



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, 2025

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING. WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, 2025. WE TAKE NOTE THAT A QUORUM OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE'LL BEGIN TODAY'S BOARD MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR [VIDEO RECORDING]: THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND ORIGINALLY AND STILL INHABITED AND CARED FOR BY THE TONGVA, TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH, AND CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS AND DESCENDANTS PAST, PRESENT, AND EMERGING AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION RESULTED IN LAND SEIZURE, DISEASE, SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY, RELOCATION, BROKEN PROMISES, GENOCIDE, AND MULTIGENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION AND ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO



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

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12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY THE
13 REVEREND DR. LOUISE SLOAN GOBEN, FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FROM
14 THE FIFTH DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE,
15 WHICH WILL BE LED BY NATHAN R. DOMINGUEZ, STAFF SERGEANT,
16 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FROM THE 1ST DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE
17 ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

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19 **REVEREND DR. LOUISE SLOAN GOBEN:** I BEGIN BY SAYING I ALSO
20 SERVE A FOOD PANTRY IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, NORTH
21 HOLLYWOOD INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY THAT IS SUPPORTED BY JEWISH,
22 CHRISTIAN, MUSLIM AND PEOPLE OF NO FAITH. BUT WE ARE ALL
23 PEOPLE OF FAITH WHEN IT COMES TO HOW WE CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER.
24 AND AT NO TIME IN OUR HISTORY HAS IT BEEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN
25 FOR US TO HEAR ONE ANOTHER'S VOICES, TO CARE, TO RESPOND WITH



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1 COMPASSION, WITH GRACE, WITH LOVE, AND ALWAYS UNDERSTANDING
2 WE'RE THE LUCKY ONES. WE'RE STANDING HERE IN THIS ROOM. AND
3 SO, MAY THE PART OF US THAT STILL FLINCHES AT CRUELTY REFUSE
4 TO DIE. MAY OUR TENDERNESS STAY LOUD, OUR MERCY STUBBORN. AND
5 MAY WE KNOW DEEP IN OUR BONES THAT WE ARE WORTH MORE THAN THE
6 WORLD'S NUMBNESS. MAY WE LOVE THIS WORLD ENOUGH TO KEEP CARING
7 AND LOVE OURSELVES ENOUGH TO STOP LETTING IT TRAMPLE OUR
8 CONSCIENCE. AND WHEN DESPAIR COMES KNOCKING, MAY IT FIND US
9 STILL CONSPIRING TOGETHER WITH MERCY. AMEN.

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

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18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING THE
19 REVEREND LOUISE SLOAN GOBEN FOR LEADING US IN THIS MORNING'S
20 INVOCATION AND I TOLD HER SHE WAS GOING TO BE SETTING THE TOME
21 FOR THIS BOARD MEETING AND I THINK YOU SAID IT VERY WELL.
22 YEAH, LET'S GIVE HER A ROUND. REVEREND GOBEN HAS BEEN IN THE
23 ORDAINED MINISTRY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
24 FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS. AFTER RETIRING AS A MINISTER AT THE FIRST
25 CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF NORTH HOLLYWOOD, SHE BECAME THE CHAIR OF



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1 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD INTERFAITH FOOD
2 PANTRY. THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY BEGAN IN
3 THE 1980S, LED BY A GROUP OF WOMEN REPRESENTING FIVE JEWISH
4 AND CHRISTIAN CONGREGATIONS IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AS
5 AN EFFORT TO COMBAT HUNGER, SOMETHING THAT WE ARE ALL TALKING
6 ABOUT TO THIS DAY. SINCE THEIR INCEPTION, THEY HAVE REMAINED
7 DEDICATED TO WELCOMING, SUPPORTING, AND FEEDING THOSE WHO ARE
8 FOOD AND NUTRITION INSECURE, VALUING THE ESSENTIAL DIGNITY OF
9 EACH PERSON WHO COMES TO THE DOOR, AS WELL AS THE VOLUNTEERS
10 WHO CHOOSE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY. THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD
11 INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY REMAINS A VOLUNTEER-BASED COALITION OF
12 FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS,
13 AND NEIGHBORS WHO DISTRIBUTE FOOD EVERY MONDAY AND FRIDAY, 52
14 WEEKS A YEAR. REVEREND GOBEN, THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN THE
15 INVOCATION AND FOR YOUR MEANINGFUL AND COMPASSIONATE SERVICE
16 THAT YOU CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TO OUR COMMUNITY EACH AND EVERY
17 DAY. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. TODAY I'M HONORED TO RECOGNIZE
20 STAFF SERGEANT NATHAN R. DOMINGUEZ OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE
21 CORPS, WHO LED US TODAY WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. STAFF
22 SERGEANT DOMINGUEZ CURRENTLY SERVES AS A STAFF NONCOMMISSION
23 OFFICER IN CHARGE OF RECRUITING IN THE 12TH MARINE CORPS
24 DISTRICT WHICH INCLUDES EAST LOS ANGELES. THROUGHOUT HIS 15-
25 YEAR CAREER HE HAS DEMONSTRATED UNWAVERING COMMITMENT,



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1 EXCEPTIONAL DISCIPLINE, AND OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP QUALITIES
2 THAT HAVE DEFINED BOTH HIS SERVICE AND HIS WORK HERE IN OUR
3 COMMUNITIES. SINCE ENLISTING IN 2010, STAFF SERGEANT DOMINGUEZ
4 HAS COMPLETED MULTIPLE DEPLOYMENTS AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING
5 SERVICE IN AFGHANISTAN, AUSTRALIA, AND AFRICA. HIS ROLES HAVE
6 SPANNED FROM TEAM LEADER TO SQUAD LEADER, PLATOON SERGEANT,
7 AND COMPANY GUNNERY SERGEANT, EACH MARKED BY PROFESSIONALISM,
8 COURAGE, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY. HIS PERSONAL COMMENDATIONS,
9 INCLUDING THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL WITH A
10 GOLD STAR AND COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, STAND AS TESTAMENT TO HIS
11 EXEMPLARY SERVICE. HERE AT HOME, STAFF SERGEANT DOMINGUEZ
12 PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN RECRUITING AND MENTORING YOUNG PEOPLE
13 ACROSS EAST LOS ANGELES, HELPING THEM PURSUE PATHWAYS OF
14 LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION, AND SERVICE THROUGH THE UNITED STATES
15 MARINE CORPS. ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
16 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE SERVE, WE PRESENT YOU
17 WITH THE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF YOUR
18 EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE, YOUR LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO OUR
19 COMMUNITY AND TO OUR COUNTRY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN THE BOARD
22 MEETING WITH SCROLL PRESENTATIONS AND I'M GOING TO BEGIN. I'M
23 GOING TO INVITE JUDY WHITEHURST UP AND SUPERVISOR HAHN. THERE
24 WE GO. IT IS BOTH AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO CELEBRATE THE
25 REMARKABLE, AND I SAY REMARKABLE BECAUSE I GREW UP IN THE



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1 COUNTY WITH YOU, CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY
2 COUNSEL JUDY WHITEHURST. YEAH, YEAH. AFTER 36 YEARS OF
3 DEDICATED SERVICE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY, JUDY IS CLOSING A
4 CHAPTER THAT HAS BEEN DEFINED BY EXCELLENCE, INTEGRITY, AND AN
5 UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE. JUDY'S JOURNEY BEGAN
6 IN 1989 AT THE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE WHERE SHE QUICKLY ROSE
7 THROUGH THE RANKS TO BECOME A SUPERVISOR APPRAISER,
8 SUPERVISING APPRAISER. WHILE EXCELLING IN HER DAY JOB, SHE
9 PURSUED HER LAW DEGREE AT NIGHT AT SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
10 SCHOOL OF LAW, A TESTAMENT TO HER DETERMINATION AND TO HER
11 DRIVE. IN 1996, SHE WAS ADMITTED TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE BAR,
12 AND THREE YEARS LATER, SHE JOINED COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE.
13 SINCE THEN, JUDY HAS BEEN THE PRINCIPAL LEGAL ADVISOR ON SOME
14 OF THE COUNTY'S MOST COMPLEX AND IMPACTFUL ISSUES. HER WORK
15 HAS TOUCHED BUILDING AND SAFETY, THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
16 COMMISSION, AND THE BUSINESS RELATION AND CONTRACTS DIVISION.
17 SHE HAS PROVIDED TRUSTED COUNSEL TO THE ASSESSOR, AUDITOR
18 CONTROLLER, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, AND THE
19 REGISTRAR RECORDER, COUNTY CLERK. JUDY IS RECOGNIZED AS AN
20 EXPERT IN THE MUNICIPAL SUNSHINE LAWS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST,
21 CAMPAIGN FINANCE, THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, THE BROWN ACT, AND
22 PERMISSIBLE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, ALL OF WHICH HAVE TOUCHED US
23 QUITE A BIT. HER LEGAL GUIDANCE HAS SHAPED THE COUNTY'S
24 APPROACH TO TAXES AND BUDGETS, INCLUDING MEASURE H, THE
25 UTILITY USER TAX, THE HOTEL TAX, THE DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX,



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1 AND THE DISSOLUTION OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES. MORE RECENTLY,
2 SHE PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN NAVIGATING FEDERAL RELIEF EFFORTS
3 UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AND THE CARES ACT. BUT JUDY'S
4 LEGACY EXTENDS BEYOND HER LEGAL EXPERTISE. SHE IS DEEPLY
5 RESPECTED BY HER COLLEAGUES AND CLIENTS ALIKE, NOT JUST FOR
6 HER BRILLIANCE, BUT FOR HER GRACE, GENEROSITY, AND HER
7 UNWAVERING INTEGRITY. OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE, JUDY HAS MADE A
8 LASTING IMPACT IN HER COMMUNITY. SHE PROUDLY SERVED AS A BOY
9 SCOUT LEADER FOR HER SON TROOP FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS. SHE HAS
10 LED LAW DAY FOR THE GREATER LOS ANGELES SCOUTING ORGANIZATION.
11 THROUGH THESE EFFORTS, SHE IS TEACHING HUNDREDS OF SCOUTS
12 ABOUT THE LAW, ABOUT COUNTY COUNSEL, AND THE ROLE PUBLIC
13 LAWYERS PLAY IN THE COUNTY, HELPING THEM EARN THEIR LAW MERIT
14 BADGE AND INSPIRING OUR NEXT GENERATION. AND WHEN SHE'S NOT
15 SHAPING POLICY OR MENTORING YOUTH, JUDY IS CULTIVATING HER
16 GARDEN, COOKING UP SOMETHING DELICIOUS, AND TRAVELING WITH HER
17 INCREDIBLE FAMILY. JUDY, YOUR CAREER HAS BEEN A MASTER CLASS
18 IN PUBLIC SERVICE. YOU'VE LEFT AN INCREDIBLE MARK ON THIS
19 COUNTY AND WE ARE BETTER FOR HAVING WORKED ALONGSIDE YOU. AND
20 I SAY THAT BECAUSE WE STARTED TOGETHER. AND I HAVE NEVER BEEN
21 MORE PROUD TO SEE SOMEONE WHO HAS NOT ONLY EXCELLED BUT IS
22 ALSO RETIRING TO REALLY GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, WHICH I
23 KNOW YOU WILL DO. AS YOU STEP INTO RETIREMENT, MAY YOUR DAYS
24 BE FILLED WITH JOY, ADVENTURE, AND THE SAME COMPASSION THAT
25 HAS DEFINED YOUR INCREDIBLE JOURNEY. AND NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK



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1 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO SAY A FEW WORDS. ARE YOU MOVING ME OVER?

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3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I WOULD NEVER DO THAT, MADAM CHAIR. THANK
4 YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. THERE'S SO MUCH I LEARNED ABOUT YOU
5 RIGHT IN THE LAST TWO DAYS OF YOUR CAREER HERE AT LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY. I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST THE CALM BLONDE BACK IN CLOSED
7 SESSION BUT ONE OF THE THINGS I LOVE ABOUT YOU, OF COURSE, IS
8 YOU'VE BEEN A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF MY DISTRICT. AND YOU'VE
9 BEEN A TRUSTED ADVISOR WITH OUR COUNTY COUNSEL OFFICE. AND
10 SUPERVISOR BARGER REALLY TOUTED SO MANY OF YOUR
11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS. YOUR
12 LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN EXCEPTIONAL, CULMINATING IN YOUR ROLE AS
13 CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL, HELPING TO OVERSEE THE OFFICE,
14 SUPPORTING OUR BOARD WITH WISDOM, PROFESSIONALISM, AND AS WAS
15 SAID, UNWAVERING INTEGRITY. ONE OF YOUR GREATEST
16 ACCOMPLISHMENTS WAS YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING THE
17 REGISTRAR RECORDER COUNTY CLERK'S COLLECTION OF DOCUMENTARY
18 TRANSFER TAXES WHEN CORPORATIONS CHANGED HANDS. JUDY FOUGHT
19 FOR THE ENFORCEMENT FOR COLLECTION OF THIS TAX WHICH HAS
20 GENERATED ALMOST \$30,000,000 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
21 AND \$130,000,000 FOR CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY, \$85,000,000 OF
22 WHICH WAS COLLECTED FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ALONE. THEY
23 HAVE A LOT TO THANK YOU FOR. YOUR UNWAVERING PURSUIT OF THIS
24 TAX PAVED THE WAY FOR OTHER COUNTIES AND CITIES THROUGHOUT THE
25 STATE TO BEGIN COLLECTING THESE TAXES, THESE FUNDS. YOUR



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1 DEDICATION, JUDY, HAS STRENGTHENED OUR COUNTY AND THE CITIES
2 THAT WE SERVE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO SERVE THE
3 PUBLIC FOR 36 YEARS. AND THANK YOU TO YOUR FAMILY FOR SHARING
4 THIS WONDERFUL WOMAN WITH US ALL THESE YEARS. I WILL MISS YOU.
5 I WILL MISS YOUR GUIDANCE, BUT I WILL REALLY MISS YOUR
6 HEIRLOOM TOMATOES. JUDY WOULD REGULARLY SLIP THEM TO ME WHEN I
7 LEAST EXPECTED THEM, AND I HAVE ENJOYED THEM BEYOND MEASURE,
8 BUT I KNOW YOU LIVE CLOSE BY, AND I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE THAT
9 RELATIONSHIP. SO AS A SMALL TOKEN OF MY GRATITUDE, I TOOK A
10 PHOTO OF ONE OF YOUR, APOLOGIES TO THE REAL PHOTOGRAPHERS IN
11 THE ROOM, I TOOK A PHOTO OF ONE OF YOUR TOMATOES AND I PUT IT
12 ON CANVAS AND I WANT.

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14 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** OH, I LOVE IT.

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16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** LOOK AT THIS TOMATO. LOOK AT THAT TOMATO.

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18 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** WHAT A NICE IDEA. OH MY GOD.

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20 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THAT IS ONE OF HER TOMATOES. IT REALLY
21 WASN'T THAT BIG. I ENLARGED IT, BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN. SO,
22 THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. WE LOVE YOU. WE WILL
23 MISS YOU. AND WE WISH YOU REST AND HAPPINESS AND PEACE IN YOUR
24 RETIREMENT.



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1 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. OH MY GOD. THANK YOU SO
2 MUCH SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR HAHN AND ALL THE OTHER
3 SUPERVISORS I'VE WORKED WITH SO MANY OF YOU FOR MANY, MANY
4 YEARS AND YOUR STAFF A LOT LONGER SOME OF THEM AND IN THE
5 FOURTH DISTRICT WHERE I MOVED 40 YEARS AGO FROM A LITTLE GIRL
6 FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE MOVED TO THE FOURTH DISTRICT. SO SPECIAL
7 THANKS TO MY HUSBAND AND MY SON, MY HUSBAND OF 33 YEARS, PAUL
8 AND BRANDON WHO PUT UP WITH LONG, LONG, LONG, LONG HOURS. AND
9 SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK JEFF PRANG,
10 WHO IS HERE. YEAH, IT'S MY PLEASURE. THERE HE IS, JEFF. I HAVE
11 INCREDIBLY FOND MEMORIES AND ADMIRATION FOR THE ASSESSOR'S
12 OFFICE. I WORKED THERE ALMOST NINE YEARS. IT WAS AN AMAZING
13 EXPERIENCE. AND WHEN I THINK ABOUT MY EXPERIENCE THERE OR MY
14 EXPERIENCE IN COUNTY COUNSEL, I JUST THINK OF HOW INCREDIBLE
15 IT IS TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY. WHERE CAN YOU GET THE EXPERIENCE
16 THAT I'VE HAD? I MEAN, FOR ALL OF US, IT'S AN AMAZING PLACE TO
17 WORK. I STARTED WITH THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AS AN APPRAISER
18 TRAINEE, AND I THINK IT WAS 1988.

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20 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WHO WAS THE ASSESSOR?

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22 **JEFF PRANG:** JOHN LYNCH.

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24 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** JOHN LYNCH. JOHN LYNCH WAS THE ASSESSOR. AND
25 I WAS AN APPRAISER TRAINEE IN THE BASEMENT OF THIS BUILDING.



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1 AND NOT LONG AFTER THAT, THEY ALLOWED ME OPPORTUNITIES TO DO
2 SOME TRAINING IN COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES. AND BEFORE YOU KNOW
3 IT, I WAS IN MAJOR PROPERTIES AND I WAS APPRAISING MANY OF THE
4 BUILDINGS IN DOWNTOWN L.A., EXCEPT NOT THE GAS COMPANY TOWER.

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

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8 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** I NEVER SET FOOT IN THE GAS COMPANY TOWER.

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10 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I'M NOT SET FOOT THERE EITHER.

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12 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** AND THEN AFTER I DID THAT, I STARTED WORKING,
13 I WAS GOING TO LAW SCHOOL IN THE EVENINGS AND I STARTED
14 WORKING ON APPRAISING OIL REFINERIES. GO FIGURE. HAD MANY OIL
15 REFINERY CASES. AND THAT GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET
16 PEOPLE IN COUNTY COUNSEL, BECAUSE WE ALSO USE COUNTY COUNSEL
17 ATTORNEYS. AND THAT'S WHEN I CAME UP TO COUNTY COUNSEL, AND
18 IT'S BEEN AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE SINCE. I MEAN, I HONESTLY, I
19 CAN'T SAY WHERE YOU WOULD GET THE SAME EXPERIENCE IN ANY OTHER
20 GOVERNMENT LAW OFFICE THAN COUNTY COUNSEL. I'VE HAD, I'VE
21 HANDLED CLASS ACTIONS MYSELF, ONE OF WHICH WAS AN ASSESSOR, MY
22 FIRST ONE WAS AN ASSESSOR ONE. I'VE HAD MORE ELECTION WRITS
23 THAN I CAN EVEN COUNT. I'M PROBABLY THE ONLY COUNTY COUNSEL
24 THAT HAS DONE A QUO WARRANTO CASE, WHICH IS VERY ARCANE, AND
25 IT RELATED TO TERM LIMITS, YOU'RE WELCOME.



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2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OH, THAT THEY HAVE NO TERM LIMITS.

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4 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** YES, YES. THEY HAVE NO TERM LIMITS. AND, BUT
5 MORE THAN THAT, I THINK IT'S THE PEOPLE. I WORKED WITH ALL
6 THESE WONDERFUL PEOPLE, INCREDIBLY SHARP, SMART, DEDICATED.
7 IT'S AN AMAZING OFFICE TO WORK FOR. AND THEN IN ADDITION TO
8 THAT, THE TALENT FROM OUR OFFICE, THEY GO AND BECOME JUDGES
9 AND COMMISSIONERS AND THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MR. JOE
10 NICCHITTA AND EDDIE YEN IS OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD
11 AND NICOLE DAVIS TINKHAM WAS THE INTERIM PUBLIC DEFENDER.
12 BRANDON NICHOLS IS THE DIRECTOR OF DCFS AND THERE ARE MANY
13 MORE IN DEPARTMENTS ALL OVER THE COUNTY AS CHIEF DEPUTIES.
14 IT'S AN INCREDIBLE PLACE TO LIVE. I MEAN, AND TO ANSWER, WELL,
15 I LIVED HERE.

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17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YOU BASICALLY LIVE THERE.

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19 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** TO WORK, TO WORK. I'M GOING TO MISS THE
20 PEOPLE MOST. DAWYN HARRISON IS INCREDIBLE. SHE'S AN INCREDIBLE
21 LEADER AND A LAWYER, AN INCREDIBLE PERSON. AND I'M SO THANKFUL
22 TO HER. SHE IS TRULY THE BEST. SO, I'M GOING TO MISS THE
23 COUNTY, BUT I AM VERY HAPPY TO RETIRE. I'M EXCITED.

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25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I KNOW. I CAN SEE IT IN YOUR FACE.



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2 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** I'M SUPER EXCITED. I WANT TO HAVE A LOT OF
3 FUN WITH MY FAMILY. AND I'LL BE LOOKING AT YOU GUYS FROM AFAR
4 AND KEEPING TRACK AND WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST. THANK YOU.
5 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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7 **JEFF PRANG:** THANK YOU IF THIS FOR THIS RARE PRIVILEGE AS A
8 ASSESSOR TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT A SCROLL AT THIS BOARD MEETING.
9 I'M REALLY THRILLED TO BE HERE TO HONOR MY GOOD FRIEND JUDY
10 WHITEHURST. THESE RETIREMENTS ARE ALWAYS REALLY, REALLY VERY
11 DIFFICULT BECAUSE AT ONE POINT YOU CAN'T HELP BUT WANT TO
12 CELEBRATE SOMEBODY FOR A LONG AND STORIED CAREER. AT THE SAME
13 TIME, IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT TO LOSE SOMEBODY WHO HAS GOT SUCH
14 A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE, WHO'S BEEN SUCH A FUNDAMENTALLY
15 IMPORTANT PART OF THE COUNTY OPERATIONS. SHE'S RETIRED WITH
16 ALMOST 37 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, ALTHOUGH I AM RELIABLY TOLD
17 THAT YOU'RE NOT REALLY GOOD AT THIS JOB UNTIL YOU'VE HIT 38
18 YEARS. BUT WE WILL NEVER REALLY KNOW. BUT I'M REALLY PROUD AS
19 THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT WHERE JUDY SPENT NINE YEARS, I'LL
20 TELL YOU HOW GRATEFUL I AM AS A DEPARTMENT HEAD TO HAVE COUNTY
21 COUNSEL, WHO ACTUALLY BEGINS BY FUNDAMENTALLY UNDERSTANDING
22 WHAT IT IS THAT I'M TALKING ABOUT WHEN I CALL IN. AND I'M
23 ALWAYS GRATEFUL THAT SHE WAS ALWAYS AVAILABLE, AND I'VE NEVER
24 HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH JUDY WHERE SHE DID NOT GIVE
25 ME WISE COUNSEL AND GOOD ADVICE THAT I HAD CONFIDENCE AND IT



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1 WAS THE RIGHT THING. SO, CONGRATULATIONS, JUDY, TO YOU AND
2 YOUR FAMILY ON THIS GREAT MOMENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
3 TO THE COUNTY.

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5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT I AM HONORED TO HAVE
6 SOME VERY, VERY, VERY SPECIAL GUESTS WITH US THIS MORNING TO
7 CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH. TO GET US STARTED
8 I'D LIKE TO INVITE THE FERNANDO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION
9 INDIANS VICE PRESIDENT MARK VILLASENOR WHO ALSO SERVES OUR
10 COMMISSION VICE INDIAN'S VICE PRESIDENT MARK VILLASEÑOR, WHO
11 ALSO SERVES AS OUR COMMISSION VICE CHAIR TO PROVIDE US WITH A
12 WELCOME SONG.

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14 **MARK VILLASENOR:** HELLO EVERYONE. IN OUR TRADITION, WE ALWAYS
15 LIKE TO WELCOME EVERYBODY WITH A SONG. AND THIS SONG THAT WE
16 SING IS PACO QUEMA. PACO MEANS ENTER, AND QUEMA MEANS COME.
17 AND IT MEANS COME BE WITH US. WE'D CELEBRATE BY THANKING
18 EVERYBODY THAT CAME WITH US FROM VILLAGE TO VILLAGE,
19 TRAVELERS, PEOPLE ON TREK. WE WELCOME THEM WITH THIS SONG.
20 THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING THAT
23 BEAUTIFUL SONG AND SETTING SUCH A LOVELY TONE FOR THIS
24 PRESENTATION. EACH YEAR, THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNTY NATIVE
25 AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION SELECTS A THEME FOR NATIVE AMERICAN



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1 HERITAGE MONTH. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS FIRE KEEPERS HONORING
2 TRIBAL FIREFIGHTERS IN INDIGENOUS STEWARDSHIP AND FUTURE
3 ANCESTORS. I CANNOT THINK OF A MORE FITTING THEME TO
4 ACKNOWLEDGE ALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS ENDURED AND OVERCOME IN
5 2025. THE EATON AND PALISADES FIRE SWEEPED THROUGH OUR
6 COMMUNITIES IN JANUARY AND MADE HISTORY FOR THEIR SCALE AND
7 FOR THEIR DESTRUCTION. OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
8 LEANED ON THE INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY OF OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS
9 FROM ACROSS NORTH AMERICA TO OFFER MUTUAL AID WHEN THEY NEEDED
10 IT MOST. AMONG THOSE FIRE DEPARTMENTS WERE 15 TRIBAL NATIONS.
11 THESE TEAMS CAME FROM ALL OVER CALIFORNIA, OREGON, AND ARIZONA
12 TO LEND A HELPING HAND AND TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES. TODAY,
13 I'M PROUD TO HONOR AND THANK ALL OF THESE TRIBAL NATIONS FOR
14 THEIR GENEROSITY, SOLIDARITY, AND FOR THEIR BRAVERY. ALL THEIR
15 NAMES ARE DISPLAYED ON ONE OF THE SLIDES ROTATING BEHIND ME,
16 AND YOU CAN SEE JUST HOW MANY TRIBAL NATIONS RUSHED TO LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY TO LEND THEIR SUPPORT NEAR AND FAR. THEY STOOD
18 UNITED WITH LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL PARTNERS COMMITTED TO
19 SAFEGUARDING HOMES, LOVED ONES, NEIGHBORHOODS, AND OUR SACRED
20 LAND. I AM HONORED AND GRATEFUL THIS MORNING TO BE JOINED BY
21 SOME OF THESE INCREDIBLE TRIBAL NATIONS. THE BARONA BAND OF
22 MISSION INDIANS, REPRESENTED BY VICE CHAIRWOMAN BETH GLASGOW
23 AND FIRE CHIEF KEN KREMENSKY. CAN YOU RAISE YOUR HAND? RIGHT
24 HERE. THE YUHA AVIATAM OF SAN MANUEL NATION, REPRESENTED BY
25 FIRE CHIEF KEITH ALEXANDER AND THE YOLKA DEHE WINTAN NATION,



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1 REPRESENTED BY FIRE CHIEF SEAN KENNEY. WE ARE ALSO JOINED BY
2 LOCAL LEADERS FROM OUR OWN COMMISSION. CHAIR SEAN INMATES DOG,
3 VICE CHAIR MARK VILLASENOR, COMMISSIONER RICH TOYEN, MY FIFTH
4 DISTRICT APPOINTEE, COMMISSIONER DR. ANDREA GARCIA,
5 COMMISSIONER VIVIAN GARCIA, COMMISSIONER JOHN ONLYACHIEF, AND
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALEXANDRA VALDEZ. THANK YOU ALL FOR WHAT
7 YOU'VE INVESTED IN OUR COMMUNITIES. OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS,
8 LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS TAKEN STEPS TO CREATE A STRONGER
9 PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL TRIBES AND THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND
10 ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITY INCLUDING FORMALLY CELEBRATING
11 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY, COLLABORATING WITH LOCAL TRIBES TO
12 CREATE AN INCLUSIVE AND MEANINGFUL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
13 SOMETHING THAT WE DO EACH AND EVERY MEETING. WHETHER IT BE AT
14 THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR ANY OF OUR COMMISSION MEETINGS.
15 WORKING WITH LOCAL TRIBES TO CREATE A THOUGHTFUL AND THOROUGH
16 HARMS REPORT. AND ENSURING WE INCORPORATE THE NATIVE COMMUNITY
17 THROUGHOUT OUR WORK AT THE COUNTY BY PROVIDING FUNDING TO
18 DEVELOP THE TRIBAL CONSULTATION POLICY. BUT THESE EFFORTS ARE
19 JUST A START. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND TRIBES
20 CONTINUES TO GROW. IN JANUARY, TRIBES CAME TO OUR AID IN OUR
21 TIME OF NEED. IT'S NOT JUST A SIGN OF GENEROSITY AND
22 PARTNERSHIP, BUT OF THEIR BELIEF IN CO-STEWARDING THIS LAND.
23 OUR SHARED FUTURE NECESSITATES PARTNERSHIP. FOR GENERATIONS,
24 NATIVE PEOPLES HAVE CARED FOR THESE LANDS USING PLACE-BASED
25 STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES THAT HONOR AND RESPECT THE NATURAL



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1 ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING CULTURAL BURNS AND TRADITIONAL METHODS
2 OF RENEWAL TO SUSTAIN BALANCE AND RESILIENCE. THEIR WISDOM AND
3 LEADERSHIP CONTINUE TO GUIDE US TOWARD A MORE SUSTAINABLE AND
4 HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND THAT WE ALL SHARE. AS WE
5 REBUILD FROM THE DEVASTATION OF THESE FIRES, THERE IS A
6 TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO COME TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN.
7 IT'S AN INVITATION FOR US TO HONOR THE LESSONS OF OUR NATIVE
8 PARTNERS, TO PROTECT OUR SHARED ENVIRONMENT, AND TO ENSURE
9 THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS INHERIT A STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY. I KNOW I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED WORK THAT
11 WE HAVE TOGETHER. WITH DEEP GRATITUDE, I PRESENT THE SCROLLS
12 THAT ARE BEHIND ME TO YOU AS A SYMBOL OF THANKS AND HOPE AND
13 THE CONTINUED COLLABORATION MOVING FORWARD. I'D NOW LIKE TO
14 TURN IT OVER TO OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CHIEF ANTHONY
15 MARRONE TO SHARE A FEW WORDS FOLLOWED BY CHIEF KREMENSKY,
16 CHIEF ALEXANDER AND CHIEF KINNEY. THANK YOU.

17
18 **ANTHONY MARRONE:** THANK YOU CHAIR BARGER. SO GOOD MORNING. AS
19 FIRE CHIEF, IT'S MY HONOR TO BE HERE TODAY TO RECOGNIZE THE
20 BRAVERY AND SERVICE OF THE FIREFIGHTERS FROM 14 TRIBAL
21 NATIONS, INCLUDING THE YUHA AVIATAM OF SAN MANUEL NATION, AND
22 THE BARONA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, AS I EXTEND MY DEEPEST
23 GRATITUDE TO THEIR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS FOR DEPLOYING THEM LAST
24 JANUARY TO BATTLE THE LOS ANGELES WILDFIRES. THANK YOU FOR
25 BEING HERE FOR US IN OUR GREATEST TIME OF NEED, CHIEF



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1 ALEXANDER, KRAMINSKI, AND KENNY. NEVER IN MY 39 YEARS IN THE
2 FIRE SERVICE HAVE I SEEN FIRE BEHAVIOR LIKE WHAT WE
3 EXPERIENCED LAST JANUARY. OVERWHELMED AND OUTPACED,
4 FIREFIGHTERS BATTLED MULTIPLE WILDFIRES FUELED BY HURRICANE
5 FORCE WINDS, BUT THEY NEVER GAVE UP. AS WE CONTINUE TO RECOVER
6 AND REBUILD, WE MUST ENSURE WE ARE RESPONSIVE TO THE EVOLVING
7 IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE WILL
8 CONTINUE TO LEARN, ACT, AND IMPROVE TO MEET FUTURE CHALLENGES.
9 BECAUSE WE HAVE REMOVED FIRE FROM OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND
10 NO LONGER ALLOW FIRE TO PROPAGATE NATURALLY THROUGH THE HILLS,
11 WE MUST LEARN THE FIRE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OF THE CALIFORNIA
12 NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE ADAPT AND
13 BUILD FIRE-WISE COMMUNITIES WHERE FORESTS AND FUELS ARE
14 MANAGED MORE EFFECTIVELY. AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF
15 LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR STANDING
16 SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH OUR BRAVE PERSONNEL TO PROTECT LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY AND ITS RESIDENTS.

18
19 **KEN KREMENSKY:** GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CHIEF MARRONE, FOR THIS PRESENTATION.
21 THE BARONA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, WE LOVE TO SERVE THE
22 COMMUNITY, OUR OWN COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITIES
23 AROUND US. WE'RE FORTUNATE TO LIVE IN CALIFORNIA WHERE THE
24 BEST, MOST POPULAR, MUTUAL AID OPERATION IN THE FIRE SERVICE
25 IN THE WORLD. SO, WE COME TOGETHER IN THESE LARGE FIRES. IN



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SUPERVISORS

1 2003 WE HAD THE CEDAR FIRE IN BARONA IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY AS
2 WELL AS 2007 THE WITCH FIRE. AND THE COUNTY OF L.A. CAME AND
3 ASSISTED US THERE. SO, IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE THAT WE CAN COME
4 AND ASSIST L.A. COUNTY AS WELL AS ALL THE COUNTIES AND TRIBES
5 IN CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6
7 **KEITH ALEXANDER:** GOOD MORNING ON BEHALF OF THE YUHA AVIATAM OF
8 THE SAN MANUEL NATION AND THE SAN MANUEL FIRE DEPARTMENT, WE
9 EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD
10 OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR RECOGNITION IN OUR EFFORTS DURING THE
11 RECENT L.A. COUNTY WILDFIRES. YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT NOT ONLY
12 HONORS THE DEDICATION OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY
13 PERSONNEL, BUT ALSO UPLIFTS THE SPIRIT OF THE NATION WHOSE
14 VALUES OF SERVICE AND STEWARDSHIP GUIDE US IN THESE TIMES OF
15 CRISIS. RESPONDING TO THESE DEVASTATING WILDFIRES WAS A
16 COLLECTIVE EFFORT, AND WE'RE PROUD TO STAND ALONGSIDE L.A.
17 COUNTY, PROTECTING THE LIVES, COMMUNITIES, AND LAND THAT WE
18 ALL CHERISH. WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S LEADERSHIP AND
19 COMMITMENT TO FOSTERING COLLABORATION ACROSS AGENCIES AND
20 COMMUNITIES. TOGETHER, WE WILL CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN OUR
21 RESILIENCE AND ENSURE THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS INHERIT A SAFER,
22 STRONGER L.A. COUNTY AND CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SHAWN KINNEY:** GOOD MORNING. I'M GOING TO BE THE LEAST POLISHED
25 SPEAKER YOU SEE HERE TODAY, SO WE'LL GET THIS OVER WITH. I



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1 REPRESENT THE YOCHA DEHE WINTUN NATION, AND HAVING NOT
2 PREPARED FOR THIS, I WAS TRYING TO PREPARE WHILE I WAS SITTING
3 HERE, BUT A FEW THINGS I HEARD TODAY, YOU WERE TALKING
4 COMMUNITY, WE'RE TALKING VALUES, AND THEN WE'RE TALKING TRIBAL
5 NATIONS WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HERE. AND IT'S BEEN VERY, VERY
6 EXCITING FOR ME REPRESENTING NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHAT MY
7 TRIBE HAS GONE THROUGH TO TRY TO REBUILD THEIR COMMUNITY, TO
8 SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY. AND REALLY WHAT WE DO REPRESENTING THE
9 TRIBAL NATIONS, THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA IS,
10 WE CALL IT THE GREATER COMMUNITY. THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO
11 GET OUT AND CONTRIBUTE AND TO WORK EACH OTHER. WE'VE ALWAYS
12 BEEN THERE, BUT THE RECOGNITION, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
13 THIS, IS AMAZING TO SEE AND VERY APPRECIATED BY MY LEADERSHIP.
14 THANK YOU.

15
16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING
17 TO DO A PICTURE. I WANT TO INVITE SUPERVISOR HORVATH UP
18 BECAUSE SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AS YOU KNOW, REPRESENTS THE
19 PALISADES, WHICH ALSO WAS IMPACTED. AND I'M SURE MANY OF YOUR
20 FIREFIGHTERS HELPED OVER THERE. SO, WE'LL COME UP HERE AND
21 TAKE A PICTURE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

22
23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. BUENOS DIAS. I'M
24 EXCITED THAT ALL OF YOU COULD JOIN US HERE TODAY TO HELP US
25 HONOR AND CELEBRATE LOS ANGELES TRADE TECHNICAL COLLEGE, KNOWN



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1 AS LATTC, WHICH IS CELEBRATING THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY THIS
2 YEAR. LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. I WANT TO THANK
3 PRESIDENT ALFRED MCQUARTERS AND HIS TEAM FOR JOINING US HERE
4 TODAY ON BEHALF OF LATTC. THE IDEA OF LATTC FIRST BEGAN
5 FOLLOWING WORLD WAR I. WOW. A VITAL TIME IN THIS COUNTY'S
6 HISTORY WHEN COMMUNITY, BUSINESSES, AND LABOR LEADERS
7 RECOGNIZED THE GROWING DEMAND FOR SKILLED WORKERS. THEY
8 CONVENED TO DISCUSS A VOCATIONAL TRAINING HUB, AND FROM THOSE
9 DISCUSSIONS, LATTC WAS BORN BACK IN 1925. SINCE THEN, FOR A
10 CENTURY, LATTC HAS SERVED AS AN ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY
11 INSTITUTION, PREPARING THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM
12 ALL WALKS OF LIFE WITH THE SKILLS AND TRAINING NEEDED TO BEGIN
13 OR ADVANCE THEIR CAREERS. IN FACT, LATTC WAS ONE OF THE
14 FOUNDING NINE COLLEGES IN THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE
15 DISTRICT, OR LACCD, IN 1969. AND I WANT TO THANK THE
16 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT FOR THEM COMING HERE AND
17 JOINING US TODAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE AND
18 HONORING US AS WELL. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, THE COLLEGE HAS
19 ESTABLISHED AND CONTINUED A STRONG FOUNDATION OF CAREER AND
20 TECHNICAL EDUCATION, FOCUSED AROUND GUIDED PATHWAYS. IN FACT,
21 I STILL REMEMBER FONDLY WHEN I WAS SERVING AS SECRETARY OF
22 LABOR UNDER BARACK OBAMA, I VISITED LATTC AS PART OF AN
23 INITIATIVE HIGHLIGHTING JOB TRAINING CENTERS AND EDUCATIONAL
24 INSTITUTIONS. I WAS SO IMPRESSED BY THE WORK HAPPENING ON THE
25 CAMPUS AND WAS ABLE TO CONNECT THEM TO GRANT OPPORTUNITIES TO



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1 SUPPORT THEIR APPRENTICESHIP AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
2 PROGRAMS. MY LONG PARTNERSHIP CONTINUED DURING MY TIME AS
3 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR AND I HAVE BEEN HAPPY TO PARTNER
4 WITH THEM ON COMMUNITY GRANTS TO SPONSOR A NUMBER OF THEIR
5 COHORTS. AND NOW THEY HAVE MORE THAN 80 CAREER TECHNICAL
6 PROGRAMS MOVING STUDENTS INTO CAREERS BEYOND JUST TWO YEARS,
7 BUT INTO MUCH MORE. THEY ALSO PREPARE STUDENTS TO TRANSFER TO
8 FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE PROGRAMS WITH ESTABLISHED PARTNERS WITH THE
9 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
10 SYSTEMS. AND THEY HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN HELPING
11 OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR TO FIND THOSE NECESSARY RESOURCES SO
12 THAT THEY COULD THRIVE. IN FACT, THERE ARE NEARLY 23,000
13 STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED. ALMOST 70% ARE OF LATINO DESCENT
14 AND 14% ARE BLACK AFRICAN AMERICAN. AND THEY ARE A NATIONALLY
15 RECOGNIZED HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTION AND ALSO RECOGNIZED BY
16 THE STATE AS A BLACK-SERVING INSTITUTION. RECOGNIZING THEIR
17 DIVERSE STUDENT BODY, LATTC AND LACCD BOTH CONTINUE TO
18 CHAMPION EQUITY, STUDENT SUCCESS, AND COMMUNITY-FOCUSED
19 PARTNERSHIPS TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL OF THEIR
20 STUDENTS. THIS WORK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER, AND I AM SO
21 PROUD AND HONORED TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THEIR CENTURY OF
22 ACCOMPLISHMENTS. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT 100 YEARS.
23 CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN, PRESIDENT MCQUARTERS, CHANCELLOR ROMAN,
24 AND BOARD PRESIDENT LENO. AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT Y'ALL
25 HAVE IN STORE FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS. AND I WOULD LIKE TO



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1 PRESENT TO YOU WITH THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNIZING YOU FOR YOUR
2 HISTORIC MILESTONE. AND CONGRATULATIONS ON ANOTHER 100 YEARS.

3
4 **DR. ALFRED MCQUARTERS:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ON
5 BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES TRADE TECHNICAL COLLEGE, I WANT TO THANK
6 YOU FOR THIS TREMENDOUS HONOR. TODAY'S RECOGNITION CELEBRATES
7 FAR MORE THAN A MILESTONE. IT CELEBRATES A CENTURY OF
8 OPPORTUNITY. FOR 100 YEARS, TRADETECH HAS STOOD AT THE HEART
9 OF LOS ANGELES AS A LEADER IN WORKFORCE TRAINING AND
10 EDUCATION, PREPARING GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS TO BUILD OUR
11 CITY, FUEL OUR INDUSTRIES, AND STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE
12 COULD NOT DO THIS WORK WITHOUT THE HELP AND SUPPORT OF THE
13 COUNTY, OUR INDUSTRY PARTNERS, OUR LABOR UNIONS, OUR DEDICATED
14 FACULTY, STAFF, ADMINISTRATORS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, OUR
15 STUDENTS, WHOSE TALENTS AND AMBITIONS CONTINUE TO ASPIRE US
16 EACH AND EVERY DAY. AS WE BEGIN OUR NEXT CENTURY, WE REMAIN
17 COMMITTED TO EXPANDING PATHWAYS INTO GOOD CAREERS, UPLIFTING
18 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, AND ASSURING THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY
19 HAS THE SKILL WORKFORCE IT NEEDS FOR THE FUTURE. AGAIN, THANK
20 YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THIS LEGACY AND FOR YOUR CONTINUED
21 PARTNERSHIP. WE ARE PROUD TO SERVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TODAY
22 AND FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS. THANK YOU.

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



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1 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID WE'RE
2 CELEBRATING TODAY I SAID YES PROVIDES US A PARTY IN THE BOARD
3 ROOM TODAY. IT'S A PARTY. HELLO, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OH, MY
4 GOODNESS. LET'S TRY AGAIN. HELLO, L.A. COUNTY. OH, GEEZ. COME
5 ON. I SAID IT WAS A PARTY. SO WHY IS IT A PARTY? BECAUSE IT'S
6 SOMEBODY'S 50TH BIRTHDAY. I WANT TO, AND THEY SAY 50 IS THE
7 NEW 30. I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT'S THE CASE. CONGRATULATIONS TO
8 ST. JOSEPH CENTER ON 50 YEARS OF SERVICE. PLEASE GIVE THEM A
9 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. BECAUSE SERVICE IN THE SERVICE SECTOR AIN'T
10 EASY. I'VE BEEN THERE, I FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT. AND SO TODAY I
11 HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF RECOGNIZING DR. RYAN SMITH, WHOSE
12 CONTINUED LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION HAVE GUIDED ST. JOSEPH
13 CENTER IN ITS CRUCIAL MISSION TO PROVIDE VITAL SERVICES AND
14 TOOLS THROUGH HOUSING, OUTREACH, MENTAL HEALTH AND EDUCATION
15 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. AND DR. SMITH, YOUR VISION AND
16 COMMITMENT AND THAT OF YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTED
17 TODAY BY YOUR BOARD CHAIR, JUDGE KAREN GOFF, REMIND US OF THE
18 POWER OF COLLABORATION AND THE TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT IT CAN
19 HAVE ON ALL OF OUR LIVES. OVER THE YEARS I'VE HAD THE
20 PRIVILEGE OF PARTNERING WITH ST. JOSEPH CENTER AND WE'VE
21 DEVELOPED A STRONG AND MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIP. JUST LAST MONTH
22 I WAS REMINDED OF THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK BEING DONE BY ST.
23 JOSEPH'S WHEN I WAS JOINED BY OUR COUNCILWOMAN FROM THE GREAT
24 10TH, COUNCILWOMAN HEATHER HUTT, AT THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY
25 OF LA RAMONA, ONE OF THE NEW FAMILY INTERIM HOUSING SITES IN



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1 OUR COUNTY RE HOUSING SYSTEM. WE SAW FIRSTHAND HOW ST. JOSEPH
2 CENTER TOOK A PLACE THAT WAS ONCE A SITE ASSOCIATED WITH HUMAN
3 TRAFFICKING AND OTHER CHALLENGES AND COMPLETELY TRANSFORMED LA
4 RAMONA INTO A SAFE, DIGNIFIED, NURTURING COMMUNITY FOR
5 FAMILIES WHO ARE REBUILDING THEIR LIVES. THIS TRANSFORMATION
6 WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH PROJECT HOME KEY FUNDING WITH OVER
7 \$6,000,000 INVESTED TO CONVERT THE FORMER RAMONA MOTEL INTO 19
8 UNITS OF FAMILY FOCUSED INTERIM HOUSING IT REFLECTS THIS
9 STRONG PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THE COUNTY
10 OF L. A. AND OUR NONPROFIT SECTOR ST. JOSEPH. AND SO, I'M
11 PROUD THAT THE SECOND DISTRICT HAS 11 HOME KEY SITES ACROSS
12 OUR DISTRICT, INCLUDING IN THE CITIES OF REDONDO BEACH,
13 COMPTON, I SEE YOU MAYOR SHARIF, AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
14 AS WELL AS UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE A TOTAL OF 530
15 UNITS, 417 PERMANENT AND 115 INTERIM FOR INDIVIDUALS, YOUTH
16 AND FAMILIES. ST. JOSEPH CENTER MODELS COLLABORATION ACROSS
17 SECTORS. THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH HOPPIX AND THE COALITION FOR
18 RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT HAS SHOWN HOW SUCCESSFUL
19 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING CAN BE FOR FAMILIES. AND THE RESULTS
20 SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. IN JUST ONE YEAR, NEARLY 90% OF FAMILIES
21 WHO EXITED LA RAMONA SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITIONED INTO PERMANENT
22 HOUSING. THAT ACHIEVEMENT UNDERSCORES WHAT IS POSSIBLE WHEN
23 SERVICE, COMPASSION, AND COORDINATION COMES TOGETHER. AT THE
24 CELEBRATION YOU'RE SEEING SOME OF THE IMAGES I THINK ON THE
25 SCREEN BEHIND ME, WE HEARD DIRECTLY FROM PARTICIPANTS WHOSE



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1 LIVES HAVE BEEN CHANGED. FAMILIES SHARED HOW THEY ACCESS
2 EMPLOYMENT TRAINING, THERAPY, CHILDCARE, AND FINANCIAL
3 EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS. RESOURCES THAT HELP THEM BUILD, THAT
4 WILL HELP THEM BUILD LASTING INDEPENDENCE AND OPPORTUNITY. THE
5 PROJECT DEMONSTRATES HOW PARTNERSHIP AND SHARED PURPOSE CAN
6 DISRUPT CYCLES OF EXPLOITATION, HOMELESSNESS, TRANSFORMING A
7 SPACE ONCE USED FOR HARM INTO ONE THAT FOSTERS SAFETY,
8 DIGNITY, AND BELONGING. AND SO TOGETHER WITH OUR COMMUNITY,
9 CITY, AND COUNTY PARTNERS, WE'RE PROVIDING THAT COLLABORATION
10 AND COMPASSION, WE'RE PROVING THAT COLLABORATION AND
11 COMPASSION CAN TRANSFORM LIVES AND NEIGHBORHOODS, OFFERING
12 FAMILIES NOT JUST HOUSING, BUT HOPE AND A FUTURE. I'D ALSO
13 LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE HARDWORKING STAFF AT ST. JOSEPH CENTER.
14 THE WORK THAT YOU ALL DO EVERY DAY TO SUPPORT OUR UNHOUSED
15 FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS STRENGTHENS OUR COMMUNITY AND
16 IT DOESN'T GO UNNOTICED AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT. YOUR
17 COMPASSION, RESILIENCE, AND DAY-TO-DAY EFFORTS ARE THE
18 BACKBONE OF EVERYTHING WE DO. AND NONE OF OUR PROGRESS HERE AT
19 THE COUNTY WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE DEDICATED STAFF OF
20 OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION PARTNERSHIP. SO, LOOKING
21 AHEAD, I'M EXCITED TO CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH ST. JOSEPH
22 CENTER AS WELL AS THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OFFICE. ONCE AGAIN,
23 CONGRATULATIONS ON 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO DR. SMITH, YOUR
24 BOARD FOR TRUE PARTNERSHIP AND UNWAVERING DEDICATION. I'D LIKE
25 TO ASK COUNCIL MEMBER HEATHER HUTT FROM THE GREAT TENTH TO SAY



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1 A FEW WORDS. THANK YOU FOR COMING.

2

3 **HEATHER HUTT:** THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. GOOD MORNING,
4 EVERYBODY. THANK YOU SO MUCH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR INVITING
5 ME TO DROP THE MIC FOR INVITING ME TO TALK ABOUT PARTNERSHIP
6 AND A PROGRESSIVE LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE IN THE 10TH
7 DISTRICT. I'M HERE TO RECOGNIZE ST. JOSEPH'S FOR 50 YEARS OF
8 WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE IN THE COMMUNITY. A PARTY FOR SURE
9 THAT WE HAD JUST LAST MONTH TO HONOR THE WORK, THE VISION, AND
10 THE COMMUNITY AT LA RAMONA. FOR DECADES, ST. JOSEPH CENTER HAS
11 BEEN A FOUNDATIONAL PILLAR OF HOPE. THEIR LEGACY IS BUILT ON
12 THE UNWAVERING BELIEF THAT EVERYONE DESERVES SAFETY, DIGNITY,
13 AND A CLEAR PATH FORWARD. THEY'VE BEEN THE STEADY FORCE
14 WORKING AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOME OF THE MOST CRITICAL
15 CHALLENGES WE FACE IN OUR CITY. HOUSING INSTABILITY, HUNGER,
16 AND THE HEALING REQUIRED TO BREAK CYCLES OF HARM. UNDER DR.
17 SMITH'S DIRECTION, THE CENTER'S NOT JUST ADAPTED TO THE
18 CHANGING NEEDS OF OUR CITY, BUT AS INNOVATIVE RELENTLESSLY.
19 DR. SMITH UNDERSTANDS THAT ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS REQUIRES A
20 CIRCLE APPROACH, ONE THAT COMBINES SAFE HOUSING WITH RIGOROUS
21 SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS. THIS INCLUDES THEIR ESSENTIAL LEADERSHIP
22 IN THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM FOR FAMILIES ON THE WEST SIDE,
23 THEIR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAIN SUPPORT THROUGH PERMANENT
24 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AND THEIR SUCCESS IN QUICKLY RESTORING
25 STABILITY THROUGH RAPID REHOUSING INITIATIVES. THESE



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1 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FROM MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND JOB
2 TRAINING TO TARGETED ASSISTANCE FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC
3 VIOLENCE ARE THE TRUE POWER BEHIND ST. JOSEPH'S WORK. BUT
4 THAT'S NOT IT. THAT'S NOT ALL. THE SERVICES THAT YOU PROVIDE
5 ARE AMAZING.

6
7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. WOULD YOU ESCORT HER
8 OUT IF SHE'S NOT GOING TO BE QUIET PLEASE. EXCUSE ME.

9
10 **HEATHER HUTT:** FIRST OF ALL, LA RAMONA ON JEFFERSON WAS ONCE
11 UPON A TIME NOT THE LOCATION THAT IT IS TODAY. PEOPLE WERE
12 AFRAID TO WALK BY IT. PEOPLE WERE AFRAID THAT IT WAS GOING TO
13 BE UNSAFE FOR THEIR CHILDREN OR EVEN FOR THEIR DOGS. WHEN THE
14 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEMBERS CAME UP TO ME BEFORE WE HAD THE
15 GRAND OPENING OR THE ANNIVERSARY PARTY, AND AT THE EVENT TO
16 TELL ME HOW HAPPY THEY WERE THAT YOU WERE THERE, TO LET ME
17 KNOW THAT THE NEIGHBORS FEEL SAFE, GRANDMA FEELS SAFE, THAT
18 CHILDREN FEEL SAFE WALKING BY. THAT'S NOT JUST A TESTAMENT TO
19 YOU. THAT'S A TESTAMENT TO YOUR WHOLE STAFF AND SO I'M HERE TO
20 LET YOU KNOW THAT THE NEIGHBORS SAID THEY'RE GLAD YOU'RE THERE
21 THAT YOU'RE AN ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY SOMETIMES PEOPLE ARE
22 AFRAID WHEN THERE'S ANY KIND OF REHOUSING IN THEIR AREA
23 ESPECIALLY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS AND IN THE 10TH DISTRICT.
24 MOST OF THEM ARE REALLY BUSY, THEY DON'T MIND CALLING AND
25 COMPLAINING BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT WHAT'S



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1 HAPPENING AT LA RAMONA. THEY ARE HAPPY ABOUT WHAT IT IS, AND
2 THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE THAT YOU'RE MAKING. IN THIS COMMUNITY
3 WHEN WE FIND SOMETHING THAT WE CAN BE PROUD OF WE GOT TO
4 HOLLER ABOUT IT AND SO I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT IT I'M HERE TO
5 HOLLER ABOUT IT AND I'M HERE TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU. THANK YOU
6 SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO COME AND LET YOU KNOW THAT THE
7 NEIGHBORS ARE GLAD YOU'RE THERE. YOU DON'T GET TO HEAR THAT
8 PART. SO, THE SECOND THING I WANT TO SAY THAT'S GOOD IS THAT
9 THE FACES ON THE ADULTS AND CHILDREN THAT ARE THERE ON THEIR
10 JOURNEY TO A SUCCESSFUL PATHWAY ARE DELIGHTFUL. THEY LOOK
11 DIFFERENT. REMEMBER, I CAME WHEN YOU FIRST ONLY HAD TWO PEOPLE
12 THERE AND THEY WERE SCARED. THEY WERE AFRAID, IS THIS GOING TO
13 HELP ME OR IS THIS GOING TO HURT ME? AND THEN WHEN YOU SEE
14 THEM TODAY, THEY LOOK HAPPY. THEY LOOK LIKE THIS IS WHAT
15 SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE. THIS LOOKS LIKE MY FUTURE WILL BE BRIGHT.
16 SO, THANK YOU FOR GIVING THEM THAT. AND I WANT TO THANK
17 EVERYONE HERE FOR YOUR ALL YOUR GIFTS THAT YOU GIVE TO OUR
18 COMMUNITY BECAUSE THIS IS A LABOR OF LOVE I KNOW THAT TO WORK
19 IN THAT SPACE TO TRANSFORM PEOPLE AND THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE DOING
20 SO THANK YOU. I WANT TO GIVE YOU YOUR FLOWERS ROGER OH
21 SOMEBODY I BOUGHT A CERTIFICATE TO THIS A LITTLE SMALLER BUT
22 THE CITY IS SMALLER THAN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU,

23
24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER. I
25 APPRECIATE YOU.



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

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2 **DR. RYAN J. SMITH:** FIRST, I WANT TO THANK THE ENTIRE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS AND ON THIS DAY, BOARD SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL,
4 COUNCILWOMAN HEATHER HUTT. WE WERE REALLY EXCITED WHEN WE
5 OPENED LA RAMONA, WHICH WAS OUR FIRST FULLY OPERATED AND OWNED
6 FAMILY SHELTER IN L.A. COUNTY. WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE THAT
7 WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF OUR FRIENDS AT THE STATE, OUR AMAZING
8 PARTNERS LIKE SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL AND OTHERS AT THE
9 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND OUR AMAZING CITY PARTNERS AS
10 WELL. TODAY WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY DOING THE
11 GOOD WORK. AND I'M EXCITED ABOUT THAT FOR TWO REASONS. 1, WE
12 WERE FOUNDED BY AN AMAZING GROUP OF WOMEN, SISTERS WHO WERE
13 COMMITTED TO GOING TO THE FOUR CORNERS OF L.A. COUNTY AND
14 UPLIFT THEIR FELLOW NEIGHBORS. OH, AND BY THE WAY WHEN I SAY
15 SISTERS I MEAN NUNS. AND THESE AMAZING NUNS 50 YEARS AGO
16 OPENED UP A STOREFRONT ON ROSE AVENUE ON THE HEART OF THE WEST
17 SIDE IN VENICE. THEY BOUGHT A RED TRUCK AND THEY BEGAN TO
18 SUPPORT IMMIGRANT FAMILIES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. AND FROM
19 THEIR VISION OF UPLIFTING OUR FELLOW NEIGHBOR WITH DIGNITY AND
20 PRIDE AND ENSURING THAT EVERYONE HAS A PLACE TO COME HOME. ST.
21 JOSEPH'S CENTER NOW SUPPORTS 15,000 PEOPLE ANNUALLY THROUGH
22 15,000 PEOPLE ANNUALLY THROUGH HOUSING AND OUTREACH AND MENTAL
23 HEALTH AND EDUCATION EFFORTS. AND WE'RE LUCKY TO PARTNER WITH
24 FOLKS LIKE SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF LOS
25 ANGELES AND OUR AMAZING PARTNER AND SUPERVISOR LINDSAY HORVATH



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 ON THE WEST SIDE OF LOS ANGELES AND OTHERS THROUGHOUT L.A.
2 COUNTY. THE SECOND REASON I'M REALLY HAPPY AND EXCITED, SECOND
3 REASON I'M HAPPY AND EXCITED TO CELEBRATE TODAY IS BECAUSE
4 THIS COULD NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT THE AMAZING WOMEN AND PEOPLE AND
5 MEN THAT YOU SEE BEHIND ME, THE AMAZING STAFF AT ST. JOSEPH'S
6 CENTER. YOU ARE WITNESSING CASE MANAGERS WHO GIVE OF
7 THEMSELVES EVERY DAY, OUTREACH WORKERS WHO WERE SOME OF THE
8 FIRST RESPONDENTS DURING THE PALISADES FIRE HELPING PEOPLE WHO
9 ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. YOU ARE SEEING OUR AMAZING
10 STAFF THAT WORK WITH AN INTERIM AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
11 HOUSING SITES. BECAUSE OF THEIR WORK AND THEIR CREATIVITY WE
12 HAVE PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS LIKE CHICKEN AND WAFFLE WEDNESDAYS
13 THAT MY AMAZING COLLEAGUE HAS CREATED BUT ENSURING THAT WE ARE
14 BRINGING PEOPLE THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY TO END THIS
15 HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN THIS GENERATION. AND LASTLY, I WILL SAY
16 THIS. THIS IS A LOVE LETTER TO ALL PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING IN
17 HOMELESS SERVICES. THERE ARE A PERFECT STORM OF EVENTS THAT
18 ARE TAKING PLACE TODAY. WE ARE LITERALLY FIGHTING EVERY DAY
19 JUST TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLES OF FOLKS WHO ARE HOUSING
20 UNSTABLE. WE ARE ENSURING THAT EVEN AS WE SEE RESOURCES
21 CHALLENGED THAT WE CONTINUE TO BRING PEOPLE INSIDE. AND
22 SOMEONE WHO WAS WISE SAT ME DOWN AND SAID, MAKE SURE YOU REST,
23 BUT PLEASE DON'T QUIT. AND I THINK OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY SHOWS
24 THAT AS AN ORGANIZATION, WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR OUR
25 NEXT 50 YEARS. AND WE ASK YOU TO DO THE SAME UNTIL EVERYBODY



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 IN L.A. COUNTY HAS A PLACE TO CALL HOME. THANK YOU ALL.

2
3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NOW SUPERVISOR LINDSEY HORVATH.

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5 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** GOOD MORNING. I SEE SO MANY PEOPLE
6 COMING UP WHO ARE JUST MAKING THE HOLIDAYS THAT MUCH BRIGHTER
7 FOR SO MANY PEOPLE AND HAVE BEEN DOING EXTRAORDINARY WORK. IT
8 IS TRULY A PRIVILEGE TO HONOR THE REMARKABLE ORGANIZATIONS
9 WHOSE COMPASSION, LEADERSHIP, AND RELENTLESS COMMITMENT HAVE
10 KEPT OUR COMMUNITIES NOURISHED DURING AN INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT
11 TIME. WHEN SNAP BENEFITS WERE DISRUPTED, FAMILIES ACROSS LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY WERE SUDDENLY FACED WITH UNCERTAINTY ABOUT HOW
13 THEY WOULD FEED THEIR CHILDREN. EACH OF YOU STEPPED IN AND
14 STEPPED UP WITH URGENCY AND RESOLVE TO DO EVERYTHING THAT YOU
15 COULD TO ENSURE NO ANGELENO WENT HUNGRY. MEND, ROOTED IN
16 PACOIMA, EXPANDED ITS OPERATIONS IMMEDIATELY, MEETING
17 SKYROCKETING DEMAND WITH DIGNITY AND WITH CARE. THEY SHOWED
18 OUR COMMUNITIES THAT HELP WOULD BE THERE THE MOMENT IT WAS
19 NEEDED. FOOD FORWARD ACTIVATED ITS COUNTY-WIDE NETWORK,
20 RESCUING FRESH PRODUCE AT AN EXTRAORDINARY SCALE AND GETTING
21 IT STRAIGHT INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO
22 TURN. THEIR WORK TRANSFORMED SURPLUS INTO SUSTENANCE. NORTH
23 VALLEY CARING SERVICES IN NORTH HILLS ENLARGED ITS DRIVE-
24 THROUGH DISTRIBUTIONS AND PANTRY SERVICES, ENSURING THAT LONG
25 LINES NEVER TRANSLATED TO LONG WAITS OR LOST HOPE. PROJECT



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SUPERVISORS

1 ANGEL FOOD MOBILIZED ITS TEAM TO PROTECT THE WELL-BEING OF
2 PEOPLE LIVING WITH SERIOUS ILLNESSES, DELIVERING MEDICALLY
3 TAILORED MEALS, ADVOCATING FOR NUTRITION SUPPORT, AND MAKING
4 SURE THAT NO CLIENT WAS LEFT BEHIND, AND BRINGING A LITTLE ART
5 AND JOY TO THE HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD WITH A BEAUTIFUL NEW
6 MURAL. THESE ORGANIZATIONS DIDN'T SIMPLY DISTRIBUTE FOOD. THEY
7 UPHELD STABILITY, POSSIBILITY, AND HUMAN DIGNITY AT A MOMENT
8 WHEN SO MANY FAMILIES FELT THE GROUND SHIFTING BENEATH THEM.
9 BECAUSE OF THEIR LEADERSHIP, FAMILIES WERE REMINDED THAT OUR
10 COUNTY SEES THEM, THAT WE VALUE THEM, AND WE DO THIS BY
11 STANDING WITH THEM WHEN TIMES ARE THE HARDEST. TODAY WE
12 RECOGNIZE YOUR SERVICE AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP.
13 AND WE COMMIT TO WALKING WITH YOU AS WE CONTINUE TO BUILD A
14 COUNTY WHERE NO ONE GOES HUNGRY. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
15 L.A. REGIONAL FOOD BANK AS WELL, AN EXTRAORDINARY PARTNER TO
16 THE COUNTY AND TO EACH OF THE ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED HERE.
17 LAST MONTH THE COUNTY WAS PROUD TO INVEST \$10,000,000 TO
18 SUPPORT THE FOOD BANK AND THIS IS SUPPORT THAT STRENGTHENS
19 SMALLER ORGANIZATIONS CAPACITY TO DELIVER NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO
20 RESIDENTS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. AND IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO
21 RECOGNIZE THESE SMALLER ORGANIZATIONS AT A TIME SUCH AS THIS
22 BECAUSE THEY ARE OFTEN THE MOST TRUSTED SPACES WHERE PEOPLE
23 CAN GO. PLACES WHERE, ESPECIALLY THIS YEAR, GOVERNMENT HAS HAD
24 A LOT OF TROUBLE BEING ABLE TO OFFER CREDIBLE AND SUPPORTIVE
25 CARE. THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE STEPPED IN AND BEEN OUR HANDS



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SUPERVISORS

1 AND OUR HEARTS IN COMMUNITIES THAT DESERVE THEM. TO THE L.A.
2 REGIONAL FOOD BANK, TO MEND, FOOD FORWARD, NORTH VALLEY CARING
3 SERVICES AND PROJECT ANGEL FOOD, AND SO MANY OTHERS, AND
4 ESPECIALLY TO EACH OF YOUR VOLUNTEERS ACROSS THE COUNTY, THANK
5 YOU. YOUR RESOLVE IN THIS EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT TIME HAS
6 BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF EXTRAORDINARY. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO
7 WELCOME UP FROM MEND, JANET MARINACCIO. I GOT IT. THIRD TIME'S
8 THE CHARM.

9

10 **JANET MARINACCIO:** THANK YOU. MY NAME'S STUMPS, EVERYBODY. GOOD
11 MORNING. I'M JANET MARANACCIO, CEO OF MEND, MEET EACH NEED
12 WITH DIGNITY. MEND STARTED NOT AS AN INSPIRATION TO BUILD A
13 BIG, IMPACTFUL ORGANIZATION, RATHER IT WAS THE QUIET
14 ASPIRATION TO SIMPLY HELP, TO HELP PEOPLE WHO WERE STRUGGLING.
15 NOW ALMOST 55 YEARS LATER, WE STILL HOLD TRUE TO THAT VISION.
16 I COULD TALK AT LENGTH ABOUT THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE THAT WE
17 FEED THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY NOURISHMENT PROGRAM, BUT THAT
18 REALLY WOULDN'T TELL THE IMPACT, THE REAL IMPACT ON REAL
19 PEOPLE. THE TERROR AND FEAR THAT HAS REPEATEDLY RIPPLED
20 THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY HAS BEEN EMOTIONALLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY
21 DEVASTATING TO THE MOST VULNERABLE. MOST RECENTLY WHEN THE
22 FOOD BENEFITS WERE SUDDENLY CUT OFF. FOR EXAMPLE, KAYLA, A
23 SINGLE MOM OF TWO BOYS, AGE 6 AND 12, DIDN'T KNOW WHAT SHE WAS
24 GOING TO DO TO FEED HER KIDS. THEN BY HAPPENSTANCE SHE FOUND
25 MEND AND NOW HAS SOME RELIEF, SOME HOPE FOR HER CHILDREN.



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SUPERVISORS

1 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, YOUR SUPPORT HAS HELPED ENSURE THAT WE
2 HAVE ENOUGH FOOD FOR OUR FAMILY'S HOLIDAY MEALS, ENOUGH FOOD
3 TO FEED OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS, ENOUGH FOOD TO GIVE PEOPLE
4 HOPE. THANK YOU FOR THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MEND'S IMPACT. IN
5 REALITY, IT IS ALL OF US HERE TODAY WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. TO
6 EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS WHO'VE COURAGEOUSLY FACED THIS VERY
7 UNUSUAL YEAR WITH INTEGRITY AND COMMITMENT TO MAKING THINGS
8 BETTER, THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEAGUES AND
9 PARTNERS WHO ARE ALSO BEING RECOGNIZED. WE ARE ALL ESSENTIAL
10 THREADS IN THE SAFETY NET, AND I'M HONORED TO SHARE THIS
11 MOMENT WITH EACH OF YOU. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** NEXT, FROM FOOD FORWARD, WE HAVE RICK
14 NAMIAS.

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16 **RICK NAHMIAS:** THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR, SUPERVISOR HORVATH.
17 OVER 16 YEARS AGO, I BEGAN FOOD FORWARD, THE HARVESTING OF TWO
18 BACKYARD FRUIT TREES IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY WHICH YIELDED
19 800 POUNDS OF FRESH CITRUS. TODAY WE RECOVER AND DONATE ENOUGH
20 PRODUCE TO FEED OVER 300,000 PEOPLE EVERY SINGLE DAY. WITH
21 NEARLY 2/3 OF THAT GOING TO RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY THROUGH
22 THE SUPPORT OF OUR 250 HUNGER RELIEF PARTNERS, SEVERAL WHO I'M
23 PLEASED TO BE WITH HERE TODAY. IN 2024, FOOD FORWARD GAVE L.A.
24 COUNTY'S FOOD INSECURE NEIGHBORS MORE FREE PRODUCE THAN ANY
25 OTHER AGENCY, FOOD BANK OR OTHERWISE, IN THE ENTIRE REGION. WE



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SUPERVISORS

1 DID IT WITH INCREDIBLE EFFICIENCY, TURNING A \$7,800,000 CASH
2 BUDGET INTO FOOD VALUED AT OVER \$185,000,000, GIVING OUR
3 AVERAGE AGENCY PARTNER OVER \$700,000 WORTH OF FREE PRODUCE,
4 ALLOWING THEM TO REINVEST THEIR PRECIOUS DOLLARS BACK INTO
5 THEIR CORE PROGRAMS. SINCE STARTING OUR WORK IN 2009, WE STAND
6 AT A GRAND TOTAL OF OVER 600,000,000 POUNDS OF FRESH FRUITS
7 AND VEGETABLES RESCUED FROM MANY SOURCES AND DISTRIBUTED TO
8 COMMUNITIES ACROSS LOS ANGELES AND 13 NEIGHBORING COUNTIES AND
9 SIX ADDITIONAL STATES WHEN SURPLUS ALLOWS. YOUR RECOGNITION IS
10 ALSO ABOUT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM TRUCK DRIVERS TO PANTRY
11 COORDINATORS, VOLUNTEERS, BOARD MEMBERS, AND HUNDREDS OF
12 PRODUCE DONORS WHO MAKE THIS NETWORK OF GENEROSITY AND
13 RESILIENCE POSSIBLE. AS THE COUNTY'S LARGEST PROVIDER OF FREE
14 NUTRIENT-DENSE FOOD, WE WELCOME OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTINUE TO
15 WORK HAND-IN-HAND WITH THE COUNTY AND CONTINUE TO ENSURE LOS
16 ANGELES, WHERE ABUNDANCE IS SHARED, WASTE IS ELIMINATED, AND
17 EVERY COMMUNITY HAS DIGNIFIED ACCESS TO THE NOURISHMENT IT
18 DESERVES. ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE AT FOOD FORWARD, THANK YOU FOR
19 STANDING WITH US.

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21 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** NEXT FROM NVCS WE HAVE ALYCIA MONROY.

22
23 **ALYCIA MONROY:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HORVATH. NORTH VALLEY
24 CARING SERVICES HAS BEEN A BEACON OF LIGHT IN THE COMMUNITY
25 SINCE 1978 AND CONTINUES TO RISE FOR ANY CRISIS. WE WERE 1 OF



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE 3 DESIGNATED DONATION CENTERS FOR THE PALISADES AND EATON
2 FIRES. WE WORKED WITH PARTNERS TO DELIVER FOOD TO FAMILIES
3 AFRAID TO LEAVE THEIR HOUSE FROM I.C.E. AND OUR FOOD PANTRY
4 SERVED MORE THAN EVER WHEN THE GOVERNMENT WAS SHUT DOWN AND
5 SNAP BENEFITS WERE DELAYED. OUR FOOD PANTRY STEMS BACK TO THE
6 NEED TO FEED FAMILIES IN LIVING IN POVERTY IN OUR BREAKFAST
7 AND SHOWER PROGRAM. I STAND HERE WITH VOLUNTEERS FROM OUR
8 HOMELESS BREAKFAST PROGRAM. VOLUNTEER DANNY RATHBONE, MY
9 FATHER, WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED SINCE 1992, WHO WORKED ALONGSIDE
10 VERA PORTER, THE FOUNDER, AND ROBERT DELEGADIO, WHO AT ONE
11 TIME LIVED IN HIS CAR IN OUR SAFE PARKING PROGRAM WHO IS
12 CONNECTED TO HOUSING AND WHO IS NOW VOLUNTEERED IN THAT
13 PROGRAM FOR OVER SIX YEARS NOW. THE PANDEMIC DIDN'T STOP THEM
14 FROM VOLUNTEERING, BEING HOMELESS DIDN'T STOP THEM FROM
15 VOLUNTEERING, BEING 85 DIDN'T STOP THEM FROM VOLUNTEERING. BUT
16 WHAT DID STOP THEM FROM VOLUNTEERING IS THAT LAST MONTH OUR
17 KITCHEN WAS SHUT DOWN. THE SAME KITCHEN THAT WE'VE BEEN
18 SERVING OUR MEALS OUT OF FOR 50 YEARS, THE CHURCH KITCHEN, WAS
19 SHUT DOWN FOR NOT BEING A COMMERCIAL KITCHEN. WE'LL FIND A WAY
20 TO KEEP FEEDING FOR SURE. WE'LL WORK FOR THE COMMUNITY AND
21 WE'LL WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY. AND SO, ON BEHALF OF NORTH
22 VALLEY CARING SERVICES, THE VOLUNTEERS, VERA PORTER, THANK
23 YOU.

24
25 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND NEXT WE'D LIKE TO WELCOME UP



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SUPERVISORS

1 RICHARD AYOUB FROM PROJECT ANGEL FOOD.

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3 **RICHARD AYOUB:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH. AND GOOD
4 MORNING, EVERYONE. IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE. PROJECT ANGEL FOOD
5 IS THERE BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER A CRISIS. WE WERE THERE FOR
6 COVID, FOR THE FIRES, AND RECENTLY THE SNAP CRISIS. SO WHEN WE
7 FOUND OUT THAT 800 OF OUR CLIENTS NOT ONLY RELIED ON OUR
8 MEDICALLY TAILORED MEALS BUT ALSO RELIED ON SNAP AND IT WAS
9 SHUT DOWN NOVEMBER 1ST, WE DECIDED EVEN THOUGH WE'RE NOT A
10 FOOD BANK AND WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH SNAP, WE BOUGHT \$100
11 GROCERY GIFT CARDS FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM AND
12 DELIVERED THEM WITHIN A WEEK OF FINDING OUT ABOUT THIS CRISIS.
13 THAT'S WHAT WE DO. AND I WANT TO GIVE YOU A RESPONSE FROM ONE
14 OF OUR CLIENTS WHO CALLED US. IT WAS JANE. SHE SAID, THE MEALS
15 ARE SO MUCH MORE VARIED AND HEALTHY THAN WHAT I'VE BEEN ABLE
16 TO EAT BEFORE. AND TODAY'S BONUS OF GROCERY GIFT CARDS IS JUST
17 MORE THAN I KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU FOR. AND THE LOVELY LETTER
18 THAT ACCOMPANIED IT. YOU HAVE LIFTED A WEARY SPIRIT. EVERYONE
19 WHO HAS TOUCHED, THOUGHT OF, OR DELIVERED, OR DONE ANYTHING
20 ABOUT THIS FOOD, GOD BLESS YOU MOST MIGHTILY. I AM HERE JOINED
21 BY BRAD BESSEY, OUR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TALENT,
22 JOHN GORDON, OUR EXECUTIVE CHEF WHO HAS BEEN WITH US FOR 31
23 YEARS, DON MCCAULEY, OUR SENIOR DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND
24 OPERATIONS, WHO HAS BEEN WITH US FOR 34 YEARS. SO, I'M VERY
25 GRATEFUL TO HAVE THIS TEAM AROUND ME, AND WE'RE EXCITED TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 ANNOUNCE TO EVERYONE HERE IN THE COUNTY, WITH THE HELP OF
2 COUNTY SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND THE COUNTY WE WILL BE OPENING A
3 BRAND NEW KITCHEN THAT WILL BE ABLE TO SERVE THREE TIMES AS
4 MANY PEOPLE 4,500,000 MEALS ON DECEMBER 16TH. THANK YOU VERY
5 MUCH.

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7 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** DURING MY TIME AS A SUPERVISOR, I'VE
8 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER WITH EACH OF THESE
9 ORGANIZATIONS, AND I CAN TELL YOU, IT ISN'T JUST THE FOOD THAT
10 NOURISHES OUR COMMUNITIES. IT IS THEIR VOLUNTEERS, IT IS THEIR
11 CARE AND COMPASSION, IT IS THEIR FULL INVESTMENT OF THEMSELVES
12 THAT TRULY TRANSFORMS OUR COMMUNITIES, SO I THANK ALL OF YOU.
13 ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE HAVE SOME SCROLLS TO
14 PRESENT AS WELL. WE'LL ASK YOU TO STEP FORWARD FOR A PHOTO.
15 THANK YOU. AND SHOUT OUT TO ST. JOSEPH CENTER. WE LOVE YOU AND
16 HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

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

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21 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I AM REALLY HAPPY
22 TODAY TO BE RECOGNIZING SOMEONE WHO'S HAD AN ENORMOUS IMPACT
23 IN MY DISTRICT AND DARE I SAY OUR REGION AND THE COUNTRY. WHO
24 IS RETIRING AFTER AN EXTRAORDINARY CAREER, MY FRIEND MARIO
25 CORDERO, WHO IS RETIRING FROM HIS ROLE AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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1 OFFICER OF THE PORT OF LONG BEACH. TODAY JOINING MARIO WE HAVE
2 HIS FAMILY HIS WIFE GLORIA HIS TWO CHILDREN, MARIO JR. AND
3 CELINE. AND ALSO, WE HAVE SHARON WEISMAN AND STEVE NEAL,
4 HARBOR COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PORT OF LONG BEACH. THANK YOU FOR
5 JOINING US TODAY. I'VE BEEN CONNECTED WITH THIS FAMILY FOR
6 DECADES. GLORIA AND I WERE COLLEAGUES TOGETHER AT SOUTHERN
7 CALIFORNIA EDISON IN THE 90S, AND I FEEL LIKE I FOLLOWED
8 MARIO'S DAUGHTER, SALIM, IN HER VARIOUS JOBS IN LIFE. SHE'S
9 SERVED IN THE HIGHEST ECHELONS OF CITY GOVERNMENT, WORKING FOR
10 MAYOR ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA AT ONE POINT. SO, I LOVE THIS
11 FAMILY. BUT MARIO'S STORY IS TRULY INSPIRING. THE LOS ANGELES
12 BORN SON OF MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS WAS THE FIRST IN HIS FAMILY TO
13 ATTEND COLLEGE. AND EVEN THOUGH HIS FATHER ENCOURAGED HIM TO
14 BECOME AN ENGINEER, MARIO FOLLOWED HIS OWN CALLING, SHAPED BY
15 THE ACTIVISM OF THE EARLY 1970S AND BECAME A LAWYER BECAUSE HE
16 WANTED TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN SOCIETY. HE EARNED HIS
17 DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM CAL STATE LONG BEACH AND
18 LATER HIS LAW DEGREE FROM SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY. MARIO WENT
19 ON TO PRACTICE LAW FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, TAUGHT POLITICAL
20 SCIENCE AT LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE, CONTINUING HIS COMMITMENT
21 TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND PUBLIC EDUCATION, ALL THE WHILE BEING AN
22 EXCEPTIONAL CLASSICAL PIANIST. LONG BEACH HAS BENEFITED FROM
23 MARIO'S LEADERSHIP FOR DECADES. HE JOINED THE BOARD OF HARBOR
24 COMMISSIONERS IN 2003, WHERE HE SERVED AS A MEMBER, VICE
25 PRESIDENT, AND PRESIDENT. WHILE SERVING THE HARBOR COMMISSION,



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1 MARIO PROPOSED A GROUNDBREAKING GREEN PORT POLICY, A
2 COMMITMENT THAT HELPED SHAPE THE PORT INTO A NATIONAL MODEL
3 FOR SUSTAINABILITY. IN 2011, PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA APPOINTED
4 MARIO TO THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION. ULTIMATELY, HE
5 SERVED AS THE COMMISSION'S CHAIR AND AS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS
6 AT THE TIME, I GOT TO SWEAR HIM IN FOR ONE OF THOSE TERMS. SO
7 THAT WAS REALLY A BIG HONOR FOR ME. MARIO RETURNED HOME IN
8 2017, I RETURNED HOME IN 2016 AND LED THE PORT OF LONG BEACH
9 AS THE CEO. AS CEO OF THE PORT OF LONG BEACH FOR THE PAST
10 EIGHT YEARS, MARIO HAS BEEN A STEADY, VISIONARY LEADER. HE'S
11 HELPED GUIDE ONE OF OUR BUSIEST PORTS IN THE WORLD THROUGH THE
12 MAJOR GROWTH, MAJOR CHALLENGES, AND YES, EVEN A GLOBAL SUPPLY
13 CHAIN CRISIS, ALWAYS WITH CALM, WISDOM, AND COLLABORATION.
14 WHAT HAS ALWAYS STOOD OUT ABOUT MARIO TO ME IS YOUR BELIEF
15 THAT A WORLD-CLASS PORT CAN ALSO BE A RESPONSIBLE NEIGHBOR TO
16 THOSE WHO LIVE IN PROXIMITY TO THIS PORT. YOU PUSHED FORWARD
17 CLEANER EQUIPMENT, CLEANER TRUCKS, AND MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL
18 INITIATIVES, PROVING THAT PROGRESS AND SUSTAINABILITY CAN GO
19 HAND IN HAND. AND YOU NEVER LOST SIGHT OF THE COMMUNITY. MARIO
20 MADE SURE THE PORT INVESTED IN WORKFORCE PATHWAYS AND STAYED
21 CONNECTED TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK THERE. THANK YOU
22 MARIO FOR YOUR INTEGRITY, YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND YOUR DECADES OF
23 SERVICE. YOU'VE LEFT A LASTING MARK ON LOS ANGELES AND ON LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY. WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN YOUR RETIREMENT
25 AND WE HOPE YOU FINALLY GET SOME TIME TO RELAX WITH GLORIA AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 ENJOY THE NEXT CHAPTER OF YOUR LIFE. CONGRATULATIONS. WOULD
2 YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

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4 **MARIO CORDERO:** THANK YOU, MADAM SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU,
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. LET ME JUST SAY I WANT TO THANK MY WIFE
6 OF 51 YEARS, WHO'S ALWAYS BEEN BY MY SIDE, AND AS I'VE ALWAYS
7 SAID PUBLICLY, SHE IS MY BETTER THREE-FOURTHS. THANK MY
8 CHILDREN, CELINE MARIA CORDERO AND MARIO ANDRES CORDERO,
9 WHO'VE GONE ON TO BE, HAD SUCCESSES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
10 CAREERS. AND I WANT TO ALSO LEAVE A MESSAGE HERE FOR THE BOARD
11 OF SUPERVISORS AND THE PUBLIC OVERALL AND THANKING THE BOARD
12 FOR SUPPORTING THE PORT OF LONG BEACH AND THE SAN PEDRO BAY
13 COMPLEX OVER THE MANY YEARS. AND TO MY LEFT, I HAVE TWO
14 COMMISSIONERS WHO ARE ABLE TO BE HERE BUT I COULD REPRESENT
15 THAT IS COMMISSIONER SHARON WEISSMAN, STEVE NEAL. I CAN
16 REPRESENT THAT THE 5 COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF LONG BEACH,
17 IT'S IN THEIR DNA, IT'S IN THEIR HEART. THAT WE DON'T JUST
18 MOVE CARGO AT THE PORT OF LONG BEACH, WE DO IT IN A
19 SUSTAINABLE FASHION, REDUCING EMISSIONS UNLIKE ANY OTHER PORT
20 IN THE COUNTRY, AND IN ADDITION, GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.
21 THE PORT OF LONG BEACH GIVES MORE MONEY BACK IN SPONSORSHIPS
22 AND COMMUNITY GRANTS THAN ANY OTHER PORT IN THE COUNTRY. I CAN
23 MAKE THAT REPRESENTATION FACTUAL. SO, IN ESSENCE, AS I MOVE TO
24 CONCLUDE MY COMMENTS, IT'S NOT ABOUT ME. I'VE BEEN VERY
25 FORTUNATE TO HAVE A GREAT STAFF. HERE PRESENT IS ELEANOR



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1 TORRES, WHO LEADS OUR STRATEGIC ADVOCACY, AND ALSO AGAIN THE
2 BENEFICIARY OF THE EXPERTISE THAT WE HAVE AT THE PORT OF LONG
3 BEACH, BUT THE COMMITMENT TO MAKE THIS PORT NOT ONLY A PORT OF
4 COMMERCE THAT'S SIGNIFICANT TO THIS NATION BUT A PORT THAT
5 GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOODS, AND A PORT THAT
6 WILL, THAT WILL ACCOMPLISH OUR GOAL OF ONE DAY BEING A ZERO-
7 EMISSION PORT. YEAH. AND. AND SUPERVISORS, AS SUPERVISOR HAHN
8 REFERENCED, SHE WAS THERE AT ONE OF MY INAUGURATIONS, ALSO
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHEN SHE WAS DEPUTY, EXCUSE ME, SECRETARY OF
10 LABOR, ADMINISTERED AN OATH, WHEN THE PRESIDENT OBAMA
11 APPOINTED ME CHAIRMAN. AND SO, IT'S BEEN A GREAT LEGACY, SO TO
12 SPEAK, BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE THAT I HAVE SURROUNDED MYSELF OR
13 I HAVE SURROUNDED WITH. AND AS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
14 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING THE PORTS. AND AGAIN, THERE
15 IS ALSO THE QUESTION ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS OF THIS
16 PORT. I THINK IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT WE HAVE HAD TREMENDOUS
17 PROGRESS IN REDUCING HARMFUL EMISSIONS. I APPRECIATE YOUR
18 PATIENCE AND LETTING US WORK THROUGH THIS. AND ALSO I WANT TO
19 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE PROACTIVE PART THAT YOU
20 PLAYED DURING THE COVID CRISIS, THE PROACTIVE PART THAT YOU
21 PLAYED DURING THE SUPPLY CHAIN CRISIS OR DISRUPTION CRISIS.
22 SO, WITH THAT, I JUST WANT TO LEAVE THIS BY THE TALKING POINT
23 OF WHAT HAS MADE ME IS THE GREAT PORT OF LONG BEACH OVER THE
24 MANY YEARS. AND IT'S GOING TO BE LEFT IN VERY GOOD HANDS. AND
25 MY LAST COMMENTARY TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS A MEXICAN



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1 AMERICAN BORN IN LOS ANGELES, A SON OF IMMIGRANTS FROM MEXICO
2 CITY, THANK YOU FOR SPEAKING ON THE INJUSTICES COMMITTED BY
3 THIS I.C.E. POLICY. SO, WITH THAT, I'LL LEAVE THAT. AND AGAIN,
4 THE POOR LONG BEACH JUST DOESN'T MOVE CARGO. WE DO IT IN A WAY
5 THAT BENEFITS THIS COMMUNITY AND OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. SO, THANK
6 YOU SO MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MARIO. YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN
9 SAYING A PHRASE FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, PROBABLY 30
10 YEARS. YOU HAVE MADE WHAT I HAVE BEEN SAYING FOR 30 YEARS A
11 REALITY, WHICH IS WE CAN HAVE GOOD JOBS AND CLEAN AIR. WE CAN
12 HAVE BOTH OF THEM AND WE DON'T HAVE TO CHOOSE. SO, THANK YOU
13 FOR THAT. AND NOW ON BEHALF OF THE 10,000,000 RESIDENTS OF LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY, WE WANTED TO PRESENT YOU THIS CERTIFICATE WITH
15 THREE WHEREAS'S, AND NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED. AND YOU CAN
16 READ THEM WHEN YOU GET HOME. BUT THANK YOU, MARIO, FOR YOUR
17 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE. WE LOVE YOU. WE WILL MISS YOU. I
18 REALLY BELIEVE YOU WILL LEAVE THE PORT IN GOOD HANDS, BUT
19 THERE WILL BE A HOLE WITHOUT YOU THERE. SO HERE COME, STEP
20 THIS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MY NEXT PRESENTATION IS COMING.
21 SLOWLY BUT SURELY.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IT'S OKAY.

24

25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WE HAVE CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS IN THE



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1 HOUSE. AH. SHE'S A SURPRISE. SHE'S A SURPRISE VISITOR FOR THIS
2 PRESENTATION. COME ON MAXINE, YOU'RE A SURPRISE VISITOR. I DID
3 NOT KNOW YOU WERE COMING. YOU GOT PENNY? WE GOT JAN PERRY
4 HERE. HI. YOU GUYS COME ON OVER. HI, MS. EMMA SHARIF. OKAY,
5 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS MY SECOND PRESENTATION AND I'M
6 HONORED TO RECOGNIZE THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS
7 SOUTH BAY ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY. AND STANDING WITH ME ON THE
8 DAIS ARE SOME PRETTY HEAVYWEIGHT WOMEN. FIRST AND FOREMOST,
9 CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS IS HERE WITH US. I HAVE ROLLING
10 HILLS COUNCILMEMBER BEA DERRINGER. COMPTON MAYOR, EMMA SHARIF.
11 FORMER L.A. COUNCILMEMBER AND MY COLLEAGUE, JAN PERRY, PENNY
12 TRINELL, OLIVIA VERRETT, INGRID PALMER, CHIOMA AGBAHIWE, AND
13 ELKA WORNER. SO, THE NWPC SOUTH BAY WAS FOUNDED IN 1974 AT DEL
14 CONTE'S RESTAURANT IN TORRANCE AND OFFICIALLY CHARTERED IN
15 1975. IT ALL STARTED WHEN A GROUP OF DETERMINED SOUTH BAY
16 WOMEN CAME TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR GREATER
17 REPRESENTATION, EMPOWERMENT, AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION.
18 AMONG THE PIONEERING FOUNDERS WAS PENNY TRINELL, RIGHT HERE,
19 WHO HELPED ESTABLISH NWPC SOUTH BAY AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S
20 EARLIEST AND MOST INFLUENTIAL VOICES FOR WOMEN'S POLITICAL
21 ENGAGEMENT. PENNY'S WORK CONTINUES TO INSPIRE GENERATIONS OF
22 WOMEN COMMITTED TO PUBLIC SERVICE. BUT FOR ME, THE FACE
23 CURRENTLY OF NWPC HAS ALWAYS BEEN PRESIDENT DR. CARMEN ESTRADA
24 SHEA. UNDER CARMEN'S LONGTIME LEADERSHIP, THE ORGANIZATION HAS
25 CONTINUED TO EXPAND ITS INFLUENCE IN GETTING SOUTH BAY WOMEN



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1 ELECTED TO OFFICE. CARMEN AND I AND OUR FAMILIES GO WAY BACK.
2 CARMEN ALWAYS REMINDS ME ABOUT HER PARENTS WALKING PRECINCTS
3 FOR MY DAD WHEN HE WAS RUNNING FOR OFFICE AND SHE REMEMBERS
4 BOTH OF US TAGGING ALONG AND DOING THE SAME THING. YOU KNOW,
5 SENATOR BETTY CARNETT ALWAYS SAID, YOU DON'T GET ELECTED IN
6 THE SOUTH BAY UNLESS YOU GO THROUGH NWPC SOUTH BAY. AND THAT
7 IS THE TRUTH. NWPC SOUTH BAY REMAINS AT THE FOREFRONT OF
8 WOMEN'S ADVOCACY, ENCOURAGING WOMEN TO RUN FOR OFFICE, SERVE
9 ON COMMISSIONS, AND TAKE ACTIVE LEADERSHIP ROLES TO ENSURE
10 THAT WOMEN'S VOICES ARE HEARD AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT.
11 AND YOU KNOW, IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE I THINK SOME OF US
12 WHO GREW UP, YOU KNOW, THERE WEREN'T AS MANY WOMEN IN ELECTIVE
13 OFFICE AS OUR ROLE MODELS. IT WAS MOSTLY MEN. YOU LOOK AT THIS
14 VERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR AND FOR SO MANY YEARS, IT WAS
15 FIVE MEN, I MEAN MY DAD WAS ONE OF THEM, BUT IT WAS STILL FIVE
16 MEN FOR A VERY, VERY LONG TIME. AND SO, WHAT THE NWPC HAS
17 MANAGED TO DO IS ENCOURAGE WOMEN TO RUN, BUT ALSO ALL THE
18 WOMEN WHO ARE IN ELECTIVE OFFICE SERVE AS THAT ROLE MODEL THAT
19 I REALLY NEVER HAD AND MANY WOMEN MY AGE DID NOT HAVE GROWING
20 UP. SO, THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO ARE HERE TODAY. I'M GOING
21 TO TURN IT OVER TO CARMEN TO SAY A FEW WORDS BUT THANK YOU FOR
22 ALL THAT YOU DO.

23
24 **DR. CARMEN ESTRADA-SCHAYE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WANT TO SAY I
25 HAVE TO PUT MY GLASSES ON. OKAY. THE FIRST THING IS TODAY IT



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1 IS ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISOR, MADE ENTIRELY OF WOMEN. GIVE AN APPLAUSE. AND OF
3 COURSE, NWPC EXTENDS ITS DEEP GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISOR JANICE
4 HAHN AND CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS, WHO HAVE DONE SO MANY
5 THINGS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT US. AND I REMEMBER IN OUR EARLY
6 DAYS WITH NWPC SOUTH BAY, JANICE HAHN WAS IN MY LIVING ROOM
7 AND SHE SAYS, I THINK I'M GOING TO RUN FOR THE CHARTER
8 COMMISSION. AND SO, SHE DECLARED THAT SHE WAS RUNNING FOR
9 CHARTER COMMISSION IN MY LIVING ROOM. AND THAT'S ANOTHER ONE
10 OF THE FIRST WITH THE HAHN FAMILY. AND THAT WAS AT AN NWPC
11 MEETING. AND SO SINCE THEN WE'VE SUPPORTED HER FOR CITY
12 COUNCIL, US CONGRESS, L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISOR, AND LIEUTENANT
13 GOVERNOR. THE FIRST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, IF SHE HAD WON, WOULD
14 HAVE BEEN JANICE HAHN. ALSO, OUR CHAPTER WENT TO SUPPORT SOUTH
15 BAY RED CIDENT AND FORMER REPUBLICAN JANE HARMON, THE
16 HONORABLE JANE HARMON WHO RAN FOR CONGRESS AND LATER RAN FOR
17 CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR. AND WE WERE PROUD TO ENDORSE OUR OWN
18 JANICE HAHN FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. THROUGH THE YEARS WE HAVE
19 HELPED THESE EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN, MANY OF THEM WHO ARE HERE
20 TODAY, THROUGH THIS HALF CENTURY MILESTONE. MAYOR EMMA SHARIF,
21 CONGRESSWOMAN WATERS, AND OF COURSE, BEA DERRINGER. AND WITH A
22 SMALL GATHERING OF PASSIONATE WOMEN HAS GROWN INTO A
23 TRANSFORMATIVE FORCE, NWPC SOUTHWAY CONTINUES ITS ENDURING
24 MISSION TO EMPOWER WOMEN TO LEAD, TO RUN, AND TO WIN. THANK
25 YOU FOR THIS HONOR. AND ON WITH THE NEXT 50 YEARS. AND MAXINE



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1 WATERS, WILL YOU COME AND SAY A FEW WORDS, PLEASE, BECAUSE
2 SHE'S BEEN PART OF US FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

3

4 **MAXINE WATERS:** HELLO, EVERYONE. I AM DELIGHTED AND PLEASED TO
5 BE HERE WITH YOU TODAY. BACK WHEN I FIRST RAN FOR OFFICE, I
6 COULD NOT HAVE IMAGINED THAT THERE WOULD BE A COUNTY BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS MADE UP OF ALL WOMEN. THAT WAS JUST UNHEARD OF.
8 BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW I'M A BIG SUPPORTER OF CARMEN SCHAYE
9 BECAUSE SHE IS A LEADER AND SHE HAS LED IN THE SOUTH BAY
10 SUPPORTING WOMEN AND MAKING SURE THAT WE PAID ATTENTION TO
11 EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. SHE'S DONE A WONDERFUL JOB. GIVE
12 HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. NWPC IS EXTRAORDINARILY
13 IMPORTANT. WHEN I FIRST RAN FOR OFFICE, I WAS RUNNING AGAINST
14 THE LEADERSHIP, WHICH WAS ALL MEN, AND SO WE HAD TO FIGHT. BUT
15 IT WAS NWPC AND THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN WHO
16 ABSOLUTELY JOINED MY CAMPAIGN AND HELPED TO DEVELOP THE KIND
17 OF STRATEGY THAT CAUSED ME TO BE ELECTED TO THE CALIFORNIA
18 STATE ASSEMBLY WHERE I STAYED FOR 14 YEARS. AND I'M SO PLEASED
19 AND PROUD THAT NWPC WAS THERE FOR ME. BUT IT WAS A TIME WHEN
20 WOMEN WERE COMING INTO THEIR OWN AND I WAS WORKING ALSO AT THE
21 NATIONAL LEVEL WITH GLORIA STEINEM AND BELLA ABZUG AND CORETTA
22 SCOTT KING AND DOROTHY HEIGHT AND WOMEN WHO WERE SAYING IT'S
23 TIME IT IS NOW TIME FOR WOMEN NOT ONLY TO RUN FOR OFFICE, BUT
24 TO BE ELECTED TO OFFICE. SINCE THAT TIME, WE HAVE SUPPORTED
25 THE NWPC, EVERYTHING FROM EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK. WE HAVE



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1 SUPPORTED THE RIGHT FOR WOMEN TO CONTROL THEIR BODIES. WE HAVE
2 CONTROLLED AND ADVOCATED FOR WOMEN TO BE APPOINTED TO OFFICES
3 OF ALL KINDS AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE ALSO WORKED
4 VERY HARD TO SEE TO IT THAT CEOS ARE NOW CONTROLLING SOME
5 MAJOR COMPANIES IN THIS COUNTRY. AND SO NWPC WAS EARLY ON
6 UNDERSTANDING AND WENT OUT AND LOOKED FOR WOMEN AND BEGGED
7 WOMEN TO COME AND RUN. AND WOMEN STARTED TO RUN. SO NWPC,
8 SOUTH BAY, I'M HERE TODAY NO MATTER WHAT'S GOING ON ALL OVER
9 THE CITY WITH ALL OF THE ACTIVITY AROUND THANKSGIVING. IT WAS
10 IMPORTANT TO BE HERE TO HONOR THE WORK OF NWPC AND SOUTH BAY
11 IN PARTICULAR.

12
13 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, AUNTIE MAXINE. AND
14 REMEMBER, WHEN I WAS IN CONGRESS, NANCY PELOSI WOULD ALWAYS
15 SAY, WHEN WOMEN SUCCEED, AMERICA SUCCEEDS. THANK YOU. OH, YOU
16 SAY THIS ON THE MICROPHONE.

17
18 **MAXINE WATERS:** LET ME THANK MS. HAHN, BECAUSE SHE COULD NOT
19 HELP BUT BE. AN ELECTED OFFICIAL IT'S IN OUR BLOOD. AND OF
20 COURSE WHEN I WALKED UP THE STEPS TODAY TO COME TO THIS ROOM I
21 SAW KENNETH HAHN'S NAME UP THERE I KNEW KENNETH HAHN. I WORKED
22 WITH HIM. HE WAS ACCEPTING OF ME. I WORKED WITH HER BROTHER. I
23 SUPPORTED JANICE. AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THE HAHN DYNASTY IS
24 JUST SO VERY IMPORTANT TO POLITICS, IN THIS CITY, IN THIS
25 COUNTY, AND IN THIS STATE. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU FOR SAYING THAT. I'M GLAD I GOT
3 THAT ON THE RECORD. YOU KNOW, BEHIND THE HAHN DYNASTY IS A
4 WOMAN, MY MOTHER. SHE WAS BEHIND US ALL. AND YOU KNOW, ON THE
5 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S RACE, BECAUSE OF YOUR WORK, EVEN THOUGH
6 WE WERE RUNNING AGAINST GAVIN NEWSOM, YOU STILL CONTINUE TO
7 WORK AND I THINK MY OUR BADGE OF HONOR IN THAT ONE IS I BEAT
8 HIM IN L.A. COUNTY BY 15 POINTS. SO, LET'S JUST REMEMBER THAT.
9 AND THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND ON BEHALF OF THE L.A.
10 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE 10,000,000 RESIDENTS, WE
11 WANTED TO RECOGNIZE THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS
12 SOUTH BAY ON YOUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

13

14 **DR. CARMEN ESTRADA-SCHAYE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND I JUST WANT
15 TO SAY, PENNY TRINELL, THANKS FOR GOING AND HAVING SOME DRINKS
16 AT DEL CONTI'S RESTAURANT IN TORRANCE. THIS IS WHAT CAME OF
17 IT.

18

19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WOW. OK. SEE?

20

21 **DR. CARMEN ESTRADA-SCHAYE:** SEE, WHEN WOMEN GET TOGETHER,
22 THINGS HAPPEN.

23

24 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THAT'S RIGHT.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ALL. THANK YOU. THANK
2 YOU. THANK YOU, THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WE'RE
3 GOING TO GET STARTED WITH THE BOARD MEETING. WILL YOU PLEASE
4 CALL THE AGENDA?

5
6 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3, SET
7 MATTER 1 REPORT BY THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON THE
8 COUNTY'S BUDGET, INCLUDING THE LATEST FEDERAL AND STATE POLICY
9 CHANGES WITH POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO COUNTY STAFF, CONTRACTED
10 PROVIDERS AND SERVICE DELIVERY. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR
11 REPORT. ON PAGE 4, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 2 AND 3. ON ITEM 3,
12 SUPERVISOR HORVATH IS RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT
13 TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308 BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A
14 CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$500 WITHIN THE
15 PAST 12 MONTHS FROM ROGER PUGLIESE, WHO IS A PARTY PARTICIPANT
16 OR AGENT OF A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING. THESE
17 MATTERS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 5, ADMINISTRATIVE
18 MATTERS, ITEMS 457A AND 7B. ON ITEM 7A AND 7B, THESE ARE
19 ADDITIONS AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ALSO, ON
20 ITEM 7A, SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM THE
21 VOTE. ON PAGE 7, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ITEM CS1 THROUGH
22 CS3. ON ITEM CS1, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
23 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO DECEMBER 2, 2025, AS INDICATED ON THE
24 POSTED AGENDA. THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE THROUGH CS3 ARE
25 BEFORE YOU. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM



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1 CHAIR.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
4 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM EXECUTIVE
5 OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

10

11 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE.
12 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

13

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

15

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

18

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

20

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

23

24 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

25



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

2 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

3

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

5

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

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL
10 YOU PLEASE PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT?

11

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



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SUPERVISORS

1 LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD.
2 PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A
3 DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF. PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL
4 OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING
5 PROFANE, PERSONAL, THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR
6 OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF,
7 STAFF, OR ANY OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE
8 RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND
9 BOARD MEMBERS, AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE
10 DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON
11 ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO
12 BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU
13 WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
14 THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN
15 THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER
16 COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

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



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1 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE
2 PUBLIC. IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY
3 DO SO IN PERSON OR REMOTELY. TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, PLEASE
4 VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.BOS.LACOUNTY.GOV. TO REGISTER AND
5 JOIN THE MEETING, OR YOU MAY CALL 213-306-3065 AND USE ACCESS
6 CODE 25390214666 AND MEETING PASSWORD 2672025. YOU WILL HAVE
7 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. FOR
8 ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD, YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE FOR 1
9 ITEM AND UP TO TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE ITEMS. FOR ITEMS
10 HELD BY SUPERVISORS, YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE
11 BOARD AND ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON EACH OF THE
12 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS AND ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
13 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME AND
14 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING.
15 PLEASE NOTE, ONCE YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, WE WILL IMMEDIATELY
16 MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK IF
17 REGISTERED ON A COMPUTER OR DEVICE YOU WILL HEAR A BEEP AND
18 YOUR NAME WILL BE CALLED OR IF JOINING BY TELEPHONE YOU WILL
19 HEAR YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, YOUR AREA CODE AND THE FIRST 3
20 DIGITS OF YOUR PHONE NUMBER WILL BE CALLED. TO ENSURE WE HEAR
21 FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND REMOTE SPEAKERS, WE WILL ALTERNATE
22 BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING CUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE
23 IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE
24 SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM AND
25 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL



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1 DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO SET MATTER 1, REPORT
2 BY THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON THE COUNTY'S BUDGET.
3 FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON
4 THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU'RE ONLINE
5 OR PRESS STAR 3 IF ON A TELEPHONE. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
6 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION. FOR THE
7 DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE SET YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE
8 RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

9
10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JOE NICCHITTA.

11
12 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND
13 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AS YOU KNOW WE'VE SPENT THE LAST SEVERAL
14 SET MATTERS DISCUSSING THE 43-DAY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN
15 AND THE FRIGHTENING GAP IN CALFRESH BENEFITS EARLIER THIS
16 MONTH. IN RESPONSE, YOUR BOARD SUPPORTED A MASSIVE FOOD
17 DISTRIBUTION INITIATIVE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE L.A. REGIONAL
18 FOOD BANK AND LOCAL CBOS THAT SERVE OUR COMMUNITY, SOME OF
19 WHICH WERE HERE THIS MORNING. BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1ST AND EARLY
20 DECEMBER, THE COUNTY WILL HAVE SUPPORTED 22 LARGE-SCALE FOOD
21 DISTRIBUTION EVENTS AND MANY MORE SMALLER SCALE FOOD
22 INSECURITY EFFORTS THROUGH OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL CBOS. WE
23 ARE THANKFUL FOR THEM AND WE'RE THANKFUL FOR YOUR BOARD FOR
24 SUPPORTING THAT. IN TOTAL, WE WILL HAVE SERVED 43,000
25 HOUSEHOLDS WITH MORE THAN 2,500,000 POUNDS OF FOOD IN LESS



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1 THAN SIX WEEKS. AND I KNOW, SUPERVISORS, THAT YOU WERE AT FOOD
2 DISTRIBUTION SITES IN YOUR DISTRICT AND THE LINES OF CARS WERE
3 STAGGERING AND PEOPLE WERE DESPERATE FOR HELP. SO, I WANT TO
4 THANK YOU AND YOUR TEAMS IN PARTICULAR FOR PARTNERING WITH
5 DEPARTMENTS TO FILL THAT CRITICAL GAP. AND THANK YOU ALSO TO
6 THE CBOS WHO WERE HERE THIS MORNING AS WELL AND THOSE WHO ALL
7 WORKED WITH US. WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OPEN THROUGH
8 JANUARY 21, 2026, AND SNAP FUNDED THROUGH NEXT SEPTEMBER, WE
9 CAN BREATHE A BIT OF A SIGH OF RELIEF, BUT WE REMAIN VIGILANT
10 IN TRACKING SHIFTS IN FEDERAL POLICY THAT CAN HAVE DETRIMENTAL
11 IMPACTS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. FOR TODAY'S SET MATTER, I WANTED
12 TO REORIENT US TO THE BUDGET PRESSURES. WE ARE ABOUT TO
13 RELEASE OUR BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS TO DEPARTMENTS AND THE WORK TO
14 DEVELOP NEXT YEAR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS UNDERWAY. NOW IS AN
15 APPROPRIATE TIME TO FRAME THE CHALLENGES AHEAD IN THE CONTEXT
16 OF THE BUDGET AND THE BOARD'S PRIORITIES. SO NEXT SLIDE,
17 PLEASE. AS YOUR BOARD IS AWARE, THE COUNTY IS FACING
18 UNPRECEDENTED FINANCIAL PRESSURE. YOU'LL RECALL THE SLIDE WE
19 SHARED EARLIER THIS YEAR, LAYING OUT THE THREATS TO OUR
20 BUDGET, INCLUDING CHANGES IN FEDERAL FUNDING PRIORITIES,
21 REDUCED REVENUES, AB 218 CLAIMS, AND THE COSTS OF THE JANUARY
22 2025 WILDFIRES. DESPITE THESE PRESSURES, TWO SETS OF
23 CURTAILMENTS HELPED US ACHIEVE A BALANCED BUDGET FOR THE
24 CURRENT YEAR, 3% TO FUND THE AB 218 SETTLEMENTS AND 5.5% CUTS
25 TO SUPPORT THE BOARD'S INVESTMENTS IN OUR COUNTY WORKFORCE.



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1 THESE PRESSURES ON OUR BUDGET PERSIST, AND THE MORE DAMAGING
2 IMPACTS OF THE FEDERAL BIG BILL WILL BE HITTING OUR BUDGET IN
3 UPCOMING FISCAL YEARS, INCLUDING NEXT FISCAL YEAR. SO, FROM A
4 BUDGET PERSPECTIVE, WE WILL BE FACING SOME DIFFICULT CHOICES.
5 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SUPERVISORS, THIS SLIDE HELPS US
6 UNDERSTAND OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE FOR THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET.
7 THE TAKEAWAY IS THAT WE EXPECT A BALANCED BUDGET, BUT THERE
8 WILL BE LITTLE TO NOTHING LEFT AFTER BALANCING FOR NEW OR
9 EXPANDED PROGRAMMING OR FOR EXISTING UNFUNDED NEEDS. AND THE
10 MATH HERE IS PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD. OUR FIXED COSTS ARE GOING
11 UP. THESE ARE COSTS WE HAVE TO PAY AND THEY'RE NOT OPTIONAL.
12 AND A MAJOR DRIVER OF THOSE COSTS IS THE 2% COST OF LIVING
13 INCREASE FOR OUR EMPLOYEES NEXT YEAR. WE HAVE TO PAY THAT. AND
14 WE CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE SLOWER PROPERTY TAX GROWTH. WE DO
15 NOT BELIEVE OUR INCREASE IN REVENUE WILL COVER OUR INCREASE IN
16 FIXED COSTS. THIS MEANS THAT, AS WE HEAD INTO THE NEW BUDGET
17 YEAR, THE CURTAILMENTS IN PLACE WILL HELP US BALANCE AND PAY
18 FOR THE COLA, BUT BUDGET PRESSURES WILL CONSTRAIN OUR
19 FLEXIBILITY TO FUND NEW OR EXISTING PRIORITIES. AND THIS IS
20 IMPORTANT BECAUSE SOME PROGRAMS KEY TO THE BOARD'S VISION ARE
21 OPERATING ALREADY IN A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT OR HAVE SUBSTANTIAL
22 UNMET NEEDS. NOW IN ORDINARY YEARS, WE LOOK TO REVENUE GROWTH,
23 REVENUE GROWTH TO TRIM STRUCTURAL DEFICITS AND GROW
24 INVESTMENTS IN EXISTING PRIORITY PROGRAMS. WE DON'T THINK THAT
25 WILL BE POSSIBLE NEXT BUDGET YEAR. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS



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1 SLIDE SHOWS SOME OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURAL DEFICITS AND UNMET
2 NEEDS THAT ALREADY EXIST IN IMPORTANT COUNTY PROGRAMS. I
3 SELECTED THESE EXAMPLES BECAUSE THEY'RE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
4 BOARD'S VISION FOR THE FUTURE AND THEY'VE BEEN SUBJECT OF MANY
5 RECENT BOARD CONVERSATIONS MAKING IT PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD TO
6 SHORTHAND THE ISSUES. AND JUST TO NOTE, INCLUDING THESE
7 EXAMPLES HERE DOES NOT MEAN WE'RE RECOMMENDING ADDITIONAL
8 FUNDING FOR THESE PROGRAMS OR THAT THESE PROGRAMS SHOULD HAVE
9 PRIORITY OVER ANY OTHER DEPARTMENTAL NEEDS THAT WILL BE PART
10 OF THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR NEXT YEAR. NOW WE'VE TALKED ABOUT
11 THESE PROGRAMS SEPARATELY IN VARIOUS HEARINGS BUT
12 CONSOLIDATING THEM HERE INTO A SINGLE SLIDE SHOWS HOW, ACROSS
13 THE COUNTY'S ENTIRE PROGRAM PORTFOLIO, AND BALANCING ALL OF
14 OUR NEEDS, STRUCTURAL GAPS AND UNMET NEEDS BEGIN TO ADD UP IN
15 A WAY THAT PUTS PRESSURE ON THE BUDGET. AND WITH LIMITED NO OR
16 NEW AVAILABLE REVENUE EXPECTED IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET, IT
17 BECOMES MORE CHALLENGING TO MANAGE THESE EXPECTATIONS AND
18 THESE EXPENSES. THE FIRST EXAMPLE HERE IS CORRECTIONAL HEALTH
19 SERVICES WHICH HAS A \$18,700,000 ONGOING STRUCTURAL DEFICIT,
20 WHICH WE HAVE COVERED WITH ONE-TIME MONEY, BUT THERE IS NO
21 ONGOING SOURCE OF FUNDING IDENTIFIED TO PAY FOR THE STRUCTURAL
22 DEFICIT. THIS IS A DEFICIT THAT EXISTS BECAUSE COSTS ARE
23 INCREASING FASTER THAN THE REVENUE. OVERALL, FOR CONTEXT, YOUR
24 BOARD INVESTED \$580,000,000 IN CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN
25 FISCAL YEAR 25/26, ADDING \$33,000,000 IN FUNDING THIS YEAR



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1 ALONE. BUT IN SPITE OF THAT INVESTMENT, CHS HAS FLAGGED
2 \$165,300,000 IN UNMET NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 25/26, AND THIS
3 INCLUDES PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES FOR THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER,
4 OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS TO COMPLY WITH THE DOJ SETTLEMENT
5 AGREEMENT, MEDICATIONS FOR TREATING OPIOID USE DISORDER, AND
6 MUCH MORE. AND WE HAD A BRIEF DISCUSSION ON THIS TOPIC AT THE
7 LAST BOARD MEETING. THE SECOND EXAMPLE IS THE OFFICE OF
8 DIVERSION AND REENTRIES UNMET NEEDS. WE TALKED A LITTLE BIT
9 ABOUT THIS DURING THE OCTOBER JAIL CLOSURE HEARING BEFORE THE
10 BOARD, DURING WHICH CSIT ESTIMATED THAT 1,000 NEW ODR HOUSING
11 SLOTS ARE NEEDED TO CONTINUE DIVERSION FOR INDIVIDUALS IN
12 CUSTODY WITH SERIOUS TO SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND EXPAND
13 ELIGIBILITY TO THOSE WITH MORE MODERATE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS,
14 WHICH IN FACT IS THE LARGEST GROUP IN MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING.
15 THESE BEDS ARE ESTIMATED TO COST 186,000,000 OVER THE NEXT 4
16 YEARS. THE THIRD EXAMPLE IS STAY HOUSED L.A., WHICH PROVIDES
17 FREE LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE TENANTS FACING EVICTION
18 PURSUANT TO THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY YOUR
19 BOARD IN JULY 2024. WE'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT TENANT
20 PROTECTIONS AND RENT RELIEF AND LEGAL SERVICES FOR TENANTS
21 OVER MANY MEETINGS THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. THIS IS A
22 STRUCTURAL DEFICIT THAT EXISTS BECAUSE THE PROGRAM WAS
23 LAUNCHED WITH A ONE-TIME INVESTMENT DURING COVID AND HAS BEEN
24 SUSTAINED WITH ONE-TIME FUNDING PRIMARILY FROM THE AMERICAN
25 RESCUE PLAN, CFCI, AND ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FUND BALANCE.



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1 TODAY, STAYHOUSEDLA HAS A CURRENT OPERATING DEFICIT OF
2 \$10,000,000, BUT DCBA PROJECTS IT WILL NEED \$173,700,000 OVER
3 THE NEXT 5 YEARS TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM, BOTH
4 GEOGRAPHICALLY AND THE OVERALL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS SERVED.
5 THE FINAL EXAMPLE IS A PROJECTED FUTURE STRUCTURAL GAP CREATED
6 BY H.R.-1, THE FEDERAL BIG BILL. UNDER THE BIG BILL, THE FEDS
7 ARE PULLING BACK HOW MUCH THEY WILL PAY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
8 COSTS FOR THE CALFRESH PROGRAM. DPSS PROJECTS NEEDING
9 \$42,300,000 NEXT FISCAL YEAR JUST TO MAINTAIN THE SAME LEVEL
10 OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE TODAY. AND THAT COST
11 IS EXPECTED TO GROW OVER SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS. WE'VE TALKED
12 ABOUT THE SUPERVISORS AND OTHER PREVIOUS SET MATTERS BEFORE
13 THE BOARD. SO, NONE OF THIS INFORMATION IS NEW. WHAT IS NEW IS
14 THE GROWING RECOGNITION AS WE APPROACH THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET
15 THAT OUR FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS WILL INHIBIT OUR ABILITY TO
16 GROW OR EVEN TO SUSTAIN PROGRAMS. WE CUT DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS
17 8.5% THIS YEAR TO MAKE SURE WE WOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP THE
18 BUDGET BALANCED, WHICH IS A STATUTORY REQUIREMENT. ADDITIONAL
19 CURTAILMENTS COULD LEAD TO THE LOSS OF COUNTY JOBS AND CUTS TO
20 THE SERVICES TO SERVICES THAT THE PUBLIC DEPENDS ON. AND WHILE
21 MORE CUTS ARE STILL ON THE TABLE, THE QUESTION NOW IS, ARE
22 THERE OTHER LEVERS TO HELP ACHIEVE THE BOARD'S POLICY AND
23 PROGRAM PRIORITIES AND HOW WILL WE NAVIGATE THE NEXT FEW
24 FISCAL YEARS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SUPERVISORS, THIS SLIDE
25 PROVIDES A HIGH-LEVEL FRAMEWORK FOR NAVIGATING OUR CURRENT



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1 BUDGET CONSTRAINTS. AS I SAID, CUTS ARE STILL ON THE TABLE,
2 BUT OUR INTENT IS TO AVOID ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS THAT TREAT
3 ALL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME. AND WHILE WE
4 HAVE A BALANCED BUDGET IT IS BALANCED WITHOUT ROOM TO FUND
5 SOME OF THE OUTCOMES THE BOARD WANTS TO SEE THIS YEAR. AND
6 REACHING THOSE OUTCOMES WILL REQUIRE A MIX OF CREATIVITY,
7 CONSIDERABLE FISCAL DISCIPLINE, AND DIFFICULT CHOICES ABOUT
8 WHERE OUR INVESTMENTS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST VALUE BASED ON
9 DEMONSTRATED OUTCOMES. WE MUST ALSO BRING OUR BUDGET INTO
10 BALANCE FOR THE LONG TERM SO WE CAN PLAN FOR AND MITIGATE THE
11 MOST DEVASTATING IMPACTS OF THE FEDERAL CUTS. DOING SO IN A
12 WAY THAT MEETS THE BOARD'S VALUES REQUIRES US TO FIND VALUES-
13 DRIVEN SOLUTIONS TO BUDGETARY PROBLEMS. THIS WILL MEAN
14 RESETTING SOME PRIORITIES, INCLUDING REPURPOSING UNDERUTILIZED
15 FUNDS THAT ARE NOT TETHERED TO DEMONSTRABLE OUTCOMES AND
16 REALIGNING OTHER FUNDS TO THE BOARD'S HIGHEST PRIORITIES, THE
17 MUST-HAVES VERSUS THE NICE-TO-HAVES. AND THIS WORK WILL TAKE
18 ALL OF US. WHILE MY OFFICE CAN SET THE FRAMEWORK, COUNTY
19 DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR OFFICES WILL BE ESSENTIAL PARTNERS AS WE
20 COLLECTIVELY CONSIDER WHAT AND HOW TO PRIORITIZE IN THE NEXT
21 FISCAL YEAR AND BEYOND. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE NEED TO
22 RIGHT SIZE OUR SERVICE DELIVERY TO MATCH AVAILABLE RESOURCES.
23 AND THAT MEANS WE WILL BE TURNING TO YOUR BOARD FOR LEADERSHIP
24 AND HELPING US SET A STRONG DIRECTION ON WHAT THE COUNTY MUST
25 FUND VERSUS WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO FUND AS RESOURCES BECOME



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1 INCREASINGLY SCARCE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, IN CLOSING, I SEE
2 THIS AS THE START OF AN ONGOING CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW WE WILL
3 KEEP OUR BUDGET IN BALANCE AND DOING SO WITHOUT COMPROMISING
4 OUR VALUES. WE NEED TO BE CLEAR-EYED DESPITE THE CHALLENGES
5 AND JUST TO ACKNOWLEDGE WE'RE AT THE START OF A DIFFICULT
6 JOURNEY. BUT IT'S NOT WITHOUT OPPORTUNITY TO DRIVE INVESTMENTS
7 TOWARDS OUTCOMES RATHER THAN CONTINUING TO FUND WHAT IS NOT
8 WORKING OR DOESN'T REFLECT THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES.
9 COUNTY'S BEEN HERE BEFORE AND WE WILL MAKE IT THROUGH, BUT IT
10 IS THE START, LIKE I SAID, OF A DIFFICULT PERIOD FOR US
11 FINANCIALLY. AND WITH THAT SUPERVISORS, I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER
12 ANY QUESTIONS.

13
14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL BEGIN WITH
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

16
17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, JOE,
18 FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. AND I KNOW IT'S PRETTY CRISP. IT'S
19 INFORMATION, I THINK, THAT IT HAS COME BEFORE US BEFORE, BUT
20 NOW I THINK IT'S A LITTLE BIT MORE POINTED. AND I FEEL THAT WE
21 REALLY ARE GOING TO NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY TO PRIORITIZE WHAT WE
22 THINK IS A PRIORITY. AND WITH THE 5 BOARD MEMBERS AND
23 DEPARTMENTS, I THINK IT'S GOING TO REALLY REQUIRE DRILLING
24 DOWN AND HAVING THOSE FRANK CONVERSATIONS ABOUT OUR OWN
25 PROJECTS OR THINGS THAT WE WANT TO SEE HAPPEN, BUT ALSO THE



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1 DEPARTMENT. SO, I AGREE WITH YOUR PAGE THAT YOU HAVE SET OUT
2 EXPLORING OTHER OPTIONS, BUT CAN YOU GET INTO A LITTLE BIT
3 MORE DETAIL OF WHAT YOU CAN OR WHAT YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT AND
4 HOW WE INCREASE REVENUES AND HOW WE DECREASE OUR EXPENSES AND
5 THEN REALLOCATING. JUST CAN YOU WALK US THROUGH THAT REAL
6 QUICK?

7

8 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** YEAH, OF COURSE. SO, I STAYED AWAY FROM
9 PROVIDING VERY SPECIFIC EXAMPLES BECAUSE LIKE I SAID, WE'RE AT
10 THE BEGINNING OF THIS PROCESS AND I DIDN'T WANT TO STEER THE
11 DIRECTION IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER AND GET PEOPLE THINKING THAT
12 THE COURSE WAS SET, IT IS NOT SET. BUT SOME EXAMPLES AND SOME
13 I THINK ARE MORE PALATABLE THAN OTHERS, AND THAT'S JUST THE
14 REALITY. SIMPLE WAY OF INCREASING REVENUES IS TO INCREASE
15 FEES, AND THAT COMES WITH AN EQUAL DIFFICULTY FOR THOSE WHO
16 HAVE TO PAY THE FEES. THAT IS 1 OPTION. RIGHT SIZING OUR
17 CONTRACTS. SO, WE DO A LOT OF CONTRACTING, WE PROVIDE A LOT OF
18 SERVICES. MANY TIMES, WE'RE NOT CHARGING THE FULL AMOUNT OF
19 THOSE SERVICES, AND THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THAT AND
20 SEE IF THAT IS A POLICY DIRECTION THE BOARD WANTS TO HEAD IN.
21 WE OWN A LOT OF PROPERTY AND WE USE OUR PROPERTY PRIMARILY FOR
22 COUNTY-CENTRIC ACTIVITIES. ARE THERE WAYS TO MONETIZE THAT
23 PROPERTY THAT OTHER JURISDICTIONS HAVE DONE OR WAYS THAT NO
24 OTHER JURISDICTION HAS DONE BUT MAKES SENSE TO US TODAY SO
25 THAT WE ARE LEVERAGING THE RESOURCES WE DO HAVE. SO THAT'S AN



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1 EXAMPLE OF INCREASING REVENUE. FOR REDUCING COSTS, THERE ARE A
2 COUPLE KEYWAYS TO DO IT. ONE PRIMARY WAY IS TO FIND
3 EFFICIENCIES. AND THERE ARE EFFICIENCIES TO BE HAD IN
4 DEPARTMENTS. I THINK THEIR FLEXIBILITY IS A LITTLE LESS TODAY
5 BECAUSE WE'VE CUT THEIR BUDGETS SUBSTANTIALLY. AND THIS IS
6 SORT OF A, IT'S ONE EXAMPLE AND IT'S SORT OF A DUMB EXAMPLE
7 BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO SOLVE OUR BUDGET PROBLEMS, BUT WHEN
8 I WAS AT DCBA, WE CHANGED THE WAY WE ALLOWED PEOPLE TO PRINT.
9 AND WE WENT FROM PEOPLE PRINTING WHENEVER THEY WANTED TO
10 HAVING TO WALK UP TO THE PRINTER AND PUT IN THEIR ID NUMBER TO
11 GENERATE, TO ACTUALLY HAVE THE PRINTER SPIT OUT THE PAPERS,
12 AND IT REDUCED OUR PRINTING, I THINK, BY 75%. SO THAT'S ONE
13 EXAMPLE. LIKE I SAID, THAT IS NOT A GREAT EXAMPLE TO SOLVE OUR
14 BUDGET WOES, BUT THERE ARE THINGS THAT DEPARTMENTS CAN DO AND
15 START TO DO TO DRIVE EFFICIENCIES FROM WITHIN SO THAT THEY
16 HAVE MORE AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO USE FOR OTHER PRIORITIES.
17 ANOTHER WAY TO REDUCE RESOURCES IS TO STOP DOING SOME
18 PROGRAMMING AND USING THAT MONEY FOR OTHER THINGS. AND SO, ONE
19 EXAMPLE OF SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE DO IS WE PARTICIPATE
20 WITH OTHER AGENCIES TO PROVIDE SERVICES ON THEIR BEHALF, AND
21 WE GET REVENUE. AND OVER TIME, THERE BECOMES A REVENUE
22 IMBALANCE. AND WE START TO OFFSET THAT REVENUE WITH NCC JUST
23 TO MAKE THE PROGRAM VIABLE. DEPARTMENTS CAN START TO LOOK AT
24 THOSE CONDITIONS IN THEIR BUDGETS WHERE THEY'RE OFFSETTING
25 WHAT SHOULD BE SOMETHING ANOTHER AGENCY IS PAYING FOR WITH



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1 GENERAL FUND DOLLARS TO SEE IF THAT'S A POLICY DIRECTION WHERE
2 WE WANT TO HEAD TO EITHER RIGHT SIZE OUR CONTRACT OR TO STOP
3 DOING A PROGRAM LIKE THAT. SO, THERE IS A LOT OF DIFFERENT
4 EXAMPLE SUPERVISORS THAT WE CAN HAVE, BUT LIKE I SAID, I
5 WASN'T TRYING TO STEER THE CONVERSATION IN ONE DIRECTION OR
6 THE OTHER, AND I HOPE THOSE EXAMPLES ARE HELPFUL.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YEAH AND I AGAIN JUST RE-EMPHASIZE I THINK
9 IT'S GOING TO BE REALLY CRITICAL TO MEET YOU KNOW WITH OTHER
10 DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE SIMILAR ROLES AND FIGURE OUT WHERE THEY
11 OVERLAP AND PERHAPS LOOKING AT EFFICIENCIES THERE IN TERMS OF
12 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, BUT ALSO CONTRACTING. I MEAN, THERE ARE
13 DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS THAT TEND TO CONTRACT SERVICES WITH
14 CERTAIN GROUPS. MAYBE THERE'S WAYS OF LOOKING AT EFFICIENCIES
15 THERE SO THAT WE GET A BIG BANG, A BIGGER BANG FOR OUR DOLLAR.
16 BUT I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE TRENDING NEED FOR MORE FOOD
17 AND FOOD INSECURITY. AND I REALLY WANT TO APPRECIATE THE BOARD
18 FOR THE \$10,000,000 AND ALL THE FUNDING THAT HAS GONE IN TO
19 HELP ESTABLISH A SAFETY NET FOR PEOPLE RIGHT NOW. BUT WE, YOU
20 AND I KNOW THAT THIS IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO GROW. THE GAP IS
21 GOING TO CONTINUE. AND MORE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO FALL INTO
22 POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS. AND I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT
23 OUR REAL PLAN IS GOING TO BE THERE BECAUSE EXPECTATIONS HAVE
24 BEEN SET HIGH ABOUT OUR CREATION OF OUR HOMELESS DEPARTMENT
25 WHICH I TOTALLY AGREE WITH WE NEED TO DO THAT BUT IT'S HOW WE



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1 DO IT AND HOW WE WORK WITH OUR PROVIDERS, AND REALLY LEVEL
2 SETTING WITH THEM WHAT ARE THE REALITIES, WHERE WE CAN FIND
3 EFFICIENCIES, AND WHAT IS ON OUR CONTROL AND WHAT ISN'T. AND
4 I'M CONCERNED THAT IF WE'VE, HAVE WE EVEN STARTED DISCUSSIONS
5 AT THAT LEVEL? AND I THINK YOUR ANSWER MAY BE YES, BUT I MEAN
6 REALLY GETTING IN THE WEEDS WITH FOLKS, NOT NECESSARILY US,
7 BUT MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT AND THAT THEY'RE A
8 PART OF THE DISCUSSION. BECAUSE I THINK SOME OF US HAVE WORKED
9 SO HARD TO TRY TO GET SERVICES OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND I
10 WANT TO SAY THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND ESPECIALLY WITH A LOT
11 OF OUR CITIES, PEOPLE ARE EXPECTING THAT THIS NEW DEPARTMENT
12 AND THE MEASURE A THAT WAS JUST PASSED IS GOING TO BE
13 SUFFICIENT. AND I THINK REPETITION HELPS AND LETTING THEM KNOW
14 WHAT IS, WHAT ISN'T AND WHAT CAN BE AND WHAT THAT MEANS
15 BECAUSE I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW FROM THE GET-
16 GO. AND I KNOW THAT WE PROBABLY HAVE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE
17 THAT ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT SOME OF THEIR CONCERNS RELATED TO
18 THE IN-HOUSE. AND IT ISN'T PLEASANT FOR US TO SIT HERE, FOR ME
19 ANYWAY, KNOWING THAT WE HAVE WORKED SO HARD, SO HARD AND
20 DETERMINED TO TRY TO REACH AS MANY PEOPLE AS WE CAN. AND NOW
21 WE'RE FACED WITH THESE IMPENDING CUTS, SOME OF WHICH WE CAN
22 CONTROL AND SOME OF WHICH WE CAN'T. BUT LEVEL SETTING AND
23 LETTING THE PUBLIC KNOW AND HAVING THOSE CONVERSATIONS, I
24 THINK, IS GOING TO BE VERY CRITICAL MOVING FORWARD. AND I DO
25 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING DIRECT BECAUSE IT IS HELPFUL FOR



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1 US TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU AND ALSO HOW WE CAN ALSO AS A BOARD
2 HELP OUT WITH THOSE DISCUSSIONS MOVING FORWARD IN WHATEVER WAY
3 WE CAN. BUT I DO WANT TO ASK US, WHAT ARE WE DOING TO APPEAL
4 TO OUR STATE GOVERNMENT RIGHT NOW, GIVEN THE FACT THAT
5 CALFRESH, FOR EXAMPLE, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MEET OUR
6 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS? SO, IS THERE MOTIONS UP THERE IN
7 SACRAMENTO RIGHT NOW THAT ARE DEALING OR DISCUSSING THIS TO
8 HELP US WITH THAT PATCH?

9

10 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** IT'S A GREAT QUESTION SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU.
11 SO, WHAT WE HAVE TODAY IS A REPORT FROM THE LAO'S OFFICE
12 HIGHLIGHTING THE STATE'S OWN BUDGET GAP. AND THEY ARE, THE LAO
13 IS PROJECTING A BUDGET GAP FOR THE STATE OF ABOUT
14 \$18,000,000,000. AND THAT IS ACTUALLY PRETTY SIMILAR TO WHAT
15 THE STATE ITSELF IS PROJECTING. I THINK THEY'RE PROJECTING
16 ABOUT \$17,400,000,000. THE ISSUES AT THE STATE ARE, AS
17 DESCRIBED BY THE LAO, IS REALLY ONE OF SPENDING. SPENDING IS
18 OUTPACING THE REVENUE. THERE'S BEEN REVENUE GROWTH FOR 4
19 YEARS, BUT THE SPENDING IS OUTPACING THE REVENUE. THEY HAVE
20 SET FORTH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE STATE TO GET A HANDLE
21 ON THAT PROJECTED DEFICIT AND IT'S THE SAME THINGS THAT WE'RE
22 DISCUSSING HERE THIS MORNING, REDUCING COSTS, INCREASING
23 REVENUES, REALLOCATING TO PRIORITIES. BUT THE CONCERN ABOUT
24 THE STATE'S FISCAL CONDITION IS THAT IT PUTS, WILL PROBABLY
25 PUT MORE PRESSURE ON THE COUNTY TO TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN



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1 FINANCES WITHOUT THE EXPECTATION THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET A TON
2 OF HELP FROM SACRAMENTO BECAUSE THEY'RE DEALING WITH THEIR OWN
3 ISSUES AS WELL ON THE SPECIFIC QUESTION TO THE CALFRESH ADMIN.
4 YES, THERE WILL BE ADVOCACY AT THE STATE LEVEL FOR SOME HELP
5 BECAUSE THIS IS NOT JUST AN L.A. COUNTY PROBLEM THIS IS A
6 STATEWIDE PROBLEM AND MANY COUNTIES WILL FIND IT VERY
7 DIFFICULT TO MAKE UP THAT GAP. AND SO, WE EXPECT NOT ONLY THE
8 CSACS OF THE WORLD, BUT THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTIES TO BE WORKING
9 WITH THE STATE TO SEE WHAT SUPPORT WE CAN GET. AND WE WILL
10 DEFINITELY WORK HARD ON THAT. I THINK THE STATE'S FINANCIAL
11 CONDITION GIVES US SOME PAUSE AND MAYBE WILL HELP SET
12 EXPECTATIONS ABOUT WHAT WE WILL GET AND WHAT WE WILL NOT GET
13 IN SUPPORT FROM THE STATE.

14
15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND THEN JUST ONE LAST QUESTION WITH THE
16 STAY HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM. WE'VE MADE PROGRESS OVER THE LAST
17 FEW YEARS AND WE SAW A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING
18 ON THE STREETS. CAN YOU TELL US HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
19 SERVED THROUGH THIS PROGRAM ANNUALLY?

20
21 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** I'D HAVE TO GET THAT INFORMATION FOR YOU,
22 SUPERVISOR, AND WE CAN WORK WITH DCBA TO PROVIDE THOSE
23 SPECIFICS.

24
25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND THEN WHAT THAT MEANS, IF IT'S GOING TO



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1 GO DOWN, WILL OUR NUMBERS INCREASE IN TERMS OF THE UNHOUSED,
2 ALL OF THOSE THINGS. AND WHAT ARE WE DOING TO WORK WITH
3 LACAHSА TO HELP SUPPORT THE STAY HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM?

4
5 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** SOME OF THE LACAHSА FUNDING WILL GO TO DCBA
6 TO HELP SUPPORT THE PROGRAM. AND SO, I THINK THERE'S AN
7 OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHIP THERE. THERE IS
8 DEFINITELY, LACAHSА CAN USE ITS FUNDING FOR RENT RELIEF AS
9 WELL. SO, SORRY, FOR TENANT PROTECTIONS AS WELL. AND SO, WE'RE
10 LOOKING AT ALL AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES TO MAKE SURE THAT
11 THAT PROGRAM IS SUSTAINED. I THINK THE ISSUE WITH STAY HOUSED
12 IS NOT THAT IT CAN'T BE SUSTAINED AT THE CURRENT LEVEL, BUT
13 THAT IT WILL INHIBIT ITS GROWTH. AND I KNOW THAT WE'VE HAD
14 LOTS OF DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE ROI OF SUPPORTING TENANTS STAY
15 IN THEIR HOMES VERSUS TRYING TO GET THEM BACK IN A HOUSE ONCE
16 THEY'VE LOST THEIR HOMES. SO, IT'S SOMETHING THAT I THINK ARE,
17 YOU KNOW, WHEN I TALK TO FOLKS IN HI AND NOW HSH, THEY
18 STRONGLY SUPPORT THESE PROGRAMS AS A WAY TO PREVENT A
19 CASCADING COST DOWN THE LINE IN THE HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM.
20 SO, WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT, SUPERVISOR. I THINK WE RECOGNIZE IT
21 AS A PRIORITY, AND IT WILL BE PART OF THE BUDGET DISCUSSION TO
22 SEE HOW WE SUSTAIN THAT PROGRAM.

23
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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

2 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

3
4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, JOE, FOR
5 THAT. CONSIDERING ALL THE CHALLENGES WE FACED THIS PAST YEAR
6 TO PRODUCE A BALANCED BUDGET IN THE MIDST OF DECLINING
7 REVENUES, FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS, SOARING COSTS, AND HISTORIC
8 SETTLEMENTS, IT'S SOBERING THOUGH NOT SURPRISING THAT THOSE
9 CHALLENGES ARE COMPOUNDING INTO THIS NEXT FISCAL YEAR. I'M
10 CONCERNED WITH THE STRUCTURAL DEFICITS THAT WE HAVE IN SOME
11 PROGRAMS THAT SERVE OUR RESIDENTS WITH THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF
12 NEED. AND I AGREE THAT THERE ARE DIFFICULT CHOICES AHEAD, BUT
13 FOR ME, I DON'T WANT TO BALANCE THE BUDGET ON THE BACKS OF THE
14 MOST AT-RISK AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN THE COUNTY. I WANT
15 TO KEEP OUR SAFETY NET AS STRONG AS POSSIBLE. SO, A COUPLE OF
16 QUESTIONS I HAVE. HAVE WE, ARE WE, HAVE WE, ARE YOU THINKING
17 ABOUT ASKING OUR DEPARTMENTS TO GO THROUGH ADDITIONAL
18 CURTAILMENT EXERCISES?

19
20 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** SO CURRENTLY, BECAUSE WE'RE BALANCED, WE ARE
21 NOT LOOKING AT ANY SIMILAR ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS. I'VE SAID A
22 COUPLE OF TIMES, THEY'RE STILL ON THE TABLE BECAUSE I JUST
23 DON'T KNOW WHAT IS COMING AT US. WHAT WE'D LIKE TO DO IS TAKE
24 A DIFFERENT APPROACH WHERE DEPARTMENTS ARE ABLE TO LOOK
25 WITHIN, DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES, IS THERE ANYTHING THAT THEY'RE



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1 DOING THAT THEY SHOULD STOP DOING, THAT THEY SHOULD
2 REPRIORITIZE, AND USE THAT MONEY FOR OTHER CURRENT HIGHER-
3 LEVEL PRIORITIES. NOW, I SAW THE GRIMACE BECAUSE THERE'S
4 ALWAYS A CONCERN ABOUT WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO CUT. AND I THINK
5 SETTING THE FRAMEWORK IS CRITICAL BECAUSE YOU MENTIONED THE
6 SAFETY NET AS A SAFETY NET PROVIDER, THAT SHOULD BE OUR NORTH
7 STAR, BUT WE HAVE TO BE TIED TO OUTCOMES AS WELL. IF SOMETHING
8 IS A PROGRAM, WE'VE DONE IT FOR A LONG TIME, IT SOUNDS GOOD,
9 BUT THERE ARE NO DEMONSTRABLE OUTCOMES. IT MAKES IT DIFFICULT
10 TO JUSTIFY CONTINUING TO FUND IT IN THIS ENVIRONMENT. AND
11 THERE WILL BE A STAKEHOLDER AROUND EVERY CORNER THAT WILL COME
12 UP AND SAY, THIS PROGRAM IS REALLY IMPORTANT. AND THEY'RE NOT
13 LYING, IT'S TRUE. AND SO, THESE ARE GOING TO BE DIFFICULT
14 DECISIONS THAT DEPARTMENTS HAVE TO MAKE. AND I THINK BEFORE WE
15 GET TOO FAR ALONG IN THAT PATH, THERE ARE PROBABLY SOME OTHER
16 THINGS WE CAN DO THAT ARE EASIER, THAT ARE NO-BRAINERS THAT WE
17 CAN BRING TO THE BOARD. BUT THAT'S NOT GOING TO MAKE THE,
18 THAT'S NOT GOING TO GET US ALL THE WAY THERE. SO, AT SOME
19 POINT, DEPARTMENTS WILL HAVE TO LOOK WITHIN.

20
21 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SO, YEAH, I THINK WE ALL WANT TO LOOK AT
22 EVERY POSSIBLE SOLUTION WHEN WE'RE FACING THIS DEGREE OF
23 DIFFICULTY, BUT IT'S ALWAYS CONCERNING WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
24 REALLOCATING RESOURCES FROM LOW TO HIGH PRIORITIES. AND JUST
25 FOR THE PUBLIC, CAN YOU SORT OF REMIND US ALL THE FRAMEWORK OR



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1 PROCESS OF HOW THOSE DECISIONS ARE MADE?

2

3 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** THOSE DECISIONS ARE ALL MADE IN THE BUDGET
4 PROCESS. AND THIS YEAR LEADING UP TO THE BUDGET PROCESS, WE
5 INTEND TO ENGAGE DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR OFFICES IN A MUCH MORE
6 ROBUST EXERCISE THAN IN PRIOR YEARS, BECAUSE OUR REFLEX HAS
7 BEEN TO DO ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS AND FINANCIALLY IT HAS SERVED
8 US WELL. THAT IS LIKE THAT IS THE GOLD STANDARD IF YOU JUST
9 WANT TO GET MONEY BACK AND PUT IT IN THE BUDGET TO BALANCE.
10 BUT I THINK WE'RE AT A POINT WHERE WE'VE CUT SO MUCH THAT
11 ADDITIONAL ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS ARE GOING TO BE REALLY
12 IMPACTFUL. AND SOME DEPARTMENTS ARE GOING TO FEEL IT A LOT
13 MORE THAN OTHERS. SO, I THINK, YOU KNOW, THIS IS SORT OF A NEW
14 EXERCISE FOR US AT THE COUNTY. I'VE LOOKED BACK TO SEE WHAT WE
15 DID IN THE GREAT RECESSION. WE DID A LOT OF BELT TIGHTENING,
16 BUT I CAN'T SAY THAT IT WAS NECESSARILY DONE IN A WAY THAT
17 CONSIDERED OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES OR REALLY PRIORITIZING THE
18 SAFETY NET. SO, I THINK THIS TIME AROUND, WE'LL HAVE A LOT
19 MORE CONVERSATIONS LEADING UP TO RECOMMENDED BUDGET. AT SOME
20 POINT, SOMEONE'S GOING TO NEED TO CALL BALLS AND STRIKES ON
21 IT. AND I GATHER THAT WILL BE OUR OFFICE MAKING THE
22 RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOUR BOARD TO SEE IF WE CAN GET US THERE.
23 BUT I SEE THAT AS THE PROCESS THIS YEAR.

24

25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I MEAN, ONE PRIORITY, I BELIEVE, FOR THIS



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SUPERVISORS

1 BOARD IS OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, RIGHT? WE REALLY
2 BELIEVE THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE WANT PEOPLE DIVERTED FROM
3 JAIL AND WE WANT A ROBUST REENTRY SYSTEM THAT KEEPS THEM FROM
4 ENDING UP IN JAIL. I MEAN, THIS BOARD WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE MAN
5 CENTRAL JAIL. I KNOW I SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH OUR JUVENILES
6 WHO ARE INCARCERATED, AND I THINK IT IS A PRIORITY THAT WE TRY
7 TO KEEP AS MANY PEOPLE OUT OF OUR JAIL AS POSSIBLE. IT'S HARD
8 TO MAYBE MEASURE THAT BY OUTCOMES. MAYBE WE DON'T SEE THE
9 OUTCOMES FOR YEARS AHEAD, BUT WE HAVE INVESTED A SIGNIFICANT
10 AMOUNT OF FUNDS INTO THE BEDS FOR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
11 REENTRY OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS. SO JUST AGAIN HIGHLIGHT THE
12 OVERVIEW OF THOSE FUNDS AND THAT EXPANSION THAT I THINK THIS
13 BOARD REALLY WANTS TO DO AND MAYBE WHY THOSE FUNDS AREN'T
14 GOING TO BE ENOUGH TO SUSTAIN OUR AMBITIOUS GOALS IN THAT
15 AREA.

16
17 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** AND THERE'S A DISTINCTION I THINK FOR ODR
18 BETWEEN SUSTAINING AND EXPANDING. AND I THINK SUSTAINING, YOU
19 KNOW, WITH ALL THE INVESTMENTS, I THINK WE ARE ON THE RIGHT
20 PATH. EXPANDING IS A CHALLENGE NOT BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF
21 DESIRE TO DO IT, BUT BECAUSE OF THE SUBSTANTIAL COST WITH ODR.
22 SO, WE'RE LOOKING AT A COUPLE THINGS. ONR IS, YOU KNOW, LIKE I
23 SAID, REALLOCATING PRIORITIES TO THE HIGHEST NEED, THAT'S ONE.
24 AND THEN THE OTHER THING IS, ARE THERE WAYS TO REDUCE OUR
25 COSTS RELATED TO ODNR. AND WE'RE EXPLORING SOME OPTIONS. DHS



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1 WILL HAVE TO BE AN ESSENTIAL PARTNER IN THOSE CONVERSATIONS.
2 BUT IF WE CAN GET THE SAME LEVEL OF BENEFIT AND PAY LESS, THAT
3 IS GOOD. WE CAN EXPAND MORE. WE CAN SUSTAIN MORE. AND I THINK
4 OUR MAGGIE CARTER, OUR DOJ COMPLIANCE LEAD WILL SAY THAT SHE
5 DOES SEE SOME VERY STRONG OUTCOMES FROM ODR, ESPECIALLY ON THE
6 JAIL POPULATION REDUCTION FRONT. SO, I THINK SHE WOULD COME IN
7 AND SAY YES.

8

9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, I AGREE. I WOULD ARGUE THAT IT COSTS
10 MORE TO HOUSE SOMEBODY IN OUR JAILS, NOT TO MENTION ALL THE
11 POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON SOMEONE FOR BEING IN OUR JAIL,
12 EVERYTHING FROM DEATH TO ABUSE TO WE HAVE SETTLED LAWSUITS.
13 SO, I THINK IT'S MUCH MORE PRUDENT AND BENEFICIAL TO INVEST IN
14 OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY IN MY OPINION. BUT AGAIN,
15 THOSE ARE TOUGH METRICS SOMETIMES TO MEASURE. BUT I DO THINK
16 THAT'S A PRIORITY OF THIS BOARD. I DO KNOW THAT WE ARE LOOKING
17 AT OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS AND
18 DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE FACING DEFICITS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
19 I'VE ADVOCATED IN THE PAST WAS FOR THIS OFFICE OF DIVERSION
20 AND REENTRY TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SO THEY COULD DRAW DOWN MEDICAID
22 FUNDS FOR THEIR SERVICES, WHICH THEY DIDN'T USED TO DO. I EVEN
23 INTRODUCED A MOTION A FEW YEARS AGO DIRECTING THAT THEY ENTER
24 INTO AN MOA. DO YOU HAVE ON THE TIP OF YOUR TONGUE, THE UPDATE
25 ON THAT? DOES THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY BILL MEDI-



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SUPERVISORS

1 CAL NOW? AND IF SO, HOW MUCH DOES THAT GENERATE? AND IS THERE
2 AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAP MORE INTO THESE FUNDS?

3
4 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** OKAY, I WAS GETTING WISE COUNSEL FROM MY
5 COLLEAGUE MASON MATTHEWS. WE'LL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU ON THE
6 AMOUNT OF FUNDING THAT THEY'RE CURRENTLY BILLING TO MEDICAID,
7 IF ANY. BUT WHEN I MENTIONED SOME OF THE STRATEGIES TO REDUCE
8 THE ODNR COST, THAT IS THE PRIMARY MECHANISM FOR DOING THAT IS
9 TO SHIFT SOME OF THE COSTS AWAY FROM NCC TO EXTERNAL FUNDING
10 SOURCES.

11
12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT, SO ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH OUR
13 CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, THE FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS USING
14 MEDICAID FUNDS FOR MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED IN OUR JAILS.
15 THIS IS KNOWN AS THE INMATE EXCLUSION POLICY, BUT MY
16 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT NOW THERE'S A WAIVER WHICH CALIFORNIA
17 HAS SUBMITTED THAT ALLOWS BILLING MEDICAID FOR SERVICES
18 PROVIDED UP TO 90 DAYS BEFORE SOMEONE IS RELEASED DO YOU KNOW
19 IF THAT'S BEEN IMPLEMENTED YET?

20
21 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** THERE WAS AN ONGOING IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT.
22 I KNOW CARRIE MILLER FROM OUR DEPARTMENT WAS INVOLVED IN THAT.
23 MY UNDERSTANDING IS IT IS UNDERWAY. BUT WE CAN GET YOU AN
24 UPDATE ON THAT AS WELL.



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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SO, I THINK NEXT TIME YOU COME, I'D LIKE TO
2 KNOW HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT'S GETTING US. AND DOES
3 THAT CLOSE THAT GAP A LITTLE BIT WITH THE DEFICIT THAT WE'RE
4 FACING? THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS.

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

7
8 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.
9 THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. I CERTAINLY HOPE THESE WILL
10 CONTINUE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE BOARD GENERAL PUBLIC
11 DEPARTMENT HEADS TO HEAR THIS, YOU KNOW, REALLY I THINK IN A
12 CONTINUOUS LOOP FOR US TO FULLY DIGEST WHAT'S COMING AT US,
13 BECAUSE IT FEELS LIKE A REALLY BIG SNOWBALL THAT'S JUST MOVING
14 FASTER AND GETTING BIGGER BY THE MINUTE. I WANT TO FOLLOW UP
15 ON A COUPLE OF COMMENTS THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE MADE. FIRST OF
16 ALL, WHEN I DID SEE THE LAO'S REPORT, I AM CURIOUS AS TO
17 WHETHER THE CEO HAS BEGUN TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC LINE ITEMS IN
18 OUR OWN BUDGET WHERE THE STATE FUNDING LACK OF GROWTH WILL
19 IMPACT. I DIDN'T KNOW IF THE LAO'S PROJECTION WAS REFLECTED IN
20 THE SLIDE YOU ALREADY SHOWED US IN TERMS OF POTENTIAL CUTS, OR
21 IF THAT'S A PART OF THE SNOWBALL THAT'S STILL COMING AT US.

22
23 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** YEAH, YES, IT'S PART OF THE SNOWBALL. I
24 THINK WHAT WE ARE, WE HAVE OUR EYES SET ON THE GOVERNOR'S
25 JANUARY BUDGET. THAT IS WHEN WE WILL REALLY KNOW HOW THESE



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1 REVENUE CONSTRAINTS ARE GOING TO SHAKE OUT FOR THE COUNTY. AND
2 SO, WE'RE KEEPING OUR EYE ON THAT AT THE MOMENT. BUT THE
3 GENERAL SENSE IS, FROM THE LAO REPORT, IS THAT THE LEGISLATURE
4 AND THE GOVERNOR WILL NEED TO TRIM SPENDING. AND THE CONCERN
5 IS THAT THEY WILL DO SO BY TRIMMING SOME OF THE SUPPORT THAT
6 THEY PROVIDE TO COUNTIES OR BY NOT, YOU KNOW, INCREASING WHAT
7 WE EXPECT IT TO GET.

8

9 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** RIGHT. SO WE'RE LOOKING AT USING THE
10 CALFRESH EXAMPLE, THE CUT WE ALREADY KNOW FROM THE FEDS,
11 THANKS TO H.R.-1 IN TERMS OF THE CHANGE AND THE MATCH IN TERMS
12 OF THE ADMIN. AS YOU SAID, WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL NOT EVEN THE
13 JANUARY 10TH BUDGET, BUT PROBABLY THE MAY REVISE IN TERMS OF
14 WHAT THE STATE WILL DO, IF THEY WILL HOLD TRUE TO THEIR MATCH
15 IN TERMS OF OUR ADMIN. CSAC MEETS NEXT WEEK. I CHAIR THE
16 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND SO WE'LL BE MEETING
17 WITH CSAC MEMBERS ON THURSDAY TO BEGIN TO HEAR HOW OTHER
18 COUNTIES ARE GOING TO BE IMPACTED. I WANT TO DRILL DOWN A
19 LITTLE FURTHER, FOLLOWING UP ON SUPERVISOR HAHN'S QUESTION IN
20 TERMS OF PROCESS. WITH REGARD TO THE BUDGET, WE FUNCTION AS A
21 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SINCE WE DON'T HAVE COMMITTEES, BUDGET
22 COMMITTEES TO KIND OF GRAPPLE WITH IT BECAUSE THE BUDGET
23 DOESN'T COME TO US AS A MOTION. SO EVEN WITH OUR CURRENT
24 CLUSTER PROCESS, THE BUDGET DOESN'T GO THROUGH THERE. AND SO
25 HOW WILL YOU ENVISION STRUCTURE? AND YOU TALKED ABOUT



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SUPERVISORS

1 CONVERSATIONS. HOW, WHAT WILL THAT STRUCTURE LOOK LIKE?
2 BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT FOR AS LONG AS THIS BOARD HAS THE POWER
3 FOR OVERSIGHT IN THE BUDGET, WE NOW PERHAPS MORE THAN EVER
4 NEED TO USE IT, PARTICULARLY WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT OPTIONS
5 LIKE SHIFTING DOLLARS FROM LOW TO HIGH PRIORITIES. I MEAN, I
6 BELIEVE THIS BOARD HAS TO LEAD ON THAT AND OWN THAT. THAT'S
7 REALLY NOT OUR STRUCTURE. THE BUDGET IS KIND OF DEVELOPED WITH
8 IN CONSULTATION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS. CEO DEVELOPS IT. IT
9 COMES TO US. BUT I BELIEVE THIS BOARD NEEDS TO BE ON THE FRONT
10 END OF THAT PROCESS, PARTICULARLY AS WE THINK ABOUT WHAT
11 CRITERIA WE EXPECT DEPARTMENTS AND THE CEO TO USE IN
12 DETERMINING WHICH PROGRAMS WILL BE PROTECTED AND WHICH ONES
13 WILL SEE REDUCTIONS. SO, WHAT WILL OUR BUDGET PROCESS LOOK
14 LIKE? HOW WILL IT BE DIFFERENT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BOARD IS
15 ON THE FRONT END OF ESTABLISHING THAT CRITERIA, SENDING STRONG
16 SIGNALS TO THE CEO AND THE DEPARTMENT ON WHAT WE BELIEVE THE
17 CRITERIA SHOULD BE.

18
19 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** SO, ONE OF THE VEHICLES WE HAVE NOT HAD IN
20 THE PAST IS THIS SET MATTER ITEM. AND SO, WE CAN HAVE A SERIES
21 OF DISCUSSIONS DURING THE SET MATTER THAT HELPS US ESTABLISH
22 THE FRAMEWORK WE WILL FOLLOW. I THINK THAT INTERNALLY WE'RE
23 STILL BUILDING THAT FRAMEWORK. AND THEN IN JANUARY, THERE
24 NEEDS TO BEGIN AN ENGAGEMENT PROCESS WITH DEPARTMENTS SO THAT
25 THEY UNDERSTAND THE FRAMEWORK. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE REALLY



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1 HELPFUL AND BENEFICIAL FOR DEPARTMENTS TO DEPARTMENT HEADS TO
2 PUT ON THEIR COUNTYWIDE HAT TO HELP US SOLVE A COUNTYWIDE
3 PROBLEM KNOWING WHAT THEY KNOW ABOUT THEIR INDIVIDUAL BUDGETS.
4 AND THEN I THINK THOSE CONCEPTS CAN COME FORWARD TO THE BOARD
5 FOR DISCUSSION FOR VALIDATION. AND AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE WILL
6 MOVE FORWARD IN SYNC WITH THIS BOARD'S BUY-IN ON HOW WE ARE
7 HAVING THESE DISCUSSIONS AND HOW WE'RE HAVING THESE
8 CONVERSATIONS. WHEN BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE, THEY WILL
9 BE TIED TO THE CONCEPTS THAT WE'VE BROUGHT FORWARD. AND SO,
10 YOU WILL AT LEAST KNOW THAT THEY ARE GROUNDED IN THE
11 DISCUSSIONS THAT WE'VE HAD. AND THEN MOVING FORWARD, DURING
12 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS, THERE WILL BE CERTAINLY OPPORTUNITIES TO
13 HAVE MORE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORWARD.

14
15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT CLARITY AND AGAIN,
16 I'M GLAD THAT WE HAVE THIS SET MATTER AND THIS CAN BE A TIME
17 WHERE THOSE CONVERSATIONS TAKE PLACE. WALK ME THROUGH THE
18 TIMING. SO, THE JANUARY 10TH BUDGET FROM THE STATE IS A BEST
19 GUESS. THAT'S JUST THE REALITY. THEY WILL GO THROUGH THEIR
20 HEARING PROCESS, BOTH HOUSES, TO TRY TO REFINE IT, MAY REVISE,
21 IS THEN RELEASE, BARRING ANY ADDITIONAL NATURAL DISASTERS,
22 HOPING THAT THE APRIL TAX DUE DATE HOLDS TRUE. SO, THE MAY
23 REVISE IS A MORE ACCURATE DEPICTION OF THE STATE PICTURE.
24 HAVING NO IDEA WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO DO
25 OR NOT DO, OR IF WE HAVE ADDITIONAL SHUTDOWNS OR THEY JUST,



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1 YOU KNOW, WALK AWAY FROM THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE
2 RESOURCES TO THEIR RESIDENTS AND THEIR CITIZENRY, WHO KNOWS.
3 SO, WALK US THROUGH THE TIMING, YOU KNOW, GIVEN THE MAY REVISE
4 REALITY DATE, WHAT'S OUR KIND OF DROP-DEAD DATE IN TERMS OF
5 FINALIZING THE COUNTY BUDGET?

6
7 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** SO, THE, WE ACTUALLY ARE, HAVE MOVED PRETTY
8 FAR FORWARD IN OUR BUDGET PROCESS BY THE TIME THE MAY REVISE
9 COMES OUT. WE'VE ALREADY PUBLISHED RECOMMENDED BUDGET. WE'RE
10 DOING BUDGET HEARINGS AND THEN WE'RE ON THE VERGE OF ADOPTING
11 OUR BUDGET. TYPICALLY, IF THERE ARE CHANGES IN STATE
12 ASSUMPTIONS OR EXPECTATIONS, WE PROGRAM THOSE IN SUPPLEMENTAL.
13 I THINK IF YOU LOOK AT THE COUNTY'S BUDGET PROCESS, IN
14 JANUARY, WE'LL ISSUE THE BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS IN THE NEXT WEEK
15 OR SO. IN JANUARY, WHEN ALL THE BUDGETS ARE SUBMITTED BY
16 DEPARTMENTS, WE START THAT PROCESS OF VETTING THEIR BUDGET
17 ASKS. AND THEN BY, YOU KNOW, REALLY BY MARCH, OUR
18 RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE FIRMED UP AND WE'RE GETTING READY TO PUT
19 THEM OUT IN APRIL. AND WE ALSO HAVE THE PUBLIC BUDGET
20 PRESENTATIONS IN FEBRUARY. THIS YEAR, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
21 WEAVE IN THESE CONCEPTUAL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT HOW TO BUILD A
22 FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONCEPTS THAT I HAD ON THE SLIDES SO THAT
23 WHEN WE, BY THE TIME WE GET TO MARCH, SO WE START IN JANUARY,
24 WE KNOW WHAT THE DEPARTMENTS ARE ASKING FOR. BY THE TIME WE,
25 AND WE KNOW WHAT THEIR HIGHEST NEEDS ARE, AND WE KNOW WHAT'S



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1 TIED ABOARD PRIORITIES, BY THE TIME WE GET TO MARCH, WE'VE
2 GONE THROUGH THAT PROCESS OF SAYING, HERE IS SOME ADDITIONAL
3 REVENUE THAT WE HAVE GENERATED, OR HERE ARE SOME SAVINGS WE
4 FOUND TO SUPPORT SOME OF THESE PRIORITIES. AND HERE ARE WAYS
5 THAT DEPARTMENTS HAVE DETERMINED THAT THEY CAN SORT OF WORK
6 WITHIN THEIR OWN BUDGETS TO MOVE SOME STUFF AROUND TO FUND
7 PRIORITIES. AND I KNOW, I MEAN, FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT ARE
8 LISTENING, I KNOW THEIR REACTION IS, YOU KNOW, I ALREADY HAVE,
9 I ALREADY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO DO WHAT I NEED TO DO. THESE ARE
10 GOING TO BE DIFFICULT EXERCISES, BUT I THINK THEY'RE NECESSARY
11 EXERCISES OR WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD ON A
12 LOT OF THESE MAJOR INITIATIVES AND PRIORITIES.

13
14 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** IN CLOSING, MADAM CHAIR, I APPRECIATE
15 YOUR COMMENT ENCOURAGING DEPARTMENT HEADS TO PUT ON THEIR
16 COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET, I THINK, THEIR COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET, AND I
17 THINK WE ALL HAVE TO, GIVEN THE DEPTH OF THE CUTS, RECOGNIZING
18 BECAUSE OF H.R.-1 AND KIND OF THE TRICKLE-DOWN EFFECT OF THEIR
19 CASCADING DECISION, THE IMPACT TO OUR HEALTH SERVICES AS THE
20 SAFETY NET ENTITY, THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT ARE GOING TO
21 BE REMOVED FROM OUR SYSTEM ARE REALLY GOING TO REQUIRE THAT WE
22 GET CLEAR ABOUT OUR CORE FUNCTION AS THE SAFETY NET LEVEL OF
23 GOVERNMENT AND WHAT WE ABSOLUTELY MUST PROVIDE TO THE
24 10,000,000+ RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. SO, I APPRECIATE THAT
25 REMINDER TO ALL OF US ABOUT PUTTING OUR COUNTY WIDE HAT ON.



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1 I'LL HAVE MINE ON. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK MY
6 COLLEAGUES. YOU'VE COVERED A LOT ALREADY. JOE, IT'S MY
7 UNDERSTANDING WE'RE FACING, OBVIOUSLY, FUNDING CHALLENGES THAT
8 SPECIFICALLY IMPACT OUR HOMELESS SERVICES SYSTEM. AND WE'VE
9 RECEIVED SOME CORRESPONDENCE IN MY OFFICE, I BELIEVE WE'LL
10 HEAR FROM FOLKS TODAY. AND IN PART, THIS IS DUE TO LESS
11 FUNDING FROM OUR STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS, AS WELL AS
12 SLOWING SALES TAX REVENUE AND INCREASED COSTS. THOUGH I WILL
13 SAY, IT'S REALLY HARD FOR EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND THESE
14 IMPACTS, GIVEN THE CONTEXT OF THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE A. PEOPLE
15 ARE FEELING LIKE THEY'RE SPENDING MORE ON SALES TAX AND
16 THERE'S AN EXPECTATION THAT INCREASED EXPENDITURE IS GOING TO
17 LOOK LIKE DIFFERENT RESULTS ON THEIR STREETS. SO, THE
18 CHALLENGES THAT ARE BEING FRAMED AS DECISIONS THAT ARE BEING
19 MADE BY THE COUNTY RATHER THAN THE COUNTY ADAPTING AND HAVING
20 TO FIND THE EFFICIENCIES TO LIMIT IMPACTS DUE TO STATE AND
21 TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS. SO, I JUST KIND OF WANT TO TALK
22 WITH YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT SO WE CAN KIND OF FRAME THE
23 CONVERSATION IN TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING WHAT WE'RE HAVING TO
24 NAVIGATE AS THE COUNTY. SO, CAN YOU SPEAK ABOUT THE CAUSES YOU
25 KNOW, AND EXPLAIN THE CHALLENGES WE'RE FACING AND THE REASONS



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1 FOR THEM BY LEVEL OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING
2 WE HAVE FEDERAL CUTS. DO YOU KNOW THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE
3 FEDERAL CUTS THAT WE'RE EXPECTING?

4
5 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** YOU KNOW, I DON'T HAVE THE SPECIFIC DOLLAR
6 AMOUNT HANDY. HOWEVER, I THINK AS A SYSTEM, YOU'RE RIGHT. THE
7 HOMELESS SERVICES SYSTEM IS UNDER AN EXCEEDING AMOUNT OF
8 PRESSURE. MEASURE A INFUSED ESSENTIALLY DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF
9 DOLLARS INTO THE SYSTEM. THE COUNTY'S CAPTURE OF THOSE DOLLARS
10 IS THE SAME AS IT WAS UNDER MEASURE H. AND I THINK SOME OF THE
11 THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN THE HOMELESS SERVICES SPACE IS
12 COMMON TO THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING OUT EVERYWHERE. THERE HAVE
13 BEEN SUBSTANTIAL COST INCREASES. THERE'S BEEN A BED RATE
14 INCREASE THAT HAS DRIVEN A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF COSTS. AND I
15 HAD SOME CONTEXT FOR, JUST TO PUT THIS INTO PERSPECTIVE, AND
16 ALL OF THIS SORT OF PREDATES THE, THIS MOMENTUM PREDATED
17 MEASURE A, AND WE CARRY IT FORWARD INTO MEASURE A, AND WE
18 CARRY IT FORWARD INTO MEASURE A AND WE CARRY IT FORWARD INTO
19 THE NEW DEPARTMENT. THE COST TO PROVIDE ANCHOR PROGRAMS, THESE
20 ARE LIKE THE FUNDAMENTAL CORE PROGRAMS THAT THE COUNTY OFFERS
21 IS \$739,000,000 WITH ONGOING REVENUE UNDER MEASURE A ABOUT
22 \$535,000,000. IT LEAVES A HUGE STRUCTURAL GAP. AND THEN YOU
23 ADD TO THAT THE CUTS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING.
24 WE KNOW THE CITY OF L.A. HAS CANCELED SOME SERVICE CONTRACTS
25 AS WELL. I IMAGINE THEY'RE UNDER FISCAL PRESSURE. AND THEN THE



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1 CHANGES TO HOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL FUND PERMANENT
2 HOUSING, A SHIFT AWAY FROM PERMANENT HOUSING, AND A CAP ON OUR
3 ABILITY TO FUND VOUCHERS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. SO, ALL OF
4 THAT IS PUTTING A TON OF PRESSURE ON THE SYSTEM, AND IT IS NOT
5 UNIQUE TO US, IT'S UNIQUE TO OTHER AGENCIES IN THE REGION. BUT
6 IT IS PART OF THIS ECOSYSTEM OF CONTRACTING DOLLARS DRIVEN
7 FROM FEDERAL STATE. AND OUR LOCAL REVENUE HAS BEEN FLAT, OUR
8 SALES TAX REVENUE IS FLAT. AND AS COSTS INCREASE, WE TALKED
9 ABOUT STRUCTURAL DEFICITS, INCREASING COSTS AND FLAT REVENUE
10 IS WHAT DRIVES STRUCTURAL DEFICITS AS WELL.

11
12 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I THINK THAT'S HELPFUL TO UNDERSTAND
13 FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVE, YOU HIGHLIGHTED THE
14 DECREASE INVESTMENT AND DISINVESTMENT IN PERMANENT HOUSING
15 SOLUTIONS AND HOUSING VOUCHERS, SECTION 8 LIKELY TO BE CUT IN
16 THE FUTURE, AS WELL AS FEDERAL CUTS. I KNOW WE'RE LOOKING,
17 WE'RE WAITING TO SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE COC, WHICH IS
18 \$220,000,000, AND WE'LL START TO SEE THOSE CUTS AT THE TURN OF
19 THE YEAR. AND WE'RE NOT YET SURE IF IT'S ALL \$220,000,000 OR
20 SOME VERSION OF IT, BUT WE KNOW CUTS ARE COMING. AND THOSE ARE
21 JUST TWO CATEGORIES FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. I KNOW STATE HAP
22 FUNDS HAVE BEEN CUT, THE CITY OF L.A. CUT FUNDING TO LAHSA AND
23 THE COUNTY HAS TAKEN OVERPAYING SOME OF THOSE POSITIONS IN THE
24 INTERIM WHILE WE'RE FIGURING OUT WHAT WE CAN DO IN TERMS OF
25 TAKING ON THE NEW DEPARTMENT AND HOW WE ARE MAKING THOSE



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1 INVESTMENTS. WE HAVE, AS YOU MENTIONED, THE BED RATE INCREASE,
2 AND I THINK THAT AMOUNTS TO SOMETHING LIKE \$110,000,000. AND I
3 THINK THE BED RATE INCREASE IS NECESSARY BECAUSE WE'VE
4 CERTAINLY BEEN HEARING FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS ABOUT THE GAP
5 THAT THEY TRY TO FILL BETWEEN WHAT THE COUNTY PROVIDES AND
6 WHAT THE ACTUAL COSTS ARE. BUT AS YOU SAID, EVERY TIME THERE'S
7 A COST INCREASE, ESPECIALLY IF WE DON'T HAVE A CORRESPONDING
8 SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR IT, IT'S A CHALLENGE WITH THE CURRENT
9 INVESTMENT THAT WE DO HAVE. DO YOU SEE ANY ADDITIONAL REVENUE
10 FROM MEASURE A COMING IN? DO YOU SEE US MOVING OUT OF THIS
11 FLAT LINE POSITION?

12
13 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** NO. I SEE US AS PRETTY FLAT AND I THINK THAT
14 WHAT YOU'RE SEEING REFLECTED IN THE MEASURE A SPENDING PLAN,
15 WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS BEING COMMUNICATED AT THIS POINT,
16 REFLECTS OUR EXPECTATIONS AROUND MEASURE A REVENUE. OVER TIME,
17 THE MEASURE A REVENUE IS LIKELY TO GO UP, BUT OUR COSTS ARE
18 LIKELY TO GO UP AS WELL. SO, I THINK THE EFFORT RIGHT NOW TO
19 GET OUR, TO RIGHT SIZE OUR SERVICE PORTFOLIO IS IMPORTANT
20 BECAUSE IT WILL NOT BE SUSTAINABLE TO CONTINUE TO HAVE A
21 \$200,000,00, \$300,000,000 OPERATING DEFICIT. WE'RE GOING TO
22 RUN OUT OF MONEY VERY QUICK.

23
24 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** WELL, AS YOU RIGHTLY IDENTIFIED, THE
25 COUNTY PORTION OF MEASURE A THAT'S ON THE SERVICE SIDE IS



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1 REMAINING RELATIVELY FLAT BUT THERE IS NEW FUNDING COMING IN
2 ON THE SERVICE SIDE. THERE'S THE LACAHSA FUNDING WHICH IS FOR
3 HOUSING WHICH IS ALSO SEPARATE BUT THE SERVICE SIDE ALSO IS
4 BEING INVESTED DIRECTLY INTO CITIES. SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE OUR
5 STAFF AND FOR YOU TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO COMMUNICATE
6 TO OUR CITIES DIRECTLY WHO ARE CONSIDERING WHAT ARE THEY GOING
7 TO DO WITH THAT LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND ALLOCATION THAT THEY
8 PERHAPS CONSIDER IF ONE OF THEIR FAVORITE PROGRAMS FROM THE
9 COUNTY IS AT RISK BASED ON THE FUNDING CHALLENGES WE'RE
10 FACING, THAT COULD BE A WAY THAT THEY HELP TO SHORE UP
11 EXISTING SERVICES SO WE DON'T HAVE TO LOSE THEM. AND WE USE
12 THAT REVENUE SOURCE WHICH WILL NOT BE AT COST TO THEM EITHER
13 BECAUSE IT'S COMING IT'S NEW FUNDING COMING TO THE CITIES FROM
14 THE SALES TAX MEASURE THAT MIGHT BE A WAY THAT WE CAN HELP AND
15 SO IF WE HAVE THAT PROACTIVE CONVERSATION WITH OUR CITY
16 PARTNERS THERE MAY BE SOME CITIES WHO WANT TO WORK WITH US IN
17 THAT WAY. I THINK WE JUST HAVE TO MAKE THE INTENTIONAL EFFORT
18 TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

19
20 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** THANK YOU. AND I'M SORRY IF I MISUNDERSTOOD
21 YOUR PRIOR QUESTION.

22
23 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** NO, NO, NO. I'M JUST SUGGESTING THAT
24 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD BE DOING. I THINK ANOTHER
25 THING WE SHOULD BE DOING, AND I JUST GOT THE NEWS FROM OUR



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1 COLLEAGUE ON ECRHA. HAFSA KEIKO REACHED OUT TO LET US KNOW
2 THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS LED ONCE AGAIN ON A LAWSUIT TO PROTECT
3 FEDERAL FUNDING INVESTMENT IN HOMELESSNESS SERVICES AND
4 HOUSING. AND I BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTY, SO FOR COUNTY COUNSEL,
5 I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE COUNTY SUPPORT THAT EFFORT, BECAUSE I
6 THINK THIS IS A TIME TO BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THE REALITY THAT
7 WE'RE FACING, AND PART OF THAT REALITY IS MORE DEVASTATING
8 CUTS FROM THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION, AND WE KNOW THAT THIS
9 MEANS PEOPLE WHO ARE CURRENTLY HOUSED ARE AT RISK OF LOSING
10 THEIR HOUSING AND EXPERIENCING MORE PRESSURE PUT ON THE LOCAL
11 SYSTEM TO RESPOND AND FILL THE GAPS THAT WILL COME FROM THOSE
12 CUTS. AND SIMPLY PUT, AS I BELIEVE YOU'VE SAID, THERE'S NO WAY
13 FOR US TO FILL THOSE GAPS WITH THE RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE. SO,
14 WE HAVE TO FIGHT TO GET EVERY DOLLAR INVESTED AND USE IT,
15 STRETCH IT FURTHER, AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR NEW DEPARTMENT OF
16 HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING GOES THROUGH THAT SCRUTINY TO
17 MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE USING EACH AND EVERY DOLLAR IN THE BEST
18 WAY POSSIBLE. AND I THINK ALSO, I'VE HEARD THAT THE REDUCTIONS
19 WILL BE, THERE'S SOME THAT ARE SUGGESTING THAT REDUCTIONS BE
20 SPREAD ACROSS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WHEN IT RELATES TO ANY OF THE
21 DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE TOUCHING HOMELESSNESS. IS THAT SOMETHING
22 YOU EXPECT TO HAPPEN? OR HOW WILL WE BE ADDRESSING THAT SINCE
23 THERE ARE MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS THAT TOUCH THIS ISSUE?

24
25 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. SO, I THINK IT'S



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1 A, LET ME JUST PUT IT THIS WAY. WE HAVE DEDICATED REVENUE THAT
2 IS GOING TO THE HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM. AND MY RECOMMENDATION
3 WOULD BE TO PRIORITIZE THAT FUNDING FOR THOSE SERVICES AND SEE
4 HOW WE CAN SUSTAIN WHAT WE HAVE TODAY. DEPARTMENTS DID TAKE AN
5 8.5% CUT ALREADY TO THEIR BUDGETS AND WE DIDN'T APPLY ANY CUTS
6 TO THE DEDICATED REVENUE STREAMS THAT ARE FOR HOMELESS
7 SERVICES. I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO MAKE UP THAT
8 GAP BY CUTTING DEPARTMENTS FURTHER. WE KNOW WE ARE AT
9 ESSENTIALLY AT THE LIMIT OF WHAT THEY CAN DO FLEXIBLY WITHIN
10 THEIR BUDGET. AND WHEN I SUGGEST THAT THOSE DEPARTMENTS LOOK
11 FROM WITHIN TO SEE HOW THEY CAN BETTER USE THEIR OWN REVENUE,
12 THEY HAVE A LOT OF PRIORITY NEEDS THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED FOR
13 EXAMPLES OF WHICH WERE ON THE SCREEN, THAT THEY WOULD BE USING
14 THAT MONEY FOR. SO, AT THIS POINT, I WOULD SAY IT IS A BIT OF
15 A ZERO-SUM GAME. THE MORE WE TRY TO FUND STUFF, THE MORE WE
16 HAVE TO GET IT FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE. AND I FIND IT VERY, I
17 THINK IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO TAKE WHAT WE HAVE TODAY
18 AND CONTINUE IT BY CUTTING OUR DEPARTMENTS TO DO IT. I THINK
19 IT WOULD CAUSE A LOT OF SERVICE REDUCTIONS AND POTENTIALLY JOB
20 LOSSES IN AREAS THAT ARE ALSO VERY IMPORTANT.

21
22 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I'M GLAD TO HEAR HOW YOU'RE THINKING
23 ABOUT THAT. I WANT TO SECOND SUPERVISOR HAHN'S NOTION THAT WE
24 SHOULD BE SHORING UP OUR SAFETY NET TO PROTECT THOSE WHO ARE
25 MOST AT RISK. AND SO, I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT THAT'S HOW YOU'RE



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1 APPROACHING THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. WE KNOW THAT THIS HAS BEEN
2 A CHALLENGE FOR OUR REGION AND I'M GLAD THAT WE HAVE THE
3 MEASURE A FUNDING STREAM TO TURN TO BECAUSE OF THE CUTS THAT
4 WE'RE EXPERIENCING AT OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. BUT WE ALSO
5 KNOW THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING INSIDE THIS SYSTEM
6 WHO ALSO THEMSELVES ARE AT RISK BECAUSE OF HOW DANGEROUSLY LOW
7 THEIR WAGES HAVE BEEN. AND SO, MEASURE A HAS SOUGHT TO ALSO
8 MAKE INVESTMENT IN OUR WORKFORCE. AND I WAS GLAD TO SEE IN
9 YOUR PRESENTATION AS IT RELATES TO THE COUNTY WORKFORCE, YOUR
10 PROJECTION THAT WE HONOR THE COMMITMENT IN LABOR NEGOTIATIONS
11 OF THE 2% COLA NEXT YEAR, BECAUSE THAT IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE
12 PEOPLE WHO ARE PROVIDING OUR SERVICES. SO, I WAS GLAD TO SEE
13 THAT IN YOUR PRESENTATION. THOUGH IT'S CLEAR WE WILL HAVE
14 CHALLENGES GOING FORWARD. AND THE MORE WE COMMUNICATE WITH ALL
15 OF OUR PARTNERS WHO ARE PROVIDING THESE SERVICES, WHETHER THEY
16 BE OUR COUNTY FAMILY OR OUR SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THE HOMELESS
17 SERVICE SYSTEM, THE MORE WE HAVE THAT CONVERSATION TO HELP
18 PEOPLE SEE IT, THE WAY WE'RE SEEING IT, I THINK THE BETTER
19 POSITION WILL BE GOING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU
22 FOR THE PRESENTATION. I THINK, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU SAID
23 SOBERING. THAT'S PUTTING IT MILDLY. AND I THINK MY FRUSTRATION
24 YOU REFERENCED IN 1990S, THAT WAS WE WERE ON THE BRINK OF
25 BANKRUPTCY BECAUSE OF HEALTHCARE, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO DO A



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1 LEGISLATIVE FIX FOR THE WAIVER AND REDIRECT DOLLARS FROM
2 INPATIENT TO OUTPATIENT. WHAT WE HAVE, AND ACTUALLY WHAT WE
3 HAVE BEFORE US TODAY IS FOR ME VERY FRUSTRATING, AND I PUT A
4 LOT OF THE BLAME ON 218. BECAUSE IF NOT FOR AB 218, WE'D BE
5 USING OUR RAINY-DAY FUND TO BRIDGE THE FINANCIAL REALITIES
6 THAT ARE OCCURRING, BOTH ECONOMICALLY AS WELL AS WHAT'S GOING
7 ON IN DC AND SACRAMENTO. BUT BECAUSE WE HAVE A LEGISLATION
8 THAT IS EVERGREEN, THAT IS GOING TO CONTINUE, WE JUST HAD
9 ANOTHER LAWSUIT DROPPED. MY QUESTION TO YOU IS AT WHAT POINT
10 ARE WE AT A BREAKING POINT WITH AB 218? BECAUSE I KNOW WE'RE
11 BONDING, BUT WHAT IS THE BREAKING POINT FOR THIS COUNTY, WHICH
12 BY THE WAY, WE ARE THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. SO, ANYONE OUT
13 THERE THAT'S REPRESENTING A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OTHER COUNTIES,
14 YOU'RE NEXT. YOU ARE NEXT. SO, WHAT IS OUR BREAKING POINT?

15
16 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** WELL, WE HAVE BROUGHT OURSELVES BASICALLY TO
17 A POINT WHERE OUR FLEXIBILITY TO WITHSTAND BIG ISSUES, BIG
18 COST ISSUES IS PRETTY LIMITED. AND SOMEONE MENTIONED LIKE A
19 NATURAL DISASTER. THERE ARE TWO THINGS THAT KEEP ME UP AT
20 NIGHT. ONE IS MORE AB 218 LIABILITY, AND ONE IS A NATURAL
21 DISASTER. BECAUSE WE WENT THROUGH BOTH OF THOSE THINGS
22 ALREADY, AND IT HAS BROUGHT US TO THE POINT WHERE WE'RE AT
23 TODAY. WE ARE AWARE OF ADDITIONAL LAWSUITS BEING FILED. I
24 THINK THAT SOME OF THE SAME FIRMS ARE FILING MORE CASES. THEY
25 SEE IT AS, LET'S JUST GO BACK TO THE WELL WITH SOME MORE. AND



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1 I DON'T HAVE A STRATEGY FOR FINANCING ANOTHER SETTLEMENT. SO,
2 I THINK WE NEED TO GET SOME RELIEF IN SACRAMENTO. IT IS OUR
3 TOP PRIORITY. WE'RE WORKING HARD ON IT. WE HAVE A STRONG
4 COALITION GOING INTO SACRAMENTO. BUT WE ARE, YOU KNOW, WE ARE
5 IN A PLACE WHERE WE'RE VULNERABLE TO ANY BIG JUDGMENT,
6 CERTAINLY AT THE SCALE OF AB 218, CAUSING US TO HAVE EITHER
7 ADDITIONAL WIDESPREAD CURTAILMENTS THAT WILL RESULT IN THE
8 LOSS OF COUNTY JOBS, AND CERTAINLY THE LOSS OF SERVICES. AND
9 SO, IT'S, AB 218 WAS NOT JUST OUR RAINY-DAY FUND. WE HAVE TO
10 PUT SO MUCH ONGOING MONEY IN THE BUDGET TO PAY FOR THE DEBT
11 SERVICE FOR THESE JUDGMENT OBLIGATION BONDS. THAT IS THE
12 ONGOING MONEY. THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE HAVE THIS
13 ONGOING FUNDING GAP, IS AB 218. SO, IT DEFINITELY IS THE
14 BUDGET PRESSURES I MENTIONED AT THE BEGINNING, AB 218 BEING A
15 PRIMARY ONE.

16
17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BECAUSE THE REASON WHY OUR CREDIT
18 RATING WAS STRONG IS BECAUSE WE HAD A RAINY-DAY FUND, SO THAT
19 NOT IF, BUT WHEN THE ECONOMY SLOWED, WHICH IT DOES CYCLICALLY,
20 THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO DRAW DOWN AND NOT HAVE LAYOFFS AND
21 CURTAILMENTS. THE GOOD NEWS IS, I GUESS THE AUTHOR HAS SAID
22 THAT SHE IS TRYING TO FIX THIS. SO, I'M ASSUMING THAT SHE'S UP
23 IN SACRAMENTO WORKING TOWARD LEGISLATIVE FIXES. I HAVEN'T
24 HEARD OF ANY, BUT DO WE KNOW WHAT THE STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE
25 FIXES ARE UP IN SACRAMENTO OR IS THAT JUST AN EMPTY PROMISE?



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2 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** WE ARE, YOU KNOW, THE BILL INTRODUCTION HAS
3 NOT STARTED, BUT WE'VE HAD A LOT OF GOOD CONVERSATIONS. WE'VE
4 HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH IMPORTANT LEGISLATORS WHO SUPPORTED US
5 LAST YEAR AND THOSE WHO HAD CONCERNS LAST YEAR. AND SO, I
6 DON'T HAVE ANY DEFINITIVE OUTCOME AT THIS POINT, BUT WE ARE
7 BUILDING ON SOME OF THE WORK WE DID LAST YEAR, AND WE ARE
8 ENGAGING THE FOLKS THAT HAD ISSUES WITH LEGISLATIVE CHANGES
9 LAST YEAR TO SEE IF WE CAN FIND SOME COMPROMISED PATH FORWARD
10 IN SACRAMENTO THIS YEAR.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THEN WHEN WE TALK ABOUT, I
13 MEAN, I KNOW WITH THE DPSS, THE NEED TO ABSORB THE \$42,000,000
14 IMPACT. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THE CRITERIA FOR BEING ELIGIBLE
15 FOR BENEFITS IS NOT CHANGING. SO THEREFORE, THE WORK OR THE
16 NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO BE APPLYING IS GOING TO
17 REMAIN THE SAME. SO, MY QUESTION IS, WITHOUT LAYOFFS, HOW CAN
18 A DEPARTMENT ABSORB THAT KIND OF IMPACT?

19

20 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE DOING WITH
21 DPSS IS, THROUGH THE NEXT COUPLE MONTHS, IS VETTING THAT
22 NUMBER. THAT IS AN INITIAL ESTIMATE. I THINK THERE ARE SOME
23 CHANGES BEING IMPLEMENTED THAT MIGHT AFFECT WORKLOAD, AND I'M
24 UNCLEAR IF THE WORKLOAD WILL GO UP OR WILL GO DOWN, ONE OF
25 THEM BEING THE WORK REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE BEING IMPOSED AND



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1 THINGS OF THAT NATURE. SO, WE NEED TO GET TO THE RIGHT NUMBER.
2 AND THEN WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS A PLAN TO FUND IT. AND I THINK
3 FOR SOME OF THESE ISSUES THAT ARE BEING THRUST UPON US, WE ARE
4 NOT LIKELY TO SOLVE IT IN A SINGLE BUDGET YEAR. THIS IS A RAMP
5 UP PHASE WITH SOME BAND-AIDS ALONG THE WAY, BUT WE NEED A PLAN
6 TO GET THERE. AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING TO DO FOR DPSS.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SO THAT COULD INCLUDE LAYOFFS.

9

10 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** IT'S POSSIBLE. IT'S POSSIBLE IF WE CANNOT
11 FIND SUFFICIENT FUNDING THAT WHAT I WOULD IMAGINE WE WOULD DO
12 FIRST IS A HIRING FREEZE AND THROUGH ATTRITION REDUCE THE
13 NUMBER AND THEN MINIMIZE OR ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR LAYOFFS,
14 BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS POSSIBLE.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I THOUGHT WE HAD A HIRING FREEZE
17 GOING ON RIGHT NOW.

18

19 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** WE DO NOT HAVE A COUNTYWIDE HIRING FREEZE
20 GOING ON.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I THOUGHT WE HAD A HIRING FREEZE.
23 I THOUGHT HIRING HAS TO GO THROUGH YOU AND YOU HAVE TO SIGN
24 OFF ON THEM.

25



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1 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** NO, NO.

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3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WELL, GIVEN THE SEVERITY, I WOULD
4 LIKE FOR US TO HAVE THAT DISCUSSION AS IT RELATES TO CRITICAL
5 JOBS BECAUSE IF WE'RE GOING TO BE HIRING ADDITIONAL STAFF WHEN
6 THERE MAY BE DISPLACED STAFF THAT COULD BE MOVED, I THINK IT'S
7 IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE THAT FLEXIBILITY SO THAT WE'RE NOT
8 LAYING OFF, THAT IN FACT WE'RE REDIRECTING POSITIONS,
9 ESPECIALLY FOR LOWER LEVEL STAFF THAT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
10 TRANSFER Laterally. SO THAT'S SOMETHING I THINK WE SHOULD PUT
11 ON THE RADAR AS IT RELATES TO A DISCUSSION MOVING FORWARD.

12

13 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** WHEN WE HAD BROUGHT THE BOARD LETTER FOR THE
14 HIRING FREEZE A FEW MONTHS AGO AND THE BOARD HAD SOME CONCERNS
15 ABOUT IT, WE'RE WORKING TO ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS. I THINK ONE
16 OF THEM WAS, WHAT TARGET ARE YOU WORKING TOWARD? AND THERE
17 WERE SOME OTHER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS THAT WERE RAISED. SO, WE
18 ARE STILL WORKING ON THAT LETTER. WE NEED TO BRING IT BACK. WE
19 NEED TO BE POSITIONED TO APPLY A HIRING FREEZE AS WE LOOK AT
20 SOME OF THESE BUDGETARY SOLUTIONS, BUT WE WANT TO BE
21 RESPONSIVE TO THE CONCERNS THAT WERE RAISED THE LAST TIME WE
22 BROUGHT THAT FORWARD.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT, BUT I THINK
25 THAT GIVEN, AND I APPRECIATED SURVEYOR HORVATH TALKING ABOUT



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1 THE MEASURE A. MY FRUSTRATION IS MANY WHO VOTED FOR THIS ARE
2 NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY WHEN WE TELL THEM WE'VE GOT A
3 \$300,000,000 SHORTFALL BECAUSE IT'S COUNTERINTUITIVE TO WHAT
4 THEY BELIEVE THEY VOTED FOR. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US
5 TO ACCURATELY DEPICT THE REALITIES THAT ARE TAKING PLACE.
6 THERE'S NO QUESTION I TALKED TO A PROVIDER UP IN THE ANTELOPE
7 VALLEY WHO THE BED RATE WAS WELL UNDER WHAT WAS NECESSARY. SO,
8 THEY WERE TRYING TO RAISE FUNDING THROUGH FUNDRAISERS TO COVER
9 THAT GAP AND THEN THEY HAD A LINE OF CREDIT. SO, IT WAS
10 COSTING THEM EVEN MORE WITH THAT LINE OF CREDIT TO PROVIDE THE
11 SERVICES. SO, WE RECOGNIZE IT WAS IMPORTANT TO DO AN INCREASE
12 AND I THINK THERE'S THERE ARE THERE IS A LEGITIMATE
13 EXPLANATION BUT WE NEED TO EXPLAIN IT AND BE TRANSPARENT ON
14 HOW WE ROLL THAT OUT. AND THEN YOU KNOW WHEN I WHEN I LOOK AT
15 THE COUNTY IS THE SAFETY NET I THINK WE HAVE TO BE VERY
16 CAUTIOUS WITH HOW WE PRIORITIZE OR WHAT WE LOOK AT IN TERMS OF
17 FEES BECAUSE YOU KNOW MY GREATEST CONCERN ESPECIALLY WITH WHAT
18 I'M SEEING HAPPENING IN ALTADENA IS SMALL BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN
19 IMPACTED AND RESTAURANTS HAVE BEEN IMPACTED. AND IF WE BEGIN
20 TO INCREASE FEES AND THEY CLOSE, THEN WE'RE NOT ONLY SHOOTING
21 OURSELVES IN THE FOOT, WE ARE IN FACT LOSING A REVENUE STREAM
22 THAT IS IMPORTANT TO THIS COUNTY, NOT ONLY FROM A FINANCIAL,
23 BUT ALSO JUST AS IT RELATES TO SMALL BUSINESSES AND THE IMPACT
24 THAT THEY HAVE ON THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO, I HOPE THAT
25 WE TEMPER HOW WE GO ABOUT LOOKING AT FEES BECAUSE AS A SAFETY



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1 NET PROVIDER HERE, WE HAVE TO BE COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT
2 MANY OF THESE MOM AND POPS ARE STRUGGLING AS WELL. AND WHAT
3 WE'RE FEELING, THEY'RE FEELING AS WELL. AND SO, I HOPE THAT WE
4 HAVE MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE AND I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
5 TALKING ABOUT THE PLANNING AND HOW ARE WE GOING TO PLAN
6 BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECOGNIZE YOU SAY 4
7 YEARS. I MEAN, DID YOU SAY 4 YEARS FOR PLANNING FOR THE?

8

9 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** I DON'T KNOW IF I SAID 4, BUT I AGREE WITH
10 4. I THINK WE'RE ON A 4 TO 5 YEAR PLANNING HORIZON.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, AND I THINK THAT GIVEN AB
13 218 AND THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING, I THINK WE NEED TO BE
14 VERY PROACTIVE AS IT RELATES TO PUTTING A STRATEGY TOGETHER.
15 BECAUSE I PERSONALLY THINK THE FRUSTRATION WITH 218 FOR ME IS
16 THAT WE ACTUALLY HAD A LEGISLATIVE FIX LAST YEAR. AND I DON'T
17 KNOW WHERE THE AUTHOR WAS. I GUESS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT
18 BECAUSE THERE WAS SILENCE AND IT WAS KILLED. I THINK IT BECAME
19 A 2 YEAR, IS THAT CORRECT? IT BECAME A 2 YEAR BILL. 2 YEAR
20 BILL. AND SO WE, PEOPLE THAT DIDN'T WANT TO NECESSARILY TAKE
21 THIS CAUSE UP AND THAT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT I'M HOPING THAT THEY
22 WILL SEE THE ERROR OF THEIR WAYS, INCLUDING THE AUTHOR, WHO
23 AGAIN, IN WRITING, IF YOU BELIEVE THE TIMES, WHICH I DO, SAID
24 THAT SHE WANTS TO FIX IT. SO I HOPE SHE'S UP IN SACRAMENTO AS
25 WE SPEAK DOING THAT. BECAUSE AGAIN, WE HAD A RAINY-DAY FUND IN



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1 THIS COUNTY, AND I KNOW THAT WE'VE ALL GONE BACK TO DC, AND,
2 OR I'M SORRY, BACK TO NEW YORK ON THE CREDIT RATING. AND THE
3 ONE THING THAT THEY LOOK AT, THEY LOOK AT A LOT, BUT THE ONE
4 THING THAT THEY REALLY APPRECIATED WAS OUR RAINY-DAY FUND, THE
5 FACT THAT WE SET ASIDE, AND WE HAD NEARLY \$1,000,000,000 SET
6 ASIDE TO CARRY US THROUGH THOSE TIMES WHEN THE ECONOMY SLOWS
7 DOWN OR WHEN UNEXPECTED THINGS HAPPEN. BECAUSE OF AB 218, WE
8 HAD TO DRAW DOWN ON THAT RAINY DAY FUND, AND HERE WE ARE
9 TODAY. AND SO, WE CAN TALK ABOUT OTHER ISSUES, WHETHER IT BE
10 THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION OR THE CUTS OR H.R.-1, BUT I WOULD
11 ARGUE THAT THE NUMBER 1 REASON WE'RE HAVING THIS DISCUSSION IS
12 BECAUSE OF AB 218. WE WOULD BE HAVING DISCUSSION AS IT RELATES
13 TO H.R.-1. WE KNOW WE WOULD BE HAVING IT, BUT WE WOULD HAVE
14 THE RAINY-DAY FUND TO CARRY US THROUGH WHILE WE FOUGHT WITH
15 WASHINGTON. WE DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO CARRY THAT MONEY
16 THROUGH TO FIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT WITH WASHINGTON, BUT WE
17 DON'T HAVE THAT FUNDING TO ALLOW US TO DO IT. AND THAT'S WHY I
18 SAY IT'S NOT ALONE, BUT IT'S DEFINITELY, IT HAS DEFINITELY PUT
19 US IN A POSITION THAT IS GOING TO IMPACT THE LIVES OF MANY MEN
20 AND WOMEN IN THIS AND CHILDREN IN THIS COUNTY FOR YEARS TO
21 COME. AND AS SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN HERE SINCE 1989, THIS BREAKS
22 MY HEART. BECAUSE AS A BOARD, WE'VE ALWAYS FUNCTIONED
23 RESPONSIBLY. AND NOW WE'RE PUT IN A POSITION WHERE WE HAVE TO
24 MAKE VERY DIFFICULT DECISIONS THAT ARE GOING TO, NO ONE,
25 SOMEONE, EVERYONE IS GOING TO HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A



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1 RECOMMENDATION. EVERYONE. AND IT'S GOING TO BE ABOUT TRIAGING
2 AND PRIORITIZING. AND HOW DO YOU DO THAT? I MEAN, HOW DOES A
3 PARENT SAY WHICH ONE IS THEIR FAVORITE CHILD? YOU DON'T. YOU
4 LOVE THEM ALL THE SAME. SO, I APPRECIATE THE REPORT. I THINK
5 IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE THESE DISCUSSIONS AND I
6 LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU ABOUT SOME OF THE LEGISLATIVE
7 FIXES THAT YOU MAY WANT TO RECOMMEND AS RELATES TO 218 BECAUSE
8 AGAIN, WE JUST HAD ANOTHER LAWSUIT DROP AND IT'S THE SAME CAST
9 OF CHARACTERS. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO GET A
10 HANDLE ON THIS SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. THANK YOU. IT'S
11 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

12
13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO FOLLOW UP
14 ON YOUR COMMENT ON 218. I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE. IT'S
15 GOING TO BE IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A SMART, STRATEGIC, FOCUSED
16 STRATEGY, THAT WE ARE ON, YOU KNOW, A SINGULAR PAGE IN TERMS
17 OF HOW WE GO FORWARD. AND I ALSO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT WHEN WE
18 CONSIDER WHAT IS FULLY WITHIN OUR CONTROL AND POWER IS THAT WE
19 ARE MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE DOING ALL THAT WE CAN TO PREVENT
20 FUTURE CASES AND THAT WE MITIGATE ANY FUTURE RISK. THAT IS
21 FULLY WITHIN THE POWER OF THE COUNTY.

22
23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** 100%.

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25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND MAKING SURE THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS



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1 AND THAT WE ARE TIGHT IN TERMS OF ZERO TOLERANCE, THAT OUR
2 INVESTIGATIVE PROCESSES ARE TIGHT AND ACCURATE AND TIMELY. SO,
3 THERE WE FULLY MITIGATE FUTURE RISK OF SIMILAR OFFENSIVE
4 BEHAVIOR WHERE PEOPLE ARE VICTIMIZED AT THE HANDS OF COUNTY
5 EMPLOYEES. WE HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO THAT, SERIOUSLY.

6
7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** I AGREE WITH YOU AND I FEEL LIKE
8 PUTTING UP A SIGN AT OUR CAMPS AND FACILITIES SAYING, IF YOU
9 SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. BECAUSE MANY TIMES STAFF HAS
10 SEEN SOMETHING AND TURN THE OTHER WAY. I COULD NOT AGREE WITH
11 YOU MORE.

12
13 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I MEAN, I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I WAS
14 ACTUALLY GOING TO SAY SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT WAS OBVIOUSLY
15 WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH IS IN THE PAST, BUT GOING FORWARD, BUT
16 I HAVE TO SAY YOUR COMMENT ABOUT, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE AND BE
17 TIGHT. I'LL JUST SAY FROM MY OPINION, WE ARE NOT AT THIS POINT
18 TIGHT IN OUR JUVENILE FACILITIES. I DON'T FEEL SECURE THAT
19 NOTHING LIKE THIS WILL HAPPEN AGAIN.

20
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU TO ALL MY
22 COLLEAGUES, ACTUALLY. I THINK THIS HAS BEEN A GOOD DISCUSSION
23 AND WE'VE DEFINITELY BEGAN SOMETHING THAT I KNOW IS GOING TO
24 BE HARD FOR YOU, JOE, MOVING FORWARD. BUT I THINK WE'RE ALL IN
25 THIS TOGETHER. DO YOU HAVE ANY CLOSING COMMENTS?



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2 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** NO CLOSING COMMENTS, THANK YOU. OKAY,
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
4 WISH TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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6 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES, THERE ARE.

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES, WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
9 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. JERRY JONES, JOSHUA
10 MATHIEU, GEORGIA BERKOVICH, WENDY WANG, KIMBERLY ROBERTS,
11 JENNIFER ARELLANO, SYLVIA CASTILLO, MATT TECLE, LVET
12 SAMVELYAN, JESSICA PARRAL, VICKY ARENAS, KRIS NAMETH, HANNAH
13 RUDNICK, JAMIE KIM, SHARON STEWART. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR
14 REMOTE PARTICIPANTS TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE TO
15 ADDRESS SET MATTER 1, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, USE THE
16 RAISE HAND FEATURE ON YOUR DEVICE OR PRESS STAR 3 ON YOUR
17 TELEPHONE NOW. BRAD WEST, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, PLEASE BEGIN.

18

19 **BRAD WEST:** BRAD WEST, I RUN THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ALLIANCE, A
20 COALITION OF A DOZEN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEVELOPERS ACROSS LOS
21 ANGELES. JUST WANT TO SAY A FEW QUICK THINGS. I MEAN, THANK
22 YOU SO MUCH, STAFF, FOR YOUR HARD WORK ON THE PROPOSED MEASURE
23 A SPENDING PLAN THE FACT THAT NO PERMANENT HOUSING SLOTS ARE
24 CUT IS NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE BUT MY POSITION IS THAT
25 STAFF SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO DO THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE. I



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1 UNDERSTAND THE COUNTY'S EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL CHALLENGES BUT
2 WE HAVE A \$50 OVER \$50,000,000,000 COUNTY BUDGET AND WE CAN'T
3 FIGURE OUT A WAY TO PLUG A \$3,000,000 HOLE FOR THE MOST
4 IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE
5 HAD A REFERENDUM ON THIS JUST A YEAR AGO THAT FOLKS VOTED TO
6 TAX THEMSELVES DOUBLE THE SALES TAX TO SPEND THIS. SO, I THINK
7 IT'S GOING TO BE REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO
8 FILL THIS GAP AND NOT CUT THE HOMELESSNESS BUDGET BY LITERALLY
9 A THIRD.

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WELL, CALLER 310972, PLEASE
12 STATE YOUR NAME. YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, PLEASE BEGIN.

13

14 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** HEY, THIS IS ZENO REPRESENTING LEIMART PARK
15 COMMERCIALLY KNOWN AS AFRICATOWN. YEAH, I DEFINITELY
16 SYMPATHIZE WITH THE PREVIOUS CALLER. YOU GUYS DEFINITELY HAVE
17 TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO BETTER APPROPRIATE A \$52,500,000 BUDGET
18 AND CONSIDER \$14,000,000,000 OF THAT AS PROPERTY TAX
19 HOMEOWNERS ARE LOOKING AT YOU GUYS TO MAKE SURE YOU AREN'T
20 LIMITING THEIR EXPERIENCE OUT HERE. ANOTHER THING YOU GOT TO
21 BE A LITTLE BIT MORE EXPRESSIVE ON PROTECTING FROM BEING STOLE
22 HAVING OUR FUNDS BEING STOLEN FROM YOUR GUYS EMPLOYEES LIKE
23 THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST AND MISAPPROPRIATED LIKE ALICIA
24 KELLUM DID WITH LOTS OF FUNDS OR THEIR CONTRACTS FOR THEIR
25 HUSBAND AND EVERYTHING ELSE. ANOTHER THING, THE FOOD



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1 REVOLUTION L.A. ON THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION LIST THAT YOU GUYS
2 HAVE FOR YOUR WEBSITE AND OTHER LISTINGS, SO THAT WAY PEOPLE
3 IN THE LEIMART PARK AREA KNOW WHERE TO GET FREE FOOD ON
4 SUNDAY. ALL RIGHT, THANKS.

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. HECTOR RAMIREZ, YOUR LINE IS
7 UNMUTED, PLEASE BEGIN.

8

9 **HECTOR RAMIREZ:** HELLO, MY NAME IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. BUENOS DIAS.
10 DEFINITELY WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS AND THE STAFF FOR
11 THIS VERY INFORMATIVE DIALOGUE THAT IS BEGINNING TO TAKE
12 PLACE. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT AS PEOPLE PREPARE TO GO INTO
13 THANKSGIVING, FOR MOST L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, WHAT'S REALLY
14 HAPPENING IS WE'RE GOING INTO THANKS TAKING. AND IT'S SOBERING
15 TO KNOW AND IT'S SCARY TO KNOW THAT THE REAL REASON WHY THIS
16 IS HAPPENING IS VERY MUCH AWARE TO ALL OF US. AND COMING
17 TOGETHER TO TAKE CARE OF OUR, AT LEAST ONE OF US, IS WHAT WE
18 REALLY NEED TO BE DOING AND EMBRACING AS WE MOVE FORWARD. IT
19 IS THE WAY THAT WE SURVIVE, ESSENTIALLY, KNOWS THIS IS THE WAY
20 THAT WE SURVIVE AS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. THIS IS THE WAY
21 THAT WE SURVIVE AS CALIFORNIANS. WE HAVE DONE IT TOGETHER
22 BEFORE, AND THE WAY THAT WE DID IT WAS TOGETHER.

23

24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MARIA BARAJONA, YOUR LINE IS
25 UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **MARIA BARAHONA:** MARIA BARAHONA. CAN YOU GUYS HEAR ME?

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES.

5

6 **MARIA BARAHONA:** REPRESENTING HAVEN HILLS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
7 SERVICE PROVIDER AND DISTRICT 3. IN 2024, MORE THAN 60,000
8 PEOPLE TURNED TO HOMELESS SERVICES FOR THE FIRST TIME. WHILE
9 THE COUNTY IS PRIORITIZING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW AFFORDABLE
10 HOUSING, HOUSING AND SHELTER ON THEIR OWN ARE NOT ENOUGH.
11 PREVENTION IS ESSENTIAL IF WE WANT TO STOP CREATING OR
12 PERPETUATING CYCLES OF GENERATIONAL POVERTY THAT RELY ON
13 HOMELESS SERVICES FOR SURVIVAL. TIME-LIMITED SUBSIDIES ARE
14 AMONG THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOLS WE HAVE. LAST YEAR IN L.A.
15 ALONE, TLS PROGRAMS REDUCED FUTURE HOMELESSNESS BY 25 PERCENT.
16 THIS YEAR, PROVIDERS REPORT THEY'VE BEEN FORCED TO TURN AWAY
17 MORE THAN 750 FAMILIES DUE TO CUTS TO TLS. NEXT YEAR'S
18 SPENDING PLAN WILL MAKE MATTERS WORSE SINCE HIGHER ACUITY
19 CLIENTS WON'T BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN THEIR RENT AFTER JUNE 30,
20 2026. I URGE THE COUNTY TO IDENTIFY FUNDING BEYOND MEASURE A
21 AND REEVALUATE THE \$52,500,000,000 COUNTYWIDE BUDGET TO
22 PRIORITIZE AND ADDRESS THIS CRISIS RESPONSIBLY AND
23 EFFECTIVELY. THANK YOU.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. LIZ LEE, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED.



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SUPERVISORS

1 PLEASE BEGIN.

2

3 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** SPEAKING ON SET MATTER 1 AND GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE STAFF AT THE
5 NEW DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING WHO WE KNOW
6 HAVE DONE THEIR BEST IN A VERY TOUGH SITUATION. AND THANK YOU,
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR NOTING YOUR CONCERN WITH BALANCING THE
8 BUDGET ON THE BACK OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS. I SHARE
9 THAT CONCERN. OF COURSE, WE'RE FACING A MASSIVE BUDGET
10 SHORTFALL, BUT THIS CANNOT BE SHOULDERED BY THE HOMELESS
11 SERVICE RESPONSE SYSTEM ALONE. OUR RESPONSE SYSTEM FILLS IN
12 GAPS FOR OUR CARCERAL SYSTEMS, OUR SOCIAL SAFETY NET, AND OUR
13 FOOD AND HOUSING SYSTEMS ALREADY. I'M ESPECIALLY CONCERNED
14 WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF ELIMINATING YOUTH SERVING TRANSITIONAL
15 HOUSING OR INTERIM HOUSING BEDS. WE KNOW THAT TOO MANY YOUNG
16 PEOPLE FEEL SAFER SLEEPING ON THE STREET THAN THEY DO IN ADULT
17 SHELTERS, SO ELIMINATING THESE BEDS WOULD LEAD TO AN INCREASE
18 IN STREET HOMELESSNESS AND INCREASED WAIT LISTS FOR ADULT
19 BEDS. I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO INCLUDE HOMELESSNESS
20 IN A COUNTY-WIDE FISCAL PLAN THAT SOLVES THE GAP AND OTHER
21 SHORTFALLS MENTIONED TODAY. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
22 WITH YOU TO FULFILL THE PROMISE THAT VOTERS MADE WHEN THEY
23 APPROVED MEASURE A LAST YEAR.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER 909595, YOUR LINE IS



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN. CALLER 909, PLEASE
2 BEGIN.

3

4 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** I'M A 909. I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS FOR. CAN YOU
5 HEAR ME?

6

7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES.

8

9 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** OH, OKAY. ALMOST FORESEEABLE AND PREDICTABLE TO
10 INCLUDE YOUR LA-LA LAND DENIAL OF ENDPOINT HAVING BEEN
11 REACHED, DEFRAUDING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, HARBORING AND
12 ABATING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. THE 4 DEMOCRATS VOTED
13 \$130,000,000 FOR ILLEGALS WHILE CITIZENS ON THE STREETS. YOU
14 AND YOUR PREDECESSORS HAVE BANKRUPTED THE COUNTY BOTH
15 FINANCIALLY AND MORAL ETHICALLY. SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU'RE
16 RIGHT ON. THIS IS THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG AND AI IS AROUND THE
17 CORNER. ALL SUPERVISORS SHOULD FORFEIT THEIR PAY IN
18 PERPETUITY. THANK YOU.

19

20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. LEILANI JONES, YOUR LINE IS
21 UNMUTED, PLEASE BEGIN.

22

23 **LEILANI JONES:** SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'VE BEEN
24 WORKING IN HOMELESS SERVICES FOR 18 YEARS, AND WE ALL
25 UNDERSTAND THAT THESE ARE VERY CHALLENGING TIMES FOR EVERYONE.



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SUPERVISORS

1 ANY HOMELESS PROVIDER IS ALREADY WORKING WITH LESS RESOURCES
2 REQUIRED TO SUFFICIENTLY PROVIDE SERVICES NEEDED TO SUPPORT
3 OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS. AND ACCORDING TO THE BUDGET DEFICITS
4 IN THE REPORT TODAY, HOMELESS PROGRAMS ARE FACING AN ENORMOUS
5 FUNDING GAP. OUR WORRY THAT IS IF FUNDING IS CUT FOR THESE
6 ESSENTIAL SERVICES, HOMELESSNESS WILL NOT GO AWAY BUT
7 SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE AND HAVE REPERCUSSIONS FOR GENERATIONS
8 TO COME. WE'RE URGING YOU TO INCLUDE HOMELESSNESS IN THE
9 COUNTYWIDE FISCAL PLAN AND WE ARE SPECIFICALLY ASKING YOU TO
10 MAINTAIN TAY RESOURCES AND FUND THEM AS A SEPARATE INVESTMENT
11 FROM THE ADULT SYSTEM. LET'S NOT DO MORE HARM TO OUR NEIGHBORS
12 AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO NEED US MORE. THANK YOU.

13
14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER
15 REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR
16 SET MATTER 1 IS NOW CONCLUDED. WE WILL GO TO IN-PERSON
17 SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

18
19 **JERRY JONES:** HI, MY NAME IS JERRY JONES. I'M WITH THE GREATER
20 L.A. COALITION ON HOMELESSNESS SPEAKING ON SET MATTER 1 AND
21 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT BUDGETING ISSUES AND THE MEASURE
22 A SPENDING PLAN IN PARTICULAR. THE REVENUE GAP IN HOMELESS
23 SERVICES IS JUST TOO BIG FOR THE NEW DEPARTMENT TO FIX ON ITS
24 OWN. AND DISMANTLING A QUARTER OF THE CURRENTLY FUNDED
25 PROGRAMS IN A SINGLE YEAR ISN'T REASONABLE UNDER THE PRESENT



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 CIRCUMSTANCES. YOUR STAFF IS DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN WITH
2 THE MONEY THEY THINK THEY'VE GOT, BUT THE MOMENT REQUIRES THE
3 VISION AND DIRECTION AND EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH DIFFICULT
4 PROBLEMS THAT THIS BOARD BRINGS AS LEADERS OF L.A. COUNTY. SO,
5 WE URGE YOU TO SOLVE THIS SHORTFALL THE SAME WAY YOU'RE
6 TACKLING OTHER CRITICAL GAPS IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. THANK YOU.

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

9
10 **JOSHUA MATHEIU:** MY NAME IS JOSHUA MATHEIU AND I AM A PROGRAM
11 MANAGER AT HILLSIDES. FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS, HILLSIDES HAS
12 SUPPORTED UNHOUSED YOUTH THROUGH OUR DROP-IN CENTER KNOWN AS
13 YOUTH MOVING ON. EVERY YEAR WE SERVE OVER 500 YOUTH AGED 16 TO
14 25. SEVENTY PERCENT OF THOSE YOUTH ARE CURRENT AND FORMER
15 FOSTER AND PROBATION YOUTH. THE L.A. COUNTY HOMELESS DEPUTIES
16 ARE CONSIDERING ELIMINATING ESSENTIAL SERVICES SUCH AS ACCESS
17 CENTERS AND PROBLEM SOLVING FROM THE NEW COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
18 HOMELESSNESS SERVICES AND HOUSING. TAY SERVICES PROVIDE DIRECT
19 LINKS TO EMERGENCY SHELTERS, INTERIM HOUSING, RENTAL
20 ASSISTANCE, AND PERMANENT HOUSING. THE PROPOSED MEASURE A CUTS
21 AND ELIMINATIONS OF ACCESS CENTERS WILL LEAVE VULNERABLE YOUNG
22 PEOPLE STRANDED WITH NO CONNECTION TO HOUSING RESOURCES.
23 ELIMINATING CERTAIN TAY SERVICES WILL DERAIL THE COUNTY'S
24 ACHIEVEMENTS IN SUPPORTING UNHOUSED YOUTH, ESPECIALLY FORMER
25 FOSTER AND JUVENILE PROBATION YOUTH. WE RESPECTFULLY URGE THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MAINTAIN ITS COMMITMENT TO UNHOUSED
2 YOUTH BY NOT ELIMINATING CRITICAL SERVICES AND ESSENTIAL TO
3 ACHIEVING SUCCESSFUL HOUSING OUTCOMES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
4 TIME.

5

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

7

8 **GEORGIA BERKOVICH:** MY NAME IS GEORGIA BERKOVICH, AND I'M HERE
9 ON BEHALF OF THE MIDNIGHT MISSION IN SKID ROW. EVERY DAY I
10 LOOK INTO THE EYES OF PEOPLE WHO ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES,
11 PEOPLE WHO ARE FINALLY STABILIZING, TRUSTING US, AND BELIEVING
12 THEY ARE WORTH SAVINGS. THE PROPOSED MEASURE A CUTS WOULD TAKE
13 AWAY THE VERY PROGRAMS THAT HELP REACH PEOPLE IN THAT FRAGILE
14 TURNING POINT. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE \$87,000,000 RESTORED,
15 BUT THE REMAINING \$2,000,000 GAP WILL FALL DIRECTLY ON
16 ORGANIZATIONS LIKE OURS THAT ARE ALREADY STRETCHED THIN. AND
17 THE TRUTH IS HEARTBREAKING, MORE THAN 1,600 UNHOUSED PEOPLE
18 DIED LAST YEAR IN LOS ANGELES, A 9% INCREASE. THOSE AREN'T
19 STATISTICS, THOSE WERE PEOPLE WE KNEW, PEOPLE WHO NEED MORE
20 SUPPORT, NOT LESS. EVERY ITEM IN THE BUDGET MATTERS BUT
21 PROTECTING HUMAN LIFE MUST BE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY. VOTERS
22 PASSED MEASURE A BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THIS COUNTY WOULD LEAD
23 WITH COMPASSION, AND THEY DID SO BECAUSE OF ORGANIZATIONS LIKE
24 OURS AND SO MANY PARTNERS THAT HELPED THEM BELIEVE THAT
25 PROMISE.



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SUPERVISORS

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

3
4 **KIMBERLY ROBERTS:** FIRST, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD AND THE
5 TEAM AT HSH, WHO PUT TOGETHER A BUDGET USING MEASURE A DOLLARS
6 THAT MAINTAINED AS MUCH PERMANENT HOUSING AS POSSIBLE. MY NAME
7 IS KIMBERLY ROBERTS, AND I'M HERE WITH L.A. FAMILY HOUSING,
8 REPRESENTING THE MORE THAN 17,000 PEOPLE WE SERVE EACH YEAR
9 AND OVER 500 EMPLOYEES WHO WORK TIRELESSLY TO END HOMELESSNESS
10 IN PEOPLE'S LIVES. IN THIS SEASON OF DEVASTATING STATE AND
11 FEDERAL CUTS THAT UNDERMINE OUR SHARED VALUES, THE PROPOSED A
12 BUDGET WILL UNDO YEARS OF HARD-WON INFRASTRUCTURE BUILT TO
13 SUPPORT OUR SHARED VALUES AND GOALS TO END HOMELESSNESS IN
14 L.A. IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT MEASURE A PASSED WITH AN
15 UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT. VOTERS DEMANDED
16 ACTION. THEY DEMONSTRATED MORE, THEY DEMANDED MORE HOUSING,
17 MORE OUTREACH, AND MORE STABILITY FOR THEIR NEIGHBORS. THE
18 COLLECTIVE SCOPE OF THESE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL CUTS MOVE
19 US IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. EVERY DAY OUR TEAMS MEET WITH
20 PEOPLE WHO ARE READY FOR HOUSING BUT CAN'T GET IN BECAUSE
21 THERE ARE NO HOUSING SUBSIDIES AND NOT ENOUGH CASE MANAGEMENT
22 TO HELP THEM. WHEN CRITICAL PROGRAMS ARE CUT, PEOPLE DON'T
23 JUST DISAPPEAR. THEY REMAIN UNSHELTERED FOR MONTHS OR EVEN
24 YEARS AND THOSE COSTS SHIFTS TO HOSPITALS, EMERGENCY ROOMS.



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

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

2

3 **JENNIFER ARIANO:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JENNIFER ARIANO. I'M WITH
4 L.A. FAMILY HOUSING SPEAKING ON SET MATTER 1 AND GENERAL
5 PUBLIC COMMENT. MEASURE A COULD IMPACT RURAL PARTICIPANTS WHO
6 ARE FACING FEWER AND FEWER PATHWAYS INTO HOUSING. EVERY DAY
7 OUR TEAMS WORK WITH OLDER ADULTS SLEEPING IN CARS, PEOPLE WITH
8 DISABILITIES, ALL UNABLE TO REACH CERTAIN SUBSIDIES. MEASURE A
9 FUNDED PROGRAMS ARE OFTEN THE ONLY BRIDGE BETWEEN BEING
10 UNHOUSED TODAY AND HAVING JUST A CHANCE AT HOUSING TOMORROW.
11 THESE PROGRAMS ARE NOT EXTRA, THEY ARE THE FOUNDATION OF HOW
12 L.A. COUNTY MOVES PEOPLE OUT OF HOMELESSNESS AND HELPS THEM
13 STABILIZE ONCE THEY ARE HOUSED. WHEN THESE PROGRAMS ARE
14 SHIFTED, WE SHIFT THE COST TO HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS,
15 PARAMEDICS, POLICE, COUNTY JAILS, CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS. WHEN
16 HOUSING NAVIGATION IS CUT, PEOPLE WILL REMAIN IN TENTS FOR
17 MONTHS OR YEARS. WHEN OUTREACH IS REDUCED, PEOPLE REMAIN IN
18 MEDICAL OR BEHAVIORAL CRISIS THAT WILL GO UNNOTICED. THESE ARE
19 PREVENTABLE HARMS. WE ARE URGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
20 INCLUDE HOMELESSNESS IN A COUNTY-WIDE FISCAL PLAN TO SOLVE
21 THIS GAP. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO ENSURE THAT
22 THE PROMISE WHICH VOTERS MADE WHEN THEY APPROVED MEASURE A IS
23 COMPLETED TO INVEST IN HOMELESSNESS.

24

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



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **EVERETT TAYLOR:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS EVERETT TAYLOR AND I,
3 TOO AM WITH L.A. FAMILY HOUSING. THANK YOU TO THE BOARD AND TO
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING FOR YOUR
5 INCREDIBLE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY \$87,000,000 IN NEW REVENUE AND
6 SAVINGS. EVEN WITH THIS PROGRESS, THE MEASURE A SPENDING PLAN
7 STILL FACES A MORE THAN \$200,000,000 GAP. AT THE SAME TIME,
8 FEDERAL AND STATE CUTS ARE PUTTING EVEN MORE PRESSURE ON OUR
9 SYSTEM. SUPERVISORS, YOU NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPARE OUR
10 UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS FROM GREATER HARM. THIS YEAR, YOU APPLIED
11 SHARED REDUCTIONS ACROSS 26 DEPARTMENTS TO ADDRESS MAJOR
12 REVENUE GAPS, INCLUDING THE AB 218 SETTLEMENT AND RECENT LABOR
13 AGREEMENTS. WE ARE URGING YOU TO USE THAT SAME COUNTY-WIDE
14 BUDGET STRATEGY TO FIX THE HOMELESS REVENUE GAP. WITHOUT
15 ACTION, THE PROPOSED MEASURE A PLAN WOULD ELIMINATE A QUARTER
16 OF CURRENTLY FUNDED PROGRAMS. THAT MEANS FEWER BEDS, FEWER
17 OUTREACH TEAMS, STALLED HOUSING PLACEMENTS, AND MORE PEOPLE
18 RETURNING TO THE STREETS. JUST ONE YEAR AFTER VOTERS APPROVED
19 MEASURE A BY 16% MARGIN, EXPECTING INCREASE --

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

22
23 **JAMIE KIM:** JAMIE KIM WITH LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES,
24 STAFF ATTORNEY FOR CBEST. I'M HERE TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED
25 CUTS TO MEASURE A CBEST FUNDING, WHICH I BELIEVE IS SHORT-



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SUPERVISORS

1 SIGHTED BECAUSE THE CBEST PROGRAM HELPS THOUSANDS OF DISABLED
2 ANGELENOS SECURE PERMANENT STATE AND FEDERAL INCOME THAT
3 ENABLES THEM TO SECURE SUSTAINABLE HOUSING. CBEST MAY SEEM
4 LIKE A BENEFITS PROGRAM, BUT IT'S ALSO A HOUSING PROGRAM. FOR
5 HOMELESS PEOPLE WITH SEVERE MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES,
6 THERE'S NO RELIABLE ROUTE TO FINANCIAL STABILITY AND THEREFORE
7 HOUSING STABILITY OTHER THAN TO OBTAIN DISABILITY INCOME AND
8 NO OTHER PROGRAM IN THE BUDGET BESIDES CBEST DIRECTLY
9 ADDRESSES DISABILITY AS A DRIVER OF HOMELESSNESS. AS A CBEST
10 ATTORNEY MYSELF, I SEE EVERY DAY HOW CRITICAL IT IS FOR MY
11 DISABLED CLIENTS TO GET ONTO THESE DISABILITY BENEFITS TO
12 AVOID OR ESCAPE HOMELESSNESS. THESE CLIENTS CANNOT WORK, THEY
13 HAVE NO OTHER INCOME AND THEY STRUGGLE TO NAVIGATE THE ARCANE
14 AND CONVOLUTED DISABILITY APPEAL SYSTEM.

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

17
18 **IVET SAMVELYAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS IVET SAMVELYAN. I'M THE VP OF
20 MISSION AND IMPACT AT HOPE THE MISSION. HOPE THE MISSION IS
21 THE LARGEST INTERIM HOUSING PROVIDER IN THE L.A. COUNTY AND
22 APPRECIATES ALL THE FUNDING AND THE COLLABORATION THUS FAR.
23 THANK YOU FOR THE HARD WORK OF YOUR STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT
24 OF HOUSING AND SERVICES WHO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY
25 ADDITIONAL FUNDING REVENUES FOR US. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT STILL



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1 LEAVES US ANOTHER \$200,000,000 OF GAP IN OUR SPENDING PLAN.
2 CUTTING HOUSING NAVIGATION, ICMS, PERMANENT HOUSING, AND
3 ADDITIONAL FUNDING CUTS THROUGH FEDERAL FUNDING, THIS DEFICIT
4 COMES AT A VERY CHALLENGING TIME FOR ALL OF US. HOPE THE
5 MISSION URGES THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ALL OF OUR
6 COLLEAGUES TO INCLUDE THE FUNDING IN OUR HOMELESSNESS
7 COUNTYWIDE FISCAL PLAN. REAL SOLUTIONS COME FROM COLLABORATION
8 AND SHARED BELIEFS THAT EVERYONE DESERVES DIGNITY, LOVE, AND
9 RESPECT, AND SAFE HOUSING.

10

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

12

13 **VICKY ARENAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS VICKY
14 ARENAS WITH THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER. WE SERVE ABOUT 5, 000
15 WOMEN AND SURVIVORS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE EXPERIENCING
16 HOMELESSNESS ANNUALLY. WE'VE ALL BEEN COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING
17 THIS ISSUE, AND WE APPRECIATE THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING STAFF. YET MORE THAN 200,000,000
19 HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS REMAINS UNFUNDED AT A TIME WHEN FEDERAL
20 AND STATE CUTS WILL ADD STRAIN. PROPOSED REDUCTIONS TO
21 PROGRAMS LIKE ICMS, MASTER LEASING AND TIME-LIMITED SUBSIDIES
22 WILL PUT RESIDENTS AT RISK OF LOSING HOUSING THEY'VE WORKED SO
23 HARD FOR AND RETURNING TO THE STREETS. THESE CUTS WOULD ALSO
24 LEAD TO WORKFORCE LAYOFFS, INCLUDING MANY STAFF WITH LIVED
25 EXPERIENCE WORKING IN THE SECTOR. WE RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 INTEGRATE HOMELESSNESS INTO A COUNTYWIDE FISCAL PLAN THAT
2 ADDRESSES THIS GAP. WE STAND READY TO WORK WITH YOU AND TO
3 UPHOLD THE COMMITMENT VOTERS MADE WHEN THEY APPROVED MEASURE
4 A. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND YOUR SERVICE.

5

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

7

8 **JESSICA PARRAL:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JESSICA PARRAL AND
9 I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE L.A. LGBT CENTER. THANK YOU FOR THIS
10 PRESENTATION ON THE HOMELESSNESS BUDGET. WE'VE BEEN ANXIOUSLY
11 AWAITING CLARITY ON WHAT SERVICES WE'LL REALISTICALLY BE ABLE
12 TO SUSTAIN NEXT YEAR FOR OUR CLIENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
13 AND EVERY UPDATE REALLY MATTERS. THESE PAST TWO WEEKS HAVE
14 BEEN BLEAK FOR ANYONE INVESTED IN REAL SOLUTIONS. THE HUD COC
15 ANNOUNCEMENT WE ALL FEARED HAS NOW CONFIRMED OUR WORST-CASE
16 SCENARIO. BETWEEN THE HUD ANNOUNCEMENT AND THE COUNTY'S
17 PROPOSED CUTS, THE FUTURE OF 44 TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM
18 BEDS, 6 TRANSITIONAL LIVING SLOT PLACEMENTS, 5 BRIDGE BEDS,
19 AND 9 CRISIS BEDS AT THE CENTER IS NOW UNCERTAIN. ON TOP OF
20 THAT, WE ALL CONTINUE TO FACE LONGSTANDING STRUCTURAL BARRIERS
21 THAT TOO OFTEN PREVENT LGBTQ+ PEOPLE, INCLUDING PEOPLE OF
22 COLOR, OLDER ADULTS, AND TRANS PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY FROM
23 ACCESSING SAFE AND AFFIRMING HOUSING. AS MORE PEOPLE FLEE
24 HOSTILE STATES, FACE FAMILY REJECTION, AND ARRIVE IN L.A.
25 LOOKING FOR SAFETY, OUR COMMUNITY IS BEARING THE WEIGHT OF A



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 GROWING CRISIS WITH FEWER AND FEWER RESOURCES.

2

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

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5 **MATT TECLE:** GO AHEAD. MY NAME IS MATTHEW TECLE WITH SAFE
6 PARKING L.A. HERE ON BEHALF OF THE 21,000 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
7 VEHICULAR HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE LARGEST
8 SUBGROUP OF UNSHELTERED RESIDENTS. WHILE I APPRECIATE THE
9 TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY SHOWN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING, I HAVE GRAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE
11 RECOMMENDED MEASURE A FUNDING CUTS. THE PROJECTED SHORTFALL
12 CANNOT FALL ON ENTIRE INTERVENTION STRATEGIES, INCLUDING SAFE
13 PARKING, WHICH PROVIDES IMMEDIATE SAFETY AND STABILITY FOR
14 PEOPLE LIVING IN THEIR VEHICLES. I APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULT
15 FISCAL REALITIES, BUT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL UNDO YEARS OF
16 PROGRESS OVERNIGHT. A 25% REDUCTION IN ONE YEAR IS SEVERE AND
17 UNDERMINES PUBLIC TRUST, ESPECIALLY WHEN VOTERS PROVIDED A
18 CLEAR MANDATE TO FUND A CONTINUUM OF SERVICES. SAFE PARKING
19 PROVIDERS CANNOT ABSORB CUTS OF THE SCALE WITHOUT SERIOUS HARM
20 TO THE PEOPLE WE SERVE AND THE STAFF WE EMPLOY. I IMPORE THE
21 BOARD TO INCLUDE HOMELESSNESS IN A COUNTYWIDE FISCAL STRATEGY
22 THAT CLOSES THIS GAP AND PROTECTS CRITICAL INTERVENTIONS LIKE
23 SAFE PARKING. THANK YOU.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS



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1 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. SHANE HENSON,
2 SEAN MORRISSEY, JANINE SOLARIO, MADHI MANJI, BRITTANY MASON,
3 GIANNA LUNA HERNANDEZ, MUSMI ELMAN, JANET KELLY, ZEKE
4 SANDOVAL, DEANDREA DAVIS, SELENA ALVAREZ, TARA BROWN, DEXTER
5 O'CONNELL, DR. KRITICAL TRUTHBAY, ERICA HARTMAN, AND MARCEL
6 FARMER. PLEASE BEGIN.

7
8 **CHRIS NAMATH:** HI, MY NAME IS CHRIS NAMATH WITH THE LOS ANGELES
9 LGBT CENTER. IN ADDITION TO THE BUDGET DEFICITS MENTIONED BY
10 THE ACTING CEO IN HIS REPORT AND AS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE
11 DISCUSSION, HOMELESS PROGRAMS ARE FACING ENORMOUS FUNDING GAPS
12 AND WHILE I ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOARD'S ONGOING SUPPORT OF YOUTH
13 AND YOUNG ADULTS ACROSS ALL COUNTY PROGRAMS AND THE HARD WORK
14 OF HSH, WE NEED TO DO MORE AND FIX THE HOMELESS REVENUE GAP AS
15 PART OF THE COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET STRATEGY. AS DISCUSSED, L.A.
16 COUNTY VOTERS, INCLUDING MYSELF, APPROVED MEASURE A BY A 16%
17 MARGIN. THROUGH OUR VOTES, WE IDENTIFIED HOMELESSNESS AS A
18 PRIORITY, AND JUST OVER A YEAR LATER, WE ARE PROPOSING TO
19 ELIMINATE A QUARTER OF CURRENTLY FUNDED PROGRAMS INCLUDING
20 THOSE DESIGNED TO MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF TAY. THE L.A. LGBT
21 CENTER ALONE WILL LOSE WELL OVER 2,000,000 IN PROGRAMS AND
22 SERVICES IN 2026. WE SERVE MORE THAN 1,100 YOUNG PEOPLE EACH
23 YEAR, AND NEXT YEAR MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL COME TO US FOR
24 HELP, BUT WE'LL HAVE LESS HOUSING AND FAR FEWER RESOURCES AND
25 SUPPORTS TO OFFER THEM, MEANING MORE YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 STREETS. LGBTQIA YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, JUST
2 LIKE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, NEED MORE THAN JUST BEDS, TAYS
3 SERVICES, PROGRAMS --

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

6
7 **HANNAH RUDNICK:** HI, MY NAME IS HANNAH RUDNICK. I'M WITH THE
8 HOLLYWOOD HOMELESS YOUTH PARTNERSHIP. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
9 ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK AND THE SUPPORT THAT YOU'VE SHOWN YOUNG
10 PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. BECAUSE OF THE STATED BUDGET SHORTFALLS,
11 HOMELESS SERVICES AND PROGRAMS ARE FACING A MASSIVE FUNDING
12 CRISIS. WE'RE GRATEFUL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES
13 AND HOUSING STAFF FOR IDENTIFYING EXTRA MONEY IN ADDITIONAL
14 REVENUE AND COST SAVINGS. AND YET A FUNDING GAP EXCEEDING
15 \$200,000,000 REMAINS WITHIN THE MEASURE A SPENDING FRAMEWORK.
16 FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS WILL COMPOUND THESE
17 CHANGES. THE PROGRAMS CURTAILED IN MEASURE A SPENDING PLAN
18 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECT TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH, A POPULATION
19 WHOSE NEEDS ARE OFTEN OVERLOOKED. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT AROUND
20 50% OF CRITICALLY HOMELESS ADULTS FIRST EXPERIENCED
21 HOMELESSNESS AS YOUNG ADULTS. EARLY INTERVENTION CAN BREAK THE
22 CYCLE OF LONG-TERM HOMELESSNESS. AS YOU WORK ON THE BUDGET, WE
23 ASK YOU TO PLEASE FIND SOLUTIONS OUTSIDE MEASURE A TO FUND
24 THESE CRITICAL SERVICES, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING
25 WITH YOU. THANK YOU.



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SUPERVISORS

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

3
4 **WENDY WANG:** WENDY WANG REPRESENTING SYCAMORES. THANK YOU FOR
5 YOUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO TRANSITION AGE YOUTH. L.A. COUNTY
6 FACES EXTRAORDINARY COST PRESSURES ON ITS BUDGET. THE HUD 2025
7 NOFO ADDS GREATER FISCAL UNCERTAINTY AND MAY EVEN DESTABILIZE
8 THE REGION'S HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM. AFTER HSH LEADERS
9 IDENTIFIED AN ADDITIONAL \$87,000,000, MORE THAN \$200,000,000
10 IN GAP IN DRAFT MEASURE A FUNDING PLAN REMAINS. REGARDING
11 MEASURE A PREVENTION DOLLARS AND LOCAL SOLUTION FUNDS, THERE'S
12 NO GUARANTEE THAT THESE DOLLARS WILL BE DEDICATED TO
13 VULNERABLE SUBPOPULATIONS, NOTABLY TRANSITION AGE YOUTH. WE
14 THEREFORE URGE THE BOARD TO PRESERVE ROBUST TAY SERVICES
15 ALONGSIDE TAY INTERIM HOUSING BEDS SO THAT YOUNG PEOPLE DO NOT
16 FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS OR BECOME CHRONICALLY HOMELESS. THANK
17 YOU.

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

20
21 **SHARON STEWART:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SHARON STEWART WITH
22 HARPER INTERFAITH SERVICES SPEAKING ON SET MATTER 1. FIRST,
23 I'D LIKE TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND
24 HOUSING FOR THE HARD WORK THAT WENT INTO DEVELOPING THE FISCAL
25 YEAR 26/27 MEASURE A SPENDING PLAN. HOWEVER, THERE STILL



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SUPERVISORS

1 REMAINS A \$200,000,000 GAP IN THE SPENDING PLAN. I AM DEEPLY
2 CONCERNED THAT 33 PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN CUT AND MANY OTHERS
3 SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED. ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL LOSSES IS THE
4 ELIMINATION OF REGIONAL COORDINATION. IN EACH SPA,
5 COORDINATION IS ESSENTIAL. WITH REGIONAL COORDINATING, OUR
6 EFFORTS WILL BECOME SILOED, RESOURCES ARE DISTRIBUTED
7 EFFICIENTLY, AND PROVIDERS LOSE THE ABILITY TO COLLABORATE
8 EFFECTIVELY. EVIDENCE HAS SHOWN THAT REGIONAL COORDINATION
9 AMONG CITIES AND REGIONS WORK TOGETHER AND CREATE A COHESIVE
10 NETWORK THAT SHARES RESOURCES, EXPERTISE, DATA, STRENGTHENING
11 SERVICE DELIVERY AND REDUCING DUPLICATION. WE URGE THE BOARD
12 OF SUPERVISORS TO INCLUDE HOMELESSNESS IN A COMPREHENSIVE --

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

15
16 **SYLVIA CASTILLO:** MY NAME IS SYLVIA CASTILLO AND I REPRESENT
17 GENESEE. WE'RE AN INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION ORGANIZATION
18 THAT WORKS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND RESTORING FAMILIES WHO
19 HAVE SUSTAINED SEXUAL VIOLENCE OR VIOLENCE IN THE HOME. WE'VE
20 HEARD FROM THE SUPERVISORS TODAY AND WE'RE VERY APPRECIATIVE
21 OF YOUR PASSION AND YOUR DEDICATION TO THE HOMELESSNESS
22 COMMUNITY. I'M HERE WITH ALL MY COLLEAGUES TO URGE YOU TO FIX
23 THE \$200,000,000 GAP IN THE MEASURE A SPENDING PLAN. PLEASE
24 INCLUDE THE HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS IN A COUNTYWIDE FISCAL PLAN
25 THAT SOLVES THIS GAP AND IT SHORTFALLS. SO, THANK YOU FOR



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SUPERVISORS

1 LETTING ME SPEAK TO YOU TODAY.

2

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

4

5 **JENNINE SOLORIO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM JENNINE SOLORIO,
6 DIRECTOR OF HOUSING PROGRAMS AT THE WHOLE CHILD, WHERE WE
7 SUPPORT THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING
8 HOMELESSNESS ACROSS THE COUNTY. AT THANKSGIVING, WE'RE
9 REMINDED THAT EVERYONE DESERVES SAFETY, STABILITY, AND HOPE,
10 ESPECIALLY KIDS. YET, HOMELESS SERVICES FACES A SERIOUS
11 FUNDING GAP. WE APPRECIATE COUNTY STAFF IDENTIFYING
12 \$87,000,000 IN SAVINGS AND NEW REVENUE, BUT A SIGNIFICANT
13 MEASURE A SHORTFALL OF MORE THAN \$2,000,000 REMAINS, JUST AS
14 FEDERAL AND STATE CUTS THREATEN TO DEEPEN THE CRISIS. WE
15 RESPECTFULLY URGE THE BOARD TO INCLUDE HOMELESSNESS IN A
16 COUNTY-WIDE FINANCIAL PLAN THAT ADDRESSES THIS GAP. DOING SO
17 HONORS VOTERS' COMMITMENT TO MEASURE A AND PROTECTS ESSENTIAL
18 SERVICES THAT HELP FAMILIES SECURE HOUSING AND REBUILD THEIR
19 LIVES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

20

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

22

23 **SHANE HENSON:** SHANE HENSON WITH INNER CITY LAW CENTER. WE
24 SHARE OTHERS DEEP CONCERNS WITH THESE CUTS. THE COUNTY HAS
25 SCARCE REVENUE AND SHOULD PRESERVE HOMELESS PROGRAMS THAT SAVE



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE COUNTY MONEY, TRANSFORM PEOPLE'S LIVES, AND OPEN UP
2 SHELTER BEDS. THE COUNTYWIDE BENEFITS ENTITLEMENT SERVICES
3 TEAM, OR CBEST, DOES ALL THREE. IT HELPS UNHOUSED PEOPLE APPLY
4 FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS SUCH AS SSI, SSDI, AND CAPI AND APPEAL
5 ADVERSE DECISIONS. C-BEST SAVES THE COUNTY MONEY. IT DRAWS
6 DOWN STATE AND FEDERAL RESOURCES THAT REPLACE COUNTY GR
7 PAYMENTS. A HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL ON GR RECEIVES \$221 PER MONTH.
8 IF CBEST SECURES A HOMELESS PERSON BENEFITS, THEIR MONTHLY
9 INCOME QUADRUPLES. NO MORE GR PAYMENTS AND THE COUNTY IS
10 REIMBURSED FOR FUNDS THAT ARE ALREADY EXPENDED IF THE AWARD IS
11 RETROACTIVE. CBEST ALSO RECEIVES \$5,000,000 IN FEDERAL
12 MATCHING GRANTS THAT THE COUNTY WILL LOSE IF IT ELIMINATES
13 THIS PROGRAM. MORE IMPORTANTLY, CBEST QUADRUPLING HOMELESS
14 FOLKS' INCOME CAN TRANSFORM THEIR LIVES BY ALLOWING THEM TO
15 TRANSITION FROM SHELTER TO PERMANENT HOUSING, OPENING UP
16 CRITICAL INTERIM SHELTER BEDS FOR OTHERS IN NEED. PLEASE FUND
17 THIS PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

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

20
21 **ZEKE SANDOVAL:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS ZEKE
22 SANDOVAL WITH PATH, SPEAKING ON THE MEASURE A SPENDING PLAN.
23 FIRST, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE TRANSPARENCY AND PROACTIVE
24 COMMUNICATIONS. WE HAVE TIME TO ADVOCATE AND PLAN. WE SHOULD
25 ALL BE FRANK, NO ONE IN THIS ROOM THINKS THAT THIS IS AN IDEAL



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SUPERVISORS

1 BUDGET TO END HOMELESSNESS, AS WAS DISCUSSED EARLIER TODAY.
2 COUNTY STAFF HAVE WORKED LONG HOURS ON THIS BUDGET, AND I KNOW
3 THEY FEEL THE SAME WAY. WE'RE RELIEVED THAT THE PLAN, AS
4 CURRENTLY PROPOSED, SEEKS TO SUSTAIN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
5 HOUSING AND INTERIM BEDS, AT LEAST, TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU CAN
6 STAVE OFF OTHER CUTS TO OTHER PROGRAMS. NOW IS THE TIME. SO,
7 WE ASK THE BOARD TO CONSIDER USING EVERY BUDGETARY TOOL AT
8 YOUR DISPOSAL TO PROTECT THESE LIFE-SAVING HOUSING AND HEALTH
9 PROGRAMS. VOTERS CONTINUE TO DISPLAY THEIR COMMITMENT TO
10 ENDING HOMELESSNESS. IF THE STATE SPENT JUST 3% OF ITS ANNUAL
11 BUDGET ON HOMELESSNESS, WE COULD BE OUT OF THIS CRISIS IN 12
12 YEARS. RIGHT NOW, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS SPENDING MORE TIME
13 PUSHING PEOPLE INTO HOMELESSNESS THROUGH ITS PROPOSED CUTS TO
14 PERMANENT HOUSING. SO, IN THE MEANTIME, EVERY ONE OF US,
15 COUNTY AND ALL OF YOUR AGENCIES, CITIES, BUSINESSES, EVERYDAY
16 INDIVIDUALS NEED TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO FIND CREATIVE
17 SOLUTIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS. THANK YOU.

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

20
21 **MAHDI MANJI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MATTHEW MANJI WITH
22 INNER CITY LAW CENTER. FIRSTLY, I WANT TO AGREE WITH ALL OF
23 OUR PARTNERS IN THE HOMELESSNESS SERVICE SECTOR HERE. WE
24 PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO ASSIST OUR CLIENTS STAY IN THEIR
25 HOMES, EXIT SHELTERS INTO PERMANENT HOUSING AND ENTER INTO



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SUPERVISORS

1 INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING FROM ENCAMPMENTS. JUST LAST
2 WEEK, THE BOARD VOTED TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS BY 2028, YET
3 ONE OF THE PROPOSED HOMELESS SERVICES CUTS WOULD ELIMINATE THE
4 HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM, WHICH GETS VETERANS INTO HOMES AND
5 ACTUALLY SAVES THE COUNTY MONEY. THE HOMELESS VETERANS PROJECT
6 IS THE ONLY LEGAL PROGRAM IN L.A. COUNTY FOCUSED ON GETTING
7 VETERANS THE BENEFITS THEY NEED. IT'S REMARKABLY EFFECTIVE.
8 LAST YEAR THE PROGRAM COST THE COUNTY \$759,000, BUT IT
9 OBTAINED \$4,949,000 IN FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR OUR CLIENTS. THAT
10 IS EVERY DOLLAR THAT WAS SPENT BY THE COUNTY BROUGHT IN \$6.50
11 THAT WOULD, A FEDERAL DOLLAR THAT OTHERWISE WOULD NOT COME TO
12 L.A. WE HAVE A 93% VICTORY RATE. WE REALLY NEED TO MAKE SURE
13 THAT THE VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY ARE NOT --

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

16
17 **SHAWN MORRISSEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SHAWN MORRISSEY WITH UNION
18 STATION HOMELESS SERVICES, ALSO A SURVIVOR OF HOMELESSNESS, SO
19 MANY ARE NOT. WE AFFIRM THAT THE DEPARTMENT MADE THE RIGHT
20 CALL ON PRIORITIZING PERMANENT HOUSING AND INTERIM HOUSING.
21 THOSE ARE CORE INTERVENTIONS THAT ACTUALLY END HOMELESSNESS
22 AND STAYING FOCUSED ON THEM IS THE MOST RESPONSIBLE THING HSH
23 COULD DO UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. BUT WE ALSO WANT TO BE
24 CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THIS MOMENT MEANS FOR THE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE.
25 THIS PRIORITIZATION EFFECTIVELY CLOSES THE FRONT DOOR TO NEW



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SUPERVISORS

1 ENTRANTS. PEOPLE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO
2 THE SYSTEM SIMPLY WON'T BE ABLE TO GET IN. THIS ISN'T A
3 CRITICISM, IT'S THE HONEST CONSEQUENCE OF A FUNDING GAP THAT
4 LEAVES THE DEPARTMENT CHOOSING BETWEEN THE PEOPLE ALREADY
5 INSIDE THE SYSTEM AND THE THOUSANDS STILL OUTSIDE IT. OUR
6 REQUEST IS THAT THE BOARD RECOGNIZE THAT REALITY AND WORK
7 URGENTLY TO RESTORE ENOUGH FUNDING SO THAT WE CAN STABILIZE
8 WHAT'S WORKING AND KEEP THE SYSTEM OPEN TO THE PEOPLE WHO
9 STILL NEED IT. LIVES DEPEND ON IT, THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **CELINA ALVAREZ:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS CELINA
14 ALVAREZ. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING WORKS AND AN
15 ALTADENA COMMUNITY MEMBER. I'M SPEAKING ON SET MATTER 1 AND
16 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ZEROING OUT HOUSING NAVIGATION REMOVES
17 THE ON-RAMP TO HOUSING FOR THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. CUTTING NEARLY
18 \$18,000,000 FROM ICMS, ONE OF THE COUNTY'S MOST EFFECTIVE
19 PROGRAMS WITH A 95% RETENTION RATE, IS DISMANTLING WHAT WORKS.
20 THE PROPOSED MEASURE A CUTS WILL PUSH PEOPLE BACK INTO
21 HOMELESSNESS AND DESTABILIZE THE VERY WORKFORCE HOLDING THIS
22 SYSTEM TOGETHER. WE CALL OURSELVES THE TRAUMA-INFORMED AND
23 HARM-REDUCING SECTOR. THE HARM DOESN'T STOP WITH THE FOLKS WE
24 SERVE. THOSE CUTS WILL ALSO DEVASTATE THE FRONTLINE WORKFORCE,
25 THE CASE MANAGERS, OUTREACH WORKERS, HOUSING NAVIGATORS, AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 PEERS WHO DO THE HARDEST WORK IN THE SYSTEM FOR SOME OF THE
2 LOWEST WAGES. THEY ARE ALREADY EXHAUSTED, UNDERPAID, AND
3 CARRYING TRAUMA EVERY DAY.

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

6
7 **GIANNA LUNA-HERNANDEZ:** MY NAME IS GIANNA LUNA-HERNANDEZ WITH
8 THE COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. I'M HERE
9 TO TALK ABOUT THE PROPOSED CUTS TO CORE PROGRAMS, OR TAY,
10 TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH RELY ON. THIS BUDGET DEFICIT COMES AT A
11 TIME WHEN FEDERAL AND STATE CUTS WILL DO MORE HARM. AS A TAY
12 PROVIDER, PROGRAMS LIKE HOUSING NAVIGATION WAS REDUCED TO ZERO
13 IN THE PROPOSED PLAN. HOUSING NAVIGATION IS ESSENTIAL TO
14 ASSIST OUR TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH WITH FINDING THEIR OWN
15 APARTMENTS AND CREATING PATHWAYS OUT OF INTERIM HOUSING. IT
16 ASSISTS PROGRAMS LIKE TLS WITH THE HOUSING SEARCH AND
17 NAVIGATING AN ALREADY CHALLENGING SYSTEM. CAMPUS PEER
18 NAVIGATION, ANOTHER ESSENTIAL PROGRAM AS IT HAS HELPED
19 STUDENTS WHO HAVE FALLEN INTO HOMELESSNESS BECOME STABLY
20 HOUSED TO FINISH THEIR DEGREES. THESE PROGRAM CUTS RESULT IN
21 MORE PEOPLE STAYING HOMELESS AND PROVIDER BURNOUT. SCALING
22 BACK CORE SERVICES WILL TAKE AWAY THE VERY TOOLS WE RELY ON TO
23 MOVE PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS AND INTO STABILITY. THANK YOU.

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



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2 **ERIKA HARTMAN:** MY NAME IS ERIKA HARTMAN AND I'M THE CEO OF
3 SAFE PLACE FOR YOUTH, SERVING OVER 1,000 HOMELESS YOUTH EACH
4 YEAR. I WANT TO THANK THIS BOARD, YOUR STAFF AND THE HSH TEAM
5 FOR BEING SUCH INCREDIBLE CHAMPIONS FOR YOUTH AND PRESERVING
6 YOUTH BEDS. WE KNOW THE COUNTY IS FACING ENORMOUS BUDGET
7 CHALLENGES AND YOU ARE DOING WHAT YOU CAN TO REMAIN WITHIN THE
8 MEASURE A BUDGET PARAMETERS. SO, I'M HERE TO URGE THIS BOARD
9 TO LOOK BEYOND THE HOMELESS SERVICES SYSTEM AND MEASURE A
10 FUNDING TO MAINTAIN LIFE-SERVING SERVICES. IN PARTICULAR,
11 PROPORTIONALLY FUNDING THE YOUTH SYSTEM AS SEPARATE FROM THE
12 ADULT SYSTEM. THE BURDEN CANNOT BE BORNE BY THE MOST
13 VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS
14 AND ESPECIALLY HOMELESS YOUTH ARE COUNTING ON US. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **D'AUNDREA DAVIS:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS D'AUNDREA
19 DAVIS, AND I'M HERE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF HOPICS, THE LEADING
20 HOMELESS SERVICE AGENCY FOR SINGLE ADULTS AND FAMILIES IN SPA
21 6. YOU ALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPARE OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS
22 FROM GREATER HARM. HOMELESS PROGRAMS ARE FACING ENORMOUS
23 FUNDING GAPS. THANK YOU TO YOUR STAFF AT THE NEW COUNTY
24 DEPARTMENT WHO FOUND ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND SAVINGS LAST WEEK.
25 HOWEVER, THIS STILL LEAVES MORE THAN \$200,000,000 GAP IN THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 MEASURE A SPENDING PLAN. THIS DEFICIT COMES AT AN ADVERSE TIME
2 WHEN FEDERAL AND FEDERAL AND STATE CUTS ARE HAPPENING. WHEN
3 THESE PROGRAMS ARE CUT, WE DON'T SAVE MONEY. WE SHIFT THESE
4 COSTS TO HOSPITALS, EMERGENCY ROOMS, JAILS, AND ULTIMATELY
5 SENDING PEOPLE BACK TO THE STREETS. WE'RE URGING YOU ALL TO
6 INCLUDE HOMELESSNESS IN A COUNTY-WIDE FISCAL PLAN THAT SOLVES
7 THIS GAP AND OTHER SHORTFALLS. WE URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO WORK
8 WITH PROVIDERS TO IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS TO PROTECT THE COUNTY'S
9 PROGRESS, UPHOLD THE MEASURE A COMMITMENTS, AND MOST
10 IMPORTANTLY, PREVENT PEOPLE FROM COMING BACK HOMELESS. THANK
11 YOU.

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

14
15 **DEXTER O'CONNELL:** HELLO SUPERVISORS, DEXTER O'CONNELL WITH
16 SAFE PLACE FOR YOUTH. IT IS AS ALWAYS A GENUINE PLEASURE TO BE
17 HERE WITH YOU. I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF OF ALL OF THE COUNTY
18 DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ISSUE FOR THE EFFORT
19 THAT THEY HAVE PUT IN, ESPECIALLY AROUND THE HOMELESSNESS
20 BUDGET. YOUR CEO SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO SHIFT FUNDS FROM LOW
21 TO HIGH PRIORITY, AND WE KNOW THAT YOU'VE ARTICULATED BOTH
22 THAT HOMELESSNESS IS A PRIORITY AND WITHIN THAT TRANSITION AGE
23 YOUTH ARE A PRIORITY FOR YOU. SO, SPY IS DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE
24 OF YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO
25 MAKE SURE THAT THE BUDGET PROCESS DOES NOT NEGLECT THEIR



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SUPERVISORS

1 UNIQUE NEEDS. WE URGE YOU TO PRESERVE ROBUST, SEPARATE, AND
2 INTENTIONAL SERVICES FOR TAY. SPY AND OUR PARTNERS LOOK
3 FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER WITH YOU TO SUPPORT THE BROADER
4 SOCIAL SAFETY NET THAT OUR MEMBERS DEPEND ON IN OTHER PARTS OF
5 THE BUDGET, TO REINFORCE AND ENHANCE TAY SPECIFIC SERVICES,
6 AND TO LOCK ARMS WITH YOUR LOBBYISTS TO SHAKE DOWN SACRAMENTO
7 FOR THE MONEY THAT WE NEED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

10
11 **JANET KELLY:** GREAT. JANET KELLY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
12 SANCTUARY OF HOPE. NOVEMBER IS YOUTH HOPE MONTH, A REMINDER
13 THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE DESERVE STABILITY, SAFETY, AND A
14 PROMISING FUTURE. WE SERVE OVER 1,200 TAY WHO ARE AGING OUT OF
15 THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, SURVIVING FAMILY CONFLICT, OR
16 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FOR THE FIRST TIME. THESE YOUNG
17 PEOPLE RELY ON PROGRAMS THAT ARE NOW FACING ELIMINATION. FOR
18 PROPOSED MEASURE A CUTS, ESPECIALLY TO YOUTH FAMILY
19 RECONNECTION, YOUTH CES COLLABORATION, AND CAMPUS PEER
20 NAVIGATION, REMOVE THE VERY TOOLS THAT PREVENT YOUTH FROM
21 FALLING INTO LONG-TERM HOMELESSNESS. THEY AREN'T FRINGE
22 PROGRAMS, THEY ARE LIFELINES. CUTTING THEM WILL PUSH MORE
23 YOUNG PEOPLE INTO A CRISIS. IF WE WANT TO REACH FUNCTIONAL
24 ZERO IN YOUTH HOMELESSNESS, WE MUST PROTECT YOUTH SERVICES,
25 NOT DISMANTLE THEM. WE URGE THE BOARDS TO ADDRESS THE



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1 \$200,000,000 GAP WITH THE COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET STRATEGY. AND OUR
2 YOUTH DESERVE BETTER. PLEASE PRESERVE THESE PROGRAMS AND
3 UPHOLD THE COMMENTS OF THIS --

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

6
7 **TARA BROWN:** HI, I'M TARA BROWN WITH UPWARD BOUND HOUSE. I WANT
8 TO COMMEND THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR DILIGENT WORK IN
9 FINDING \$87,000,000 TO CLOSE THE FUNDING GAP. AND I UNDERSTAND
10 THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO SQUEEZE MORE JUICE FROM THESE SAME
11 LEMONS. WE THANK THE DEPARTMENT FOR MAINTAINING INTERIM AND
12 PERMANENT HOUSING FOR FAMILIES, BUT WE DIDN'T MOVE THE NEEDLE
13 WITH ANY SINGLE INTERVENTION. AT UPPER BOUND HOUSE, WE MOVED
14 THE NEEDLE BY PUTTING MORE THAN 200 FAMILIES INTO PERMANENT
15 HOUSING THROUGH COORDINATED EFFORTS. THE SUCCESS OF ANY SYSTEM
16 WILL DEPEND ON SOME OF ITS PARTS, AND WHEN YOU MAKE CUTS TO
17 SOME PARTS, YOU IMPACT ALL PARTS BY INCREASING DEMAND ON FEWER
18 RESOURCES AND LIKELY MAKING SERVICES LESS EFFECTIVE. LESS
19 FUNDING IS MORE STRESS ON PROVIDERS, MORE GRIDLOCK, AND LESS
20 FAVORABLE OUTCOMES, AS MORE OF OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS WILL BE
21 TOLD TO TAKE A NUMBER AND WAIT. THE VOTERS ARE EXPECTING
22 FURTHER PROGRESS, NOT FURTHER EXCUSES. WE IMPORE THE COUNTY
23 TO IDENTIFY FUNDING BEYOND MEASURE A TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS
24 BECAUSE WE CAN'T EXPECT TO MAKE BETTER OUTCOMES BY SQUEEZING
25 MORE JUICE FROM EVEN LESS LEMONS. THANK YOU.



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SUPERVISORS

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

3
4 **MUZME ALEMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MUZME ALEMAN AND I'M
5 SPEAKING ON SET MATTER 1 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M HERE
6 TODAY REPRESENTING JOVENES, A TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH HOUSING
7 PROVIDER. I'M HERE TO CALL ATTENTION TO ENORMOUS FUNDING GAP
8 FACING HOMELESS SERVICES. WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
9 MASSIVE DEFICIT IN THE MEASURE A SPENDING PLAN, ESPECIALLY ON
10 TOP OF LOOMING STATE AND FEDERAL CUTS. AS A TAY PROVIDER, ONE
11 OF THE MOST HARMFUL CUTS WE SEE IS TO COMPLETE REMOVAL OF
12 REGIONAL COORDINATION. THE CREATION OF TAY REGIONAL
13 COORDINATION SYSTEM HAS FORMED A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR
14 YOUTH THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY IN LESS RESOURCED
15 AREAS LIKE EAST AND SOUTHEAST L.A. CUTS EXTREMES WILL
16 DISMANTLE A TAY SYSTEM THAT MANY IN THIS ROOM, YOUTH
17 ADVOCATES, AND EVEN YOU ALL HELP TO CREATE. THE EFFECTS WILL
18 BE EXPONENTIAL AS THIS NEXT GENERATION OF HOMELESSNESS YOUTH
19 ARE FORCED TO FACE THIS CRISIS ALONE. THIS IS WHY TAY
20 PROVIDERS STAND UNITED IN THE BROADER HOMELESS SECTOR IN
21 CALLING FOR COUNTYWIDE SOLUTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S REVENUE
22 SHORTFALL. THANK YOU.

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



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1 **OLGA FLORES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
2 OLGA FLORES WITH THE VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICES, THE YOUTH
3 COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM LEAD AGENCY FOR SPA 2. I'M HERE AS A
4 PROVIDER TO EMPHASIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO ADDRESS THE
5 HOMELESS REVENUE GAP AS PART OF THAT COUNTYWIDE STRATEGY.
6 UNDER THE CURRENT MEASURE A SPENDING PLAN, NEARLY A QUARTER OF
7 HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS WOULD BE REDUCED OR ELIMINATED. PROGRAMS
8 VOTERS APPROVED JUST LAST YEAR AND THAT HELPED SUPPORT TWO
9 CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF DECLINING HOMELESSNESS FOR THE MOST
10 VULNERABLE YOUTH AND FAMILIES WE SERVE SUSTAINING THAT
11 PROGRESS IS ESSENTIAL MANY INDIVIDUALS YOUTH AND FAMILIES ARE
12 AT RISK OF LOSING THEIR HOUSING AND RETURNING INTO
13 HOMELESSNESS. NEARLY \$200,000,000 SHORTFALL OF THIS SCALE
14 IMPACTS EVERY PART OF OUR SYSTEM. PREVENTION, HOUSING
15 NAVIGATION, REGIONAL COORDINATION, AND STABILIZATION. THESE
16 SERVICES AREN'T OPTIONAL. THEY ARE THE BACKBONE --

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

19
20 **ERICA HOITSMA:** GOOD DAY, SUPERVISORS. ERICA HOITSMA FROM
21 SYCAMORES. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND
22 COMMITMENT TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS WE
23 MOVE FORWARD WITH HOMELESS PLANNING, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT TAY
24 SERVICES AND BEDS REMAIN DISTINCT FROM ADULT SERVICES, LEST
25 YOUTH CHOOSE HOMELESSNESS RATHER THAN AN ADULT SYSTEM THAT



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1 DOES NOT MEET THEIR NEEDS. MAINTAINING A WELL-ROUNDED TAY
2 SYSTEM PREVENTS YOUNG PEOPLE FROM BECOMING CHRONICALLY
3 HOMELESS. SERVICES LIKE CASE MANAGEMENT, REGIONAL
4 COORDINATION, PROBLEM-SOLVING, AND CONNECT L.A. ARE KEY IN
5 PROVIDING GUIDANCE, LINKAGE, AND LIFE SKILLS TAY NEED TO MAKE
6 HOUSING PLACEMENTS SUSTAINABLE AND PERMANENT. LASTLY, I WANT
7 TO JOIN MY COLLEAGUES IN URGING THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE
8 EXPLORING ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR HOMELESS SERVICES
9 ACROSS ALL POPULATIONS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE NEGATIVE
10 CONSEQUENCES AND COSTS THAT WILL THEN AFFECT HEALTHCARE,
11 INCARCERATION, AND OTHER SYSTEMS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

14
15 **MARCEL FARMER:** YES, HI, MY NAME IS MARCEL FARMER. I AM
16 CURRENTLY HOUSED IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AT TLS HOME AT LAST.
17 JUST THIS MORNING, I WAS VERBALLY ASSAULTED BY MY CASE
18 MANAGER, ANGELA CABOS, BECAUSE I ASKED FOR MY HMIS NUMBER AND
19 MY CASE FILE SO I CAN NOTIFY HUD OF MY HOUSING SITUATION.
20 SHE'S THREATENED TO EXIT ME FROM THE PROGRAM FOR BEING A
21 TROUBLEMAKER AND CALLED ME MENTALLY ILL. I'VE HAD MY HMIS
22 NUMBER SINCE 2019 WITH NO HOUSING. WHAT BUDGET DOES THE COUNTY
23 HAVE FOR PROTECTION AGAINST THESE CASE WORKERS WHO THREATEN
24 CLIENTS FOR TRYING TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND HELP ON THEIR
25 CASES. I FEEL ANXIETY AND FEAR FOR SPEAKING UP. I NEED



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1 ASSISTANCE, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

2

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

4

5 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** ALL RIGHT, SO THE BUDGET IS --

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE HAVE SOMEONE OVER TO THE LEFT.

8 IF YOU COULD RAISE YOUR HAND, WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN ASSIST YOU.

9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IS THERE SOMEONE OVER THERE? OKAY.

10

11 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** CAN I RECLAIM MY TIME, KATHRYN BARGER?

12 THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, SO WE HAVE A HOUSING VOUCHER ISSUE. AS I

13 WAS TALKING TO AUNTIE MAXINE THIS MORNING, GREAT PRESENTATION

14 BY THE WAY, AND ASKED HER ABOUT THE HOUSING VOUCHERS FROM

15 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SHE SAID IT WAS THE REPUBLICANS' FAULT IS

16 THE REASON WHY THE HOUSING VOUCHERS IN L.A. COUNTY IS NOT

17 BEING DISPERSED. I DIDN'T KNOW HUD WAS A REPUBLICAN OR

18 DEMOCRATIC PARTY, BUT THAT'S THE ANSWER SHE GAVE ME. SO,

19 AUNTIE MAXINE, WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT LATER. RIGHT NOW, YOU'VE

20 GOT AN ISSUE. MS. SOLIS, PARTICULARLY, WITH CLIENTS WHO HAVE

21 HOUSING VOUCHERS ARE NOT GIVEN TO THE CLIENTS. THEY ARE GIVEN

22 TO GANG MEMBERS LIKE MS-13, OKAY, THAT ARE LIVING THERE. YOU

23 HAVE TO REALLY OVERSEE THESE HOUSING VOUCHERS THAT ARE GOING

24 TO THESE AGENCIES LIKE PATH, FIRST AT LAST, HOME AT LAST,

25 FIRST TO SERVE, SO ON AND SO FORTH. SO, WHAT I'M GOING TO DO,



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1 DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY, POLICY ANALYST, WHAT A 6 REGION,
2 BECAUSE YOU KEEP TELLING ME I DON'T SAY MY NAME. I WILL HELP
3 YOU WITH THE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR L.A. COUNTY, JUST MAKE SURE
4 YOU OVERSEE WITH SARAH MAHIN.

5

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

7

8 **DR. KRIDIKAL TRUTHBEY:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS LYDIA SCHMITZ.
11 UNFORTUNATELY, I HAD TO GO THROUGH THE HOUSING PROCESS, AND I
12 WAS AT THIS SHELTER FOR WOMEN FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, WHERE
13 I EXPERIENCED A LOT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE SHELTER. SO, I
14 WAS PLACED IN HOUSING, I GOT AN APARTMENT, I SIGNED A LEASE IN
15 DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR, SO LIKE A YEAR AGO, AND THEN FOR FIVE
16 MONTHS, THEY JUST KIND OF GAVE ME THIS RUN AROUND THAT THE
17 APARTMENT WASN'T READY, THAT THEY'RE BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH, ALL
18 THESE EXCUSES. SO I WENT TO THE BUILDING, I WENT TO THE
19 APARTMENT WHERE I WAS SUPPOSED TO MOVE INTO, AND THERE WAS A
20 GUY LIKE LIVING THERE, LIKE FOR FIVE MONTHS I GUESS I ASSUME,
21 LIKE UNDER MY LEASE. AND SO, IT'S PRETTY CRAZY. THEY'RE KIND
22 OF SCAMMING A LOT OF PEOPLE AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A LOT OF
23 PEOPLE IN THIS SYSTEM AND NOT PROVIDING THEM WITH HOUSING AND
24 SORT OF USING THEM FOR OTHER REASONS AND STUFF. NOT TO
25 MENTION, I MEAN, THESE SHELTERS ARE INSANELY ABUSIVE AND



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1 CHAOTIC AND HECTIC AND NOT HEALTHY --

2

3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
4 BOARD, THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. THIS REPORT
5 WILL BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT
8 WILL BE THE ORDER. WE'RE NOW GOING TO MOVE ON TO PUBLIC
9 HEARING ITEMS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE SWEAR IN THE MEMBERS
10 OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE
11 ITEMS.

12

13 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC,
14 INCLUDING IN-PERSON AND REMOTE SPEAKERS WHO ARE REQUESTING TO
15 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE STAND
16 AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. PLEASE NOTE THAT IN
17 THE TESTIMONY YOU GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR
18 TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH.
19 SO, HELP YOU GOD. YOU MAY BE SEATED.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 2,
22 HEARING ON ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION OF MANY COUNTY CODES, TITLE
23 26 BUILDING CODE, TITLE 27 ELECTRICAL CODE, TITLE 28 PLUMBING
24 CODE, TITLE 29 MECHANICAL CODE, TITLE 30 RESIDENTIAL CODE,
25 TITLE 31 GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, AND TITLE 33, EXISTING



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1 BUILDING CODE, TO REPEAL THOSE PROVISIONS OF THE BUILDING
2 CODES, WHICH INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE PORTIONS OF THE 2022
3 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODES, AND REPLACE THEM
4 WITH PROVISIONS INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE PORTIONS OF THE
5 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODES.

6
7 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
8 JOINING US REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE
9 RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU ARE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR 3 IF ON A
10 TELEPHONE. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND
11 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. REPRESENTATIVE LUIS RAMIREZ FROM
12 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IS AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. FOR
13 THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE
14 FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

15
16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU COULD KEEP YOUR
17 TONE TO A WHISPER BACK THERE. HEAVENLY. ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE
18 ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, DO WE
19 HAVE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THIS
20 ITEM?

21
22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
23 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY,
24 HILARY REED, KAREN BAGNARD, KARL LOESCHER, LUCY LLOYD, IAN
25 SVILOKOS, MARIALYCE PETERSON. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR REMOTE



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1 PARTICIPANTS TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE TO ADDRESS
2 ITEM 2, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, USE THE RAISE HAND
3 FEATURE ON YOUR DEVICE OR PRESS STAR 3 ON YOUR TELEPHONE NOW.
4 ANTHONY DENTE, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

5
6 **ANTHONY DENTE:** ANTHONY DENTE, I'M A LICENSED ENGINEER IN
7 CALIFORNIA AND CEO OF STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS. FOR 18 YEARS I'VE
8 CONDUCTED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING DESIGN ON RESIDENTIAL AND
9 COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, OFTEN IN HIGH SEISMIC ZONES. I WAS THE
10 LEAD ENGINEER FOR MULTIPLE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE
11 APPENDICES FOR ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS, INCLUDING HEMP CREEK
12 CONSTRUCTION, MONOLITHIC ADOBE CONSTRUCTION, AND I'M THE CHAIR
13 OF THE STRUCTURAL SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE TMS DEVELOPMENT OF THE
14 CONTEMPORARY ADOBE CODE, WORKED A LOT ON THE STRAW
15 CONSTRUCTION. MY OFFICE ASSISTS MANY CLIENTS WITH SAFE,
16 SEISMICALLY SAFE, CONSERVATIVE ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS FOR
17 ALTERNATIVE, NON-CERTIFIED STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS. AND I URGE YOU
18 TO SUPPORT AND BEING OPEN TO ALTERNATIVE MATERIAL SUBMISSIONS
19 UNDER THE CBC. BECAUSE FROM MY EXPERIENCE, WHEN A BUILDING
20 COMPONENT DOES NOT HAVE A CLEAR, ACCESSIBLE PATH TO PERMITTING
21 AND OWNERS CHOOSE TO BUILD WITHOUT A PERMIT, THERE ARE OFTEN
22 STRUCTURAL SAFETY ISSUES THAT GO FAR BEYOND THE WALL SYSTEM
23 ITSELF AND INCLUDE STRUCTURAL ASPECTS FROM ROOF TO
24 FOUNDATIONS. THANK YOU.



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. JEFF MILLER, YOUR LINE IS
2 UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

3
4 **JEFF MILLER:** LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER AND ARCHITECT. I JUST WANT
5 TO SPEAK THAT I THINK THAT THERE'S A CONCEPTION ABOUT SOME OF
6 THESE CONSTRUCTIONS THAT THEY MAY NOT BE AS FIRE RESISTANT,
7 BUT IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE THE OPPOSITE. A LOT OF THESE
8 ASSEMBLIES THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE ADOBE CONSTRUCTION
9 COMPRESSED BLOCK, THE STRAW BALE CONSTRUCTION, THEY ACTUALLY
10 HAVE A HIGHER FIRE RESISTIVITY THAN A LOT OF THE CURRENT CODE
11 ASSEMBLIES THAT CAN BE USED. AND THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT AS
12 THESE FIRES TEND TO MOVE FORWARD. AS WE SAW IN THE LONDON
13 FIRE, STARTING TO PUSH DENSITY DOWN AND INCLUDE FIRE BREAKS
14 BETWEEN HOUSES, THE CHICAGO FIRES PROHIBITING BALLOON FRAMING
15 THAT HAD THAT CODE BEEN ENACTED SOONER, THE LOSS OF LIFE WOULD
16 HAVE BEEN LESS SEVERE. AND WE REALLY NEED A CODE TO HELP US
17 NOW AND FIND A MORE EXPEDIENT PATHWAY TO PERMIT FROM THESE
18 STRUCTURES THROUGH INSPECTION THROUGH COO AND CREATE MORE
19 ROBUST ASSEMBLIES THAT CAN ASSIST IN COMPARTMENTALIZING FIRES.
20 THANK YOU.

21
22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ERIN GRAIL, YOUR LINE IS
23 UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

24
25 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU TO THE



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1 SUPERVISORS. I WANTED TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THESE
2 APPENDICES THAT ARE NOT GOING TO GET ADOPTED THIS TIME, BUT
3 FROM A CONTRACTOR'S PERSPECTIVE, THE CONVERSATION ABOUT
4 EARTHEN AND BIO-BASED BARRELING MATERIALS IS NOT ABSTRACT.
5 IT'S ABOUT RESILIENCE, NOT ONLY FIRE RESISTANCE, BUT ALSO
6 OVERALL DURABILITY, RESISTANCE TO HEAT, SMOKE, EMBERS, MOLD,
7 MOISTURE CYCLING, AND LONG-TERM DEGRADATION. WE'RE SEEING
8 CLEAR SIGNALS IN MY BUSINESS FROM THE COMMUNITY SINCE THE
9 FIRES OF JANUARY HAVE HAD A LOT MORE HOMEOWNERS ASKING ABOUT
10 THESE STRATEGIES THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. AND I DON'T THINK
11 PEOPLE WANT TO REBUILD WITH THE SAME VULNERABLE MATERIALS THAT
12 FAILED THEM. AND A LOT OF THEM UNDERSTAND HOW PLASTIC AND
13 FOAM-BASED ASSEMBLIES CONTRIBUTE TO HOTTER, MORE TOXIC FIRE
14 EVENTS. AND THERE'S ENORMOUS PRODUCT MARKET FIT HERE.
15 HOMEOWNERS WANT SAFER, HEALTHIER, MORE RESILIENT BUILDINGS AND
16 CONTRACTORS WANT ASSEMBLIES THAT EXCEED CODE MANDATES AND
17 REDUCE RISK. AND THEN REGULATORS WANT ALIGNMENT WITH LONG-TERM
18 SUSTAINABILITY GOALS.

19
20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. DAVE ROCHE, YOUR LINE IS
21 UNMUTED, PLEASE BEGIN.

22
23 **DAVID ROCHE:** HI, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LISTENING TO OUR VOICES
24 HERE. AS A HOMEOWNER IN L.A. COUNTY, IT WAS TERRIFYING TO
25 WATCH HELPLESSLY AS OUR HOUSE CAME UNCOMFORTABLY CLOSE TO



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1 BURNING IN THE FIRES IN JANUARY. I WAS LUCKY THIS TIME BUT IT
2 FEELS LIKE JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE IT'S MY TURN. I LOOKED
3 INTO BUILDING USING NATURAL SAFE AND FIRE-RESISTANT MATERIALS
4 AND I WAS SHOCKED SADDENED AND INCREDIBLY FRUSTRATED TO FIND
5 THAT IN L.A. COUNTY HOMELESS ARE LITERALLY FROM BUILDING IN
6 FIRE RESISTANT WAYS AND ARE FORCED TO USE THE SAME BUILDING
7 MATERIALS THAT WE KNOW ARE GOING TO BUILD AND BURN IN THE
8 FIRE. THIS IS WHY THEY'RE WILD AND IMPROVED IN NEIGHBORING
9 STATES THAT ARE FIRE SAFE. WE'RE STUCK IN A VICIOUS CYCLE OF
10 BURNING, REBUILDING, AND BURNING AGAIN, USING THE SAME
11 FLAMMABLE MATERIALS WE'VE USED FOR DECADES, WONDERING WHY THE
12 CYCLE CONTINUES. I ASK THAT THIS BODY WORK AGGRESSIVELY WITH
13 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE STATE, OUR CALIFORNIA HOMEOWNERS
14 TO CHAMPION AND OFFER A NATURAL AND PROVEN FIRE SAFE
15 CONSTRUCTION.

16
17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ALI KEENAN, YOUR LINE IS
18 UNMUTED, PLEASE BEGIN.

19
20 **ALI KEENAN:** MY NAME IS ALI KEENAN AND I AM A LOCAL ARCHITECT
21 IN LOS ANGELES. I ALSO URGE THE COUNTY TO BECOME ALLIES IN
22 ADOPTING THE NATURAL BUILDING APPENDICES. WE HAVE SEEN THE
23 TOXIC IMPACTS OF CONVENTIONAL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS IN THE
24 AFTERMATH OF THE FIRE. OUR SOIL HAS BEEN POISONED OR WATER
25 CONTAMINATED OUR AIR QUALITY AT DANGEROUS LEVELS. THESE



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1 CHEMICALS ALL HAVE SERIOUS HEALTH IMPACTS INCLUDING CANCER,
2 HORMONE DISRUPTION, AND FERTILITY, NERVOUS SYSTEM DISORDERS.
3 HOMEOWNERS ARE ASKING FOR HEALTHIER ALTERNATIVES. LOS ANGELES
4 IS CONSIDERED A GLOBAL HUB FOR WELLNESS INNOVATION AND AS AN
5 ARCHITECT ADVOCATING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, IT WOULD BE A HUGE
6 MISS TO NOT OFFER REBUILDING AND GENERAL BUILDING
7 OPPORTUNITIES WITH EARTHEN AND BIO-BASED BUILDING MATERIALS
8 THAT CAN MITIGATE ALL OF THESE CRISES. THESE MATERIALS ALSO
9 IMPROVE THE INDOOR AIR QUALITY, ACTIVELY CLEANING OUR
10 BREATHING AIR, AND POSE NO THREAT TO THE ENVIRONMENT AT THE
11 END OF THEIR LIVES NONE OF WHICH CAN BE SAID FOR CONCRETE FOAM
12 AND PLASTIC I URGE COUNCIL TO PLEASE BECOME AN ALLY.

13
14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR THERE ARE NO OTHER
15 REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR
16 ITEM 2 IS NOW CONCLUDED. WE WILL GO TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS.
17 PLEASE BEGIN.

18
19 **KAREN BAGNARD:** MY NAME IS KAREN BAGNARD. LET'S GET YOUR. I AM
20 80 YEARS OLD AND WAS BURNED OUT OF MY HOME OF 51 YEARS IN
21 ALTADENA. AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING MYSELF AND EVERY PERSON
22 THAT WAS BURNED OUT OR DISPLACED. AND I WAS HEARTENED TO HEAR
23 THE OPENING OF THIS MEETING WAS ALL ABOUT PRESERVING OUR EARTH
24 AND BEING REVERENT TO THE LAND. THIS IS WHAT OUR ANCESTORS
25 DID, AND YET THERE ARE BARRIERS TO BUILDING IN A WAY THAT IS



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1 SUSTAINABLE AND AFFORDABLE AND WILL BE BASICALLY NON-TOXIC. I
2 KNOW THAT MORE FIRES ARE COMING AND WE'RE BUILDING BACK WITH
3 THE SAME MATERIALS THAT WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TOXINS IN OUR
4 ENVIRONMENT. EVEN MY ONCOLOGIST --

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

7
8 **HILARY READ:** HI THERE, MY NAME IS HILARY READ. I AM PART OF
9 THIS COLLECTIVE THAT IS CHAMPIONING FOR ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS
10 TO BUILD BACK IN A MORE RESILIENT AND LONGER LASTING FORM. THE
11 CEO SAID THE SECOND THING THAT KEEPS HIM UP AT NIGHT IS
12 DISASTER. AND WE KNOW WE'RE HEADING TOWARDS MORE AND MORE
13 DISASTERS, WHETHER IT'S IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OR NORTHERN
14 CALIFORNIA. I LIVE IN A HISTORIC ADOBE IN SOUTH PASADENA, AND
15 I GREW UP, I'M A CALIFORNIA NATIVE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER
16 FROM ANOTHER ADOBE. IT REALLY PROMPTED ME AS AN EXECUTIVE AND
17 AS A CREATIVE TO THINK DIFFERENTLY ABOUT HOW I CAN SUPPORT
18 THIS GENERATION AND NEXT WITH BETTER BUILDING MATERIALS. WE
19 ARE CURRENTLY PRODUCING COMPRESSED EARTH BLOCK MATERIALS THAT
20 BECOME A SOLUTION RATHER THAN ANOTHER THING THAT NEEDS TO BE
21 FUNDED FOR CLIENTS LIKE KAREN TO BUILD BACK IN A WAY THAT SHE
22 CAN SEE WILL ENDURE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. I URGE YOU TO
23 PARTNER WITH US TO GO TO THE STATE LEVEL AND MAKE SURE THAT
24 THESE APPENDICES ARE CONSIDERED.



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

2

3 **BEN LOESCHER:** BEN LOESCHER, ARCHITECT. I LIVE IN PRACTICE IN
4 DISTRICT 1. I'VE AUTHORED PORTIONS OF THE BUILDING CODES USED
5 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND FIRMLY BELIEVE IN THEIR ABILITY TO
6 MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE. BUT I REGRET
7 TODAY THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ADOPTING PROPOSED CODE PROVISIONS
8 FOR FIRE RESISTANT AND CARBON BENEFICIAL MATERIALS THAT OUR
9 COUNTY DESPERATELY NEEDS. YOU'RE HEARING FROM ENGINEERS THAT
10 COB, LIGHT STRAW CLAY, AND HEMP LINE CAN BE USED APPROPRIATELY
11 IN SEISMIC ZONES. YOU'RE HEARING FROM YOUR CONSTITUENTS THAT
12 THEY WANT OPTIONS TO USE CARBON BENEFICIAL MATERIALS THAT DO
13 NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE FREQUENCY AND INTENSITY OF THE SAME
14 FIRES THAT DESTROYED THEIR HOMES. YOUR PUBLIC WORK STAFF HAS
15 MET WITH THE AUTHORS OF THESE APPENDICES, BUT YOU WILL NOT BE
16 ADOPTING THEM. YOU WILL NOT BE ADOPTING THEM BECAUSE THIS
17 SUMMER, WITH AB 30, 130, THE STATE LEGISLATURE TOOK AWAY YOUR
18 ABILITY TO MAKE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE.
19 PLEASE JOIN US IN CHANGING THIS. THERE'S AN EARTHEN BUILDING
20 ON THE COUNTY SEAL. LET'S PUT IT IN --

21

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

23

24 **LUCY LLOYD:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LUCY LLOYD, AND I'M AN
25 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER AND L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT. OUR WORK AT



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1 LOESCHER MEACHEM ARCHITECTS INCLUDES REGULARLY DESIGNING AND
2 PERMITTING PROJECTS USING BIO-BASED MATERIALS IN NEIGHBORING
3 COUNTIES, BUT WE HAVE EAGER CLIENTS, BOTH REAL AND
4 PROSPECTIVE, IN L.A. COUNTY THAT WANT TO DO THE SAME. WE CARE
5 DEEPLY ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE BUILDINGS WE DESIGN. IF THE
6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL NOT ADOPT THESE BIO-BASED
7 RESIDENTIAL APPENDICES, WE HAVE TWO REQUESTS THAT COULD ALLOW
8 US TO CONTINUE OUR WORK WITHOUT THEM. THE FIRST IS TO MAKE IT
9 EASY AND COST-EFFECTIVE FOR RESIDENTS TO SUBMIT ALTERNATIVE
10 MEANS AND METHODS REQUESTS. THIS STEP HAS ALLOWED US TO GET
11 THESE PROJECTS PERMITTED IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, AND IT HAS
12 ALSO HELPED US BUILD A GREAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH COUNTY
13 OFFICIALS THERE. THE SECOND REQUEST IS FOR THE BOARD TO ISSUE
14 A STATEMENT TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE EXPRESSING A DESIRE FOR
15 THE STATE TO ADOPT CODES AND STANDARDS FOR CARBON BENEFICIAL,
16 FIRE RESISTANT, EARTHEN, AND BIO-BASED CONSTRUCTION. IT'S
17 IMPERATIVE THAT THE STATE LEVEL RECEIVES PRESSURE FROM THE
18 COUNTY LEVEL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

21
22 **IAN SVILOKOS:** HI, MY NAME IS IAN SVILOKOS. I'M A COUNTY
23 RESIDENT, LOCAL ARCHITECT, AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNER. I'VE BEEN
24 WORKING WITH MULTIPLE FAMILIES IN REBUILDING THEIR EFFORT, IN
25 THE REBUILDING EFFORT AFTER THE ALTADENA AND PALISADES FIRE.



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1 AND THEY'RE ASKING FOR ALL THESE EXAMPLES THAT YOU'VE HEARD MY
2 OTHER COLLEAGUES MENTION REPEATEDLY SINCE THE WILDFIRES. I
3 HAVE HEARD OTHER ARCHITECTS, CONTRACTORS, HOMEOWNERS, AND
4 SUPPLIERS REPORT THE GREATNESS OF CONCRETE AND FOAM. BUT WE
5 KNOW THAT THOSE WILL JUST CAUSE FUTURE HARM. THE NATURAL
6 BUILDING SYSTEMS AND THESE DEPENDENCIES ARE RESILIENT. THEY
7 ARE LOW CARBON OR EVEN CARBON NEGATIVE, HELPING REVERSE THE
8 EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, WHILE CONCRETE, PLASTIC, AND FOAM
9 ONLY INCREASE OUR CARBON DEBT. THESE BUILDING SYSTEMS ARE
10 HEALTHIER FOR PEOPLE, ANIMALS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT. THE
11 HOMEOWNERS ARE REQUESTING THESE SYSTEMS, BUT BY NOT ADOPTING
12 DEPENDENCIES AT THE STATE LEVEL, WE ARE INADVERTENTLY
13 PREVENTED FROM USING THEM, AT LEAST WITH EASE. PLEASE WORK
14 WITH US TO CREATE A PATHWAY FOR HEALTHIER HOMES FOR ALL. THANK
15 YOU.

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

18
19 **ALICE PEDERSEN:** I'M MARY ALICE PEDERSEN. I LOST MY HOME TO THE
20 EATON FIRE DUE TO SCE NEGLIGENCE IN L.A. COUNTY FIRE
21 DEPARTMENT INCOMPETENCE IN ABANDONING WEST ALTADENA. I'M HERE
22 TODAY BECAUSE I NEED TO REBUILD AND I WANT TO DO SO AS FIRE
23 RESILIENTLY, SUSTAINABLY, CARBON REDUCING, NON-TOXICALLY, AND
24 RADICALLY AFFORDABLY AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE DO NOT ADOPT THIS
25 BUILDING CODE WITHOUT INCLUDING THE THREE EARTH AND BIO-BASED



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1 DEPENDENCIES ALREADY ADOPTED NATIONALLY. HEMPLIME, CLAY STRAW
2 AND MONOLITHIC ADOBE. MY MASONRY HOUSE OF 100 YEARS DID NOT
3 SURVIVE. MY COB FIRE PIT AND ALL OF THE OTHER COBB STRUCTURES
4 IN ALTADENA DID SURVIVE. IT'S MADE OF DIRT OR SAND AND CLAY
5 AND STRAW THAT'S WASTE FROM RICE AND WHEAT. ARCHITECTS
6 INCLUDING BEN LOESCHER AND OTHERS HAVE DONE THE WORK TO ENSURE
7 THAT IT'S VIABLE, SAFE AND EVEN IN EARTHQUAKE COUNTRY. PERHAPS
8 YOU RECEIVED OUR LETTER. WE NEED YOUR BOLD LEADERSHIP TO HELP
9 US IMPLEMENT THESE BIO-BASED OPTIONS. PLEASE DON'T LET AB 130
10 MAKE US WAIT ANOTHER SIX YEARS. WE'VE DONE THE EXPERIMENTING.
11 THIS WORKS. WE LET MY PEOPLE BUILD GREEN.

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

14
15 **DR. KRIDIKAL TRUTHBEY:** BUILD GREEN. I LOVE THAT. YEAH SO WHEN
16 YOU REEVALUATE THESE COUNTY CODES TO STRENGTHEN FULLY ENFORCED
17 BUILDING CODES TO PROTECT RESIDENTS ESPECIALLY FAMILIES LIVING
18 IN OLDER SUBSTANDARD HOUSING NEED TRANSPARENT INSPECTIONS
19 ACCOUNTABILITY ESPECIALLY FOR NEGLIGENT PROPERTY OWNERS,
20 MANDATORY COMPLIANCE, MODERN SAFETY STANDARDS. STRONG BUILDING
21 CODES, THEY SAVE LIVES. AS WE JUST HEARD FROM YOUR PREVIOUS
22 CONSTITUENTS, HOW WE NEED TO REBUILD AND REBUILD BETTER. BUT
23 OF COURSE, EVERYTHING NEEDS TO BE COST EFFICIENT AND GREEN, SO
24 EMBRACE THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS THAT HAVE SOLUTIONS TO
25 ACTUALLY REBUILD. DON'T USE IN-HOUSE TO MISMANAGE MILLIONS OF



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1 DOLLARS THAT WE ALREADY DON'T HAVE. IN SHORT, TO HAVE ENERGY
2 EFFICIENT DESIGNS, RENTAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY. SO, I KNOW YOU
3 GUYS ARE GOING TO DO THE RIGHT THING BUT THANK YOU FOR PUTTING
4 THIS ON THE AGENDA.

5

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

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR
11 STAFF BASED ON THE COMMENTS MADE, BECAUSE I'VE BEEN UP AND
12 TALKED TO SURVIVORS THAT ARE BUILDING WITH FIRE RESISTANT
13 MATERIALS AS WE SPEAK. HOW IS THIS ORDINANCE TODAY, IF
14 ADOPTED, GOING TO IMPACT THE ABILITY FOR HOMEOWNERS TO
15 INCORPORATE NEW TECHNOLOGIES INTO THEIR REBUILDING EFFORT?

16

17 **LUIS RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. LUIS RAMIREZ, I'M WITH
18 L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS. SO, WE DO HAVE A PATH BY WHICH FOLKS
19 CAN SUBMIT ALTERNATE BUILDING MATERIALS AND HAVE THEM APPROVED
20 FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF HOMES. THAT PATH HAS
21 ALWAYS EXISTED, AND THE ADOPTION OF THE BUILDING CODES DOES
22 NOT PREVENT FOLKS FROM COMING BACK AND SUBMITTING ALTERNATE
23 BUILDING MATERIALS.

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ARE WE IN THE PROCESS OF PRE-



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1 APPROVING SO THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO WAIT, BECAUSE THAT WOULD
2 BE A DELAY TO HAVE TO APPROVE OF ANY MATERIALS THAT THEY WANT
3 TO USE THAT MAY NOT BE ON THE LIST OF APPROVED.

4
5 **LUIS RAMIREZ:** SO, WE DO THAT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. THERE
6 ARE MATERIALS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED, WHICH THEY CAN
7 USE. IT'S WHEN A NEW BUILDING MATERIAL THAT HASN'T BEEN
8 UTILIZED IN L.A. COUNTY IS PUT FORTH THAT WE GO THROUGH THE
9 PROCESS OF EVALUATING IT AND THEN APPROVING IT AND PUTTING IT
10 ON A LIST OF APPROVED MATERIALS IT IS NOT JUST MATERIALS BUT
11 IT'S ALSO ALTERNATE BUILDING SYSTEMS.

12
13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, BECAUSE YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE
14 THINGS THAT I LEARNED, AND I WENT DOWN AND SAW A DEVELOPMENT
15 DOWN IN RANCHO BERNARDO THAT WAS BUILT WITH ALL FIRE-RESISTANT
16 MATERIALS FROM LANDSCAPING, EVERYTHING. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT
17 WE WOULD, AND I FOUND OUT THAT THE COST IS NOT THAT MUCH
18 GREATER.

19
20 **LUIS RAMIREZ:** THAT IS CORRECT.

21
22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THE ACTUAL COST TO REBUILD. AND IF
23 YOU FACTOR IN THE FACT THAT NOW INSURANCE IS WILLING TO WRITE,
24 YOU'RE ACTUALLY, IT'S PROBABLY SAVING YOU MONEY. AND SO, MY
25 QUESTION TO YOU IS HOW CAN WE ACCELERATE THAT PROCESS TO



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1 EDUCATE THE SURVIVORS THAT ARE REBUILDING AS WE SPEAK ABOUT
2 THE OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD IN A WAY THAT IS GOING TO NOT ONLY
3 BE BUYER RESISTANT, BUT ALSO COULD IMPACT THEIR ABILITY TO GET
4 INSURANCE?

5
6 **LUIS RAMIREZ:** YES, SO WE HAVE BEEN DOING THAT THROUGHOUT THE
7 REBUILD PROCESS, SUPERVISOR. IN FACT, IF YOU GO TO THE L.A.
8 COUNTY RECOVERY WEBSITE, THERE IS A SECTION WHERE WE HAVE A
9 LIST OF RESILIENT BUILDING MATERIALS AND METHODS THAT CAN BE
10 IMPLEMENTED TO MAKE SURE THAT HOMES ARE BUILT IN A WAY THAT
11 THEY ARE ABLE TO WITHSTAND FUTURE DISASTERS LIKE THE ONES WE
12 ENCOUNTERED IN JANUARY IN ALTADENA AND PALISADES. WE'VE ALSO
13 HELD WORKSHOPS WHERE WE ARE GOING IN DEPTH WITH REGARDS TO
14 WHAT MATERIALS CAN BE USED. THE CURRENT CODE WILL IMPLEMENT
15 THE WUI CODES, WHICH IS THE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE CODE,
16 WHICH REALLY BEGINS TO LOOK AT BUILDING SYSTEMS AND MATERIALS
17 THAT ENSURE THAT HOMES THAT ARE BUILT WITHIN HIGH FIRE HAZARD
18 ZONES ARE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THESE FIRES. SO, IN ESSENCE, THE
19 CODE REALLY DOES BRING FORTH THE LATEST IN TECHNOLOGY TO BE
20 ABLE TO MAKE SURE THAT HOMES ARE RESILIENT.

21
22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER
23 QUESTIONS FROM MY COLLEAGUES. AND WE'VE HEARD PUBLIC COMMENT.
24 THIS WILL BE A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. I'LL SECOND IT.
25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL. THANK YOU FOR THIS.



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2 **LUIS RAMIREZ:** MY PLEASURE, THANK YOU.

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

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

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

9 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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

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

14 SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

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

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

19 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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

22

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

24 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

25



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

2

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

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** AND THEN TO THE SURVIVORS THAT
7 CAME DOWN, THANK YOU. MY STAFF IS OUT THERE. WE'RE GOING TO
8 INCORPORATE SOME OF THE COMMENTS. I KNOW MY CHIEF OF STAFF IS
9 OUT WITH THE OTHER TWO INDIVIDUALS, BUT I THINK COMMUNICATION
10 IS IMPORTANT AND EDUCATING US IN TERMS OF WHAT YOU'RE GOING
11 THROUGH SO THAT WE CAN ADDRESS IT WITH OUR SYSTEM. SO, THANK
12 YOU.

13

14 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 3,
15 HEARING ON THE APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER 2019000010-3 TO
16 AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES ON
17 FOUR ADJACENT PARCELS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 16.1 ACRES, AS WELL
18 AS ENCROACHMENT INTO THE PROTECTED ZONES OF 12 OAK TREES,
19 LOCATED WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS PLANNING AREA. FOR
20 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, TO COMMENT ON THIS
21 ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU ARE ONLINE OR
22 PRESS STAR 3 ON THE TELEPHONE. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS
23 SUBMITTED AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. REPRESENTATIVES
24 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING ARE AVAILABLE FOR
25 QUESTIONS. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE SET YOUR NAME



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1 AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE ARE NOW GOING TO HEAR
4 FROM THE APPLICANT, OR I'M SORRY, FROM THE APPELLANT, JOAN
5 SZUMSKI, IS THAT CORRECT? SZUMSKI, WHO WILL BE GIVEN A TOTAL
6 OF TWO MINUTES SO YOU CAN COME FORWARD. AND THEN WE WILL HEAR
7 FROM THE APPLICANT, ELISA PASTER RAND WILL BE GIVEN A TOTAL OF
8 TWO MINUTES AS WELL. SO, WE'LL BEGIN WITH YOU AS THE
9 APPELLANT. WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR WAITING. WE'LL HAVE YOUR
10 MIC ON TOO. THERE YOU GO.

11

12 **JOAN SZUMSKI:** THANK YOU, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. THE LAS
13 VIRGINIAS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION IS REQUESTING THAT YOU
14 SUPPORT OUR APPEAL BASED ON THIS PROJECT PROPOSED FOR MEGA
15 MANSIONS, A SUBDIVISION, A 4 LOT SUBDIVISION IN THE SANTA
16 MONICA MOUNTAINS. THE LOTS WERE APPROVED 45 YEARS AGO. OUR
17 CONTENTION IS THAT THIS IS A MAXIMIZATION, A DISCRETIONARY
18 MAXIMIZATION OF THIS PROPERTY. THAT ONLY WITH NO CONSTRAINTS
19 ARE THEY ALLOWED TO GO TO MAXIMIZATION. MAXIMIZATION IS A
20 CEILING, NOT A BASELINE GUARANTEE DESPITE WHAT THE DEVELOPER
21 WANTS. OUR APPEAL IS BASED ON LACK OF PROTECTION FOR SENSITIVE
22 HABITAT INCLUDING PRISTINE DESIGNATED COAL CREEK AND THE
23 AVOIDANCE OF HAZARDS ESPECIALLY AS YOU KNOW WHAT WE'VE GONE
24 THROUGH IN THE LAST 8, 10 MONTHS. THE FEDERATION IS SUPPORTING
25 STRONGLY CONSERVATION, RESOURCE CONSERVATION OVER DEVELOPMENT



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1 IN THE COASTAL AREA. AND WE FEEL THAT THE COUNTY HAS NOT,
2 DESPITE WHAT THE PLANNING SAYS THAT THEY HAVE CLAIMED
3 CONFORMITY TO THE LCP, THAT IT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT AGAIN
4 VERY THOROUGHLY. WE ARE ASKING THAT COUNTY PLANNING GO BACK
5 LOOK AT THE PROJECT APPROVED OR AT LEAST LOOKED AT INITIALLY
6 IN 19, A LONG TIME AGO. WE ALSO REQUEST A CONTINUATION FROM,
7 ON THIS AGENDA BECAUSE OF UNFORTUNATE --

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL HEAR FROM
10 THE APPLICANT. WELCOME.

11

12 **ELISA PASTER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ELISA PASTER. I'M HERE ON
13 BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT. FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE CERTAINLY
14 OBJECT TO ANY CONTINUANCE. THIS IS NOW THE 11TH HEARING ON
15 THIS MATTER. THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY VIOLATED THE HOUSING
16 ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, WHICH ONLY ALLOWS FIVE HEARINGS ON ANY
17 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. AND SO, WE CERTAINLY OBJECT TO
18 ANY HEARING. WE HAVE ENTERED INTO A TOLLING AGREEMENT WITH THE
19 COUNTY ON THE VIOLATION OF THE HAA ISSUE. AND SO, WE
20 DEFINITELY DO NOT WANT ANY KIND OF CONTINUANCE. FIRST AND
21 FOREMOST, THIS IS AN INFILL PROJECT. SO, THE PROJECT IS
22 SURROUNDED BY DEVELOPMENT ON THREE SIDES AND THERE'S AN
23 EXISTING ROAD AND GRADING ON THE SITE. AT THE REGIONAL
24 PLANNING COMMISSION, COMMISSIONER O'CONNOR SAID, QUOTE, IF
25 YOU'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT RESOURCE CONSERVATION, YOU WOULD



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1 WANT TO PUT WHATEVER NEW DEVELOPMENT IS GOING IN THIS AREA
2 RATHER THAN HAVING IT SPRAWLING INTO OTHER AREAS OF THE
3 MOUNTAINS. IN ADDITION, THERE'S A LETTER IN THE FILE FROM BOB
4 HOLLOWAY. HE'S A RETIRED LAFD CAPTAIN WITH 37 YEARS OF
5 EXPERIENCE. HIS EXPERT TESTIMONY SHOWS THAT IN FACT, BY WHAT
6 YOU HAVE NOW IS THIS OPEN FIELD WHERE FIRE CAN JUST LIKE RACE
7 THROUGH HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE HOMES THAT ARE BUILT TO STANDARDS
8 WHICH ARE ACTUALLY ABOVE AND BEYOND THE EXISTING CODE WITH
9 THINGS LIKE FIRE SPRINKLERS ON THE ROOF WHICH IS SOMETHING
10 THAT IS ALLOWED BY CODE, THAT IN FACT THE FIRE RISK IN THIS
11 AREA WILL BE BETTER. WITH REGARDS TO THE MAXIMIZATION, OUR
12 ARCHITECT IS GOING TO SPEAK DURING PUBLIC COMMENT AND HE WILL
13 TALK ABOUT HOW ACTUALLY WE ARE NOT MAXIMIZING THESE LOTS.
14 THESE HOMES ARE SMALLER THAN THE AVERAGE SIZE OF THE HOMES IN
15 THE AREA, WHICH IS ABOUT 4,200 SQUARE FEET. IN ADDITION, MORE
16 THAN 75% OF THE LAND AREA IS UNDEVELOPED AND WE ARE DONATING A
17 HUGE CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO THE MRCA. PLEASE DENY THE
18 APPEAL. THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS
21 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE BOARD LETTER
22 IDENTIFIES THAT THE PROPOSED HOMES ARE COMPARABLE IN SIZE TO
23 EXISTING HOMES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WHAT IS THE RANGE OF
24 EXISTING HOME SIZES WITHIN 700 FEET OF THE SITE AND HOW DO
25 THEY COMPARE TO THE HOME SIZES PROPOSED AS PART OF THIS



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1 PROJECT THAT'S BEFORE US TODAY?

2

3 **TYLER MONTGOMERY:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF
4 THE BOARD. MY NAME IS TYLER MONTGOMERY. I'M A PRINCIPAL
5 PLANNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THERE ARE 28
6 HOMES ON 38 PROPERTIES WITHIN 700-FOOT RADIUS OF THE PROJECT
7 SITE. THESE 28 HOMES HAVE AN AVERAGE SIZE OF 4,224 SQUARE
8 FEET. THE PROPOSED HOMES RANGE IN SIZE FROM 3,291 TO 4,186
9 SQUARE FEET, WHICH IS LESS THAN THE AVERAGE SIZE OF THE
10 SURROUNDING HOMES. SO, STAFF BELIEVES THEY'RE COMPATIBLE WITH
11 THE SURROUNDING AREA.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I KNOW THAT THERE
14 HAVE BEEN CONCERNS CITED REGARDING FIRE SAFETY, FUEL
15 MODIFICATION, AND H2 HABITAT. CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHAT EFFORTS AND
16 DESIGN ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THIS PROJECT TO
17 MITIGATE IMPACTS TO THE H2 HABITAT FUEL MODIFICATION?

18

19 **TYLER MONTGOMERY:** SURE. SO, LOTS 1 AND 2 ARE 1 ACRE AND 1.2
20 ACRES IN SIZE, RESPECTIVELY, WHICH IS RELATIVELY SMALL. AS A
21 RESULT, ANY DEVELOPMENT ON EITHER LOT WOULD REQUIRE A FUEL
22 MODIFICATION OF THE ENTIRE LOT, AS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
23 REQUIRES A 200-FOOT FUEL MODIFICATION RADIUS FOR HABITABLE
24 STRUCTURES. OFFSITE FUEL MODIFICATION WILL NOT IMPACT ADJACENT
25 PROPERTIES TO THE EAST AND WEST BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL MAPPED H3



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1 HABITAT, WHICH IS LESS SENSITIVE THAN THE H2 HABITAT. FURTHER
2 REDUCING THE SIZE OF THESE HOMES WOULD HAVE MINIMAL EFFECTS
3 REGARDING THE IMPACT H2 HABITAT. THERE'S THE OTHER TWO LOTS,
4 THE H2 HABITAT IMPACT ON LOT 3 WAS REDUCED BY 4,000 SQUARE
5 FEET BECAUSE THE HOME SQUARE FOOTAGE WAS REDUCED BY
6 APPROXIMATELY 20% IN COMPARISON TO THE AVERAGE SQUARE FOOTAGE
7 OF THE OTHER THREE HOMES, WHICH WAS A RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF.
8 CONTINUING TO REDUCE THE HOME'S FOOTPRINT WOULD HAVE AN
9 INCREASINGLY DIMINISHING RETURNS FOR H2 HABITAT PRESERVATION.
10 THE STAFF BELIEVES THE HOME'S PROPOSED SIZE REPRESENTS A
11 SATISFACTORY BALANCE BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVATION.
12 FINALLY, THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED HOME ON THE SOUTHEASTERN
13 PORTION OF LOT 4, AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF, PLACES IT AT THE
14 FURTHEST POSSIBLE LOCATION FROM H2 HABITAT, WHICH IS TO THE
15 NORTHWEST. AS A RESULT, THERE'S NO DIRECT DEVELOPMENT OR
16 IRRIGATED FUEL MODIFICATION PROPOSED WITH AN H2 HABITAT. IN
17 ADDITION, CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL REQUIRE A HABITAT RESTORATION
18 PLAN FOR PREVIOUSLY DISTURBED AREAS AND ANY IMPACT TO H2
19 HABITAT MUST BE MITIGATED THROUGH PAYMENT OF A HABITAT IN LIEU
20 FEE OR DIRECT RESTORATION EITHER ON SITE OR OFF SITE.

21
22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I UNDERSTAND THE
23 PROJECT AND I THINK IT WAS REFERENCED BY THE APPLICANT HAS
24 BEEN THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. CAN YOU IDENTIFY
25 WHAT TYPE OF COORDINATION EFFORTS WERE MADE TO MODIFY THE



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1 PROJECT DESIGN AND DESCRIBE HOW THIS PROJECT HAS EVOLVED
2 DURING THIS TIME?

3
4 **TYLER MONTGOMERY:** CERTAINLY. DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING
5 PROCESS, IN RESPONSE TO CONCERNS THAT WERE EXPRESSED BY THE
6 COLD CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL, THE APPLICANT IN COORDINATION
7 WITH STAFF REDESIGNED THE HOMES ON LOTS 3 AND 4. THE FOOTPRINT
8 AND SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE HOME ON LOT 3 WAS REDUCED BY 20% AND
9 THE HOME ON LOT 4 WAS MOVED APPROXIMATELY 20 FEET TO THE
10 SOUTH. THESE ACTIONS REDUCED THE PROPOSED FUEL MODIFICATION
11 WITHIN H2 HABITAT BY 4,264 SQUARE FEET ON LOT 3 AND 5,717
12 SQUARE FEET ON LOT 4. ALSO, IN RESPONSE TO CONCERNS EXPRESSED
13 BY THE SANTA MONICA BOUNDS CONSERVANCY, THE CONDITIONS OF
14 APPROVAL WERE MODIFIED TO INCLUDE A DEDICATED 45-FOOT WIDE
15 WILDLIFE MOVEMENT CORRIDOR ADJACENT TO THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF
16 THE PROJECT SITE. FINALLY, THE APPLICANT HAS VOLUNTEERED TO
17 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL TO FURTHER ADDRESS AREA
18 RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE RECOMMENDED
19 MOTION. THE FIRST OF THESE CONDITIONS DIRECTS THE APPLICANTS
20 TO COORDINATE WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER TO THE EAST OF LOT 4 TO
21 PLACE A THREE-FOOT WIDE LANDSCAPE BUFFER BETWEEN THE PROPOSED
22 RESIDENTS AND THE PROPERTY LINE 10 FEET AWAY. THE SECOND
23 CONDITION MANDATES A NUMBER OF GOOD NEIGHBOR CONSTRUCTION
24 PRACTICES THAT INCLUDE NOTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION WITH
25 NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNERS AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO ANY



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1 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES. THE RESULTING PROJECT IS MORE
2 CONSISTENT WITH NUMEROUS GOALS AND POLICIES OF THE SANTA
3 MONICA BOUND'S LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM.

4
5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD
6 NOW AND ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS MATTER AND THANK YOU
7 FOR YOUR ANSWERS. I APPRECIATE IT.

8
9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
10 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. LIAM LYNCH, SUZANNE GOODE,
11 ISAAC ZACHARY, MAIREAD MACMILLAN, DOUGLAS DWORSKY, MICHAEL
12 BLODGETT, ROB HOLLOWAY, DR. KRIDIKAL TRUTHBAY, GILLIE ZACHARY.
13 AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS TO BE PLACED IN
14 THE SPEAKING QUEUE TO ADDRESS ITEM 3, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY
15 DONE SO, USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE ON YOUR DEVICE OR PRESS
16 STAR 3 ON YOUR TELEPHONE NOW. OIDA BIDDLE, YOUR LINE IS
17 UNMUTED, PLEASE BEGIN. OIDA BIDDLE, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED,
18 PLEASE BEGIN.

19
20 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** HELLO, I'M A GRAD STUDENT AT CAL POLY
21 POMONA, AND IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS THAT THIS PROJECT HAS
22 BEEN UNDER DEVELOPMENT, THE SCIENCE OF FIRE ANALYSIS HAS
23 EVOLVED. AND I URGE ANY INTERESTED PARTIES TO READ A RECENT
24 PAPER IN NATURE COMMUNICATIONS CALLED FIRE RISK TO STRUCTURES
25 IN CALIFORNIA WILD LAND URBAN INTERFACE, WHICH INDICATES THAT



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1 ESSENTIALLY PROJECTS OF THIS SCALE SHOULD NOT BE BUILT AT ALL
2 IN THIS HABITAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3
4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER
5 REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR
6 ITEM 3 IS NOW CONCLUDED. WE WILL GO TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS.
7 PLEASE BEGIN.

8
9 **LIAM LYNCH:** HONORARY SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LIAM LYNCH, A
10 NEIGHBOUR TO THE DEVELOPMENT. MR MONTGOMERY REFERENCED THAT
11 LOT NUMBER 4 IS 10 FEET OFF THE ADJACENT NEIGHBOUR'S FENCE
12 LINE. THAT IS MY HOME. IN JULY OF 2024, THE COUNTY MADE A
13 RECOMMENDATION THAT FOR LOT NUMBER 3 AND LOT NUMBER 4, THAT
14 THE BUILDING SIZE AND SURROUNDING AREA WOULD HAVE MORE
15 DEFENSIBLE SPACE AND REDUCED FOOTPRINT. A DECISION WAS MADE TO
16 REDUCE THE FOOTPRINT OF LOT NUMBER 3. LOT NUMBER 4, WHICH
17 ALREADY HAD BEEN CLOSER TO OUR HOME AND AN ADJACENT NEIGHBOR,
18 WAS KEPT TO THE SAME SIZE. IT WAS MOVED SOUTHERLY, WHICH
19 ACTUALLY MOVED IT CLOSER TO BOTH HOMES. IT IS PUTTING US AND
20 FUTURE RESIDENTS IN MORTAL DANGER OF FIRE THREAT. I URGE YOU
21 TO REDUCE THE FOOTPRINT AND TO NOT GO TO MAXIMIZATION OF
22 BUILDING AREA. THANK YOU.

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



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1 **SUZANNE GOODE:** I'M SUZANNE GOODE REPRESENTING THE COLD CREEK
2 COMMUNITY COUNCIL. THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IS LOCATED WITHIN
3 THE COLD CREEK WATERSHED, WHICH IS THE MOST PRISTINE WATERSHED
4 IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND WAS THE PRIMARY REASON AND
5 ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS LCP WAS
6 APPROVED TO PROTECT THESE SENSITIVE RESOURCES. THE LCP ALSO
7 ALLOWS THE COUNTY TO ALLOW SMALLER FOOTPRINTS, SMALLER
8 BUILDING SIZE AREAS THAN THE MAXIMUM. YET THIS PROJECT HAS
9 BEEN ALLOWED TO GO THROUGH THE ENTIRE PLANNING PROCESS AT THE
10 MAXIMUM WITH THE MAXIMUM SIZE BUILDING PADS. THIS PROJECT,
11 HAVING BEEN SUBDIVIDED MANY, MANY YEARS AGO, WOULD NEVER BE
12 ALLOWED TODAY UNDER TODAY'S LCP. WE FEEL IT IS INCUMBENT UPON
13 THE SUPERVISORS TO REDUCE THE IMPACTS TO EMPHASIZE THE
14 RESOURCE PROTECTION MANDATE OF THE COUNTY'S LCP. THANK YOU.

15
16 **MAIREAD MACMILLIAN:** HELLO, MAIREAD MACMILLIAN IN FAVOR OF THE
17 APPEAL FROM THE FEDERATION. THE NEW HOME ON LOT 4 WILL BE 60
18 FEET FROM OUR HOME. THAT IS LESS THAN 100 FEET RECOMMENDED
19 DISTANCE. I AM GRATEFUL TO STILL HAVE A HOME IN THE MULHOLLAND
20 RURAL CORRIDOR, BUT IF THAT HOME GOES UP, WE WILL LOSE OUR
21 INSURANCE AND WE WILL ALSO LOSE DEFENSIBLE SPACE BETWEEN US
22 AND OUR POTENTIAL NEW NEIGHBOURS. I TRULY FEEL THERE'S A
23 COMPROMISE THAT CAN BE MADE HERE. WE RESPECT MR. ZACHARY'S
24 RIGHT TO DEVELOP THE LAND THAT HE HAS BOUGHT AND WORKED HARD
25 TO GET PERMITS FOR, BUT WE JUST ASK TO DO IT IN CONCERT WITH A



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1 COMMUNITY THAT'S TRYING TO PROTECT THE FIRE SITUATION THAT
2 WILL COME TO OUR DOOR AGAIN. WE REALLY, AND WE'RE VERY SAD
3 THAT OUR REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT SITTING THERE, BUT I TRUST IN
4 ALL OF YOU TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION. THANK YOU.

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

7
8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** BEFORE YOU START, THERE WAS STATE
9 LEGISLATION PASSED THAT MANDATES THAT SHE RECUSE HERSELF
10 BECAUSE OF A DONATION THAT WAS GIVEN. SO, SHE WOULD WANT TO BE
11 HERE. BUT ONCE AGAIN, THE STATE PASSED A LAW.

12
13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** PLEASE BEGIN.

14
15 **ISAAC ZACHARY:** ISAAC ZACHARY, I'M THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY.
16 ON JANUARY 2, 2019, THAT'S THE DATE THAT WE SUBMITTED THE
17 DRAWING TO THE COUNTY. SINCE THEN, WE WORK WITH THE COUNTY
18 WITH ALL THE RESTRICTIONS, ALL THE REQUIREMENTS, AND THERE ARE
19 MANY OF THEM. AND SEVEN YEARS LATER, I'M STANDING HERE IN
20 FRONT OF YOU. AS PERMITTED BY THE COUNTY, WE WILL INSTALL AN
21 ADDITIONAL 3-FOOT-LANDSCAPE BUFFER ON THE EASTERN BORDER WHERE
22 LOT 4 IS ADJACENT TO THE STRUCTURE. WE WILL DO THE COURTESY
23 PRE-CONSTRUCTION NOTICE TO NEARBY NEIGHBORS TWO OR THREE WEEKS
24 AHEAD OF TIME WITH THE CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE, WORK HOURS, AND
25 ANY OTHER ROUTES. WE WILL MEET THEN AT ONE DEDICATED CONTACT.



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

3
4 **DOUG DWORSKY:** I AM DOUG DWORSKY, THE ARCHITECT FOR THE
5 PROPOSED HOMES. THESE HOMES HAVE NOT BEEN MAXIMIZED AS ARGUED
6 BY THE APPELLANTS. MANY ARE SMALLER AND SHORTER THAN IS
7 PERMITTED, AS DISCUSSED IN OUR SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS. WE
8 REDUCED THE SIZE OF THE DEVELOPMENT ON LOT 3 BY 20% AT THE
9 REQUEST OF STAFF. LARGE PORTIONS OF THE HOMES ON ALL THE LOTS
10 ARE LESS THAN THE 18 FOOT HEIGHT LIMIT. MOST IMPORTANTLY ON
11 LOT 4, THE ONE CLOSEST TO OUR NEIGHBORS, WHERE THE ENTIRE HOME
12 IS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THE 18 FOOT HEIGHT LIMIT TO
13 INTENTIONALLY MINIMIZE THE IMPACT ON THE NEIGHBORS. WE COULD
14 HAVE MAXIMIZED DEVELOPMENT BY MAKING THE HOMES ENTIRELY 18
15 FOOT IN HEIGHT OR BY INCORPORATING A BASEMENT, BUT WE DID NOT
16 DO SO. ADDITIONALLY, ONLY ONE TO 15% OF EACH LOT IS PART OF
17 THE DEVELOPED SITE AREA. WE ARE ALSO NOT REQUESTING ANY
18 VARIANCES. PLEASE DENY THE REPEAL.

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

21
22 **GILLIE ZACHARY:** HI. MY NAME IS GILLIE ZACHARY. I'M PART OF THE
23 OWNERSHIP. BOB HOLLOWAY SUBMITTED A LETTER TO YOU GUYS, BUT HE
24 INTENDED TO SPEAK AND HAD TO LEAVE, SO I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT
25 SOME OF THE POINTS IN HIS LETTER. THE PROJECT IS GOING ABOVE



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1 AND BEYOND BUILDING CODE WITH RESPECT TO FIRE SAFETY IN A FEW
2 WAYS. ONE IS FIRE RESISTANCE USING DENSE GLASS SHEETING AND OR
3 CEMENT UNDER ALL EXTERIOR CLADDED MATERIAL. WE ARE
4 SUBSTITUTING WOOD SIDING WITH COMPOSITE SIDING. WE'RE
5 INSTALLING FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS ON THE ROOF OF ALL
6 RESIDENCES AS LONG AS IT IS ALLOWED BY THE COUNTY. THE PROJECT
7 IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ZERO ZONE REQUIREMENTS WHICH ARE NOT
8 YET ADOPTED. THIS MEANS THAT THE HOMES HAVE ALREADY HAVE A 5-
9 FOOT-WIDE PAVED PERIMETER AROUND THE HOMES FOR THE FIRE
10 DEPARTMENT ACCESS. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT
11 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN MEET ITS HOUSING GOALS RESPONSIBLY,
12 EVEN IN FIRE PRONE AREAS, BY PRIORITIZING INFILL OVER SPRAWL.
13 WE'VE ALSO REACHED OUT TO THE NEIGHBORS AND THE FEDERATION TO
14 TRY TO COME TO SOME SORT OF AGREEMENT, BUT THEY DENIED. PLEASE
15 DENY THIS APPEAL, THANK YOU.

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

18
19 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** HI, SO, IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY SIMPLE
20 PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, THE STEVENSON FAMILY IS A FAMILY THAT
21 QUALIFIES TO MOVE INTO THIS BUILDING. THEY HAVE BEEN THROUGH
22 THE HOMELESS WRINGER FOR THE LAST 2 1/2 YEARS, FAMILY OF
23 EIGHT.

24
25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** IS THIS REGARDING OUR ITEMS BEFORE



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1 US RIGHT NOW.

2

3 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** YES. SO, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE
4 APPEAL OF THE PROJECT, RIGHT? WELL, I'M AGAINST THAT APPEAL
5 BECAUSE WE WANT IT BUILT. FOR UNHOUSED FAMILIES WHO NEED A
6 LOCATION TO STAY, RIGHT? SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS PLANNING AREA,
7 WHICH IS A VERY SWANKY AREA, KATHRYN BARGER. SO, YOU NEED TO
8 HAVE DISTRICT 5 VERY SENSITIVE TO UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS FROM
9 YOUR STAFF MEMBERS ANSWERING THE PHONES TO THE CASE MANAGERS
10 IN DISTRICT 5. BUT NONETHELESS, TO CONSIDER THE STEVENSON
11 FAMILY FOR THIS PROJECT BUILDING, THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** HI, SO MY NAME IS LYDIA SCHMITZ. SO, I
16 WANTED TO ASK ABOUT OR TALK ABOUT THE HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM
17 THAT HAPPENED IN SALT LAKE CITY.

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THIS IS REGARDING A SPECIFIC
20 PROJECT.

21

22 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** YEAH, AND IT IS REGARDING THAT ACTUALLY. SO
23 LET ME SPEAK REALLY QUICK.

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** TALK ABOUT THE SPECIFIC PROJECT



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1 AND THE APPEAL.

2

3 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** OKAY, WELL LET ME SAY THAT THERE IS, CAN I
4 JUST START MY TIME OVER AGAIN?

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, KEEP GOING.

7

8 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** OKAY, SO HOUSING FIRST. THE BUDGET WAS \$20
9 BILLION AND THEN IT ENDED UP GETTING \$250,000,000,000.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** THIS IS REGARDING A SPECIFIC
12 PROJECT. SO, IF YOU WANT TO COME BACK DURING PUBLIC COMMENT,
13 SHUT OFF THE MIC.

14

15 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** LADY, I'M TRYING TO TALK.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SHUT OFF THE MIC. ALL RIGHT, ANY
18 OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT?

19

20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NO. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THAT
21 CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM AND IT WOULD BE
22 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE RECEIVED AND
25 HEARD TESTIMONY FROM THE DEVELOPER AS WELL AS COUNTY STAFF AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. I THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. AFTER
2 CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, A HEARING OFFICER AND THE REGIONAL
3 PLANNING COMMISSION ULTIMATELY APPROVED THE HOMES AND I AM
4 COMFORTABLE WITH RECOMMEND, EXCUSE ME. WOULD YOU PLEASE SIT
5 DOWN? WOULD YOU PLEASE SIT DOWN? I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO SPEAK
6 DOWN. YOU CAN SPEAK UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M GOING TO ONCE
7 AGAIN ASK YOU, I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO ESCORT YOU OUT WITH
8 YOUR CHILD. ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO ONCE AGAIN ASK YOU TO SIT
9 DOWN. YOU CAN SPEAK IN PUBLIC COMMENT, WHICH IS COMING UP
10 AFTER THIS ITEM. OKAY. THEN SPEAK SPECIFICALLY ON THIS ITEM.
11 ON THIS ITEM SPECIFICALLY. OKAY. SPECIFICALLY ON THIS ITEM. GO
12 AHEAD.

13
14 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** YES. BECAUSE I THINK THAT YOU'RE VERY
15 ABRASIVE WITH PEOPLE AND YOU SHOULD GIVE THEM, SEE HOW YOU SO
16 HARD WITH PEOPLE? I THINK THAT MY CHILDREN ARE AMAZINGLY
17 TALENTED YOUNG ARTISTS. LOOK AT THE ART MY SON DID ON MY
18 PANTS. HE DID THIS WITH BLEACH. MY CHILDREN HAVE BEEN
19 TORMENTED AND WE WERE THROWN OUT DURING THE RAINSTORM WHEN
20 PATH HAD PUT UP AN EMERGENCY WARNING FOR PEOPLE TO NOT TO GO
21 OUT. THEY STILL CAME IN AND THREW US OUT.

22
23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OK, THIS IS NOT ON THIS ITEM. I'M
24 GOING TO ASK SOMEONE FROM OUR HOUSING OVER HERE, THE HOMELESS,
25 IF YOU CAN TALK TO HER AND GET ME THE INFORMATION AS TO WHAT'S



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1 GOING ON, I'M GOING TO HAVE SOMEONE TALK TO YOU. ALL RIGHT?
2 THANK YOU. THANK YOU. SOMEONE'S GOING TO HELP YOU AND THEN I
3 WANT TO BE BRIEFED ON WHAT THE ISSUE IS. OKAY. SO, AS I SAID,
4 AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, A HEARING OFFICER AND THE
5 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ULTIMATELY, I'M GOING TO ASK THAT
6 SHE BE REMOVED IF SHE WILL NOT COMPLY. OKAY. AFTER CAREFUL
7 CONSIDERATION, A HEARING OFFICER AND THE REGIONAL PLANNING
8 COMMISSION ULTIMATELY APPROVE THE ITEMS, AND I AM COMFORTABLE
9 WITH RECOMMENDING THAT MY COLLEAGUES DENY THE APPEAL WITH THE
10 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS RECOMMENDED BY COUNTY STAFF AND AGREED
11 TO BY THE APPLICANT. THESE CONDITIONS WILL ADDRESS THE
12 CONCERNS RAISED IN THE APPEAL AND MINIMIZE CONSTRUCTION
13 WITHOUT DOWNSIZING. OKAY. ALL RIGHT, WOULD SOMEONE PLEASE
14 ESCORT HER OUT WITH A CASEWORKER THAT CAN HELP HER? PLEASE, I
15 APOLOGIZE. ALL RIGHT. YOU KNOW, IT'S UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE
16 YOU'VE GOT A CHILD WITH YOU AND THAT'S WHY I'M NOT COMFORTABLE
17 WITH WHERE THIS IS GOING. SO, IF YOU COULD JUST WALK HER OUT.
18 I STILL WANT TO GET HER INFORMATION AND SEE HOW WE CAN HELP
19 HER. ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO GET INFORMATION. I WANT I THINK
20 WE ALL WANT A BRIEFING ON THIS MATTER. ALL RIGHT. SO, AS I
21 SAID, THESE CONDITIONS WILL ADDRESS THE CONCERNS RAISED IN THE
22 APPEAL AND MINIMIZE CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD
23 WITHOUT DOWNSIZING OR RENDERING THE PROJECT INFEASIBLE. I
24 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 1 CLOSE TO PUBLIC
25 HEARING FOR PROJECT NUMBER 2019 00010, PARENTHESES THREE



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1 CONSISTING OF MINOR COASTAL DEVELOPMENT, PERMIT NUMBER
2 RPPL2019000016, RPPL2019000017, RPL2019000018, AND
3 RPPL2019000019. TO INDICATE ITS INTENDED ADOPT AND MITIGATE
4 NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING
5 PROGRAM ASSOCIATED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NUMBER RPP L2
6 0 2 3 0 0 1 1 9 9, FINDING THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A
7 SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION
8 OF THE PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES. 3, INDICATE ITS INTENT TO
9 DENY THE APPEAL OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL
10 OF THE PROJECT AND TO UPHOLD THE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE
11 PROJECT WITH TWO ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL. INSTRUCT
12 COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO UPHOLD THE
13 APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT WITH THE FOLLOWING TWO ADDITIONAL
14 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL. A, WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS ADOPTS THE FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS, THE PERMITTEE
16 SHALL SUBMIT A REVISED EXHIBIT A TO THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL
17 PLANNING, DEPICTING AN ENHANCED LANDSCAPING BUFFER OF AT LEAST
18 3 FEET ON WIDTH ALONG THE PORTION OF THE EASTERN PROPERTY LINE
19 THAT ADJOINS ANY STRUCTURE IN THE NEIGHBORING PROPERTY AT
20 24879 MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY. THE PERMITTEE SHALL COORDINATE WITH
21 THE NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNER REGARDING THE HEIGHT OF THE
22 ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPING, WHICH SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY
23 THE DIRECTOR. COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CONDITION SHALL BE TO THE
24 SATISFACTION OF THE DIRECTOR. AND B, THE PERMITTEE SHALL
25 IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING GOOD NEIGHBOR CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES.



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1 1, PRE-CONSTRUCTION NOTICE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE
2 CONSTRUCTION STARTS. THE PERMITTEE SHALL PROVIDE A COURTESY
3 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 1,000 FOOT RADIUS OF THE
4 PROJECT SITE THAT INCLUDES THE TENTATIVE CONSTRUCTION
5 SCHEDULES, WORK HOURS, AND ANY HALL ROUTES. 2, SINGLE POINT OF
6 CONTACT. THE CITY SHALL MAINTAIN ONE DEDICATED POINT OF
7 CONTACT DURING THE FULL CONSTRUCTION PERIOD AND SHALL POST A
8 SIGN ON THE PROJECT SITE ADJOINING MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY THAT IS
9 AT LEAST 4 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL AND AT LEAST 2 FEET IN
10 WIDTH AND 3 FEET IN LENGTH THAT INCLUDES THE PERSON'S NAME,
11 PHONE NUMBER AND AN EMAIL ADDRESS. 3, CONSTRUCTION HOURS. THE
12 PERMITTEES SHALL LIMIT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES TO THE HOURS
13 ALLOWED BY THE COUNTY CODE. AND 4, WORKER PARKING. DURING ALL
14 CONSTRUCTION HOURS, THE PERMITTEES SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL CREW
15 VEHICLES ARE PARKED ON SITE OR IN DESIGNATED AREAS WITH NO
16 PARKING IN ANY PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY. AND THEN 5, DUST
17 MITIGATION. THE PERMITTEE SHALL USE WATER TRUCKS AS NEEDED,
18 COVER STOCKPILES, STABILIZE SITE ENTRANCES, ENFORCE A 15 MILE
19 PER HOUR ON-SITE SPEED LIMIT, AND COMPLY WITH ALL DUST
20 MITIGATION STANDARDS REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY CODE. AND LAST BUT
21 NOT LEAST, DARK SKY COMPLIANT LIGHTING. DURING CONSTRUCTION,
22 THE PERMITTEE SHALL ONLY USE SHIELDED DOWNWARD AIMED MOTION
23 ACTIVATED SECURITY LIGHTING WITH NO CONSTANT ILLUMINATION.
24 WITH THAT, THE MOTION IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE IT SECONDED BY
25 SUPERVISOR HAHN. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE



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1 ROLL?

2

3 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, PUBLIC HEARING IS
4 NOW CLOSED. ITEM 3 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

5

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

7

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

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

12

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

15

16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

17

18 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE.
19 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

20

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

22

23 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION
24 CARRIES, 4 TO 0. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON
25 ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS, INCLUDING CLOSED SESSION



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1 MATTERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AT THIS TIME, WE WILL HEAR
2 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL
3 ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION BY SUPERVISORS, INCLUDING CLOSED
4 SESSION MATTERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THESE CONSENT
5 ITEMS WILL BE ACTED UPON WITH ONE MOTION. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
6 PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS, PLEASE
7 USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE. IF YOU ARE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR 3,
8 IF ON A TELEPHONE, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS
9 THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS IN THE BEGINNING OF YOUR COMMENT FOR
10 US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME.

11
12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW CALL IN PERSON SPEAKERS AND
13 WHILE THEY'RE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE REMOTE SPEAKERS.
14 THIS WILL BE FOR ALL ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD FOR
15 DISCUSSION, INCLUDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC
16 COMMENT. JERRY JONES, EVERETT TAYLOR, MADHI MANJI, BRITTANY
17 MASON, HEATHER MOORE, GIANNA LUNA-HERNANDEZ, MUZME ALEMAN,
18 JANET KELLY, DAUNDREA DAVIS, CELINA ALVAREZ, TARA BROWN,
19 MARIALYCE PETERSON, ERIKA HARTMAN, MARCEL FARMER, OLGA FLORES,
20 JOSEPH RAMOS, AND DR. KRIDIKAL TRUTHBAY. WILL CALLER PLEASE
21 STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN?

22
23 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** YES, AS AN L.A. RESIDENT, I RECENTLY CALLED
24 IN TO MAKE SOME PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING STREET TAKEOVERS. IN
25 TODAY'S SOCIETY, LAW AND ORDER IS WRAPPED UP NICELY IN A BOW



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1 IN WITHIN ONE HOUR. IT WAS A LITTLE BLURB ON THE LOCAL NEWS
2 REGARDING LAW ENFORCEMENT'S FOLLOW-UP REGARDING STREET
3 TAKEOVERS, BECAUSE I WAS CRITICAL REGARDING THE LACK OF LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT'S HANDLING OF STREET TAKEOVERS RIGHT IN FRONT OF
5 THEM SO I APPRECIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT'S EFFORT AND I'M HOPING
6 THAT THAT LITTLE BURP WILL BE ONLY THE BEGINNING TO LAW
7 ENFORCEMENT AND SOCIETIES LOOKING BACK ON STREET TAKEOVERS IN
8 THE NEAR FUTURE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

9

10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE'LL CALL OUR 909595. YOUR LINE
11 IS ADMITTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT
12 YOU'RE ADDRESSING.

13

14 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** THIS IS ROY HUMPHRETS, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, GENERAL
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. I CALLED SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S OFFICE USING,
16 ASKING TO BE PROVIDED WITH A LIST OF ANY AND ALL ETHNIC OR
17 RACIAL GROUPS WHO HAVE BURNED AND LOOTED THEIR OWN TOWN'S
18 BUSINESSES AND MURDERED INNOCENT PERSONS IN THEIR PROTEST OF
19 PERCEIVED WRONG BY ANOTHER ETHNIC RACIAL GROUP. I'M STILL
20 WAITING FOR THAT TO COME BACK IN. DO BLACK LIVES REALLY
21 MATTER? THERE'S SOME CONSIDERATION FOR THAT. AND CHECK OUT
22 JESSE PETERSON, ALAN WEST, THOMAS SOWELL, AND CANDACE OWEN,
23 AND GET THEIR, CANDACE OWEN'S WHITE LIVES MATTER T-SHIRT.
24 VICTOR DAVIS HANSON IS A LITTLE SALT AND PEPPER IN THE
25 SITUATION. AND I'M STILL WAITING FOR THE DECLARATION OF THE



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1 MAY 4TH AS THE ROY HUMPHRIES DAY FOR THE COUNTY TO CELEBRATE.
2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER 951809, PLEASE STATE YOUR
5 NAME, THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND BEGIN.

6

7 **MATT BUCK:** HI, MATT BUCK, ITEM 7A. THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT
8 ASSOCIATION CONTINUES TO SYMPATHIZE WITH EVERYONE IMPACTED BY
9 THE TRAGIC FIRESTORMS THAT OCCURRED IN JANUARY. THROUGHOUT
10 THIS EMERGENCY, CAA HAS REPEATEDLY CALLED FOR STRICT
11 ENFORCEMENT OF THE ANTI-PRICE GOUGING LAW AND REAFFIRMED OUR
12 COMMITMENT TO ETHICAL RENTAL PRACTICES. AS WE CONTINUE TO
13 REBUILD AND MOVE FORWARD, CAA RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE
14 COUNTY BEGIN THE PROCESS OF STAGING OUT THE CURRENT PENAL CODE
15 396 DECLARATION. THANK YOU.

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. HECTOR RAMIREZ, PLEASE STATE THE
18 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND BEGIN. HECTOR RAMIREZ,
19 PLEASE BEGIN. HECTOR RAMIREZ, PLEASE BEGIN.

20

21 **HECTOR RAMIREZ:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES.

24

25 **HECTOR RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU. I WANTED TO THANK EACH AND EVERYONE



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1 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR DEDICATED WORK. JUST
2 WITNESSING THE PRIORITIES THAT YOU ARE FACED TO BURDEN AND
3 TAKE CARE OF RIGHT NOW RATHER THAN ALL THE FANTASTIC WORK THAT
4 EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU HAVE BEEN PLANNING AND DOING FOR
5 YOUR COMMUNITIES. I'M GRATEFUL THAT YOU CREATE THIS SPACE AND
6 MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE TO OUR COMMUNITY. AS COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT
7 MIGHT NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH PROCESSES OR RULES OR BECOMING IN
8 CRISIS, I ENCOURAGE PERHAPS YOU HAVE SOME SORT OF SUPPORT FOR
9 THOSE OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT ARE PLANNING TO SPEAK, WHO
10 MIGHT GET CONFUSED, OR MIGHT NEED SOME CLARIFICATION. IT'S
11 REALLY IMPORTANT TO MAKE THIS A SAFE PLACE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
12 FOR EVERYBODY, PARTICULARLY WOMEN AND PEOPLE FLEEING DOMESTIC
13 VIOLENCE. I'M SO THANKFUL AND GRATEFUL FOR EACH AND ONE OF
14 YOU. THANK YOU.

15
16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CATHY DEROSE. PLEASE.

17
18 **CATHY DEROSE:** TAKING MY CALL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. I WANTED
19 TO ADDRESS BOTH ITEM 7A AND 7B. WHILE I CAN APPRECIATE THE
20 NEED FOR ANTI-GOUGEING RESTRICTIONS FOLLOWING THE DEVASTATING
21 L.A. FIRES, THE TIME HAS COME TO END THIS DECLARATION NOT TO
22 EXTEND IT. I'M A SEASONED REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL. I'VE
23 WORKED WITH MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS AND TENANTS ALIKE I CAN TELL
24 YOU THAT THERE ARE PLENTY OF MARKET RATE RENTAL PROPERTIES
25 CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AND ANYONE ASKING TOO MUCH FOR THEIR



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1 PROPERTY WILL FIND THAT THEY WILL NEED TO REDUCE THEIR ASKING
2 PRICE TO MARKET RENTS IN ORDER TO FILL THE VACANCIES. THE
3 MARKET WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF AT THIS JUNCTURE. CONTINUING
4 TO EXTEND THESE RESTRICTIONS WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT FOR
5 BOTH MOM AND POP, LANDLORDS AND TENANTS, WHICH I DO NOT HAVE
6 TIME TO ELABORATE ON AT THIS MOMENT, BUT EQUAL IMPORTANCE IS
7 LOSING FAITH IN GRANTING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS WHEN
8 THEY EXTEND BEYOND WHAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED TEMPORARY AND
9 REASONABLE I THEREFORE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT SOME MAY BE
10 REJECTED AT THIS TIME ALSO ON 7A I'M SORRY 7B AGAIN I
11 RECOGNIZE THE GOOD INTENT WHEN DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY
12 LOCALLY THAT WILL HELP BRING RESOURCES TO OUR AREA, HOWEVER IT
13 IS IMPERATIVE TO USE THIS POWER JUDICIOUSLY. BY AND LARGE THE
14 COUNTY EXPERIENCED A STORM THAT WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE A
15 DEVASTATING DISASTER COMPARED TO THE L.A. FIRES AND OTHER
16 DISASTERS. THE PROBLEM WITH DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AT
17 THIS TIME IS A BIT LIKE CRYING WOLF. IN ADDITION, THE OTHER
18 CONCERNS IS THAT THE ENTIRE COUNTY IS SUDDENLY SUBJECT TO ALL
19 SORTS OF RESTRICTIONS AND MORATORIA WITH UNINTENDED
20 CONSEQUENCES THAT GET EXTENDED WELL INTO THE NEXT DECLARED
21 STATE OF EMERGENCY. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT 7B BE REJECTED
22 AT THIS TIME AS WELL. AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME
23 IN ALLOWING ME TO COMMENT.

24
25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER 310245, PLEASE STATE YOUR



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1 NAME, THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND BEGIN.

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3 **MEL BAILEY:** HI, I'M MEL BAILEY, DISTRICT 2 AND GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT. JUST TWO INQUIRIES. 1, WAS THERE ANY, I MEAN, IS
5 THERE ANY UPDATE AS RELATES TO THE STREET TAKEOVERS? WE HAD AN
6 INCIDENT OUT HERE IN OUR DISTRICT AND I LISTENED TO YOU ALL
7 WEEKLY AND JUST WANTED TO KNOW WERE THERE ANY UPDATES. AND
8 THEN SECONDARILY, SOMETHING THAT I'VE ASKED FOR A WHILE IS FOR
9 AN ASBESTOS ASSESSMENT WITH YOUR COUNTY FACILITIES AND
10 BUILDINGS AT LEAST ON BEHALF FOR YOUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AS WELL
11 AS YOUR COUNTY CONSTITUENTS THAT VISIT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS.
12 WE HAVE A GOOD AMOUNT OF BUILDINGS THAT ARE ASBESTOS RIDDEN
13 AND JUST THINK THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF
14 EVERYONE IF THOSE CAN BE IDENTIFIED OR EVALUATED AND
15 CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKING PLACE. OTHER THEN THAT, THANK YOU,
16 AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE.

17

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

22

23 **JOSEPH RAMOS:** JOSEPH RAMOS ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT
24 ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 7A
25 AND 7B. AGLA STRONGLY OPPOSES YET ANOTHER EMERGENCY



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1 DECLARATION, THIS TIME BASED ON THE RECENT STORM. IN WINTER,
2 STORMS ARE A COMMON OCCURRENCE AND NOT AN EMERGENCY. THE
3 MUDSLIDES ARE CONTAINED TO AREAS THAT HAD EXPERIENCED THE
4 RECENT WILDFIRES. THUS, ANY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE THAT IS NEEDED
5 SHOULD BE A CONTINUATION OF THE WILDFIRE EMERGENCY RATHER THAN
6 A WHOLLY NEW EMERGENCY BASED ON AN ORDINARY WINTER STORM.
7 THESE MOTIONS INDICATE A HIGHLY DISTURBING PATTERN BY THE
8 SUPERVISOR TO DECLARE NEW EMERGENCIES AT ANY TIME. THEY APPEAR
9 TO BE INTENTIONAL AND RUN AROUND STATE LAW TO FORCE ALL RENTAL
10 HOUSING PROPERTIES UNDER RENT RESTRICTIONS BY ABUSING AN
11 EXTRAORDINARY POWER SPECIFICALLY RESERVED FOR RARE EMERGENCY
12 SITUATIONS WITH MASSIVE IMPACT. WE URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO
13 REJECT BOTH MOTIONS. AT A MINIMUM, WE REQUEST THAT ANY MOTION
14 THAT IS PASSED CONTAIN A TERMINATION DATE OF TEN BUSINESS DAYS
15 AS A DURATION FOR THIS NEW EMERGENCY. SUCH A DATE CERTAIN WILL
16 PROVIDE THE COUNTY SUFFICIENT TIME TO QUALIFY FOR ADDITIONAL
17 FUNDING WITHOUT CAUSING UNDUE HARM TO RENTAL HOUSING
18 PROVIDERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

21
22 **HEATHER MOORE:** HELLO, MY NAME IS HEATHER MOORE. I USED TO BE A
23 TAY-LIFE COACH AT THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM --

24
25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** PULL IT CLOSER SO WE CAN HEAR YOU.



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2 **HEATHER MOORE:** AT THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. ONLY TO ONCE
3 CONSIDER THAT MY COMMUNITY, I WAS SEVERELY BETRAYED,
4 BLACKLISTED AND TARGETED. I WAS TERMINATED FOR LYING, BUT I
5 WAS TOLD TO LIE ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE KIDS. I BELIEVE IN
6 EFFECTIVE REHABILITATION, AS I MYSELF DO. I WAS SEXUALLY
7 ASSAULTED BY MY COLLEAGUE AND I HAVE BEEN TARGETED SINCE THEN.
8 IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THE REHABILITATION FOR THEM HAS GOTTEN
9 MEMORIZED, IT'S ALL JUST AN ACT. IT'S JUST A REPETITIVE THING,
10 A SERIES OF REPETITIVE CURRICULUM THAT THEY LEARNED TO ENGRAVE
11 AND MEMORIZE AND TO FOOL EVERYONE. JUST THINK TWICE WHEN IT
12 COMES TO THE SAFETY OF YOUR PEOPLE. YOU GUYS ARE PUBLIC
13 SERVANTS AND I BELIEVE MONEY IS AN ISSUE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** CAN I ASK SOMEONE OVER HERE, CAN
18 YOU RAISE YOUR HAND? AND I'D LIKE TO GET MORE INFORMATION AND
19 WE'LL FOLLOW UP WITH YOU. OVER HERE, HE'S RIGHT THERE. RAISE
20 YOUR HAND. YEAH. WHAT OTHER ITEM DID YOU SIGN UP FOR? OKAY.
21 ADD ANOTHER MINUTE.

22

23 **HEATHER MOORE:** OKAY. SO, I AM A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVOR. I
24 PROVIDED MY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INFORMATION TO ST. JOSEPH,
25 THINKING THAT THAT'S THE PROGRAM THAT I WOULD BE FUNDED IN,



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1 UNFORTUNATELY MY CASE MANAGER DECIDED TO TAKE IT UPON HERSELF
2 AND PUT ME IN LAHSA. WITHIN THE YEAR OF WHERE I WAS HOUSED AT
3 THAT THEY PICKED FOR ME, I WAS HARASSED, THEY BROKE INTO MY
4 APARTMENT, I WAS POISONED, I TRIED TO MAKE POLICE REPORTS, AND
5 SOMETIMES, UNLESS I WENT DOWN TO LAPD, I WAS ABLE TO MAKE A
6 POLICE REPORT. IF THEY CAME TO MY APARTMENT THE COPS WOULD
7 LOOK THE OTHER WAY. I'VE GONE VERY PUBLIC ABOUT MY SITUATION
8 AS BEST AS I COULD ON SOCIAL MEDIA BECAUSE IT SEEMS AS THOUGH
9 THEY JUST WANTED TO SILENCE ME.

10

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

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13 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME [INAUDIBLE]. IS HAVING A NEW A
14 GENERAL PUBLIC RESIDENT OF COUNTY DISTRICT 2 I'M HERE TO
15 REQUEST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR ISSUE OF PUBLIC STATE.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** CAN WE REQUEST SOMEONE TALK TO THE PREVIOUS -

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20 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** PREVIEW STRUCTURE?

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22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD YOUR TIME FOR A MINUTE.
23 I WANTED SOMEONE, YEAH, HERE HE COMES. HE'S WALKING DOWN THE
24 CENTER AISLE. I WANT SOMEONE TO GATHER, GET YOUR INFORMATION.

25



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1 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** MINE?

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3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, NO, NO, NO, NO. NO, WE'RE
4 GOING TO RESET YOUR CLOCK. SORRY ABOUT THAT. YEAH, OKAY, IT'S
5 YOUR TURN. RESET THE CLOCK, PLEASE, FOR HER. THANKS.

6

7 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** I'M HERE TO REQUEST FROM THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS ISSUE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT CONDEMNING COMPTON'S
9 FAILURE TO ADDRESS HATE SPEECH AND THREATS FROM BISHOP
10 GUILLORY, THE CHAIR OF SAFETY COMMITTEE ON THE, TOWARDS
11 LATINOS AND UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS. I HAVE SUBMITTED EMAILS,
12 TIMELINE AND SCREENSHOT OF THE THREAT OF THE CURRENT CHAIR OF
13 THE SAFETY COMMITTEE. I UNDERSTAND COMPTON IS A CHARTER CITY,
14 BUT COMPTON REMAINS SUBJECT TO THE COUNTY'S, COUNTY'S, PART OF
15 THE COUNTY, AND RACISM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND A
16 COUNTYWIDE MANDATE TO ADDRESS SYSTEMIC RACISM, HATE, RHETORIC,
17 AND THAT DAMAGES OUR HEALTH AND OUR TRUST IN PUBLIC
18 INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY. SO TODAY I'M ASKING TO PLEASE
19 STAND WITH THE 70% OF COMPTON RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN
20 THREATENED WITH THE IMMIGRATION CZAR TO COME AND CHECK OUR
21 STATUS. AND JUST TO -- [SPEAKER PLAYED AUDIO RECORDING]: NEXT
22 TIME WE'LL BE GOING TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH THE BORDER CZAR
23 TO ACTUALLY COME DOWN HERE AND WORK IN THIS COMMUNITY,
24 ENSURING THAT EVERYBODY THAT IS HERE --

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

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3 **HEATHER VARDEN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS HEATHER VARDEN, SEIU 721
4 STEWART REPRESENTING FRONTLINE LAHSA EMPLOYEES. I'M HERE
5 BECAUSE THE SPEED OF THIS TRANSITION PAIRED WITH THE DEEP CUTS
6 BEING PROPOSED ARE DEEPLY ALARMING. THE COUNTY AGREED TO ONLY
7 EXPLORE CHARTER SECTION 56 3/4 WITHOUT ANY GUARANTEE OF A REAL
8 TRANSFER FOR THE CURRENT FRONTLINE WORKFORCE. AND WHILE THAT
9 UNCERTAINTY CONTINUES, MAJOR BUDGET REDUCTIONS ARE BEING
10 PUSHED FORWARD WITHOUT A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF WHICH PROGRAMS
11 ARE ACTUALLY SOLVING HOMELESSNESS. WE STILL HAVE NOT SEEN A
12 STAFFING MODEL, A CLEAR HR PROCESS, OR ANY PLAN ENSURING
13 SERVICE CONTINUITY. TODAY'S BUDGET CONVERSATIONS ARE CRITICAL,
14 BUT WITHOUT ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED DEEP CUTS, THE SYSTEM
15 WILL FOIL THE VERY PEOPLE IT IS MEANT TO SERVE. WHEN THE
16 WORKERS WHO KNOW THE ENCAMPMENTS KNOW THE CLIENTS AND BUILD
17 THE TRUST THAT LEADS TO HOUSING IS PUSHED OUT, PROGRESS WILL
18 REVERSE. MORE PEOPLE WILL RETURN TO HOMELESSNESS, MORE TRAUMA
19 WILL BE CREATED. MEASURE A PROMISE.

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

22

23 **KATIE SHENG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KATIE
24 SHENG, AND I'M A LAHSA EMPLOYEE AND UNION STEWARD. I WANT TO
25 SHARE AN ANECDOTE FROM A COLLEAGUE WHO USED THE CONCIERGE



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1 SERVICE. MY COLLEAGUE APPLIED FOR A COUNTY JOB AND CONTACTED
2 DHR TO REQUEST THE CONCIERGE SERVICE. HE WAS PUT IN TOUCH WITH
3 A DHR ANALYST WHO MET WITH HIM ONE ON ONE. THE ANALYST KNEW
4 THE POINT OF CONTACT FOR THE JOB HE APPLIED TO. SHE HAD EVEN
5 WORKED WITH HIM FOR 20 YEARS BUT WAS NOT ALLOWED TO CONTACT
6 THE POINT OF CONTACT REGARDING MY COLLEAGUE'S APPLICATION. SHE
7 THEN TOLD HIM SHE DIDN'T THINK HE WAS A STRONG APPLICANT AND
8 POINTED HIM TO A HANDFUL OF JOBS THAT WERE 20 TO \$30,000 LESS
9 THAN HIS CURRENT SALARY. SHE ALSO RECOMMENDED AN INTERNSHIP
10 PROGRAM WHICH AGAIN WOULD REQUIRE A HUGE PAY CUT AND BE A STEP
11 DOWN FROM HIS CURRENT POSITION. THE CONCIERGE IS A WELCOME
12 SERVICE. HOWEVER, I USE THIS EXAMPLE TO ILLUSTRATE THAT IT
13 DOES NOT IN ANY MATERIAL WAY PRIORITIZE LAHSA EMPLOYEES. IT IS
14 NOT A TRANSITION PLAN AND DOES A DISSERVICE TO LAHSA EMPLOYEES
15 TO PACKAGE IT AS SUCH. AGAIN, WE ARE ASKING FOR CHARTER
16 SECTION 56 3/4 TO TRULY TRAIN.

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

19
20 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS LYDIA SCHMITZ AND I WANTED TO
21 TALK ABOUT THE BUDGET AND WHERE FUNDS ARE GOING TO BE
22 ALLOCATED BECAUSE HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM IN SALT LAKE CITY WAS
23 VERY SUCCESSFUL. IT HAD A 70% SUCCESS RATE. IT WAS WHY THE
24 HOUSING BUDGET WAS AWARDED \$250,000,000,000, EVEN THOUGH THE
25 ECONOMISTS ONLY REQUIRED \$20,000,000,000 FOR THE PROGRAM. AND



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1 SO ANYWAYS, ALL THIS MONEY IS JUST BEING PLACED INTO, HOUSING
2 FIRST WAS LIKE PUT PEOPLE ON APARTMENTS FIRST AND THEN
3 TREATMENT. HOUSING FIRST THEN TREATMENT. SO, THE WAY L.A. IS
4 DOING THINGS IS THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE AND IT'S BEEN PROVEN TO
5 BE INEFFECTIVE. THERE'S ANOTHER WAY OF DOING THINGS THAT IS
6 EFFECTIVE. SO WHY IS IT, WHY ARE THINGS BEING DONE THE WAY
7 THAT WE KNOW IT DOESN'T WORK? IT DOESN'T WORK TO PUT PEOPLE
8 INTO SHELTERS. IT DOESN'T WORK TO PUT PEOPLE INTO SHELTERS. IT
9 DOESN'T WORK TO PUT PEOPLE INTO THESE FAULTY TREATMENT
10 PROGRAMS. IT DOESN'T WORK. SO WHY ARE WE DOING IT THAT WAY
11 WHEN IT'S BEEN PROVEN LIKE WITH THIS PROGRAM, LIKE THAT IT WAS
12 70% SUCCESSFUL, THAT HOUSING PEOPLE FIRST, PUTTING PEOPLE INTO
13 APARTMENTS, PUTTING PEOPLE INTO HOMES. FIRST IS WHAT WORKS,
14 AND THEN TREATMENT, AND THEN REHABILITATION.

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

17
18 **OSCAR MARTINEZ:** GREETINGS BOARD, MY NAME IS OSCAR MARTINEZ.
19 I'M CONTINUING WITH THE LAST TIME I STAND, FROM THE LAST WEEK
20 I STAND UP HERE RIGHT HERE. I COME AND PLEASE AGAIN, WE SWEEP
21 AWAY EVERYTHING THAT IS CORRUPT INSIDE THE GOVERNMENT UNIT OF
22 THE LABOR COMMISSION UNDER SUPERVISION OF STEVE WAGNER. LOOK
23 AT THIS. HE CHALLENGED ME BY DENYING ME THE COLLECTION PROCESS
24 FOR A WAGE CLAIM GRANT BY A JUDGE AT THE STANLEY MUSK SUPERIOR
25 COURT OF LOS ANGELES BACK IN 2018. TWO MONTHS AFTER I WAS



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1 AWARDED, I CAME TO THE LABOR COMMISSION TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE
2 COLLECTION FOR MY AWARD AND ROSA MURILLO RESPONDED THAT THEY
3 WON'T FOLLOW WITH THE COLLECTION OF MY AWARD AND IF I HAVE
4 INQUIRIES I CALL WAGNER AND WHAT I SAY THAT HE WILL FOLLOW HIS
5 DEPUTIES ADVICE IN THE GOVERNMENT UNIT AND IF I WANT TO
6 COLLECT MY MONEY I SHOULD WITHDRAW MY CLAIM AND FIND SOMEONE
7 ELSE TO HELP ME TO COLLECT IT. WELL, I CAN CONTINUE NEXT WEEK.
8 THIS TIME IS SHORT, BUT IT'S TERRIBLE. IT'S CRITICAL. IT'S A
9 CRIMINAL THING.

10

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

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13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WHERE DO YOU RESIDE?

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WHERE DO YOU LIVE? IN DOWNTOWN?

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17 **OSCAR MARTINEZ:** ON 27TH STREET IN FIGUEROA. I LEFT A CLAIM TO,
18 WELL, YEAH, I LEFT A CLAIM WITH THE HOLLY MITCHELL OFFICE TO
19 HAVE ASSISTANCE TO HAVE A LOOK AT THIS MATTER BECAUSE THERE'S
20 A CRIME. LAST WEEK I COME AND TOLD YOU ABOUT HOW IT STARTED
21 BACK IN 2015.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, SHE HAS THE INFORMATION,
24 WE'LL FOLLOW UP, ALL RIGHT.

25



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY, THANK YOU. GRACIAS.

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

4

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

6

7 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** YEP GO AHEAD HI MY NAME IS AND I WANT TO
8 LIKE LIVE CLOSER TO MY SCHOOL LIKE I'M MISTAKING THE VAN WITH
9 MY FRIENDS IN SCHOOL AND LIKE WALKING AND NOW I'M LIKE SO FAR
10 AWAY FROM SCHOOL AND LIKE I HAVE LIKE A LOT OF SOME LIKE TESTS
11 COMING UP AND LIKE NEXT MONTH OR SOMETHING BEFORE WINTER
12 BREAK. AND LIKE I'M LIKE TWO HOURS AWAY. SO, I WANT TO BE LIKE
13 MOVED CLOSER TO MY SCHOOL. AND I WANT LIKE MY FRIENDS TO COME
14 OVER AND LIKE, THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** HI, I'M ZOE. I WANTED TO SPEAK ON PUBLIC
19 COMMENT. I JUST WANT TO TALK ABOUT HOW L.A. FAMILY HOUSE AND
20 JESUS CHAVEZ HAVE BEEN DOING. SO, A LOT OF STUFF HAS BEEN
21 HAPPENING. LIKE, THEY HAD KICKED US OUT OF OUR HOTEL. IT WAS
22 RAINING. OUR SPEAKER GOT DAMAGED. A LOT OF THINGS OF OUR
23 EQUIPMENT GOT MESSED UP. LIKE OUR SPEAKER, IT WON'T TURN ON,
24 THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY FOR US TO MAKE MONEY. WE USED TO GO TO
25 HOLLYWOOD, BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE THEY MOVED US OVER THERE BY



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1 HOLLYWOOD TO THE MOTEL 6, AND THEN SO THAT'S HOW WE, BECAUSE
2 WE USED TO DO KARAOKE, SO NOW OUR SPEAKER IS DAMAGED. I HAVE
3 SHOWS AND STUFF LIKE DEBBIE ALLEN HOT CHOCOLATE NUTCRACKER AND
4 IT'S COMING UP IN LIKE EIGHT DAYS. I HAVE REHEARSAL TO BE
5 TODAY AT 4:30 AND I HAVE TO BE HERE AND STUFF FOR THAT. THANK
6 YOU.

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

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10 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS FRIYEH AND IN THE RAIN, ALL
11 THIS STUFF, IT GOT WET AND STUFF. AND ALL OF OUR SPEAKERS IS
12 DAMAGED. SO YEAH.

13

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

15

16 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** HI, I'M ALI, AND WHEN WE WAS TRAVELING AT
17 SEVEN IN THE MORNING, ALL OF OUR STUFF GOT WET, AND THEN WHEN
18 WE POURED THE WATER OUT IT WAS SO MUCH WATER COMING OUT OF IT.

19

20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** SAY HI. HI, THANK YOU. HI, MY NAME IS LACEY
23 STEVENSON. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE TRAGEDY THAT'S BEEN
24 HAPPENING WITH MY FAMILY OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS. LIKE I WAS
25 SAYING, MY CHILDREN AND I WERE FORCED OUT OF FAMILY HOUSING



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1 BASED ON A LIE. I'VE PROVEN THE LIE OVER AND OVER AGAIN. NOT
2 ONLY DID L.A. FAMILY HOUSING MOVE ME TO THE HOUSE, BUT I MOVED
3 ALL OF MY STUFF IN. MY STUFF IS STILL AT THAT HOUSE. I NEED MY
4 STUFF, GETTING MY STUFF RETRIEVED. I ALSO, LIKE I SAID, MY SON
5 IS AN AMAZING, TALENTED YOUNG ARTIST. ALL OF THEM ARE. ALL OF
6 THEM ARE. ALI, COME BACK UP HERE. ALI IS WEARING SOME OF THE
7 ART RIGHT NOW. IT'S KZTUNES. THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH
8 THIS. SO MUCH OF THE ART WAS DAMAGED. THEY MADE US MOVE FROM
9 PLACE TO PLACE. EVERY 14 DAYS, WE'VE HAD TO MOVE, AND I HAD A
10 SECTION 8 VOUCHER. IT MAKES NO SENSE THAT WE HAD TO DO THIS,
11 ALL BASED ON ME SPEAKING UP FOR MYSELF AND TELLING THEM THAT
12 L.A. FAMILY HOUSING COMMUNITY DAD CESAR CHAVEZ, HOPPIX AND AS
13 WELL AS GENESEE CENTER THEY PUT ME OUT WHEN MY BABY WAS FIVE
14 DAYS OLD ALL BECAUSE I BROUGHT MY ELDERLY MOTHER WHO'S 70
15 SOMETHING YEARS OLD AND DISABLED TO COME AND LIVE WITH US. AT
16 MIDNIGHT, THEY WERE KICKING US OUT AND THREW ALL OF US OUT. I
17 HAVE ALL OF THAT FOOTAGE OVER THE LAST SEVERAL --

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

20
21 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** OKAY, SO AS YOU HEARD, SOME OF THE
22 FAMILIES, WE'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH THIS FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS.
23 THIS IS WHY LAHSA IS DEFUNDED. THIS IS WHY YOU HAVE A NEW
24 HOMELESS SYSTEM. I AM TIRED OF LAHSA DENYING US HMIS ACCESS AS
25 A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DOING THE GROUNDWORK. MANY OF THE



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1 CLIENTS THAT COME HERE BECAUSE THEY HAVE YOU FUND SYSTEMS THAT
2 ARE FAILED. KATHRYN BARGER, I NEED YOU TO LOOK AT ME. IT'S
3 ONLY 35 SECONDS. BECAUSE YOUR OFFICE IS DEPLORABLE WHEN IT
4 COMES TO, EXCEPT FOR TYLER CASH, HE DID TRY TO HELP, BUT YOU
5 ARE THE RICHEST DISTRICT, SO I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO UNDERSTAND
6 WHAT SHE'S GOING THROUGH, BUT I DO EXPECT YOU TO AT LEAST LOOK
7 AT US AND PRETEND THAT YOU CARE, OKAY? THERE ARE MORE THINGS
8 IMPORTANT THAN CIGARETTES AND WINE AND SALMON DINNERS. OKAY,
9 YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO THESE CONSTITUENTS TO MAKE SURE
10 THAT THEY HAVE FREE, FAIR, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND TO RESPECT
11 THE NONPROFITS THAT BRING YOU THE SOLUTIONS AND NOT GIVE US
12 THE RUN AROUND. SO, SARAH MAHIN, I HOPE THAT SHE ACTUALLY HAS
13 A DIFFERENT ROUTE.

14
15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR
16 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS.

17
18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU WANTED TO
19 SAY SOMETHING?

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21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I DO. FIRST OF
22 ALL, TO THE SECOND DISTRICT CONSTITUENT WHO CALLED ABOUT
23 STREET TAKEOVERS. IT WILL BE UP ON OUR AGENDA NEXT WEEK. YOU
24 KNOW, IT'S AN ITEM THAT COMES TO US CORELY AND I HOLD IT EVERY
25 MEETING SO WE CAN GET THAT UPDATE. SECONDLY, WE ALL REPRESENT



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1 ABOUT 2 1/2 MILLION PEOPLE. AND SO, WHEN I GET CALLS INTO MY
2 DISTRICT, INTO MY OFFICE, WE PRIORITIZE SECOND DISTRICT
3 RESIDENTS. SO, THE CALLER WHO FOR WHATEVER REASON WANTS TO ASK
4 ME ABOUT BLACK-ON-BLACK CRIME, HE DOES NOT LIVE IN THE SECOND
5 DISTRICT. SO, MY OFFICE WON'T BE RESPONDING. I'M NOT SURE HOW
6 HE'S GOING TO GET THE INFORMATION HE SEEKS, BUT WE WON'T BE
7 RESPONDING. I'VE GOT CONSTITUENTS THAT I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR
8 RESPONDING TO. THANK YOU.

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

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12 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
13 BOARD, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. 4 AND 5 ON ITEM 7A
14 WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE. 7B, THESE
15 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH,
18 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH THE
19 EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
20 ROLL.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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

2 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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

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

7 SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

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

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

12 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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14 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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

17 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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

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

22 CARRIES, 5 TO 0. WE WILL NOW PROCEED WITH THE ADJOURNMENT.

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

25 ADJOURNMENT TODAY.



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2 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR,
3 COLLEAGUES. I KNOW WE DON'T USUALLY DO AIMS ON THIS BOARD
4 MEETING, BUT I HOPE AS THAT ALL OF US ARE METRO BOARD MEMBERS
5 THAT YOU WILL JOIN WITH ME IN THIS VERY TRAGIC ADJOURNING
6 MEMORY. TODAY COLLEAGUES, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
7 TANYA PERRY, A BELOVED MOTHER AND MEMBER OF THE METRO FAMILY.
8 SHE WAS BORN ON JUNE 7, 1975, AND TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY
9 NOVEMBER 2ND AT THE AGE OF 50. MS. PERRY LIVED IN THE CITY OF
10 INGLEWOOD AND JOINED METRO IN 2023, QUICKLY BECOMING A
11 CHERISHED PRESENCE AT DIVISION 7 IN WEST HOLLYWOOD. SHE WAS
12 KNOWN FOR HER WARMTH, PROFESSIONALISM, AND THE GENUINE CARE
13 SHE BROUGHT TO HER WORK EVERY DAY. SHE SERVED TENS OF
14 THOUSANDS OF CUSTOMERS ON SOME OF METRO'S BUSIEST LINES AND
15 WAS DEEPLY LOVED BY HER COLLEAGUES. SHE LIT UP THE DIVISION
16 WITH HER SMILE AND THE SWEET POTATO CUPCAKES SHE BROUGHT IN TO
17 SHARE WITH HER TEAM. TRAGICALLY, MS. PERRY'S LIFE WAS CUT
18 SHORT WHEN SHE WAS FATALLY STRUCK BY A HIT AND RUN DRIVER
19 WHILE ON A LAYOVER BETWEEN ROUTES IN THE EAGLE ROCK
20 NEIGHBORHOOD OF LOS ANGELES. HER SUDDEN LOSS HAS DEEPLY SHAKEN
21 THE METRO STAFF AND ALL WHO KNEW HER. HER COLLEAGUES
22 REMEMBERED HER AS SOMEONE WHOSE POSITIVITY LIFTED EVERY ROOM
23 SHE ENTERED. QUOTE, TANYA HAD A BEAUTIFUL SMILE, END QUOTE
24 SAID SMART TD LOCAL 1565 PRESIDENT WILLIAM LUCKY. SHE WAS THE
25 KIND OF WARM PERSON WHO ALWAYS HAD A HUG FOR EVERYONE THAT



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1 MADE YOUR DAY BETTER. HER POSITIVITY WILL BE MISSED AT METRO.
2 HER SISTER TARA LOGAN SHARED WITH KTLA THE PROFOUND GRIEF FELT
3 BY HER FAMILY SAYING, AND I QUOTE, MY SISTER WAS A VERY LOVING
4 PERSON. SHE WORKED EVERY DAY AND INSPIRED EVERYONE AROUND HER.
5 SHE ALSO NOTED THAT TANYA HAD RECENTLY LAUNCHED A BAKING
6 BUSINESS, FOREVER SWEETS, A FITTING REFLECTION OF THE
7 GENEROSITY AND CREATIVITY SHE BROUGHT TO HER LIFE AND WORK.
8 MS. PERRY IS SURVIVED BY AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HER
9 THREE CHILDREN, HER MOTHER, SIBLINGS, GRANDCHILDREN, AND A
10 LARGE EXTENDED FAMILY, AS WELL AS MANY FRIENDS AND METRO
11 CUSTOMERS. IN HONORING MS. TANYA PERRY TODAY, WE RECOGNIZE NOT
12 ONLY HER DEDICATED SERVICE, BUT ALSO THE LIGHT SHE BROUGHT TO
13 ALL WHO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING HER. MAY HER MEMORY BE A
14 BLESSING TO HER FAMILY, HER COLLEAGUES, AND THE COMMUNITY SHE
15 SERVED WITH GRACE AND DEVOTION. I KNOW A MEMBER OF HER FAMILY,
16 HER BROTHER, HAD INTENDED TO BE HERE, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT
17 THEY WERE PERHAPS ABLE TO JOIN US, MADAM CHAIR, BUT I HOPE
18 THAT YOU WILL ALL JOIN ME IN THIS ADJOURNMENT.

19
20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. ABSOLUTELY, THANK YOU
21 VERY MUCH. YEAH, THANK YOU FOR THAT ADJOURNMENT, SUPERVISOR
22 MITCHELL. WE WILL TAKE THE MOTION AS SECONDED. IF THERE'S NO
23 OBJECTION TO UNANIMOUS VOTE WITH ALL INCLUDED ON IT, THAT WILL
24 BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED
25 SESSION.



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2 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THE
3 BOARD WILL NOW BE GOING IN A CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH
4 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
5 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
6 NUMBER CS2, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AND ITEM
7 NUMBER CS3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, JOSEPH M.
8 NICCHITTA AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
9 AGENDA.

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11 **[CLOSED SESSION]**

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13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** WE ARE BACK IN SESSION. EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION COMING OUT OF CLOSED
15 SESSION.

16

17 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF
18 ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON NOVEMBER 25, 2025. ITEM
19 NUMBER CS2 AND CS3. NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN.

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S
22 MEETING. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD
23 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025, AT 9:30 A.M. WHERE SUPERVISOR HILDA
24 SOLIS WILL BE TAKING OVER AS THE CHAIR OF THIS BOARD. WITH
25 THAT, HAVE A HAPPY, HAPPY THANKSGIVING.



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

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
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13 related to any party to the said action; nor in anywise
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15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 5th day of December 2025, for the County records to be used
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