUDYING AND STUDYING TO
13 DEATH CAN, YOU KNOW, FRUSTRATE PEOPLE, EVEN IF YOUR INTENTION
14 IS TO MOVE PEOPLE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I THINK THERE ARE A
15 LOT OF STUDIES THAT HAVE BEEN DONE. THERE'S DIRECTION THAT'S
16 BEEN GIVEN BOTH BY BOARD MOTION AND OTHER WORK. AND SO, TO ME,
17 I'VE HEARD FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE SAID, WELL, WHY
18 DON'T WE CREATE A BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON THIS? I SAID
19 BECAUSE WE'VE ALREADY DONE TEN YEARS OF WORK. SO, FROM MY
20 VIEW, I DON'T THINK THAT'S AN EFFORT WORTH PURSUING. I THINK
21 WE NEED TO GET TO THE ACTION PART. AND SO, A LOGICAL FIRST
22 STEP TO MANY PEOPLE IS HOW DO WE GET PEOPLE OUT OF THE JAIL?
23 WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO GO? AND SO, I THINK YOU'RE
24 HIGHLIGHTING, YOU KNOW, WHERE AND WHAT KIND OF FACILITIES ARE
25 NEEDED. AND I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT STEP BECAUSE YOU KNOW



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1 WHETHER YOU'RE COMMITTED TO THIS JAIL CLOSING ENTIRELY OR
2 WHETHER THERE'S A DISCUSSION IN SOME PARTS OF THE COMMUNITY
3 AROUND ANOTHER FACILITY, THERE ARE, THERE IS A COMMITMENT TO
4 GETTING PEOPLE OUT OF MCJ. AND SO THERE HAS TO BE A CLEAR, HOW
5 DO WE GET THEM OUT OF THE FACILITY AND WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO
6 GO? AND I THINK THE FACT THAT WE HAVE TAKEN TEN YEARS TO GET
7 TO A PLACE WHERE WE CAN'T EVEN ANSWER THAT FIRST QUESTION IS
8 REALLY FRUSTRATING FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE. SO, I WANT TO MAKE
9 SURE THAT WE ARE STAYING ON THE TIMELINE THAT'S REASONABLE.

10

11 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** CAN I JUST SAY SOMETHING? BECAUSE
12 EVERYTHING SAYS SPOT ON. AND I UNDERSTAND THE POINT THAT
13 PEOPLE MAKE ABOUT STUDYING, BUT I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR. WE'RE
14 NOT STUDYING THE ISSUE. WE'RE GATHERING INFORMATION FOR
15 IMPLEMENTATION, WHICH IS WHAT EVERYONE WANTS.

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I'M VERY CLEAR ABOUT THAT.

18

19 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE TWO
20 THINGS. SO, I JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT CLEAR.

21

22 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND I THINK THAT'S WORTH
23 HIGHLIGHTING. AND THERE ARE PARTS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE
24 BEEN INVOLVED IN THE JAIL CLOSURE EFFORT WHO FEEL THAT THEY
25 PREPARED A REPORT SOME YEARS AGO THAT IDENTIFIED WHAT



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1 SOLUTIONS EXIST IN THE COUNTY AND MAKING SURE THAT YOU AREN'T
2 SORT OF DUPLICATING IN THEIR PERCEPTION WHAT WORK HAS ALREADY
3 BEEN DONE IS IMPORTANT. I THINK GETTING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
4 PART IS THE HARD PART, BUT IT'S THE NECESSARY PART FOR THIS TO
5 HAPPEN. SO, I VERY MUCH HEAR YOU. WITH REGARD TO THE PDC SOUTH
6 RENOVATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, I APPRECIATE AND VALUE THE
7 EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL AND
8 ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN OUR JAILS. AND WE ABSOLUTELY MUST DO
9 BETTER BY THEM, NOT JUST BECAUSE A COURT ORDERED US TO, BUT
10 BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND IT SHOULD BE WHAT WE
11 HAVE BEEN DOING ALL ALONG. WE ALSO OWE THEM AND OUR COUNTY
12 MORE BROADLY A DUTY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CHOICES WE'RE MAKING
13 ARE NOT MERE BAND-AIDS BUT ARE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS. AND I AM
14 NOT CONVINCED THAT THE PDC SOUTH PROJECT PRESENTED HERE TODAY
15 IS ONE OF THOSE. PUT SIMPLY, IF THIS PROJECT MOVES FORWARD, IT
16 WILL MAKE LIFE AND TREATMENT INCREMENTALLY BETTER FOR ABOUT
17 600 MODERATELY MENTALLY ILL PERSONS IN OUR JAILS. IT WILL ALSO
18 COMMIT AT LEAST \$10,000,000 BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION COST TO
19 JAIL IMPROVEMENTS THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SPEND ON THE
20 COMMUNITY ON INVESTING IN THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE, HOUSING,
21 TREATMENT OR SERVICES THAT JSIT JUST HIGHLIGHTED ARE NEEDED TO
22 DEPOPULATE THE JAIL IN ORDER TO CLOSE MCJ. THIS PLAN DOES NOT
23 EMPTY MCJ OF MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING INMATES. TO THE
24 CONTRARY, WE HEARD THAT IT WILL POTENTIALLY GIVE MORE SWING
25 SPACE TO DECIDE WHERE TO HOUSE THE MENTALLY ILL. THE LIKELY



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1 IMPACT IS INCREASING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MODERATE OBSERVATION
2 HOUSING INMATES IN CUSTODY AND MAKING SPACE FOR CONTINUED
3 MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING IN MCJ THAT DOES NOT MEET OUR
4 COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS AND NOR OUR CONSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATIONS.
5 AND AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THERE IS NO COMMITMENT TO CLOSING ANY
6 MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING UNITS AT MCJ AS PART OF THIS
7 PROPOSAL, OR MAINTAINING RELEASE CRITERIA DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN
8 CONSTITUTIONAL CONDITIONS BY RELEASING COUNTY-SENTENCED
9 INMATES AS SOON AS SAFELY POSSIBLE. SO, IN MY VIEW, THIS
10 PROJECT WILL ADD MORE MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING BEDS
11 WITHOUT ANY CORRESPONDING UPDATES TO PROGRAMS, PROCESSES, OR
12 PROCEDURES THAT REDUCE INMATE POPULATION, IMPROVE THE QUALITY
13 OF CARE FOR THOSE AT RISK OF ENTERING OR REENTERING THE
14 JUSTICE SYSTEM OR REDUCE RELIANCE ON MCJ IN THE BROADER SCOPE
15 OF OUR JAIL SYSTEM. OUR CSIT TEAM, LIKE OUR CEO COMPLIANCE, IS
16 HOUSED IN THE CEO'S OFFICE AND IS SPECIFICALLY TASKED WITH
17 HELPING MOVE THE COUNTY TOWARDS CLOSING MCJ. BUT I DON'T
18 UNDERSTAND FROM THE PRESENTATION TODAY THAT CSIT WAS DIRECTLY
19 INVOLVED IN WHAT WAS PROPOSED IN ITEM 27 TODAY. IN MY VIEW, WE
20 SHOULD DEMAND THAT OUR EFFORTS CONNECT ACROSS DEPARTMENTS,
21 PRIORITIES AND GOALS. IF WE'RE ASKING ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS
22 TO CHIP IN ON AND FOCUS ON THIS EFFORT TO CLOSE THE JAIL, WE
23 NEED TO BE WALKING AND WORKING AND WALKING CROSS-
24 JURISDICTIONALLY AND THAT THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN I THINK IS A BIG
25 MISS. WE CANNOT SOLVE THESE ISSUES IN SILOS, ESPECIALLY WHEN



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1 MONEY IS TIGHT.

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3 **CHIDINMA UME:** IF I CAN SPEAK TO THAT.

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5 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** WELL, I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS, IF YOU
6 DON'T MIND. CAN YOU GIVE A BIT MORE DETAIL ABOUT THE CARE
7 FIRST JAILS LAST CAPITAL PROJECT 87733 FUND AND HOW MUCH IS
8 CURRENTLY IN THAT ACCOUNT?

9

10 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISOR, I HAVE THE ASSET MANAGEMENT
11 TEAM WHO CAN SPEAK TO THE HISTORY OF THE ACCOUNT, BUT
12 CURRENTLY, IF I CAN RIFLE THROUGH ALL OF MY PAGES HERE, THERE
13 IS, HERE WE GO. THERE'S ABOUT, I'M GOING TO ASK MATT DIAZ, OUR
14 MANAGER, TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION. THERE'S ABOUT 83,000,000 OR
15 SO IN THE ACCOUNT, I BELIEVE, BUT HE WILL CONFIRM THAT.

16

17 **MATTHEW DIAZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS, MATTHEW DIAZ WITH
18 THE CEO'S OFFICE. SO CURRENTLY IN THE CARE FIRST JAIL'S LAST
19 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, THERE IS APPROXIMATELY 85,161,000
20 AVAILABLE.

21

22 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. AND SINCE THAT ACCOUNT WAS
23 CREATED, HOW MUCH HAS BEEN SPENT GENERALLY ON WHAT, AND ARE
24 THERE ANY OTHER USES CURRENTLY PROPOSED FOR THAT FUND?

25



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1 **MATTHEW DIAZ:** YES, SUPERVISOR, APPROXIMATELY \$32,355,000 HAS
2 BEEN SPENT TO DATE. THERE ARE A VARIETY OF ITEMS THAT IT'S
3 BEEN SPENT ON. NAMELY, MOTION IN 2021 TO DEVELOP A RESTORATIVE
4 JUSTICE VILLAGE MASTER PLAN. THAT WAS A \$500,000 EXPENDITURE.
5 THERE WAS A MOTION IN 2022 TO PROCEED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF
6 THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE VILLAGE MASTER PLAN. \$65,000 WAS SPENT
7 AT THAT TIME BEFORE IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CANCELED. IN 2022,
8 THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER APPROXIMATELY
9 \$10,000,000 FROM THIS FUND TO THE GENERAL HOSPITAL AND WEST
10 CAMPUS PROJECT. AND IN AUGUST OF '22, THERE WAS APPROXIMATELY
11 \$21,79,000 TRANSFERRED TO THE CAMP GONZALEZ LOS ANGELES
12 TRAINING PROGRAM TO FULLY FUND THAT PROJECT.

13
14 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO
15 HIGHLIGHT WHERE WE HAVE INVESTED BECAUSE TO THE CSIT
16 PRESENTATION, WE NEED TO CONTINUE THOSE KINDS OF INVESTMENTS
17 IN ORDER TO DEPOPULATE OUR JAILS. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS
18 ACCOUNT WAS NOT CREATED FOR FURTHER INVESTMENT IN EXPANDING
19 JAILS, BUT IN FACT FOR THE KINDS OF PROGRAMS THAT YOU HAVE
20 JUST ARTICULATED. IS THAT RIGHT?

21
22 **MATTHEW DIAZ:** SUPERVISOR, THE MOTION THAT WAS PUT FORTH THAT
23 ESTABLISHED THIS CARE FIRST JAILS LAST PROJECT FUND AND THE
24 AMENDING MOTION BY SD TO DID OUTLINE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR
25 THE USE OF THE FUNDING THERE WAS A REQUIREMENT THAT THE



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1 FUNDING WOULD BE USED FOR THE MODIFICATION RENOVATION OF
2 EXISTING JAIL FACILITIES. THERE WAS FUNDING.

3
4 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** GENERALLY, I BELIEVE THAT'S
5 CONDITIONED.

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7 **MATTHEW DIAZ:** THAT'S CORRECT. THAT IS THE CONDITION
8 MODIFICATION RENOVATION OF EXISTING JAIL FACILITIES AND WHERE
9 ANY FUNDING IS SPENT FOR MODIFICATION TO RENOVATIONS. THOSE
10 MODIFICATIONS OR RENOVATION SHOULD BE WITHOUT EXPANSION UNLESS
11 SPECIFICALLY ORDERED BY THE COURT.

12
13 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. SO THAT IS, I THINK THAT
14 LAST PART IS IMPORTANT. I UNDERSTAND THAT IMPROVING FACILITIES
15 SPECIFICALLY FOCUSED ON MENTAL HEALTH CAN IMPROVE QUALITATIVE
16 CARE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DOJ SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. BUT I WOULD
17 ARGUE, AREN'T THESE BENEFITS, AREN'T THE BENEFITS FROM THESE
18 600 BEDS LIKELY SHORT-LIVED IF WE DO NOT SOLVE FOR THE
19 CONSTANTLY INCREASING POPULATION OF MOH INMATES IN OUR SYSTEM?
20 AND HAVE LASDC OR ANYONE ELSE PRESENTED THEIR VIEW OF HOW THIS
21 TYPE OF PROPOSAL MIGHT FIT IN THE LARGER PLAN OF CLOSING MCJ.

22
23 **MAGGIE CARTER:** SO, SUPERVISOR, I DON'T THINK THE BENEFIT OF
24 THESE BEDS WILL BE SHORT LIVED BECAUSE THEY WILL BE PART OF A
25 BASKET OF STRATEGIES THAT WE WILL CONTINUE ACROSS ALL FIVE



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1 PILLARS, INCLUDING CONTINUING TO FOCUS ON DEPOPULATION AND
2 COMMUNITY BED STRATEGIES WHILE CONTINUING TO ALIGN OUR
3 FACILITIES TO THE POPULATION WE HAVE. I THINK THE PART THAT IS
4 NOT GOING TO CHANGE IS THAT WE ARE LIKELY, I DON'T SEE ANY
5 TRENDS COMING AND I DON'T THINK, AND I THINK WE'RE ALIGNED
6 WITH OUR CSIT AND DEPARTMENT PARTNERS ON THAT AND NOT SEEING
7 ANY TRENDS COMING THAT WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY REVERSE THAT TREND.
8 IN OTHER WORDS, I THINK WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS,
9 TOTAL JAIL POPULATION DECLINED QUITE SUBSTANTIALLY WHILE OUR
10 MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION RISES UP TO MEET THAT NUMBER TO THE
11 POINT WHERE NOW IT'S, YOU KNOW, ESSENTIALLY HALF OF OUR JAIL
12 POPULATION NEEDS SPECIALIZED HOUSING. SO, PROJECTS TO ALIGN
13 OUR EXISTING FACILITIES TO THE FOLKS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR
14 CUSTODY ARE GOING TO, IN MY VIEW, CONTINUE TO BE NECESSARY AND
15 CONTINUE TO BE DEMANDED BY THE COURT AND OUR MONITORS AND OUR
16 LITIGATION PARTNERS AND WON'T BE WASTED IN THAT SENSE. BUT
17 THEY HAVE TO BE COMBINED WITH ALL OF THE OTHER STRATEGIES AND
18 PILLARS SO THAT WE ARE NOT, WE ARE LIMITING OUR POPULATION
19 GROWTH OR GOING BACK TO REDUCING OUR POPULATION WHEREVER WE
20 CAN. AND SO THAT BASKET OF STRATEGIES IS IMPORTANT AND VERY
21 COMPLIMENTARY. BUT THIS I THINK IS LIKELY THE WAY THAT WE NEED
22 TO BE GOING, AND I THINK IS A CONTINUATION OF THE COUNTY'S
23 SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE THE CARE FOR MOH PATIENTS
24 THAT INCLUDED THE NORTH FACILITIES RENOVATION, FOR EXAMPLE. I
25 THINK WE CONSTANTLY HEAR FROM OUR MONITOR AND OUR STAKEHOLDERS



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SUPERVISORS

1 IN THE LITIGATION THAT THEY FIND THAT FACILITY TO BE MUCH
2 SAFER AND MORE CLINICALLY APPROPRIATE THAN MCJ. WE GET A LOT
3 OF CREDIT AS A COUNTY FOR DOING THAT RENOVATION. AND I THINK
4 THAT LOOKING AHEAD AT OTHER ABILITIES TO ALIGN OUR EXISTING
5 FACILITIES SO THAT WE CAN BE CARING FOR THESE PATIENTS AT PDC
6 SOUTH INSTEAD OF IN MCJ, WHICH IS A VERY, YOU KNOW, IS A VERY
7 PROBLEMATIC FACILITY, WILL BE WHAT WE ARE CONTINUALLY ASKED TO
8 DO IN THE LITIGATION.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** SO, YOUR LONG-TERM PLAN THEN
11 CONTEMPLATES TURNING JAIL BEDS INTO MENTAL HEALTH BEDS?

12

13 **MAGGIE CARTER:** I THINK OUR LONG-TERM PLAN IS TO TAKE THE
14 EXISTING JAIL BEDS AND MAKE THEM SAFER AND MORE APPROPRIATE
15 FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION. THAT QUESTION OF WHETHER
16 SOMETHING IS A JAIL BED OR A MENTAL HEALTH BED, I THINK IN
17 SOME PEOPLE'S MINDS IS A LEGAL QUESTION AS TO WHOM IS CUSTODY
18 OF THAT INDIVIDUAL COMMITTED. FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE REMANDED
19 TO THE SHERIFF'S CUSTODY, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION UNDER THE
20 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE CLINICALLY APPROPRIATE CARE.
21 SO WE CAN'T JUST HAVE A JAIL BED THAT DOESN'T DO THAT. WE NEED
22 TO ALIGN OUR JAIL BEDS TO DO THAT WHILE ALSO BUILDING OUT
23 COMMUNITY BEDS AND BEDS IN THE SYSTEM OF CARE WHERE SOMEBODY
24 MAY BE COMMITTED TO OR VOLUNTARILY ENTERING THE CARE OF A
25 FACILITY RUN BY ONE OF OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, FOR EXAMPLE.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I AGREE THAT WE NEED TO MEET THAT
3 OBLIGATION. AND I THINK THAT THE FUND THAT IS PROPOSED TO BE
4 FUNDING WHAT IS ON OUR AGENDA TODAY IS INTENDED TO CREATE THE
5 KINDS OF COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS THAT YOU JUST TALKED ABOUT.
6 AND I THINK THAT THE LONG TERM, WE HAVE TO BE EXPANDING THOSE
7 WHILE WE'RE ADDRESSING THE ISSUES THAT ARE IN OUR JAIL BASED
8 ON THE REPORT THAT WE JUST HEARD IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE
9 BROADER, ALL OF THE BROADER CONCERNS THAT ARE BEFORE US. AND
10 WHEN THESE CONVERSATIONS ARE HAD WITHOUT SOME OF THE CRITICAL
11 PARTNERS WHO NEED TO BE PART OF THIS CONVERSATION, I THINK IT
12 DOESN'T CONTEMPLATE EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED TO BE THINKING
13 ABOUT AS A COUNTY. AND I KNOW THAT IT'S HARD BECAUSE THERE ARE
14 MANY DEPARTMENTS THAT NEED TO BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION. AND
15 I FEEL THAT IF WE AREN'T FIGURING OUT HOW TO MAKE THAT EASIER
16 AS A COUNTY SYSTEM, WE ARE GOING TO MOVE EVEN SLOWER IN
17 SOLVING THINGS THAT WE'RE BEING ASKED TO SOLVE EVEN MORE
18 QUICKLY GIVEN WHAT THE DIRECTIVES ARE FROM OUR FEDERAL
19 GOVERNMENT. I APPRECIATE THE EXTENSIVE EFFORT OF OUR CEO
20 COMPLIANCE TEAM. I RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING THE
21 CONDITIONS OF CARE EXPERIENCED BY OUR MENTALLY ILL COMMUNITY
22 MEMBERS IN OUR COUNTY JAILS. AND WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT
23 INVESTMENTS, AS WAS MENTIONED, IN BUILDING OUT CAPACITY IN OUR
24 COMMUNITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE, FOR SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT
25 AND HOUSING, AND I BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE BUILDING ON THAT



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1 SUCCESS. IF WE WANT TO GET THIS RIGHT, WE HAVE TO WORK ACROSS
2 DEPARTMENTAL AND PROJECT BARRIERS AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR
3 COMMITMENTS FUND MAJOR PROJECTS LIKE THE SIGNIFICANT
4 RENOVATION AT ISSUE HERE THAT FIT INTO A BROADER STRATEGY OF
5 COUNTY INVESTMENTS THAT HONOR THIS BOARD'S AND THE VOTERS
6 COMMITMENT TO INVEST FIRST INTO CARE. AND SO THAT'S WHERE I
7 MET ON THOSE TWO ITEMS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELL, I'M GOING TO GO
10 BACK TO BASICS. FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW, WHAT DOES JAIL
11 CLOSURE MEAN? IS IT SIMPLY THE CLOSURE OF THE FACILITY? I
12 MEAN, HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE IT? BECAUSE YOU TALK TO DIFFERENT
13 PEOPLE AND YOU GET DIFFERENT ANSWERS.

14

15 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** YEAH, I MEAN, I THINK I ADDRESSED THAT
16 IN THE OPENING. I DON'T SEE IT AS JUST CLOSING THE BUILDING AS
17 MCJ. IN FACT, THE MOTIONS DON'T SPEAK TO THAT. THAT CREATED
18 JACE, AND IT TALKS ABOUT EXPANDING COMMUNITY CARE. IT TALKS
19 ABOUT ENSURING THE PEOPLE IN THE JAIL ARE RECEIVING ENOUGH
20 CARE SO THAT THEY DON'T STAY THERE LONG AND THEY HAVE TO. SO,
21 I SEE IT AS US ADDRESSING THOSE ROOT CAUSES. I SEE US AS
22 BUILDING THE ABILITY TO CONSTANTLY LOOK AT THE JAIL AND
23 UNDERSTAND WHY THERE'S INCREASES IN CERTAIN POPULATIONS AND
24 OTHERS AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO ASSURE THAT, ONCE AGAIN, WE
25 HAVE THE FEWEST PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE IN THE JAIL. SO, GIVEN THAT



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1 THE MISSION, YOUR MISSION IS TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL,
2 WHICH DOESN'T JUST MEAN DISMANTLING IT, IT MEANS BUILDING
3 SOMETHING WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, CORRECT?

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IT'S NOT JUST CLOSING THE
6 FACILITY, IT'S BUILDING AN INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT --

7

8 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** DEPOPULATION.

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10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** DEPOPULATION.

11

12 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND TO THOSE WHO
15 OPPOSE MAKING FURTHER INVESTMENTS TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS AT
16 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AS WE SPEAK? BECAUSE THAT SEEMS TO BE AN
17 ONGOING DEBATE TOO, BECAUSE WE'RE SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY TO
18 KEEP IT OPEN.

19

20 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** RIGHT. YES, THAT'S DEFINITELY A
21 CHALLENGE, ESPECIALLY IN THINKING ABOUT CLOSING. BUT I'LL GO
22 BACK TO WHAT I SAID ABOUT WHAT'S AN EMOTION. AND JUST
23 GENERALLY, WHILE THE PEOPLE ARE THERE, IT'S A HORRIBLE PLACE
24 AND NEEDS TO CLOSE. BUT WHILE THE PEOPLE ARE THERE WHO ARE
25 THERE NOW, WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THEY'RE THERE IN CONDITIONS



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1 THAT ARE HUMANE AND ARE BEST FOR THEM, RIGHT? WE DON'T WANT,
2 THERE'S BEEN AN UNFORTUNATE NUMBER OF DEATHS TO THIS POINT IN
3 THE JAILS, SO WE CAN IMPROVE CONDITIONS THAT CAN IMPROVE THAT,
4 AND IF THAT'S RELATED TO THE PHYSICAL CONDITIONS OF THE JAIL,
5 WE NEED TO DO THAT WHILE WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE WORK
6 OF CSIC.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND I THINK THAT'S WHY I SUPPORT
9 THE PDC SOUTH, BECAUSE THAT'S ONE STEP TOWARD DOING THAT. AND
10 I'M LOOKING OVER AT MY FAVORITE DOCTOR, DR. BELAVICH, WHO
11 WOULD TELL YOU THAT EVEN AS WE INVEST IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL,
12 THE FACILITY IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO THE KIND OF TREATMENT THAT
13 MANY NEED. IF ANYTHING, TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR HORVATH,
14 WHEN YOU SAID PROVIDING THEM WITH THE CARE WHILE THEY ARE IN
15 OUR CUSTODY, I WOULD ARGUE THAT IT'S ACTUALLY, I MEAN, AND NO
16 DISRESPECT BECAUSE I KNOW THE STAFF IS COMMITTED, BUT IT'S
17 ALMOST MAKING IT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE QUALITY CARE.
18 I'M LOOKING OVER AT DR. BELAVICH. MORE QUALITY CARE FOR THOSE
19 THAT ARE HOUSED THERE AS WE SPEAK. WOULD YOU AGREE WITH THAT?

20

21 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** YES.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND THEN YOU TALKED ABOUT
24 THE DATA COLLECTION AS A CHALLENGE AND GIVEN THAT EACH
25 DEPARTMENT GATHERS THEIR DATA DIFFERENTLY, I THINK THAT'S THE



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1 COUNTY WAY, EACH ONE HAS THEIR OWN LITTLE WAY OF NUANCE OF
2 DOING THINGS, MAKING THE PROCESS OF CONSOLIDATING IS TIME
3 CONSUMING, I'M SURE YOU WOULD AGREE. HAVE YOU IDENTIFIED ANY
4 OTHER STRUCTURAL OR OPERATIONAL BARRIERS THAT ADD TO THE
5 DIFFICULTY OF THIS WORK THAT WE CAN ADDRESS AS A BOARD?

6
7 **CHIDINMA UME:** OTHER ONES BESIDES THE ONES WE'VE NAMED SO FAR
8 AS IN THE INFORMATION LIVING IN DIFFERENT PLACES IT TAKING
9 MULTIPLE STEPS TO ANSWER ONE QUESTION. I'LL GIVE AN EXAMPLE OF
10 WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM DEPARTMENTS THAT TO ANSWER THE QUESTION
11 OF HOW MANY PEOPLE DO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS SERVE WHO COME
12 FROM JAIL, THAT IS INFORMATION THAT THEY HAVE TO RELY ON
13 CONTRACTED SERVICE PROVIDERS TO GET, SO THEY HAVE TO ASK THE
14 PROVIDERS, WHICH MEANS THE PROVIDERS HAS TO ASK THE PERSON,
15 WHICH MEANS THE PERSON HAS TO SELF-REPORT THAT YES, I CAME
16 FROM JAIL AND POTENTIALLY MANAGE ANY PERCEIVED STIGMA THAT
17 COMES FROM THAT. SO, I WOULD SAY THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES WE'VE
18 SEEN SO FAR ARE A LOT OF TIMES ANSWERING A QUESTION IS A
19 MULTI-STEP PROCESS. AND EVEN WITHIN THE DEPARTMENTS,
20 INFORMATION MAY LIVE ON ONE TEAM, YOU KNOW, TO ANSWER THE
21 FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION, THEN THEY HAVE TO WORK WITH OTHER
22 TEAMS TO GET IT.

23
24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO ARE YOU LOOKING AT IDENTIFYING
25 THOSE BARRIERS AND THEN DISSEMINATING THAT INFORMATION TO



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1 DEPARTMENTS SO THAT IT, BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO ASK FOR IT,
2 AND IT'D BE EASIER FOR THEM TO FRONT LOAD WHAT DATA IS GOING
3 TO BE. BECAUSE I THINK DATA IS REALLY WHAT'S GOING TO DRIVE
4 WHERE WE GO. AND IF WE'RE NOT, AND YOU SAID THAT IF YOU CAN'T
5 FIND IT, THEN YOU BUILD IT, OR YOU CREATE IT. BUT I THINK YOU
6 DIDN'T MEAN CREATE LIKE OUT OF THE BLUE.

7

8 **CHIDINMA UME:** CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YOU MEANT CREATE ON YOUR OWN, THE
11 INFRASTRUCTURE.

12

13 **CHIDINMA UME:** CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO
16 DO WITH THE DEPARTMENTS?

17

18 **CHIDINMA UME:** SO YES. SO, THE INITIAL EXAMPLE I MEANT ABOUT
19 GATHERING, CREATING THE DATA SET. SO LET ME GO BACK. THERE ARE
20 TWO WAYS TO THINK OF THE TYPES OF DATA THAT WE NEED. ONE IS
21 BECAUSE OF OUR IMMEDIATE CHARGE TO DEVELOP THE CLOSURE PLAN, A
22 LOT OF WHAT CSIT IS TRYING TO DO IS GET INFORMATION THAT WILL
23 HELP US PROJECT OUT. SO, WE KNOW THAT IF WE DO NOTHING, IN 5
24 YEARS, THE JAIL POPULATION IS GOING TO RISE TO ABOUT 14,500
25 PEOPLE. SO, WE ARE TRYING TO GET SOME, BE VERY PRECISE ABOUT



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1 WHICH STEPS ARE GOING TO HELP US MITIGATE THAT. SO, TAKE, FOR
2 EXAMPLE, A TWO-MONTH SURVEY OF ATTORNEY DATA. IN TWO MONTHS,
3 WE'RE TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE THE PAIN POINTS SO THAT WE
4 CAN THEN EXTRAPOLATE STRATEGIES AND SAY, IF WE TAKE THESE
5 STRATEGIES, IF WE MAKE IT EASIER FOR ATTORNEYS TO VISIT THEIR
6 CLIENTS IN BETWEEN COURT APPEARANCES SO WE DON'T HAVE TO DO
7 THAT ON THE COURT DAY. IF WE MAKE IT EASIER TO DO VIDEO
8 SCREENINGS OR SCREEN PEOPLE BETWEEN COURT DATES, IF WE DO
9 THAT, HOW MUCH TIME DOES THAT SHAVE OFF THE CASE AND THEN HOW
10 MUCH IMPACT DOES THAT HAVE ON THE JAIL POPULATION? SO, I WOULD
11 THINK OF THE CREATED DATA SETS THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER IS
12 MORE ABOUT HELPING US GET SOME POINT IN TIME MEASUREMENTS THAT
13 HELP US GIVE A FUTURE PROJECTION, THAT'S ONE. THE SECOND ONE
14 I'LL JUST SAY BRIEFLY IS INFRASTRUCTURE. SO, WHEN I SAY BUILD,
15 I MEAN QUITE LITERALLY, WE DO HAVE TO BUILD MORE
16 INFRASTRUCTURE AND I'M THINKING MORE ABOUT WHAT CIO IS DOING
17 WITH INFOHUB, AND THAT'S WHERE WE GET DATA FROM THE DIFFERENT
18 DEPARTMENTS THAT WE CAN MATCH.

19
20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND I APPRECIATE, GO AHEAD, WILL.

21
22 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** I JUST WOULD ADD, I MEAN, I'LL ADD ON TO
23 WHAT SHE SAID. SHE SAID ALREADY, BUT WE HAVE SEEN, AND THERE
24 HAVE BEEN DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE STARTING TO RESTRUCTURE THE
25 DATA COLLECTION SYSTEMS TO COLLECT DATA THAT WE ARE TALKING



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1 ABOUT. TO YOUR POINT ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT STARTING TO REFIGURE
2 THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE. SOME OF THE CHANGES ARE GOING TO BE
3 HARDER TO MAKE AND DEPARTMENTS PROBABLY WON'T BE HAPPY ABOUT
4 IT. I'M SURE BECAUSE IT'S TOUGH BUT THESE ARE THINGS THAT I
5 WOULD SAY I THINK ARE IMPORTANT IN THE LONG TERM TO YOUR
6 POINT.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WELL TOUGH INITIALLY, BUT LONG FOR
9 INITIAL

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11 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** TOUGH INITIALLY BUT LONG-TERM BENEFIT

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BENEFICIAL AND SO I HEAR YOU IN
14 SLIDE 8 YOU NOTE THAT 1,000 NEW ODR HOUSING SLOTS ARE NEEDED
15 TO MAINTAIN DIVERSION FOR THE P3, P4 CLIENTS AND TO EXPAND
16 ELIGIBILITY TO P2S, THE LARGEST GROUP IN MENTAL HEALTH
17 HOUSING. WILL THE FRAMEWORK YOU PRESENT INCLUDE A PROJECTION
18 OF HOUSING SLOTS AND THE ASSOCIATED COSTS NEEDED TO SERVE THE
19 P2 POPULATION? BECAUSE THAT'S A POPULATION THAT I THINK WE
20 NEED TO FOCUS ON. WELL, I KNOW WE NEED TO FOCUS ON.

21

22 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** SO, THE 1,000 AND I'M GOING TO ANSWER,
23 YOU CAN LET ME KNOW IF I'M UNDERSTANDING YOUR QUESTION
24 CORRECTLY. SO, AND WE MIGHT WANT TO BRING UP SOMEBODY FROM ODR
25 TO HELP ANSWER THIS, BUT THE 1,000 SLOTS AND THE COSTS



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1 ASSOCIATED WITH THAT DOES INCLUDE ANY PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
2 HOUSING FOR THOSE PEOPLE FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME THEY NEED IT.
3 SO IF YOUR QUESTION IS ABOUT INCLUDING HOUSING, I BELIEVE IT'S
4 ALREADY INCLUDED, BUT WE HAVE CLEMENS HONG AND DR. GHALY. THAT
5 IS, YEAH.

6

7 **DR. CLEMENS HONG:** HI. HELLO, CLEMENS HONG WITH ODR. SO, THE
8 1,000 BED PROJECTION THAT'S IN THE PRESENTATION IS WHAT WE
9 NEED SORT OF IMMEDIATELY. IN APRIL OF 20.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** LIKE RIGHT NOW WITHOUT THE CLOSURE
12 OF MEN CENTRAL.

13

14 **DR. CLEMENS HONG:** SO, IN APRIL OF 2026, ODR RUNS OUT OF THE
15 ABILITY TO EXPAND OUR HOUSING SLOTS BECAUSE OUR BUDGETED
16 HOUSING AMOUNTS COME TO, WE HIT OUR CEILING BASICALLY. SO,
17 STARTING IN APRIL 2026, THE ONLY PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO DIVERT
18 WILL BE FILLING BEDS BASED ON TURNOVER. SO, IF WE ASSUME A 2%
19 TURNOVER, WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE SEE, WE'LL BE ABLE TO
20 SERVE ABOUT 70 INDIVIDUALS A MONTH VERSUS THE 115 TO 120 THAT
21 WE'RE SERVING CURRENTLY. SO, IT WILL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE OUR
22 ABILITY TO REMOVE PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS FROM OUR
23 JAILS IN THE P3 AND P5.

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WHAT ABOUT THE P2?



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2 **DR. CLEMENS HONG:** THAT'S WHO WE'RE SERVING CURRENTLY WITH SOME
3 P2S. SO IN THE P2 POPULATION, TO EXPAND BEYOND THAT, WE WOULD
4 NEED ADDITIONAL BEDS. AND SO THE THOUSAND BEDS AND THE PROGRAM
5 THAT WAS DEVELOPED --

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN YOU DO ME A FAVOR? I JUST
8 REALIZED SOME PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW WHAT P3, P4, AND P2 IS. CAN
9 YOU --

10

11 **DR. CLEMENS HONG:** SO, IN BRIEF, THERE'S PROBABLY BETTER PEOPLE
12 TO DESCRIBE IT, BUT THE P3 AND P4 POPULATIONS ARE ESSENTIALLY
13 INDIVIDUALS IN OUR JAIL WHO ARE ASSESSED TO NEED HIGHER LEVELS
14 OF CARE, SO EITHER AN ACUTE HOSPITAL SETTING OR A SUBACUTE,
15 LIKE, INSTITUTIONS FOR MENTAL DISEASE SETTING IN THE
16 COMMUNITY. SO THOSE ARE PEOPLE THAT WOULD ALIGN TO THAT.
17 WHEREAS A P2 WOULD BE CONSIDERED SOMEONE WHO COULD GO TO THE
18 COMMUNITY WITHOUT PATIENT OR SORT OF AMBULATORY SORT OF
19 COMMUNITY BASED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THE PERCENTAGE OF P2S I THINK
22 IS GREATER THAN THE P3S AND P4S. THAT'S WHY I SAY YOU SHOULD
23 FOCUS, BECAUSE YOU WANT TO GET THEM INTO THE CARE AS SOON AS
24 POSSIBLE.

25



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1 **DR. CLEMENS HONG:** YES. SO THERE'S A LARGER NUMBER OF P2
2 INDIVIDUALS IN OUR JAILS, OR PEOPLE THAT ARE ASSESSED TO BE
3 P2S. AND SO IN TERMS OF THE BEDS, THE 1,000 BED SM IS WHAT WE
4 WOULD NEED ESSENTIALLY, EVEN STARTING THIS BUDGET YEAR, AS I
5 SAID, APRIL 2026 IS WHEN WE WOULD HIT OUR CEILING, TO CONTINUE
6 OUR EXPANSION OF THE BEDS AND SERVE INDIVIDUALS COMING OUT AT
7 THE CURRENT SORT OF RATE THAT WE'RE DOING IT. TO ADD P2S, WE
8 WOULD NEED TO ADD ADDITIONAL BEDS. AND SO, THE 1,000 BEDS, THE
9 APPROACH THAT WE USE BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF ONGOING FUNDING
10 AVAILABLE, AT LEAST PER WHAT WE UNDERSTAND THIS YEAR, IS WE
11 CONVERTED ODR HOUSING, WHICH IS HISTORICALLY A PERMANENT
12 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING APPROACH TO AN INTERIM HOUSING APPROACH.
13 ONE IN WHICH WE CAN BASICALLY SERVE PEOPLE THAT ARE COMING OUT
14 AND MOVE INTO INTERIM HOUSING. AND THE BUDGET THAT YOU SAW UP
15 THERE IS THE AMOUNT THAT WE WOULD NEED TO INCREASE OUR BEDS BY
16 1,000 THIS YEAR. WE WOULD NEED MORE BEDS ONGOING TO CONTINUE
17 TO SERVE POPULATIONS COMING OUT. SO THAT IS REALLY JUST THE
18 STOPGAP IMMEDIATE NEED THAT WE NEED TO NOT BASICALLY REDUCE
19 OUR ABILITY TO MOVE PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL CURRENTLY.

20
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, KNOWING THAT, AND I CAN'T
22 REMEMBER IF IT WAS ON ONE OF THESE SLIDES, THAT THE P2 NEED A
23 LOWER LEVEL OF CARE WHEN RELEASED INTO DIVERSION VERSUS THE
24 P3, P4, WHICH NEED MORE LIKELY A LOCKED FACILITY. WHEN WE LOOK
25 AT THINGS LIKE THE IMD WAIVER TO EXPAND ON THE BOARD AND CARE



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1 MODEL, ARE YOU ALL INCORPORATING THAT INTO YOUR MODEL, I MEAN,
2 IN TERMS OF HOW WE ARE GOING TO GO ABOUT PLACING THESE PEOPLE
3 IN THE COMMUNITY?

4

5 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** SO, YES, WE ARE THINKING ABOUT THAT.
6 WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS AT DMH AROUND THAT. WE'VE
7 TALKED TO SOME OF THE BOARD OFFICES, OBVIOUSLY, AND YOU
8 PROBABLY KNOW MORE THAN ME BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN HERE LONGER,
9 THAT IS DEFINITELY AN IMPEDIMENT TO CREATION OF BEDS AND
10 MAINTENANCE BECAUSE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NUMBER, RIGHT?
11 AND SO, I DON'T KNOW IF DR. WONG HERE, SHE WANTS TO SPEAK TO
12 THAT, BUT WE ARE INCORPORATING IT IN TERMS OF OUR THOUGHTS
13 AROUND THE STRATEGIES THAT WE'RE DOING.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I'VE BEEN PUSHING FOR THIS FOR,
16 SINCE I WAS ELECTED. I MEAN, I BELIEVE IT'S A NECESSITY, EVEN
17 BEYOND THE CLOSURE OF THE JAIL, FOR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE
18 UNHOUSED ON THE STREET. I THINK IT'S EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT AND
19 IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO DO. I DON'T KNOW IF DR. WONG
20 WANTS TO. HI, DR.

21

22 **DR. LISA WONG:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I MEAN, GOOD
23 AFTERNOON. YEAH. YES. I THINK ALL OF YOUR OFFICES HAVE WORKED
24 TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS FOR, YOU KNOW, DOING SOMETHING WITH THE
25 IMD EXCLUSION. I THINK DEFINITELY IF WE CAN MAKE PROGRESS ON



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1 THAT FRONT, THAT WOULD INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE
2 SUBACUTE BEDS NEEDED. WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
3 COMING OUT OF JAIL, ESPECIALLY ON TCONS, THAT IS THE LEVEL OF
4 CARE THAT IS MOST NEEDED AND MOST DIFFICULT TO ATTAIN.

5
6 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** AND I'LL JUST ADD, I MEAN, I'VE BEEN
7 TALKING WITH DR. WONG AND OUR STAFF, WE'VE BEEN THINKING OF
8 CREATIVE WAYS, RIGHT, BECAUSE WE DO NEED TO GET INNOVATIVE.
9 EVERYBODY'S BEEN REALLY, WE'RE WORKING HARD AROUND THIS. BUT
10 EVEN MANY OF THE INNOVATIVE DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE ABOUT HOW TO
11 APPROACH THIS, THE IMD, IT ALWAYS COMES BACK TO THE IMD AND
12 THE CHALLENGE IT'S GOING TO CREATE. SO, I JUST WANTED TO ADD
13 THAT.

14
15 **DR. LISA WONG:** AND I THINK WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER IS
16 THAT WE HAVE PROPOSED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DIFFERENT
17 LEVELS OF IMD REFORM, EVERYTHING FROM JUST A MODEST INCREASE
18 OF BEDS TO TAKING BOARD AND CARES, WHICH ARE NON-LOCK SETTINGS
19 OUT OF THE PICTURE, TO A FULL REPEAL OF IMD.

20
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU FOR THAT. THE LAST
22 QUESTION, WILL, THAT I HAVE ACTUALLY IS, DOES THE MOVEMENT OF
23 THE MOH POPULATION TO PDC SOUTH ADVANCE CLOSURE EFFORTS? I
24 THINK YOU SAID IT DOES.



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1 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** I MEAN, TO SOME EXTENT, IT'S NOT, IT'S
2 BECAUSE OF MY UNDERSTANDING OF IT, AND MAGGIE WOULD HAVE TO
3 SPEAK TO THIS, BECAUSE IT'S RENOVATING BEDS, IT'S NOT ADDING
4 TO THE CENSUS OF THE JAIL. IT DOES, IN A SENSE, BUT IT DOESN'T
5 SUPPORT IT GENERALLY BECAUSE WE'RE NOT DECREASING, WE'RE NOT
6 MOVING IN A WAY THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO DECREASE THE
7 POPULATION. SO, IT DOES HELP, BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO REALLY
8 SUBSTANTIALLY GET US IN THAT DIRECTION.

9

10 **MAGGIE CARTER:** AND I WOULD JUST ADD THAT I THINK THAT MY TEAM
11 THINKS OF IT SIMILARLY, RIGHT? THAT WE ARE HELPING TO MAKE THE
12 OTHER EXISTING FACILITIES MORE FLEXIBLE SO THAT WE HAVE MORE
13 OPTIONS FOR MCJ, BUT WE'LL NEED ADDITIONAL SOLUTIONS TO PUT
14 TOGETHER AS A COUNTY FAMILY TO CLOSE THE JAIL.

15

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

17

18 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD JUST PUT A FINER
19 POINT RIGHT HERE. JUST A FINER POINT ON THAT, BECAUSE MAGGIE
20 HAS TALKED ABOUT HER PILLARS, BUT IT OCCURS TO ME THAT IT'S
21 NOT CLEAR TO THE BOARD AND PERHAPS THE PUBLIC WHAT THOSE
22 PILLARS ARE FOR DOJ COMPLIANCE. AND THERE'S A LOT OF OVERLAP
23 BETWEEN CSIT AND DOJ COMPLIANCE THAT THEY WORK ON. AND SO, TWO
24 OF THE PILLAR, THREE OF THE PILLARS IN PARTICULAR ARE
25 DEPOPULATION COMMUNITY BEDS AND OPERATIONS AND DATA AND THERE



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SUPERVISORS

1 IS BETWEEN THE THREE ALMOST 600 OVER \$600,000,000 IN COUNTY
2 INVESTMENTS IN THOSE THREE AREAS THERE ARE FACILITY
3 IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE SEPARATE THAT MAGGIE SOMETIMES HAS TO
4 LOOK AT TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS TO COMPLY WITH SOME OF THE
5 MONITOR'S DEMANDS. THEY MAY NOT IMMEDIATELY BE RESPONSIVE TO
6 THE CLOSURE, BUT THE TEAMS ARE VERY ALIGNED. AND I'M SENSITIVE
7 TO THAT BECAUSE EVERYTHING FLOWS UP THROUGH THE CEO'S OFFICE
8 AND THEY ACTUALLY SHARE STAFF ON DEPOPULATION AND THEY MEET
9 ALL THE TIME AND THEY'RE WORKING TOGETHER. SO, THEY ARE NOT IN
10 SILOS. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE KNOWS THEY'RE
11 WORKING TOGETHER. THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE IN MAGGIE'S
12 VENN DIAGRAM THAT ARE SEPARATE, SOMETHING THAT ARE IN WILL'S
13 VENN DIAGRAM THAT ARE SEPARATE, BUT THERE IS A LOT OF OVERLAP
14 WHERE THOSE, WHERE THE TWO PROJECTS ARE WORKING ON THE SAME
15 THINGS.

16
17 **MAGGIE CARTER:** AND JUST TO GIVE A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES TOO, I
18 MEAN, I THINK SOMETIMES WE AS A COUNTY, AND WE SHOULD, ALWAYS
19 NEED TO LOOK TO THE NEXT SET OF SOLUTIONS. BUT SOME OF THE
20 THINGS THAT I THINK WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER WITH CSIT, THE
21 PRIOR ITERATIONS OF CSIT AND THE OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
22 INCLUDE REALLY REDUCING THE STATE TRANSFER POPULATIONS,
23 WORKING TO DECREASE TRANSPORTATION BOTTLENECKS SO WE CAN GET
24 PEOPLE TO COURT. WE CAN'T IMPROVE THE COURT PROCESS OR THE
25 SPEED OF THE COURT PROCESS IF PEOPLE ARE CONTINUALLY MISS



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SUPERVISORS

1 THEIR COURT DATES. AND THE P3, P4 RAMP UP FOR COMMUNITY BEDS,
2 WHERE WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD WITH CSIT AND THE PRIOR
3 ITERATIONS OF CSIT BEFORE WILL'S ARRIVAL TO BUILD OUT AND MEET
4 THE BOARD'S RAMP UP TARGETS FOR YEAR ONE AND YEAR TWO FOR DMH
5 AND ODR BEDS FOR P3S AND P4S, WHICH IS CRITICAL. THERE ARE NO
6 P3S AND P4S IN MCJ, BUT KEEPING THAT POPULATION, WHICH IS OUR
7 VERY HIGHEST NEEDS POPULATION DOWN, ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE TO
8 FIT AT TOWERS AND CRDF. AND SO, I WANT TO JUST HIGHLIGHT THOSE
9 SPECIFIC EXAMPLES. AGAIN, WE'VE DONE SOME OF THOSE THINGS. NOW
10 WE NEED TO LOOK TO YEAR THREE AND THE FUTURE AND EVERYTHING
11 ELSE THAT WE NEED TO DO.

12
13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I
14 LEARNED AT CCJCC IS THAT THE COURTS PLAY, THE JUDGES PLAY A
15 VERY, VERY IMPORTANT ROLE AS IT RELATES TO WHO CAN BE
16 RELEASED. DO YOU, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS WOULD BE DATA, BUT DO
17 YOU HAVE THE PERCENTAGE OF P3, P4S THAT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR
18 DIVERSION? OR I GUESS THE OVERALL POPULATION, BECAUSE THAT'S
19 ONE OF THE THINGS I'VE HEARD.

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21 **MAGGIE CARTER:** WHAT I WOULD SAY IS YES, AND IT DEPENDS ON WHAT
22 TYPE OF DIVERSION WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OR WHAT'S MEANT BY
23 DIVERSION. ODR CAN SPEAK TO THIS VERY WELL, BUT THE MENTAL
24 HEALTH DIVERSION STATUTE, FOR EXAMPLE, IS SPECIFIC TO PEOPLE
25 IN A CERTAIN PART OF THEIR POSTURE IN THEIR CRIMINAL CASE AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 WITH CERTAIN CHARGES. AND SO ODR HAS CRITERIA THAT THEY HAVE
2 TO LOOK AT TO DETERMINE WHO IS THE POPULATION OF P3S AND P4S
3 THAT THEY CAN SERVE. LIKEWISE, DMH IS SERVING A PERCENTAGE OF
4 THAT POPULATION, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO END UP ON A PATH TOWARD
5 CONSERVATORSHIP. SO, WE DO HAVE TO LOOK AT THESE
6 SUBPOPULATIONS AND AGAIN HAVE A BASKET OF SOLUTIONS.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BUT I DO KNOW THAT JUST LISTENING
9 TO THE JUDGES THAT HAVE COME TO JCCC, THAT MANY WILL NOT SIGN
10 OFF ON DIVERSION. THEY DON'T FIT THE CRITERIA. I DON'T REALLY,
11 I CAN'T, THEY'D HAVE TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, BUT THAT'S WHY I
12 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
13 DIVERSION FOR POPULATION, BUT WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT THAT
14 POPULATION SECTOR IS. I WOULD THINK, IF YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK
15 AT A PLAN, BECAUSE THOSE ARE, IF THE COURTS DON'T SIGN OFF ON
16 IT, THEY CAN'T BE RELEASED.

17

18 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** YEAH, AND I SPEAK FROM MY SIDE, THIS
19 GOES BACK TO WHAT I TALKED ABOUT LOOKING AT INFRASTRUCTURE AND
20 DATA RIGHT SO WE NEED THERE'S BEEN GROWTH IN THE POPULATION AS
21 MAGGIE REFERENCED RIGHT AND SO WHILE DOJ COMPLIANCE IS WORKING
22 WITHIN THE PROVISIONS AND DOING WHAT THEY'RE DOING WE NEED TO
23 BE LOOKING AT WELL WHY IS IT GROWING RIGHT WHAT IS THE STORY
24 WHAT CAN WE SEE IN THE DATA TO UNDERSTAND THAT? WHAT CAN WE
25 SEE, TO YOUR QUESTION ABOUT, FOR THE PEOPLE WHO AREN'T



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SUPERVISORS

1 ELIGIBLE, WHAT ARE OTHER STRATEGIES AND OPTIONS TO SERVE THAT
2 POPULATION? THIS IS WHAT I TALKED ABOUT IN TERMS OF WHAT'S
3 BEEN DONE IN OTHER CITIES TO CONTINUOUSLY PROBLEM SOLVE AROUND
4 THIS. EVERYONE'S NOT GOING TO BE ELIGIBLE. THAT DOESN'T MEAN
5 THAT THEY'RE NOT RETURNING TO COMMUNITY. I THINK AS SUPERVISOR
6 HORVATH SAID, THEY'RE STILL COMING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AT
7 SOME POINT. WE'RE THINKING ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY. HOW DO WE
8 DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THAT? SO THAT'S THE CSIT
9 APPROACH.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** 100%. I DON'T THINK IT'S AN EITHER
12 OR. I THINK IT'S AN AND.

13

14 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** IT'S AN AND,

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16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YES. IT'S COMPREHENSIVE AND AN.
17 AND THEN I KNOW THAT D.A. HOCHMAN'S SITTING OVER THERE AND I
18 TALK ABOUT THE COURTS, IT'S ALSO THE D.A. YOU ALL WEIGH IN ON
19 THIS. AND I WOULD JUST ASK YOU, ARE YOU COLLABORATING WITH THE
20 SIT ON EXPEDITING CASE PROCESSING? BECAUSE I HEARD THE NUMBER
21 A YEAR AND SOME OF THEM HAVE NOT EVEN HAVE NOT GONE BEFORE THE
22 COURTS. ARE YOU WORKING TO TRY TO BRING THAT NUMBER DOWN SO
23 THAT WE CAN GET THE COURTS?

24

25 **NATHAN J. HOCHMAN:** ABSOLUTELY. WE ARE WORKING AND I COMMEND



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1 MR. PICKNEY AND HIS TEAM FOR GIVING US DATA. DATA WE DIDN'T
2 HAVE. DATA IS INFORMATION. INFORMATION IS POWER. POWER ALLOWS
3 YOU TO MAKE BETTER DECISIONS. SO, IN THAT RESPECT, I APPLAUD
4 THAT EFFORT. HOWEVER, I WANT TO GIVE VERY BRIEFLY THREE
5 OBSERVATIONS. THE FIRST OBSERVATION IS JUST A NUMBERS ANALYSIS
6 THAT ISN'T PART OF THIS BUT SHOULD BE. WE HAVE, AND I'LL ROUND
7 IT UP OR DOWN TO 10,000,000 MILLION PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY. 10%
8 OF THAT WOULD BE 1,000,000 MILLION, 1% IS 100,000, 0.1% IS
9 10,000. SO, IF YOU WANT TO FIGURE OUT OUR JAIL POPULATION IN A
10 PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTY, 99.85%
11 OF OUR COUNTY IS NOT IN OUR JAIL POPULATION. PERCENTAGE-WISE,
12 WE'RE DEALING WITH 0.15%, ROUGHLY. SO, AND THE REASON I SAY
13 THAT IS TO THE THOUGHT THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET IT DOWN FROM
14 99.85% TO 100%, OR 99.99%, I THINK I'D LOVE TO LIVE IN THAT
15 WORLD. I WOULD ABSOLUTELY LOVE TO LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE THE
16 CRIMINALS ARE FIGURING OUT THAT IT'S NOT WORTH IT TO COMMIT
17 CRIME IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO WE CAN GO FROM 99.85% TO 99.99 OR
18 EVEN HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY NOT
19 COMMITTING SERIOUS AND MEDIUM SERIOUS CRIMES OR HAVING SERIOUS
20 AND MEDIUM SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS WHEN THEY DO SO. SO THAT'S
21 OBSERVATION NUMBER ONE IS THAT WE'RE KIND OF STUCK BECAUSE OF
22 OUR NUMBERS WITH A CERTAIN POPULATION THAT IS GOING TO BE
23 COMMITTING THESE CRIMES FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. I THINK
24 14,700 IS PROBABLY A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE, DEPENDING ON HOW
25 POPULATION KEEPS INCREASING. THE SECOND IS IN MR. PICKNEY'S



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SUPERVISORS

1 PRESENTATION, HIS FIRST POINT, FIRST PAGE, FIRST SLIDE, TALKED
2 ABOUT INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEFLECTION AND DIVERSITY,
3 EXCUSE ME, DIVERSION, AS WAYS TO DEAL WITH OUR OVERCROWDING
4 PROBLEM AND REDUCING THE POPULATION IN THE JAILS IN ORDER TO
5 CLOSE IT. BUT I THINK THERE'S ONE ADDITIONAL D THAT IS THE
6 TRUE SOLUTION TO TRULY REDUCING THE NUMBERS TO NUMBERS WE CAN
7 DEAL WITH, THEY GIVE US A LOT MORE OPTIONS, AND THAT'S
8 DETERRENCE. IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE CAN DETER CRIMINALS FROM
9 COMMITTING THE CRIMES IN THE FIRST PLACE, THEY NEVER ENTER OUR
10 JAIL SYSTEM, MENTAL HEALTH-RIDDEN OR OTHERWISE. SO HOW DO YOU
11 ACTUALLY DETER THE CRIMINAL, THE WOULD-BE CRIMINAL POPULATION
12 FROM COMMITTING CRIMES SO THEY DON'T ENTER OUR JAILS? AND
13 AGAIN, I'M NOT REFERRING TO THE HALCYON DAYS OF THE 1960S AND
14 '70S IF THEY EVER EXISTED. I'M MORE REFERRING TO 2014,
15 CONSIDERED OUR SAFEST YEAR IN THE LAST 50 YEARS. SO HOW DO WE
16 GET BACK TO THOSE NUMBERS?

17
18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT, D.A.
19 HOCKMAN. OH, GO AHEAD.

20
21 **NATHAN J. HOCHMAN:** SURE.

22
23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, SHE WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING.

24
25 **CHIDINMA UME:** JUST TO ADD TO THE QUESTION, I THINK THE D.A.'S



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1 PRESENCE HERE AS WELL AS OTHER STAFF FROM HIS OFFICE IS A
2 TESTAMENT TO THE PARTNERSHIP. TWO OTHER EXAMPLES OF THE WAYS
3 IN WHICH WE AS CSTAR WORKING WITH THE D.A.'S OFFICE. ONE, YOU
4 HEARD ME TALK ABOUT THE RESOLVING OLD CASES, CASES OVER A
5 YEAR. THE D.A. HOCKMAN AND HIS TEAM ISSUED A SPECIAL DIRECTIVE
6 TO HELP ADDRESS THOSE CASES THAT WENT OUT A FEW MONTHS AGO AS
7 PART OF THIS BIG PUSH. THAT'S ONE. THE SECOND, THAT SAN
8 FERNANDO COURTHOUSE PILOT THAT I MENTIONED, THE D.A.'S OFFICE
9 IS A PARTNER, THEY'RE DOING THE REVIEWS AT --

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, THERE IS COLLABORATION,
12 RECOGNIZING THAT THERE ARE IMPEDIMENTS, BARRIERS, AND I DON'T
13 DISAGREE WITH YOU, IN A PERFECT WORLD WE WOULDN'T HAVE JAILS,
14 RIGHT?

15

16 **NATHAN J. HOCHMAN:** RIGHT.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BUT TO THAT POINT, THERE ARE
19 INDIVIDUALS THAT WOULD BE BETTER TREATED OUTSIDE OF THE SYSTEM
20 AS IT RELATES TO DIVERSION.

21

22 **NATHAN J. HOCHMAN:** ABSOLUTELY. BUT THIS IS THE BIG CAVEAT.
23 HERE'S WHAT WE'VE ACTUALLY SEEN AS THE MENTAL HEALTH LAWS HAVE
24 BEEN APPLIED TO OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. IF YOU WANT TO
25 GET, IF YOU HAVE A FELONY, YOU ARE LOOKING AT MENTAL HEALTH



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1 DIVERSION POSSIBILITIES THAT'LL BASICALLY BE AN OFF RAMP FROM
2 THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, LET ME GIVE YOU A VERY REAL
3 SITUATION. AN INDIVIDUAL COMMITTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. HE BEAT
4 HIS WIFE TO A PULP IN 2015, CONVICTED, GOT PROBATION, DID IT
5 AGAIN IN 2017, BEAT HIS WIFE TO A PULP, GOT ACTUALLY ONE YEAR
6 OF STATE PRISON. THEN IN 2025, FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, HE DID
7 IT A THIRD TIME. HE GOES IN THROUGH HIS DEFENSE ATTORNEYS IN
8 ODR AND SAYS, I HAVE UNDIAGNOSED SCHIZOAFFRENIC DISORDER. I
9 DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT IS. ODR SUBMITS A ONE PAGE LETTER
10 WITH NO BACKUP, HAVING CONCLUSIONS SAYING, THIS PERSON HAS
11 UNDIAGNOSED SCHIZOAFFECTIVE DISORDER, AND THERE'S A TREATMENT
12 FACILITY, AN UNLOCKED TREATMENT FACILITY, WE CAN PUT THAT
13 PERSON IN. WE OPPOSED IT MIGHTILY IN THE COURT. THE COURT
14 AGREED WITH THAT. THE PERSON WENT IN TO THIS TREATMENT
15 FACILITY, UNLOCKED, AND YOU KNOW WHERE THIS STORY GOES. WALKED
16 OUT OF THE FACILITY, AND NOW HIS WIFE IS IN A COMA, AND THE
17 THREE KIDS AREN'T GOING TO HAVE A MOTHER OR A FATHER. SO, MY
18 POINT TO YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, IS THIS. FOR THE RIGHT CASE,
19 WITHOUT VIOLENCE IN THE BACKGROUND, WITHOUT SERIOUS COMMITTING
20 OF CRIMES, HAVING NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH
21 TREATMENT, WE WILL BE THE FIRST PROPONENT TO GET AS MANY
22 PEOPLE IN ODR AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. ODR IS ACTUALLY THE BEST
23 PROGRAM OUT THERE FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. THEY DO A VERY
24 GOOD JOB OF SCREENING THE FACILITIES, THE UNLOCKED FACILITIES,
25 BECAUSE THEY'RE MOSTLY UNLOCKED TO DO IT. HOWEVER, WHERE THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 SYSTEM IS PUTTING VIOLENT AND SERIOUS OFFENDERS INTO UNLOCKED
2 FACILITIES. WE ARE GOING TO OPPOSE THAT ON BEHALF OF THE
3 VICTIMS EVERY SINGLE TIME.

4
5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, AND I HEAR YOU AND D.A.
6 HOCHMAN, BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT THE JUDGES ARE EQUALLY AS
7 APPREHENSIVE.

8
9 **NATHAN J. HOCHMAN:** AND SO, I, WE'RE WORKING WITH THE JUDGES,
10 YOUR HONOR.

11
12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND I --

13
14 **NATHAN J. HOCHMAN:** YOUR HONOR, YOU'RE --

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16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, I WAS LIKE, WOW.

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18 **NATHAN J. HOCHMAN:** YOU'RE A SUPERVISOR. YOU'RE A CHAIR. BUT, I
19 LIKE YOUR HONOR, ACTUALLY.

20
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, NO, MM-HMM. I JUST BELIEVE
22 THERE'S GOT TO BE A BALANCE, AND I DON'T, I MEAN, GO AHEAD.

23
24 **CHIDINMA UME:** AND I WOULD JUST SAY, THE BALANCE IS ALSO BUILT
25 INTO THE PROCESS. IT'S PART OF THE ADVERSARIAL PROCESS UNDER



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1 THE MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION LAW THAT ALLOWS FOR THE HEARING TO
2 BE HAD WHERE THE D.A. CAN MAKE THEIR ARGUMENTS, THE DEFENSE
3 CAN MAKE THEIR ARGUMENTS AND THE JUDGE CAN HEAR THE CASE. NOT
4 TAKING AWAY FROM ANYTHING D.A. HOCHMAN IS SAYING, IF ANYTHING,
5 I THINK SOME OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS EXACTLY WHAT PLAYS OUT
6 DURING THE HEARINGS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, TO YOUR POINT
7 ABOUT THAT.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, AND THOSE OUTCOMES, OUT OF
10 THE CASES, AND THAT'S HORRIFIC, BUT ODR ALSO HAS SUCCESS
11 STORIES WORKING WITH, ACTUALLY WITH YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ON
12 SITUATIONS WHERE IT'S BEEN SUCCESSFUL, BUT THAT'S A HORRIFIC
13 CASE.

14

15 **NATHAN J. HOCHMAN:** SO, MY LAST OBSERVATION IS THIS, YOU'RE
16 GOING TO HAVE A POPULATION IN THE THOUSANDS, SUPERVISOR,
17 BARGER, THAT IS GOING TO HAVE SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES,
18 AND WE DON'T HAVE THE LOCKED FACILITIES TO PUT THEM IN. SADLY,
19 OUR JAILS ARE EFFECTIVELY THOSE LOCKED FACILITIES. SO, WHILE
20 EVERYONE UNIVERSALLY WANTS MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL TO BE CLOSED,
21 DECIMATED, DESTROYED DOWN TO THE RUBBLE. THE QUESTION IS, WHAT
22 ARE WE GOING TO REPLACE IT WITH? ARE YOU GOING TO REPLACE IT
23 WITH 50, 100-PERSON FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY?
24 YOU'LL FIND OUT THAT THAT IS WILDLY INEFFICIENT, WILDLY
25 EXORBITANTLY EXPENSIVE AND CAN'T BE DONE. OR ARE YOU GOING TO



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1 FINALLY BUILD A STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY THAT HAS A THOUSAND
2 OF THE BEST MENTAL HEALTH BEDS OUT THERE, CENTRALIZED IN ONE
3 LOCATION, WHICH WILL BE, AGAIN, EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE.
4 HAVING THE COURT, A VIDEO COURTROOM DOWN BELOW, HAVING EACH
5 INMATE HAVING AN IPAD WHERE THEY CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR
6 DEFENSE ATTORNEY BECAUSE THE WIFI IS THAT GOOD AND THAT
7 ENCRYPTED. AGAIN, HELPING SPEED UP THE PROCESS FOR GETTING
8 PEOPLE IN THE SYSTEM AND OUT OF THE SYSTEM WHILE GIVING THEM
9 THE TREATMENT, THE REHABILITATION THAT THEY SO NEED WHEN THEY
10 GET INTO THAT SYSTEM. OUR QUESTION IS, WE WANT TO ALL SHUT IT
11 DOWN, BUT WE NEED TO BE TALKING ABOUT THAT REPLACEMENT. AND IF
12 WE WANT TO BUILD ONE FACILITY OR 50, 100-PERSON FACILITIES, WE
13 JUST NEED TO MAKE THAT DECISION AND GET ABOUT FUNDING IT.
14 BECAUSE, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, THE ONLY THING I DISAGREE WITH
15 YOU IS THIS ISSUE HAS NOT BEEN STUDIED FOR TEN YEARS THIS
16 ISSUE'S BEEN SAFE FOR 17 YEARS SINCE 2008 BETWEEN 2008 AND
17 2019 THIS BOARD STUDIED THIS ISSUE CAME UP WITH A PLAN THAT
18 YOU INITIALLY ADOPTED IN THE BEGINNING OF 2020 AND THEN
19 CHANGED THE DIRECTION, WHICH IS FINE. BUT NOW WE'RE FIVE YEARS
20 LATER, WE NEED TO COME UP WITH A REAL PLAN TO DEAL WITH THIS
21 MULTI-THOUSAND PEOPLE POPULATION THAT GIVES THEM MENTAL HEALTH
22 TREATMENT, REHABILITATION, AND DETENTION.

23
24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND I THINK THAT THAT'S WHAT
25 SHERIFF LUNA HAS BEEN LOOKING AT IN TERMS OF THAT CARE CAMPUS



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1 OR WHAT IT'S CALLED, BUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT MEN CENTRAL AND
2 THE DOJ CONSENT DECREE IS REALLY WHAT'S DRIVING MOVING THE PDC
3 SOUTH, I THINK, IS THAT CORRECT? I'M SORRY, REPEAT THAT. FOR
4 MAGGIE, FOR THE PITCHER'S DISSENSION CENTER.

5
6 **MAGGIE CARTER:** IT IS, SUPERVISOR BARGER, BUT ALSO THE REASON
7 THAT THAT IS AN IMPERATIVE OF THE LITIGATION IS BECAUSE IT'S
8 AN IMPERATIVE OF PROPERLY SERVING OUR POPULATION THAT IS
9 CHANGING. AND SO YES, WE NEED TO BE MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS
10 OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ALSO MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS
11 OF OUR POPULATION WHO NEEDS MENTAL HEALTH, HOUSING, AND
12 SERVICES.

13
14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, IF THIS PROJECT DOES NOT MOVE
15 FORWARD, WHICH I'M IN SUPPORT OF IT. ARE THERE ALTERNATIVE
16 OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE?

17
18 **MAGGIE CARTER:** SO, THERE'S NOTHING ELSE THAT HAS A BETTER SET
19 OF TRADEOFFS IN THE VIEWS OF THE DEPARTMENTS. AND I THINK ALL
20 OF THOSE WHO ARE LOOKING AT THE OPTIONS THAT EXIST IN OUR
21 AVAILABLE FACILITIES THAT MEETS WHAT THE MONITOR'S URGENT
22 DEMAND IS, WHICH IS TO FIND NOW SOMETHING IN THE SHORT OR
23 MEDIUM TERM THAT WILL BE AN ALTERNATIVE TO MCJ FOR PEOPLE WHO
24 ARE REMANDED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE SHERIFF. OF COURSE, WE NEED
25 TO PUT ALL THOSE OTHER OPTIONS AROUND THIS TOO, THOUGH.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, AND I KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF,
3 I MEAN, HAS EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THIS BEING A BAND-AID. TO
4 YOUR POINT, D.A. HOCHMAN, ABOUT LONG-TERM PLAN, AND MY
5 GREATEST FEAR IS THAT WE DEBATE THIS AND THEN AS WE TERM OUT,
6 SOMEONE NEW COMES ON BOARD AND HAS THEIR OWN VIEW AND WANTS TO
7 START OVER. AND THAT'S WHY THE DOJ MONITOR, I BELIEVE IS
8 TAKING A SERIOUS LOOK AT HOW WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH
9 ADDRESSING, LOOKING AT THE MENTAL HEALTH, BUT YOU'D HAVE TO BE
10 DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND NOT TO SEE WHAT MCJ LOOKS LIKE FROM THE
11 INSIDE AND THE OUT, AND THE TREATMENT AND CARE THAT IS BEING
12 PROVIDED THERE ACROSS THE BOARD, NOT JUST FOR MENTAL HEALTH.
13 AND I THINK SO IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME, MENTAL HEALTH
14 FIRST, BUT IT COULD BE COMING AND SPREADING OUT AMONGST THE
15 ENTIRE DEPARTMENT AS IT RELATES TO THOSE IN CUSTODY, I THINK,
16 WITH THE DOJ, GIVEN THE SUBSTANDARD CARE AND EVEN JUST THE
17 FACILITY ITSELF. I HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THAT. OUT OF
18 THE INTEREST OF TIME, I'M GOING TO SAVE MY REMARKS. I KNOW
19 THAT MY COLLEAGUES WANT TO SAY SOMETHING. I'VE GOT MORE
20 QUESTIONS, BUT I THINK THIS HAS BEEN A GOOD DISCUSSION. AND I
21 WILL LET SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IT HAS BEEN AN
24 INTERESTING CONVERSATION BECAUSE, TO BE HONEST, I THINK IT
25 WOULD BE HELPFUL THAT WE SOMEHOW ARE ABLE TO ARTICULATE THE



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1 HISTORY OF HOW WE GOT HERE. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT WE NEED TO
2 GO BACK 20 YEARS, BUT I KNOW THAT THIS BOARD CHANGED THEIR
3 PREROGATIVES WHEN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SHEILA KUEHL, AND
4 MYSELF WERE ALL ON THE BOARD. AND THAT'S WHEN WE STARTED TO
5 PUT CARE FIRST, THAT'S WHERE THE NOTION OF CARE FIRST CAME
6 ABOUT. AND IT WAS AS A RESULT, AND MY RECOLLECTION, AT LEAST
7 WHEN I WAS HERE BACK IN 2018, IS THAT WE KNEW THAT THE TWIN
8 TOWERS COULD NOT ADEQUATELY CONTINUE TO SERVE AS A MENTAL
9 HEALTH JAIL. AND SO, WE THOUGHT ABOUT HOW WE COULD EXPAND BEDS
10 IN A SETTING NOT NECESSARILY IN THE COMMUNITY PER SE, BUT
11 USING SOME OF OUR HOSPITAL FACILITIES THAT HAVE, YOU KNOW, I
12 WOULD SAY JUST AN ENORMOUS OPPORTUNITY AND LAND THAT COULD BE
13 USED TO BUILD RECUPERATIVE BEDS. AND THAT WAS THE AGENDA AT
14 THAT TIME. AND AS A RESULT, I KNOW ON MY CAMPUS AT GENERAL
15 HOSPITAL, WE'VE ALREADY BUILT 98 RECUPERATIVE BEDS. AND MONEY
16 WAS SOUGHT FROM AB109 AND OTHER FUNDS. WE USED ARPA MONEY, WE
17 USED BCHIP MONEY, CFCI MONEY, MENTAL HEALTH MONEY, REALIGNMENT
18 MONEY, ALL OF THAT TO HELP BUILD OUT BEDS BECAUSE WE KNEW THE
19 PRESSURE WAS ON THE JAIL SYSTEM. AND FOR US, OR AT LEAST FOR
20 ME, THAT WAS MY OBLIGATION. I FELT COMPELLED TO DO THAT. AND I
21 THINK IT HAS WORKED. I DON'T THINK ENOUGH PEOPLE HAVE REALLY
22 FULLY REALIZED WHAT A RELIEF IT HAS BEEN TO BE ABLE TO AT
23 LEAST BUILD THOSE KINDS OF FACILITIES. AND NOW I THINK WE HAVE
24 THEM AT OTHER CAMPUSES, THEY'RE MOVING FORWARD. I THINK WE'RE
25 GOING TO SEE MUCH MORE OF THAT AND IT WOULD BE GOOD



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1 COLLECTIVELY TO PUT THAT ALL TOGETHER SO EVERYONE CAN SEE IT
2 WITH PUBLIC EYES WHERE THESE BEDS ARE BEING BUILT BECAUSE THEY
3 HAVE BEEN BUILT AS A RESULT OF OUR OVERCROWDING AND THE USE OF
4 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. BECAUSE I DO AGREE THAT MEN'S CENTRAL
5 JAIL SHOULD NOT EXIST. THE WAY IT IS CURRENTLY, I WOULD, AS
6 WAS SAID EARLIER, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SEE IT TOTALLY REMOVED.
7 I THINK WE DO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY THOUGH TO LOOK AT THE DATA
8 THAT WAS JUST PRESENTED BY YOU, BY CSIT, AND I'M VERY PLEASED.
9 THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN MY TEN YEARS THAT I'VE SEEN DATA OF
10 THIS MAGNITUDE THAT ACTUALLY PINPOINTS WHERE LEVERS OF
11 PRESSURE CAN BE SO WE CAN IMPLEMENT THE CHANGE AND I DON'T
12 THINK YOU STUDIED IT IN THE WAY THAT OTHER PEOPLE HAVE
13 CRITICIZED YOU OR US BECAUSE WE'RE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS
14 REPORT. IS IT CAN IT BE IMPROVED? YES. AND I THINK PART OF
15 THAT'S GOING TO START WITH WHAT WE DO IN TERMS OF THE
16 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU BROUGHT OUT, SOME OF WHICH ARE UNDER
17 OUR CONTROL AND SOME OF WHICH ARE NOT. BUT I DO EMPATHIZE WITH
18 YOU WHEN YOU POINT OUT THAT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE
19 TESTED, EITHER IN A PILOT MANNER WITH SOME OF OUR DEPARTMENTS
20 LIKE ADP OR PROBATION OR PD'S OFFICE, SOME OF THOSE JUST GOT
21 PUSHED ASIDE BECAUSE OF THE BUDGET. SO, WE PROBABLY NEED TO
22 THINK ABOUT REPRIORITIZING THAT ONCE OUR BUDGET IS ADJUSTED,
23 SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE ON THIS TRAJECTORY OF HAVING THOSE, AS
24 YOU'VE IDENTIFIED IN YOUR REPORT, AREAS WHERE WE CAN PROVIDE
25 READILY EFFICIENT INFORMATION FOR COURTS, FOR RELEASE, AND



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1 REALLY EXPLORING WHY PEOPLE ARE DETAINED SO LONG AND WHAT
2 THOSE BARRIERS ARE. AND A LOT OF THEM ARE IMPEDIMENTS, BUT I
3 THINK IF WE CAN GO AGAIN AT THAT AND HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF
4 THE DEPARTMENTS, BECAUSE THAT'S THE OTHER THING I HAVE A
5 QUESTION ABOUT. DO YOU REALLY HAVE TEETH IN THIS? I MEAN, WHEN
6 WE TALK ABOUT YOU'RE ASKING DEPARTMENTS FOR DATA, HOW LONG
7 DOES IT TAKE? AND I KNOW WE ALL HAVE TO SAY, WELL, WE'RE ALL
8 WORKING TOGETHER, BUT BE HONEST HERE. WHAT IS IT REALLY GOING
9 TO TAKE TO GET THE INFORMATION AT A SPECIFIC TIME TO HAVE SOME
10 OF THESE ACTION ITEMS MOVED IN A WAY THAT'S MEANINGFUL?

11
12 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** I MEAN, IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME. IT'S
13 NOT EASY. IT'S NOT EASY FOR DEPARTMENTS, AS I SAID, BECAUSE.

14
15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** IS IT A YEAR?

16
17 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** I WOULDN'T. YEAH, WE CAN ASK THE
18 DEPARTMENTS. BUT I'LL SAY THIS. SO, I THINK WE'VE GOT TO LOOK
19 AT IT TWO WAYS. THE DEPARTMENTS HAVING THE ABILITY TO GET THE
20 INFORMATION THAT THEY'RE ENGAGING PEOPLE AROUND TO GIVE TO US,
21 AND THEN THE INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH A LOT OF THAT'S GUIDED BY
22 THE CIO AND BY ISAB AND BY THE CIOS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENTS. IF
23 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AUTOMATING FEEDS OF INFORMATION, THAT'S A
24 DIFFERENT SET THAT IT'S NOT WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE
25 DEPARTMENT ITSELF NECESSARILY, RIGHT? IT'S JUST HOW LONG DOES



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1 IT TAKE TECHNOLOGY-WISE TO DO ALL THOSE THINGS, RIGHT? AND I
2 KNOW PETER LEWIS HERE FROM THE CIO. AND THEN YOU HAVE THE
3 LEGAL PARTS OF THAT, RIGHT? I SAID WE'RE DOING THIS IN A WAY
4 TO RESPECT THE PRIVACY OF PEOPLE. SO NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
5 MOUS, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE. SO,
6 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE BUREAUCRACY IT IS, RIGHT? SOME OF IT
7 COULD TAKE A YEAR, DEPENDING ON IT, BUT I'D SAY THE THINGS
8 THAT WE IDENTIFIED, NO, WE DON'T, THE THINGS THAT WERE
9 SPECIFICALLY ON THE SIDE, NO, THAT'S NOT A YEAR BECAUSE
10 THEY'RE ALREADY IN PROGRESS. NOW CHANGING THE SYSTEMS --

11
12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** BUT IT'S RAMPING IT UP SO YOU HAVE MORE
13 REFORM.

14
15 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** MORE OF IT. AND CHANGING THE SYSTEMS IN
16 THE LONG TERM OF THE DEPARTMENT, WHATEVER THE DATA SYSTEM IS,
17 ISN'T COLLECTING IT. A SIMPLE CHANGE IS A WORKFLOW CHANGE IS
18 RELATED TO THE WORKFLOWS THAT THEIR STAFF HAS AND CONTRACTS
19 AND ALL OF THAT. SO THAT STUFF CAN TAKE A WHILE.

20
21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** BUT THEN AGAIN, IT GOES TO PRIORITY. DO YOU
22 HAVE THE AUTHORITY AND ARE WE MAKING IT A PRIORITY IN OUR
23 DEPARTMENTS SO THAT WE CAN MOVE THIS NEEDLE ALONG? YOU KNOW,
24 CEO?



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SUPERVISORS

1 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** YEAH, SO THE BOARD IN A SERIES OF MOTIONS
2 GRANTED JSIT THE AUTHORITY TO DIRECT DEPARTMENTS WITH RESPECT
3 TO JAIL CLOSURE. AND I KNOW THAT MR. PICKNEY HAS BEEN WORKING
4 COLLABORATIVELY WITH DEPARTMENTS. HE HAS NOT FLAGGED FOR ME
5 ANY IMMOVABLE BARRIER IN A DEPARTMENT THAT HAS ANYTHING TO DO
6 WITH THE WILL TO DO IT OR NOT DO IT. WE NEED DEPARTMENTS TO
7 PRIORITIZE IT. THEY NEED TO BE DOING THAT. FROM WHAT I'VE
8 HEARD, THEY ARE DOING THAT. WHAT HE'S FLAGGING IS OPERATIONAL
9 CHALLENGES. SO, IF YOU THINK ABOUT THE JAIL AS A SYSTEM, THE
10 TECHNOLOGY IN THE JAIL IS DECADES BEHIND WHERE WE NEED IT TO
11 BE JUST TO START AUTOMATING DATA. NOW, IF HE FLAGS AN ISSUE
12 WITH, YOU KNOW, IN DEPARTMENTS WHERE THERE'S AN ISSUE ABOUT,
13 YOU KNOW, THEY WANT TO DO X AND WE THINK THEY NEED TO DO Y,
14 THAT'S A DISCUSSION I EXPECT HIM TO HAVE WITH ME AND WE CAN
15 FIGURE OUT THE WAY FORWARD THERE.

16
17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND IS THAT SOMETHING THAT HAS COME UP? I
18 MEAN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE ME AN EXAMPLE, BUT I MEAN, I
19 THINK THIS IS THE TIME WHERE WE HAVE TO HAVE THESE, YOU KNOW,
20 REALLY OPEN CONVERSATIONS SO THAT YOU HAVE AND YOU KNOW THAT
21 THERE ARE MEMBERS ON THE BOARD THAT SUPPORT THAT, THAT WANT TO
22 SEE THIS RECTIFIED AS SOON AS WE CAN. ANYTHING THAT'S GOING TO
23 MOVE THE NEEDLE.

24
25 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** I MEAN, I GUESS WHAT I'LL SAY IS, I



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1 MEAN, I'M NOT GOING TO SIT HERE AND SAY EVERYBODY, WELL,
2 EVERYBODY'S HERE, SO WE ALL ALIGN. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN
3 EVERYBODY ALWAYS AGREES. I MEAN THAT THAT WOULD BE THAT WOULD
4 MAKE SENSE. AND WE SHOULDN'T ALL AGREE BECAUSE THEN WE'RE NOT
5 GOING TO GET ANYTHING DONE IF WE'RE ALL SAYING, OH, YOU'RE
6 RIGHT, YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU'RE RIGHT. BUT I'D SAY
7 WE'RE WORKING THROUGH THOSE THINGS THAT HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO A
8 POINT YET. AND IT'S EARLY ON, RIGHT? WE'RE DOING A LOT OF
9 DIGGING AND WE HAVE A SMALL TEAM. SO, IT'S LIKE IT'S TAKING
10 TIME. I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF WE GET TO A POINT WHERE, AND
11 I EXPECT TO GET TO A POINT WHERE WE'RE GOING TO SAY, WE THINK
12 THIS IS BEST IN THE DEPARTMENT, THEY SAY, WE DON'T OR
13 WHATEVER, WHATEVER THE RESPONSE IS. AND LIKE THE ACTING CEO
14 SAYS, YOU KNOW, WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT WHEN WE COME TO IT. BUT I
15 DON'T, NOBODY IS LOOKING, IN MY OPINION, NOBODY'S LOOKING TO
16 SAY NO. I THINK THEY'RE TRYING TO GET TO YES, THEY'RE JUST
17 POINTING OUT THE CHALLENGES.

18
19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND I WOULD ASK, I KNOW IN YOUR REPORT YOU
20 POSTED TOO THAT YOU ARE SEEKING MORE CFCI MONEY, GETTING THAT
21 BACK AND PRIORITIZING SOME OF THE MONEY.

22
23 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** I MEAN, IT WOULD BE GOOD, AND WE'RE
24 WORKING WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS WE'RE DIRECTED TO
25 FIGURE THAT OUT. I MEAN, I THINK IT IS A BENEFIT FOR US TO BE



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1 ABLE TO HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO BE ABLE TO DIRECT
2 TOWARDS THINGS THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO JAIL CLOSURE. MOST OF THE
3 WORK THAT'S DONE BY DEPARTMENTS, NOBODY IS REALLY SPECIFIC TO
4 THIS WORK, RIGHT? THEY'RE DOING WORK THAT'S SUPPORTIVE EVEN IN
5 THE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, RIGHT? LIKE IN MENTAL HEALTH, DMH IS
6 DOING, PROVIDING SERVICES FOR PEOPLE GENERALLY TO HAVE A
7 SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, RIGHT? SO BEING ABLE TO DIRECT
8 IT TO THINGS THAT WILL HELP US ACCOMPLISH OUR GOAL IS HELPFUL.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** COULD I ASK YOU, DO YOU CURRENTLY RECEIVE AB
11 109 MONEY?

12

13 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** NO, WE DO NOT.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND I WONDER WHY, BECAUSE IF IN YOUR
16 REPORTING YOU'RE SAYING THAT THERE ARE OBSTACLES WITH, I MEAN
17 WE HAVE HIGH INCIDENCE OF PEOPLE THAT ARE HAVING TO STAY
18 LONGER IN JAIL BECAUSE THEY HAVE VIOLATIONS WITH PROBATION.
19 SHOULDN'T WE BE SOMEHOW WORKING CLOSER AND PERHAPS IDENTIFYING
20 STAFF THROUGH THAT MONEY OR SOMETHING OR, YOU KNOW, PROVIDING
21 THE SUPPORT THAT'S NECESSARY SO WE COULD START TO LOOK AT THAT
22 ISSUE. WE HAVE THAT SOURCE OF MONEY NOW.

23

24 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** YEAH, SUPERVISOR, AB109 FUNDING IS PART
25 OF THE FUNDING LANDSCAPE FOR THE DIFFERENT STRATEGIES WE'VE



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1 IMPLEMENTED TO BOTH ON THE JAIL CLOSURE SIDE AND ON THE DOJ
2 COMPLIANCE SIDE. I THINK GOING FORWARD, WHAT WE'VE SEEN WITH
3 AB109 IS THERE IS A LACK OF ONGOING FUNDING, AND THERE IS ALSO
4 A STRAIN ON THE ONE-TIME FUNDING. BUT WE ALLOCATE ALL THE
5 AB109 AND SUPPLEMENTAL AS THAT COMES AROUND, AND THAT'S JUST
6 BECAUSE THAT'S THE RHYTHM OF THE FUNDING FROM THAT FUNDING
7 SOURCE. AS THAT COMES AROUND, JUST LIKE WE DID LAST YEAR AND
8 THE YEAR BEFORE, WE TALK TO OUR INITIATIVE, SEE-SIT DOJ
9 COMPLIANCE TO SEE HOW BEST TO LEVERAGE THAT MONEY. SO, IT'S
10 DEFINITELY ON THE RADAR, SUPERVISOR. IT'S JUST NOT, HASN'T
11 BEEN A FONT OF NEW MONEY COMING OUT OF AB109.

12
13 **CHIDINMA UME:** I'D AGREE WITH THAT. I JUST ADD CSIT RIGHT NOW
14 IS NOT RECEIVING AB109 FUNDING DIRECTLY, BUT THE DEPARTMENTS
15 ARE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS ARE RECEIVING IT AND THEY'RE
16 LEVERAGING THAT FUNDING FOR SOME OF THE STRATEGIES THAT WE'VE
17 TALKED ABOUT TODAY AS WELL AS OTHERS.

18
19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I THINK THAT COULD ALSO, THAT ALSO NEEDS TO
20 BE REPORTED IN SOME WAY, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THE PUBLIC MAY
21 UNDERSTAND HOW THAT MONEY IS BEING UTILIZED. THEY TYPICALLY
22 THINK THAT IT'S JUST ENFORCEMENT, ENFORCEMENT AND THE HAMMER.
23 AND I THINK SOMETIMES WE PROBABLY HURT OURSELVES BY NOT BEING
24 MORE OPEN ABOUT, TRANSPARENT ABOUT WHAT THAT MONEY IS USED
25 FOR. AND THEN I WOULD JUST LASTLY SAY THAT IN TERMS OF WHAT IS



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1 HAPPENING WITH THIS OTHER ITEM, ITEM 27, THE RENOVATION OF
2 PITCHES, CAN YOU WALK ME THROUGH AGAIN JUST WHAT THE TRIGGERS
3 ARE IN TERMS OF THE CONSENT DECREE WHY WE HAVE TO DO THIS OR
4 WHAT WE KNOW WHAT CAME FIRST YOU SAID THIS WAS UNDERWAY SOME
5 TIME AGO SO CAN YOU WALK US THROUGH THAT HISTORY REALLY QUICK.

6
7 **MAGGIE CARTER:** SO, AS YOU KNOW SUPERVISOR THE SETTLEMENT
8 AGREEMENT IS HAS BEEN IN PLACE FOR A LONG TIME. AND THE COUNTY
9 ENTERED IT IN 2015. OUR JAIL POPULATION HAD A MUCH DIFFERENT
10 COMPOSITION THEN. THE TOTAL POPULATION WAS MUCH HIGHER AND THE
11 PERCENTAGE THAT HAD A NEED FOR SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING
12 WAS MUCH LOWER. AND SO AS WE HAVE JOURNEYED TO GET INTO
13 COMPLIANCE WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, I WOULD SAY, YOU
14 KNOW, THAT SOME OF THE COUNTY'S CHALLENGES REALLY CHANGED,
15 ESPECIALLY EMERGING FROM THE PANDEMIC, WHERE WHAT BECAME REAL
16 BARRIERS TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE REMAINING PROVISIONS OF THE
17 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WAS THAT MISMATCH BETWEEN SPECIALTY
18 MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING AND SERVICES AND THE GROWING PERCENTAGE
19 OF THE POPULATION THAT NEEDED IT. AND SO THAT THEN BEGAN TO
20 DRIVE A LOT OF THE COUNTY'S COMPLIANCE STRATEGIES. IT WAS
21 AROUND THAT TIME THAT THE COUNTY COMMITTED TO RENOVATING PDC
22 NORTH FOR MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING FOR MODERATE OBSERVATION
23 HOUSING LATER AS YOU KNOW PART OF VARIOUS PROMISES WE MADE IN
24 CONNECTION WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WE WERE COURT ORDERED
25 TO COMPLETE A FULLY RENOVATED FACILITY FOR MODERATE



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1 OBSERVATION HOUSING AND AS THAT THAT PROJECT WAS COMING TO
2 COMPLETION IN EARLY 2024, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT OUR MENTAL
3 HEALTH POPULATION HAD GROWN SO MUCH EVEN AS WE WERE PURSUING
4 THAT STRATEGY THAT WE THEN BEGAN TO HEAR DEMANDS FOR
5 ADDITIONAL PLANS AND SOLUTIONS, WHICH WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO
6 RESPOND TO. AND SO, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT PROVIDING SAFE AND
7 MORE CLINICALLY APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING OPTIONS IS
8 PART AND PARCEL OF OUR OBLIGATIONS. THEY HAVE OFTEN BEEN REAL
9 BARRIERS TO COMPLIANCE ACROSS THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.
10 INCREASINGLY, WE ARE COMING INTO COMPLIANCE WITH VARIOUS
11 PROVISIONS THAT WHERE THAT MISMATCH HELD US BACK. AND WE'RE
12 DOING THAT THROUGH A VARIETY OF STRATEGIES. BUT IT REMAINS A
13 BARRIER WITH REGARD TO PROVISION 79, WHICH REQUIRES
14 APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR EVERYONE WITH MENTAL
15 HEALTH NEEDS IN THE JAIL WHO NEEDS MOH OR HOH HOUSING. AND
16 ALSO, OUR MONITOR TALKS ABOUT IT MORE GENERALLY WITH REGARD TO
17 THE IMPERATIVE TO ARTICULATE MORE PLANS FOR OUR CHANGING
18 POPULATION. AND I THINK THAT'S THE MONITOR'S WORDS THAT WILL
19 STRUGGLE TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE IN GENERAL WITHOUT THOSE
20 PLANS. SO THAT'S HOW I SEE THOSE AS RELATED. I THINK YOU KNOW
21 IT IS ALSO FAIR TO SAY THAT THE MONITOR HAS RECOGNIZED JUST
22 HOW MUCH PROGRESS THE COUNTY HAS MADE ACROSS ITS STRATEGIES,
23 DESPITE A VERY CHALLENGING BACKDROP THAT INCLUDES THIS
24 CHANGING COMPOSITION, WE STILL NEED TO DO THAT. WE STILL NEED
25 TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE THE VERY BEST, SAFEST, MOST



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1 THERAPEUTIC USE OF EVERY PERSON WE HAVE, EVERY FACILITY WE
2 HAVE, EVERY STRATEGY WE HAVE. AND ALSO, WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO
3 CONTINUE TO ARTICULATE PLANS AS OUR POPULATION CHANGES TO
4 PROPERLY CARE FOR PEOPLE IN OUR CUSTODY.

5
6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO, I GUESS, I MEAN, THERE ARE MANY WAYS,
7 PATHS THAT LEAD US TO IMPROVING. AND I THINK COLLECTIVELY THIS
8 REPORT HELPS US LOOK AT SOME OF THOSE WAYS AND THEN TRYING TO
9 BUILD ON THAT. BUT HAVING THE DATA BETWEEN THE PANELS HERE I
10 THINK IS GOING TO BE EVEN MORE HELPFUL FOR US PUBLICLY. AND
11 YOU COULD HAVE A WHOLE DAY DISCUSSION JUST ON THAT.

12 UNFORTUNATELY, THIS ISN'T THE, YOU KNOW, TIME THAT WE CAN GO
13 INTO EVERYTHING, BUT I DO WANT TO APPLAUD THE WORK BECAUSE I
14 WAS WONDERING MYSELF WHEN WE WERE GOING TO HEAR FROM YOU
15 BECAUSE IT'S BEEN SOME TIME, BUT I'M HOPEFUL THAT THE
16 INFORMATION YOU GET, WE WILL GET MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY IN A
17 MANNER THAT'S GOING TO BE CONCRETE SO THEN WE CAN MOVE ON
18 ACTION ITEMS TO ACTUALLY MAKE THESE IMPROVEMENTS. AND I'M
19 ANXIOUS AT SOME POINT TO HEAR AGAIN FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS
20 INDIVIDUALLY OR WHATEVER, ALSO HOW THEY FEEL. SO, PD, ADP, ALL
21 THOSE OTHER ENTITIES AS WELL AS OUR JAIL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
22 THERE BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND WE HAVE TO PROVE THAT THE
23 CONDITIONS IN OUR JAIL, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. AND I KNOW IT'S A
24 CHALLENGE. AND SOME FOLKS COME TO US AND THEY'RE VERY SICK,
25 UNFORTUNATELY. AND FOR ME, IN SOME WAYS, I SAY, WHY DO WE KEEP



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1 THEM IN THERE IF THEY'RE THAT SICK? CAN'T WE PUT THEM IN A
2 PLACE WHERE THEY CAN BE WATCHED OR WHATEVER, BUT GIVEN DIGNITY
3 AND RESPECT? AND THAT, TO ME, IS REALLY IMPORTANT. SO, I'LL
4 END IT WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR. I MEAN, IT'S, YOU STIRRED A LOT
5 IN ME. I THINK THERE'S A LOT HERE. AND I HOPE THAT THE PUBLIC
6 AND OUR FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN ON THIS ISSUE, INCLUDING THE
7 FOLKS OUT IN THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE BEEN ENGAGED ON THIS ISSUE,
8 HELP TO ALSO UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS PATH LOOKS LIKE FOR US AND
9 HOW THEY CAN HELP IMPROVE THIS AS WELL. SO, THANK YOU FOR THE
10 PRESENTATION AND THE PANEL. THANK YOU.

11
12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, THANK YOU FOR THAT,
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

14
15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GREAT
16 PRESENTATION, LOTS OF GREAT DATA. APPRECIATE ALL THE COMMENTS
17 MADE BY MY COLLEAGUES. I'M GOING TO DO MY BEST TO KEEP IT
18 SHORT. APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR HORVATH KIND OF WALKING US
19 THROUGH THE MOTION HISTORY AND TRAJECTORY AND I AGREE WITH YOU
20 SOMETIMES I HAVE FOUND BASED ON CALLS TO MY OFFICE AND LETTERS
21 THAT THE PUBLIC, OUR AGENDA CAN BE MISLEADING. THE CONCEPT OF
22 A MOTION, THE CONCEPT OF A REPORT BACK SOUNDS LIKE, I THINK,
23 OFTENTIMES AN ACTION TO BE TAKEN. SO, I APPRECIATE YOU
24 IDENTIFYING THAT. AND AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ABOUT
25 THE MOMENT IN TIME WHEN THE ORIENTATION OF THIS BOARD SHIFTED



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1 WITH YOU THREE MEMBERS SERVING. I WILL ALSO ADD THAT IT WAS
2 ALSO THE COMMUNITY-BASED JUSTICE REFORM MOVEMENT HERE LOCALLY
3 AND STATEWIDE THAT AIDED AND ABETTED THAT CULTURE SHIFT WITH
4 YOU THREE ON THE BOARD AND FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY. AND IT HAD
5 A RESOUNDED IMPACT. IT IMPACTED STATEWIDE POLICY SHIFT AROUND,
6 FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THE LANGUAGE I CHOOSE TO USE, RIGHT
7 SIZING BOTH THE JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND SO,
8 IT REALLY WAS YOU THREE AND THE COMMUNITY-BASED MOVEMENT WHO
9 CONTINUE TO LOOK AND MONITOR AND HOLD US ACCOUNTABLE TO
10 MOTIONS WE'VE MADE AND ACTIONS WE'VE TAKEN. SO, I THINK IT'S
11 IMPORTANT. AND I THINK BASED ON ALL OF THAT, BASED ON THE
12 COMPENSATION OF THE BOARD TODAY, THERE'S AGREEMENT THAT MCJ
13 MUST CLOSE. I THINK THE QUESTION BEFORE US IS HOW WE CLOSE IT
14 IN A WAY THAT ALIGNS OUR CARE FIRST JAILS LAST VISION WITH OUR
15 LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS AND REFLECTS OUR COMMITMENT
16 TO ENSURING THAT PEOPLE ARE PROVIDED THE NECESSARY CARE,
17 REHABILITATION, AND SUPPORT THEY NEED. I THINK FOR ME THAT
18 KIND OF SUMMARIZES WHERE WE ARE AND WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN. AND
19 SO, THE CONVERSATION AND THE WORK TOWARD JAIL CLOSURE, I THINK
20 IS A TEST OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT. AND I EMPHASIZE
21 THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND QUITE FRANKLY, A TEST AGAIN ONGOING OF
22 THIS BOARD'S WILL. BUILDING CAPACITY TO MEET THE CURRENT
23 HOUSING NEEDS AND SAFE ENVIRONMENTS WITH CRITICAL SERVICES FOR
24 EXISTING MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING POPULATION IS NECESSARY.
25 AND THERE ARE ADDITIONAL NEEDS FOR INVESTMENT FOR DEPOPULATION



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1 AND FOR DIVERSION. YOU KNOW, WITH THAT, I THINK I'LL PIVOT TO
2 SOME OF THE CHARTS WE SAW TODAY. AND I WAS REMINDED, I LOOKED
3 OVER MY SHOULDER AND SAW D.A. HOCHMAN WAS HERE, BUT WHEN HE
4 WAS HERE LAST TUESDAY, HE TALKED ABOUT HIS THREE-LEGGED STOOL
5 THAT FOCUSED ON JUSTICE, THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATES AN
6 ARREST, THE D.A. PROSECUTES, AND AGAIN, HE SAID THAT THE BOARD
7 SETS PRIORITIES AND WE FUND IT. WHAT HE DIDN'T CALL OUT IN
8 BOARD PRIORITIES ARE THINGS LIKE PREVENTION, WHICH I
9 ACKNOWLEDGED LAST WEEK, DEPOPULATION, DIVERSION. I HEAR THAT
10 HE ADDED A FOURTH LEG TO HIS STOOL TODAY WITH DETERRENCE, AND
11 I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. BUT WHEN I LOOK AT THIS, THE JAIL
12 POPULATION PROJECTION, THE CHARTS YOU GAVE, AND THE 1,400,500,
13 IF, AND THAT'S THE PIVOTAL WORD IN THAT SENTENCE ALL CURRENT
14 CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME BASED ON MY EXPERIENCE JUST FIVE
15 YEARS ON THE BOARD THEY WILL NOT. YOU KNOW PROP 36. FRANKLY
16 THE ORIENTATION OF THIS D.A. AS WE HEARD TODAY YOU SAY IN THIS
17 CHART EXPANDING ODR BY A 1,000 BEDS I HAVE WORKED WE HAVE
18 WORKED TO TRY TO GET PERMANENT FUNDING. THE D.A. CONTINUES TO
19 CHALLENGE WHO HE FEELS SHOULD GO TO ODR VERSUS, I THINK, ODR'S
20 PERSPECTIVE AND PRACTICES THAT THEY'VE ENLISTED. AND WHILE THE
21 SHERIFF CONTINUES TO TELL US THAT CRIME IS DOWN, EVEN SERIOUS
22 CRIME ACROSS MOST CHARGES ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY, OUR
23 NUMBERS CONTINUE TO GO UP IN TERMS OF WHO'S IN JAIL. THE
24 SHERIFF IS PROMOTING THE WELLNESS CENTER. HOW WE DEFINE WHAT
25 THAT WILL BE CONTINUES TO BE SEEN. I'M HOPING THAT DMH AND



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1 OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WILL WEIGH IN AND OPINE TO FIGURE OUT
2 WHAT WE BUILD FOR WHOM AND WHERE. YOU KNOW, THE BOARD MADE A
3 DECISION TO NOT BUILD A BIG SINGLE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY. THE
4 D.A. SAYS IT'S NOT, FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE, COST EFFECTIVE FOR
5 US TO BUILD MULTIPLE SMALLER FACILITIES. THE SHERIFF IS
6 CALLING IT A WELLNESS FACILITY, BUT IF DMH ISN'T CO-LEADING
7 THAT EFFORT, WILL IT REALLY BE WELLNESS AS OPPOSED TO ANOTHER
8 DETENTION FACILITY? SO, I JUST, THOSE ARE JUST OFF THE TOP OF
9 MY HEAD TO SUGGEST THAT THERE ARE SO MANY MOVING PARTS THAT I
10 DON'T KNOW THAT THIS 14,500 IS REAL. WHO KNOWS WHAT THE NEXT
11 ELECTION CYCLE WILL BRING IN TERMS OF ADDITIONAL, MORE
12 PUNITIVE POLICIES. AND SO HOW DO WE PLAN WITH SO MANY UNKNOWNNS
13 AND SO MANY MOVING PARTS I REALLY APPRECIATE THE
14 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE IMPACT OF THE BUDGET CUTS I DO AND JOIN
15 WITH MY COLLEAGUES WHO UNDERSTAND THAT THE BUDGET IS OUR LANE
16 AND THAT IF THIS IS A PRIORITY FOR US, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE
17 IT'S A PRIORITY IN THE BUDGET. SO, I APPRECIATE THAT CHART. I
18 APPRECIATE THE BARRIERS AND THE NEXT STEPS. I KNOW THAT THERE
19 CONTINUES TO BE A CALL FOR WIN-WIN-WIN-WIN, AND I UNDERSTAND
20 HOW CHALLENGING THAT IS. I AM GOING TO ASK THAT WE CONTINUE TO
21 SEE DELINEATED NEXT STEPS SO WE CAN TRACK PROGRESS, SO WE
22 DON'T CONTINUE TO FIND OURSELVES IN A POSITION WHERE WE'RE
23 LOOKING IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR ABOUT WHO TOOK WHAT VOTE WIN
24 AND WHO DID WHAT RESEARCH WIN AS OPPOSED TO HAVING A PLAN THAT
25 WE CAN CHECK OFF AND KNOW WHEN WE'VE TURNED A CORNER OR WE'VE



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1 REACHED A LANDING. WITH THAT, I JUST WANT TO ASK CSIT, YOU
2 KNOW, AND I APPRECIATE THE LANDSCAPE AND THE CONDITIONS. FROM
3 YOUR PERSPECTIVE, WHAT IS YOUR CLEAR, ACTIONABLE VISION FOR
4 JAIL CLOSURE? CAN YOU GIVE ME THAT IN THREE SENTENCES? IS THAT
5 A FAIR QUESTION?

6

7 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** PROBABLY NOT, BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT. IT'S
8 A LOT OF UNFAIR QUESTIONS. I'M SURE YOU GET A LOT YOURSELF.

9

10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR
11 US TO HEAR, FOR THE PUBLIC TO HEAR, FOR THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS
12 TO HEAR. WHAT IS YOUR CLEAR, ACTIONABLE VISION FOR JAIL
13 CLOSURE?

14

15 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** I THINK IT GOES BACK TO WHAT I SAID
16 ABOUT THE PROBLEM-SOLVING PIECE AND THE DATA PIECE. THE VISION
17 IS THAT WE NEED TO, SO I'LL GO TO YOUR POINT ABOUT THE 14-5.
18 I'LL ANSWER IN A ROUNDABOUT WAY, RIGHT? SO, THE 14-5 AND ANY
19 PROJECTIONS, THEY NEED TO BE DONE ANNUALLY FOR THE VERY
20 REASONS THAT YOU ARTICULATED. THINGS CHANGE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE,
21 PUBLIC SAFETY IS DYNAMIC. IT'S ALWAYS CHANGING. SO, WE NEED TO
22 THINK ABOUT THAT. THE BOX I DIDN'T REALLY SPEAK TO WAS A
23 SMALLER ONE THAT TALKS ABOUT THE PREVIOUS PROJECTION WAS
24 ACTUALLY ACCURATE IF YOU TAKE OUT THE CURRENT PROP 36
25 POPULATION. AND THE REASON I RAISE THAT TO YOUR QUESTION IS



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1 THIS MEANS MY VISION IS THAT WE HAVE TO BE DATA-DRIVEN,
2 ACCURATE, AND TRANSPARENT. THE REASON THAT THAT NUMBER IS
3 CLOSE, WELL, WOULD BE WHERE IT SHOULD BE WITHOUT PROP 36 IS
4 BECAUSE THERE WAS A LOT OF EFFORT INTO THINKING ABOUT THE
5 REFORMS, SOME THAT MAGGIE TALKED ABOUT WITH THE CDCR
6 TRANSFERORS. THE REFORMS, AND I'M SURE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
7 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE REFORMS THAT WERE IMPLEMENTED TO
8 ENSURE THAT WHATEVER THE HIGH NUMBER WAS, THEY GOT TO WHERE,
9 YOU KNOW, THE REFORMS THAT ACTUALLY HELPED THEM LAND WHERE
10 THEY NEEDED TO LAND. SO IN OUR EXAMPLE HERE, WE HAVEN'T DONE
11 IT YET, BUT WHERE WE TALK ABOUT THE REFORMS THAT NEED TO
12 HAPPEN FOR JAIL CLOSURE, AS WE LOOK AT THOSE, INCLUDING THE
13 PROBATION PIECE, THINKING ABOUT THE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS AS IT
14 RELATES TO ODR OR ANYTHING THAT DMH MAY DO, WE HAVE TO BE
15 REALLY DILIGENT IN UNDERSTANDING WHAT THOSE REFORMS ARE AND
16 WHAT THE IMPACTS WILL BE SO THAT WE CAN GET AS ACCURATE A
17 PITCH AS WE CAN THAT IF WE DO THESE THINGS, IT WON'T BE
18 14,500, IT WILL BE X. THAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO JAIL
19 CLOSURE, RIGHT? BECAUSE AS I SAID IN THE BEGINNING OF MY
20 STATEMENT, I COULD JUST PICK A NUMBER OR A DATE WITHOUT REALLY
21 BEING DILIGENT IN TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING WHY WE'RE DOING THAT,
22 BUT IT WON'T BE ACCURATE. WE WON'T MEET IT AND WE'LL JUST BE
23 RUNNING PROJECTIONS EVERY YEAR AND WE WON'T MAKE IT, BUT THEN
24 WE'LL JUST BE LOOKING LIKE, WELL, WHY, RIGHT? LIKE RIGHT NOW,
25 I GO BACK TO RIGHT NOW, WE KNOW THAT THE POPULATION OF MOH, AS



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1 MAGGIE POINTED OUT, IS UP, BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHY. SO HOW DO WE
2 DEVELOP SOLUTIONS TO IT FOR WHATEVER ISSUES COME UP, RIGHT,
3 WHATEVER ELSE MAY COME FROM THE FEDERAL LEVEL OR THE STATE
4 LEVEL. SO THAT'S THE MAIN VISION IS THAT WE HAVE TO BE
5 DILIGENT AND CONSTANTLY LOOKING AND DEVELOPING AND INNOVATING
6 TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM. AND LIKE I SAID, THAT'S REGARDLESS OF
7 WHETHER WE WERE TRYING TO CLOSE MCJ OR NOT, THAT'S THE WAY WE
8 HAVE TO BE IF WE TRULY CARE FOR US JAIL'S LAST ORIENTED.

9

10 **CHIDINMA UME:** DO I GET TO ADD THREE SENTENCES TO THAT?

11

12 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** YEAH, SURE DO. THREE. SO, YOU CAN DO
13 MORE.

14

15 **CHIDINMA UME:** THERE YOU GO. SEVERAL SENTENCES. I'D AGREE WITH
16 WILL. AND I THINK OUR VISION IS ALSO CONTEMPLATED IN THE
17 PRESENTATION. SO THAT SECOND SLIDE WHERE WE TALK ABOUT THE
18 CONDITIONS THAT WE SEE AS NEEDING TO BE MET TO CLOSE MEN'S
19 CENTRAL JAIL, THOSE PLAY TWO ROLES. SO THOSE ARE THE
20 CONDITIONS WE IDENTIFIED AS NEEDING TO BE MET AGAIN FOR JAIL
21 CLOSURE, BUT ALSO CONDITIONS THAT NEED TO EXIST REGARDLESS. SO
22 AS MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO DEFLECT PEOPLE AND DIVERT PEOPLE
23 SAFELY SO THAT THEY AVOID COMING INTO THE JAIL, WHICH A LOT OF
24 OUR DISCUSSION HAS GONE TO. AND DECREASING UNNECESSARY COURT
25 APPEARANCES, WHICH TO THE D.A.'S POINT AS WELL, IS GOOD FOR



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1 LITIGANTS AND VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF CRIME. IT'S GOOD FOR
2 EVERYBODY, RIGHT? IT'S IN THE INTEREST OF EVERYONE WHO'S
3 PARTICIPATING IN OUR LEGAL PROCESS. AND THEN THE THIRD IS
4 MAKING SURE THE COMMUNITY CAPACITY IS WHAT IT NEEDS TO BE SO
5 THAT PEOPLE ARE SERVED THERE INSTEAD OF JAIL BECAUSE OF UNMET
6 NEEDS. I'LL JUST SAY BRIEFLY, MAYBE THIS IS WHERE I GET THE
7 EXTRA SENTENCES. PRIOR TO COMING TO THE COUNTY, THIS IS THE
8 WORK THAT I WAS DOING ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY. AND THE SAME
9 CONDITIONS THAT NEED TO BE TRUE FOR L.A. ARE THE SAME THAT
10 NEED TO BE TRUE ANYWHERE. AND I ALSO WORKED IN NIGERIA, WHERE
11 I'M FROM, ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM POLICY. AND WE SAY
12 THIS NOT AS AN ACADEMIC EXERCISE OR A STATEMENT, BUT SOMETHING
13 THAT WE KNOW TO BE TRUE, THAT JURISDICTION IS EVERYWHERE. IT
14 IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE A COORDINATED EFFORT TO MAKE SURE
15 THAT OUR JAIL IS AS SMALL AS IT NEEDS TO BE, OUR JAIL
16 POPULATION IS AS SMALL AS IT NEEDS TO BE, AND OUR COMMUNITY
17 RESOURCES ARE AS ROBUST AS THEY NEED TO BE SO THAT PEOPLE ARE
18 GETTING THERE WE'RE MEETING THEM WHERE THEY ARE SO THAT WE
19 AVOID THEM LANDING WHERE THEY WERE NO ONE WANTS THEM TO BE.

20
21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT LAST SENTENCE
22 BECAUSE I WAS STRUCK BY D.A. HOCHMAN'S KIND OF ANALOGY AND
23 LOOKING AT A PERCENTAGE OF OUR JAIL POPULATION AS IT RELATES
24 TO THE OVERALL COUNTY POPULATION AND IF THERE SHOULD BE AN
25 EXPECTATION OF 98% OR 0%. AND I NEVER THOUGHT OF IT IN THAT



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1 CONTEXT. I THOUGHT IT MORE ALONG THE LINES OF WHAT YOU SHARED.
2 I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT IT IN TERMS OF A COMPARISON TO TOTAL
3 POPULATION, BUT TO THINK ABOUT IT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
4 CONDITIONS IN WHICH PEOPLE ARE LIVING. IS INCARCERATION THE
5 MOST APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT BASED ON THEIR NEEDS AND THE CRIME
6 COMMITTED? ARE THEY THERE TOO LONG BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ANY
7 PLACE ELSE FOR THEM TO BE? AND A HARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE
8 OVER-REPRESENTATION OF PARTICULAR POPULATIONS IN JAIL VERSUS
9 THE WORKPLACE, THE COLLEGE CAMPUS, ANYPLACE ELSE. SO THAT'S
10 THE WAY I VIEW IT AND SO I APPRECIATE YOU SAYING THAT. WOULD
11 YOU SAY IF I'M LOOKING FOR MEASURABLE BENCHMARKS OR MILESTONES
12 THAT WILL INDICATE PROGRESS TOWARD CLOSURE. WOULD YOU SAY I
13 SHOULD START WITH THIS SHEET YOU JUST REFERENCED, WHICH IS
14 WHERE WE ARE?

15
16 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** I MEAN, YOU CAN START THERE, DEFINITELY.

17
18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY. WHEN I THINK OF- DO YOU INTEND
19 TO BUILD THIS OUT? IF I WANT TO --

20
21 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** OH, YES, DEFINITELY.

22
23 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** FROM THIS PRESENTATION TO THE NEXT, BE
24 ABLE TO LOOK TO BENCHMARKS AND MILESTONES THAT WE WERE MEETING
25 THAT SHOWS EVERYONE THAT WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS AS OPPOSED TO



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1 JUST TALKING ABOUT IT AD NAUSEAM AND HAVING MORE MOTIONS AND
2 MORE MOTIONS BUT BENCHMARKS TOWARDS THE GOAL.

3

4 **CHIDINMA UME:** I WOULD LOOK AT THAT SLIDE 2 AS A NORTH STAR AND
5 MAYBE SLIDE 3 IS MORE OF THE MILESTONES THAT WE START WITH.

6

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

8

9 **CHIDINMA UME:** SO, OUR NEXT OUR IMMEDIATE STEPS SO BETWEEN NOW
10 AND THE NEXT TIME WE REPORT TO YOUR BOARD, WE WILL BE MAKING
11 MORE PROGRESS ON WHAT'S ON SLIDE 3. SO, IDENTIFYING THE
12 SPECIFIC ACTIONS, YOU'VE SEEN SOME OF THEM THAT WE'VE ALREADY
13 HAD UNDERWAY OR WE'VE ALREADY IDENTIFIED, BUT MORE OF THE
14 ACTIONS TO DEPOPULATE, WHICH AS WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IS ALIGNED
15 WITH THE COUNTY'S OVERALL GOAL. SOMEONE SPOKE TO THIS EARLIER,
16 WHO'S DOING WHAT AND WHEN AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST? THAT'S
17 WHAT WE PLAN TO, THAT IS THE NEXT IMMEDIATE MILESTONE THAT
18 WE'RE WORKING TOWARDS TO PROVIDE TO YOUR BOARD. WOULD YOU ADD,
19 WOULD YOU?

20

21 **WILFORD PINKNEY, JR.:** YEAH, YEAH, AND I WOULD JUST SAY, I KNOW
22 PEOPLE TALK ABOUT MEASURABLE THINGS. I WOULD THINK OF
23 OBJECTIVES AS BEING MEASURABLE, RIGHT? AS WE IDENTIFY THE
24 STRATEGIES. IF THEY'RE SMART OBJECTIVES, I AGREE. BUT YEAH,
25 THE MILESTONES OF WHERE WE SHOULD BE, BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND,



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1 ONCE AGAIN, I TALKED ABOUT THIS ALL THE TIME, RIGHT? THE
2 URGENCY OF THIS SITUATION, WHERE WE'RE TRYING TO MOVE WITH
3 URGENCY, BUT WE ALSO WANT TO MOVE SMARTLY TO YOUR POINT.

4

5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, I HOPE THAT THE OBJECTIVES THAT WE
6 OUTLINE THAT ARE IDENTIFIED FOR US IN THE PUBLIC ARE INDEED
7 SMART THAT THEY'RE STRATEGIC, MEMORABLE, I MEAN, MEASURABLE,
8 HELPING WITH THE ART, YOU KNOW, SMART IS AN ACRONYM. SO, I
9 HOPE THAT THEY ARE SMART. BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE AND
10 THE PUBLIC NEED TO FEEL AND SEE AND WITNESS PROGRESS WILL MAKE
11 IT TANGIBLE FOR US AS A BOARD, GIVEN OUR ROLE TO FUND THE
12 WORK. IF IT'S A SMART OBJECTIVE, THEN WE CAN PRIORITIZE HOW
13 THE FUNDING SHOULD MAKE IT REAL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK
14 YOU ALL AGAIN.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. GHALY DID YOU WANT
17 TO SAY ANYTHING? I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN SITTING THERE LISTENING
18 PATIENTLY. I KNOW SHERIFF LUNA IS HERE, AND SO I'M GOING TO
19 GIVE YOU THE FLOOR. YOU WANTED TO WAIT TO HEAR FROM US BEFORE
20 YOU SPOKE, SO WELCOME.

21

22 **ROBERT G. LUNA:** THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. JUST IN
23 REALLY SUMMARY HERE, I JUST WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW, I MEAN,
24 I'VE BEEN LISTENING INTENTLY AND I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH I
25 APPRECIATE THE WORK OF MY PARTNER SITTING TO THE LEFT BECAUSE



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1 THERE'S A LOT OF WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE. IT'S IMPRESSIVE WORK.
2 AND I LOVE THE FACT THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT DATA. AND JUST FOR
3 CLARIFICATION, I EXPECT EVERY PERSON IN MY CARE, WHICH IS IN
4 CUSTODY, TO HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL CARE. FUNDAMENTALLY, THAT IS
5 OUR JOB, AND I ALWAYS STRESS THAT. IT IS THE COUNTY FAMILY'S
6 JOB TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO THAT. I ALSO WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW
7 THAT I FULLY SUPPORT AS THE SHERIFF OF THIS COUNTY THAT WE
8 DIVERT AND OR KEEP THE RIGHT PEOPLE OUT OF CUSTODY. AND I
9 STRESS IT'S THE RIGHT PEOPLE OUT OF CUSTODY BECAUSE COMMUNITY
10 SAFETY IS ALL OF OUR JOBS. AND AS WE'RE LISTENING TO THIS
11 CONVERSATION, THE MATH ISN'T WORKING OUT. I WANT TO CLOSE DOWN
12 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, BUT I HAVE 4,000 JUSTICE-IMPACTED
13 INDIVIDUALS THERE. AND AS THE MATH WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
14 INCREASES OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS FOR A VARIETY OF
15 REASONS. AND I DO WANT TO STRESS, AND I'M GOING TO SAY THIS
16 AGAIN PUBLICLY, WHEN I ARRIVED HERE IN THIS SEAT, WE WORKED AS
17 A TEAM TO DEPOPULATE OUR COUNTY JAIL BY ABOUT 14%. WE HAD THE
18 POPULATION DOWN TO 12,500. PROPOSITION 36 PASSED. GOT TO
19 REMIND EVERYBODY BY ABOUT 70% OF OUR ELECTORATE. AND SINCE
20 THEN, OUR POPULATION HAS GROWN ABOUT 8.2%, AND IT CONTINUES TO
21 GROW. MY INMATE, THE INMATES, THE CLIENTS THAT I HAVE IN MY
22 CARE THAT ARE MENTALLY ILL IS CLOSE TO 50%. AND I NEED YOU TO
23 KNOW AS I TALK TO OTHER SHERIFFS AROUND THE COUNTY, OR I'M
24 SORRY, AROUND THE COUNTRY, THEIR NUMBER IS ABOUT 60%. SO, IF
25 THAT'S ANY INDICATION, IT'S GOING TO GROW. SO, WE DO NEED



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1 SPACE FOR OUR MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION. AND RIGHT NOW, AS I
2 SIT HERE IN FRONT OF YOU, I CAN TELL YOU WE DON'T HAVE IT
3 RIGHT NOW. AND I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. SO WHAT I'M ASKING ALL
4 OF YOU TO CONSIDER, ALL OF US, BECAUSE THIS IS A TEAM EFFORT,
5 IS I NEED YOUR HELP. I REALLY, WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO
6 FIGURE OUT A WAY TO TAKE CARE OF THE POPULATION THAT IS
7 REMANDED INTO OUR CUSTODY, NOT BY MY CHOICE, BY ANYBODY'S
8 CHOICE SITTING IN THIS ROOM. WE NEED, IT IS OUR OBLIGATION TO
9 CARE FOR THEM. AND RIGHT NOW, WE'RE NOT DOING THAT TO THE BEST
10 OF OUR ABILITY. SO I'M HOPING THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD, AND I'M
11 JUST GOING TO REPEAT THIS AND I'LL END WITH THIS COMMENT, IS
12 THAT WE DO NEED TO LOOK AT THE FUTURE THAT INCORPORATES BOTH
13 CONCEPTS, WHERE PEOPLE CAN SAFELY BE PUT INTO THE COMMUNITY
14 FOR THE APPROPRIATE CARE, WHETHER IT'S MENTAL HEALTH OR
15 ADDICTION, BUT THEN THE FOLKS THAT NEED TO BE REMANDED INTO
16 OUR CUSTODY THAT WE HAVE, WHAT I, I'VE BEEN CALLING IT A CARE
17 FIRST CAMPUS. I'VE MODIFIED THAT TO A CORRECTIONAL CARE
18 CENTER. AND JUST TO REPEAT WHAT I THINK IT IS, OR WHAT IT
19 SHOULD BE, IT'S A CORRECTIONAL CARE FACILITY THAT PROVIDES
20 STATE OF THE ART AND APPROPRIATE THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMMING
21 SPACE. WE DO NOT HAVE THAT TODAY. IT IS OUR OBLIGATION THAT
22 WHEN SOMEBODY COMES INTO OUR CUSTODY, AGAIN, REMANDED BY A
23 JUDGE, THAT WHEN THEY GET OUT, THAT THEY'RE BETTER THAN WHEN
24 THEY CAME IN. WHETHER IT'S MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION, OR JUST
25 SOMEBODY WHO NEEDS AN EDUCATION AND A JOB, LET'S FIX, HELP FIX



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1 THEM SO THEY DON'T COME BACK TO US. I DON'T WANT TO SEE THEM
2 BACK. I HOPE SOMEDAY I DON'T SEE ANYBODY COMING BACK, BUT I'M
3 TIRED OF SEEING PEOPLE COME BACK. I'M TIRED OF BEING A
4 PIPELINE TO HOMELESS CAMPS. I DON'T WANT TO SEE IT ANYMORE.
5 AND WE HAVE THAT OBLIGATION TO DO THIS TOGETHER. I WANT
6 RECREATIONAL AREAS AND TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR THE MEDICALLY
7 FRAGILE. A LOT OF THE PEOPLE WHO UNFORTUNATELY PASS AWAY IN
8 OUR CUSTODY, NOT ALL OF THEM, HAVE NEVER SEEK MEDICAL CARE
9 EVER IN THEIR LIVES. I THINK CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CAN BETTER
10 ADDRESS THAT THAN I CAN, THAT'S NOT MY EXPERTISE. AND THOSE
11 WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS AND INDIVIDUAL SUFFERING FROM
12 SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS REMANDED INTO OUR CUSTODY, WE NEED TO
13 HAVE A BETTER SYSTEM. WE DON'T HAVE THAT. WE NEVER HAVE HAD
14 THAT. LET'S BE DIFFERENT. LET'S BE LEADERS IN THIS AND DO IT
15 DIFFERENTLY. AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM
16 THAT'S SITTING HERE RIGHT NOW TO GET IT DONE. THAT'S THE
17 SUMMARY OF MY CONVERSATION THERE. I THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE
18 OF YOU.

19
20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY,
21 ARE YOU WORKING, IS YOUR TEAM WORKING SHARP WITH, WELL, I
22 MEAN, IN TERMS OF WHAT YOUR VISION IS?

23
24 **ROBERT G. LUNA:** WE ARE, BUT WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB. AND
25 ANOTHER, I'M JUST GOING TO THROW THIS OUT. REMEMBER THAT A LOT



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1 OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS SITTING IN THIS ROOM ARE VERY GOOD AT
2 TAKING ALL OF YOUR DIRECTIONS. AND THEY SAY ALL OF YOU, THE
3 MAJORITY OF YOU. AND THE TASK HAS BEEN CLOSED DOWN ON MEN'S
4 CENTRAL JAIL WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT. AND THAT'S WHAT THEY
5 HEARD, AND THEY'RE GREAT PEOPLE, AND THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE
6 TRYING TO DO. THAT IS IN COMMON.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THEY'RE NOT PROVIDING YOU WITH ANY
9 INFORMATION TO HELP YOU BUILD.

10

11 **ROBERT G. LUNA:** NO, NO, NO.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

14

15 **ROBERT G. LUNA:** WE ARE GREAT PARTNERS, BUT THEIR MISSION HAS
16 BEEN ASSIGNED VERY DIFFERENTLY THAN WHAT MINE IS. I HAVE THIS
17 VISION. I'M HOPING TO GET EVERYBODY ON BOARD. BUT REMEMBER,
18 THEIR MISSION HAS BEEN CLOSE DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITH NO
19 REPLACEMENT.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. BUT IF YOU WORK WITH WILL
22 AND HIS TEAM.

23

24 **ROBERT G. LUNA:** YES, WE'RE ALL WORKING TOGETHER. OKAY. ANYBODY
25 HERE CAN CALL ME, TEXT ME, COME AND SEE ME. THERE IS NO ISSUES



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1 WITH COLLABORATION OR PARTNERSHIPS HERE.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOUR TEAM
4 NEEDED INFORMATION ON THIS, WHAT DID YOU CALL IT, A
5 CORRECTIONAL CARE CENTER?

6

7 **ROBERT G. LUNA:** CORRECTIONAL CARE CENTER.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO, IF YOUR TEAM NEEDED TO
10 KNOW CERTAIN PARAMETERS AROUND MENTAL HEALTH, IF THEY CALL
11 MENTAL HEALTH, WILL MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDE YOU WITH THAT
12 INFORMATION?

13

14 **ROBERT G. LUNA:** WE'RE WORKING ON THAT. OKAY.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** GOT IT. ALL RIGHT. EXECUTIVE
17 OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
18 WISH TO TESTIFY?

19

20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
21 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MARK GALE, CONSTANTINE
22 ANTHONY, TROUT WINTERS, ANTHONY ARENAS, DIVYA KUMAR, CLAIRE
23 RAMERS-REYNALL, LORETTA LORRAINE, MJ WEITZ, BERKLEE DONOVAN,
24 ALISON ROBINFIELD, MARCELLA ROSEN, VANESSA PEREZ, HILDA IK,
25 DANA KELLY, CHICHI NAVARRO, TERRENCE KEELE, ANTHONY ROBLES,



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1 AND JAMES NELSON. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS,
2 TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING CUE TO ADDRESS ITEMS 12 AND 27,
3 IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE ON
4 YOUR DEVICE OR PRESS STAR 3 ON YOUR TELEPHONE NOW. CALLER WITH
5 PHONE NUMBER 310377, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

6
7 **BEA DIERINGER:** YES, BEA DIERINGER, MAYOR PRO TEM OF ROLLING
8 HILLS AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES,
9 L.A. COUNTY DIVISION, WHICH REPRESENTS 86 COUNTY CITIES. AND
10 I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT WHO SENT A LETTER
11 YESTERDAY WHICH LISTS OUR CITY'S RECOMMENDATIONS THAT INCLUDE
12 THE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF A MODERN CARE CENTRIC REPLACEMENT FOR
13 MCJ WITH CONSOLIDATED RESOURCES FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND
14 SUBSTANCE ABUSE CAPACITY. AS A D.A. WHO WORKED IN THE
15 ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING COURTS, I KNOW THAT WE HAVE DIVERTED AS
16 MANY INMATES AS WAS SAFELY POSSIBLE, BUT IT IS UNSAFE TO JUST
17 REDUCE THE INMATE POPULATION WITHOUT PROVIDING CAPACITY TO
18 RETAIN ALL DANGEROUS INMATES. OUR RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT BE
19 FORCED TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST THESE INMATES WITH LIMITED
20 POLICE RESOURCES.

21
22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MARCEL RODARTE, YOUR LINE IS
23 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

24
25 **MARCEL RODARTE:** I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CALIFORNIA



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1 CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF OUR 80
2 MEMBER CITIES, OUR CITIES SHARE YOUR COMMITMENT TO HUMANE
3 TREATMENT AND MEANINGFUL REFORM FOR INDIVIDUALS IN CUSTODY,
4 PARTICULARLY THOSE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. WE STRONGLY
5 SUPPORT SHERIFF LUNA'S VISION FOR THE CARE CAMPUS, AND IT
6 REPRESENTS A FORWARD-THINKING TREATMENT CENTERED APPROACH THAT
7 INTEGRATES CARE, REHABILITATION, AND PUBLIC SAFETY. HOWEVER,
8 THE REALITY TODAY IS NO SUCH SECURE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY
9 EXISTS. UNTIL IT DOES, CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL DRILL WOULD PLACE
10 BOTH INMATES AND THE BROADER PUBLIC AT RISK. OUR CITIES RELY
11 ON THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO SAFELY HOUSE AND TREAT INDIVIDUALS
12 WHO PRESENT SERIOUS BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES
13 WITHOUT A SECURE FACILITY IN PLACE. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
14 EMERGENCY RESPONDERS WILL HAVE NOWHERE APPROPRIATE TO TAKE
15 THOSE IN CRISIS. I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR
16 CLARIFYING TODAY'S AGENDA ITEM EARLIER TODAY. THERE WAS A
17 BUNCH OF HUBBUB ABOUT THIS WE URGED THE BOARD TO PRIORITIZE
18 THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CARE CAMPUS BEFORE CLOSING MCJ TO
19 ENSURE A SAFE TRANSITION. THANK YOU.

20
21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU KATHY YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE
22 BEGIN.

23
24 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** YEAH, HI, I REPRESENT MY NEIGHBORHOOD IN
25 OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP. I AM VERY OPPOSED TO CLOSING THE



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1 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHOUT AN ALTERNATIVE. I'M HEARING A LOT
2 ABOUT THE PRISONERS AND THE DECREASE, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE
3 PEOPLE? WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR PLANS DON'T COME TO FRUITION AND
4 THE JAIL CLOSES? DO THEY JUST GET RELEASED INTO THE COMMUNITY?
5 WHAT DOES THAT DO TO OUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE?
6 I'M NOT HEARING ENOUGH ABOUT THAT. I THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE A
7 BETTER PLAN IN PLACE BECAUSE PLANS DON'T ALWAYS, YOU KNOW, DO
8 WELL. I HAVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S OFFICE AS
9 WELL AS D.A. HOCHMAN'S OFFICE. I'M TRYING TO LEARN, AND I WENT
10 THROUGH THE REPORT YESTERDAY, BUT I'M NOT HEARING WHAT'S GOING
11 TO BE DONE FOR US, THE PEOPLE, IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG, OR
12 WHERE ARE ALL THESE INMATES GOING TO GO IF THERE ISN'T SOME
13 PLACE TO PUT THEM. SO THAT IS MY BIGGEST ISSUE AND HOPEFULLY
14 YOU'LL CONSIDER THAT BEFORE YOU TAKE THIS TO AN OFFICIAL VOTE.
15 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

16
17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ROY HUMPHREYS, YOUR LINE IS
18 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

19
20 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** THANK YOU. A GREAT GROUP RESEARCH, BUT WHAT IS
21 THE NET EFFECT ON THE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND IMPACT ON THE
22 QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE FREE SPACE OUTSIDE? WASHINGTON, D.C.
23 WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP IS THE POSTER CHILD. THE ACTIVITY OF THE
24 SUPERVISORS OVER DECADES HAS BEEN CRIMINAL ON ITS FACE. PUBLIC
25 SAFETY AND QUALITY OF LIFE IS PRIORITY ONE IN AND OUT OF



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1 CONFINEMENT. AS TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, THE D.A. AND
2 COURTS HAVE BEEN CRIMINAL. TO CORRECT THE SYSTEM WILL TAKE
3 TENS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND FIVE YEARS. THE OPERATION OF
4 THE CORRECTION FUNCTION MUST BE MADE AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY.
5 THE STATE WANTS TO TAKE RIGHTS AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE OF
6 PROPOSITION 50, THEY CAN CHANGE CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE 4015.
7 AND D.A. HOCHMAN IS A TRUE BREATH OF FRESH AIR. AS TO DRUGS,
8 CONTACT THE CHINESE FOR THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE. THANK GOD FOR
9 DONALD J. TRUMP.

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CLAUDIA J. JEREZ, YOUR LINE IS
12 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. WE WILL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. CALLER
13 WITH PHONE NUMBER 818645. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANKS. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY. AND
16 WHEN I WAS A LITTLE, LITTLE LEAGUER, THIS WAS THE HOT ISSUE.
17 WE GOT A CLOSED-MAN CENTRAL JAIL AND STEVE LOPEZ WAS BANGING
18 HIS FIST ON THE DESK AND I WAS FREAKING OUT AND HOLDING HANDS
19 WITH EUNICE HERNANDEZ. WELL, HERE WE ARE, 25 YEARS LATER, AND
20 YOU KNOW, PETER ELIASBERG IS PUTTING THE RIBBON ON SOMETHING.
21 I DON'T KNOW. THIS HAS NOT GONE GREAT TO BE HONEST, AND I
22 APPRECIATE LUNA'S OPEN DOOR POLICY. I DISAGREE THAT HOCHMAN IS
23 SUCH A SWEETHEART, BUT HE'S A TALKER. THAT MAN CAN TALK. NOW
24 IN TERMS OF WHAT TO DO, I THINK WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO JAMES
25 AUSTIN. YOU NEED TO TREAT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY IN SMALLER



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1 FACILITIES. I KNOW THAT THAT DOESN'T SOUND EFFICIENT BUT THINK
2 ABOUT A GIANT DEFLAVORIZING MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY. THAT IS
3 NOT, I KNOW IT'S NICE TO PICTURE IT BEAUTIFUL. IT'S NOT
4 BEAUTIFUL. IT'S NOT BEAUTIFUL. IT NEEDS TO BE SMALLER AND
5 CLOSE TO THE COMMUNITY SO PEOPLE CAN CONNECT TO THEIR FAMILIES
6 IMMEDIATELY.

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 323652,
9 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

10

11 **BYRON JOSE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS IS BYRON. THANK YOU,
12 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR LIFTING THE NEED, THE SENSE OF URGENCY
13 THAT THE COMMUNITY IS EXPRESSING AND MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT
14 DUPLICATING ANY WORK. AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR UPLIFTING,
15 MAKE SURE WE ARE PRIORITIZING CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. I'M
16 WONDERING IF MARCEL RODARTE AND THE CDC REPRESENTATIVE SPECIAL
17 INTEREST GROUPS WILL BE THE ONES HOSTING THIS CENTER. NO ONE
18 IS CALLING FOR THIS OTHER THAN PEOPLE THAT JUST WANT TO
19 OPPOSE. AND IF YOU, HOCKMAN REALLY WANTS FUNDING, HE SHOULD GO
20 ASK THE VOTERS FOR IT OR NEWSOM. AND CC WANTS TO LIVE IN HIS
21 OWN LITTLE VERSION OF MAGA L.A, WORLD. HE CAN GO ASK TRUMP TO
22 OPEN THE GOVERNMENT AND FUND HIM. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
23 THE CSIT, THE CEO CSIT NOW, THE CEO CSIT IS A PRIORITIZING
24 TRANSGENDER, GENDER-EXTENSIVE INTERSEX POPULATION, AND WE'RE
25 DEPOPULATING AND DIVERTING K-6G, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO



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1 WORKING WITH THEM AND THE REST OF THIS BOARD TO LEVERAGE NOT
2 JUST NCC, AB109 AND MEASURE J FUNDS THAT WE CONTINUE TO BE
3 TAKING AWAY FROM US.

4
5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. LEELA MURTHY, YOUR LINE IS OPEN,
6 PLEASE BEGIN.

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8 **LEELA MURTHY:** THERE'S A LOT TO ADDRESS. BUNDLING THESE ISSUES
9 TOGETHER AND THEN ASKING US TO SPEAK ON A REPLACEMENT IS
10 HONESTLY A LITTLE DISRESPECTFUL, BUT I'LL DO MY BEST IN THE
11 SHORT TIME THAT I HAVE. USING CARE FIRST JAIL'S LAST FUNDS FOR
12 JAIL CONSTRUCTION IS A DIRECT BETRAYAL TO COMMUNITY. WHETHER
13 YOU CALL IT A RENOVATION FOR PITCHESS OR YOU CALL IT THIS
14 CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CAMPUS, IF THE LASD IS RUNNING A QUOTE
15 UNQUOTE TREATMENT FACILITY, OUR LOVED ONES ARE GOING TO DIE.
16 WE'RE AT RECORD HIGH DEATHS THIS YEAR. 38 INDIVIDUALS, MORE
17 THAN HALF WITHOUT A CONVICTION, DYING IN L.A. JAILS, DYING IN
18 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE THAT THE
19 SAME DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO PRIORITIZE THEIR CARE IF WE JUST
20 GIVE THEM MORE MONEY. THEY HAVE \$4,000,000,000. THEY WANT
21 10,000,000 MORE FOR THE IDEA TO FOR DISCUSSION OF RENOVATION.
22 IT'S SO DISRESPECTFUL. AND IT'S A CAMPAIGN TO DISTRACT US FROM
23 THE REAL THING THAT'S HAPPENING, WHICH IS THAT WE'RE BEING
24 KILLED IN MASS, INSIDE OF JAILS WITHOUT CONVICTIONS.



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ANTHONY ARENAS, YOUR LINE IS
2 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

3

4 **ANTHONY ARENAS:** ANTHONY ARENAS, BORN AND RAISED IN NORTH
5 HOLLYWOOD. AND WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND THE JUSTICE L.A.
6 COALITION SPEAKING ALONGSIDE THE OVER 170 PEOPLE WHO WROTE TO
7 THE BOARD AND TO CSIT WITH A CLEAR MESSAGE, NO MORE DELAYS,
8 CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THANK YOU CSIT FOR MOVING FORWARD
9 WITH THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LONG DEMANDED MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BE
10 CLOSED WITH NO REPLACEMENT. THE TIME TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION
11 HAS NEVER BEEN URGENT. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR
12 ASKING FOR A TIMELINE WITH BENCHMARKS. IT SPEAKS TO WHAT
13 COMMUNITY HAS BEEN DEMANDING FOR YEARS AND I APPRECIATE YOU
14 SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR BEING CRITICAL OF HOW OUR TAX DOLLARS
15 ARE BEING SPENT. IF THE COUNTY CAN FIND THE MEANS OF PAYING
16 UPWARDS OF \$54,000,000 TO RENOVATE PITCHES, I WANT YOU TO
17 FIND \$55,000,000 FOR CARE FIRST JAILS NEVER. YOU CANNOT
18 PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE
19 CUSTODY OF MURDEROUS VIOLENCE.

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 310733,
22 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN. CALLER
23 WITH PHONE NUMBER 310733, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

24

25 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS SALAM ALEM. YOU ARE TALKING



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1 ABOUT HOW THE POPULATION IS INCREASING, THE MENTAL HEALTH IN
2 JAIL, WELL, IT'S TIME TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF CONSERVATORSHIP.
3 SO, CONSERVING THE PATIENTS, PARTITIONING THE PATIENTS WILL
4 HELP IN PREVENTING, ADVANCING THE ILLNESS. BUT YOU'RE NOT
5 DOING THAT. LPS CONSERVATORSHIP IS NOT BEING INITIATED. WE ARE
6 NOT ALLOWED TO DO THAT. HOW CAN WE TAKE CARE OF OUR LOVED
7 ONES? SO OF COURSE, MENTAL HEALTH, IF IT IS NOT ADDRESSED
8 PROPERLY, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS. AND THEN WHEN THEY ARE IN JAIL
9 BECAUSE OF THEIR ILLNESS THE LAWYERS ARE NOT REALLY PUSHING TO
10 GO TO MENTAL COURT SO I REALLY THINK LAPS CONSERVATORSHIP YOU
11 REALLY NEED TO LOOK INTO IT. I HAVE SENT YOU THE LETTER, ALL
12 SUPERVISORS, AND SHERIFF LUNA, YOU'RE REALLY PART OF IT. YOU
13 NEED TO BE PART OF IT.

14
15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NICOLETTE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

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17 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** I'M MS. NICOLETTE. I'M WITH DISTRICT 5 AND
18 I REPRESENT DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AS WELL. THE COUNTY ALREADY
19 HAS EVIDENCE THAT DIVERSION WORKS. THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
20 REENTRY HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT MANY INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH
21 SERIOUS FELONIES CAN AND SHOULD BE RELEASED TO ODR BEDS. YET
22 THE TONE FROM THESE PRESENTATIONS TODAY, IT APPEARS THAT THOSE
23 RESPONSIBLE FOR MOVING ALONG JAIL CLOSURE DO NOT SEE THE
24 POSSIBILITY OF DIVERSION FOR MOST OF THE JAIL POPULATION. SO,
25 I'M CONCERNED THAT THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM DOES



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1 NOT EVEN BELIEVE ITS OWN MANDATE. ONCE AGAIN, THE COUNTY IS
2 HAVING DEPARTMENTS REPORT BACK ON THEIR PLANS TO HELP CLOSE
3 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, THE BOARD HAS
4 RECEIVED UPWARDS OF 11 DIFFERENT REPORTS WITH PATHWAYS TO
5 CLOSE MCJ, YET THE BOARD BELIEVES MORE REPORT BACKS WILL HELP
6 SOLVE THE CRISIS. SO, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ASKING FOR TIMELINES
7 WITH BENCHMARKS THAT IS SO NEEDED BECAUSE WE NEED ACTION, NO
8 MORE REPORTS. THANK YOU.

9

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

12

13 **KONSTANTINE ANTHONY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS KONSTANTINE
14 ANTHONY. I AM AN ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER FROM THE CITY OF
15 BURBANK. TODAY I'M NOT TALKING TO YOU AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL
16 THOUGH, I'M TALKING TO YOU AS A FORMERLY INCARCERATED COUNTY
17 RESIDENT. I KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF WOULD LOVE TO HAVE FEWER
18 INDIVIDUALS, INMATES, AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WOULD LOVE TO
19 HAVE MORE OPTIONS FOR DIVERSION, BUT ALL OF THOSE THINGS
20 HAPPEN, THE TREATMENT AND EVERYTHING, AFTER YOU'VE BEEN
21 ARRESTED. SO, I KNOW THERE'S NOT A VOTE TODAY. AND YES, WE
22 ABSOLUTELY NEED TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO REDUCE OUR JAIL
23 POPULATION SO WE CAN EVENTUALLY CLOSE THE FACILITY DOWN. BUT I
24 URGE THIS BOARD, IN EVERY FUTURE VOTE, TO EXPAND MENTAL HEALTH
25 AND DRUG REHAB TREATMENT CENTERS MOVING FORWARD FOR THE



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1 GENERAL PUBLIC OUTSIDE OF JAILS. YES, WE NEED MORE FACILITIES,
2 SMALLER FACILITIES SPREAD OUT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, NOT JUST
3 FOR DIVERSION PROGRAMS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED, BUT FOR
4 PEOPLE WHO JUST NEED THE TREATMENT BEFORE THEY FALL INTO THE
5 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

9 **LORETTA LORAIN:** OKAY, I WANT TO DO ITEM 12 AND 27. CAN I HAVE
10 TWO MINUTES, PLEASE? OKAY, LET ME TELL YOU. YOU KNOW, OUR JAIL
11 IS A CORRUPTUS ANYWAY. I BELIEVE IN LAW AND ORDER, BUT I DON'T
12 BELIEVE IN CORRUPTION. THAT D.A., HE'S THE PROSECUTOR. YOU
13 KNOW WHAT? Y'ALL DON'T GO TO THOSE MOTHERS THAT LOST THOSE
14 KIDS AND HOW TO BURY THEIR KIDS. THANKSGIVING IS COMING UP.
15 THAT CHAIR IS EMPTY FOR THOSE MOTHERS. THOSE YOUNG MEN, BLACK
16 YOUNG MEN, SPANISH YOUNG MEN, TRANSGENDERS HAVE DIED IN THE
17 JAIL, IN THE JAIL FOR A LONG TIME. I HAVE SEEN IT, I HAVE
18 EXPERIENCED IT, I'VE BEEN THERE MAKING FUNDS FOR THOSE LADIES,
19 FOR THEIR SONS TO BURY THEIR SONS. AND WHO, THAT D.A. WASN'T
20 THERE PAYING, GIVING ANY KIND OF MONEY FOR THOSE CHILDREN AND
21 THOSE MOTHERS. THOSE MOTHERS ARE ONE JUSTICE. THEY WANT
22 ANSWERS. THEY DON'T HAVE NO ANSWER. WHAT HE JUST DID TODAY,
23 WALKED OUT, THAT'S WHAT HE DID TO THOSE MOTHERS. THOSE MOTHERS
24 ARE WAITING FOR THOSE ANSWERS FOR THOSE CHILDREN. WHERE ARE
25 THEIR CHILDREN? WHAT HAPPENED?



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

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND IT WAS HARD TO SAY NO, BUT ON
5 TWO MINUTES. BUT THANK YOU.

6

7 **MARK GALE:** MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS
8 MARK GALE. I'M THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHAIR FOR NAMI GREATER LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY, SPEAKING ON ITEM 12 ONLY. WE HAVE GRAVE
10 CONCERNS THAT THE CURRENT PLANNING FOR THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S
11 CENTRAL JAIL, UTILIZING ONLY EXISTING RESOURCES, WILL FALL
12 MARKEDLY SHORT AND FAIL TO MOVE US FORWARD. WE BELIEVE LIKE
13 EVERY STAKEHOLDER HERE TODAY THAT COMMUNITY-BASED DIVERSION
14 OPTIONS, ALL OF THEM, SHOULD BE FUNDED AND EXPANDED TO THE
15 FULL EXTENT POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, WE FAIL TO SEE AFTER ALL THESE
16 YEARS HOW DIVERSION ALONE WILL ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL. IF EVERY
17 IMPROVEMENT DISCUSSED TODAY WERE TO BE IMPLEMENTED, WE FAIL TO
18 SEE HOW THAT WILL REDUCE THE POPULATION SUFFICIENTLY TO CLOSE
19 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND IT'S CLEAR THAT THE ONLY PATHWAY TO
20 CLOSING THE JAIL IS TO MOVE THE JAIL POPULATION WITH SERIOUS
21 MENTAL ILLNESS OUT OF TWIN TOWERS. AND THAT WOULD FREE UP JAIL
22 CAPACITY TO TRANSFER INMATES FROM MEN CENTRAL TO THE TOWERS.
23 BUT WHERE DO THE MENTALLY ILL GO? WE SUPPORT SHERIFF.

24

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



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2 **TRAUTE WINTERS:** HELLO, MY NAME IS TRAUTE WINTERS AND I'M THE
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS
4 GREATER L.A. COUNTY. NAMI-GLAC IS PROUD TO REPRESENT THE
5 VOICES OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO LIVE WITH A
6 MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION AND THEIR FAMILIES AND THOSE WHO
7 SUPPORT THEM. MANY OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN JUSTICE INVOLVED
8 OR ARE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE
9 JUSTICE SYSTEM. I'M HERE TO REPRESENT THESE COMMUNITY MEMBERS
10 WHO KNOW FIRSTHAND HOW BROKEN OUR COUNTRY'S JUSTICE SYSTEM IS
11 FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES. NAMI-GLAC
12 SUPPORTS THE PROVISION OF TREATMENT REGARDLESS OF SETTING. WE
13 SUPPORT DIVERSION WHEN POSSIBLE AND COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT,
14 AND WE ALSO SUPPORT TREATMENT IN THE CUSTODIAL SETTING. NAMI-
15 GLAC SUPPORTS THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND URGES THE
16 BOARD TO CONSIDER ANY OPTION WHICH ENHANCES TREATMENT FOR
17 THOSE WHO NEED IT, WHETHER CUSTODIAL OR IN THE COMMUNITY.
18 THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** MY SON IS JOSEPH PEREZ, MY NAME IS VANESSA.
23 MY SON HAS A SKIN CONDITION OF PITIRIASIS LICHENITIS
24 CHRONICA. WHEN HE WAS INCARCERATED IN 2020, YOUR DEPUTIES,
25 YOUR COUNTY MEDICAL DIAGNOSED HIM WITH THAT. HE'S BEEN HAVING



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1 A REALLY TOUGH TIME WITH HIS CONDITION. HE PUT IN A GRIEVANCE
2 AND IT TOOK ABOUT FOUR WEEKS FOR SOMEONE TO GO SEE HIM. AND
3 WHEN THE NURSES DID SEE HIM, HE COULDN'T REMEMBER HIS
4 MEDICATION. THE NURSE TOLD HIM TO GET THE F OUT BECAUSE SHE
5 DIDN'T KNOW THE MEDICATION AS EITHER. YOU KNOW, MY SON WAS
6 BEATEN IN 2020 BY YOUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HIS MEMORY ISN'T
7 LIKE OURS. HE COULDN'T REMEMBER HIS MEDICATION, AND HE HAD TO
8 PUT IN ANOTHER GRIEVANCE AND WAIT FOUR MORE WEEKS TO SEE
9 ANOTHER DOCTOR. THIS IS A KIND OF ABUSE THAT NEEDS TO STOP AND
10 THIS IS WHY MCJ NEEDS TO BE CLOSED. NOT ONLY ARE MENTALLY ILL
11 GETTING BEAT BY THE DEPUTIES BUT THEY'RE BEING VERBALLY ABUSED
12 INSIDE BY THE MEDICAL. ONCE AGAIN, MY NAME IS VANESSA, AND MY
13 SON IS JOSEPH PEREZ. THANK YOU.

14
15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MY NAME IS MJ VIDAS.

16
17 **MJ VIDES:** I'M AN EC2 RESIDENT AND A SENIOR PROGRAM ASSOCIATE
18 WITH THE VERA INSTITUTE. IN JUNE 2021, THIS BOARD CREATED THE
19 JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, NOW CEASE IT, TO CLOSE MEN'S
20 CENTRAL JAIL WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT. FOUR YEARS LATER, THE JAIL
21 REMAINS OPEN AND ANGELENO'S CONTINUE TO DIE IN CUSTODY. WHILE
22 C-CET'S REPORT REFLECTS MEANINGFUL PROGRESS AND WE COMMEND
23 THAT WORK, WE KNOW THAT EVERY SECOND THAT THE JAIL REMAINS
24 OPEN, THAT MEANS THAT MORE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DIE. SO, TO
25 THAT END, WE ASK THAT CSIT QUICKLY DELIVERS A CLEAR TIME-BOUND



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1 CLOSURE PLAN. INSTEAD OF SPENDING TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
2 SOLELY ON JAIL RENOVATIONS DURING A BUDGETARY CRISIS, THIS
3 BOARD MUST PRIORITIZE SERVICES THAT WILL SAFELY LOWER THE JAIL
4 POPULATION AND HELP US CLOSE MCJ. THAT MEANS FULLY FUNDING THE
5 PROVING COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS LIKE MENTAL HEALTH AND DRUG
6 TREATMENT, ODR, RDP, FULL-SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS. THE THINGS
7 THAT RESEARCH SHOWS CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVE, MORE HUMANE, AND
8 MORE COST EFFICIENT THAN INCARCERATION.

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

11
12 **ALI RUBINFELD:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ALI RUBINFELD. I'M A LEGAL
13 FELLOW WITH THE LOYOLA ANTI-RACISM CENTER AND WITH CHECK THE
14 SHERIFF. FUNDING THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY IS CARE
15 FIRST. FUNDING MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS IS CARE FIRST. FUNDING
16 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS CARE FIRST. FUNDING THE PUBLIC
17 DEFENDER IS CARE FIRST. GIVING LASD THE DEPARTMENT OUR OWN
18 ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS STATED IS EITHER INCAPABLE OR UNWILLING
19 OF ADDRESSING THE PERVASIVE ISSUES WITHIN OUR JAILS, IT IS NOT
20 CARE FIRST. GIVING THEM \$10,000,000 MORE ON TOP OF THEIR
21 \$4,000,000,000 BUDGET WILL NOT SEE THE END OF THESE ABUSES.
22 MEANWHILE, THE COUNTY IS CONSIDERING CONSOLIDATING OUR LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT OVERSIGHT SYSTEM AND DISBANDING THE CIVIL BRAND
24 COMMISSION, THE VERY BODY WHOSE REPORTING HAS BEEN INTEGRAL TO
25 SHINING LIGHT ON THE INHUMANE AND DANGEROUS CONDITIONS INSIDE



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1 OF OUR JAILS, PARTICULARLY FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING MENTAL
2 HEALTH ISSUES. I URGE THIS BOARD TO RECOMMIT TO CARE FIRST.
3 THAT MEANS FUNDING SHOULD GO TOWARDS KEEPING OUR MOST
4 VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS OUT OF JAIL, NOT INVESTING IN
5 BETTER FACILITIES THAT CONTINUE TO CRIMINALIZE INDIVIDUALS
6 EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESSES. CARE FIRST FUNDS MUST BE
7 USED TO CREATE --

8

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

10

11 **MARCELLA ROSEN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MARCELLA ROSEN. I'M WITH THE
12 JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. TWIN TOWERS WAS BUILT ALMOST 30 YEARS
13 AGO AS A MORE HUMANE FACILITY AND AN ALTERNATIVE FOR THE
14 GROWING MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION TO MCJ, THE EXACT SAME THING
15 THAT HOCHMAN AND LUNA ARE SAYING PITCHES COULD BE. DECADES
16 LATER, THEY'RE BOTH STILL OPEN AND THEY'RE MORE DEADLY THAN
17 EVER. ANY FACILITY RUN BY LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL BE A SITE OF
18 VIOLENCE, BRUTALITY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THE PROBLEM
19 ISN'T OVERCROWDING. WE HAVE ONE OF THE HIGHEST DEATH TOLLS
20 THIS YEAR WITH ONE OF THE LOWEST POPULATIONS WE'VE HAD IN THE
21 LAST TEN. THE PROBLEM IS LASD AND GIVING THEM MORE MONEY, MORE
22 BEDS TO LOCK PEOPLE UP WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES WILL NOT
23 BRING L.A. COUNTY INTO DOJ COMPLIANCE. THE LASD BUDGET IS
24 BIGGER THAN EVER, GROWING BY MILLIONS WHILE EVERY OTHER
25 DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET GETS SLASHED THIS YEAR, AND GIVING THEM



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1 10,000,000 MORE FROM THE CFCI FUNDING TO INCREASE
2 INCARCERATION IS A VIOLATION OF VOTER RIGHTS.

3

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

5

6 **JAMES NELSON:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JAMES NELSON I'M WITH DIGNITY
7 AND POWER NOW AND I WON'T BE REDUNDANT BECAUSE YOU HEARING IT
8 FROM MY COLLEAGUES BUT WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT IS THE
9 JAIL SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSED. EVERYBODY AGREED TO DO THAT,
10 RIGHT. BUT WE HEARD FROM SOME PEOPLE TODAY THAT HAVE NO
11 INTEREST IN TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. WE HEARD FROM
12 SHERIFF LUNA, RIGHT. WHEN SHERIFF LUNA CAME INTO OFFICE, HE
13 WAS SUPPOSED TO ERADICATE THE GANGS, BUT NOW HE'S THE LEADER
14 OF THE GANGS, RIGHT? WE HEARD FROM THE D.A. OFFICE, RIGHT? I
15 WAS WRONGFULLY CONVICTED IN 86. I DID 29 YEARS. I'VE BEEN HOME
16 11 YEARS JUST THE OTHER DAY, RIGHT? I HAVE A WRONGFUL
17 CONVICTION IN THE D.A. OFFICE, BUT NOW I'M ONLY TOLD BECAUSE
18 I'M NOT IN CUSTODY, MY CASE DON'T HAVE A PRIORITY. AND I TOLD
19 HIM IT DIDN'T HAVE A PRIORITY FOR 29 YEARS WHEN I WAS IN
20 THERE. SO, THESE ARE NOT PEOPLE THAT'S TRYING TO GET TO THE
21 BOTTOM OF THE ROOT CAUSES OF OUR ISSUES HERE. SO HOW CAN YOU
22 TRUST THEM? RIGHT. THE COUNTY JAIL TWIN TOWERS --

23

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

25



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1 **BERKLEE DONOVAN:** MY NAME IS BERKEE DONOVAN. I'M WITH ACLU
2 SOCAL AND THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. WE DEMAND THE CLOSURE OF
3 MCJ WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT JAIL OR A CARCERAL MENTAL HEALTH
4 FACILITY, AND FOR THIS BOARD TO EXPEDITE THE CREATION OF
5 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS AND SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY. THIS BOARD
6 KNOWS DIVERSION WORKS, AND WE JUST LEARNED THAT THE COUNTY HAS
7 \$85,000,000 TO SPEND ON THESE EFFORTS, SO WHY ARE WE NOT USING
8 THESE MONIES TO FUND DIVERSION EFFORTS THAT YOU YOURSELVES ARE
9 EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR? WE DON'T NEED TO SPEND UP TO
10 \$60,000,000 ON MODIFICATIONS TO PDC SOUTH BECAUSE IT'S
11 ULTIMATELY JUST MOVING MOH FOLKS FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER AND
12 DOES NOT EQUATE DIVERSION. THE COURTS NEED DIVERSION OPTIONS
13 AND WITHOUT BEDS AVAILABLE, THIS OPTION IS NOT EVEN ON THE
14 TABLE. AND DISTURBINGLY, D.A. HOCHMAN CLEARLY DOESN'T SEE
15 THOSE IN OUR JAILS AS REAL PEOPLE WORTHY OF REHABILITATION
16 WITH THE WAY THAT HE PAINTED THEM EARLIER. SO, I DON'T TRUST
17 THAT THE D.A.'S OFFICE TO WORK EFFECTIVELY TOWARDS DIVERSION
18 EFFORTS WITHOUT TRUE COMMUNITY CARE OPTIONS WITHOUT LASD
19 INVOLVEMENT AVAILABLE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD THIS BOARD
20 ACCOUNTABLE AND EXPECT TO SEE SUPPORT OF A STRONG
21 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN WITH THE TIMELINE TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL
22 JAIL WITHOUT ANY KIND OF REPLACEMENT.

23
24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
25 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. NICHOLAS



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1 SHAPIRO, ZOEY ASCRANEZ, JANE ALFONSO, GRACE SOSA, ZAYA JAMON,
2 HELEN JONES, MELISSA CAMACHO, WILLIAM FREYPONT, COLLEEN
3 MCLEAN, LEILA ETTACHAFINI, SARNELL ANTABIAN, NEHMAT MAN,
4 STEPHANIE GUIENLY, BRIAN CANETTA, BRIAN J., DR. ESRORULEH
5 MOHAMMED, DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY, AND DANIEL GARCIA. WE WILL
6 NOW GO TO REMOTE SPEAKERS.

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** JAMES TAKAMATSU, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE
9 BEGIN.

10

11 **JAMES TAKAMATSU:** JAMES TAKAMATSU, I'M WITH DIGNITY AND POWER
12 NOW AND THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. FIRST ON THE ITEM 27, IT
13 SHOULD BE A NON-STARTER TOUCHING ANY OF THE CFCI FUNDING TO
14 PUT MORE MONEY BACK INTO THE JAIL. THERE SHOULD BE A NON-
15 STARTER FOR THIS BOARD. AND THEN GETTING ONTO HOCHMAN AND
16 SHERIFF LUNA AND THEIR CALL FOR THEIR CARE CAMPUS BS. THE TWIN
17 TOWERS, LIKE I WAS MENTIONING, WAS PUSHED AS THE SAME THING.
18 AND WE KNOW WHAT IT TURNED OUT TO BE, A JAIL. A JAIL IS A
19 JAIL. ANYTHING RUN BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT BECOME A DEADLY,
20 HORRIBLE PLACE. AND WE ALREADY SEEN IT FAIL. I DON'T KNOW WHY
21 WE WOULD TAKE ANY FEEDBACK FROM SOMEBODY WHO CAN ALREADY
22 OVERSEEN THE FACILITIES HE HAD, HE WANTS TO BUILD A NEW ONE.
23 HE'S SO BAD AT IT THAT OUR ATTORNEY GENERAL IS SUING THE
24 COUNTY. AND THEN ONTO THE CSIT REPORT, WHILE IT WAS OKAY, I DO
25 WANT TO COMMENT REAL QUICKLY ON THE COMMENTS MADE AT FIRST,



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1 LIKE NOT BEING ABLE TO COMMIT TO A TIMELINE AT YOUR NEXT
2 MEETING OR EVEN COMMITTING TO WITHOUT BUILDING A REPLACEMENT
3 SHOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE BY THIS BOARD TO THIS DIVERSION TEAM.

4
5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MYA HENDRIX, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
6 PLEASE BEGIN.

7
8 **MYA HENDRIX:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
9 MYA HENDRIX. I AM A RESIDENT OF SD3 AND A MEMBER OF THE
10 REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION. ASKING FOR \$10,000,000 IN CARE FIRST
11 JAILS LAST FUNDING FOR A JAIL IS IRONIC AND DISGUSTING. JAIL
12 SPENDING IS ALREADY OUT OF CONTROL AND THIS WILL MAKE IT
13 WORSE. THE PITCHES JAIL PLAN IS EXPANSION NO MATTER HOW YOU
14 FRAME IT AND AS STATED DURING THIS CONVERSATION, \$10,000,000
15 IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF THIS RENOVATION THAT IS ALREADY
16 QUOTED AT 50 - \$54,000,000 ADDITIONAL DOLLARS, WHILE THE
17 COUNTY JUST ABSORBED OVER \$4,000,000,000 IN ABUSE SETTLEMENTS
18 WE HAVE TO STOP PRETENDING THAT THE FAILURE TO BUILD OUT
19 COMMUNITY-BASED CARE IS A FUNDING ISSUE. THE FUNDING IS THERE
20 IT'S JUST IN THE WRONG PLACES THE SHERIFF SAID WE NEED TO BE
21 DIFFERENT BY HAVING A CORRECTIONAL CARE CENTER, BUT WE NEED TO
22 BE DIFFERENT BY ACTUALLY INVESTING IN TO CARE FIRST AND
23 CLOSING DOWN THESE JAILS CARE FIRST MEANS REDUCING CAPACITY TO
24 INCARCERATE AND INCREASING.



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. SAHARRA WHITE, YOUR LINE IS
2 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. SAHARRA WHITE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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4 **SAHARRA WHITE:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

5

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

7

8 **SAHARRA WHITE:** HI, MY NAME IS SAHARA AND I'M WITH DIGNITY
9 EMPOWERED NOW I'M DISAPPOINTED THAT THERE'S STILL NO CONCRETE
10 TIMELINE OR TANGIBLE BENCHMARKS FOR CLOSING DOWN THESE DEADLY
11 FACILITIES. IT'S UNCONSCIONABLE TO CLAIM THAT CARE FIRST
12 AGENDA WHILE STEALING 10,000,000 DOLLARS FROM COMMUNITY CARE
13 FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT ANOTHER JAIL. THAT'S NOT CARE, THAT'S
14 DISRESPECT. YOU CONTINUE TO IGNORE THE CRIES OF COMMUNITY
15 WHILE COLLECTING SIX-FIGURE SALARIES TO DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO
16 INSTEAD OF DOING WHAT THE PEOPLE NEED AND ASK FOR. NOW SHERIFF
17 LUNA OVER HERE TALKING ABOUT A SO-CALLED CORRECTIONAL CARE
18 CAMPUS SAYING HE'S BEEN WORKING WITH CSIT AND BUT THEIR
19 ALIGNMENT ISN'T THERE. HE JUST ADMITTED THAT CSIT WAS TASKED
20 WITH CLOSING THE JAIL WHILE HIS VISION IS TO CREATE A NEW ONE.
21 AND FOR SUPERVISOR BARGER TO SIT THERE AND ASK HIM WHAT HE
22 NEEDS TO GET THAT GOING, THAT'S BLATANT DISRESPECT. THAT'S NOT
23 WHAT WE ASK FOR. WE DON'T WANT ANOTHER JAIL OR A CARE CAMPUS
24 OR A MEGA FACILITY. YOU NEED TO TAKE THAT MONEY, THAT
25 \$10,000,000, AND USE IT FOR THOSE THOUSAND ODR BEDS. STOP



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1 WASTING MORE DATA. BOS, YOU ARE BEING ENABLERS. STOP KILLING
2 OUR FAMILIES.

3
4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 909239,
5 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

6
7 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** HELLO, I'M FOR DO NOT CLOSE THE JAILS UNTIL
8 THE APPROPRIATE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE AND THE TAXPAYERS
9 DEMAND IT. I WORK WITH BUSINESSES, HOAS AND RESIDENTS AND WE
10 DO NOT WANT TO BE VICTIMS OF WHAT'S ALREADY OUT ON THE
11 STREETS. EVERY CITY IN THE COUNTY RIGHT NOW HAS A PROBLEM WITH
12 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND CRIME. LOOK AT THE CITIES, THEY'RE ON THE
13 BUSES, THEY'RE ON THE TRAINS, THEY ARE NOW MOVING OUT OF SKID
14 ROW AND ONTO MANY LITTLE CITY STREETS THAT PEOPLE, AS
15 RESIDENTS, HAVE TO HANDLE NOW. ALSO, THE NUMBERS I DO NOT
16 BELIEVE ARE CORRECT. THERE ARE MANY THAT ARE NOT CAUGHT AS OF
17 NOW THAT DO HAVE PROBLEMS. THEY TRESPASS, THEY PROWL, THEY DO
18 DRUGS, THEY ASSAULT, THEY STEAL, AND THEY BURGLARIZE. THEY GET
19 OUT ON SIGHT AND RELEASE, AND THEY'RE IN OUR CITIES. THE
20 NUMBERS I DON'T FEEL ARE CORRECT, THEY'RE NOT TANGIBLE BECAUSE
21 THEY DON'T KNOW UNTIL THEY ARE CAUGHT. THERE'S TOO MANY
22 CRIMINALS AS OF NOW SINCE 2020 OUT THERE SO THE JAILS PLEASE
23 DO NOT CLOSE THE JAILS. THAT'S HOW WE HAVE THE CORRECT.

24
25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** HELEN EIGENBERG, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE



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1 BEGIN.

2

3 **HELEN EIGENBERG:** OF SD3. IN REGARDS TO 12, IT'S BEEN FOUR
4 YEARS. CLOSED MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHOUT ANY KIND OF
5 REPLACEMENT FACILITY. AND 12 OR 27, I'LL AGREE WITH ANOTHER
6 CALLER. IT'S AN ON STARTER. WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR YOU ALL,
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO IMPLEMENT COUNTY CARE? THANK YOU.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **HELEN EIGENBERG:** CAN I ASK A QUESTION?

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CARMEN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN, PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** COULD YOU HOLD ON ONE SECOND? GO
16 AHEAD, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YEAH, MADAM CHAIR, I WANTED TO ASK CEO OR
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, I THINK THE PUBLIC MAY HAVE CONFUSED
20 CFCI FUNDING THAT'S SET ASIDE VIA MEASURE J AND ALL OF THAT
21 WITH THIS ACCOUNT THAT'S PAYING FOR THE PITCHER'S RENOVATION
22 AND THAT COMES OUT OF THE 85,000,000 THAT HAS I THINK THE
23 TITLE THAT SAYS CARE FIRST BUT CAN YOU CLARIFY THAT FOR US,
24 FOR THE PUBLIC?

25



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1 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR, THE FUNDING THAT IS, WOULD BE
2 DEDICATED FOR ITEM 27 IS NOT CFCI FUNDING. THAT IS A SPECIAL
3 CARE BUDGET THAT WE HAVE RELATED TO CAPITAL PROJECTS AND OTHER
4 PROGRAMS BUT IT IS NOT CFCI FUNDING.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO, PEOPLE ARE CONFUSING IT AND THINKING
7 THAT WE'RE TAKING IT FROM THAT CFCI POT OF MONEY. SO, I JUST
8 WANT THAT TO BE KNOWN FOR THE RECORD.

9

10 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** YES, MA'AM.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I THINK IT'S VERY MISLEADING. OKAY, THANK
13 YOU.

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CARMEN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

16

17 **CARMEN PANG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME'S CARMEN PANG AND I'M
18 CALLING TO URGE THE BOARD TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO CLOSE
19 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHOUT BUILDING ANY REPLACEMENT FACILITY
20 TO EXPEDITE THE CREATION OF MENTAL HEALTH BEDS AND SERVICES
21 AND TO HOLD THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE JAIL
22 CRISIS. IT IS CRITICAL FOR THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO HOLD
23 THEMSELVES ACCOUNTABLE TO A CONCRETE TIMELINE FOR CLOSURE AND
24 TO COMMIT TO MEASURABLE BENCHMARKS FOR FUNDING, RESOURCE
25 ALLOCATION, REDUCTIONS IN ARREST, AND OTHER KEY FACTORS THAT



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1 WILL MAKE CLOSURE POSSIBLE. IN THE PAST YEAR THE BOARD'S
2 RECEIVED OVER TEN REPORTS OUTLINING HOW TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL
3 JAIL AND IT'S TIME FOR ACTION. THERE'S EVIDENCE THAT DIVERSION
4 WORKS AND ODR HAS PROVEN THAT PEOPLE, EVEN THOSE WITH SERIOUS
5 CHARGES, CAN BE HOUSED SAFELY AND SUPPORTED IN THE COMMUNITY.
6 WE DON'T NEED MORE REPORTS. WE NEED COORDINATED ACTION AND
7 ACCOUNTABILITY AND A SENSE OF URGENCY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENTS
8 TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THANK YOU.

9

10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** INGRID MARTINEZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE
11 BEGIN. INGRID, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

12

13 **INGRID MARTINEZ:** I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3. TODAY WE HEARD
14 FROM CSED ABOUT WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO CLOSE MCJ. AND WE
15 ALREADY KNOW THAT WE NEED MORE MONEY FOR MENTAL HEALTH
16 CLINICIANS. WE KNOW WE NEED MORE MONEY FOR PUBLIC DEFENDERS.
17 WE NEED MORE FUNDING TOWARDS DIVERSION PROGRAMS AND WE'RE
18 ASKING THE COUNTY TO FUND THE THINGS THAT ACTUALLY KEEP OUR
19 COMMUNITY SAFE. IF COMMUNITY SAFETY IS A PRIORITY FOR THE
20 BOARD, INVEST IN COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES, NOT MORE JAILS, NO
21 MORE BILLION DOLLAR BUDGETS TOWARDS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
22 AND I BELIEVE THAT THE COMMUNITY BELIEVES IN WITH EVERY DOLLAR
23 THAT GOES TOWARDS PRISONS AND POLICING THE BOARD PRIORITIZES
24 HUMAN ENGAGING OVER CARE.

25



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CLAUDIA JEREZ, YOUR LINE IS
2 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. CLAUDIA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. THANK YOU.
3 MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE
4 BOARD. REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS 12 AND 27 IS NOW
5 CONCLUDED. WE WILL GO TO OUR IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

8

9 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON ALL. I WANT TO RESPOND
10 DIRECTLY TO THE CONCERN WE KEEP HEARING THAT CLOSING MEN'S
11 CENTRAL JAIL IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT BUILDING A REPLACEMENT AND
12 THAT SETTING A CLEAR TIMELINE IS UNREALISTIC. WITH RESPECT,
13 THOSE ARGUMENTS DOESN'T HOLD UP. WE MUST NOT, THIS WILL NOT
14 KEEP US FROM ACTING WHILE PEOPLE ARE DYING. YOU, WE DON'T NEED
15 A REPLACEMENT JAY IN ORDER TO CLOSE MCJ. WHAT WE NEED IS A
16 REPLACEMENT SYSTEM OF CARE, DIVERSION BEDS, MENTAL HEALTH
17 TREATMENT, REENTRY SUPPORT, AND THAT ALREADY EXISTS IN THE
18 COUNTY'S OWN PLANNING. WE ALREADY KNOW HOW TO DO THIS. THE ODR
19 2 ALREADY SHOWS PEOPLE CHARGED WITH OFFENSES CAN SAFELY BE
20 DIVERTED INTO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. SO, THE NARRATIVE THAT WE
21 MUST BUILD A BROWN NEW JAIL FIRST IS BACKWARD. WE MUST BUILD
22 CARE SYSTEM IN PARALLEL AND MUST ACT NOW. SETTING A TIMELINE
23 ISN'T SAYING EVERYTHING WILL BE PERFECT FROM DAY ONE. A
24 TIMELINE IS SAYING WE WILL STOP TOLERATING DEBT AND NEGLECT AS
25 THE STATUS QUO. OF THE 232 PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED IN CUSTODY



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1 SINCE YOU ALL VOTED TO CLOSE THE MAIN CENTRAL JAIL, EVERY ONE
2 OF THOSE DEAD IS ADMINISTRATIVE DELAY COST.

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

5
6 **JANET ASANTE:** HI, MY NAME IS JANET ASANTE. I'M WITH THE
7 JUSTICE L.A. COALITION IN DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. A \$10,000,000
8 PLEDGE NOW IS A \$60,000,000 PLEDGE LATER, AND THAT IS NOT A
9 CARE-FIRST APPROACH. WE KNOW THAT TREATMENT FOR FOLKS IN THE
10 P2 POPULATION, AS STATED DURING THE CONVERSATION TODAY, IS
11 INHERENTLY A POPULATION THAT CAN BE TREATED OUTPATIENT TO
12 BEGIN WITH. AND ALONG WITH THIS PROPOSAL, THERE'S BEEN NO
13 PLEDGE FROM LASD TO ACTUALLY DIVERT PEOPLE WHO ARE IN MCJ WHO
14 ARE P2. THIS IS AN EXPANSION. IF THEY'RE NOT SHUTTERING DOWN
15 THE ENTIRE P2 POPULATION SECTION OF THE JAIL, THIS IS AN
16 INHERENT EXPANSION OF THE JAIL SYSTEM. AND EVERY SINGLE DAY
17 THAT THESE FACILITIES STAY OPEN IS ANOTHER DAY THAT SOMEONE
18 CAN DIE. WE ARE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING FAMILIES WHO COME TO US
19 SAYING, MY LOVED ONE IS INSIDE, I'M SCARED FOR THEM, I DON'T
20 KNOW WHAT'S NEXT FOR THEM, CAN THEY GET ODR? EVERYONE,
21 INCLUDING THE OUTRAGEOUS PERSON, NATHAN HOCHMAN, AGREE THAT
22 ODR IS A PROGRAM THAT NEEDS TO BE FUNDED. WHY ISN'T CSED
23 ASKING FOR EVEN A SLIVER OF THIS 85,000,000 SEPARATE FUNDING?
24 I DON'T CARE THAT IT'S NOT CFCI. IT NEEDS TO GO TOWARDS CARE
25 FIRST. THANK YOU.



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

3

4 **ANTHONY ROBLES:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ROBLES. I'M A
5 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1 AND I'M BASICALLY HERE TO SAY THAT WE
6 ALL KNOW WHETHER CRIME RATES GO UP OR DOWN. ONE THING THAT
7 REMAINS CONSTANT IS LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET
8 CONTINUES TO RISE EVERY YEAR. MEANWHILE VITAL DEPARTMENTS LIKE
9 ODR, JCOT, DYD, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, AND COMMUNITY-
10 BASED SERVICES ARE CONSISTENTLY AMONG THE FIRST TO BE CUT.
11 L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE AND AS A
12 RESULT, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM BECOMES MORE PUNITIVE AND
13 LARGER. A QUICK RECOMMENDATION THAT WE CAN MAKE IS TO INCREASE
14 THE BUDGET AND STAFFING LEVELS OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE
15 TO PREVENT CASE DELAYS AND UNFAIR PLEA DEALS. WE CAN ALSO, A
16 FEW OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN
17 DEMANDING FOR YEARS IS ONE, INCREASING OR RELEASES, TWO,
18 INCREASING EXPEDITING COMPASSIONATE RELEASES, THREE,
19 DECREASING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INCARCERATED THROUGH SITE AND
20 RELEASE, AND DECREASING THE 48 HOUR ARRAIGNMENT PERIOD TO 24
21 HOURS, ENSURING THAT PEOPLE ARE SERVED IN A TIMELY MANNER. AND
22 I GUESS THAT'S ALL.

23

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

25



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1 **STEPHANIE NGUYEN LE:** HI, MY NAME IS STEPHANIE NGUYEN LE. I'M A
2 COUNTY RESIDENT. MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL MUST SHUT DOWN AND
3 COMMUNITY CARE MUST BE PRIORITIZED, NOT JUST BEDS. JAIL DEATHS
4 ARE AT A RECORD HIGH IN L.A. COUNTY, EVEN WITH ONE OF THE
5 LOWEST JAIL POPULATIONS IN A DECADE. AND OVER HALF OF THOSE
6 WHO HAVE DIED WERE LEGALLY INNOCENT. SOMETHING IS VERY WRONG
7 HERE. WE HAVE TO PIVOT AND MAKE CHANGES. THIS IS A MATTER OF
8 LIFE AND DEATH. A JAIL IS A JAIL. NO MATTER WHAT LANGUAGE IS
9 USED TO DISGUISE IT, WHEN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RUNS A
10 LOCKED FACILITY, IT WILL BE DEADLY. PEOPLE, HUMAN BEINGS ARE
11 NOT DISPOSABLE, NOT A CASE NUMBER TO BE FILED AWAY AND
12 FORGOTTEN. EVERY PERSON BEHIND THOSE WALLS IS SOMEONE'S CHILD,
13 SOMEONE'S BABY, SOMEONE'S MOM, SOMEONE'S DAD, SOMEONE'S ENTIRE
14 WORLD. THEIR SAFETY AND DIGNITY IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY. WE ARE
15 ALL A PART OF HUMANITY. IT'S TIME WE PUT PEOPLE FIRST AND TAKE
16 CARE OF EACH OTHER. THANK YOU.

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

19
20 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS GRACE. I'M A RESIDENT OF
21 DISTRICT 2. I WANT TO MAKE OUR POSITION VERY CLEAR. WE'RE
22 ASKING FOR MCJ TO BE CLOSED WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT. THE BOARD
23 ALSO VOTED TO CLOSE MCJ WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT FIVE YEARS AGO.
24 REBUILDING PITCHES TO HOUSE FOLKS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE IN
25 MCJ GOES DIRECTLY AGAINST THAT COMMITMENT. THE CORRECTIONAL



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1 CARE CENTER GOES DIRECTLY AGAINST THAT COMMITMENT. AND WE'RE
2 NOT GOING TO STAND FOR A CLOSURE OR DEPOPULATION OF MCJ THAT
3 ENDS IN OTHER FOLKS BEING INCARCERATED IN PITCHESS OR ANY
4 OTHER JAIL FACILITY THAT'S MAINTAINED BY LASD. PEOPLE DO NOT
5 GET WELL IN A CELL AND WE KNOW THIS. THE MENTAL HEALTH
6 POPULATION WILL CONTINUE TO GROW UNTIL PEOPLE WITH MENTAL
7 HEALTH NEEDS RECEIVE TREATMENT. I ALSO WANT TO ADDRESS THAT
8 THE CSIT TEAM SAID THAT WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT REFORM AND
9 INVESTMENT THAT WE CAN'T CLOSE THE JAIL WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT.
10 SO, ASK FOR INVESTMENT. CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT FOR REFORM.
11 ENGAGE THE GROUPS THAT NEED TO BE INVOLVED FOR THIS JAIL TO
12 CLOSE. TAXPAYERS ARE IN SUPPORT OF USING OUR TAX DOLLARS FOR
13 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, AND IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO
14 ADVOCATE FOR THOSE FUNDS TO BE USED FOR ACTUAL ALTERNATIVES TO
15 INCARCERATION. MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, ADDICTION COUNSELING,
16 HOUSING.

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

19
20 **HELEN JONES:** HELLO, MY NAME IS HELEN JONES, AND I'M THE MOTHER
21 OF JOHN HORTON. I AM WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND CHECK THE
22 SHERIFF. AND I'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR 16 YEARS SINCE THE DEATH
23 OF MY SON, JOHN HORTON, WHO WAS BEAT TO DEATH BY THE 3,000-BOY
24 DEPUTY SHERIFF GANGS. AND HOW LUNA'S SET HERE TODAY AND
25 TALKING ABOUT A CARE FIRST JAIL WHEN HE WON'T EVEN CONVICT THE



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1 DEPUTIES IN THERE THAT'S KILLING OUR FAMILY MEMBERS, THEY
2 WON'T EVEN ACKNOWLEDGE THE DEPUTY GANGS EVEN EXIST WHEN WE
3 KNOW THAT THEY EXIST.

4 JUST THINK IF Y'ALL TOOK THIS MONEY THAT Y'ALL TAKING CARE OF
5 THE FOLKS AND SAYING THAT Y'ALL TAKING CARE OF THE FOLKS IN
6 JAIL. JUST THINK IF Y'ALL INVESTED THAT MONEY INTO THE
7 COMMUNITIES AND PUT MORE CARE STUFF IN OUR COMMUNITIES, PUT
8 MORE SYSTEMS INTO OUR COMMUNITY, PUT MORE PLACES WHERE FOLKS
9 CAN HAVE LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING IN OUR COMMUNITY, PUT
10 TREATMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY, PUT JOBS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THAT
11 WILL STOP SOME OF THE STUFF THAT IS GOING ON IF Y'ALL SHOWED
12 MORE CARE.

13

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

15

16 **WILLIAM FRAIPONT:** MY NAME IS WILLIAM FRAIPONT. I LIVE IN THE
17 5TH DISTRICT. I'M A STUDENT IN THE PRE-TRIAL JUSTICE PRACTICUM
18 AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, WHERE I'VE LEARNED ABOUT LOCAL PRE-TRIAL
19 POLICIES. REDUCING UNNECESSARY PRE-TRIAL INCARCERATION CAN
20 ADVANCE THE PLANNED CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THE GOAL
21 FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHOULD BE TO PROMOTE REHABILITATION
22 RATHER THAN INCARCERATION. TO FURTHER REDUCE THE TOTAL L.A.
23 COUNTY JAIL POPULATION SO THAT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CAN FINALLY
24 BE CLOSED, THE BOARD SHOULD INCREASE FUNDING FOR IMPORTANT
25 PRETRIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING THE JCOD RAPID DIVERSION PROGRAM,



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1 THE ODR HOUSING COURT PROGRAM, AND PROJECT 180. THESE PROGRAMS
2 PROVIDE COST-EFFECTIVE SERVICES THAT ARE A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE
3 TO JAIL, WHICH REDUCES RECIDIVISM AND KEEPS OUR COMMUNITY
4 SAFE. PLEASE INCREASE FUNDING FOR THESE IMPORTANT PRETRIAL
5 SERVICES SO THAT THE COUNTY CAN MEET ITS GOAL TO CLOSE MEN'S
6 CENTRAL JAIL AND INVEST IN CARE FIRST. THANK YOU.

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

9
10 **COLLEEN MCCLAIN:** HI, MY NAME IS COLLEEN MCCLAIN AND I LIVE IN
11 DISTRICT 1 DURING LAW SCHOOL I REPRESENTED YOUNG PEOPLE
12 CHARGED WITH CRIMES AND WORKED AT THE L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC
13 DEFENDER'S OFFICE, WHERE I SAW FIRSTHAND HOW PRETRIAL SERVICES
14 LIKE PROJECT 180 MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE. I STRONGLY SUPPORT
15 JCOD'S PRETRIAL AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS AND URGE THE BOARD TO
16 CONTINUE EXPLORING WAYS TO EXPAND TEXT MESSAGE REMINDERS FOR
17 JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH. THESE REMINDERS ARE LOW-COST, PROVEN
18 TO REDUCE MISSED COURT DATES AND HELP KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE
19 CONNECTED TO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES INSTEAD OF CYCLING THEM
20 THROUGH THE SYSTEM. INVESTING IN PROGRAMS LIKE THIS HELPS
21 BREAK THE CYCLE OF INCARCERATION AND LOWERS THE RISK OF FUTURE
22 ARRESTS AS YOUNG PEOPLE BECOME ADULTS. AS THE COUNTY PURSUES
23 ITS GOALS TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND INVESTING CARE FIRST
24 APPROACHES, EXPANDING ACCESS TO TEXT MESSAGES, REMINDERS IS A
25 CRITICAL STEP. THANK YOU.



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

3
4 **LEILA ETTACHFINI:** HI, MY NAME IS LEILA ETTACHFINI. I'M AN SD1
5 RESIDENT AND A LAW STUDENT AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL STUDYING
6 L.A.'S PRETRIAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. I'M HERE TO URGE THE BOARD TO
7 TAKE CONCRETE ACTION TO SEE TO THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL
8 JAIL WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT FACILITY. THE DATA IS CLEAR. MORE
9 JAILS ONLY HARM OUR COMMUNITIES WHILE SERVICES HELP THEM
10 THRIVE. THAT'S WHY YOU VOTED TO CLOSE MCJ IN 2021. TODAY, I
11 ASK THAT YOU MAKE GOOD ON YOUR PROMISE BY TAKING THREE STEPS.
12 REDIRECT CSIT TO FOCUS ON TANGIBLE ACTION TO CLOSE MCJ. WE
13 DON'T NEED MORE REPORTS, WE NEED TO DEPOPULATE OUR JAILS. FUND
14 DIVERSION PROGRAMS BY REDIRECTING FUNDS FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT.
15 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS ARE STRUGGLING TO PROVIDE LIFE-
16 SAVING CARE WHILE LASD SPENT \$75,000,000 OF OUR MONEY ON
17 LAWSUITS JUST LAST YEAR. THREE, ENACT DEADLINES WITH BUDGETARY
18 CONSEQUENCES. IT'S SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE THAT MCJ IS STILL OPEN
19 AND DESTROYING COMMUNITY MEMBERS' LIVES.

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

22
23 **MELISSA CAMACHO:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MELISSA CAMACHO. I'M A
24 RESIDENT OF SD2 AND CULVER CITY. TODAY LASD IS HOUSING 4,400
25 MOH PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF MCJ IN PITCHESS NORTH AND TWIN TOWERS,



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1 AND ABOUT 1,000 IN MCJ. THOSE 1,000 MOH SLOTS NEED TO BE
2 REDUCED BY DIVERSION. THERE'S NO REASON FOR DOJ COMPLIANCE TO
3 BE ASKING FOR PITCHESS SOUTH RENOVATION INSTEAD OF ODR
4 EXPANSION, AND CERTAINLY NO REASON FOR THIS COUNTY TO GIVE UP
5 CARE FIRST CAPITAL FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE. CSIT IS TELLING YOU
6 AND DIRECTOR HONG JUST TOLD YOU THEY NEED MORE FUNDS TO ADD P2
7 DIVERGENCE BEDS. WILL YOU HAVE THE MONEY FOR ODR EXPANSION IF
8 YOU SIPHON MONEY FROM CARE FIRST ACCOUNTS?

9 THE PROPOSED PITCHESS SOUTH POPULATIONS ARE P2S. THOSE ARE
10 LOWEST SECURITY, LOWEST MEDICAL NEEDS, MOST DIVERTABLE. AT THE
11 VERY LEAST, THIS BOARD SHOULD VOTE NO ON 27 AND DIRECT CSIT TO
12 DETERMINE THE FASTEST AND MOST DURABLE WAY TO REDUCE RELIANCE
13 ON MCJ FOR MOH, NOT JUST THROW 10,000,000 IN CARE FIRST
14 CAPITAL FUNDS TO PRE-CONSTRUCTION FOR A JAIL'S FIRST SOLUTION.

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

17
18 **SARNELL ANTABIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
19 SARNELL ANTABIAN. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5 AND I'M A
20 LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL STUDENT AND MEMBER OF THE LOYOLA PRE-TRIAL
21 JUSTICE PRACTICUM. I'M HERE TO URGE THE BOARD TO INCREASE
22 FUNDING FOR PRE-TRIAL SERVICES SO WE RELY LESS ON JAIL AND
23 MORE ON CARE. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, NEARLY 43% OF PEOPLE IN
24 JAIL HAVE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AND OVER 7,000 ARE HELD IN PRE-
25 TRIAL. PROGRAMS LIKE ODR HOUSING AND THE RAPPER DIVERSION



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1 PROGRAM ALREADY SHOW THAT TREATMENT AND SUPERVISION WORK
2 BETTER THAN INCARCERATION. WE NEED TO DIVERT FUNDING TO CARE
3 FOCUSED ON CRISIS STABILIZATION UNITS, RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT,
4 AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. IT'S CRUCIAL THAT WE FUND PLACES WHERE
5 PEOPLE CAN ACTUALLY GET CARE INSTEAD OF BEING WAREHOUSED IN
6 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. FUNDING THESE OPTIONS FULFILL THE COUNTY'S
7 CARE FIRST, JAIL'S LAST VISION, AND MAKES OUR COMMUNITY SAFER
8 AND STRONGER. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NEEMA MAN. I'M A
13 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2 AND A STUDENT AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL
14 WHERE I'VE BEEN STUDYING THE HARMFUL CONSEQUENCES OF PRETRIAL
15 DETENTION ON OUR COMMUNITY. I WITNESSED JAIL CONDITIONS
16 FIRSTHAND AND I URGED THE BOARD TO INVEST IN COMMUNITY-BASED
17 ALTERNATIVES. A MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN JAIL IN L.A. COUNTY ARE
18 HELD THERE PRE-TRIAL BECAUSE THEY CANNOT AFFORD BAIL. EVEN A
19 FEW DAYS IN DETENTION CAN CAUSE A PERSON TO LOSE THEIR JOB,
20 HOUSING, OR CUSTODY OF THEIR KIDS, AND IT ACTUALLY INCREASES
21 THE CHANCE OF RE-ARREST. COURT REMINDERS, TRANSPORTATION
22 ASSISTANCE AND ACCESS TO TREATMENT HAVE PROVEN TO IMPROVE
23 COURT APPEARANCE RATES AND REDUCE RE-ARREST AT LESS THAN HALF
24 THE COST OF DETENTION. JCOD WAS A CRITICAL FIRST STEP TOWARDS
25 CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST. NOW THE COUNTY NEEDS TO EXPAND ITS



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1 SERVICES TO BE AVAILABLE AT EVERY COURTHOUSE. THIS BOARD HAS
2 COMMITTED TO CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND IT MUST INCREASE
3 ITS INVESTMENTS IN COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES TO DO SO.
4 THANK YOU.

5

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

7

8 **DANIEL GARCIA:** I'M DANIEL GARCIA AND THEN YOU GO TO HERE. I
9 WANT TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE AND GRATEFUL AND FOR A WONDERFUL
10 AND SPACE OF COURAGE AND FOR SOLUTION SOLVING OF THE
11 COMMUNITY. BUT I WONDER IF MAYBE NEXT TIME, COULD YOU PLEASE
12 OFFER US A COMPARISON ANALYSIS? A COMPARISON ANALYSIS BECAUSE
13 WE CANNOT BE THE ONLY COUNTY IN THE WORLD, IN THE USA, IN
14 AMERICA TO HAVE THIS PROBLEM. WE CANNOT BE THE ONLY COUNTY IN
15 THE WHOLE WORLD THAT HAS AFFORDABLE, THAT'S NOT HOW AFFORDABLE
16 IN THE CIVIL SOCIETY. WE CANNOT BE THE ONLY COUNTY IN THE
17 WHOLE WORLD THAT HAS SO MANY PEOPLE IN JAIL.

18

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

20

21 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** GREETINGS, MY NAME IS DR. KRIDIKEL
22 TRUTHBEY, POLICY ANALYST FOR THE SIXTH REGION. I APPRECIATE
23 THE PRESENTATION TODAY, BUT LET'S TALK ABOUT STATISTICS. YOU
24 HAVE ABOUT 113 DEATHS FROM 2023. 45 IN 2023, 32 IN 2024, 36 IN
25 2025. 113 TOTAL. TWO-THIRDS OF THAT IS FROM FENTANYL,



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1 METHAMPHETAMINE, AND HEROIN. SO, IF ROBERT LUNA REALLY CARED,
2 HE WOULD HAVE STAYED HERE AND LISTENED TO ALL OF THE PUBLIC
3 COMMENT, BECAUSE AGAIN, A LOT OF THESE FAMILIES LOSE PEOPLE.
4 WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE LSD WEBSITE OF THESE DEATHS, YOU DON'T
5 EVEN HAVE THEIR NAMES. THEY'RE JUST STATISTICS. SO, MR.
6 WILFRED PICKNEY, APPRECIATE IT AGAIN, BUT THIS PRESENTATION IS
7 JUST AS GOOD AS ALUMINUM FOIL TOILET PAPER. WHAT THEY NEED
8 RIGHT NOW IS ACTUALLY REAL-LIFE HELP. THEY NEED HELP. THEY
9 NEED PHONE CALLS. YOU NEED TO BE NOT OVERCHARGED. YOU REALLY
10 NEED COMPUTERS. THEY NEED BOOKS, JUST SIMPLE STUFF. CHIDINMA
11 UME, THANK YOU. BUT PLEASE, MAKE THE CHANGE.

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

14
15 **DR. ESRORULEH MOHAMMED:** I WOULD LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST 2
16 MINUTES TO ADDRESS BOTH ITEMS IF THAT'S OKAY.

17
18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE'RE ON ITEMS 12 YEAH 27.

19
20 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** 12 AND 27

21
22 **DR. ESRORULEH MOHAMMED:** I KNOW SOMEBODY ELSE. CHAIR AND
23 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR THE RECORD DR. ESRORULEH MOHAMMED.
24 ITEMS 12 AND 27 TOGETHER ON CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND THE
25 PITCHESS DETENTION CENTER REPRESENT THE COUNTY'S HISTORIC



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1 SHIFT FROM CUSTODY TO CARE. THAT TRANSITION EMBODIES THE
2 PREVENTION AND EQUITY LOGIC FIRST DOCUMENTED IN THE ADA-
3 PROTECTED BUREAU OF CARE TO CUSTODY CEMETERY PIPELINE AND THE
4 B2C3A PIPELINE PREVENTION MODEL. TODAY'S ACTION
5 OPERATIONALIZES THE VERY IDEA THAT INFRASTRUCTURE CAN PREVENT
6 HARM. THAT CAPITAL PLANNING, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY
7 BELONG IN THE SAME SENTENCE.

8

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

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

12

13 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** SURPRISINGLY READY TO GO. I WANT TO GIVE A
14 SHOUT OUT TO MY ONLY SON. I LOVE YOU, ANGEL. MOM'S STILL
15 FIGHTING FOR YOU. ALL THESE YEARS HAVE PASSED. YOU KNOW,
16 STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS, BUT NOT FOR YOU SON AND NOT RUN

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE'RE ON ITEM NUMBER 12 AND 27.

19

20 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** TAKEN AWAY FROM 7S HANDS AND THE IMMUNITY
21 DOES NOT STOP RIGHT FOR YOU. ANGEL, HI HONEY,

22

23 **DAWYN HARRISON:** MA'AM,

24

25 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** I LOVE YOU



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2 **DAWYN HARRISON:** MA'AM YOU NEED TO BE GIVING PUBLIC COMMENT ON
3 ITEMS 12 AND 27.

4

5 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** YES, I AM. THIS IS FOR THE AGENDA FOR DCFS,
6 OKAY?

7

8 **DAWYN HARRISON:** THIS IS NOT A DCFS ITEM.

9

10 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** WELL, HE TOLD ME TO PASS. I DON'T KNOW HOW
11 ABOUT YOU TALK TO YOUR COMRADE, HONEY.

12

13 **DAWYN HARRISON:** NO, WELL, YOU CAN COME BACK AND BRING GENERAL
14 PUBLIC COMMENT AND THEN YOU CAN SPEAK.

15

16 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** HE TOLD ME TO COME AHEAD AND SPEAK, SO I'M
17 GOING TO JUST SPEAK. ALL RIGHT, SO EXCUSE ME NOW. OKAY, SO
18 THIS IS FOR ALL CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE, FOR PROFIT, RIGHT?
19 UNDER NEGLECT, THE GUYS. OKAY, SO EXCUSE ME PLEASE, IF IT
20 COMES FROM YOU, YES I SAY, MUST TELL YOU THE TRUTH. SO, LET'S
21 START HEALING EVERYBODY, OKAY? WHO HAS BEEN IN THIS BIG TRAP,
22 THIS MAZE, SPIDER WEBS. GROUPIE LOVE, GROUPED UP FOR STUDIES,
23 GROUPED UP.

24

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



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SUPERVISORS

1 BOARD. THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. THE
2 REPORT FOR ITEM 12 WILL BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

3
4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, MOTION ON ITEM NUMBER
5 12. I'LL MOVE IT SECONDED BY --

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7 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** 12 IS A RECEIVING FILE.

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9 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** 12 IS A RECEIVING FILE.

10
11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY, GO AHEAD AND READ
12 IT THEN, EDDIE.

13
14 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SO, ON ITEM 12, IT WILL BE A
15 RECEIVING FILE.

16
17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH.

18
19 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** IS THAT OKAY?

20
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WITH NO OBJECTIONS. HEARING NO
22 OBJECTIONS THAT WILL BE THE ORDER ON ITEM 27, WHICH IS BEFORE
23 US. I WILL MOVE IT SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH TO APPROVE
24 THIS ITEM EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

4

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

6 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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

9

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

11 SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** NO.

14

15 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, NO.

16 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

17

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

19

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

21 CARRIES, 3 TO 1, 1 NO, MADAM CHAIR, IT'S IN MY UNDERSTANDING

22 THAT THERE ARE NO SPECIALS, SO WE CAN MOVE ON TO GENERAL

23 PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY. AT THIS TIME, WE WILL HEAR FROM MEMBERS

24 OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC

25 COMMENT. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE



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1 BOARD ON SUBJECT MATTERS WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION, BUT
2 NOT ON ITEMS ON THE MEETING AGENDA. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
3 JOINING US REMOTELY, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU
4 ARE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR 3 IF ON A TELEPHONE.

5
6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW CALL IN IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND
7 WHILE THEY'RE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE REMOTE SPEAKERS.
8 WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
9 WILL ASSIST YOU. DANIEL GARCIA, DR. ESRORULEH MOHAMMED, DR.
10 KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY, AND LORETTA LORAIN, AND ROSIE ESPINOZA.
11 CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 818-645, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE
12 STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

13
14 **ERIC PREVEN:** TODAY, IT'S GOING TO END TONIGHT. YOU'VE CANCELED
15 YOUR CLOSED SESSIONS FOR THE DAY. BUT WE COVERED A LOT ABOUT
16 YOUR TERRITORY. AND I WISH I HAD A BETTER ANSWER ABOUT THE
17 ENDLESS STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY SEEKING JUSTICE AND THE
18 JUSTICE SYSTEM, WHICH JUST DOESN'T WORK VERY WELL. THAT SAID,
19 I WANT TO CONGRATULATE JERRY GRAY, THE NEW CEO, FOR STAYING
20 AWAKE DURING A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF TODAY'S FESTIVITIES. MOST OF
21 IT, FOR SURE. SOME, OBVIOUSLY, ALL OF US. AND BY THE WAY, IT'S
22 BIG. THE ONLY LITTLE CARE THE INSERT WE CAN PROVIDE IS AS GOOD
23 AS IT GETS. OKAY, THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING. ONCE AGAIN, THANKS
24 FOR HORVATH FOR BRINGING THE BRIGHT, BRIGHT LIGHT WHEN NEEDED
25 AND I HOPE HAHN IS FEELING OKAY. I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS,



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1 BUT I ASSUME THIS IS SOME KIND OF AN UNSCHEDULED HOLIDAY. IN
2 ADVANCE OF THE NOVEMBER 12TH CANCELLATION.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ROY HUMPHRIES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN, PLEASE
5 BEGIN.

6

7 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** OKAY, I'LL BE SHORT AND SWEET HERE. LONG LIVE
8 AND GOD PROTECT PRESIDENT TRUMP FROM THE DEMOCRAT LOONS AND
9 ASSASSINS AND GOD BLESS AMERICA. AND CHECK MY YOUTUBE PANEL IF
10 YOU WANT SOME REAL ENLIGHTENMENT. AND FIRST, HILDA SOLIS, WHEN
11 IS THAT 7TH AVENUE MOTEL 6 GOING TO BE OPENED UP FOR THE
12 UNHOUSED IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S BEEN ALMOST FOREVER, BUT THAT'S
13 THE COUNTY OKAY, AND WE WILL WE NEED MORE AND BETTER JAILS AND
14 PROPERLY DONE. I'M GOING TO EMPHASIZE THAT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
17 PLEASE BEGIN.

18

19 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** FREDERICK RAMSDELL, ALUMNUS OF UCLA CAMPUS
20 WAS AMONG A TRIO OF SCIENTISTS WINNING THE NOBEL PRIZE IN
21 MEDICINE. I DIDN'T SEE ANY CELEBRATIONS IN THE STREETS. LAST
22 WEEK SOME PEOPLE HITTING BALLS, ALBEIT ONE OUT OF THE PARK,
23 CAUSED COMMOTION IN THE STREETS. THERE FOR THE WORLD TO SEE,
24 WITH ALL THE TALK OF TRYING TO STOP STREET TAKEOVERS, ALL THE
25 WORLD TO SEE DONUTS BEING PERFORMED IN FULL VIEW OF LAW



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1 ENFORCEMENT, ADJACENT TO PEOPLE UTILIZING THE CROSSWALK. THIS
2 WAS FOR A DIVISION OR WHATEVER. NEXT WEEK, IS THE COUNTY
3 PREPARED FOR WHAT'S ABOUT TO COME? THANK YOU.

4
5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 323652,
6 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

7
8 **BYRON JOSE:** THIS IS BYRON CALLING US A VERY CONCERNED
9 INDIVIDUAL ON [INAUDIBLE] THIS IS A DONOR IN SD1. THIS
10 MEETING, OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS, THE CHAIR HAS SAID THAT IF
11 IT'S PUT IN THE AGENDA, SHE WILL VOTE TO CLOSE THE MEN'S
12 CENTRAL JAIL TODAY AT THAT MOMENT. IF THE NOVEMBER 12 MEETING
13 IS CANCELED, THAT LEAVES US WITH LESS THAN A HANDFUL OF
14 MEETINGS TO ACTUALLY PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA AND PUT THIS ON A
15 VOTE. SO, WE DO NOT CONTINUE TO USE OUR BUDGET, OUR VERY
16 LIMITED AND SHORT-GRAIN BUDGET AS WE OPEN THIS MEETING INTO
17 CARCERAL SYSTEMS AND PRIORITIZE CARE FIRST FOR OUR COMMUNITY.
18 SO, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THAT LEADERSHIP FROM THIS BODY,
19 FROM THIS BOARD, AND HOPEFULLY BEING JOINED BY OUR OTHER
20 ABOLITIONIST OFFICES OR LEGACY OFFICES LIKE I SAID BEFORE. BUT
21 MORE IMPORTANTLY, MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE MOVING TO CLOSE THE
22 JAIL AND NOT JUST CONTINUE TO FUND AND BUILD OUT AND MORE
23 IMPORTANTLY, WE NEED JOE AND COUNSEL HARRISON.

24
25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CLAUDIA, JEREZ, YOUR LINE IS



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1 OPEN, PLEASE BEGIN.

2

3 **CLAUDIA JEREZ:** IT IS CPSS TEN YEARS, ICMS CASE MANAGER, DWC. I
4 WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT DETERRENCE. D.A. DISTRICT ATTORNEY
5 DID TALK ABOUT DETERRENCE. I TELL YOU, IF THE DEFLECTION
6 DOESN'T WORK, THE DIVERSION DOESN'T WORK, IF THE DETERRENT
7 DOESN'T WORK, THEN I THINK THAT THE FOURTH D WILL BE DEATH,
8 YOU HEAR? THAT MEANS THAT IF YOU DON'T CHANGE YOUR WAYS, THEN
9 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FACE DEATH. I THINK THAT'S VERY, VERY
10 SERIOUS TO SAY IT, BUT I CAN SAY THAT I DON'T BELIEVE IN
11 DEATH, I BELIEVE IN SECOND CHANCES, AND I CAN TELL YOU, I
12 THINK THAT CUSTODY TO RECOVERY, CUSTODY TO REHABILITATION IS
13 VERY REAL, IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE
14 PEOPLE THAT DESERVE SECOND CHANCES. AND I THINK THAT EVERYBODY
15 WILL AGREE THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE DO NEED. WE DO NEED
16 PEOPLE TO HAVE SECOND CHANCES. THANK YOU.

17

18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. HELEN EIGENBERG, YOUR LINE IS
19 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

20

21 **HELEN EIGENBURG:** HI, HELEN EIGENBERG. I'M A RESIDENT OF SD3.
22 I'M REALLY TRYING TO UNDERSTAND YOUR PRIORITIES WHEN IT COMES
23 TO THE CARE OF JUVENILES IN OUR SYSTEM. AND SADLY, IT'S
24 BECOMING SO CLEAR WHEN YOU ALL CONTINUE TO TAKE UPDATES OFF
25 THE AGENDA TO DISCUSS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR TWO JUVENILE



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1 HALL FACILITIES THAT ARE STILL NOT COMPLIANT. WE'RE
2 APPROACHING THE ONE YEAR MARK HERE AND SADLY SUPERVISOR BARGER
3 YOU ALLOW THE CHIEF OF PROBATION WHO REPORTS TO YOU ALL THE
4 BOARD AND US THE CONSTITUENTS TO DECIDE WHEN HE WANTS TO COME
5 AND GIVE US UPDATES. I CANNOT GIVE UP BELIEVING THAT WE CAN DO
6 BETTER FOR OUR YOUTH. WE HAVE SO MUCH THAT WE COULD BE DOING.
7 WE HAVE THOSE HIGH-TECH SCANNERS NOW, AND WE HAVE BETTER
8 TRAINED DOGS, LET PARENTS HUG THEIR KIDS. PLEASE, ARE WE GOING
9 TO MOVE INTO TWO YEAR? MARK, FOR NONCOMPLIANCE, THANK YOU.

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. TERRY LOVETT, YOUR LINE IS OPEN,
12 PLEASE BEGIN. TERRY LOVETT.

13

14 **TERRY LOVETT:** CLOSING IN CENTRAL JAIL. I'VE BEEN, MY SON DIED
15 HERE IN 2021. AND BACK THEN, YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT CLOSING
16 THE JAIL. HERE TODAY, FOUR YEARS LATER, WE'RE STILL TALKING
17 WITH NO BENCHMARKS IN PLACE OR NO DEFINITE CLOSURE ON THE
18 JAIL. HOW MANY PEOPLE DO WE HAVE TO LOSE? WE'RE, THE JAIL IS
19 AVERAGING A DEATH A WEEK. YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S
20 KILLING THESE PEOPLE IN THERE, BECAUSE I'M NOT IN THERE. BUT
21 IT'S, FROM MY UNDERSTANDING, IT'S DRUGS. HOW ARE THE DRUGS
22 GETTING INTO THE JAILS? SHERIFF LUNA NEEDS TO INVEST IN
23 FINDING OUT WHAT HIS DEPUTY GANGS ARE DOING AND NOT TRYING TO
24 BUILD MORE JAMS, THANK YOU.

25



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER
2 REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR
3 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS NOW CONCLUDED. WE WILL NOW GO TO OUR
4 IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

5
6 **LORETTA LORRAINE:** OKAY, I'M MS. LORETTA LORRAINE. I DO GOT TO
7 THANK YOU, MS. MITCHELL. MY IDENTITY CRISIS HAS BEEN FIXED
8 BECAUSE OF YOUR STAFF. I'M REALLY PROUD OF WHAT YOUR STAFF HAS
9 DONE FOR ME WHEN I CAME TO SEE Y'ALL AT YOUR OFFICE. ALSO, I'M
10 READY TO GIVE Y'ALL ALL A SHOW WHEN Y'ALL WANT TO GIVE MS.
11 LORETTA LORRAINE A CHANCE TO GIVE YOU A DRAG SHOW, ONE OF MY
12 OLD SCHOOL SHOWS, I WILL BE GLAD TO. AND THE MATTER THAT I
13 WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT IS TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR COMMUNITY
14 WILL BE SAFE AND Y'ALL MAKE THE RIGHT FUNDS TO KEEP THEM ALIVE
15 AND TO KEEP THEM IN A SAFE PLACE THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO TO
16 JAIL AND BE PROSECUTED FOR THINGS THAT THEY'RE TRYING TO BE.
17 BECAUSE I KNOW WE HAVE A MOB INSIDE THE JAIL, A HORRIBLE MOB,
18 EVEN THAT D.A., I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT BECAUSE
19 HE'S THE LEADER OF THE RING AND WE ALL GOT TO COME TOGETHER
20 AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS SAFE FOR THE BLACKS, FOR
21 THE HISPANICS, AND ALSO FOR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING.

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

24
25 **DR. ESRORULEH MOHAMMED:** FOR THE RECORD, THIS IS DR. ESRORULEH



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1 MOHAMMED, AUTHOR OF THE ADA PROTECTED BUREAU CARE TO CUSTODY
2 CEMETERY PIPELINE AND THE B2C3A PIPELINE PREVENTION MODEL
3 FRAMEWORKS. THESE FRAMEWORKS WERE ENTERED INTO THE COUNTY,
4 STATE, AND FEDERAL PUBLIC RECORD TO ESTABLISH THE EVIDENTIARY
5 BASIS FOR TRAUMA-INFORMED PREVENTION EQUITY GOVERNANCE, NOW
6 OBSERVABLE ACROSS MULTIPLE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENTS.
7 THIS OCTOBER 21, 2025, AGENDA, SPANNING PUBLIC HEALTH,
8 HOUSING, PROBATION, CAPITAL PLANNING, AND SOCIAL SERVICE
9 INTEGRATION DOCUMENTS THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE INSTITUTIONAL
10 CONVERGENCE BETWEEN A COUNTY SYSTEM AND AN ADA-PROTECTED
11 COMMUNITY AUTHOR PREVENTION FRAMEWORK. THIS CONVERGENCE IS NOT
12 THEORETICAL, IT IS STRUCTURAL, MEASURABLE, AND HISTORICALLY
13 TRACEABLE TO THE BUREAU OF CARE TO CUSTODY CEMETERY PIPELINE
14 AND THE B2C 3A PIPELINE PREVENTION FRAMEWORK.

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

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18 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** OOH, HERE WE GO. OKIE DOKIE, GOOD MORNING,
19 I WANT TO SAY. GOOD AFTERNOON. HI, ANGEL. I LOVE YOU. IT'S
20 MOM. NOW WE'RE GOING TO STOP FIGHTING FOR YOU. SONNY, KISSY ON
21 YOUR PIQUITI NOSE. YOU ALREADY KNOW. OKAY, HI, ANGEL. I'M MY
22 ONLY SON. AND THIS IS FOR ALL KIDS IN FOSTER CARE. FOSTER CARE
23 FOR PROFIT, UNDER NEGLECT, YOU KNOW, THE DISGUISE. OKAY,
24 EXCUSE ME, PLEASE, IF IT COMES FROM YOU, YES, I SAY, MUST TELL
25 THE TRUTH. TO START HEALING EVERY ENTITY WHO HAS BEEN IN THIS



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1 BIG TRAP, MAZE, SPIDER WEBS, GROUPIE LOVE, HEY, GROUPIE LOVE,
2 GROUPED UP FOR STUDIES, YOU KNOW THAT? THEY STUDY US, GUYS.
3 GROUPED UP UNDER DISCRIMINATION AND DISGUISE. ANGEL, I
4 APOLOGIZE FOR THIS CORRUPT SYSTEM, SORRY TO SAY THE TRUTH, AND
5 THAT WE HAVE BEEN A PART OF ALL THESE YEARS, NOT ONLY THAT,
6 BUT PUBLICLY IGNORED WITHOUT PRIVACY AND TO THIS BLIND EYE
7 SYSTEM. FORGIVE US CHILDREN THAT WE ALL HAVE BEEN TIED UP IN
8 THIS SYSTEM, TIED UP SO TIGHT THAT WE CAN'T EVEN FIGHT AT THE
9 MOMENT. BUT SINCE WE'RE GROUPED UP.

10

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

12

13 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** ALL RIGHT, SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

14

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

16

17 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** WELL, THAT'S WHAT COUNTY DOES. DCFS,
18 YOU REALLY MAKE PEOPLE GO BANANAS. SO, IN SHORT, EVEN THOUGH
19 YOU DEFUNDED LAHSA, WE STILL HAVE SOME HOLES.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** STOP THE CLOCK, PLEASE. YES. HOLD
22 ON. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD.

23

24 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** I DON'T KNOW IF YOU COULD RESET IT
25 BECAUSE - -



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE STOPPED THE CLOCK. GO AHEAD.

3

4 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** OKAY. SO, WE STILL HAVE SOME HOLES.

5 THERE'S A LOT OF AVAILABLE HOUSING AVAILABLE, BUT PEOPLE NOT

6 BEING MATCHED. THERE ARE ALSO TEMPORARY SHELTERS WHERE PEOPLE

7 ARE BEING PUT OUT, THEY'RE BEING EXITED. NOT ONLY ARE THEY

8 BEING EXITED, BUT WE HAVE ONE PARTICULAR GENTLEMAN, LAMAR

9 WASHINGTON, WHOSE MOTHER WAS ACTUALLY IN THE SYSTEM HERSELF.

10 SO, HE WAS EXITED OUT OF PROGRAM, A PLACE CALLED HOME ON 88TH

11 AND BROADWAY. NOT ONLY DID THEY DISCARD HIS ITEMS 30 MINUTES

12 AFTER EXIT, BUT HE DID NOT RETURN IN TIME BECAUSE HE GOT HIT

13 BY A CAR. WHEN HE RETURNED BACK, HE WAS PUT OUT. WE HAVE TO

14 STOP CREATING THESE TEMPORARY SHELTERS AS MANY JAILS. HE'S ON

15 HIS WAY HERE, AND I ASK YOU GUYS TO PLEASE HAVE OVERSIGHT FOR

16 THESE TEMPORARY SHELTERS. THAT'S PATH AND --

17

18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE

19 BOARD, THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND BEFORE YOU CALL US ON THE

22 AGENDA, WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE CLOSED SESSION. I'VE TALKED

23 TO THE CEO AND HE FEELS THAT THERE'S NOTHING TIME SENSITIVE

24 THAT CAN'T WAIT. SO GO AHEAD.

25



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1 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ALL RIGHT. SO NEXT WE HAVE AN
2 ADJOURNMENT. YEAH. MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE ADJOURNMENTS AND I
3 BELIEVE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WILL BE BEGINNING.

4
5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL BEGIN ADJOURNMENTS
6 WITH SECOND DISTRICT FOLLOWED BY THIRD DISTRICT, FIFTH
7 DISTRICT AND I THINK THE FIRST HAS NO ADJOURNMENTS.

8
9 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.
10 COLLEAGUES, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
11 THE MEMORY OF HENRY DAYTON JACKSON, JR. MR. JACKSON WAS BORN
12 OCTOBER 11, 1940, AND PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 13TH, JUST TWO
13 DAYS AFTER HIS 85TH BIRTHDAY. HE WAS A PROUD RESIDENT OF VIEW
14 PARK-WINDSOR HILLS COMMUNITY FOR 65 YEARS, WHERE HE BUILT A
15 LIFE ROOTED IN FAMILY, SERVICE AND COMMUNITY. IN 1997, DURING
16 A PERIOD OF DISINVESTMENT WHEN SOUTH L.A. COMMUNITIES WERE
17 INCREASINGLY OVERLOOKED AND UNDERSERVED, MR. JACKSON MADE THE
18 COURAGEOUS DECISION TO OPEN HANK'S MINI MARKET NEAR FLORENCE
19 AND 11TH AVENUE. WHILE MANY BUSINESSES WERE LEAVING THE AREA,
20 HE CHOSE TO STAY AND INVEST. AND FOR OVER TWO DECADES, HE
21 CARED DEEPLY FOR HIS CUSTOMERS AND BUILT HIS BUSINESS ON
22 TRUST, CONSISTENCY, AND GENEROSITY. HIS STORE BECAME MORE THAN
23 JUST A MARKET. IT STOOD AS A COMMUNITY ANCHOR. IN HIS LATTER
24 YEARS, MR. JACKSON ENTRUSTED HANK'S MINI MARKET TO HIS
25 DAUGHTER, KELLY, WHO MOTIVATED BY THE CONCEPT OF FOOD DESERTS,



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1 TRANSFORMED IT FROM A LIQUOR STORE INTO A VIBRANT HUB FOR FOOD
2 JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS. SUPPORTED BY THE LOS ANGELES
3 FOOD POLICY COUNCIL AND SWEETGREEN, THE MARKET REOPENED IN
4 2018, OFFERING FRESH PRODUCE, LOCAL ART, WELLNESS PROGRAMS,
5 AND A SAFE GATHERING SPACE. MR. JACKSON'S BELIEF IN SERVICE
6 LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR A BUSINESS THAT CONTINUES TO EVOLVE
7 AND UPLIFT WHILE REMAINING TRUE TO ITS ROOTS. IN 2019, WHEN I
8 SERVED IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE, I HAD THE HONOR OF
9 PRESENTING HANK'S MINI MARKET WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS OF THE
10 YEAR AWARD. THE MARKET ALSO RECEIVED THE BAYGOOD NAACP BLACK
11 OWNED SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT FUND GRANT AND WAS NAMED SMALL
12 BUSINESS CHAMPION BY THE L.A. SPARKS. MR. JACKSON WAS KNOWN
13 FOR HIS GOOD HUMOR, GENEROUS SPIRIT, AND HIS ABILITY TO MAKE
14 EVERYONE FEEL SEEN AND VALUED. A HARD WORKER WHO ALSO LOVED TO
15 ENJOY LIFE, ESPECIALLY GOLF. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A
16 DEVOTED HUSBAND AND FATHER, A RESPECTED COMMUNITY MEMBER, AND
17 A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER WHOSE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE MADE A
18 LASTING IMPACT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS BELOVED WIFE, DOLORES,
19 SIX CHILDREN, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED
20 FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS AND CUSTOMERS. CUSTOMERS WHO
21 BENEFITED FROM HIM INVESTING IN THE MINI MARKET, INCLUDING
22 REFRIGERATION SO THAT THEY COULD HAVE OPTIONS FOR FRESH FRUITS
23 AND VEGETABLES, WHICH ARE MILES AND MILES FROM THEIR
24 NEIGHBORHOODS. WE HOPE THAT HIS FAMILY CONTINUES TO UPHOLD HIS
25 LEGACY OF KINDNESS, RESILIENCE, AND COMMUNITY CARE.



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1 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
2 DIANA MILLER SCHAUER. MRS. SCHAUER WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 4,
3 1938, IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA AND PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 22ND AT
4 THE AGE OF 86. AS A YOUNG GIRL, SHE MOVED WITH HER FAMILY TO
5 LONG BEACH, WHERE SHE LATER GRADUATED FROM CAL STATE
6 UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH. MRS. SCHAUER SERVED AS A FIRST GRADE
7 TEACHER, WHERE SHE FOUND IMMENSE JOY IN TEACHING YOUNG
8 CHILDREN TO READ, A CALLING SHE EMBRACED WITH PASSION AND
9 CARE. BEYOND THE CLASSROOM, MRS. SCHAUER LIVED A LIFE GROUNDED
10 IN SERVICE, FAITH, AND FAMILY. SHE WAS AN AVID READER WHO
11 DEVOTED HER TIME TO BIBLE STUDY AND VOLUNTEERED WITH PROGRAMS
12 FOCUSED ON LITERACY AND TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.
13 HER COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND COMPASSION FOR OTHERS TOUCHED
14 MANY LIVES OVER THE DECADES. IN 1964, SHE MARRIED THOMAS LEE
15 SCHAUER. TWO CHILDREN WERE BORN OF THEIR UNION AND IN 1968 THE
16 FAMILY MOVED TO MANHATTAN BEACH WHERE MRS. SCHAUER REMAINED A
17 BELOVED RESIDENT FOR 57 YEARS. MRS. SCHAUER WILL BE REMEMBERED
18 AS A LOVING AND DEVOTED WIFE AND MOTHER, ADMIRER FOR HER
19 KINDNESS, STRENGTH, AND UNWAVERING LOVE. MRS. SCHAUER IS
20 SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, THOMAS AND TERESA, HER BROTHER-IN-
21 LAW ROBERT, NEPHEW, TODD, NIECES, TAMARA AND DIANA, AND A WIDE
22 CIRCLE OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND CHERISHED FRIENDS. WHEN WE
23 ADJOURN TODAY, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
24 BETTY A. TAYLOR-CHALLMAN. MRS. TAYLOR CHALLMAN WAS BORN ON
25 DECEMBER 11, 1941, IN DALLAS AND PASSED AWAY SEPTEMBER 19TH AT



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1 THE AGE OF 83. FROM AN EARLY AGE SHE WAS FULL OF PURPOSE AND
2 DETERMINATION. IN HIGH SCHOOL SHE EXCELLED ACADEMICALLY AND
3 WAS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN STUDENT LIFE, SINGING IN THE CHOIR,
4 LEADING AS A MAJORETTE, AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE SCHOOL
5 NEWSPAPER. AFTER GRADUATION, SHE AND HER IDENTICAL TWIN
6 SISTER, JANICE, MOVED TO LOS ANGELES WHERE THEY MADE THEIR
7 FIRST HOME AT THE HISTORIC SOJOURNER TRUTH HOUSE IN THE
8 CRENSHAW COMMUNITY. COMMITTED TO LIFELONG LEARNING, MRS.
9 TAYLOR CHALMAN PURSUED FURTHER EDUCATION AT EL CAMINO COLLEGE,
10 EARNING A CERTIFICATE IN NUTRITION AND DIETETIC STUDIES,
11 LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN PUBLIC
12 HEALTH. HER SERVICE TO OTHERS SPANNED MORE THAN FOUR DECADES.
13 SHE BEGAN HER PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY AT THE L.A. VETERANS'
14 AFFAIRS HOSPITAL IN WESTWOOD IN 1970. AFTER THE 1971 SAN
15 FERNANDO EARTHQUAKE, SHE TRANSITIONED TO THE COUNTY'S
16 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, SERVING IN THE DIETARY DIVISION
17 OF RANCHO LOS AMIGOS HOSPITAL. IN 1984, SHE BECAME A LAB TECH,
18 WHERE SHE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION UNTIL HER RETIREMENT IN
19 2016. THROUGHOUT HER CAREER, MRS. TAYLOR-CHALLMAN WAS KNOWN
20 FOR HER DILIGENCE, COMPASSION, AND DEEP SENSE OF DUTY, EARNING
21 THE RESPECT OF COLLEAGUES AND THE GRATITUDE OF THE COMMUNITY
22 SHE SO FAITHFULLY SERVED. HER DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE
23 EXTENDED WELL BEYOND THE WORKPLACE. FOR 35 YEARS SHE WAS A
24 PROUD AND CHARTER MEMBER OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, ACTIVELY
25 PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SERVICE. A WOMAN OF



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1 UNSHAKABLE FAITH, SHE WELCOMED MANY INTO HER HOME AND HER
2 HEART, EMBODYING THE VALUES OF KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, AND
3 GRACE. ABOVE ALL, SHE WAS DEVOTED TO HER FAMILY. MRS. TAYLOR
4 CHALLMAN IS SURVIVED BY HER 5 CHILDREN, KAYLIN, KAREN, KEITH,
5 KENNETH, AND CYNTHIA, 13 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 4 GREAT
6 GRANDCHILDREN. SHE ALSO LEAVES BEHIND A LOVING EXTENDED
7 FAMILY, DEAR FRIENDS AND CHERISHED SORORITY SISTERS WHO WILL
8 CARRY FORWARD HER LEGACY OF LOVE, SERVICE AND FAITH. THANK
9 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
12 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF JOAQUIN JUN G. CHU JR., A
13 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHO PASSED AWAY ON
14 OCTOBER 5TH AT THE AGE OF 79. GROWING UP IN THE PHILIPPINES,
15 JUN WAS THE ELDEST OF SIX CHILDREN AND WORKED IN HIS FAMILY'S
16 LUMBER AND BAKERY BUSINESSES. JUNE ATTENDED MAFUA UNIVERSITY
17 OF TECHNOLOGY STUDYING MECHANICAL ENGINEERING WHILE ALSO
18 MANAGING A FLEET OF TRUCKS FOR HIS FAMILY'S LUMBER BUSINESS.
19 HE MET HIS FUTURE WIFE, NATIVIDAD, WHILE MANAGING THE TRUCK
20 FLEET WHERE SHE WORKED AT HER BROTHER'S GAS STATION. MARRIED
21 IN 1966, THEY MOVED TO THE UNITED STATES. IN 1976, THE COUPLE
22 OWNED AND OPERATED STORES IN STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA FROM 1978 TO
23 1991. IN 1991, THE FAMILY MOVED TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THEN
24 FROM 1995 TO 2009, JUNE OWNED AND OPERATED MANILA SEAFOOD
25 CENTER IN LANCASTER. JUNE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, NATIVIDAD,



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1 CHILDREN JOAQUIN WILLIE CHU III, MIRIAM PAGAYO, TIMOTHY CHU,
2 AND GRACE CUMBERBATCH, THEIR SPOUSES, SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, AND
3 THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
4 TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF LONGTIME CLAREMONT RESIDENT
5 JUDITH CARROLL, JUDY ROBERTS, WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON
6 SEPTEMBER 23, 2024, AT THE AGE OF 78. BORN ON DECEMBER 13,
7 1945, JUDY SPENT HER EARLY YEARS ON HER FAMILY'S RANCH IN THE
8 ANTELOPE VALLEY BEFORE MOVING TO POMONA. SHE GRADUATED FROM
9 GANESHA HIGH SCHOOL IN 1963 AND EARNED HER DEGREE FROM
10 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY HAYWARD BEFORE SETTLING IN
11 CLAREMONT IN 1976. AFTER EARNING HER TEACHING CREDENTIAL, JUDY
12 DEDICATED MORE THAN 22 YEARS TO THE CLAREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL
13 DISTRICT TEACHING SPECIAL DAY CLASSES AT CONDIT AND CHAPARRAL
14 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. KNOWN FOR HER COMPASSION AND CREATIVITY,
15 SHE INSPIRED STUDENTS AND COLLEAGUES ALIKE AND FORMED LIFELONG
16 FRIENDSHIPS THROUGHOUT HER CAREER. JUDY'S CREATIVITY WENT
17 BEYOND THE CLASSROOM. SHE LOVED ORGANIZING SCHOOL LUNCHEONS,
18 CELEBRATIONS, AND COMMUNITY GATHERINGS, ADDING HER SIGNATURE
19 TOUCH OF COLOR, SPARKLE, AND JOY. A LIFELONG DISNEY
20 ENTHUSIAST, SHE TREASURED TIME SPENT AT DISNEYLAND WITH HER
21 SISTER AND GRANDCHILDREN. HER HOME REFLECTED HER WARM AND
22 WELCOMING SPIRIT, A PLACE FILLED WITH CHARM, LAUGHTER, AND
23 LOVE. THROUGH THE YEARS OF CANCER TREATMENT AND RECOVERY, JUDY
24 FACED EVERY CHALLENGE WITH COURAGE, GRACE, AND OPTIMISM. HER
25 FAMILY EXPRESSED DEEP GRATITUDE TO HER DOCTORS AND HER



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1 CAREGIVERS FOR THEIR COMPASSION AND KINDNESS. JUDY ROBERTS
2 WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER KINDNESS, RESILIENCE AND DEDICATION
3 TO HER STUDENTS AND TO HER FAMILY. HER LEGACY IS ONE OF LOVE,
4 CREATIVITY AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT THAT WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE
5 ALL WHO KNEW HER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, HEATHER
6 DAVIS, AMY MANN, AND LAWSON ROBERTS, HER BELOVED
7 GRANDCHILDREN, MACKENZIE, KATIE, LANDON, BROTHERS RICHARD AND
8 JEFFREY LEWIS, AND MANY NIECES, NEPHEWS, AND EXTENDED FAMILY
9 MEMBERS. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN, TODAY WE DO SO IN
10 MEMORY OF DONNA SEITZ, WHO PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 14, 2025, AT
11 THE AGE OF 67. DONNA LEAVES BEHIND A LEGACY OF KINDNESS,
12 EXCELLENCE, AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE. SHE
13 WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1958, IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. SHE
14 BEGAN HER REMARKABLE CAREER WITH THE COUNTY IN NOVEMBER OF
15 1977 AS A TYPIST CLERK FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. THROUGH
16 HER HARD WORK, PERSEVERANCE, AND DEEP COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC
17 SERVICE, SHE ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS TO BECOME AN ASSISTANT
18 CHIEF LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE PROUDLY REPRESENTING LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY IN THE STATE CAPITOL. DONNA DEDICATED 45 YEARS
20 OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND RETIRED
21 DECEMBER OF 2022. DONNA WAS A LOVING MOM, A CHERISHED SISTER,
22 AND A DEVOTED AUNT AND A DEAR FRIEND. DONNA SURVIVED BY HER
23 DAUGHTER LAUREN SIDES ALONG WITH COUNTLESS FRIENDS AND
24 COLLEAGUES WHOSE LIFE SHE'S TOUCHED.

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1 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I CAN JOIN ON THAT, I
2 KNEW DONNA WELL FROM MY DAYS LOBBYING FOR THE WESTERN CENTER
3 ON LAW AND POVERTY UP UNTIL BECOMING ELECTED MYSELF. WORKED
4 WITH HER VERY CLOSELY FOR MANY YEARS. I HAD NO IDEA SHE
5 PASSED. IF I COULD BE ADDED, I'D REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.

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7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, I THINK FRIDAY WE WERE
8 NOTIFIED. SO YEAH, WE SHOULD PROBABLY DO ALL AS A COUNTY
9 EMPLOYEE. SO, WITH THAT, WE WILL TAKE ALL THOSE ADJOURNMENTS
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION SO ORDERED THIS WILL CONCLUDE TODAY'S BOARD
11 MEETING. OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE A PUBLIC
12 HEARING MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025, AT
13 9:30 HAVE A GOOD DAY I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE GETTING OUT HERE
14 BEFORE DARK.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS [VIDEO RECORDING]:** I'M SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS
17 AND I'M HERE IN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO AND WE'RE CELEBRATING
18 ADVENTIST HEALTH WHITE MEMORIAL IN MONTEBELLO. AND TODAY WE
19 PRESENTED A CHECK FOR \$1,000,000 FOR THIS TRAUMA HOSPITAL. BUT
20 HERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW AT THIS NEW COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER
21 THAT'S GOING TO BE OPENING UP FOR THE COMMUNITY. SO MANY
22 VOLUNTEERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS AND FOLKS THAT COME IN AND HELP
23 SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HOSPITAL CAN COME HERE, GET
24 TRAINING, RECEIVE SERVICES, AND IT'S GOING TO BE OPEN TO THE
25 PUBLIC. I THINK IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS IT'LL BE AVAILABLE BUT



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1 THEY'LL PROVIDE VITAL SERVICES BUT WHAT I JUST WENT THROUGH
2 RIGHT NOW IS AMAZING. ONE OF THE VERY FEW HOSPITALS THAT I
3 HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN INVOLVED WITH TO SEE A ROBOTIC EXPERIMENT
4 THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON NOW FOR, I THINK, MAYBE OVER A YEAR,
5 WHERE THEY USE ROBOTICS, ACTUAL TOOLS, TO CONDUCT VERY
6 IMPORTANT SURGERIES. IT CUTS THE TIME IN HALF FOR THESE
7 SURGERIES THAT ARE VERY INTRICATE BUT ALSO SAVES LIVES AND THE
8 COST. SO, I'M EXCITED ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE THE
9 REPURPOSING OF THIS THIS HOSPITAL WHICH ALMOST SHUTTERED
10 ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO. IT WAS ON THE VERGE AT THAT TIME IT
11 WAS KNOWN AS BEVERLY HOSPITAL AND IT WAS GOING TO CLOSE BUT
12 WITH THE INTERVENTION OF THE STATE AND THE COUNTY AND OTHER
13 PARTNERS THEY WERE ABLE TO KEEP IT OPEN AND OBVIOUSLY THE
14 ADVENTIST HEALTH CORPORATION CAME IN AND HELPED TO PROVIDE THE
15 SUPPORT AND FUNDING AND STAFF TO KEEP IT OPEN SO THEY REALLY
16 HAVEN'T HAD ONE DAY WHERE THEY'VE BEEN CLOSED AND I'M SO HAPPY
17 THAT NOW WE COULD, AS A COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THROUGH MEASURE
18 B, HELP PROVIDE THEM WITH \$1,000,000 TO HELP THEM IN THEIR
19 TRAUMA UNIT TO BUILD OUT AND EXPAND THE SERVICES, NOT JUST FOR
20 THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO BUT FOR THE NEIGHBORING COMMUNITY. MANY
21 OF OUR CITIES ACROSS THE WAY, WHITTIER, PICO RIVERA, SAN
22 GABRIEL VALLEY, AS FAR AS EL MONTE AND OTHER PLACES, PEOPLE
23 COME HERE FOR TREATMENT. THEY KNOW THIS FACILITY, THEY TRUST
24 IT, AND IT IS ONE OF THOSE VERY, VERY MUCH WELCOMED JEWELS,
25 DIAMOND IN THE ROUGHS THAT EXIST HERE IN THE SAN GABRIEL



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1 VALLEY. SO, I WANT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO COME BY, VISIT, AND
2 UNDERSTAND THE KIND OF HEALTH CARE TREATMENT THAT'S BEING
3 PROVIDED HERE AND WILL CONTINUE TO GROW. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH
4 FOR JOINING US TODAY.

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24 I, KATHRYN J, ROBSON, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
25 qualified in and for the State of California, do



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1 hereby certify:

2 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
3 Angeles County Board of Supervisors October 21, 2025, were
4 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
5 supervision,

6 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
7 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
8 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
9 me.

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

13 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
14 3rd day of November 2025, for the County records to be used
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