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BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2026

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING. BUENOS DIAS TO EVERYONE. WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY THE 3RD, 2026. WE TAKE NOTE THAT A QUORUM OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I'M SORRY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. AND THE SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST US TODAY. AND WE WILL NOW START THE MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

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

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

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY PASTOR TROY VAUGHAN, CHRIST-CENTERED MINISTRIES INGLEWOOD FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED BY ANTHONY MUNOZ, FORMER E3 LANCE CORPORAL, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, SYLMAR, REPRESENTING THE THIRD DISTRICT. IF YOU CAN, PLEASE STAND. THANK YOU.

PASTOR TROY VAUGHN: GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. LET US PAUSE TOGETHER FOR A MOMENT OF REFLECTION. TODAY WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE RESPONSIBILITY ENTRUSTED TO THIS BODY TO SERVE

THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH WISDOM, FAIRNESS, AND COMPASSION. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER FOR THE DIVERSITY OF PERSPECTIVES REPRESENTED HERE AND FOR THE SHARED COMMITMENT TO THE PUBLIC GOOD. I OFFER THIS INVOCATION FROM MY OWN FAITH TRADITION, GROUNDED IN THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST, TEACHINGS THAT CALL US TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR, CARE FOR THE VULNERABLE, PURSUE JUSTICE, AND WALK HUMBLY IN OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ONE ANOTHER. AS THIS MEETING BEGINS, MAY THOSE ENTRUSTED WITH LEADERSHIP BE GUIDED WITH CLARITY OF THOUGHT, INTEGRITY OF PURPOSE, AND MORAL COURAGE. MAY DECISIONS BE MADE TODAY REFLECT NOT ONLY SOUND POLICY, BUT GENUINE CONCERN FROM HUMAN DIGNITY, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE MOST IMPACTED BY THE OUTCOMES OF THESE DELIBERATIONS. FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, FOR THOSE RETURNING HOME FROM INCARCERATION SEEKING STABILITY AND OPPORTUNITY, FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN FRAGILE CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR SENIORS NAVIGATING ISOLATION, FOR INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS, AND FOR COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE CARRIED THE WEIGHT OF INEQUITY FAR TOO LONG. WE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE COUNTY STAFF AND FRONTLINE WORKERS, THOSE SERVING IN CLINICS, OFFICES, SHELTERS, COURTS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS, ASKING FOR STRENGTH, PROTECTION, AND ENCOURAGEMENT AS THEY CARE FOR OTHERS. WHERE THERE IS COMPLEXITY, MAY THERE BE WISDOM. WHERE THERE IS DISAGREEMENT, MAY THERE BE RESPECT. WHERE THERE IS WEIGHT OF SERVICE FEELS

HEAVY, MAY THERE BE PERSEVERANCE. MAY TODAY'S WORK ADVANCE FAIRNESS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND HOPE FOR ALL WHO CALL THIS COUNTY HOME. I OFFER THIS PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF RESPECT FOR ALL PEOPLE AND ALL BELIEFS IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST AND WHOM I FOLLOW. AMEN.

ANTHONY MUNOZ: PLEASE TURN AND FACE THE FLAG, PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER THE HEART. IF YOU'RE A VETERAN, YOU REMEMBER YOU RENDER A HAND SALUTE, JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. GOOD MORNING, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME PASTOR TROY VAUGHN AS TODAY'S INVOCATOR. PASTOR VAUGHN WAS ORDAINED AS A MINISTER IN 1996, AND FOLLOWING HIS ORDINATION, HE FELT A CONTINUED CALL TO SERVE INDIVIDUALS STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION AND BEGAN SHARING HIS TESTIMONY AND MESSAGE OF HOPE IN CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. HIS COMMITMENT TO THIS WORK IS DEEPLY INFORMED BY HIS OWN LIVED EXPERIENCE INCLUDING SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND A DIFFICULT TRANSITION HOME

THAT LED TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND SEVEN YEARS OF HOMELESSNESS ON SKID ROW. WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE UNION RESCUE MISSION'S RECOVERY PROGRAM, PASTOR VAUGHN RECOGNIZED SIGNIFICANT GAPS IN POST-TREATMENT SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY THE LACK OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND LONG-TERM STABILITY RESOURCES. MOTIVATED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, HE PURSUED DEGREES IN BUSINESS AND RELIGION AND BECAME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN CHURCH MINISTRY. IN 1999, HE AND HIS WIFE DARLENE FOUNDED CHRIST-CENTERED MINISTRIES. AND TODAY, THEY PARTNER WITH NEARLY 800 ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO CREATE PATHWAYS FROM HOMELESSNESS AND INCARCERATION TO LONG-TERM STABILITY. IN ADDITION TO HIS WORK WITH CCM, PASTOR VAUGHN SERVES AS CO-FOUNDER AND CEO OF THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL REENTRY PARTNERSHIP AND AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE L.A. MISSION. HIS LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AT LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL LEVELS, INCLUDING RECEIVING THE PRESIDENT'S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE. PASTOR VAUGHN, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR LOVELY WIFE FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION AND TO OUR COUNTY, TO THE PEOPLE YOU SERVE AND HOLD HEART IN YOUR HEART EVERY DAY AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO ALL WHO CALL L.A. COUNTY HOME. WE APPRECIATE YOU. PLEASE GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING ANTHONY MUNOZ, FORMER E3 LANCE CORPORAL IN THE MARINE CORPS, FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE TODAY. ANTHONY SERVED IN THE MARINE CORPS FROM 2003 THROUGH 2006, INCLUDING ARMED CONFLICT IN FALLUJAH, IRAQ, AS A PART OF THE OPERATION PHANTOM FURY. HE HAS RECEIVED MANY DECORATIONS, INCLUDING A PURPLE HEART, COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, IRAQI CAMPAIGN, NATIONAL DEFENSE RIBBON, AND GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR. ANTHONY CURRENTLY WORKS FOR SONY PICTURES AS A LOCAL 44 FABRICATOR. HE HAS TWO CHILDREN AND IN HIS FREE TIME ENJOYS HIKING AND CONNECTING WITH HIS FELLOW MARINES FROM PHANTOM FURY. HE IS ALSO A PROUD GRADUATE OF SYLMAR HIGH SCHOOL AND HE'S LIVED IN THE THIRD DISTRICT FOR 30 YEARS. ANTHONY, WE ARE SO PROUD TO CALL YOU A THIRD DISTRICT RESIDENT. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SERVICE AND EXAMPLE TO OUR COUNTY, TO OUR COUNTRY, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, TO PEOPLE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR INSPIRATION, YOU ARE THAT EXAMPLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR JOINING US TODAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THESE ARE GOING TO MAKE YOUR HEART MELT. WE HAVE DOUBLE TROUBLE WE'VE GOT TWO PUPPIES HERE TODAY THIS IS THE DYNAMIC DUO THIS IS PETER A TEN-WEEK-OLD TERRIER MIX AND HUNTER A DODGER FAN A TEN-WEEK-OLD PITBULL BOTH ARE

AFFECTIONATE SWEET BOYS AND THEY HAVE A LOT OF LOVE TO GIVE. PETER HAS BEEN AT THE AGOURA CARE CENTER SINCE CHRISTMAS EVE, AND HUNTER WAS ORIGINALLY FOUND IN LANCASTER AND WAS LATER TRANSFERRED DOWN TO THE AGOURA CENTER. AND I THINK HE WAS WITH HIS MOTHER AND A COUPLE OF OTHER LITTERED PUPPIES. AT THIS TIME, BOTH ARE HEALTHY, PLAYFUL PUPS, AND THEY DESERVE A HOME. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING EITHER PETER OR HUNTER, I KNOW BABY, CALL THE AGOURA CARE CENTER AT 818-991-0071 TO ADOPT PETER OR HUNTER TODAY AND THERE ARE MORE AS WELL THAT ARE UP FOR ADOPTION. AND NOW IF YOU'LL TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SCREEN FOR OUR PET FROM PALMDALE, MEET ESTRELLA, A THREE-YEAR-OLD PIT BULL. ESTRELLA IS A LITTLE SHY AT FIRST, BUT SHE IS DEFINITELY COMING INTO HER OWN. STAFF SAYS SHE LOVES TREATS, SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS, AND PLAYING WITH OTHER DOGS. JUST ENSURE SHE'S SAFE AND SECURE BECAUSE SHE CAN JUMP A SIX-FOOT FENCE. THAT'S QUITE A FENCE. IF YOU WANT TO TAKE HER HOME, YOU CAN CALL 661-575-2888. HER NUMBER IS A5751170 AND SHE CAN BE YOURS. AND THERE'S ALSO A PROMOTION IN PLAY RIGHT NOW FOR VALENTINE'S DAY. ALL SEVEN OF OUR CARE CENTERS ARE PARTICIPATING IN A MONTH-LONG PROMOTION WHERE ADOPTION FEES FOR ALL ANIMALS ARE JUST $14 THROUGH FEBRUARY. ADDITIONALLY, THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL ADOPTION EVENT THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, AT THE CANYON COUNTRY LIBRARY IN SANTA CLARITA FROM 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. THERE WILL ALSO BE SPECIAL ADOPTION FEES FOR THOSE PETS AS WELL. $20 FOR DOGS AND $5 FOR CATS. I HOPE YOU

WILL ALL CONSIDER GIVING A PET THE LOVE AND HOME THAT THEY DESERVE IN FEBRUARY. WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ADORABLE, PLEASE. VERY GOOD. SO, WITH THAT MEMBERS, LET'S TURN NOW TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WHO WILL CALL THE AGENDA.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTERS 1 AND 2. ON SET MATTER 1, THIS IS A REPORT BY THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON THE COUNTY'S BUDGET, INCLUDING THE LATEST FEDERAL AND STATE POLICY CHANGES WITH POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO COUNTY STAFF, CONTRACTED PROVIDERS, AND SERVICE DELIVERY. ON SET MATTER 1, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR REPORT. ON SET MATTER 2, THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MARCH 3, 2026, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 3, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 3-21. ON ITEM 7, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 10, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 15, THIS INCLUDES A CORRECTION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 15, THIS INCLUDES A CORRECTION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 18, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 16, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 22 THROUGH

47. ON ITEM 25, SUPERVISOR HORVATH IS RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308 BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN $500 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FOR ROGER FUGLIESE, WHO IS A PARTY PARTICIPANT OR AGENT OF A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDINGS. ON ITEM 28, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR REPORT. ON ITEM 29, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEMS 28 AND 29 WILL BE HELD TOGETHER. ON ITEM 32, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. ALSO ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR HORVATH WOULD LIKE TO BE RECORDED AS A NO VOTE. ON ITEM 33, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD TOGETHER WITH ITEM 45B. ON ITEM 34, SUPERVISOR HORVATH WOULD LIKE TO BE RECORDED AS A NO VOTE. ON PAGE 29, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 45A, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 45B, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD WITH ITEM 33. ON PAGE 30, PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 48. THIS IS A HEARING ON AN APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER PRJ2023-002405 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A NEW GROUND MOUNTED UTILITY SCALE PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY INCLUDING AN ACCESSORY BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND PERTINENT FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT LOCATED WITHIN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WEST ZONE DISTRICT. THIS ITEM WILL

BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 31, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1D, 2D. ON ITEM 2D, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 33, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ITEM CS1 THROUGH CS8. ON ITEM CS1 THROUGH CS4, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 24, 2026. ON ITEM CS5, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT ONE CASE BE CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 24, 2026. ON ITEM CS7, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 24, 2026. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR. THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES THROUGH CS8 ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THOSE ITEMS. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW BE READ AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD HEARING AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,

THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF. PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL, THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. TODAY'S MEETING ORDER WILL

BE THE FOLLOWING. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD, INCLUDING THE CLOSED SESSION MATTERS, THEN PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 48, FOLLOWED BY SET MATTER 1 AND ITEM 7, THEN ITEMS 28, 29, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER, FOLLOWED BY ITEM 45A, THEN ITEMS 33 AND 45B, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER, FOLLOWED BY ITEM 2D, THEN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND FINISHING WITH CLOSED SESSION MATTERS. BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY DO SO IN PERSON OR REMOTELY. TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.BOS.LACOUNTY.GOV. TO REGISTER AND JOIN THE MEETING, OR YOU MAY CALL 213-306-3065 AND USE ACCESS CODE 25307714109 AND MEETING PASSWORD 2672026. YOU WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. FOR ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD, YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE ITEM AND UP TO TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE ITEMS. FOR ITEMS HELD BY SUPERVISORS, YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM AND ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, AND ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR A TOTAL OF UP TO SIX MINUTES. WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, IF REGISTERED ON A COMPUTER OR DEVICE, YOU

WILL HEAR A BEEP AND YOUR NAME WILL BE CALLED. OR IF JOINING BY TELEPHONE, YOU WILL HEAR, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, YOUR AREA CODE, AND THE FIRST THREE DIGITS OF YOUR PHONE NUMBER WILL BE CALLED. TO ENSURE WE HEAR FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND REMOTE SPEAKERS, WE WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING CUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARD ROOM AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO. AT THIS TIME, WE WILL HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION BY SUPERVISORS, INCLUDING CLOSED SESSION MATTERS. THE CONSENT ITEMS WILL BE ACTED UPON WITH ONE MOTION. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU ARE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR THREE IF ON A TELEPHONE. PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS IN THE BEGINNING OF YOUR COMMENT FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WE WILL NOW CALL IN IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD WE WILL TAKE REMOTE SPEAKERS. THIS WILL BE FOR ALL ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION AND CLOSED SESSION ITEMS. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. ADAM BLUM, ALEJANDRO MENDEZ, ANA HOFFMAN, ANA CRUZ, ANDREA

GONZALEZ, ANTONIO MARTINEZ, ERROL GREEN, BSO I JAN, JOSE BYRON, CAITLYN VAN ARSDALE, CHRISTINA GONZALEZ, DANIEL LAKE, DAVID ALBRIGHT, DEVON WOODFINE, AND DIANA CALDERON. FILM THE POLICE, CALLER ON WEBEX, YOUR LINE'S UNMUTED, PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: YES, GOOD MORNING, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: GO AHEAD.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: YES, I'M JUST CALLING ABOUT A, BRING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION. I SUBMITTED A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF THE ENTIRE LOS ANGELES.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: SIR, SIR, THIS IS ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT HELD BY A SUPERVISOR. THIS IS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, YOU CAN GET BACK IN QUEUE AND YOU CAN MAKE YOUR COMMENTS AT THAT TIME.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: YES, THIS IS FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: YES, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS NOT AT THIS MOMENT. IT'S AT THE END OF THE MEETING. THIS IS FOR ITEMS NOT HELD BY A SUPERVISOR.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. DAVID, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE

BEGIN. DAVID?

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: YES, I HAVE THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS WELL. SO, I MISINTERPRETED.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ALRIGHT. ROY HUMPHREYS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. ROY HUMPHREYS YOUR LINE IS OPEN PLEASE BEGIN. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 914424 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HI, I WAS GOING TO SPEAK TO MATTER NUMBER 11 IS THAT SOMETHING THAT'S RESERVED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THIS IS THE TIME TO SPEAK. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: OKAY, GREAT. HI, MY NAME IS JAKE HART. I'M AN ACTIVIST, I'M A POLITICAL ORGANIZER, AND I'M VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF THE RECOMMENDATION ON MATTER 11 TO INCREASE THE RENT THRESHOLD. BUT PLEASE, I'M ASKING YOU TO DO IT FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY, NOT JUST INCORPORATED CITIES, HOWEVER MANY MONTHS YOU CAN EXTEND IT, AND THANK YOU FOR TRYING TO DO SO. I DON'T THINK ANY EXTENSION WILL BE GOOD ENOUGH. WE NEED EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS NOT JUST FROM THIS BODY BUT FROM THE MAYOR AND THE GOVERNOR. WE NEED A RENT FREEZE, NEW REMOTE SCHOOLING, ANYTHING THAT CAN LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF TIME WE HAVE TO BE IN

THE STREETS WHERE I.C.E. IS TARGETING US, ESPECIALLY SCHOOLS THAT ARE USING KIDS AS BAIT. IF ALL THAT SOUNDS A BIT EXTREME, I AGREE. BUT NOW THAT THE LAPD CHIEF HAS SAID HE'S NOT GOING TO ENFORCE YOUR MASK BAN OR THE STATE LAW BANNING MASKS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT, WE'RE IN TROUBLE. DHS HAS SAID 70 TO 80% OF I.C.E. AGENTS WOULD QUIT IF THEY COULDN'T WEAR MASKS. SO, OUR CONCERNS WOULD LIKELY BE SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASED IF WE HAD A POLICE CHIEF WHO ENFORCED THE LAW SO OTHER THAN THE RECOMMENDATION --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. ROY HUMPHREYS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. ROY HUMPHREYS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

ROY HUMPHREYS: SORRY, WE'RE WE HAVE TECHNICAL PROBLEM. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: YES, GO AHEAD.

ROY HUMPHREYS: OK, I AM 13. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL WATER HAZARD, ETC. THAT THIS HAS BEEN A LONG STANDING THIS WHOLE COUNTY JAIL SITUATION IN THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD HAVE THEIR STAFF STAY THERE EVERY DAY UNTIL THIS THING IS DONE. AND IN MY OPINION, THIS SHOULD BE IN THE PRISON. AND ON THE CLOSED SESSION ISSUES, YOU HAVE TWO YEARS THAT YOU'VE HAD THIS COMMITTEE SUPPOSED TO GIVE A REPORT ON DEATH WITHIN

THE PRISON SYSTEM AND COUNTY JAILS THAT IS AND HAVE FAILED TO PRODUCE ONE REPORT TODAY. SHAME ON YOU. YOU PEOPLE SHOULD BE TURNED OUT OF OFFICE IMMEDIATELY, ESPECIALLY OUR FOUR DEMOCRATS. AGAIN, I'M SORRY IF THERE'S AN ECHO HERE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 310722, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

JANET ASANTE: HI, MY NAME IS JANET ASANTE WITH THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION AND DIGNITY EMPOWER NOW. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION REGARDING THE WATER QUALITY AND SAFETY IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAILS. WE KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS REPORTS FROM THE CIVIL GRANT COMMISSION ABOUT THE FAILURE OF THIS COUNTY WHEN IT COMES TO SANITATION, WATER AND PLUMBING ISSUES. I THINK THIS REALLY HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE CIVIL GRANT COMMISSION ALIVE AND WELL AND INCREASING THEIR STAFF SO THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE TO REPORT THESE FAILURES. WE ARE ALREADY AT EIGHT DEATHS IN THE FIRST MONTH OF THIS YEAR. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP PEOPLE ALIVE AND SAFE AND THAT WE CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND IN THE MEANTIME, FOLKS SHOULD ABSOLUTELY HAVE SAFE, CLEAN DRINKING WATER. IN ADDITION, WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY FOLKS INSIDE WHO HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY ARE BEING BROUGHT TO EMPTY VENDING MACHINES WHILE THE WATER QUALITY WAS ABSOLUTELY ABYSMAL. SO, THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO PURCHASE WATER. THEY DON'T

HAVE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER VIA THE PLUMBING. AND THIS IS JUST THE FIRST STEP. AND ALONG THIS STEP --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: HECTOR RAMIREZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

HECTOR RAMIREZ: MY NAME IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. I LIVE IN THE CITY OF CHATSWORTH. I'M DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING. AND I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT IT BECAUSE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REALLY INSISTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDE DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION AND LANGUAGE ACCOMMODATIONS TO PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN THEIR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAKEHOLDER PROCESSES. IN THE PAST, THEIR PROCESSES HAVE BEEN ENGLISH ONLY IN PERSON AND EVEN THOUGH THE COUNTY SPENDS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS, WHEN THEY DO THEIR EVENTS REMOTELY, AS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, WE'RE NOT ABLE TO ACCESS THEM AND WHEN WE ASK PEOPLE TO HELP US WE ACTUALLY END UP GETTING YELLED UP AND RIDICULED BY THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT IN ATTENDANCE AND THIS REALLY HAS A CHILLING EFFECT PARTICULARLY ON OUR DISABLED PARTICIPANTS AND OUR RESIDENTS OF THE SUPERVISORY DISTRICT 3 WHICH WE DON'T GET AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 626838 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, THE AGENDA ITEMS

YOU'RE ADDRESSING AND BEGIN.

ANTHONY ROBLES: HELLO, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ROBLES. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1 AND I'M CALLING IN FAVOR OF IN FAVOR OF HAHNS' MOTION TO ADDRESS THE HORRIBLE DRINKING WATER SANITATION AND L.A. COUNTY JAILS. AS SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN INSIDE L.A. COUNTY JAILS MYSELF, BOTH PITCHES AND IN CENTRAL JAIL. THERE'S PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS ALL AROUND WITH BASICALLY EVERYTHING INSIDE THE JAILS, BUT ONE THING THAT IS THAT IS REALLY DISTURBING IS FOR THE WATER TO BE UNSAFE FOR DRINKING AND CLEANING YOURSELF AS EVEN THAT IS RARE IN ITSELF WHEN YOU'RE GETTING ENOUGH WATER TO DRINK OR ENOUGH TIME TO SHOWER WHILE YOU'RE STAYING INSIDE THAT OR SUFFERING INSIDE THAT JAIL. WATER DRINKING, SAFE DRINKING WATER AND SAFE CLEANING WATER IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT AND FOR PEOPLE INSIDE THESE DILAPIDATED JAILS TO NOT EVEN HAVE SAFE WATER TO --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CHRISTIAN GRAY, DR. MICHELLE ROSS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

MICHELE ROSS: HI, MY NAME IS DR. MICHELE ROSS. I'M AN ADDICTION SCIENTIST AND COURT QUALIFIED EXPERT WITNESS ON KRATOM. I'M SPEAKING AGENDA ITEM 12, I SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S GOAL OF PREVENTING OVERDOSE DEATHS BUT I STRONGLY URGE YOU NOT TO PURSUE ANY ORDINANCE BANNING KRATOM OR 7-HYDROXYMETROGENY

KNOWN AS 7-OH. 7-OH IS NOT A SYNTHETIC DRUG, IS NOT A NOVEL DRUG, IT IS A NATURALLY OCCURRING KRATOM ALKALOID AND NORMAL HUMAN METABOLITE. MILLIONS OF CALIFORNIANS HAVE SAFELY USED KRATOM FOR DECADES, INCLUDING MORE THAN 100,000 WHO USE 7-OH PRODUCTS. IN MY UNPUBLISHED 2025 SURVEY OF OVER 1,500 ADULT 7-OH CONSUMERS, 17% REPORTED THAT THEY WOULD CONSIDER SUICIDE IF 7-OH WERE BANNED. AND ABOUT 8% WERE US MILITARY VETERANS, A POPULATION ALREADY AT ELEVATED RISK FOR PAIN, DISABILITY, AND SUICIDE. BANS DON'T ELIMINATE USE. THEY DRIVE PEOPLE TO NOVEL SYNTHETIC SUBSTITUTES LIKE MGM-15, WHICH SHOULD BE BANNED. THANK YOU. I URGE YOU TO --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: CHRISTIAN GREEN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH. THANK YOU. I STRONGLY SUPPORT RECOMMENDATION 13 AS SUBMITTED BY JANICE HAHN, SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN, BECAUSE ACCESS TO SAFE, CLEAN DRINKING WATER IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT, NOT A PRIVILEGE THAT ENDS AT INCARCERATION. AS DR. MLK SAID, IT IS ALL OF ALL FORMS OF INEQUALITY AND JUSTICE AND HEALTH IS THE MOST SHOCKING AND INHUMAN. THE CONDITIONS DESCRIBED RAISE SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND HUMAN DIGNITY CONCERNS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY JAILS. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE IMMEDIATE PROVISION OF BOTTLED OR CLEAN POTABLE WATER, ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE WITH

MEDICAL NEEDS WHILE LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS ARE IMPLEMENTED. I JUST WANT YOU ALL TO VOTE YES AND THANK YOU AND HAVE A GREAT DAY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 772985, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

JOSHUA ACOSTAS: HI, MY NAME IS JOSHUA ACOSTAS I WORK IN L.A. COUNTY. I'M A VETERAN AND A 7-OH CONSUMER IN KRATOM. I DO NOT SUPPORT THE BAN ON IT. IT IS SHOWN THAT MANY PEOPLE WILL CONSIDER KILLING THEMSELVES. THIS IS TAKE AWAY. IT IS SAYING, YOU KNOW, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE'S LIVES. YOU KNOW, IF ALCOHOL, WHICH IS ILLEGAL, WHICH HAS ARE LEGAL HAS KILLED 250,000 PEOPLE EVERY SINGLE YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES IS MADE LEGAL. SO WHY ARE WE TRYING TO MAKE THIS ILLEGAL. THANK YOU. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. MAGGIE ZEPENICK. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

MAGGIE ZEPENICK: ON MATTER 12, IN OPPOSITION OF BANNING KRATOM, I WANTED TO SPEAK TODAY BECAUSE NEUBREW AND KRATOM HAVE BEEN SUCH A HELPFUL TOOL FOR ME TO LIVE MY LIFE WITH LESS PAIN AND GENERAL ANXIETY. IT HAS BEEN SUCH A RELIEF FOR MY CHRONIC PAIN. IT'S NICE TO BE ABLE TO DRINK SOMETHING THAT'S

MILD AND DOESN'T HAVE ADDICTIVE PROPERTIES LIKE PAINKILLERS OR ALCOHOL. KRATOM LIKE ANY OTHER SUBSTANCE SHOULDN'T BE ABUSED, BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE BANNED. I USED TO DRINK ALCOHOL TO HELP CERTAIN SOCIAL SITUATIONS OR JUST ANXIETY IN GENERAL, BUT THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL CAN BE SO SEVERE, ESPECIALLY WITH HOW ADDICTIVE IT IS AND DAMAGING TO YOUR BODY. THE CDC SAYS THAT 178,000 PEOPLE DIE FROM EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL USE EVERY YEAR, YET WE HAVE ALCOHOL LYING ON THE SHELVES OF GROCERY STORES, GAS STATIONS, MARKETS, AND LIQUOR STORES. WE HAVE ADVERTISEMENTS EVERYWHERE. WITH KRATOM, I DON'T WAKE UP WITH A HANGOVER, IT DOESN'T MAKE ME SICK, AND IT IS SO MUCH EASIER TO CONSUME INFREQUENTLY WITH SELF-CONTROL. BANNING KRATOM IS NOT THE SOLUTION. IT IS A HEALTHIER ALTERNATIVE TO SO MANY DAMAGING SUBSTANCES.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. JESSICA LAWLESS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

JESSICA LAWLESS: JESSICA LAWLESS. I'M CALLING IN RELATION TO ITEM 12, PREVENTING DEATHS RELATED TO KRATOM AND 7-HYDROXYMITRAGYNENE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MY HEART GOES OUT TO EVERYONE WHO HAS LOST A LOVED ONE TO DRUG OVERDOSE, ALCOHOLISM, OR SUICIDE. MY LIFE HAS BEEN IMPACTED BY THESE TRAUMATIC DEATHS AS WELL. AND I USE BOTH 7.0 AND KRATOM FOR CHRONIC PAIN ASSOCIATED WITH CROHN'S DISEASE. I SUPPORT

FURTHER STUDY OF KRATOM AND 7.0 AND NOT A BAN. I SUPPORT REASONABLE REGULATION, NOT PROHIBITION. THANK YOU.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO TO OUR IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. GIVEN THE TIME, GIVEN THE TIME CONSTRAINT OF TODAY'S MEETINGS, FOR THOSE SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS FOR DISCUSSION, IN ORDER TO FINISH TODAY'S MEETING EFFICIENTLY, THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS WILL BE LIMITED TO 60 MORE MINUTES. IT IS NOW 10:03 A.M. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION BY SUPERVISORS WILL END AT 11.03 A.M. IF YOU ARE WITH A GROUP, PLEASE IDENTIFY ONE PERSON TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF YOUR ENTIRE GROUP. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COMPLETE YOUR STATEMENT, YOU MAY SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS TO STAFF TO BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD AND WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE RECORD.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, SPEAKER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ALEJANDRO MENDEZ: [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: GOOD MORNING TO EACH ONE OF YOU. MY NAME IS ALEJANDRO MENDEZ AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE. I'M HERE FOR A REAL MORATORIUM, NOT TWO MONTHS, BUT THREE MONTHS. AND IT NEEDS TO APPLY TO THE WHOLE COUNTY,

INCLUDING THE NON-INCORPORATED AREAS. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO DO IT. YOU SHOULD NOT PROTECT CERTAIN PEOPLE BUT OTHERS NO. OUR COMMUNITIES TODAY ARE AFFECTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. IF WE DON'T HAVE PROTECTION HERE, WHERE ARE OUR FAMILIES GOING TO END UP ON THE STREET? WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW. THANK YOU. MAY YOU HAVE A HAPPY AND BEAUTIFUL DAY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

ANA HOFFMAN: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANA HOFFMAN AND I LIVE IN EAST LOS ANGELES.

ANA HOFFMAN: [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: I'M A MEMBER OF CPS AND I AM WORRIED BECAUSE OF ALL OF THE IMMIGRANTS IN L.A. COUNTY. THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GO OUT TO SELL BOTH THE STREET VENDORS AND ALSO PEOPLE WHO WORK AT CAR WASHES AND RESTAURANTS, ALL BECAUSE OF FEAR OF I.C.E. WE ASK YOU THEREFORE TO INCREASE THE DEBT PROPORTION AND MAKE IT BE FOR THREE MONTHS IN TERMS OF EVICTION. MAY IT APPLY FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE, IN EAST LOS ANGELES ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES AFFECTED BY THE TERROR OF I.C.E. THANK YOU, ESTEEMED SUPERVISORS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

TONY MARTINEZ: [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TONY MARTINEZ AND I'M A MEMBER OF COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE. I AM HERE TO ASK IN AN URGENT MANNER FOR A RENT MORATORIUM FOR THREE MONTHS. THIS PROTECTION SHOULD APPLY TO ALL OF THE COUNTY, NOT JUST TO SOME SECTORS. THE PROTECTION SHOULD BE EQUALLY APPLIED. IT SHOULDN'T BE APPLIED JUST TO SOME AND NOT TO OTHERS. ALL OF YOU HAVE THE POWER TO DO IT. WE ASK YOU TO USE IT. AND WE ALSO INSIST THAT WHEN THIS MORATORIUM ENDS, THAT A PAYMENT PLAN WITH SEGMENTS WOULD BE APPLIED. FAMILIES ARE NOT ABLE TO REPAY ALL OF THEIR BACK RENTS JUST IN ONE SUM. SO THAT EACH MONTH A REASONABLE AMOUNT SHOULD BE PAID BACK TOGETHER WITH THE NORMAL RENT. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE BEING SEVERELY HIT BY THESE RAIDS AND BY THE ACTIONS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SO, IN THIS MOMENT WE NEED THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO TAKE A STEP FORWARD. PROTECT THEIR FAMILIES.

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

ADAM BLUM: HI, MY NAME IS ADAM BLUM. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT AGENDA ITEM 12. I AM IN SUPPORT OF GETTING RID OF ANY DEATHS RELATED TO 7-OH OR KRATOM. I JUST REALLY WANT TO TALK ABOUT

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 7-OH AND KRATOM. IN MY MIND, THEY'RE TWO VERY DIFFERENT THINGS. I'M A DAD. I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. I'M A BUSINESS OWNER. I USE LEAF KRATOM EVERY NOW AND THEN. AND 7-OH IS VERY, VERY DIFFERENT. I WENT INTO A STORE THE OTHER DAY TO BUY LEAF CRADUM, AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE IT, ALL THEY HAD WITH THESE PILLS. IT WAS CALLED EAT PERKS OR SOMETHING, AND YOU HAD TO BREAK IT UP INTO SIX PIECES TO USE IT. IT WAS RIDICULOUS. I TRIED IT BECAUSE THEY HAD NO LEAF CRADUM AND IT WAS VERY OVERWHELMING. IT WAS HORRIBLE. I SUPPORT SEPARATING LEAF CRADUM, WHICH IS SAFE, WITH 7-OH, WHICH KILLS PEOPLE. THANKS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

ANDREA GONZALEZ: HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANDREA GONZALEZ. I'M WITH THE CLEAN CAR WASH WORKER CENTER, ALSO HERE WITH THE L.A. TENANTS UNION AND IRLA. THE CAR WASH INDUSTRY HAS BEEN SEVERELY IMPACTED BY THE ONGOING RAIDS. AS OF TODAY, 109 CAR WASHES HAVE BEEN TARGETS OF IMMIGRATION I.C.E. RAIDS. MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN TARGETED MORE THAN ONCE. I.C.E. IS TARGETING CAR WASHES BASED ON NOTHING MORE THAN THE RACE OF THE WORKERS THAT WORK THERE AND THEIR PROXIMITY TO THEIR JOB SITE. OVER 370 CAR WASH WORKERS HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED FROM THEIR WORKPLACE, MANY OF THE WORKERS HAVE BEEN DENIED DUE PROCESS. MANY OF THE FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ARE THE MAIN PROVIDERS OR THE

BREADWINNERS OF THE FAMILY, WHICH IS NOW COST AND LEFT THEIR FAMILIES, FACING THE PROBABILITY OF BEING EVICTED BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC INSTABILITY THAT THESE RAIDS HAVE CAUSED TO OUR COMMUNITY. THE IMPACTS OF THESE RAIDS GO BEYOND JUST THOSE WHO ARE DEPORTED AND DETAINED. SO, WE ARE HERE TO ASK THAT THE BOARD --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

IN-PERSON SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ANA. I AM A MEMBER OF COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE AND RESIDENT OF L.A. OUR IMMIGRANT FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS ARE IN CRISIS AS A RESULT OF I.C.E. RAIDS. A PROPOSAL THAT APPLIES ONLY TO UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAILS TO MET THE REALITY OF THIS CRISIS. I.C.E. IS OCCUPYING COMMUNITIES ACROSS ALL OF 88 CITIES OF L.A. COUNTY WHERE YOU DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE PROTECTIONS MUST CONSIDER THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THIS EMERGENCY HAS BEEN ONGOING FOR NEARLY EIGHT MONTHS. DURING THIS TIME, IMMIGRANTS' TENANTS HAVE LIVED IN CONSTANT FEAR, SEEING LOVED ONES DETAINED OR DEPORTED, AND LOST AN AVERAGE OF 60 OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD INCOME. THESE ARE CONDITIONS THAT PUSH IMMIGRANTS TOWARD THE PLACEMENT, SELF-DEPORTATION OR HOMELESS. WE URGE YOU TO ACT WITH THIS URGENCY, THIS MOMENT DEMANDS AIM THESE MOTIONS TO APPLY THE COUNTYWIDE AND RAISE THE THRESHOLD TO THE LAST THREE MONTHS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

DEVON WOODFINE: GOOD MORNING AND HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DEVON WOODFINE AND I'M THE VICE CHAIR OF THE BALDWIN HILLS, LIMERACK PARK AND CRANTHORPE TENANT UNION. MY FAMILY HAS RESIDED IN THE SAME TOWNHOUSE IN SUPERVISORS MITCHELL'S AMAZING DISTRICT TOO SINCE 1974. IN 1974, MY GRANDMOTHER, TWO UNCLES, AND MOM WERE ONE OF THE FIRST RECIPIENTS OF THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM. THREE GENERATIONS HAVE BEEN LIVING WITHIN THE SAME SECTION 8 PROGRAM FOR 52 YEARS UNTIL A CORPORATE SUM LORD IS TRYING TO EVICT US NOW BECAUSE WE'RE NOT PAYING MARKET RENT. MY FAMILY HAS BEEN PAYING $320 IN A THREE-BEDROOM IN LOS ANGELES AND HE'S TRYING TO EVICT US. I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT AMENDING MOTION 11 SO THAT IT IS COUNTYWIDE. WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT IMMIGRANTS. MY FAMILY MOVED HERE IN 1966 FROM JAMAICA, AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING FOR IMMIGRANTS AND ALL ANGELENOS, THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

IN-PERSON SPEAKER: HI, MY NAME IS AREL GREEN AND I'M HERE AS A MEMBER OF L.A. STREET CARE. I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM 11, BUT I URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT TO APPLY

TO ALL OF L.A. COUNTY, NOT JUST UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES. THE RAIDS HAVE ALREADY POSED A THREAT TO HUMAN LIFE. MORE THAN 20 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED BY I.C.E., INCLUDING RECENTLY OUR OWN L.A. RESIDENT, KEITH PORTER. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. A SURVEY HAS SHOWN THAT L.A. TENANTS ARE ALREADY MORE THAN THREE MONTHS IN RENTAL DEBT, ACCRUING UP TO $12,000, WHICH ALSO DEMONSTRATES THAT THE RENT IS FAR TOO HIGH IN THIS COUNTY. THE COUNTY OF L.A. ALREADY HAS AN EXTREME HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. WE NEED TO PROTECT THE ENTIRE COUNTY WITH A MINIMUM OF A THREE-MONTH EVICTION MORATORIUM TO PREVENT THIS CRISIS FROM WORSENING. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

CAITLIN VAN ARSDALE: HELLO, MY NAME IS CAITLIN VAN ARSDALE. I'M A MEMBER OF L.A. STREET CARE AND MUTUAL AID AND A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES AND CD4. AS YOU ARE ALL ALREADY AWARE, OUR CITY IS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY. FOR NEARLY EIGHT MONTHS I.C.E. RAIDS HAVE RIPPED FAMILIES APART AND LEFT IMMIGRANT TENANTS IN A NEAR CONSTANT STATE OF FEAR. INCOMES HAVE BEEN EVISCERATED WITH FAMILIES LOSING ON AVERAGE 60% OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD INCOME. A RECENT SURVEY SHOWED THAT IMPACTED TENANTS ARE ALREADY AN AVERAGE OF FOUR MONTHS BEHIND ON RENT, WITH SOME CARRYING AS MUCH AS $13,000 IN RENT DEBT. OUR IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS ARE BEING PUSHED TOWARD DISPLACEMENT, SELF-DEPORTATION, AND

HOMELESSNESS EVERY SINGLE DAY, AND THAT'S ON TOP OF THE TRAUMA OF LOSING THEIR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. I.C.E. IS OCCUPYING AND ESCALATING ITS ACTIONS ACROSS ALL 88 CITIES IN L.A. COUNTY AS WE SPEAK. WE URGE YOU AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ACT WITH THE URGENCY AND CARE THAT THE COMMUNITY DEMANDS IN THIS MOMENT. WE CALL FOR YOU TO RAISE THE RENT THRESHOLD OF ITEM 11 TO AT LEAST THREE MONTHS AND TO INCLUDE ALL OF L.A. COUNTY, NOT JUST UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES. OUR PEOPLE ARE BEING TERRORIZED AND WE NEED YOU TO SHOW UP RIGHT NOW TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE FROM THE FORCES THAT SEEK TO HURT AND DISPLACE OUR COMMUNITIES.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

DAVID ALBRIGHT: MY NAME IS DAVID ALBRIGHT. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON MOTION 11 FROM THE LOS ANGELES TENANTS UNION. YOU CAN SEE HERE A MAP OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE RAIDS, 93% OF THE RAIDS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAVE HAPPENED IN INCORPORATED L.A. CITY. THAT'S 93% OF THE RAIDS. ONE OF THE KIDNAPPINGS, ONE OF THOSE KIDNAPPINGS HAPPENED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THIS BUILDING LAST WEEK. I'M NOT SURE THAT YOU GUYS EVEN KNOW ABOUT THAT, BUT WE KNOW ABOUT IT BECAUSE THE TENANTS ARE THE ONES ORGANIZING THE DEFENSE. THE BOARD MUST INTRODUCE A MOTION TO RAISE THAT DEBT THRESHOLD FOR EVICTION TO AT LEAST THREE MONTHS, AND THAT IS A BARE MINIMUM FOR EIGHT MONTHS OF SIEGE AND COUNTING. YOU MUST

RAISE IT TO AT LEAST THREE MONTHS FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. YOU HAVE THE EMERGENCY POWER AND THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ACT NOW TO RAISE THAT DEBT THAT THRESHOLD FOR EVICTION TO AT LEAST THREE MONTHS FOR ALL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. DRE ORTIZ, EDITH LOPEZ, EDITH FERNANDEZ, EVA GARCIA, EVELIA MONTANA, FERNANDO ISAI, GRISELDA VALDEZ, INES ALCARAZ, JAVIER MUNOZ, JOSEPH RAMOS, KIM CASTRO, LARA VALDEZ, LUCY BRIGGS, LUPITA LIMON CORRALES, MAGDALENO ROSALES. WE WILL NOW GO TO OUR REMOTE CALLERS. MELODY WOLF, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: I'M FROM KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN. MY INTEREST IN SPEAKING TODAY IS THAT I WAS ASKED BY THE FDA AND THE HHS TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR NATIONALLY TELEVISED PRESS CONFERENCE.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: MA'AM, THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD BY A SUPERVISOR YOU CAN PUT YOURSELF BACK IN QUEUE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: DAN GIBBS YOUR LINE IS OPEN PLEASE BEGIN. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 650787 YOUR LINE IS OPEN PLEASE

BEGIN.

IN-PERSON SPEAKER: HELLO, MY NAME IS SAMANTHA BANFIELD I'M A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY FROM DISTRICT 14. I AM ASKING THE COUNTY TO SUPPORT IMMIGRANT SENIORS THROUGH A GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME PROGRAM. MANY IMMIGRANT SENIORS HAVE WORKED THEIR WHOLE LIVES IN L.A. COUNTY. THEY'VE PAID TAXES, RAISED FAMILIES, AND HELPED OUR COMMUNITIES GROW. HOWEVER, WHEN THEY BECOME OLDER, MANY DON'T QUALIFY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY OR OTHER SUPPORTS. SENIORS WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO PAY RENT, BUY GROCERIES OR COVER BASIC BILLS, ESPECIALLY IF THEY BECOME SICK OR CAN NO LONGER WORK. WITH ALL THE FEAR AND STRESS CAUSED BY IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT, THIS HAS ONLY GOTTEN HARDER. THE COUNTY'S BREED PROGRAM SHOWCASED THAT WHEN PEOPLE RECEIVE GUARANTEED INCOME THEY USE IT FOR BASIC NEEDS LIKE FOOD, RENT, AND TRANSPORTATION. IT HELPS PEOPLE AVOID FURTHER CRISES. THAT'S WHY IRLA IS ASKING THE COUNTY TO CREATE A TWO-YEAR GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME PROGRAM FOR ADULTS 65 AND OLDER PROVIDING $1,200 A MONTH TO SENIORS WHO DON'T QUALIFY FOR OTHER ASSISTANCE. THIS IS ABOUT HELPING OUR ELDERS AGE WITH DIGNITY AND STAY IN THE COMMUNITIES THEY HELP BUILD.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 231286 YOUR LINE IS OPEN PLEASE BEGIN. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 231286, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. CALLER WITH PHONE

NUMBER 310924, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. SUSAN CAVE YOUR LINE IS OPEN PLEASE BEGIN. GO AHEAD.

SUSAN CAVE: MY NAME IS SUSAN CAVE AND I'M A MOTHER FROM FLORIDA AND I'M WRITING YOU NOT AS A LOBBYIST OR A POLITICAL ADVOCATE BUT AS A PARENT WHOSE LIFE WAS PERMANENTLY CHANGED BY KRATOM. I REPRESENT THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES AFFECTED FROM ADDICTION AND LOSS OF LIFE DUE TO KRATOM. I LOST MY SON IN APRIL OF 2024 FROM KRATOM AND I URGE YOU TO LISTEN TO FAMILIES AND SUPPORT ANY LEGISLATION THAT WOULD BAN RAW LEAF KRATOM AND 7-OH AND EVERYTHING THAT COMES IN THE RAW KRATOM LEAF. KRATOM IS AN ADDICTIVE DRUG AND MANY THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES HAVE EXPERIENCED LOSS AND HEARTBREAK BECAUSE OF IT. AND IT'S TRULY TRAGIC TO KNOW THAT SOMETHING SO READILY AVAILABLE CAN CREATE SO MUCH MISERY AND HEARTBREAK. PLEASE LISTEN TO OUR FAMILIES, PLEASE SUPPORT ANY BAND OF KRATOM. THANK YOU. AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. JACKIE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. OF COURSE, I JUST LOST IT. PLEASE BEGIN. DIANA CALDERON, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

DIANA CALDERON: MY NAME IS DIANA CALDERON AND I'M A HOMEGROWN ANGELINO AND A COMMUNITY LEADER AT CALIFORNIA LATINAS FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE. I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF MOTION 11 WITH

AN AMENDMENT TO APPLY COUNTYWIDE AND RAISE THE THRESHOLD TO AT LEAST THREE MONTHS OF FAIR MARKET RENT. OVER THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS WE HAVE SEEN HOW I.C.E. HAS TERRORIZED OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, WITNESSING KIDNAPPINGS IN BROAD DAYLIGHT. THESE ARE DIRECT ATTACKS ON OUR BODILY AUTONOMY AND OUR HUMAN RIGHTS TO EXIST AND SURVIVE. THIS HAS NOT ONLY CAUSED FEAR AND PANIC BUT HAS HAD AN IMPACT ON THE FAMILIES LEFT BEHIND BY OUR NEIGHBORS TAKEN BY I.C.E. OUR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES ARE IN CRISES AS A RESULT OF THESE RAIDS. INCOMES ARE NOW GONE, WITH AN AVERAGE OF 60% OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD INCOMES BEING LOST. A PROPOSAL THAT APPLIES ONLY TO UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAILS TO MEET THE REALITY OF THIS CRISIS. I.C.E. IS OCCUPYING COMMUNITIES ACROSS ALL OF L.A. COUNTY AND WE URGE YOU TO APPLY PROTECTIONS THAT CONSIDER THE ENTIRETY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. FANNY OYANG, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

FANNY OYANG: MY NAME IS FANNY OYANG. I'M THE RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 9 AND ORGANIZING CHINATOWN. AS WE KNOW FOR THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS I.C.E. HAS BEEN TERRORIZING COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT GREATER L.A. AND HAS SEVERELY DEVASTATED THE LOCAL ECONOMY, WHICH BRINGS, YEAH, FURTHER DEVASTATION TO THE ALREADY WORSENING RENT CRISIS. WE REALLY KNOW THAT THERE IS

INADEQUATE RENT RELIEF. SO FAR IT ONLY PROTECTS LANDLORDS. SO, WE MUST, YEAH, I URGE THAT THE COUNTY OF SUPERVISORS, YEAH, EXTEND THE PROTECTION TO NOT JUST UNINCORPORATED AREAS, BUT ALL OF L.A. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 757353, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

LOGAN MONTEL: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LOGAN MONTAL AND I'M A RESIDENT IN BOYLE HEIGHTS AND I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 11. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR STANDING WITH IMMIGRANTS AND SUPPORTING THIS MOTION TO STRENGTHEN TENANT PROTECTIONS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS. IT IS A CRITICAL STEP FORWARD TO SUPPORT THOSE MOST IMPACTED BY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CHAMPION AND LEADER FOR OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES AND FOR RENTERS. THIS ACTION TODAY SHOWS YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO FIGHTING FOR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME OF EXTREME RISK FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ITS IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT PUTS MORE PRESSURE ON RENTERS, THE COUNTY MUST CHAMPION THESE KINDS OF PROTECTIONS WITHIN ITS UNINCORPORATED AREAS, LEADING THE WAY FOR OTHER CITIES TO FOLLOW SUIT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND FOR ONCE AGAIN TAKING A STAND FOR IMMIGRANTS AND RENTERS TODAY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 231286, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HELLO, MY NAME IS SUSAN ECKERD, AND I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF BANNING ALL FORMS OF KRATOM. MY 22-YEAR-OLD SON MATTHEW ELLER DIED FROM WHOLE LEAF KRATOM POWDER, THE LEAST POTENT FORM OF KRATOM AVAILABLE IN THE UNITED STATES. KRATOM CAUSED HIM TO HAVE A SEIZURE AND GO INTO CARDIAC ARREST AND DIE ON HIS KITCHEN FLOOR. A TON OF HIS GIRLFRIEND WAS COMPLETELY DEVASTATED. EVEN FOUR YEARS LATER, HIS TOXICOLOGY SHOWED HE DIED FROM THE TOXIC EFFECTS OF THE TRAGEDY. NOW, HE FOUND ONLY IN CREATIVE. HE HAD NO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, NO STREET DRUGS, NOR ALCOHOL IN THE SYSTEM. WHEN HE DIED, THIS AUTOPSY SHOWED YOU NO UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT MY SON DIDN'T DIE FROM 7-OH, 7 HYDROXY METRAGEDINE OR ANY OTHER SPIN OFF CREATIVE PRODUCTS. AND THE DAY AFTER MY SON DIED, HIS FATHER ATTEMPTED A SUICIDE AND WAS IN A COMA AND NO LONGER REMEMBERS ANY OF OUR CHILDREN. AND THIS HAS COMPLETELY DEVASTATED OUR ENTIRE FAMILY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 323-695, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

DIEGO RODRIGUEZ: GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DIEGO

RODRIGUEZ AND I AM THE CEO OF ALMA WHICH OFFERS SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES IN L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION. I'M CALLING STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 11 AND THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THIS URGENT MOTION. AS SOMEONE WHO IS IN THE FRONT LINE, WE HAVE SEEN THE FEAR OF EVICTION AND INCREASED RISK OF HOMELESSNESS. ENHANCING TENANT PROTECTIONS FOR RENTERS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS IS A CRITICAL STEP TO MITIGATE HOUSING AND IMMIGRATION PRESSURES. BY SUPPORTING THIS MOTION, THE COUNTY REINFORCES ITS COMMITMENT TO EQUITY, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND UPSTREAM SOLUTIONS. IT'S NOT ONLY THE RIGHT THING TO DO, IT'S A SMART APPROACH. SO PLEASE VOTE YES ON THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 310924, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. PLEASE BEGIN. JASMINE GONZALEZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

JASMINE GONZALEZ: MY NAME IS JASMINE GONZALEZ AND I'M A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH EAST YARD COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, BUT I'M ALSO A TENANT HERE IN SD4. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 11, BUT I ALSO URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT TO APPLY THE MOTION TO ALL OF L.A. COUNTY, NOT JUST UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN L.A., AND TO INCREASE THE RENT THRESHOLD TO THREE MONTHS FAIR MARKET RENT, NOT JUST THE TWO. AND REALLY I'M JUST, I WANT TO SHARE SOME OF THE

THINGS I'VE SEEN WHEN I'M SUPPORTING TENANTS HERE IN SD4. FOR EXAMPLE, I HAVE SENIORS, RIGHT, THAT WERE ALREADY AFFECTED BEFORE THE I.C.E. RAIDS. THEY WERE ALREADY EXPERIENCING HARASSMENT. A SENIOR COUPLE WAS FORCED TO MOVE TO A DIFFERENT UNIT AND FORCED TO PAY HIGHER RENT. AND NOW --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 323388. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HI, MY NAME IS GREM NUNEZ, AND I'M A SUPERVISOR FOR ALMA FAMILY SERVICES WHO PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO FAMILIES IN EAST LOS ANGELES, AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE COUNTY. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 11. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR STANDING WITH IMMIGRANTS AND SUPPORTING THIS MOTION TO STRENGTHEN TENANT PROTECTIONS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS. IT IS A CRITICAL STEP FORWARD TO SUPPORT THOSE MOST IMPACTED BY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT. YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A CHAMPION AND A LEADER FOR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES AND FOR THE RENTERS AND WE THANK YOU FOR THAT. THIS ACTION TODAY SHOWS CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO FIGHTING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY IN A TIME OF EXTREME RISK FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ITS IMMIGRATION INFORMANTS PUTS MORE PRESSURE ON RENTERS, THE COUNTY MUST CHAMPION THESE KINDS OF PROTECTIONS WITHIN UNINCORPORATED AREAS, LEADING THE WAY FOR OTHER CITIES TO FOLLOW SUIT. THANK

YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND ONCE AGAIN FOR TAKING A STAND FOR IMMIGRANTS AND RENTERS TODAY. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. ALEC DOBOG, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HELLO, MY NAME IS ALEC. I'M A RESIDENT HERE IN PASADENA. I JUST WANTED TO CALL IN TO GIVE MY INPUT REGARDING A POTENTIAL KRATOM BRAND. I DO NOT THINK THAT THAT WOULD BE THE RIGHT CHOICE TO MAKE. KRATOM HAS POSITIVELY IMPACTED MY LIFE FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS FROM AN ANXIETY, HEALTH PERSPECTIVE, BACK PAIN, AND I STRONGLY DO NOT SUPPORT ANY POTENTIAL BAN. THANK YOU.

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

BYRON JOSE: GOOD MORNING BOARD. THE FACT THAT THIS ITEM WAS NOT HELD, IT WASN'T EVEN SENT TO CLUSTER. COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR THIS SINCE THE RATE WE'RE ENTERING MONTH 9, 8, 9 AND I KNOW SOME OF YOU ARE GOING TO GO IN FRONT OF THE NEWS AND SAY THIS IS URGENT SO WE NEED THIS TO BE URGENT AND THROUGH YOUR POLICY MAKING. IT IS HARD TO EVEN SUPPORT A MOTION WHEN WE'RE NOT EVEN BEING HELD. SO, FOR ITEM 11, WE HAVE BEEN ASKING THROUGH ALL OF YOUR DEPUTIES, SO I'M NOT SURE

WHY YOU'RE NOT BEING BRIEFED COMPLETELY, AROUND A 25K MINIMUM THRESHOLD, AND AROUND A THREE TO FIVE MONTHS, WELL IDEALLY FIVE TO SIX MONTHS INCREASE INSTEAD OF JUST ONE TO TWO MONTHS. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE LISTENING TO COUNTY COUNSEL, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, WE'RE GOING TO BE SUED. WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO THE MOMENT BY SAYING WE'RE AFRAID TO BE SUED. AND THE FACT THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO CUT DOWN PUBLIC COMMENTS, THAT YOU'RE ALLOWING CERTAIN OFFICES THAT ALLOW THEIR PEOPLE TO CALL IN MORE THAN THE PUBLIC THAT CONTINUES TO COME TIME AND TIME AGAIN, IT IS UNACCEPTABLE. WE NEED YOU TO DO A COUNTYWIDE, IN A MINIMUM FIVE TO SIX MONTHS, 25K THRESHOLD NOW. THANK YOU, WE LOOK FORWARD TO READING MOTIONS. THANK YOU SUPERVISORS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

EVELIA MONTANA: [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: MY NAME IS EVELIA MONTANA, I'M A MEMBER OF THE COLLECTIVE POWER COMMUNITY. I AM HERE TO ASK. WITH URGENCY, I ASK FOR A RENT MORATORIUM FOR THE WHOLE L.A. COUNTY FOR THREE MONTHS, WITHOUT ANY EXCEPTIONS. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE BEING ATTACKED BY I.C.E. MANY PEOPLE ARE NOT ABLE TO GO OUT TO WORK DUE TO FEAR. WHOLE FAMILIES ARE LIVING WITH ANXIETY, UNCERTAINTY, AND NOW THEY ALSO HAVE THE RISK OF LOSING THEIR

HOME. LOSING HOUSING AT THIS MOMENT WOULD BE DEVASTATING. HOUSING MEANS STABILITY, SECURITY. IT IS DIGNITY. NOBODY SHOULD BE PUNISHED DUE TO A CRISIS THAT THEY DID NOT CAUSE. ALL OF YOU WORKING FOR THE COUNTY, YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY AND THE POWER TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT US. WE ASK YOU TO USE THAT POWER TODAY. WE INSIST THAT YOU ALSO WOULD CLEARLY INCLUDE THAT WHEN THE RENT MORATORIUM ENDS, THAT THEY CAN PAY THE RENT DUE IN REASONABLE INCREMENTS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

INTERPRETER: WITHOUT ANY PUNISHMENT OR EVICTION.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE BEGIN.

EVA GARCIA: [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: VERY GOOD MORNING TO YOU. MY NAME IS EVA GARCIA. AND I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE. I AM HERE BECAUSE DAY AFTER DAY I HAVE TO WALK WITH RENTERS IN THIS FIGHT FOR THEIR HOUSING. WITH OWNERS WHO ARE HARASSING THEM. NOW WE HAVE THIS TERRORISM FROM IMMIGRATION. FROM A GOVERNMENT. FROM AN OPPRESSIVE GOVERNMENT. SO RIGHT NOW, WE NEED HELP FROM ALL OF YOU WITH A MORATORIUM. WE NEED A PROTECTION NOT JUST FOR SOME OR FOR OTHERS, WE NEED IT FOR

EVERYBODY. THIS FIGHT IS FOR EVERYONE AND ALL OF US NEED TO TAKE IT ON. THIS IS URGENT. YOU AS LOCAL LEADERS NEED TO PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY. WHERE CAN WE GO IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ATTACKING US? WE NEED TO TAKE REFUGE HERE WITH YOU. OUR COMMUNITY IS ANXIOUS. THE VENDORS ARE CARRYING THAT EVERY DAY. THIS HAS NOT STOPPED AND WE CONTINUE IN THIS FIGHT. SO, THIS IS SOMETHING WHERE YOU NEED TO BE REASONABLE AND THINK THAT THIS IS A MORATORIUM THAT HAS TO BE FOR ALL AND INCLUDE EVERYBODY. I JUST WANT TO REMIND YOU, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD OBEY BY TAKING CARE OF WHAT THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS ARE. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

GRISELDA VALDEZ: [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: MY NAME IS GRISELDA VALDEZ AND I'M ALSO FROM THE RENTERS UNION. I'M FROM THE RENTERS UNION. SO, WE ARE HERE TO ASK YOU AND TO SUGGEST TO YOU FOR EACH ONE OF US WHO IS HERE SEATED. BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO GIVE US ONE MORE MONTH, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF US WHO ARE SENIORS. WE ARE SUFFERING JUST AS MANY ARE FROM THE EVICTION. THE HARASSMENT THAT WE HAVE FROM THE OWNERS ALSO. ALSO. SO PLEASE TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ONE MORE MONTH THAT WOULD BE OF BIG HELP. SO PLEASE FOR EACH ONE OF US THAT WOULD HELP US TO BE ABLE TO

HAVE MORE MONEY FOR OUR RENT. WE WANT EQUALITY FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

DRE ORTIZ GALDAMEZ: HELLO. HI. MY NAME IS DRE ORTIZ GALDÁMEZ. I'M WITH THE L.A. TENANTS UNION. I LIVE IN MANCHESTER SQUARE IN SOUTH CENTRAL. I ORGANIZE IN PICO UNION. I HAVE COMMUNITY IN KOREATOWN AND ECHO PARK, AND I WORK IN INGLEWOOD. AND ALL OF THESE AREAS HAVE BEEN HEAVY TARGETS OF I.C.E. ABDUCTIONS FOR THE PAST, ALMOST EIGHT MONTHS. A TWO MONTH MINIMUM FOR MOTION 11 AT THE MOMENT FAILS TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE'RE QUITE LITERALLY AT WAR. THE REALITY FOR ALMOST THIS ENTIRE COUNTY'S POPULATION HAS TURNED INTO LIVING EVERY DAY IN FEAR AND QUITE LITERALLY A DEATH, A LIFE AND DEATH SITUATION. ALL OF THE PEOPLE HERE ARE DEGREES OF US, SORRY, ALL OF US HERE ARE DEGREES AWAY FROM SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED ALREADY OR WHO CAN BE KIDNAPPED, IF NOT HOLD THAT RISK OURSELVES. IT IS A BARE MINIMUM TO RAISE THE RENT DEBT THRESHOLD TO THREE MONTHS RIGHT NOW AND IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND POWER TO ADJUST THAT AND RECOGNIZE THE REALITY OF PEOPLE ACROSS THIS ENTIRE COUNTY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

JOSEPH RAMOS: JOSEPH RAMOS FOR THE DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES SPEAKING ON ITEM 11 THIS PROPOSAL IS BEING RUSHED FORWARD AS AN EMERGENCY WITH A PROPOSAL URGENCY CLAUSE IT WOULD MAKE A PERMANENT CHANGE TO THE RSTPO WITHOUT FULL CONSIDERATION AND REFINEMENT IN CLUSTER EMERGENCY ACTIONS MUST BE TEMPERING THIS SHOULD ONLY PASS IF AT ALL AS A TEMPORARY PROVISION SUBJECT TO RENEWAL EVERY 30 DAYS. DOUBLING THE THRESHOLD ONLY ALLOWS RENTERS FALL FURTHER BEHIND THE RENTAL DEBT MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT TO EVER CATCH UP. RATHER THAN DOUBLING THE THRESHOLD RENTERS SHOULD BE HELPED BY THE EMERGENCY RENT RELIEF PROGRAM THAT SPECIFICALLY INCLUDES RENTERS IMPACTED BY IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. ALSO, WHERE IS THE DATA FROM THE RENT RELIEF PROGRAM SHOWING HOW MANY RENTERS WERE IMPACTED BASED ON IMMIGRATION ACTIVITIES AND WHETHER TWO MONTHS OF RENT WOULD HAVE PREVENTED THEM FROM BEING EVICTED. THE COUNTY MUST NOT MAKE PERMANENT CHANGES TO THE RSVPO WITHOUT ACTUAL DATA AND FULL CONSIDERATION OF LONG-TERM IMPACTS ON THE SUPPLY OF NATURAL, OCCURRING, AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

LUCY BRIGGS: HELLO, MY NAME IS LUCY BRIGGS. I AM A MEMBER OF THE RENT BRIGADE. I AM SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF AMENDING ITEM 11 TO APPLY COUNTYWIDE AND RAISE THE THRESHOLD TO AT LEAST THREE

MONTHS OF FAIR MARKET RENT. SINCE JUNE WE HAVE REALLY SEEN THE COMMUNITY IN COMPLETE DISARRAY. IMMIGRANT TENANTS HAVE LOST OVER 60% OF THEIR INCOME AND PEOPLE ARE FORGOING FOOD, MEDICINE, AND UTILITIES IN ORDER TO PAY RENT. ONLY 7% OF THE RAIDS SINCE JUNE HAVE OCCURRED IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO LOOK AT THIS MAP TO SEE HOW LITTLE OF THE COUNTY THIS MOTION ACTUALLY ADDRESSES. IN MANY CASES, AN EVICTION NOTICE IS EQUAL TO A DEPORTATION AS IMMIGRANT TENANTS WOULD RATHER SELF-DEPORT THAN HAVE TO FIGHT AN EVICTION IN THE COURT SYSTEM. THE RENT RELIEF PROGRAM IS ALSO NOT REACHING THOSE IT NEEDS TO. 46% OF IMMIGRANT TENANTS WE SURVEYED DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT RELIEF, AND 20% WERE AFRAID TO GIVE THEIR INFORMATION TO THE GOVERNMENT. WE URGE YOU TO ACT WITH URGENCY THAT THIS MOTION DEMANDS AND AMEND --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

INES ALCAZAR: [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M INES ALCÁZER. I'M FROM THE RENT UNION OF LOS ANGELES. SO, I'M HERE THIS MORNING TO ASK YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE ARE GOING THROUGH IN THIS COUNTY. NOT JUST IN CERTAIN AREAS? SO, BUT ALL OF HUMANITY, ALL OF THE COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES ARE GOING THROUGH THE SAME THING, KIDNAPPINGS FROM IMMIGRATION. MORE SO

IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES COMPARED TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. SO, WE ARE HERE BECAUSE OF THIS TO ASK THAT THESE PROTECTIONS BE EXPANDED. NOT JUST THREE MONTHS, IT COULD BE A LOT MORE, BUT THE MINIMUM WE'RE ASKING FOR IS THREE MONTHS. BECAUSE JUST ON A COMMUNICATION LEVEL, WE ARE SEEING THAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES FROM THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT. BUT IN REALITY, WE ARE ALSO LOSING PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES DUE TO THESE EVICTIONS, SO THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO STOP AND STOP IT NOW. WE VOTED FOR YOU AS A COMMUNITY, SO YOU NEED TO GO AHEAD AND EXERCISE THAT POWER.

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

JAVIER MUNOZ: [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JAVIER MUÑOZ. I AM A MEMBER OF CLEAN CAR WASH. AND I CAME TO THIS COUNTRY WITH MANY DREAMS, BELIEVING THAT THIS IS A COUNTRY OF OPPORTUNITIES. I WOULD LIKE TO TOUCH ON ITEM 11. BECAUSE OF THE TOPIC OF THE RAIDS AND THE IMMIGRATION, WE'VE BEEN DEEPLY AFFECTED IN TERMS OF OUR INCOME. WE ARE JUST ASKING FOR EACH OF YOU, AS WE ALL BELIEVE, WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP AND GOD'S BLESSING. WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR SOMETHING THAT IS TOO MUCH, SOMETHING THAT IS INSISTING TOO MUCH. WE'RE SIMPLY ASKING FOR MERCY AND

AWARENESS FOR THE FAMILY, FOR THE GRANDPARENTS. THESE IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES, WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR WORK, WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR SWEAT. AND I THINK THE COMPLAINTS THAT HAVE COME TO IMMIGRATION HAS JUST BROUGHT CHAOS AND THERE'S BEEN DESTRUCTION. JUST ONE MONTH WOULD BE ENOUGH TO HELP TO ALLEVIATE THAT DEVASTATION AND CHAOS. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MAGDALENO ROSALES: HELLO, MY NAME IS MAGDALENO. AND JUST LIKE THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE HERE, THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMUNITY PRESENT. I WANT TO VOICE MY APPROVAL FOR THE MOTION, BUT I ALSO WANT ONLY IF IT INTRODUCES, IF YOU INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT SO THAT WE HAVE AT LEAST A MINIMUM OF THREE MONTHS FAIR MARKET RATE THAT THE THRESHOLD STARTS AT AND ALSO THAT WE MAKE IT APPLY TO THE COUNTYWIDE. THIS CRISIS BEGAN IN THE SUMMER, MANY MONTHS AGO. AS A COMMUNITY WE'VE BEEN PRESSURING FOR THESE EVICTION PROTECTIONS AND IN RESPONSE TO THIS YOU ISSUED OUT A STATE OF EMERGENCY A COUPLE OF MONTHS INTO THE CRISIS I BELIEVE I KNOW THAT STATE OF EMERGENCY WAS TO BE APPLIED FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY NOT JUST UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES WE NEED YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A CRISIS AFFECTING EVERYBODY IN THE COUNTY. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE BOLD ACTION IN A TIME WHERE WE DESPERATELY NEED IT. PLEASE, THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. SHANNON CAMACHO, ANDREA CASTRO, CHICHI NAVARRO, HADIR AZAB, MAYA DANIELS, JOHANNA RODRIGUEZ, KHALID HADSO, LAURA GOMEZ, LYDIA CORNETTE, AND DELMY MARROQUIN. WE WILL NOW GO TO OUR REMOTE SPEAKERS. DAN GIBBS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HELLO?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: YES, THANK YOU. I'M HERE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 12. ON DECEMBER 6, 2023, MY SON AUSTIN DIED ALONE IN HIS BEDROOM AFTER CONSUMING A CREATIVE PRODUCT. HE BELIEVED WAS LEGAL AND SAFE. HE WAS NOT A DRUG USER. HE WAS A NORMAL YOUNG MAN WITH A FUTURE AND LIKE MANY PEOPLE HE BELIEVED KRATOM WAS NATURAL AND THEREFORE SAFE. THAT BELIEF COST HIM HIS LIFE. AUSTIN'S OFFICIAL AUTOPSY AND TOXICOLOGY FOUND MY TRAGEDY ONLY NO 7-OH. NO FENTANYL, NO ILLICIT DRUGS, AND NO PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS. THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS INTOXICATION BY MY TRAGEDY WITH FINDINGS CONSISTENT WITH OPIOID TYPE RESPIRATORY DEPRESSION. THIS WAS NOT CONTAMINATION OR MIXING SUBSTANCES. IT WAS KRATOM ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE AMERICAN KRATOM ASSOCIATION AND THE GLOBAL KRATOM COALITION PROMOTE A NARRATIVE THAT FOCUSES NARROWLY ON 7-OH WHILE DEFENDING SO-

CALLED PURELY OF KRATOM, BUT KRATOM LEAF IS THE PRECURSOR YOU COULD NOT HAVE 7-OH WITHOUT MITRAGYNINE. YOU CANNOT SEPARATE THE LEAF FROM ITS OPIOID EFFECTS. ONCE INGESTED THE HUMAN BODY NATURALLY CONVERTS MY TRAJANINE INTO POTENT OPIOID EFFECTS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 757319 YOUR LINE IS OPEN, PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: YES, GO AHEAD.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HI, I'M CALLING FOR ITEM NUMBER 12 AND I WANTED TO SPEAK ON HOW KRATOM HAS BEEN A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO MY LIFE. I AM NOT FOR A BAND. I'VE USED PLAINWEEDS KRATOM FOR OVER A DECADE NOW. I HAVE DIAGNOSES THAT CAUSE A LOT OF CHRONIC PAIN, AND IT'S HELPED ME GREATLY, AS WELL AS WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS, MAJOR DEPRESSION, PANIC DISORDER. IT'S ALSO SAVED THE LIVES OF MY BROTHER AND SISTER FROM FENTANYL POISONING IN 2016. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT THEY'VE BOTH BEEN SOBER AND HAVE LED PRODUCTIVE LIVES WHEN THAT WAS SEEN AS SOMETHING THAT WOULD NEVER BE NECESSARY. I'M SORRY, THAT WOULD NEVER BE POSSIBLE. I FEEL THAT IT'S NECESSARY FOR THIS TO BE AVAILABLE SO THAT OTHERS ARE ABLE TO ALSO LEAD THEIR LIVES WITH BETTER CHANCES OF SURVIVING ADDICTION AND ALSO SAVING

MORE LIVES FROM CHRONIC PAIN AS WELL AS NOT HAVING TO DEPEND ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAT HAVE HORRIBLE SIDE EFFECTS SUCH AS MYSELF.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 616648, YOUR LINE IS OPEN, PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HELLO, MY NAME IS FELISTE, I'M A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES TENANTS UNION AND I AM SPEAKING IN SUPPORT, IN AMENDING ITEM 11, SO THAT IT INCLUDES ALL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND IT COVERS A MINIMUM THREE MONTHS OF RENT DEBT. AS COUNTLESS PEOPLE HAVE SAID TODAY, THE VAST MAJORITY OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ATTACKS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN INCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TO IGNORE THAT AND ONLY PASS A MOTION THAT APPLIES TO UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY IS TO DO AN ACT OF MERE SYMBOLISM. IF WE WANT TO ACTUALLY PROTECT IMMIGRANTS IN THE COUNTY, IT NEEDS TO APPLY TO THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE MONTHS. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. DAN HUYNH, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HI, GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. I'M A RESIDENT OF PASADENA. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING ITEM 11. I AM IN FAVOR AND STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO PLEASE EXPAND IT TO INCLUDE ALL OF L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING THE 88 CITIES, AND TO INCREASE THE RENT THRESHOLD TO THREE MONTHS FAIR MARKET RENT NOT TWO. PASADENA AND ALTADENA FACE A SERIES OF EMERGENCIES INCLUDING THE PANDEMIC, EATON FIRE AND I.C.E. RAIDS. TENANTS HERE HAVE FACED THIS TRIPLE THREAT AND NEED YOUR URGENT LEADERSHIP TO HELP THEM STAY HOUSED. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. JACKIE SUBECK, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

JACKIE SUBECK: HI, I'M JACKIE SUBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF 7 HOPE ALLIANCE, A NONPROFIT DEDICATED TO EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, AND SCIENCE AROUND 7-OH AND KRATOM. ON ITEM 12, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER MOTION. IN PRINCIPLE, WE SUPPORT A STUDY AND RESPONSIBLE REGULATIONS FOR ADULTS, BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IMPACTED COMMUNITIES ARE GUARANTEED A SEAT AT THE TABLE, INCLUDING CONSUMERS, ADVOCATES, AND BUSINESSES. SEVENTY FIVE PERCENT OF THESE CONSUMERS USE CREDEM AND 7.0 SPECIFICALLY FOR CHRONIC PAIN, AND SADLY, 17% OF THESE PEOPLE SAID THAT THEY WOULD CONSIDER SUICIDE IF THESE PRODUCTS WERE

NO LONGER ACCESSIBLE. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT THE STATE WILL BE HOLDING AN INFORMATIONAL HEARING IN 15 DAYS FROM NOW ON KRATOM AND 7-O TO DISCUSS THE STATE'S FUTURE GUIDELINES. SO, I ENCOURAGE YOU NOT TO GET IN FRONT OF THE STATE AS WELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. LUIS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

LUIS LOPEZ: GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LUIS LOPEZ AND I'M WITH ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY, WHICH IS PART OF THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK THE COUNTY TO TAKE ACTION TO KEEP IMMIGRANT FAMILIES HOUSE. IMMIGRANT FAMILIES ARE BEING PUSHED TOWARD EVICTION BECAUSE RISING RENTS AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ARE MAKING IT HARDER TO WORK, PAY RENT, AND STAY HOUSED. I APPRECIATE THAT THE BOARD IS PAYING ATTENTION TO WHAT RENTERS ARE GOING THROUGH AND TAKING STEPS TO RESPOND TO THIS CRISIS. PEOPLE ARE FALLING BEHIND ON RENT NOT BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO PAY, BUT BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY CANNOT CATCH UP DURING TIMES LIKE THESE. NO ONE SHOULD LOSE THEIR HOME BECAUSE OF INSTABILITY AND FEAR. FOR ITEM 11, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE FAIR MARKET LIMIT SHOULD BE RAISED TO AT LEAST THREE MONTHS WORTH OF FAIR MARKET RENT AND IT SHOULD APPLY EVERYWHERE IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 310415. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

FRED SUTTON: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MY NAME IS FRED SUTTON WITH THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING THOUSANDS OF HOUSING PROVIDERS ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE URGE THE BOARD NOT TO GIVE INTO POLICY EXTREMISM DISGUISED AS COMPASSION. WE ALL SHARE THE GOAL OF HOUSING STABILITY, BUT EXTREME MEASURES THAT ABANDON BALANCE, PROCESS, AND ECONOMIC REALITY ULTIMATELY HURT THE VERY PEOPLE THEY CLAIM TO PROTECT. ITEM 11, THE PROPOSAL BYPASSES THE CLUSTER COMMITTEE PROCESS, LIMITING PUBLIC INPUT AND THOUGHTFUL DEBATE. THAT IS HOW EXTREME POLICIES TAKE HOLD WHEN URGENCY REPLACES DELIBERATION AND COMPLEXITY IS IGNORED. HOUSING PROVIDERS ARE NOT BANKS, AND HOUSING POLICIES SHOULD NOT BE BUILT ON COMPELLED NON-PAYMENT. WHEN RISK IS PUSHED ENTIRELY ONTO ONE SIDE, THE RESULT IS PREDICTABLE. TIGHTER SCREENING, FEWER HOUSING OPTIONS, AND GREATER BARRIERS FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE RENTERS. REAL SOLUTIONS ARE NOT EXTREME. THEY ARE TARGETED, PRACTICAL, AND FAIR. RENTAL ASSISTANCE WORKS. THE COUNTY'S RENT RELIEF.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. MARIO GARCIA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. MARIO GARCIA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

MARIO GARCIA: GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: YES, GO AHEAD.

MARIO GARCIA: OKAY. MY NAME IS MARIO GARCIA, CO-DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF REAL TOWN COUNCILS I'M COMMENTING TODAY ON AGENDA ITEM 48 THE APPEAL OF A CUP FOR A SOLAR AND BEST PROJECT IN NENAK.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: SIR, SIR, I'M 48 IS BEING HELD SO YOU CAN HAVE YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT WHEN THAT ITEM IS ACTUALLY CALLED. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MARISOL ALFARO YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

MARISOL ALFARO: GOOD MORNING CAN YOU HEAR ME?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: GO AHEAD.

MARISOL ALFARO: GREAT, MY NAME IS MARISOL ALFARO. I'M WORKING WITH THE L.A. LGBT CENTER AND I'M HERE TO DISCUSS MATTER 1D. AS THE COUNTY ADVANCES HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND ADDRESSES A SHORTAGE OF NEARLY 90,000 AFFORDABLE

UNITS, IT'S CRITICAL THAT LGBT YOUTH AND SENIORS ARE EXPLICITLY INCLUDED IN THIS STRATEGY. THE COMMUNITY IS IMPACTED BY THE HOUSING CUTS ALREADY PROPOSED AND LGBT OLDER ADULTS EXPERIENCE HIGHER RATES OF POVERTY AND HOUSING INSTABILITY LARGELY DUE TO A LIFETIME OF DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING AND ACCESS TO BENEFITS. MANY ARE LIKELY TO LIVE ALONE, BE UNMARRIED AND LACK FAMILY CAREGIVERS, MAKING THEM ESPECIALLY DEPENDENT ON STABLE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AS THEY AGE. AT A TIME, MANY LGBT SENIORS FEAR DISCRIMINATION OR HARASSMENT FROM TRADITIONAL SENIOR HOUSING SITES AND SHELTERS, WHICH CAN PREVENT THEM FROM SEEKING HELP AND INCREASE THE RISK OF HOMELESSNESS. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT LGBT-AFFIRMING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IMPROVES HEALTH OUTCOMES, REDUCES ISOLATION AND LOWERS RESILIENCE ON EMERGENCY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. MATTHEW LOWE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. MATTHEW, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: COMMENTING ON ITEM 12. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: YES, GO AHEAD.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: I'D LIKE TODAY TO MAKE A VERY CRITICAL DISTINCTION WHEN THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING THE MOTION ON KRATOM

AND CONCENTRATED SYNTHETIC 7-OH. NATURAL KRATOM LEAF IS A BOTANICAL THAT'S BEEN USED SAFELY FOR CENTURIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND AT LEAST 50 YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS NOW BEING USED BY 23,000,000 PEOPLE ACROSS THE USA. CONCENTRATED SYNTHETIC 7-OH WAS INTRODUCED ABOUT 2 1/2 YEARS AGO AND IS IN NO WAY SIMILAR TO NATURAL KRATOM LEAF. THESE ARE HIGHLY CONCENTRATED OPIOID PRODUCTS THAT THE FDA AND HHS HAVE RECOMMENDED FOR SCHEDULING TO THE DEA. THEY WERE VERY CLEAR NATURAL CREATINE LEAF IS NOT A PART OF THE SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION AND HAS BEEN CARVED OUT FROM THIS ACTION. I PUSH THE BOARD TO PLEASE MAKE THIS DISTINCTION IN THEIR PATH FORWARD.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CHARLES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. CHARLES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: VENDOR OF 7.0, AND I'VE DONE A LOT OF RESEARCH ON THE MOLECULE I COME FROM BIG PHARMA AND THAT'S ACTUALLY WHY I TOOK THE JOB. THE STUDIES SHOW THAT IN THEORY YOU SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO OVERDOSE ON 7-0. THERE IS NO ORAL LD50. IT DOESN'T TRIGGER EITHER OF THE TWO PATHWAYS THAT LEAD TO RESPIRATORY DEPRESSION THAT CAUSES DEATHS FROM OPIOID OVERDOSES. AND WE SEE THIS IN THE BIG DATA SET WITH OVERDOSE DEATHS DRAMATICALLY REDUCING FROM 2023 TO 2024. AND WE CAN ATTRIBUTE THIS TO 7.0 BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND THAT MECHANISM OF

ACTION. AND THAT WAS THE ONLY BIG CHANGE BETWEEN THOSE YEARS. WE ALSO HAVE DONE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS FOR THE TOXICOLOGY REPORTS OF THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED, THE CAUSE OF DEATH ATTRIBUTED TO 7.0. THANK YOU.

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

LUPITA LIMON CORRALES: HI, ALL. MY NAME IS LUPITA. I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH THE LOS ANGELES TENANTS UNION. I WANTED TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR INTRODUCING THE POLICY THAT WE DEVELOPED IN THE EVICT I.C.E. NOT US COALITION WITH OUR SOLIDARITY LAWYERS WHO LOOKED AT BOTH COUNTY COUNSELS REPORT AND EXISTING CASE LAW TO COME UP WITH A POLICY THAT WOULD NOT REQUIRE SELF DISCLOSURE AND THAT WOULD APPLY TO EVERYBODY WHO HAS BEEN ECONOMICALLY IMPACTED BY THE RAIDS. WE ARE HERE TO ASK YOU TODAY TO EXPAND THIS NOW TO THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND TO INCREASE THE THRESHOLD FROM TWO MONTHS FAIR MARKET TO THREE MONTHS. RAISING THE EVICTABLE RENT DEBT THRESHOLD FOR ALL 88 CITIES WHERE 93% OF I.C.E. RATES HAVE HAPPENED SINCE JUNE IS COMPLETELY WITHIN YOUR POWER DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY THAT WE ALL SHOWED UP FOR AND THAT WE ALL HELPED PASS THROUGH. THE RENT RELIEF YOU VOTED IN IN SEPTEMBER HAS STILL NOT BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN FEBRUARY, AND THROUGH THESE MONTHS, PEOPLE ARE STILL GOING TO COURT OR SELF-EVICTING OR SELF-DEPORTING.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

CHRISTINA GONZALES: [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS CRISTINA. I AM A MEMBER OF CPC. SO, I'M HERE TO ASK THAT THE MOTION BE APPLIED TO THE WHOLE CITY, WHOLE COUNTY RATHER, OR THE WHOLE L.A. CITY AND COUNTY, NOT JUST THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND THE DEBT LIMIT SHOULD BE INCREASED TO THREE MONTHS FOR THE EVICTIONS AT THE MARKET RATE. SO INSTEAD OF TWO MONTHS OF PROTECTION, IT SHOULD BE THREE MONTHS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DEBT FOR THEIR RENT. THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING OF WHAT WE NEED. WE NEED TO KEEP ANGELENOS' HOUSED. WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO DO IS EVICT I.C.E. THEY HAVE BEEN HERE FOR EIGHT MONTHS AND WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO WORK. THOSE OF US WHO WORK ON THE STREET ARE NOT ABLE TO GO OUT. AND THOSE WHO CAN WORK, LIKE IN CONSTRUCTION, THERE'S NOT WORK. WE'RE NOT HERE JUST ASKING FOR RENT BECAUSE ALL OF US WHO ARE HERE, WE HAVE OTHER EXPENSES. WE GET SICK BECAUSE OF THE OPPRESSION THAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH IN THIS MOMENT. SO, I ASK AND I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN SHARING. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME. GOD BLESS YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

BIJAN GHAEMI: HI, MY NAME IS BIJAN. I'M A TENANT ORGANIZER IN THE AREAS OF NORTHEAST L.A., BOYLE HEIGHTS, AND EAST L.A., WITH COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE AND THE L.A. TENANTS UNION. MANY OF THE TENANTS THAT I WORK WITH ARE IN THE INFORMAL SECTOR AND HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO WORK. WHEN THEY CAN'T PAY RENT, THEY'RE NOT JUST LIVING WITH THE ANXIETY AND TERROR OF LIVING UNDER THE THREAT OF BEING KIDNAPPED OFF THE STREET BY MASKED GUNMEN BUT LIVING UNDER HARASSMENT AND FACED WITH EVICTION NOTICES AND COURT CASES. WHAT WE'RE MERELY ASKING FOR IS A COUNTY-WIDE THRESHOLD, RENT DEBT THRESHOLD, OF THREE MONTHS OF FAIR MARKET VALUE. RENT. WHAT WE DON'T WANT TO HAPPEN IS THAT AFTER MONTHS AND MONTHS OF COMMUNITY PRESSURE AND ADVOCACY, SHOWING UP, MEETINGS WITH YOUR STAFF, TALKING WITH LAWYERS, IS THAT SUPERVISORS HOLD UP ANOTHER INCONSEQUENTIAL LAW LIKE THE MASK LAW, LIKE BARGER HELD UP THOSE PUPPIES, MERELY TO GIVE THE ILLUSION OF A GOVERNING BODY THAT CARES FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE THAT KEEP THIS COUNTY RUNNING.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

KIMBERLY CASTRO: HI, MY NAME IS KIMBERLY CASTRO AND I'M HERE TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR ITEM 11 BUT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO URGE COUNTY COUNSEL MEMBERS TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT TO APPLY THE MOTION

TO ALL OF L.A. COUNTY WITH AT LEAST A THREE-MONTH NON-PAYMENT THRESHOLD. CURRENTLY THE MOTION IS ONLY FOR UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES AND THAT IS NOT ENOUGH AT ALL. MOST I.C.E. ATTACKS HAVE HAPPENED IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS, IN INCORPORATED AREAS, SORRY, SUCH AS HUNTINGTON PARK, BELLEVILLE GARDENS, MAYWOOD, SOUTHGATE, DOWNEY, AND MANY MORE. SO WHY NOT EXTEND THESE TENANT PROTECTIONS TO THE WHOLE COUNTY? MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE SUFFERING, MANY FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DETAINED, AND PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING TO STAY HOUSED. DURING COVID-19, WE WERE ABLE TO PASS HIGH TENANT PROTECTIONS BECAUSE WE UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WAS A HEALTH CRISIS, AND PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE FAULTED FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO PAY RENT. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THAT WE ARE VERY MUCH CURRENTLY IN A CRISIS, A MORE POLITICAL ONE, BUT A HEALTH ONE AS WELL. PEOPLE ARE DYING AT THE HANDS OF I.C.E., SUFFERING HEALTH ISSUES BECAUSE OF THE STRESS THAT THEY'RE GOING. SO PLEASE, I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU TO PASS COUNTY PROTECTIONS --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MAYA DANIELS: MY NAME IS MAYA DANIELS, PRONOUNS THEY THEM WITH THE TRANSLATINA COALITION AND A MEMBER OF IRLA. I RESIDE AND PROVIDE SERVICES TO OUR IMMIGRANT AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY IN DISTRICT 2. I AM HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR MY IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS. I AM NOT AN IMMIGRANT, BUT MY ANCESTORS WERE BROUGHT HERE DUE

TO FORCED MIGRATION AND ENSLAVEMENT. THESE SAME RECYCLED SYSTEMS OF KIDNAPPING AND BEING HELD LIKE PROPERTY FOR PROFIT ARE OPPRESSING MIGRANT PEOPLE RIGHT NOW. I SEE A LOT OF PROTECTIONS FOR LANDLORDS DURING THIS TIME, BUT NOT FOR THE PEOPLE. THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN VERY CLEAR IN ITS ASKS. A FULL COUNTY-WIDE RENTAL DEBT THRESHOLD WORTH A FAIR MARKET RATE FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS. I PERSONALLY WOULD SAY REALLY MORE. THIS HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FROM BOTH IRLA AND LAW2. WORK TOGETHER. WE CANNOT DO THIS WORK SUCCESSFULLY IN SILOS AND WITHOUT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. THAT IS HOW THE COUNTY IMPLEMENTS PROGRAMS AND MOTIONS THAT DO NOT THOROUGHLY SUPPORT THE PEOPLE IT'S MEANT TO BE HELPING. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

JOHANA RODRIGUEZ: [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOHANA RODRIGUEZ AND I AM AN ORGANIZER WITH THE TRANSLATINA COALITION. I'M HERE TO SPEAK OF ITEM 17. SO, IN THIS MOMENT, I'VE NOTICED THAT THEY WANT TO TAKE AWAY A VOUCHER PROGRAM FROM THE PANDEMIC THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO HAVE. IT'S FROM LACTA. SO, WE GOT NOTIFICATION IN DECEMBER 2026 THAT THE FUNDS WILL BE CUT TO THIS PROGRAM. WE HAVE A TGI COMMUNITY AND TRANS

MEMBERS WHO ARE IN EACH ONE OF THESE AREAS. SO, WE ARE PART OF THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY AND WE NEED TO MAKE OURSELVES HEARD. SO BESIDES ALL OF THAT, WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH I.C.E. AND BEING ABLE TO FIND WORK. MANY OF US HAVE DIFFICULTY JUST SUBSISTING FROM DAY TO DAY. MANY HAVE HAD ANXIOUS CRISES AND HAVE ENDED UP IN THE HOSPITAL. SO PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THIS EMERGENCY VOUCHER, LACTA PROGRAM, WHICH IS VERY HELPFUL IN TERMS OF PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

CHICHI NAVARRO: HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHICHI NAVARRO WITH TRANSLATINA COALITION. I WANT TO SPEAK ON ITEMS 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 21, 30, 31, 32, 8, AND 9. THANK YOU SO MUCH. ACROSS THESE ITEMS, ONE THEME IS UNMISTAKABLE, HOUSING. WHETHER WE ARE TALKING ABOUT WINTER SHELTERS, EVICTION PROTECTIONS, UNINCORPORATED AREA HOUSING FORMULAS, FIRE BUILDING PERMITTING, YOUTH SUPPORTS OR OUTREACH CAPACITY. EVERY ONE OF THESE DECISIONS SHAPES WHETHER TRANSGENDER, GENDER EXPANSIVE AND INTERSEX PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE. FOR TGI PEOPLE, HOUSING IS NOT JUST A POLICY ISSUE. IT IS A MATTER OF SURVIVAL. TRANS WOMEN OF COLOR, TGI IMMIGRANTS AND TGI YOUTH ARE PUSHED INTO HOMELESSNESS AT RATES FAR HIGHER THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION. AND WHEN WE DO SEEK HELP, WE ARE OFTEN MET WITH

DISCRIMINATION, MISGENDERING, OR OUTRIGHT DENIAL OF SERVICES. THAT IS WHY ITEM 10 IS SO CRITICAL. THE OVERHAUL OF WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM WILL DETERMINE WHETHER TRANS PEOPLE HAVE SAFE AFFIRMING PLACES TO GO DURING STORMS. ITEM 11, RAISING THE EVICTION THRESHOLD, GIVES OUR COMMUNITY A FIGHTING CHANCE TO STAY HOUSED. ITEM 17, WHICH GOVERNS HOW RENT PROTECTIONS AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION FUNDS FLOW INTO UNCOOPERATED AREAS WILL SHAPE LONG-TERM STABILITY FOR TGI PEOPLE IN PLACES LIKE EAST L.A., WILLOWBROOK, AND LENNOX. AND ITEM 21 ON FIRE REBUILDING PERMITTING WILL DETERMINE WHETHER LOW-INCOME AND TGI RESIDENTS IN FIRE-IMPACTED AREAS ARE DISPLACED PERMANENTLY. EVEN ITEM NUMBER 9, THE VENICE OUTREACH PARKING WAIVER MATTERS, BECAUSE OUTREACH TEAMS CANNOT REACH TRANS PEOPLE LIVING IN THE STREETS IF THEY CANNOT PHYSICALLY ACCESS THE NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE WE ARE SURVIVING. LAYERED ON TOP OF THIS, THERE ARE PUBLIC HEALTH ITEMS. THE JAIL WATER QUALITY CRISIS, THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT PROCESS, AND THE OVERSIGHT OF PROBATION, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THESE SYSTEMS TOUCH TGI PEOPLE EVERY DAY, OFTEN IN WAYS THAT ARE HARMFUL OR LIFE-THREATENING. I NEED THIS BOARD TO UNDERSTAND THE URGENCY. TGI PEOPLE ARE DYING IN THIS COUNTY BECAUSE SYSTEMS BUILT TO PROTECT RESIDENTS CONTINUE TO TREAT US AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT. HOUSING SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH DECISION MUST EXPLICITLY INCLUDE TGI PEOPLE AND TGI LED ORGANIZATIONS LIKE TRANSATINA COALITION THAT ARE DOING THE

WORK EVERY DAY. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. AT THIS TIME, WE ARE NOW AT 11.05 AND PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THESE ITEMS HAVE ENDED.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: AS A REMINDER TO THE PUBLIC, IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO COMPLETE YOUR STATEMENT, YOU MAY SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS TO STAFF TO BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD, WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE RECORD.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TODAY WE'VE HEARD FROM DOZENS OF ANGELENOS WHO ARE CALLING FOR STRONGER RENTER PROTECTIONS IN LIGHT OF ONGOING I.C.E. RAIDS. AND I SUPPORT ITEM 11 BECAUSE I SUPPORT STRENGTHENING RENTER PROTECTIONS AT A TIME SUCH AS THIS. AND I'M GLAD MY COLLEAGUES BROUGHT THIS MOTION FORWARD. I ALSO BELIEVE I.C.E. RAIDS HAVE BEEN DEVASTATING OUR ENTIRE REGION AND HAVE BEEN INCREASING IN RECENT WEEKS. MOST OF THESE RAIDS ARE OUTSIDE OF OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND WE'VE HEARD CLEARLY TODAY THAT MORE PROTECTION IS NEEDED. ANGELENO'S ARE TURNING TO THEIR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR SUPPORT SINCE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS TURNED THEIR BACK ON US AND SEEKS TO HARM ANGELENOS AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE CANNOT SIMPLY AMEND TODAY'S MOTION AS ITS

AUTHORITY DOESN'T COME FROM THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION, WHICH IS REQUIRED TO ACT COUNTYWIDE. SO AT THE END OF THIS MEETING, I'M GOING TO READ IN A MOTION UNDER SPECIALS THAT WOULD BE HEARD NEXT WEEK ASKING COUNTY COUNSEL TO RETURN WITH A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE RENT DEBT THRESHOLD TO 3 MONTHS OF FAIR MARKET RENT COUNTYWIDE, WHICH WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO TODAY'S MOTION, WHICH WILL AUTHORIZE PERMANENT ACTION, WHICH I SUPPORT. I AM MOVED BY TODAY'S TESTIMONY AND I'M READY TO DO MORE TO HELP ANGELENOS IN NEED. AND WHAT THIS WOULD MEAN IS THAT THE MOTION WOULD BE CONSIDERED NEXT TUESDAY AND IF PASSED, DELIVER A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION ON THE SAME DAY AS THE ORDINANCE THAT RESULTS FROM TODAY'S MOTION. I THINK BOTH ACTIONS ARE WARRANTED AND I WILL BE PROUDLY SUPPORTING ITEM 11.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: BEFORE WE GO TO OUR NEXT ITEM. [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR.

INTERPRETER: JUST THE INTERPRETATION FOR CHAIR SOLIS IN SPANISH. I WANTED TO MAKE A WORD TO THE SPANISH SPEAKING COMMUNITY. THE $23,000,000 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED WITH THE ORGANIZATION STAY HOUSED L.A. TO HELP OUR SPANISH SPEAKING COMMUNITY. THEY PROVIDE SERVICES THAT ARE FREE FOR RENTERS TO

HELP PREVENT EVICTIONS. THERE ARE WORKSHOPS AND CLINICS IN THE COMMUNITY LEVEL TO HELP PROVIDE LEGAL AID AND ALSO ACCESS TO ATTORNEYS AND COURTS. AND ALSO, THE NUMBER 211 CAN BE CALLED FOR MORE INFORMATION FOR THE SPANISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY THAT REQUIRES HELP WITH RENTAL ASSISTANCE. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, 3 THROUGH 6, 8 THROUGH 10. ON ITEM 11, SUPERVISOR BARGER'S VOTING NO. 12 THROUGH 24, 25 WAS SUPERVISOR HORVATH RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE. 26 AND 27, 30 AND 31, 32 WAS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH VOTING NO. 34 WAS SUPERVISOR HORVATH VOTING NO. THE ITEM. I WILL NOW CALL THE ROLL. THE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: AYE.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5 TO 0.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: WE ARE NOW MOVING INTO THE PUBLIC

HEARING ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE SWEAR IN THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING IN-PERSON AND REMOTE SPEAKERS WHO ARE REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE TESTIMONY YOU GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH. SO, HELP YOU GOD. THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 48, HEARING ON AN APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER PRJ2023002405 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A NEW GROUND MOUNTED UTILITY SCALE PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY INCLUDING AN BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEM AND EQUIPMENT LOCATED WITHIN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WEST ZONE DISTRICT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU'RE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR THREE, IF ON A TELEPHONE. A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AMY BODAK, DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND SUSAN TAE, ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: OH, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, CHAIR SOLIS. I JUST HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS BEFORE WE HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC ON THIS ITEM FOR REGIONAL PLANNING. IN LIGHT OF THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED AT OUR OFFICES HEARD SURROUNDING THE BESS COMPONENT OF THIS PROJECT, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO CONSIDER MOVING FORWARD WITH A SOLAR FACILITY ALONE AND EMITTING THE BEST AT THIS TIME? IS THAT SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN CONSIDERED?

AMY BODEK: I THINK THAT'S A QUESTION FOR THE APPLICANT, BUT CERTAINLY IF THAT'S WHAT THE APPLICANT WISHES TO DO, IT COULD BE CONSIDERED BY THIS BOARD TODAY IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WISH TO DO.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: OKAY, BUT DO WE HAVE ANY FLEXIBILITY OVER THAT AS WELL?

AMY BODEK: WE DO, YES.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: OKAY. AND THEN CAN YOU HIGHLIGHT THE DETAILS OF THE EFFORT AS IT RELATES TO RENEWABLE ENERGY ORDINANCE AND HOW THIS WILL AFFECT THE DEVELOPMENT OF BESS AND OTHER RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY MOVING

FORWARD?

AMY BODEK: CERTAINLY, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: YOU MIGHT WANT TO GIVE SOME BACKGROUND. I KIND OF JUMPED RIGHT INTO IT. I JUST REALIZED FROM MY COLLEAGUES.

AMY BODEK: YES, YES.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: YEAH, OKAY.

AMY BODEK: THIS BOARD DID APPROVE A COUPLE OF MOTIONS, ONE BY YOU AND ONE BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH RELATED TO RENEWABLES. AND ONE OF THOSE WAS A FOCUS ON BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE AND THEN THE OTHER ONE WAS RENEWABLES AS WELL. AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY ON TRYING TO BALANCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVE WITH THE RENEWABLES RELATED TO THE POTENTIAL HAZARD PERSPECTIVE THAT IS BEING RAISED ON THESE USES. SO, THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, WE'VE BEEN DOING A LOT OF MAPPING OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS TO SEE WHERE AND WHEN AND IN WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD APPROVE A BEST IN THE FUTURE. OUR ZONING CODE DOES NOT CURRENTLY HAVE A DEFINITION OF BEST, SO WE DO INTERPRET BESS TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITIES, BUT IT IS CERTAINLY AN ALLOWABLE USE AS AN ACCESSORY. AND THE PROJECT

BEFORE YOU IS ACTUALLY A SOLAR PROJECT, UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR PROJECT, WHICH MEANS THAT IT ACTUALLY CONNECTS DIRECTLY INTO THE GRID AND PROVIDES STORAGE, ENERGY STORAGE FROM THE SOLAR FACILITY AS IT GETS TRANSFERRED TO AND FROM THE GRID. IN THIS CASE, THE PRIMARY USE IS THE SOLAR FIELD AND NOT THE BATTERY STORAGE. WE ARE PREPARING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS FOR OUR ORDINANCE THAT WOULD CODIFY THESE USES AND UPDATE SOME OF THE USES THAT ARE ALREADY ALLOWED, SUCH AS UTILITY SCALE SOLAR IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND WE WILL BE RELEASING THAT EIR FOR PUBLIC REVIEW EARLY IN THE SPRING, AND THEN GET IT THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS THROUGH THE RPC AND THE BOARD.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: YEAH, AND JUST LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT THE BEST STANDS FOR BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS, AND THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL IT. BUT SO YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE, BECAUSE THAT WAS ONE OF THE REQUESTS THAT CAME, I KNOW SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I BELIEVE YOU HAVE ONE IN YOUR DISTRICT DOING A BETTER JOB OF LOOKING AT HOW THE PLACEMENT OF THESE ARE GOING TO BE ROLLED OUT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY SO THAT ONE AREA DOESN'T HAVE A HIGH CONCENTRATION.

AMY BODEK: ABSOLUTELY, IT WAS YOUR DIRECTION OF THIS BOARD THAT WE MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS NO OVER CONCENTRATION, THAT THERE ARE SIZE LIMITATIONS ON WHERE THE BEST COULD BE PLACED, AND CERTAINLY THOSE SIZE LIMITATIONS DO AFFORD THE ABILITY TO

BE IN CERTAIN AREAS OTHER THAN OTHER THAN MORE THAN OTHER AREAS. AND SO, WE ARE LOOKING AT THOSE OVER CONCENTRATION ISSUES VERY CAREFULLY.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: OKAY. THANK YOU. I HAVE NO OTHER QUESTIONS. I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC. THAT'S OKAY.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SEEING NO OTHER QUESTIONS FROM OUR COLLEAGUES AND WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM THE APPLICANT, JACQUELINE AYER, WHO WILL BE GIVEN A TOTAL OF TWO MINUTES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO COME FORWARD.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, JUST A CLEAR CORRECTION. THE APPELLANT, JACQUELINE AYER.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: YES, GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

JACQUELINE AYER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS JACQUELINE AYER. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF SAVE OUR RURAL TOWN, AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU. I DON'T REALLY HAVE A PREPARED STATEMENT BECAUSE WE'VE SUBMITTED, SO IT HAS A NUMBER OF LETTERS IN THE RECORD AND THAT EXPRESSES OUR CONCERNS. BUT I DO WANT TO POINT FEW THINGS OUT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT IS THIS PROJECT HAS APPROVED THE BEST AS AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE, WHICH IS ALLOWED

UNDER THE CODE, COMPLETELY ALLOWED UNDER THE CODE. HOWEVER, CHAPTER 22.110 LIMITS WHAT CAN BE USED, THE USES ON ACCESSORY STRUCTURES. AND IT SAYS STRAIGHT UP, AND I WILL PROVIDE THIS IN THE RECORD IF YOU'D LIKE, A PERSON SHALL NOT USE ANY BUILDING STRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT, OR OBSTRUCTION WITHIN ANY YARD OR HIGHWAY EXCEPT AS HEREIN SPECIFICALLY PERMITTED IN THIS TITLE 22. AND THIS PROVISION APPLIES SPECIFICALLY TO ACCESSORY STRUCTURES. BECAUSE TITLE 22 DOES NOT AUTHORIZE, IN FACT IT PROHIBITS BEST AS A PRINCIPAL USE AND DOES NOT IDENTIFY BEST AS A PERMITTED USE UNDER TITLE 22. IT IS NOT AN ALLOWED USE. IT IS NOT PERMITTED UNDER TITLE 22, AND SO IT'S NOT AN AUTHORIZED USE. ANOTHER CONCERN THAT'S SUBSTANTIAL, BECAUSE THE PROJECT ISN'T A VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD AREA, IS THAT THE 10,000 GALLON WATER TANK THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND HAS BEEN REPRESENTED AS ACCEPTABLE FOR THE BEST, THIS IS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL. AND I CAN PUT THIS IN THE RECORD AS WELL. IT SAYS STRAIGHT UP RIGHT HERE, A MINIMUM OF ONE WATER TANK IS REQUIRED FOR THE PROPOSED SOLAR ARRAY. THE TANK WAS NOT ESTABLISHED FOR THE BEST. IN FACT, THERE WERE NO PROVISIONS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL FOR THE BEST. 10,000 GALLONS IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO PUT OUT A BEST FIRE. YOU NEED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF GALLONS BECAUSE BEST FIRES LAST FOR DAYS AND SOMETIMES WEEKS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM THE APPLICANT, RYAN NYBERG, WHO WILL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES AS WELL.

RYAN NYBERG: GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RYAN NYBERG, AND I'M A SENIOR PERMITTING MANAGER WITH RENEWABLE PROPERTIES AND REPRESENTING THE 230TH STREET SOLAR PROJECT. RENEWABLE PROPERTIES IS A NATIONAL FINANCER, DEVELOPER, OWNER, AND OPERATOR OF DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES SUCH AS THE 230TH STREET PROJECT. WE ARE HEADQUARTERED IN SAN FRANCISCO AND HAVE OPERATING ASSETS ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN 15 DIFFERENT STATES. THE 230TH STREET PROJECT IS A 4.99 MEGAWATT COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT LOCATED OUTSIDE OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES A FOUR-HOUR DURATION 4.99 MEGAWATT BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM THAT IS ACCESSORY TO THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND ALLOWS FOR ENERGY THAT IS PRODUCED DURING THE DAY TO SHIFT TO LATER IN THE DAY WHEN SOLAR PRODUCTION DROPS OFF AND DEMAND INCREASES AND ENERGY AT THAT TIME IS TYPICALLY SERVED BY NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES. THIS PROJECT ADHERES TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY UTILITY SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY ORDINANCE, WHICH ALLOWS A SOLAR SYSTEM OF THIS SIZE AS A PRINCIPAL USE AND A SIMILARLY SIZED BEST THAT IS ACCESSORY TO THE SOLAR USE IN A2 AGRICULTURAL ZONE. THE PROJECT, ONCE COMPLETE, WILL PROVIDE RELIABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE COUNTY'S CLEAN ENERGY GOALS. THE PROJECT HAS

A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON IN THEIR COMMUNITY RENEWABLES PROGRAM AND TARGETS LOCAL USERS TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE PROJECT FOR A PORTION OF THE ENERGY PRODUCED BY THE PROJECT IN EXCHANGE FOR BILL CREDITS APPLIED AGAINST THEIR UTILITY BILLS. WE STRONGLY FEEL THE PROJECT IS APPROPRIATELY LOCATED, DESIGNED, AND IS BENEFICIAL TO L.A. COUNTY AND ITS RESIDENTS. WE KINDLY ASK THAT THE BOARD AFFIRM THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S AUGUST 20TH APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND ADOPTION OF THE PROJECT'S ISMD. I'M JOINED TODAY BY MY PROJECT TEAM AND WE'RE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE BOARD MAY HAVE. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION TODAY WITH THIS MATTER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, MAY I ASK HIM THE SAME QUESTION I ASKED OUR REGIONAL PLANNING DIRECTOR, AND THAT IS GIVEN THE CONCERNS REGARDING THE BEST, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO CONSIDER MOVING FORWARD WITH A SOLAR FACILITY ALONE AND OMITTING THE BEST AT THIS TIME?

RYAN NYBERG: WE UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS AROUND THE BEST COMPONENT WE DO FEEL THAT THE PROJECT IS BEST WITH IT HOWEVER, GIVEN SENSITIVITY AND THE UPDATE WITH THE RENEWABLE ENERGY ORDINANCE, YOU KNOW, GIVEN THAT IT IS AN ACCESSORY USE TO THE PROJECT, OUR, YOU KNOW, WE'RE, WE'D BE OKAY WITH MOVING FORWARD WITH A SOLAR ONLY FACILITY ON THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: OKAY. VERY GOOD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. CLAUDIA JEREZ, JESSIE FAN, JOSE CENTENO, LISA ACHTER, AND ROBBIE HALL. WE WILL NOW GO TO REMOTE CALLERS. MARIO GARCIA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN, PLEASE BEGIN.

MARIO GARCIA: GOOD MORNING. I'M THE CO-DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF REAL TOWN COUNCILS. WE AGREE WITH AND STAND BEHIND JACKIE'S ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUS INACCURACIES AND MISINFORMATION IN THE CUP APPLICATION. SOME OF THE MISINFORMATION IN THE CUP WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND NOW TO THE BOARD IS BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT ITSELF. WE REALIZE THAT IT'S THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S JOB TO HELP APPLICANTS NAVIGATE THE CUP PROCESS AND FIND WAYS TO MITIGATE CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL, BUT THIS CANNOT BE DONE EFFECTIVELY WHEN THE INFORMATION THAT IS BEING PROVIDED AND RELIED UPON IS INACCURATE. IT IS ALSO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S JOB TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM PROJECTS THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN, NAVY AREA

PLAN OR THE ZONING CODE. IT'S DISHEARTENING AND OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES LOSE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE PLANNING PROCESS WHEN ALL TOO OFTEN WE HAVE TO PUT UP A FIGHT AGAINST PROJECTS THAT COULD BE BETTER REVIEWED AND VETTED, SAVING EVERYONE'S TIME AND ENERGY. WE ASK THAT YOU GRANT THE APPEAL AND SEND THE PROJECT BACK TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR AN ACCURATE REVIEW.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 707280, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

ANTHONY ROSA: SO, THIS IS REGARDING ITEM NUMBER 12. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ROSA AND I'M ALONG --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THIS WILL BE FOR ITEM 48 PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. CALLER MELODY WOLF. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HI, MY NAME IS MELODY WOLF. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 12 AND WE'RE STILL ON 11. I THOUGHT WE WERE ON 12.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: NO, WE'RE ON ITEM 48, MA'AM. YOU CAN CALL IN LATER IN PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU. NEXT CALLER.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: CHRISTIAN GREEN. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

CHRISTIAN GREEN: GOOD MORNING. CHAIR SOLIS AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M HERE TO CLEARLY SAY CLEARLY THAT WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY SOLAR AND CLIMATE RESILIENT INVESTMENTS, BUT WE'RE ALSO AGAINST PROJECTS MOVING FORWARD WITHOUT SUFFICIENT PROTECTIONS FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE CLOSEST TO THEM. THIS PROJECT HAS REAL POTENTIAL TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY. COMMUNITY SOLAR EXPANDS ACCESS TO CLEAN ENERGY FOR FAMILIES WHO CANNOT INSTALL SOLAR THEMSELVES, HELPS LOWER THE ENERGY COSTS, CREATE LOCAL JOBS, STRENGTHENS THE COMMUNITY RELIABILITY ESPECIALLY DURING EXTREME HEAT. IF YOU KNOW LANCASTER, YOU KNOW, IS EXTREMELY HOT OUT THERE, ESPECIALLY DURING THE SUMMER. I'M AT THE SAME TIME SUPPORT FOR CLEAN ENERGY MUST GO HAND IN HAND WITH ACCOUNTABILITY. RESIDENTS DESERVE CONFIDENCE THAT IMPACTS THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WATER, FIRE RISK, AND QUALITY OF LIFE THAT ARE FULLY ADDRESSED, NOT MINIMIZED. SO, WE BELIEVE L.A. COUNTY CAN LEAD BY SHOWING THAT CLIMATE SOLUTIONS AND COMMUNITY PROTECTIONS ARE NOT IN CONFLICT, THEY ARE INSEPARABLE. AND SO DEFINITELY HERE TO STAND READY TO SUPPORT SOLUTIONS THAT REDUCE EMISSIONS, LOWER COSTS, AND PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORS TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR ITEM 48 IS NOW CONCLUDED. WE WILL GO TO OUR IN-PERSON SPEAKER.

PLEASE BEGIN.

JOSE CENTENO: HI EVERYONE, MY NAME IS JOSE CENTENO. I'M ALSO CO-DIRECTOR OF THE ARTC ASSOCIATION OF RURAL TOWN COUNCILS. I'M HERE TO SPEAK SPECIFICALLY ON THE BEST AND NOT JUST WHAT THIS PROJECT BUT THE TOPIC THAT YOU'RE PLANNING IS PUTTING OR PLANNING ON PUTTING SOME OF THESE BEST CONTAINERS IN VERY HIGH FIRE AREAS. YOU'RE ASKING FOR TROUBLE WHEN YOU'RE DOING THAT. ONE IS IF THESE CATCH ON FIRE, PARTICULARLY ON THIS PROJECT, THERE'LL BE FIVE CONTAINERS FULL OF BATTERIES, WHICH WILL BE THE EQUIVALENT OF 65 TESLA CAR BATTERIES OUT IN THE DESERT WHERE THE FIREMEN DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PUT IT OUT. AND THERE'S, I'VE TALKED TO DIFFERENT FIRE DEPARTMENTS, THEY DON'T HAVE THE TRAINING TO DO IT. LASTLY, WHEN THEY DID THE INITIAL OUTREACH, THEY ONLY REACHED OUT TO TWO PEOPLE OUT OF A COMMUNITY OF 800. SO, FROM THE GET-GO, THIS IS NOT A VERY WELL THOUGHT OUT PROJECT. SO, IF YOU CAN SEND THAT BACK OR TAKE OUT THE BEST.

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

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU AND THANK YOU TO THE PEOPLE

THAT TESTIFIED. THANK YOU TO THE APPLICANT. I WOULD LIKE TO VALIDATE THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE GOTTEN A LOT OF FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY AS IT RELATES TO THIS PROJECT. AND IT'S A CRITICAL PIECE OF THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, AND I JUST WANT THE RECORD TO REFLECT THAT WE DO APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT. TODAY'S PROJECT AND DISCUSSION REFLECTS OUR COMMITMENT TO BALANCING RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT WITH COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND SAFETY STANDARDS. THIS PROJECT WILL DELIVER CLEAN ENERGY AND COST SAVINGS TO LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ADVANCE OUR SUSTAINABILITY GOALS WHILE RESPECTING THE CHARACTER OF THE COMMUNITY. WITH THE APPLICANT'S AGREEMENT TO REMOVE THE BEST FROM THE PROJECT, WHICH I APPRECIATE, THE PROJECT STILL REMAINS CONSISTENT WITH OUR PLANNING OBJECTIVES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS. OUR DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING IS ACTIVELY WORKING ON COMPREHENSIVE UPDATES TO THE COUNTY'S RENEWABLE ENERGY ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR, AND I EMPHASIZE A CLEAR, SITTING LAND USE AND SAFETY STANDARDS FOR SOLAR PROJECTS, AS WELL AS FOR THE BEST FACILITIES THAT ARE COUNTYWIDE NOT JUST UP IN THE NORTH COUNTY. THEY ARE ALSO DOWN BELOW BY REMOVING THE BATTERY COMPONENT FROM THIS PROJECT NOW, WE ENSURE ANY FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF ENERGY STORAGE AT THE SITE WILL OCCUR UNDER THOSE UPDATED STANDARDS. I APPRECIATE THE INPUT FROM ALL STAKEHOLDERS AND BELIEVE THIS APPROACH ADDRESSES THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED WHILE SUPPORTING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. SO WITH THAT, I

THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER PRJ2023002405 IN THE 5TH DISTRICT, CONSISTING OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER RPPL2023005137 TO FIND THAT THE PROJECT QUALIFIES FOR A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AS IMPACTS CAN BE REACHED TO LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT WITH MITIGATION AND ADOPT THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO CEQA REQUIREMENTS AND 3, DENY THE APPEAL OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION AND INDICATE ITS INTENT TO UPHOLD THE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL AS AMENDED TO REMOVE THE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM BEST PURSUANT TO THE APPLICANT'S CONCURRENCE AND FOR INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS CONDITIONS TO UPHOLD THE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT AS AMENDED FOR THIS BOARD'S CONSIDERATION. I WOULD ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS NOW CLOSED. ITEM 48 IS BEFORE YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AND I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION PASSES, 5-0. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO SET MATTER 1, REPORT BY THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON THE COUNTY'S BUDGET,

INCLUDING THE LATEST FEDERAL AND STATE POLICY CHANGES WITH POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO COUNTY STAFF, CONTRACTED PROVIDERS, AND SERVICE DELIVERY, AS REQUESTED AT THE BOARD MEETING OF JULY 29, 2025, WHICH WAS HELD FOR REPORT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU'RE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR THREE IF ON A TELEPHONE. JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA, ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE HAVE THE SLIDES UP. BEFORE I WALK YOU THROUGH THE BUDGET PRESENTATION, I WANT TO JUST BEGIN BY SHARING WHERE WE STAND WITH THE PARTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN THAT BEGAN JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY. AS THE BOARD KNOWS, ON FRIDAY THE SENATE PASSED A $1,200,000,000,000 PACKAGE THAT WOULD PROVIDE FUNDING FOR MUCH OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH. THE PACKAGE INCLUDES JUST TWO WEEKS OF FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OPENING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS ABOUT CURBING I.C.E. ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS IN MINNEAPOLIS AND BEYOND. AS OF ABOUT 11:15 THIS MORNING, I GOT A TEXT MESSAGE FROM D.C. LAIRD, AND IT'S PROBABLY ALREADY HIT THE MEDIA, THAT THE HOUSE HAS PASSED THE CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATION PACKAGE 217 TO 214. SO THAT WILL GO TO THE

PRESIDENT WHO IS EXPECTED TO SIGN IT, WHICH WILL END THE PARTIAL SHUTDOWN. I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS PARTIAL SHUTDOWN SHOULD NOT HAVE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT ON L.A. COUNTY'S RESIDENTS OR OUR FINANCIAL HEALTH, THOUGH IT MAY RESULT IN SOME SHORT-TERM OPERATIONAL SLOWDOWNS IN PROCESSING GRANTS AND PAYMENTS BECAUSE SOMETIMES FEDERAL WORKERS GO IMMEDIATELY ON FURLOUGH AND THEY HAVE TO COME BACK AND THEN PROCESS THE STUFF THAT'S STACKED UP ON MONDAY AND ON TUESDAY. LET ME JUST EMPHASIZE, THOUGH, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE DON'T FORGET THAT THIS WAS JUST THE LATEST POTENTIAL THREAT TO OUR FEDERAL FUNDING. TOGETHER WITH STATE FUNDING, FEDERAL FUNDS MAKE UP OVER A THIRD OF OUR BUDGET. WE HAVE YET TO SEE THE FULL IMPACTS OF THE SO-CALLED BIG BILL, WHICH WE ARE BEGINNING TO FEEL THIS YEAR, BUT WILL HIT THE COUNTY HARD NEXT YEAR. AN ATTEMPTED FREEZE OF SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS TO CALIFORNIA AND FOUR OTHER STATES ALSO REMAINS A THREAT, SUBJECT TO ONGOING LITIGATION, OF COURSE. BUT THIS IS THE KIND OF UNCERTAINTY THAT KEEPS US IN A REACTIVE POSTURE, MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT TO PLAN AND ADJUST AND KEEP OUR EYES FULLY ON YOUR BOARD'S POLICY PRIORITIES. SO, LET'S GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. OKAY, THIS IS A RECAP SLIDE. WE DO THIS EVERY TIME WE COME TO THE BOARD TO REMIND EVERYBODY WHERE WE HAVE BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE AT TODAY. THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR FISCAL YEAR 26/27 IS WELL UNDERWAY. WE'VE RECEIVED ALL DEPARTMENTS' BUDGET REQUESTS AT THIS POINT AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS TO

SHARE THEIR REQUESTS WITH THE BOARD WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK. BUT THE PRESSURES ON THE COUNTY HAVE ONLY INCREASED. AS I MENTIONED, THERE ARE NEW THREATS TO FEDERAL FUNDING, INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL FREEZE ON CHILD CARE AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, WHICH WOULD AMOUNT TO $5,000,000,000 STATEWIDE. THE FREEZE HAS BEEN HALTED BY A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER THAT WILL EXPIRE THIS FRIDAY ABSENT FURTHER COURT EXTENSIONS OR A FINAL RULING. ENTITLEMENT FUNDING FOR FEBRUARY BENEFITS IS ALREADY IN PLACE AND THAT'S GOOD NEWS, BUT WE'RE CLOSELY MONITORING COURT ACTIONS AND WE CONTINUE OUR CONTINGENCY PLANNING. THERE'S ALSO AN EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT CALLS FOR AN AUDIT OF FEMA FUNDING FOR THE JANUARY WILDFIRES. I KNOW THERE'S A MOTION ON THE AGENDA TODAY TO LOOK AT THAT. THAT'S ANOTHER LEVEL OF UNCERTAINTY THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH. IN ADDITION TO THE POTENTIAL LOSS OF FEDERAL FUNDS, A REVIEW OF DEPARTMENTS' ACTUAL SPENDING FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR, WHICH BEGAN JULY 1ST, PROJECTS OPERATING DEFICITS FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IN EXCESS OF $200,000,000. THAT IS THE HIGHEST FIFTH-MONTH PROJECTION IN TERMS OF DEPARTMENTAL DEFICITS OVER THE LAST THREE FISCAL YEARS. SO, WE'RE TRENDING IN A CONCERNING DIRECTION AND WHAT I THINK IS ESPECIALLY CONCERNING ARE PROJECTED DEFICITS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES BOTH OF WHOM ARE IMPACTED BY REDUCTIONS IN FEDERAL SUPPORT AND WE PROJECT THEIR FISCAL CONDITION TO ACTUALLY WORSEN NEXT YEAR AS THE FEDERAL REDUCTION, THE

FEDERAL REVENUE REDUCTIONS TAKE HOLD. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, I KNOW YOUR BOARD IS WELL AWARE, BUT I WANTED TO QUICKLY REVISIT SOME OF THE KEY FACTS RELATED TO BALANCING OUR OVERALL COUNTY BUDGET. SO, OUR FIXED COSTS ARE RISING. THAT INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL $502,000,000, OF WHICH $188,000,000 IS NET COUNTY COSTS, NEEDED THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR TO COVER A COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR OUR VALUED COUNTY WORKFORCE AND WE TAKE THAT COMMITMENT SERIOUSLY FOR OUR EMPLOYEES TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN MAKE THAT THAT PAYMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE ALREADY DOING MORE WITH LESS GIVEN CURTAILMENTS AFFECTED THIS FISCAL YEAR. PROJECTED DEPARTMENTAL YEAR-END SAVINGS ARE DOWN IN THE AGGREGATE COMPARED TO THIS SAME TIME LAST YEAR. WE CAN'T FORGET THAT WE'RE COMMITTED TO PAY $1,200,000,000 THIS YEAR AND $1,200,000,000 NEXT YEAR IN AB 218 LIABILITY. THESE ARE MAJOR BUDGETARY CHALLENGES THAT REQUIRE CAREFUL AND INTENTIONAL PLANNING TO ADDRESS. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. SO, THIS SLIDE TAKES A STEP BACK IN HISTORY TO REMIND US OF THE LAST TIME WE HAD A BUDGET CRISIS THAT CHALLENGED OUR COUNTY FINANCES, AND THAT WAS IN THE 1990S. THE PRESSURES THEN WERE DIFFERENT. THEY INCLUDED REDUCTIONS IN FEDERAL HEALTH CARE FUNDING, SLOW POST-RECESSION GROWTH, AND A MAJOR SHIFT IN DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY TAXES FROM L.A. COUNTY TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THE CAO PROPOSED A BUDGET, THE CAO'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1995/1996 INCLUDED THE LAYOFF OF AN ASTONISHING 18,250 EMPLOYEES AND NET COUNTY COST

CUTS OF 33.5%. THESE NUMBERS I THINK HELP CONTEXTUALIZE HOW BAD THINGS WERE IN THE 1990S AS COMPARED TO TODAY. IN THE END THE LAYOFFS WERE REDUCED TO 2,656 EMPLOYEES WHO WERE PRIMARILY HEALTH CARE WORKERS. FAR FEWER CERTAINLY LAYOFFS, BUT STILL SO IMPACTFUL FOR THOSE WORKERS AND THE PEOPLE WHO RELY ON THE SERVICES THAT WERE CUT. IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR, ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL REDUCTIONS OF 20% WERE RECOMMENDED. RESOLVING THE CRISIS, WHICH THREATENED THE CLOSURE OF LAC USC MEDICAL CENTER TOOK YEARS, BUT BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THERE IS A SILVER LINING AND THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT IN THIS SLIDE. THAT CRISIS PROMPTED THE COUNTY TO DEVELOP A SOUND SET OF BUDGET, A BOARD BUDGET POLICIES THAT HAVE GUIDED THE COUNTY'S FISCAL PRACTICES IN THE DECADES SINCE THROUGH BOTH THE 08 RECESSION AND THE PANDEMIC. AND THE POSITIVE NEWS IS THAT WE'RE MUCH BETTER EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH THE CURRENT CHALLENGES, HOWEVER DAUNTING, BECAUSE THE SOUND FISCAL PRACTICES THAT WE HAVE ADOPTED AS AN INSTITUTION ARE BOOING US AT THIS TIME. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. NOW EVEN THOUGH WE'RE GUIDED BY THE LESSONS FROM THE ‘90S, TODAY'S UNIQUE SET OF CHALLENGES, THERE'S CERTAINLY 2026 CHALLENGES, REQUIRE ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENT LEADERS TO COLLABORATE ON SOLUTIONS TO ADVANCE THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. AND SO, WITH THAT IN MIND, WE'VE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO GATHER INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC STRESSES WITHIN THEIR DEPARTMENTS, AND WE CONVENED A STRATEGY SESSION TO WORKSHOP IMPACTFUL AND

CREATIVE SOLUTIONS. EACH DEPARTMENT BROUGHT THEIR OWN PERSPECTIVES TO THE DISCUSSION, BUT WE ALSO IDENTIFIED SOME COMMON THEMES AND SOME EARLY CONSENSUS AROUND WAYS TO INCREASE REVENUES AND CONSOLIDATE COSTS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE WILL FIRST TACKLE SOME LOW-HANGING FRUIT BY ESTABLISHING SMALLER WORK GROUPS TO FOCUS ON EVALUATING THE CHARGES THAT CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS LIKE THE CEO, MY DEPARTMENT, COUNTY COUNSEL, ISD, AND OTHERS CHARGED TO DEPARTMENTS AND THE DUPLICATION OF EXPENSES. MY HOPE IS THAT DEPARTMENTAL LEADERS WILL CONTINUE TO REMAIN ENGAGED AND THAT THEIR INPUT IS REFLECTED IN THE STRATEGIES ULTIMATELY ADOPTED BY YOUR BOARD RATHER THAN OUR TRADITIONAL TOP-DOWN APPROACH THAT IMPOSES BUDGET SOLUTIONS ON DEPARTMENTS. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE WE'RE ONE COUNTY, ONE ORGANISM TO WHICH ALL DEPARTMENTS BELONG, AND WHAT WE DO AS A COUNTY IMPACTS DEPARTMENTS AND THE PEOPLE WHO RELY ON THEIR SERVICES AND WHAT DEPARTMENTS DO IMPACTS THE COUNTY. SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE I'M CLEAR IN MY MESSAGING HERE. I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN CONTINUE AS LEADERS IN DEPARTMENTS AND WITH THE CEO TO WORK TOGETHER ON THESE BUDGET SOLUTIONS. SO, WITH THAT IN MIND, LET ME MOVE FROM CONCEPTS TO TANGIBLES SO YOUR BOARD CAN SEE HOW OUR WORK IS TAKING SHAPE. NEXT SLIDE. OKAY, I PRESENTED THESE THREE BROAD STRATEGIES IN MY BUDGET UPDATE BEFORE THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. REALLOCATING RESOURCES, DECREASING EXPENDITURES, AND INCREASING REVENUES. THESE THREE STRATEGIES REALLY ARE THE

BREAD AND BUTTER OF ADAPTING TO BUDGET CHALLENGES AND CONSTRAINTS. AND IN APPLYING THESE STRATEGIES TO OUR BUDGET CHALLENGES TODAY, THE OBJECTIVE IS TWOFOLD. STABILIZE OUR OPERATIONS AND RESET OUR FINANCIAL FOOTING AND MITIGATE AGAINST FUTURE REVENUE CUTS BY PLANNING FOR THE FISCAL CHALLENGES WE SEE ON THE HORIZON, IN PARTICULAR FROM H.R. 1, THE BIG BILL. SO AGAIN, THOSE TWO ACTION STEPS ARE STABILIZE NOW AND MITIGATE FOR THE FUTURE. AND THIS SLIDE INCLUDES A REPRESENTATIVE LIST OF THE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS BY CATEGORY. IT'S NOT EVERY SOLUTION THAT WE HAVE BEGUN TO IDENTIFY AND VET, BUT IT IS A GOOD ASSEMBLAGE OF WHAT I CALL REPRESENTATIVE STRATEGIES. YOU'LL NOTICE THAT ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS ARE NOT ON THE LIST. ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS ARE NOT OFF THE TABLE, BUT BECAUSE SUCH CUTS ARE SO IMPACTFUL, WE MUST FIRST LOOK AT SOLVING STRUCTURAL ISSUES IN OTHER CREATIVE WAYS, SUCH AS THE SOLUTIONS ISSUED BEFORE WE RESORT TO SOMETHING LIKE ANOTHER ACROSS THE BOARD CUT THAT HAS HAD SUCH REALLY DIFFICULT OPERATING IMPACTS AND HAS IMPACTED OUR COMMUNITIES WHO RELY ON THE SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN REDUCED OR CUT. THAT SAID, IT DOESN'T MEAN THESE SOLUTIONS ARE FREE FROM DIFFICULT POLICY TRADE-OFFS. AND I'LL GIVE YOU SOME EXAMPLES. SO RIGHT-SIZING REVENUE-FUNDED PROGRAMS TO REDUCE NET COUNTY COSTS, THAT WILL RESULT IN SERVICE REDUCTIONS AS NET COUNTY COST BACKSTOPS ARE REMOVED FROM PROGRAMS. IT'S A MORE SURGICAL APPROACH, BUT IT DOES IMPACT SERVICE LEVELS. SIMILARLY, FOR THE COUNTY'S FEE

FOR SERVICE PROGRAMS, INCREASING FEES WILL SAVE NET COUNTY COSTS, BUT COULD IMPOSE BURDENS ON THE PUBLIC SEEKING OUR SERVICES. FINALLY, THE HIRING AND SPENDING FREEZE, WHILE NOT STOPPING HIRING, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT DOESN'T STOP HIRING, IT PUTS HIRING THROUGH A PROCESS. THAT WILL HELP CONTROL SPENDING. IT WILL HELP CONTROL THIS FISCAL YEAR AND AS WE APPROACH NEXT FISCAL YEAR WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON WHETHER TO CONTINUE IT. AND THAT WILL PROVIDE STABILITY TO OUR FINANCES IN THE SHORT TERM, BUT WE HAVE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE SURE HOW WE IMPLEMENT THE HIRING AND SPENDING FREEZE DOESN'T UNDULY IMPLEMENT THOSE CRITICAL MANDATED AND SAFETY NET PROGRAMS THAT THEY OPERATE. AND THAT IS OUR COMMITMENT WITH THE HIRING FREEZE. I DO WANT TO SPEND A MOMENT ON INCREASING REVENUES BECAUSE I'VE HAD A LOT OF QUESTIONS ON OUR ABILITY TO DO THAT. SO, WE'VE CERTAINLY SOME CREATIVE IDEAS TO VET THAT YOU SEE UP ON THE SCREEN. MONETIZING UNDERUTILIZED COUNTY ASSETS, RIGHT SIZING FEES. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT NAMING RIGHTS POLICIES TO ENCOURAGE PHILANTHROPIC INVESTMENT AND A NUMBER OF OTHER IDEAS. BUT I JUST WANTED TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO RAISE REVENUES IS RESTRICTED. IN A LOT OF CASES, WE'RE RESTRICTED BY, WE CAN ONLY COLLECT ENOUGH REVENUE TO OFFSET OUR COST. AND THERE'S EXISTING LEGISLATION AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS THAT PREVENT US FROM WHOLESALE RAISING REVENUE, LIKE IMPOSING A TAX, FOR EXAMPLE. THE BOARD CANNOT RAISE

TAXES, ONLY THE VOTERS CAN APPROVE SUCH TAX INCREASES. THAT'S WHY WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE VARIOUS TAX MEASURES THAT ARE BEING FLOATED WITHIN THE COUNTY. BUT THAT IS NOT ONE OF OUR DEPARTMENTAL DRIVEN SOLUTIONS THAT YOU'LL SEE ON THE SCREEN. SO, THE CEO TEAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEPARTMENTS HAS DEVELOPED A DETAILED LIST OF SPECIFIC OPTIONS WITHIN EACH CATEGORY THAT WE'RE CONTINUING TO VET. WE WANT TO PROVIDE YOUR BOARD NOT ONLY WITH THE TARGETED SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH SOLUTION BUT ALSO A TRANSPARENT UNDERSTANDING OF ANY TRADEOFFS, BECAUSE ULTIMATELY THESE ARE POLICY CHOICES THAT HAVE TO BE MADE. MAKING A CHOICE AS A TRADEOFF AND DECIDING NOT TO DO SOMETHING WILL ALSO INCLUDE A TRADEOFF. WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR OFFICES TO FINALIZE ANY PROPOSED SOLUTION FOR INCLUSION IN UPCOMING BUDGET PHASES THIS FISCAL YEAR. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AS WE PREPARE TO WEIGH THE DIFFICULT CHOICES, I JUST WANT TO BRIEFLY REVISIT FOR THE PUBLIC THE ENVIRONMENT THAT WE'RE OPERATING IN. IT'S UNPREDICTABLE AND CONDITIONS CHANGE ON A DIME. MANY DECISIONS THAT ARE AFFECTING US ARE POLITICAL RATHER THAN FINANCIALLY MOTIVATED AND REQUIRE SPENDING TIME AND MONEY IN COURT TO DEFEND. AND THEY REALLY KEEP US ON OUR TOES AND MAKE IT, LIKE I SAID, VERY DIFFICULT TO PLAN. I KNOW THE BOARD IS VERY WELL AWARE, BUT I WANT TO FLAG FOR THE PUBLIC ONCE MORE THAT THE IMPACTS OF THE BIG BILL AND OTHER FEDERAL LOSSES WILL MOST KEENLY BE FELT IN 27/28 AND ARE ROUGHLY ESTIMATED TO COST THE COUNTY OVER $2 BILLION WHEN

FULLY IMPLEMENTED. CURRENTLY, THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET DOES NOT INCLUDE FUNDS TO MITIGATE THOSE IMPACTS. IT'S SOMETHING WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON WITH OUR PARTNERS AT THE STATE. NEXT SLIDE. NEXT STEPS. WE'LL CONTINUE WORKING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS TO FURTHER REFINE OUR IDEAS FOR REALLOCATIONS, INCREASED REVENUES, AND LOWER EXPENSES AS WE DEVELOP THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET. NOT ALL OF THE STRATEGIES ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET. THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO DO, SO YOU'LL PROBABLY SEE SOME OF THESE STRATEGIES INCLUDED IN FINAL CHANGES AND IN SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES. THE BOARD WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, OF COURSE, TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THEIR PRIORITIES AS EACH DEPARTMENT MAKES ITS REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 26/27 DURING THE PUBLIC BUDGET PRESENTATIONS THAT ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK ON FEBRUARY 12TH. I WANT TO CLOSE AGAIN BY EMPHASIZING OUR TWO ACTION ITEMS. NUMBER 1, STABILIZE NOW, AND NUMBER 2, MITIGATE FOR THE FUTURE. LIKE THE COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO THE 1990S BUDGET CRISIS, THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHAT WE DO TODAY WILL EXTEND WELL BEYOND THIS BUDGET PHASE AND IMPACT OUR RESIDENTS FOR YEARS TO COME. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY AND AN OBLIGATION TO MAKE THE SMART FINANCIAL CHOICES THAT WILL CONTINUE THE COUNTY'S LONG TRADITION OF FISCAL STABILITY AND PRESERVE CRITICAL SAFETY NET SERVICES FOR OUR RESIDENTS. I'LL TAKE THE FINAL SLIDE AND I WILL HAND IT BACK TO THE BOARD FOR QUESTIONS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. BEFORE I TURN IT OVER TO MY COLLEAGUES, I WANT TO THANK YOU, JOE, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. NO DOUBT WE FACE SIGNIFICANT FISCAL CHALLENGES IN THE COMING YEAR AS WELL AS THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS. WITH MANY OF THESE CHALLENGES BEING UNNECESSARILY IMPOSED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AS YOU STATED. I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED, HOWEVER, ABOUT THE IMPACT ON OUR RESIDENTS. AND WE HEARD SOME OF THAT TODAY, PEOPLE THAT ARE STRESSED ECONOMICALLY WITH HOUSING AND UNHOUSED AND HOUSED AND RENTS AND EVERYTHING INCREASING AND NOTHING SEEMS TO BE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THESE ARE ALL THINGS THAT WE ALL CARE ABOUT HERE ON THE BOARD. AND AS THOSE INCREASES BECOME MORE DEMANDING, I'M WONDERING ABOUT OUR CASELOADS, HOW WE'RE GOING TO MANAGE THAT, AND HOW ARE OUR EMPLOYEES GOING TO BE ABLE TO MANAGE THAT? SO, WHILE WE HAVE TO SLOW DOWN HIRING AND OTHER THINGS, HOW ARE WE GOING TO PROTECT THAT? AND I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE HIRING FREEZE AND WHAT IT WILL RESULT IN IF WE SEE AN INCREASE IN CONTRACTING WORK OUT THAT WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN PERFORMED BY OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. SO COULD YOU ANSWER THOSE TWO QUESTIONS PLEASE AND THEN I'LL MOVE ON.

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: YEAH, THOSE ARE GREAT QUESTIONS, SUPERVISOR. I HAD A CONVERSATION WITH OUR LABOR REPRESENTATIVES, AND THEY RAISED THOSE VERY ISSUES, PRIMARILY AROUND CASELOADS. I THINK ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT THEY RAISED, AND IT'S VERY VALID, IS

HOW DO WE MAINTAIN BOTH THE CASELOAD COMMITMENTS THAT ARE IN THE MOU FOR OUR EMPLOYEES, WHICH REFLECT MAINTAINING A CERTAIN LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR OUR CUSTOMERS. AND SO, THERE ARE SOME EXEMPTIONS THAT I THINK WILL BRING SOME COMFORT. THE DCFS SOCIAL WORKERS, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD BE EXEMPT. AND THERE ARE OTHER POSITIONS THAT ARE NOT EXEMPT, BUT IN THE BOARD LETTER FOR THE HIRING FREEZE, WE DETAILED A PROPOSED PROCESS FOR WORKING WITH DEPARTMENTS ON HIRING PLANS SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO TAKE HIRING REQUESTS AS ONE-OFFS OR JUST DEAL WITH THEM ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, WE CAN ACTUALLY SIT DOWN WITH DEPARTMENTS, BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR NEEDS, AND WORK WITH THEM ON A GO FORWARD PLAN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR SO THAT THEY CAN HIRE TO THEIR NEEDS. I THINK THERE'S A RISK THERE, AND THE RISK IS ALWAYS THAT THE EXCEPTIONS TO THE HIRING FREEZE WILL SWALLOW THE RULE. WE DO NEED TO THROTTLE SPENDING. WE WANT TO DO SO IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T UNDULY IMPACT THE SAFETY NET, THAT IS THE PRIORITY. IN FACT, INTERESTINGLY, WHEN WE MET WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS, THEY HAD A LOT OF DIFFERENT IDEAS, BUT A COUPLE THINGS THAT ROSE TO THE TOP WERE WE NEED TO PROTECT MANDATED SERVICES CRITICAL SERVICES AND SAFETY NET SERVICES, AND I THINK WE SHARE ALL OF US IN THE DEPARTMENT SHARE THAT PRIORITY AND SO WE'RE GOING TO WE'RE GOING TO KEEP A VERY CLOSE EYE ON THAT IT WILL BE A WORK IN PROGRESS THROUGH THE YEAR, BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE THINK IS CRITICAL AND WE AGREE WITH OUR LABOR PARTNERS THAT WE NEED TO MONITOR THAT. ON

THE CONTRACTING PIECE, SUPERVISOR, IT'S SOMETHING WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK AT. THERE IS GOING TO BE A COMPLEMENTARY SPENDING FREEZE IN PLACE, SO THERE WILL BE SOME RESTRICTIONS ALSO ON CONTRACTING. THE CONTRACTING PROCESS HAS TO GO THROUGH THE PROPERTY ANALYSIS IF YOU'RE GOING TO CONTRACT OUT WORK THAT A COUNTY WORKFORCE MEMBER DOES TODAY. SO, I DON'T EXPECT THOSE PROCESSES AND RESTRICTIONS TO CHANGE BECAUSE OF THE HIRING FREEZE. THERE MAY BE SOME DEPARTMENTS WHO RECOMMEND CONTRACTING WORK TO GET SOME CRITICAL THINGS DONE. WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE THOSE, I THINK, ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. I'M NOT CURRENTLY AWARE OF ANY EFFORTS TO DO THAT RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF THE HIRING FREEZE.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL TURN NOW TO SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST, YOU HAD SAID A HIRING FREEZE, DOESN'T STOP HIRING, IT PUTS IT THROUGH A PROCESS. SO, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN IN PRACTICAL TERMS?

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: SO, WE'RE SOMEWHAT CAPTIVE TO THE HIRING FREEZE POLICY THAT CALLS IT A HARD HIRING FREEZE. THAT IS THE TERM THAT WE USE IN THE COUNTY WHEN WE IMPLEMENT A HIRING FREEZE. I COULDN'T TELL YOU WHAT A HARD HIRING FREEZE IS VERSUS SOFT HIRING FREEZE IS BASED ON THE ACTUAL WAY THAT OUR

POLICY IS WRITTEN BECAUSE THEY SEEM VERY SIMILAR. IN THE COUNTY WHEN WE IMPOSE A HARD HIRING FREEZE, HERE'S WHAT WE MEAN. WE, AS A BASELINE WE TELL EVERYBODY STOP HIRING AND THEN WE DO TWO THINGS. WE HAVE A LIST OF EXEMPTIONS. AND OUR LIST OF EXEMPTIONS IS PRETTY LENGTHY. THERE ARE WHOLE CLASSIFICATIONS THAT ARE EXEMPTED BECAUSE THEY PROVIDE CRITICAL SAFETY NET MANDATED SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICES. THERE ARE CLASSIFICATIONS THAT ARE EXEMPTED BECAUSE THEY HAVE REVENUE THAT IS NOT IN THREAT OR IN DISPUTE. AND THEN THERE ARE SPECIAL DISTRICTS LIKE THE FIRE DISTRICT THAT ARE EXEMPTED BECAUSE THEY'RE RUNNING OFF THEIR OWN SEPARATE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE AND THEY'RE NOT FACING THE SAME STRUCTURAL ISSUES THAT THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE IS FACING. SO THAT'S NUMBER 1. THOSE EXEMPTIONS, THEY'LL, DEPARTMENTS WILL BE ABLE TO HIRE ON THOSE ITEMS. THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE CEO TO DO THAT HIRING. EVERYTHING ELSE WILL BE SUBJECT TO AN EXCEPTION PROCESS. SO IF YOU'RE A DEPARTMENT AND YOU HAVE ITEMS THAT ARE FUNDED WITH NET COUNTY COSTS, AND THAT IS WHAT WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT IS SLOWING THE SPEND OF NET COUNTY COSTS, BUT YOU NEED TO HIRE, EITHER BECAUSE YOUR CASELOADS RATIOS ARE GOING UP TOO HIGH OR YOU HAVE CRITICAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS YOU NEED TO HIRE OR YOU NOW HAVE AN UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF VACANCIES, THERE IS A PROCESS TO COME TO THE CEO, PROVIDE THE JUSTIFICATION AND RECEIVE AN APPROVAL TO HIRE THROUGH THE EXCEPTION PROCESS. NOT EVERY EXCEPTION IS

APPROVED, BUT MANY OF THEM ARE. I THINK DEPARTMENTS ARE ACTUALLY VERY GOOD AT BRINGING US THE THINGS THAT ARE MUST HAVES, NOT THE NICE TO HAVES. AND SO, IT MAKES OUR WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENTS PRETTY EASY. AND THAT WAS CERTAINLY THE CASE IN COVID. WE SAW DEPARTMENTS WHO WERE VERY SELECTIVE ABOUT WHAT THEY BROUGHT FORWARD BECAUSE THEY KNEW THEY WANTED TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE HIRING FREEZE, BUT THEY WANTED TO GET THE THINGS THAT THEY NEEDED DONE. SO THAT'S GENERALLY THE MAJOR PROCESSES THAT WE PUT IN PLACE. EVERYTHING, THE EXEMPTION LIST IS ALREADY ATTACHED TO THE BOARD LETTER. OUR PROCESSES WILL BE SENT OUT SHORTLY, VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WE DID IN COVID. THEY'RE VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD AND SIMPLE. THERE'S SOME FORMS ATTACHED TO THE PROCESSES. WE HAD HEARD SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT CONTRACT CITIES, AND I THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE RAISED, SUPERVISOR, LAST TIME, CONCERNS ABOUT CONTRACT CITIES. CONTRACT CITY REVENUE, BECAUSE THESE ITEMS ARE REVENUE FUNDED, TEND TO EITHER BE EXEMPT OR WILL PROCESS EXEMPTIONS FOR THEM ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. I DON'T EXPECT SITTING HERE TODAY THAT OUR SERVICE LEVELS FOR CONTRACT CITIES WILL BE INFECTED. OUR LARGEST CONTRACT SERVICE IS LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE SHERIFF HAS BEEN UNDER A HIRING FREEZE FOR THE LAST FIVE OR SO YEARS. FIVE OR SO YEARS, MAYBE SIX YEARS SINCE COVID-19. WE ARE PROCESSING THOSE HIRES REGULARLY. THE HIRING FREEZE IS NOT IMPACTING THEIR ABILITY TO HIRE UP. THEY HAVE OTHER CHALLENGES THAT. CONTRACT CITIES ARE WELL AWARE OF. DON'T EXPECT OUR

HIRING FREEZE TO EXACERBATE OR AFFECT THOSE IN ANY WAY.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: THAT IS AN INCREDIBLY HELPFUL CLARIFICATION. THANK YOU. SECONDLY, I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR CONVENING DEPARTMENT HEADS ON THE STRATEGY SESSION. IT SOUNDS LIKE THAT WAS VERY PRODUCTIVE. SO, DO YOU ANTICIPATE THIS GROUP MEETING ON AN ONGOING BASIS THROUGHOUT THE UPCOMING YEAR TO PROVIDE NOT ONLY SOME OF THE SHORT-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU'VE IDENTIFIED, BUT MAYBE EVEN LONGER-TERM SOLUTIONS?

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. I WAS REALLY THINKING ABOUT THE WAY TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE WITH OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD PARTNERS. AND I THINK WHERE WE'RE LANDING IS WE'LL CERTAINLY CONVENE THEM AS A GROUP. BUT I THINK WHEN WE HAVE TO PUT PEN TO PAPER AND GET SOME WORK DONE, IT'S HELPFUL TO HAVE SOME SMALLER TASK FORCES ASSEMBLED, SO MAYBE 5, 6, 7 DEPARTMENT HEADS. I MENTIONED ONE EARLY ACTION ITEM WHICH IS TO CONVENE FOLKS TO TALK ABOUT CENTRAL AGENCY BILLING. SO, A LOT OF LINE DEPARTMENTS HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY FEEL LIKE THEY WHEN THEY HAVE TO REDUCE THEIR COSTS, CENTRAL AGENCIES DON'T HAVE TO DO THE SAME THING. IN FACT, WE INCREASE OUR COSTS AND THEY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO PAY THEM. WE FLAG SOME DUPLICATION. IN FACT, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL HAS FLAGGED SOME DUPLICATION IN OUR PROCESSES SO FORMING A WORK GROUP WITH SOME REPRESENTATIVE

DEPARTMENTS WHO CAN ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES AND THEN COME BACK TO THE HOME WITH RECOMMENDATIONS, I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY THE BEST WAY TO PROCEED. WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO BETWEEN NOW AND SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGETS, SO I EXPECT THAT OVER THE COMING MONTHS WE'LL BE MEETING REGULARLY WITH FOLKS. AND I REALLY WANT THEM TO PARTICIPATE, I REALLY WANT THEM TO ENGAGE, I REALLY WANT THEM TO FEEL LIKE THEY ARE PART OF THE SOLUTION RATHER THAN HAVING TO SUFFER THROUGH SOLUTIONS THAT ARE MADE BY OTHER FOLKS.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: I'M REALLY GLAD TO HEAR THAT AND I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE NOBODY NEEDS TO BE IN MORE MEETINGS THAN THEY NEED TO BE BUT MAKING SURE THAT THEIR VOICES ARE INCLUDED AND HOW WE'RE BEING STRATEGIC, I THINK IS REALLY HELPFUL. SO, I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT. AND THEN FINALLY, YOU INDICATED THAT YOU'D BE SEEKING ADDITIONAL REVENUES IN THE FORM POTENTIALLY OF INCREASED FEES. SO, FIRST OF ALL, ARE ANY OF THOSE INCREASES GOING TO IMPACT FIRE SURVIVORS OR THE ENTERTAINMENT AND FILMING INDUSTRY, WHICH THIS BOARD HAS SORT OF DIRECTED INTENTIONALLY TO HAVE REDUCED OR ELIMINATED FEES FOR THE REASONS WE'VE, YOU KNOW, WE'VE ARTICULATED IN THOSE IN THOSE AREAS.

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: SO, THERE'S NO PROPOSAL ON THE TABLE FOR ANY SPECIFIC FEE INCREASES. I THINK WHAT THE PROCESS WE'RE DOING

NOW IS WE'RE TRYING TO GO DEPARTMENT BY DEPARTMENT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE REVENUE POTENTIAL IS FOR AN INCREASED FEE. AND I RECOGNIZE THE BOARD HAS A DIFFICULT POLICY DECISION TO MAKE WHEN THEY LOOK AT INCREASING FEES BECAUSE THERE IS AN IMPACT ON THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING OUR SERVICES. WHAT WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND AS A COUNTY THOUGH IS WHAT IS, HOW MUCH NCC IS BACKSTOPPING ALL OF OUR FEES. SO, IF OUR FEES ARE, OFTENTIMES DEPARTMENTS WILL RAISE A FEE AND THEN IT'LL GO 10 YEARS AND 12 YEARS AND THEY WON'T RAISE IT. AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN THEY FEEL LIKE THEY NEED TO RAISE IT AND IT'LL BE A 300% INCREASE AND IT BRINGS OUT EVERYBODY SAYING THAT IS RIDICULOUS. SO, WHAT WE'RE REALLY LOOKING AT IN FEES IS TWO THINGS. ONE IS TO UNDERSTAND, MAKE AN INTENTIONAL CHOICE ABOUT THE NCC BACKFILL. SO, IF WE'RE NOT GOING TO RAISE A FEE, THE BOARD SHOULD KNOW HOW MUCH THAT COSTS US IN NCC AND MAKE THE DECISION TO ALLOCATE IT BECAUSE THERE IS A TRADE-OFF THERE. RIGHT NOW, DEPARTMENTS ARE ABSORBING A LOT OF THAT AND WHAT THEY'RE SAYING IS WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO ABSORB IT TO BE EFFECTIVE. SO, I WANT TO ELEVATE THAT DISCUSSION SO WE CAN UNDERSTAND IT. AND THEN THE SECOND THING IS I WOULD LOVE TO CHANGE THE WAY WE APPROACH FEES. I THINK WE CAN BE MORE REGULAR IN ADDRESSING OUR FEES SO THAT THE INCREASES ARE INCREMENTABLE, KEEP PACE WITH COSTS, AND DON'T IMPOSE AN UNDUE BURDEN YEAR FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT YEAR ON THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO SEEK FEES. SO THOSE ARE REALLY THE TWO STRATEGIES I'M LOOKING AT FOR FEES,

BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: THAT ALL SOUNDS REASONABLE. THANK YOU FOR THAT. I KNOW AS WE'RE HAVING THIS CONVERSATION, DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY INCREASES IN THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR? I KNOW YOU'RE NOT PROPOSING ANY AT THIS POINT, BUT DO YOU ANTICIPATE THAT WILL HAVE TO BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION?

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WE WOULD PROPOSE A FEE INCREASE AND IT WOULD BE BECAUSE OF A TRADE OFF. SO WE'RE PROPOSING A FEE INCREASE AND IF THE BOARD'S DETERMINATION IS THEY'RE NOT COMFORTABLE WITH THE INCREASE BECAUSE OF THE IMPACTS TO THOSE SEEKING SERVICES, WE'D HAVE TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHERE TO GET THE NCC TO BACKFILL IT. BECAUSE WE'RE AT THE POINT NOW WHERE WE'RE LOOKING AT IF WE DON'T DO Y, WE NEED TO DO X. AND THAT'S SORT OF NEW, BECAUSE TYPICALLY THE DEPARTMENTS GO BACK AND THEY ABSORB. BUT I'M HEARING FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS SAYING THEY REALLY JUST DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO THAT, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE 8.5% CURTAILMENTS.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: ABSOLUTELY. I'VE HEARD THE SAME THING. AND, YOU KNOW, DIRECTION TO GET CREATIVE SOMETIMES FEELS INCREDIBLY FRUSTRATING BECAUSE THEY'VE GOTTEN CREATIVE

AND THEY WERE IN VERY CHALLENGED TIMES. AND SO, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE PRIORITIZING WHAT WE NEED ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS TO BE DELIVERING AND HAVE THOSE TOUGH CONVERSATIONS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. AND JOE, I'LL BE QUICK. ON THE SLIDE THAT, AND FIRST OF ALL, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTIONS. I MEAN, I THINK IT'S SPOT ON IN TERMS OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'VE NOTED IS THAT WHEN THE DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE INVOLVED WITH THE PROCESS, YOU GET A BETTER OUTCOME. WHEN THEY'RE AT THE TABLE DISCUSSING WHAT THOSE CUTS ARE GOING TO LOOK LIKE, BECAUSE OFTENTIMES WE DON'T KNOW SOME OF THE INTRICACIES OF THE DEPARTMENT. SO, I THINK IT'S GOOD TO BRING THE DEPARTMENT HEADS TOGETHER AND GET THEIR FEEDBACK. OBVIOUSLY I KNOW I'VE TALKED TO, FOR EXAMPLE, NORMA WITH PARKS AND REC, AND THESE CUTS ARE INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHEN WE'RE LOOKING, YOU KNOW, AT THE DEVASTATION IT WAS CAUSING IN ALTADENA. AND SO, I KNOW THAT OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS WOULD WANT TO BE AT THE TABLE AS IT RELATES TO WHATEVER DECISIONS WE MAKE. BUT ON YOUR SLIDE 3 OF 9, THE COUNTY'S FIXED COSTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 26/27, INCLUDING THE 2% COLA TAKING EFFECT THIS YEAR ARE EXPECTED TO OUTPACE REVENUES. SO

ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU ARE, THAT YOU BROUGHT FORWARD ARE THOSE GOING TO OFFSET THAT AS IT RELATES TO THE FACT THAT OUR FIXED COSTS ARE CONTINUING TO OUTPACE? HOW ARE WE GOING TO EVEN THAT OUT?

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY THAT. SO, WE DID CURTAILMENTS TO PAY FOR THE COLA INCREASES.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: BUT THAT'S ONE TIME.

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: RIGHT. SO, WE'RE GOING TO PUT THE CURTAILMENTS WERE ONGOING. SO, THE ONGOING MONEY WILL BE PUT BACK INTO THE BUDGET SO WE CAN BALANCE. WHAT IT WILL DO IS IT WILL RESTRICT OUR RESTRICT OUR ABILITY TO FUND NEW THINGS OR EXPANDED THINGS. NEXT YEAR WE HAVE A 5% COLA, SORRY. NEXT FISCAL YEAR WE HAVE A 5% COLA COMING, WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL COST. AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE H.R. 1. SO, THESE ADDITIONAL COSTS CONTINUE TO MOUNT. I THINK WHAT I'M SUGGESTING IS WITH SOME PLANNING, WE CAN CONTINUE TO MANAGE THOSE WELL.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AND ARE FIXED COSTS INCLUDING MAINTENANCE?

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: FIXED COSTS WOULD INCLUDE ALL ROUTINE COST INCREASES, BUT THE MAJORITY, THE MAJOR FIXED COSTS THAT I'M

REFERRING TO IS OUR SALARY INCREASES, OUR COLA'S. THAT IS FAR AND AWAY THE LARGEST INCREASED COST.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: OKAY. AND THEN ON SLIDE NUMBER, THE ONE WITH THE, NOT THE NEXT STEPS, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE ISSUES, RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES, LUME-LARGE, WHY IS 218 NOT INCLUDED ON THIS? BECAUSE THAT IS, I MEAN, I KNOW YOU BROUGHT IT UP IN EARLIER SLIDE, BUT THAT CONTINUES TO BE AN UNKNOWN THAT I THINK NEEDS TO BE HIGHLIGHTED AS IT RELATES TO THE IMPACT IT'S GOING TO HAVE ON WORKFORCE AND SERVICES IN THE COUNTY.

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: SUPERVISOR, YOU'RE RIGHT. AND IT SHOULD BE ON THE SLIDE. I'VE MENTIONED 218 SO MANY TIMES NOW THAT PEOPLE WILL FINISH MY SENTENCE. BUT IT SHOULD BE ON THE SLIDE. IT CONTINUES TO BE A RISK BECAUSE WE HAVE ANOTHER 5,000 CASES THAT HAVE BEEN FILED AND THOSE ARE AFTER THE TWO SETTLEMENTS WE'VE ENTERED INTO. SO, I MENTIONED THAT THE 218 SETTLEMENTS HAVE PUT US IN A VERY DIFFICULT POSITION AT YEAR END BECAUSE WE HAVE TO FIND CASH TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS. WE ALSO HAVE TO GRAPPLE WITH THAT CONTINUED LIABILITY THAT KEEPS MOUNTING ON THE HORIZON. WE'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT, I THINK, COMMON SENSE, REASONABLE REFORMS THAT OUR LEGISLATORS CAN HELP US WITH AND WE CONTINUE TO MAKE THOSE EFFORTS IN SACRAMENTO.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY YOU KNOW I I'M REALLY DISAPPOINTED IN THE DIFFICULT UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE COUNTY'S BUDGET AND I THINK THE FRUSTRATION I HAVE, I KNOW THE FRUSTRATION I HAVE IS THAT THIS BOARD TRULY HAS TAKEN THE RESPONSIBILITIES IT RELATES TO THE RAINY DAY FUND RECOGNIZING HOW IMPORTANT IT IS. AND I WOULD ARGUE THAT FISCALLY WE'VE BEEN RESTRAINED IN HOW WE'VE SPENT PRECIOUS RESOURCES, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC SAFETY, BUT ALSO QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES, WHETHER IT BE THE LIBRARIES, THE PARKS, THIS BOARD HAS STOOD TALL AND I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT OUR CREDIT RATING REFLECTS THAT. AND SO, WHEN I LOOK AT THE BUDGET MOVING FORWARD, IT IS NO FAULT OF THIS BOARD AS IT RELATES TO THE DECISIONS THAT ARE BEING MADE. IT'S THE FISCAL REALITIES THAT RELATES TO THE STATE, THE FEDS, AND THEN AB 218, FRONT AND CENTER AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, BECAUSE THAT IS EATING AWAY AT OUR RAINY-DAY FUND. AND THAT'S THE FUND THAT QUITE FRANKLY IS IN PLACE TO BRIDGE WHEN WE HAVE SITUATIONS LIKE WAS TAKING PLACE WITH H.R. 1. AND THAT'S BEEN TAKEN AWAY FROM US THAT HAS BEEN ROBBED OF THE L.A. COUNTY TAXPAYERS AS A RESULT OF AB 218. AND I'M GOING TO KEEP SAYING THAT I'M NOT GOING TO SAY THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T LIKE ME SAYING. IT'S HER BILL. BUT I PLAY I FULLY SQUARELY BLAME. A LEGISLATOR WHO BROUGHT IN. LEGISLATION WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES AND IF I HEAR HER SAY ONE MORE TIME THAT PEOPLE VOTED FOR IT, I'M GOING TO SCREAM. THAT IS DEFLECTING THE

BLAME AND DEFLECTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT YOU DID. IF YOU TRULY FEEL THAT WAY, THEN GO IN AND FIX IT. AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I'M GOING TO CONTINUE TO SAY PUBLICLY. TO THE DEPARTMENT HEADS, I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. I KNOW MANY OF YOU ARE HERE BECAUSE THIS PAIN IS SOMETHING THAT WHILE WE AS A BOARD RECOGNIZE THE DECISIONS THAT ARE BEING MADE, I KNOW THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU THAT REPRESENT DEPARTMENTS, THAT IS YOUR PASSION, THAT IS YOUR PUBLIC SERVICE. AND SO, I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE GOING TO WORK WITH US TO TRY TO NAVIGATE THESE TOUGH TIMES AND THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MOST VULNERABLE, WHICH I ALWAYS REMIND PEOPLE, 2/3 OF OUR BUDGET IS FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE. I MEAN, IT'S FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE IN THIS COUNTY. AND THAT IS THE IMPACT THAT'S GOING TO TAKE PLACE AS WE MOVE FORWARD, UNLESS WE CAN RIGHT THE SHIP. AND YOU KNOW, JOE, I LOOK TO YOU, I WANT TO THANK YOU PUBLICLY AND YOUR TEAM BECAUSE YOU WALKED INTO THIS MONTHS AGO. AND I DON'T THINK THAT ANY OF US RECOGNIZE THAT THE LEVEL OF WEIGHT THAT'S GOING TO BE ON YOUR SHOULDERS. AND I DON'T TAKE THAT LIGHTLY. I KNOW THAT YOU'VE RISEN IN THE RANKS WITH THIS COUNTY. SO, I KNOW THAT YOU ARE COMMITTED TO THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. AND SO, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY FOR THE JOB THAT YOU'RE DOING, STEPPING INTO A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION. SO, WITH THAT, YOU KNOW, I THINK WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THIS DIALOGUE AND SEE HOW WE CAN, BOTH AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL

LEVEL, TRY TO MAKE THE LANDING AS SOFT AS POSSIBLE, IF THAT IS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, VERY GOOD QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU'RE NEXT.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME START BY, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR, I, BARGER, I KNOW YOU'RE FRUSTRATED. WE ARE ALL FRUSTRATED. AND I WILL JUST SAY AS ONE OF THOSE FORMER STATE LEGISLATORS WHO DID VOTE FOR IT, AND THE SILENCE FROM L.A. COUNTY WAS DEAFENING. I DIDN'T HEAR FROM THIS COUNTY ABOUT THE IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE ON US. SO, I THINK WE ALL HAVE A LITTLE NICKEL IN THIS DIME. A CSAC WHO DIDN'T, THE CSAC SILENCE WAS DEAFENING IN TERMS OF THE, OR ANY OTHER LEVEL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT. IT WAS A MOMENT IN TIME WHEN THE ME-TOO MOVEMENT WAS RAGING, BUT I THINK WE SHOULD ALL LEARN A LESSON FROM THAT. WE AS A POLICY MAKING BODY SHOULD DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING WE BRING TO A VOTE IS WELL THOUGHT OUT AND THAT WE'VE CONSIDERED EVERY POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCE BEFORE WE BRING A MOTION BEFORE OURSELVES TO VOTE. SO, I HEAR YOU. I THINK THE REALITY IS THAT THERE ARE CITY LEGISLATORS THERE TODAY WHO, YOU KNOW, HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE A CHANGE. WE KNOW THAT THERE WAS LEGISLATION LAST YEAR, THERE'S LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED. I KNOW OUR ACTING CEO WENT TO SACRAMENTO AND HAD A SERIES OF MEETINGS, SO I WANT US TO LEAN FORWARD, WORK

WITH THOSE WHO HAVE THE POWER TO INTRODUCE A BILL AND CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE ACROSS THE COUNTY. I THINK THAT THERE IS A PATH WHERE WE DON'T HAVE TO BE PERCEIVED AS PICKING A WINNER OR A LOSER, BUT THERE IS A PATH WHERE EVERYBODY'S NEEDS CAN BE MET. FORMER VICTIMS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT WHO HAS A RESPONSIBLE TO STAY FISCALLY SOLVENT TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES. THAT IS OUR ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY. SO, I HEAR YOU, I KNOW IT'S FRUSTRATING AND REALLY PAINFUL. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE ACTING CEO, REALLY FOR YOUR OPENING SALVO, REMINDING US THAT WE ARE ONE COUNTY AND HAVE TO THINK ABOUT OURSELVES IN THAT CONTEXT TO SAVE OURSELVES, AND FOR US TO UNDERSTAND THAT OUR ULTIMATE JOB IS TO REMAIN FISCALLY SOLVENT, BECAUSE IF WE AREN'T, WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR ANYBODY. MAINTAINING THE CREDIT RATING IS IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF OUR CASH FLOW DYNAMIC, AS ALL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES HAVE THOSE CHALLENGES. SO, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR OPENING COMMENT. I ALSO APPRECIATE KIND OF THE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON SLIDE 4. YOU KNOW, I'M STILL A RELATIVE NEWBIE HERE AT THE COUNTY, BUT I COULD SWEAR I HAVE HEARD IT REPEATEDLY SAID THE COUNTY HAS NEVER HAD LAYOFFS. AND I JUST LOOKED AT THAT SLIDE AND YOU ACTUALLY SAY THAT WE DID. SO, I WANT TO CLARIFY. WERE THEY 18,000 PROPOSED OR WERE THOSE ACTUAL LAYOFFS IN THE ‘90S?

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: THOSE, SUPERVISOR, THOSE WERE THE PROPOSED LAYOFFS. WHEN THE, YOU KNOW, WHEN THIS OFFICE PROVIDES A

RECOMMENDED BUDGET, IT RECOMMENDED THAT MANY LAYOFFS, 18,000 OR SO. IT WAS ULTIMATELY REDUCED. I HAVE TO FIND THE NUMBER AGAIN. OKAY. SOMETHING LESS THAN THE 2000S. AND THAT TOOK A LOT OF WORK. AND IT ALSO TOOK SOME SUPPORT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO HELP US WEATHER THAT. AND THAT IS ANOTHER MAJOR CHANGE FROM, I MEAN, LIKE I SAID, OUR ISSUES VARY 2026, BUT IN THE '90S, WE HAD A FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION THAT WAS WILLING TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO HELP US.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: SO THAT IS, YOU KNOW, WHEN I HEAR US SAY, WE'VE BEEN THERE BEFORE, I'M LIKE, HAVE WE REALLY? BECAUSE YOU KNOW, OUR FUNDING, OUR BUDGET IS REALLY A THREE-LEGGED STOOL. IT'S FEDERAL, DOLLAR, STATE, AND OUR LOCAL GENERATED REVENUE. AND HISTORICALLY, THROUGH RECESSIONS, WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE, WHERE ONE MAY HAVE FALTERED, THE OTHER TWO WERE ABLE TO STEP IN. AND SO, THERE'S THE EXAMPLE THAT, AS CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS IS TELLING US, PRESIDENT CLINTON STEPPED IN TO SUPPORT US. AND SO, THIS IS A UNIQUE STORM FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, BECAUSE IT'S HITTING ALL THREE LAYERS. THE BITTER PILL FOR ME TO SWALLOW IS, IN THIS INSTANCE, AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, IT'S NOT BASED ON A RECESSION AND A LACK OF FUNDING. IT IS A MANUFACTURED, TRANSLATED, MADE UP FISCAL CRISIS. IT IS, I SHOULDN'T EVEN CALL IT FISCAL CRISIS. IT IS A DIFFERENT SET OF PRIORITIES TO GIVE ONE POPULATION TAX BREAK ON THE BACK OF THE REST OF US. SO THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT BITTER

FOR ME TO HAVE TO SWALLOW THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO BE HERE AND YET HERE WE ARE. SO, THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING THAT THE PROPOSED LAYOFFS BUT THAT THAT HELPS ME WITH MY HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE THAT THE COUNTY HAS FACED AND HAD LAYOFFS IN THE PAST. AND HERE WE ARE AGAIN. I ALSO APPRECIATE IN YOUR SLIDES THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT REVENUE GENERATION, THE CURTAILMENTS, THE CUTS CAN ONLY GO SO FAR TO WHERE WE, YOU KNOW, ARE NOT STEPPING UP TO OUR FUNDAMENTAL DUTY OF A SAFETY NET. I MEAN, YOU CAN ONLY CUT SO DEEP. AND SO, I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY THAT YOU WILL GIVE US TO ACTUALLY HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT REVENUE GENERATION. THOSE TWO ARE HARD CONVERSATIONS, BUT IN THE BALANCE, I THINK ARE A CRITICAL ELEMENT. TO THAT POINT, IF YOU COULD WALK US THROUGH A LITTLE, IF YOU COULD SPEAK ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THE CADENCE AROUND SALES TAXES VERSUS PROPERTY TAXES ARE VERY DIFFERENT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE AND EXPERIENCE PROPERTY TAXES ARE MUCH MORE PREDICTABLE. SO CAN YOU TALK TO US ABOUT THAT BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO BE IN THE BUSINESS OF, YOU KNOW, PROJECTING REVENUE. SO, TALK TO US ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE IN THE CADENCE OR THE BEHAVIOR AROUND SALES TAXES AND HOW IT DOES AFFECT HOW YOU PROJECT THOSE REVENUES.

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: SO JUST, WE'LL START WITH PROPERTY TAX. THAT IS OUR LARGEST SINGLE REVENUE SOURCE AND IT TOTALS ABOUT $8,300,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 25/26. SO THAT IS OUR BREAD AND BUTTER. THAT IS HOW THE COUNTY PAYS MOST OF ITS BILLS FROM THE

LOCALLY GENERATED FUNDING SIDE. AND IT'S A VERY STABLE REVENUE SOURCE. PROP 13 LIMITS INCREASES IN ASSESSED VALUE TO THE ANNUAL CALIFORNIA CPI NOCTURACY 2% WITH A REASSESSMENT AT FULL MARKET. SO, WE KNOW THAT PROPERTY TAXES GENERALLY INCREASE UP TO THAT 2% MARK. THAT IS VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD TO PREDICT. THE OTHER THING IS THERE'S A LOT OF STORED VALUE IN OUR REAL ESTATE MARKET. SO, BECAUSE THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASES ARE LIMITED YEAR OVER YEAR, WHEN A PROPERTY SELLS, WE SEE A HUGE STORED VALUE THERE. IT MIGHT HAVE A TAX BASE THAT REFLECTS $500,000. WHEN IT SELLS FOR 1,000,000, ALL OF A SUDDEN WE REALIZE A BIG JUMP IN OUR TAX REVENUE. SO, PROPERTY TAX IS MUCH EASIER TO PREDICT, MUCH MORE PREDICTABLE. THAT'S GOOD FOR THE COUNTY BECAUSE IT'S OUR LARGEST REVENUE SOURCE, IN FACT, HELPS US KEEP FINANCIALLY STABLE. BECAUSE IT'S OUR LARGEST REVENUE SOURCE AND BECAUSE IT'S VERY STABLE, ITS GROWTH IS OFTEN MORE LIMITED. SO, WE KNOW IT'S GOING TO GROW, WE RELY ON IT, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE THESE HUGE 10%, 20% INCREASES YEAR OVER YEAR, WHICH I THINK KEEPS US SOMEWHAT LIMITED IN HOW MUCH WE CAN CONTINUE TO FUND BETWEEN ONE YEAR AND THE NEXT. SO, IT'S STABLE, BUT IT DOESN'T JUMP FROM YEAR OVER YEAR. SALES TAXES, ON THE OTHER HAND, ARE MUCH MORE DYNAMIC, AND THEY ARE VERY RESPONSIVE TO CONSUMER BEHAVIOR. SO, IF YOU HAVE, YOU KNOW, CIVIL UNREST FROM I.C.E. ACTIONS IN JUNE, YOU MIGHT SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE STAY HOME AND THAT WILL AFFECT YOUR SALES TAX FOR THE YEAR. THE COUNTY COLLECTS SALES TAX IN THE

UNINCORPORATED AREA. IT IS A HEALTHY REVENUE SOURCE, BUT IT IS NOT OUR LARGEST REVENUE SOURCE. AND BECAUSE IT'S SO FLASHY, IT'S ACTUALLY BENEFICIAL THAT WE HAVE THE WAY WE HAVE OUR RATIOS BETWEEN PROPERTY TAX AND SALES TAX BECAUSE OUR REVENUE STREAMS ARE MUCH MORE STABLE OVERALL. IN TERMS OF PROJECTING REVENUE, AND THIS MIGHT DOVETAIL INTO THE CONVERSATION LATER ABOUT MEASURE A, EXAMPLE I USED WITH YOU YESTERDAY BECAUSE I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO EXPLAIN IT THAT EVERYONE CAN UNDERSTAND, IT'S LIKE THE PRICE IS RIGHT. SO, WHEN THE PRICE IS RIGHT, THE CONTESTANT HAS TO GUESS THE PRICE OF A CONSUMER PRODUCT, BUT THEY CAN'T GO OVER. THAT IS VERY MUCH OUR PROCESS IN PROJECTING SALES TAX REVENUE AND TO A LESSER EXTENT PROPERTY TAX REVENUE. WE TRY TO GET AS CLOSE TO THE NUMBER A YEAR IN ADVANCE THAT WE THINK WE'RE GOING TO GET WITHOUT GOING OVER. IF WE GO OVER, WE'VE CREATED A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT FOR OURSELVES. SO, WE GIVE OURSELVES A LITTLE ROOM IN THAT PROJECTION. BUT EVEN IF IT'S A 1% OR 2% CUSHION, IT BECOMES, THE WHOLE NUMBER IS QUITE LARGE, BECAUSE WE'RE DEALING WITH, LIKE FOR MEASURING $1,000,000,000, AND YOU'RE PROJECTING A 1% HEDGE, YOU KNOW, THAT BECOMES QUITE A LOT OF MONEY AT YEAR END THAT POURS INTO FUND BALANCE. SO, WE DO GET QUESTIONS LIKE, WHY ARE WE SO CONSERVATIVE? WE'RE ACTUALLY, WE ARE CONSERVATIVE, BUT WE'RE NOT SO CONSERVATIVE THAT WE'RE NOT GETTING CLOSE TO THAT LINE WITHIN A COUPLE PERCENTAGE OR A FRACTION, COUPLE PERCENTAGE POINTS OR A FRACTION OF A PERCENT.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THAT. A LAST QUESTION FROM ME, MADAM CHAIR. YOU MENTIONED ON THE SLIDE, I DIDN'T CAPTURE WHICH SLIDE, THAT THERE WERE NO ACROSS THE BOARD CURTAILMENTS REFLECTED THERE. HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT WE, IN THE FUTURE, ARE ABLE TO USE A MORE TARGETED APPROACH RATHER THAN ACROSS THE BOARD THAT WE USED IN 2025?

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: SO, AS WE'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH OUR BUDGET STABILIZATION PROCESS RIGHT NOW, I THINK WHAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED IN TERMS OF A MORE TARGETED APPROACH ARE REVENUE SOURCES WITH A PRIMARY FOCUS ON ONGOING REVENUE SOURCES THAT ARE UNDERUTILIZED. AND THERE'S A LOT OF LEGACY ALLOCATIONS THAT THE BOARD HAS MADE OVER THE YEARS THAT WE KNOW IS UNDERUTILIZED BECAUSE THE FUNDING STREAM MIGHT PILE UP IN A TRUST FUND AND YOU KNOW, IT'S BEING USED, BUT IT'S NOT BEING FULLY EXHAUSTED. THAT'S A PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD WAY OF GOING AT OUR BUDGET AND SAYING, I CAN FREE UP X MILLIONS OF DOLLARS HERE OR X MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THERE BEFORE I HAVE TO GO ACROSS THE BOARD AND DO CUTS. THERE'S A LOT OF ABILITY TO DO THAT WITH ONE-TIME FUNDING. AGAIN, THESE AREN'T GOING TO BE HARD DECISIONS, BUT WE HAVE CAPITAL PROJECTS, WE HAVE MONEY WE'VE SAVED IN PFU, WE HAVE TO LOOK AT ALL OF THAT STUFF TODAY AND FIGURE OUT WHETHER THOSE THINGS RISE TO OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY LEVELS OR NOT. WE CAN FREE THAT UP. THE CHALLENGE WILL COME IF

WE HAVE TO FIND SO MUCH REVENUE THAT WE'RE NOT ABLE TO BE SURGICAL ABOUT IT. SO ONE OF THE REASONS THAT WE REVERT TO ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS IS BECAUSE WE HAVE TO FIND A LOT OF MONEY REALLY QUICKLY.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AND FAST.

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: AND ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS ARE IMPLEMENTABLE AND WE'VE DONE IT IN THE PAST. AND SO, THE REASON I SAY ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS ARE NOT OFF THE TABLE IS BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE WHAT'S GOING TO COME AT US. RIGHT NOW, WE'RE IN A POSITION WHERE WE CAN PLAN, SO WE CAN TAKE THE TIME TO BE SURGICAL. BUT IF THINGS HAPPEN QUICKLY, AND I'LL GIVE YOU COVID AS AN EXAMPLE, WHERE OUR REVENUE FELL OFF A CLIFF, IT BOUNCED BACK, BUT IT FELL OFF A CLIFF. IN FACT, WE ALMOST WENT NEGATIVE IN OUR CASH. WE HAD TO JUST STOP EVERYTHING. AND AT THAT POINT, YOU TAKE REACTIVE MEASURES AND ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS ARE WHAT'S APPROPRIATE. BUT RIGHT NOW, WE'RE NOT IN THAT CRISIS POSITION. THE ICEBERG'S IN THE DISTANCE. WE'RE TRYING TO TURN THE WHEEL SO WE CAN PASS IT OR AT LEAST STRIKE IT WITH MINIMAL IMPACT. BUT THERE MAY COME A TIME WHERE I COME TO THE BOARD AND RECOMMEND ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS BECAUSE THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO GET AT THAT MONEY.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: I GET THAT WE CAN'T SEE ALL THAT'S

HIDING BEHIND THAT ICEBERG THAT MIGHT COME FOR US. BUT I THINK THE PROCESS THAT YOU'VE PUT IN PLACE, THE PROACTIVE ENGAGEMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS, CLEAR PRIORITIES FROM THIS BOARD TO YOU AND DEPARTMENT HEADS, I THINK PUTS IN PLACE A SCENARIO WHERE WE CAN BE MORE THOUGHTFUL AND STRATEGIC IN FUTURE CUTS. AND SO, WHILE I KNOW THEY'RE NEVER OFF THE TABLE, AGAIN, I DON'T WANT THAT TO JUST BECOME OUR AUTOMATIC DEFAULT, THAT IF WE'RE BEING THOUGHTFUL AND STRATEGIC AND SETTING PRIORITIES THAT WILL HELP GUIDE YOU AND THE DEPARTMENT HEADS BETTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU TO OUR INTERIM ACTING CEO, JOE, FOR A VERY SOBERING UPDATE. THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES, TOO, FOR ALSO A VERY THOUGHTFUL AND INTENTIONAL QUESTIONS AND CONVERSATIONS. IT'S DEFINITELY OUR BUDGET IS CONCERNING. IT HAS BEEN CONCERNING FOR SOME TIME. I FEEL LIKE I CAN ALWAYS SEE THOSE SLIDES ABOUT THE PRESSURES. AND THOSE PRESSURES CONTINUE. SOME OF THEM SEEM TO BE GETTING WORSE. AND AS YOU SAID, WE'RE KIND OF MAYBE GETTING US INTO A CRISIS THAT WOULD DEMAND SWIFT, DECISIVE ACTION. AND I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AGAIN REMINDING ALL OF US THAT IT'S STILL, IT'S UP TO US TO REALLY CONVEY AND MESSAGE OUR DEEP PRIORITIES THAT WE FEEL ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY IN THIS

TIME. OUR CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS, OUR SAFETY NET PROGRAMS, CHILD PROTECTION, CERTAINLY AS WE CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE SLEEPING ON OUR STREETS. THOSE ARE THINGS THAT, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW, THERE'S MUCH MORE CRACKS THAT COULD HAPPEN IN THAT PART OF OUR SAFETY NET WITHOUT REALLY CAUSING PEOPLE TO GET INTO A GREATER PERSONAL CRISIS IN THIS COUNTY. AND AS WE'VE SAID, OUR FEDERAL FUNDING IS BEING REDUCED, OUR STATE FUNDING IS BEING REDUCED, AND OUR COSTS AND OBLIGATIONS ALWAYS DO SEEM TO RISE AT THE SAME TIME. SO, THIS IS DIFFICULT. THANKS FOR THE MENTION OF THE 1990S BUDGET CRISIS AND THE LESSONS LEARNED. AND I DO HOPE THAT AS WE CONTINUE TO NAVIGATE THIS, WE GET BETTER ABOUT HOW WE ARE SURGICAL AND HOW WE CAN BALANCE THE REVENUES WITH THE THINGS THAT WE REALLY BELIEVE ARE IMPORTANT TO FUND AND HOPEFULLY WILL COME OUT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS EVEN STRONGER AND WITH BETTER BUDGET POLICY PREPAREDNESS FOR THE NEXT GO AROUND. IT'S DEFINITELY AN ALL HANDS-ON DECK SITUATION. I LOVE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE BRINGING THE DEPARTMENT HEADS TOGETHER IN THESE STRATEGY SESSIONS. AND I THINK SUPERVISOR BARGER STARTED OFF BY SAYING ALWAYS THE MORE PEOPLE YOU CAN GET INVOLVED, THE BETTER THE SOLUTIONS, THE BETTER THE OUTCOMES. I KNOW OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS WANT TO BE, THEY DON'T WANT TO BE CONSIDERED PART OF THE PROBLEM BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT. THEY, BUT THEY DO WANT TO BE CONSIDERED PART OF THE SOLUTION AND I APPRECIATE THAT. ANYTHING

INTERESTING SO FAR THAT YOU'VE GLEANED FROM THESE DEPARTMENT HEAD STRATEGIES THAT YOU COULD SHARE? ANY CREATIVE SOLUTIONS OR IDEAS THAT ARE BEING FLOATED?

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: SO YES, I THINK YOU'VE SEEN SOME OF THEM IN THE SLIDES. I THINK THERE WAS A LOT OF ENTHUSIASM ABOUT A NAMING RIGHTS POLICY TO ENCOURAGE REVENUE. I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR THAT WILL GO IN HELPING OUR OVERALL BUDGET, BUT I DO THINK IT WOULD HELP. I THINK THAT MY BIG TAKEAWAY FROM THE MEETING WAS THAT DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE ALSO HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME NAVIGATING THIS QUESTION, SAME AS I AM, BECAUSE THEY HAVE THEIR OWN OBJECTIVES AND THEY HAVE TO DELIVER ON THEIR SERVICES. AND SO HAVING A DISCUSSION WITH ALL, I MEAN, EVEN THE ELECTED DEPARTMENT HEADS WERE THERE, HAVING A DISCUSSION WITH ALL OF THEM AT THE SAME TIME ABOUT HOW TO MANAGE A BUDGET STABILIZATION PROCESS WHEN THEY ALL HAVE THEIR OWN OBJECTIVES IS DIFFICULT. BUT LIKE I SAID, WE DID HAVE SOME CONSENSUS ON SOME BASIC SERVICE PRIORITIES, MANDATED FUNCTIONS, SAFETY NET SERVICES. AND WE HAD SOME PEOPLE SAY, WE'RE ALL FEELING THE SAME TYPES OF PRESSURES, AND SO THAT'S WHY I MENTIONED THE CENTRAL SERVICES BILLING AGENCIES WILL JUST DIG RIGHT IN AND START ADDRESSING THAT. NOTHING, THERE WAS NO, I HAD HELD OUT HOPE. I WAS, I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD HAPPEN. THERE WAS NO SMOKING GUN AT THAT STRATEGY SESSION WHERE I SAID, WE'RE DONE, THE BUDGET IS SOLVED. BUT I THINK EVERYBODY IS WILLING TO DIG

IN AND WORK ON IT. AND WE SENSE LIKE A LOT OF, BECAUSE WE WERE TALKING AT THE CONCEPTUAL LEVEL AND EVERYONE'S LIKE, SHOW ME THE SCHEDULE, I WANT TO START DIGGING IN. AND SO, EVERYBODY'S READY TO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES. AND I'M ACTUALLY REALLY THANKFUL FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION. IT HELPED ME A TON. AND THEY BROUGHT IT. THEY BROUGHT A LOT OF IDEAS. THEY BROUGHT A LOT OF ENTHUSIASM. SO, I KNOW SOME ARE HERE I'M THANKFUL FOR THEM AND FOR THOSE WATCHING ON TV. AND CAN I JUST GIVE LIKE A LITTLE REAL QUICK SHOUT OUT TO THE CEO TEAM AS WELL? I'M LIKE PUTTING A LOT OF PRESSURE ON THIS TEAM TO DEAL WITH THESE BUDGET ISSUES AND THEY'RE EXCELLENT. BUT I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM PUBLICLY BECAUSE I STRESSED THEM OUT AND I'M THANKFUL FOR THEM. THEY'RE STILL SITTING HERE, THEY HAVEN'T RUN AWAY, SO THAT'S GOOD.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: GOOD. WE ALL NEED TO ENCOURAGE AND AFFIRM OUR TEAMS AND OUR STAFF ON A REGULAR BASIS. PROBABLY NONE OF THEM GET ENOUGH ENCOURAGEMENT OR AFFIRMATION. SO, ONE OF THE SLIDES, YOU PROJECTED A $200,000,000 NCC SHORTFALL THIS YEAR. $200,000,000. WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT NUMBER BEFORE? OH, RIGHT, THE PURCHASE OF THAT SOLAR SKYSCRAPER DOWN THE STREET I BELIEVE HAD A PRICE TAG OF $200,000,000. HOW MUCH OF THAT DEFICIT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN BRIDGE WITH THE PROPOSED HIRING AND SPENDING FREEZE?

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: SO, I JUST WAS WAITING FOR THE, I WAS LIKE, WHAT WAS $200,000,000? SO, HERE'S WHAT THE $200,000,000 REPRESENTS. IT'S ACTUALLY STRUCTURAL ISSUES IN DEPARTMENTS. SO, WE HAD, AND IN NON-DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET UNITS. SO, WE HAVE FOUR DEPARTMENTS, SHERIFF, SHERIFF YEAR OVER YEAR HAS AN ONGOING STRUCTURAL PROBLEM. BUT WE HAVE NEW ONES FROM DPSS, AND THEN WE HAVE PUBLIC HEALTH, WE HAVE PROBATION, AND THEN WE HAVE TWO NON-DEPARTMENTAL UNITS, TRIAL COURT. TRIAL COURT IS WHERE WE FUND OUR OBLIGATIONS TO THE TRIAL COURTS UNDER THE TRIAL COURT SERVICES ACT, I BELIEVE IT IS. AND THEN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, WHICH WE CENTRALLY FUND, TIED TO NCC POSITIONS. SO, THESE ARE STRUCTURAL ISSUES THAT WE HAVE. THE HIRING AND SPENDING FREEZE, I THINK, WILL HELP US. IT'S ONE TOOL. WE HAVE TO SIT DOWN WITH EACH DEPARTMENT AND MAKE SURE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THEIR DEFICIT MITIGATION PLANNING AND THEN BRING THAT NUMBER DOWN. IF WE CLOSE WITH A SMALL DEFICIT IN THOSE DEPARTMENTS, THAT'S NOT AN ISSUE. $200,000,000 IS GOING TO BE AN ISSUE FOR US. SO, IT'S MULTI, THE HIRING AND SPENDING FREEZE IS REALLY THE FIRST THING THAT WE DO WHEN WE SEE THESE TRENDS HAPPEN. IT WILL SLOW THINGS DOWN AND THEN IT WILL ALLOW US TO BE MORE STRATEGIC ABOUT ADDRESSING THE STRUCTURAL ISSUE. BECAUSE HIRING AND SPENDING DOESN'T CUT ANYTHING. IT JUST CAUSES MORE MONEY TO BE SAVED. WHAT WE NEED DEPARTMENTS TO DO IS ADJUST THEIR ONGOING EXPENDITURES TO THEIR REVENUE.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: YEAH, YOU KIND OF MADE, THERE WAS ALSO A COMMENT THAT TALKED ABOUT WE CAN DECREASE EXPENSES WOULD BE TO ADDRESS UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURES. I MEAN, I THINK MOST OF US WOULD FEEL LIKE THAT'S KIND OF A, YOU KNOW, WITHOUT SAYING, POLICY IN THE COUNTY. I THINK WE WOULD ALL EXPECT UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURES TO HAVE BEEN CUT A LONG TIME AGO. WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: YEAH, SOME OF THESE WE CALL THEM UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURES, ARE ENDEMIC TO HOW WE DO BUSINESS JUST ACROSS THE DEPARTMENTS. AND SO, THERE MAY BE SOME DUPLICATIVE PROCESSES THAT HAPPENS IN ONE DEPARTMENT AND ANOTHER DEPARTMENT. I THINK WHEN WE TALK ABOUT TRIMMING UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURES, IT REALLY WILL REQUIRE US TO RESTRUCTURE SOME OF OUR WORKFLOWS TO REDUCE COSTS. SO, IT'S NOT SO MUCH, WHY ARE WE BUYING THESE APPLE IIS? IT'S REALLY ABOUT RESTRUCTURING HOW WE'RE DOING BUSINESS TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE. IT'S SOMETHING THAT I THINK PUBLIC CORPORATIONS DO REGULARLY, IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE DO IN DEPARTMENTS, BUT NOT NECESSARILY ACROSS DEPARTMENTS. AND THAT'S KIND OF WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT NOW.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: KIND OF STREAMLINING OUR PROCESSES AND ELIMINATING DUPLICATION AND WASTE.

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: REDUCING REDUNDANCIES.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: DUPLICATION AND WAYS.

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: YES.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: SO AGAIN, IT'S ALSO I FEEL LIKE A LOT OF THIS IS, I MEAN, SHORT OF PUTTING ADDITIONAL TAXES ON THE BALLOT. I MEAN, WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING FOR OTHER WAYS TO INCREASE OUR REVENUE. I WAS CHEERED A BIT BY A MESSAGE I GOT FROM OUR ASSESSOR WHO HAD COME TO US WITH THE PROPOSAL AND WE APPROVED IT TO BUY SOME SOFTWARE THAT WOULD FIND PLANES IN OUR AIRPORTS THAT HAVE BEEN AVOIDING TAXES. AND HE JUST PRELIMINARILY SAID THEY FOUND 1,000 PLANES THAT HAD BEEN AVOIDING TAXES AND THEY WERE VALUED AT ABOUT $2,000,000,000. HE THOUGHT OPTIMISTICALLY, THIS IS JUST A ROUGH DRAFT. IT WOULD GENERATE 32,000,000, WHICH THE COUNTY GETS 27%. SO, IT WAS A $700,000 INVESTMENT AND IT'S ALREADY PAYING OFF. SO, YOU KNOW, THOSE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS I THINK WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT, YOU KNOW, WHICH DEPARTMENTS OUT THERE. HIS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE. HIS IS A KEY DEPARTMENT THAT ACTUALLY BRINGS MONEY IN. AND THIS ALLOWED HIM TO DO HIS JOB BETTER AND BRING IT IN. HE WAS THE ONE THAT CAME TO US AND PROPOSED IT. AND AGAIN, WE ALL SAID YES, THAT'S A GREAT INVESTMENT. I'M WONDERING HOW ELSE ARE WE KIND OF LOOKING FOR THOSE KINDS OF OPPORTUNITIES, WHETHER IT'S BETTER SOFTWARE OR, YOU KNOW,

AGAIN, I THINK WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING WE CAN IN HIS DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE I DO FEEL LIKE IT'S A KEY DEPARTMENT THAT HAS SHOWN ANYTIME THERE'S BEEN AN INVESTMENT OR BETTER TECHNOLOGY, BETTER SOFTWARE, HE SHOWS US THE MONEY.

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: YEAH, SO I HAD A BRIEF EMAIL EXCHANGE WITH HIM AND I WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR HIS INNOVATION ON THAT. THAT WENT THROUGH THE IT INVESTMENT BOARD WHERE WE HAVE SOME MONEY SET ASIDE TO FUND THINGS LIKE THIS AND IT REALLY DOES LOOK LIKE AN EXCELLENT INVESTMENT I'M THANKFUL FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ON THAT IS CREATIVITY. HE WAS AT OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD CONVENING AND SO I'M SURE HE HAS OTHER CREATIVE IDEAS THAT WE WOULD BE LOOKING TO EXPLORE AND ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEAD THAT HAS THOSE TYPES OF IDEAS ON REVENUE GENERATING ACTIVITIES, I'D LOVE TO HEAR THEM AND EXPLORE THEM. SO DEFINITELY OPEN TO IT.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AND HOW MANY OF THOSE INNOVATIVE IDEAS WOULD HAVE TO COME TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL LIKE THAT ONE DID? OR ARE THERE CERTAIN THINGS THAT YOU HEAR AND YOU'RE LIKE YES, LET'S DO IT.

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: MANY, MANY, THINGS WE CAN DO ADMINISTRATIVELY BUT I THINK SOME OF THE MAJOR THINGS WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD THAT HAD TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD BECAUSE HE HAD APPROVED THE FUNDING TRANSFER AND THEN I

THINK THE ACQUISITION PURCHASE PRICE, PURCHASE CONTRACT. A LOT OF STUFF IS ACTUALLY GOING TO BE IN FRONT OF THE BOARD FOR A DECISION AS IT BECOMES MORE STRUCTURAL WHERE WE'RE LOOKING AT REALLOCATE FUNDS, WE'LL NEED THE BOARD'S GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION ON THAT KIND OF STUFF.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: YEAH, THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND THEN, YOU KNOW, I LOOK BACK AT LAST YEAR AGAIN, THIS YEAR'S DIFFERENT, BUT I DID APPRECIATE LAST YEAR THAT WE MADE SUBSTANTIAL CURTAILMENTS WITHOUT LAYOFFS. AND I JUST WANTED TO GO ON THE RECORD SAYING, I JUST REALLY HOPE THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE ANY DIFFERENT, THAT THE CUTS AND THE CURTAILMENTS WE MAKE COULD MITIGATE OUR BUDGET CRISIS WITHOUT ANY LAYOFFS. I JUST THINK WHEN A SHIP IS TOSSING ABOUT IN A STORM, THE WORST THING POSSIBLE IS TO THROW OVERBOARD THE VERY CREW MEMBERS THAT HAVE A CHANCE TO STEER IT PROPERLY, TO DELIVER OUR SERVICES, AND THERE'S NOTHING WORSE, IN MY OPINION, THAN IN A BUDGET CRISIS TO LAY PEOPLE OFF. I THINK THAT MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT THEN FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND THEN THEY CREATE THEIR OWN, ANOTHER ECONOMIC CRISIS WITHIN THEIR FAMILY, THEIR COMMUNITY, THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. SO HOPEFULLY THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE, IT IS A PRIORITY OF MINE. I CAN'T SPEAK FOR MY COLLEAGUES, BUT THAT DOES NOT HAPPEN.

JOSEPH NICCHITTA: YEAH, CAN I RESPOND TO THAT? I THINK LAYOFFS

ARE A LAST RESORT. WE'RE FACING SUCH CHALLENGES THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE UPCOMING YEARS, BUT AT LEAST FOR NOW WE'VE BEEN, AGAIN, BECAUSE OF THE BOARD AND SUPERVISOR BARGER MENTIONED IT, BECAUSE OF THE FISCAL POLICIES THAT WE HAVE REALLY LIVED AS AN INSTITUTION, WE WERE ABLE TO WEATHER THAT INITIAL, THOSE INITIAL HUGE HITS TO OUR BUDGET AND CURTAILMENTS QUITE WELL. AND SO, THE HOPE IS THAT BY PLANNING WE CAN MITIGATE THE LOSS OF COUNTY JOBS. I DON'T WANT TO PROMISE, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE, BUT AT LEAST FOR NOW, IT LOOKS LIKE THE BOARD IS SUPPORTIVE OF CONTINUING DOWN THIS PATH OF MAKING THE CHOICES WE NEED TO MAKE SO THAT WE'RE BEST PREPARED FOR WHAT'S COMING.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. A LOT OF GOOD QUESTIONS, AND I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO COME BACK WITH US WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS AND SOLUTIONS, BUT HAVE WE THOUGHT ABOUT, I KNOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOES THIS, EACH DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE SOME KIND OF A, I WANT TO SAY A CONTEST IN A WAY, AND WHERE EMPLOYEES WHO WORK THERE CAN COME UP WITH IDEAS TO STREAMLINE AND BRING ABOUT EFFICIENCIES. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS NOW, BUT MAYBE THERE'S A FORMALIZED PROGRAM WE COULD SET UP AND IF THEY'RE WORTHY THEN THEY CAN BE LOOKED AT. THAT'S ONE, AND THE OTHER IS PROPERTY, LEASES. PROPERTY

THAT WE HAVE, THAT WE DON'T NEED TO HANG ON TO, THAT WE SHOULD LOOK AT AND UNLOAD AND TRY TO RECEIVE SOME REVENUE, GENERATING REVENUE FROM THAT. I THINK THOSE ARE THINGS WE NEED TO LOOK AT. AND THEN AGAIN, LOOKING EVEN AT OUR CONTRACTING. I MEAN, JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE A CONTRACT WITH SOMEONE FOR 20 YEARS DOESN'T MEAN IT'S THE BEST CONTRACT. AND IS IT ESSENTIAL IN EVALUATING ALL THOSE THINGS SO THINK THOSE ARE ALL EQUALLY IMPORTANT YOU'VE HEARD THOSE THINGS OVER TIME AND TIME AGAIN, BUT I WOULD JUST ENCOURAGE US TO THINK ABOUT WHOSE POCKETBOOK IT IS AND I SAID THIS TO THE DEPARTMENT HEADS. I SAID, WHEN YOU LOOK AT YOUR BUDGETS, THINK ABOUT IT IN THAT IT'S NOT YOUR MONEY. IT'S THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY. AND IT'S TRUE. AND SOMEBODY'S GOT TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR IT. AND WE HAVE BEEN, BUT WE CAN ALWAYS DO A BETTER JOB AND IMPROVE UPON THAT AND I KNOW YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IF ANYONE DOES SO THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DO WE HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. JESSICA PERAL, DANIEL GONZALEZ, CLAUDIA JEREZ, MIRIAM ROUNDS, BYRON JOSE, SONIA GRAY, CHICHI NAVARRO, ROSIE ESPINOSA, CHRISTINE TRONG, ANH HO TRAN, MARJAN CLARK, OLI MORENO, AMY TRINH, MABIC YUMAL, TIA STEVENS, AND ALI LYON ARTIST. AS A FINAL REMINDER FROM REMOTE PARTICIPANTS, TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE TO ADDRESS

SET MATTER 1. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE ON YOUR DEVICE OR PRESS STAR THREE ON YOUR TELEPHONE NOW. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO REMOTE PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. REMOTE PARTICIPATION, WE DO HAVE ONE CALLER. MYA HENDRICKS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

MYA HENDRIXS: SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS MYA HENDRIXS. I'M A RESIDENT OF SD3 AND A MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION. AND I DON'T KNOW WHY I LISTENED TO THIS PRESENTATION WEEK AFTER WEEK AND HOPE THAT IT WILL BECOME MORE TRANSPARENT. EVERY SINGLE TIME WE HEAR ABOUT THIS BUDGET CRISIS, IT SEEMS AS IF L.A. COUNTY DID NOT CREATE A HUGE PART OF IT. I HEARD SUPERVISOR BARGER TALKING ABOUT THIS NOT BEING THE COUNTY'S FAULT WHILE THE COUNTY'S BELOVED PROBATION OFFICERS ARE CONTINUALLY ABUSING THE YOUTH. IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S DEFLECTING THE BLAME TOO. IF THIS BOARD WOULD HAVE LISTENED TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS YEARS AGO BY CLOSING DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND DIVERTING RESOURCES FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND PROBATION, THIS SITUATION WOULDN'T BE SO SEVERE. IT'S GREAT THAT DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE GETTING TOGETHER TO TALK ABOUT THIS BUDGET CRISIS AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT, BUT THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE NEED TO BE A PART OF THE CONVERSATION. THE COUNTY HAS FAILED US TIME AND TIME AGAIN, AND WILL NOT BE COMING TO SAVE US. IT'S TIME FOR EVERY SINGLE

ONE OF YOUR OFFICES TO TAKE A LOOK AT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PILOT AND IMPLEMENT REAL CO-GOVERNMENT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR SET MATTER 1 IS NOW CONCLUDED. WE WILL GO TO OUR IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

JESSICA PARRAL: HI, MY NAME IS JESSICA PARRAL AND I'LL BE READING A LETTER FROM AN LGBTQ YOUTH. MY NAME IS CORA WOODWARD AND I'M A TEEN LIVING IN L.A. COUNTY. I FREQUENTLY ADVOCATE FOR THE RIGHTS OF LGBTQ YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO CONTINUE FUNDING FOR YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. CONTINUING TO FUND THESE PROGRAMS WILL NOT ONLY BE BENEFICIAL FOR LGBTQ YOUTH, BUT THE COMMUNITY OF L.A. AS A WHOLE. HOMELESSNESS IS MORE THAN NOT HAVING A PLACE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT, IT'S NOT HAVING A SAFE HOME, A WARM BED, STABLE FOOD AND SHELTER, A PLACE TO CELEBRATE WINS AND BOUNCE BACK FROM FALLS AND SO MUCH MORE. THIS IS ALL CRUCIAL FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND I KNOW THIS FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. IN THE SUMMER OF 2024, I WAS PLACED IN A RESIDENTIAL FACILITY IN ORDER TO HELP PREPARE MY MENTAL HEALTH. DURING THAT TIME, I HEARD MANY STORIES FROM GIRLS THAT EXPERIENCED HOUSING INSTABILITY AND HOW IT HAD AFFECTED THEM. THE DAMAGING EFFECTS INCLUDED LOSS OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, SCHOOL ATTENDANCE,

MENTAL HEALTH DECLINE, HEIGHT AND ANXIETY, AND STAYING WITH PEOPLE THEY DIDN'T KNOW. PLEASE RESTORE FUNDING FOR YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY BUDGET.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

DANNY GONZALEZ: GOOD MORNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DANNY GONZALEZ AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER SPECIFICALLY TO ADVOCATE FOR THE CRITICAL NEEDS OF TRANSITION AGE YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WE STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO PROTECT FUNDING FOR ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS THAT SERVE TAY YOUTH IN THE NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPOSED CUTS TO HOMELESS SERVICES, ESPECIALLY FOR YOUTH, ARE DEEPLY CONCERNING. PROGRAMS LIKE HOMELESS PREVENTION, TIME-LIMITED SUBSIDIES, HOUSING NAVIGATION, AND YOUTH FAMILY RECONNECTION ARE BEING SLASHED, JEOPARDIZING THE STABILITY OF OUR VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE. THESE CUTS WILL DISMANTLE PROGRESS THAT WE FOUGHT FOR, PUSH MORE YOUTH INTO HOMELESSNESS, AND EXACERBATE SYSTEMIC INEQUITIES. THE LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER RUNS A HOMELESS YOUTH DROP-IN CENTER, SO WE SEE THE REAL WORLD IMPACTS OF THESE CUTS. TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH NEED TARGETED RESOURCES TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AND ENSURE LONG-TERM STABILITY. WE URGE YOU TO RESTORE FUNDING TO THESE VITAL PROGRAMS AND TO PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE YOUTH.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

MABEL YUMUL: GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE, MY NAME IS MABEL YUMUL. I AM A SENIOR MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR RN AND I WORK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AT HARBOR UCLA. I'M A PROUD UNION MEMBER OF SEIU LOCAL 721. I AM HERE TODAY TO URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PROTECT THE FRONTLINE HEALTH CARE SERVICES THAT MILLIONS OF COUNTY RESIDENTS RELY ON AND RECONSIDER THIS HIRING FREEZE. EVERY DAY, REGISTERED NURSES AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS SERVE AS THE BACKBONE OF THE L.A. COUNTY SAFETY NET. WE PROVIDE CARE NOT ONLY FOR THOSE SEEKING PRIMARY HEALTH SERVICES BUT ALSO FOR EVERYONE WHO EXPERIENCES AN EMERGENCY OR TRAUMATIC INJURY. ANY ONE OF US COULD NEED TRAUMA CARE AT A COUNTY FACILITY WITHOUT ANY WARNING. AND WHEN THAT MOMENT COMES, OUR LIVES DEPEND ON HAVING ADEQUATE STAFFING AND HIGH-QUALITY SERVICES AVAILABLE. THAT IS WHY --

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

AMY TRINH: HI, MY NAME IS AMY TRINH AND I'M A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE FROM WHITTIER PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER. I'M A PROUD UNION MEMBER OF SEIU 721 AND I'M TESTIFYING TODAY TO URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT PUBLIC HEALTH IS THE SAFETY NET FOR MILLIONS IN L.A. COUNTY. OUR WORKERS TRACK DISEASES LIKE

TUBERCULOSIS AND MEASLES AND PROVIDE VACCINATIONS, CONTACT TRACING, AND TREATMENT TO PREVENT OUTBREAKS. THAT'S WHY I AM TESTIFYING TODAY. FRONTLINE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES MUST BE MAINTAINED. OUR STAFF ARE NOT A BUDGET LINE. THEY ARE THE BACKBONE OF PUBLIC HEALTH. WE LEARNED THIS IN THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WHERE THE PUBLIC HEALTH TEAMS LED SURVEILLANCE TESTING AND VACCINATION EFFORTS THAT ALLOWED OUR COMMUNITIES TO REOPEN AND RECOVER. AND MORE RECENTLY DURING THE LAST YEAR'S FIRES, PUBLIC HEALTH WORKED WITH DISASTER RESOURCE CENTER TO ASSESS AIR QUALITY AND TO ENSURE PATIENTS REGAIN ACCESS TO MEDICATIONS THAT WERE LOST IN A FIRE. PLEASE PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT PLEASE.

AN-HOA TRAN: GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS AN-HOA TRAN. I AM A CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER FROM COMPTON CARSON OFFICE, SPA 6. I AM A PROUD UNION MEMBER FOR SEIU LOCAL 721. I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE THE COUNTY MUST PROTECT ESSENTIAL SERVICES BY ADDRESSING UNNECESSARY FINANCIAL WASTE. ONE MAJOR AREA OF CONCERN IS THE COUNTY'S GROWING LITIGATION EXPENSES. AB 218 RELATED CLAIMS HAVE ADDED TO THESE COSTS AND WITHOUT STRONGER OVERSIGHT, TAXPAYER DOLLARS WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIVERTED FROM PUBLIC SERVICES. THE COUNTY CAN AND SHOULD TAKE A MORE ASSERTIVE APPROACH. THAT INCLUDES STRONGER SCREENING FOR

FRAUDULENT CLAIMS, EARLY EVALUATION OF WEAK CASES, AND FASTER RESOLUTION OVERALL. REDUCING PROLONGED LITIGATION WOULD FREE UP RESOURCES THAT COULD BE REDIRECTED TOWARD FRONTLINE SERVICES. AND THOSE SERVICES ARE NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER. THE ECONOMY IS UNCERTAIN, HOUSING AND FOOD COSTS REMAIN HIGH, AND MANY FAMILIES FEEL LESS SECURE. IN TIMES LIKE THESE, THE NEED FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND COMMUNITY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

IN-PERSON SPEAKER: HI, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON, ARE YOU GOING TO DO MY MINUTES ALREADY? AFTER WE WAS EVICTED FROM OUR PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM DURING THE HOLIDAY FOR MY SIX MINOR CHILDREN. THIS IS ON THE COUNTY'S BUDGET. YOU NEED TO COME BACK DURING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: MA'AM, YOU NEED TO COME BACK DURING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS YOUR SECOND WARNING.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU NEXT SPEAKER.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: IF SOMEONE ON STAFF CAN HELP HER. I KNOW WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH YOU AND LOCKED THE HOUSE. AND I KNOW THAT THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SUPPORT FOR OUR FAMILIES OVERALL. SO HOPEFULLY WE CAN FIND SOMEWHERE, BUT THEY HAVE, SHE HAS

BEEN MADE OFFERS AND SHE'S REFUSED. SO, YOU KNOW THAT. THANK YOU, MA'AM. THANK YOU. PLEASE, CAN WE HAVE, CAN YOU TALK TO OUR STAFF? OKAY, PLEASE, MA'AM. CAN WE HAVE YOU, PLEASE, CALL, OKAY.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: MA'AM, WE NEED TO CONTINUE WITH OTHER PUBLIC SPEAKERS. IF YOU CAN GO SPEAK TO THE SERVICE DESK IN THE BACK, PLEASE.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: YOU HAVE ONE WARNING. COUNTY COUNSEL.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: MA'AM, THIS IS YOUR THIRD WARNING. WE NEED TO CONTINUE WITH THE MEETING AND YOU'RE BEING DISRUPTIVE. MA'AM THIS IS YOUR THIRD WARNING YOU ARE BEING DISRUPTIVE TO THE MEETING.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SOMEBODY WILL TRY TO HELP YOU MA'AM OKAY

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE BEGIN.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. IT DOESN'T MATTER.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: MADAM CHAIR, WOULD YOU LIKE HER EXCUSE FROM THE --

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: YEAH, LET'S GET HER HELP. YES. NO. OKAY. MA'AM, WE HAVE TO CONDUCT OUR BUSINESS. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: MA'AM, SOMEONE WILL SPEAK WITH YOU IN THE BACK. WE NEED TO CONTINUE WITH THE OTHER SPEAKERS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: IT DOESN'T MATTER. CAN WE MOVE ON NOW AND WE'LL GET YOU HELP. WE'LL GET HELP WE'LL GET YOU HELP OKAY THANK YOU. CAN WE PLEASE HELP HER OUT PLEASE. OKAY, GO AHEAD, COUNTY COUNSEL.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: MADAM CHAIR, SHE'S HAD MORE THAN THREE WARNINGS. WOULD YOU LIKE HER EXCUSED FROM THE BOARDROOM?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: WE DID LET YOU TALK. BUT I KNOW, I UNDERSTAND MA'AM. WE'RE TRYING TO BE HELPFUL WITH YOU. PLEASE. COUNTY COUNSEL.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: MA'AM.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: COUNTY COUNSEL.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: MA'AM WE HAVE FOLKS THAT YOU CAN SPEAK TO

IN THE BACK TO CLARIFY YOUR STORY, BUT WE NEED TO CONTINUE ON WITH THE PUBLIC COMMENT OF OTHER SPEAKERS. OKAY. THEN YOU CAN MAKE THOSE CLARIFICATIONS IN THE BACK.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SERGEANT OF ARMS, PLEASE ESCORT HER OUT. COUNTY COUNSEL. SEVERAL WARNINGS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE BEGIN.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE, MA'AM. GO AHEAD.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: PLEASE BEGIN.

CHRISTINE TRUONG: MY NAME IS CHRISTINE TRUONG. I'M A PROUD MEMBER OF SEIU LOCAL 721. I AM ALSO A FIRST-GENERATION VIETNAMESE AMERICAN AND THE DAUGHTER OF A 25-YEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEE. CURRENTLY I AM A CREW MEMBER ON THIS SHIP. I WORK AS AN ELIGIBILITY WORKER AT L.A. COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. MY CO-WORKERS AND I PROCESS FOOD STAMP AND MEDI-CAL APPLICATIONS FOR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. YOU ARE LOOKING AT L.A. COUNTY'S SOCIAL SAFETY NET. WE ARE NOT LINE ITEMS. LIKE YOU, WE ARE PUBLIC SERVANTS. WE SEE FIRSTHAND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SURVIVAL PROGRAMS BECOME POLITICAL BARGAINING CHIPS. I'M HERE BECAUSE L.A. COUNTY MUST TAKE ACCOUNTABILITY

IN BUDGETING. CONTRACTING OUT IS NOT A COST-SAVING STRATEGY. IT OFTEN COSTS MORE AND BRINGS LESS ACCOUNTABILITY. HIRING FREEZES OR MORE PROCESSED HIRING WHILE EXPANDING CONTRACTING IS NOT FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. IF WE WANT REAL EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE SERVICES, WE MUST INVEST IN THE PEOPLE, WORKFORCE, AND INFRASTRUCTURE ALREADY PRESENT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MARJAN CLARKE: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARJAN CLARKE AND I'M A NURSE PRACTITIONER AT ALL OF YOU UCLA MEDICAL CENTER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND I AM A PROUD MEMBER OF SEIU LOCAL 721. I AM TESTIFYING TODAY BECAUSE L.A. COUNTY MUST REMAIN FULLY PREPARED TO RESPOND TO HEALTHCARE EMERGENCIES. MILLIONS OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS DEPEND ON US AT THEIR MOST VULNERABLE MOMENTS. NURSES, ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES, LAB TECHS, AND MANY MORE. WE SHOWED UP WHEN THE WORLD SHUT DOWN. WE ARE THE SAFETY NET. THE COVID PANDEMIC SHOWED US HOW CRUCIAL STRONG PUBLIC HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS ARE. AND LAST YEAR'S FIRES REMINDED US AGAIN THAT EMERGENCIES DO NOT WAIT FOR STAFFING SHORTAGES. WHEN CRISIS STRIKES, A STABLE WORKFORCE IS ESSENTIAL. WE MUST NOT COMPROMISE PATIENT CARE. BALANCING THE BUDGET CANNOT COME AT THE EXPENSE OF THE FRONTLINE. IF WE FAIL TO PROTECT THE SAFETY NET, WE FAIL THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. CLAUDIA JEREZ, DPS, DWC. I WANT TO SAY THIS BUDGET IS A DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE BIG, BEAUTIFUL BILL BY DONALD TRUMP, OF COURSE, AND IT WAS LAST YEAR THAT WE DISCUSSED THE HUGE IMPACT IT WAS GOING TO HAVE. AND SO, WE'RE SEEING IT AND THIS IS KIND OF LIKE THE LITTLE STEPS. SO, I THINK THAT I WANT YOU TO, AS BOARD, TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT AS TO HOW THESE IMPACTS ARE AFFECTING THE SAFETY NET. WE JUST HEARD THE LADY HERE. BUT I THINK THAT MORE THAN THAT, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT FOR THERE TO BE MONEY IN THE BILL, IN THE BUDGET, TO GIVE PEOPLE THAT ARE CONSIDERED TO BE KIND OF LIKE LEECHES IN A WAY AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEMSELVES PERSONALLY, YOU KNOW, GET A JOB, GET A CAREER SO THAT WE CAN UPLIFT THE CITY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

IN-PERSON SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS OLIMO RENO, AND I'M AN ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE SAN GABRIEL DISTRICT IN THE EL MONTE SECTOR. AND I AM A PROUD MEMBER OF SEIU LOCAL 721. I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE THE PUBLIC DESERVES SERVICES THAT ARE ACCOUNTABLE, TRANSPARENT AND STABLE, IMPLEMENTING A HIRING

FREEZE WHILE EXCESSIVELY SPENDING CONTRACTING OUT UNDERMINES THOSE VALUES. OUTSIDE CONTRACTORS ARE NOT ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN THE SAME WAY WE COUNTY WORKERS ARE. AND CONTRACTING OUT OFTEN COSTS TAXPAYERS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE. WHEN COUNTY WORK IS SHIFTED OUTSIDE, DEPARTMENTS LOSE EXPERIENCE, CONSISTENCY, AND TRUST. INSTEAD OF BUILDING A STRONG PUBLIC SYSTEM, WE END UP WEAKENING THEM. IN DPSS, WE ALREADY STARTED SEEING PROGRESS, BRINGING WORK BACK IN-HOUSE. THAT CHANGE MATTERS BECAUSE COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE COMMITTED TO SERVICING THE COMMUNITY, NOT MAXIMIZING PRIVATE CONTRACTS. L.A. COUNTY --

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

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT YOUR STATEMENT, YOU CAN. THANK YOU.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THIS REPORT WILL BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: OKAY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. MOVING ON NOW TO OUR NEXT ITEM.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 7, MOTION TO PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2026 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU'RE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR THREE, IF ON A TELEPHONE.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I KNOW WE HAVE A PRETTY FULL AGENDA TODAY, BUT I DID THINK IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE PARTICULARLY THIS BEING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH. I'M SURE YOU ALL HAVE HEARD THE HISTORY OF CARTER G. WOODSON 100 YEARS AGO DECLARING NEGRO HISTORY WEEK. AND I MUST ADMIT THAT I'M OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER WHEN WE ONLY CELEBRATED FOR A WEEK 50 YEARS AGO. IT WAS EXPANDED TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH. AND IN RESPONDING TO PRESS INQUIRIES, IT'S REALLY FORCED ME TO GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO MY OWN LIVED EXPERIENCE THIS YEAR AND ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THIS IS PERHAPS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT BLACK HISTORY MONTHS I HAVE CELEBRATED IN MY ENTIRE LIFETIME, AND I'LL TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHY. AND I'M CLEAR THAT IT IS NECESSARY AND THE WHOLE GOAL OF CARTER G. WOODSON AND OTHERS IN DECLARING IT THAT WE REFLECT ON THE PIONEERING BLACK LEADERS WHOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE A PART OF THIS COUNTRY'S HISTORY AND WHOSE SHOULDERS WE ALL STAND ON. BUT I'M ALSO CLEAR THAT THAT'S NOT ENOUGH THIS YEAR. I THINK THE WAY IN WHICH I'VE CELEBRATED IT

MY WHOLE LIFE AND THE INTENTION WAS TO REALLY EDUCATE SOME AND PERHAPS CONVINCE OTHERS THAT BLACK EXCELLENCE IS. FOR ME THOUGH, THIS YEAR, I'M REALLY NOT JUST INTERESTED IN SALUTATIONS AND PLATITUDES OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OR ANY KIND OF MERE VERBAL RECOGNITION OF THE ROLE AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE PLAYED IN THIS COUNTRY. THIS BLACK HISTORY MONTH I AM SINGULARLY INTERESTED IN ACTION. THE FACT THAT BLACK PEOPLE MAKE UP ABOUT 9% OF L.A. COUNTY'S POPULATION BUT ARE OVERREPRESENTED IN OUR UNHOUSED POPULATION LIVING ON THE STREETS OF L.A., THEN THIS BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND EVERY DAY, I BELIEVE OUR POLICIES AND INVESTMENTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY ARE SEEN, VALUED, AND HOUSED. AS HEALTH DISPARITIES AND BLACK MATERNAL MORBIDITY PERSIST AT DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH RATES THIS BLACK HISTORY MONTH, WE MUST TAKE ACTION TO ADDRESS AND ELIMINATE THOSE INEQUALITIES. WHEN BLACK PEOPLE CONTINUE TO BE MORE LIKELY TO LIVE IN COMMUNITIES THAT ARE FOOD DESERTS AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR BLACK WOMEN REMAINS DOUBLE THAT OF EVERY OTHER GROUP IN THE NATION, THEN THIS BLACK HISTORY MONTH, I HOPE THAT WE WILL ACKNOWLEDGE AND WORK TO CHANGE THOSE REALITIES. THIS BLACK HISTORY MONTH SHOULD BE THE YEAR THAT WE PLEDGE TO REMOVE THE CANCER OF ANTI-BLACKNESS AND OF ANTI-IMMIGRANT FROM OUR COMMUNITIES, FROM OUR COUNTRY, AND FROM OUR VERY OWN COUNTY. SO AS WE THINK ABOUT HOW WE WILL CELEBRATE THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, WHAT PROGRESS WE WANT TO SEE, THAT WE WILL NOT ONLY ACKNOWLEDGE

THAT BLACK EXCELLENCE JUST IS BUT THAT WE WILL FOCUS ON BLACK PRESENT AND BLACK FUTURE IN A MEANINGFUL WAY THAT WE WILL WORK TO CLOSE HEALTH DISPARITIES THAT WE WILL WORK TO CLOSE THE BLACK WEALTH GAP IN A MEANINGFUL AND PRODUCTIVE WAY. THAT'S HOW I'M CHOOSING TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS BLACK HISTORY MONTH, AND I HOPE OTHERS WILL JOIN ME AS WELL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I THINK IT'S ALWAYS IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO HIGHLIGHT IT AND PROCLAIM BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AT A TIME, PARTICULARLY, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT WHEN THIS CURRENT ADMINISTRATION HAS ROLLED BACK DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVES, WE MUST REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND AS WE CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH, OF COURSE, I ALWAYS AM PROUD OF THE MOMENT IN EARLY 1960S WHEN MY FATHER WAS THE ONLY ELECTED OFFICIAL THAT AGREED TO MEET DR. KING ON HIS VERY FIRST VISIT TO LOS ANGELES. HE GREETED HIM AT LAX. AND, YOU KNOW, THAT TAUGHT ME A LOT, AND IT HAS IMPACTED ME A LOT IN MY POLITICAL AND PERSONAL LIFE AND THE DECISIONS THAT I MADE, BECAUSE JUST THAT SIMPLE ACT OF WELCOME REFLECTED HIS DEEP COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE AND EQUALITY, VALUES THAT I THINK GUIDE ME, AND I KNOW THOSE GUIDE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US AS WOMEN

ON THIS BOARD. AND I, OF COURSE, AM PROUD OF THIS COUNTY FOR AGREEING TO RETURN STOLEN PROPERTY TO THE BRUCE FAMILY AS THE FIRST GOVERNMENT IN THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY AND I THINK INTERNATIONALLY THAT EVER GAVE BACK A PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT WAS STOLEN FROM AN AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY. AND I HAVE TO JUST SAY, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD FORGET THIS VERY BUILDING THAT WE SIT IN HOLDS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE. THE LATE PAUL WILLIAMS, THE FIRST CERTIFIED BLACK ARCHITECT WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI, DESIGNED THIS HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, AND HIS VISION SHAPED THE SPACE AS THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR CIVIC CENTER. SO, I APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING FORWARD THIS PROCLAMATION AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ALWAYS CONTINUE TO HONOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE MADE BLACK HISTORY IN THIS COUNTRY AND THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR ENSURING WE HONOR THE HISTORY, THE LEGACY, AND THE ENDURING CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK AMERICANS. BLACK HISTORY IS L.A. HISTORY, AND IT IS AMERICAN HISTORY, AND IT IS CENTRAL TO THE STORY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. BLACK AMERICANS HAVE SHAPED THE SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND POLITICAL FABRIC OF THIS NATION AND OUR COUNTY AND AT A TIME WHEN OUR FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION IS WORKING TO DISMANTLE ANTI-RACISM AND

EQUITY INITIATIVES OF ALL KINDS. IT'S CRITICAL THAT IN L.A. COUNTY WE DOUBLE DOWN ON OUR VALUES, THAT WE CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY WHILE CONTINUING TO FIGHT FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE AND AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAID PUT OUR POLICIES INTO ACTION AND TRULY UNDERSTANDING OUR HISTORY MEANS WE CAN WRITE BETTER POLICY, MAKE BETTER DECISIONS, AND SHAPE A BETTER FUTURE. SO, I'M PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND THE WORK THAT IT REFLECTS. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU AND I'LL MAKE THIS SHORT. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR THIS MOTION AND YOU KNOW I MEAN IF YOU LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF L.A. COUNTY SUN VALLEY OR SUN VILLAGE UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WAS THE ONE AREA WHERE AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE HOMES. AND THAT WAS CARVED OUT AND IT'S SIMILAR TO WHAT HAPPENED IN ALTADENA ON THE WEST SIDE. AND THEN OF COURSE VAL VERDE, WHICH HAS A HISTORY OF BEING A PLACE WHERE FAMILIES COULD GO TO GET AWAY FROM DOWNTOWN, FROM THIS AREA THAT WAS SOLELY BUILT FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES. SO, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECOGNIZE BLACK HISTORY MONTH, BUT ALSO THE HISTORY OF WHAT GOT US HERE. SOMETHING THAT OFTENTIMES GETS FORGOT. YOU KNOW, I REMEMBER MY PARENTS SAYING THAT SOMETIMES PEOPLE FORGET THE HISTORY OF HOW WE HAVE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE AS IT

RELATES TO RIGHTS. AND THE SAME THING GOES FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN TERMS OF WHERE WE WERE NOT THAT LONG AGO, NOT THAT LONG AGO. SO, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THIS MONTH, BUT ALSO RECOGNIZE HOW FAR WE'VE COME, BUT HOW FAR WE HAVE TO GO. AND I THINK YOU'VE SAID THAT BEFORE, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND I KNOW YOU'VE SAID THAT BEFORE. AND I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE ONGOING COLLABORATION TO CONTINUE TO CARRY THOSE EFFORTS FORWARD. I THINK WE NEED TO TALK IT AND WALK IT. SO WITH THAT, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS IN.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I, TOO, WANT TO JUST SAY THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. ONE HUNDRED YEARS CAN GO BY IN A SECOND. AND SO MUCH HAS CHANGED. AND YOU POINTED SOMETHING OUT I THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE ACTUALLY THINK ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AND PEOPLE THAT ARE ACTUALLY GOING THROUGH A STRUGGLE AND ACTUALLY SERVING US. AND I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO ALL THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES AT SERVE L.A. COUNTY THAT HAVE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS SINCE I THINK THE INCEPTION OF THE COUNTY. MY HAT GOES OFF TO ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND DILIGENCE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK AND UPLIFT THOSE PEOPLE THAT WE APPOINT AS OUR COMMISSIONERS THAT SERVE AND DO IT ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS. AND I WANT TO NAME JUST A FEW FROM MY AREA. JEANETTE ELLIS ROYSTON, SHE'S ON THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. SHE REPRESENTS THE VOICES IN POMONA AND EASTERN SAN GABRIEL

VALLEY. MICHAEL FLOWERS, AFRICAN AMERICAN, WHO SERVES ON ONE OF OUR SCHOOL BOARDS OUT IN THE WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. LORNA JOHNSON, WHO WAS A FIERCE ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND ALSO A GOLD MEDALIST RUNNER. SHE'S ONE OF OUR WOMEN COMMISSIONERS, AFRICAN AMERICAN. SAM PRATTER, WHO SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW, PROVIDES CRITICAL OVERSIGHT ON THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, BUT ALSO, IS BUILDING HOUSING FOR TAY, TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH. AND FRED SYKES, WHO SERVES ALSO ON OUR HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. BUT ONE OF THE PROUDEST MOMENTS I HAD WAS SERVING IN THE LEGISLATURE IN SACRAMENTO ALONGSIDE TWO WOMEN, THREE WOMEN THAT I WILL NEVER FORGET. AND THAT IS DIANE WATSON AND ALSO TERESA HUGHES AND MARGUERITE ARCHIE HUDSON. AND ALONG WITH THOSE PEOPLE, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WAS A KEY STAFFER FOR THESE WOMEN AND HAD A BIG, BIG ROLE IN TERMS OF DETERMINING OUR BUDGET, OUR HEALTH BUDGET. AND I ALSO WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN PRESIDENT THAT SOME OF US HELPED TO WORK WITH AND SOME SERVED IN HIS CABINET WAS BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA. AND LET HIM GO DOWN IN HISTORY. HE IS STILL DOING A LOT OF GOOD WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY, IN OUR COUNTRY, AND INTERNATIONALLY, AND THAT VOICE HAS TO CONTINUE TO RING. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AND WITH THAT, LET'S GO TO ANY PUBLIC SPEAKERS, PLEASE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. CLAUDIA JEREZ, CHICHI

NAVARRO, ROSIE ESPINOZA, SUSAN PRICE, TIA STEVENS, AND ALI LYON ARTIST. WE WILL NOW GO TO OUR REMOTE CALLERS. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 310346, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

DEIDRE GREEN: HELLO, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS DEIDRE GREEN, CEO FOUNDER OF THE COPPER GUMBEL FOUNDATION. WE TEACH INDUSTRIAL ARTS JEWELRY DESIGN WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITIES. I'VE ATTENDED MANY OF SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S RACIAL JUSTICE LEARNING EXCHANGES, AKA RJLE. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE EVENT, THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND LABOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ARE READ. THIS SETS THE TONE TO REFLECT, APPRECIATE, AND BE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE AFFORDED TO US VIA OUR ANCESTORS RIGHT NOW IN THE SPIRIT OF ACTION. I'M HONORED TO BESTOW MY UNWAVERING SUPPORT TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION. MOVING FORWARD, I WILL REFERENCE THIS PROCLAMATION AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR WORKSHOPS, TO PRESERVE THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND STRUGGLES OF BLACK AMERICANS. THIS WILL BECOME OUR SPRINGBOARD ON HOW WE CAN TAKE ACTION, PROGRESSING FORWARD THROUGH ART AS A HEALING ELEMENT TO HUMANITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. ANGELA SHERRICK-BRITE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. ANGELA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: ANGELA, ARE YOU THERE?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT CALLER. DELLORA ELLIS-GANT, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. DELLORA ELLIS --

DELLORA ELLIS-GANT: GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS DELLORA ELLIS-GANT. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFRICAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION, A 30 YEAR, 39 YEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEE AND A RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS. I'M CALLING IN TO SUPPORT THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR THE MOTION BUT ALSO THE CALL TO ACTION. THE CAF STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS PROCLAMATION AND WILL DO OUR PART IN PROMOTING THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY ESPECIALLY FOR THIS MILESTONE 100TH YEAR CELEBRATION. PROCLAIMING BLACK HISTORY MONTH, IT MATTERS BECAUSE IT TELLS THE TRUTH OF THE COUNTRY AND IT HONORS THE RESILIENCE, BRILLIANCE, AND CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ARE OFTEN ERASED. BLACK HISTORY IS ESSENTIAL. OUR RICH HISTORY IS FILLED WITH EXAMPLES OF INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS THAT HAVE DEMONSTRATED RESILIENCE, BRILLIANCE, AND HOPE. OUR CONTRIBUTION --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. TARA PARHAM, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

TARA PARHAM: MY NAME IS TARA PARHAM AND I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFRICAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION AND I AM HONORED TO STAND TODAY WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO PROCLAIM BLACK HISTORY MONTH. THIS IS MY, AND I TAKE OWNERSHIP OF IT, THIS IS MY 100 YEAR CELEBRATION, EVEN THOUGH I'M ONLY HALF THAT AGE, BUT I AM PROUD OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS THEN, NOW, AND STILL TO COME. WE ARE PEOPLE WHO STAND WITH OTHERS, BUT TODAY WE ARE STANDING WITH EACH OTHER WITH AN ACTION PLAN AND WE'RE STANDING AND WE'RE ASKING OTHERS TO STAND WITH US AS WE STAND WITH YOU. SO, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. EVERY SUPERVISOR HERE TODAY, THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS AND WE ARE HONORED AGAIN TO CELEBRATE OUR 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 310890, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HELLO?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: OH, HI. MY NAME IS LAURA ERIE AND I'M A VOLUNTEER WITH SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL. I ENJOY PARTICIPATING IN HER RACIAL JUSTICE SEMINARS AND I'M JUST SO

PROUD OF BEING IN THIS AREA AND BEING WITH THE LEADERS THAT WE HAVE TODAY. IT'S JUST FUNNY IT'S 100 YEARS AND TODAY I'M CELEBRATING 80 YEARS SO TODAY IS A GOOD DAY FOR ME. I LOOK BACK AT THE GREAT LEADERS THAT WE HAVE HAD AND I LOOK AT THE GREAT LEADERS THAT WE HAVE TODAY AND I THANK SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL FOR ALL THAT SHE HAS DONE FOR THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. LORA DANIELS BALL, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

LURA DANIELS-BALL: MY NAME IS LURA DANIELS-BALL AND I AM THE PROUD PRESIDENT OF OUR AUTHORS STUDY CLUB. WE WERE CHARTERED BY VASSIE D. WRIGHT. WE WERE FOUNDED BY VASSIE D. WRIGHT AND CHARTERED BY CARTER G. WOODSON, THE FATHER OF BLACK HISTORY. I LOVE OUR SUPERVISOR, HOLLY MITCHELL, AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE PROCLAMATION. WE WILL LAUNCH OUR OFFICIAL CELEBRATION FOR THE CITY TOMORROW. I HAVE ONE CAVEAT AND THAT IS NOT TO FORGET THAT WE ARE THE FOUNDERS OF BLACK HISTORY IN LOS ANGELES. WE START THE YEAR WITH BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND I BEG YOU NOT TO FORGET THAT BEFORE ANYONE ELSE WAS PROMOTING BLACK HISTORY AND KEEPING BLACK HISTORY ALIVE. OUR ARTHUR STUDY CLUB WAS HERE, IS HERE, WILL CONTINUE TO BE HERE, CELEBRATING 81 YEARS OF PROMOTING BLACK HISTORY. KEEP US ALIVE. SUPPORT US. OASCLA.ORG. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL.

WE LOVE YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 310908, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HI, THIS IS ADAM DARVISH. I THINK THIS IS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ALL RIGHT. RYAN BELL, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. RYAN BELL.

RYAN BELL: YES. HELLO.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: GO AHEAD.

RYAN BELL: YES. HELLO, EVERYBODY. THIS IS RYAN BELL FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND, AND I JUST WANTED TO SUPPORT EVERYTHING THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL HAS SAID SO FAR. THE ADVOCACY EFFORTS THAT WE'VE SEEN ACROSS NOT JUST LOS ANGELES, BUT CALIFORNIA-WIDE HAS REALLY PROVEN THAT NOT ONLY BLACK LIVES MATTER, BUT THE LIVES OF THOSE BEING IMPOVERISHED AND DISENFRANCHISED CONTINUE TO INCREASE YEAR BY YEAR. SO, I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO HEAR WHAT IS BEING SAID, LISTEN TO THOSE AROUND YOU, AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

MEL BAILEY: YES, GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS MEL BAILEY OUT OF DISTRICT 2 AND I JUST WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND ALSO SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING BACK HISTORY. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AS YOU SPEAK OF ACTION I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT I AM ACTUALLY NOT ONLY A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, BUT A CEO OF THE MK BAILEY FOUNDATION THAT SUPPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND ALSO A PROUD MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI THAT MENTORS OUR KAPPA LEAGUE PROGRAM. SO THOSE ARE TWO INITIATIVES THAT DEFINITELY CAN PROVIDE AN ALLOTMENT OF ACTION IF SO DESIRED. AND JUST THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE TIME AND GOD BLESS EVERYBODY. HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. BRANDON DEAN JOHNSON, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

BRANDON DEAN JOHNSON: BRANDON DEAN JOHNSON, CEO OF CREATE NOW. I AM HERE TO BACK AND SUPPORT SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL WITH THIS. BLACK HISTORY IS SOMETHING THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ME. MOST RECENTLY WE PUT UP A MURAL IN EAST L.A. TOOK US ABOUT SIX WEEKS TO DO SO AND IT DEPICTED A LOT OF BLACK EXCELLENCE. COME

TO FIND OUT A WEEK LATER THAT MURAL WAS DESTROYED AND IT SHOWED US HOW EASILY HISTORY CAN BE DELETED IF WE DON'T TALK ABOUT IT. SO THIS IS WHY I'M STANDING UP FOR THIS AND I LOVE MY FOLKS AND I LOVE BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND IT NEEDS TO KEEP GOING, SO THANK YOU FOR MY TIME.

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

SUSAN PRICE: MY NAME IS SUSAN PRICE AND THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME COME TODAY AND SPEAK WITH YOU. MEASURE A REQUIRES REPORTING TO THE PUBLIC, AND I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO SPEND ANY MONEY ON THIS. I JUST WANT YOU TO REPORT ON THE OUTREACH AND THE SWEEPS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN THE CONCENTRATION AREAS OF THE ENCAMPMENTS AND UNSHELTERED ON THE STREET. OKAY, THERE IS NOTHING WRONG IN A MAN.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: MA'AM, THIS IS, I'M SORRY, THIS IS SPECIFICALLY ON THE PROCLAMATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, BUT YOUR COMMENTS CAN BE MADE IN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

SUSAN PRICE: THE GREATER NUMBER OF THOSE PEOPLE ON SHELTER ARE BLACK PEOPLE. THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: GO AHEAD.

SUSAN PRICE: THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH AMERICA THAT CANNOT BE CURED BY WHAT IS RIGHT WITH AMERICA. THAT WAS IN 1993 INAUGURAL BILL CLINTON. VOTERS BELIEVE THAT YOU WERE THE RIGHT ONES TO CURE THIS SOCIAL ILL --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

CLAUDIA JEREZ: CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY? CAN YOU HEAR ME? ALL RIGHT, CLAUDIA? IT IS DWC DPSS I WOULD LIKE TO SAY PROCLAMATION OF 100 YEARS IS VERY, VERY GOOD TO KNOW THAT BLACK AMERICANS HAVE STRUGGLED IN THIS COUNTRY. BUT I DO NOTICE A SLIGHT CHANGE. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME AFTER DR. LUTHER KING, BUT I CAN SAY THAT THE PARADIGM OF EQUALITY IS NOT JUST AN AFRICAN AMERICAN THING. AND I'M HISPANIC, SO THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES, NOT FOR YOU, BUT IT CONTINUES WITH US TOO. AND SO, EDUCATING THE YOUTH ABOUT THE STRUGGLES OF AFRICAN AMERICANS IS GOOD, BUT EDUCATING THE YOUTH ABOUT THE STRUGGLES OF OTHER NON-AFRICAN AMERICAN PEOPLE IS VERY --

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

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ITEM 7 IS BEFORE YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: MOVE BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,

PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE

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

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION PASSES, 5 TO 0. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 28, REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING ON OUTREACH EFFORTS. AND ITEM 29, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING, MEASURE A, MEASURE H, AND HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM SPENDING PLAN, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. THESE ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU'RE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR THREE, IF ON A TELEPHONE. SARAH MAHIN, DIRECTOR OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING, AS WELL AS CARTER HEWLEY, SENIOR MANAGER, LOCAL JURISDICTION INITIATIVE WITH THE CEO WHO WILL BE JOINING SARAH MAHIN ARE AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM. FOR THOSE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO BEGIN OR START US OFF? OKAY, WE'LL START WITH THE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU, WELCOME.

SARAH MAHIN: GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND I'M SARAH MAHIN, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING. AND A LITTLE CLOSER.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: PULL THE MIC IN, YEAH.

SARAH MAHIN: OKAY, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME BACK HERE TODAY. AS I SHARED, MY NAME IS SARAH MAHIN AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING OR HSH. I'M JOINED BY MY COLLEAGUE. DO YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF?

CARTER HEWGLEY: GOOD AFTERNOON. CARTER HEWGLEY WITH HSH.

SARAH MAHIN: AND ON JANUARY 13, I PROVIDED A HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF HSH'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 26/27, MEASURE A, MEASURE H, AND HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION, OR HAP, SPENDING PLAN BOARD LETTER. THIS INCLUDED A REVIEW OF THE SPENDING PLAN PROCESS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, FISCAL CHALLENGES, AND STRATEGIES THAT WE'VE EMPLOYED TO MITIGATE THOSE CHALLENGES. I APPRECIATED THE THOUGHTFUL QUESTIONS THAT YOU ALL POSED AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTINUED DIALOGUE WITH YOUR OFFICES SINCE THAT MEETING. SINCE THAT PRESENTATION, I'M HAPPY TO SHARE THAT WE'VE RECEIVED UPDATED MEASURE A REVENUE

PROJECTIONS. AND I'M HERE TODAY TO WALK YOU THROUGH WHERE WE HAVE PROGRAMMED THESE ADDITIONAL DOLLARS WITHIN THE SPENDING PLAN. I WILL FOCUS MY PRESENTATION ON REVIEWING THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ADDITIONAL MEASURE A REVENUE ADDED SINCE THIS LAST PRESENTATION. I DO NOT PLAN TO REVIEW THE SLIDES THAT SUMMARIZE THE DIRECTIVES IN THE BOARD LETTER. I WILL CONCLUDE WITH SHARING ABOUT HSH'S PROACTIVE STRATEGY FOR WHAT COMES NEXT PENDING ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDED SPENDING PLAN. NEXT SLIDE. WE STARTED THE FY 26/27 SPENDING PLAN PROCESS LAST SUMMER WITH APPROXIMATELY $303,000,000 FUNDING SHORTFALL BASED ON ESTIMATES THAT WE HAD AT THE TIME. THE SPENDING PLAN WAS DEVELOPED BASED ON AVAILABLE FY 26/27 CEO BUDGET REVENUE PROJECTIONS FOR MEASURE A. AT THAT TIME, NO ACTUAL MEASURE A COLLECTION DATA OR HISTORY TRENDS WERE AVAILABLE. AS A RESULT, EARLY PROJECTIONS RELIED ON REASONABLE AND CONSERVATIVE ASSUMPTIONS. SINCE APRIL 2025, WHEN MEASURE A COLLECTIONS BEGAN, WE'VE RECEIVED ACTUAL MEASURE A ALLOCATION DATA COVERING JUNE THROUGH DECEMBER 2025 REMITTANCE PERIODS. USING THESE ACTUALS, UPDATED REVENUE PROJECTIONS WERE RECEIVED ABOUT A WEEK AND A HALF AGO. THIS CHART SHOWS UPDATED PROJECTIONS, WHICH INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL $21,800,000 AND ADDITIONAL MEASURE A REVENUE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY HSH ACROSS THE BUDGET CATEGORIES HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW ON THE SCREEN. THIS INCLUDES THE $21,380,000 INCREASE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESSNESS SERVICES BUCKET, WHICH INCLUDES $3,200,000 FOR

LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUNDS, WHICH ARE DIRECTLY ALLOCATED TO JURISDICTIONS AND COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS ARE INTO OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS, A $353,000 INCREASE TO HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS INNOVATIONS, AND A $17,800,000 INCREASE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESSNESS SERVICES LINE ITEM. THERE'S ALSO A $446,000 INCREASE TO ACCOUNTABILITY DATA AND RESEARCH. THE INCREASED PROJECTIONS ALSO MEAN ABOUT $1,000,000 MORE TO LACDA AND ROUGHLY $13,000,000 MORE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS AGENCY OR LACAHSA TO ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS, SUCH AS HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AS REFLECTED IN THE SPENDING PLAN BOARD LETTER AND CORRESPONDING ATTACHMENTS, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THE ALLOCATION OF THIS FUNDING TOWARDS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT WERE IDENTIFIED AS PRIORITY AREAS BY THIS BOARD AND BY THE COMMUNITY. THESE INCLUDES ADDING ADDITIONAL $3,700,000 TO COUNTY-WIDE OUTREACH TEAMS, WHICH WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COUNTY STAFF FROM 33 TO 57 OUTREACH WORKERS. IT ALSO INCLUDES $4,400,000 TO RESTORE 102 INTERIM HOUSING BEDS, AND WE WILL DEDICATE THESE BEDS TO ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION EFFORTS. PRESERVING INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING HAS BEEN OUR TOP PRIORITY, AND WE HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR DURING MY LAST PRESENTATION HOW IMPORTANT RESOURCES ARE FOR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION. I ALSO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION EFFORTS ARE CRITICAL TO COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY. THE PROPOSED RESTORATIONS TO COUNTYWIDE OUTREACH TEAMS

AND INTERIM HOUSING BEDS SPECIFICALLY DEDICATED TO ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION EFFORTS WILL ALLOW THIS WORK TO CONTINUE IN A WAY THAT IS COORDINATED AND NIMBLE ENOUGH TO BE RESPONSIVE TO COMMUNITY NEEDS. AT MY LAST PRESENTATION, WE HEARD THE REQUEST TO UNDERSTAND HOW OUTREACH TEAMS ARE BEING ALLOCATED ACROSS THE SPAS AND DISTRICTS. AND WE'VE BEEN MEETING WITH YOUR OFFICES REGARDING THIS PLAN AND CAN PROVIDE A PUBLIC BRIEFING AT A FUTURE HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING CLUSTER MEETING. THERE'S ALSO $1,370,000 TO SUPPORT HALF THE COST OF FAMILY SOLUTION CENTERS ACROSS THE COUNTY. THIS CAME UP IN OUR DISCUSSION LAST TIME AS WELL. WHILE WE HAD PREVIOUSLY NOT INCLUDED THE FSCS IN OUR SPENDING PLAN, WE KNOW THAT THEY'RE AN INCREDIBLY CRITICAL RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES. AND THAT WOULD BE A GAP IF WE WEREN'T ALLOCATING MEASURE A FUNDING. SO, WE'VE ALLOCATED HALF OF THE FUNDING FOR THAT, AND WE'RE SEEKING PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT FOR THE REMAINDER. THERE'S ALSO 3,000,000 FOR PROVIDER CASE MANAGEMENT TRANSITION, WHICH INCORPORATES FEEDBACK FROM THE PROVIDER TASK FORCE ABOUT THE AGGRESSIVE TIMELINE FOR TRANSITIONING CASES TO HIGHER CASELOAD RATIOS. THERE'S $361,000,000, WHICH WILL BE COMBINED WITH OTHER FUNDING ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS, OR MVA, INCLUDING $162,000 IN THE HOMELESS SOLUTIONS INNOVATIONS BUDGET AND EXISTING ONGOING NET COUNTY COSTS, OR NCC. THE COMBINATION OF THOSE WILL FULLY RESTORE THE VETERAN BENEFITS ADVOCACY PROGRAM, WHICH WAS IDENTIFIED AS A

TOP PRIORITY FOR MBA THERE'S ALSO $5,000,000 IN ONE-TIME BRIDGE SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUUMS OF CARE OF GLENDALE, LONG BEACH AND PASADENA IN RESPONSE TO THE MOTION THAT WAS PASSED ON JANUARY 13TH TO SUPPORT COCS IN PROVIDING INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING. THERE'S $191,000 TO THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION UNIT TO RESTORE THIS PROGRAM TO ITS LEVEL FUNDING. THERE'S $246,000 TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE COST OF CHAMP, WHICH IS THE COUNTYWIDE CARE COORDINATION PLATFORM AND HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN FUNDED WITH ONE-TIME SOURCES. AND $200,000 TO FUND AN ADDITIONAL FTE AT THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER TO SUPPORT EXPANDED DATA CAPACITY AND ACCESS FOR OUR CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS. NEXT SLIDE. THIS IS ALSO A SLIDE YOU'VE SEEN BEFORE WHICH HIGHLIGHTS THE INITIAL DRIVERS OF THE $303,000,000 DEFICIT AND STRATEGIES WE'VE USED TO ADDRESS IT. THE LEFT COLUMN INCLUDES THE ORIGINAL REVENUE PROJECTION AND THE RIGHT REFLECTS UPDATED FIGURES OF THE STRATEGIES WE TOOK TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF THE DEFICIT, INCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL MEASURE A REVENUE. I DO WANT TO BE CLEAR, WHILE THE INCREASE IN PROJECTED MEASURE A REVENUE DOES NOT MATERIALLY ALTER THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT HSH FACES FOR FY 26/27, WHICH IS PRIMARILY DRIVEN BY NEW AND OR EXPANDED COST OBLIGATIONS, SUCH AS THE INTERIM HOUSING BED RATES, COUPLED WITH THE LOSS OF REDUCTIONS IN STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES, IT DOES ALLOW US TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR SOME OF THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND THE FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES, AND WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT

THAT. WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT. IF WE SKIP THROUGH TO SLIDE 17, I'LL WRAP UP BY JUST SAYING THAT WE ARE REALLY COMMITTED TO BUILDING ON THE PROGRESS THAT WE'VE MADE AND RECOGNIZING THAT THE REAL WORK HAPPENS IN IMPLEMENTATION AND OUR WORK IN SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT IS JUST BEGINNING. HSH WILL ACTIVELY PURSUE ALL AVAILABLE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR TO MAINTAIN AND INCREASE HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. WE ARE DEEPENING COORDINATION WITH OUR JURISDICTIONAL PARTNERS AND SYSTEM-WIDE PARTNERS TO BETTER ALIGN RESOURCES, ADDRESS CRITICAL FUNDING GAPS, AND THAT INCLUDES LEVERAGING LA CASA AND LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND INVESTMENTS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO BRIEFING DEPUTIES AT AN UPCOMING HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING CLUSTER MEETING WITH OUR PARTNERS ON THEIR WORK. WE'RE ALSO WORKING TO EXPAND PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT CRITICAL GAPS AND SPUR INNOVATIONS LIKE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY HOUSING PROGRAM, ACCESS CENTERS, REGIONAL COORDINATION, AND EXPANDING HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR YOUTH. WE ARE AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING AND LEVERAGING ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO INTEGRATE NEW RESOURCES DIRECTLY INTO THE HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE SYSTEM, INCLUDING NEW CONTRACTS THAT WE'VE JUST EXECUTED WITH HEALTH PLANS FOR TRANSITIONAL RENT. AND WE'RE BEGINNING TO TALK WITH THE HEALTH PLANS AND BEGIN CONTRACTING FOR ENHANCED CARE MANAGEMENT, AS WELL AS STATE FUNDING SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO EXPAND AND SUPPORT PATHWAY HOME. WE'RE ALSO

WORKING CLOSELY WITH OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND SYSTEM PARTNERS TO IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES TO SUSTAIN EXISTENTIAL SERVICES. FOR EXAMPLE, WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR PROGRAMS LIKE SENS AND INTERIM HOUSING INSPECTIONS, WORKING WITH DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND WITH MVA AND THE VA AROUND THE DOCUMENT READINESS SERVICES FOR VETERANS. TAKEN TOGETHER, THESE EFFORTS REFLECT A PROACTIVE AND ONGOING STRATEGY TO STABILIZE PROGRAMS, MAINTAIN AN INCREASED CAPACITY WHEREVER POSSIBLE, AND ENSURE THAT THE SYSTEM REMAINS RESPONSIVE TO COMMUNITY NEEDS. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING AND HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU FOR THAT LAST SLIDE, BUILDING ON PROGRESS. THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT. SO, THANK YOU TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR THE REPORT. I AM CLEAR THAT YOU HAVE A VERY, VERY DIFFICULT JOB THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO BALANCE EXPECTATIONS AND REQUESTS FROM THE FIVE OF US, FROM THE VARYING AND GROWING POLICY ENTITIES THAT ARE FOCUSING ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS IN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES. I GET THAT. AND THAT IS WHY IT IS MY HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT YOU GROUND YOUR PRIORITIES IN HARD DATA, THAT YOU BALANCE THAT WITH COMPETING SPECIAL INTEREST, WHICH IS WHY

I WILL CONTINUE TO RAISE SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT RIGHT NOW. GREAT, I HELD THIS SO WE COULD HEAR AND AIR PUBLICLY THESE RESTORATIONS SINCE WE AIRED PUBLICLY YOUR PRESENTATION PREVIOUSLY. AND SO I'M GLAD TO SEE FUNDING NEEDED TO OPERATE THE FAMILY SOLUTIONS CENTERS ALONG WITH EFFORTS TO SECURE A MATCH FOR FULL RESTORATION IN 26/27 AND THE RESTORATION OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS BENEFITS ADVOCACY AND THE PARTIAL RESTORATION OF OUTREACH AND ADULT INTERIM BEDS. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR ME TO REEMPHASIZE THAT THE TOP PRIORITY FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE SECOND DISTRICT REMAINS ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS ACROSS ALL CLASSIFICATIONS, INCLUDING PATHWAY HOME. UNHOUSED RESIDENTS, HOUSED RESIDENTS, AND BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT HAVE CONSISTENTLY RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT THE NEED FOR DIRECT AND EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS VISIBLE ENCAMPMENTS IN PUBLIC SPACES, INCLUDING STREETS, SIDEWALKS, WATERWAYS, AND PARKS. THIS IS REFLECTED IN THE MEASURE A GOALS. THE FIRST GOAL IS TO, AND I QUOTE, INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE MOVING FROM ENCAMPMENTS INTO PERMANENT HOUSING TO REDUCE UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS. ADDITIONALLY, THE LEADERSHIP TABLE ESTABLISHED AN AGGRESSIVE METRIC THAT THIS BOARD ADOPTED, WHICH WAS TO DECREASE BY 30% THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS BETWEEN 2024 AND 2030. AND SO, I'M PLEASED TO SEE THE RESTORATION OF 11 OUTREACH TEAMS AND ADULT INTERIM BEDS SUPPORTING ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION. THESE RESTORATIONS DON'T

EXPAND ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION OPERATIONS. THE SERVICES WITH THE GREATEST IMPACT IN THE SECOND DISTRICT REMAIN REDUCED AND THE CURRENT PLAN DOES NOT REPLACE WHAT WAS CUT. I COMPLETELY GET THAT WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH BUDGET CUTS. I'M NOT IGNORANT OF THAT FACT. WITH THREE PATHWAY HOME MOTEL SITES DECOMMISSIONED, THERE IS NO NET GAIN IN INTERIM OR PERMANENT CAPACITY FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING STREET HOMELESSNESS OR LIVING IN ENCAMPMENTS. WE KNOW THAT SECURING ACCEPTANCE INTO CONGREGATE SHELTER IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, WHICH MAKES THE LOSS OF MOTEL CAPACITY EVEN MORE CONSEQUENTIAL. ONE EXAMPLE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, WITH PATHWAY HOMES BUDGET COMPROMISED AND PLANNED REDUCTIONS IN OPERATIONS, KEY CORRIDORS SUCH AS COMPTON BOULEVARD AND WEST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, EAST GARDENA CONTINUE TO BE OVERLOOKED. ADDING TO THE SHERIFF'S HOST TEAM, THERE ARE, EXCUSE ME, ACCORDING TO THE HOST TEAM, THERE ARE 88 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND 42 RVS ON COMPTON BOULEVARD TODAY. YET THE SPENDING PLAN DOES NOT DIRECT RESOURCES TO RESOLVE THE SEVERE CONCENTRATION OF RV ENCAMPMENTS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. THAT'S JUST ONE ENCAMPMENT. THIS RAISES A BROADER QUESTION FOR ME. AGAIN, I UNDERSTAND BUDGET CUTS, BUT I'VE HEARD COMMENTS FROM SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND FROM YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENT THAT PATHWAY HOME IS CONSIDERED TOO EXPENSIVE AND NOT EFFECTIVE. THE BROADER QUESTION FOR ME IS HOW ARE YOU GUIDING YOUR DEPARTMENT TO RESOLVE ENCAMPMENTS? YOU JUST SAID IN YOUR PRESENTATION THAT YOU FELT THE PATHWAY

HOME FUNDING THAT YOU PRESENTED TODAY WAS, QUOTE, ENOUGH TO BE RESPONSIVE TO COMMUNITY NEEDS. THAT'S NOT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENTS. IT IS NOT ENOUGH. PATHWAY HOME IS PRETTY MUCH THE ONLY PROGRAM WHERE ITS FULL COST IS PRESENTED HOLISTICALLY, WHERE OTHER PROGRAMS HAVE COSTS DISTRIBUTED ACROSS MULTIPLE LINE ITEMS, MAKING DIRECT COST COMPARISONS INCOMPLETE FOR ME AT THIS TIME. ADDITIONALLY, THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT FULLY CAPTURING THE COMMUNITY IMPACT THESE PROGRAMS HAVE BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL PERSON WHO IS AN UNHOUSED. AND I AGREE WE NEED TO SEE WHAT HELPS GET PEOPLE INTO AND KEEP THEIR HOUSING. HOWEVER, ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION EFFORTS ALSO PROVIDE BROADER BENEFITS TO MORE CONSTITUENTS THAT DON'T GET CAPTURED SUCH AS IMPROVED SAFETY AND ACCESS TO SCHOOLS, PARKS AND NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY REFLECTED IN THE DATA. SO GIVEN THE GAPS, MY QUESTION IS, HOW DOES THIS SPENDING PLAN ADDRESS THE ONGOING NEED FOR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND SPECIFICALLY IN HIGH IMPACT CORRIDORS IN MANY UNINCORPORATED AREAS, BUT SPECIFICALLY THOSE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT.

SARAH MAHIN: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AS YOU MENTIONED, WE ARE HAVING TO MAKE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT DECISIONS IN OUR SPENDING PLAN PROPOSAL GIVEN OUR FISCAL REALITIES. THE REDUCTION TO PATHWAY HOME IS NOT A REDUCED COMMITMENT TO ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION. IT'S A RECOGNITION THAT THE PROGRAM WAS BUILT ON

ONE-TIME FUNDING AND THAT WE NEED TO EXPAND OUR STRATEGIES TO ALSO INCLUDE MORE COST-EFFECTIVE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION SOLUTIONS. WE WERE ABLE --

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: DO YOU, AT THIS POINT, HAVE A SENSE OF WHAT THOSE COULD BE? BECAUSE MAYBE IF I COULD HEAR THOSE.

SARAH MAHIN: YEAH, FOR EXAMPLE-

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AND THE PUBLIC COULD HEAR THEM. THEY COULD UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS SOMETHING COMING AS OPPOSED TO SIMPLY SAYING PATHWAY HOME IS TOO EXPENSIVE AND FROM SOME PERSPECTIVE, INEFFECTIVE. IT'S BEEN EFFECTIVE FROM MY PERSPECTIVE FROM THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND I APPRECIATE IT'S EXPENSIVE BECAUSE THESE ARE CHRONIC LONG-TERM CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE TO INVEST IN TO RESOLVE SO GIVE ME SOME EXAMPLES OF WHAT YOU HOPE TO REPLACE IT WITH.

SARAH MAHIN: YEAH, IT'S SO A COUPLE THINGS SO I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT WE WERE ABLE TO PRESERVE CORE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PATHWAY HOME OPERATIONS IN EVERY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT INCLUDING MOTEL-BASED SITES AND EVERY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. AND SOME OF THE AREAS THAT YOU MENTIONED THAT ARE PRIORITIES FOR YOUR DISTRICT ARE IN THE AREAS WHERE WE'RE TARGETING THE PATHWAY HOME MOTELS AND RESOLUTIONS THAT WILL BE CONTINUING TO

CARRY FORWARD THIS YEAR AND NEXT.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: SO, ARE YOU SAYING THAT THERE'S NO REDUCTION IN PATHWAY HOME SERVICES?

SARAH MAHIN: THERE IS A REDUCTION IN ONE TIME. THERE'S DEFINITELY A REDUCTION IN ONE-TIME FUNDING, AND THERE'S A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF MOTEL-BASED SITES THAT WE WILL BE OPERATING TO SUPPORT PATHWAY HOME. WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE AND WHAT WE PROPOSED WAS TO BE BRINGING BACK SOME OF THE ADULT INTERIM HOUSING BEDS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED TO BE CURTAILED AND TO BE BRINGING THEM BACK AND DEDICATING THEM TO BE SUPPORTING ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS. I WANT TO NOTE THAT NON-CONGREGATE BEDS COST THE SAME. WE CAN GET THREE CONGREGATE BEDS FOR THE SAME COST AS ONE CONGREGATE BED. AND SO --

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: SAY THAT AGAIN. YOU CAN GET 3 CONGREGATE BEDS.

SARAH MAHIN: WE CAN GET THREE CONGREGATE BEDS FOR THE COST OF ONE NON-CONGREGATE BED.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: ONE NON-CONGREGATE.

SARAH MAHIN: ONE NON-CONGREGATE BED. SO, WE CAN SERVE THREE

TIMES THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE FOR THE SAME COST. SO, WE'RE, AND WE HAD BEEN PLANNING ON USING OUR EXISTING PORTFOLIO, AND WE DO CURRENTLY USE EXISTING PORTFOLIO OPERATIONS. THAT IS CURRENTLY PART OF WHAT THE MENU THAT THE TEAM BRINGS WHEN THEY'RE DOING THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS. WE HAVE BOTH THE MOTELS AND WE HAVE OUR GENERAL PORTFOLIO. WE DO CURRENTLY DO PLACEMENTS IN CONGREGATE. WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING HERE IS THAT WE'LL HAVE ABOUT 100 BEDS THAT WILL BE DEDICATED TO BE SUPPORTING ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS AND WE'LL BE GETTING FLOW THROUGH THOSE BEDS SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT MORE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS USING BOTH THE CONGREGATE MODEL AS WELL AS THIS NON-CONGREGATE MODEL THAT IS MORE COST EFFECTIVE. WE KNOW THAT IT WON'T MEET EVERY PERSON'S NEEDS, SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE STILL HAVE MOTEL OPTIONS AND REALLY BE THINKING ABOUT HOW WE'RE USING THEM STRATEGICALLY. FOR EXAMPLE, IN TALKING WITH MY COLLEAGUES IN NEW YORK CITY, THEY USE THEIR NON-CONGREGATE MOTEL OPTIONS AS A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T THRIVE AND HAVE MEDICAL OR OTHER KINDS OF ACCOMMODATIONS THAT ARE NEEDED THAT MAKE IT CHALLENGING FOR THEM TO ACCESS CONGREGATE SITES. SO, WE'RE LOOKING AT EMPLOYING THOSE SAME KINDS OF STRATEGIES SO THAT WE CAN MEET PEOPLE'S NEEDS, BUT AGAIN, STRETCH OUR DOLLARS FURTHER AND CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON OUR STREETS. AND I THINK THAT'S REALLY WHAT PATHWAY HOME HAS ENABLED US TO DO. IT'S TO BRING THE SAME KINDS OF TOOLS THAT WE HAVE IN THE

GENERAL HOMELESS SYSTEM, OUTREACH TEAMS, INTERIM HOUSING, PERMANENT HOUSING. BUT WE BRING IT TOGETHER IN A COORDINATED WAY WHERE WE CAN MAKE A VISIBLE DIFFERENCE AND IMPACT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. AND WE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THAT IS, AND WE'VE SEEN THE RESULTS IN OUR HOMELESS COUNT. SO, WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO MANAGE PATHWAY HOME WITH THE FUNDING THAT'S IN THIS PLAN. WE'RE GOING TO BE EXPANDING OUR STRATEGIES, INCLUDING USING CONGREGATE SITES THAT ARE MORE EFFICIENT SO THAT WE CAN EXPAND OPERATIONS AND WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE OTHER FUNDING LIKE MORE STATE FUNDING, ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION FUND GRANTS SO THAT WE CAN BRING IN MORE FUNDING TO SUPPORT MORE SITES AND MORE PATHWAY HOME OPERATIONS.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: I THINK THE CHALLENGE WITH LOOKING AT NEW YORK SPECIFICALLY, AS YOU STATED AS THE EXAMPLE, IS NEW YORK, AS WE LOOK NATIONWIDE, DOESN'T HAVE THE RV NUMBERS. AT ONE POINT, OUR NUMBERS COUNTYWIDE WERE 7,000, 2,000, WHICH WERE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT ALONE. AND THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES SOMETIME WITH RV DWELLERS IS THEY HAVE MADE THAT CHOICE BECAUSE CONGREGATE DOESN'T WORK FOR THEM. SO, I THINK THE NEW YORK EXAMPLE IS A LITTLE CHALLENGING FOR ME BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE NUMBER OF RVS AND IT'S A DIFFERENT STRATEGY AS A MERE CONVERSATION WITH ANY OUTREACH WORKER WILL VALIDATE, YOU KNOW, WE ARE HAVING TO ASK PEOPLE TO COME INSIDE. WE DIDN'T GO DOWN THE PATH THAT MANY STATES DID IN TERMS OF, YOU KNOW, GIVING

PEOPLE LIMITED OPTIONS AND LIMITED TIME, BUT THEY REALLY LIMITED THEIR CHOICE. SO IF WE, SO YOUR THREE-TO-ONE CONGREGATE BEDS, I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT'S REALISTIC TO THINK THAT AN RV DWELLER IS GOING TO OPT FOR THAT IN WAYS IN WHICH WE'VE SEEN THE SUCCESS WE'VE HAD THUS FAR IN GETTING PEOPLE TO AGREE TO COME INSIDE AND RELINQUISH THE RV BECAUSE WE WERE OFFERING THEM SOMETHING FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE THAT WAS COMPARABLE, THAT WASN'T TIME LIMITED. AND SO, IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A CONGREGATE SETTING, THOSE ARE TIME LIMITED IN MY EXPERIENCE. AND SO, I DON'T KNOW THAT'S A REALISTIC STRATEGY FOR RV DWELLERS.

CARTER HEWGLEY: ONE THING I WOULD ADD TO YOUR CONCERN IN TERMS OF A RESPONSE, IN TERMS OF OUR STRATEGY, A LOT OF THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE ON RVS HAS BEEN AROUND ABANDONED RVS IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND SO SOMETIMES WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, THE PROGRESS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MAKING FOR THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE IMPACTED BY THESE ENCAMPMENTS DOESN'T ALWAYS INVOLVE SOMEBODY NEEDING TO SAY YES TO A BED. SOMETIMES IT JUST INVOLVES, NEEDS TO INVOLVE US GOING OUT AND TAKING CARE OF THE ABANDONED VEHICLE THAT'S THERE. AND THAT WE ARE ABSOLUTELY GOING TO CONTINUE. SO, THERE'S A TON OF PROGRESS WHEN YOU LOOK AT THOSE RV NUMBERS AND WE TALK ABOUT PATHWAY HOME. A BIG CHUNK OF THAT IS HAPPENING WITHOUT ANYBODY NEEDING TO SAY YES TO A BET AT ALL BECAUSE THE WORK OF COORDINATING

WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AROUND WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THIS RV, WHO'S HERE, AND IF IT'S ABANDONED, WE CAN EXPEDITE THE REMOVAL AND DISMANTLING OF THAT AND TAKE CARE OF THE DEBRIS AND TRASH THAT'S AROUND THAT AREA. THAT IS PROGRESS AS WELL THAT I THINK THE COMMUNITY SEES AS ENCAMPMENT RELATED. AND SO, WE CERTAINLY SEE IT AS PART OF OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITY TO CONTINUE COORDINATING AROUND MAKING SURE WE'RE RESPONDING TO THOSE REQUESTS AND LOCATIONS EVEN IF THERE'S NOT SOMEONE THERE WHO'S CURRENTLY LAYING CLAIM TO OWNERSHIP OF THAT RV.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: I WOULD LOVE TO CIRCLE BACK WITH YOU BECAUSE THAT IS NOT MY OWN LIVED EXPERIENCE IF YOU WILL AS I HAVE GONE TO ENCAMPMENT REMOVALS THAT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN A BUNCH OF EMPTY ABANDONED --

CARTER HEWGLEY: YEAH, SORRY. I'M NOT TRYING TO CONVEY THAT THEY'RE MOSTLY THAT BUT THAT'S HAPPENING AS WELL

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: I GET IT, BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE THOSE NUMBERS. I REALLY WOULD BECAUSE THE EXPRESS CONCERNS WE GET IS NOT JUST THE BLIGHT ASSOCIATED WITH AN ABANDONED RV THAT'S SET A FIRE, BUT IT'S ALSO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE ARE LIVING THERE, DON'T HAVE PROPER SANITATION, WHO DON'T HAVE TRASH PICKUP. AND SO, I'D REALLY LIKE TO SEE THOSE NUMBERS FOR THE

SECOND DISTRICT IN TERMS OF THE NUMBERS OF FINDING SOMEONE A HOME AS OPPOSED TO WHAT SHOULD BE HAPPENING ANYWAY, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WITH REMOVING ABANDONED VEHICLES. THAT SHOULDN'T BE ANY DIFFERENT AND SHOULDN'T SOLELY BE THE BURDEN OF PATHWAY HOME OR YOUR DEPARTMENT. THAT SHOULD BE AUTOPILOT TO MAKE SURE THAT ABANDONED VEHICLES ARE DEALT WITH.

SARAH MAHIN: AND I AGREE, FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING IN THEIR RVS WE DO HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT HOUSING OPTIONS WE'RE PRESENTING THAT THAT MAKE GIVING UP THEIR RV SOMETHING THAT THEY'RE WILLING TO SAY YES TO. SO, I MEAN, THIS IS ABOUT HOW WE STRATEGICALLY USE OUR RESOURCES AND MATCH OUR RESOURCES TO WHAT INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE'S NEEDS ARE.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: GOT IT, SO I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO CIRCLE BACK AND MAKE SURE THAT I'M CLEAR AND WE CAN MAKE PUBLIC WHAT THE ACTUAL PERCENTAGES ARE OF ABANDONED, EMPTY VEHICLES VERSUS VEHICLES THAT ARE REQUIRING EXTRA WORK TO HOUSE PEOPLE.

CARTER HEWGLEY: AND TO YOUR POINT ABOUT LIKE THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT PATHWAY HOME, IT'S ABOUT OUR LARGER INCOME RESOLUTION EFFORT. THE HOST PROGRAM AND THE HOST OUTREACH ARE VERY HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THOSE SMALLER ONE-PERSON, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT ALWAYS A PATHWAY HOME OPERATION THAT'S HELPING GET THOSE

OCCUPIED RVS.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: RIGHT.

CARTER HEWGLEY: CONNECTED TO SERVICES.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: I HAD A TEAM MEMBER JUST THIS WEEK AT AN ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION WHERE WE WERE TRYING TO, IT WAS A FAMILY OF SIX. SO AGAIN, IT IS NOT OUR EXPERIENCE THAT THEY'RE VACANT THAT THEY ARE TO HAVE PEOPLE LIVE IN THERE AND THAT WHICH IS OUR FOCUS. SO AGAIN, I APPRECIATE THE RESTORATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE. I AM CLEAR THAT THEY DON'T REPLACE OR EXPAND THE SERVICES THAT HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT ON REDUCING STREET AND RV HOMELESSNESS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND SO, I'M REALLY HOPING TO BE ABLE TO SEE A CLEAR STRATEGY THAT ALIGNS OUR INVESTMENT WITH WHAT WORKS. SO FRANKLY, COMMUNITIES IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, UNINCORPORATED AREAS DON'T CONTINUE TO BE LEFT BEHIND. GIVEN THE ROLE THE COUNTY PLAYS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS, THOSE COMMUNITIES FROM MY PERSPECTIVE NEED TO BE FRONT AND CENTER. AND I WILL CONTINUE TO ELEVATE AND RAISE THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR RAISING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, WHICH I SHARE WITH YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WE LAUNCHED THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING TO LEAD A COORDINATED REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR HOMELESSNESS, ONE THAT'S INTENTIONAL, THAT'S ACCOUNTABLE, AND RELENTLESSLY FOCUSED ON OUTCOMES. AND THAT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT NOW WITH THE CONSTRAINED RESOURCES WE'VE ALL IDENTIFIED AND TO REITERATE LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS NOT CUTTING ITS HOMELESSNESS BUDGET THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE HAVE MADE CUTS EVEN MANY CITIES HAVE MADE CUTS AND OUR COSTS HAVE INCREASED. ADDITIONALLY, THE SALES TAX INCREASE FOR MEASURE A, ALLOCATED DIRECTLY TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND TO LACAHSA FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING SERVICES, NOT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, NOT FOR SERVICES THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDES. UNDERSTANDING THE HOMELESSNESS SPENDING PLAN IS COMPLICATED, BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL. SO, TRANSPARENCY IN THE PROCESS IS CRITICAL NOW AND WILL REMAIN SO. HSH HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMIT A NEW LEVEL OF TRANSPARENCY WITH THE ADDITIONAL $18,000,000 OF PROJECTED SALES TAX REVENUE IDENTIFIED. THESE FUNDS SHOULD BE INVESTED IN THE AREAS OF GREATEST NEED. WE UNDERSTAND HSH IS ALLOCATING THESE FUNDS FOR OUTREACH, INTERIM BEDS, AND FUNDING TO OTHER COCS. THESE ARE ALL VALUABLE, BUT CRITICAL, VULNERABLE POPULATIONS MUST REMAIN A PRIORITY. TRANSITION-AGED YOUTH AND WOMEN AND FAMILIES FLEEING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE MUST REMAIN FRONT OF MIND. PROGRAMMING FOR THESE GROUPS IS PREVENTION.

INVESTING NOW PREVENTS FUTURE CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. AND THESE ARE POPULATIONS WHO ARE ENTIRELY WITHIN THE CONTROL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TODAY'S WINTER SHELTER MOTION HIGHLIGHTS ANOTHER CHALLENGE. EVERY POPULATION EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS NEEDS MORE RESOURCES. BUT WE MUST ALSO PRIORITIZE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS FOR TARGETED PROGRAMMING AND NOT DIRECT HSH TO CONTINUALLY PIVOT TO NEW PRIORITIES AND SPECIFIC SUBGROUPS OR ELSE OUR APPROACH WILL NOT BE THE CLEAR, METHODICAL, TRANSPARENT APPROACH WE'RE TRYING TO ADOPT. WE CREATED HSH TO LEAD LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS. AND WE NEED THIS DEPARTMENT TO BE TRANSPARENT IN HOW YOU ARE USING FUNDS AVAILABLE TO MEET CLEARLY DEFINED GOALS. I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S IDENTIFICATION OF WHAT HER DISTRICT'S GOALS ARE. SO, WE ALL UNDERSTAND THOSE CHALLENGES. AND I THINK EACH OF US WILL HAVE OUR OWN PRIORITIES AND VISION FOR OUR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS. AND THAT HAS TO WORK COHESIVELY INTO ONE UNIFIED VISION FOR ALL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THESE ARE DIFFICULT TIMES AND EXPECTATIONS ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PERFORMANCE ARE HIGH. I BELIEVE IN YOUR ABILITY TO DELIVER RESULTS, TO GET FUNDING OUT TO SERVICE PROVIDERS, TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE ACCOUNTABLE PROGRAMMING. AND WE NEED HSH TO BE TRANSPARENT ABOUT DECISION-MAKING, TO ELEVATE CHALLENGES AND TO REMAIN ACCOUNTABLE BECAUSE OUR RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTING VISIBLE SOLUTIONS THAT ACTUALLY END HOMELESSNESS. AND MY DISTRICT, AS I'VE STATED,

MENTIONED OVERLAPS WITH NINE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH HAS, BASED ON POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNTS, IT IS THE MOST IMPACTED CITY AS IT RELATES TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. I KNOW THAT OUR LAST CONVERSATION IDENTIFIED THAT THE COUNTY HAS CONSISTENTLY PROVIDED EVEN MORE ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BECAUSE OF THAT NEED, AND YET WE ALSO KNOW THAT ALL OF OUR SMALLER CITIES ARE FEELING THAT IMPACT TOO. AND SO, IN ORDER FOR THERE TO BE TRUST IN OUR SYSTEM, EVERY CITY NEEDS TO FEEL THE IMPACT OF OUR INVESTMENT AND THE PLACES THAT NEED THE GREATEST INVESTMENT ALSO NEED TO BE PRIORITIZED WHEN WE'RE THINKING ABOUT MOVING RESOURCES AROUND AND WHEN THAT OPPORTUNITY EXISTS. SO, I JUST HIGHLIGHT THAT BECAUSE IF WE'RE GOING TO SCALE SOLUTIONS AND IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT AND STRETCH OUR DOLLARS FURTHER, THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT WE'RE THINKING ABOUT. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR THIS REPORT AND OUR NEW, WAIT A SECOND. I HATE WHEN MY, YOUR THING JUST STARTS RECORDING EVERYTHING YOU SAY. THAT EVER HAPPENED TO YOU? LIKE YOU SET YOUR PHONE DOWN AND IT STARTS RECORDING EVERYTHING YOU SAID AND THEN IT'S YOU'RE TEXTING SOMEBODY AND IT'S LIKE, ANYWAY, I GUESS THAT NEVER HAPPENS TO ANYBODY.

THANK YOU FOR THAT UPDATED PRESENTATION AND FOR THE REVENUE PROJECTIONS. AND IT'S ALWAYS ENCOURAGING THAT THEY'RE SHOWING MORE FUNDING THAN WE ORIGINALLY EXPECTED. IT'S NOT A WINDFALL, AND IT DOESN'T SOLVE EVERY CHALLENGE, BUT IT DOES GIVE US THE ABILITY TO RESTORE IMPORTANT PROGRAMS THAT WERE ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK AND STABILIZED PART OF OUR HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM THAT OUR COMMUNITIES RELY ON. AND JUST FOR THE RECORD, I HAVE BEEN A BIG FAN OF PATHWAY HOME. I, BESIDES, SOUNDS LIKE IT'S MORE EFFICIENT FISCALLY, YOU KNOW, THE HUMAN COMPONENT OF PATHWAY HOME IS JUST CANNOT BE UNDERSTATED OR EVEN MEASURED IN TERMS OF FISCAL PRUDENCE. THE IDEA OF MOVING ENTIRE COMMUNITIES TOGETHER INTO A HOTEL IS WHAT I THINK WE FOUND FINALLY WORKED. THE IDEA THAT WE WERE KIND OF PICKING AND CHOOSING CERTAIN PEOPLE AND GIVING THEM OPTIONS WHICH WERE FAR AWAY FROM WHERE THEY WERE, WE FOUND WAS NOT WORKING. SO, THERE'S A LOT TO THE VILLAGE, THERE'S A LOT TO THE COMMUNITY, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COME IN EVERY SHAPE AND SIZE, AND HOMELESS NEIGHBORHOODS THAT WE CALL ENCAMPMENTS ALSO HAVE A LOT OF SOCIAL VALUE SO I THINK THAT IS STILL A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. THIS ADDITIONAL FUNDING WILL ALLOW US TO BRING BACK OUTREACH TEAMS, RESTORE INTERIM HOUSING BEDS FOR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS, SUPPORT PROVIDERS THROUGH THE SHEAR OF TRANSITION, PROVIDE THAT BRIDGE FUNDING FOR OUR INDEPENDENT FOR OUR INDEPENDENT CONTINUUMS OF CARE IN LONG BEACH, PASADENA, AND GLENDALE. AND JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO, SUPERVISOR

BARGER AND I BROUGHT FORWARD A MOTION CALLING FOR THAT TO BE RESTORED. WE WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT A MAJOR CUT WOULD MEAN FOR THE PEOPLE ON THE GROUND, FEWER SHELTER BEDS, FEWER HOUSING PLACEMENTS, FEWER PREVENTION SERVICES, AND MORE PEOPLE FALLING BACK INTO HOMELESSNESS. SO, I'M REALLY PLEASED THAT THIS NEW FUNDING INCLUDES ONE-TIME BRIDGE SUPPORT FOR THOSE CITIES. AND I'VE BEEN SAYING THIS FOR A WHILE AND IT DOESN'T ALWAYS COME TRUE, BUT WHEN MEASURE H PASSED, MANY OF US REMEMBER THAT THE REVENUE PROJECTION WAS MUCH LOWER THAN WHAT ACTUALLY CAME IN. AND EVERY TIME WE ALWAYS THINK, OH, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE WHAT WE THINK IT IS, WE'RE LOSING MONEY, AND YET TIME AFTER TIME, WE HAVE FOUND THAT SALES TAX TO BE HIGHER THAN ALL THE ECONOMISTS EVER PROJECTED. AND I THINK THAT'S A REAL POSSIBILITY FOR WHAT WE'RE EXPERIENCING WITH MEASURE A TOO. AND IF THAT REVENUE PROJECTION IS MORE THAN WHAT WE WERE ANTICIPATING, I REALLY THINK WE DO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO SLOW DOWN AND TAKE A BREATH, MAKE SMART, CAREFUL DECISIONS, ESPECIALLY AS WE TRANSITION TO OUR NEW DEPARTMENT. WE SHOULD NOT BE QUICK TO CUT OR CHANGE EVERY TIME PROJECTIONS SHIFT. BECAUSE I REALLY BELIEVE THAT OUR INVESTMENTS, IF THEY'RE WORKING, OUR JOB IS TO NOT CONSISTENTLY REINVENT THE SYSTEM. OUR JOB IS TO PROTECT WHAT'S WORKING, STRENGTHEN WHAT WORKS, AND GIVE OUR PROVIDERS AND THE COMMUNITIES THE STABILITY THAT THEY NEED TO SUCCEED. AND I REALLY, AGAIN, AM ALWAYS SO GRATIFIED, IMPRESSED, SOMETIMES SOMEWHAT STUNNED THAT THE

VOTERS CONTINUE TO VOTE TO TAX THEMSELVES IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS AND GIVE IT TO US TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS. AGAIN, THAT JUST DOESN'T HAPPEN IN A LOT OF JURISDICTIONS IN THIS COUNTRY. MOST PEOPLE COMPLAIN ABOUT TAXES, TALK ABOUT THEM BEING TOO HIGH, TALK ABOUT TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION, AND YET HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, THE VOTERS HAVE AGREED TO TAX THEMSELVES, BUT THEY REALLY WANT TO SEE RESULTS AND THEY REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE MAKING THE CORRECT CHOICES. SO, I SUPPORT USING THIS ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO RESTORE CRITICAL PROGRAMS, STABILIZE OUR CONTINUUM OF CARE, AND AGAIN, I THINK MEASURE A IS GOING TO BRING IN MORE MONEY THAN WE EXPECTED, BUT EVEN SO, WE NEED TO BE DISCIPLINED AND THOUGHTFUL BEFORE WE MAKE CHANGES. THIS NEW DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING WAS CREATED TO BE ABLE TO MOVE QUICKLY AND BE ABLE TO PIVOT AS THINGS CHANGE. AND THAT IS HOW I BELIEVE WE HONORED THE VOTERS WHO PLACED THEIR TRUST IN US. AND THAT'S HOW WE RESPECT THE PEOPLE WE ARE TRYING TO SERVE. AND THAT'S HOW WE BUILD A HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE SYSTEM THAT TRULY WORKS FOR ALL OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR THESE NEW RECOMMENDATIONS. I WILL BE SUPPORTING THEM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU

FOR WHAT YOU BROUGHT FORWARD. YOU KNOW, THE IRONY IS THESE ARE TOUGH DECISIONS, BUT THIS IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE THE EASIEST PART OF WHAT WE ARE DOING TO ADDRESS THE UNHOUSED BECAUSE SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND I STOOD BEFORE REPORTERS, WE TALKED ABOUT TRANSPARENCY, FOCUSING ON OUTCOMES AND ACCOUNTABILITY. AND AS WE TALK ABOUT THE VISION MOVING FORWARD FOR THIS BUDGET, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO NOTE THAT THE RESULTS ARE GOING TO SPEAK VOLUMES TO HOW WE ARE ALLOCATING OUR RESOURCES. IT SEEMS LIKE COMMON SENSE, BUT SOMETIMES THAT'S GETTING LOST. WE KEEP DOING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER AGAIN, EXPECTING DIFFERENT RESULTS. AND SO, I'M EXCITED, BUT I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT'S IMPERFECT BECAUSE IT'S NOT A ONE SIZE FITS ALL. AND TO THE POINT MADE ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THE PROJECT HOME KEY, I MEAN, DEPENDING UPON WHO YOU TALK TO, IT'S A SUCCESS. AND SOMETIMES THAT'S DEFINED BY THE OPERATOR. SOMETIMES THAT'S DEFINED BY THE POPULATION THAT'S BEING SERVED. MAYBE MORE DIFFICULT, MAYBE NEEDS MORE RESOURCES. SO, I THINK WE NEED TO BE OPEN-MINDED ABOUT HOW WE ARE GOING TO ALLOCATE OUR RESOURCES. BUT I JUST HAVE ONE REAL QUICK QUESTION. AND YOU MAY HAVE EXPLAINED IT, BUT WE EXPLAINED AGAIN. LAST YEAR ON THE PROGRAMMATIC STAFFING, IT WAS $101,700,000. THIS YEAR IT'S DROPPED TO $60,400,000, BUT THERE'S NOW A NEW $37,800,000 ADMINISTRATIVE LINE ITEM. I'VE BEEN ASKED THAT QUESTION, I KNOW YOU'VE ANSWERED IT, BUT CAN YOU ONCE AGAIN SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT IN TERMS OF WHAT THIS

MEANS?

SARAH MAHIN: YES, HAPPY TO. IT'S NOT AN APPLES-TO-APPLES COMPARISON, AND THAT'S WHAT THE CHART IS SHOWING. SO, IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR THAT WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW, THERE IS FUNDING THAT WAS ALLOCATED TO CEOHI, TO DHS HOUSING FOR HEALTH, AND TO LAHSA. AND IT MERGED TOGETHER PROGRAMMATIC STAFFING AND ADMIN COSTS TOGETHER. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, UNDER CEOHI, ALL OF THE STAFFING WAS CONSIDERED ADMINISTRATIVE COST. IT WAS A BUDGET LINE ITEM ON THE MEASURE H BUDGET THAT WAS ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS BUT THAT INCLUDED PROGRAMMATIC STAFFING THAT DO HOST AND DO PATHWAY HOME AND ARE DOING ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS. THEY'RE PROGRAM STAFF. AND SO THAT 107 FROM LAST YEAR INCLUDED A MIX OF BOTH ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAMMATIC STAFFING. WHAT WE'VE DONE, AND THIS IS AGAIN, THIS IS THE STRENGTH, THE ABILITY OF US BEING ONE DEPARTMENT AND HAVING THESE THINGS CONSOLIDATED, WE WERE ABLE TO DO A PARSE OF ALL OF THE STAFFING AND IDENTIFY OF THE STAFFING AND COSTS, WHAT'S ACTUALLY PROGRAMMATIC AND WHAT'S ACTUALLY ADMINISTRATIVE. AND WHAT WE'RE REPORTING ON THE SPENDING PLAN IS HOW MUCH OF THAT FUNDING IS GOING TO WHICH STAFFING, HOW MANY ARE OUTREACH, INTERIM HOUSING, PERMANENT HOUSING, THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMMATIC AREAS, AND THEN HOW MUCH IS COVERING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ACCOUNT FOR APPROXIMATELY 6% OF THE FY 26/27 SPENDING PLAN. AND I WANT TO NOTE THAT WHEN WE ADDED IN THE 21,000,000

ADDITIONAL DOLLARS IN NEW REVENUE, WE DID NOT ADD ANY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. THAT WENT STRAIGHT TO HOUSING AND SERVICES BECAUSE WE'RE REALLY COMMITTED TO BEING AS, THERE'S A LOT OF DEMANDS ON US IN TERMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY, OVERSIGHT, MAKING SURE WE PAY ON TIME, CONTRACTS ON TIME, WE NEED TO HAVE STRONG ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, BUT WE NEED TO BE AS EFFICIENT AS WE CAN BECAUSE WE WANT EVERY DOLLAR TO GO TOWARDS HOUSING AND SERVICES.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND THEN, YOU KNOW, I KNOW THAT THERE'S DEBATE INTERIM VERSUS PERMANENT HOUSING AND THE STRATEGY MOVING FORWARD AND WE'RE ACTUALLY CUTTING THE MONEY TO THE PERMANENT HOUSING. CAN YOU, LIKE IN JUST A REAL SHORT READERS' DIGEST, I JUST EXPLAINED WHAT THE THOUGHT PROCESS IS BEHIND CUTTING THE PERMANENT VERSUS THE INTERIM?

SARAH MAHIN: YEAH, SO THERE'S ACTUALLY NO, THERE'S NO CUT TO PERMANENT. SO, WE MAINTAINED ALL OF THE --

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: LIKE I'VE, YEAH, OKAY.

SARAH MAHIN: YEAH, SO WE MAINTAINED ALL OF THE PERMANENT HOUSING THAT WAS FUNDED PREVIOUSLY. THE INCREASE IN INTERIM HOUSING WAS BECAUSE WE HAD TO ABSORB THE INTERIM HOUSING BED RATES THAT WAS COVERED WITH ONE-TIME COSTS LAST YEAR. SO THAT

IS WHY IT LOOKS LIKE INTERIM HOUSING HAS INCREASED AND IT'S JUST ABSORBING THE BED RATE SO THAT WE'RE REIMBURSING PROVIDERS THE ACTUAL COST OF OPERATING THOSE INTERIM HOUSING BEDS. WE BELIEVE THAT AND WE KNOW THAT PERMANENT HOUSING IS SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS. AND SO ARE ABSOLUTELY RECOMMENDING MAINTAINING OUR INVESTMENTS THERE.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO BE SUPPORTING THIS PLAN. BUT AGAIN, I HOPE THAT WE ALL REMEMBER THAT THIS SETTING THE BUDGET, ALBEIT DIFFICULT, BECAUSE I KNOW THE DECISION WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT'S COMING IN THAT'S LESS THAN WHAT WAS PROJECTED IS THE EASY PART. WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE TO SEE RESULTS. AND IF WE DON'T, WE NEED TO HAVE THE DEBATE AT THIS BOARD, IS THAT THE BEST USE OF OUR RESOURCES? AND TO MY CITIES AS WELL, BECAUSE NOW THE CITIES CAN'T SAY THAT THEY'RE NOT GETTING MONEY OR THAT THEY'RE NOT PART OF THE DECISION. AND IF THERE IS A PROBLEM, I THINK THEY NEED TO COME FORWARD AND WORK WITH US TO ADDRESS WHAT THAT PROBLEM IS, BECAUSE IF THEY FAIL, SO FAIL WE. SO, I APPRECIATE THE WORK YOU ALL ARE DOING. I LOOK AT YOU, CARTER, AND I REMEMBER GOING OUT ON THE RV ON FOREST LAWN, NOT THAT I IDENTIFY YOU WITH THAT, BUT I DO. BUT I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN BOOTS ON THE GROUND AS WELL. AND YOU'VE GOT AN INCREDIBLE TEAM WORKING WITH YOU. AND I THINK THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE BEEN OUT THERE AND

WORKED IT, YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE GRAPPLING WITH, BUT ALSO WHAT'S GOING TO WORK. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I'LL CONCLUDE AND I'LL BE SHORT. THANK YOU, SARAH AND CARTER. AND I WANT TO THANK OUR CEO, OUR INTERIM DIRECTOR, OUR CEO FOR HELPING TO WORK WITH YOU BECAUSE LOUD AND CLEAR, THE VOICES WERE HEARD ABOUT WHAT OUR PRIORITIES WERE. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT BECAUSE IT'S NOT LOST ON ME THAT THERE'S LESS MONEY AND THE NEED IS STILL THERE. AND WE KEEP HEARING AGAIN AND AGAIN FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS THAT, YOU KNOW, WHAT'S HAPPENING? WE JUST PASSED THE SALES TAX. THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND ALL THE MECHANISMS, THE BUDGET MECHANISMS AND THINGS THAT GO ON. BUT WE CERTAINLY HAVE TO DO A JOB TO PRESENT TO THEM THAT THIS IS VALID AND WE HAVE CREDIBILITY HERE. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE OUTREACH RESTORATION OF THAT AND FOR THE INTERIM HOUSING FOR THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION BECAUSE THAT WAS WORKING FOR US IN EAST L.A. AND STARTING TO WORK FOR US IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING THAT. BUT I, TOO, HAVE A CONCERN. I MEAN, AS WE MOVE ALONG, UNINCORPORATED AREAS ARE A BIG PART OF THE FIRST DISTRICT. SO, WE REALLY DO NEED HELP. WHILE WE MAY NOT HAVE THE SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS AS WE DO IN OTHER PARTS OF L.A. CITY AND WHAT HAVE YOU. WE DO HAVE THOSE NICHES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND YOU'RE FULLY AWARE OF THAT. I'M HAPPY THAT WE RESTORED THE BENEFITS FOR VETERANS,

THE ADVOCACY. THAT WAS REALLY CRITICAL BECAUSE WE WERE JUST STARTING TO GET ON THE CUSP OF MEETING THOSE NEEDS AND IT JUST DIDN'T SEEM RIGHT TO BE HAVE TO YOU KNOW PULL THE RUG FROM THEM AND THEN THE FAMILY ACCESS CENTERS WHICH I THINK ARE REALLY IMPORTANT. MOVING FORWARD I HOPE WE CAN DO MORE I WAS HAPPY TO SEE YOU SARAH JOIN US AND OUR PROVIDERS OUT IN THE HOME KEY PROJECT IN UNINCORPORATED HACIENDA HEIGHTS, WHICH ACTUALLY STARTED UNDER SUPERVISOR HAHN AS ROOM KEY AND THEN WE TOOK IT OVER. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I'M GIVING YOU KUDOS. BUT IT TOOK A LONG WAY TO GET HERE, AS YOU WELL KNOW, AND OUR COMMUNITY. BUT, AND THIS IS A PROJECT IN UNINCORPORATED HACIENDA HEIGHTS, WHICH WAS AN EYESORE. OVER 200 UNITS, MOTEL UNITS CONVERTED INTO WHAT I WOULD CALL NOW STUDIO APARTMENTS, NOT MOTEL ROOMS. AND THEY'RE VERY NICE. AND THEY HAVE SHOWERS, AND THEY HAVE INSTALLED STOVES AND REFRIGERATOR, AIR CONDITIONING, ALL THE AMENITIES THAT ANYONE WOULD WANT COMING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. AND I WAS VERY TOUCHED TO HEAR FROM THE CONSTITUENTS THAT ARE NOW RESIDING THERE, AND MANY OF WHOM WERE ACTUALLY BROUGHT IN BECAUSE WE COORDINATED WITH THE PATHWAY HOME PROJECT OUT THERE. SO THAT IS EVEN MORE COMPELLING, IN FACT, BECAUSE MANY OF THEM COME FROM THAT AREA AND THEY DON'T WANT TO COME DOWNTOWN TO SKID ROW OR TO SOME OTHER OBSCURE PLACE THAT THEY DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE OR WELCOME SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT MOVING FORWARD THOUGH I DO WANT YOU I DO WANT TO ASK YOU SARAH, HOW CAN YOU CAN YOU

DESCRIBE FOR US HOW THE INTERIM HOUSING BEDS THAT YOU'RE SETTING ASIDE WILL HELP US WITH OUR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION AND PATHWAY HOMES EFFORTS DESPITE THE REDUCTION IN THE PROGRAM?

SARAH MAHIN: YEAH, WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT BEING ABLE TO SET ASIDE BEDS. SO WE'RE WORKING RIGHT NOW TO BE LOOKING AT ALL OF THE BEDS THAT WE HAVE IN THE PORTFOLIO AND WHICH ONES ARE THE ONES THAT WE THINK WILL BE A BEST FIT FOR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS AND WHERE THERE'S THE GREATEST NEED FOR THAT SUPPORT AS WELL. AND WE'LL BE WORKING WITH YOUR OFFICES ON THOSE SELECTIONS. AND WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT WE'LL ACTUALLY HAVE BEDS SET ASIDE IN THE PROGRAM THAT ARE SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE, TO BE ABLE TO MOVE PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS AND INTO HOUSING. AND WE'LL WORK ON THROUGHPUT ON THOSE BEDS BY WORKING ON GETTING PEOPLE INTO PERMANENT HOUSING AS WELL AS PERHAPS MOVING PEOPLE TO OTHER PORTIONS OF THE INTERIM HOUSING PORTFOLIO TO OTHER BEDS THAT MEET THEIR NEEDS SO THAT AGAIN WE CAN TURN OVER AND BRING MORE PEOPLE IN.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: IT IS PRETTY CHALLENGING LOOKING AT THE HANDOUT YOU PROVIDED. I THINK ONE OF THE LAST SHEETS ABOUT WE'RE STILL NOT ABLE TO FULLY FUND A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE KNOW HAVE WORKED FOR US IN THE PAST. AND THE MORE WE CAN DO TO HAVE THOSE DISCUSSIONS WITH PHILANTHROPIC GROUPS AND OTHERS AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE ALL HAVE SKIN IN THE GAME. I

THINK THAT'S THE MOTIVATION I HAVE HERE. BUT THANK YOU, I SUPPORT WHAT YOU'VE DONE AND I'M HAPPY THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE. SO, I'LL BE SUPPORTING THIS ITEM. SO, WITH THAT, EO, LET'S GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. BAM FRANKLIN, NATE DOZIER, JORDAN KORNGOLD, SEAN MORSE, SHE LU, CLAUDIA JEREZ, CHICHI NAVARRO, REINA MONTOYO, ROSIE ESPINOSA, MIRIAM ROUNDS, SONIA GRAY, SUSAN PRICE, DIA STEVENS, ALLIE LEE, AN ARTIST. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE TO ADDRESS ITEMS 28 AND 29. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE ON YOUR DEVICE OR PRESS STAR THREE ON YOUR TELEPHONE NOW. ROY HUMPHREYS, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN. PLEASE.

ROY HUMPHREYS: CLEARLY, 30% TRANSIENT FACTOR THE STORM DRAIN AND TO INCLUDE STORM DRAIN DWELLERS COMPLIANCE AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY MUST BE MANDATORY. I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT THE COUNTY WIDE SYSTEM OF TRANSIENT CAMPSITES THAT RV PARK IS A MANDATORY ELEMENT FOR SUCCESS. THE PLEASURE AND PAIN MUST BE ESSENTIAL FOR THE RECALCITRANT. THE ONLY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REFUSES TO PARTICIPATE IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS SEE MY YOUTUBE CHANNEL. YOUR FAILURE TO USE THE RED CROSSROADS LANDFILL FOR THIS PURPOSE IS CRIMINAL YOU NEED A CHINESE RUSSIAN TRAINING

YOU AND THE STATE HAVE BEEN IN MY OPINION CRIMINALLY CORRUPT WITH THE FEDERAL FUNDING YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW. YOU ARE BROKE GOD BLESS DONALD TRUMP.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU HECTOR RAMIREZ. YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

HECTOR RAMIREZ: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. I AM A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY AND I REALLY WANTED TO THANK AND APPROVE OF THIS PARTICULAR REPORT, PARTICULARLY SOME OF THE RESPONSIVE STRATEGIES LIKE THE WANDS ON CONGREGATE BEDS. YOU KNOW, WE KNOW THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, SENIORS, PREGNANT WOMEN, FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN OFTENTIMES STRUGGLE TO FIND EMERGENCY SHELTER. SO, THIS IS AN EXAMPLE ABOUT HOW ACCESSIBILITY PRACTICE REALLY GOES ON TO SERVE A MUCH BIGGER POPULATION. AND I REALLY WANT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT STRATEGIES THAT SUPPORT ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY AND ALL OF OUR SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY BEING IMPACTED, BUT DEFINITELY WANT TO THANK THE FOCUS ON OUR MARGINALIZED AND HISTORICALLY DISENFRANCHISED COMMUNITIES WITH THIS PARTICULAR STRATEGY. IT SHOWS A REALLY GREAT STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WHAT YOU DO AND SUPPORT THE WORK THAT YOU WILL BE DOING AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 626674 YOUR LINE IS OPEN PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: DEAR MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MIRIAM ROUNDS, THE FOUNDER OF FAITH ST. ANDREWS. FAITH STANDS FOR FRIENDS ASSISTING AND INSPIRING THE HOMELESS. I AM SUBMITTING A PUBLIC COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA 28 TO FUND THE FAITH-BASED COORDINATOR FOR SPA 8 CLIFF GARDNER. CLIFF SUPPORTS FAITH-BASED LEADERS IN SPA 8 WHO HELP PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS BY PROVIDING US WITH INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS AND FLYERS FOR PROGRAMS FOR THE HOMELESS AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES. I HAVE PERSONALLY SHARED THIS INFORMATION WITH OUR BI-WEEKLY MEAL RECIPIENTS, WHICH NUMBERS BETWEEN 40 AND 60 PEOPLE. WITHOUT THE HELP OF OUR FAITH-BASED COORDINATOR, CLIFF, WE WOULD LOSE A TRUSTED LINE OF COMMUNICATION AND CONNECTION TO OUR MAIN ACCESS CENTER FOR SPA 8. THANK YOU, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND EFFORT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. REMOTE PARTICIPATIONS FOR ITEMS 28 AND 29 ARE NOW CONCLUDED. WE'LL GO TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, PLEASE BEGIN.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

SUSAN PRICE: SUSAN PRICE, WHAT'S RIGHT WITH AMERICA? BILL CLINTON SAID THAT. TO CURE THIS SOCIAL ILL, HOUSELESSNESS, AND THE MORTALITY OF UNSHELTERED, EVERYTHING WE NEED IS AVAILABLE AND YOU FOLKS ARE WORKING REALLY HARD WITH IT. WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IS WE HAVE TO HAVE THE WILL TO DO THE RIGHT THING. YEAH, DO THE RIGHT THING LIKE SPIKE LEE SAID IN '89. GIVE THE PEOPLE WHO VOTED YOU INTO OFFICE THE MEANS AND THE MATERIAL TO CURE THIS FESTERING WOUND. I MEAN, GIVE US ACCESS SO THAT WE CAN HELP YOU, OKAY? LIKE, GIVE US ACCESS TO THE OUTREACH IN THE SWEEPS, MAKE IT AVAILABLE SO WE CAN SEE WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO BE AND WE CAN COME OUT. I'M TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE COMING OUT TO HELP YOU WITH THAT, OKAY? NOT TO PROTEST, TO HELP YOU WITH THAT. AND TO ENCOURAGE THOSE PEOPLE TO GO INSIDE BECAUSE SOME OF THEM ARE AFRAID, SOME OF THEM --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

NATE DOZIER: GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS NATE DOZIER AND ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, WE APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND COUNTY STAFF'S FOCUS ON THE MEASURE A SPENDING PLAN. HOWEVER, THE DISTRICT EXPRESSES OUR CONCERN WITH THE PROPOSAL AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN. THIS SPENDING PLAN, EVEN AFTER RECEIVING AN ADDITIONAL $20,000,000 INJECTION, WOULD ELIMINATE THE CES EDUCATION COORDINATORS PROGRAM, SEVERING $928,000 IN EXISTING

FUNDING THAT DIRECTLY SUPPORTS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THESE COORDINATORS WORK ON THE GROUND THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LAUSD AND LACOE TO CONNECT FAMILIES TO CRITICAL HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES. THIS MODEST COUNTY INVESTMENT, LITERALLY LESS THAN $1,000,000, HAS SERVED AS A POWERFUL AND TANGIBLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THIS WORK IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN US ALL AND NECESSARILY SO. RESEARCH SHOWS US THAT CHILDREN WHO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS ARE FAR MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS IN THEIR ADULTHOODS. EARLY INTERVENTIONS LIKE THE CES EDUCATION COORDINATORS ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOLS TO PREVENT FUTURE HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COUNTY. WE RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO ASK THE HSH TO RESTORE FUNDING TO THIS PROGRAM IN THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

IN-PERSON SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS TO OUR HOUSE TODAY. I WAS HERE LAST MONTH AND THE HOUSING ISSUE, MISS SARAH, YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB IN REGARDS TO YOUR RESEARCH. REALLY APPRECIATE YOU. MY TIME IS VERY SHORT. SO, DURING THIS BLACK HISTORY MONTH, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS ACTUALLY A PILOT PROGRAM TARGETING BLACK PEOPLE. AS YOU KNOW, MORE THAN 50% ARE BLACK. SO, MS. HOLLY MITCHELL, I WAS THE

ADVISOR TO DR. DOVE. HE RETIRED LATE, AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, HE SHOULD HAVE RETIRED SOONER. I WOULD LOVE TO DO A QUICK PILOT PROGRAM THAT WE WOULD ACTUALLY BRING THE RESULTS IN APRIL. I WON'T BE HERE IN MARCH BECAUSE MY BIRTHDAY IS THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, BUT I'LL BE HERE IN APRIL. SO, I SENT A DM TO ALL OF YOUR IGS. I LOVE YOUR IG RESPONSE ALREADY REGARDING PASTOR VAUGHN. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

REYNA MONTOYA: READY, SET, GO. HELLO, MY NAME IS REVEREND REYNA MONTOYA. I'M THE FAITH-BASED COORDINATOR FOR SPA4. I'M ALSO A PASTOR WITHIN THE SPA4 DIMENSION. YOU KNOW, I APPRECIATE THE CHANGE IN FUNDS. HOWEVER, I THINK WE NEED TO BE MORE TRANSPARENT ON WHAT WE DO WITH THESE FUNDS. THERE ARE 8 SPAS, AND I WANT TO NAME ALL 8 SPAS. WE HAVE ABEL PERDOMI IN SPA 6. WE HAVE SONIA GRAY IN SPA 5. WE HAVE LUIS MELEZ IN SPA 3. WE HAVE VIVIAN PERRY IN SPA 2. DOMINIC MONTGOMERY IN SPA 1. ASHLEY TATE IN SPA 7. AND CLIFFORD GARNER IN SPA 8, MYSELF IN SPA 4, AND WE HAVE REVEREND DANIEL PEREZ AT LAHSA. THESE POSITIONS ARE IMPORTANT. THE PROPER ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IS VITAL INTO THE VARIOUS SPAS. AND ALSO, THE CES, THE ENTRY COORDINATORS SYSTEM IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP THAT. AND ALSO, INTERIM HOUSING IS VERY IMPORTANT. SO PUT YOURSELVES IN THE SHOES OF THE STAFF, THE NAVIGATORS THAT REACH OUT TO THE

HOMELESS, AND ALL THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED IN THIS EFFORT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

SHAWN MORRISSEY: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. SHAWN MORRISSEY, VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVOCACY WITH UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES AND A LIVED EXPERT. WE WANT TO THANK YOU AND HSH FOR THE DILIGENCE YOU'VE SHOWN DURING A VERY DIFFICULT MEASURE A BUDGET PROCESS WE KNOW HOW HARD YOU'VE WORKED AND YOU ARE APPRECIATED AT THE SAME TIME WE WANT TO REMAIN CLEAR ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THIS LEVEL OF CONSTRICTION SYSTEM THROUGHPUT WILL SLOW FEWER PEOPLE MOVE FROM OUTREACH TO INTERIM HOUSING FEWER STILL INTO PERMANENT HOUSING AND LENGTHS OF STAY WILL INCREASE THIS WILL RESULT IN MORE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FOR LONGER PERIODS OF TIME AND GREATER VISIBILITY ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, AS YOU MOVE FORWARD, WE CONTINUE TO URGE YOU TO RESTORE AS MUCH FUNDING AS POSSIBLE TO PROTECT SYSTEM CAPACITY AND TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS AND WE THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU NEXT SPEAKER.

JORDAN KORNGOLD: GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS MY NAME IS JORDAN KORNGOLD I'M AN L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT AND A MEASURE A DONOR. NOT THAT LONG AGO, MY WIFE AND I WERE APPROACHED THROUGH UNITED WAY TO HELP PROVIDE EARLY SEED FUNDING FOR MEASURE A.

WE WERE TOLD THESE EARLY CONTRIBUTIONS WERE CRITICAL TO LAUNCHING A LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS, AND WE STEPPED UP BECAUSE WE TOO BELIEVE IN THAT VISION. WHAT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME TODAY IS THIS, WITH ONE HAND THE COUNTY ASKED DONORS AND VOTERS TO STEP UP AND WITH THE OTHER HAND, THE CURRENT SPENDING PLAN APPEARS TO PULL THAT COMMITMENT BACK. THIS ISN'T ABOUT BLAME, BUT IT IS ABOUT TRUST. WHEN EARLY DONORS, AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY, SEE COMMITMENTS WEAKENED SO SOON AFTER VOTER APPROVAL, IT RISKS UNDERMINING CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE GIVING AND IN FUTURE GOVERNING. I URGE YOU TO HONOR THE COMMITMENT MEASURE A MADE TO DONORS, PROVIDERS, AND VOTERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

CLAUDIA JEREZ: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. CLAUDIA JEREZ. I DO REPRESENT DWC, DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER. I AM AN ICMS CASE MANAGER DIRECTLY WORKING WITH HOMELESSNESS. AND I WORK WITH HOMELESSNESS AND I WILL BE WORKING WITH HOMELESSNESS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I HAVE TO TELL YOU ONE THING THAT I NOTICE IS THAT WE NEED TO HAVE TRANSPARENCY IN THE WAY THAT WE ADVERTISE THESE HOMELESS RESOURCES. AND FOR RIGHT NOW, WHAT I CAN TELL YOU, BEING THERE IN THE PAVEMENT, YOU KNOW, DOING THE WORK, THEY NEED TO BE KIND OF LIKE ADVERTISING A WAY THAT THE INFORMATION DOESN'T GO JUST TO ONE PARTICULAR RACE OF PEOPLE.

I AM HISPANIC AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE INFORMATION IS VERY, VERY LIMITED AND THAT, OKAY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

IN-PERSON SPEAKER: MY NAME IS CHAE, I WORK WITH NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES. SERIOUS CONCERNS REMAIN AS TO WHETHER THE SPENDING PLAN, WHICH FOCUSES VERY MUCH ON BEDS, IS SET UP TO SUCCESSFULLY SUPPORT UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS. AMONG OTHER THINGS, IT DEFENDS SO MANY VITAL SERVICES AND DOES NOT SET FORTH A CLEAR PLAN ON EXACTLY HOW UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS WILL BE PERMANENTLY HOUSED GOING FORWARD. SERVICES PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN SUPPORTING UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS AND BEING HOUSED. OUR NEIGHBORS TELL US THEY ARE IN DIRE NEED OF SERVICES SO THEY CAN BE SELF-SUFFICIENT AND HOUSED. FOR EXAMPLE, WE WORK WITH A 75-YEAR-OLD CLIENT LIVING IN THEIR CAR. THROUGH THE HOLISTIC LEGAL SERVICES WE PROVIDE, OUR TEAM DETERMINED THEY HAD HOUSING AND BENEFITS RELATED ISSUES WHICH PREVENTED THEM FROM SECURING HOUSING. THEY REFUSED INTERIM HOUSING AS WE WORKED WITH THEM BECAUSE THEY ACTUALLY FELT SAFER IN THEIR CAR. A BED WAS NOT THE KEY TO THEM BEING HOUSED. AS A RESULT OF SERVICES, WE ADDRESSED THEIR LEGAL ISSUES AND OUR ELDERLY CLIENT IS NOW HOUSED. THEIR SUCCESS HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPACT SERVICES, INCLUDING LEGAL SERVICES HAS ON EMPOWERING OUR NEIGHBORS AND ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: REPORT FOR ITEM 28 WILL BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: HEARING NO OBJECTION THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: AND MADAM CHAIR ITEM 29 IS BEFORE YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: AYE.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION PASSES, 5 TO 0. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 45A, PROTECTING PUBLIC TRUST, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND HOMELESS SERVICES CONTRACTS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU ARE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR THREE IF ON A TELEPHONE. DIRECTOR MAHIN IS STILL WITH US AND IS JOINED BY OSCAR VALDEZ, AUDITOR CONTROLLER AND ROBERT

CAMPBELL, ASSISTANT AUDITOR CONTROLLER ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK?

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: SURE, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND LEADERSHIP BEING HERE. AND I KNOW THAT WE CREATED THIS DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING FOR A REASON. PUBLIC DOLLARS INTENDED TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS HAVE GONE UNACCOUNTED FOR UNDER LAHSA AND THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE AND IT ENDS NOW WITH THE COUNTY. THE FOUNDATION OF OUR NEW DEPARTMENT IS TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY THAT MEANS RIGOROUS CONTRACT MANAGEMENT, REAL OVERSIGHT, AND CLEAR CONSEQUENCES WHEN CONTRACTS DO NOT DELIVER. THIS MOTION MAKES CLEAR THAT EVERY DOLLAR ENTRUSTED TO US WILL BE TRACKED, AUDITED, AND ACTIVELY MONITORED. HSH IS ALREADY ALIGNED WITH THIS DIRECTION AND IS SCALING HOUSING FOR HEALTH, THEIR MODEL, WHICH IS A PROVEN APPROACH BUILT ON CONSTANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW, CLEAR OUTCOMES, AND HOLDING PARTNERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE SERVICES THEY PROMISE TO DELIVER. THIS MOTION FORMALIZES THAT COMMITMENT AND THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER'S ROLE. IT ESTABLISHES PROACTIVE AND AGGRESSIVE CONTRACT MONITORING, INCLUDING PERFORMANCE MEASURES, SITE VISITS, CORRECTIVE ACTION

PLANS, AND STRONG TERMINATION PROVISIONS WHEN CONTRACTORS FAIL TO MEET THE MARK. MUCH OF THIS WAS JUST DISCUSSED IN OUR LAST ITEM. LAUNCHING THE COUNTY'S FIRST EVER DEPARTMENT DEDICATED TO HOMELESSNESS WHILE REVIEWING THE MEASURE A SPENDING PLAN DURING A TIME OF REAL FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTY, THAT GIVES US A CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY TO STRETCH EVERY DOLLAR TO ITS GREATEST IMPACT AND TO PROVIDE REAL TIME OVERSIGHT OF FUNDS ENTRUSTED TO US BY RESIDENTS. WE ARE LISTENING AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ASK FOR YOUR FEEDBACK SO OUR ACTIONS MATCH THE URGENCY WE ALL FEEL IN COMBATING THIS CRISIS. YOU WANT HOMELESSNESS FUNDING SPENT ON SOLUTIONS THAT WORK. YOU WANT FINANCIALLY SOUND DECISION-MAKING AND YOU WANT ACCOUNTABILITY. THIS MOTION DELIVERS ON THAT EXPECTATION AND IT SETS THE STANDARD FROM DAY 1. SO, FOR OUR AUDITOR CONTROLLER, WHAT ARE THE SAFEGUARDS MOST IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE IN HSH'S MONITORING AND AUDITING PROTOCOLS?

OSCAR VALDEZ: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU FOR THE CONFIDENCE IN THE AUTO CONTROLLER AND BASICALLY PROVIDING SOME ADDITIONAL OVERSIGHT FOR THE NEW DEPARTMENT. I THINK FOR US IT'S JUST ENSURING THAT THERE'S A STANDARDIZED CONTRACT TO BEGIN WITH, MAKING SURE THAT CONTRACTORS ARE AWARE OF WHAT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND OUTCOMES ARE GOING TO BE BASED ON THE CONTRACT. FOR US, IT'S REALLY ENSURING AN ADDITIONAL TOOL, LIKE YOU'VE MENTIONED BEFORE, TO REALLY ENHANCE THE

DEPARTMENT'S MONITORING OF THEIR CONTRACTORS. I THINK WE HAVE THE ABILITY, BASED ON OUR CORPORATE KNOWLEDGE, INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE HERE IN THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT. SO, YOU HAD MENTIONED BASICALLY SITE VISITS. I THINK WE ALSO ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR SOME TYPE OF A SURVEY BASED ON THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE RECEIVING SOME OF THOSE SERVICES TO ENSURE THAT THOSE CONTRACTORS IN THE COUNTY ARE ACTUALLY DELIVERING THE SERVICES THAT ARE INTENDED AS ANOTHER CONTROL MEASURE TO ENSURE THAT DOLLARS THAT ARE BEING ROLLED OUT TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR AND TRANSPARENT. SO WE DO HAVE A PROPOSED PROPOSAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT THAT WE'RE READY TO ISSUE TO THE DEPARTMENT BY CLOSED BUSINESS TODAY TO BASICALLY, YOU KNOW, PARTNER UP WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND, YOU KNOW, PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES TO THEM. SO, WE'RE READY AND YOU HAVE OUR COMMITMENT THAT, YOU KNOW, WILL FOLLOW OUR STANDARDS IN REGARDS TO GATHERING ALL THE NECESSARY EVIDENCE AND SUPPORT TO BASICALLY ENSURE THAT ALL OF OUR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MEET OUR QUALITY CONTROL. ANYTIME THAT WE ISSUE ANY TYPE OF REPORT, WE DO GO THROUGH A VERY RIGOROUS VETTING PROCESS. SO, I THINK IT'S REALLY JUST COLLABORATING WITH THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THAT WE REALLY IDENTIFY WHAT THE SCOPE IS GOING TO BE. AT THIS POINT, YOU KNOW, WE ARE LOOKING AT BASICALLY PROVIDING SERVICES NOT JUST BASED ON WHAT THEY'RE DOING, BUT I THINK FOR US, IT'S REALLY LOOKING AT THE RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THOSE CONTRACTORS, WORKING WITH THE

DEPARTMENT TO IDENTIFY ANY POSSIBLE CONTRACTOR THAT THEY WOULD LIKE FOR US TO GO OUT THERE AND REVIEW. WE'RE ALSO GOING TO BE LOOKING AT VARIOUS TRENDS IN SPENDING, YOU KNOW, ANY TYPE OF ADDITIONAL METRICS THAT WE FEEL WHERE WE MAY HAVE TO BASICALLY EVEN WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT WHERE WE MAY FEEL THAT CERTAIN CONTRACTORS MAY WARRANT OUR REVIEW.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: I'M GLAD YOU MENTIONED THAT BECAUSE I KNOW THE GOAL OF THIS IS NOT JUST TO TAKE EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON AT LAHSA AND BRING IT OVER TO THE COUNTY IF IT'S NOT WORKING. AND WE KNOW THAT THERE HAVE DEFINITELY BEEN THINGS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN WORKING OVER THERE. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH DIRECTOR MAHIN AND STANDING UP THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BEST PRACTICES CALLED FOR BY THE PRIOR AUDITS OF LAHSA, IN ADDITION TO OTHER FINANCIAL BEST PRACTICES THAT YOU ADVISE FOR VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO BE ADOPTED AND THAT WE'RE EVEN MAKING IMPROVEMENTS ON WHAT HOUSING FOR HEALTH'S MODEL WAS. SO I'M GLAD THAT WE'RE TAKING A LOOK AT OUR OWN PRACTICES AND PROTOCOLS, THAT WE ARE TAKING SERIOUSLY THE ACCOUNTABILITY DIRECTIVE THAT CAME FROM MEASURE A FROM THE PUBLIC AND THAT WE'RE STARTING THIS DEPARTMENT WITH YOU AT THEIR SIDE TO SAY, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE HEADLINES THAT HAVE BEEN WREAKING HAVOC ON PUBLIC TRUST, ILLUMINATING VERY EYE-OPENING SITUATIONS OF WHERE PUBLIC DOLLARS HAVE BEEN MISSPENT AND WHERE WE NEED TO BE FOCUSING

THOSE DOLLARS IN ORDER TO GET GREATEST IMPACT. SO IS THERE A ROLE THAT THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER IN SUPPORT OF HSH WILL PLAY PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO CONTRACTS AND PROGRAMS TRANSITIONING FROM LAHSA IN ADDITION TO THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE BECAUSE WE OBVIOUSLY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT KIND OF OVERSIGHT IS COMING IN AND THAT WE AREN'T JUST SORT OF SWAPPING FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER. SO, WE'VE DEFINITELY BEEN INVOLVED SINCE, YOU KNOW, DAY ONE SINCE THE BOARD REQUESTED US TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT. SO, ROBERT'S TEAM HAS ACTUALLY BEEN INVOLVED WITH ONE OF THE VARIOUS WORK STREAMS TO WORK WITH NOT JUST THE NEW DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO MAKING SURE THAT NOW THAT WE'RE IN PHASE 2 THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY INVENTORYING THE CONTRACTS THAT WE'RE MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE NEW CONTRACT TO STANDARDIZE SOME OF THE LANGUAGE. I THINK YOU HAD MENTIONED TERMINATION CLAUSES, MAKING SURE THAT THERE'S PERFORMANCE MEASURES, SOME ADDITIONAL KPIS IN THOSE TO PROTECT THE COUNTY AND ALSO TO PROTECT, BECAUSE AGAIN, WE ALSO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ALL OF THE RESIDENTS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THESE ARE THEIR TAX DOLLARS, SO WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ALL OF THOSE. SO WE ARE INVOLVED AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO REALLY WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND ALSO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THE CONTRACTS THAT ARE TRANSITIONING OVER TO THE NEW DEPARTMENT THAT WE AT LEAST VET OUT. I THINK WE HAD ALL OF THE ADVANCES, ANY UNSPENT DOLLARS, I THINK MAKING SURE THAT ALL OF THAT GETS

COMMUNICATED TO THE DEPARTMENT. ROBERT, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE ADDITIONAL EFFORTS THAT YOUR TEAM HAS DONE?

ROBERT CAMPBELL: YEAH, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ROBERT CAMPBELL. ASSISTANT AUDITOR CONTROLLER. WE, YOU KNOW, FUNDAMENTALLY WE'RE SERVING HUMAN BEINGS HERE. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US NOT ONLY TO KNOW WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING, BUT THAT IT IS BEING USED EFFECTIVELY, THAT WE'RE ABLE TO UNIQUELY IDENTIFY EACH PERSON WHO RECEIVED SERVICES AND THAT WE HAVE THE INFORMATION THROUGH THESE CONTRACTS AND THROUGH REQUIRED LANGUAGE IN THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY GETTING THE SERVICES THAT WE'RE BEING INVOICED FOR AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE RECEIVING THEM ARE THE INTENDED RECIPIENTS THAT THEY WERE ELIGIBLE. AND SO, WE'RE COMMITTED, WE ALL HAVE THE VIEWPOINT FROM THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER THAT THE COUNTY HAS ONE OPPORTUNITY TO GET THIS RIGHT, WE HAVE TO GET IT RIGHT. AND SO, WE'RE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK THAT WILL ALLOW US TO PERFORM THOSE SORTS OF REVIEWS AND SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS MONITORING ROLE ARE IN PLACE WHEN THESE NEW CONTRACTS ARE ENACTED.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: GREAT. YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S VERY CLEAR TO ME THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE'RE NEVER GOING TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO HELPING PEOPLE IN

THIS WORK. I THINK THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THIS TOPIC RELENTLESSLY IS THAT WE HAVEN'T HAD GOOD ANSWERS FOR THE PUBLIC ON HOW THEIR DOLLARS HAVE BEEN SPENT. AND IF WE'RE EVER GOING TO MAKE INFORMED CHOICES AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ASKED IN OUR LAST ITEM AROUND DATA INFORMED, YOU KNOW, FOCUS ON OUTCOME AND PERFORMANCE, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE UNDERSTAND WHERE DOLLARS ARE GOING AND WHAT WE'RE GETTING FOR THEM. SO, WE CAN MAKE THOSE APPLES TO APPLES COMPARISONS AND USE OUR DOLLARS EFFICIENTLY AND ACCORDINGLY. BECAUSE I THINK WITH THE INVESTMENT, AND WE HEARD FROM SOME OF THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THE LAST ITEM, IF WE AREN'T ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE IMPACT WITH THE DOLLAR, THE INCREASED DOLLARS, ESPECIALLY SINCE MEASURE A, WITH THE IMPACT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE EVEN FURTHER QUESTIONS MADE AND PERHAPS A REVERSAL ON THE INVESTMENT THAT THE PUBLIC HAS MADE IN ACTUALLY SOLVING THIS PROBLEM. SO, I THINK TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY FROM THE OUTSET, MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS, THAT WE'RE ABLE TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS AS POLICYMAKERS WITH CLEAR DATA SETS AND CONTRACTS AND CLARITY TO BACK IT UP IS EXACTLY WHAT THIS ASPECT OF IMPLEMENTING MEASURE A IS ABOUT FOR ME AND I THINK FOR THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. BEFORE I GO ON TO THE CO-AUTHOR, I JUST WANTED TO SAY, JUST TO PIGGYBACK ON WHAT SUPERVISOR HORVATH IS SAYING, NOT ONLY IS IT OUR

RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE MEETING OUR COMMITMENTS, CONTRACTUAL AND OTHERWISE, BUT LIKEWISE MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE ALSO TREATING FAIRLY OUR PROVIDERS. AND FOR ME, IT SEEMED LIKE THAT WAS THE LAST THING THAT WE EVEN CONCERNED OURSELVES WITH. AND THEN WE HAD TO MAKE CHANGES FOR PROVIDING MORE FUNDING FOR SALARIES, FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE ACTUALLY DOING THE HARD WORK. WE DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE THEM. SO, I THINK THERE HAS TO BE A BALANCE, BUT I THINK THAT'S ALSO VERY IMPORTANT, MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE SUFFICIENTLY HELPING THEM ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS, WHICH IS OUR GOAL. SO THAT'S JUST SOMETHING I WANT TO SAY. BUT SUPERVISOR BARGER, I'LL LOOK AT YOU.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR BRINGING IN THIS MOTION ALLOWING ME TO BE A CO-AUTHOR ON IT. I WANT TO BEGIN BY ACKNOWLEDGING WHAT THIS MOTION IS REALLY ABOUT. IT'S ABOUT THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE SEEPING ON OUR STREETS TONIGHT WHO DESERVE SERVICE THAT ACTUALLY HELPS THEM. IT'S ABOUT THE ETHICAL PROVIDERS WHO DO EXTRAORDINARY WORK, AND I KNOW EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US COULD NAME THEM IN OUR DISTRICTS AND SHOW UP EVERY DAY AND SHOULD NOT HAVE THEIR REPUTATIONS DESTROYED BY THE CRIMINAL ACTIONS OF A FEW BAD ACTORS. AND IT'S ABOUT THE TAXPAYERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO ARE PAYING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR HOMELESS SERVICES AND HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT THEIR MONEY IS

SPENT ON REAL HOUSING AND HELP, NOT A REINFORCEMENT OF THE STATUS QUO. RECENT ARRESTS OF FRAUD AND HOMELESS SERVICES FUNDING ARE NOT JUST LAW ENFORCEMENT MATTERS. THEY ARE MORAL FAILURES. THEY REPRESENT THEFT FROM THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND I KNOW WE ALL AGREE THIS CANNOT BE TOLERATED. FOR YEARS AUDITS DOCUMENTED REPEATED FAILURES AT LAHSA AND SOMETHING WHEN I SAT ON THE COMMISSION WITH SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND MAYOR BASS WHEN THE AUDIT CAME IN IN FACT WE DISCOVERED ON ONE OF THOSE CASES AND REFERRED TO THE D.A. SO, THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT THINK THAT THIS WAS UNCOVERED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR THAT WE DID NOT HAVE A HAND IN IT. WHEN WE REALIZED THAT THERE WAS FRAUD TAKING PLACE, WE DID EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO DO, AND WE DID IT. AND I TALK ABOUT MOVING FORWARD, IT'S GOING TO BE ABOUT TRANSPARENCY. I KNOW WHEN I TALK TO SOME OF MY CITIES AND CONSTITUENTS, I HEAR ABOUT THE PUBLIC LOSING FAITH IN THE SYSTEM'S ABILITY TO MANAGE HOMELESS SERVICES AND THE FUNDING. WE CAN WORK, AND WE WILL WORK TO REBUILD THAT FAITH THROUGH RADICAL TRANSPARENCY NOT BY HIDING PROBLEMS BUT BY PROACTIVELY FINDING THEM ADDRESSING THEM AND HOLDING PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE. I BELIEVE THAT WITH THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER'S PARTNERSHIP WE CAN BUILD A CONTRACTING SYSTEM THAT PROTECTS THESE TAXPAYER DOLLARS. BUT AS SOMEONE WHO PRIOR TO GETTING ELECTED WORKED ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, EVERY TIME WE THINK WE FIXED IT, THEY FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GO AROUND. SO, WE HAVE TO CONSTANTLY BE

MONITORING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE UNCOVERING ANYTHING THAT ISN'T VARIOUS, BUT ALSO DON'T MAKE IT SO BUREAUCRATIC THAT THE GOOD PROVIDERS CAN'T DO THEIR JOB. BECAUSE THAT'S ANOTHER THING I HEAR IS THAT WE PUT IN ALL THESE BUILT-IN PROTECTIONS THAT CREATE MORE WORK FOR THE PROVIDERS WHO ARE ALREADY ON SHOESTRING BUDGETS. SO, THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY TO DO IT. I KNOW THAT I'M MAKING IT SOUND FAR MORE SIMPLE, BUT I'M CONFIDENT THAT TOGETHER WE CAN GET THAT DONE. SO, I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON THIS MOTION BECAUSE I BELIEVE WE CAN, AND I KNOW WE WILL GET IT RIGHT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND, YOU KNOW, AS I LISTEN TO MY COLLEAGUES, YOU KNOW, I'M REMINDED THAT IT ALWAYS CONCERNS ME WHEN WE, YOU KNOW, USE LANGUAGE LIKE SYSTEMS ARE BROKEN BECAUSE WHAT PEOPLE HEAR IS LACK OF FAITH AND CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT. AND WE THEN ULTIMATELY SEE THE OUTCOME OF THAT LACK OF CONFIDENCE. PEOPLE DON'T ENGAGE CIVICALLY AND ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES. NINETY MILLION PEOPLE DIDN'T VOTE IN THE LAST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. AND SO, WE HAVE TO REALLY MAKE SURE THAT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT HOW WE IMPROVE SYSTEMS THAT WE ARE AGAIN ACKNOWLEDGING THE ROLE THOSE SYSTEMS PLAY AND INSTILLING CONFIDENCE IN THE GENERAL PUBLIC

AND NOT ONLY THEIR TAX DOLLAR BUT THE ROLE GOVERNMENT PLAYS IN THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES. SO, I AGREE WITH YOU WE'VE GOT TO STRIKE THAT BALANCE. I FULLY SUPPORT THE COUNTY AND ALL AGENCIES TAKING SWIFT ACTION WHEN IT'S UNEQUIVOCALLY PROVEN THAT A CONTRACTOR OR STAFF MEMBER HAS COMMITTED FRAUD AND BROKEN LAWS, AND I WILL SUPPORT THIS MOTION. INTENTIONALLY COMMITTING FRAUD IS NOT ONLY A BREACH OF CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS, IT ALSO, UNDERMINES PUBLIC TRUST OVER THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS. AND SO, WHAT THAT SAID, AS A COUNTY THAT HAS A FIRM CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY-CENTERED APPROACHES, WE MUST REALLY BE THOUGHTFUL IN ENSURING THAT EVERY ACTION WE TAKE WITHIN OUR SYSTEMS ALIGNS WITH THOSE PRINCIPLES RATHER THAN REINFORCING CRIMINALIZATION. I'M GOING TO SHARE A RECENT EXAMPLE THAT WAS BROUGHT TO MY OFFICE'S ATTENTION. THIS GOES TO THE POINT YOU MADE, SUPERVISOR BARGER, INVOLVING A DIFFERENT COUNTY DEPARTMENT, BUT IT'S WORTH SHARING. THE DEPARTMENT WAS CONTRACTING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED BY THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE SERVICE PROVIDER HAD A STAFF MEMBER WITH AN UNPAID PARKING TICKET. DUE TO THAT UNPAID PARKING TICKET, THE STAFF MEMBER WAS DEEMED INELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF SERVICES THEY HAD ALREADY RENDERED BECAUSE THE PARKING TICKET HAD NOT BEEN PAID DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD. SO SOMETIMES THIS PENDULUM CAN SWING TOO FAR THE OTHER WAY. AND SO THAT'S JUST ONE EXAMPLE. AND I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR CONTRACTING PRACTICES SUPPORT THE NETWORK OF SERVICE DELIVERY AS OPPOSED

TO CRIMINALIZING IT. AND I BELIEVE FRANKLY THAT ANYONE WHO'S APPLIED FOR COUNTY CONTRACT WOULD AGREE THAT THE COUNTY'S CONTRACTING PROCESSES ARE EXTENSIVE AND I THINK THEY WOULD ALSO AGREE THAT THERE'S ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT. I AGREE, I WILL SUPPORT THAT. WE HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY HERE AS WE'RE BUILDING A NEW DEPARTMENT. I'M SURE MY COLLEAGUES WILL REMEMBER THE 2021 BOARD COMMISSIONED INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO OUR CONTRACTING PROCESSES THAT RESULTED IN A REPORT BACK THAT COST US $8,000,000 OF THE TAXPAYER'S MONEY. SO, I WOULD THINK AS PART OF THIS MOTION'S REPORT AND THE WORK OF THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER THAT WE SHOULD RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON HOW THE NEW DEPARTMENT'S CONTRACTING PRACTICES ARE ADDRESSING AND IMPLEMENTING THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN THE COVINGTON REPORT. THAT'S ANOTHER LAYER. AGAIN, IF WE'RE BUILDING A NEW DEPARTMENT, LET'S MAKE SURE THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COVINGTON REPORT ARE INCLUDED IN WHAT YOU ARE FORMULATING IN THIS NEW DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION, I THINK THE REPORT SHOULD ADDRESS HOW HSH IS PERFORMING ON THE SERVICES IT DELIVERS DIRECTLY, NOT JUST THOSE THAT ARE CONTRACTED OUT. THAT'S ONE SIDE OF THE HOUSE, BUT THEY SHOULD ABSOLUTELY BE EVEN, MEANING THE SAME EXPECTATIONS WE PLACE ON CONTRACTED PROVIDERS REGARDING ACCOUNTABILITY, OVERSIGHT, SPEND DOWN, AND MONITORING SHOULD ALSO APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNALLY OPERATED PROGRAMS. YOU KNOW, WHEN THE DEPARTMENT, THE MOTION CAME FORWARD TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT,

I ASKED FOR KPIS. I WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THAT AMENDMENT INCLUDED, SO I'M VERY HAPPY TO HEAR THAT THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER IS DEVELOPING KPIS FOR THE DEPARTMENT. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THEM. AND I HOPE THAT THOSE KPIS AREN'T JUST MEASURING EXPENSE, BUT IT'S ALSO SERVICE DELIVERY. I THINK THE PUBLIC IS LOOKING AT BOTH HOW WE'RE MANAGING THE MONEY, WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH THE MONEY, AND WHAT SERVICES ARE BEING DELIVERED. SO, I'M HOPING THAT CAN BE INCORPORATED WELL. SO LASTLY, I WANT TO SAY THAT THE ACTIONS OF A FEW, SHE REALLY SHOULDN'T TAKE THE WORK OF THE MAJORITY. AND IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS POLICYMAKERS TO MAKE THAT DISTINCTION CLEAR. THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNTY'S CONTRACTED SERVICE PROVIDERS WORK DILIGENTLY TO MEET THE COMPLEX THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY. AND I'M ENCOURAGING A BALANCED APPROACH, ONETHAT UPHOLDS THE COUNTY'S HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF COMPLIANCE FOR CONTRACTORS AS WELL AS COUNTY COMPLIANCE FOR CONTRACTORS. I'M ENCOURAGING A BALANCED APPROACH, ONE THAT UPHOLDS THE COUNTY'S HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF COMPLIANCE FOR CONTRACTORS AS WELL AS COUNTY STAFF WHILE REMAINING GROUNDED IN OUR CARE FIRST PRINCIPLES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM MY COLLEAGUES, LET'S GO HERE. PUBLIC COMMENT. IF THERE'S ANY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. CLAUDIA JEREZ HAS A FINAL REMINDER FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE TO ADDRESS ITEM 45A. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE ON YOUR DEVICE OR PRESS STAR THREE ON YOUR TELEPHONE NOW. HECTOR RAMIREZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

HECTOR RAMIREZ: THANK YOU, MY NAME IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. I AM A MEMBER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION DISABILITIES AND I AM IN THE CITY OF CHATSWORTH. I'M HERE TO SPEAK OF MYSELF. I REALLY WANT TO THANK THIS PARTICULAR REPORT'S WORK, PARTICULARLY FOCUSING ON ENSURING THAT OUR CONTRACTORS ARE AWARE OF THEIR REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. WE KNOW THAT ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES SINCE THE PANDEMIC TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT OUR IN-HOUSE FOLKS AND PEOPLE AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS HAS BEEN EVEN HARDER FOR FOLKS WITH DISABILITIES, PARTICULARLY OUR SENIORS AND FAMILIES WITH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, LIKE INDIVIDUALS WITH CHILDREN WITH AUTISM. SO, I REALLY THANK THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING AND HOPE THAT THERE'S FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO ENSURE THAT SERVICES ARE BOTH ACCESSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. ROY HUMPHREYS, YOUR LINE IS

UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

ROY HUMPHREYS: THANK YOU. I'LL MAKE THIS SHORT AND SWEET. THIS IS BEYOND HUMAN COMPREHENSION. THIS IS 2026. I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M HEARING THIS BOVINE EXCREMENT. PUBLIC AGENCIES ARE AND HAVE BEEN A MAGNET FOR ORGANIZED CRIME WHERE MY EXPOSURE IN THE EAST TO SERPICO AND THE TWO, NOT ONE, BUT TWO, RAP COMMISSIONS AND ORGANIZED CRIME IS A FACET OF ALL GOVERNMENTAL BODIES. AND I COULD GO INTO SOME GREAT DETAIL BUT THIS IS DISGUSTING AND THE WAY YOU PEOPLE APPROACH IT THERE SHOULD YOU'RE JUST UNCOVERING THE SURFACE OF THE CORRUPTION AND IT'S TO BE EXPECTED HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY GOVERNANCE ETC. THIS IS NOTHING AND I'M TRYING TO GET MORE PEOPLE TO LISTEN TO THE GARBAGE THAT'S GOING ON THAT YOU GOT BUT GUESS WHAT IT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE LONG BEFORE YOU GUYS GOT HERE. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR ITEM 45A IS NOW CONCLUDED. WE WILL GO TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

IN-PERSON SPEAKER: YES, CLAUDIA JEREZ. DWC. YOU KNOW, I JUST WANT TO CONTINUE MY THOUGHT PROCESS ON WHAT I SAID. I THINK THAT MS. MITCHELL TALKED ABOUT THE MANAGING, I BELIEVE, MANAGING WITH THE MONEY AND SERVICES AND HOW SERVICES ARE

DELIVERED. I THINK THAT THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ALL RACES, NOT ONLY ONE RACE, ONE. AND TWO, THERE NEEDS TO BE LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATION FOR THESE SERVICES. I THINK THE OUTCOMES, YOU'RE GOING TO SEE DIFFERENT OUTCOMES, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU. BECAUSE WE TALK ABOUT OUTCOMES, WE TALK ABOUT RESULTS, WE TALK ABOUT, YOU KNOW, ACCOUNTABILITY AND HOW ALL THESE PROGRAMS SHOULD BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE TAXPAYERS. BECAUSE MS. HAHN SAID THAT WE TAX EACH OTHER. WE'RE GOING TO TAX, I GUESS, AT 1% OF, YOU KNOW, SO WE GIVE ONE PENNY, YOU KNOW, TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ITEM 45A IS BEFORE YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: AYE.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MOTION PASSES, 5-0. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 33, REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND ITEM 45B, REPORT ON ALTERNATIVE

HOUSING FOR PREGNANT JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH, WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. THESE ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU'RE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR THREE, IF ON THE TELEPHONE. GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, SHEILA WILLIAMS, CHIEF DEPUTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND ROBERT ARCOS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROCEED?

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: DO YOU HAVE A PRESENTATION THAT YOU'D LIKE TO LEAD WITH OR SHALL WE JUST GET INTO COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS?

GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA: THINK WE'VE SUBMITTED THE PRESENTATION BUT I'M HAPPY TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE --

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: HAPPY TO HAVE YOU TEE UP THE SITUATION AND THEN WE CAN GET INTO IT.

GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA: OKAY, MAYBE I'LL JUST DO A SUMMARY AND WE COULD START WITH THE GOOD AFTERNOON, GUILLERMO VIERA, THE PROBATION OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY. AS SORT OF A REMINDER OF

WHERE THE COUNTY AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT ARE, THERE ARE TWO LEGAL PROCEEDINGS UNDERWAY. ONE OF THEM WAS BROUGHT ON BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CALIFORNIA IN A REQUEST FOR RECEIVERSHIP TO BE NAMED. THAT IS A COURT CASE THAT IS ONGOING. HEARINGS CONTINUE PRESENTING THE FACTS, EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS. AND THE OTHER CASE IS SPECIFIC.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: EXCUSE ME, CAN YOU, THE NEXT SLIDE, CAN YOU TELL THEM NEXT SLIDE?

GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA: OH, YEAH. IF IT'S, OKAY. IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME I'VE FAILED TO FOLLOW THE SLIDES.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD? YOU WERE GOING TO DO A SUMMARY, RIGHT?

GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA: YES. THE OTHER CASE IS SPECIFIC TO THE DEPOPULATION OF LOS PADRINOS IN WHICH A DEPOPULATION PLAN WAS PRESENTED AND ACCEPTED BY THE COURT UNDER THE PREMISE THAT IF THE POPULATION OF LOS PADRINOS WERE TO BE LOWERED, THAT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO REGAIN BSCC APPROVAL TO RUN THAT FACILITY AS A JUVENILE HALL. WE ARE HEADING TOWARDS THE END OF THAT DEPOPULATION PLAN, WHICH HAD THE FOCUS OF THE PLAN WAS TO REPURPOSE THE UTILIZATION OF THE FACILITIES THAT WE HAVE IN THE COUNTY TO HOUSE SPECIFIC

POPULATIONS IN EACH OF THEM IN AN ATTEMPT TO SORT OF RIGHT SIZE EACH OF THEM AND BETTER POSITION US TO PRESENT SPECIFIC SERVICES TO SPECIFIC POPULATIONS, SUCH AS HAVING AN ALL GIRLS AND GENDER EXPANSIVE CAMPUS, HAVING ANOTHER CAMPUS THAT IS FOR MORE LONG TERM OFFENDERS. AND WE ARE SORT OF TOWARD THE END OF THAT. THE POPULATION AT LOS PADRINOS HAS DROPPED AND IS NOW CLOSER TO THE 225 MARK WITH ONLY ONE OR TWO MORE STEPS BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF THAT. AND THAT COURT CASE, WE HAVE ANOTHER HEARING THIS FRIDAY.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: YEAH, YOU WERE SUMMARIZING, RIGHT?

GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA: YEAH, WITH THIS SLIDE THAT YOU HAVE, SLIDE NUMBER 4 SHOWS YOU THE ANTICIPATED PHASES, WHICH ONES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. AND WHERE WE ARE TODAY IS THAT WE HAVE AN ALL GIRLS CAMPUS, IT'S KILPATRICK IN MALIBU. WE HAVE A LONG-TERM OFFENDER CAMPUS IN SYLMAR, AND THAT IS DIVIDED INTO A PREDISPOSITION JUVENILE HALL FOR THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED TO BE SYTF, HAS ABOUT 35 YOUNG MEN THERE, AND THEN THE TRADITIONAL SYTF FACILITY. LOS PADRINOS IS NOW AN ALL-MALE PREDISPOSITION FACILITY. THERE ARE TWO CAMPS THAT ARE LEFT HOUSING SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 60 YOUNG MEN EACH, AND THEN THERE'S STILL DOROTHY KIRBY, WHICH IS FOR HIGH NEEDS. NEXT SLIDE IS A CONTINUATION OF SOME MORE SPECIFICS ON WHEN THE TRANSFER OCCURRED. MAYBE I'LL JUST STOP THERE AND ALLOW FOR QUESTIONS.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: THANK YOU. I KNOW THE LAST PRESENTATION I WASN'T ABLE TO SHARE DIRECTLY, BUT I WANT TO REPEAT THAT REGARDING CVK AND PREGNANT YOUTH IN CUSTODY, I REALLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DEPARTMENT'S TREMENDOUS WORK ON FINDING ALTERNATE LOCATIONS AND CONTINUING TO PRIORITIZE GETTING PREGNANT JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH OUT OF OUR FACILITIES. YOUR APPROACH SHOWS THAT WE CAN DIVERT YOUTH TO ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENTS, AND IT ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THAT OUR CAPACITY FOR DIVERSION IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE RESOURCES THAT WE COMMIT TO IT. SO WE KNOW THAT PRIORITIZING THIS POPULATION IN SOME WAYS CAME AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER YOUTH SO I WOULD WELCOME YOUR DEPARTMENT'S ANALYSIS ON MAKING CLEAR ADDITIONAL STAFF NEEDS TO ENSURE THAT YOUR DIVERSION UNIT IS EQUIPPED WITH THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO CONTINUE THIS KIND OF IMPORTANT WORK AND TO BUILD ON THE SUCCESS THAT YOU HAVE SEEN IN DIVERTING PREGNANT YOUTH, BECAUSE I THINK THAT SHOWS WHAT WE'RE CAPABLE OF, AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO STRENGTHEN EVEN MORE IN SCALE. WITH RESPECT TO CAMPUS KILPATRICK, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT FIGHT AND USE OF FORCE A FEW WEEKS AGO AND THAT OC SPRAY WAS USED BY LINE STAFF DESPITE AN EXPLICIT COMMITMENT THAT LINE STAFF WOULD NOT USE OC SPRAY AND THAT IT WOULD ONLY BE AVAILABLE WITH SUPERVISOR APPROVAL IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES. SO, WHAT CAN YOU TELL THIS BOARD AND OUR PUBLIC ABOUT THAT INCIDENT AND THE AVAILABILITY OF OC SPRAY AT CAMPUS KILPATRICK

GOING FORWARD?

GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND WITHOUT BEING CRYPTIC, WHAT I CAN SAY IS THAT YOU ARE CORRECT IN YOUR STATEMENT THAT DOES NOT REFLECT THE POLICY OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THAT THERE ARE EMPLOYEES THAT CURRENTLY ARE UNDERGOING INVESTIGATION AND ARE NOT BEING ALLOWED TO WORK, THEY'RE OFF WORK BECAUSE OF THE SEVERITY OF THESE ALLEGATIONS. SO, THE COMMITMENT REMAINS THAT LINE STAFF ARE NOT ISSUED OC SPRAY OR PEPPER SPRAY WHEN THEY'RE ON THAT CAMPUS. AND ANYTIME AN EMPLOYEE FAILS TO FOLLOW OUR DIRECTIVES OR USES FORCE THAT IS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF POLICY, THEY'LL BE INVESTIGATED AND DISCIPLINED PROPERLY THAT THAT INVESTIGATION IS STILL UNDERWAY.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: AND WE'VE HEARD SOME CONCERNS EXPRESSED THAT RELATE TO THE NUMBER OF STAFF ON SITE THERE AS WELL. SO, WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT STAFFING THERE AND HAVE YOU MADE ANY CHANGES OR ADJUSTMENTS TO YOUR EXPECTATIONS SINCE ITS OPENING NOW THAT IT IS FULLY POPULATED?

GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA: STAFFING CONTINUES TO BE DIFFICULT AT ALL OF THE FACILITIES. THAT PARTICULAR CAMPUS ACTUALLY HAS A HIGHER RATIO OF STAFF ASSIGNED TO IT PER YOUNG PERSON. SO, IT IS ACTUALLY 1 OF THE BETTER STAFFED AND THE STAFF THAT ARE

WORKING THERE ACTUALLY VOLUNTEERED OR BID TO WORK THERE WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT WE'D LOVE TO SEE IN EVERY FACILITY. I THINK THERE HAVE BEEN SOME ADJUSTMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE NUMBER OF SUPERVISORS THAT ARE GOING TO BE ASSIGNED THERE. THAT HAPPENED RECENTLY, SO THERE WILL BE MORE SUPERVISORS ASSIGNED. BUT IN TERMS OF THE REGULAR STAFFING, THAT ALREADY EXCEEDED THE BSCC REQUIREMENTS AND IS BETTER THAN THE OTHER LOCATIONS.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: I'M GLAD TO HEAR WE'RE EXCEEDING THOSE REQUIREMENTS AND THAT WE'RE FOCUSING ON HOW INCREASED OR ENHANCED SUPERVISION WILL HELP TO BRING ABOUT THE RESULTS THAT WE'RE INTENDING AT THAT LOCATION. THIS WAS ONCE UPON A TIME SORT OF THE COUNTY'S VISION FOR HOW WE WOULD BE EXPANDING COUNTYWIDE. AND SO, I THINK MAKING SURE THAT WE MAINTAIN OUR COMMITMENT TO THAT IS IMPORTANT AND THAT WE'RE CONTINUING TO MODEL AT WHAT HAPPENS THERE, THE KIND OF TREATMENT, CARE, AND SUPPORT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WE WANT TO SEE THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM. MOVING TO THE DEPOPULATION PLAN THAT YOU HAD TALKED ABOUT IT MY UNDERSTANDING FROM THE POP DEPOPULATION PLAN WAS THAT THE NUMBER THAT WAS IDENTIFIED, THE TARGET NUMBER IDENTIFIED WAS 175, BUT YOU SAID 225. OR DO I, DID I MISUNDERSTAND? NO, YOU DIDN'T MISUNDERSTAND. IF YOU LOOK AT THE DEPOPULATION PLAN THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE COURT, THE ULTIMATE GOAL WAS TO BE CLOSER TO THE 175. I WAS STATING THAT TODAY, AND WE HAVEN'T FINISHED THE DEPOPULATION PLAN YET,

WE'RE ALREADY DOWN TO 223, WHICH IS SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN WHEN WE BEGAN, WITHOUT FINALIZING. THE AMOUNT OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE ARRESTED FOR SIGNIFICANT CRIMES AND BOOKED AT OUR FACILITIES IS OUT OF OUR CONTROL AND IT HAS BEEN HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED WHEN THAT PLAN WAS PRESENTED. NONETHELESS, WE'RE READY TO PIVOT TO STILL TRY TO GET AS CLOSE TO THAT 175. THE 175 WASN'T BASED, FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE DESIGN OF THE BUILDINGS. IT WAS REALLY AN ATTEMPT OF SAYING, WHAT ARE THE TYPES OF NUMBERS THAT WE THINK WE CAN GET TO AFTER UTILIZING ALL OF THE DIVERSION OR RELEASE? SO THERE'S NOTHING MAGIC IN THE 175. I'M PLEASED AT HOW WE'RE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER AND WITHOUT FINALIZING, IF WE ARE EVEN IN THE 200, 190 RANGE, I THINK WE'LL BE MUCH BETTER PLACED FOR VSEC INSPECTIONS.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT THAT YOU DON'T HAVE CONTROL OVER THE NUMBER COMING INTO YOUR FACILITIES FROM THE COURTS. AND ONE THING THAT WE DO HAVE CONTROL OVER AS THEY'RE COMING IN IS SORT OF IDENTIFYING WHETHER IT IS SPECIFICALLY PROBATION FACILITIES THAT ARE THE RIGHT SOLUTION, OR WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE AN ALTERNATIVE THAT MIGHT BE BETTER SUITED FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING IN RATHER THAN JUST SORT OF ACCEPTING THAT. AND I GO BACK TO THE MODEL THAT YOU'VE ADOPTED FOR OUR PREGNANT YOUTH, YOU VERY QUICKLY ARE INTERVENING, SAYING THAT THERE'S A DIFFERENT SET OF NEEDS HERE, IDENTIFYING A PLACEMENT THAT IS MORE SUITABLE FOR THE

NEEDS OF THAT YOUNG PERSON. SO, I KNOW YOU'RE CAPABLE OF IT AND IT'S HAPPENING AND WORKING SUCCESSFULLY. AND I THINK WE NEED TO EXPAND THAT AS WE'RE THINKING ABOUT THE POPULATION COMING IN, WHICH I KNOW IS COMPLICATED. YOU'RE MANAGING, TRYING TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES THAT WE ARE FACING FROM THE STATE, BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT AS YOUNG PEOPLE ARE COMING IN, THAT THEY'RE GETTING DIVERTED FOR THOSE WHO CAN BE TO A PLACEMENT THAT CAN MORE APPROPRIATELY ADDRESS WHAT THEIR NEEDS ARE AND HELP KEEP OUR FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO MAY NEED TO BE THERE. I THINK SIMILARLY FOR OUR GIRLS AND GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH, THERE ARE STILL NEARLY 50 GIRLS OR GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH IN OUR CUSTODY. THAT'S BEEN THE NUMBER FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. AND SO, I WANT TO ONCE AGAIN UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT IN TERMS OF DECARCERATION AND HELPING TO FIND ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENTS, ESPECIALLY RECOGNIZING THAT THAT WAS A POPULATION THAT THIS BOARD HAD COMMITTED TO PRIORITIZING IN TERMS OF GETTING OUT OF THESE FACILITIES TO A DIFFERENT KIND OF SETTING.

GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA: I THINK THE EFFORTS UNDERWAY FOR THIS POPULATION MAY BE A GOOD CASE STUDY ON HOW TO DEAL WITH SORT OF SMALLER POPULATIONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS. SO, I ACTUALLY THINK THAT THIS, IT WAS WISE OF THE BOARD TO SPECIFICALLY GO AFTER THIS POPULATION AND THE LESSONS LEARNED HERE, I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO APPLY AS WE GO TO THE OTHER CAMPUSES. STEP 1 IS WE

NEED SMALLER CAMPUSES WITH SPECIFIC TREATMENT MODALITIES FOR THAT POPULATION, SPECIFIC TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES THAT WORK THERE. AND THEN I THINK THAT THAT'S GOING TO TIE TO WHAT'S AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THEM, BECAUSE IT'S NOT JUST WHAT HAPPENS WHILE THEY'RE IN THE FACILITY, IT'S ABOUT HOW QUICKLY WE CAN GET THEM OUT SAFELY AND THEN THE SUPPORT NETWORK THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE AFTERWARDS SO THEY DON'T RETURN TO US. BUT WHAT I WILL SAY IS THAT THERE IS PROBABLY SORT OF A NUMBER THAT WE'RE GOING TO PUSH UP AGAINST WITH RESPECT TO THE COURTS. WE'RE DOWN TO 45 ON THAT CAMPUS AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE RIGHT NUMBER, THE NATURAL NUMBER IS GOING TO BE THAT THE COURTS WILL STILL THINK THAT IT'S SAFE TO RELEASE DURING THAT PERIOD. MY HOPE IS THAT WHAT WE DO IS WE CONTINUE TO OFFER MORE AND MORE OPTIONS TO THE COURTS AND THAT WE DO THE ASSESSMENTS FOR ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENTS MORE QUICKLY. SO, AS WE GET BETTER GIVING OPTIONS TO THE COURTS AND FINDING FOR DIFFICULT TO PLACE YOUNG PEOPLE, FACILITIES OR PROVIDERS THAT COULD DO THAT. THAT'S SORT OF WHERE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE RIGHT NUMBER IS, MAYBE THE RIGHT NUMBER IS 39, MAYBE IT'S 4, WHATEVER THAT NUMBER IS THAT WE KNOW THAT WE'RE NOT LEAVING ANYTHING ON THE TABLE BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T SOUGHT THE RESOURCES NECESSARY. AND SO THAT'S SORT OF THE PROCESS THAT WE'RE IN. TO YOUR POINT, THAT CAN'T JUST BE FOR THIS POPULATION AT THAT ONE CAMPUS. AND SO THAT IS THE MODEL THAT WE HOPE TO FOLLOW AT EVERY OF THE CAMPUSES, FIRST WITH THE REDUCTION, BECAUSE IT IS

DIFFICULT WHEN YOU HAVE A MUCH LARGER FACILITY AT 225 AND TO HAVE THOSE POSITIVE INTERACTIONS, BECAUSE DESPITE OF THE SETBACKS THAT WE HAD WITH BAD BEHAVIOR AT KILPATRICK, THIS IS A PLACE WHERE REHABILITATION CAN TAKE PLACE. I MEAN, I THINK IF YOU SPEAK TO THE FAMILIES, SPEAK TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE, IT IS DRAMATICALLY DIFFERENT THAN WHERE THEY WERE BEFORE. SO, WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE THAT. WE WANT TO CAPITALIZE ON IT AND THEN UTILIZE THAT SAME MODEL FOR THE REST OF THE LOCATIONS?

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: ALONG THOSE LINES I WOULD SAY, YOU KNOW, WE ARE AWARE THAT A LOT OF STATE FUNDING THAT GETS PROVIDED TO HELP INVEST IN ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT SITES OR OTHER KINDS OF PROGRAMMING, WHETHER IT'S WITH DYD OR OTHER CONTRACTED PROVIDERS, YOU KNOW, COMES TO YOUR DEPARTMENT. AND SO, I WOULD SAY, YOU KNOW, MAKING SURE THAT THE RESOURCES THAT DO COME TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR THAT, FOR THAT KIND OF INVESTMENT IN THOSE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT'S ACTUALLY BEING INVESTED BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THAT'S WHAT IT'S INTENDED FOR. AND IF THE DEPARTMENT NEEDS SUPPORT AND MAKING SURE THAT THOSE RESOURCES GET SPENT IN PLACES THAT GIVE YOU THOSE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HEAR BECAUSE IT IS OUR EXPECTATION THAT THOSE DOLLARS THAT GET INVESTED IN THE DEPARTMENT ACTUALLY TURN INTO OTHER PLACES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO GO. FINALLY, I WOULD SAY WE'VE HEARD CONCERNS THAT THE CSEC UNIT, THAT THE TEAM THERE,

WHICH HELPS YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN TRAFFICKED EITHER FOR SEX WORK OR FOR LABOR IS EFFECTIVELY UNSTAFFED. SO HOW MANY STAFF ARE CURRENTLY WORKING IN THAT UNIT AND HOW IS PROBATION WORKING WITH OUR OTHER COUNTY PARTNERS TO MAKE SURE THAT SERVICES AND REFERRALS PROVIDED BY THAT UNIT ARE CONTINUING. BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THAT'S AN IMPORTANT UNIT ON ANY GIVEN DAY, BUT ESPECIALLY WITH THE KINDS OF EVENTS THAT ARE COMING HERE, WHILE WE KNOW THAT THERE'S NOT ALWAYS DIRECT CORRELATION BETWEEN LARGE EVENTS AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING, IT IS A CONVERSATION THAT PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE AND, YOU KNOW, THERE WILL BE CONTINUED AWARENESS AND HEIGHTENED AWARENESS AROUND THIS ISSUE AND MAKING SURE THE RESOURCES THAT WE EXPECT TO BE IN PLACE ARE ACTUALLY WORKING IS IMPORTANT.

GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA: YEAH, THE REALITY IS THAT WE ARE SHORT STAFFED IN ALMOST EVERY AREA, SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN PUSHING RESOURCES TO MEET THE STATE REQUIREMENTS IN JUVENILE HALLS AND SYTFS. THAT'S TRUE. IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT, AND YOU KNOW, IN OUR OWN STAFF, SOMETIMES THEY'RE THE BEST ADVOCATES. THEY BELIEVE THE PROGRAMS THEY WORK, AND SO WHEN THEY DON'T BELIEVE THEY'RE GETTING THE RIGHT RESOURCES THEY SCREAM OUT AND SAY LOOK THIS IS IMPORTANT WORK THAT WE CAN'T FORGET. BUT IT'S NOT TRUE THAT IT THAT WE DON'T HAVE STAFF THERE THEY HAVE HAD REDUCTIONS LIKE IN EVERY OTHER PART OF THE DEPARTMENT THERE'S STILL A FULL-TIME DEDICATED DIRECTOR THERE'S STILL A

SUPERVISING DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER. THEY'RE STILL A DP02. I'D HAVE TO GO BACK.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: SPECIFICALLY IN THAT UNIT?

GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA: YES. I'D HAVE TO GO BACK AND SEE WHAT THEIR ORIGINAL NUMBER WAS. I THINK MAYBE HOW MUCH HAVE THEY BEEN CUT BACK, BUT NO, THEY'VE NOT BEEN CLOSED DOWN AND THEY DO HAVE THE RESOURCES, MUCH MORE LIMITED THAN BEFORE. IT IS IMPORTANT WORK THAT WE'VE SORT OF HAD TO LOOK AT AND SAY, WHERE CAN WE CUT WITHOUT COMPLETELY DECIMATING IN HOPES THAT TOMORROW WE CAN GET MORE STAFF TO PUT IN THERE. SO JUST TO BE CLEAR, I'M NOT DISPUTING THAT LIKE MANY OTHER PARTS OF PROBATION THAT ARE EXCEEDINGLY IMPORTANT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, THAT'S A SMALLER NUMBER IN THAT UNIT NOW. BUT NO, THEY STILL HAVE, I KNOW MINIMALLY THEY HAVE DIRECTOR, SUPERVISOR, DPO2 AND POSSIBLY MORE. ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE OTHER UNITS SUCH AS OUR, SOME OF OUR FIELD UNITS THAT HAVE TO DO WITH INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN THAT CAN SUPPORT THEM WHEN NEEDED. SO THAT IS ONE OF THE AREAS THAT WE'VE SORT OF RED CIRCLED THAT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP ALIVE, MAYBE NOT FULLY, WHEN WE CAN'T, BUT AT NO POINT ARE WE SORT OF CLOSING THE DOORS AND NOT DOING THOSE REFERRALS.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: AND I WOULD OFFER, AGAIN, YOU KNOW,

IF THERE'S, GIVEN THE CHALLENGES THAT THE DEPARTMENT FACES, IF THERE'S A NEED FOR OUTSIDE SUPPORT, I KNOW ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE COME, WE'RE ALREADY WORKING WITH AS A COUNTY LIKE CAST LA ON THIS ISSUE, YOU KNOW, WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE SURE OUR YOUTH ARE SUPPORTED. SO, YOU KNOW, THAT'S ALSO AN OPTION AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT POPULATION OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, WHILE IT MAY BE SMALL IN NUMBER, YOU KNOW, THOSE ISSUES ARE SEVERE AND COMPLICATED AND COMPLEX, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE THE SUPPORT TO ADDRESS THEM. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: YEAH, THANK YOU. SO, I KNOW CHIEF YOUR TEAM HAS COMPLETED ALMOST ALL THE STAGES OF THE DEPOPULATION PLAN THAT THE JUDGE APPROVED IN MAY OF 2025. MY STANCE WAS ALWAYS, I THOUGHT THE DEPOPULATION PLAN SHOULD FOCUS ON RELEASING MORE YOUTH FROM LOS PADRINOS WHO COULD SAFELY LIVE AT HOME OR IN A COMMUNITY PLACEMENT, ANKLE MONITOR IF NEEDED, INSTEAD OF RELYING ON SHUFFLING YOUTH AROUND TWO DIFFERENT FACILITIES. AND NOW THAT THE DEEP POPULATION PLAN IS ALMOST ENTIRELY IMPLEMENTED, AS YOU SAID, THE POPULATION AT LOS PADRINOS HAS NOT GONE DOWN AS MUCH AS I THINK EVEN YOU HAD HOPED. THE GOAL WAS FOR 175. TODAY, THERE ARE 223. YESTERDAY, THERE WAS 227, SO WE'RE FIVE DOWN FROM YESTERDAY. BUT I ALSO THINK THE

DEPOPULATION PLAN THAT JUST MOVED YOUTH AROUND DIDN'T SEEM TO BE FOCUSING ON SAFELY RELEASING YOUTH. THE POPULATION ACROSS ALL OF PROBATION FACILITIES HAS NOT DECREASED AT ALL. IN FACT, IT HAS INCREASED FROM 558 YOUTH BACK IN MAY TO 589 YOUTH TODAY. AND JUST ON, I MEAN, I'M SURE THIS IS NOT THE OUTCOME THAT YOU INTENDED OR HOPED FOR EITHER AND WONDERING, YOU KNOW, WHAT MAYBE HOW YOU'RE, IF THERE'S ANY ROOM FOR PIVOTING AT THIS POINT OR TRYING SOMETHING DIFFERENT. I NOTICED YOU MADE SOME COMMENT ABOUT COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. AND I SAW DAVID COME UP TO THE DAIS, AND BEFORE MAYBE YOU ANSWER ON PIVOTING, MAYBE DAVID, DO WE HAVE ENOUGH GOOD OUT THEIR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT YOUTH BEING RELEASED INTO THE COMMUNITY? AND CERTAINLY, WE HOPE THAT SOME OF THOSE PROGRAMS OUT THERE ARE PREVENTING YOUTH FROM EITHER RE-ENTERING OR STAYING OUT OF OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AT ALL. WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP?

DAVID J. CARROLL: SURE. THANK YOU, AND GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. THE SHORT ANSWER IS THAT I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE ENOUGH ORGANIZATIONS, BUT THERE CERTAINLY ISN'T ENOUGH FUNDING. I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. THE RAID PROGRAM, WHICH IS OUR REENTRY ACTION FOR YOUTH PROGRAM, WE STARTED IT WITH LESS THAN 200 POTENTIAL PLACEMENTS AND THE DEMAND FROM THE COURT AS WELL AS THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WAS SO MASSIVE THAT IT'S UP TO 400 NOW AND WE'RE AT FULL CAPACITY AND SHIFTING SOME DOLLARS

AROUND WITHIN OUR BUDGET TO ADD JUST ANOTHER 140 PLACEMENTS FOR THE REST OF THIS FISCAL YEAR. JUDGES HAVE BEEN USING THAT PROGRAM, SOMETIMES IN COMBINATION WITH CDP, TO LET YOUNG PEOPLE GO HOME INSTEAD OF GOING INTO LOS PADRINOS. SO THERE CERTAINLY ARE, AND EACH ORGANIZATION HAS A CERTAIN NUMBER OF CASES THAT EACH CASE MANAGER CAN MANAGE. SO, WE ARE ADDING BUT CERTAINLY ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WOULD ALLOW US TO EXPAND PROGRAMS LIKE THAT. WE ALSO HAVE CURRENTLY THREE YOUNG WOMEN THAT ARE IN A SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, A HOME-LIKE ENVIRONMENT WITH ZOEY INTERNATIONAL, WHICH IS ONE OF OUR CONTRACTED AGENCIES. AND WE'VE INVESTED ABOUT A HALF $1,000,000 IN A NEW WAY OF LIFE TO BE OUR FIRST TRUE SAFE HEALING CENTER, WHICH WE ARE EXTREMELY EXCITED ABOUT. LASTLY, WE AS A COUNTY ARE LOOKING AT PURCHASING OUR OWN BUILDING TO BE A SAFE HEALING CENTER AND GOING THROUGH THE VARIOUS PROCESSES, THE LEGAL PROCESSES TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN DO THAT AND THEN HAND OVER THE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION. SO, THERE ARE THINGS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE, THERE ARE THINGS THAT ARE WORKING, BUT THERE CERTAINLY IS A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. WE WERE WORKING WITH THE BENCH QUITE A BIT, WITH JUDGE ESPINOSA, WE'RE CO-LOCATED IN THE INGLEWOOD COURTHOUSE, AND ONE OF THEIR ATTORNEYS HAS SAID EVERY YOUNG PERSON COULD BENEFIT FROM THESE WRAPAROUND SERVICES IN COMMUNITY. AND QUITE FRANKLY, WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY. SO, WE'RE ONLY TAKING THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ABSOLUTELY OTHERWISE WOULD BE HELD

IN CUSTODY. SO HOPEFULLY THAT ANSWERS THE QUESTION, BUT HAPPY TO ADD MORE.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: YEAH, SORT OF. I MEAN, I'M GOING TO STILL KEEP PUSHING. I STILL THINK IT'S THE RIGHT PHILOSOPHY, AT LEAST FOR ME, TO PUSH FOR MORE OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CAN, AND THE COURTS AGREE, TO BE SAFELY RELEASED. BUT WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS OUT THERE. YOU SAID IT IS KIND OF, BUT WE COULD USE MORE FUNDING, WHICH IS KIND OF TRUE FOR EVERYONE. BUT I STILL THINK OVERALL THAT'S A BETTER PLACE FOR THOSE AGAIN WHO HAVE BEEN DEEMED BY THE COURTS THAT THEY CAN BE SAFELY RELEASED. I JUST WANT TO KEEP PUSHING FOR THAT BECAUSE I THINK THE CURRENT DEPOPULATION PLAN HONESTLY IS NEVER GOING TO GET US TO WHERE WE WANT TO BE, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE SHUFFLE THEM AROUND. SO, I STILL FEEL LIKE THAT IS THE UNDERUSED PIECE OF DEPOPULATION IN MY MIND SO FAR, BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF WORK FROM ALL ANGLES. BUT BACK TO CHIEF, ANYTHING ELSE YOU'RE THINKING OF PIVOTING DIFFERENTLY ON TO REALLY LOWER OUR NUMBERS, NOT JUST AT LOS PADRINOS, BUT OVERALL?

GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA: YEAH, NO, I THINK OUR GOAL SHOULD ALWAYS BE TO LIVE IN A COUNTY IN WHICH WE HAVE THE LOWEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SYSTEM, ADULTS AS WELL. SO, THE PREVENTION WORK HAS TO CONTINUE, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE

WORK THAT OUR PARTNERS CAN DO WITH RESPECT TO THAT. WHEN IT COMES TO DIFFICULT TO PLACE OR HARD TO PLACE, WHICH IS SOMETIMES WHAT THEY JUST MEAN IS FOLKS THAT HAVE VERY SPECIFIC NEEDS, NO, WE NEVER HAVE ENOUGH SPACE FOR THEM. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE CASES ON, IF YOU HAVE A YOUNG PERSON THAT HAS HAD A SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE, PLUS THEY HAVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, PLUS THEY'VE ESCAPED BEFORE, PLUS THEY'VE BEEN VIOLENT, THAT BECOMES VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND A PLACEMENT, REGARDLESS, AS OUR CAPACITY GOES UP. TYPICALLY, CAPACITY DOESN'T GO UP FOR THOSE TYPE OF YOUNG PEOPLE. THAT'S REALLY WHERE I WOULD SAY IF THERE WAS A NEED IS TO FIND REALLY FOR THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE THE ONES THAT STAY IN OUR SYSTEM LONGER BECAUSE WE SIMPLY CANNOT FIND A PLACE FOR THEM THAT WILL ACCEPT THEM, THEY COULD DEAL WITH THEIR NEEDS. WITH RESPECT TO THE DEPOPULATION PLAN, I JUST WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR. I DON'T THINK WE'RE AS FAR APART AS MAYBE FOLKS ARE SEEING BECAUSE IT'S NOT COMPLETE. SO, WE'RE TO 23 TODAY. AN ESTIMATION WHEN WE DO THE FINAL MOVE TO INCLUDE HIGHER CAPACITY AT DOROTHY KIRBY BECAUSE OF THE REMOVAL OF THE GIRLS FROM THERE, THAT COULD DROP US DOWN ANOTHER 25. NOW WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO THE SUB 200, WHICH IS MUCH MORE IN LINE WITH WHAT THE ORIGINAL PROJECTION WAS. THAT'S A DIFFERENT QUESTION THAN HAVING MORE CAPACITY SO THAT WE CAN OFFER MORE OPTIONS TO JUDGES. I THINK THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR GROWTH THERE, LIKE I SAID, ON THESE SORT OF SPECIFIC POPULATIONS. BUT THE LAST THING I'LL SAY IS

THAT SOMETIMES FOLKS CONFUSE AND THEY THINK THAT BECAUSE THERE'S A DEPOPULATION PLAN THAT THAT CHANGED THE AUTHORITY TO RELEASE KIDS. THAT NEVER CHANGED THE AUTHORITY THAT I HAVE TO RELEASE YOUNG PEOPLE. THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE STILL IN THERE BECAUSE THERE'S A JUDICIAL ORDER IN WHICH THEY HAVE TO REMAIN IN CUSTODY.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: RIGHT, RIGHT. YEAH, I MEAN, I GET THAT. SO, THIS WEEKEND, THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS GROUP ARTICLE WAS PUBLISHED OVER THE WEEKEND, AND IT HIGHLIGHTED THE VIOLENCE THAT SPIKED IN THE EARLY DAYS OF MOVING YOUTH FROM LOS PADRINOS TO OTHER FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY BARRY J. AND AGAIN, THAT'S PART OF, I THINK, PART OF THE, YOU KNOW, CONSEQUENCES OF SHUFFLING KIDS AROUND. AND AS YOU KEEP, YOU KNOW, WORKING ON YOUR DEPOPULATION PLAN BY MOVING THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED YOUTH FROM LOS PADRINOS TO DOROTHY KIRBY, IN LIGHT OF, AS YOU SAID, OUR ONGOING STAFFING CHALLENGES AND OUR, YOU KNOW, BELIEF, OUR STRONG BELIEF AGAINST THE USE OF OC SPRAY. WHAT DO YOU, WHAT'S YOUR PLAN TO PREVENT THIS TYPE OF VIOLENCE FROM OCCURRING?

GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA: I MEAN, WE CURRENTLY ARE BEING MONITORED WITH RESPECT TO USE OF FORCE, AND WE HAVE LOTS OF REPORTS TO SHOW HOW WE'RE DOING IN TERMS OF REDUCING. AND I DIFFER FROM MUCH OF WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE MEDIA. I MEAN, IT'S JUST

IRRESPONSIBLE SOME OF THE FIGURES THAT THEY PUT AND SIMPLY SAY THAT THERE'S BEEN AN INCREASE IN VIOLENCE. THAT JUST ISN'T THE CASE. AND THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE PRESENTING AS FACTS, THAT THAT'S NOT WHAT'S TAKING PLACE. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT SPECIFIC INCIDENTS, THOSE ARE TRUE AND THERE ARE FIGHTS, BUT THEY DON'T GIVE THE WHOLE CONTEXT AND THEY GET THE FACTS WRONG. THERE WASN'T A MIX IN POPULATION AND THAT'S WHY YOUNG PEOPLE FOUGHT. IT WASN'T SO VIOLENT THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WERE INJURED AND HAD TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL. THAT ALSO DIDN'T HAPPEN. SO, I'M NOT MINIMIZING AND WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN WITH RESPECT TO HAVING SPECIFIC RESPONSE GROUPS THAT ARE ABLE TO USE DIFFERENT MODALITY AND TALK KIDS DOWN IF THEY'RE HAVING, RATHER THAN USE OF FORCE. THOSE ARE PART OF OUR AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. WE ARE HIRING MORE FOLKS THAT HAVE UNDERGONE EITHER LICENSING OR THEY'RE TRAINED TO BE LICENSED AS A SOCIAL WORKER OR LMFT SO THAT THEY'RE ACTUALLY ON THE FACILITIES. THERE'S A WHOLE HOST OF THINGS THAT WE'RE DOING. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE REALITY IS BEING PRESENTED IN THE NEWSPAPER INCORRECT, OUR PERSONAL BELIEF AND OUR MANDATE IS TO TRY TO HAVE A ZERO VIOLENCE FACILITY. AND SO INTERNALLY, WE'RE MAKING THOSE CHANGES BY CHANGING STAFF, CHANGING TRAINING, AND OUR ANNUAL TRAINING THAT THERE ARE ADDITIONAL COURSES THAT ARE BEING GIVEN TO EVERY PEACE OFFICER. WE'VE ADDED. SO, WE'RE CONTINUING THAT WORK.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: DO YOU THINK LACK OF PROGRAMMING LEADS AT ALL TO, YOU KNOW, I KNOW WE'VE SEEN IT, I KNOW SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS SEEN IT, YOU KNOW, JUST WHEN WE VISIT THE BOREDOM, THE REALLY LACK OF BEING ABLE TO DO ANYTHING THAT DOES THAT IN ANY WAY LEAD TO, YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY SOME SPIKES IN FIGHTS OR VIOLENCE OR ANXIOUSNESS OR, YOU KNOW, BOREDOM. I MEAN, I WOULD STILL ARGUE THAT WE WISH WE HAD A LOT MORE POSITIVE PROGRAMMING HAPPENING SO THERE WAS SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE TO DO, PARTICULARLY ON THE WEEKENDS. I DON'T REMEMBER FROM THIS ARTICLE WHEN THE SPIKE IN VIOLENCE THEY REPORTED, BUT IT JUST FEELS LIKE THAT LEADS TO, YOU KNOW, I THINK EVEN WITH MY OWN KIDS, WHEN THEY WERE BORED, IT JUST SEEMED TO TRANSITION TO, YOU KNOW, ROWDY BEHAVIOR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ROWDY BEHAVIOR.

GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA: I CONCUR WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR. I WOULD JUST SAY THAT I DON'T, I THINK WE NEED TO START PIVOTING FROM QUANTITY TO QUALITY. SO, I THINK THAT IF YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE AT ANY GIVEN TIME, THERE'S A LOT OF PROGRAMS. AND I THINK THAT WHAT WE HAVE IS A POPULATION THAT NEEDS TO BE ENGAGED. AND THE QUALITY OF THE INSTRUCTOR, THE QUALITY OF THE CURRICULA, THOSE THINGS MIGHT MATTER MORE THAN SIMPLY THROWING MORE PROGRAMS SORT OF AT THIS PROBLEM. AND AT SOME POINT, WE HAVE TO BE READY TO ACTUALLY DO ASSESSMENTS TO SEE WHAT HAS ACTUAL IMPACT VERSUS SIMPLY PAYING

FOR MY PROGRAM.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: I MEAN, ABSOLUTELY. YEAH, YOU SHOULD BE DOING THAT. IT SHOULDN'T BE, WE EVENTUALLY SHOULD DO THAT. YOU ABSOLUTELY SHOULD BE DOING THAT NOW. AND I REMEMBER, YEAH, YOU LISTED, I FORGET HOW MANY PROGRAMS, BUT OUR LIVED EXPERIENCE WHEN WE GO VISIT DOESN'T SEEM TO COLLABORATE THAT. SO, I JUST THINK THAT MIGHT BE, AGAIN, THIS PIVOTING A LITTLE BIT TO WHAT WE'RE DOING, HOW WE'RE SHUFFLING PEOPLE AROUND, TRYING TO PREVENT VIOLENCE, I REALLY THINK THAT IS AN ELEMENT OF CAUSE AND EFFECT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: OKAY. I JUST WANT TO BE VERY, VERY BRIEF AND SAY I APPRECIATE THE PROGRESS THAT'S BEEN MADE TO SAFELY TRANSFER FEMALE AND GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH TO CAMP KILPATRICK AND TO SEE THE REDUCTION IN LOS PADRINOS POPULATION AND I GET IT IT'S NOT ALL UP TO YOU IN TERMS OF WHO GETS RELEASED OR NOT. BUT I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU AND THE STAFF FOR FINALLY TAKING NOTE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO KEEP PREGNANT YOUTH OUT OF OUR PROBATION FACILITIES. AND THE FACT THAT I THINK JUST LAST THURSDAY, A PREGNANT YOUTH WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, BUT YESTERDAY WAS RELEASED ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING. SO, THERE ARE THINGS WE CAN DO THAT ARE IN YOUR CONTROL. AND I WOULD JUST SAY LET'S KEEP DOING THAT. AND AGAIN, JUST, YOU KNOW, I JUST HUNKER BACK TO ALMOST TEN YEARS AGO WHEN I

VISITED CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL. YOU WEREN'T HERE, BUT SOME PEOPLE WERE. AND I'LL NEVER FORGET THE PICTURE, DEPICTION IN MY MIND, EMBEDDED, SEEING A SIX-MONTH PREGNANT TEENAGER SHACKLED AT HER ANKLES, WALKING AROUND WITH OTHER GIRLS. AND IT WAS AS THOUGH IT WAS A REGIMEN. AND FOR ME, THAT REALLY TAUGHT ME THAT WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE AND WHY IS IT THAT THEY HAVE TO BE TREATED IN THAT MANNER. WE'VE COME A LONG WAY, BUT WE STILL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THAT. AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE CARCERAL SYSTEM, WE REALLY HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THESE ARE MINORS, AND I GET IT, THERE ARE SOME THAT ARE THERE FOR VERY SERIOUS OFFENSES, BUT THERE ARE MANY THAT ARE NOT, THAT JUST COME FROM REALLY BAD, TROUBLED BACKGROUNDS AND NEED GOOD SUPERVISION AND NEED GOOD, NOT JUST STAFF, BUT SUPERVISORS OF THE STAFF. AND AS YOU SAID, PEOPLE WHO HAVE ADVANCED EDUCATION IN PSYCHOLOGY OR SOCIAL WORK THAT UNDERSTAND DE-ESCALATION, THERAPY, MENTORSHIP, AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS THAT A YOUNG PERSON NEEDS. SO, I JUST KEEP THAT CONSISTENT AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO SATISFY SOMEBODY. YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHAT MY HOPE IS. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION AND WE'LL GO NOW TO PUBLIC COMMENT. OH YES, YES.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: I KNOW I WAS PUTTING MY NAME UP, TAKING IT OFF BECAUSE SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES ASKED THE QUESTIONS I HAD, BUT I JUST WANTED TO SAY BASED ON YOUR LAST COMMENT SUPERVISOR SOLIS ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO, YOU KNOW, I HOPE

THAT WE STOP THE YO-YO EFFECT, WHERE POLICY, WHERE THE PENDULUM SWINGS ONE WAY AND THEN THE OTHER, THAT WE NEVER RETURN TO THOSE DAYS OF TEN YEARS AGO. WE'VE SEEN IT AT DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, WHERE UNDER ONE ADMINISTRATION, PREGNANT WOMEN WERE NO LONGER SHACKLED, AND THEN A NEW GOVERNOR COMES IN AND PREGNANT WOMEN ARE SHACKLED. SO, I HOPE THAT WE CAN JUST CONTINUE ALONG THE PATH OF WHERE WE ARE NOW AND HOLDING THE LINE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THAT WE NEVER RETURNED TO THAT TIME OF 10 YEARS AGO BECAUSE THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'VE SEEN IN THE ADULT SYSTEM. SO, THANK YOU FOR REMINDING US OF THAT RELATIVELY RECENT HISTORY.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE STAFF. AND DO YOU HAVE A LAST COMMENT THERE, CHIEF?

GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA: NO, USUALLY I KNOW TO GET OFF THE MICROPHONE, BUT TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR, SOME OF THE CHANGES THAT WE'RE MAKING ARE BECAUSE WE WANT THEM TO BE FULLY INSTITUTIONALIZED AND NOT JUST TO BE THERE BECAUSE THE PERSON THAT HAPPENS TO BE IN CHARGE BELIEVES IN IT. SO, POINT WELL TAKEN.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY, VERY GOOD. LET'S GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT IF THERE ARE FOLKS THAT ARE SIGNED UP.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. CLAUDIA JEREZ, CHICHI NAVARRO, ROSIE ESPINOSA. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE TO ADDRESS ITEMS 33 AND 45B. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE ON YOUR DEVICE OR PRESS STAR THREE ON YOUR TELEPHONE NOW. ROY HUMPHRIES, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

ROY HUMPHREYS: THANK YOU, ROY HUMPHREYS. ROLAND HEIGHTS. THIS IS 2026 AND I DO APPRECIATE MR. ROSA'S EFFORTS IN THE DYNAMICS OF THIS BOTTOMLESS PIT OF CRIMINAL DESPAIR DECADES IN THE MAKING. THE FASTER THE RECEIVERSHIP, THE BETTER, BUT THE NECESSARY CAPITAL INPUT WILL REQUIRE A PRESIDENT TRUMP INTERVENTION. IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT WE NEED A RAPID AND SUSTAINED CHANGE IN GOVERNANCE TO REBUILD OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM REHAB SYSTEM ON A 21ST CENTURY SCALE TO MEET SOCIAL NEEDS. PRESIDENT TRUMP LEADS THE REESTABLISHMENT OF MENTAL INSTITUTIONS TO BALANCE THIS SYSTEM. THE ENTIRE $100,000,000 TO THE 5% BILLIONAIRE TAX WOULD AND COULD FUND THE NECESSARY ELEMENT FOR THE TIMELY REALIZATION OF THIS GOAL. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THERE ARE NO OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS 33 AND 45B IS NOW CONCLUDED. WE WILL GO TO IN-PERSON

SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

CLAUDIA JEREZ: YES. CLAUDIA JEREZ, DWC, DPSS. OKAY. SO, I'M SO GLAD MR. ROSA IS HERE. I'M GLAD TO SEE HIM. I'M A FORMER TEACHER, AND I THINK ABOUT THIS IDEA OF, I GUESS, I'M THINKING THE QUESTION IS WHY ARE THEY PREGNANT? WHY ARE THEY SHACKLED? OKAY, IT'S KIND OF LIKE, IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE THAT A YOUNG GIRL OF 16 YEARS OLD IS SHACKLED AND PREGNANT WHEN SHE SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL, TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS TO MAKE A FUTURE FOR HERSELF. THAT'S A SYSTEM FAILURE FOR US, YOU KNOW, AS TEACHERS, AS ADMINISTRATORS, AS SUPERVISORS, WE'RE FAILING THAT LITTLE KID RIGHT THERE. SHE'S 16 YEARS OLD AND SHE'S PREGNANT. SHE'S A LITTLE KID THAT DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING. ANYTHING BUT WHAT? HAVE SEX? IT'S VERY, VERY SERIOUS. IT'S A SYSTEM FAILURE, I TELL YOU. IT'S A SYSTEM --

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

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THE REPORTS FOR ITEMS 33 AND 45B WILL BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: HEARING NO OBJECTIONS THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 2D.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 2D, APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR SEVEN MULTIFAMILY AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN LOS ANGELES, WEST HOLLYWOOD AND WHITTIER, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU'RE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR THREE IF ON A TELEPHONE.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE ONLY WAY TO END HOMELESSNESS IS TO CREATE HOMES AND SO TODAY THE COUNTY IS ISSUING NEARLY $44,000,000 IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND LOANS TO SIX PROJECTS DEVELOPING 687 UNITS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY THREE OF THOSE PROJECTS ARE IN MY DISTRICT INCLUDING VENICE DELL WHICH WILL BRING 120 MUCH NEEDED AFFORDABLE UNITS TO THE WEST SIDE WHERE THEY ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED. THE CITY CONTINUES TO SPEND TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO FIGHT IT. HOWEVER, RECENTLY ALLOCATING $650,000 TO OUTSIDE COUNCIL FEES JUST THROUGH MARCH. THE CITY HAS NOW SPENT OVER $1,000,000. FIGHTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS. LAST WEEK THE CITY APPROVED ANOTHER $1,800,000 IN FUNDING TO OUTSIDE COUNCIL FOR THE ALLIANCE LAWSUIT. THE CITY HAS SPENT OVER $2,500,000 IN OUTSIDE COUNSEL FEES, WHICH COULD AMOUNT TO A YEAR OF RENTAL SUBSIDIES FOR 100 FAMILIES TO STAY HOUSED AND FOR LANDLORDS TO

STAY WHOLE ON COST RECOVERY. WHILE THEY'RE FIGHTING HOUSING, WE'RE FUNDING IT. SO MY MIND, IT IS RIDICULOUS TO BE SPENDING TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO OBSTRUCT A PROJECT THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, EVEN BY THE COASTAL COMMISSION, TWICE. SO, CITIES NEED TO BUILD HOUSING WHILE THE COUNTY STEPS IN TO DELIVER SERVICES. THE VENICE DELL PROJECT NEEDS TO BE BUILT. AND BY CONTRAST, WE HAVE SMALLER CITIES LIKE WEST HOLLYWOOD, WHICH HAS TWO PROJECTS RECEIVING COUNTY FUNDING, PROOF THAT ALL CITIES CAN STEP UP, EVEN THE SMALL ONES. THE COUNTY IS HERE TO SUPPORT LOCAL SOLUTIONS. MEASURE A AND LACAHSA FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO EVERY CITY TO ADDRESS THE REGIONAL CRISIS. AND FOR CITIES WHO NEED ASSISTANCE IN DOING THAT WORK, WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE THAT. IT IS TIME FOR THE CITY TO GET OUT OF ITS OWN WAY AND TO ALLOW THE VENICE DELL TO MOVE FORWARD.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: YEAH, THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. AND I LIKE THIS ITEM. IT'S ABOUT TURNING OUR COMMITMENT TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING INTO REAL HOMES. AND I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT ONE OF THE AWARDS IS FOR A PROJECT IN SOUTH WHITTIER THAT WILL BRING 51 UNITS OF HOUSING FOR SENIORS. AND TOGETHER ALL THESE PROJECTS WILL CREATE 687 NEW HOUSING UNITS, INCLUDING HOMES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, SENIORS, LOW-INCOME

FAMILIES. AND I THINK REALLY IMPORTANT TO NOTE IS THAT THESE COUNTY DOLLARS WILL HELP UNLOCK MORE THAN $518,000,000 IN ADDITIONAL OUTSIDE INVESTMENT, MAKING THIS SMART AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF OUR PUBLIC FUNDS. SO THAT'S EXACTLY, IN MY OPINION, HOW WE SHOULD BE USING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND THANK YOU TO THE LACDA STAFF FOR A COMPETITIVE AND THOROUGH PROCESS AND I SUPPORT THESE PROJECTS MOVING FORWARD.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH SEEING NO OTHER COMMENTS LET'S GO TO THE PUBLIC.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. CLAUDIA JEREZ, CHICHI NAVARRO, ROSIE ESPINOZA. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE TO ADDRESS ITEM 2D. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE ON YOUR DEVICE OR PRESS STAR THREE ON YOUR TELEPHONE. NOW, ROY HUMPHRIES, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

ROY HUMPHREYS: ROY HUMPHREYS, ROWLAND HEIGHTS AND THE SUPERVISOR SOLIS SHOULD KNOW FROM THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS SITUATION WITH THE MOTEL 6 SO FORTH, THAT IT PER SE IT IS NOT THE IDEA THAT PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO HAVE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WHO OTHERWISE WOULD NOT HAVE THE MEANS TO ACQUIRE THIS LEVEL OF EXISTENCE, BUT IT'S THE CULTURAL BEHAVIORAL ISSUE. AND

THAT'S WHERE IT'S AT. AND HOW TO ADDRESS THAT? I HAVEN'T GOT THE ANSWER TO IT. AND I HOPE SOMETHING CAN COME ON. HOW TO DO IT? I HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THERE ARE NO REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR ITEM 2D IS NOW CONCLUDED. WE WILL GO FOR TWO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS PLEASE BEGIN.

CLAUDIA JEREZ: YES CLAUDIA JEREZ, WC DPSS I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I'M VERY HAPPY TO SEE PATH THERE. I WILL BE IN ICMS SOON, AND I AM VERY, VERY THRILLED THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE FUNDING. I THINK THAT THERE'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE LIKE A REVAMP OF THESE MONIES COMING IN. I MEAN, WITH THE SHORTFALL OF BUDGET AND ALL THAT, I THINK THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE FUNDS GET ALLOCATED PRECISELY WHERE THEY NEED TO GO AND TO WHOM THEY NEED TO BE GIVEN TO. YOU KNOW, OF COURSE, THERE NEEDS TO BE REQUIREMENTS, IT NEEDS TO BE CHECKED AND ALL THAT. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M GLAD THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE FUNDING. I WILL BE AT ICMS SOON AND YOU'LL BE HEARING FROM ME HERE OR ONLINE. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: EO.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF BOARD, THAT

CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ITEM 2D IS BEFORE YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: MOVE BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION PASSES, 5 TO 0. MADAM CHAIR, I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR HORVATH HAS A MOTION.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. ON JUNE 7, 2025, THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION LAUNCHED AN AGGRESSIVE IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AGENTS HAVE DESCENDED UPON LOS ANGELES, DETAINING THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS, DISRUPTING FAMILIES, AND CAUSING SEVERE ECONOMIC HOUSING, SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH, AND WELFARE INSTABILITY IN OUR REGION AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THOUSANDS OF ANGELENOS HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM THEIR HOMES, LEAVING THEIR FAMILIES UNSTABLE AND CAUSING IMMENSE HARM TO OUR COMMUNITIES. ON OCTOBER 14, 2025, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARED AN EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THIS ESCALATION OF IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT, WHICH HAS DISRUPTED THE LIVES OF

THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS. THE OCTOBER 14TH PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY AND ITS CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND TACTICS HAVE CREATED A CLIMATE OF FEAR, LEADING TO WIDESPREAD DISRUPTION IN DAILY LIFE AND ADVERSE IMPACTS TO OUR REGIONAL ECONOMY DUE TO DECREASED ATTENDANCE AT WORKPLACES, THE TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT CLOSURE OF BUSINESSES AND RESTAURANTS, AND INCREASED STRAIN ON OUR LOCAL INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, AND PLACES OF WORSHIP. INDISCRIMINATE IMMIGRATION RAIDS HAVE DESTABILIZED ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOODS AND REVERBERATE THROUGH CRITICAL SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY, LEADING TO LONG TERM HARM TO WORKERS, FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES, AND ARE BASED UPON THESE CONDITIONS OF EXTREME PERIL AND THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO PROTECT HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF ITS RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY. THE COUNTY IS LIKELY TO REQUIRE RESOURCES WELL BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE SERVICES, PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, AND FACILITIES OF THE COUNTY. THIS BOARD HAS THE AUTHORITY TO STRENGTHEN EMERGENCY PROTECTIONS TO PROVIDE SAFETY AND STABILITY FOR HOUSEHOLDS IMPACTED BY THESE ONGOING EMERGENCIES. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO RETURN TO THE BOARD ON MARCH 3, 2026 WITH A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY-WIDE MONETARY EVICTION THRESHOLD FOR TENANTS IMPACTED BY THE LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ACTIONS UNDER WHICH AN IMPACTED TENANT MAY ONLY BE EVICTED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RENT IF THE TENANTS TOTAL RENTAL DEBT OWED EXCEEDS A

MONETARY THRESHOLD AMOUNT EQUAL TO 3 MONTHS OF FAIR MARKET RENT AS DEFINED BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, THAT WILL BE PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: PARDON ME?

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THAT WILL BE PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SO, WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AT THIS TIME, WE WILL HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON SUBJECT MATTERS WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION, BUT NOT ON ITEMS ON THE MEETING AGENDA. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU'RE ONLINE, OR PRESS STAR THREE IF ON THE TELEPHONE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: INDIVIDUALS, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF

WILL ASSIST YOU. CARLOS MENDEZ, CLAUDIA JEREZ, COLIN WALTON, LEAH MAGANA, AND PALOMA BOSTOS. LEAH MAGANA AND PALOMA BASTOS. CALLER 818383, YOUR LINE IS OPEN, PLEASE BEGIN.

ANTHONY ARANAZ: HI, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARANAZ FROM SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3 AND I WANTED TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM 13 TO LOOK INTO THE WATER. THE WATER QUALITY IN THE JAILS RIGHT NOW. AND I ACTUALLY HAVE AUDIO THAT I WANT TO PLAY IN PLACE OF JOSEPH PEREZ, WHO'S INCARCERATED RIGHT NOW AND WANTS TO SPEAK ON THE WATER QUALITY. HELLO, MY NAME IS JOSEPH PEREZ, I'M 27 YEARS OLD, AND THERE ARE A LOT OF ISSUES IN MEXICO THROUGH HERE. A LOT OF THEM ARE IN DIRE NEED OF CHANGE. A FEW OF THEM ARE OVER AT BUGS, [INAUDIBLE] AND ALL THE WATER LEAKS, REALLY BAD WATER LEAKS, IN THE SHOWER, IN THE SINK, TOILET, WALLS, SOMETIMES DRIPPING DOWN WATER FROM THE OTHER FLOORS. UNHEALTHY AREAS, UNHEALTHY, UNCLEAN --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. VANESSA PEREZ, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HI. A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, MY SON TOLD ME THAT THE WATER WAS LEAKING FROM THE CEILING DIRECTLY ONTO HIS BUNK AND THAT HIS SINK HAD A LEAK AS WELL. AS A MOTHER, [INAUDIBLE] FAMILIES ARE INSTRUCTED TO DO IN THESE SITUATIONS, I CONTACTED THE OIG. ONE OF THE FEW RESEARCHERS, FAMILIES AND INCARCERATED

PEOPLE ARE TOLD THAT THEY CAN DO SAFELY. AROUND THAT SAME TIME, ANOTHER INMATE RECEIVED A VISIT FROM THE ACLU REGARDING A RAT INFESTATION. RATS ARE COMING UP THROUGH THE TOILETS. RAT HAIR HAS BEEN FOUND IN THE WATER THAT THEY ARE DRINKING AND RAT FECES ARE PRESENT IN THE LIVING SPACES WHERE THEY BREATHE IN EVERY SINGLE DAY. NO HUMAN SHOULD BE FORCED TO LIVE LIKE THIS. LATER THEY WERE THREATENED BY A DEPUTY SAYING THEY WOULD BE DECLASSIFIED AND MOVED IF THEY CONTINUED REPORTING THESE CONDITIONS. THAT IS RETALIATION. ALL OF THIS IS HAPPENING BECAUSE THESE MEN DARE TO SPEAK UP. THEY ARE NOT ASKING FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT. THEY'RE ASKING FOR BASIC HUMAN DIGNITY, AN EXTERMINATOR, RAT TRAPS, CLEAN WATER, AND TO REMAIN IN THE CURRENT CLASSIFICATION THEY'RE IN NOW. IN THE HOUSING WITHOUT PUNISHMENT FOR REPORTING UNSEP CONDITIONS IN YOUR JAILS AND YOU GUYS REFUSE TO CLOSE. SILENCE PROTECTS ABUSE AND I REFUSE TO BE SILENT. THANK YOU.

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

COLLEEN WALTON: HI, MY NAME'S COLLEEN WALTON. I'M COMMENTING ON BEHALF OF THE SUNITA JAIN ANTI-TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL. WE RECENTLY PUBLISHED A REPORT PREVENTING

AND ADDRESSING HUMAN TRAFFICKING RELATED TO MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH IDENTIFIES A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN LABOR TRAFFICKING SURROUNDING MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS. THIS SEARCH IS FUELED BY ACCELERATED CONSTRUCTION TIMELINES, MASSIVE PROCUREMENT NEEDS, AND RELIANCE ON VULNERABLE MIGRANT AND TEMPORARY WORKERS. HOWEVER, THE RESPONSE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING DURING MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS HAS BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY FOCUSED ON SEX TRAFFICKING WHICH DOMINATES MEDIA AND LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE. THE D.A. HAS UNDERTAKEN PLANS INTENDED TO COMBAT SEX TRAFFICKING BUT THERE ARE NO CURRENT PLANS ANNOUNCED TO COMBAT LABOR TRAFFICKING, DESPITE THE FACT THAT EMPIRICAL DATA SUGGESTS SEX TRAFFICKING DOES NOT INCREASE DURING MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS, BUT LABOR TRAFFICKING DOES. L.A. COUNTIES SHOULD BE DEVOTING RESOURCES TO PREVENTING THE LABOR TRAFFICKING SURGE THAT WE KNOW IS COMING WITH THE WORLD CUP AND THE OLYMPICS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

LEAH MAGANA: HELLO, MY NAME IS LEAH MAGANA. I'M ALSO HERE WITH THE SUNITA JANE ANTI-TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL. AS HOST TO SEVERAL UPCOMING MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS, IT IS LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE EFFORTS TO PREVENT LABOR TRAFFICKING THAT DIRECTLY RESULTS FROM THESE EVENTS. THE SUNITA JANE ANTI-TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE PROPOSES

SIX STRATEGIES FOR HOW L.A. COUNTY CAN WORK WITH FIFA AND L.A. 2028 TO PREVENT LABOR TRAFFICKING IN LOS ANGELES. 1, ENFORCE EXISTING POSTING AND TRAINING LAWS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING. 2, STRENGTHEN PROCUREMENT ENFORCEMENT TO PREVENT LABOR TRAFFICKING IN EVENT-RELATED CONTRACTS. 3, STRENGTHEN, OR I'M SORRY, COORDINATE AGENCIES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS USING A PUBLIC HEALTH FRAMEWORK. 4, EXPAND HOTLINES AND SURVIVOR SERVICES THROUGH DEDICATED VICTIM FUNDS. 5, INVEST IN INNOVATIVE LONG-TERM PREVENTION STRATEGIES, NOT JUST CRISIS RESPONSE. AND 6, FUND INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS TO MEASURE IMPACT AND CREATE LASTING ACCOUNTABILITY. TO ADD ON L.A. COUNTY'S PLAN TO REMOVE UNHOUSED PEOPLE CREATES VULNERABILITIES TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

PALOMA BUSTOS: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PALOMA BUSTOS AND I'M WITH THE SUNITA JANE ANTI-TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL. AS THE COUNTY PREPARES TO HOST THE WORLD CUP AND OLYMPIC GAMES, TRANSPARENCY AND PREVENTION MATTER. FIFA AND L.A. ‘28 WERE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A HUMAN RIGHTS PLAN BY DECEMBER 31ST, BUT THOSE PLANS HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED PUBLICLY. WITHOUT SEEING THEM, THE COMMUNITY HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING HOW THE RISK OF LABOR TRAFFICKING TIED TO THESE EVENTS WILL BE ADDRESSED. THE WORLD CUP IS JUST SIX MONTHS AWAY,

WHICH LIMITS THE TIME TO PUT PREVENTION MEASURES IN PLACE, ESPECIALLY APPROACHES FOCUSED ON WORKER SAFETY AND ACCESS TO SERVICES BEFORE HARM OCCURS. OUR REPORT CALLS ON FIFA AND L.A. '28 TO EACH SET ASIDE $3,000,000 FROM THEIR OWN BUDGETS FOR PREVENTION. COMPARED TO THE BILLIONS THESE GAMES GENERATE, THIS IS A SMALL INVESTMENT, BUT WITHOUT FUNDING, A PLAN ON PAPER DOESN'T PROTECT ANYONE. WE URGE THE COUNTY TO PUSH FOR TRANSPARENCY AND ENSURE THAT FIFA AND L.A. '28 MEANINGFULLY CONTRIBUTE TO PREVENTING HARM IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU. I ACTUALLY HAVE COPIES OF THE REPORT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

IN-PERSON SPEAKER: CARLOS MENES, I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ABOUT THE ONE FOR SECTION A PROGRAM. UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S BEING MISMANAGED BY CORRUPT INDIVIDUALS. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY RETALIATE AGAINST AND MAKE LIFE MISERABLE FOR THOSE THEY DISLIKE. THIS IS UNFAIR ACCORDING TO THE SECTION A REGULATIONS. SO, THIS PROGRAM IS INTENDED FOR LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS, NOT FOR LACDA AGENCY EMPLOYEES OR LANDLORDS. THIS PROGRAM IS OVERSEAS BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY OR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO MEET ONE OF YOU, SUCH AS SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, TO ADDRESS THE CORRUPTION WITH THE SECTION A PROGRAM. MANY PEOPLE HAVE HAD SIMILAR EXPERIENCE BUT PREFER TO REMAIN SILENT RATHER THAN REPORT IT. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: I CAN HAVE SOMEONE ON MY STAFF GO TALK TO THIS YOUNG MAN, PLEASE. LET'S DO THAT.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL NOW PROCEED WITH THE ADJOURNMENTS.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: LET'S BEGIN THEN WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THEN THE FIFTH AND THE FIRST, THE SECOND AND THE THIRD. THANK YOU.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. JUST A QUICK MOMENT OF PRIVILEGE BEFORE I START MY ADJOURNMENTS. CAN I WISH MY GRANDSON LUKE A HAPPY 15TH BIRTHDAY TODAY? YEAH, HE'S AT SCHOOL. YEAH, 15, IT SNUCK UP ON ME. OKAY, THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE TODAY WHEN WE ADJOURN THE MEMORY OF DAN WALKER, WHO WAS THE FORMER MAYOR OF TORRANCE, WHO WAS 85 WHEN HE JUST PASSED AWAY. AFTER HIS SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND GRADUATION FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY IN LONG BEACH, MAYOR WALKER STARTED HIS REMARKABLE JOURNEY OF PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN 1975. FIRST AS A PLANNING COMMISSIONER, THEN AS A LONG-TIME COUNCIL MEMBER, AND FINALLY

AS MAYOR. FROM 2002 TO 2006, MAYOR WALKER HAD THE DISTINCTION OF BEING ELECTED MORE TIMES AND SERVING LONGER THAN ANY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBER IN THE HISTORY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISCOVERY PARK, WHICH WAS THE CITY'S FIRST NEW PARK IN TWO DECADES, AS WELL AS THE GEORGE TAKANO THEATER AND THE TORRANCE ART MUSEUM. HIS LEADERSHIP BROUGHT THE WEST COAST'S FIRST UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE TREEHOUSE TO CHARLES H. WILSON PARK. AND HIS BOLD VISION ALSO LED TO THE REVITALATION OF THE DEL AMO FASHION CENTER. MAYOR WALKER'S SERVICE EXTENDED BEYOND TORRANCE AS HE HELD POSITIONS ON THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT, THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, SOUTH BAY CITY'S COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP, AND THE FRIENDS OF CHILD ADVOCATES BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE THAT HE DEEPLY LOVED. HE WAS A GENEROUS AND JOYFUL MAN WHOSE SERVICE LEADS A LEGACY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE REGION HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. MAYOR WALKER IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARIANNE, STEPSON, GARY, STEPDAUGHTER KATHY, AND EXTENDED FAMILY. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DOROTHY JEAN WILLIAMS, WHO WAS BORN IN 1935 AND PASSED AWAY THIS PAST DECEMBER. DOROTHY JEAN WORKED FOR MY PREDECESSOR, SUPERVISOR DON KNABE. SHE BEGAN HER FORMAL

EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA AND GRADUATED FROM MCCLYMONDS HIGH SCHOOL IN OAKLAND. DOROTHY JEAN WENT ON TO EARN A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN BUSINESS AT CAL STATE UNIVERSITY L.A. SHE WAS MARRIED FOR 55 YEARS TO HARRY LEE WILLIAMS, WHOM SHE LOVINGLY CALLED HONEY BUNCH. THEIR MARRIAGE WAS FILLED WITH JAZZ, CLASSICAL CONCERTS, BALLETS, MOVIE PREMIERES, NATIONAL PARKS, AND FINE DINING. DOROTHY JEAN WAS A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THE FIGUEROA CHURCH OF CHRIST, WHERE SHE SERVED AS A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER AND SECRETARY FOR THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TEAM. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER CLASSY STYLE, LAUGHTER AND ZEAL FOR LIFE. DOROTHY JEAN IS SURVIVED BY HER SON, JEROME EMILE WILLIAMS AND HIS WIFE ROSALIND, HER SISTER ANNA JOHNSON AND A HOST OF GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES, NEPHEWS, AND COUSINS. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EILEEN HUPP, WHO WAS ONLY 71 WHEN SHE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS THE BELOVED PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR 14 YEARS. BORN IN NEW JERSEY, EILEEN ATTENDED JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY WHERE SHE CONCURRENTLY EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL ECONOMY AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ROMANCE LANGUAGES. SHE WAS PART OF ONE OF THE FIRST CLASSES OF WOMEN IN THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM THERE. SHE LATER EARNED A MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. EILEEN MOVED FROM CHICAGO TO PALOS VERDES, WHERE SHE WORKED IN STRATEGIC PLANNING AND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS. EILEEN WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER

INFECTIOUS ENERGY AND JOY THAT SHE BROUGHT TO ALL HER ENDEAVORS, ALONG WITH HER MANY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PALOS VERDES COMMUNITY. SHE WAS A BRIGHT LIGHT AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. I KNOW I WILL, I HAD SO MANY WONDERFUL INTERACTIONS WITH EILEEN OVER THE YEARS WHEN I REPRESENTED, AS I HAVE REPRESENTED THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON ROBERT, DAUGHTER SARAH AND EMILY, HER PARTNER JOSE MARTINEZ, HER SISTER, BROTHER-IN-LAW, NIECE, AND NEPHEW. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN THE MEMORY OF JOANNE CARLINI, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF PALOS VERDES, WHO WAS 89 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. SHE MOVED TO PALOS VERDES IN 1963 AND BEGAN HER CAREER IN EDUCATION AT PALOS VERDES HIGH SCHOOL. SHE WAS DEDICATED TO TEACHING AND CREATING CONNECTIONS WITH HER STUDENTS. SHE WENT ON TO BE ONE OF THE FOUNDING TEACHERS OF THE ROLLING HILLS HIGH SCHOOL. THERE SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN CREATING THE SCHOOL'S ACADEMIC IDENTITY, ESTABLISHING THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE CURRICULUM, AND SERVED AS CHAIR OF THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT WHILE TEACHING SPANISH, FRENCH, AND ENGLISH. HER PASSION FOR LANGUAGE HELPED HER TO GENUINELY CONNECT WITH HER STUDENTS. AND IN 1970, SHE MARRIED HER HUSBAND VINCENT, WHO WAS THE LOVE OF HER LIFE, AND SHE STEPPED AWAY FROM THE CLASSROOM TO RAISE HER EIGHT CHILDREN AND BUILD A HOME FULL OF WARMTH AND GENEROSITY. SHE WAS A WONDERFUL, FEISTY, RESILIENT WOMAN WHO WAS STRONG IN SPIRIT AND HAD A DEEP LOVE FOR HER FAMILY. JOANNA SURVIVED BY HER 8 CHILDREN,

WALTER, PIERO, ADRIANA, MICHELLE, PATRICIA, MAURO, DAVID AND CARLA, 15 GRANDCHILDREN, 4 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS AND IN-LAWS. AND COLLEAGUES, MY LAST ONE IS THAT I MOVE AND WE ADJOURN TODAY. WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF PETER READ MILLER, WHO WAS 78 WHEN HE JUST PASSED AWAY. PETER AND HIS PARTNER CALLIE HAVE BEEN FRIENDS OF MINE FOR MANY YEARS AND I WAS SO SADDENED TO HEAR OF HIS UNEXPECTED PASSING. PETER WAS ONE OF THE MOST ACCOMPLISHED SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHERS OF HIS GENERATION WITH MORE THAN 100 SPORTS ILLUSTRATED COVERS TO HIS NAME. BUT WHAT MATTERED JUST AS MUCH AS HIS PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS WAS THE WAY HE CARRIED HIMSELF AND THE WAY HE TREATED PEOPLE. HE GREW UP IN PASADENA AND WENT ON TO ATTEND USC, WHERE HE EARNED HIS DEGREE IN 1969, AND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER GRADUATING, HE WAS HIRED BY SPORTS ILLUSTRATED. AND IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR EVERYONE TO RECOGNIZE HIS TALENT. OVER THE COURSE OF NEARLY 60 YEARS, PETER PHOTOGRAPHED JUST ABOUT EVERY MAJOR SPORTING EVENT YOU CAN IMAGINE, INCLUDING DOZENS OF SUPER BOWLS, OLYMPIC GAMES, NBA FINALS, AND WORLD SERIES. HIS WORK APPEARED NOT ONLY IN SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, BUT ALSO IN TIME, LIFE, THE NEW YORK TIMES, AND MANY OTHER PUBLICATIONS. AND EVEN WITH ALL THOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PETER NEVER STOPPED LEARNING OR SHARING WHAT HE KNEW. HE TRULY BELIEVED IN THE CRAFT OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND HE WAS GENEROUS WITH HIS TIME, ESPECIALLY WITH YOUNGER PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO WERE JUST STARTING OUT. MANY PEOPLE CREDIT

PETER, NOT ONLY WITH SHAPING THEIR CAREERS, BUT WITH MAKING THEM FEEL WELCOME AND SUPPORTED ALONG THE WAY. PETER AND HIS PARTNER CALLIE ROSS BUILT A BEAUTIFUL LIFE TOGETHER HERE IN THE SOUTH BAY, A PLACE PETER DEEPLY LOVED. HE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF THE L.A. HARBOR INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL FROM ITS VERY BEGINNING AND CAPTURED SOME OF THE MOST MEMORABLE IMAGES OF THE VINCENT THOMAS BRIDGE IN SAN PEDRO. HE LOVED WALKING THE STRAND IN MANHATTAN BEACH, PHOTOGRAPHING THE PIER, AND TURNING THOSE PHOTOS INTO CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. AND OUTSIDE OF PHOTOGRAPHY, PETER LOVED MUSIC, THEATER, TRAVEL, SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS, WHETHER THAT MEANT DINNER AT MOUSSEAU FRANK, CATCHING A BROADWAY SHOW, OR WATCHING FOOTBALL AT ONE OF HIS FAVORITE LOCAL SPOTS. HE HAD A DEEP LOVE FOR ANIMALS AND AN EASY WAY OF MAKING PEOPLE FEEL COMFORTABLE AND INCLUDED. AND ABOVE ALL, PETER LOVED CALLIE. THEIR PARTNERSHIP WAS THE CENTER OF HIS LIFE, AND IT WAS CLEAR TO EVERYONE WHO KNEW THEM HOW MUCH THEY MEANT TO EACH OTHER. PETER'S ABSENCE WILL BE FELT ACROSS THE PHOTOGRAPHY WORLD, THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH BAY, AND BY ALL OF US WHO WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO CALL HIM OUR FRIEND. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS PARTNER CALLIE, HIS SISTER BUNNY, AND MANY EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS. I KNOW I WILL MISS HIM DEEPLY.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. I MOVE AND WE ADJOURN. WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF KIRK DILLMAN, A PROMINENT AND WIDELY RESPECTED LOS ANGELES ATTORNEY WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 9, 2025, AT HIS HOME IN PASADENA. HE WAS 69. DURING HIS MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF LAW PRACTICE, MAJOR LEGAL PUBLICATIONS ROUTINELY RECOGNIZED HIM AS ONE OF THE NATION'S TOP LITIGATORS. IN 2018, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION GAVE HIM THE JIM ROBBIE AWARD, PRESENTED ANNUALLY TO THE TRIAL LAWYER WHO BEST EXEMPLIFIES THE QUALITIES OF BOTH PROFESSIONALISM AND CIVILITY. HE INTEGRATED HIS PASSION FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW INTO HIS PRIVATE PRACTICE, SERVING AS A TRUSTEE OF THE CENTER FOR LAW IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND THE WESTERN CENTER OF LAW AND POVERTY. BEYOND HIS COURTROOM PROWESS, KIRK WAS A TRUSTED AND ADMIRED COLLEAGUE, A WISE AND SUPPORTIVE MENTOR, AND A DEAR FRIEND TO MANY. HE WAS BORN IN OAK PARK, ILLINOIS IN 1956 AND GREW UP IN MICHIGAN AND FLORIDA. HE THEN ATTENDED REED COLLEGE IN OREGON WHERE HE EARNED A BA IN PHILOSOPHY AND WENT TO STUDY LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES. KIRK MARRIED HIS UCLA LAW CLASSMATE, LORI HUFF IN 1985. THE COUPLE SETTLED IN LOS ANGELES, LATER MOVING TO PASADENA WHERE THEY RAISED THEIR THREE CHILDREN. HE WAS A LIFELONG ATHLETE, SPORTS ENTHUSIAST, AND A TRAVELER. A WARM, FUNNY MAN WITH A GIFT FOR PRACTICAL JOKES AND BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER. HE LOVED HIS FAMILY ABOVE

ALL ELSE. KIRK IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LAURIE DILLMAN, HIS ADULT CHILDREN, ERICA DILLMAN, COLE DILLMAN, AND RACHEL HALEY. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RON "TRASH" HALEY, A BELOVED MEMBER OF THE KAGEL CANYON COMMUNITY AND A DECORATED VIETNAM VETERAN WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 28, 2025, AT THE AGE OF 79. TRASH, AS HE WANTED TO BE CALLED, WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 18, 1946, AND GREW UP ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF YUCAIPA, CALIFORNIA, ALONGSIDE HIS THREE BROTHERS. AFTER GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL IN 1964, TRASH SOUGHT ADVENTURE, WHICH LED HIM TO ENLIST IN THE U.S. ARMY IN EXCHANGE FOR A MEAL, A DECISION THAT WOULD SHAPE THE REST OF HIS LIFE. TRASH SERVED HONORABLY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR, VOLUNTEERING FOR COMBAT, ULTIMATELY FIGHTING IN THE INFAMOUS BATTLE OF XA CAM MY ON APRIL 11TH, 1966, AS PART OF CHARLIE COMPANY'S SECOND BRIGADE, 16TH RANGERS, FIRST INFANTRY DIVISION. THIS BATTLE, PART OF OPERATION ABILENE, WAS ONE OF THE MOST HARROWING ENGAGEMENTS OF THE WAR, WHERE HIS COMPANY SUFFERED DEVASTATING LOSSES. TRASH SURVIVED, BUT HIS EXPERIENCE LEFT HIM WITH LIFELONG CHALLENGES RELATED TO POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER. AFTER RETURNING HOME IN 1967, HE LIVED A COLORFUL LIFE AND IT WAS FULL OF ADVENTURE, WORKING IN DIVERSE JOBS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, FROM OIL RIGS IN TEXAS TO AMUSEMENT PARKS IN NEW ORLEANS. HE MARRIED HIS BELOVED WIFE SHERRY IN 1988 AND THEY SHARED 41 YEARS TOGETHER UNTIL HER PASSING IN 2017. TRASH DEDICATED HIS LATER YEARS TO HELPING FELLOW VETERANS NAVIGATE THE VA CLAIMS

PROCESS, ENSURING THEY RECEIVED THE SUPPORT THAT THEY DESERVED. HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS INTEGRITY, HUMOR, AND HIS RESILIENCE. TRASH WAS A FIXTURE IN HIS COMMUNITY, WHETHER RIDING HIS HARLEY AROUND TOWN, PROMOTING THE FILM, LAST FULL MEASURE, ABOUT THE BATTLE HE FOUGHT IN VIETNAM, OR DONNING A SANTA CLAUS OUTFIT FOR CAGLE CANYON HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS. HIS LEGACY AS A SOLDIER, AN ADVOCATE, AND A FRIEND WILL BE CHERISHED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON, COLE HALEY. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALAN PECK, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF ALTADENA WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 72 ON JANUARY 11TH. ALAN WAS THE SECOND SON BORN TO ENID LINDSAY AND JAMES LEO PECK ON JUNE 24, 1953, IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, WHARTON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS IN 1975 WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ECONOMICS AND LATER IN LIFE EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS. ALLEN'S EARLY CAREER BEGAN IN HOUSTON, TEXAS AS A SALES REP FOR AT&T. HE RELOCATED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE SETTLED IN ALTADENA, AND BEGAN GOVERNMENT SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. HE RETIRED 24 YEARS LATER FROM THE L.A. WORLD AIRPORTS AS A PROCUREMENT ANALYST. HE MET HIS WIFE JAMEL AND THEY MARRIED IN 1994 ENJOYING 34 WONDERFUL YEARS TOGETHER. THEY HAD ONE DAUGHTER. FOLLOWING HIS RETIREMENT IN 2020, ALAN PURSUED HIS PASSION FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT BY SERVING ON THE ALTHENA TOWN COUNCIL FOR THREE YEARS, DURING WHICH TIME HE WAS

WIDELY RESPECTED FOR HIS APPROACHABILITY, COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY, AND DEDICATION TO ADDRESSING LOCAL CONCERNS THROUGH DIRECT CONNECTION WITH THE RESIDENTS. HE PURSUED MANY HOBBIES INCLUDING GARDENING. HIS SMALL BUSINESS VENTURE PEX PRESERVES PRODUCED DELICIOUS MARMALADES, JAMS, AND JELLIES FROM THE ORANGES, POMEGRANATES, AND OTHER FRUIT GROWN IN HIS AND HIS BROTHER'S BACKYARDS. HE SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JAMEL, AND HIS DAUGHTER, ALANA, AND ONE GRANDSON. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH. ROGER DALE HARRIS, NAVY. LORENZO POWELL, ARMY. SCOTT DOUGLAS RAMSEY, MARINES. SAM WAPYAP, AIR FORCE. ARTIE THURSTON BROWN III, MARINES. JOHN SKOROS, NAVY. ROBERT HAGNER WATSON, AIR FORCE. HECTOR ARTHUR GUERRERO, ARMY. JAMES MICHAEL POLINSKY, NAVY. LOUISE ANTHONY SAVALANGY, ARMY. THOMAS BURKE FLYNN, ARMY. CORTLAND ELIZABETH WELCH SCHEELE, NAVY. JERRY WAYNE FIFO, ARMY. EDWARD ABREY BRADBURY, ARMY. LEONARD HENRY FIOR, JR., NAVY. JOHN ROBERT ALBER, NAVY. GEORGE LARRY MILLARD, ARMY. AND RAYMOND FRANK TALARSKI, AIR FORCE. THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR

BARGER. TODAY I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE DO SO IN THE MEMORY OF GEORGE DENNIS THOMAS, JR., WHO WAS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE SERVING AS AN ELECTRONICS COMMUNICATION TECHNICIAN FOR ISD. MR. THOMAS WAS BORN ON AUGUST 10, 1964, TO MARILYN AND GEORGE DENNIS THOMAS, SR., IN HARBOR CITY, CALIFORNIA. AS THE ELDEST OF THREE CHILDREN, HE EMBRACED A LIFELONG LOVE OF SPORTS WITH A PARTICULAR PASSION FOR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS. HE WAS ALSO AN AVID FILM ENTHUSIAST, ESPECIALLY FOND OF CLASSICAL WESTERNS, MARTIAL ARTS' MOVIES, AND SCIENCE FICTION. MR. THOMAS BUILT A DISTINGUISHED CAREER SPANNING MORE THAN THREE DECADES IN THE COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY. FROM 1987 TO 1997, HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE NATIONAL GUARD, EARNING CERTIFICATIONS AS A TELETYPE, CRYPTOGRAPH MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN, AND COMPUTER MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN, AS WELL AS AN FCC RADIO TELEPHONE LICENSE WITH RADAR ENDORSEMENT. HE LATER CONTRIBUTED 15 YEARS SUPPORTING PAGING SYSTEMS THROUGH ROLES WITH MOTOROLA, NETWORK SERVICES, SKYTEL, COMMUNICATIONS. AND PRIOR TO JOINING THE COUNTY, MR. THOMAS OPERATED HIS OWN PERSONAL COMPUTER REPAIR BUSINESS. MR. THOMAS BEGAN HIS SERVICE WITH ISD IN 2010 AS A CONTRACTOR AND BECAME A PERMANENT COUNTY EMPLOYEE IN MARCH OF 2014. WORKING IN THE ISD RADIO REPAIR AND INSTALLATION SECTION WHERE HE REPAIRED, MAINTAINED RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. DURING HIS FREE TIME, HE ENJOYED OUTDOOR COOKING AND BECAME SKILLED WITH BOTH THE GRILL AND THE SMOKER,

OFTEN PREPARING SMOKED TURKEY, SALMON FOR HIS FAMILY GATHERINGS OVER THE YEARS. MR. THOMAS FACED CHRONIC HEALTH CHALLENGES OVER THE PAST DECADE, YET HE REMAINED DEDICATED TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, GABRIELLA THOMAS, SON, THEODORE THOMAS, AND WIFE, SANDRA THOMAS, WHO IS AN INFORMATION SYSTEM SUPERVISOR WITH THE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS KINDNESS, UPLIFTING SPIRIT, AS A CHERISHED MEMBER OF THE ISD TEAM BY ALL WHO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING ALONG SIDE OF HIM. ALL MEMBERS. NEXT, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY. WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF ROCHELLE VANCO DILAN. ROCHELLE WAS A RESIDENT OF WALNUT IN THE FIRST DISTRICT AND PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 53 AFTER A COURAGEOUS AND LONG JOURNEY WITH CANCER. ROCHELLE EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. GUIDED BY HER DESIRE TO BE PRESENT FOR HER FAMILY, SHE CHOSE A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE, WHICH ALLOWED HER THE FLEXIBILITY TO RAISE HER FOUR CHILDREN WHILE CONTINUING TO SERVE OTHERS THROUGH HER WORK. ROCHELLE ALSO WORKED PART-TIME AS A TEACHER AID WITH THE WALNUT VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SHE VOLUNTEERED HER TIME TEACHING CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. AS AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY MEMBER FOR OVER 30 YEARS THROUGH HER SIGNIFICANT VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS IN THE GREATER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA, SHE TOUCHED COUNTLESS YOUNG LIVES WITH KINDNESS, PATIENCE, AND FAITH. ROCHELLE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, DENNIS DILAN, WHO

IS A PLANNING ACCOUNTING MANAGER FOR THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. SHE'S ALSO SURVIVED BY HER FOUR CHILDREN AND EXTENDED FAMILY, WHO WILL FOREVER TREASURE HER COMPASSION, DEVOTION, AND GENTLE SPIRIT. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE DO SO IN THE MEMORY OF SHIRLEY RAINES. SHIRLEY WAS BORN IN COMPTON 1967 AND PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK AT THE AGE OF 58. SHE WAS A FOUNDER OF THE NONPROFIT BEAUTY TO THE STREETS, WHICH PROVIDED HAIR AND MAKEUP SERVICES, FOOD, CLOTHING, HYGIENE, AND SAFETY ITEMS TO HOUSEHOLDS OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ON SKID ROW IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. IN 2021, SHE WAS CHOSEN TO BE THE CNN HERO OF THE YEAR FOR HER OUTSTANDING WORK AND SERVICE TO THE SKID ROW COMMUNITY. IN 2025, SHE WAS ALSO NOMINATED BY THE 56 NAACP IMAGE AWARDS IN THE CATEGORY OUTSTANDING SOCIAL MEDIA PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR. SHIRLEY WAS COMMITTED TO CHANGING THE NARRATIVE AROUND HOMELESSNESS, USING HER TREMENDOUS SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM TO AMPLIFY THE VOICES OF THOSE SHE SERVED. SHE UNDERSTOOD HOW SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS A HAIRCUT OR A MAKEOVER COULD HAVE A PROFOUND IMPACT ON ONE'S LIFE, OFFERING DIGNITY AND HOPE THROUGH HER WORK FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS. THE LOSS WILL BE DEEPLY FELT AMONG THE SKID ROW COMMUNITY AND THE MANY PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES THAT SHE CHANGED. OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO HER FRIENDS AND HER FAMILY. YES, YES. ALL OF IT.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: SHE CAME FROM LONG BEACH AND I'D LIKE TO.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN THE MEMORY OF TONY SERRANO, WHO WAS AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. TONY UNEXPECTEDLY PASSED AWAY ON FRIDAY AT THE AGE OF 60. TONY GAVE FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED, FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND A TOTAL OF 14 CONTINUOUS YEARS OF SERVICE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CARMELA, HIS THREE SONS, STEPHEN, ALEXANDER, AND JONATHAN HOWELL, AND TWO DAUGHTERS EMILY AND HANNAH. MY HEART GOES OUT TO THEM AND HIS COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FAMILY. THANK YOU. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD JUST SAY WITH REGARD TO MS. SHIRLEY, I LAST SAW HER AT THAT IMAGE AWARDS EVENT AND WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT WAS IT WASN'T LIKE, WHILE HAIRCUTS IS IMPORTANT, IT WAS THE FACT THAT PEOPLE FELT SEEN AND SHE WASN'T AFRAID TO TOUCH THEM. THIS NOTION OF TOUCH AND PROXIMITY WAS REALLY IMPORTANT TO HER AND THE PEOPLE THAT SHE LOVINGLY PROVIDED THAT SERVICE TO. SO, THANK YOU FOR ACKNOWLEDGING HER AND ALLOWING ME TO JOIN YOU. COLLEAGUES I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CYNTHIA MARIE CATHCART. MS. CATHCART WAS BORN SEPTEMBER 26, 1950, IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA AND PASSED AWAY JANUARY 6 AT THE AGE OF 75 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. MS. CATHCART GRADUATED FROM

DORSEY HIGH SCHOOL IN 1968 AND LATER EARNED HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM BRYAN COLLEGE IN TENNESSEE. MS. CATHCART BUILT AN EXTRAORDINARY CAREER AS A COURT REPORTER FOR THE COUNTY OF L.A. AND FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES SHE SERVED WITH PRECISION AND INTELLIGENCE EARNING DEEP RESPECT IN HER PROFESSION. MS. CATHCART WAS DEEPLY DEVOTED TO HER CHILDREN. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A VIBRANT WOMAN WHO KNEW HOW TO ENJOY LIFE, LOVE DEEPLY, AND STAND HER GROUND WHEN IT MATTERED. SHE WAS FIERCELY LOYAL AND LIVED BOLDLY. MS. CATHCART IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, MARK, PAUL, AND KIA, HER CHERISHED GRANDSON DEVIN, HER SIBLINGS JESSE, SHEILA, AND CARLA, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HER DEEPLY. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DAVID POSTER. MR. POSTER WAS BORN FEBRUARY 12, 1927, IN MONTREAL AND PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY IN HIS SLEEP THE 2ND OF JANUARY AT THE AGE OF 98, SURROUNDED BY FAMILY IN REDONDO BEACH. HE WAS THE PROUD FATHER OF VANESSA POSTER, A BOARD MEMBER OF THE BEACH CITY'S HEALTH DISTRICT. MR. POSTER SERVED HIS COUNTRY WITH DISTINCTION, FIRST IN THE NAVY DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND LATER IN THE ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR. THROUGH THE GI BILL HE WAS ABLE TO ATTEND CLASSES AT UCLA. IN 1950, HE BEGAN A LONG AND DEDICATED CAREER AS A SURVEY DRAFT SURVEYOR, DRAFTSMAN FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND HE RETIRED IN 1982. DURING HIS TENURE, HE WAS PART OF THE TEAM THAT SURVEYED THE PLACEMENT OF THE FUTURE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY. IN 1953, HE MET

THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, GRACE, AT A FOLK DANCING HALL. THEY MARRIED IN 56 AND WELCOMED THEIR ONLY CHILD, VANESSA, IN 1963. THE COUPLE SHARED 58 YEARS OF MARRIAGE MARKED BY DEVOTION, PARTNERSHIP, AND CARE. MR. POSTER WAS A LIFELONG ACTIVIST AND PATRIOT. HE PROTESTED MULTIPLE WARS, WALKED PRECINCTS, AND NUMEROUS ELECTIONS. THEN IN THE 1990S, HE HELPED ESTABLISH THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. AND BEGINNING IN 2008, WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE TORRANCE REFINERY ACTION ALLIANCE. IN HIS LATER YEARS, HE DEVOTED HIMSELF TO CARING FOR HIS WIFE THROUGH SEVEN YEARS OF DEMENTIA UNTIL HER PASSING IN 2014. MR. POSTER WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS SHARP SENSE OF HUMOR UNTIL HIS FINAL DAYS, HIS DEEP DEVOTION TO HIS DAUGHTER AND CAREGIVERS, HIS COMMITMENT TO PHYSICAL FITNESS, AND HIS LOVE OF ICE CREAM, ANY FLAVOR. HE ALSO DELIGHTED IN BOOKS, OFTEN AMUSING HIS DAUGHTER BY BORROWING MORE FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD TINY FREE LIBRARY THAN HE EVER RETURNED. MR. POSTER IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER VANESSA, HIS SON-IN-LAW JOHN AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I WELCOME YOU JOINING.

WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOANN WRIGHT. MRS. WRIGHT WAS BORN AUGUST 17, 1943, IN SAN FRANCISCO AND PASSED AWAY THE 5TH OF JULY AT THE AGE OF 81. AS A YOUNG WOMAN, MRS. WRIGHT RELOCATED TO SOUTH L.A. WHERE SHE BEGAN BUILDING A LIFE OF PURPOSE. IN JULY OF 62, SHE MARRIED

BILLY, HER DEVOTED HUSBAND AND LIFELONG COMPANION. TOGETHER THEY PURCHASED A HOME IN COMPTON AND RAISED FOUR CHILDREN. MRS. WRIGHT WAS DEEPLY DEVOTED TO HER FAMILY AND LIVED WITH INTENTION, STRENGTH, AND GRACE, SETTING AN ENDURING EXAMPLE THROUGH HER YEARS AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT, THROUGH HER PRAYERS AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT. MRS. WRIGHT DEDICATED MORE THAN 25 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF L.A. SHE BEGAN HER CAREER AS AN INTERMEDIATE CLERK AND ADVANCED THROUGH ROLES OF INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY, ULTIMATELY RETIRING AS AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PATIENT FINANCE AND BREAKING BARRIERS FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. HER WORK AT HARBOR UCLA MEDICAL CENTER AND MARTIN LUTHER KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER HELPED EXPAND ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT SOUTH LOS ANGELES. HER COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AND COMMUNITY EXTENDED BEYOND HER PROFESSION. MRS. WRIGHT SERVED FAITHFULLY AS A DEACONESS AT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN COMPTON WHERE HER QUIET LEADERSHIP, STEADFAST FAITH, AND STEADY PRESENCE WERE DEEPLY VALUED. HER LIFE STANDS AS A LEGACY OF WISDOM AND DETERMINATION TOUCHING FOUR GENERATIONS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 63 YEARS, BILLY. HER CHILDREN BILLY JR., ANGELA, ANDREA, AND BRIAN. HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, TANYA. HER SIBLINGS, FRANK AND FREDERICA. SIX GRANDCHILDREN, THREE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND MANY EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO CONTINUE TO HONOR HER MEMORY. WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF PENNY LEE

SINGLETON ELDRIDGE. MRS. ELDRIDGE WAS BORN MARCH 29, 1945, IN BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA AND PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80 THIS PAST DECEMBER. SHE WAS A PROUD RESIDENT OF COMPTON FOR 58 YEARS. MRS. ELDRIDGE MET THE LOVE OF HER LIFE, RONNIE, AS A U.S. NAVY SAILOR AND THE COUPLE MARRIED IN 1968. TOGETHER THEY BUILT A LOVING FAMILY AND RAISED THREE CHILDREN. MRS. ELDRIDGE ATTENDED COMPTON COLLEGE AND LATER TRANSFERRED TO CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS, WHERE SHE EARNED TWO BACHELOR'S DEGREES AND A TEACHING CREDENTIAL. SHE LATER EARNED HER MASTER'S DEGREE ON A PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE CREDENTIAL. MRS. ELDRIDGE WAS A DEVOTED EDUCATOR FOR 35 YEARS. IN ADDITION TO TEACHING, SHE ALSO SERVED AS AN ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT LYNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL AND LYNWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR EIGHT YEARS. AT HER REQUEST SHE RETURNED TO THE CLASSROOM WHERE SHE CONTINUED TEACHING UNTIL RETIREMENT. IN 2011 AFTER 31 YEARS WITH THE LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. MRS. ELDRIDGE WAS A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF MIRAMONTE 7TH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH AND COMPTON COMMUNITY THE COMMUNITY. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY 7TH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH. CHURCH WAS CENTRAL TO HER LIFE AND SHE FOUND GREAT JOY IN WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP. FOLLOWING HER RETIREMENT, SHE CONTINUED SERVING OTHERS BY VOLUNTEERING AS A LIBRARIAN AND OUR TEACHER TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. SHE ALSO CHERISH TIME WITH HER FAMILY SHOPPING AND TRAVELING VISITING MANY STATES AND TAKING CRUISES. THIS IS ELIGIBLE BE REMEMBERED AS A DISTINGUISHED

EDUCATOR, A DEVOTED WIFE AND MOTHER, AND A WOMAN OF DEEP FAITH. SHE IS SURVIVED BY AND DEEPLY MISSED BY HER HUSBAND AND BEST FRIEND OF 57 YEARS, RONNIE, HER CHILDREN, TONY, TRINA, AND TAMMY, HER SONS-IN-LAW, JOHN AND EARL, HER GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, FORMER STUDENTS, AND CHURCH MEMBERS. AND COLLEAGUES, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A FORMER COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND OF MINE, ELENA ACKEL. ELENA ACKEL WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY LAWYER AND LEGAL ADVOCATE WHO WAS RELENTLESSLY COMMITTED TO JUSTICE SHE PIONEERED INNOVATIVE AND EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS AT THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF L.A., WHERE SHE WORKED FOR OVER 50 YEARS. THE L.A. WEEKLY MAGAZINE CALLED HER, QUOTE, ONE OF THE BEST LAWYERS IN THE CITY WITH A TENACITY THAT WAS STUNNING, END QUOTE. IN THE 1980S, SHE REPRESENTED SOUTH L.A. HOMEOWNERS FACING FORECLOSURE FROM UNSCRUPULOUS LENDERS. SHE WAS AN EARLY CHAMPION FOR STUDENTS VICTIMIZED BY PREDATORY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND WORKED ON LANDMARK LEGISLATION THAT TRANSFORMED OVERSIGHT OF THESE INSTITUTIONS AND PROTECTED STUDENT BORROWERS. SHE HAD FAR-REACHING LEGAL VICTORIES THAT EXPANDED HEALTHCARE ACCESS, ESPECIALLY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. THESE LEGAL VICTORIES INCLUDED LOPEZ VERSUS HECKLER IN 1983, WHERE SHE SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGED THE UNLAWFUL TERMINATION OF DISABILITY BENEFITS, SECURING LASTING PROTECTIONS FOR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SOCIAL SECURITY

RECIPIENTS. HARRIS V. L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 2004, WHERE SHE WAS PART OF A LEGAL TEAM THAT PREVENTED THE CLOSURE OF RANCHO LOS AMIGOS REHAB CENTER AND BEDS AT LOS ANGELES GENERAL HOSPITAL. IN LATER YEARS, SHE FOCUSED ON COMPLEX MEDI-CAL DISENROLLMENT CASES, FIGHTING FOR GRAVELY ILL CLIENTS DENIED ACCESS TO CRUCIAL CARE. THAT'S WHEN WE MET AND BEGAN TO WORK TOGETHER WHEN I WAS AN ADVOCATE FOR THE WESTERN CENTER ON LAW AND POVERTY. MRS. ACKLE WAS FEARLESS AND BLUNT. I'LL EMPHASIZE BLUNT WITH LOVE. SHE DID NOT TOLERATE BUREAUCRATIC INCOMPETENCE OR CRUELTY. SHE REMINDED US ALL THAT GOVERNMENT EXISTS TO SERVE AND HUMANIZE. BEHIND HER FEROCIOUSNESS WAS A GENTLE AND LOYAL HEART THAT WAS DEDICATED TO JUSTICE AND THAT LOVED NATURE, BEAUTY, NEW ADVENTURES, HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER BELOVED DAUGHTER CHRISTINE, HER GRANDCHILDREN, KAYDEN AND DASHIELL, HER SISTER, ALSO A FEROCIOUS LEGAL ADVOCATE, MARILYN, AS WELL AS EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES, AND THOSE WHO BENEFITED FROM HER LEGAL ACUMEN. WE WILL ALL MISS HER DEEPLY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JANICE STEINBERG ELLMAN, WHO WAS A DEVOTED WIFE, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER,

TEACHER, AND FRIEND, AND PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG LIFE LIVED WITH PURPOSE AND CARE. JANICE WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 7, 1933, IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. IN MARCH OF 1958, SHE MARRIED THE LOVE OF HER LIFE, ALVIN ELMAN. TOGETHER THEY SHARED 67 YEARS OF MARRIAGE, GROUNDED IN MUTUAL RESPECT, LAUGHTER, AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR ONE ANOTHER AND THEIR FAMILY. A LIFELONG EDUCATOR, JANICE SPENT HER CAREER IN THE CLASSROOM, WHERE SHE INSPIRED HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS ACROSS MANY GRADES AND SUBJECTS. SHE WAS KNOWN FOR HER PASSION FOR LEARNING, HER PATIENCE, AND THE WAY SHE MADE EACH STUDENT FEEL VALUED AND SEEN. HER IMPACT ON THOSE SHE TAUGHT CONTINUES TO BE FELT THROUGH THE LIVES THEY NOW LEAD. JANICE AND ALVIN RAISED THREE CHILDREN, CINDY WITH HER HUSBAND MURRAY, LISA PINTO, FORMER THIRD DISTRICT CHILDREN'S DEPUTY, AND DAVID, A BLESSED MEMORY, WITH HIS WIFE KATHLEEN. SHE WAS ALSO A PROUD AND DEEPLY LOVING GRANDMOTHER TO FIVE GRANDCHILDREN EACH OF WHOM SHE CELEBRATED WITH JOY, PRIDE, AND ENDLESS ENCOURAGEMENT. TO THOSE WHO KNEW HER, JANICE BROUGHT WARMTH, ENERGY, AND LIGHT. HER HOME WAS FILLED WITH LAUGHTER AND LEARNING AND HER PRESENCE MADE OTHERS FEEL CARED FOR. SHE LED WITH HEART AND GAVE GENEROUSLY TO HER FAMILY, HER STUDENTS AND HER COMMUNITY. WE ADJOURN TODAY IN HONOR OF JANICE STEINBERG-ELLMAN AND IN CELEBRATION OF THE LOVE SHE GAVE, THE LIVES SHE SHAPED, AND THE LEGACY SHE LEAVES BEHIND. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE O'HARA, A BELOVED ACTRESS, WRITER,

COMEDIAN, AND PROUD 3RD DISTRICT RESIDENT. SHE PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 30, 2026, AT THE AGE OF 71. CATHERINE WAS KNOWN AND CHERISHED FOR HER UNFORGETTABLE PERFORMANCES IN BEETLEJUICE, HOME ALONE, AND SCHITT'S CREEK, WHERE HER PORTRAYAL OF MOIRA ROSE BECAME ICONIC. HER WORK BROUGHT LAUGHTER, HEART, AND HUMANITY TO AUDIENCES AROUND THE WORLD. THROUGHOUT HER DECADES-LONG CAREER, CATHERINE WAS ADMIRED NOT ONLY FOR HER REMARKABLE TALENT, BUT ALSO FOR HER HUMILITY, KINDNESS, AND GENEROSITY TO THOSE SHE WORKED WITH. SHE UPLIFTED OTHERS THROUGH HER PRESENCE, CREATIVITY, AND COLLABORATIVE SPIRIT. CATHERINE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, BO WELCH, AND THEIR TWO SONS, LUKE AND MATTHEW. SHE WAS A DEVOTED WIFE AND MOTHER AND TOOK PRIDE IN NURTURING A LOVING HOME FILLED WITH JOY, HUMOR, AND DEEP CONNECTION. WE ADJOURN TODAY IN HONOR OF CATHERINE O'HARA AND IN CELEBRATION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE, LAUGHTER, AND LOVE SHE GAVE TO THE WORLD. ABSOLUTELY.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: I THINK WE'RE JUST TALKING AND EVEN TALKING ABOUT HER MOVIES I START LAUGHING. I KNOW. EACH ONE SHE WAS BRILLIANT.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: I KNOW WHEN I GOT THE NEWS I BURST INTO TEARS AND I KNOW THAT SO MANY OF MY FRIENDS FELT THE SAME. SOMEHOW SHE CONNECTED WITH PEOPLE ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS LARGER THAN LIFE. SHE WAS, SHE WAS

EVERYBODY'S MOM.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE'LL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THE BOARD WILL NOW BE GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS5 AND CS6 CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION ONE CASE EACH AND ITEM NUMBER CS8 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

[CLOSED SESSION]

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: OKAY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE, PROVIDE THE REPORT BACK ON OPEN SESSION.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THE FOLLOWING IS REPORT OF ACTION AND CLOSED SESSION ON FEBRUARY 3, 2026. ITEM NUMBER CS5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. ONE CASE, NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN. ITEM NUMBER CS6, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING

ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. ONE CASE, NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN. ITEM NUMBER CSA, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA AND DESIGNATED STAFF. NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY THE 10, 2026 AT 9:30 A.M. WE ARE ADJOURNED. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, STAFF AND THE PUBLIC.

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of February 2026, for the County records to be used only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as on file of the office of the reporter.

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