



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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1 **THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

2 **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2026**

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. BUENAS DIAS. WELCOME TO
5 OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY THE 10TH,
7 2026. WE WILL TAKE NOTE THAT A QUORUM OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT.
8 THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE
9 OFFICER AND THE SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST US
10 TODAY. WE WILL NOW START THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.
11 THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR [VIDEO RECORDING]:** THE COUNTY OF LOS
14 ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND ORIGINALLY AND STILL
15 INHABITED AND CARED FOR BY THE TONGVA, TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH
16 AND CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS
17 AND DESCENDANTS, PAST, PRESENT, AND EMERGING, AS THEY CONTINUE
18 THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE
19 THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION RESULTED IN LAND SEIZURE, DISEASE,
20 SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY, RELOCATION, BROKEN PROMISES, GENOCIDE,
21 AND MULTI-GENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
22 DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH,
23 HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION, AND TO ELEVATING THE STORIES,
24 CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS
25 ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
26 LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO



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

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, MEMBERS OF THE
14 AUDIENCE AND THE DAIS, THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED
15 BY PASTOR KATHY HUCK ABOUT MY FATHER'S BUSINESS FROM THE THIRD
16 DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE
17 LED BY SHAMID CHUDHRY, MEMBER VETERAN PEER ACCESS NETWORK,
18 REPRESENTING THE FOURTH DISTRICT. IF YOU CAN, PLEASE ALL
19 STAND, RISE.

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21 **PASTOR KATHY HUCK:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. AS WE BEGIN
22 TODAY'S MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, LET
23 US ENTER INTO A MOMENT OF PRAYERFUL REFLECTION AND THOUGHTS.
24 MOST WISE GOD, YOU ARE KNOWN BY MANY NAMES AND HONORED IN MANY
25 WAYS. WE ASK FOR YOUR PRESENCE AMONG US. GUIDE OUR THOUGHTS,



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1 STEADY OUR HEARTS, AND HELP US TO RISE TO THE RESPONSIBILITY
2 ENTRUSTED TO US FOR THE GOOD OF ALL THOSE WHO CAUSE LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY HOME IN THIS VAST AND BEAUTIFUL COUNTY FROM THE
4 COASTAL COMMUNITIES, THE VALLEYS, THE FOOTHILLS AND THE
5 DESERTS AND EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD IN BETWEEN. PEOPLE OF COUNTLESS
6 CULTURES, BELIEFS, TRADITIONS LIVE SIDE BY SIDE. MAY THEIR
7 HOPES REMIND US OF WHY WE'RE GATHERED HERE. MAY THEIR
8 STRUGGLES DEEPEN OUR COMPASSION. MAY THEIR TRUST STRENGTHEN
9 OUR RESOLVE. WE PRAY FOR CLARITY WHEN DECISIONS ARE COMPLEX,
10 FOR HUMILITY WHEN WE HOLD DIFFERING VIEWS, AND FOR THE COURAGE
11 TO DO WHAT IS JUST, WHAT IS GOOD, AND WHAT IS RIGHT FOR THE
12 DIVERSE CONSTITUENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HELP US TO LISTEN
13 WITH EMPATHY, TO SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER WITH RESPECT, TO ACT
14 WITH INTEGRITY. WE LIFT UP THOSE WHO ARE FACING HARDSHIPS
15 TODAY, OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS, FAMILIES SEEKING ASYLUM AND
16 REFUGE AND STABILITY, CHILDREN AND SENIORS WHO ARE IN NEED OF
17 CARE, AND ALL THOSE WHO DEPEND ON THE SERVICES THAT THIS
18 COUNTY PROVIDES. MAY OUR WORK HONOR THEIR DIGNITY AND BRING
19 REAL TANGIBLE RELIEF. BLESS THIS MEETING WITH COOPERATION,
20 PATIENCE, AND A SHARED COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON GOOD. MAY THE
21 CHOICES THAT WE MAKE TODAY HERE PLANT SEEDS OF SAFETY AND
22 HEALTH AND HOPE FOR EVERY COMMUNITY ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
23 GOD BLESS ALL WHO ARE GATHERED HERE AND BLESS THE RESIDENTS OF
24 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AMEN.

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1 SHAMID CHAUDHRY: HELLO. GOOD MORNING. PLEASE PLACE THE FLAG.
2 PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU'RE A VETERAN,
3 YOU MAY RENDER A SALUTE AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF
4 ALLEGIANCE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED
5 STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE
6 NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR
7 ALL.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING PASTOR
12 KATHY HUCK FOR LEADING US IN THE INVOCATION TODAY. PASTOR
13 KATHY IS AN ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST
14 CHURCH OF TARZANA, AND SHE IS ALSO THE FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE
15 DIRECTOR OF ABOUT MY FATHER'S BUSINESS. SHE DEDICATES HER TIME
16 TO ORGANIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF ESSENTIAL ITEMS SUCH AS
17 FOOD, HYGIENE KITS, AND OTHER SUPPLIES TO INDIVIDUALS
18 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. ALONGSIDE HER DEDICATED TEAMS, SHE
19 REGULARLY VISITS RESIDENTS LIVING IN ENCAMPMENTS, IN VEHICLES,
20 AND RVS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND COMPASSION. PASTOR KATHY
21 COLLABORATES CLOSELY WITH LOCAL LEADERS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO
22 ENSURE THAT ASSISTANCE EFFECTIVELY REACHES THOSE IN NEED. IN
23 HER MISSION TO SERVE THE UNHOUSED RESIDENTS OF THE WEST SAN
24 FERNANDO VALLEY, PASTOR KATHY EXEMPLIFIES COMPASSION AND
25 INCLUSIVITY, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING ALL



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1 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR BACKGROUNDS. AS A U.S.
2 AIR FORCE VETERAN, SHE ALSO BRINGS A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE AND
3 DEEP EMPATHY TO HER INITIATIVES AIMED AT ASSISTING THOSE
4 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO. AND
5 FOR ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES
6 IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMPASSION
7 ARE DEEPLY FELT, AND WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL IN THE THIRD
8 DISTRICT THAT YOU ARE SORT OF A DE FACTO MEMBER OF OUR TEAM,
9 HELPING US DO THE WORK THAT WE'RE CALLED TO DO TO BE OF
10 SERVICE TO THOSE WHO ARE IN MOST NEED IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE
11 COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU. THANK YOU SO, SO MUCH FOR THE
12 EXAMPLE THAT YOU SET.

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14 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND IT IS
15 MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME SHAMID CHAUDHRY, WHO LED US IN THE
16 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING, HE WORKS FOR THE VETERANS'
17 STAND TOGETHER, AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING OUR
18 VETERAN COMMUNITIES IN SOUTHGATE. AS A PEER SUPPORT
19 SPECIALIST, HE ADVOCATES FOR VETERANS' GOALS AND NEEDS AS WELL
20 AS EMPOWERING THEM TO SUCCEED. A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES
21 ARMY, SHAMID SERVED FROM 2005 TO 2013, WHERE HE TOOK PART IN
22 OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. HE SERVED AS A SPECIALIST WITH THE
23 950TH COMBAT SUPPORT COMPANY AND HE IS THE RECIPIENT OF BOTH
24 THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL AND THE IRAQI CAMPAIGN MEDAL.
25 AFTER SERVING IN IRAQ, SHAMID ATTENDED CULINARY SCHOOL AND HE



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1 NOW OPERATES A SIDE CATERING BUSINESS CALLED BLACK STAR
2 SMOKEHOUSE AND GRILL AND WHEN HE'S GRILLING HE'S KNOWN AS THE
3 MASTER GRILL SERGEANT. ALONG WITH HIS LOVE OF FOOD AND
4 COOKING, SHAMID ENJOYS MUSIC AND SPENDING TIME WITH HIS
5 DAUGHTERS, MIRANDA WHO IS 15 AND LEILANI WHO IS 13. AND I'M
6 SURE THEY'RE PROUD OF THEIR FATHER'S SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY
7 AND TO OUR COUNTRY AS WE ARE HERE TODAY. THANK YOU, SHAMID,
8 FOR JOINING US TODAY AND FOR YOUR SERVICE. AND AS A TOKEN OF
9 OUR APPRECIATION, THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
10 ARE GIVING YOU THE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR LEADING US
11 TODAY IN OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER WITH THE
14 PET PRESENTATION.

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16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I KNOW, I THINK THIS ONE'S GOING TO GET
17 ADOPTED, I'M SURE, BECAUSE I WALKED HIM DOWN AND EVERYONE FELL
18 IN LOVE WITH HIM. SO, CALLING ON ALL BAD BUNNY FANS, I WANT
19 YOU TO MEET BENITO. BENITO IS A 13-YEAR-OLD PUG TERRIER MIX,
20 AND I CAN TELL YOU THIS IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE SWEETEST DOGS
21 WE'VE HAD IN OUR OFFICE. HE'S A RESILIENT PUP. HE'S BEEN WITH
22 THE COUNTY FOR ABOUT A MONTH, SO HE WAS ABANDONED IN ONE OF
23 OUR WAITING ROOMS, WHICH IS A GOOD THING, WHICH IS A GOOD
24 THING, BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN FOSTERED AND IS NOW READY TO GO OUT
25 AND BE SOMEBODY'S BEST FRIEND. I CAN VOUCH FOR THIS ONE. HE IS



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1 ABSOLUTELY SWEET AND IS NOT GOING TOGET MUCH BIGGER. HE'S
2 GOING TOGET A LITTLE BIGGER, BUT NOT MUCH. SO, IF YOU'RE
3 INTERESTED IN ADOPTING BENITO, YOU CAN CALL THE AGOURA CARE
4 CENTER AT 818-991-0071 TO MAKE BENITO YOUR SUPER BOWL STAR.
5 THERE YOU GO.

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7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OH, CAN HE SING?

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9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YES, HE CAN SING. NOW I WOULD LIKE YOU TO
10 LOOK AT THE SCREEN. I WANT YOU TO MEET JOKER, A THREE-YEAR-OLD
11 PIT BULL. I LOVE YOU GUYS. I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT. JOKER
12 LOVES BEING A PET, SOAKING UP ALL THE ATTENTION THAT HE CAN.
13 HE'S GOT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND A WAGGING TAIL THAT WON'T
14 QUIT. IF YOU WANT TO ADOPT JOKER, YOU CAN CALL THE PALMDALE
15 CARE CENTER AT 661-575-2888 TO MAKE JOKER YOURS. AND THEN A
16 REMINDER, YOU CAN CELEBRATE THE LOVE OF A NEW PET THIS
17 VALENTINE'S DAY WITH OUR SPECIAL PROMOTION. AT ALL SEVEN OF
18 OUR CARE CENTERS, ADOPTION FEES FOR ALL ANIMALS ARE JUST \$14
19 THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY. ONE OF THE AMAZING PETS COULD BE YOUR
20 VALENTINE IF YOU GO AND VISIT ONE OF OUR CARE CENTERS SO WITH
21 THAT THIS IS BENITO AND THAT IS JOKER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THE LITTLE DOG IS
24 BONITO. SO, WITH THAT, MEMBERS, LET'S GO TO THE EXECUTIVE
25 OFFICER WHO WILL CALL THE AGENDA FOR TODAY.



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2 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR,
3 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2,
4 CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 23. ON
5 ITEM 5, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE
6 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS
7 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 16, SUPERVISOR HORVATH
8 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR HAHN
9 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 19, THIS INCLUDES A
10 REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 20,
11 SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO ON
12 THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR HAHN WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE
13 AND SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO BE RECORDED AS A NO VOTE.
14 ON PAGE 24, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 24 THROUGH 63. ON
15 ITEM 24, THIS INCLUDES A CORRECTION TO THE TITLE, NEGOTIATED
16 PROPERTY TAX EXCHANGE JOINT RESOLUTION FOR ANNEXATION OF
17 TERRITORIES. ON PAGE 25, SUPERVISOR HORVATH IS RECUSING
18 HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
19 84308 BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF
20 MORE THAN \$500 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM MARK LANFORD AND
21 DEWEY NOE, WHO ARE PARTY'S PARTICIPANTS OR AGENTS OF A PARTY
22 OR PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING. ON PAGE 28, SUPERVISOR
23 BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO
24 FEBRUARY 24, 2026. ON ITEM 32, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
25 SECTION 84308, SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE



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1 VOTE BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF
2 MORE THAN \$500 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM ALVARO
3 BALLESTEROS AND ALICIA MARDINI. ALSO ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR
4 HORVATH IS RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED
5 A CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$500 WITHIN THE
6 PAST 12 MONTHS FROM CORRINE SANCHEZ, JOHN BOUDREAU, AND JERRY
7 CANDELARIO. ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED ARE PARTIES'
8 PARTICIPANTS OR AGENTS OF A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE
9 PROCEEDING. ON ITEM 33, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL ARE
10 RECUSING THEMSELVES FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
11 SECTION 84308 BECAUSE THEY RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR
12 CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$500 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM
13 JIM MANGIA, WHO IS A PARTY PARTICIPANT OR AGENT OF A PARTY OR
14 PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING. ON ITEM 43, SUPERVISOR HORVATH
15 IS RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
16 SECTION 84308 BECAUSE YOU RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR
17 CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$500 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM
18 MARLEE JUZZI, WHO IS A PARTY PARTICIPANT OR AGENT OF A PARTY
19 PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING. ON ITEM 51, THE CHIEF PROBATION
20 OFFICER REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MARCH 17, 2026. ON
21 ITEM 52, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR REPORT. ON PAGE 53, THIS
22 INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE
23 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
24 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 61A THROUGH 61C. ON
25 PAGE 54, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM 64. ON ITEM 64, THIS



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1 ITEM WILL BE TAKEN OFF CALENDAR. ON PAGE 55, SPECIAL DISTRICT
2 AGENDA, THIS AGENDA IS FOR THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, ITEM 1D. ON PAGE 56, NOTICE IS A
4 CLOSED SESSION, ITEM CS1 THROUGH CS3. ON ITEM CS3, THE ACTING
5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
6 ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 17, 2026. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF
7 THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR. THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES AND ITEM
8 TO BE TAKEN OFF-CALENDAR THROUGH CS3 ARE BEFORE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY
11 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE
12 THESE ITEMS. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
13 PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

14

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



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

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TODAY'S MEETING ORDER WILL
22 BE THE FOLLOWING. ITEMS 15, 16, 18, 20, 52 FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC
23 COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD,
24 INCLUDING THE CLOSED SESSION MATTERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC
25 COMMENT AFTER FINISHING WITH CLOSED SESSION. BEFORE WE BEGIN,



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1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL IN INFORMATION AND
2 EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES.

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4 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING,
5 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC
6 COMMENT, YOU MAY DO SO IN PERSON OR REMOTELY. REMOTELY PLEASE
7 VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.BOSLACOUNTY.GOV. TO REGISTER AND JOIN
8 THE MEETING OR YOU MAY CALL 213-306-3065 AND USE ACCESS CODE
9 25303513672 AND MEETING PASSWORD 2672026. YOU WILL HAVE
10 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. FOR
11 ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD, YOU WILL RECEIVE 1 MINUTE FOR ONE
12 ITEM AND UP TO 2 MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE ITEMS. FOR ITEMS HELD
13 BY SUPERVISORS, YOU WILL HAVE 1 MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, 1
14 MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR A
15 TOTAL OF UP TO 6 MINUTES. WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, IF
16 REGISTERED ON A COMPUTER OR DEVICE, YOU WILL HEAR A BEEP AND
17 YOUR NAME WILL BE CALLED. OR IF JOINED BY TELEPHONE, YOU WILL
18 HEAR YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, YOUR AREA CODE AND THE FIRST THREE
19 DIGITS OF YOUR PHONE NUMBER WILL BE CALLED. TO ENSURE WE HEAR
20 FROM BOTH IN PERSON AND REMOTE SPEAKERS, WE WILL ALTERNATE
21 BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING CUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE
22 IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE
23 SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM AND
24 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL
25 DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 15, SECURING



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1 FUNDING TO PRESERVE CRITICAL COUNTY SERVICES CUT BY H.R.-1,
2 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
3 PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE
4 USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU ARE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR
5 THREE IF ON THE TELEPHONE. DEAN LOGAN, REGISTERED RECORDER,
6 COUNTY CLERK, DR. GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, DR.
7 FERRER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, RICHARD TADEO, DIRECTOR OF
8 HEALTH SERVICES, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR, AND
9 PETER BOLLINGER, ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL ARE AVAILABLE FOR
10 QUESTIONS. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE STATE YOUR
11 NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.AND WITH THAT, I TURN IT
14 OVER TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WHO WOULD PLEASE BEGIN THE
15 PRESENTATION.

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17 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I
18 APPRECIATE THAT. COLLEAGUES, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME SLIDES
19 ROLLING TODAY BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE FRAME
20 TODAY'S CONVERSATION AROUND THIS MOTION AND HOW WE GOT HERE
21 BECAUSE HOW WE GOT HERE WAS A VIRTUALLY NO FAULT OF OUR OWN.
22 LET'S START THERE. H.R.-1, ALSO KNOWN AS THE BIG BILL, WAS
23 SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT TRUMP. WHAT DID THAT DO? IT
24 ENACTED THE LARGEST FEDERAL FUNDING CUT TO MEDICAID IN OUR
25 NATION'S HISTORY. IN EFFECT, H.R.-1 PULLED THE RUG OUT FROM



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1 UNDER ALL OF US. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WALKED AWAY FROM THEIR
2 HISTORIC OBLIGATION TO FUND MEDICAID APPROPRIATELY. THAT'S HOW
3 WE GOT HERE. L.A. COUNTY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT SERVES AS THE
4 HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR 86 OF OUR 88 CITIES. WHAT DOES THAT
5 MEAN? MILLIONS OF PEOPLE LOOK TO US TO STEP UP, EVEN WHEN THE
6 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS WALKED AWAY. THESE CUTS SEVERELY IMPACT
7 L.A. COUNTY'S HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS AND ALL OF
8 OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES DIRECTLY. WE
9 ARE ANTICIPATING THAT \$2,400,000,000 WILL BE LOST AS A RESULT
10 OF H.R.-1 DIRECTLY IMPACTING THESE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OVER THE
11 NEXT THREE YEARS. AND YOU SEE THE SPLIT, HOW IT WILL IMPACT
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE
13 SERVICES. AND AS YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM SPEAKERS WHO REALLY
14 ARE THE FOUNDATION OF OUR SAFETY NET, SAFETY NET PROVIDERS WHO
15 REPRESENT OVER 600 SITES, WHO OPERATE IN MORE THAN 78 CITIES,
16 THEY ARE FACING CATASTROPHIC DEVASTATION. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
17 THE SAFETY NET, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING
18 OF EVERYONE, EVERY ONE OF OUR 10,000,000 RESIDENTS ACROSS ALL
19 OF OUR CITIES, ALL 88, AS WELL AS OUR 100 UNINCORPORATED
20 COMMUNITIES. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOSPITAL CLOSURES, INCREASED
21 MEDICAL DEBT, EMERGENCY ROOM CLOSURES AND DELAYS, WORSENING
22 HEALTH CONDITIONS, AND EXPENSIVE EMERGENCY ROOM CARE. MY
23 DISTRICT, THE SECOND DISTRICT, KNOWS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A
24 COUNTY HOSPITAL CLOSES BECAUSE WE'VE LIVED IT. IN 2007, THE
25 COUNTY CLOSED KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. STUDIES DOCUMENTED



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1 HOW, UNTIL THE NEW NONPROFIT REPLACEMENT HOSPITAL OPENED IN
2 2015, SOUTH L.A. RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF INSURANCE,
3 EXPERIENCED LONGER DELAYS IN CARE AND MORE CHALLENGES SEEN AS
4 SPECIALISTS. NEARBY HOSPITALS SAW MORE TRAUMA ADMISSIONS AND
5 UNINSURED PATIENTS. ONE PRIVATE HOSPITAL SHARE OF UNINSURED
6 PATIENTS MORE THAN TRIPLED FROM 13% IN 1999 TO 45% BY 2009.
7 THE INCREASED LIKELIHOOD OF DEATH FOR VICTIMS OF GUNSHOT
8 WOUNDS INCREASED. SO CLEARLY, H.R.-1 IS NOT ONLY BAD FOR OUR
9 HEALTH, FOR EVERYONE'S HEALTH, IT'S ALSO BAD FOR OUR LOCAL
10 ECONOMY. EVERY DOLLAR LOST IN MEDICAL HEALTH FUNDING RESULTS
11 IN AN ESTIMATED \$1.85 LOSS IN ECONOMIC OUTPUT. H.R.-1 CUTS
12 WILL PUT ALMOST 64,000 JOBS AT RISK IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THAT'S
13 ACCORDING TO THE UC BERKELEY LABOR CENTER, A REPORT THEY
14 RELEASED IN APRIL OF 2025. THAT'S HOW WE GOT HERE. NOW WHY US?
15 THE COUNTIES, THE COUNTY, L.A. COUNTY, BUT COUNTIES ACROSS
16 THIS STATE BEAR THE BRUNT OF H.R.-1'S PAIN. THE CALIFORNIA
17 STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, ALSO KNOWN AS CSAC, ESTIMATES
18 THAT H.R.-1'S IMPACT ON CALIFORNIA COUNTY STATEWIDE TO BE
19 APPROXIMATELY 9.5 BILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR. WHAT COMPLICATES
20 THAT FOR ME, AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
21 IS RECOGNIZING WHAT OUR FUNDAMENTAL ROLE IS, WHAT I TOOK AN
22 OATH TO UPHOLD WHEN THE VOTERS ELECTED ME TO THIS POSITION.
23 L.A. COUNTY, FRANKLY NOT MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN ELECTED
24 OFFICE AND IN THE CITY LEVEL, WE HAVE THE LEGAL OBLIGATION TO
25 PROVIDE INDIGENT HEALTH CARE SERVICES. L.A. COUNTY HAS A LEGAL



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1 OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COUNTYWIDE. L.A.
2 COUNTY HAS A PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM
3 THAT IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN OPEN AND AVAILABLE ON DEMAND TO
4 ANYONE WHO NEEDS CARE. L.A. COUNTY HAS AN ELIGIBILITY
5 WORKFORCE THAT MUST ABSORB THE COST AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE
6 BURDEN OF NEW, MORE RESTRICTIVE ELIGIBILITY RULES. THE CITIES
7 OF LONG BEACH AND PASADENA ARE THE ONLY TWO CITIES IN L.A.
8 COUNTY THAT PROVIDE FREE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE, AND THAT WOULD
9 BOTH GET SUPPORT IF THIS MOTION WERE TO PASS. SO, THE BURDEN
10 IS ON THE COUNTY TO CLOSE THE GAP CREATED BY A FEDERAL
11 GOVERNMENT THAT PULLED THE RUG OUT FROM UNDERNEATH US. IN OUR
12 HYPER-CONNECTED WORLD WHEN YOUR NEIGHBOR DOESN'T HAVE HEALTH
13 CARE IT IMPACTS US ALL. CASE IN POINT RIGHT NOW THERE ARE FIVE
14 REPORTED CASES OF MEASLES IN L.A. COUNTY. ON AVERAGE EVERY
15 PERSON WITH MEASLES HAS HAD EASILY TWO TO THREE PERSONAL
16 CONTACTS. WE'RE SITTING IN A ROOM RIGHT NOW WITH SEVERAL
17 HUNDRED PEOPLE. DO THE CALCULATION. L.A. COUNTY IS HOSTING
18 MAJOR WORLD EVENTS. MILLIONS WILL BE ARRIVING BY PLANE, TRAIN,
19 AUTOMOBILE TO SEE AN ALL-STAR BASKETBALL GAME IN A MATTER OF
20 DAYS, FIFA WORLD CUP IN A MATTER OF A FEW MONTHS, THE SUPER
21 BOWL IN A YEAR, AND THE OLYMPICS IN TWO YEARS. IMAGINE WHAT
22 WOULD HAPPEN IF WE HAD NO FUNCTIONING PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM TO
23 CONTROL COMMUNICABLE DISEASE OUTBREAKS AND PREVENT
24 BIOTERRORISM ATTACKS. IMAGINE. OUR COUNTY EFFORT IS BACKED BY
25 A COALITION, THE RESTORE HEALTHCARE FOR ANGELENOS COALITION,



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1 WHICH CONSISTS OF EVERYONE WHO IS IMPACTED BY THE HEALTH CARE
2 DELIVERY SYSTEM, LABOR, HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY
3 ORGANIZATIONS, AND BENEFICIARIES AND PATIENTS. SO, THE MOTION
4 THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I ARE PRESENTING TODAY IS HOPING TO
5 SOLVE FOR IS HOPING TO SOLVE FOR THIS CRISIS BY EMPOWERING
6 VOTERS TO DECIDE ON A TEMPORARY 0.5% SALES TAX, 0.5% SALES
7 TAX, PERCENT SALES TAX THAT WILL END IN 2031 THAT WILL CREATE
8 REVENUE THAT CAN CREATE A BRIDGE FOR US. A BRIDGE TO HELP SAVE
9 OUR COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AS WE WEATHER THIS CRISIS
10 BROUGHT TO BEAR BY OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THIS IS A MOMENT
11 THAT WE ALLOW AND EMPOWER AND ASK THE VOTERS TO DECIDE ON A
12 BALLOT MEASURE. THERE ARE REALLY NO OTHER VIABLE AND TIMELY
13 OPTIONS, TRUST ME, I LOOKED HIGH AND LOW, THAT ARE WITHIN OUR
14 CONTROL TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF COUNTY
15 RESIDENTS, TO CONFRONT THE DECLINING FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HEALTH
16 CARE COVERAGE AND THEN TRY TO PROTECT COUNTY RESIDENTS FROM
17 CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE COSTS AND BALLOONING MEDICAL DEBT.
18 THIS IS IT. THE COUNTY HAS DONE ALL IT REALLY CAN TO MANAGE
19 THE OVERALL IMPACT OF H.R.-1 IN OTHER AREAS OF OUR BUSINESS.
20 WE ARE IMPLEMENTING HIRING FREEZES. WE HAVE INSTITUTED
21 OVERTIME LIMITS. WE HAVE CONFRONTING CLINIC CLOSURES AND USE
22 OF EMERGENCY RESERVES HAVE BEEN TAPPED. FROM MY PERSPECTIVE,
23 THERE IS NO OTHER OPTION FOR L.A. COUNTY TO CLOSE A
24 \$2,500,000,000 GAP CREATED BY H.R-1. AND WE'RE PROPOSING TO DO
25 THIS IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT AFFECT A CITY'S POWER TO SOLVE



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1 THEIR OWN LEGAL OR FINANCIAL BURDENS. I BELIEVE COLLEAGUES
2 THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, AS WELL AS A LEGAL DUTY, TO
3 PREVENT PUSHING WORKING FAMILIES INTO DEBT AND WORSENING THE
4 AFFORDABILITY CRISIS BY GENERATING URGENTLY NEEDED REVENUE TO
5 ENSURE ACCESS TO CRITICAL SERVICES LIKE HEALTHCARE FOR OUR
6 RESIDENTS. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THIS COUNTY, THIS BOARD
7 AND PAST BOARDS HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED A CORE BELIEF THAT HEALTH
8 CARE IS A RIGHT. AND WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO MAKE SURE
9 THAT WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND STAND UP A HEALTH CARE
10 DELIVERY SYSTEM WORTHY OF THE RESIDENTS OF THIS COUNTY.
11 RESPONDING TO H.R.- 1, I BELIEVE IS BOTH MY LEGAL AND MORAL
12 OBLIGATION. THIS MOTION GIVES THE VOTERS A CHOICE, GIVEN THE
13 STARK REALITIES THAT OUR COUNTY IS FACING. THE PROPOSED BALLOT
14 ASKS VOTERS, ARE YOU WILLING TO SUPPORT 0.5% GENERAL SALES TAX
15 INCREASE TO PRESERVE ESSENTIAL SERVICES THAT THE COUNTY OF
16 L.A. PROVIDES YOU? AND BEFORE I ASK MY CO-AUTHOR SUPERVISOR,
17 SOLIS, TO SHARE HER PERSPECTIVE, I'D LIKE TO ASK A FEW
18 QUESTIONS TO PROVIDE FURTHER CLARITY, TO GIVE US ALL AN
19 ACCURATE PICTURE, NOT HYSTERIA, NOT GRANDSTANDY, BUT AN
20 ACCURATE PICTURE OF WHAT LIFE IN L.A. COUNTY WILL BE LIKE AS A
21 RESULT OF H.R.-1 IF THIS BOARD DOESN'T TAKE ACTION TODAY. AND
22 SO, IF I MAY, DR. GHALY AND DR. FERRER, THANK YOU. CAN YOU
23 PLEASE DESCRIBE IN REALLY BASIC TERMS THE CUTS CONFRONTING
24 YOUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND WHAT IS AT STAKE IN TERMS OF THE
25 DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO OUR RESIDENTS. DR. GHALY.



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2 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND
3 THANKS TO YOU AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THE MOTION AND FOR THE
4 PRESENCE OF THE COMMUNITY TODAY. THE CUTS THAT THE FEDERAL
5 GOVERNMENT HAS PUT FORWARD WITH H.R.-1 HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO
6 BE CATASTROPHIC FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. AT FULL
7 IMPLEMENTATION, THE CUTS WILL CAUSE OVER A \$700,000,000
8 DECLINE IN REVENUE OVER THE NEXT THREE TO FOUR YEARS. AND
9 THAT'S DUE TO A COMBINATION OF CHANGES IN TERMS OF HOW
10 MEDICAID SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS ARE MADE, AS WELL AS REALLY
11 IMPORTANTLY FOR JUST EVERY PERSON IN THIS COUNTRY, IT'S A
12 LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
13 MEDI-CAL OR WHO ARE LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO ENROLL IN MEDI-CAL OR
14 MEDICAID BECAUSE OF THE ELIGIBILITY, DETERMINATION, CHANGES
15 THAT THEY MADE TO THE PROGRAM. AND THIS WILL HAVE A VERY REAL
16 IMPACT ON EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN THE COUNTY, AND I'LL BE VERY
17 BRIEF, BUT HAPPY TO ANSWER FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS. I THINK OF IT
18 REALLY IN TWO WAYS. THERE'S THE DIRECT IMPACT ON THE PATIENTS
19 THAT ARE SERVED BY DHS. WE SERVE OVER HALF OF MILLION PATIENTS
20 WITHIN OUR HEALTH SYSTEM OVER THE COURSE OF A YEAR. WE PROVIDE
21 ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO PREDOMINANTLY LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS WHO
22 NEED HIGH-QUALITY CARE AND DESERVE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY
23 CARE. AND THOSE SERVICES ARE THREATENED WHEN WE FACE A THREE-
24 QUARTERS OF A BILLION-DOLLAR CUT TO OUR REVENUE. WE FACE THE
25 CHALLENGES OF POTENTIALLY SEEKING IN THE FUTURE CLINIC



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1 CLOSURES, HOSPITAL CLOSURES, AND THE PEOPLE THAT WILL RELY ON
2 US NOW FOR CARE WILL NO LONGER HAVE THE SAME ACCESS TO
3 SERVICES. HOWEVER, IT'S BROADER THAN THAT. AND EVEN FOR PEOPLE
4 WHO DON'T CALL DHS THEIR HOME, THERE IS AN ACCESS ON CARE FOR
5 THEM AS WELL. AND THAT COMES FROM A FEW DIFFERENT WAYS. FIRST,
6 WE PROVIDE A HUGE SHARE OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS IN THIS
7 COUNTY. MANY PRIVATE HOSPITALS DO A LARGE SHARE OF ED VISITS
8 AS WELL AND CERTAINLY WE ARE NOT ALONE IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO
9 EMERGENCY SERVICES BUT HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDES OVER A QUARTER
10 OF MILLION ED VISITS EVERY YEAR. WE RUN SOME OF THE BIGGEST
11 EMERGENCY ROOMS IN THE COUNTRY, PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCE CAR
12 ACCIDENTS, TRAUMA, THEY COME TO OUR TWO LEVEL 1 TRAUMA CENTERS
13 FOR SERVICES. IF THOSE HOSPITALS DON'T HAVE CONTINUED ACCESS
14 TO CARE, THAT WILL TOUCH EVERYBODY, EVEN IF THEY DON'T
15 NECESSARILY CALL DHS THEIR MEDICAL HOME. AND IMPORTANTLY, EVEN
16 IF THEY WEREN'T NECESSARILY TRANSPORTED TO DHS, NOW THOSE
17 PATIENTS HAVE TO GO TO OTHER HOSPITALS. AND IT WILL INCREASE
18 THE PRESSURE AND THE VOLUME ON HOSPITALS FOR ANYONE WHO IS
19 SEEKING CARE, EVEN AT A PRIVATE HOSPITAL. AS ANYONE WHO HAS
20 GONE TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM LATELY KNOWS IT'S NOT NECESSARILY
21 THE MOST PLEASANT EXPERIENCE ALL THE TIME IN ADDITION TO THE
22 STRESS OF THE CONDITION THAT THE PERSON IS EXPERIENCING.
23 THERE'S ALSO OFTEN LONG WAIT TIMES AND THERE'S CHALLENGES WITH
24 THE PROCESS ITSELF. THOSE CHALLENGES WILL GET WORSE BECAUSE
25 THERE WILL SIMPLY BE FEWER PLACES TO ACCESS CARE. DHS ALSO



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1 PROVIDES SEVERAL HIGHLY SPECIALIZED SERVICES THAT ARE QUITE
2 UNIQUE IN THE COUNTY. IN ADDITION TO BEING ONE OF THE ONLY
3 LEVEL 1 TRAUMA CENTERS AND ONE OF THE, AMONG A VERY SMALL
4 COHORT OF TRAUMA CENTERS IN GENERAL. WE ALSO OPERATE AT L.A.
5 GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER, ONE OF THE ONLY SPECIALTY BURN CENTERS
6 IN THE COUNTY. WE OPERATE THE ONLY THREE LOCKED PSYCHIATRIC
7 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY, AS WELL AS SOME OF THE
8 PRIMARY INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES IN THE COUNTY. AND
9 FINALLY, WE'RE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR A HUGE SHARE OF GRADUATE
10 MEDICAL EDUCATION TRAINING. A LARGE NUMBER OF RESIDENT
11 PHYSICIANS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ULTIMATELY GO TO WORK
12 IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR OR THE PRIVATE SECTOR OR A COMMUNITY
13 CLINIC. THEY RECEIVE THEIR TRAINING AT ONE OF THE PUBLIC
14 HOSPITALS. AND THE TRAINING THAT WE PROVIDE IS EXCEPTIONAL,
15 BOTH IN ITS BREADTH AS WELL AS IN ITS DEPTH. AND IT WOULD BE A
16 HUGE DETRIMENT TO THE FUTURE OF THE PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE THAT
17 WE ALL SO DESPERATELY NEED IF THOSE TRAINING PROGRAMS HAD TO
18 CLOSE OR HAD TO REDUCE THEIR NUMBER. AND I'M HAPPY TO
19 ELABORATE MORE IF THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS BUT I THINK THE DANGER
20 REALLY DOES AFFECT THE PATIENTS THAT COME TO US, AS WELL AS
21 THE ENTIRE COUNTY.

22

23 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** YOU MADE IT CLEAR. THANK YOU, DR.
24 GHALY. DR. FERRER?

25



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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, GOOD MORNING, AND ALSO THANK YOU
2 SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR YOUR IMPORTANT WORK ON THIS
3 ESSENTIAL MOTION TO PROTECT L.A. COUNTY'S HEALTH AND PUBLIC
4 HEALTH SAFETY NET. AT L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AS
5 YOU KNOW, IT PROTECTS THE HEALTH OF EVERYBODY. AND WE SERVE
6 EVERYONE, ALL 10,000,000 RESIDENTS THAT LIVE HERE, AS WELL AS
7 ALL OF THE WORKERS THAT COME INTO WORK HERE. THE THREAT IS
8 REAL ALREADY AT THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. WE'VE ALREADY
9 LOST OVER, AS YOU NOTED, \$40,000,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDING THIS
10 YEAR. AND WE GOT A THREAT JUST LAST NIGHT OF LOSING AN
11 ADDITIONAL \$60,000,000. THIS MONEY SUPPORTS VITAL PUBLIC
12 HEALTH PROGRAMMING. IT SUPPORTS HEALTH PROGRAMMING THAT ALLOWS
13 US TO TRACK AND MITIGATE AGAINST OUTBREAKS AND COMMUNICABLE
14 DISEASES. IT ALLOWS US TO RESPOND TO ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS,
15 BOTH THREATS THAT HAPPEN DURING THE FIRE, THREATS THAT HAPPEN
16 TO OUR WATER AND OUR AIR AND OUR SOIL, THREATS ASSOCIATED WITH
17 OUR LANDFILLS. IT ALLOWS US TO TEST WATER YEAR-ROUND HERE IN
18 THE COUNTY, AND IT ALLOWS US TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO HELP
19 RESIDENTS PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM CHRONIC DISEASES, INCLUDING
20 OUR WORK ON FOOD INSECURITY AND OUR WORK ON INSPECTING HEALTH
21 FACILITIES AND FOOD FACILITIES. WITH THE THREAT OF H.R.-1,
22 THERE'S ALSO A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE INABILITY OF OUR
23 PUBLIC HEALTH SAPC PROGRAM, OUR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND
24 CONTROL PROGRAM, TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PARTICULARLY TREATMENT
25 SERVICES AS THOSE ARE DELIVERED TO MEDI-CAL RESIDENTS. WE



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1 ESTIMATE THAT OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS, WE'LL LOSE BETWEEN
2 200 AND \$300,000,000 IN FUNDING FOR CRITICAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
3 AND THESE PROGRAMS WILL HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON EVERYBODY WHO
4 LIVES AND WORKS HERE IN THE COUNTY. THIS IS MONEY THAT
5 ACTUALLY THREATENS NOT ONLY OUR ABILITY AS A PUBLIC HEALTH
6 DEPARTMENT, BUT THE ABILITY OF ALL OF THE COMMUNITY-BASED
7 ORGANIZATIONS, MANY OF WHOM I KNOW ARE HERE TODAY, AND OUR
8 COMMUNITY CLINICS AND FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, TO
9 JOIN WITH US TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH. WE SAW THIS
10 DURING COVID. IT WAS A ROBUST RESPONSE. IT'S A RESPONSE THAT
11 COSTS A LOT OF MONEY. WITHOUT THAT MONEY, THAT INFRASTRUCTURE
12 FALLS APART AND THAT'S A PRIVATE PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP THAT
13 PROTECTS EVERYONE'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

14

15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE YOU BOTH. I RECALL, I
16 THINK I BEGAN TO HEAR IT DURING COVID, BUT CERTAINLY MORE
17 RECENTLY, A NUMBER OF CITIES EXPRESSING AN INTEREST IN
18 STUDYING THEIR OWN PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. I DON'T THINK
19 ANY OF THEM DID THAT. THE COUNTY STILL HAS TWO CITIES THAT
20 HAVE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, PASADENA AND LONG BEACH. SO,
21 CAN YOU WALK ME THROUGH WHAT YOUR DEPARTMENTS PROVIDE FOR
22 CITIES IN THE COUNTY AND WHETHER CITIES CAN AT THIS POINT AS
23 OF FEBRUARY 2026, REPLICATE THOSE SERVICES THEMSELVES.

24

25 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR



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1 MITCHELL FOR THAT IMPORTANT QUESTION. THE COUNTY IS THE PUBLIC
2 HEALTH PROVIDER FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS BY STATE STATUTE. WE HAVE
3 TWO CITIES WHO HAVE ALSO BEEN PERMITTED TO BE PUBLIC HEALTH
4 DEPARTMENTS, BUT IT IS A PROCESS YOU NEED TO GO THROUGH WITH
5 THE STATE. AND THERE ARE LEGAL MANDATES THAT, AS THE COUNTY,
6 WE HAVE TO PROVIDE TO PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN ALL OF OUR
7 CONTRACT CITIES. AND THOSE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE TO THE
8 CITIES ARE FREE TO THE CITIES. SO, THE SERVICES THAT WE
9 PROVIDE, FOR EXAMPLE, ON COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTACT TRACING,
10 FOR ONE MEASLES CASE, WE HAVE BETWEEN 200 AND 300 CONTACTS ON
11 AVERAGE AND IT COSTS OVER \$200,000. I HAVE 40 STAFF THAT
12 WORKED ON THIS LAST MEASLES CASE TRYING TO IDENTIFY EVERYBODY
13 WHO MAY HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A HIGHLY INFECTIOUS PERSON
14 AND FOR PEOPLE WHO, AND WE HAVE TO DETERMINE THEIR
15 IMMUNIZATION STATUS TO FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH THEY'RE AT RISK AND
16 HOW MUCH THEY MAY BE PUTTING OTHERS AT RISK. IT'S AN ENORMOUS
17 TASK AND IT'S DONE FOR FREE. IT'S DONE FOR FREE TO THE
18 RESIDENTS AND IT'S DONE FOR FREE TO THE CITIES. THE REASON
19 IT'S DONE FOR FREE IS BECAUSE WE ENJOY FEDERAL REVENUE AND
20 LOCAL REVENUE THAT SUPPORTS THESE ACTIVITIES, BUT THEY ARE
21 ACTIVITIES THAT WE ARE LEGALLY OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE. WE
22 PROVIDE THEM TO THE CITIES AND TO THE RESIDENTS AND THE
23 WORKERS WHO LIVE IN THE CITIES. IT'S ALSO THE SAME FOR
24 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, BOTH ON THE HAZARD SIDE AND
25 ROUTINE INSPECTIONS. FOR SOME OF THOSE SERVICES, WE CHARGE



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1 FEES TO BUSINESSES. FOR A LOT OF THE SERVICES, THERE ARE NO
2 FEES. WE USE OUR FEDERAL DOLLARS, OUR STATE DOLLARS, AND OUR
3 LOCAL DOLLARS TO MAKE SURE WE CAN PROVIDE FOR FREE TO CITIES
4 ALL OF THE PERMITTING AND LICENSING THAT CITIES REQUIRE. IN
5 ADDITION TO THAT, WE DO ACTIVITIES LIKE WE TEST THE WATER. AND
6 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE TEST THE WATER AND THE OCEANS ALL
7 ALONG THE COAST 12 MONTHS OUT OF THE YEAR. THE STATE
8 REQUIREMENT THERE IS ONLY FOR SIX MONTHS OUT OF THE YEAR, AND
9 WE ACTUALLY ONLY GET FUNDING FOR SIX MONTHS OUT OF THE YEAR,
10 BUT WE USE ADDITIONAL REVENUES TO MAKE SURE, BECAUSE PEOPLE
11 USE OUR WATER 365 DAYS A YEAR. PEOPLE SWIM, PEOPLE SURF, AND
12 PEOPLE RECREATE ON OUR BEACHES. THESE ARE BENEFITS THAT GO
13 DIRECTLY TO CITIES ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS AND THE PEOPLE
14 WHO WORK IN THE CITIES. WE ALSO RESPOND WHEN THERE'S AN
15 ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD, AGAIN, AT NO COST TO THE CITIES. WE WILL
16 SHOW UP, AS WE DID FOR DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL, AS WE DO UP IN
17 ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR CHIQUITA CANYON AND OTHER LANDFILLS. WHEN
18 THERE ARE ISSUES, WE GET CALLED. IF THERE'S A PROCESSING PLANT
19 THAT'S VIOLATING THE RULES AND THE REGULATIONS, THE PUBLIC
20 HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS OFTEN ONE OF THE FIRST DEPARTMENTS THAT
21 IS OUT THERE WORKING TO ASSESS THE RISKS AND TO GO AHEAD AND
22 TRY TO MITIGATE. THE SAME WAS TRUE FOR THE FIRES. THESE ARE
23 ALL SERVICES THAT ARE AT NO CHARGE TO CONTRACT CITIES.

24

25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE CITIES THAT



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1 ARE PROUDLY HOSTING ALL OF THESE SPORTING EVENTS THAT WILL
2 ATTRACT MILLIONS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. I WOULD HOPE THAT
3 THOSE CITIES WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE AND RESPECT THE ROLE YOU
4 PLAY IN CONTRACT TRACING AND KEEPING THEIR RESIDENTS, THEIR
5 REGULAR POPULATION, AND THE POPULATION THAT WILL GROW SAFE.
6 AND SO, THE STATE STATUTE THAT REQUIRES THAT WE DO IT, IT
7 DOESN'T GUARANTEE FUNDING?

8

9 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** NO, NOT AT ALL. I MEAN, THAT'S WHY I'M
10 SAYING WE'VE RELIED HEAVILY ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE
11 THREATS BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE ONGOING THREATS AND THE
12 CURTAILMENTS WE'VE ALREADY RECEIVED TO DATE ARE DEVASTATING.
13 OVER 50% OF OUR FUNDING HERE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH LOCALLY IS
14 FEDERALLY DERIVED. IT COMES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. MUCH
15 OF IT COMES DIRECTLY, SOME OF IT COMES THROUGH THE STATE, BUT
16 WHEN WE RECEIVE THESE DRAMATIC REDUCTIONS, IT DRAMATICALLY
17 IMPACTS OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES.

18

19 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE YOU BOTH WALKING THAT
20 THROUGH. I THINK I'VE HEARD A LOT RECENTLY THAT PEOPLE ARE
21 MAKING ASSUMPTIONS. I'M NOT ON MEDI-CAL. I HAVE PRIVATE
22 INSURANCE. IT WON'T IMPACT ME, BUT I THINK YOU'VE MADE IT
23 CRITICALLY CLEAR THE ROLE YOU PLAY IN GUARANTEEING HEALTH CARE
24 FOR EVERY RESIDENT. AND DR. GHALY, MY SISTER, I THINK SHE'S IN
25 THE AUDIENCE, THE 47-YEAR CAREER BIG GENERAL EMPLOYEE WHO



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1 PAINFULLY REMINDED ME OF THAT TIME DURING THE '80S WHEN WE HAD
2 EMERGENCY ROOM CLOSURES AND AN AMBULANCE WOULD CIRCLE AND
3 CIRCLE LOOKING FOR AN ER WHOSE DOORS WOULD OPEN. AND IT DIDN'T
4 MATTER IF YOU WERE EMPLOYER-BASED INSURANCE, INDEPENDENTLY
5 WEALTHY AND COULD WRITE A CHECK TO COVER YOUR MEDICAL BILL. IT
6 DIDN'T MATTER WHO YOU WERE IN THAT AMBULANCE. IF AN ER WAS
7 CLOSED, AN ER WAS CLOSED. AND THEN THE BURDEN THAT PUT ON
8 OTHERS, AND I REMEMBER THOSE DAYS WHEN PEOPLE WAITED IN 2 AND
9 3 DAYS IN THE WAITING ROOM, THE BIG GENERAL, AND THE PRESSURES
10 THAT BROUGHT TO BEAR. I REMEMBER THE VIOLENCE THAT ERUPTED. I
11 REMEMBER THOSE DAYS. AND IT WOULD BE RIDICULOUS IF HAVING
12 LIVED THROUGH THAT, THAT WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE PUSHED BACK
13 INTO THOSE TIMES. SO, THANK YOU BOTH FOR MAKING IT CLEAR FOR
14 EVERYBODY. DR. TADEO, YOU ARE THE HEAD OF THE EMERGENCY
15 MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY, WHICH COORDINATES EMERGENCY AND
16 DISASTER SERVICES FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS COUNTYWIDE.
17 CAN YOU TELL US THE IMPACT OF H.R.-1 ON THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY
18 AND DISASTER SYSTEM.

19

20 **RICHARD TADEO:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE UNINTENDED
21 CONSEQUENCES REALLY STEMS FROM ANY CURTAILMENT FROM PUBLIC
22 HEALTH OR THE HEALTH SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,
23 BECAUSE YOU LOOK AT EMS AS THE SAFETY NET FOR THE COMMUNITY.
24 AND IF THERE IS ANY CURTAILMENT IN ANY SERVICES, THEN EMS
25 NEEDS TO READJUST. AND THIS PARTICULARLY WOULD IMPACT A LOT OF



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1 THE CITIES BECAUSE THEIR SMALLER MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS
2 HAVE FEWER RESOURCES. SO, THEY WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL LONGER
3 DISTANCES TO HOSPITALS THAT CAN ACCOMMODATE THEM. THEY WILL
4 HAVE TO WAIT LONGER IN EMERGENCY ROOMS TO OFFLOAD THEIR
5 PATIENTS. THAT'S A CRITICAL PROBLEM FOR ACCESS FOR THE
6 COMMUNITY BECAUSE 911 AND EMS IS THE SAFETY NET FOR THE
7 COMMUNITY AND THEY'RE STUCK AT HOSPITAL ERS WAITING TO
8 OFFLOAD. SECONDLY, THE ANY CURTAILMENT WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT
9 EVEN OUR AMBULANCE PROVIDERS BECAUSE THEY'RE THE ONES WHO ARE
10 ALSO STUCK IN THE EMERGENCY ROOMS OFFLOADING PATIENTS. SO,
11 THEY'RE ALSO IMPACTED WITH FINANCIAL CURTAILMENT THAT THEY
12 CAN'T PUT ANY MORE UNITS OUT IN THE FIELD, ONLY TO BE CLOGGING
13 UP THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS. SO, I THINK THAT WOULD BE THE
14 DIRECT IMPACT TO EMS, AND IT WOULD CERTAINLY PUT OUR SAFETY
15 NET FOR THE COMMUNITY AT RISK.

16

17 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. COUNTY
18 COUNSEL, YOU KNOW, I HAVE HEARD, I'M SURE MANY OF MY
19 COLLEAGUES HAVE HEARD, FROM CITY LEADERS WHO ARE EXPRESSING
20 CONCERNS THAT I SHARE. WE KNOW THE PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING
21 ECONOMICALLY. I GET THAT. I GOT A CALL, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FROM
22 A COUNCILWOMAN FROM BELL WHO WAS REALLY DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT
23 HER RESIDENCE AND AFFORDABILITY. I SHARE THAT. AND WE KNOW
24 SALES TAXES ARE REGRESSIVE AND I JUST OFFER THE COUNTER THAT
25 IT'S THAT VERY SAME POPULATION WHO RELIES ON THESE SERVICES



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1 WE'VE HEARD ABOUT AND IF THOSE SERVICES GO AWAY HOW DO WE
2 EXPECT PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY STRUGGLING TO FIND AND PAY FOR
3 HEALTH CARE SERVICES? I MEAN I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW WE DO THAT.
4 SO SEPARATE FROM THAT ISSUE, I DO WANT TO ASK A TECHNICAL
5 ISSUE OF COUNTY COUNSEL THAT I KNOW THAT CITIES HAVE A WIDE
6 RANGE OF TAXING AUTHORITY AND OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO INCREASE
7 REVENUE. SO, DOES THE PROPOSED COUNTY TAX LIMIT MODIFY THE
8 CITY'S EXISTING LEGAL POWERS TO TAX TO RAISE REVENUE FOR THEIR
9 MUNICIPAL SERVICES?

10

11 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THE QUESTION.
12 I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO MY LEAD, PETE BOLLINGER. HE'S THE
13 ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL AND HE'S MY LEAD ON THESE EFFORTS,
14 THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **PETER BOLLINGER:** THANKS FOR THE QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. THE
19 ESSENTIAL SERVICES RESTORATION ACT SHOULD HAVE NO IMPACT IF
20 THE GENERAL TAX IS EXEMPTED FROM THE CAP THROUGH THE
21 LEGISLATION, WHICH IS ALSO SOUGHT IN THE MOTION. SO, THE
22 CITY'S ABILITY TO TAX WILL NOT BE IMPACTED. THERE IS A CAP IN
23 CALIFORNIA LAW, WHICH LIMITS SALES TAXES TO 2%. CURRENTLY THE
24 COUNTY COLLECTS ABOUT 1% OF THAT FOR TRANSPORTATION MEASURES,
25 PROPS A AND PROPS C. THE REMAINING 1% WITHIN THE CAP CONTINUES



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1 TO BE AVAILABLE TO THE CITIES EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THEY'VE
2 ALREADY USED THAT CAP AND IF THEY'VE ALREADY USED THAT PORTION
3 OF THE CAP, THEN THEY CAN SEEK THEIR OWN EXEMPTION FROM THE
4 STATE AS WELL. BUT THIS ACT SHOULD NOT IMPACT THE ABILITY OF
5 THE CITIES TO IMPLEMENT A SALES TAX.

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7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** CAN YOU JUST REPEAT THAT?

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9 **PETER BOLLINGER:** SURE.

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11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THAT THIS IS EXEMPT FROM THE CAP?

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13 **PETER BOLLINGER:** YES. THE LEGISLATION, YES, WE'RE SEEKING
14 LEGISLATION FROM THE STATE, WHICH EXEMPT US FROM THE CAP.

15

16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY, YOU BURIED THAT.

17

18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND THAT BILL HAS BEEN INTRODUCED, AB
19 1768. SO YEAH, WE'RE SEEKING. IT'S NOT THAT THIS MOTION IS
20 EXEMPT. LEGISLATION WOULD, RIGHT. AND JUST TO VERIFY THAT
21 CURRENTLY SALES TAXES AND THIS MOTION AND THIS AND IF THIS
22 WERE PASSED BY THE VOTERS IT WOULDN'T CHANGE THAT BUT
23 CURRENTLY SALES TAXES EXCLUDE GROCERIES, PRESCRIPTION
24 MEDICATIONS AND ALL ITEMS PURCHASED VIA PUBLIC BENEFIT
25 PROGRAMS LIKE EBT AND WIC.



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2 **PETER BOLLINGER:** THAT'S CORRECT. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
3 DETERMINES WHAT IS SUBJECT TO THE SALES TAX. SO, ESSENTIALS
4 LIKE GROCERIES UNPREPARED FOODS EBT ELIGIBLE FOOD PURCHASES AS
5 YOU MENTIONED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS ARE EXCLUDED ALSO
6 EXCLUDED OR MEDICAL DEVICES. SO, INSULIN SYRINGES THINGS LIKE
7 THAT PUBLIC TRANSIT FARES ARE EXCLUDED AND THEN CALIFORNIA
8 DOESN'T PUT A SALES TAX ON MOST LABOR. SO, IF YOU HAVE TO
9 REPAIR YOUR CAR OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, YOU'LL OFTEN SEE THE
10 LABOR IS NOT TAXED.

11

12 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU FOR THAT REMINDER AS WELL.
13 SO, I WILL JUST SAY COLLEAGUES THAT MY TAKEAWAY FROM TODAY'S
14 CONVERSATION, THANK YOU DR. FERRER FOR REMINDING US THAT IT IS
15 STATE STATUTE THAT REQUIRES THAT THE COUNTIES PROVIDE THESE
16 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND PROTECTIONS AT NO COST TO CITIES.
17 CITIES AREN'T MANDATED TO DO THAT. THE COUNTY IS. AND WHILE
18 IT'S A STATE STATUTE, IT IS NO GUARANTEED FUNDING. SO, IT'S
19 ONE OF THOSE UNFUNDED MANDATES, AS WE LIKE TO IDENTIFY.
20 HOWEVER, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOES HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO
21 FUND MEDICAID, AND H.R.-1 TELLS US WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
22 THINKS OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO GUARANTEE OUR ACCESS TO HEALTH
23 CARE SERVICES. YOU KNOW, COLLEAGUES, I, AS I SAID EARLIER,
24 CAN'T AFFORD TO DO NOTHING IN THE FACE OF H.R.- 1 KNOWING HOW
25 OUR COMMUNITIES WILL SUFFER. THERE IS NO QUESTION, H.R.- 1 IS



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1 LAW, IT'S A DONE DEAL. THE ONLY QUESTION IS WHAT WILL WE DO TO
2 CREATE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE VOTERS TO STEP UP TO HELP SAVE US
3 ALL FROM A VERY DANGEROUS PREDICAMENT THAT H.R.-1 HAS PLACED
4 US IN. AN ERA THAT WE HAVE SEEN AND LIVED THROUGH BEFORE. WHEN
5 THE HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE IN THIS COUNTY WAS PULLED AND
6 STRAINED, AND PEOPLE DIED AS A RESULT OF THAT. I DON'T WANT TO
7 GO BACK THERE. AND I'M GOING TO DO ALL I CAN IN THIS CAPACITY
8 AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CREATE A DIFFERENT
9 FUTURE FOR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS TO CREATE THIS TEMPORARY
10 BRIDGE TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
11 HAS PUT US IN THE MIDDLE OF. WITH THAT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
12 MADAM CHAIR, AND I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR PARTNERSHIP ON THIS
13 MOTION. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALSO, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
16 THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN YOU AS A CO-AUTHOR ON THE
17 MOTION, AND THANK YOU, PANEL, FOR TALKING AND EXPRESSING WHAT
18 MANY PEOPLE DON'T KNOW IN THE PUBLIC. THE MANY FREE SERVICES
19 THAT MANY CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT SOME OF US
20 REPRESENT. I REPRESENT ONE OF THE LARGEST AREAS IN THE EASTERN
21 PART OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, HACIENDA
22 HEIGHTS, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, EAST LOS ANGELES. AND THOSE
23 AREAS WERE HEAVILY IMPACTED DURING COVID, AND ESPECIALLY EAST
24 LOS ANGELES. AND IT'S TRUE. SOME PEOPLE DID RECEIVE A LOT OF
25 ASSISTANCE AND HELP, BUT NEIGHBORING CITIES ALSO DID AS WELL.



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1 AND FOR THAT REASON, WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE ALIVE TODAY DURING
2 THAT CATASTROPHE THAT OCCURRED THAT WAS NOT MANMADE. THIS
3 PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE IS MANMADE. AND I FIRST OFF WOULD LIKE TO
4 THANK THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE AUDIENCE, AND ESPECIALLY JIM
5 MANGIA, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF ST. JOHN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS
6 AND THE COALITION. RAISE YOUR HANDS, BECAUSE WE GOT A LOT TO
7 SAY TODAY. SO, I WANT TO THANK THE COALITION AND ESPECIALLY
8 EVERYONE HERE TODAY AND THOSE THAT ARE WATCHING ON TELEVISION,
9 INCLUDING OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT ARE HERE, OUR LABOR
10 PARTNERS, OUR COMMUNITY, CLINIC LEADERS, AND SO MANY COMMUNITY
11 MEMBERS THAT HAVE JOINED US TODAY AND THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS.
12 MORE IMPORTANTLY, I WANT TO THANK THE PATIENTS WHO TOOK TIME
13 OUT OF THEIR BUSY DAY TO BE WITH US HERE TODAY AND REMIND US
14 ALL WHY WE ARE CONSIDERING THIS MOTION. YOU ARE ALL AN
15 IMPORTANT REPRESENTATION OF WHAT IS AT STAKE, AND THAT IS YOUR
16 ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES. AND YES, I AGREE, IT
17 SHOULD BE A RIGHT AND NOT A PRIVILEGE. COLLEAGUES, LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY IS FACING UNPRECEDENTED DIFFICULT TIMES. WE ALL KNOW
19 THAT. WE JUST SAW THAT IN THE SLIDES. AND THANK YOU FOR
20 PRESENTING THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. LET US NOT FORGET THOUGH
21 AGAIN AND UNDERSCORE HOW WE GOT HERE. THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION
22 AND CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS PASSED H.R.-1 THAT PUT THE
23 SAFETY NET, WHICH WE AS BOARD MEMBERS ARE OBLIGATED TO
24 STRENGTHEN AND MAKE SURE THAT IT'S ADAPTABLE AND FLEXIBLE WHEN
25 WE INCUR HITS LIKE THIS, BUDGET HITS AND CRISIS. THIS INCLUDES



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1 NEARLY \$1,000,000,000,000 IN CUTS TO MEDICAID, AND IT'S
2 ESTIMATED THAT AS MANY AS 3,500,000 MEDICAID ENROLLEES IN
3 CALIFORNIA COULD LOSE COVERAGE DUE TO THIS NEW WORK
4 REQUIREMENT THAT IS ALSO BEING PLACED UPON US. APPROXIMATELY
5 \$3,300,000 OR 1 IN 3 COUNTY RESIDENTS RELY ON MEDI-CAL, THE
6 STATE'S MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR LIFE-SAVING HEALTH SERVICES. AND
7 YES, IN MANY CASES IT IS FOR THOSE THAT ARE AT THE BOTTOM
8 RUNG, BUT IN MANY CASES IT IS NOT. AND 23% OF THESE MEDI-CAL
9 BENEFICIARIES RESIDE IN MY DISTRICT, THE FIRST DISTRICT, WHICH
10 I AM PROUD TO REPRESENT. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, AN ESTIMATED
11 1,500,000 COUNTY RESIDENTS MAY LOSE MEDI-CAL COVERAGE BY 2027.
12 WE'RE JUST TALKING ONE YEAR AWAY AND THOSE HITS HAVE ALREADY
13 BEGUN AS WAS OUTLINED BY THE DHS, DR. GHALY AND ALSO DR.
14 FERRER. OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, INCLUDING OUR IMMIGRANT
15 NEIGHBORS, ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING ACCESS TO LIFE-SAVING
16 SERVICES. THIS IS ON THE TOP OF CHAOS AND CONFUSION THROUGH
17 INCREASED LAWLESSNESS THAT ARE INCREASINGLY MAKING HEALTH CARE
18 SETTINGS UNSAFE. AND WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS BY HAVING I.C.E.
19 AGENTS, DHS, FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTRUDING AND GOING
20 INTO OUR CLINICS AND TO OUR HOSPITALS AND BEING OBSTRUCTIVE.
21 THESE ARE MEANT TO BE SAFE PLACES. IN OUR PSYCHE AND OUR MIND,
22 WE KNOW THEY SHOULD BE SAFE PLACES. AND INSTEAD, THEY'RE
23 CREATING TERROR, THESE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE COMING IN FROM THE
24 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON TOP OF CUTS TO HEALTHCARE SERVICES, AND
25 SCARING OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS, FRIGHTENING THEM AND OUR



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1 PATIENTS. AND AS A RESULT, MANY INDIVIDUALS ARE NOW AFRAID TO
2 EVEN ACCESS HEALTH CARE. THEY'RE AFRAID TO GO TO THEIR
3 CLINICAL MEETINGS, REGULAR MEETINGS THAT THEY HAVE TO HELP
4 MAINTAIN THEIR DIABETES OR MAKE SURE THEY GET THEIR INSULIN OR
5 ANY OTHER CHECKUPS, HEART, WHATEVER, CHRONIC ILLNESSES. MANY
6 OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS ARE REPRESENTED FROM MY DISTRICT AND IT
7 HAS BEEN ALARMING. COMMUNITY CLINICS THAT ALSO SERVE AS A
8 SAFETY NET TO HELP AUGMENT WHAT OUR HOSPITALS DO, IN THIS CASE
9 GENERAL HOSPITAL, WHICH IS ONE OF THE LARGEST FLAGSHIPS THAT
10 HAS BEEN AROUND FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS, SERVICES EVERYBODY.
11 I'VE BEEN THERE MANY, MANY A TIME WHEN I'VE SEEN INDIVIDUALS
12 TAKEN THERE BECAUSE OF OUR BURN UNIT, FIREFIGHTERS, PUBLIC
13 SAFETY OFFICERS THAT HAVE SUFFERED GUNSHOT WOUNDS FROM AROUND
14 THE COUNTY TAKEN THERE IMMEDIATELY. WE SEE THAT ON A REGULAR
15 BASIS. I WOULD HATE TO SEE THAT THAT FLAGSHIP SOMEHOW HAS TO
16 CLOSE ITS DOORS. THIS IS A RESULT OF HIGH RATES OF UNTREATED
17 ILLNESSES. IT COULD OCCUR AS WELL. I WANT TO SAY THAT BECAUSE
18 IF WE CUT PUBLIC HEALTH, WE'RE GOING TO SEE MORE DISEASES.
19 WE'RE GOING TO SEE THINGS THAT MAYBE WE HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN YET
20 COME BACK. WE'VE HEARD SOME OF THOSE STORIES ALREADY SPOKEN
21 ABOUT BY HHS SECRETARY IN TERMS OF TURNING PEOPLE AWAY FROM
22 IMPORTANT HEALTHCARE SERVICES AND VACCINES. WE KNOW THEY WORK
23 AND WE KNOW IN MANY WAYS YOUR INSTITUTIONS, OUR PUBLIC
24 DEPARTMENTS PROVIDE THOSE VACCINES. I'LL NEVER FORGET TWO
25 YEARS AGO, I THINK IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO WHEN WE FACED THE MPOX



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1 CRISIS. WE DIDN'T WAIT FOR OUR PRIVATE HOSPITALS OR ANYONE
2 ELSE TO COME IN. WE STARTED TO PROVIDE THAT SERVICE
3 IMMEDIATELY, EVEN ON THE GROUND AT SWAP MEETS, AT GATHERINGS
4 OUTSIDE. AND WHO WAS THERE? DHS. WE HAVE PEOPLE COMING AS FAR
5 AWAY AS SAN DIEGO AND RIVERSIDE BECAUSE THEY KNEW THEY COULD
6 HAVE ACCESS TO THIS VACCINE BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WE DO. THAT'S
7 WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH AND DHS PROVIDE FOR OUR RESIDENTS YEAR-
8 ROUND AND ON TOP OF THAT THE CURRENT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S IN
9 ACTION TO ALSO EXTEND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, THE SUBSIDIES,
10 WILL LEAVE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO COULD
11 AFFORD INSURANCE NOW FACED WITH TRIPLE OR MORE HIGH COSTS.
12 THOSE THINGS ARE JUST NOT SOMETHING THAT WE TAKE LIGHTLY HERE.
13 WHERE WILL THEY END UP? MAYBE IN OUR EMERGENCY UNITS? MAYBE
14 NOT. THE RISE IN THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED RESIDENTS ALONG WITH
15 FEAR IN OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES WILL LEAD US TO INCREASE USE
16 OF COMMUNITY CLINICS AND WE KNOW THAT EMERGENCY ROOMS BEING
17 THE MAIN POINT OF CARE AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT EACH AND
18 EVERY ONE OF US WILL HAVE TO UNDERSTAND BECAUSE WE WILL ALSO
19 HAVE TO PAY THE TAXPAYERS WILL HAVE TO PAY MORE BECAUSE MANY
20 PREVENTIVE MEASURES ARE TAKEN OFF THE TABLE. THAT'S WHY WE
21 HAVE PUBLIC HEALTH. PREVENTION, PREVENTION, PREVENTION. THESE
22 IMPACTS WILL BE FELT NOT ONLY ACROSS THE COUNTY, BUT IN MANY
23 OF OUR LOCAL CITIES. AND YES, I DO REPRESENT MANY CITIES IN
24 THE FIRST DISTRICT AND JUST TO GIVE AN APPROXIMATE FIGURE OF
25 WHO IN IN THESE CITIES RECEIVES MEDI-CAL I WANT TO GIVE THE



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1 FOLLOWING INFORMATION APPROXIMATELY 27% AND 31% OF RESIDENTS
2 IN MONTEREY PARK AND MONTEBELLO RESPECTIVELY HAVE MEDI-CAL
3 PATIENTS. THAT IS A STARK NUMBER. I DON'T THINK PEOPLE FULLY
4 REALIZE WHAT THAT MEANS, 27 AND 31 PERCENT. MEANWHILE, IN
5 AREAS THAT I REPRESENT SUCH AS BALDWIN PARK, WE SEE
6 APPROXIMATELY 36% THAT MAKE UP MEDI-CAL PATIENTS. WHERE I GREW
7 UP, NEAR THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, 34% ARE MEDI-CAL RECIPIENTS,
8 AND THEY RELY ON THIS LIFE-SAVING CARE AND SERVICE. IN EL
9 MONTE, IN SOUTH EL MONTE, EACH OF THOSE RESIDENTS THERE MAKE
10 UP A PROPORTION OF ABOUT 40% OF MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES AND IN
11 AZUSA, 1 IN 3 RESIDENTS DEPEND ON MEDI-CAL FOR HEALTH CARE. I
12 ONLY SHARE THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THAT THERE'S
13 A MISNOMER OUT THERE, MISINFORMATION THAT SOMEHOW THIS ISN'T A
14 NECESSARY SERVICE. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THAT SAFETY NET GOES
15 AWAY? PEOPLE ARE IMPACTED. WHAT WILL OUR CITIES HAVE TO FACE?
16 WHAT WILL OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES HAVE TO FACE WHEN PEOPLE HAVE
17 CARDIAC ARRESTS OR HAVE DIABETIC EPISODES OR EPILEPTIC
18 EPISODES? WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN? I COULD I DON'T THINK WE
19 HAVE TO TALK ABOUT IT, WE KIND OF KNOW. SO THAT'S WHY WE'RE
20 DOING THIS TODAY. AND IT'S ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO ME THAT, AT
21 LEAST IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS, WE'RE NOT GOING TO SEE
22 SUFFICIENT FUNDING COMING BACK OUR WAY TO HELP FILL THIS BIG
23 HOLE. SO ONCE AGAIN, THIS FALLS UPON THE COUNTY TO ACT ON
24 BEHALF OF OUR RESIDENTS. AND THAT'S WHAT WE WERE ELECTED TO
25 DO. AND I AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THAT'S WHY WE



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1 GET ELECTED, TO PROVIDE THAT LEADERSHIP AND MAKE THE TOUGH
2 DECISIONS WHEN IT DOES COME DOWN THIS WAY. I ALSO WANT TO BE
3 CLEAR THAT THIS TAX IS TEMPORARY, TEMPORARY FOR FIVE YEARS AND
4 IF IT DOES PASS THE OPPORTUNITY IN JUNE IS IT'LL BE PLACED ON
5 THE BALLOT. PEOPLE CAN VOTE FOR IT, UP OR DOWN. AND I DO
6 BELIEVE THAT THE PUBLIC WOULD UNDERSTAND WHAT CRITICAL
7 SERVICES ARE AT STAKE AND WILL DO THE RIGHT THING. I ALSO WANT
8 TO SAY THAT FOR THIS INITIATIVE, IT WILL HELP TO SAVE OUR
9 PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND I HAVE TWO TRAUMA CENTERS, GENERAL
10 HOSPITAL AND POMONA. AND POMONA WAS JUST RECENTLY OPENED WHEN
11 I GOT ON THIS BOARD, BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE HAD TO, THE LAST 10
12 YEARS, FLY PEOPLE FROM POMONA WHEN THEY WERE IN A MOTORCYCLE
13 HEAD INJURY, ALL THE WAY TO USC. SOMETIMES THOSE FOLKS DIDN'T
14 MAKE IT. THANK GOODNESS FOR THE SAFETY NET THAT WE HAVE IN
15 PLACE AND THAT WE HAVE SUPPORT FROM MEASURE B AND TRAUMA
16 CENTERS THAT ARE HELPING AND ARE A PART OF THE SYSTEM, BUT
17 THEY, TOO, ARE GOING TO BE JEOPARDIZED. AND I WOULD SAY
18 FURTHERMORE THAT WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS PRESERVE 24
19 CLINICS FROM CLOSING AND TO PROTECT ESSENTIAL HEALTH CARE
20 WORKERS FROM BEING LAID OFF AND TO ENSURE THAT OUR RESIDENTS
21 CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS AND COVERAGE. I THINK ALL OF US HERE
22 TODAY CAN DO THE RIGHT THING BY MAKING SURE INFORMATION IS
23 PROVIDED ADEQUATELY AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN
24 THIS DIRECTION TO LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT MEDI-CAL CUTS DON'T
25 JUST HAPPEN ON ONE POPULATION. THEY HAVE DIFFERENT IMPACTS



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1 GOING DOWN THE CHAIN, THE SUPPLY CHAIN, THE SERVICE CHAIN, AND
2 THE HUMANITY CHANGE. SO, I WOULD ASK ALL OF US TO PLEASE HEED
3 THAT CONCERN AND TO HELP US ADVANCE THIS MOTION. THIS IS ONE
4 BITE AT THE APPLE, AND I THINK IT'S A BIG ONE, AND IT'S REALLY
5 ABOUT FIGHTING BACK ON WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE BIG UGLY BILL,
6 H.R-1. MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT. SO I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU
7 FOR COMING HERE TODAY. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A ROBUST
8 DISCUSSION, I BELIEVE, AND WE'LL HEAR FROM BOTH SIDES AND FROM
9 ALL SIDES. AND THAT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE THIS IS A DEMOCRACY
10 AND THAT IS WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT. SO, WITH THAT, I WILL TURN
11 IT OVER TO MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR HAHN. YOU ARE IN THE
12 QUEUE.

13

14 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
15 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND THELISSE FOR BEGINNING THIS ROBUST
16 CONVERSATION AND DEBATE. AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU DID AN
17 EXCELLENT JOB OF REALLY PAINTING THE PICTURE, OF LAYING OUT
18 THE LANDSCAPE WHICH WE FIND OURSELVES IN. AND IT'S ALWAYS
19 GOOD, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU DID THE SAME THING, REMINDING
20 PEOPLE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE THE CARERS OF THE SAFETY NET. AND
21 WE FIND OURSELVES FOR OVER A YEAR NOW, BASICALLY PUTTING ASIDE
22 A LOT OF THE INITIATIVES THAT MAYBE WE WANTED TO PUT FORWARD,
23 EITHER INDIVIDUALLY IN OUR DISTRICTS OR COLLECTIVELY AS A
24 BOARD TO FIGHT, PUT UP GUARDRAILS, RESIST, AND PUSH BACK ON
25 WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AS AN ABSOLUTE ONSLAUGHT FROM THIS FEDERAL



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1 GOVERNMENT IN SO MANY WAYS, DISRUPTING PEOPLE'S LIVES,
2 INJURING PEOPLE'S LIVES, AND PUTTING OUT, PUTTING A LOT OF
3 BARRIERS THAT WILL CAUSE HARM TO THE PEOPLE THAT WE REPRESENT.
4 AND I THANK YOU TO THE PANEL. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER AND DR.
5 GHALY, PARTICULARLY FOR LAYING OUT. A LOT OF MY QUESTIONS I
6 HAD WERE, WHAT WOULD WE BE SPENDING THIS MONEY ON? WHAT ARE WE
7 CURRENTLY SPENDING MONEY ON? I THINK THAT WAS ALSO A GOOD
8 REMINDER, PARTICULARLY TO MANY OF OUR CITIES WHO SOMEHOW FEEL
9 LIKE, YOU KNOW, THIS DOESN'T, THE HEALTH SERVICES DON'T
10 NECESSARILY IMPACT THEM AS IT DOES SO MANY OTHER PEOPLE. AND
11 SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT REMINDER. DR. FERRER AND I WERE
12 TOGETHER DOWN AT CABRILLO BEACH LAST WEEK TALKING ABOUT THE
13 WATER QUALITY BECAUSE I HAVE A GROUP OF CRAZY PEOPLE IN SAN
14 PEDRO THAT LITERALLY SWIM 365 DAYS A YEAR IN THAT WATER. SOME
15 OF US ARE FAKE POLAR BEARS, MYSELF, I DO IT ON JANUARY 1ST,
16 BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO SWIM EVERY SINGLE DAY AND I
17 APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU KNOW WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING
18 SURE THEY KNOW WHAT THE WATER QUALITY IS WHEN THEY DO THIS
19 CRAZY ACTIVITY. BUT YOU KNOW, SINCE THIS APPEARED ON THE BOARD
20 AGENDA, MY PHONE HAS BEEN BLOWING UP, RIGHT? I HAVE BEEN
21 GETTING CALLS AND TEXTS AND LETTERS LIKE HONESTLY I HAVE NOT
22 GOTTEN IN A LONG TIME AS IT RELATED TO A PARTICULAR ISSUE THAT
23 WE WERE DISCUSSING ON THIS BOARD. I MEAN JUST NOW, OH LOOK
24 THERE'S JEFF WOOD, YOU KNOW, BRENDA OLMOS, JEFF WOOD, MARK
25 WARNICK, YOU GOT HIM TOO, YEAH JENNIFER PEREZ, I MEAN THEY ARE



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1 REALLY DIVING IN ON THIS ONE AND THEY'RE IN COMPLETE
2 OPPOSITION TO THIS TAX MEASURE. AND THEY'RE BRINGING UP THINGS
3 LIKE IS THIS GOING TO THE AFFORDABILITY RIGHT? IS THIS GOING
4 TO BE EVEN MORE EXPENSIVE TO LIVE HERE AND TO SHOP HERE IN
5 L.A. COUNTY? MANY OF THEM ARE WORRIED. MY FRIENDS IN COMMERCE
6 WHO HAVE THE CITADEL OUTLETS, MANY OF US HAVE BEEN TO,
7 WONDERING IF THIS EXTRA HALF CENT WILL CAUSE PEOPLE TO GO
8 ACROSS INTO ORANGE COUNTY TO SHOP. AND THAT'S A HUGE PART OF
9 THEIR REVENUE BASE IN COMMERCE. WILL THIS COUNTYWIDE TAX
10 IMPEDE THEIR ABILITY TO RAISE LOCAL TAXES? BECAUSE MANY OF
11 THEM WANT TO PUT THEIR OWN MEASURE ON THE BALLOT AND HAVE THAT
12 MONEY GO DIRECTLY BACK TO THEIR CITIES. AND THEN THERE'S ALSO
13 LARGER CONCERNS ABOUT THIS BEING A GENERAL TAX VERSUS SPECIFIC
14 TAX BECAUSE A GENERAL TAX MEANS THE MONEY COMES INTO OUR
15 GENERAL FUND. AND THEN WE, I BELIEVE WE'RE ADOPTING A SPENDING
16 PLAN AS WELL TODAY THAT WILL DESIGNATE WHERE THAT MONEY GOES
17 BUT THEY'VE ASKED ME WHAT WOULD PREVENT A FUTURE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS FROM CHANGING THAT AND DECIDING THAT THAT NEEDS
19 EXISTED ELSEWHERE. WHAT WOULD, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, IF WE GOT INTO
20 ANOTHER CRISIS, WHETHER IT'S AB 218, DOES THIS IMPACT MEASURE
21 J DOLLARS? AND IS THAT THE OBLIGATION TO GO TO MEASURE J. SO
22 AGAIN, IT WOULD TAKE IT AWAY FROM HEALTH CARE. I MEAN, THEY'RE
23 BRINGING ALL THESE ISSUES UP TO ME. BUT, YOU KNOW, THE OTHER
24 SIDE IS ARE WE ABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OTHER REVENUE SOURCE TO
25 FILL THIS GAP. BECAUSE I THINK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND



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1 SUPERVISORS MITCHELL, YOU LAID IT OUT, RIGHT? YOU SAID WHAT IS
2 AT STAKE. AND I DON'T THINK ANYBODY'S ARGUING WITH THAT. IT'S
3 INCREDIBLE WHAT WE ARE OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE IN TERMS OF HEALTH
4 SERVICES, IN TERMS OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUT AND THE HUGE IMPACT
5 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S H.R.-1 WILL HAVE ON US. IS THERE
6 ANOTHER WAY TO DO THIS? LET THIS CUP PASS FOR ME, DEAR LORD.
7 IS THERE ANOTHER WAY TO FUND THIS? RIGHT, ELECTIONS HAVE
8 CONSEQUENCES. AND WE'VE HEARD FROM OUR FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE
9 WORKERS, OUR COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH PROVIDERS, OUR COALITIONS,
10 COMMUNITY CLINICS, ASSOCIATION OF L.A. COUNTY, WHO ARE SAYING
11 THAT THEY WOULD BE FORCED TO MAKE LAYOFFS, CLOSING CLINICS,
12 REDUCING SERVICES. SO, IF THIS REVENUE IS NOT REALIZED, IT
13 WILL OVERWHELM OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, OUR EMERGENCY ROOM
14 SYSTEMS, OUR NURSES, OUR PHYSICIANS, OUR PARAMEDICS. I THINK
15 WE KNOW WHAT THE IMPACTS ARE. LET ME JUST BE THE VOICE OF MY
16 CITIES AND ASK SOME QUESTIONS. I THINK WE UNDERSTOOD ABOUT THE
17 CAP, RIGHT, AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY MAYBE ANSWER THAT AGAIN.
18 IF OUR CITIES ARE CLOSE TO THE CAP OR VERY CLOSE TO IT OR WANT
19 TO RAISE THEIR OWN SALES TAX, WHICH THEY THINK WILL DIRECTLY
20 BENEFIT THEM MORE THAN THIS WILL, HOW WILL THEY BE AFFECTED BY
21 THIS SALES TAX?

22

23 **PETER BOLLINGER:** SURE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTION,
24 SUPERVISOR. SO THE CITY'S ABILITY TO RAISE THEIR OWN SALES TAX
25 IS NOT GOING TO BE IMPACTED BY THIS, ASSUMING WE GET THE



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1 LEGISLATION THAT'S ALSO BEING SOUGHT IN THIS MOTION THAT WOULD
2 EXEMPT THIS SALES TAX FROM THE CAP. SO JUST AS BACKGROUND,
3 THERE'S A 2% CAP IN STATE LAW THAT LOCALITIES LIKE THE COUNTY
4 OR CITIES CAN BASICALLY ADD AS THE SALES TAX. RIGHT NOW,
5 TRANSPORTATION MEASURES TAKE UP ABOUT 1% OF THAT CAP AND
6 THERE'S A REMAINING 1% THAT OTHERS CAN USE, SO CITIES OR
7 COUNTIES. THIS TAX WOULD NOT CUT INTO THAT 1%. THIS TAX WOULD
8 BE EXEMPT FROM THAT RULE. SO, THE CITIES CAN STILL ADD A SALES
9 TAX IF THEY WANTED TO ADD A SALES TAX AS LONG AS THEY HAVEN'T
10 ALREADY USED IT THEMSELVES FOR SOMETHING ELSE. THEY CAN ALSO
11 SEEK AN EXEMPTION JUST LIKE WE'RE SEEKING AN EXEMPTION. CITIES
12 CAN SEEK AN EXEMPTION --

13

14 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** EVEN IF THIS LEGISLATIVE FIX DOESN'T HAPPEN,
15 THEY CAN SEEK THEIR OWN EXEMPTION?

16

17 **PETER BOLLINGER:** YES, THEY CAN SEEK AN EXEMPTIONS. AND CITIES
18 HAVE SOUGHT EXEMPTIONS BEFORE.

19

20 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND WHAT WOULD BE THE BASIS FOR SEEKING
21 EXEMPTION OR WHY, HOW WOULD IT GET GRANTED?

22

23 **PETER BOLLINGER:** IT'S JUST A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE STATE, I
24 MEAN ASSUMING IT'S NORMAL LEGISLATION, IT'S A SIMPLE MAJORITY
25 OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS IT. MANY CITIES HAVE SOUGHT



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1 THIS. I THINK THE MOST RECENT IS PROBABLY LANCASTER, I THINK
2 HAD ONE NOT TOO LONG AGO. BUT OTHER CITIES HAVE SOUGHT IT AND
3 BEEN GRANTED IT. IT'S NOT UNUSUAL IN THE STATE.

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5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SO, THEN THEY WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM PAYING
6 THE TAX OR THEY WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM IT HITTING THE CAP? THEY
7 WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM IT COUNTING IN THE CAP. OKAY. THEY WOULD
8 STILL PAY IT?

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10 **PETER BOLLINGER:** THEY WOULD STILL PAY IT, YES.

11

12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND SO, MY STAFF SENT ME THE BILL TEXT AB
13 1768, WHICH I GUESS HAS GOTTEN FILED, WHICH WOULD BE THIS
14 LEGISLATIVE FIX. HOW CONFIDENT ARE WE THAT THIS WILL, THIS
15 BILL, I DON'T KNOW WHO TO ASK THAT TO, MAYBE JOE, HOW
16 CONFIDENT ARE WE, THAT THIS LEGISLATIVE FIX WILL HAPPEN AND
17 WHEN WILL IT HAPPEN?

18

19 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISORS, WE'VE HAD SUCCESS IN THE
20 LEGISLATURE IN THE PAST, MEASURE A AND MEASURE H ARE GREAT
21 EXAMPLES OF THAT. WE'RE AT THE VERY START OF THIS PROCESS, SO
22 I DON'T HAVE A PREDICTION TO GIVE YOU, BUT I KNOW WE HAVE 2
23 VERY STRONG SPONSORS IN THE ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE WHO ARE
24 LOOKING TO MOVE THIS FORWARD. SO, OUR TEAM, IF THE BOARD PUTS
25 THE BALLOT MEASURE, PUTS THE MEASURE ON THE BALLOT TODAY, OUR



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SUPERVISORS

1 TEAM WOULD GET IMMEDIATELY GET TO WORK. THERE'S ALSO A
2 COALITION, I THINK, REPRESENTED.

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4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WILL WE KNOW WHETHER THIS FIX HAPPENS BEFORE
5 WE PLACE IT ON THE BALLOT?

6

7 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** LIKELY YES. LIKELY YES. WHAT WE WOULD BE
8 SEEKING IS AN URGENCY MEASURE THAT WOULD GO INTO EFFECT
9 IMMEDIATELY. IT CAN GO INTO EFFECT BEFORE THE VOTE TAKES
10 PLACE.

11

12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WHAT HAPPENS IF, PERCHANCE, WE DON'T GET THE
13 LEGISLATIVE FIX AND THE MEASURE PASSES?

14

15 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** MY UNDERSTANDING, AND COUNTY COUNSEL HAS
16 TURNED ON THE GREEN LIGHT SO THEY CAN CONFIRM IS THAT SOME
17 CITIES WOULD BE AT THE CAP AND WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO COLLECT
18 REVENUE IN THOSE CITIES.

19

20 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** SO, GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS.

21

22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, GOOD MORNING.

23

24 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** WITHOUT THE LEGISLATION EXEMPTING..

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** CAN YOU LIKE SPEAK A LITTLE CLOSER, MOVE
2 THAT MICROPHONE TOWARDS YOU, THE WHOLE THING. YEAH, THERE WE
3 GO.

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5 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** WITHOUT THE LEGISLATION EXEMPTING THIS TAX
6 FROM THE CAP, THE STATE WILL NOT COLLECT THE TAX IN ANY
7 JURISDICTION WITHIN THE COUNTY.

8

9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SO, THEY WON'T COLLECT IT FROM ANY CITY,

10

11 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** NOT JUST THE ONES THAT HAVE REACHED A CAP.
14 OKAY, GOOD TO KNOW. LET ME ASK THE QUESTION. THERE HAVE BEEN
15 SOME CONCERNS, LIKE, WHAT FOR PEOPLE WATCHING, NOT EVERYBODY
16 WHO'S IN THE KNOW, BUT FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW, WHAT'S THE
17 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A GENERAL TAX AND A SPECIAL TAX.

18

19 **PETER BOLLINGER:** SO, I THINK I CAN ANSWER THAT ONE. SO, THE
20 PROPOSED TAX IS A GENERAL TAX. A GENERAL TAX MEANS THAT THE
21 REVENUE GENERATED FROM IT IS AVAILABLE TO THE, GOES INTO THE
22 COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND AND CAN BE USED FOR ANY COUNTY PURPOSE.
23 A GENERAL TAX REQUIRES APPROVAL BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY, SO IT'S
24 JUST 50% PLUS ONE OF THE VOTERS FOR PASSAGE. ON THE OTHER
25 HAND, A SPECIAL TAX DOES NOT GO INTO THE GENERAL FUND PER SE



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1 IT HAS SPECIFIC VOTER APPROVED PURPOSES AND IF IT'S PUT ON THE
2 BALLOT BY THE BOARD, THE SPECIAL TAX REQUIRES A 2/3 VOTER
3 APPROVAL. SO, THEY HAVE DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS AND ALSO
4 DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSAGE FROM THE VOTERS.

5

6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WHAT IF A SPECIAL TAX WAS CREATED BY A
7 CITIZEN'S INITIATIVE WHERE SIGNATURES WERE GATHERED?

8

9 **PETER BOLLINGER:** EXCELLENT QUESTION. SO, IF IT WERE PUT ON BY
10 THE BOARD, IT'S A TWO-THIRDS, IT REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS OF VOTERS
11 APPROVAL BUT IF IT'S PUT ON BY CITIZENS INITIATIVE, WHICH
12 WOULD BE A SIGNATURE GATHERING, ETC. IT'S A SIMPLE MAJORITY.

13

14 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SO, 50% SO WHAT YOU --

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PLEASE LOWER YOUR VOICE, PLEASE?
17 WE'RE IN A HEARING.

18

19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AGAIN, THE TEXT, THE EMAILS, THE CALLS I
20 GOT, WERE THIS A LITTLE BIT OF SKEPTICISM ABOUT HOW DO WE KNOW
21 THAT THIS MONEY WILL GO TOWARDS THE HEALTH CARE? MAYBE YOU
22 COULD TALK ABOUT THE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OR HOW DO WE
23 ASSURE OUR COMMUNITIES THAT IN FACT THE SPENDING PLAN THAT
24 WE'RE GOING TO ADOPT TODAY, WHICH I THINK IS SOMETHING LIKE,
25 IT SPECIFICALLY LAYS OUT, AND MAYBE WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT.



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SUPERVISORS

1 SOME GOES TO OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SOME GOES TO
2 CORRECTIONAL HEALTH, SOME GOES TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
3 SERVICES, SOME GOES TO SOME CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS. HOW DO
4 WE CONVINCED THEM, HOW DO WE MAKE SURE THAT THE TRUST IS THERE,
5 THAT THIS SALES TAX MONEY WILL ACTUALLY GO TO WHAT WE HAVE
6 TOLD THE VOTERS IT WAS GOING TO.

7

8 **PETER BOLLINGER:** SO ULTIMATELY THE AUTHORITY OF HOW TO,
9 ASSUMING THE MEASURE PASSES AND THE TAX COMES INTO THE GENERAL
10 FUND, THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY OF HOW TO SPEND THE FUNDS IS
11 GOING TO BE WITH THIS BOARD. THERE'S A SPENDING PLAN IN THIS
12 MOTION THAT REQUIRES A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE. THAT
13 COULD BE CHANGED BY THIS BOARD OR A FUTURE BOARD. BUT
14 ULTIMATELY THE FUNDING COME IN AND WILL BE GENERAL FUND
15 AUTHORITY AND THE OVERSIGHT BY YOUR BOARD AND AUTHORITY OF
16 YOUR BOARD WILL DETERMINE HOW TO USE IT. THERE IS OVERSIGHT IN
17 THE ORDINANCE AS WELL. THERE'S A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT BOARD
18 WHICH IS POINTED BY YOUR BOARD. THEY WILL REVIEW THE
19 INDEPENDENT AUDIT THAT'S CONDUCTED. THEY WILL ALSO REVIEW THE
20 REPORT BY THE AUDITOR AND THEY WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
21 YOUR BOARD AS TO HOW TO USE THE FUNDS. SO ULTIMATELY THE
22 AUTHORITY AS TO HOW TO USE THE FUNDS WILL BE MADE BY YOUR
23 BOARD LIKELY INFLUENCED BY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THAT
24 OVERSIGHT BOARD?

25



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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT, I MEAN, YEAH, I DO KNOW THAT I'VE
2 BEEN INVOLVED IN THESE KINDS OF BALLOT MEASURES FOR A LONG
3 TIME AND THE PREVAILING WISDOM SAYS, GET IT ON THE BALLOT AND
4 PASS IT WITH A SIMPLE MAJORITY. TWO THIRDS IS TOUGH TO GET FOR
5 ANYTHING. AND YET, THE GENERAL TAX OBVIOUSLY CREATES A LITTLE
6 BIT OF DISTRUST SOMETIMES WITH THE PUBLIC. BUT AGAIN, THIS IS
7 THE PUBLIC WILL DECIDE. I MEAN, WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE TODAY IS
8 WHETHER OR NOT TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT AND LET THE VOTERS
9 DECIDE WHETHER THEY THINK THEY WANT TO STEP UP. AND BY THE
10 WAY, OUR VOTERS IN L.A. COUNTY OVER HISTORY HAVE BEEN PRETTY
11 AMAZING. OUR VOTERS IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE BEEN PRETTY AMAZING.
12 THEY HAVE AGREED TO TAX THEMSELVES FOR NUMEROUS MEASURES,
13 WHETHER IT'S ADDRESSING THE HEALTH CARE CRISIS,
14 TRANSPORTATION. THINK ABOUT HOW MANY TIMES SINCE 1980, I THINK
15 MY DAD CHAMPIONED THE VERY FIRST PROPOSITION A, TO FUND
16 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. SO, VOTERS IN L.A. COUNTY ARE SMART.
17 THEY HAVE STEPPED UP TO FILL THE GAP MANY TIMES WHEN REVENUES
18 SEEM TO BE TAKEN AWAY BECAUSE THEY WANT A QUALITY OF LIFE HERE
19 IN L.A. COUNTY THAT MATTERS AND THERE'S NOTHING THAT MATTERS
20 MORE FOR PEOPLE THAN MAKING SURE THEY HAVE ACCESS TO
21 HEALTHCARE. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE ANSWERS, BOTH DR.
22 GHALY AND DR. FERRER GAVE, BECAUSE I HEARD FROM SOME OF MY
23 CITIES THAT WERE LIKE, YOU KNOW, AND I WAS LIKE, WE MIGHT HAVE
24 TO CLOSE COUNTY HOSPITALS. THEY WERE LIKE, MY RESIDENTS DON'T
25 GO TO COUNTY HOSPITAL, THEY GO TO KAISER. AND I APPRECIATE



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SUPERVISORS

1 THAT IT'S NOT THAT EASY IN TERMS OF ACCESSING HEALTH CARE. YOU
2 WILL FIND YOURSELF MANY TIMES IN NEED OF AN EMERGENCY ROOM, A
3 TRAUMA CENTER, OR A CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL WHEN YOU ARE
4 SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE OF YOUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD. SO, I APPRECIATE
5 THOSE ANSWERS. THANK YOU FOR THOSE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS.
6 THIS IS WHAT PEOPLE ARE ASKING. THIS IS WHAT PEOPLE WANT TO
7 KNOW. AND AGAIN, MY CITIES ARE SMART. THEY'RE LOOKING AT THIS.
8 THEY'RE EVALUATING THIS. AND THEY WILL MAKE UP THEIR MINDS IF
9 THEY SEE THIS ON THE BALLOT IN JUNE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
12 BARGER.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I APPRECIATE THIS
15 CONVERSATION. AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU AND I HAVE TALKED
16 TO ME WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE TRAUMA TAX AND THAT IT'S
17 NOT A DIVIDE BY 5, IT'S A SYSTEMIC, I MEAN, THE WAY OUR
18 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM WORKS IN THIS COUNTY, EACH ONE DEPENDS,
19 WHETHER IT BE PRIVATE OR PUBLIC. AND I HEAR THAT LOUD AND
20 CLEAR. I MEAN, I GREW UP IN THE COUNTY WORKING WITH PUBLIC
21 HEALTH, HEALTH, AND MENTAL HEALTH. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT OUR
22 BUDGET, ALMOST 3/4 OF IT GOES TOWARD THOSE AREAS. AND SO, THE
23 IMPACT IS GOING TO BE DEVASTATING. I THINK ONE OF MY
24 FRUSTRATIONS IS THE STATE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN A LEAD BECAUSE
25 THIS IS NOT UNIQUE TO L.A. COUNTY. YOU'VE GOT HOSPITALS



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SUPERVISORS

1 CLOSING UP IN RURAL AREAS AND YET CRICKETS AND YET WE ALSO ARE
2 WORKING ON, I'M GLAD THAT THE LEGISLATION IS MOVING THROUGH
3 BECAUSE AB 218 WAS MOVING THROUGH AND NOW IT'S TAKEN BILLIONS
4 OF DOLLARS, WHICH COULD HAVE BACKFILLED WHAT WE'RE TALKING
5 ABOUT HERE. AND SO, YOU KNOW, MY FRUSTRATION THAT THE STATE
6 LEGISLATURE DOES THINGS IS GREAT TO SUPPORT, BUT WHERE WERE
7 THEY WITH AB 218? BUT THAT'S A WHOLE OTHER ISSUE, BUT I JUST
8 WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WHEN YOU SAY 2,700,000,000 BILLION, THE
9 NUMBERS I SEE, DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY, ARE CLOSE TO
10 1,100,000,000. SO, THERE WAS A LITTLE BIT OF A, OH, FOR THREE
11 YEARS, OKAY, BUT STILL THAT'S AN IMPACT. AND I UNDERSTAND WHY
12 LABOR IS SUPPORTING THIS BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF JOBS THAT IT'S
13 GOING TO IMPACT IS GOING TO DEVASTATE OUR WORKFORCE. AND
14 THAT'S NOT JUST ON THE, YOU KNOW, I HAVE SOME EMAILS THAT CAME
15 IN THAT THIS IS JUST ABOUT US PROTECTING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.
16 IT'S PRIVATE SECTOR AS WELL. IT COULD BE YOUR NEIGHBOR. SO,
17 IT'S NOT UNIQUE TO JUST PUBLIC SERVANTS WITHIN THE COUNTY,
18 IT'S GOING TO BE ACROSS THE BOARD. SO, I UNDERSTAND THAT. I
19 HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN TOUCHED ON IT.
20 MEASURE J. WE HAVE A REQUIREMENT THAT WITH GENERAL TAX, 1% OF
21 ALL OF OUR GENERAL FUND DOLLARS IS SET ASIDE FOR MEASURE J.
22 HOW WILL THIS, HOW WOULD THIS, BECAUSE IT'S A GENERAL TAX,
23 WOULD IT FALL INTO THAT CATEGORY?

24

25 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** SUPERVISOR UNDER THE CFCI POLICY ADOPTED



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SUPERVISORS

1 BY YOUR BOARD, WHICH INTERPRETS MEASURE J, THE DEFINITION OF
2 LOCALLY GENERATED UNRESTRICTED REVENUES IN THE GENERAL FUND
3 MEANS ONGOING REVENUES. SO, BECAUSE THIS TAX IS LIMITED IN
4 TIME, IT'S FIVE YEARS, IT WOULDN'T COUNT.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** IS THAT THE MEASURE J LANGUAGE OR IS THAT
7 THE LANGUAGE WE RECENTLY ADOPTED?

8

9 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** THAT IS THE LANGUAGE IN THIS BOARD POLICY.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY BUT NOT THE MEASURE J THAT WAS
12 PASSED?

13

14 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY I JUST WANT TO SEEK A CLARIFICATION
17 ON THAT BECAUSE I KNOW THE ADVOCATES HAVE HAD HEARTBURN ABOUT
18 TO THIS BOARD ABOUT HOW MUCH WE'RE ALLOCATING OUT OF GENERAL
19 FUND AND THEY FEEL THAT WE ARE WELL BELOW WHAT IS OBLIGATED OR
20 WHAT WAS OBLIGATED BY THE VOTERS WHEN MEASURE J PASSED. SO, I
21 JUST WANTED TO FIGURE THAT OUT. AND THEN I DON'T KNOW WHO CAN
22 ANSWER THIS. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL OR
23 OUR ESTEEMED GUEST IN THE FRONT ROW THAT GOT A BIG APPLAUSE
24 FROM ST. JOHN'S. BUT IHSS, WHAT IS THE THOUGHT PROCESS BEHIND
25 IHSS? DID H.R.-1 HIT IHSS? CAN ANYONE ANSWER THAT?



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2 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** I DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S A DIRECT IMPACT
3 THAT I'M AWARE OF FROM H.R.-1 ON IHSS. I DON'T KNOW IF ANY
4 OTHERS WANT TO RESPOND.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I'M JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW WHY IT WAS
7 INCLUDED BECAUSE I SEE THE ALLOCATION LIKE CATALINA, MLK,
8 FQHCS AND ALL, BUT I'M JUST TRYING, I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT IHSS.

9

10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IHSS IS GOING TO
11 BE IMPACTED BASED ON YOUR ABILITY TO QUALIFY FOR MEDI-CAL. SO
12 IT'S THE BENEFICIARIES' ABILITY TO ACCESS IHSS THAT IS BEING
13 CALLED INTO QUESTION BECAUSE OF H.R.-1. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE
14 NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE LOSING THEIR MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARY,
15 THAT'S HOW IT'S GOING TO IMPACT IHSS. IT'S ON THE BENEFICIARY
16 SIDE.

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, I MEAN, I THINK IT IS A DIRECT
19 IMPACT BECAUSE IF PEOPLE AREN'T ON MEDI-CAL THEY CAN'T GET
20 THAT SERVICE.

21

22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** RIGHT.

23

24 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** AND THAT MEANS THAT THERE'S MORE.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THAT'S THEIR QUALIFYING LINK.

2

3 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WELL, THEY, NOT ONLY WON'T THEY GET THE
4 SERVICE, BUT THE WORKFORCE THAT WAS SERVING THEM WON'T HAVE
5 PATIENTS. I MEAN, IT'S A VERY SIMILAR IMPACT.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO THAT'S THE NEXUS. THAT'S THE NEXUS.
8 WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT IT, I'VE BEEN RESEARCHING THIS, AND THAT
9 WAS THE ONE, BECAUSE EVERYTHING ELSE, I MEAN, I THINK MY
10 FRUSTRATION IS IT'S NOT THE WHY. I MEAN, I KNOW WHY. THE
11 DEVASTATION TO OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM ON THE HEELS OF A MEASLES
12 OUTBREAK. WHAT NEXT? BUT THEN YOU OPEN UP THE L.A. TIMES AND
13 THE HEADLINE IS, LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH ARE AMONG THE
14 LEAST AFFORDABLE CITIES IN THE COUNTY. SO, IT'S KIND OF, YOU
15 KNOW, ALMOST LIKE A TALE OF TWO CITIES. I MEAN, WHAT DO WE DO?
16 AND I'VE GOTTEN THE SAME CALLS AND TEXTS THAT YOU HAVE AND
17 EMAILS, AND ONE OF THEM WAS ACTUALLY THE CITADEL. PEOPLE CAN
18 GO ACROSS THE COUNTY LINE AND BUY FOR LESS SALES TAX. AND AS
19 SOMEONE WHO IN THE IRONY IS NOT LOST ME, NO GOOD DEED GOES
20 UNPUNISHED, REMEMBER THAT. CITIES OF LANCASTER AND PALMDALE
21 RAISED THEIR SALES TAX IN ORDER TO PREVENT US FROM GOING IN
22 AND TAKING WHAT WAS LEFT OF THEIR CAP SO THAT THEY COULD
23 PROTECT WITHIN THEIR OWN CITY LIMITS. AND NOW WITH THE
24 LEGISLATION, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE THE HIGHEST IN THE NATION.
25 LANCASTER AND PALMDALE WILL BE THE HIGHEST TAXED CITIES IN THE



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1 NATION. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THEY WILL BE
2 BRAGGING ABOUT, BUT THAT IS THE REALITY. AND SO, I THINK THAT
3 THAT'S, AND I THOUGHT PICO RIVERA, BUT THEY SAID NO, PICO
4 RIVERA ACTUALLY IS NOT. SO, LANCASTER AND PALMDALE, WHICH USED
5 TO BE THE MOST AFFORDABLE PLACE IN THE COUNTY, ARE NOW GOING
6 TO BE THE MOST HIGHLY TAXED AS IT RELATES TO THE SALES TAX. SO,
7 DR. FERRER, PRIOR TO H.R.-1 THOUGH, AND YOU TOUCHED ON IT,
8 JUST EDUCATE ME A LITTLE, BECAUSE THERE WERE CUTS THAT WERE
9 COMING PRE-H.R.-1. AND THEN H.R.-1 COMPOUNDS THAT, CORRECT?

10

11 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, I MEAN, I THINK FOR PUBLIC HEALTH,
12 IT'S A COMBINATION OF H.R.-1, WHICH HAS A DIRECT IMPACT ON
13 MEDI-CAL PATIENTS, WHICH AFFECTS THOSE PEOPLE THAT USE OUR
14 SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND THOSE PEOPLE THAT USE OUR
15 CLINICS. AND WE'VE ALREADY SEEN WITH THE REDUCTION IN FUNDING
16 THAT WE'VE HAD TO CLOSE SOME OF OUR CLINICS BECAUSE WE JUST,
17 YOU KNOW, IT IS DOING LESS WITH LESS AT THIS POINT. YOU KNOW,
18 WE ARE BEING AS EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE BUT WE CAN'T MAKE UP
19 TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF LOST GRANTS. AND ONE
20 EXAMPLE MIGHT BE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE \$60,000,000 THAT WE'RE NOW
21 SLATED TO USE, SLATED TO LOSE BECAUSE OF THE PRESIDENT'S
22 ANNOUNCEMENT THIS WEEK ABOUT TAKING AWAY ADDITIONAL PUBLIC
23 HEALTH FUNDING FROM CALIFORNIA, THAT SUPPORTS ABOUT 140 DPH
24 STAFF, BUT IT SUPPORTS 268 STAFF AT COMMUNITY-BASED
25 ORGANIZATIONS. THOSE ARE PEOPLE WHO, WHEN THEY LOSE THEIR JOB,



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1 THEY CAN'T SHOP ANYWHERE BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO INCOME. SO, I
2 THINK THAT'S WHY THE VOTERS REALLY WILL NEED TO TAKE A HARD
3 LOOK AT THIS, BECAUSE THE IMPACT OF LOSING SERVICES AFFECTS
4 EVERYONE, BUT IT ALSO AFFECTS PEOPLE WHO ARE PROVIDING THAT
5 SERVICES WHO NO LONGER HAVE WORK TO DO BECAUSE WE'RE NOT ABLE
6 TO FUND THOSE SERVICES ANY LONGER. AND SO, IN SOME WAYS, I
7 THINK VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY BECOME A VERY LARGE
8 GROUP, BOTH THOSE GETTING SERVICES AND THOSE PROVIDING
9 SERVICES.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** LET ME ADD, AND I SHOULD KNOW THE ANSWER
12 TO THIS, BUT I DON'T. L.A. COUNTY, WE PROTECT OUR SAFETY NET
13 AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES, I'M SURE YOU TALK TO YOUR COLLEAGUES
14 THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND I'M SURE YOU DO DR. GHALY, IS THERE A
15 POTENTIAL TO HAVE A SURGE OF ADDITIONAL PATIENTS COMING INTO
16 L.A. COUNTY, WHICH I KNOW SOUNDS CRAZY BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT
17 I WONDER ABOUT IF OTHER COUNTIES ARE NOT STEPPING UP TO THE
18 PLATE AND PROVIDING HEALTH CARE.

19

20 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR FOR THE QUESTION. IN
21 ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, WE DO PROVIDE EMERGENCY AND
22 STABILIZING SERVICES FOR ANYONE WHO PRESENTS TO AN EMERGENCY
23 DEPARTMENT WITH AN EMERGENCY OR WHO IS IN ACTIVE LABOUR. FOR
24 NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES OUR PROGRAMS ARE RESTRICTED TO
25 INDIVIDUALS WITH RESIDENCY STATUS WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.



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1 FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INSURED, THEY WOULD HAVE INSURANCE
2 THROUGH THEIR PLAN IF NECESSARY BECAUSE THEY'RE HERE. WE WOULD
3 SEEK A PRIOR AUTHORIZATION THROUGH THEIR PLAN IF THEY NEEDED
4 TO RECEIVE CARE WHILE THEY WERE LOCATED WITHIN LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY FOR A SHORT-TERM BASIS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
6 UNINSURED WE HAVE POLICIES IN PLACE THAT PROVIDES SERVICES AND
7 REQUIRES A RESIDENCE PROOF OF RESIDENT OR RESIDENCY STATUS
8 WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEFORE.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** IF I'M UNHOUSED, HOW AM I GOING TO PROVE
11 TO YOU THAT I HAVE RESIDENCY?

12

13 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNHOUSED, THEY DO
14 NOT HAVE AN ADDRESS OF RESIDENCY AND WHAT'S ENTERED INTO THE
15 FIELD IS JUST THAT THEY DON'T HAVE A LOCATION.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO THAT'S NOT A PERFECT SIGN. IN OTHER
18 WORDS, BECAUSE WE DON'T REALLY ASK ABOUT RESIDENCY FOR THE
19 MOST PART.

20

21 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** WE DO ASK ABOUT RESIDENCY WITHIN OUR
22 ABILITY TO PAY PROGRAM AND OUR DISCOUNTED PAY PROGRAM, YES.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, IS THAT THE ABILITY TO PAY?

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** FOR ATP, LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENCY IS
2 A REQUIREMENT.

3
4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** WHAT'S THE THRESHOLD FOR THE ATP?

5
6 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** ATP IS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ABOVE 138%
7 OF THE FPL AND THUS NOT ELIGIBLE BY INCOME FOR MEDI-CAL,
8 STATE-ONLY MEDI-CAL OR OTHER FULL-SCOPE MEDI-CAL.

9
10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO DO WE KNOW, AND I DON'T KNOW THIS
11 BECAUSE I LOOKED TO YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, BECAUSE YOU SEEM
12 TO ALWAYS BE ABLE TO DRILL DOWN ON THESE NUMBERS, BUT, OR JIM,
13 I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW, DO WE HAVE AN ESTIMATE ON WHAT THE
14 ADDITIONAL COST PER RESIDENT IS GOING TO BE WITH AN INCREASED
15 SALES TAX? NO, BECAUSE I'M WONDERING, I MEAN, WHEN I STARTED
16 WITH THE COUNTY, THE ABILITY TO PAY WAS TRULY THE ABILITY TO
17 PAY AND IT WAS EVEN IF IT WAS \$5. IT WAS \$5 AND WE DID AWAY
18 WITH THAT AND I HAVE TO WONDER IF WE HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL OF OUR
19 BECAUSE IF I AND THIS IS A REGRESSIVE TAX I DON'T CARE WHAT
20 ANYONE SAYS AND THAT'S WHAT THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FROM BELL
21 WAS SO UPSET ABOUT. WE'RE BACK FILLING A FEDERAL, WE'RE BACK
22 FILLING A FEDERAL MANDATE, FEDERAL OBLIGATION ACTUALLY, A
23 FEDERAL OBLIGATION AND A STATE OBLIGATION. AND THERE'S BEEN
24 CRICKETS, I MEAN, CSAC AT THE LAST MINUTE PUT TOGETHER A CHART
25 HIGHLIGHTING WHAT THE IMPACT IS GOING TO BE, BUT WE ALL KNOW



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1 WHAT THE IMPACT'S GOING TO BE. I WANT TO KNOW WHAT ARE YOU
2 DOING STATEWIDE TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS? AND IT'S CRICKETS,
3 CRICKETS. AND THAT TO ME IS FRUSTRATING, IT SHOULD BE
4 FRUSTRATING TO ALL OF OUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS BECAUSE THIS IS
5 THE TAIL WAGGING THE DOG AND NOT THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO ABOUT
6 GOOD PUBLIC POLICY. AND I LOOK TO OUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS
7 FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE DEVASTATING IMPACT THAT IT'S GOING
8 TO HAVE. AND NO ONE CAN ARGUE ANYTHING OTHERWISE, BUT I HAVE
9 TO WONDER IF THE COST PER PERSON WOULD BE BETTER SHIFTED TO AN
10 ABILITY TO PAY OR SOMETHING FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE ACCESSING OUR
11 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. BECAUSE I PERSONALLY, AND I DON'T KNOW IF
12 THIS IS FACTUAL, BUT WHEN I TALK TO CITIES, THEY'VE POLLED
13 BECAUSE THEY WANT TO DO THEIR OWN INCOME TAX, OR I MEAN THEIR
14 OWN SALES TAX INCREASE, AND IT DOES NOT POLL WELL. AND TO YOUR
15 POINT, IT'S NOT GOING TO AT 2/3, PROBABLY WOULDN'T. GENERAL
16 TAX, YEAH. BUT I WILL TELL YOU THAT, AND IT PAINS ME TO SAY
17 THIS, THERE'S NOT A LOT OF TRUST AMONGST VOTERS AS IT RELATES
18 TO GOVERNMENT AND HOW THEY'RE GOING TO SPEND THEIR TAX
19 DOLLARS. AND AS A GENERAL FUND, MY CONCERN IS WE CAN ADOPT A
20 PLAN. THE TRAUMA TAX WAS ACTUALLY VOTED BY THE VOTERS, AND
21 THEN WE DID A DIVIDE BY FIVE ON THAT. SO, FROM A CREDIBILITY
22 STANDPOINT, IT'S NOT LIKE WE ARE AS A WHOLE CREDIBLE WHEN IT
23 COMES TO PROMISES MADE, PROMISES BROKEN. AND SUPERVISOR HAHN
24 AND I WERE TALKING ABOUT THIS, IF THIS WAS A SPECIFIC VERSUS A
25 GENERAL, IT'D BE A DIFFERENT DISCUSSION. IT'D BE A DIFFERENT



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1 DISCUSSION. AND I JUST, I'M REALLY HAVING A HARD TIME BECAUSE
2 I KNOW THE IMPACT IT'S GOING TO HAVE. AND BY THE WAY, YOU
3 DON'T HAVE TO HAVE INSURANCE. YOU KNOW, I TELL PEOPLE, MENTAL
4 HEALTH. YEARS AGO, PEOPLE WITH INSURANCE WERE LIKE, IT'S NOT
5 IMPACTING ME. AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN IT IS. YOU CAN HAVE THE
6 BEST INSURANCE AND NEED, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE A CHILD THAT
7 NEEDS A PSYCHIATRIST, GOOD LUCK. AND THEN IF YOU FIND THAT
8 PSYCHIATRIST, YOU'RE GOING TO BE PAYING CASH BECAUSE THEY DON'T
9 ACCEPT INSURANCE. SO, IT'S NOT JUST GOING TO IMPACT PEOPLE
10 THAT ARE, YOU KNOW, UNDERINSURED OR NO INSURED, IT'S GOING TO
11 IMPACT EVERYBODY. BECAUSE THE SAFETY NET AS A WHOLE IS GOING
12 TO BE PUT IN A POSITION THAT IS QUITE FRANKLY UNSUSTAINABLE.
13 AND THAT'S WHERE I'M REALLY STRUGGLING. BUT AGAIN, I LOOK TO
14 THE STATE, WHERE ARE YOU? KNOCK, KNOCK. BECAUSE THIS IS, PRE-
15 HR1, WE WERE HAVING THIS DISCUSSION, DR. GHALY. PRE-H.R.-1,
16 THE STATE CHANGED SOME POLICIES IN TERMS OF WHO CAN SIGN UP.
17 AND WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT IT THEN. SO, THIS IS NOT NEW. YOU
18 KNOW, WE, SAY IT AGAIN, WE WATCH SACRAMENTO, THEY SNEEZE, WE
19 GET PNEUMONIA. AND THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING. THANK YOU.

20

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

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23 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. A LOT HAS
24 BEEN SAID AND I TOO AM VERY CLEAR THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
25 THROUGH H.R.-1 CREATED THIS PROBLEM, BUT IT'S GOING TO BE THE



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1 COUNTY AS THE PLACE WHERE PEOPLE FEEL THIS HURT. IT'S NOT LOST
2 ON ME THAT THE MOST IMPACTED SERVICE PROVIDERS BOTH IN THE
3 COUNTY AND IN OUR COMMUNITY CLINICS ARE WILLING TO INVEST IN A
4 CAMPAIGN TO SAVE HEALTH SERVICES THAT WE SO DESPERATELY NEED.
5 AND I AM GRATEFUL THAT PEOPLE ARE WORKING TOWARDS SOLUTIONS
6 WHILE OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CERTAINLY IS DOING THE OPPOSITE.
7 I THINK IT'S ALSO BEEN RAISED THAT IT'S NOT ONLY OUR FEDERAL
8 GOVERNMENT, WHILE THAT HAS BEEN THE FOCUS, WE ALSO HAVE
9 HIGHLIGHTED THE ROLE THAT THE STATE CAN AND SHOULD PLAY, AND
10 MANY OF THE IMMEDIATE CUTS TO MEDI-CAL, INCLUDING CUTTING THE
11 COMMUNITY CLINICS, ENHANCED RATE FOR PROVIDING CARE, WERE MADE
12 BY THE STATE. SO, IT'S NOT ONLY THAT WE DON'T HAVE A STATE
13 PARTNER STEPPING UP TO HELP FILL IN THESE GAPS, WE ALSO KNOW
14 THAT SOME OF THOSE CUTS COME FROM THE STATE. SO, YOU KNOW, I
15 SHARE THE CONCERN EXPRESSED THAT WE ARE LETTING OUR FEDERAL
16 AND STATE GOVERNMENT OFF THE HOOK POTENTIALLY FOR THESE CUTS
17 BY TAKING SUCH ACTION TODAY. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I KNOW THAT
18 THE STATE ALREADY COLLECTS A PORTION OF OUR SALES TAX, AND I
19 WONDER IF WE COULD ASK THEM FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS IF THEY
20 COULD FOREGO A HALF CENT OF WHAT THEY'RE ALREADY TAKING FROM
21 US AND GIVE IT BACK TO US SO WE CAN INVEST IN THE COMMUNITY
22 CLINICS. SO, I THINK THERE ARE OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS THAT I
23 THINK ARE BEING RAISED HERE. ONE FOR ME WAS WHAT ELSE MIGHT BE
24 ON THE BALLOT. AND SO I WOULD ASK, I KNOW OUR REGISTRAR
25 RECORDER WORKED ON A SEPARATE ITEM, BUT JUST TO SORT OF



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1 PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT OF CONTEXT, I WOULD LOVE TO ASK HIM TO
2 COME FORWARD BECAUSE I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US TO
3 KNOW WHAT THE DEADLINES ARE TO PUT MEASURES ON THE BALLOT FOR
4 BOTH JUNE AND NOVEMBER. BOTH OUR DEADLINES AND BOARD DEADLINES
5 AND CITIZENS INITIATIVES. SO, WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE
6 ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH, BECAUSE I BELIEVE SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES
7 HAVE EXPRESSED THIS AND I HAVE HAD THE EXPERIENCE TO CITIES
8 REACHING OUT SAYING THAT THEY'RE GOING TO PUT OTHER THINGS ON
9 THE BALLOT. AND I THINK IT'S HELPFUL FOR US ALL TO UNDERSTAND
10 THE CONTEXT IN WHICH THIS ITEM WOULD BE CONSIDERED ON THE
11 BALLOT.

12

13 , GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR. IN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION ABOUT
14 THE TIMEFRAME FOR PUTTING MEASURES ON THE BALLOT FOR THE JUNE
15 2ND PRIMARY, THE DEADLINE IS 88 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTIONS.
16 THAT WOULD BE FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH. AND THAT DEADLINE WOULD APPLY
17 TO MEASURES PUT ON THE BALLOT BY YOUR BOARD, BY LOCAL
18 JURISDICTIONS. IT'S THE DEADLINE FOR ALL. FOR THE NOVEMBER 3RD
19 GENERAL ELECTION, SAME DEADLINE, 88 DAYS PRIOR TO THE
20 ELECTION, WHICH IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH. FOR INITIATIVES, SO WE
21 DO HAVE TWO COUNTYWIDE INITIATIVES THAT ARE CURRENTLY APPROVED
22 FOR CIRCULATION. THOSE WOULD HAVE TO, THE SIGNATURES WOULD
23 HAVE TO BE TURNED IN SOMETIME IN JUNE AND JULY OF THIS YEAR.

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** WHAT ARE THEY?



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2 **DEAN C. LOGAN:** THERE IS THE, TO THE RIGHT PAGE HERE, THERE IS
3 THE ESSENTIAL HEALTH CARE RESTORATION ACT IN LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY, WHICH IS A TAX SIMILAR TO THE MEASURE THAT YOU'RE
5 CONSIDERING HERE THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR CIRCULATION. AND
6 THE OTHER IS A NON-TAX MEASURE. IT'S THE FAIR LABOR CONDITIONS
7 AND BINDING ARBITRATION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE.

8

9 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** ARE THERE ANY STATEWIDE TAX MEASURES?

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11 **DEAN C. LOGAN:** THERE ARE, RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE THREE STATEWIDE
12 BALLOT MEASURES THAT HAVE QUALIFIED FOR THE NOVEMBER BALLOT.
13 THERE ARE NO STATEWIDE MEASURES ON THE JUNE BALLOT. THE THREE
14 THAT HAVE QUALIFIED SO FAR ARE NON TAX MEASURES. THERE ARE
15 MULTIPLE INITIATIVES, STATE INITIATIVES THAT ARE IN
16 CIRCULATION RIGHT NOW. TWO OF THOSE THAT ARE TAX RELATED BASED
17 ON OUR REVIEW, ONE IS TO PROVIDE PERMANENT FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS
18 AND HEALTHCARE BY EXTENDING EXISTING TAX ON HIGH INCOMES AND
19 THE OTHER IS IMPOSING A ONE-TIME TAX ON CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS
20 AND TRUSTS. THAT HAS ALSO BEEN REFERRED TO AS A BILLIONAIRE'S
21 TAX.

22

23 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** DO YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF CITIES
24 BRINGING FORWARD TAX INITIATIVES? I KNOW THAT AT LEAST SOME
25 HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN LOS ANGELES, CALABASAS. I HEARD



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1 WHITTIER MIGHT BE LOOKING AT ONE.

2

3 **DEAN C. LOGAN:** YEAH. SO BASED ON YOUR MOTION LAST WEEK, WE DID
4 AN INFORMAL SURVEY. WE REACHED OUT TO THE CITIES AND ASKED IF
5 THEY ARE, IF THEY WOULD LET US KNOW IF THEY ARE NEW, IF THEIR
6 CITIES WERE CONSIDERING MEASURES FOR THE JUNE BALLOT AND
7 SPECIFICALLY TAX MEASURES. I WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT IT WAS AN
8 INFORMAL SURVEY AND IT WAS BASED ON KNOWLEDGE OF OUR PARTNERS
9 WHO GENERALLY ARE THE CITY CLERKS. THERE ARE TWO CITIES THAT
10 HAVE ALREADY TAKEN ACTION TO PUT TAX MEASURES ON THE BALLOT.
11 CITY OF CALABASAS IS HOLDING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN MAY OF
12 2026, AND THE CITY OF GARDENA HAS PUT A MEASURE ON THE BALLOT
13 FOR THE JUNE ELECTION. FROM OUR SURVEY, THERE WERE 12 CITIES
14 THAT INDICATED THEY WERE CONSIDERING LOCAL TAX MEASURES.
15 FORTY-SIX CITIES INDICATED THAT THEY ARE NOT CONSIDERING LOCAL
16 TAX MEASURES AND THERE ARE 28 CITIES THAT WE HAVE YET TO HAVE
17 A RESPONSE FROM.

18

19 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND JUST TO BE,
20 SO FOR THOSE CITIES WHO MIGHT BE CONSIDERING DOING A SALES TAX
21 INCREASE BEFORE THIS IN ORDER TO CAPTURE THAT FOR THEIR CITY,
22 WHAT HAPPENS FOR THOSE, CAN YOU SAY AGAIN, WHAT HAPPENS FOR
23 THOSE CITIES IF THEY DON'T CAPTURE THAT, WILL THEY STILL HAVE
24 THE OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE THIS IS PROPOSED TO GO ON TOP OF OR
25 CAN YOU EXPLAIN HOW THAT WORKS?



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2 **DEAN C. LOGAN:** YES, SO MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THESE, THE
3 CITIES THAT HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY ARE CONSIDERING LOCAL TAX
4 MEASURES ARE CONSIDERING THE JUNE BALLOT, WHICH IS THE SAME
5 BALLOT THAT YOUR BOARD IS CONSIDERING RIGHT NOW. OF COURSE,
6 DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF THAT, THOSE CITIES WOULD HAVE THE
7 OPTION OF BRINGING THOSE MEASURES BACK FOR THE NOVEMBER
8 ELECTION IF THEY WANTED TO DO THAT.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** SO, IF THEY BRING FORWARD A MEASURE
11 TO COMPLETE THE TAX INCREMENT UP TO THE 10% THAT IS ALLOWED,
12 THIS WOULD STILL GO ON TOP OF, THIS IS PROPOSED TO GO ON TOP
13 OF?

14

15 **DEAN C. LOGAN:** I WOULD DEFER TO COUNTY COUNSEL ON THAT, BUT I
16 BELIEVE SO.

17

18 **PETER BOLLINGER:** I THINK I CAN TAKE THAT, YES. TO THE EXTENT
19 THEIR SALES TAX MEASURES AND THE 2% CAP. THIS, THE MOTION
20 TODAY, OUR MEASURE WOULD NOT IMPACT THE CITY'S ABILITIES TO
21 IMPOSE THEIR OWN SALES TAX OR TO PUT THAT BEFORE THE VOTERS.

22

23 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** SO, DO THEY NEED TO PASS THE SALES
24 TAX MEASURE TO CAPTURE THAT INCREMENT BEFORE THIS PASSES?

25



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1 **PETER BOLLINGER:** NO.

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3 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THIS WOULD GO ON TOP OF REGARDLESS?

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5 **PETER BOLLINGER:** BECAUSE OF THE TIMING OF THIS, THIS GOES,
6 THIS WOULD BE EXEMPT PURSUANT TO THE STATE LEGISLATION THAT
7 WAS PASSED. SO, IT WOULDN'T MATTER IF THEY PASSED IT NOW OR
8 LATER, BEFORE OR AFTER OUR MEASURE.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND IF THE STATE LEGISLATION IS NOT
11 PASSED, THIS TAX IS NEVER IMPOSED?

12

13 **PETER BOLLINGER:** THAT'S EXACTLY CORRECT. I'LL TELL MR.
14 FAUGHNAN AND ANSWER THAT QUESTION. NOT EVEN ON THE CITIES WHO
15 HAVE A REMAINING INCREMENT? THE TAX WILL NOT BE IMPOSED IF
16 THERE IS NO STATE LEGISLATION, EVEN IF THEY HAVE SPACE IN
17 THEIR CAP, IT DOESN'T MATTER. THE STATE WILL NOT COLLECT THE
18 TAX IF THERE IS NOT LEGISLATION PASSED.

19

20 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. I THINK I'VE HEARD A LOT OF THE
21 SAME CONCERNS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE RAISED AND I ALSO KNOW THAT
22 FROM THE CITY'S PERSPECTIVE THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF OPPOSITION.
23 I KNOW WHEN LAST YEAR WHEN I SPOKE AT INDEPENDENT CITIES
24 ASSOCIATION, I WAS ACTUALLY ASKED A QUESTION ABOUT THE IMPACT
25 OF FEDERAL CUTS TO THE COUNTY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND WHAT



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1 CITIES MIGHT EXPECT TO SEE COMING TO THEIR COMMUNITIES IF
2 THESE HEALTHCARE CUTS WERE NOT RESTORED IN SOME WAY. SO HERE
3 WE ARE AND THIS IS THE CONVERSATION. I THINK HOW HAVE OUR CITY
4 ORGANIZATIONS BEEN ENGAGED IN THIS CONVERSATION TO DATE OR
5 HAVE THEY? DO WE KNOW?

6

7 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I KNOW THAT DR. GHALEY AND I MET WITH
8 CONTRACT CITIES YESTERDAY AND HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH
9 THEM INFORMATION ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE CUTS AND WHAT THOSE
10 REDUCTIONS MEAN FOR SERVICES TO THE CONTRACT CITIES AND ALSO
11 ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS.

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. DID YOU MEET WITH INDEPENDENT
14 CITIES OR LEAGUE OF CITIES OR JUST CONTRACT CITIES? DO YOU
15 KNOW?

16

17 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I DON'T KNOW.

18

19 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF
20 DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS.

21

22 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. WELL, I KNOW IT WAS-

23

24 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THEY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS AT ALL.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** INDIVIDUAL CITIES WERE ON THE CALL. THAT'S
2 WHY I'M, I SHOULDN'T CALL THEM CONTRACT CITIES BECAUSE IT WAS
3 JUST REALLY INDIVIDUAL CITIES THAT WERE ON THE CALL.

4
5 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY, AND WAS ANY OTHER COMMUNITY
6 OUTREACH OR ENGAGEMENT DONE ON THIS?

7
8 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I KNOW FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, WE'VE BEEN
9 WORKING WITH COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS AND OUR COMMUNITY
10 COALITIONS, GIVING THEM INFORMATION ABOUT THE MOTION AND
11 ANSWERING THEIR QUESTIONS.

12
13 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. DO YOU KNOW WHY A HALF-CENT
14 SALES TAX WAS CHOSEN AS OPPOSED TO LIKE A QUARTER-CENT OR SOME
15 OTHER INCREMENT?

16
17 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** I CAN OFFER MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE
18 SITUATION AND WILL ALLOW OTHERS TO CHIME IN. BUT I THINK IT'S
19 RELATED TO THE MAGNITUDE OF THE CUTS THAT ARE THREATENING THE
20 SYSTEM AS A WHOLE, BOTH IN TERMS, AND WHAT THE GOAL IS TO FILL
21 IT, WHICH IS WHAT YOU SEE OUTLINED IN THE SPENDING PLAN. SO
22 IT'S A COMBINATION OF SEEKING TO FILL THE GAPS THAT ARE
23 CREATED AS A RESULT OF THIS FEDERAL ACTION AND ALSO TO THE
24 POINTS RAISED, ACTION TAKEN BY THE STATE AS WELL. IN ADDITION
25 TO SEEKING TO CREATE THIS NEW COVERAGE PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS



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1 WHO ARE NEWLY UNINSURED OR UNINSURED. THOSE INDIVIDUALS ARE
2 ALSO UNINSURED AS A RESULT OF THE ACTIONS THAT ARE TAKEN BY
3 THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LARGELY TO LIMIT MEDICAID
4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT. AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT
5 HAVE A PLACE TO ACCESS BASIC PREVENTIVE SERVICES, PRIMARY CARE
6 SERVICES, REFERRAL SPECIALTY SERVICES OR OTHER SERVICES. AND
7 SO, THIS, THE MAGNITUDE OF THE DOLLARS THAT ARE NEEDED TO
8 ACHIEVE BOTH OF THOSE GOALS WAS PART OF WHAT LED TO THE
9 DECISION ON THE HALF CENT, BUT I'LL ALLOW OTHERS TO CHIME IN
10 AS WELL.

11

12 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND I KNOW THAT YOU HAD MENTIONED
13 THERE WERE ADDITIONAL CUTS ANNOUNCED, PROPOSED TODAY. SO, DOES
14 THIS, WOULD THIS MEASURE FILL THE GAP WITH THAT AND EVERYTHING
15 ELSE, OR IS THAT HOW WE GOT TO THE HALF CENT, OR HOW ARE WE
16 STILL LEAVING A GAP?

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, I THINK THERE WILL STILL BE A NEED
19 FOR PRIORITIZATION ON WHAT ARE THE CORE PUBLIC HEALTH
20 FUNCTIONS, BUT THE LANGUAGE IN THE SPENDING PLAN RIGHT NOW,
21 AND WITH THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND THE BOARDS CONTINUED
22 SUPPORT, THIS MEASURE IS MEANT TO SUPPORT CORE PUBLIC HEALTH
23 FUNCTIONS, AND THESE WOULD QUALIFY AS CORE PUBLIC HEALTH
24 FUNCTIONS.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** AND MAY I ANSWER FOR DHS AS WELL? THE
2 FUNDING THAT DHS WOULD RECEIVE DIRECTLY AS OUTLINED IN THE
3 SPENDING PLAN WOULD BE IS SO ESSENTIAL FOR HELPING TO
4 SAFEGUARD THE SERVICES THAT ARE OFFERED BY DHS, BUT IT WILL
5 NOT COMPLETELY SOLVE THE GAP THAT WAS CREATED AS A RESULT OF
6 THOSE STATE AND FEDERAL ACTIONS AND WE STILL HAVE THAT
7 STRUCTURAL DEFICIT IN PLACE.

8

9 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** SO, WE'LL STILL HAVE A GAP EVEN IF
10 THIS PASSES?

11

12 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S A SPENDING
15 PLAN. WERE YOU PART OF THAT? HOW DID THE SPENDING PLAN GET
16 DEVELOPED?

17

18 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** THERE'S A LARGE COALITION OF INDIVIDUALS
19 THAT HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY. AND I KNOW SO MANY PEOPLE ARE
20 HERE IN THE AUDIENCE REPRESENTING VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THAT
21 COALITION. AND I ALSO WANT TO OFFER MY THANKS TO JIM MANGIA
22 FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND VISION IN THIS REGARD. BUT I THINK
23 THERE WAS A BROAD-TENT APPROACH TAKEN. AND I KNOW FROM
24 PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, JUST A REALLY A SINCERE DESIRE TO
25 UNDERSTAND THE SCOPE OF THE THREATS THAT ARE FACING THE COUNTY



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1 DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS COMMUNITY CLINICS AND PRIVATE CLINICS,
2 PRIVATE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS. JUST TO TRY TO THINK ABOUT WHAT
3 CAN WE DO, THIS IS A DANGER THAT IS FACING SO MANY HEALTHCARE
4 PROVIDERS AND PUBLIC HEALTH ENTITIES ACROSS THIS COUNTY WERE
5 ALL FACED WITH THIS JUST UNIMAGINABLE SITUATION OF LOOKING AT
6 POTENTIAL SPENDING SERVICE LINE CUTS AND THE IMPLICATIONS THAT
7 WE'LL HAVE ON STAFF AND PATIENTS ALIKE. AND THERE WAS A DESIRE
8 TO REALLY TRY TO LISTEN AND THINK ABOUT WHAT'S THE BEST
9 SPENDING PLAN THAT COULD HELP TO ADDRESS AS MANY OF THOSE
10 PROBLEMS AS POSSIBLE WHILE KNOWING THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE
11 COMPLETELY SOLVED.

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND DO YOU KNOW HOW THE PERCENTAGE
14 ALLOCATIONS WERE DECIDED FOR THE SPENDING PLAN?

15

16 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I THINK IT WAS A SIMILAR PROCESS. I WANT
17 TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT LOTS OF PEOPLE WERE INVITED TO THE
18 CONVERSATIONS. I WANT TO BE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATIVE OF OUR
19 LABOR PARTNERS AND OF JIM FOR INCLUDING PUBLIC HEALTH.
20 OBVIOUSLY PUBLIC HEALTH BEING RECOGNIZED AS PART OF THE SAFETY
21 NET WAS EXTRAORDINARILY IMPORTANT AND IS IN FACT A FAIRLY NEW
22 UNDERSTANDING. SO, I DO THINK THERE WAS THIS ATTEMPT TO REALLY
23 LOOK AT WHAT THESE CUTS WERE GOING TO DO AND WHO WAS GOING TO
24 GET HARMED AND THEN HOW COULD A COALITION COME TOGETHER AND
25 DECIDE WITH AGAIN RESOURCES THAT WILL STILL BE LIMITED HOW TO



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1 HAVE THE BEST IMPACT.

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3 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND I SAW MR. MANGIA GET UP. SO IF
4 THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WANTED TO FILL IN THAT WE HAVEN'T COVERED
5 HERE, I'M HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU. OH, OKAY, SUPERVISOR
6 MITCHELL, YOU WANTED TO RESPOND? OKAY. AND I UNDERSTAND
7 THERE'S A NINE MEMBER CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE THAT'S
8 SUPPOSED TO BE PART OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY PROCESS. DO WE KNOW
9 HOW THAT COMMITTEE IS TO BE CONSTITUTED, HOW THE MEMBERS ARE
10 GOING TO BE SELECTED, WHO'S GOING TO BE ON THAT COMMITTEE?

11

12 **PETER BOLLINGER:** SURE, THE COMMITTEE'S, PARDON ME, THE
13 COMMITTEE'S SELECTED BY THE BOARD MEMBERS. AND SO, IT'LL BE AT
14 THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD AS TO HOW TO SELECT COMMITTEE
15 MEMBERS.

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY, SO THAT PROCESS HASN'T BEEN
18 OUTLINED OUTSIDE OF THE BOARD.

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20 **PETER BOLLINGER:** OUTSIDE OF IT BEING DELEGATED TO THE BOARD,
21 YES.

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23 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THE WHOLE BOARD.

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25 **PETER BOLLINGER:** OR BEING ASSIGNED TO THE BOARD.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. AND THEN I WANT TO GO BACK TO A
3 CONCERN THAT WAS RAISED, COUNTY COUNSEL , IF THE SALES TAX IS
4 APPROVED BY THE VOTERS AS A GENERAL TAX, ARE THERE ANY OTHER
5 GUARDRAILS OUTSIDE OF THE SPENDING PLAN THAT WE HAVE TO ENSURE
6 THAT THE DOLLARS ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO WHERE THEY ARE INTENDED
7 TO BE SPENT. I ASK THIS BECAUSE WE DO HAVE OTHER LEGAL
8 OBLIGATIONS AND I WANT TO BE CLEAR-EYED ABOUT THE FACT THAT IF
9 WE GET INTO A DIFFICULT PLACE FINANCIALLY AND THIS IS A
10 GENERAL TAX, I WANT TO UNDERSTAND IF THIS IS SOMETHING THAT
11 MUST BE LEGALLY CONSIDERED.

12

13 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** SUPERVISOR, AS MR. BOLLINGER STATED,
14 ULTIMATELY IT'S WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD TO SPEND
15 THE FUNDS. HOWEVER, BUILT INTO THIS MEASURE IS THE OVERSIGHT
16 COMMISSION WHICH WILL MONITOR SPENDING AND MAKE
17 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD. IT IS ADVISORY AND ALSO THERE
18 ARE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THE FUNDS ARE ACCOUNTED
19 FOR AND PROPERLY AUDITED PURSUANT TO THE ORDINANCE.

20

21 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND MAYBE I MISSED THIS IN AN EARLIER
22 QUESTION. CAN YOU SHARE THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS ON
23 THIS MEASURE?

24

25 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** THE ESTIMATED REVENUE IS \$1,000,000,000.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY.

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4 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** ANNUALLY YES.

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6 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** FOR FIVE YEARS.

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8 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** YES.

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10 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND THERE'S NOTHING IN THE LANGUAGE
11 THAT SAYS FOR EXAMPLE, IF WE. IF THERE'S A LEGISLATIVE CHANGE
12 AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL THAT THIS COULD BE ENDED SOONER. IT'S
13 FIVE YEARS.

14

15 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** SO, SUPERVISOR, THE ORDINANCE PROVIDES
16 THAT THE BOARD MAY MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE AND TO THE
17 TAX. IT SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE WHERE THE TAX IS NO LONGER
18 NECESSARY. THE BOARD COULD DISCONTINUE THE TAX OR REDUCE IT.
19 IT CANNOT INCREASE IT.

20

21 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. SO IF THIS PASSES AND THERE WAS
22 A LEGISLATIVE CHANGE, WE COULD END THE TAX EARLIER?

23

24 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** CORRECT.

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

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3 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISOR, COULD I ADD, I'M SORRY, COULD I
4 JUST ADD ONE, GOING BACK TWO QUESTIONS, I THINK ONE OF THE
5 WAYS THAT WE TYPICALLY DEAL WITH HOW WE ALLOCATE MONEY THAT
6 NEEDS TO GO IN A CERTAIN BUCKET IS THROUGH A BOARD BUDGET
7 POLICY. AND THAT IS A, THAT'S SOMETHING WE ADOPT ROUTINELY, WE
8 ADOPTED ONE TO IMPLEMENT MEASURE J. IT CREATES THAT ADDITIONAL
9 LEVEL OF GUIDANCE FOR THE CEO'S OFFICE WHEN WE BRING BACK A
10 BUDGET, THAT WE MEET ALL OF THOSE THINGS IN THE BOARD BUDGET
11 POLICY. SO OF COURSE, ANY FUTURE BOARD CAN CHANGE A BOARD
12 BUDGET POLICY, BUT FOR US, WHEN WE BRING BACK A BUDGET, IT IS
13 THE LETTER OF THE LAW AND WE TRY TO MEET THAT TO A T. SO THAT
14 IS ONE ADDITIONAL LEVER I THINK YOU ALL HAVE TO CREATE THAT
15 CERTAINTY KNOWING THAT AS A GENERAL TAX, THERE'S AN INHERENT
16 UNCERTAINTY THERE.

17

18 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND THEN I GUESS MY LAST QUESTION IS
19 WITH REGARD, I KNOW IN PREVIOUS MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN
20 BROUGHT FORWARD TO THIS BOARD, THERE ARE MULTIPLE READINGS. SO
21 THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'RE HAVING THIS CONVERSATION. ARE
22 THERE MULTIPLE READINGS AND MULTIPLE STAGES OR IS TODAY IT?

23

24 **PETER BOLLINGER:** SO, I CAN ANSWER THAT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
25 QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. THIS WILL BE THE ONLY TIME, ASSUMING IT



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1 PASSES TODAY, DISAPPEARS AT A BOARD MEETING. SO, WHAT YOU'RE
2 DOING TODAY IS JUST APPROVING, SENDING THE ORDINANCE TO THE
3 VOTERS. THE NEXT TIME THIS WILL APPEAR IS AFTER THE ELECTION.
4 SO, THE ELECTION'S IN JUNE. SO THE REGISTER, OUR RULE
5 CANVASSED FOR ABOUT 30 DAYS, AND WE'VE TENTATIVELY SET JULY
6 14TH IS THE DATE TO CERTIFY THE ELECTION. SO, IF THIS WERE
7 PASSED BY THE VOTERS, YOU WOULD NEXT SEE THIS ON JULY 14TH
8 WHERE YOU WOULD BE CERTIFYING THE ELECTION RESULTS AND THEN
9 THE ORDINANCE WOULD THEN BE ADOPTED ON THAT DATE.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY, SO THIS ISN'T LIKE OTHER
12 MEASURES WHERE WE HAVE MULTIPLE CONVERSATIONS TO CONSIDER?

13

14 **PETER BOLLINGER:** CORRECT, WITH CHARTER AMENDMENTS, WHICH IS
15 PROBABLY WHAT PEOPLE ARE ALSO VERY FAMILIAR WITH CHARTER
16 AMENDMENTS ARE TWO MEETINGS BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO READ THE
17 ORDINANCE AND ADOPT IT THIS WE ARE NOT ADOPTING THE TAX
18 MEASURE IT'S JUST BEING APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD SO IT'S JUST A
19 SOLITARY MEETING.

20

21 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** YEAH, I KNOW. WELL, AND SOMETIMES FOR
22 CHARTER AMENDMENTS I THINK IT'S ACTUALLY THREE BECAUSE YOU
23 GIVE THE DIRECTION, AND THEN YOU HAVE A FIRST READING AND THEN
24 A SECOND READING.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **PETER BOLLINGER:** CORRECT.

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. YEAH, AS YOU CAN, I MEAN, I
4 CAME INTO THIS MEETING INTERESTED IN HEARING WHAT PEOPLE HAVE
5 TO SAY? I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS, AND THERE'S NO, FOR ME,
6 THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT TAKING NO ACTION WILL BE DEVASTATING
7 FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE
8 COUNTING ON US TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE THAT IS SO CRITICAL TO
9 THEIR LIVELIHOOD. AND IT IS VERY SERIOUS. IT FEELS, THE
10 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FEELS FAR AWAY, BUT THEIR IMPACT IS FELT
11 VERY DEEPLY AND CLOSE TO HOME AS A RESULT OF THE DECISIONS
12 THAT ARE BEING MADE. AND IF WE DON'T TAKE THEM ON, AND IF WE
13 IN FACT INSTEAD TAKE ON THIS RESPONSIBILITY OURSELVES, I FEAR
14 THAT THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE WHAT THEY EXPECT US TO DO. AND
15 YET, IF WE DO NOTHING, THIS ALREADY WILL BE HURT AND WE HEAR
16 THAT EVEN WITH DOING THIS, THERE WILL STILL BE HOLES IN THE
17 SYSTEM. SO, I AM VERY AWARE THAT THIS IS A MORE THAN SOBERING
18 CONVERSATION AT A VERY DIFFICULT TIME WHERE AFFORDABILITY IS
19 THE NUMBER ONE THING EVERY RESIDENT IS THINKING ABOUT. AND I
20 AM CLEAR THAT FOOD AND MEDICINE ARE EXEMPTED FROM SALES TAX,
21 BUT SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CLOTHING AND OTHER THINGS THAT ARE
22 ALSO PART OF PEOPLE'S EVERYDAY LIVES ARE NOT. AND SO, THIS IS
23 A VERY DIFFICULT CONVERSATION BECAUSE WE'RE THINKING ABOUT HOW
24 WE FINANCIALLY IMPACT THOSE WHO FEEL AT THE MOST. AND SO, I
25 APPRECIATE THAT WE'RE HAVING A DISCUSSION HERE SO WE CAN MAYBE



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SUPERVISORS

1 GET TO SOME OF THOSE ANSWERS. THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I RECOGNIZE
4 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I JUST HAVE TO SAY THAT I KNOW THIS IS A
5 TOUGH DECISION FOR ALL OF US, AND WE HAVE ALL BEEN CONTACTED
6 ON BOTH SIDES. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, I THINK THE
7 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE VOTERS TO MAKE A DECISION WHETHER THEY
8 WOULD WANT TO PROCEED IS REALLY WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. AND
9 THE FACT THAT PERHAPS THIS IS OUR FIRST DISCUSSION, THERE HAVE
10 BEEN SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY. AND I
11 KNOW THAT THE COALITION HAS TO BE PREPARED TO DO WHATEVER THEY
12 CAN TO HAVE THOSE DISCUSSIONS AS WELL, ACROSS THE BOARD AND
13 EVERY COMMUNITY WITH CITY COUNCIL PEOPLE AND WITH THEIR
14 PATIENTS, PROVIDERS AND WHAT HAVE YOU. AND WE HAVE AN
15 OBLIGATION TOO BECAUSE OUTLINED IN THIS MEASURE, WE DO HAVE A
16 FORMULA THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IN TERMS OF HOW IT CAN HELP
17 BACKFILL THOSE GAPS THAT WE HAVE. SO WE ALSO ARE GOING TO BE
18 REQUIRED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THE REAL IMPACT IS.
19 SO, I SEE THIS AS AN ONGOING DISCUSSION AND ONE THAT'S REALLY
20 HEALTHY AND OF COURSE DEMOCRATIC. AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT I
21 THINK WE'RE TRYING TO STRIVE FOR HERE. THIS ISN'T AN END ALL.
22 THERE COULD BE MORE A SLEW OF OTHER CUTS COMING THAT WE
23 HAVEN'T EVEN THOUGHT OF YET, BUT AT LEAST IT SENDS A MESSAGE
24 THAT WE CARE THAT WE'RE WILLING TO FIGHT, AND THAT THE
25 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN. AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT. SO, I HOPE WE CAN MOVE
2 THIS DISCUSSION. WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE IN THE
3 AUDIENCE, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE TRY TO ABIDE BY
4 GIVING A GOOD BALANCE OF PEOPLE TO SPEAK, AND WANT TO TRY TO
5 MOVE US ALONG, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM INDIVIDUALS
6 WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE
7 RAISED. SO, IF WE COULD, I'M PREPARED TO SAY THAT WE HAVE AT
8 LEAST AN HOUR AND A HALF TO SPEND, AND WE WILL ROTATE BETWEEN
9 CALLERS ON THE PHONE AND THOSE IN PERSON. AND I WANT TO BEGIN
10 WITH IN-PERSON BECAUSE I KNOW THERE ARE A COUPLE OF ELECTED
11 OFFICIALS THAT HAVE BEEN HERE FOR SOME TIME AND THEY PROBABLY
12 HAVE TO LEAVE. SO, CAN WE BEGIN THAT PROCESS, EO? AND LET'S
13 MOVE TO THAT. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR HOLDING
14 OFF. AND THANK YOU. OKAY, LET'S PROCEED THEN. THANK YOU.

15

16 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GIVEN THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS
17 WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON ITEM 15, IN ORDER TO FINISH
18 TODAY'S MEETING EFFICIENTLY AND ADDRESS ALL AGENDA ITEMS, ITEM
19 WILL BE 90 MINUTES. IF YOU'RE WITH A GROUP, PLEASE IDENTIFY
20 ONE PERSON TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF YOUR ENTIRE GROUP.
21 ADDITIONALLY, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OTHER
22 THAN WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN STATED BY OTHER SPEAKERS, PLEASE
23 INDICATE ONLY YOUR NAME AND YOUR SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO THIS
24 ITEM TO ALLOW OTHERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. SHOULD YOU LIKE
25 TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILED COMMENTS, YOU CAN DO SO BY SUBMITTING



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SUPERVISORS

1 WRITTEN COMMENTS TO OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE STAFF WITH BADGES.
2 ADDITIONALLY, YOU CAN PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ONLINE AT OUR
3 WEBSITE, BOS.LACOUNTY.GOV, BY CLICKING THE LINK SUBMIT PUBLIC
4 COMMENT ONLINE. ALL COMMENTS SUBMITTED ONLINE WILL BE FILED IN
5 THE OFFICIAL RECORD. IT IS NOW 11:31 A.M. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR
6 THIS ITEM WILL END AT 1:01 P.M. WE WILL HEAR FROM IN-PERSON
7 SPEAKERS FIRST.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
10 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. REX RICHARDSON, YVONNE
11 WHEELER, JIM MANGIA, YASMINE IGLESIAS, ZANE OBAGI, VICTOR
12 GORDO, JANE OBAGI, VICTOR GORDO, BUKOLA ALOUSANIYA, JOEY
13 ESPINOSA, ORENCIA RAMIREZ, LILLIAN CABRAL, LEILANI REED,
14 JONATHAN WEIDMAN, ERIC AGUILAR, MARVIN ESPINOSA, ROBERT
15 TAYLOR, JENNIFER ROSEAU, CARLOS VACCARANO, QUEEN SHEILA,
16 JASMINE CREIGHTON, MARONE SHEETA, BYRON JOSE, TANYA RODOLF,
17 LOUISE MCCARTHY, ANNA HERNANDEZ, AND CHRISTINA GUZMAN.

18

19 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL BE GOING WITH IN-PERSON
20 SPEAKERS FIRST.

21

22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** PLEASE BEGIN.

23

24 **JIM MANGIA:** GOOD MORNING.

25



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ATTENTION, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

2

3 **JIM MANGIA:** I DON'T KNOW HOW TO WORK THIS. CAN YOU HEAR ME? OH
4 COOL. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR INTRODUCING THIS
5 MOTION AND THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR CO-AUTHORING AND ALL THE
6 BOARD MEMBERS FOR CONSIDERING. ST. JOHN'S IS PROUD TO STAND
7 WITH YOU AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS ACROSS L.A.
8 COUNTY TO FIGHT TO SAVE OUR HEALTH CARE. WHEN THE COVID
9 PANDEMIC HIT, ST. JOHN'S OPENED 35 COVID VACCINATION SITES
10 ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE VACCINATED CLOSE TO 3/4 OF 1,000,000
11 PEOPLE. NOW WE'RE IN A SITUATION WHERE ALL OF THOSE 750,000
12 PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES WE SAVED ARE ABOUT TO LOSE THEIR HEALTH
13 CARE BECAUSE OF H.R.-1. IT'S AN AFFORDABILITY ISSUE, BUT
14 HEALTH CARE IS THE BIGGEST DRIVER OF AFFORDABILITY FOR
15 FAMILIES IN L.A. THE AVERAGE COST OF THE SALES TAX IS \$60 A
16 YEAR FOR THE FAMILY. THE CUTS TO MEDICAID ARE MORE THAN \$1,200
17 A MONTH PER FAMILY. WE ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT
18 --

19

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

21

22 **REX RICHARDSON:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
23 MY NAME IS REX RICHARDSON, A MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH,
24 CALIFORNIA, HOME TO NEARLY HALF 1,000,000 RESIDENTS, WORKING
25 FAMILIES, IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, ONE OF ONLY THREE CITIES IN



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SUPERVISORS

1 CALIFORNIA WITH OUR OWN PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. I WANT TO BE
2 CLEAR ABOUT THE MOMENT WE'RE IN. OUR MOST VULNERABLE
3 COMMUNITIES ARE UNDER ATTACK, BOTH HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND
4 HEALTH CARE CRISIS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN NO LONGER BE
5 COUNTED ON TO PROTECT OUR HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET. OUR SYSTEMS
6 ARE ALREADY ERODING ACCESS TO CARE AND THE RISK WILL ONLY GROW
7 WITHOUT LOCAL ACTION. THIS MEASURE GIVES OUR RESIDENTS
8 SOMETHING POWERFUL, THE ABILITY TO CHOOSE FOR THEMSELVES A
9 STRONGER LOCALLY CONTROLLED SAFETY NET, ONE THAT DOESN'T RISE
10 OR FALL WITH DECISIONS MADE IN WASHINGTON. FOR LONG BEACH,
11 THIS IS URGENT. MORE THAN ONE IN FOUR OF OUR RESIDENTS, MORE
12 THAN 120,000 PEOPLE RELY ON MEDI-CAL. OUR COMMUNITY IS SERVED
13 BY 38 CLINICS. OUR QUESTION IS CAN WE TRUST THE FEDERAL
14 GOVERNMENT?

15

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

17

18 **YVONNE WHEELER:** GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR AND MADAM
19 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS YVONNE WHEELER, AND I'M THE PRESIDENT
20 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR, REPRESENTING
21 WORKING PEOPLE ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING THE HEALTHCARE
22 WORKERS WHO STAFF OUR CLINICS AND HOSPITALS. THIS ISSUE IS
23 DEEPLY INTERCONNECTED FOR WORKING FAMILIES AND FOR OUR
24 ECONOMY. AFFORDABILITY IS AT THE CENTER OF IT. WHEN THE HEALTH
25 CARE SAFETY NET IS UNSTABLE, KIDS MISS SCHOOL, PARENTS MISS



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SUPERVISORS

1 WORK, SMALL BUSINESSES LOSE PRODUCTIVITY, AND COSTS SHIFT TO
2 EMERGENCY ROOMS AND CRISIS CARE. WHAT STARTS AS A MISSED
3 APPOINTMENT QUICKLY BECOMES A PREVENTABLE EMERGENCY AND
4 WORKING FAMILIES PAY THE PRICE. STABILIZING ACCESS TO CARE IS
5 ALL ABOUT PROTECTING HEALTHCARE JOBS AND MAINTAINING A
6 WORKFORCE THAT COMMUNITIES RELY ON EACH AND EVERY DAY. I URGE
7 YOU TO ADVANCE THIS DAY'S ITEM AND GIVE VOTERS THE OPPORTUNITY
8 TO PROTECT ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 BUKOLA OLUSOLA: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
14 BUKOLA OLUSOLA AND I'M A COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PROVIDER. I'M
15 HERE IN SUPPORT OF THIS LOS ANGELES COUNTY MOTION BECAUSE IT
16 IS A LOCAL FIX FOR WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO SEE FROM FEDERAL AND
17 STATE POLICY CHANGES. H.R.-1 PUSHES PEOPLE OF MEDICAL,
18 ESPECIALLY PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WHO FACE MAJOR
19 BARRIERS TO PAPERWORK, REPORTING, TRANSPORTATION, AND EVEN
20 HAVING A STABLE ADDRESS. WHEN THAT HAPPENS, PEOPLE DON'T STOP
21 NEEDING CARE. THEY JUST LOSE THE ABILITY TO GET IN THE RIGHT
22 PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME. ON THE STREETS, I SEE WHAT COVERAGE
23 LOSS TURNS INTO. DELAYED TREATMENT UNTIL IT BECOMES AN
24 EMERGENCY. MORE INFECTION, UNCONTROLLED DIABETES AND
25 HYPERTENSION, WORSENING MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE



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SUPERVISORS

1 CRISIS, AND PREVENTABLE HOSPITALIZATION. AND THIS DOESN'T JUST
2 AFFECT ON HOUSE PATIENTS, IT AFFECTS EVERYONE. SO PLEASE, WE
3 ARE NOT SAFE --

4

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

6

7 **HORTENCIA RAMERIZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
8 HORTENCIA RAMIREZ. I'M A LEADER WITH ONE L.A. AND A
9 PARISHIONER AT SAN GABRIEL MISSION. MANY OF MY FELLOW
10 PARISHIONERS AT SAN GABRIEL MISSION HAVE ALREADY LOST THEIR
11 MED-ICAL BENEFITS AND DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. I CAN SEE THAT
12 DESPERATION IN THEM AND THEY ARE AND THERE AREN'T ANY OPTIONS
13 TO SHARE WITH THEM. I'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE. THE FAMILIES THAT
14 COULD NOT AFFORD PREVENTATIVE CARE ENDED UP IN EMERGENCY ROOMS
15 WITH SERIOUS PROBLEMS AND EVEN WORSE, WENT WITHOUT CARE WHICH
16 IN MANY CASES RESULTED IN DEATH. AS A RESULT, HOSPITALS COULD
17 POTENTIALLY FACE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN LOSSES.
18 ONE L.A. URGES THE BOARD TO DO ALL YOU CAN TO PRESERVE
19 HEALTHCARE ACCESS, INCLUDING REFERRING THE SALES TAX TO THE
20 JUNE BALLOT. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **YESMINI IGLESIAS:** YESMINI IGLESIAS. GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS,
25 MY NAME IS YESMINI IGLESIAS AND I'M HERE TODAY AS A PATIENT



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SUPERVISORS

1 FROM VENICE FAMILY CLINIC TO STRONGLY SUPPORT PLACING A
2 TEMPORARY ABSENT SALES TAX ON THE JUNE 2026 BALLOT TO PROTECT
3 ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN L.A. COUNTY. VFC IS WHERE MY FAMILY
4 AND I GO FOR REGULAR CHECKUPS, MEDICATIONS, AND PREVENTATIVE
5 CARE THAT KEEPS SMALL ISSUES FROM BECOMING EMERGENCIES. I'VE
6 ALSO BENEFITED FROM DENTAL CARE, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND
7 HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS LIKE THEIR FREE FOOD MARKET AND
8 EXERCISE GROUPS. THE CLINIC HAS MADE A PROFOUND IMPACT ON MY
9 LIFE. AS FEDERAL FUNDING IS CUT, IT'S PATIENTS LIKE ME WHO
10 WILL FEEL IT IMMEDIATELY. APPOINTMENTS WILL BECOME HARDER TO
11 GET, SERVICES AVAILABLE TO US WILL BE REDUCED, AND MANY PEOPLE
12 WHO LOSE THEIR MEDI-CAL WILL BE FORCED INTO OVERCROWDED
13 EMERGENCY ROOMS. IT'S CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WOULD BE DEVASTATING
14 FOR ME, MY FAMILY, AND SO MANY OTHER ANGELENOS LIKE US. I URGE
15 THE BOARD TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SOLIS'S MOTION
16 AND MOVE THIS MEASURE FORWARD. PLEASE PROTECT LJV HEALTH.

17

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

19

20 **JOHNATHAN WEEDMAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JONATHAN WEIDMAN
21 AND I AM CHIEF EXTERNAL RELATIONS OFFICER FOR VIACARE
22 COMMUNITY HEALTH. WE ARE A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER
23 AND CARE FOR NEARLY 30,000 LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS ANNUALLY
24 PROVIDING MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE. I'M
25 ALSO A COMMISSIONER WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON



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SUPERVISORS

1 HIV, APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND I AM HERE TO STRONGLY
2 URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS BALLOT INITIATIVE. THIS IS ONE OF
3 THE MOST CRITICAL TIMES IN THE HISTORY OF OUR REGION AS A
4 RESULT OF THE SEVERE CUTS TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES BY THE
5 CURRENT ADMINISTRATION. THE IMPERATIVE TO PROTECT AND ENSURE
6 HEALTH CARE FOR THOUSANDS OF ANGELENOS HAS NEVER BEEN MORE
7 URGENT. NO ONE WANTS TO INCREASE TAXES, BUT GOVERNMENT MUST
8 TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN DOING ALL IT CAN FOR OUR MOST
9 VULNERABLE. AND BY SUPPORTING THIS MEASURE, YOU WILL BE
10 SENDING A POWERFUL MESSAGE. I URGE YOUR UNANIMOUS UNRESERVED
11 VOTE TO PUT THIS MEASURE BEFORE THE ELECTORATE IN JUNE.

12

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

14

15 **CHRISTINA GUZMAN:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

16

17 **INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS CRISTINA GUZMAN AND I'M FROM LOS
18 ANGELES. I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT MEDI-CAL NOT ONLY AFFECTS
19 ME, IT AFFECTS ALL THE ELDERLY, THE CHILDREN AND ALL OF THOSE
20 THAT USE IT AROUND US IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. AND THE IMPACT
21 THAT IT CAN HAVE ON ALL OF THOSE OF US THAT DEPEND ON IT. I DO
22 HOPE THAT TODAY WE HAVE A SOLUTION IN FAVOR OF ALL OF THOSE OF
23 US THAT DEPEND ON MEDI-CAL. WE DO HOPE FOR A FAVORABLE
24 SOLUTION TO ALL OF US THAT DEPEND ON IT. THANK YOU.

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

3 **DR. MARVIN ESPINOZA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DR.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PLEASE RAISE YOUR HANDS IF YOU ARE IN
6 AGREEMENT SO WE DON'T TAKE UP TOO MUCH TIME. WE HAVE SO MANY
7 SPEAKERS. SO, THANK YOU. OKAY, PLEASE GO. GO AHEAD.

8

9 **DR. MARVIN ESPINOZA:** CERTAINLY. GOOD MORNING ESTEEMED BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DR. MARVIN ESPINOZA, AND WE KNOW FROM
11 THE MOTION THAT THESE CUTS PUT MEDI-CAL, MENTAL HEALTH CARE,
12 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES, AND SAFETY NET HOSPITALS AT
13 RISK. WITH ONE IN THREE RESIDENTS RELYING ON MEDI-CAL AND
14 NEARLY HALF OF RESIDENTS ON DISABILITY, DEPENDING ON MEDICAID,
15 I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THIS IS AN ABSTRACT POLICY.
16 IT'S ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS, OUR FAMILIES, AND OUR CHILDREN BEING
17 ABLE TO GET THE CARE THEY NEED. SO, THIS MOTION TO PUT A
18 TEMPORARY 0.5% SALES TAX ON THE BALLOT WILL GIVE VOTERS A
19 CHANCE TO PROTECT ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND KEEP CLINICS AND
20 HOSPITALS, ESPECIALLY IN SOUTH L.A., OPEN AND SERVING OUR
21 COMMUNITY. LET'S REMEMBER, HEALTHCARE IS A HUMAN RIGHT, AND I
22 URGE THE BOARD TO MOVE THIS FORWARD. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

23

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

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **PASTOR ROBERT TAYLOR:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS PASTOR ROBERT
2 TAYLOR. I PASTOR THE BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE
3 UNINCORPORATED CITY OF WATTS. I ALSO SERVE AS THE PRESIDENT OF
4 WATTS AREA OF MINISTERS. I STAND TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THIS
5 MEASURE. ALL OF THE TECHNICALITIES HAVE BEEN ELOQUENTLY
6 PRESENTED, BUT I WANT TO TALK PRACTICALLY. LET THE PEOPLE
7 VOTE. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **BYRON JOSE:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD, CHAIR. BYRON JOSE WITH THE
12 TRANSLATINA COALITION. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND YOUR
13 ENTIRE TEAM, AS WELL AS WITH THE CHAIR SOLIS, FOR ENGAGING THE
14 TRANSLATINA COALITION AS STAKEHOLDERS AS WE DEVELOP THESE
15 POLICIES AND AS WE MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
16 THIS BOARD CONTINUING TO BALANCE OUR BUDGET ALONG WITH OUR
17 LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE PROVIDING CARE
18 FOR ALL COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING DPH CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITIES,
19 TGI TRANSGENDER, GENDER, EXPENSIVE, AND NSX WELLNESS AND
20 EQUITY INITIATIVE, AS THEY ONLY GOT ONE-TIME FUNDING FROM
21 CFCI, A PREVIOUS BOARD MERGER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING A
22 CONVERSATION WITH THE SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER
23 AROUND THE REGRESSIVE TAX. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY IS THE
24 COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE CEO STILL REFERENCING CFCI AS A BOARD
25 POLICY, NOT THE, NOT MEASURE J, NOT THE VOTERS MANDATES, NOT



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SUPERVISORS

1 AS IT'S BEING UPHELD BY THE COURT. IS THIS GOING TO BE A
2 COMMITTEE OR IS IT A COMMISSION? ARE WE WAITING FOR A BOARD
3 POLICY OR AN ORDINANCE? BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THIS WAS NOT THE
4 FIRST TIME THIS IS BEING HELD. IT WAS HELD --

5

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

7

8 **LEILANI REED:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
9 LEILANI REED. I AM A RESIDENT OF THE SECOND SUPERVISORY
10 DISTRICT OF SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL AND REGIONAL VICE
11 PRESIDENT OF SEIU LOCAL 2015, CALIFORNIA LONG-TERM CARE LOCAL.
12 I HAVE BEEN AN IHSS PROVIDER FOR OVER 20 YEARS, CARING FOR MY
13 DAUGHTER WHO SUFFERS FROM MENTAL ILLNESS. INVESTING IN HEALTH
14 CARE IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR ME, MY COMMUNITY, AND MY UNION. MY
15 DAUGHTER IS JUST ONE CASE OF THOUSANDS IF NOT MILLIONS OF
16 PEOPLE WHO WILL BE IMPACTED BY H.R.-1 CUTS AND I'M HERE TODAY
17 REPRESENTING MY COMMUNITY, MY UNION IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 15,
18 SECURING FUNDING TO PRESERVE CRITICAL COMMUNITY SERVICES CUTS
19 BY H.R.-1. SO TOGETHER WE CONTINUE LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS TO
20 GENERATE FUNDING FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **MELISSA AYALA:** GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY
25 NAME IS MELISSA AYALA AND I'M SPEAKING TODAY ON BEHALF OF



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SUPERVISORS

1 CLINICA MONSIGNOR OSCAR A. ROMERO'S PRESIDENT AND CEO, CARLOS
2 BAQUERANO AND CLINICA ROMERO, WHO ARE IN PERSON, IN THE ROOM,
3 IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM 15. CLINICA ROMERO IS A FEDERALLY
4 QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER OPERATING SIX SITES, SERVING MORE THAN
5 25,000 PATIENTS EACH YEAR IN TWO SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. AT
6 CLINICA ROMERO, WE'RE ALREADY SEEING PATIENTS LOSE COVERAGE,
7 DELAY CARE, AND DISENGAGE FROM THE HEALTH SYSTEM ALTOGETHER
8 DUE TO STATE AND FEDERAL POLICY CHANGES LIKE H.R.-1. THESE ARE
9 WORKING FAMILIES, SENIORS, CAREGIVERS, AND OTHERS WHO RELY ON
10 OUR SERVICES AS LIFELINES. WE ARE MORE THAN CLINICS. COMMUNITY
11 HEALTH CENTERS ARE FOUNDATIONAL AND VITAL TO THE COUNTY'S
12 HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE. THE PROPOSED MEASURE GIVES VOTERS THE
13 CHANCE TO PROTECT THAT FOUNDATION. I RESPECTFULLY URGE THE
14 BOARD TO MOVE THIS MEASURE FORWARD AND ALLOW THE VOTERS TO
15 DECIDE.

16

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

18

19 **LORETTA LORAINÉ:** OH, MS. LORETTA LORAINÉ, I'VE BEEN APPOINTED,
20 I'M ONE OF THE DIAMOND PIECES, AND I'VE BEEN APPOINTED ANGELS
21 OF CHANGE FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY. I WANT TO MAKE
22 CHANGES, LADIES, FOR OUR COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY FOR THE OLD,
23 I'M OLD, I'M ALREADY IN BAD HEALTH. MY HEALTH HAS BEEN REALLY
24 GETTING BAD NOW. I LOVE WHAT YOU DO, MS. MITCHELL. OH, I
25 RESPECT YOU. YOU HAVE BEEN IN MY CORNER. YOU HAVE ALWAYS, I



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SUPERVISORS

1 CAME TO SEE YOU. YOU HELPED ME ON SOMETHING. YOU, MS. LINDSEY,
2 AND THE LADIES OVER HERE, I DON'T, YOU KNOW, I DEAL WITH THEM.
3 I RESPECT WHAT THEY DO, ESPECIALLY MISS BARGER. EVEN SHE'S A
4 REPUBLICAN, I STILL RESPECT HER. BUT I LOVE HER. BUT ANYWAY,
5 I'M HERE TO MAKE CHANGES FOR OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE THEY ARE
6 DYING, ESPECIALLY THE OLD. LET'S RECOGNIZE THEM NOW THAT
7 THEY'RE LIVING, NOT WAIT TILL THEY DIE AND PUT THEM ON A PLOT.
8 LET'S DO SOMETHING FOR THEM. OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS IT,
9 ESPECIALLY THE OLD, WE OPEN THE DOOR, WE OPEN THE KEY. WHY ARE
10 WE NOT?

11

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

13

14 **SCOTTIE JEANETTE MADDEN:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM SUPERVISORS. MY
15 NAME IS SCOTTIE JEANETTE MADDEN. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY
16 FOR THE CONNIE NORMAN TRANSGENDER EMPOWERMENT CENTER AND AS
17 SUCH EVERY ONE OF YOU REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE THAT COME INTO OUR
18 CENTER RIGHT ON THE BORDER OF HOLLYWOOD AND WEST HOLLYWOOD.
19 WE'RE HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE. WE'RE HERE TODAY
20 AS ALSO CANARIES IN THE COAL MINE. WE'VE ALREADY BEEN DEALING
21 WITH THE BRUNT OF ALL OF THE. WAS GOING TO USE A BAD VERY
22 DESCRIPTIVE TERM OF WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING, BUT WE HAVE BEEN
23 THE ONES WHO HAD TO CATCH THE FALLOUT. LUCKILY, AS OUR FUNDING
24 FROM AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, WE DO NOT SEEK PUBLIC MONEY,
25 BUT WE ARE SUPPORTING ALL THE PEOPLE WHO DO. SO, WE ASK YOU TO



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1 DO WHATEVER, BUT WE CERTAINLY APPLAUD SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR PUTTING SOMETHING FORWARD. PLEASE DO
3 SOMETHING BECAUSE WE'RE ALREADY CATCHING WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE
4 SHOULD BE DOING.

5

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

7

8 **JENNIFER ROZO:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD MEMBERS, SUPERVISORS. MY
9 NAME IS JENNIFER ROZO AND I'M THE OUTREACH COORDINATOR AT
10 VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE. WE'RE A COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
11 SERVING OVER 21,000 PATIENTS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IN
12 DISTRICT 3. CURRENTLY 90% OF OUR PATIENTS ARE COVERED BY MEDI-
13 CAL. WE EXPECT THAT UP TO 40% OF OUR MEDI-CAL PATIENTS WILL BE
14 NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY H.R.-1 AND THE STATE'S ELIGIBILITY
15 RESTRICTIONS. THIS WILL BE ABSOLUTELY DEVASTATING TO OUR
16 COMMUNITY AND PATIENTS. THIS IS WHY WE URGE THE BOARD TO
17 PROTECT THE SAFETY NET SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SOLIS'
18 MOTION FOR TEMPORARY HALF-CENT SALE TAX TO ENSURE THAT
19 COMMUNITY CAN CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE HEALTHCARE THEY NEED.
20 THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **LILLIAN CABRAL:** YES, MY NAME IS LILLIAN CABRAL AND I AM THE
25 SEIU 721 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. AND I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW,



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SUPERVISORS

1 THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO US. TODAY WE ARE HERE WITH
2 WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSING THE MOTION OF SUPERVISORS MITCHELL
3 AND SOLIS SECURING FUNDING AND PRESERVING CRITICAL COUNTY
4 SERVICES CUTS BY H.R.-1 WHICH WOULD SAVE THE HEALTHCARE AND OF
5 PEOPLE CURRENTLY IN DANGER OF LOSING THEIR ACCESS MILLIONS OF
6 WORKERS PEOPLE RELY ON COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS AND THE
7 DELIVERY OF HIGH QUALITY PRIMARY CARE AND SUFFICIENTLY LOWER
8 COSTS IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM. SO HEALTHCARE IS JUST NOT A
9 MEDICAL ISSUE, IT'S A LABOR ISSUE, IT'S A WORKING-CLASS ISSUE,
10 IT'S A HUMAN'S RIGHT ISSUE. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO PASS THIS FOR
11 US BEING VOTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY AND WE'LL
12 GIVE L.A. VOTERS A CHANCE TO PROTECT OUR HEALTH CARE. WE TRUST
13 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL DO THE RIGHT THING TODAY
14 AND VOTE AND PASS THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION TO PROTECT
15 HEALTHCARE --

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **LOUISE MCCARTHY:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. LOUISE
20 MCCARTHY, A PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE COMMUNITY CLINIC
21 ASSOCIATION OF L.A. COUNTY, AND I'M HERE TODAY SPEAKING ON
22 BEHALF OF OVER 600 NONPROFIT COMMUNITY CLINIC AND HEALTH
23 CENTER SITES ACROSS LOS ANGELES. THESE HEALTH CENTERS ARE A
24 VITAL PART OF THE COUNTY'S SAFETY NET. THEY PROVIDE MEDICAL,
25 DENTAL, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO OVER 2,000,000



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1 ANGELENOS. THAT'S ONE IN FIVE RESIDENTS AND ONE IN THREE FOLKS
2 ON MEDI-CAL. THEY SERVE LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, THEY SERVE
3 SENIORS, THEY SERVE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND THEY
4 PROVIDE JOBS. THIS IS A CRISIS. FEDERAL CUTS AND NEW MEDI-CAL
5 POLICIES WILL ABSOLUTELY REDUCE COVERAGE AND CUT FUNDING.
6 MEDI-CAL ACCOUNTS FOR OVER HALF, OVER HALF OF CLINIC FUNDING.
7 SO, THESE CHANGES WILL LEAD TO CLINIC CLOSURES, LONGER WAIT
8 TIMES, OVERCROWDED ERS, AND HIGHER COSTS FOR THE COUNTY. I
9 URGE YOUR SUPPORT. IT'S A VITAL TIME TO PROTECT THE SAFETY
10 NET. THANK YOU.

11

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

13

14 **MARCEL RODARTE:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
15 I'M MARCEL RODARTE. ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT
16 CITIES ASSOCIATION, I WANT TO BE CLEAR AT THE OUTSET. OUR
17 CITIES UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE COUNTY'S HEALTHCARE
18 FUNDING CHALLENGES. WE RECOGNIZE THE REAL PRESSURES FACING
19 HOSPITALS, PROVIDERS, AND VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, AND WE DO NOT
20 MINIMIZE THE DIFFICULTY IN SUSTAINING A SYSTEM THAT SERVES
21 MILLIONS. HOWEVER, OUR CONCERN TODAY IS NOT ABOUT WHETHER
22 HEALTHCARE NEEDS FUNDING, IT'S ABOUT HOW THIS IS BEING
23 PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC. AS PROPOSED, THE MEASURE IS A SPECIAL
24 USE TAX MASQUERADING AS A GENERAL TAX. THE PROPOSED TAX AS
25 WRITTEN IS CLEARLY INTENDED TO FUND A SPECIFIC PURPOSE,



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1 HEALTHCARE. THIS TAX MEASURE PROVIDES VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS
2 WITH NO GUARANTEES THE REVENUE RAISE WILL BE USED FOR ITS
3 INTENDED PURPOSE. TRANSPARENCY IS NOT A TECHNICALITY IT'S THE
4 FOUNDATION OF PUBLIC TRUST. CITIES OPERATE UNDER THIS STANDARD
5 EVERY DAY AND WE ASK THE COUNTY TO DO THE SAME. IF THE COUNTY
6 BELIEVES IN THIS INVESTMENT, IT SHOULD HAVE THE CONFIDENCE
7 PRESENTING IT PLAINLY, ACCURATELY, AND DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS.
8 THANK YOU.

9

10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
11 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. ANGELA
12 VALDIVIA, GABRIELA SMITH, BRENDA CATALAN, FRANK VILLALOBOS,
13 CORINA MACIAS, MARGARITA PEREA, JESUS GARCIA, STEVE
14 CAMPORALES, DAVID EVANS, FRED SUTTON, VICTOR RICKS, VIRGINIA
15 LOMEY, MAYOR VICTOR GORDO, CLAUDIA POWELL, DR. JACK BARBOUR,
16 DR. ELIZA NICHOLS, CASTULO DE LA ROCHA, JOEY ESPINOZA-
17 HERNANDEZ, AND CHARITY CHANDLER. WE WILL NOW GO TO OUR REMOTE
18 SPEAKERS. TIM HEPBURN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN, PLEASE BEGIN. ELOI
19 WILLIAMS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN, PLEASE BEGIN.

20

21 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ELOI WILLIAMS, REPRESENTING THE
22 AFRICAN COMMUNITIES' PUBLIC HEALTH COALITION AND THE
23 IMMIGRANTS ARE LOS ANGELES COALITION. IN JUST FIVE MONTHS,
24 MORE THAN 135,000 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, INCLUDING NEARLY
25 29,000 CHILDREN, HAVE LOST MEDICAL COVERAGE AND HUNDREDS OF



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1 THOUSANDS MORE AT RISK. WITHOUT ACTION, 636 COMMUNITY CLINICS
2 ACROSS 88 CITIES ARE IN JEOPARDY. THIS MEASURE STRENGTHENS
3 ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES INCLUDING NON-PROFITS, SCHOOL-BASED
4 CARE, DISEASE MONITORING, PUBLIC HOSPITALS, MEDICAID OUTREACH,
5 AND SERVICES FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. IT ALSO
6 PROTECTS LOW INCOME FAMILIES BY EXCLUDING GROCERIES,
7 PRESCRIPTIONS, MEDICAL DEVICES, AND EBT SNAP WIC PURCHASES
8 WITH INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT FOR TRANSPARENCY. SUPPORTING THIS
9 MEASURE INVESTS IN THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF EVERY LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY RESIDENT. THANK YOU.

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. DR. WILMA FRANCO, YOUR LINE IS
13 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **DR. WILMA FRANCO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DR. WILMA FRANCO.
16 I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHEAST L.A.
17 COLLABORATIVE, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CELA COLLABORATIVE. AND I
18 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 15. FOLLOWING THE
19 PASSAGE OF H.R.-1, ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FOR 3,100,000 COUNTY
20 RESIDENTS WAS IMMEDIATELY PUT AT RISK, MANY OF WHICH LIVE
21 WITHIN OUR CELA COMMUNITIES. WE KNOW HOW CRITICAL PUBLIC
22 HOSPITALS AND COMMUNITY CLINICS ARE, AS TRUSTED SPACES FOR OUR
23 COMMUNITIES. IN FACT, I WAS RECENTLY AT THE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
24 OF HP AND AT THE L.A. GENERAL HOSPITAL WHO PROVIDED MY FATHER
25 HEALTHCARE SERVICES DUE TO HEART FAILURE. I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE MEDICAL CARE PROVIDED OF BOTH OF THESE FACILITIES THAT
2 LITERALLY SAVED MY FATHER'S LIFE. THAT IS WHY THIS MOTION TO
3 ALLOW VOTERS TO DECIDE ON PRESERVING OUR HEALTH CARE SAFETY
4 NET IS SO IMPORTANT. OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES NEED
5 ACCESS TO THESE SERVICES AND I BELIEVE THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY
6 FOR US TO DEMONSTRATE HOW WE CAN LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AND SUPPORT
7 THOSE MOST VULNERABLE, NOT IN WORDS, BUT THROUGH ACTION. AND
8 WHILE OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES MAY NOT TRUST
9 GOVERNMENT, WE CAN AT A MINIMUM BEGIN TO MOVE TOWARDS
10 REBUILDING TRUST TOWARDS OUR L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. DOMENICA MEGERDICHIAN, YOUR LINE
13 IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **DOMENICA MEGERDICHIAN:** GOOD MORNING, DOMENICA MEGERDICHIAN
16 WITH THE CITY OF GLENDALE. THE CITY OF GLENDALE IS NOT OPPOSED
17 TO ADDRESSING REGIONAL CHALLENGES AND WE RECOGNIZE THE
18 IMPORTANCE OF THE HEALTH CARE, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND
19 HOMELESS PROGRAMS. THAT BEING SAID, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF
20 GLENDALE, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG OPPOSITION TO
21 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROPOSED ONE HALF-CENT SALES TAX
22 EXEMPTION CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION. THE TECHNICAL REALITY
23 IS THAT A LEGISLATIVE CARVE OUT IS NOT THE COUNTY'S SALES TAX
24 MEASURES ARE NOT BEING ADDRESSED. THE COUNTY'S SALES TAX
25 MEASURES ARE BEING ADDRESSED. THE COUNTY'S SALES TAX MEASURES



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1 ARE BEING ADDRESSED. UNDER MEASURE H, APPROXIMATELY
2 \$10,000,000 ANNUALLY IN SALES TAX REVENUE GENERATED IN
3 GLENDALE WAS SENT TO THE COUNTY. WE ONLY RECEIVED A FRACTION
4 OF THAT ABOUT 300,000 PER YEAR TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS
5 LOCALLY. UNDER MEASURE A, WE'RE EXPERIENCING THE SAME ISSUE
6 BUT WITH A DOUBLED RATE. WE CONTINUE TO FACE THE PROSPECT OF
7 REPEATED INEQUITY IN THE COUNTY SALES TAX MEASURES. TAKING
8 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS GENERATED LOCALLY AND SENDING THEM TO
9 OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY. IF GRANTED CITIES WILL STILL HAVE
10 THE PERCENT OF THEIR LOCAL CAPACITY REMAINING BUT IT WILL
11 FORCE THE NEW CAP TO 11.25, 11.7 --

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 310480
14 YOUR LINE IS OPEN PLEASE BEGIN.

15

16 **GABRIELA EDDY:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. GABRIELA EDDY,
17 COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH SVCC IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 15. THANK YOU
18 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL FOR THIS IMPORTANT MOTION TO
19 PROTECT THE COUNTY. CLEARLY WE'RE UNDER A CRISIS WITH A DOMINO
20 EFFECT. PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND COMMUNITY CLINICS ARE AT RISK OF
21 CLOSING AND EMERGENCY ROOMS ACROSS THE COUNTY WILL BE
22 OVERWHELMED. OUR COMMUNITIES NEED ACCESS TO THESE CRITICAL
23 SERVICES WHICH IS WHY THIS MOTION IS SO IMPORTANT SO THAT
24 VOTERS CAN DECIDE TO PRESERVE OUR HEALTH SAFETY NET. PLEASE
25 SUPPORT AND FIND SOLUTIONS FOR THIS MOTION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR



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SUPERVISORS

1 TIME.

2

3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. SHEDA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE
4 BEGIN.

5

6 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS SHEDA AND I'M A MANAGING
7 ATTORNEY AT THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES. I
8 STRONGLY SUPPORT SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS'S GOAL OF
9 INCREASING REVENUE ON THE JUNE 2026 BALLOT TO PROTECT L.A.
10 COUNTY'S HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET AND SUPPORT THE MOST
11 VULNERABLE ANGELENOS. I OVERSEE OUR MEDICAL LEGAL PARTNERSHIP
12 WHICH PROVIDES FREE LEGAL SERVICES TO L.A. COUNTY PATIENTS, A
13 MAJORITY OF WHOM RECEIVE MEDI-CAL. THESE PATIENTS ARE MORE
14 LIKELY, ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE HARMED BY THE SWEEPING CHANGES
15 IN FEDERAL AND STATE POLICY. THESE HEALTH CARE CUTS ARE
16 DEVASTATING AND ARE HAVING TANGIBLE IMPACTS ON OUR PATIENT
17 CLIENTS WHO ARE TERRIFIED OF LOSING COVERAGE OR WHO HAVE
18 ALREADY LOST COVERAGE. WE OVERSAW A SITE AT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS
19 WHERE PATIENTS ARE EXTREMELY VULNERABLE, THEY ARE LOW INCOME
20 AND HAVE LONG-TERM DISABILITIES. CUTS TO COMPREHENSIVE
21 HEALTHCARE COVERAGE MEANS THE INABILITY TO GET LIFE-SAVING
22 MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LIKE POWER WHEELCHAIRS AS WELL AS IN-HOME
23 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR DAY-TO-DAY LIVING ASSISTANCE. THANK
24 YOU.

25



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. SALPY KABAKLIAN-SLANTZ, YOUR
2 LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

3

4 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** CITY OF NORWALK, WE WERE CALLING TO
5 REITERATE OUR OPPOSITION LETTER. OUR RESIDENTS ALREADY HAVE A
6 VERY HIGH TAX SALES RATE. THIS WOULD TAKE IT EVEN HIGHER. AND
7 WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED, AS BEEN STATED, ABOUT LOSING OUR CITY
8 REVENUE TO NEIGHBORING CITIES WHO HAVE LOWER SALES TAX RATES.
9 SO, WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE REASSURANCE OF TRUE ACCOUNTABILITY
10 AS IT BE PROVIDED BY A SPECIAL TAX RATHER THAN A GENERAL TAX.
11 WE URGE THE COUNTY BOARD TO EXPLORE THAT OPTION, EITHER
12 THROUGH A NEW INITIATIVE OR THROUGH A CITIZEN'S INITIATIVE.
13 THANK YOU.

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. BRIDGET YANG, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
16 PLEASE BEGIN.

17

18 **BRIDGET YANG:** HI, MY NAME IS BRIDGET YANG. I'M CALLING ON
19 BEHALF OF CARE CLINIC. I'M IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 15.
20 MANY OF OUR PATIENTS ARE WORKING FAMILIES, BALANCING JOBS,
21 CHILD CARE, AND RISING COSTS. COMMUNITY CLINICS LIKE OURS
22 PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY, CONSISTENT AND AFFORDABLE CARE TO THOSE
23 WHO NEED IT MOST. WHEN ACCESS TO CARE IS UNCERTAIN, FAMILIES
24 DELAY TREATMENT, MISWORK AND FACE UNAVOIDABLE HARDSHIP.
25 RELIABLE CLINIC ACCESS SUPPORTS BOTH FAMILY STABILITY AND



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1 LOCAL ECONOMIC PRODUCTIVITY. THIS MEASURE HELPS MAINTAIN A
2 DEPENDABLE HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET FOR EVERYDAY RESIDENTS. WE
3 RESPECTFULLY URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

4

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

7

8 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** ROY HUMPHRIES. IT'S NOT TRUE IN FACT OR
9 PRINCIPLE. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH CARE FUNDING IS ARE NOT
10 THE PROBLEMS ARE NOT THE BEAUTIFUL H.R.-1, BUT THE CRIMINAL
11 USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, ESPECIALLY THE
12 BIDEN ERA, ILLEGAL AS THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG, ALL FOR
13 POLITICAL GAIN. AS TO MEASLES, YOU ALLOWED THE INFLUX OF
14 10,000,000 BIDEN ILLEGALS WITH 79 COUNTRIES. LIVE WITHIN YOUR
15 MEANS. REPUBLICANS HAVE REAL SOLUTIONS. DR. DREW HAS AN
16 EMERGENCY MEDICAL KIT, \$300. YOU BUILD THIS CASTLE ON SAND.
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IMMIGRANTS ARE NOT TO BECOME WARDS OF THE
18 STATE. SHAME ON YOU. ALL WAS FORESEEABLE. MORAL CORRUPTION
19 WILL EVENTUALLY PAY THE PIPER. SUPPORT AMERICAN SAVED AND
20 DIGNITY ACTS. DESPERATE TIMES, DESPERATE MEASURES.

21

22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. JUDY VACCARO-FRY, YOUR LINE IS
23 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

24

25 **JUDY VACCARO-FRY:** HI, I AM ASKING YOU TO TAKE THIS OFF THE



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1 BALLOT FOR JUNE. I DON'T I DON'T SUPPORT IT. ANGELINO'S ARE
2 TAXED ALREADY AT THE HIGHEST IN THE NATION. AS AN ANTELOPE
3 VALLEY RESIDENT, I'M ALREADY AT 11.25%. SO, THANK YOU,
4 SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THAT. YOU SAY THAT THIS IS
5 A TEMPORARY TAX MEASURE, BUT WE HAVE WATCHED THIS REPEATEDLY.
6 YOU OFFER A TAX MEASURE AS TEMPORARY, IT GETS VOTED IN, AND
7 THEN BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OR THE SUNSET, WE CHANGE IT. WE
8 GIVE IT A NEW NAME, A NEW FANCY TITLE, AND NOW IT IS EXTENDED
9 INTO PERPETUITY. LET'S LOOK AT MEASURE H THAT TURNED INTO
10 MEASURE A. LET'S LOOK AT PROP 30 THAT WAS PUT IN AND IS NOW
11 BEING LOOKED AT IN PERPETUITY. NEW NAME, FANCY TITLE, MORE
12 DECEPTION. THE REASON HR WAS REPEALED OR OFFERED IS BECAUSE
13 THERE'S FRAUD. WHY DON'T WE LOOK AT MITIGATING FRAUD INSTEAD
14 OF TAXING CITIZENS?

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 626223,
17 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

18

19 **AQUILINA SORIAN VERSOZA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS AQUILINA SORIANO
20 VERSOZA. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FILIPINO WORKERS
21 CENTER OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND A PART OF IMMIGRANTS ARE
22 L.A. BUT I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF KWC. AND I AM, YOU KNOW,
23 ASKING AND SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM 15 BECAUSE WE REALLY
24 CANNOT AFFORD TO ALLOW OUR COMMUNITY CLINICS, OUR HOSPITALS,
25 YOU KNOW, TO BE DECIMATED. WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN. FILIPINO



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1 CAREGIVERS DON'T GET HEALTH INSURANCE FROM THEIR JOBS AND, YOU
2 KNOW, THESE INSTITUTIONS ARE WHERE THEY GO FOR PREVENTATIVE,
3 EMERGENCY, AND URGENT CARE. SO, WE NEED TO SUPPORT AND HAVE A
4 SOLUTION TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR HEALTH INSTITUTIONS ARE THERE,
5 FOR ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE AT THIS TIME --

6

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

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOUR MICS NOT ON? GO AHEAD. RESTART
11 THE CLOCK. OKAY GO AHEAD.

12

13 **JESUS GARCIA:** GOOD MORNING HONORABLE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MY NAME IS JESUS GARCIA SENIOR
15 LEGISLATIVE ANALYST SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PICO
16 RIVERA THE CITY STRONGLY OPPOSES THE PROPOSED SALES TAX
17 MEASURE AS WRITTEN I'LL SPEAK TO OUR MAIN POINTS OF CONCERN
18 PREFACING THAT THE CITY FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE CRITICAL
19 SITUATION AND THE DETRIMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE HEALTH CARE
20 SYSTEM. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD FURTHER STRAIN RESIDENTS AND SMALL
21 BUSINESSES, ESPECIALLY IN CITIES LIKE PICORIVERA, THAT ARE
22 ALREADY AT THE SALES TAX CAP. ADDITIONAL TAXES WOULD
23 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT WORKING FAMILIES ALREADY FACING
24 RISING COSTS AND FALLOUT FROM H.R.-1. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT
25 THIS PROPOSAL IS A GENERAL IS PROPOSES GENERAL TAX WHEN IT



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1 SHOULD BE A SPECIAL TAX WITHOUT ENFORCEABLE PROTECTIONS THERE
2 IS NO GUARANTEE FUNDS WILL BE DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH CARE AND
3 ESSENTIAL SERVICES AS INTENDED OVER THE LIFE OF THE MEASURE
4 AND THROUGH THE FUTURE BOARDS, WE JOIN THE COUNTY IN URGING
5 STRONG FEDERAL AND STATE ADVOCACY THESE GAPS ARE THE RESULT OF
6 FEDERAL DISINVESTMENT AND CONTINUING TO SHIFT THE BURDEN TO
7 LOCAL TAXPAYERS IS NOT SUSTAINABLE OR ACCEPTABLE, ESPECIALLY
8 AS A DONOR STATE. WE ASK THAT FUTURE PROPOSALS MEANINGFULLY
9 ENGAGE CITIES EARLY TO UNDERSTAND LOCAL IMPACTS, SERVICE
10 PRESSURES AND ALTERNATIVES. A STRONGER COUNTY-CITY
11 COLLABORATION IS ESSENTIAL TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS
12 EFFECTIVELY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND
13 CONSIDERATION.

14

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

16

17 **STEVEN COUMPAROULES:** GOOD AFTERNOON MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY
18 NAME IS STEVEN COUMPAROULES SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF
19 PARAMOUNT. WE'VE SUBMITTED A FORMAL LETTER FOR THE RECORD AND
20 WANT TO BEGIN BY ACKNOWLEDGING THE COUNTY'S LONG HISTORY OF
21 PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COMMUNITY. WE VALUE THE RELATIONSHIP
22 DEEPLY, AND WE RECOGNIZE THE SIGNIFICANT HEALTHCARE FUNDING
23 CHALLENGES CREATED BY H.R.-1. AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST
24 RESPECTFULLY BUT FIRMLY EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS WITH THE PROPOSED
25 HALF-CENT COUNTYWIDE SALES TAX. THIS MEASURE WOULD PUSH THE



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1 SALES TAX RATE IN SOME COMMUNITIES ABOVE 11% AND AT A MOMENT
2 WHEN OUR RESIDENTS ARE ALREADY FACING HISTORIC AFFORDABLE
3 PRESSURES. WE'VE ALSO SEEN THROUGH MEASURE H WHAT HAPPENS WHEN
4 COUNTY WHITE TAXES LACK CLEAR GUARDRAILS, COMMUNITIES LIKE
5 PARAMOUNT CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY BUT RECEIVE LITTLE
6 PROPORTIONAL BENEFIT. AS DRAFTED, THIS PROPOSAL REPEATS THAT
7 PATTERN BY DIRECTING UNRESTRICTED REVENUE INTO THE GENERAL
8 FUND WITHOUT TRANSPARENCY OR ASSURANCES FOR LOCAL RETURN. WE
9 RESPECTFULLY URGE THE BOARD TO RECONSIDER THIS APPROACH AND
10 WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH CITIES AND ON EQUITABLE, TRANSPARENT
11 SOLUTIONS THAT ADDRESS THE HEALTHCARE CRISIS WITHOUT
12 COMPROMISING LOCAL FISCAL STABILITY. PARAMOUNT STANDS READY --

13

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

15

16 **FRANK VILLALOBOS:** YES, MY NAME IS FRANK VILLALOBOS. I AM
17 REPRESENTING EDDIE TORRES. I'M ALSO AN ARCHITECT AND LANDSCAPE
18 ARCHITECT IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND HAVE SWORN TO PROTECT
19 THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY AND
20 THE STATE. I AM HERE TO REPRESENT EDDIE BECAUSE HE SUFFERED A
21 MAJOR ACCIDENT AND PARALYZED HIM FOR NEARLY A YEAR AND A HALF.
22 THANKS TO THE COUNTY SERVICES THAT HE RECEIVED, HE IS
23 CURRENTLY WALKING TODAY WITH THE TREATMENT THAT HE NEEDED, HE
24 WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AFFORD. HE IS A RESIDENT OF EAST
25 LOS ANGELES. HE WANTED ME TO COME AND CARRY THAT MESSAGE TO



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1 HIS SUPERVISOR, HILDA SOLIS, AND IN SUPPORT OF THIS EFFORT TO
2 KEEP THE COUNTY SERVICES GOING AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
3 FUNDED IN HEALTHCARE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, FRANK.

6

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

8

9 **CLAUDIA POWELL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CLAUDIA POWELL. I AM
10 HERE ON BEHALF OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY PROJECT LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY. ADVOCACY PLANNED PARENTHOOD HEALTH CENTERS ARE
12 ALREADY FEELING THE IMPACT OF H.R.-1. SINCE SEPTEMBER, WE
13 HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO BUILD FOR MEDICAL, FOR PREVENTIVE
14 SERVICES. OUR PATIENTS RECEIVE CANCER SCREENING, BIRTH
15 CONTROL, AND STI TESTING. ABOUT 80% OF OUR PATIENTS GET
16 SERVICES ACROSS OUR 23 HEALTH CENTERS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
17 COUNTY. THEY RELY ON MEDI-CAL. COMMUNITY CLINICS AS WELL AS
18 PLANNED PARENTHOOD HEALTH CENTERS TOGETHER ARE THE BACKBONE OF
19 THIS COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. WE ARE OFTEN THE FIRST
20 PROVIDER THAT THEY GET TO GET SERVICES. WE ARE ASKING YOU TO
21 PLEASE PUT THIS MEASURE IN THE BALLOT AND THANK YOU SO MUCH
22 FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

23

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

25



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1 **DR. ELISA NICHOLAS:** GOOD MORNING, I AM DR. ELISA NICHOLAS,
2 PEDIATRICIAN AND CEO OF TCC FAMILY HEALTH AND A COMMISSIONER
3 REPRESENTING DISTRICT 4 ON THE HOSPITAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES
4 COMMISSION. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE
5 FORWARD. THAT WAS A BEAUTIFUL PRESENTATION BY ALL THE STAFF
6 AND THE SUPERVISORS. I TRULY APPRECIATE IT. TCC FAMILY HEALTH
7 IS A COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IN LONG BEACH, SERVING 50,000
8 PATIENTS IN DISTRICTS 4 AND 2 ACROSS 14 CLINIC SITES. WE
9 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT PLACING THIS TEMPORARY HALF CENT
10 HEALTHCARE FUNDING TAX MEASURE ON THE JUNE 2026 BALLOT. THIS
11 COMMUNITY LED PROPOSAL IS CRITICAL TO PREVENTING CLINIC
12 CLOSURES, LAYOFFS, OVERCROWDED EMERGENCY ROOM AND LOSS OF
13 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES ACROSS ALL OUR COMMUNITIES.
14 FOR OVER 30 YEARS WE HAVE WORKED SO HARD TOGETHER WITH THE
15 COUNTY AND HOSPITALS AND OTHERS IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH
16 DEPARTMENT TO REALLY IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE
17 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THE MOST VULNERABLE ARE IN OUR
18 COMMUNITIES AND IT BREAKS MY HEART TO SEE US GOING BACKWARDS.
19 PLEASE SUPPORT THIS.

20

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

22

23 **BRENDA CATALAN:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

24

25 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BRENDA CATALÁN, AND I



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SUPERVISORS

1 AM HERE TO BE THE VOICE OF ALL THOSE THAT CANNOT BE HEARD, ALL
2 OF OUR PEOPLE'S VOICES. AND WE'RE VERY WORRIED BECAUSE IF THEY
3 WERE TO TAKE THE SERVICES, THE MEDICAL SERVICES, THEN IT WOULD
4 BE A CATASTROPHE. AND THERE'S MANY PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC
5 ILLNESSES, ESPECIALLY DIABETES, WHICH IS KILLING MANY. AND I
6 THINK THAT IF THERE ISN'T ANY CARE, THEN WE WILL SUFFER AS A
7 WORLD. I ASK FOR ALL OF THOSE THAT ARE AT THE TOP TO PLEASE DO
8 NOT TAKE THAT RIGHT AWAY, THAT HEALTH RIGHT AWAY, BECAUSE ALL
9 OF THE CHRISTIANS THAT ARE HERE, WE ARE HARDWORKING AND WE'VE
10 WORKED IN THIS COUNTRY VERY HARD. THANK YOU. AND GOD WILLING,
11 EVERYTHING WILL RESOLVE. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

12

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

14

15 **DR. JACK BARBOUR:** I'M DR. JACK BARBOUR AND I'M A COMMUNITY
16 PSYCHIATRIST. AND I'M THE CEO OF SHARP, WHICH IS SOUTHERN
17 CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN SOUTH LOS
18 ANGELES AND MID-CITY. AND I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE
19 STRONGLY SUPPORT THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS BROUGHT FORTH TO SECURE FUNDING TO
21 PRESERVE CRITICAL COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES. THIS PROPOSAL IS
22 NECESSARY RESPONSE TO THE UNPRECEDENTED FEDERAL CUTS THAT ARE
23 DESTABILIZING LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET. SINCE
24 THE APPROVAL OF H.R.-1, IN JUST THE LAST FOUR MONTHS, OVER
25 120,000 RESIDENTS LOST MEDI-CAL COVERAGE, INCLUDING 27, 000



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SUPERVISORS

1 CHILDREN AND MORE THAN 70,000 PEOPLE LOST CALFRESH BENEFITS.
2 AS A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC, SHARP SEES THE REAL-WORLD
3 CONSEQUENCES OF THESE CUTS EVERY DAY. WE DEPEND ON OUR
4 PARTNERS AT OUR COMMUNITY CLINICS --

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **VIRGINIA LOME:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

11

12 **INTERPRETER:** AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS VIRGINIA LOME. I COME FROM
13 LOS ANGELES, AND I'M HERE TO ASK THAT YOU PLEASE DON'T CUT OUR
14 MEDICAL BENEFITS THAT WE NEED THEM ALL AND WHAT WOULD WE DO
15 WITHOUT MEDICINE THERE ARE CHILDREN WITH CANCER THAT ARE ALSO
16 GOING THROUGH CHEMOTHERAPY THAT IS A LIFE-OR-DEATH SITUATION,
17 SO WE NEED THESE RESOURCES. AND WE HOPE THAT YOU HEAR US AND
18 THAT YOU HAVE COMPASSION BECAUSE WHAT WILL WE DO WITHOUT MEDI-
19 CAL? WE ALSO SUPPORT YOU, SO WE HOPE YOU SUPPORT US TO KEEP
20 OUR MEDI-CAL. AND I DON'T SPEAK JUST FOR MYSELF, BUT I SPEAK
21 FOR THE SENIORS AND ALL OF THOSE SUFFERING ANY TERMINAL
22 ILLNESSES.

23

24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
25 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. GREEN CHELLA,



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SUPERVISORS

1 DR. CHINGHAM HATSU, HENRY PEREZ, PASTOR SMART, PASTOR ROBERT
2 TAYLOR, KAZU SHIBATA, MURIEL NOEISEN, JAMES ANN, FRANKLIN
3 GONZALEZ, PATTY GIBBONS, ROBERT SAUCETO, ROBERT CONTRERAS,
4 MARGARITA PEREA, MIGUEL HUGO, BRIAN GUTIERREZ, DANIEL
5 GONZALEZ, MARJANE CLARK, ANDREW REDD, AMY TRINH, AND AMBERLY
6 AYALA. WE WILL NOW GO TO OUR REMOTE SPEAKERS. CALLER WITH
7 PHONE NUMBER 510432, YOUR LINE IS OPEN, PLEASE BEGIN.

8

9 **LAUREL LUCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, THIS IS LAUREL LUCIA WITH THE UC
10 BERKELEY LABOR CENTER. I'M CALLING TODAY TO SHARE MY RESEARCH
11 THAT RELATES TO THIS MOTION. I ESTIMATE THAT L.A. COUNTY COULD
12 LOSE UP TO 63,800 JOBS DUE TO THE H.R.-1 CUTS. APPROXIMATELY
13 TWO-THIRDS OF THOSE JOBS WILL BE IN HEALTHCARE AND THE
14 REMAINDER WILL BE AT HEALTHCARE SUPPLIERS AND AT LOCAL
15 BUSINESSES WHERE HEALTHCARE WORKERS SHOP. WITHOUT A SOLUTION
16 TO FILL THE GAP, ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY WILL EXPERIENCE THE
17 ECONOMIC HARMS FROM H.R.-1. I ESTIMATE THAT 55 CITIES IN L.A.
18 COUNTY HAVE AT LEAST ONE COMMUNITY CLINIC OR HOSPITAL THAT IS
19 LIKELY TO LOSE MEDI-CAL REVENUE. IN ADDITION, HEALTHCARE
20 WORKERS LIVE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THIS MEASURE WOULD NOT
21 ONLY IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, BUT IT WOULD ALSO HELP TO
22 MITIGATE THE HARMS OF H.R.-1 TO THE ECONOMY AND WORKFORCE.
23 THANK YOU.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 909967,



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SUPERVISORS

1 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER
2 909967. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. CLAUDIA ALVAREZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
3 PLEASE BEGIN.

4

5 **CLAUDIA ALVAREZ:** MY NAME IS CLAUDIA ALVAREZ I'M A REGISTERED
6 NURSE AND AN ARMY VETERAN, PROUD IMMIGRANT, AND I'M HERE
7 REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER WHERE I SERVE AS CO-
8 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES. WE OPERATE FIVE HEALTH CENTERS,
9 SERVE OVER 20,000 PATIENTS THIS YEAR, AND PROVIDE CARE ACROSS
10 THREE DISTRICTS. WE SERVE LGBTQ+ ANGELENOS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY,
11 PEOPLE WHO OFTEN FACE DISCRIMINATION, STIGMA, AND BARRIERS TO
12 CARE AND WHO RELY ON OUR SAFETY NET TO ACCESS PRIMARY CARE,
13 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, HIV SERVICES, AND GENDER AFFIRMING CARE.
14 MANY OF THE PEOPLE WE SERVE DEPEND ON MEDI-CAL AND WE'RE
15 ALREADY SEEING THEM LOSE COVERAGE AND RETURN TO US UNINSURED.
16 AT THE SAME TIME, REDUCED RESOURCES MAKE IT HARD TO KEEP UP
17 WITH GROWING DEMAND. OUR TEAMS ARE SPENDING MORE AND MORE TIME
18 HELPING PATIENTS NAVIGATE COVERAGE INTERRUPTIONS AND WE EXPECT
19 EVEN MORE MEDI-CAL DISENROLLMENTS NEXT FISCAL YEAR. WITHOUT
20 INTERVENTION, SAFETY NET PROVIDERS LIKE OURS WILL BE FORCED TO
21 REDUCE SERVICES, LIMITING ACCESS TO LGBTQ+ COMMUNITIES AND
22 PUSHING MORE PATIENTS INTO ALREADY OVERCROWDED EMERGENCY ROOMS
23 AND WITHOUT ACCESS TO CARE. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS
24 MEASURE ON THE BALLOT THAT IS COMING UP.

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

3

4 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CARE CLINIC, A
5 FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER IN LOS ANGELES IN FAVOR OF
6 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 15. OUR PATIENTS COME FROM 146 ZIP CODES
7 AND FAMILIES SEEK US OUT FOR CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY
8 CONCORDANT CARE THAT THEY CANNOT EASILY FIND ELSEWHERE. WE
9 SERVE COMMUNITIES WHERE FINANCES, LANGUAGE BARRIERS, AND
10 CULTURAL DIFFERENCES OFTEN PREVENT PEOPLE FROM ACCESSING
11 ROUTINE CARE. THE PEOPLE WHO BENEFIT MOST FROM THIS FUNDING
12 ARE THOSE WITH THE FEWEST ALTERNATIVES AND THE GREATEST NEED
13 FOR TRUSTED PROVIDERS. THIS MEASURE HELPS ENSURE THAT PATIENTS
14 CAN CONTINUE RECEIVING CARE IN A LANGUAGE AND SETTING THEY
15 UNDERSTAND CLOSE TO HOME. I STRONGLY SUPPORT SUPERVISORS
16 MITCHELL AND SOLIS'S MOTION WHICH PROTECTS ACCESS FOR THE
17 COMMUNITIES WHO DEPEND ON IT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NICHOLAS THOMPSON-LARIS YOUR
20 LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. NICHOLAS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
21 CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 818-903, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE
22 BEGIN.

23

24 **YVONNE MARIAJIMENEZ:** I'M YVONNE MARIAJIMENEZ, CEO OF
25 NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF L.A. COUNTY. EVERY DAY OUR BALA



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SUPERVISORS

1 NETWORK, HEALTH CONSUMER CENTER AND MEDICAL LEGAL PARTNERSHIP
2 SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HEALTHCARE DISAPPEARS. UNPAYABLE MEDICAL
3 DEBT, TREATABLE ILLNESS THAT'S BECOMING DEADLY AND FAMILIES
4 FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN FOOD AND MEDICINE. THAT SOURCE SHOULD
5 NEVER EXIST. H.R.-1 WILL DEVASTATE OUR HEALTH SYSTEM. HUNDREDS
6 OF THOUSANDS OF ANGELENOS RISK LOSING MEDICALS DUE TO WORK AND
7 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS. AT THE SAME TIME, STATE CHANGES ALREADY
8 PASSED AND PROPOSED WILL STRIP HEALTH COVERAGE FROM
9 IMMIGRANTS. WITH MY HEALTH L.A. DISCONTINUED FUNDING FOR
10 FQHDS, COUNTY CLINICS AND HOSPITALS IS NOT OPTIONAL. IT'S
11 ESSENTIAL. WITHOUT IT, PEOPLE WILL DELAY CARE UNTIL CONDITIONS
12 BECOME CATASTROPHIC AND FAR MORE EXPENSIVE, ESPECIALLY AS IT'S
13 A SIMILAR LOSSES IN CALFRESH. THIS MOTION GIVES VOTERS A
14 CHANCE TO PROTECT OUR HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET FOR MOST OF OUR
15 VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. WE URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THE
16 MOTION. THANK YOU.

17

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

20

21 **BEA DIERINGER:** BEA DIERINGER, MAYOR OF ROLLING HILLS. OUR CITY
22 IS OPPOSED TO THIS ADDING OF THIS REGRESSIVE TAX ON OVERTAXED
23 RESIDENTS AND MAKING IT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR CITIES,
24 ESPECIALLY SMALL CITIES, TO PAY FOR THE INCREASING COSTS OF
25 BASIC RESIDENT SERVICES. THE COUNTY NEEDS TO TIGHTEN ITS BELT



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SUPERVISORS

1 FURTHER. FEDERAL FUNDS ARE NEVER GUARANTEED. THE COUNTY SHOULD
2 NOT BE OPERATING ESSENTIAL SERVICES WITHOUT RESERVES TO PAY
3 FOR THOSE SERVICES WHEN OUTSIDE FUNDS BECOME UNAVAILABLE. POOR
4 PLANNING SHOULD NOT CONVERT THIS TO AN EMERGENCY THAT
5 RESIDENTS SHOULD PAY FOR. AND IT'S NOT FAIR OR TRANSPARENT TO
6 VOTERS. THIS IS A GENERAL TAX DISGUISED AS A SPECIAL TAX. MOST
7 VOTERS WON'T REALIZE THAT THE COUNTY IS NOT REQUIRED TO USE
8 THIS TAX ONLY FOR THESE SERVICES BUT CAN USE IT FOR ANY
9 PURPOSE. AND WHEN FEDERAL FUNDS ARE RESTORED BY A FUTURE VOTE
10 OF CONGRESS THERE'S NO ABILITY FOR THIS TAX TO END. THIS IS
11 THERE'S NO TRUE TEMPORARY COUNTY TAX. PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THIS
12 MOTION. THANK YOU.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 562991,
15 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 562.

16

17 **OZZIE RAMOS:** YEAH, HI, MY NAME IS OZZIE RAMOS, DEPUTY CITY
18 MANAGER CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORWALK. THE CITY OF
19 NORWALK AGREES THAT THE FALLOUT FROM H.R.-1 IS IN DIRE AND
20 THAT THE COUNTY LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS' HEALTH CARE MUST
21 BE PROTECTED. HOWEVER, I WANT TO REITERATE WHAT WE SHARED TO
22 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN OUR OPPOSITION LETTER. IF
23 OUR NORWALK RESIDENTS ARE BEING ASKED TO TAKE AN 11% SALES
24 TAX, IF THE CITY IS LOOKING TO LOSE REVENUE TO NEIGHBORING
25 CITIES WITH LOWER SALES TAX, THEN I WOULD LIKE REASSURANCE OF



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SUPERVISORS

1 A TRUE ACCOUNTABILITY AS PROVIDED BY A SPECIAL TAX RATHER THAN
2 A GENERAL TAX. THANK YOU.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 213905,
5 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS VANESSA. I'M WITH THE
8 FILIPINO WORKERS CENTER, AND I'M CALLING TO SUPPORT ITEM 15. I
9 WAS FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE OF H.R.-1 ACROSS, YOU KNOW, WITH THE
10 HEALTHCARE AND ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FOR 3,300,000 COUNTY
11 RESIDENTS, THEY WERE IMMEDIATELY PUT AT RISK. SO PUBLIC
12 HOSPITALS AND DOZENS OF COMMUNITY CLINICS ARE ALSO AT RISK OF
13 CLOSURE. EMERGENCY ROOMS ACROSS THE COUNTY WILL BE
14 OVERCROWDED. SO, IT'S THE COUNTY'S JOB TO, YOU KNOW, HELP IN
15 THIS SITUATION. THIS IS WHY THIS MOTION TO ALLOW VOTERS TO
16 DECIDE ON PRESERVING OUR HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET IS SO
17 IMPORTANT BECAUSE OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES NEED ACCESS
18 TO THESE SERVICES WHEN THEY'RE ALREADY UNDER FIRE RIGHT NOW.
19 COUNTY VOTERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE GIVEN THE VOICE TO SAVE
20 THEM. SO, I'M ASKING THE PERSON OF BOARD TO PLEASE SUPPORT
21 THIS MOTION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CLAUDIA JEREZ, YOUR LINE IS
24 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. CLAUDIA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE. GO
25 AHEAD. MARIA DU, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.



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2 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'D LIKE TO
3 SPEAK IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM 15. WE ALREADY KNOW THAT NEW
4 MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS WILL CAUSE TENS OF THOUSANDS
5 OF PEOPLE TO LOSE COVERAGE. AND THE SAFETY NET CANNOT ABSORB
6 THE SURGE IN UNCOMPENSATED CARE COMING TO OUR DOORSTEPS. JUST
7 TO PUT IT PLAINLY, WITH CUTS TO HEALTHCARE THIS SEVERE, PEOPLE
8 WILL DIE. THIS WILL DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECT LOW INCOME
9 HOUSEHOLDS, WHICH INCLUDES A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO
10 IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ+, MANY OF WHOM ARE MY LOVED ONES AND MY
11 COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THERE ARE ALREADY SO MANY BARRIERS FOR
12 THOSE WHO IDENTIFY AS QUEER AND TRANS TO OBTAIN CULTURALLY
13 COMPETENT HEALTHCARE THAT THEY DESERVE, AND THESE CUTS WOULD
14 PUSH THEM FURTHER INTO THE MARGINS. IF GIVEN THE CHOICE
15 BETWEEN SAVING MONEY AND SAVING LIVES, IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS
16 THAT LIVES MATTER MORE THAN A HALF-CENT SALES TAX. SO PLEASE
17 SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. DAISY LOPEZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
20 PLEASE BEGIN.

21

22 **DAISY LOPEZ:** HI. I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF GOD'S PANTRY. I
23 WOULD LIKE TO THANK FIRST SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR
24 PRESENTING THE ITEM WHICH WE'RE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT FOR. GOD'S
25 PANTRY SERVES CLIENTS IN THE CITY OF POMONA, MANY OF WHOM HAVE



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SUPERVISORS

1 ALREADY BEEN AFFECTED BY THESE RECENT HEALTH CARE CUTS AND
2 ACCESS TO PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND COMMUNITY CLINICS IS CRITICAL
3 FOR THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE. THIS MOTION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE
4 IT ALLOWS VOTERS TO HELP PRESERVE OUR HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET
5 AND ENSURE OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT WE TAKE
6 CARE OF CAN CONTINUE RECEIVING THE CARE THAT THEY NEED. WE
7 RESPECTFULLY ASK THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS ITEM.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 626665,
10 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

11

12 **CAMILA CAMALEÓN:** MY NAME IS CAMILA CAMALEÓN AND I'M THE POLICY
13 DIRECTOR WITH CALIFORNIA LATINAS REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE AND
14 PRESIDENT EMERITUS AT THE SGV LGBTQ CENTER. I WOULD LIKE TO
15 SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 15. THE BIG UGLY BILL IS
16 REQUIRING COUNTY AND LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES TO ADDRESS THE
17 BUDGET CONCERNS AND BACKFILL SHORTFALLS AMONGST MANY SERVICES,
18 SPECIFICALLY HEALTHCARE ACROSS THE LANDSCAPE. REPRODUCTIVE
19 JUSTICE IS THE RIGHT TO RAISE FAMILIES IN SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE
20 ENVIRONMENTS. AND WITH PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND DOZENS OF
21 COMMUNITY CLINICS AT RISK OF CLOSURE, THIS MOTION ALLOWS
22 VOTERS TO DECIDE ON PRESERVING OUR HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET. WE
23 ARE IN FAVOR OF REVENUE-BASED COLLECTIVE CARE MODELS THAT
24 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUCH DRASTIC SERVICES FOR OUR COMMUNITY.
25 TOGETHER WE CAN NAVIGATE THE NEXT THREE YEARS TOGETHER AND THE



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1 AFTERMATH THAT WILL FOLLOW. WE ASK THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS
2 MOTION.

3

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

6

7 **MIGUEL HUGO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MIGUEL HUGO. I AM AN
8 INDIVIDUAL LIVING WITH CEREBRAL PALSY AND I AM ALSO A STROKE
9 SURVIVOR. I WORK FOR TWO NONPROFITS THAT ADVOCATE FOR
10 DISABILITY RIGHTS AS WELL AS THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF MY
11 OWN NONPROFIT. I HAVE DEDICATED MY LIFE TO EMPOWERING THE
12 ABILITIES IN DISABILITIES AND I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT
13 THANKS TO SUPPORTS PAID FOR BY MEDICAID. NOW THAT MR. TRUMP
14 AND HIS ADMINISTRATION HAS TURNED HIS BACK ON MYSELF AND MY
15 COMMUNITY, I TURN TO ALL OF YOU TO HELP ME TO CONTINUE TO
16 EMPOWER THOSE ABILITIES AND DISABILITIES. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **MARGARITA PEREA:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

21

22 **INTERPRETER:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARGARITA
23 PEREA. AND THE REASON THAT I'M HERE IS TO SUPPORT SO THAT YOU
24 DON'T TAKE AWAY OUR MEDI-CAL. HE HAS BEEN WORKING HERE FOR 40
25 YEARS. HE HAS PAID MY TAXES EVERY YEAR. THREE YEARS AGO, I WAS



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1 DIAGNOSED WITH DIABETES AND THANKFULLY BECAUSE I HAVE MEDI-CAL
2 THEN I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP GOING WITH MY TREATMENT. AND
3 IT'S NOT JUST FOR ME, BUT IT'S HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS AND
4 HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE NOT JUST DIABETES BUT OTHER
5 ILLNESSES. AND WE DO HOPE THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION DOESN'T
6 TAKE AWAY THE RIGHT OF MEDI-CAL BECAUSE MANY OF US COULDN'T
7 SURVIVE THESE CHRONIC ILLNESSES AND MEDICATIONS AS WELL. THANK
8 YOU VERY MUCH. WE DO HOPE THAT THIS MAKES A DIFFERENCE THOSE
9 OF US THAT ARE HERE THAT CAN SUPPORT. THANK YOU SO MUCH

10

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

12

13 **BRYAN GUTIERREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS.
14 MY NAME IS BRYAN GUTIERREZ AND I AM A PATIENT IN LOS ANGELES
15 COUNTY I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION BY SUPERVISORS MITCHELL
16 AND SOLIS SECURING FUNDING TO PRESERVE CRITICAL COUNTY
17 SERVICES CAUSED BY H.R.-1 TO PLACE A TEMPORARY HALF-CENT SALES
18 TAX ON THE JUNE 26 BALLOT TO PROTECT ESSENTIAL HEALTH CARE
19 SERVICES ACROSS OUR COUNTY. I LIVE WITH SPINABIFIDA AND RELY
20 ON MEDI-CAL FOR MY HEALTH CARE. MY DISABILITY, A LIFELONG
21 CONDITION, REQUIRES ONGOING SPECIALIZED CARE AS WELL AS
22 ESSENTIAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES SUCH AS CATHETERS THAT I DEPEND ON
23 DAILY. THESE SERVICES AND SUPPLIES ARE NOT OPTIONAL. THEY ARE
24 NECESSARY FOR ME TO PRESERVE MY HEALTH AND TO BE ABLE TO LIVE
25 INDEPENDENTLY IN MY COMMUNITY. WITHOUT FULL COVERAGE, I RISK



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1 SERIOUS URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND LONG-
2 TERM COMPLICATIONS THAT WILL PUT MY LIFE AT RISK, SIMPLY A
3 MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH. SO, I ASK YOU TO PLEASE MOVE THIS
4 MEASURE FORWARD IN ORDER TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR
5 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN L.A. RESIDENTS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

6

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

8

9 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** TO THE SUPERVISORS, OUR CHAIRPERSON, AND TO
10 MY SUPERVISOR, MITCHELL. YOU KNOW, I LOVE LIVING IN LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY. I LOVE IT BECAUSE OUR COUNTY TAKES CARE OF THE
12 NEEDY. IT TAKES CARE OF THE VULNERABLE. IT MAKES A WAY FOR THE
13 MARGINALIZED. AND IT'S REAL IMPORTANT IN THIS DAY AND TIME
14 THAT YOU ARE EARNESTLY, HONESTLY LOOKING AT THIS LEGISLATION
15 AND SAYING IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE. WE KNOW THAT THE BIG,
16 BEAUTIFUL BILL WAS NOTHING BUT A FARCE, BUT NOW IT'S TIME FOR
17 US TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE WHO ARE OUT THERE IN THE STREET THAT
18 ARE BEING CUT. MY ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN FEEDING THEM AND ALL
19 ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN DOING SO MUCH. AND NOW IT'S THE
20 COUNTY'S TIME. SOME OF US DON'T MATTER, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE
21 INCREASE IT WILL AFFECT US BECAUSE WE KNOW WE ARE OUR BROTHER
22 AND SISTER'S KEEPERS. AS MARTIN LUTHER KING WOULD SAY, I
23 REPRESENT HIS ORGANIZATION.

24

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



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1

2 **DR. CHINHNAM HATHUC:** HI, MY NAME IS DR. CHINHNAM HATHUC AND I
3 REPRESENT EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER AS A PHYSICIAN
4 FOR THE LAST 13 YEARS. WE SERVE PATIENTS IN THE EAST SAN
5 GABRIEL VALLEY AND POMONA. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION.
6 THE PROPOSED FEDERAL CUTS UNDER H.R.-1 COMBINED WITH RECENT
7 STATE POLICY CHANGES THREATEN TO DESTABILIZE OUR HEALTH CARE
8 SAFETY NET PUTTING BOTH PATIENTS AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES AT
9 SERIOUS RISK. AT EAST VALLEY ALONE, MORE THAN 9,000 PATIENTS
10 WOULD DIRECTLY BE IMPACTED. THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH
11 CHRONIC CONDITIONS SUCH AS DIABETES AND HYPERTENSION AND
12 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES. PATIENTS WHO RELY ENTIRELY ON A
13 SAFETY NET FOR CONSISTENT LIFE-SAVING CARE. OVER THE YEARS, WE
14 HAVE FACED SIGNIFICANT THREATS TO THE SAFETY NET SYSTEM, AND
15 EACH TIME LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAVE STEPPED
16 FORWARD TO PROTECT ACCESS TO CARE AND UPHOLD THE HEALTH AND
17 DIGNITY OF COUNTY RESIDENTS TODAY I ASK YOU TO CONTINUE THAT
18 LEGACY BY ADVANCING THIS MEASURE AND GIVING THE VOTERS THE
19 OPPORTUNITY TO PROTECT LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S HEALTH CARE SAFETY
20 NET AND 1,000 PATIENTS THAT DEPEND ON IT. THANK YOU HEALTH
21 CARE IS THE RIGHT.

22

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

24

25 **GINA KIM:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GINA KIM AND I'M



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SUPERVISORS

1 HERE ON BEHALF OF JAMES AHN FROM CARE CLINIC SPELLED K-H-E-I-
2 R. WE'RE THE ONLY FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER IN THE
3 NATION WITH A MAJORITY KOREAN PATIENT POPULATION. LAST YEAR,
4 OUR PATIENTS SPOKE 28 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. MANY ARE UNINSURED
5 OR EXPERIENCED FREQUENT COVERAGE DISRUPTIONS DUE TO
6 IMMIGRATION STATUS, EMPLOYMENT INSTABILITY, OR FEDERAL POLICY
7 CHANGES. OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, OUR PATIENTS OF ASIAN
8 DESCENT HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER AT RATES 16 TO 17
9 TIMES THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. AND OUR HISPANIC PATIENTS AT FOUR
10 TIMES THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. THESE OUTCOMES REFLECT DELAYED
11 SCREENING AND THE LACK OF LANGUAGE APPROPRIATE PREVENTIVE
12 CARE. THIS COUNTERMEASURE WILL SAVE LIVES. IT PRESERVES ACCESS
13 TO PRIMARY CARE, CANCER SCREENING, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH,
14 MEDICATIONS, AND PATIENT NAVIGATION, ALLOWING DISEASE TO BE
15 DETECTED EARLY WHEN TREATMENT IS MORE EFFECTIVE AND LESS
16 COSTLY.

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

19

20 **KAZUE SHIBATA:** GOOD MORNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
21 KAZUE SHIBATA. I'M THE CEO OF ASIAN PACIFIC HEALTHCARE
22 VENTURE, ONE OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IN LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE ITEM 15. THIS IS A VERY, VERY
24 IMPORTANT BALLOT. I HAVE BEEN CEO OF THIS COMMUNITY HEALTH
25 CENTER FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS AND I KIND OF PRETTY SADDENED TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 SEE THIS SITUATION HAVE COME BACK. THAT WE STARTED OUT AS A
2 CLINIC THAT SERVED 99% OF OUR PATIENTS BEING UNINSURED. YES,
3 WHEN THEY'RE UNINSURED, THEY DO SHOW UP IN EMERGENCY ROOMS.
4 THEY DO SHOW UP AND USE COUNTY SPECIALIST SERVICES. NOW THE
5 STRENGTHS OF THIS MEASURE IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE USING THE
6 PPP OR HEALTHCARE, MY HEALTHCARE, MY HEALTH L.A. MODEL AND
7 IT'S ACTUALLY READY TO GO. SO --

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

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11 **MURIEL NOWEZEN:** HELLO BOARD OF SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS MURIEL
12 NOWEZEN. I'M HERE TO REPRESENT SABAN COMMUNITY CLINIC. I'M
13 HERE BECAUSE PATIENTS ARE ALREADY LOSING CARE. I REPRESENT
14 SABAN COMMUNITY CLINIC. WE HAVE FIVE SITES, 25,000 PATIENTS,
15 THREE-FOURTHS OF OUR PATIENTS ARE UNMEDICAL, AND SINCE H.R-1
16 PASSED, WE'VE WATCHED OUR UNINSURED NUMBER CLIMB EVERY MONTH.
17 EVERY 1% SHIFT FROM INSURED TO UNINSURED COST US CLOSE TO A
18 QUARTER OF \$1,000,000 IN LOST REVENUE. LAST MONTH OUR HEALTH
19 PLAN CONFIRMED THAT 30% OF OUR MEDICARE PATIENTS WILL LOSE
20 DENTAL COVERAGE STARTING IN JULY. PRIMARY CARE REIMBURSEMENT
21 IS GOING TO BE CUT BY HALF. I'M ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR
22 TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL PROPOSITION. WE CANNOT ABSORB
23 THIS --

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



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

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2 **FRANKLIN GONZALEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS FRANKLIN GONZALEZ. I'M THE
3 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR UNIVERSAL COMMUNITY HEALTH
4 CENTERS. WE HAVE SIX CLINICS IN DISTRICTS 1 AND 2. WE'RE
5 SERVING ROUGHLY ABOUT 25,000 LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS IN SOUTH
6 CENTRAL AND EAST LOS ANGELES. I STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO
7 SUPPORT MITCHELLS AND HOLLIES, I MEAN SUPERVISORS MITCHELLS
8 AND SOLIS' MOTION TO PROTECT COUNTY SERVICES THREATENED BY
9 H.R.-1. FEDERAL CUTS JEOPARDIZE SAFETY CLINICS AND HOSPITALS.
10 FOR UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, THIS MEANS LOSING OVER
11 15% OF OUR REVENUE, WHICH IS ABOUT \$4,000,000. THE PROPOSED
12 HALF-CENT SALES TAX PROVIDES A RESPONSIBLE TIME-LIMITED
13 SOLUTION WITH INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY. THIS
14 MEASURE ENSURES CONTINUED ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE, DENTAL,
15 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR L.A. COUNTY'S
16 VULNERABLE AND UNINSURED RESIDENTS. WITHOUT ACTION, WE'LL SEE
17 OVERCROWDED ERS AND PREVENTABLE SUFFERING. I URGE YOUR
18 SUPPORT.

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

21

22 **ROBERT CONTRERAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
23 ROBERT CONTRERAS. AND

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25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE CAN'T HEAR YOU. TURN UP THIS MIC.



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SUPERVISORS

1 SPEAK CLOSER TO THE MIC.

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3 **ROBERT CONTRERAS:** FOR HUMAN SERVICES AND CLINICAL. I SPEAK TO
4 YOU TO STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM AGENDA NUMBER 15. FOR THE
5 COMMUNITY WE SERVE ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IMMIGRANT
6 FAMILIES, LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY AND ANYONE WHO RELIES ON MEDICAL
7 AND SAFETY NET CARE, THE PASSAGE OF H.R.-1 PUTS THEIR ACCESS
8 TO HEALTHCARE IN IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY. PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND
9 COUNTY CLINICS WE PARTNER WITH ARE NOW AT RISK OF CLOSURE AND
10 EMERGENCY ROOMS WILL BECOME EVEN MORE OVERCROWDED. CLINICA
11 BIENESTAR IS ALREADY WORKING WITH COUNTY CLINICS LATER TO
12 CLOSE AND WE ARE READY TO HELP, BUT OUR OWN EXISTENCE IS NOW
13 IN JEOPARDY BECAUSE OF H.R.-1 CREDITING THE CARE OUR PATIENTS
14 DEPEND ON. THIS MOTION GIVES THE VOTERS THE CHANCE TO PROTECT
15 THE HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET.

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

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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21 **DREW REDE:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
22 DREW REDE. I AM A PROUD SEIU 721 STEWARD SERVING AS A CLERK AT
23 SOUTH VALLEY HEALTH CENTER IN PALMDALE, ALSO AN ANTELOPE
24 VALLEY RESIDENT. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS TEMPORARY VITAL
25 TAX TO KEEP OUR SERVICES OPEN AND OUR COMMUNITY HEALTHY. H.R.1



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1 CUTS THREATS CARE FOR OUR LOWER COMMUNITY. WE, THE EMPLOYEES,
2 PROVIDE PREVENTATIVE SCREENINGS, MANAGE CHRONIC CONDITIONS,
3 AND PREVENTING COSTLY ER VISITS. WITHOUT US DHS EMPLOYEES AND
4 CLERKS, BARRIERS GROW AND LOCATIONS MAY CLOSE. I HAVE ASSISTED
5 MOTHERS AND HER DISABLED CHILD FOR FIVE YEARS. WITHOUT A CLERK
6 LIKE ME, THEY WOULD STRUGGLE TO GET VITAL CARE. WE ALL SHOULD
7 BE CONCERNED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I HOPE YOU SUPPORT THIS.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
10 PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MARIA
11 HERNANDEZ, MARKEITHA HARRIS, JACK MORRIS, PATRICIA MCALLISTER,
12 JESSICA PARRAL, GILDA GUERRÓN, ALVARO CASTELLÓN, LUIS PARDO,
13 INGRID RIVERA GUZMAN, RUBY PICONE, ELAINE BATCHELOR, ESTEFANI
14 CASTANEDA, JONATHAN WIDMAN, GISELLE DELGADO, CHRISTOPHER EEK,
15 LINA HERNANDEZ, ANNA LORETTA LORA, AND ALVARO CASTELLON. WE
16 WILL NOW GO TO OUR REMOTE CALLERS. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER
17 818970, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

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19 **CHRISTINA CARDENAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS CHRISTINA
20 CARDENAS AND I AM A PROGRAM MANAGER WITH L.A. GENERAL MEDICAL
21 CENTER FOUNDATION AND OUR FLAGSHIP PROGRAM THE WELLNESS CENTER
22 IS HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT MOTION 15. WE WOULD LIKE TO,
23 FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE OF H.R.-1, ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FOR
24 3,300,000 COUNTY RESIDENTS WAS IMMEDIATELY PUT AT RISK. PUBLIC
25 HOSPITALS AND DOZENS OF COMMUNITY CLINICS ARE ALSO AT RISK OF



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SUPERVISORS

1 CLOSURE, AND EMERGENCY ROOMS ACROSS THE COUNTY WILL BE
2 OVERCROWDED. THE WELLNESS CENTER IN PARTICULAR IS A ONE-STOP
3 DESTINATION FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS. WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR
4 WORLD-CLASS TRAUMA CENTER, MEDICAL CARE, AND TRAINING CENTER
5 AT L.A. GENERAL AS A PROTECTIVE SAFETY NET FOR OUR COMMUNITY.
6 IN ADDITION, THERE ARE OTHER PROGRAMS SUCH AS FOOD ASSISTANCE,
7 HOUSING ASSISTANCE, IMMIGRATION SERVICES, AND OTHER CRITICAL
8 COMMUNITY SAFETY NETS. WE ARE VERY MUCH IN SUPPORT OF THIS
9 MOTION. I'M VERY THANKFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. WE ARE ALSO
10 VERY THANKFUL OF OTHER OPPORTUNITIES THAT HR FUNDING HAS
11 PROVIDED AND IS THAT THREAT TO CUT, SUCH AS WORKING WITH
12 COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTORAS, COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS?

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14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 714757,
15 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

16

17 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JOCELYN CELAYA. I'M WITH
18 THE AFRICAN COMMUNITIES PUBLIC HEALTH COALITION AND WITH
19 IMMIGRANTS R LOS ANGELES COALITION. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS
20 MEASURE AND ITS SPENDING PLAN. IN JUST FIVE MONTHS, OVER
21 135,000 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, INCLUDING NEARLY 29,000
22 CHILDREN, HAVE LOST MEDI-CAL COVERAGE AND HUNDREDS OF
23 THOUSANDS MORE AT RISK. WITHOUT ACTION, 636 COMMUNITY CLINICS
24 ACROSS ALL 88 CITIES WILL BE JEOPARDIZED. THIS MEASURE
25 PROTECTS AND STRENGTHENS ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES INCLUDING



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SUPERVISORS

1 NONPROFIT, NONPROFITS, SCHOOL-BASED CARE, PUBLIC HOSPITALS,
2 DISEASE MONITORING, MEDICAID OUTREACH, AND SERVICES FOR
3 SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. IT ALSO SAFEGUARDS LOW-
4 INCOME FAMILIES BY EXEMPTING GROCERIES, PRESCRIPTIONS, MEDICAL
5 DEVICES, AND ALL EBT SNAP AND WIC PURCHASES WITH INDEPENDENT
6 OVERSIGHT --

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8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. KIMBERLY CRUZ, YOUR LINE IS
9 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

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11 **KIMBERLY CRUZ:** MS. CRUZ, AND I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CARES
12 CARE CLINICS, BOTH KHEIR, IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 15.
13 COMMUNITY CLINICS LIKE OURS FOCUS ON PREVENTATIVE CARE AND
14 EARLY INTERVENTION THAT KEEPS PATIENTS HEALTHY AND OUT OF
15 EMERGENCY ROOMS. WE HELP FAMILIES MANAGE CHRONIC CONDITIONS,
16 PROVIDE SCREENINGS, AND ADDRESS CONCERNS BEFORE THEY ESCALATE
17 INTO CRISIS. WHEN ACCESS TO ROUTINE CARE IS PROTECTED,
18 PATIENTS ARE HEALTHIER AND THE ENTIRE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
19 FUNCTIONS MORE EFFECTIVELY. THIS MEASURE STRENGTHENS THE
20 COUNTY'S ABILITY TO SUPPORT EARLY CARE FOR THE RESIDENTS WHO
21 NEED IT MOST. WE ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF MOVING THIS MEASURE
22 FORWARD TO PRESERVE ESSENTIAL PREVENTATIVE SERVICES. THANK
23 YOU.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. TIM HEPBURN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.



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SUPERVISORS

1 PLEASE BEGIN.

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3 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** BOARD SUPERVISORS, CHAIR SOLIS.

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5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** PLEASE BEGIN.

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7 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CHAIR SOLIS. AS WE
8 SENT A LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO THE BOARD ALREADY, I JUST WANT
9 TO JUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE FISCAL CHALLENGES CONFRONTED TO HEALTH
10 CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AT
11 THE SAME TIME, CITIES HAVE FACED A STEADY EROSION OF LOCAL
12 REVENUE AUTHORITY ALONGSIDE GROWING EXPECTATIONS TO DELIVER
13 SERVICES WITHOUT ADEQUATE FUNDING. THESE PRESSURES REFLECT THE
14 COMBINED IMPACT OF FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY ACTIONS THAT
15 REDIRECT LOCAL REVENUES AND IMPOSE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
16 ON CITIES WITHOUT PROVIDING SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT. THE
17 IMPOSITION OF A COUNTRYWIDE SALES TAX COMPOUNDS THE COMMUNITY
18 TAX BURDEN ON RESIDENTS AND CONSTRAINS LOCAL FISCAL
19 FLEXIBILITY. WHEN ADDITIONAL COUNTY TAX ARE LAID ON TO
20 RESIDENTS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES, CITIES FACE GREATER DIFFICULTY
21 SECURING VOTER SUPPORT FOR LOCATED CONTROLLED FUNDING
22 MEASURES. I APPRECIATE YOUR NO VOTE ON THAT AND THANK YOU FOR
23 YOUR TIME.

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25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 323563,



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SUPERVISORS

1 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

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3 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY
4 NAME IS JOSE CATALAN WITH THE NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT
5 AND ALL OF US ARE NONE. I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE I CARE DEEPLY
6 ABOUT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF L.A. COUNTY AND SUPPORT
7 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SOLIS'S MOTION. AS A FORMERLY
8 INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL, I CAN ATTEST THAT WE COUNT ON MEDICAL
9 AND CALFRESH FOR A FRIGHTENING CHANCE AFTER RETURNING HOME
10 AFTER INCARCERATION. H.R.-1 WILL STRIP COVERAGE NOT JUST FOR
11 RETURNING CITIZENS BUT FOR MILLIONS OF FAMILIES IN THE LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY WITH LOW INCOMES. IF WE LOSE ACCESS TO
13 HEALTHCARE, ESPECIALLY FOR MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE,
14 STAYING ON THE RIGHT PATH BECOMES THAT MUCH HARDER. LOSING
15 COVERAGE WILL ONLY ADD TO MASS INCARCERATION AND BE COSTLY TO
16 TAXPAYERS SO PLEASE SUPPORT TO ADVANCE THE SOLUTION PROPOSED
17 BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SOLIS BOTTOM LINE THIS IS A PUBLIC
18 HEALTHY SAFETY ISSUE THAT NEEDS OUR ATTENTION AND SUPPORT
19 THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK ON THIS MATTER.

20

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

23

24 **MARJAN CLARK:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
25 MARJANE CLARK. I'M A WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER FOR



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SUPERVISORS

1 L.A. COUNTY AND A PROUD MEMBER OF SEIU LOCAL 721. I AM HERE
2 TODAY TO STRONGLY SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 15, SECURING FUNDING TO
3 PRESERVE CRITICAL COUNTY SERVICES. EVERY DAY, I CARE FOR
4 PATIENTS WHO RELY ON OUR PUBLIC HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FOR
5 ESSENTIAL SERVICES LIKE PRENATAL CARE, FAMILY PLANNING AND
6 CANCER SCREENINGS. I HAVE PERSONALLY DIAGNOSED GYNECOLOGICAL
7 CANCERS IN PATIENTS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE HAD NO ACCESS TO
8 CARE. THESE SERVICES ARE NOT OPTIONAL. THEY ARE LIFE SAVING.
9 JUST WITHIN THE PAST TWO WEEKS, MY COUNTY FACILITY, ALL OF YOU
10 UCLA MEDICAL CENTER, HAD TO CANCEL ELECTIVE SURGERIES DUE TO
11 SHORT NURSE STAFFING. LET ME REPEAT THAT. CLOSED ORS AND
12 CANCELLED SURGERIES DUE TO STAFFING. THESE ARE PATIENTS WHO
13 HAVE BEEN WAITING MONTHS FOR CARE.

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

16

17 **DANIEL GONZALEZ:** HELLO.MY NAME IS DANIEL GONZALEZ AND I'M
18 REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER IN OUR SUPPORT OF
19 ITEM NUMBER 15. THE PROPOSED CUTS IN H.R.-1 ARE DEVASTATING
20 ESPECIALLY FOR THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY WHICH ALREADY FACES
21 DISPROPORTIONATE BARRIERS DUE TO CARE DUE TO STIGMA
22 DISCRIMINATION AND ONGOING ATTACKS FROM THE FEDERAL
23 GOVERNMENT. NEW MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS WILL CAUSE
24 TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS TO LOSE COVERAGE, INCLUDING
25 LGBTQ YOUTH, TRANSGENDER ADULTS, PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV, AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 LOW-INCOME SENIORS WHO RELY ON CONSISTENT, AFFIRMING CARE. OUR
2 HEALTH CENTERS CANNOT ABSORB THE ONCOMING SURGE IN
3 UNCOMPENSATED CARE. WITHOUT INTERVENTION, WE WILL BE FORCED TO
4 CUT PROGRAMS, REDUCE HOURS, LAY OFF STAFF, AND POTENTIALLY
5 CLOSE CLINICS. THESE CUTS WILL PUSH PATIENTS INTO OVERCROWDED
6 EMERGENCY ROOMS AND WORSEN HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR COMMUNITIES
7 THAT ARE ALREADY UNDER ATTACK. I URGE THE BOARD TO PROTECT
8 L.A. COUNTY'S HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET BY SUPPORTING SUPERVISOR
9 MITCHELL AND SOLIS'S MOTION TO PLACE A TEMPORARY HALF-CENT
10 SALES TAX.

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

13

14 **MARKEITHA HARRIS:** HI, MY NAME IS MARKEITHA HARRIS. I'M A
15 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. I'M
16 HERE REPRESENTING SEIU 721, AND I'M AN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER.
17 I WANTED TO UPDATE YOU TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THERE'S GOING TO
18 BE NINE CLINICS, SOME OF THEM ATTACHED TO HEALTH CENTERS, THAT
19 ARE GOING TO BE CLOSING BY THE END OF THE MONTH, THE 27TH.
20 ALSO, THERE'S ACTIVELY REASSIGNMENTS OF STAFF IN PUBLIC
21 HEALTH, 41. ALSO, THERE'S POTENTIAL 38 LAYOFFS, ALL THIS BY
22 MARCH THE 2ND. SO, THIS IS NOT OVER. IT'S FLUENT. SO, ANOTHER
23 ROUND WILL START IN MARCH, THEN ANOTHER ONE IN JUNE, AND WHO
24 KNOWS WHATEVER ELSE. IT'S JUST GOING TO KEEP GOING. IT'S LIKE
25 AN AVALANCHE GOING DOWN A MOUNTAIN. SO, WE REALLY NEED YOUR



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1 SUPPORT TO SUPPORT THIS HEALTH CARE BALLOT INITIATIVE SO WE
2 CAN HELP FIGHT FOR OUR JOBS AND TAKE CARE OF VULNERABLE
3 COMMUNITY. WE HAVE MORE THAN 10,000,000 POPULATION. SO, WE
4 REALLY NEED THIS TO PASS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
5 SUPPORT.

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

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9 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS PATRICIA MCALLISTER. I AM
10 AGAINST THIS INCREASE HERE. I'M ALREADY PAYING OVER \$0.11 ON
11 EVERY DOLLAR I SPEND. SO NOW IT'S GOING TO GO UP TO \$0.17 FOR
12 EVERY DOLLAR. I'M AGAINST THIS. PLUS, WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE
13 MONEY IS GOING. THERE'S A LOT OF TALK ABOUT CALIFORNIA.
14 CALIFORNIA HAS MORE CRIME, FRAUD, THEFT THAN MINNESOTA. OKAY,
15 SO I'M AGAINST THIS. AND ALSO, MEDICAID, MEDI-CAL, A LOT OF
16 THEFT. AND A LOT OF THAT'S COMING BACK TO THE POLITICIANS, YOU
17 KNOW, IN THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY. SO THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON.
18 SO, YOU'RE TELLING THE PEOPLE THAT YOU NEED SOME MORE TAXES TO
19 GET THEM. THAT'S NOT RIGHT. THOSE PEOPLE ARE BEING DEPORTED.
20 THEY'RE LOSING THEIR WELFARE, AND THEY'RE LOSING THEIR
21 HOUSING, AND YOU'RE NOT TELLING THEM THAT. YOU'RE TELLING
22 THEM, SAY, OH, LOOK WHAT THEY'RE DOING. THEY CAN'T GET THOSE
23 BENEFITS. WE DON'T NEED THIS TAX, OKAY? IT'S MORE MONEY FOR
24 YOU ALL TO STUFF IN YOUR POCKETS. THEY'RE GETTING READY TO GET
25 DEPORTED. SO, YOU'RE TRYING TO HIT THIS BEFORE THEY GET OUT OF



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SUPERVISORS

1 HERE. I KNOW THE GAME, I KNOW THE GAME.

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

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5 **GILDA GIRON:** GILDA HIRAN. GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND
6 SUPERVISORS.MY NAME IS GILDA GIRON AND I'M A PARENT OF THREE
7 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND DIRECTOR AT THE ORGANIZATION
8 I'M REPRESENTING TODAY, DISABILITY VOICES UNITED, A DISABILITY
9 OR ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION SERVING COMMUNITIES ACROSS LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY. THE MASSIVE CUTS TO MEDICAID WILL HAVE
11 DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. THESE
12 CUTS THREATEN ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES THROUGH MEDI-CAL,
13 IHSS, EDUCATION, AND REGIONAL CENTER PROGRAMS. WHEN PEOPLE
14 LOSE THESE SUPPORTS, THEY LOSE CARE, STABILITY, AND IN SOME
15 CASES, THEIR LIVES. WE URGE THE BOARD TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN
16 ITS AUTHORITY TO MINIMIZE THE HARM OF THESE CUTS, PRESERVE
17 CRITICAL SERVICES, AND SECURE FUNDING TO PRESERVE CRITICAL
18 COUNTY SERVICES CUT BY H.R.-1. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **INGRID RIVERA-GUZMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. INGRID
23 RIVERA-GUZMAN, POLICY AND ADVOCACY DIRECTOR WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
24 NETWORK, A GRASSROOTS NONPROFIT SERVING AT THE INTERSECTION OF
25 DISABILITY RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. WE PROVIDE ESSENTIAL



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1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN WITH
2 AUTISM AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ACROSS L.A.
3 COUNTY. AND WE ARE HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR YES VOTE ON ITEM 15,
4 ALLOWING ANGELENOS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE TO INVEST IN OUR
5 COLLECTIVE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING AND TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND
6 OUR NEIGHBORS FROM THE DEVASTATING AND POTENTIALLY DEADLY CUTS
7 FROM THE PASSAGE OF H.R.-1. IT IS TIME FOR US TO REAFFIRM OUR
8 COMMITMENT THAT ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IS A HUMAN RIGHT. THANK
9 YOU.

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

12

13 **JACK MORRIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SUPERVISOR
14 MITCHELL, SUPERVISOR HAHN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU FOR
15 AUTHORIZING THIS BILL. MY NAME IS JACK MORRIS. I WORK WITH ST.
16 JOHN'S COMMUNITY HEALTH. I'M A PROGRAM MANAGER WITH THE
17 REENTRY DEPARTMENT. AND I CAN COME UP HERE AND TELL YOU HOW
18 NOT PASSING THIS BILL WILL IMPACT THOSE EXITING INCARCERATION,
19 BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, OUT OF PRISONS, JAIL FACILITIES, AND
20 DETENTION CENTERS. BUT IT'S SOMETHING MUCH BIGGER THAN THAT.
21 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE HEALTH OF ENTIRE COMMUNITIES, FAMILY
22 MEMBERS IMPACTED AND DETRIMENTALLY ADDRESSING ISSUES THAT THEY
23 CAN'T AFFORD. SO, WHAT I AM HERE TO SAY IS IF WE'RE ARGUING
24 ABOUT A \$0.01 INCREASE IN TAXES, THEN WE'RE NOT THINKING ABOUT
25 THE LIVES THAT WILL BE SAVED AS A RESULT OF PASSING THE BILL.



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1 ME AND MY COLLEAGUE WERE TALKING A MINUTE AGO AND WE
2 UNDERSTOOD THAT GOOD HEALTH IS WEALTH. SO, IT'S MUCH BETTER TO
3 BE ABLE TO EAT FOOD WHICH WON'T BE TAXED.

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

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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9 **MARIA DELGADO:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

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11 **INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS MARIA DELGADO. AND I'M HERE TO SAY
12 BASICALLY IF MEDI-CAL WAS TO BE CUT, MORE PEOPLE WOULD DIE NOW
13 THAN DURING COVID. AND I AM THANKFUL THAT YOU DO WORRY AND
14 CONCERN YOURSELVES TO HELP US BECAUSE YOU ARE OUR VOICE. MAY
15 GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR THIS ASSISTANCE AND
16 THAT YOU CARE FOR EACH ONE OF US. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **LUIS PARDO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LUIS PARDO. I'M THE
21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORKSITE WELLNESS L.A. WE PROVIDE HEALTH
22 EDUCATION AND CONNECTIONS TO BUSY WORKERS ALL OVER LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY. AND THESE CUTS ARE DEVASTATING THOUSANDS OF LOW INCOME
24 AND MIDDLE INCOME WORKERS AROUND THE COUNTY. THESE FOLKS ARE
25 THE BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY. AND WE NEED THEM HEALTHY. WE NEED



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1 THEM TO HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE, ACCESS TO PROGRAMS. WE NEED
2 TO CONTINUE INVESTING IN OUR WORKFORCE. THIS IS WHERE WE'RE
3 GOING TOGETHER THE MONEY BACK. THIS IS AN INVESTMENT. THIS IS NOT
4 JUST A TAX BUT IT'S AN INVESTMENT. SO, I APPRECIATE YOU
5 PUTTING IT ON THE BOARD, ON THE VOTE, AND WE'RE GOING
6 TO SUPPORT YOU ANY WAY WE CAN. I'M ALSO ON THE BOARD OF SABAN
7 COMMUNITY CLINIC, AND WE'RE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
8 COMMUNITY CLINIC IMPACT. WE'RE REACHING A LOT OF FOLKS THAT
9 ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING THEIR COVERAGE, AND THIS WILL BE A
10 TREMENDOUS BRIDGE TO HELP US RECONNECT AND STAY CONNECTED WITH
11 THOSE FOLKS AND KEEP THEM HEALTHY. THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **CHRISTOPHER IGE:** GOOD MORNING. CHRISTOPHER IGE FROM THE UNION
16 OF AMERICAN PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS. WE PRESENT THE
17 PHYSICIANS, PSYCHIATRISTS, PHARMACISTS, AND VETERINARIANS IN
18 DENNIS AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'RE IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM
19 15. THE FUNDING SUREFALL MUST BE RESOLVED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.
20 SOCIAL ECONOMICS SHOULD NOT PLAY A ROLE IN WHO HAS ACCESS TO
21 HEALTH CARE, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT INVOLVES FAMILIES, CHILDREN,
22 AND SENIORS. DOCTORS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS DON'T LOOK AT
23 THEIR PATIENTS' LEGAL STATUS, BUT RATHER AT HOW THEY CAN SAVE
24 LIVES, STOP THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE, AND DO NO HARM.
25 THE PUBLIC SAFETY NET NEEDS TO BE FUNDED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS



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1 MISSION. TO SAY AND ALSO, TO SAY WE'VE BEEN NOTICED THAT
2 THERE'S GOING TO BE OVER 8 PUBLIC HEALTH DOCTORS THAT ARE
3 GOING TO BE LAID OFF THIS COMING YEAR. WE ASK THE BOARD TO
4 PASS THIS MOTION TO GO TO THE VOTERS, LET THE VOTERS HAVE
5 THEIR SAY. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

9 **JESSICA PARRAL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JESSICA PARRAL AND
10 I'M AN ADVOCATE HERE ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER,
11 A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER. I STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD
12 TO PASS MOTION 15 AND THROW A LIFELINE TO OUR COMMUNITY IN THE
13 FACE OF OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S DELIBERATE DECIMATION OF OUR
14 HEALTH SERVICES. AN ESTIMATED 19% OF LGBTQ ADULTS AND 28% OF
15 TRANS ADULTS ARE ON MEDICAID AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO DRACONIAN
16 NEW REQUIREMENTS THAT INCLUDE INCREASED REPORTING, WORK
17 REQUIREMENTS, AND INELIGIBILITY DUE TO IMMIGRATION STATUS. WE
18 NEED THE BOARD TO PASS THIS MOTION TO GIVE US A FIGHTING
19 CHANCE AT MITIGATING THIS DEVASTATION CAUSED BY H.R.-1, AS
20 WELL AS THE ATTACKS ON SNAP, HIV CARE, AND GENDER AFFIRMING
21 CARE. WE MUST MAKE IT CLEAR TO L.A. VOTERS THAT A HALF-CENT
22 TAX IS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY COMPARED TO THE PRICE WE PAY IF WE
23 DO NOTHING. THANK YOU SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR
24 TAKING ACTION TO PRESERVE L.A. COUNTY'S FRAGILE SAFETY NET,
25 AND WE HOPE THE BOARD WILL VOTE YES TODAY.



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SUPERVISORS

1

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

3

4 **RUBY PICON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS
5 RUBY PICON SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. WE
6 RECOGNIZE THE VERY FISCAL, THE VERY REAL FISCAL CHALLENGES THE
7 COUNTY IS FACING FROM H.R.-1. HOWEVER, LAKEWOOD HAS CONCERNS
8 WITH THE PROPOSAL TO PLACE A COUNTYWIDE HALF-CENT GENERAL
9 SALES TAX ON THE JUNE 2026 BALLOT. SALES TAXES ARE REGRESSIVE
10 AND THIS INCREASE WOULD FURTHER BURDEN RESIDENTS ALREADY
11 STRUGGLING WITH COST-OF-LIVING PRESSURES, ESPECIALLY WORKING
12 FAMILIES, SENIORS AND SMALL BUSINESSES. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED
13 ABOUT THE CONTINUED EFFORTS TO PIERCE THE STATE SALES TAX CAP,
14 WHICH PLACES CITIES LIKE LAKEWOOD AT A COMPETITIVE
15 DISADVANTAGE, RISK CONSUMER LEAKAGE TO ORANGE COUNTY, AND
16 COULD ULTIMATELY REDUCE OUR OWN LOCAL SALES TAX REVENUES THAT
17 FUND CORE SERVICES. ADDITIONALLY, THIS IS A GENERAL TAX WITH
18 NON-BINDING INTENT LANGUAGE, CREATING UNCERTAINTY FOR VOTERS
19 AND CITIES. WE URGE THE BOARD TO PAUSE AND ENGAGE MORE
20 COLLABORATIVELY WITH CITIES BEFORE ADVANCING A MEASURE WITH
21 LONG-TERM IMPACTS.

22

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

24

25 **PEDRO RAMIREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS PEDRO



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SUPERVISORS

1 RAMIREZ, AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY
2 ENGAGEMENT. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY
3 HEALTH CENTERS. WE OPERATE AND ADMINISTER SEVEN CLINICS IN
4 L.A. COUNTY, PROVIDING SERVICES TO 45,000 PATIENTS. THE
5 PROPOSED CUTS IN H.R.-1 ARE DEVASTATING. NEW MEDICAL
6 ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS WILL COST TEN OF THOUSANDS OF OUR
7 PATIENTS TO LOSE COVERAGE AND BECOME UNINSURED. I URGE THE
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, L.A. COUNTY'S HEALTHCARE SECTOR BY
9 SUPPORTING SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS. MOTION TO
10 PLACE TEMPORARY HALF-CENT SALES TAX ON THE JUNE 2026 TO
11 PRESERVE CRITICAL SERVICES AND MAINTAIN ACCESS TO CARE. THANK
12 YOU SO MUCH.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO TO OUR REMOTE
15 CALLERS.

16

17 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** WILMER PAIS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE
18 BEGIN. WILMER PAIS.

19

20 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF CARE CLINIC, IN FAVOR OF
21 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 15, CARE CLINIC OPERATES NINE SITES AND
22 PROVIDES 100,000 HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES. HUMAN SERVICE
23 VISITS ANNUALLY FOR MANY VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY
24 CLINICS ARE MORE THAN HEALTH PROVIDERS. THEY ARE A LIFELINE
25 THAT OFFERS DIGNITY, CONTINUITY, AND TRUST TO SUPPORT. WE



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SUPERVISORS

1 SERVE PATIENTS WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE GO WITHOUT CONSISTENT CARE
2 AND GUIDANCE. THE PEOPLE WHO RELY ON THE SAFETY NET ARE THOSE
3 WITH THE GREATEST NEEDS AND THE FEWEST RESOURCES. PRESERVING
4 CLINIC ACCESS PROTECTS THEIR HEALTH AND STABILITY. THIS
5 MEASURE SAFEGUARDS ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND PROTECTS THE CARE
6 THAT OUR COMMUNITIES RELY ON. WE ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE
7 BOARD MOVING THIS MEASURE FORWARD. THANK YOU.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 323481,
10 YOUR LINE IS OPEN, PLEASE BEGIN.

11

12 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND BARGER FOR
13 HIGHLIGHTING THE TRANSPARENCY ON WHERE THESE FUNDS WILL GO
14 FROM THIS PROPOSED TAX AND I'M SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEM 15.
15 I'M A RESIDENT OF THE LARGEST UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY NOT
16 ONLY IN L.A. COUNTY BUT IN THE NATION, EAST LOS ANGELES WITH
17 120,000 RESIDENTS. AND I SHARE THE SAME CONCERNS ON THIS
18 MATTER. AS A RESIDENT, I PITCH INTO THIS POT AND HAVE NO IDEA
19 WHERE THE FUNDS GO. IT'S NOT IN MY COMMUNITY AND IF IT IS,
20 IT'S A VERY INSIGNIFICANT AMOUNT, NOT OUR FAIR SHARE. THERE
21 ARE LITTLE NONPROFITS IN THE UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES
22 AREA AND WHEN THEY SAY IT'S GOING TO BE GOING BACK TO
23 NONPROFITS, FQHCS AND SERVICES, I KNOW THEY'RE NOT GOING TO MY
24 COMMUNITY. WE HAVE PROJECTS UNFINISHED IN THE COMMUNITY NEEDS
25 HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED THERE'S NO SENIOR CENTERS. NO VETERAN



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SUPERVISORS

1 CENTERS CRIME RATES ARE INCREASING AND WITH THAT I FEAR THAT
2 MYSELF AND COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO BE FISCALLY TAKING
3 ADVANTAGE. SO, I OPPOSE THIS AGENDA ITEM. THANK YOU.

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 909967,
6 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

7

8 **RACHEL VALENZUELA KIRK:** HELLO. MY NAME IS RACHEL VALENZUELA
9 KIRK. I'M A SENIOR AND VOLUNTEER WITH MANY SENIOR GROUPS IN
10 DISTRICT 1, AND I AM PROUD THAT MY SUPERVISOR, HILDA SOLIS, IS
11 STANDING UP FOR OUR ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE. I HAVE GREAT FEARS
12 ABOUT WHAT THE IMPACT OF H.R.-1 WILL HAVE ON OUR PUBLIC HEALTH
13 SERVICES FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS, YOUNG AND OLD. AND I
14 BELIEVE THAT WE AS L.A. COUNTY VOTERS SHOULD HAVE THE
15 OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ACTION TO PRESERVE OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH
16 SERVICES AND SAFETY NET. AS PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAVE SAID, IT
17 AFFECTS ALL OF US, SCHOOLS, THE WORKPLACE, OUR FAMILIES, OUR
18 COMMUNITY GROUPS, WHEN PREVENTATIVE CARE AND CRITICAL HEALTH
19 CARE IS NOT AVAILABLE. I THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SOLIS
20 FOR THIS AND I URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION, ITEM 15.
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NICHOLAS THOMAS LERIS, THE LINE
24 IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS NICHOLAS FROM [INAUDIBLE] AND
2 I'M A PROMOTION FOR THE L.A. IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY, CONNELLYNG
3 ON BEHALF OF CHILE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 15. H.R.-1 WOULD IMPOSE
4 THE LARGEST HEALTHCARE CUTS IN US HISTORY, INCLUDING
5 \$1,000,000,000,000 IN REDUCTIONS IN MEDICAID, AND IN L.A.
6 COUNTY, ONE IN THREE RESIDENTS WITH LIES ON MEDICAID, AND ONE
7 IN FOUR ENROLLEES AS A CHILD. THESE CUTS WOULD HIT OUR MOST
8 VULNERABLE ANGELENOS THE HARDEST. HEALTHCARE BASIC HUMAN RATE
9 PEOPLE LIKE MY CLIENTS WHO ARE ESSENTIAL TO OUR COUNTY AND TOO
10 OFTEN EXCLUDED FROM CARE WOULD BE DISPROPORTIONATELY HARMED BY
11 THESE DEVASTATING REDUCTIONS. WE ALSO URGE THE BOARD TO ENSURE
12 THAT IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES ARE REPRESENTED ON THE NINE MEMBER
13 CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, INCLUDING SOMEONE WITH AN
14 IMMIGRATION BACKGROUND IS CRITICAL TO ENSURING IMMIGRANT
15 ANGELINOS HAVE A MEANINGFUL VOICE IN THE DECISIONS THAT
16 DIRECTLY IMPACT THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. THANK YOU TO
17 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
18 IN PRESERVING CRITICAL COUNTY SERVICES THREATENED BY H.R.-1.

19

20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 562715
21 YOUR LINE IS OPEN PLEASE BEGIN.

22

23 **JESUS GOMEZ:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON THIS IS JESUS GOMEZ, CITY
24 MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK. AND I AM PROPOSING THAT THIS
25 TAX BE A SPECIAL TAX VERSUS A GENERAL TAX. IT WILL PROVIDE



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SUPERVISORS

1 L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS BETTER GUIDANCE ON HOW TO SPEND THE
2 MONEY ON TRULY WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED ON MEDICAL BENEFITS.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 213518,
6 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

7

8 **JASON BOXER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JASON BOXER. I'M A DISTRICT 2
9 RESIDENT AND I WORK IN DISTRICT 1 AT THE PILIPINO WORKERS
10 CENTER, WHICH IS A MEMBER ORGANIZATION OF THE IMMIGRANTS FOR
11 LOS ANGELES COALITION. I'M CALLING IN IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 15. I
12 THINK IT'S TELLING THAT THE SUPPORT YOU'RE HEARING FOR THIS
13 ITEM IS COMING FROM FRONTLINE SERVICE PROVIDERS AND GRASSROOTS
14 COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS WHILE THE OPPOSITION IS COMING FROM THE
15 PROFESSIONAL MANAGERIAL CORE OF SUBURBAN CITIES OUTSIDE OF LOS
16 ANGELES. WORKING PEOPLE ACROSS L.A. ARE CLEAR-EYED ON HOW
17 ESSENTIAL THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE IS AND
18 WE'RE ASKING YOU TO GIVE US THE CHANCE VIA A BALLOT INITIATIVE
19 TO DECIDE FOR OURSELVES WHETHER WE WANT TO IMPOSE A MODEST TAX
20 TO SAVE OUR HEALTHCARE. IF THE CITY STAFF OF L.A. SUBURBS IS
21 OPPOSED TO THIS BALLOT INITIATIVE, MOST OF THOSE STAFF HAVE
22 WRAPAROUND HEALTHCARE AND STEADY SALARIES, I SHOULD ADD, AND
23 THEY SHOULD LET THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS TAKE PLACE, NOT OPPOSE
24 IT BEFORE THEIR OWN CONSTITUENTS GET A CHANCE TO VOICE THEIR
25 OPINIONS. I ASK THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT MOTION.



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SUPERVISORS

1 THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS.

2

3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
4 BOARD, THE TIME IS NOW 1:01P.M. THIS CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT
5 ON THIS ITEM.

6

7 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING
8 REMOTELY IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR
9 THIS ITEM YOU CAN PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE
10 BOSLACOUNTY.GOV BY CLICKING THE LINK SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT
11 ONLINE. ALL COMMENTS SUBMITTED ONLINE WILL BE FILED IN THE
12 OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ITEM 15 IS
13 BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BEFORE WE BEGIN, I JUST WANT TO LET
16 AND I WILL RECOGNIZE THE AUTHOR. I JUST WANT TO MENTION THAT
17 TODAY WAS REALLY, I THINK, A FIRST FOR US IN A LONG TIME,
18 WHERE WE'VE HAD OVER 700 PEOPLE COME TO THE HALL OF
19 ADMINISTRATION. THERE WERE 580 IN THE ROOM HERE, AND IN ROOM
20 374, ABOUT 60, AND IN ROOM 140, WE HAD ANOTHER 60, SO ABOUT A
21 TOTAL OF 700 PEOPLE. OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S A LARGE NUMBER OF
22 PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS ITEM, AND I
23 PERSONALLY WANT TO THANK OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE STAFF, OUR
24 STAFFS, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, MINE, AND OTHERS THAT HELPED TO
25 FACILITATE SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE COMING TODAY. QUITE



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1 FRANKLY, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO HEAR EVERYBODY. WE WOULD BE HERE
2 FOR MAYBE TWO DAYS. BUT I THINK WE GET THE MESSAGE AND NOW IS
3 OUR TIME TO VOTE. BUT BEFORE WE DO THAT, I WILL RECOGNIZE THE
4 AUTHOR OF THE MOTION, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

5

6 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND
7 I WANT TO ECHO YOUR THANKS FOR EVERYBODY WHO HAVE NOT ONLY
8 SHOWED UP TODAY BUT HAVE BEEN SHOWING UP TO HAVE THIS
9 CONVERSATION. I JUST WANTED TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE QUESTIONS
10 AND CONCERNS OF MY COLLEAGUES RAISED BEFORE YOU OPENED UP TO
11 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU KNOW, TO SUPERVISOR BARGER, I AGREE THAT
12 WE NEED TO PURSUE ALL AVAILABLE OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO
13 US. I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE. I THINK THE ISSUE IS
14 TIMING. AND AS WE'VE HEARD, SINCE THE PASSAGE OF H.R.-1, WE'VE
15 HAD 1,000 PEOPLE PER DAY WHO HAVE LOST THEIR MEDI-CAL
16 COVERAGE. WE HEARD FROM 721 MEMBERS ABOUT CURRENT CLINICS THAT
17 ARE CONSOLIDATED AND CLOSING. I SAID, SO I THINK FOR ME THE
18 ISSUE IS TIMING AND WHAT THOSE OTHER OPTIONS ARE. I DON'T KNOW
19 THAT THEY'RE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE. THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS WE
20 COULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE. I THINK SUPERVISOR HORVATH COMMENTED
21 THAT THE STATE COULD CHOOSE TO WEIGH IN AND PROVIDE US SOME
22 SORT OF SUPPORT. I AGREE. I THINK, AGAIN, THE ISSUE IS TIMING.
23 THE STATE WOULD LIKELY DO IT THROUGH THEIR BUDGET PROCESS,
24 WHICH THEY ARE STILL IN THE BEGINNINGS OF AFTER MAY REVISE.
25 THEY GET SERIOUS. THEY HAVE TO HAVE A BUDGET BY JUNE 15TH. SO



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1 I DON'T KNOW THAT THOSE THINGS ARE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE.
2 SUPERVISOR BARGER ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE ABILITY TO PAY AND
3 WHAT THE COUNTY PROCESS WAS IN YEARS PAST. AS I RECALL, EVEN
4 WHEN WE HAD THE ABILITY TO PAY POLICY, IT DIDN'T COVER ALL OF
5 THE COUNTY'S COSTS IN TERMS OF INDIGENT CARE. RIGHT. IT IS ONE
6 EXAMPLE. AND IF WE WERE TO IMPLEMENT THAT, GREAT, BUT IT WOULD
7 BY NO MEANS COVER THE GAP CREATED BY H.R.-1 OR WHAT WE WOULD
8 NEED TO PROVIDE INDIGENT CARE.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION ON THAT? YES.
11 I'LL TAKE MINE. WHAT ARE THE GUARANTEES THAT THIS WILL DO THE
12 SAME? BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE ALL GOT CRITICIZED FOR THE
13 HOMELESS TAX AND THE FACT THAT WE HAD TO CUT BECAUSE NUMBER 1
14 REVENUES GONE DOWN AND THEN IT'S FROM THE FROM THE VOTERS WHY
15 DID YOU MAKE A PROMISE YOU CAN'T KEEP SO IS THIS GOING TO
16 FULLY COVER AND I'VE HEARD THE ANSWER IS ACTUALLY NO.

17

18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** FRANKLY SUPERVISOR BARGER THE BUDGETS
19 WE PASS EVERY YEAR DON'T COVER FULL NEEDS OF EVERY L.A. COUNTY
20 RESIDENT. WE DON'T FULLY COVER COSTS OF ANYTHING. WE COME AS
21 CLOSE AS WE CAN. IT'S ABOUT A BALANCE BETWEEN AFFORDABILITY
22 AND COSTS. SO NO, I'M NOT SAYING THIS WILL FULLY COVER. WE'RE
23 CLEAR ABOUT WHAT WE'RE LOSING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND
24 WE'RE A CLUE WE'RE CLEAR BASED ON ESTIMATES ABOUT WHAT WE
25 COULD RAISE. SO, I'M NOT SUGGESTING IT WILL FULLY COVER. I AM



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1 CLEAR THAT DOING NOTHING, WE'RE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THE LOSSES
2 WILL BE. AND SO, NO, IT WON'T FULLY COVER. AND THAT GETS BACK,
3 I THINK, TO THE ISSUE, I BELIEVE THAT SUPERVISOR HORVATH
4 RAISED ABOUT HOW DO WE LAND ON THE HALF CENT. AND THERE'S BEEN
5 A LOT OF INTERCHANGEABLE LANGUAGE USED. HALF A PERCENT, HALF
6 CENT, YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN ME LIKE, I THINK THEY EQUAL THE
7 SAME AMOUNT AND THEY DO AND I WOULD SAY SO WE DIDN'T PULL THAT
8 OUT OF THIN AIR THAT REALLY WAS A CALCULATION BASED ON
9 ESTIMATES WE BELIEVE IT WILL RAISE COMPARED TO OUR BEST
10 ESTIMATES IN TERMS OF WHAT OUR NEEDS WILL BE BASED ON H.R.-1.
11 AND LET ME BE CLEAR, A HALF-CENT TAX FOR FIVE YEARS, WHAT IT
12 WILL COST ME AS AN L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT? \$.50 FOR EVERY \$100 I
13 SPENT. SO AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO SAY I AGREE THERE WE SHOULD
14 PURSUE MULTIPLE AVAILABLE OPTIONS. SECONDLY, I'M GLAD, THANK
15 YOU FOR ASKING THE QUESTION ABOUT THE PROCESS. AND IT WAS
16 CLARIFIED THAT WE DID FOLLOW THE PROCESS FOR BALLOT
17 INITIATIVES. BEYOND THAT, I'M PROUD THAT WE WENT TO CLUSTER.
18 BEYOND THAT, IN TERMS OF OUTREACH, AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK THE
19 COALITION FOR ALL THE WORK THAT WAS DONE VERY PUBLICLY. I
20 THINK MAYBE WE HAVE KIND OF A MIXED BAG AND A MIXED HISTORY ON
21 THE BOARD IN TERMS OF HOW WE BRING INITIATIVES TO THE TABLE
22 AND SOME HAVE BEEN MORE PUBLIC THAN OTHERS AND THIS ONE HAS
23 BEEN VERY PUBLIC IN THAT IT WAS DRIVEN BY A COALITION, A
24 BROAD-BASED COALITION THAT HAS WORKED TO IDENTIFY THE
25 PROBLEMS, IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS, IDENTIFY RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE



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1 SPENDING PLAN THAT'S A PART OF TODAY'S INITIATIVE TOO. AGAIN,
2 IT WENT TO CLUSTER AND OUTREACH WAS DONE. I WANT TO THANK THE
3 CITIES FOR STEPPING FORWARD AND I HAVE TO SAY I READ ALL OF
4 THE LETTERS FROM THE CITIES. I WANT TO THANK THE CITIES WHO
5 PARTICIPATED IN THE LUNCH AND LEARN YESTERDAY. CITIES AGAIN
6 HAVE BEEN ASKING QUESTIONS ALL ALONG AND WHAT I'M STRUCK BY IN
7 THE LETTERS FROM THE CITIES IS WHY THEY ARE APPEAR TO BE
8 SENSITIVE TO THE ISSUE. THERE WERE NO OTHER PROPOSED
9 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT I READ IT IN A SINGLE LETTER. NO
10 SOLUTIONS WERE SUGGESTED. WHILE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ARGUMENTS
11 WERE AROUND AFFORDABILITY, I THINK IT IS ONLY FAIR TO ALSO
12 ACKNOWLEDGE THE VERY RESIDENTS THAT WE SHARE REPRESENTATION
13 OF. WE'VE HEARD REPEATEDLY THAT HEALTHCARE COSTS ARE THE
14 NUMBER ONE DRIVER, THAT THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE AS WE LEARNED,
15 SUPERVISOR HAHN, WITH OUR MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF PROGRAM THAT
16 DRIVES PEOPLE INTO POVERTY. AND SO, IT'S THIS REAL DELICATE
17 BALANCING ACT THAT GOES BACK TO THE HALF CENT. WHAT CAN WE
18 LEVY THAT WILL BE ENOUGH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO SIGNIFICANTLY
19 HELP OUR HEALTH SYSTEMS AND OUR HEALTH CARE INFRASTRUCTURE
20 THAT WILL NOT CONTINUE TO ENHANCE OR INCREASE BURDEN? IT'S A
21 BALANCING ACT AND THAT'S WHAT WE ATTEMPTED TO STRIKE IN THIS
22 LANGUAGE. LASTLY, YOU KNOW, WE HEARD THE ISSUE RAISED AROUND
23 FRAUD. AND I JUST WANT TO ADDRESS THAT HEAD ON. AND THE ISSUE
24 AROUND HONESTY, INFERRING THAT PERHAPS I WAS BEING DISHONEST
25 ABOUT BRINGING THIS MEASURE FORWARD. THIS IS A POLITICAL



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1 CALCULATION THAT WE ALL MAKE EVERY DAY AND WE ARE TRYING TO
2 BRING AN INITIATIVE FORWARD TO HELP AS MANY PEOPLE AS WE CAN
3 THAT ALSO WE BELIEVE WILL BE PASSED BY THE VOTERS. THAT'S THE
4 REALITY. I HOPE THE CITIES UNDERSTAND WHEN THEY POINT THE
5 FINGER AT US AND SAY, YOU KNOW, WE'D PREFER IF IT WERE A
6 SPECIAL TAX BECAUSE WE DON'T TRUST YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
7 IN DOING WHAT YOU SAY YOU DO. WELL, OKAY, I'LL CERTAINLY BE
8 HERE FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. I WILL HONOR WHAT WE PUT FORWARD
9 IN TODAY'S MOTION. WE WILL HAVE AN ELECTED CEO COMING UP IN
10 THE NEXT FEW YEARS, SOMEONE WHO FRANKLY WILL HAVE TO CAMPAIGN
11 DURING THIS ERA OF H.R.-1 AND WILL COME INTO LEADERSHIP DURING
12 THIS ERA OF H.R.-1. I WOULD HOPE THAT ELECTED CEO WOULD
13 UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S GOING TOTAKE TO KEEP THE COUNTY THAT THEY
14 WILL BE IN CHARGE OF SOLVENT, FISCALLY SOLVENT. AND SO, I
15 THINK THAT WE ARE DOING ALL THAT WE CAN TO CREATE SAFEGUARDS
16 AND CLARITY ABOUT WHAT THIS MONEY IS INTENDED TO. THE PIECE
17 ABOUT FRAUD, THAT IS AN EASY WORD TO KIND OF THROW OUT THERE
18 IN THE UNIVERSE. AND THE REALITY IS CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
19 HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE
20 SERVICES HAVE SOME OF THE LOWEST RATES OF FRAUD IN THIS
21 NATION. AND THAT CAN BE VALIDATED. IF PEOPLE HAVE PROOF
22 OTHERWISE, SHOW ME. WE HAVE SEEN AUDITS, A MEMBER OF THE
23 PUBLIC REFERENCE FRAUD, NOT MY COLLEAGUES, A MEMBER OF THE
24 PUBLIC REFERENCE FRAUD, AND I JUST THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO SAY
25 OUT LOUD AND JUST SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. IT'S AN EASY WORD



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1 TO THROW OUT THERE. IF YOU HAVE EVIDENCE OF FRAUD AS OPPOSED
2 TO IT'S AN EASY THING TO TURN TO, AS OPPOSED TO ALLOWING OUR
3 ELECTED OFFICIALS TO HELP MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS, SHOW ME. I
4 AGAIN WANT TO, LET ME JUST LOOK AT MY NOTES REALLY QUICK. I
5 THINK I WILL JUST SAY IN CLOSING THAT WE HEARD A COUPLE OF THE
6 PROVIDERS TALK ABOUT THE TIME BEFORE MEDI-CAL EXPANSION WHEN
7 MEDICALLY INDIGENT ADULTS, WHERE IT WAS A TRUE CATEGORY, WHERE
8 SO MANY PEOPLE DID NOT HAVE ANY FORM OF HEALTH COVERAGE, AND
9 THEY WERE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY, AND HOW
10 DIFFICULT THAT WAS TO MANAGE, AND HOW INHUMANE THAT WAS, THAT
11 PEOPLE DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS FOR TRUE PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES
12 THAT PEOPLE SHOWED UP IN THE ER TOO OFTEN TOO LATE. THIS IS
13 OUR EFFORT TO NOT RETURN TO THOSE TIMES. THIS IS OUR EFFORT TO
14 RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT A PUBLIC HEALTH AND A HEALTHCARE
15 DELIVERY SYSTEM THAT OUR TWO DEPARTMENT HEADS I THOUGHT
16 ELOQUENTLY REMINDED SOME AND EDUCATED OTHERS ABOUT THEIR CORE
17 FUNCTION IN A SAFETY NET LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. I DON'T WANT TO
18 LIVE IN MY HOME COUNTY OF L.A. OR ANY PLACE ELSE WHERE WE
19 DON'T HAVE A PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT WITH PERSONNEL IN PLACE
20 WHO UNDERSTAND THEIR ROLE TO KEEP US SAFE, TO EDUCATE US, TO
21 MONITOR OUR RESTAURANTS, TO MONITOR OUR NURSING HOME
22 FACILITIES, TO DO ALL THAT PUBLIC HEALTH DOES IN A ROBUST AND
23 MEANINGFUL WAY. FOR ALL THOSE REASONS, I'M GOING TO ASK THAT
24 MY COLLEAGUES ALLOW THE VOTERS TO MAKE THE DECISION COME JUNE
25 ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE WILLING TO INVEST \$0.50 TO EVERY



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SUPERVISORS

1 HUNDRED DOLLARS SPENT IN HELPING TO MAINTAIN OUR HEALTH CARE
2 DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR THE COUNTY OF L.A. THANK YOU MADAM.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
5 JANICE HAHN.

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH THANK YOU. I JUST WAS VERY MOVED BY THE
8 PUBLIC COMMENT AND CERTAINLY ALL THE LETTERS WE GOT. AND IT
9 STRUCK ME THAT WHILE THIS IS A TOUGH DECISION, RIGHT,
10 BALANCING THOSE IN L.A. COUNTY WHO FELT LIKE THIS COULD BE
11 HARMFUL TO THEIR CITY'S ABILITY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
12 THERE WERE SO MANY THAT TALKED ABOUT THE NEED FOR HEALTHCARE.
13 AND I THOUGHT THIS IS THAT MOMENT. AND BY THE WAY, JUST TO LET
14 EVERYBODY KNOW, A YES VOTE ON THIS IS NOT REALLY SAYING
15 WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE SUPPORTING THE MEASURE. IT'S BASICALLY
16 SAYING LET THE VOTERS DECIDE. AND I THOUGHT THIS IS A MOMENT
17 FOR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO SINCE A YEAR AGO HAVE SAID WHAT
18 CAN THE AVERAGE PERSON DO? WHETHER IT'S I.C.E. RAIDS, WHETHER
19 IT'S THIS ISSUE OF STRIPPING PEOPLE OF THEIR HEALTH CARE,
20 AVERAGE PEOPLE IN THIS GREAT COUNTY WANT TO DO SOMETHING. THEY
21 ALWAYS WANT TO KNOW WHAT CAN WE DO TO RESIST, WHAT CAN WE DO
22 TO PUSH BACK, WHAT CAN WE DO TO STAND UP FOR RESIDENTS OF L.A.
23 COUNTY WHO ARE BEING ASSAULTED AND ATTACKED? AND THIS IS THAT
24 MOMENT FOR THEM TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THEY WANT TO TAX
25 THEMSELVES WITH THE SALES TAX TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR NEIGHBORS,



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1 FOR THEIR LOVED ONES, FOR PEOPLE THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW TO HAVE
2 ACCESS TO THE BASIC RIGHT OF HEALTH CARE. SO, I WANT TO SEE
3 THE VOTERS MAKE THIS DECISION THEMSELVES. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JUST LIFT YOUR ARMS,
6 FOLKS. OKAY, EO, ARE WE READY? OH, SUPERVISOR HORVATH? OH,
7 SURE, SURE. I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR BEING SO
8 PATIENT. IT'S BEEN A LONG AFTERNOON AND WE STILL HAVE MORE
9 ITEMS TO GO THROUGH, SO THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I TOO WAS MOVED BY
12 THE TESTIMONY THAT WE HEARD HERE TODAY. I THINK THAT THERE ARE
13 A LOT OF REASONS WHY WE'RE IN THIS POSITION IN THE FIRST
14 PLACE, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS CERTAINLY THIS ADMINISTRATION
15 AND THE REPUBLICAN BACKED ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT
16 PROHIBITED MEDICAID FUNDING FROM GOING TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD
17 AT ALL. AND FOR ME, REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IS OFTEN CONSIDERED A
18 CATEGORY OF HEALTHCARE, BUT I ACTUALLY BELIEVE IT'S THE
19 FOUNDATION OF IT. WHEN CONGRESS PASSED H.R.-1, NO AREA OF
20 HEALTHCARE WAS MORE DIRECTLY, DELIBERATELY, OR
21 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED THAN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE. FOR
22 MANY WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, IT IS THE FIRST AND SOMETIMES
23 ONLY PLACE THEY RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE. BIRTH CONTROL VISITS
24 LEAD TO CANCER SCREENINGS, STI TESTING LEADS TO EARLY
25 DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT. PREGNANCY CARE LEADS TO ONGOING



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SUPERVISORS

1 PRIMARY CARE, AND WHEN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IS ACCESSIBLE,
2 PEOPLE ENTER THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM EARLIER, HEALTHIER, AND
3 WITH MORE CONTINUITY. H.R.-1 TARGETED REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH,
4 SPECIFICALLY PLANNED PARENTHOOD, DIRECTLY AND INTENTIONALLY,
5 AND IT USED POLICY LANGUAGE TO DEFUND WITHOUT NAMING ABORTION
6 EXPLICITLY, BUT WITH ABORTION CLEARLY AS THE POLITICAL DRIVER.
7 THERE IS NO BACKUP SYSTEM READY TO ABSORB THESE PATIENTS, AND
8 ONCE THAT SYSTEM IS DISRUPTED, IT COLLAPSES QUICKLY AND
9 REBUILDING IT TAKES YEARS. IF WE CARE ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH AND
10 COST CONTROL, ABOUT EQUITY AND OUTCOMES, REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
11 MUST BE PROTECTED. FOR THIS REASON, I AM PROPOSING AN
12 AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE 5% TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD DIRECTLY. 2%
13 WOULD COME FROM THE 47% CURRENTLY ALLOCATED FOR NONPROFIT
14 PROVIDERS TO SUPPORT NO COST OR REDUCE COST CARE TO LOW INCOME
15 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 1% ALLOCATED FOR THE SCHOOL-
16 BASED HEALTH NEEDS, AND 2% FROM THE ALLOCATION TO DPSS. I AM
17 PLEASED TO SEE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES IN PLACE WITH THE
18 ESTABLISHMENT OF A NINE MEMBER CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.
19 HOWEVER, DETAILS ABOUT WHO WILL BE REPRESENTED ON THE
20 COMMITTEE AND HOW THE MEMBERS WILL BE SELECTED ARE FALLING
21 SHORT FOR ME. WE MUST BE FULLY TRANSPARENT. IF THIS IS AN
22 INITIATIVE THE BOARD IS ENDORSING TO PLACE ON THE JUNE BALLOT
23 ON HOW THAT BODY GETS COMPRISED. AND SO, I WOULD PROPOSE AS
24 PART OF MY AMENDMENT ALSO DELINEATING WHO WOULD SIT ON THAT
25 COMMITTEE AND HOW THEY WOULD BE SELECTED. ONE COMMITTEE MEMBER



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1 APPOINTED BY SEIU 721, REPRESENTING HEALTHCARE WORKERS WORKING
2 AT HEALTHCARE FACILITIES OWNED AND OPERATED BY LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY. ONE COMMITTEE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE
4 DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
5 HEALTH. ONE COMMITTEE MEMBER SHALL BE THE DIRECTOR APPOINTED
6 BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND
7 ONE COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTED BY SEIU 2015, REPRESENTING IN-
8 HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS. AND THEN THE FINAL FIVE, ONE
9 COMMITTEE EACH SHALL, ONE COMMITTEE MEMBER EACH SHALL BE
10 APPOINTED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR A
11 TOTAL OF FIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. EACH APPOINTEE SHALL
12 REPRESENT COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS, PUBLIC AGENCIES, NONPROFIT
13 ORGANIZATIONS, AND OR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AGENCIES. WE'RE
14 GOING TO MOVE FORWARD IN SECURING TRANSPARENCY WE NEED TO KNOW
15 WHO'S GOING TO BE AT THE TABLE PROTECTING IT AND WE NEED TO
16 MAKE SURE THAT THE CRITICAL HEALTH CARE THAT IS ROUTINELY
17 TARGETED BY THIS ADMINISTRATION IS PROTECTED ACROSS THE BOARD.
18 THAT WOULD BE MY PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I, I'M SEEKING
21 CLARIFICATION ON SOMETHING AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH?
22 AND I'M ASKING MY STAFF, BECAUSE YESTERDAY IT WAS A 3 VOTE
23 ITEM, TODAY IT'S A 4 VOTE ITEM. AND THEN EARLIER WE WERE TOLD
24 IF ANYTHING IS AMENDED IT CAN'T BE VOTED ON TODAY. IS THAT
25 JUST IF IT'S A SPECIFIC OR IF IT'S A GENERAL? I MEAN IF IT'S



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SUPERVISORS

1 CHANGED FROM A GENERAL TO A SPECIFIC IS THAT WHY IT CAN'T GET
2 VOTED ON TODAY?

3

4 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** IF IT'S A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE THEN.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY I JUST WANT JUST FOR YOUR
7 INFORMATION THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO GET A CLARIFICATION IN
8 TERMS OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE. IT'S AMENDED, CAN IT STILL, IT'S
9 A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT. SEE WHAT I'M SAYING? OKAY, BECAUSE I
10 JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT GOING DOWN A HOLE, BECAUSE
11 YESTERDAY IT WAS A THREE VOTE AND I WOKE UP TO A FOUR VOTE
12 WHICH IS FINE BUT IT'D BE NICE TO KNOW IT WELL WE WERE TOLD
13 THREE VOTE AND SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE CONSISTENT AND
14 WITH OUR INFORMATION

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND TO BE CLEAR THESE ARE TO THE
17 SPENDING PLAN WHICH IS NOT PART OF THE ORDINANCE. THE SPENDING
18 PLAN IS --

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** BUT HOW THE MONEY IS BEING ALLOCATED
21 BECAUSE PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS ALREADY INCLUDED AS A CLINIC SO
22 THEY'RE GOING TO BE GETTING ADDITIONAL WHICH AGAIN I'M NOT
23 DEBATING THE SUBSTANCE I'M JUST, HUH?

24

25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS ALREADY



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1 INCLUDED.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I KNOW IT.

4

5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SHE IS ASKING THAT THEY BE SEPARATED
6 OUT BECAUSE IS YOUR GOAL IN SEPARATING THEM OUT, GETTING THEM
7 MORE MONEY? IS THAT THE INTENTION?

8

9 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** MAKING SURE THAT THEY HAVE, YEAH,
10 THEY HAVE SECURED FUNDING AND THAT THEY ARE PROTECTED. I SEE
11 THAT WE ARE EXPLICITLY CALLING OUT OTHER HEALTHCARE SERVICE
12 PROVIDERS, AND I BELIEVE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE DESERVES TO
13 BE EXPLICITLY CALLED OUT SINCE IT'S EXPLICITLY CALLED OUT BY
14 THIS ADMINISTRATION.

15

16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GIVEN THE FACT THAT THEY ARE A CLINIC,
17 THEY ARE INCLUDED IN THE CLINICS. THEY ARE A CLINIC THAT
18 PROVIDES REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES. SO, THEY ARE
19 INCLUDED. OUR CONGRESS, THEY WERE A PART OF THE COALITION.
20 THEY UNDERSTOOD THEY WERE INCLUDED. SO, I'M JUST TRYING TO
21 UNDERSTAND YOUR GOAL. IS IT TO GET THEM MORE MONEY?

22

23 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I THINK THE GOAL IS TO EXPLICITLY
24 CALL OUT WHAT WILL OR WON'T COME TO THEM, BECAUSE I'VE HEARD
25 THAT OUT OF THIS 47%, THERE'S ALREADY A COMMITMENT TO OTHER,



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1 TO CERTAIN HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, THAT THERE'S AN AGREEMENT
2 THAT ISN'T EVEN EXPLICITLY CALLED OUT HERE IN THIS 47% AND
3 THAT'S OKAY IN THE SENSE THAT I KNOW THAT THE COALITION HAS
4 WORKED ON THAT BUT IN TERMS OF TRANSPARENCY FOR THE PUBLIC I
5 THINK THERE ARE CITIES WHO DIDN'T KNOW THAT THIS WAS EVEN
6 HAPPENING. AND SO, BEING VERY CLEAR ABOUT WHAT OUR COMMITMENT
7 IS TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE I THINK
8 IS IMPORTANT.

9

10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY, WELL, THERE'S A CLUSTER PROCESS.
11 IT WENT THROUGH THE CLUSTER PROCESS, SO I'D ENCOURAGE THE
12 CITIES TO FOLLOW. SO, TO GO TO SUPERVISOR BARGER'S POINT, AND
13 THEN I'LL RESPOND TO YOUR PROPOSED AMENDMENT. SO, SUPERVISOR
14 BARGER IS ASKING, MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND, PROCESS AND
15 STRUCTURE. 3 VOTE, 4 VOTE AND CAN WE AMEND IT AT ALL TODAY? IS
16 THAT YOUR QUESTION?

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NO, I ALREADY GOT THE ANSWER ON THE FOR
19 VOTE. OKAY. BUT UP UNTIL YESTERDAY, THERE WAS NO CLARITY AND
20 SOMETHING CHANGED AND I DON'T EVEN WANT TO DEBATE IT AT THIS
21 BOARD. I'M GOING TO, I'LL DO THAT LATER TO BETTER UNDERSTAND
22 WHY, BECAUSE SUPERVISOR HAHN HAD THE SAME. SO, ALL THAT TO SAY
23 THAT WHEN WE WERE ASKING IF IT WAS GOING TO BE CHANGED FROM A
24 GENERAL TAX TO A SPECIFIC, AND I'M SAYING WHEN WE ASKED, COULD
25 IT BE TODAY AND VOTED ON? THE ANSWER IS NO, BECAUSE IT'S A



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SUPERVISORS

1 SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE, SO THEREFORE TO HAVE TO GO BACK, CORRECT,
2 AND BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD. SO, WHEN I SAW THIS, I WANTED
3 TO KNOW WHAT IS THE THRESHOLD TO SUBSTANTIAL?
4

5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GOT IT.
6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE THERE'S OTHER
8 THINGS ADDED. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE WERE GOING DOWN
9 ANOTHER RABBIT HOLE. GOT IT. THAT IN THE END, WE VOTE ON
10 SOMETHING AND THEN TWO DAYS LATER ARE TOLD OOPS SORRY NO IT'S
11 GOT TO COME BACK I'D RATHER FIND OUT IN THE PUBLIC SETTING TO
12 MAKE SURE WE'RE DOING IT RIGHT. SO, I'M STILL WAITING TO SEE
13 IF THIS IS SUBSTANTIAL OR THIS IS IN.
14

15 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** SUPERVISOR THE CHANGES BEING PROPOSED ARE
16 AMENDMENTS TO THE MOTION. THEY ARE NOT AMENDMENTS TO THE
17 RESOLUTION OR THE ORDINANCE.
18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, THE MOTION, WHO'S DOING THE FORMULA.
20

21 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** SO, THE MOTION FOR THE SPENDING PLAN IN
22 THE MOTION WOULD TECHNICALLY BE A THREE VOTE MATTER.
23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY, I GOT IT. SO, THE SPENDING PLAN IS
25 THE THREE VOTE WHERE WE APPROVE THAT. BUT THE FOUR VOTE IS FOR



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE VERBIAGE TO MAKE IT A GENERAL TAX THAT'S GOING TO GO ON
2 BUT IT'S NOT SPECIFIC TO HEALTH CARE.

3

4 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE THAT IS THE
5 GENERAL TAX IS TWO-THIRDS VOTE APPROVAL.

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** IS THE SPENDING PLAN A DIFFERENT VOTE FROM
8 THE VOTE TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT?

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I STAND CORRECTED.

11

12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WAIT, IS THAT?

13

14 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** SO, THERE --

15

16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** BECAUSE I THOUGHT THE MOTION TO PUT IT ON
17 THE BALLOT INCLUDED THE SPENDING PLAN.

18

19 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** IT DOES. BUT IF YOU WERE TO BREAK UP THE
20 DIRECTIVES IN THE MOTION, TECHNICALLY --

21

22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SO, THEY'RE NOT SEPARATE VOTES?

23

24 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** THE SPENDING PLAN IS A THREE-VOTE MATTER.
25 AND THE ORDINANCE. YES.



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SUPERVISORS

1

2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SO, IT'S A SEPARATE VOTE?

3

4 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** YES. YEAH, IT WASN'T GOING TO BE A SEPARATE
5 VOTE, BUT NOW IF THERE'S GOING TO BE AMENDMENTS AND YOU'RE
6 GOING TO BIFURCATE THE MOTION WITH THE PLAN FROM THE ACTUAL
7 CALLING OF AN ELECTION AND PUTTING IT BEFORE THE VOTERS, THEN
8 YOU'RE GOING TO BE TAKING TWO DIFFERENT VOTES.

9

10 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YES. IF THE AMENDMENT IS --

11

12 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** YES, IF THERE'S A SECOND. AYE.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

15

16 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** AND THEN YOU'RE JUST BIFURCATING THE VOTE.

17

18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. JUST IN RESPONSE TO
19 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, I WOULD ASK THAT WE TABLE THE DISCUSSION
20 AROUND THE COMPOSITION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, JUST
21 BECAUSE, AS YOU SAID, IN TERMS OF TRANSPARENCY, REALLY WANTING
22 TO HAVE A FULLER CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT WITH ALL VESTED
23 PARTIES? IT COULD BE A SEPARATE MOTION. COUNTY COUNSEL,
24 CORRECT ME. I THINK IF WE WERE TO VOTE ON THE MOTION IN CHIEF
25 AROUND GETTING IT TO THE BALLOT, WE COULD DO THAT TODAY



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1 WITHOUT THE SPECIFICITY TODAY WITH REGARD TO HOW WE APPOINT
2 THE COMMISSION JUST TO ALLOW A SEPARATE MOTION GO TO CLUSTER
3 AND HAVE A FULLER CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT. IS THAT CORRECT OR
4 NO?

5

6 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

7

8 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** SO, YOU'D PREFER TO TABLE THIS AND
9 HAVE IT COME BACK AT A LATER POINT IN TIME WITH ALL OF THE
10 DETAILS OUTLINED, GO BACK THROUGH THE CLUSTER PROCESS WITH ALL
11 OF IT?

12

13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** NO, I DON'T KNOW THAT WE CAN WITH THE
14 FIRST PART. I THINK I WAS ASKING THAT WE DO THAT FOR THE
15 COMMISSION. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE CAN, BECAUSE SINCE WE'RE
16 PASSING THE SPENDING PLAN TODAY, I DON'T KNOW THAT WE CAN DO
17 THAT WITH THE FIRST PIECE OF YOUR AMENDMENT.

18

19 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** WELL, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE
20 LAST DATE FOR THIS TO BE SUBMITTED IS WHAT I HEARD FROM DEAN
21 WAS MARCH 6TH. SO THIS COULD COME BACK TO THE BOARD AS A
22 COMPLETE ITEM WITH ALL OF IT BEING VETTED TOGETHER, IF THAT'S
23 A CONCERN ABOUT TRANSPARENCY AND IT BEING ALL CONSIDERED
24 TOGETHER.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT WE THEN
2 TABLE THE SPENDING PLAN TO COME BACK LATER BECAUSE I'M NOT
3 OPEN TO THAT.

4

5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** BUT THE SPENDING PLAN DOESN'T GO ON THE
6 BALLOT, RIGHT? THE SPENDING PLAN OR THE COMMISSION MAKEUP IS
7 NOT PART OF THE BALLOT.

8

9 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** RIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW
12 WHO'S GOING TO BE IN CHARGE.

13

14 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I AGREE.

15

16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT, I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT
17 WORKS FOR THE VOTERS.

18

19 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** YEAH, AND I'M NOT SUGGESTING THAT WE
20 DELAY THAT FOREVER. I'M JUST ASKING THAT WE NOT VOTE ON THAT
21 TODAY, THAT WE GIVE THAT A LITTLE SPACE AND TIME AND SUNLIGHT.
22 SO, I WAS ONLY ASKING THAT FOR THE SECOND PIECE OF YOUR
23 AMENDMENT, BUT YOU'RE NOW SAYING THE WHOLE THING? I'M UNCLEAR.

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** WELL, I THINK THE MOTION IS ABOUT



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SUPERVISORS

1 WHAT UNDERSTANDING IN ITS ENTIRETY HOW THIS MEASURE IS GOING
2 TO WORK. AND FOR ME, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE
3 SPENDING.

4

5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I GOT YOU.

6

7 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND SO, FOR THAT TO WORK FOR ME, I
8 WOULD LIKE IT TO BE A WHOLE CONVERSATION. THE WHOLE
9 CONVERSATION.

10

11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THE PLANNED PARENTHOOD PIECE AND WHO'S
12 GOING TO DO IT TOGETHER? I'M SUGGESTING, LET ME JUST SAY, THAT
13 YOU BIFURCATE YOUR AMENDMENT. AND I WOULD ASK THAT WE NOT VOTE
14 TODAY ON THE COMMISSION THAT WE COME BACK WITH A SEPARATE
15 MOTION AND FLUSH THAT OUT.

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** BUT I THINK FOR ME I WOULD LIKE TO
18 KNOW WHO'S GOING TO BE IN CHARGE OF ALL OF THAT IN ORDER TO
19 MOVE THIS FORWARD.

20

21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** TODAY. OKAY. I DON'T ACCEPT THAT AS A
22 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THEN. I'LL JUST PUT IT THAT WAY.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, WE'RE GOING TO
2 NEED A SECOND ON THE AMENDMENT.

3

4 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** SO, I THINK IT WASN'T ACCEPTED SO I
5 THINK WE HAVE TO VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT FIRST BEFORE THE --

6

7 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** RIGHT. THAT'S WHY WE NEED A
8 SECOND.

9

10 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** WE WOULD VOTE ON IT.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HOLD ON A MINUTE.

13

14 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** THERE NEEDS TO BE A SECOND SO HE'S CALLING
15 FOR A SECOND ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** CAN YOU EXPLAIN IT TO ME AGAIN, PLEASE,
18 IN TERMS OF, WE'RE NOT BIFURCATING. YOU DON'T WANT TO
19 BIFURCATE IT.

20

21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT SAID NO,
22 THAT SHE WANTS, BEFORE SHE MAKES HER DECISION ON WHAT SHE'S
23 GOING TO DO TODAY, WANTS TO KNOW WHO'S GOING TO BE ON THE
24 COMMISSION TO MAKE THE DECISION. I AM NOT COMFORTABLE WITH
25 THAT SO I DIDN'T ACCEPT THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AND SO



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1 THERE'S AN AMENDMENT ON THE FLOOR SO YEAH SHE DID NOT ACCEPT
2 THAT SO I'M NOT SUPPORTIVE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT AS PROPOSED.

3

4 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** IF THERE IS THIS TO GET TO SUPERVISOR
5 BARGER'S QUESTION IF THERE IS A SECOND THEN WE WOULD BE VOTING
6 TWICE BECAUSE WE'D BE BIFURCATING THE TWO. SO, IT'S NOT BEING
7 ACCEPTED, BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE A SECOND.

8

9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I MEAN FOR ME, I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING
10 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, MAYBE EXCEPT FOR THAT NECESSARILY THE
11 CARVE OUT SPECIFICALLY BUT I THINK WE ALL ARE KIND OF
12 INTERESTED IN THE MAKEUP OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WHAT I'M
13 WORRIED ABOUT SUPERVISOR FOR BATH IF THIS THIS IS GOING TO
14 KEEP YOU FROM VOTING TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT, BECAUSE THEN I
15 THINK WE'RE IN DANGEROUS TERRITORY, BECAUSE IF IT'S A FOUR
16 VOTE, I AM CONCERNED THAT MY NEIGHBOR OVER HERE IS NOT GOING
17 TO VOTE FOR IT. SO THEN WE WOULD LOSE THE WHOLE VOTE.

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, I WILL SECOND VOTING ON SUPERVISOR
20 HORVATH. I'D BE HAPPY TO DO THAT TO BIFURCATE. I MEAN, I.

21

22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** BUT IT'S MORE, IT'S MORE THAN WHAT I MEAN.
23 SHE WANTS THIS AMENDMENT TO PASS.

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** IF YOU WANT ME TO DO THAT IN ORDER TO GET



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1 YOUR FOURTH VOTE, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME?

2

3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** NO, SHE WANTS IT TO PASS TO GET HER FOURTH
4 VOTE.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NO, I UNDERSTAND. I'M JUST TRYING,
7 BECAUSE YOU JUST SAID.

8

9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, YEAH, THAT'S WHAT MAKES ME, YEAH. I
10 DON'T THINK ANYTHING WORTH SACRIFICING.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THAT MAKES THE SINGLE PERSON TO KILL THIS
13 TAX, AND SO NOW THAT I KNOW I HAVE THAT MUCH POWER I'VE GOT TO
14 FIGURE OUT HOW TO USE IT.

15

16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** IF COUNTY COUNSEL COULD ALSO WEIGH IN
17 IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE WE WERE JUST TRYING TO HAVE
18 BRIEF SIDEBARS KIND OF AS THIS WAS ALL HAPPENING. COUNTY
19 COUNSEL HAD SOME CONCERN ABOUT US AT THIS POINT, GIVING THIS
20 LEVEL OF SPECIFICITY IN TERMS OF WHO SERVES ON THE COMMISSION.
21 I AM COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE HAVING A SEPARATE, MORE VETTED
22 CONVERSATION WHERE THE COALITION CAN BE A PART, WHERE WE CAN
23 GO TO CLUSTER, AND IT'S MORE THAN JUST, FRANKLY, SUPERVISOR
24 HORVATH READING IT INTO THE RECORD AND WE VOTED ON IT TODAY. I
25 WOULD JUST LIKE IT TO BE FULLY VETTED. I APPRECIATE THE DESIRE



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SUPERVISORS

1 TO BE CLEARER ABOUT WHO SERVES ON IT. I THINK THAT SHOULD BE A
2 PART OF A PROCESS THAT WE HAVE IN TERMS OF MOTIONS AND
3 CLUSTERS. SO, COUNTY COUNSEL, DID YOU HAVE SOME CONCERNS
4 AROUND?

5

6 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** SUPERVISOR, THE CONCERN WOULD BE THAT THE
7 PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS ARE VERY HEALTHCARE SPECIFIC AND, YOU
8 KNOW, AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED, GENERAL TAX FOR GENERAL
9 PURPOSES. BUT THE COMMISSION, THE COMMITTEE IS ADVISORY ONLY
10 TO THE BOARD AND ULTIMATELY THE BOARD DETERMINES HOW THE
11 FUNDING WILL BE SPENT.

12

13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, IT WEAKENS THE GENERAL TAX
14 ARGUMENT.

15

16 **THOMAS J. FAUGHNAN:** OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES ARE MORE TYPICAL IN
17 SPECIAL TAXES THAN GENERAL TAXES. THEY'RE NOT REQUIRED IN
18 GENERAL TAXES. IT'S AN ADDITIONAL LEVEL OF OVERSIGHT, BUT
19 AGAIN IT'S ADVISORY TO THE BOARD, AND ULTIMATELY THE BOARD
20 MAKES THE DECISIONS ON HOW THE FUNDING IS SPENT.

21

22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, THE OTHER PIECE I WOULD JUST ADD,
23 I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH YOU IN TERMS OF THE ATTACK UNDER
24 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE. AND AS WE'VE ALL SAID, THE STATE
25 HASN'T COME TO SUPPORT US IN SOME OF THESE OTHER AREAS. THE



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1 STATE DID STEP UP AND PROVIDE \$90,000,000 TO PLANNED
2 PARENTHOOD. SO, I AM FULLY SUPPORTIVE, GLAD THE STATE
3 LEGISLATURE STEPPED UP TO GIVE THEM THE \$90,000,000. AS WE
4 HAVE ALL SAID TODAY, THE STATE HAS NOT STEPPED UP TO SUPPORT
5 US IN TERMS OF SOME OF THESE OTHER HEALTH BENEFIT
6 ORGANIZATIONS. I JUST THINK THAT WE SHOULD BE MINDFUL OF THAT
7 AS WELL.

8

9 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** SO, TO BE CLEAR, YOU WOULD BE
10 COMFORTABLE WITH ADJUSTING THE SPENDING PLAN, BUT NOT THE
11 COMPOSITION OF THE NINE-PERSON BODY?

12

13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** NO.

14

15 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT'S
18 BEEN SECONDED.

19

20 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** SO NOW WE'RE VOTING ON WHETHER TO AMEND,

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

23

24 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** WHICH IS A MAJORITY VOTE, AND IF IT'S
25 AMENDED, THEN WE VOTE ON THE TWO.



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2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND LET'S SAY WHAT, OH, WELL, LET'S CLARIFY
3 THE AMENDMENT AGAIN.

4

5 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** SO, I WANT TO REPEAT WHAT I JUST
6 HEARD, COUNTY COUNSEL, SO I'M CLEAR. THERE ARE THREE.

7

8 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** THERE WILL THREE TOTAL.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** FIRST READ WHETHER TO AMEND AND THEN
11 WE SECOND VOTE ON IF THAT IF THAT IS APPROVED THEN WE VOTE ON
12 THE AMENDMENT AND THEN THE MOTION AS AMENDED. THAT IF IT'S IF
13 IT PASSES

14

15 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** YES, THREE VOTES THE FIRST IS WHETHER TO
16 AMEND IF THAT PASSES THEN WE WOULD BE BIFURCATING BECAUSE YOU
17 WOULD BE VOTING ON THE MOTION WITH YOUR AMENDMENTS AND THEN
18 YOU'D BE VOTING ON PLACING IT, CALLING FOR THE ELECTION AND
19 PLACING IT ON THE BALLOT BEFORE THE VOTERS.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY.

22

23 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** SO, THE EODS TO CALL FOR THE VOTE ON
24 WHETHER TO AMEND.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** EOD.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I SECONDED IT SINCE MY COLLEAGUE TO THE
4 RIGHT THREW ME UNDER THE BUS.

5

6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I JUST SAID, MY NEIGHBOR TO THE NORTH.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** LET'S KEEP MOVING.

9

10 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I DID NOT MENTION YOUR NAME.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THAT'S NOT WHY I DID IT THOUGH.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ORDER IN THE COURT, COME ON.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I SUPPORT.

17

18 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ALL RIGHT, SO MADAM CHAIR, I
19 HAVE SUPERVISOR HORFATH MOTION SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.
20 AND READY TO CALL THE ROLL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

21

22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** NO.

23

24 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NO.
25 SUPERVISOR HORVATH?



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

3

4 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HORFATH, AYE.**

5 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN: YES.**

8

9 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, YES.**

10 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.**

13

14 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE.**

15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: NO.**

18

19 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, NO. MOTION**

20 **CARRIES, 3 TO 0.**

21

22 **DAWYN R. HARRISON: 3 TO 2.**

23

24 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: IN ORDER FOR, 3 TO 2. THE**

25 **AMENDMENT. 3 TO 2 FOR THE AMENDMENT TO PROCEED. ALL RIGHT. NOW**



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SUPERVISORS

1 WE'RE VOTING ON THE MOTION AS AMENDED?

2

3 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** CORRECT.

4

5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OH, I THOUGHT WE HAD TO VOTE ON THE
6 AMENDMENT. NO, HE SAID WE'RE VOTING ON THE MOTION AS AMENDED.
7 HERE'S WHAT HE JUST SAID.

8

9 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE AMENDMENT.

10

11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YES, THANK YOU. NO, WE VOTED ON WHETHER OR
12 NOT TO AMEND. NOW WE'RE VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT.

13

14 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ON THE AMENDMENT.

15

16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** HE SAID WE'RE VOTING ON THE MOTION AS
17 AMENDED. THAT WAS WRONG.

18

19 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** OR THE AMENDED MOTION. THE
20 AMENDMENT.

21

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

23

24 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ON THE AMENDMENT. ON THE
25 AMENDMENT.



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** NO, THIS IS THE SECOND, WHAT I HEARD
3 FROM COUNTY COUNSEL IS THERE WERE 3 VOTES.

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** STOP.

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YOU HAVE NOT VOTED ON THE AMENDMENT YET.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN WE PLEASE HAVE ORDER. CAN COUNTY
10 COUNSEL PLEASE CLARIFY.

11

12 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** YOU VOTED ON WHETHER OR NOT TO AMEND. YOU
13 ALL APPROVE 3 TO 2 TO GO AHEAD AND AMEND THE MOTION. SO NOW
14 YOU'RE VOTING ON THE MOTION AS AMENDED, THE AMENDMENT. YES,
15 YES, YES. YES, NOW YOU'RE, HER AMENDMENT. YES, TO THE MOTION.
16 AND THEN IF THAT THAT'S 3 VOTES, AND THEN YOU'RE VOTING ON
17 WHICH REQUIRES 4 VOTES, THE CALLING OF THE ELECTION AND
18 PUTTING IT BEFORE THE VOTERS, THE ORDINANCE.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE SPENDING PLAN AS AMENDED.

21

22 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** IT'S A BIFURCATED VOTE. YES.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OK, CAN WE AS AMENDED. ARE WE
25 CONFUSED? AMENDMENT. OKAY, LET'S GO. CALL THE ROLL. OKAY.



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** NO, WE'RE BIFURCATING THAT. THAT'S THE
3 OTHER DIRECTIVE. HER AMENDMENTS WEREN'T TOUCHING THE..

4

5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WE'RE VOTING ON THE SPENDING PLAN AS
6 AMENDED.

7

8 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE'RE VOTING ON THE SPENDING
9 PLAN AS AMENDED.

10

11 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** CORRECT. CORRECT. DO

12

13 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

14

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

16

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

19

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

21

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

24

25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.



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

3 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** ABSTAIN.

5

6 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, ABSTAINS.

7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

8

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

10

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

12 CARRIES, 4 AYES, 1 ABSTENTION. WE WILL NOW VOTE ON PUTTING

13

14 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** THE RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE

15

16 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ON THE BALLOT.

17

18 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** CORRECT.

19

20 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

21

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

23

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

25 SUPERVISOR HORVATH?



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

3

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

5 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.**

8

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

10 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: NO.**

13

14 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO.**

15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.**

18

19 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AYE. MOTION**

20 **CARRIES, 4 AYES, 1 NO.**

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: MOTION PASSES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

23 **FOR ATTENDING TODAY. THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE LEAVING, PLEASE DO**

24 **SO QUIETLY. WE STILL HAVE MORE BUSINESS TO DO AT THE BOARD.**

25 **THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. WE'LL TAKE A LITTLE COUPLE OF**



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SUPERVISORS

1 MINUTES HERE TO CLEAR THE ROOM. THANK YOU. OKAY. WE'RE GOING
2 TO RESUME. THANK YOU. IF EVERYONE CAN PLEASE SETTLE DOWN AND
3 INTO THEIR SEATS AND WE'LL GET STARTED. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
4 LET'S GO TO THE NEXT ITEM.

5

6 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 16,
7 TRANSPARENCY AND FAIRNESS AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR COUNTY
8 PUBLIC SAFETY WORKERS THROUGH BINDING ARBITRATION, WHICH WAS
9 HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING
10 US REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND
11 FEATURE IF YOU'RE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR THREE IF ON THE
12 TELEPHONE.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND I
17 APPRECIATE EVERYONE WHO'S HERE FOR THIS CONVERSATION. I KNOW
18 THAT THERE ARE, WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE AVAILABLE FOR
19 ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MOTION. BUT FOR ME, COLLECTIVE
20 BARGAINING LEVELS THE PLAYING FIELD BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND THE
21 WORKFORCE BY GIVING WORKERS A UNIFIED VOICE TO NEGOTIATE FOR
22 BETTER PAY, BENEFITS, SAFER WORKING CONDITIONS, AND INCREASED
23 JOB SECURITY. THIS BENEFITS MANAGEMENT THROUGH LOWER TURNOVER,
24 CLEARER EXPECTATIONS, AND MORE PREDICTABLE PLANNING. THIS
25 MOTION, BINDING ARBITRATION FOR 14 OF OUR COUNTY'S BARGAINING



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SUPERVISORS

1 UNITS LEVELS THE FIELD AT THE BARGAINING TABLE. PER STATE LAW,
2 PUBLIC SAFETY UNIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO STRIKE, YET THE POWER
3 TO CALL A STRIKE IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOLS UNIONS
4 HAVE IN NEGOTIATIONS. BINDING ARBITRATION OFFERS OUR PUBLIC
5 SAFETY UNIONS A DIFFERENT TOOL WHEN AT THE BARGAINING TABLE.
6 IT INCENTIVIZES BOTH PARTIES TO COME TO A FAIR AGREEMENT AND
7 INCREASES TRANSPARENCY IN THE BARGAINING PROCESS. BOTH PARTIES
8 APPOINT ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE THREE-MEMBER PANEL, AND THE
9 THIRD IS CHOSEN JOINTLY BY BOTH PARTIES, PROVIDING EQUAL AND
10 FAIR REPRESENTATION TO RESOLVE DISPUTES. THE PANEL MUST
11 CONSIDER A VARIETY OF FACTORS WHEN MAKING A DECISION,
12 INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY'S
13 FINANCIAL CONDITION CAN BE UNIQUE, BUT THAT IS WHY THERE'S A
14 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PANEL SO THEY CAN ADVOCATE FOR
15 THE COUNTY POSITION AND EDUCATE THE OTHER PANEL MEMBERS.
16 CURRENTLY, 21 CALIFORNIA JURISDICTIONS HAVE BINDING
17 ARBITRATION, TWO OF WHICH, SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO, ARE
18 COUNTIES. ONLY SIX OF THESE 21 JURISDICTIONS HAVE GONE TO
19 BINDING ARBITRATION. IN FACT, THE GOAL IS NEVER TO HAVE TO GET
20 TO THAT STEP. THE POINT OF HAVING BINDING ARBITRATION IS TO
21 AVOID GOING TO BINDING ARBITRATION IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND
22 INCENTIVE FOR BOTH SIDES AS OUTCOMES ARE DETERMINED BY A
23 NEUTRAL THIRD PARTY. AS MENTIONED BEFORE, THIS PROPOSAL
24 AFFECTS 14 BARGAINING UNITS FOR A TOTAL OF 16,535 EMPLOYEES.
25 AND IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR OUR PUBLIC SAFETY



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SUPERVISORS

1 PARTNERS AND THEIR ABILITY TO IMPROVE RECRUITMENT AS THEY FACE
2 SIGNIFICANT STAFFING CHALLENGES WHILE HEADING TOWARDS MAJOR
3 EVENTS LIKE THE WORLD CUP AND OLYMPICS, AND WE ARE GOING TO BE
4 RELYING ON THEM DURING THOSE TIMES. LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO
5 READ AN AMENDMENT TO THIS MOTION AND THANK THE CEO AND THE
6 PUBLIC SAFETY UNIONS FOR COMING TOGETHER TO STAY AND STAYING
7 LATE TO MAKE THIS MOTION AND SUBSEQUENT ORDINANCE EVEN
8 STRONGER. I APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S EFFORTS IN WORKING TOGETHER
9 AND SO THE AMENDMENTS INCLUDE IN ITEM 4 SECTION A THE SENTENCE
10 NOW READS THE BOARD OF ARBITRATORS IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS
11 DISCRETION MAY MEET PRIVATELY WITH THE PARTIES AND SHALL
12 MEDIATE OR MEET OUR ISSUES IN DISPUTE PRIOR TO ARBITRATION.
13 AND ON THE SECOND, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS HAS
14 ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED, SO THERE SHOULD BE COPIES FOR
15 EVERYONE. BUT OKAY, WELL, I'LL ASK EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO
16 CIRCULATE FROM OUR OFFICE. I KNOW THAT IT WAS SUBMITTED, AND
17 I'LL ASK MY STAFF TO WORK WITH EXEC OFFICE TO GET THEM. AND
18 THEN THE SECOND. AND THEN IN SECTION. IN THE FINAL SECTION ON
19 THE LAST PAGE. THE SECOND TO LAST CLAUSE THE FINANCIAL
20 CONDITION AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE COUNTY AND ITS ABILITY TO
21 MEET THE MULTI-YEAR ONGOING COSTS OF THE DECISION OF THE BOARD
22 OF ARBITRATORS AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT
23 FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND OTHER FACTORS NOT CONFINED TO
24 THE FOREGOING THAT ARE TRADITIONALLY TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION
25 IN THE DETERMINATION OF WAGES, HOURS, AND OTHER TERMS AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT. SO, I WILL MAKE SURE THAT EXEC
2 OFFICE CIRCULATES THAT TO ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES. AND THOSE ARE
3 MY COMMENTS. I'M HAPPY TO TURN IT BACK TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELL, WE'LL JUST KEEP
7 MOVING ON UNTIL WE GET THE AMENDMENTS THEN. I WANT TO THANK
8 YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR ALLOWING ME TO JOIN YOU CO-
9 AUTHORIZING THE MOTION. WHEN CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES GO ON
10 STRIKE, THERE ARE LAWS IN PLACE TO PROTECT THEIR JOBS.
11 HOWEVER, THOSE PROTECTIONS ARE NOT OFFERED TO ALL CIVIL
12 SERVICE EMPLOYEES, ESPECIALLY PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES, SUCH AS
13 DEPUTIES, SHERIFF DEPUTIES, FIREFIGHTERS AND PROBATION
14 OFFICERS, AMONG OTHERS. UNLIKE THEIR FELLOW CIVIL SERVICE
15 EMPLOYEES, PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES ARE PROHIBITED FROM
16 STRIKING EVEN WHEN THEY ARE UNABLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT AT
17 THE BARGAINING TABLE. NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTINUE AS THEY DO
18 TODAY, BUT THE COUNTY AND LABOR WILL HAVE ANOTHER TOOL IN
19 THEIR TOOLBOX WHEN AN AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED. IT'S KNOWN
20 AS BINDING ARBITRATION. THE ARBITRATORS WILL BE SELECTED BY
21 BOTH THE COUNTY AND LABOR AND WILL HAVE THE FINAL SAY TO
22 SETTLE AND CLOSE THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE ARBITRATORS WILL ALSO
23 HAVE ACCESS TO FINANCIAL DATA TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY CAN
24 AFFORD THE DECISIONS THEY ULTIMATELY MAKE. I SUPPORTED BINDING
25 ARBITRATION YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND



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1 I SUPPORT IT NOW. IT PROVIDES AN OPTION TO BOTH THE COUNTY AND
2 LABOR TO REACH A FAIR AND FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE AGREEMENT WHILE
3 STILL ENSURING OUR RESIDENTS ARE SERVED WITHOUT INTERRUPTION
4 BY OUR PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES. MEMBERS, I ASK FOR YOUR
5 SUPPORT TO PLACE THIS ON THE NOVEMBER 2026 BALLOT FOR
6 CONSIDERATION BY THE VOTERS. WITH THAT, I'LL RECOGNIZE
7 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING
10 THIS FORWARD. I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT SO MANY OF OUR LABOR
11 PARTNERS ARE HERE TODAY SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS THE PROPOSED
12 BINDING ARBITRATION OPTION THAT WILL BE BEFORE THE L.A. COUNTY
13 VOTERS IN NOVEMBER. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECOGNIZE
14 WHAT YOU JUST POINTED OUT IN TERMS OF THEIR ABILITIES AND
15 INABILITIES THAT RELATES TO ANY STRIKE THAT MAY COME INTO
16 PLAY. PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY ARE FACING
17 STAFFING SHORTAGES, SOMETHING WE KNOW FIRSTHAND, AND
18 COMPETITION FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS. A FAIR AND EFFICIENT
19 BARGAINING PROCESS IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN COMPETITIVE WAGES
20 AND BENEFITS AND IMPROVE RECRUITMENT AND HELP CERTAIN CRITICAL
21 PERSONNEL. AS I AM SURE MANY WILL AGREE, THE CURRENT LABOR
22 NEGOTIATIONS PROCESS CAN SOMETIMES FEEL LOPSIDED, TO PUT IT
23 MILDLY, AND DIFFICULT TO REACH A MUTUAL PLACE OF COMPROMISE.
24 AND NOW MORE THAN EVER, OUR PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERS ARE
25 CRITICAL TO KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE, ESPECIALLY IN



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SUPERVISORS

1 ADVANCE OF THE WORLD CUP AND THE OLYMPICS, WHERE WE WILL BE
2 RESPONSIBLE FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF VISITORS, VENDORS,
3 AND ATHLETES OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. BINDING ARBITRATION
4 PROVIDES PEACEFUL, EQUITABLE ALTERNATIVES TO RESOLVE DISPUTES
5 WITHOUT RISKING PUBLIC SAFETY. KNOWING THAT AN IMPARTIAL
6 ARBITRATION PANEL WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISIONS WILL MOTIVATE
7 BOTH SIDES TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY AND IN GOOD FAITH BEFORE
8 DECLARING AN IMPASSE. IN ADDITION, ARBITRATION DECISIONS WILL
9 BE MADE PUBLIC, FURTHER ENHANCING TRANSPARENCY AND TRUST BY
10 THE PUBLIC. I REALLY DO APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY MODERNIZE THE APPROACH TO PUBLIC SAFETY, LABOR
12 RELATIONS. I BELIEVE THIS IS GOING TO BE THE TIP OF THE
13 ICEBERG AS IT RELATES TO OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE FOLLOWING
14 SIMILAR ACTIONS AS IT RELATES TO ARBITRATION FOR PUBLIC
15 SAFETY. SO, WITH THAT, I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS MOVING
16 FORWARD.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

19

20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** WELL, I WAS HOPING TO GET THE PROPOSED
21 AMENDMENT LANGUAGE BECAUSE MY QUESTIONS ARE BASED ON A LETTER
22 WE GOT RATHER LATE YESTERDAY FROM THE CEO AND I DON'T KNOW IF
23 THE AMENDMENT LANGUAGE ADDRESSED THE CONCERNS RAISED. BUT LET
24 ME, WHILE WE'RE WAITING ON THAT, I'LL GO AHEAD AND READ MY
25 STATEMENT. LET ME START BY SAYING THAT I STRONGLY SUPPORT FAIR



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SUPERVISORS

1 WAGES AND INVESTING IN OUR WORKFORCE. AND THIS BOARD HAS SPENT
2 A GREAT DEAL OF TIME TALKING ABOUT CAREER PATHWAYS AND
3 RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF OUR ENTIRE WORKFORCE ACROSS ALL
4 DEPARTMENTS AND IT IS NOT LOST ON ME THE CHALLENGES ALL OF OUR
5 SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS ARE HAVING WITH RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION
6 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY AND REALLY ACROSS THE STATE. AND I'M CLEAR
7 THAT SUPPORTING LABOR AND EXERCISING RESPONSIBLE FISCAL
8 STEWARDSHIP AREN'T MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE. THE BOARD HAS A
9 RESPONSIBILITY TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES
10 OF PERMANENTLY SHIFTING COMPENSATION AUTHORITY AWAY FROM THE
11 BOARD. I THINK I HEARD MAYBE IN THE AMENDMENTS READ IN OR ONE
12 OF MY COLLEAGUES COMMENTS, THIS NOTE THE NOTION THAT THE
13 ARBITRARY THE ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS WILL BE IN PUBLIC.
14 THAT'S NOT MY EXPERIENCE WITH ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS IN
15 GENERAL. THEY'RE NOT PUBLIC LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS. YOU
16 KNOW, ARBITRATORS AREN'T ELECTED. THEY'RE NOT REQUIRED TO
17 WEIGH COUNTYWIDE TRADEOFFS LIKE HOMELESS SERVICES, LIKE HEALTH
18 CARE, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, ALL THOSE THINGS. SO, I RECEIVED A
19 LETTER, NOT SURE HOW, IF THE PUBLIC HAD ACCESS TO THE LETTER,
20 BUT YOUR LETTER TO THE CEO RAISES SOME SEVERAL REALLY CRITICAL
21 ISSUES. ONE PARAGRAPH THAT I'LL READ VERBATIM ON PAGE 2. THE
22 RISK OF MANDATORY ARBITRATION ARE NOT HYPOTHETICAL. VOTER-
23 APPROVED MANDATORY ARBITRATION HAS CAUSED SIGNIFICANT
24 FINANCIAL DISRUPTION AND EVEN PROMPTED BANKRUPTCY FOR CITIES
25 IN CALIFORNIA AND OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. YOU ATTACHED TWO



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1 ARTICLES, I THINK THERE WAS ONE COUNTY THAT HAD BINDING
2 ARBITRATION, HIT A FISCAL CRISIS, TOOK IT BACK TO THE VOTERS
3 AND THE VOTERS REVERSED THEIR PREVIOUS DECISION. SO, ON PAGE 3
4 OF YOUR LETTER, YOU TALK ABOUT FINANCIAL PROTECTIONS AND YOU
5 SAY, AS DRAFTED, THE MOTION DOES NOT REQUIRE ARBITRATORS TO
6 WORK FROM THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS OR COMPLY WITH
7 THE COUNTY'S EXISTING BUDGET POLICIES OR GENERALLY ACCEPTED
8 PUBLIC FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING STANDARDS. THAT WORRIED ME.
9 WITHOUT THESE SAFEGUARDS AN ARBITRATION AWARD CAN IMPOSE COSTS
10 THAT UNDERMINE THE COUNTY'S FISCAL STABILITY INCLUDING IMPACTS
11 TO RESERVES AND CREDIT WORTHINESS AND UP IN THE ABILITY TO
12 FUND BOARD POLICY PRIORITIES. I WAS ALSO WONDERING IF IT
13 COMPROMISED OUR ABILITY TO HONOR OUR COMMITMENTS TO LABOR
14 ORGANIZATIONS THAT AREN'T COVERED UNDER THE BINDING
15 ARBITRATION. SO CAN YOU TELL ME QUICKLY AS I TRIED TO READ THE
16 AMENDMENT LANGUAGE IF THE AMENDMENTS MEET THE NEEDS AND YOUR
17 CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN YOUR LETTER.

18

19 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** YEAH, THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION,
20 SUPERVISOR. AND BEFORE I BEGIN, I DO WANT TO TAKE AN
21 OPPORTUNITY TO THANK LEADERSHIP OF THE COALITION OF UNIONS
22 THAT ARE ADVANCING THIS PROPOSAL. I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL
23 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO DEREK SHEA AND BARRY DONLIN. MY VOICE IS A
24 LITTLE ROUGH THIS MORNING BECAUSE WE WERE MEETING PRETTY LATE
25 INTO THE NIGHT AND I JUST APPRECIATE THEIR AVAILABILITY TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 TALK WITH ME. I DO WANT TO SAY FROM THE START, THEY HAVE BEEN
2 TRANSPARENT WITH ME ABOUT THEIR INTENTION TO ADVANCE, EXCUSE
3 ME, I'M GOING BACK TO HIGH SCHOOL, ADVANCE THEIR EFFORTS TO
4 SECURE THE MEASURE. I'VE APPRECIATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO MEET
5 AND MEET WITH ME AND DISCUSS THEIR ISSUES AND HEAR MY CONCERNS
6 AND I'VE HEARD THEIR CONCERNS AS WELL. THEY ARE FIERCE
7 ADVOCATES, BUT I FELT LIKE THEY'VE TREATED ME FAIRLY IN THIS
8 PROCESS, WHICH IS GOOD. I THINK THAT'S GREAT. AND THE
9 COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN HELPFUL. I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE
10 SOMETHING SUPERVISOR BARGER SAID. WE'VE HAD A TUMULTUOUS LABOR
11 SEASON. THERE IS A LACK OF TRUST. ONE OF THE THINGS I'VE
12 COMMITTED TO DO IS TO REBUILDING THAT TRUST. IT'S NOT GOING TO
13 HAPPEN OVERNIGHT, BUT I'M COMMITTED TO THAT EFFORT. I DO THINK
14 THIS EFFORT IS A PRODUCT OF SOME OF THE TENSIONS THAT WE'VE
15 HAD. SO YESTERDAY I DID SUBMIT A MEMO TO YOUR BOARD TO SHARE
16 MY CONCERNS AND REALLY TO HELP YOUR BOARD NAVIGATE WHAT IS AN
17 IMPORTANT AND CONSEQUENTIAL ISSUE. FOR ME THIS IS NOT AN
18 ADVERSARIAL ISSUE. I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR. IT'S MY JOB, MY
19 JOB AS THE ACTING CEO, TO FLAG FOR YOUR BOARD RISKS I SEE AND
20 TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT IN MY VIEW WILL BENEFIT YOUR
21 OVERALL POLICYMAKING. THE WAY I SEE IT, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
22 TO ADVANCE A PROCESS THAT WORKS BOTH FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND FOR
23 THE BROADER INTEREST OF THE COUNTY, INCLUDING THE CONSTITUENTS
24 THAT WE SERVE. THE RECOMMENDATIONS I OFFERED IN MY MEMORANDUM
25 YESTERDAY COVERED THREE MAIN AREAS, AND THEY'RE NOT NEW. THESE



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1 ARE AREAS I'VE RAISED WITH MY PUBLIC SAFETY COUNTERPARTS ALL
2 ALONG THE WAY. NUMBER 1, I'M JUST GOING TO SUMMARIZE THEM.
3 NUMBER 1, I THINK WE ALL AGREE, EVERYONE, THAT WE MUST PROTECT
4 THE COUNTY'S LONG-TERM FINANCIAL HEALTH. TO ME, THAT'S NOT
5 NEGOTIABLE. THAT'S MY JOB. THAT'S WHY I'M SITTING HERE. I KNOW
6 IT'S IMPORTANT TO THE BOARD. I KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT TO THE
7 CONSTITUENTS WE SERVE. I ALSO KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT TO PUBLIC
8 SAFETY AND OUR RETIREES. THEY DEPEND ON A STABLE GOVERNMENT
9 FOR THE PAYCHECK, FOR THE PENSION BENEFITS, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
10 SERVICES, ET CETERA. NUMBER 2, I THINK WE ALSO ALL AGREE THAT
11 THE ARBITRATION PROCESS SHOULD HAVE AS MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO
12 REACH A COMPROMISE AGREEMENT AS POSSIBLE WITH ARBITRATION AS
13 THE LAST RESORT. THAT'S KIND OF THE CONCEPT THAT'S BEEN PUT
14 FORWARD. ONE OF THE AMENDMENTS DOES HELP A LOT WITH THAT. IT
15 REQUIRES MEDIATION BEFORE TAKING THE LEAP INTO ARBITRATION. SO
16 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I ASKED FOR LAST NIGHT AND MY
17 COUNTERPARTS IN PUBLIC SAFETY HAVE AGREED TO. NUMBER 3, I'M
18 SURE WE ALL AGREE THAT THE PROCESS SHOULD BE FAIR. A FAIR
19 PROCESS IS ONE THAT TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE INTERESTS OF
20 BOTH SIDES EQUALLY, AND IT'S A PROCESS THAT WON'T RESULT IN
21 ARBITRARY DECISION-MAKING. AND I'LL TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE
22 AMENDMENTS I THINK HELP THERE AS WELL. NUMBER 4, THIS IS MY
23 LAST BUCKET AND REALLY TO BE FAIR, I'M NOT SURE EVERYONE
24 AGREES WITH THIS BUCKET EVEN THOUGH I THINK WE ALL AGREE WITH
25 THE FIRST 3. I'M SUGGESTING THAT WE BUILD IN OPPORTUNITIES TO



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1 CORRECT ANY PROCESSES THAT BECOME UNFAIR OVER TIME OR PUT
2 UNDUE PRESSURE ON THE COUNTY'S FINANCES CUMULATIVELY. I
3 PROVIDED SOME EXAMPLES IN MY MEMO AS YOU HAVE INDICATED
4 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I THINK THIS IS AN AREA WHERE WE DON'T
5 AGREE, THERE IS A FUNDAMENTAL TENSION BETWEEN GETTING BINDING
6 ARBITRATION AND HAVING SOMETHING IN THERE THAT ALLOWS IT TO BE
7 CHANGED OVER TIME. THAT'S JUST THE REALITY AND I GET THAT. AND
8 I UNDERSTAND WHERE LABOR IS COMING FROM AND WHY THEY ARE
9 CONCERNED ABOUT CHANGES TO THAT REGARD. AND I JUST WANT TO BE
10 CLEAR, ALTHOUGH I PROVIDED THE EXAMPLES IN THE LETTER, I AM
11 NOT SAYING THAT WE WILL HAVE FINANCIAL CATASTROPHE. ALL I'M
12 SUGGESTING IS THAT WE BUILD IN GUARDRAILS TO THE PROCESS SO
13 THAT WE AVOID THE THINGS THAT OTHER JURISDICTIONS HAVE
14 EXPERIENCED AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO KIND OF KEEP THINGS ON
15 THE RIGHT TRACK IF THEY'RE GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. NOW,
16 AFTER MY LATE MEETING WITH MR. SHEA AND MR. DONLON YESTERDAY,
17 SOME OF THE CHANGES THAT ARE REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET, IN THE
18 MOTION, SORRY, I THINK ARE BENEFICIAL. AND I WANT TO JUST TALK
19 A LITTLE BIT ABOUT KIND OF WHERE WE WERE AT AND WHERE WE'RE AT
20 TODAY. AND THIS IS AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF A SIGNATURE
21 GATHERING EFFORT FOR A BALLOT MEASURE THAT THE COUNTY DOESN'T
22 HAVE ANY INFLUENCE OVER. AND SO HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE
23 SOME INFLUENCE OVER THIS BALLOT MEASURE, I THINK IS VERY
24 POSITIVE. SO AS CONCEIVED IN THE MOTION, THE CURRENT PROPOSED
25 CHARTER AMENDMENT ADDRESSES MANY OF MY CONCERNS. AGAIN, NOT



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1 ALL OF MY CONCERNS, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT CHANGES AND
2 I RECOGNIZE THE WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE. JUST BRIEFLY, SOME
3 OF THOSE THINGS I THINK ARE IMPORTANT. SO, THE MOTION REDUCES
4 THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE MEASURE AND CALLS THEM
5 OUT SPECIFICALLY BY BARGAINING UNIT. AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH
6 MENTIONED THIS IN OUR OPENING STATEMENTS. THIS WILL RESULT IN
7 A MUCH MORE MANAGEABLE PROCESS FOR THE COUNTY AND FRANKLY
8 REDUCE THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL RISKS AS WE LOOK AT WHO IS
9 COVERED AND WHO IS NOT COVERED. THE MOTION ALSO LIMITS THE
10 APPLICABILITY OF MANDATORY ARBITRATION TO SUCCESSOR MOUS AS
11 OPPOSED TO DISPUTES DURING THE CURRENT MOU. FROM MY
12 PERSPECTIVE, THAT PRESERVES OUR, REDUCES THE RISK OF OPERATING
13 DISRUPTIONS AS WE'RE GOING TO ARBITRATION IN THE MIDDLE OF AN
14 MOU CYCLE. AND ONE OF OUR SISTER COUNTIES HAD FLAGGED THIS AS
15 AN ISSUE THAT THEY FOUND TO BE DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE IN TERMS
16 OF IMPLEMENTING ANY MANAGEMENT CHANGES IN THE MIDDLE OF MOU.
17 SO, I'M APPRECIATIVE OF THIS CHANGE. THE ADDITIONAL
18 AMENDMENTS. ALSO PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS.
19 I MENTIONED WHICH THEY MANDATORY ARBITRATION, WHICH IS GREAT.
20 AND THE ADDRESS MY CONCERN. THAT THE ARBITRATOR SHOULD BE
21 REQUIRED TO CONSIDER FUNDAMENTAL BUDGETING PRACTICES THE
22 COUNTY FOLLOWS TO KEEP THE COUNTY FISCALLY SOUND. THIS TO ME
23 IS THE MOST IMPORTANT AMENDMENT AND THE ONE THAT I HAD RAISED
24 FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THAT I WANTED TO SEE. AND I WANT TO
25 HIGHLIGHT THE AGREEMENT TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE



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1 GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, WHICH WE CALL GFOA. A
2 BIT OF AN ESOTERIC REFERENCE IN THE AMENDMENTS, BUT I WANT TO
3 JUST CLARIFY WHY THAT IS IMPORTANT TO ME AND WHY I THINK
4 THAT'S POSITIVE. SO, THE GFOA PROVIDES RECOMMENDATIONS TO
5 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ABOUT HOW TO MAINTAIN STRONG FISCAL
6 STABILITY. THEY HAVE BEEN, THEY'RE NOT MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS
7 ON YOUR PROGRAMS AND HOW YOU SHOULD, WHAT YOU SHOULD POLICY
8 WISE ADOPT OR NOT ADOPT. THEY'RE REALLY LOOKING AT THE CORE
9 FUNDAMENTALS OF THE COUNTY BUDGET. SO, I WANT TO CALL OUT A
10 COUPLE PUBLICATIONS THAT THEY HAVE THAT ARE KIND OF LIKE, YOU
11 KNOW, THE BEAN COUNTERS BIBLE, IF YOU WILL, FOR WHEN WE'RE
12 LOOKING AT HOW TO BUDGET. SO, ONE IS FUND BALANCE GUIDELINES
13 FOR THE GENERAL FUND. THAT TELLS YOU SHOULD HAVE A RAINY-DAY
14 FUND AND YOU SHOULD SET IT AT A MINIMUM OF 17%. YOUR BOARD HAS
15 A BOARD BUDGET POLICY THAT SETS IT AT 17%. SO, TO ME, THAT'S
16 VERY POSITIVE. AND THEY HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ACHIEVING A
17 STRUCTURALLY BALANCED BUDGET. AND THAT BASICALLY TELLS LOCAL
18 JURISDICTIONS, DON'T THROW ONE-TIME MONEY AFTER ONGOING COSTS.
19 THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT TIME AND TIME
20 AGAIN. IT CREATES STABILITY WHEN WE COMMIT TO A COLA TO HAVE
21 ONGOING MONEY BEHIND IT THAT WE CAN COMMIT TO PAYING THAT
22 COLA. SO, I THINK THOSE ARE VERY, VERY POSITIVE. IT'S NOT NEW.
23 THE COUNTY ALREADY FOLLOWS THE GFAA. SO, I REALLY APPRECIATE
24 MY COUNTERPARTS IN PUBLIC SAFETY MAKING THAT CHANGE. AND AT
25 THE END OF THE DAY, YOU KNOW, I DO SEE MOVING INTO A MANDATORY



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1 ARBITRATION PROCESS AS A SORT OF A SEISMIC CHANGE IN HOW THE
2 COUNTY DOES ITS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS. I HAVE TO CONTINUE TO
3 ADVOCATE FOR WHAT I THINK IS RISK REDUCTION FROM MY SEAT.
4 THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE ME HERE AGAIN. I'M BUOYED AND GRATEFUL FOR
5 THE CONCESSIONS MADE TO HELP PRESERVE OUR LONG-TERM FISCAL
6 STABILITY. IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON ANY OF MY
7 RECOMMENDATIONS I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER THOSE AS WELL.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, STILL ON YOUR TIME.

10

11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. GLAD TO HEAR
12 THAT SOME OF THE MAJOR ISSUES SAID AGAIN YES IT'S ON AND I'LL
13 MOVE IT CLOSER I'M SORRY IS THAT BETTER THANK YOU AND YOU KNOW
14 THANK YOU FOR ACKNOWLEDGING KIND OF THE NOTION OF THIS
15 ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP YOU KNOW THE REALITY IS EVERYBODY HAS A
16 ROLE TO PLAY IN THEIR LANE. LABOR LEADERS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE
17 FIGHTING ON BEHALF OF THEIR MEMBERS. YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT
18 RESPONSIBILITY WHICH IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FISCAL HEALTH OF
19 THE COUNTY AS YOU SAID IS MAINTAINED SO ALL OF THE LIGHTS ARE
20 STILL ON. SO, EVERYBODY HAS A DIFFERENT ROLE TO PLAY, BUT THAT
21 SHOULDN'T STOP FOLKS FROM BEING ABLE TO HAVE FRANK, HONEST,
22 FACT-BASED CONVERSATIONS. SO, I'M GLAD THAT YOU ALL ARE
23 FEELING BETTER ABOUT THAT BECAUSE THAT REALLY IS IMPORTANT FOR
24 ALL OF US. SO, WE AS THE VOTING BODY ARE CLEAR ABOUT THE
25 INFORMATION WE ARE RECEIVING AND THE DECISIONS THAT WE ARE



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1 EMPOWERED TO MAKE. SO, I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT. SO NOW IF YOU
2 COULD GIVE ME A SHORTER, TWO THINGS. WE ARE VOTING TODAY, THIS
3 GOES TO YOUR QUESTION EARLIER, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WE ARE
4 VOTING TODAY TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL TO DEVELOP THE ORDINANCE
5 LANGUAGE.

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7 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** YES, SO IT WILL BE A THREE-STEP
8 PROCESS.

9

10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** RIGHT, AND SO THAT ALSO GIVES YOU MORE
11 TIME, MR. CEO, TO CONTINUE THE CONVERSATIONS WITH LABOR. DO
12 YOU ANTICIPATE CONTINUING TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS THAT PERHAPS
13 SOME ADDITIONAL FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES THAT YOU RAISE IN THE
14 LETTER THAT AREN'T ADDRESSED IN TODAY'S AMENDMENTS COULD
15 POTENTIALLY COME TO A SOLUTION?

16

17 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** SO, WE HAVE A COUPLE DIFFERENT TRACKS OF
18 CONVERSATIONS HAPPENING, AND WE HAVE ONE TRACK WHERE WE'RE
19 TALKING TO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERS ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT A
20 BALLOT MEASURE IS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF THE CHANGES THAT
21 THEY'RE REALLY TO IMPLEMENT THE MANDATORY ARBITRATION PROGRAM.
22 WE DO THAT BY A SEPARATE CONTRACT. SO, WE ARE TALKING TO THEM
23 ABOUT THAT AND WE HAVE MEETINGS THAT WE'RE SCHEDULING ALL THIS
24 WEEK AND I THINK NEXT WEEK SO WE CAN HAVE THOSE CONVERSATIONS.
25 I THINK THOSE CONVERSATIONS ARE GOING TO COVER A RANGE OF



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1 DIFFERENT THINGS. ON THIS IN PARTICULAR, ON THIS MOTION, THE
2 WAY I UNDERSTAND IT IS, IT'S GOING TO BE DIRECTED, COUNTY
3 COUNSEL WILL RETURN WITH THE ORDINANCE AND WILL HAVE THE
4 FEATURES THAT ARE CONTAINED IN THIS MOTION. I DO NOT EXPECT TO
5 HAVE ADDITIONAL CONVERSATIONS THAT WOULD CHANGE THE LANGUAGE
6 IN THE MOTION.

7

8 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OF THIS MOTION?

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10 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** OF THIS MOTION.

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12 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** BUT YOU HAD, COULD YOU THEN HAVE
13 CONVERSATIONS? BUT SO, I GUESS COUNTY COUNSEL THOUGH, THEY'RE
14 CHARGED TODAY, IF THIS WERE TO PASS, IT'S DRAFT AND ORDINANCE
15 BASED ON THIS LANGUAGE ALONE. SO, COUNTY COUNSEL WOULDN'T
16 BENEFIT OR NONE OF US WOULD BENEFIT IF SOMETHING IS GOING TO
17 GO TO THE BALLOT BASED ON YOUR ONGOING CONVERSATIONS AND
18 NEGOTIATIONS?

19

20 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** THEY, THOUGH, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IS IF
21 THERE'S A SEPARATE AGREEMENT TO DO IT A DIFFERENT WAY, THEN
22 WE'D BENEFIT FROM THOSE CONVERSATIONS. BUT AS DRAFTED, MY
23 UNDERSTANDING IS THE COUNTY COUNSEL WOULD RETURN WITH THE
24 ORDINANCE. I'M ALWAYS OPEN TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS. I FEEL LIKE
25 WE HAD A LOT OF CONVERSATIONS LEADING UP TO THIS LANGUAGE THAT



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1 WE HAVE TODAY, AND I'M NOT SURE THERE'S MUCH MORE ROOM TO
2 NEGOTIATE IT, BUT AGAIN, I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO HAVE THOSE
3 CONVERSATIONS.

4

5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** WHAT ARE THE CRITICAL PIECES, IF THERE
6 ARE ANY, THAT YOU RAISED IN THE LETTER THAT ARE NOT
7 IDENTIFIED? I MAY HAVE MISSED THAT.

8

9 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** ALL OF THE ISSUES I RAISED FOR ME WERE
10 THINGS THAT I WANTED, THINGS THAT I THOUGHT WOULD MAKE A
11 BALLOT MEASURE BETTER. THE THINGS THAT WERE MOST IMPORTANT TO
12 ME IMPACTED THE BUDGET. AND SO THAT WAS A, TO ME THAT WAS A
13 MAJOR PART OF THE AMENDMENTS THAT WE GOT SOME LANGUAGE IN
14 THERE THAT ALLOWS US TO HAVE THE ARBITRATOR FOCUS ON THE
15 FUNDAMENTALS OF RAINY-DAY FUND, ALL THE BASIC PRACTICES OF THE
16 STRUCTURAL BUDGET.

17

18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO, THIS MET 80% OF YOUR NEED, 90% OF
19 YOUR NEED?

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21 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** YEAH, THE BUDGET WAS, THAT WAS THE BIG
22 THING. OKAY, SO IT MET MY NEED ON THE BUDGET. THERE ARE OTHER
23 THINGS IN HERE THAT I'VE DISCUSSED WITH THEM, WITH LABOR, THAT
24 MAY OR MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THEM, AND I THINK WHAT'S
25 REFLECTED HERE IS WHAT THEY'RE WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON FOR



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1 THIS PARTICULAR MOTION. ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS, WE HAVE A
2 NUMBER OF ITEMS THAT ARE IN MY RECOMMENDATIONS, THEY'RE STILL
3 THERE. AND I COULD JUST GO THROUGH A FEW OF THEM IF YOU WANT
4 AND JUST TELL YOU WHY I'M RECOMMENDING THEM. THE FIRST ONE IS
5 CLARIFYING AND LIMITING THE SCOPE OF MATTERS COVERED. SO RIGHT
6 NOW, THE MEASURE COVERS WAGES, HOURS AND OTHER TERMS AND
7 CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT. WHAT WE HAD ASKED FOR IS TO LIMIT IT
8 TO ECONOMIC COMPONENTS ONLY. SO, AS WE GO INTO AN ARBITRATION,
9 I BELIEVE THAT AN ARBITRATOR, AT LEAST LOOKING AT NUMBERS,
10 IT'S FAIRLY OBJECTIVE. DECISIONS ABOUT STAFFING STRUCTURES,
11 YOU KNOW, PERSONNEL SHIFTS, ET CETERA, A LITTLE BIT MORE
12 SUBJECTIVE AND I HAD SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THAT. PROCEDURAL
13 PROTECTIONS, I THINK WE'RE THERE. I THINK WE HAVE A CONCESSION
14 ON THAT LANGUAGE. FINANCIAL PROTECTIONS, AGAIN, I THINK WE'RE
15 A LOT OF THE WAY THERE WITH OUR ABILITY TO HAVE THE ARBITRATOR
16 FOCUS ON SOME OF THE FUNDAMENTALS. THE NEXT COUPLE, REVIEW AND
17 REVISION. I'LL GO REVIEW AND REVISION COURT REVIEW AND FISCAL
18 EMERGENCIES. OKAY THERE IS A FUNDAMENTAL DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN
19 US ON THESE ISSUES. SO, MY WHAT I'M RECOMMENDED WAS THAT WE
20 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY IF AN ARBITRATOR'S DECISION IS ARBITRARY,
21 CAPRICIOUS, YOU KNOW, BASED ON A MISTAKE THAT WE CAN TAKE THAT
22 TO COURT. THAT DOES PROVIDE A PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE FROM A
23 DECISION, BUT IT ALSO DOESN'T PROVIDE FOR BINDING ARBITRATION
24 IN EVERY CASE. AND THAT I THINK IS THE TENSION THAT WE HAVE
25 THERE. FOR SUNSET DATE, YOU KNOW, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I'M



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1 NOT 100% WEDDED TO, IT DEPENDS ON THE FEATURES OF THE MEASURE.
2 BUT MY RECOMMENDATION WAS TO LET IT SUNSET AND LET THE VOTERS
3 DECIDE TO EXTEND IT IF IT'S BEEN GOOD FOR BOTH SIDES AND GOOD
4 FOR THE COUNTY. AN IMPLEMENTATION DATE. WE HAVE, I MEAN, I'VE
5 BEEN IN THIS BOARDROOM A NUMBER OF TIMES TALKING ABOUT THE
6 DIFFICULTIES WE'RE HAVING WITH OUR BUDGET. AND SO, ONE OF THE
7 CONCERNS I HAD WAS HAVING A BALLOT MEASURE APPROVED, AND THEN
8 FOR THE MOUS THAT ARE OPEN, THEN HAVING TO CONFRONT A
9 DIFFERENT SET OF FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS BECAUSE MAYBE WE HAVE A
10 DIFFERENT SET OF FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS THAT COME OUT OF AN
11 ARBITRATION. AND THEN THE FINALLY-

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13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND THE TIMING ON THAT COULD BE
14 COMPLICATED BECAUSE THE BINDING ARBITRATION DECISION COULD
15 COME OUT AFTER WE'VE MADE COMMITMENTS TO OTHER LABOR
16 ORGANIZATIONS OR AFTER WE'VE CLOSED OUR BUDGET, THEN WE'RE
17 HAVING TO RE-FIGURE?

18

19 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** RIGHT. OKAY. RIGHT. WELL, PART OF THE ISSUE
20 IS, FOR ME, IT'S UNCERTAINTY, AND UNCERTAINTY MAKES ME
21 NERVOUS. AND THAT IS, YOU KNOW, I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT THERE'S
22 A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENING ALL AT THE SAME TIME, AND THE
23 UNCERTAINTY MAKES ME NERVOUS. SO THAT WAS AN EFFORT AT
24 REDUCING SOME OF MY UNCERTAINTY. THE LAST THING I'LL JUST SAY
25 IS FISCAL EMERGENCY. SO, WE'VE HAD COMPARABLE PROVISIONS IN



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1 MEASURE J WHERE IF THERE'S A FISCAL EMERGENCY BY 4/5 VOTE, THE
2 BOARD COULD TEMPORARILY SET ASIDE SOME PAYMENT OR OTHER. IT'S
3 THAT CONCEPT RIGHT THERE, WHICH IS THERE MAY BE A TIME WHERE
4 THIS BOARD, AND THIS IS REALLY SOMETHING THAT I THINK, YOU
5 KNOW, IT DOES UNDER, AGAIN, IT DOES UNDERCUT THE BINDINGNESS
6 OF ARBITRATION. BUT I OFFERED IT IN CASE THERE WAS A
7 CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD TO SAY IF THERE WAS A TIME WHERE WE
8 NEEDED TO DO THIS BECAUSE WE WERE MARCHING OUR WAY TO
9 BANKRUPTCY COURT, AND I'M NOT SAYING WE ARE, BUT THAT WOULD BE
10 THE KIND OF SITUATION WHERE YOU WOULD CONSIDER HAVING
11 SOMETHING LIKE THIS IN PLACE.

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13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND WE DON'T HAVE THAT IN THE LANGUAGE
14 BEFORE US?

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16 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** NO, AND I'M NOT AWARE OF ANOTHER
17 JURISDICTION THAT HAS ADOPTED BINDING ARBITRATION THAT HAS A
18 COMPARABLE PROVISION. IN FACT, A LOT OF THIS STUFF IS, I CALL
19 IT THE L.A. COUNTY PACKAGE, BECAUSE IT'S NOT REFLECTED IN
20 OTHER LANGUAGE THAT WE'VE SEEN. SO, IT IS ALSO AN UNKNOWN,
21 JUST TO BE FAIR TO MY PUBLIC SAFETY COUNTERPARTS, IT'S ALSO
22 UNKNOWN HOW THIS WOULD ALL PLAY OUT FOR THEM AS WELL.

23

24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** LAST QUESTION FOR ME, MADAM CHAIR, AND
25 I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S TO THE CEO OR COUNTY COUNSEL. SO, WHAT'S



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1 THE LIKELIHOOD THAT OTHER BARGAINING UNITS, PARTICULARLY THOSE
2 THAT ALSO CANNOT STRIKE AND WHO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES
3 WOULD SEEK PARITY THROUGH LITIGATION OR MEETING DEFER OR
4 FUTURE BALLOT MEASURES. WOULD THAT POTENTIALLY OPEN US UP TO
5 OTHERS? BECAUSE IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE OTHERS.
6 THIS DOES INCLUDE EVERY UNIT THAT CANNOT STRIKE.

7

8 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** SO, BEFORE THEY ANSWER, MY TEAM IS TELLING
9 ME THAT THIS COVERS ALL UNITS, BARGAINING UNITS THAT CANNOT
10 STRIKE. SO, THERE ISN'T ANOTHER.

11

12 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THIS DOES. OKAY, SO IT EXPANDED. OKAY,
13 BECAUSE I DON'T, NOT, THAT WASN'T MY UNDERSTANDING INITIALLY.
14 SO THIS COVERS ALL. SO THEN, SO IT COVERS ALL UNITS THAT
15 CANNOT STRIKE. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR THE --

16

17 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** I'M SORRY.

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

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21 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** SAY YOUR QUESTION AGAIN.

22

23 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** NO, I WAS MAKING SURE THAT YOU WEREN'T
24 ABOUT TO ADD TO THAT QUESTION.

25



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1 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** NO, NO. THEY WERE CONFIRMING.

2

3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THEY WERE JUST CONFIRMING. OK, ALL
4 RIGHT. I JUST WANTED TO WALK THROUGH THE LETTER. IT WAS
5 RECEIVED LATE. I DON'T KNOW HOW PUBLIC IT WAS. GETTING THE
6 AMENDMENTS. I WASN'T SURE IF IT MET EVERY NEED IN THE LETTER
7 WITHOUT THE KIND OF OFF-RAMP TO GIVE US PROTECTIONS IF WE WERE
8 TO FACE A FISCAL CRISIS, YOU KNOW, PRE-BANKRUPTCY. I THINK
9 THAT JUST GIVES ME CAUSE FOR CONCERN. I ASSUME IF A COUNTY
10 WERE TO FILE BANKRUPTCY, AS ORANGE COUNTY DID, THEN ALL BETS
11 ARE OFF. SO, ALL THIS, IF IT WERE TO PASS BY THE VOTERS, ALL
12 BETS WOULD BE OFF ONCE BANKRUPTCY, IF BANKRUPTCY WERE TO BE
13 DECLARED BY COUNTY. AGAIN, WE NEVER WANT TO GET THERE, BUT I'M
14 JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE SPECTRUM.

15

16 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** ONE OF THE STEPS THAT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT
17 WOULD TAKE BEFORE SEEKING BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION IS TO TRY TO
18 RENEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING LABOR AGREEMENTS, TO SEE IF
19 THEY CAN GET THERE. IF THEY CAN'T, THEN BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION
20 BECOMES ONE OF THE OPTIONS THAT THEY CAN PURSUE. SO, I THINK
21 IT'S ONE THING TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO DECLARE FISCAL
22 EMERGENCY, BUT WE WOULD STILL HAVE TO GO TO LABOR WITHOUT IT
23 AND SEE IF THERE WAS SOME WAY TO GET TO AN AGREEMENT SO THAT
24 WE COULD AVOID ULTIMATELY SEEKING PROTECTION. BUT ONCE WE'RE
25 IN BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION, THEN YES, THE COURT REALLY DECIDES



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1 HOW YOU PAY YOUR LIABILITIES.

2

3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY. I'M LIKELY GOING TO ABSTAIN
4 TODAY ONLY BECAUSE IT'S COMING BACK WE HAVE MULTIPLE TIMES AND
5 I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO KIND OF SEE WHERE YOU ARE IN THE
6 ONGOING CONVERSATIONS THAT WITH THE IMPACTED ORGANIZATIONS TO
7 SEE IF YOU GET ANY CLOSER TO SOME OF THE OTHER PROTECTIONS
8 FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE COUNTY'S FISCAL HEALTH. BECAUSE
9 IT'S A MULTI-STEP PROCESS, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SEE HOW
10 FURTHER WE ARE IN THE PROCESS, YOU KNOW, KIND OF BEFORE
11 WEIGHING IN. SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU ALL.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN.

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15 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND, YOU KNOW, I'M
16 SUPPORTIVE OF THIS PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT, WHICH WOULD
17 BRING BINDING ARBITRATION TO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY RELATED LABOR
18 PARTNERS WHO CAN'T STRIKE. AND I WILL SAY THAT I THINK PUBLIC
19 OPINION IS ON THE SIDE OF OUR PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONDERS. AND I
20 THINK THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE EVERY INTENTION AND PROBABLY ALL
21 THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO COLLECT SIGNATURES TO PUT SOMETHING ON
22 THE BALLOT THAT GETS THEM THIS. I DO THINK IT MAKES SENSE FOR
23 US TO BE WORKING ON SOMETHING THAT WE CAN HAVE SOME INPUT IN.
24 AND I APPRECIATE JOE, YOUR WILLINGNESS TO DO THAT. AND I DO
25 LIKE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE LIKE, THIS IS NOT ADVERSARIAL. AND I



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1 THINK THAT'S WHAT I THINK THIS WILL BRING, WHICH I THINK
2 SOMETIMES HAS BEEN LACKING IN OUR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS. AND ANY
3 THOUGHT THAT OUR LABOR PARTNERS WOULD EVER WANT TO PUT US IN A
4 FISCALLY COMPROMISING POSITION, YOU KNOW, I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT
5 IN ALL THE YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN AN ELECTED OFFICIAL. MOST OF
6 THE TIMES OUR PUBLIC SAFETY, WELL, MOST OF OUR, ALL OF OUR
7 UNION PARTNERS, YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE, OVER THE YEARS HAVE
8 COMPROMISED. THEY'VE TAKEN SOME HITS WHEN THEY KNEW THAT WE
9 WERE IN DIRE STRAITS AND THEY WANT THIS COUNTY TO SURVIVE AND
10 THEY WANT US TO BE SOLVENT BECAUSE IT MEANS THEIR LIVELIHOODS
11 AS WELL. AND I'VE SEEN THEM, I SAW THAT IN THE CITY OF LOS
12 ANGELES, MANY TIMES THEY WERE WILLING TO COME TO THE TABLE AND
13 SAID WE WANT TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. WE'RE NEVER WANT TO
14 BE PART OF THE PROBLEM. AND I THINK HAVING BINDING ARBITRATION
15 GETS US TO A MORE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THESE LABOR DISPUTES.
16 THEY HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE AND THEY'VE BEEN
17 AWKWARD SOMETIMES AND WE KNOW THAT WE GET CALLS IN OUR
18 OFFICES, I'LL NEVER FORGET THE TIME THEY ALL CAME DOWN HERE
19 AND ARE LIKE, NO ZEROS FOR HEROES, YOU KNOW, SO BECAUSE WE
20 WERE TRYING TO, YOU KNOW, GIVE THEM A ZERO COLA AND THEY WERE
21 LIKE, WAIT A MINUTE, WE'RE A BUNCH OF HEROES, WE DON'T TAKE
22 ZEROS. SO, YOU KNOW, AND THEY WOULD COME DOWN TUESDAY AFTER
23 TUESDAY AFTER TUESDAY AND AGAIN, THE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THEM
24 WAS RISING AND THE PUBLIC DISDAIN FOR US WAS ALSO RISING. SO,
25 I THINK THIS WILL GET US TO MORE PEACEFUL LABOR NEGOTIATIONS.



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1 AND I THINK SOME OF THE GUARDRAILS THAT, JOE, YOU'RE CONCERNED
2 ABOUT SEEMS LIKE SOME OF THOSE ARE IN HERE. AND I'M THINKING
3 THAT, YOU KNOW, A GOOD ARBITRATOR WOULD, OF COURSE, LOOK AT
4 ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES AS IF IT GETS TO BINDING ARBITRATION.
5 AND THERE, OF COURSE, WE WOULD MAKE IT KNOWN TO THEM, CORRECT,
6 WHAT SOME OF OUR BUDGET CHALLENGES WERE, I MEAN, WHETHER IT'S
7 OUR AB 218 OR WILDFIRES OR SOMETHING ELSE THAT'S HAPPENING, I
8 WOULD THINK WE COULD MAKE THEM AWARE OF THAT AS WELL. BUT ONE
9 OF THE THINGS THAT I HOLD OUT FOR IS THAT BINDING ARBITRATION
10 SHOULD WORK TO BRING BOTH SIDES TOGETHER QUICKER. AND IF
11 THERE'S ANY FEELING THAT THE BINDING ARBITRATION IS A THREAT
12 MORE THAN A SOLUTION, I WOULD THINK IT WOULD HELP US ON
13 MANAGEMENT SIDE TO WORK HARDER TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT, AND
14 THE SAME WOULD GO FOR OUR LABOR PARTNERS. SO, I THINK THIS IS
15 A BETTER PATHWAY FORWARD. I'M HOPEFULLY IT WILL BE MORE
16 PEACEFUL AND IT WILL TRULY BE A PARTNERSHIP THAT WE SEE OUR
17 LABOR PARTNERS IN, WHICH AGAIN, IN MY OPINION, HAVE ALWAYS
18 WANTED TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION AND NOT PART OF THE PROBLEM.
19 SO, I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS. AND I THINK THE PUBLIC, WHEN IT
20 HITS THE BALLOT, WILL ALSO SUPPORT IT BECAUSE THEY HAVE
21 TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FROM OUR PUBLIC WHO SEES THE GOOD WORK THAT
22 THEY DO EVERY SINGLE DAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER MEMBERS, I
25 DO WANT TO COMPLIMENT OUR CEO BECAUSE WHATEVER WE SAY ABOUT



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1 WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY, JOE, YOU ARE NOT THE PREVIOUS PERSON
2 THAT WAS SEATED WHERE YOU'RE AT. I'LL BE QUITE DIRECT. AND I
3 BELIEVE THAT YOUR HELPING TO WORK WITH THIS BOARD I THINK HAS
4 REALLY CHANGED DRAMATICALLY. AND I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN, AS
5 LONG AS I'M HERE, I'M HERE TILL NOVEMBER, BY THE WAY. YOU'LL
6 CONTINUE, YOU'LL CONTINUE DOWN THIS ROAD, DOWN THIS PATH,
7 BECAUSE I'VE SEEN YOU GIVE, I'VE SEEN YOU TAKE, BUT I'VE ALSO
8 SEEN YOU BEING VERY MEASURED AND LISTENING. AND THAT'S WHAT I
9 THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT ABOUT ALL THE WORK THAT WE DO HERE.
10 AND I'M GLAD THAT SUPERVISOR HORVATH BROUGHT FORWARD YOUR
11 CONCERNS IN THIS MOTION TO MAKE IT BETTER. SO, I JUST WANT TO
12 SAY THAT TO YOU AND TO YOUR STAFF BECAUSE I KNOW THE
13 TEMPERATURE IS CHANGING, THE ENVIRONMENT IS CHANGING, AND
14 CHANGE IS HARD. IT REALLY IS. BUT WE ARE ALSO OBLIGATED TO
15 ADDRESS WHAT THOSE CHANGES AND CHALLENGES ARE. AND TO ME,
16 THAT'S WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT. SO, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK
17 YOU. OKAY, KATHRYN BARGER AND THEN HORVATH.

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH, I'LL MAKE THIS QUICK. YOU, THANK
20 YOU FOR ACKNOWLEDGING AND JOE, YOU HAVE AN INCREDIBLE TEAM.
21 AND I WALKED OVER TO THEM AND SAID, THIS IS NOTHING PERSONAL.
22 YOU HAVE THE BEST OF THE BEST AS IT RELATES TO NEGOTIATIONS.
23 AND I'VE BEEN WITH THE COUNTY FOR A LONG TIME. AND I HONESTLY
24 MEAN THAT. AND SO, I WANTED, I APPRECIATED YOU SAYING WHAT YOU
25 JUST SAID BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS IS A CHANGE THAT



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1 I THINK IS A LONG TIME COMING, QUITE FRANKLY, AND I THINK IT'S
2 REFLECTIVE OF TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT, AND I THINK IT'S ALSO AN
3 OPPORTUNITY FOR US. AND SO, I DON'T VIEW THIS AS PUNITIVE AT
4 ALL. IF ANYTHING, I THINK IT'S GOING TO HELP, BUT I JUST
5 REALLY HAVE TO TAKE MY HATS OFF TO YOUR TEAM WHO STEPPED IN
6 AND YOU JOE, YOU STEPPED IN. AND I MEAN, I HAVE MY OWN
7 FEELINGS ON WHY NEGOTIATIONS ARE DIFFERENT TODAY THAN THEY
8 WERE LIKE 20 YEARS AGO. AND THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE I
9 THINK THAT KNOW WHAT THOSE DIFFERENCES ARE THAT MAKE IT A
10 LITTLE MORE COMPLICATED. BUT HAVING SAID THAT, I THINK THIS IS
11 GOING TO BE SAID KIND OF PUTTING IT BACK TO THE BASIC RESET
12 AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A TRANSPARENT PROCESS. SO,
13 THANK YOU FOR POINTING THAT OUT SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I TOO WANT TO THANK THE CEO'S OFFICE
18 FOR THE WAY THAT YOU HAVE ALL BEEN ENGAGING THROUGH THIS
19 CONVERSATION. I THINK IT SPEAKS VOLUMES THAT WE'RE ABLE TO
20 COME TO AGREEMENT ON SO MANY THINGS AND EVEN HAVE A LAST-
21 MINUTE CONVERSATION LAST NIGHT TO REACH EVEN MORE AGREEMENT. I
22 THINK THAT IS A SIGN OF HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND
23 THAT'S REALLY WHAT THIS MOTION IS ALL ABOUT, IS CONTINUING TO
24 AFFORD OUR EMPLOYEES THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR VOICES
25 HEARD AND EXPRESSED THROUGH NEGOTIATION AND FOR US TO HAVE A



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1 MORE MANAGEABLE PROCESS GOING FORWARD THAT I THINK WE CAN HAVE
2 VERY DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS AND THE MORE PREDICTABILITY THERE
3 IS IN THOSE CONVERSATIONS. I THINK THAT'S ALSO THAT'S ALSO AN
4 IMPORTANT FACTOR AND WE'RE NOT GETTING A LOT OF PREDICTABILITY
5 FROM OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT SO TAKING THAT RESPONSIBILITY
6 HERE OURSELF IN TERMS OF HOW WE ENGAGE WITH ONE ANOTHER,
7 ESPECIALLY AS WE WILL HAVE BUDGET CHALLENGES AND ANY NUMBER OF
8 CHALLENGES FACING THE COUNTY GOING FORWARD TO HAVE THIS KIND
9 OF ENGAGEMENT AND GETTING TO AGREEMENT I THINK IS VERY
10 IMPORTANT. AND I'M GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE WHO'S BEEN PART OF
11 THESE CONVERSATIONS WITH US AND TRUSTING US TO WORK WITH YOU
12 ON IT. I KNOW THAT YOU'RE STILL OUT THERE. YOU HAVE A FAIL
13 SAFE, BUT I THINK THIS MOTION REFLECTS THE COUNTY'S DESIRE TO
14 WORK WITH YOU AND I HOPE THAT IT IS SEEN IN THAT LIGHT. THANK
15 YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, SEEING NO OTHER COLLEAGUES
18 WANTING TO BE RECOGNIZED, LET'S GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

19

20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
21 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. BRIAN CANO, BYRON JOSE,
22 CLAUDIA JEREZ, LORETTA LORAIN, MARCEL RODATE. AS A FINAL
23 REMINDER FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING
24 QUEUE TO ADDRESS ITEM 16, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, USE
25 THE RAISE HAND FEATURE ON YOUR DEVICE OR PRESS STAR THREE ON



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1 YOUR TELEPHONE NOW. CALLER, PLEASE, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED.

2 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

3

4 **MEL BAILEY:** OH YES, GOOD AFTERNOON AND AGAIN, HAPPY BLACK
5 HISTORY MONTH. ON THIS TOPIC, WHEN IT COMES TO PUBLIC SAFETY,
6 I JUST STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT SUPERVISORS IF YOU SUPPORT OR
7 WHEN YOU SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY YOU'RE ACTUALLY SUPPORTING THE
8 CITIZENS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED OR SURVIVORS OF YOU KNOW
9 PARTICULAR SORTS OR CRIMES THE SAME CITIZENS WHO VOTE YOU INTO
10 YOUR POSITION SO A VOTE FOR AND THE SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY
11 IS ACTUALLY INDIRECTLY AND DIRECTLY A VOTE IN SUPPORT FOR THE
12 SAME CONSTITUENTS THAT YOU SUPERVISE. THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ROY HUMPHRIES, YOUR LINE IS
15 UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

16

17 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** I'M READING THIS AS ITEM 16, TRANSPARENCY
18 FAIRNESS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. THIS IS A HAD ME ON THE EDGE
19 OF MY SEAT FOR THE ENTIRE SITUATION, BUT SOMETHING THAT I
20 WOULD THINK THAT IN THE BINDING ARBITRATION FACTION, THAT NO
21 BINDING ARBITRATION CHIEFS, WHATEVER THEIR TITLES ARE, ARE
22 GOING TO DO ANYTHING THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL OF PUTTING ANY
23 BODY INTO BANKRUPTCY OR FINANCIAL DEMISE. I JUST FOUND THAT
24 THOSE COMMENTS KIND OF UNSETTLING TO SAY THE LEAST. THIS IS
25 ROY HUMPHRIES, ROWLANDHEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** INTHANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO
3 OTHER REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. REMOTE
4 PARTICIPATION FOR ITEM 16 IS NOW CONCLUDED. WE WILL GO TO IN-
5 PERSON SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. I'M SPEAKING AS A
8 PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS. I'M SPEAKING ON
9 BEHALF OF SOME OF THE TRADESMEN, NOT FOR EVERYBODY OBVIOUSLY,
10 BUT FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT, I DON'T EXPECT PEOPLE TO WORRY
11 ABOUT OUR SORE BACKS, OUR BAD KNEES, OUR BAD HANDS. BUT I DO
12 EXPECT THAT EVERYTHING THAT WE LOOK AROUND IN THIS ROOM TO
13 SEE, THE LIGHTS ARE ON, THE AIR IS COLD, THERE'S HOT WATER.
14 THOSE ARE THINGS THAT I'VE SEEN BOARD MEMBERS COME AND GO,
15 COUNTY COUNSEL COME AND GO, COWORKERS, BUT THE SERVICES ARE
16 STILL HERE. THAT'LL BE HERE LONG AFTER WE'RE GONE AND BEFORE
17 AND AFTER. ALL I WANTED TO BE RECOGNIZED IS THAT WE HAVE
18 EARNED THIS WITH OUR BODIES AT TIMES, AND IT'S ONLY FAIR AND
19 RIGHT THAT WE GET A RIGHT TO SAY OUR PIECE AND CONTROL OUR OWN
20 DESTINY. THAT'S ALL WE'RE ASKING FOR. THANK YOU GUYS.

21

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

23

24 **LORETTA LORRAINE:** HELLO, I'M MS. LORETTA LORRAINE. HI, LADIES.
25 LISTEN, WE HAVE A SITUATION. YOU GIVE TOO MUCH MONEY TO THE



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1 POLICE, ALSO THE CITY, THEY DON'T NEED NO MONEY BECAUSE WE GOT
2 SOLUTIONS OUT THERE. WE GOT A LOT OF LOST SOULS OUT THERE. THE
3 OTHER DAY I DID A LITTLE TOUR FOR THE HOMELESSNESS AND SEE
4 WHAT THEY'RE GOING THROUGH. ALL THIS CRACK SMOKING AND ALL
5 THIS DRUG AND ALL THIS. THEY NEED SOLUTIONS LIKE ORGANIZATIONS
6 TO HELP THEM, LIKE TRANS LATINA, OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, PLACES
7 WHERE THEY CAN GO AND CLEAN UP. BECAUSE THEIR PARENTS, THEY
8 CANNOT GO GET A JOB BECAUSE OF THEIR APPEARANCE. THEY DON'T
9 HAVE NO CLOTHES, THEY DON'T HAVE THIS. I TALK TO THEM, I FEEL
10 BAD ABOUT THEM. TO SEE THAT OUR CHILDREN, ALSO OUR COMMUNITY,
11 BLACK CHILDREN, TRANSGENDER CHILDREN, ALL KINDS OF CHILDREN
12 OUT THERE. AND YOUNG ONES TOO, I MET SOME YOUNG ONES, I MET A
13 15-YEAR-OLD. I SAID, CHILD, WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE? YOU
14 KNOW, OUR SOLUTION IS NOT THE JAIL AND PUT SOMEBODY IN MENTAL
15 INSTITUTION IN JAIL BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO MAKE IT WORSE.

16

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

18

19 **BYRON JOSE:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD. WHILE WE DEFINITELY SUPPORT
20 STRENGTHENING PROTECTIONS FOR WORKERS AND THEIR ABILITY TO
21 HAVE LIVABLE CONTRACTS AND WAGES, WE DEFINITELY LOOK FORWARD
22 TO MOVING TO A CARE FIRST LABOR FORCE AND NO LONGER CONTINUE
23 TO RELY ON CARCERAL SYSTEMS FOR SOME OF OUR INDIVIDUALS WHO
24 HAVE ACCESS TO LIVING WAGE IN L.A. COUNTY. ALADS IS NOT A
25 UNION. THEY ARE A PRIVATE INTEREST GROUP AND LOBBYISTS. SO,



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1 LET'S START THERE. AND WHILE WE CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR
2 ABILITY TO CONTINUE ON THE JOB, WE HAVEN'T LOOKED AT ANY
3 METRICS, ANY ACCOUNTABILITY, OR ANY WAYS TO CONTINUE THEIR
4 CONTRACTS. AND WE'RE GLAD THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN AND YOUR
5 NEIGHBOR NEXT DOOR IS BEING GALVANIZED TO LOOKING AT OTHER
6 WAYS TO FUND THIS WORK. SO, LET'S LOOK AT THE VACANT POSITION
7 IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND PROBATION. AND I WILL LEAVE MY
8 PUBLIC COMMENT FOR GENERAL BECAUSE I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE
9 ACTING CEO AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT
10 MEASURE J. THE 10% EMERGENCY WAS YOUR DECISION, NOT THE
11 VOTERS.

12

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

14

15 **MARCEL RODARTE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
16 BOARD. I ONCE AGAIN, MARCEL RODARTE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
17 FOR THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION. WHILE OUR
18 ASSOCIATION HAS NOT OFFICIALLY TAKEN A POSITION YET, I DON'T
19 SEE ANY SIGNIFICANT ISSUES WITH WHAT IS BEING PRESENTED TODAY.
20 I AGREE THAT THE VOTERS SHOULD DECIDE THIS MATTER. I THOUGHT
21 IT WAS IMPORTANT TO EXPRESS OUR ASSOCIATION SUPPORT FOR ALL OF
22 OUR FIRST RESPONDERS TODAY. I REMEMBER CITIES REALIZE AND
23 UNDERSTAND THAT OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY
24 PROFESSIONALS NEED TO BE PAID COMPETITIVE SALARIES IN ORDER TO
25 MAINTAIN ADEQUATE STAFFING AND ATTRACT QUALITY CANDIDATES, THE



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1 ONES WE RELY ON TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE. THANK YOU.

2

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

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5 **CLAUDIA JEREZ:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. CLAUDIA JEREZ, DWC DPSS,
6 TEN YEARS. I'D LIKE TO OFFER MY SUPPORT AND MY PRESENCE TO THE
7 LABOR FORCE BODY AND SUPPORT THE BINDING ARBITRATION
8 COMPONENT. AND I'D LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW, YOU CAN COUNT WITH US
9 TO OFFER SOLUTIONS AND NOT PROBLEMS. THANK YOU.

10

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

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I DO WANT TO RECOGNIZE, I
15 THINK THE BOARD MEMBERS MAY HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER ALSO FROM
16 THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF, FROM SHERIFF LUNA, WHO IS IN
17 SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM.

18

19 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AS WELL AS OUR COUNTY ASSESSOR.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I DIDN'T GET HIS, BUT OKAY, VERY
22 GOOD. OKAY, WITH THAT, SEEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION.

23

24 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
25 BOARD, ITEM 60 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU. WHO NEED A MOTION?



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CALL THE VOTE. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
3 HORVATH, SECONDED BY MYSELF. LET'S GO.

4

5 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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

8

9 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, ABSTAINS.

10 SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

11

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

13

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

15 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

16

17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

18

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

20 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

23

24 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE.

25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

3

4 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION
5 CARRIES, 4 AYES, 1 ABSTENTION. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 18,
6 ESTABLISHING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISASTER RECOVERY, REBUILD
7 AUTHORITY.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE ARE GOING TO TAKE MAYBE 5 MINUTE
10 BREAK. YEAH. OKAY. CAUSE I THINK FOLKS WANT TO DO A PHOTO.

11

12 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ALL RIGHT, MADAM CHAIR WE'LL
13 TAKE A 5 MINUTE BREAK.

14

15 **[FIVE MINUTE BREAK]**

16

17 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN. WE'LL
18 NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 18, ESTABLISHING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
19 DISASTER RECOVERY REBUILD AUTHORITY, WHICH WAS HELD BY
20 SUPERVISOR BARGER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US
21 REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE. I'M
22 SORRY, MR. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I'M READING YOUR LINES ON THE
23 SCRIPT.

24

25 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NOT A PROBLEM, MADAM CHAIR, PRO



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1 TEM.

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3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, WOULD YOU
4 LIKE TO PRESENT ON ITEM 18?

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6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH, I JUST HAVE A READ-IN TO THE MOTION
7 TO ADD SOMETHING THAT'S COME TO LIGHT, AND THAT HAS TO DO WITH
8 TEMPORARY HOUSING OPTIONS FOR EATON FIRE SURVIVORS AS IT
9 RELATES TO RVS. AND THE READING IS THAT I THEREFORE MOVE THAT
10 THE BOARD OF SURVIVORS DIRECT LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
11 IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING,
12 PUBLIC HEALTH AND FIRE, AND IN CONSULTATION WITH L.A. COUNTY
13 SHERIFF AND COUNTY COUNSEL WILL BE FOR BACK OF THE BOARD IN
14 WRITING WITHIN 21 DAYS WITH ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY HOUSING
15 OPTIONS WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS FOR EATEN FIRE SURVIVORS
16 IN THE COMMUNITY OF ALTADENA. AND THE REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE,
17 BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, 1, ELIGIBILITY PARAMETERS FOR DISPLACED
18 HOUSEHOLDS, 2, DEFINED TIMELINES FOR ACTIVE USE, INCLUDING
19 FIXED TIME LIMITED DURATION FOR EACH PERMIT AND FOR THE
20 DURATION OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDING PERMIT REMOVAL OR RENEWAL
21 REQUIREMENTS. 3, LOCATION AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS FOR
22 PLACEMENT IN PUBLIC RIGHT AWAY. 4, PROGRAMMATIC STRUCTURE TO
23 PREVENT THE ATTRACTION OR ESTABLISHMENT OF A LONG-TERM OR NON-
24 DISASTER RECOVERY RELATED HABITATION IN PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY.
25 5, POLICIES OR PROCEDURES TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY IN ENFORCEMENT



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1 ACROSS THE COUNTY. DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOR
2 IDENTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION AS WELL AS OUTREACH AND
3 ENFORCEMENT STRATEGIES. 6, REVIEW OF BEST PRACTICES FOR
4 PREVIOUS DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORTS, INCLUDING STATUTORY
5 AUTHORITIES USED TEMPORARY HOUSING APPROACHES, LOCALIZED
6 ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION AND REBUILDING ADJACENT COMMUNITY
7 SITE SOLUTIONS, AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST ALIGNMENT WITH THE
8 COUNTY'S TEMPORARY HOUSING PERMIT PROGRAM. THE REASON I'M
9 DOING THIS IS SOME OF THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. ONE OF THE
10 CONCERNS THAT ALTADENA RAISED EARLY ON WAS THAT THERE WERE
11 GOING TO BE RVS COMING UP AND PARKING IN THE COMMUNITY OF
12 PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT FROM ALTHEDIN. AND WE ASSURED THEM THAT
13 BASED ON CURRENT ORDINANCES, THAT WOULD NOT HAPPEN. AND NO
14 GOOD DEED GOES UNPUNISHED, I WAS GOING TOSAY WITHOUT
15 CONSEQUENCES, THAT TOO. BECAUSE WHAT WE'RE FINDING IS THERE
16 ARE THOSE WHO DIDN'T LOSE THEIR HOME, BUT THEY HAVE TO
17 REMEDIATE. AND SO THEY WANT TO PARK ON THE STREET AND THEY'RE
18 GETTING TICKETS. SO, I BELIEVE WE HAVE TO BE NIMBLE. WE HAVE
19 TO REALLY RECOGNIZE THAT IT'S NOT, WE CAN PROTECT FROM RVS
20 JUST ENDING UP PARKING ALL THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, BUT AT
21 THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE TO BE SENSITIVE TO THOSE THAT NEED IT.
22 SO THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT THIS AMENDMENT AND SO AS A REPORT BACK
23 BUT THAT WAS JUST A CHANGE ON THIS.
24
25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HORVATH.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANTED
3 TO CLARIFY BECAUSE THIS IS SOMETHING THAT COMES UP IN MY
4 DISTRICT THAT I UNDERSTAND THIS READ-IN MOTION IS EXPLICITLY
5 FOR THE EATON FIRE AREA BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT NO
6 ONE IN THE 3RD DISTRICT IS CONFUSED. WE'RE NOT NOW ALLOWING
7 RVS IN AN AREA THAT WE KNOW HAVE BEEN AN ISSUE. SO, THIS IS
8 NOT SOMETHING THAT'S DIRECTED IN OUR AREA. IF THE
9 UNINCORPORATED THIRD NEEDS THIS ASSISTANCE, WE CAN HAVE THAT
10 CONVERSATION. BUT FOLLOWING THE DEVASTATING PALISADES AND
11 EATON FIRES, I CONVENED THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON CLIMATE
12 ACTION AND FIRE SAFE RECOVERY WITH UCLA. THE COMMISSION
13 INCLUDED INDUSTRY EXPERTS IN FIELDS LIKE DISASTER RESPONSE AND
14 RECOVERY, FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, AND PUBLIC
15 HEALTH, AS WELL AS IMPACTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE GROUP WAS
16 SUPPORTED BY A TEAM OF UCLA RESEARCHERS TO GROUND THE WORK AND
17 ANALYSIS AND DATA, AND THE COMMISSION PRODUCED A REPORT WITH A
18 SET OF POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD LEAD TO REBUILDING A
19 MORE RESILIENT, SUSTAINABLE, AND EQUITABLE MANNER TO BETTER
20 ENSURE LONG-TERM SURVIVABILITY AND INSURABILITY. ITEM 21 ON
21 TODAY'S AGENDA IS MY MOTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY TO DO AN
22 ASSESSMENT OF THE REPORT AND TO DECIDE WHICH OF THE REMAINING
23 RECOMMENDATIONS WE SHOULD PURSUE FURTHER. ONE OF THE LEADING
24 RECOMMENDATIONS WAS THE NEED FOR CENTRALIZED GOVERNANCE TO
25 REBUILD PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND ORGANIZE RECOVERY AT A



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1 COMMUNITY SCALE. THIS NEED WAS ECHOED IN THE COUNTY'S
2 BLUEPRINT FOR REBUILDING, AND WE KNOW THE NEED IS CRITICAL. I
3 ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK RUSSELL GOLDSMITH, WHO APPROACHED ME
4 BEFORE WE EVEN CONVENED THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION AROUND THIS
5 IDEA, AND I KNOW HIS PASSION HELPED TO BRING THIS CONVERSATION
6 TO LIGHT WITH THE COMMISSION. THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE
7 REBUILDING ARE STILL IN VITAL NEED OF SUPPORT. A DISASTER
8 RECOVERY REBUILD AUTHORITY FOR THE UNINCORPORATED PARTS OF THE
9 COUNTY, PLACES LIKE SUNSET MESA, PARTS OF TOPANGA, AND THE
10 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, OF COURSE AS WELL AS ALTADENA, WOULD
11 BE ABLE TO TAKE THE LEAD IN DELIVERING PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE
12 AND COORDINATION RECONSTRUCTION NEEDED BY CENTRALIZING EFFORTS
13 TO STREAMLINE REBUILDING, PERMITTING AND FINANCING, JUST LIKE
14 WE DID ON DEBRIS REMOVAL. IN PRACTICE, THE AUTHORITY WOULD
15 COORDINATE AGENCIES FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS LIKE
16 SEWERS, UTILITIES AND ROADWAYS TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR
17 BUREAUCRACY DOESN'T GET IN THE WAY OF EFFICIENT REBUILDING. IF
18 FEDERAL FUNDS ARRIVE, IT'S A BIG IF, BUT AN IMPORTANT ONE, THE
19 AUTHORITY COULD ALSO SUPPORT PRIVATE REBUILDS THROUGH
20 DEDICATED NAVIGATORS FOR ONE-ON-ONE CASE MANAGEMENT, MATERIAL
21 STAGING, BULK PURCHASING, AND RESIDENTIAL GAP FUNDING. THIS
22 CONCEPT IS A NATIONAL BEST PRACTICE TO ACCELERATE DISASTER
23 RECOVERY AND HAS ALSO BEEN USED HERE LOCALLY FOLLOWING THE
24 NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE. AND IN FACT, OUR SECRETARY, LEE ZELDIN,
25 HELPED TO LEAD SUCH A RECOVERY EFFORT IN NEW YORK. SO, I KNOW



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1 HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH. THAT'S WHY THIS
2 MOTION IS NEEDED TO NARROW IN ON A SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION FOR
3 THE RECOVERY REBUILD AUTHORITY. ADDITIONALLY, THE AUTHORITY
4 WILL HELP TO SUPPORT OUR DISASTER RECOVERY FINANCING
5 DISTRICTS, AND FOLLOWING THE DEBRIS REMOVAL, AND GIVEN THE
6 MAGNITUDE OF THE DISASTER PENDING FEDERAL DISASTER AID AND THE
7 LONG-TERM RECOVERY NEEDS, THIS MOTION INCLUDES A REPORT ON
8 OPTIONS FOR AN INITIAL OPERATION WITH THE FLEXIBILITY TO GROW
9 AS POTENTIAL FUTURE FEDERAL FUNDING ARRIVES. SUPERVISOR
10 BARGER'S RECENT MEETING WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOWS A
11 WILLINGNESS TO PARTNER WITH US, WHICH WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE,
12 AND WE WANT TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH ALL LEVELS OF
13 GOVERNMENT AND OUR COMMUNITIES ON SHARED RECOVERY PRIORITIES.
14 THE WORK OF THIS DEDICATED TEAM WILL BETTER POSITION THE
15 COUNTY TO REBUILD PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, SUPPORT THE RECOVERY,
16 AND REBUILD PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS' NEEDS
17 IN THE AFTERMATH OF ONE OF THE WORST DISASTERS IN L.A.
18 COUNTY'S HISTORY. THE COST OF INACTION IS AN UNACCEPTABLE
19 COST. WE KNOW THE SCALE OF NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY
20 REBUILDING, AND WE KNOW THAT IT REQUIRES MORE THAN THE STATUS
21 QUO. WE MUST BE EFFICIENT WITH OUR RESOURCES RATHER THAN HAVE
22 OUR EFFORTS SCATTERED ALL OVER THE COUNTY AND ONE BODY WITH
23 DEDICATED TEAM MEMBERS TO RECOVERY IS OUR BEST BET TO BRING
24 PEOPLE HOME AND TO QUICKLY REBUILD OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR
25 ECONOMY. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** SUPERVISOR HAHN.

3

4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. JUST FIRST I WANT TO
5 ACKNOWLEDGE THE AUTHORS, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND BARGER, AND
6 FOR YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP WE HAVE SAT HERE AND WATCHED YOU
7 LEAD YOUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH THIS DISASTER FOR OVER A YEAR
8 NOW. AND WE, AS YOUR COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD, HAVE REALLY
9 TRIED TO LEAN IN WITH YOU AND SUPPORT HOW YOU BEST SEE THE
10 RECOVERY OF YOUR DISTRICT IN THE BEST WAY. THE ONLY THING FOR
11 ME, IS, AND IS THIS A REPORT BACK OR ARE WE ESTABLISHING THE
12 AUTHORITY TODAY? IT'S A REPORT BACK. SO, ONE OF THE THINGS I
13 WOULD HOPE IN THE REPORT BACK, BECAUSE WE WANT THIS TO BE
14 SUCCESSFUL, RIGHT? MY RED FLAGS WENT UP WHEN I SAW IT'S TO BE
15 PRIMARILY FUNDED THROUGH EIFDS. AND I JUST HOPE IN THE REPORT
16 BACK WE CAN DRILL DOWN ON THAT A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE I HAVE YET
17 TO SEE AN EIFD THAT WORKS THAT IS GENERATING ANY MONEY. YEAH,
18 BUT ARE THEY GENERATING MONEY? I HAVE THEM TOO, BUT THEY'RE
19 NOT SO FAR. AND IF YOU GOOGLE AN EIFD, IT SAYS SOMETIMES SEVEN
20 TO TEN YEARS UNTIL YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE REVENUE. SO, I JUST
21 WANT US TO DRILL DOWN ON THAT. I SIT ON A COUPLE OF THEM, BUT
22 THEY HAVE YET TO GENERATE ANY MONEY. YOU KNOW, WE MISSED CRA
23 AND WE MISSED THAT MODEL. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL THING, THE WAY
24 THAT WORKED. EIFDS ARE SUPPOSED TO REPLACE THAT. AND TO ME,
25 AGAIN, I'VE YET TO SEE ONE SO FAR THAT'S ACTUALLY GENERATING



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1 THE KIND OF DOLLARS THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO SUPPORT THIS.
2 AND THEN ALSO I WOULD HOPE THAT SINCE IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU WILL
3 BE NEEDING TO HIRE MORE STAFF TO SUPPORT THIS, JUST WANT TO
4 MAKE SURE WE RECONCILE A POTENTIAL HIRING FREEZE WITH THIS NEW
5 AUTHORITY. AGAIN, WE WANT THIS TO BE SUCCESSFUL. THOSE ARE
6 JUST THE TWO AREAS I WAS QUESTIONING IF EITHER ONE OF THOSE
7 WOULD UNDERMINE THE POTENTIAL FOR THIS TO BE WHAT WE WANT IT
8 TO BE. SO HOPEFULLY YOU GUYS CAN PUT THAT IN THE REPORT BACK.
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, I'LL JUST
12 SHARE THAT THE EIFD IN WEST CARSON WILL HAVE GENERATED
13 \$11,000,000 BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR. SO AT LEAST ONE IS
14 MAKING MONEY. CAN'T BE THERE. I JUST WANTED TO GET
15 CLARIFICATION IN THAT THIS IS A REPORT BACK. I KNOW THAT I'M
16 SUPPORTIVE, BUT I JUST WANTED TO UNDERSTAND THE TIMING. I KNOW
17 THAT THE BOARD HAS TAKEN A NUMBER OF ACTIONS OVER THE PAST
18 YEAR, AND I ASSUME SOME OF THAT WORK HAD ALREADY STARTED. SO,
19 WE'RE NOT WAITING FOR SOME OF THE WORK THAT SOME OF THE OTHER
20 BOARD ACTIONS DIRECTED FOR THIS REPORT BACK, CORRECT?

21

22 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** I CAN START THAT ANSWER AND DIRECTOR
23 PESTRELLA CAN CHIME IN AS WELL. NO, A LOT HAS BEEN DONE.

24

25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** OKAY.



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2 **JOSEPH NICCHITTA:** AND THESE, THE PROGRESS AND MILESTONES HAVE
3 BEEN REFLECTED IN A SERIES OF REPORTS. THERE ARE SHOVELS IN
4 THE GROUND, THERE ARE THINGS BEING CONSTRUCTED AS WE SPEAK.
5 AND SO, I THINK WHAT WE'RE LOOKING TO DO IS TRANSITION TO WHAT
6 IS A LONGER PHASE OF RECOVERY. NOW WE HAVE THE EIFDS AND WE'LL
7 ADDRESS THEM IN THE REPORT BACK. THAT WILL ADD SUBSTANTIAL NEW
8 ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO THE EFFORT. AND SO THE THINKING IS TO
9 CONSOLIDATE DEDICATED STAFF, DEDICATED TEAM, BECAUSE UNLIKE
10 SOME OF THE OTHER DISASTERS WE'VE HAD RECENTLY, THIS ONE IS
11 GOING TO TAKE A LONG TIME TO RECOVER FROM AND WITHOUT A
12 DEDICATED ENTITY TO FOCUS ON IT IT'S GOING TO IT'S GOING TO
13 GET SUBSUMED IN THE NEXT DISASTER OR WHATEVER HAS COMES TO
14 FOLLOW SO THAT'S REALLY THE THINKING BEHIND THE CONSOLIDATION.

15

16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** THANK YOU FOR THAT I'M CLEAR
17 NOW. SEEING NO OTHER HANDS RAISED, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU
18 PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO
19 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
22 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. BYRON JOSE AND CLAUDIA
23 JEREZ. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS TO BE
24 PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE TO ADDRESS ITEM 18, IF YOU HAVE
25 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE ON YOUR DEVICE



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1 OR PRESS STAR THREE ON YOUR TELEPHONE NOW. ROY HUMPHRIES, YOUR
2 LINE IS UNMUTED, PLEASE BEGIN.

3

4 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE RECOGNIZING YOU DO
5 NOT RUN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE CITY AND COUNTY ARE
6 INTERDEPENDENT. THERE HAS BEEN A FOMENTING DISASTER AND
7 CONTINUUM FOR DECADES ON SO MANY LEVELS. YOU MUST BE GRATEFUL
8 FOR THE DISASTER THAT HAS EXPOSED THE CORRUPTION DECAY OF THE
9 COUNTY STATE TO THE STATE CORE AND WILL TAKE AT LEAST A DECADE
10 HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND TRUMP BUSINESS LIKE MINE
11 TO HEAL. BUT WE MUST BE AWARE THAT ELON MUSK HAS THE NOTE OF
12 DOOM TO 1,000% ON BANKRUPTCY IF THE DEBT IS NOT CURED. THANK
13 YOU.

14

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

19

20 **CLAUDIA JEREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. CLAUDIA. IT IS DPS SAYS I
21 WOULDN'T TELL YOU I WAS A DPSS WORKER AND I WAS ASSIGNED I
22 KNOW THAT I DID A TRAINING FOR DISASTER WORKER, SO I KNOW
23 THAT, YOU KNOW, IF I'M A DPSS WORKER, I WILL BE PULLED, AND IF
24 THERE'S AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OR THE COUNTY, AND I WANT TO
25 LET THE COUNTY BOARD KNOW THAT I'M AWARE OF THAT, THAT THERE



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1 ARE EMERGENCIES THAT CAN OCCUR. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT YOU
2 HAVE OUR FULL SUPPORT TO ASSIST YOU IN ANY EMERGENCIES. THANK
3 YOU.

4

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

7

8 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
9 BOARD ITEM 18 IS BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVE BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH SECOND BY
12 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.
13 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

15 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

16

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

18

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

21

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

23

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



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2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

3

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

5 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

8

9 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE.

10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

13

14 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION

15 CARRIES, 5 TO 0. WE WILL NOW VOTE ON TO SUPERVISOR BARGER'S

16 MOTION.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED

19 BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE

20 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

21

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

23

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

25



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

2 SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

3

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

5

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

7 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

8

9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

10

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

12 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

15

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

17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

20

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

22 CARRIES, 5 TO 0. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 20, INCREASING

23 THE RENT DEBT THRESHOLD FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,

24 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE

25 PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE



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1 THE RAISE HAND FEATURE. IF YOU ARE ONLINE, PRESS STAR THREE IF
2 ON THE TELEPHONE.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, YOU'RE
5 RECOGNIZED.

6

7 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. LAST WEEK IN RESPONSE TO
8 WHAT WE HEARD IN THESE CHAMBERS I INTRODUCED THIS MOTION TO
9 ASK COUNTY COUNSEL TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION TO CREATE COUNTY WIDE
10 TENANT PROTECTIONS FOR HOUSEHOLDS IMPACTED BY THE ONGOING
11 I.C.E. RAIDS ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES, AS WELL AS THE WILDFIRE
12 DEVASTATION. I'M NOT PROPOSING A BLANKET EVICTION MORATORIUM.
13 I'M PROPOSING A REASONABLE INCREASE IN THE RENT DEBT THRESHOLD
14 TO THREE MONTHS OF FAIR MARKET RENT. THIS ITEM TODAY IS ASKING
15 COUNTY COUNSEL TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION. WE AREN'T TAKING THE
16 ACTION TODAY, BUT I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO STAND UP FOR OUR
17 VULNERABLE CONSTITUENTS. I UNDERSTAND THERE IS LEGAL RISK.
18 THERE ISN'T EVERYTHING WE DO, JUST LIKE THE RISK UNDOCUMENTED
19 ANGELENOS TAKE BY GOING OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES EVERY DAY. I URGE
20 MY COLLEAGUES TO REVIEW THE STUDY JUST RELEASED BY OUR
21 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND THE L.A. COUNTY
22 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. IT CONFIRMS THAT THE AREAS
23 IN L.A. COUNTY WHICH ARE SEEING THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF
24 IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ARE ALSO OUR MOST VULNERABLE. THE
25 91402 ZIP CODE WAS THE MOST TARGETED ZIP CODE IN THE COUNTY



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1 BASED ON AVAILABLE DATA. THAT'S MY DISTRICT, THE WORKING-CLASS
2 COMMUNITIES OF NORTH HILLS AND PANORAMA CITY IN THE SAN
3 FERNANDO VALLEY. TWO THIRDS OF HOUSEHOLDS IN THIS ZIP CODE ARE
4 RENTER-OCCUPIED. OTHER VULNERABLE AREAS INCLUDE THE CITIES OF
5 BELLE, PICO RIVERA, AND AREAS AROUND DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES.
6 NONE OF THESE AREAS ARE UNINCORPORATED. OTHER NOTABLE FINDINGS
7 FROM THE STUDY INCLUDE THAT 82% OF SURVEYED BUSINESS OWNERS
8 REPORTED A NEGATIVE IMPACT FROM THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION
9 ENFORCEMENT. HALF ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR LONG-TERM
10 VIABILITY AND EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANT LOSSES IN REVENUE. THE
11 COUNTY'S UNDOCUMENTED POPULATION CONTRIBUTES SO MUCH TO OUR
12 LOCAL ECONOMY, OVER \$250,000,000,000 IN ECONOMIC OUTPUT.
13 NEARLY 1,000,000 UNDOCUMENTED ANGELENOS WORK IN CRITICAL
14 INDUSTRIES ACROSS OUR COUNTY CONSTRUCTION RETAIL MANUFACTURING
15 AND SO MUCH MORE IF I.C.E. IS GOING TO TARGET EVERYONE AND
16 ATTACK EVERYWHERE WE MUST PROTECT ANGELENOS IN EVERY
17 COMMUNITY. THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF THESE RAIDS HITS OUR HOMES,
18 SCHOOLS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, BUSINESSES, AND THE FABRIC OF
19 EVERYDAY LIFE IN LOS ANGELES. LAST YEAR FROM JANUARY TO
20 SEPTEMBER OVER 25,000 UNLAWFUL DETAINERS WERE FILED IN L.A.
21 COUNTY COURTS. I BELIEVE WE MUST DO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO
22 PREVENT THAT NUMBER FROM RISING EVEN FURTHER. IF WE WANT TO
23 MAKE ANY PROGRESS ON OUR HOMELESSNESS CRISIS, WE HAVE TO
24 PREVENT MORE PEOPLE FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. IF SOMEONE
25 IN THE HOUSE HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED BY I.C.E., THEY ARE FACING AN



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1 EVEN MORE UNCERTAIN FUTURE, NOT KNOWING WHERE THEIR LOVED ONES
2 ARE, AND KNOWING THEY ARE LIKELY FACING INHUMANE CONDITIONS IN
3 I.C.E. DETENTION CAMPS. EVERYONE IN LOS ANGELES IS FEELING
4 THIS PRESSURE AND HERE AT THE COUNTY WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO
5 PROVIDE SOME RELIEF. I HOPE THAT WE CAN APPROVE THIS ITEM
6 TODAY AND HAVE A DRAFT RESOLUTION TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ON
7 MARCH 3RD. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS WISHING TO
10 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM OR HAVE QUESTIONS? OKAY, SEEING NONE,
11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
12 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM.

13

14 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GIVEN THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS
15 WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON ITEM 20 IN ORDER TO FINISH
16 TODAY'S MEETING EFFICIENTLY AND ADDRESS ALL AGENDA ITEMS. THE
17 TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM WILL BE UP TO 60 MINUTES.
18 IF YOU ARE WITH A GROUP, PLEASE IDENTIFY ONE PERSON TO SPEAK
19 ON BEHALF OF YOUR ENTIRE GROUP. ADDITIONALLY, IF YOU DO NOT
20 HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, OTHER THAN WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN
21 STATED BY OTHER SPEAKERS, PLEASE INDICATE ONLY YOUR NAME AND
22 YOUR SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO THIS ITEM TO ALLOW OTHERS THE
23 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. SHOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILED
24 COMMENTS, YOU CAN DO SO BY SUBMITTING WRITTEN COMMENTS TO OUR
25 CUSTOMER SERVICE STAFF WITH BADGES. ADDITIONALLY, YOU CAN



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1 PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE BOS.LACOUNTY.GOV
2 BY CLICKING THE LINK SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT ONLINE. ALL
3 COMMENTS SUBMITTED ONLINE WILL BE FILED IN THE OFFICIAL
4 RECORD. IT IS NOW 2:53 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THIS ITEM WILL
5 END AT THE LATEST AT 3.53 P.M.

6

7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
8 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. JULIE MARKARIAN, STEPHEN
9 OZEN, ROSE LINEHAN, MARIA APARECIO, ARTURO ORTEGA, JUANA
10 MARTINEZ, FERNANDO AIZIA, ARAL GREEN, KAITLYN VARNSDALE, CASS
11 WINDESON, KATIE MCVEIGH, EVA GARCIA, BAI ZHAN, LUCY BRIGGS,
12 EMILY PHILLIPS, PHILIP MEYER, MATEO GIL, SABRINA RAMIREZ,
13 JASMINE GONZALEZ, AND LUPE LIMON.

14

15 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE'LL GO WITH IN-PERSON
16 SPEAKERS FIRST.

17

18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** OKAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

19

20 **JULIE MARKARIAN:** HI, MY NAME IS JULIE MARKARIAN, AND I AM WITH
21 THE DEPARTMENT OF ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA. WE REPRESENT OVER
22 20,000 HOUSING PROVIDERS. I URGE YOU TO REJECT ITEM NUMBER 20.
23 THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS LEGALIZED THEFT AND WILL CAUSE
24 FINANCIAL DEVASTATION TO SMALL HOUSING PROVIDERS, WHICH ARE
25 ALSO CONSIDERED SMALL BUSINESSES. THE BACKBONE OF OUR



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1 COMMUNITIES. THIS IS NOT INCENTIVIZING HOUSING PROVIDERS. LOOK
2 AT FACTS. RENTERS WHO FALL BEHIND ON ONE MONTH OF RENT
3 GENERALLY, THERE IS ONLY A 50% OF REPAYMENT. NOT ONE OF YOU
4 HAVE REACHED OUT TO US TO FIND OUT HOW THIS WILL CAUSE EXTREME
5 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FOR HOUSING FOR SMALL HOUSING PROVIDERS.
6 STOP DISENFRANCHISING HOUSING PROVIDERS AND REJECT THIS
7 LEGALIZED THEFT BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT IS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **BYRON JOSE:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GOOD AFTERNOON,
10 BYRON JOSE WITH THE TRANS LATINA COALITION. THANK YOU,
11 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. I WAS LIKE,
12 LET'S TALK ABOUT THEFT, LIKE THE THEFT OF THE LANDLORDS FOR
13 TENANTS, AND ALSO IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO RUN A BUSINESS, THEN
14 I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL YOU, YOU SHOULD NOT BE IN L.A.
15 COUNTY. THAT'S WHAT YOU TELL ALL THE IMMIGRANT WORKERS ALL THE
16 TIME. SO, LET'S USE THAT RHETORIC. ANYWAYS, GOING BACK TO
17 SERIOUS BUSINESS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE BOARD REALLY COMING
18 TOGETHER AS WE CONTINUOUSLY THIS MORNING, MAKING SURE THAT
19 WE'RE HAVING THOSE DISCUSSIONS, THAT WE'RE FIGURING OUT WAYS
20 TO MOVE FORWARD THIS, WHETHER IT'S THE TIER PROCESS LIKE WE
21 HAD FOR THE EMERGENCY RENTAL RELIEF. BUT FOR US IT'S IMPORTANT
22 THAT WHILE WE GET THERE, WHILE WE STRENGTHEN THAT PROGRAM,
23 WHILE WE STRENGTHEN TENANT PROTECTIONS, WE SHOULD BE LISTENING
24 TO THE PUBLIC CALL FOR AN EVICTION MORATORIUM PERIOD. BUT IN
25 THE MEANTIME, RIGHT, LET'S CONTINUE TO BUILD THIS,



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1 SPECIFICALLY PROPOSALS LIKE THE TGI HOUSING INITIATIVE TO MAKE
2 SURE THAT WE ARE HOUSING OUR COMMUNITIES AND NOT JUST LEAVING
3 THEM TO I.C.E. AND TO THE STREETS. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **FERNANDO ISAI:** HELLO, MY NAME IS FERNANDO ISAI. I AM A MEMBER
8 OF THE LOS ANGELES TENANTS UNION AND I AM HERE ALONG WITH THE
9 WORKING-CLASS COMMUNITY TO DEMAND AN EVICTION MORATORIUM AND
10 TO RAISE A DEPTH THRESHOLD FOR ALL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. FOR
11 EIGHT MONTHS, ALL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS BEEN UNDER SIEGE.
12 OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED AND
13 MURDERED WHILE THE CITY DOES NOTHING. WE'VE BEEN DEMANDING AN
14 EVICTION MORATORIUM FOR MONTHS AND SUBSTANTIAL PROTECTIONS
15 THAT KEEP US SAFE FROM THE VIOLENCE OF DISPLACEMENT, WHETHER
16 IT COMES IN THE FORM OF AN I.C.E. RAID OR AN EVICTION. THE
17 SEGREGATION OF THE APARTHEID CONSTRUCTION BEHIND CLOSED DOORS
18 IS MORE PRESENT NOW THAN EVER IN OUR STREETS. WHAT HAS THE
19 CITY DONE SO FAR? A STATE WITH EMERGENCY THAT GIVES YOU
20 EMERGENCY POWERS THAT YOU HAVE YET TO EXERCISE. RENTAL SUPPORT
21 FOR LANDLORDS THAT FOR MORE THAN EIGHT MONTHS INTO THIS CRISIS
22 WE HAVE YET TO SEE, AND A MASK BAN ON FEDERAL AGENTS THAT THE
23 POLICE REFUSED TO ENFORCE, THOUGH NOBODY WAS HOLDING THEIR
24 BREATH ABOUT THIS. AND YOU ARE MORE AFRAID OF BEING SUED FOR
25 KEEPING US SAFE THAN YOU ARE WILLING TO PROTECT OUR



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1 COMMUNITIES. THE CITY WOULD RATHER CONTINUE FEEDING BLOATED
2 POLICE DEPARTMENTS INSTEAD OF PROVIDING THE MATERIAL AND
3 SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT THAT OUR COMMUNITIES DESPERATELY NEED.
4 EVICTION MORATORIUM NOW.

5

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

7

8 **PHILIP MEYER:** HI, SUPERVISORS. I'M PHILIP MEYER WITH THE RENT
9 BRIGADE AND THE EVICT NOT US COALITION. I WANT TO THANK
10 SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR THE MOTION AND FOR YOUR WORDS EARLIER
11 AS WELL. YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S INTERESTING BECAUSE IT'S A
12 PRETTY SIMPLE POLICY. YOU ALL PASS RENTAL ASSISTANCE ALREADY
13 TO PAY THE RENT, RIGHT, TO KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED. WE ACTUALLY AT
14 THE URGING OF YOUR OFFICES WENT AND MADE SURE THAT OUR SORT OF
15 THESIS THAT MONEY WASN'T ACTUALLY GOING TO PROTECT MANY
16 TENANTS WAS TRUE. AND WE FOUND THAT IT ISN'T. THERE ARE
17 TENANTS OUT THERE THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS MONEY THAT ARE
18 NOT BEING PROTECTED BY THE MONEY. SO, THIS PLAN IS A WAY TO
19 COMPEL LANDLORDS TO TAKE FREE MONEY FROM THE COUNTY TO PAY THE
20 RENT. THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. ON ANOTHER HAND, THIS IS
21 ABOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY REFUSING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S
22 MASS DEPORTATION CAMPAIGN. SO, ON ONE LEVEL, IT'S A VERY
23 SIMPLE TARGETED POLICY AND ON THE OTHER IT'S A BOLD STATEMENT
24 THAT WE STAND UP FOR OUR NEIGHBORS. THANK YOU.

25



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

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PLEASE REFRAIN FROM CLAPPING IF YOU
4 CAN RAISE YOUR HANDS. THAT'S HOW WE DO IT THANK YOU.

5

6 **EVA GARCIA:** [SPEAKING IN SPANSIH]

7

8 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EVA GARCIA, ORGANIZER
9 OF COLECTIVO PODER COMUNITARIO. AND ONCE AGAIN, WE'RE HERE TO
10 URGE YOU, PLEASE, URGENTLY, TO PLEASE PUSH FOR THE MORATORIUM
11 OF OUR COMMUNITY. MAYBE YOU GET TIRED OF SEEING OUR FACES
12 DAILY. BUT WE'RE HERE TO DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO. WE NEED YOUR
13 SUPPORT AS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT. THE TRUTH IS, EVERY TIME THERE
14 IS AN EMERGENCY, WE ARE HERE. TRULY, IT'S SAD THAT EVERY TIME
15 THERE'S AN EMERGENCY, WE'RE HERE. BECAUSE IF WE HAD A LIVING
16 STAGES JUST LIKE THE SOCIAL LIVING, THEN WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO
17 BE HERE. BUT CURRENTLY WE HAVE A LIVING STATUS AT MARKET VALUE
18 THAT TRULY ALL THESE OWNERS WANT TO INCREASE AND INCREASE. AND
19 SINCE THEY'RE SO INHUMANE, THEY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EMERGENCIES.
20 THAT IS WHY WE NEED A MORATORIUM OF RENT. AND THAT IT'S FOR
21 EVERYONE. BECAUSE WE HAVE ALL BEEN JEOPARDIZED BY THIS
22 GOVERNMENT THAT IS TERRIFYING OUR COMMUNITIES. OUR IMMIGRANTS
23 ARE WORKING CLASS. OUR IMMIGRANTS ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO TAXES IN
24 THIS STATE. AND WE DESERVE TO LIVE WITH JUSTICE. THANK YOU.

25



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

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3 **LUCY BRIGGS:** HI THERE, MY NAME IS LUCY BRIGGS AND I'M A MEMBER
4 OF THE RENT BRIGADE. I'M HERE TO VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR THIS
5 MOTION. WE'RE GRATEFUL THAT THE BOARD PASSED PROTECTIONS FOR
6 UNINCORPORATED COUNTY, HOWEVER, THE MAJORITY OF OUR IMMIGRANT
7 NEIGHBORS STILL REMAIN UNPROTECTED. EVICTIONS REALLY ARE DOING
8 I.C.E.'S WORK FOR THEM. FOR MANY FAMILIES, AN EVICTION NOTICE
9 PUSHES FOLKS TO SELF-DEPORT, AND THE RENT RELIEF PROGRAM IS
10 NOT SOLVING THIS. WE CIRCULATED A QUESTIONNAIRE TO TENANTS IN
11 SOUTHEAST L.A., AND 78% TOLD US THAT THEIR LANDLORDS DID NOT
12 APPLY TO THE AVAILABLE FUNDS. AND TENANTS CAN NOW APPLY BUT
13 LANDLORDS STILL HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS AND EVERY
14 DAY THAT THESE TIMELINES DRAG ON, MORE EVICTION NOTICES
15 ARRIVE. RAISING THE THRESHOLD PREVENTS EVICTIONS IMMEDIATELY
16 AND IT COMPELS THESE LANDLORDS TO ACCESS THE AVAILABLE FUNDS.
17 UNDER THE CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY SERVICES ACT, YOU HAVE
18 AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT PROTECTIONS DURING EMERGENCIES AND
19 COURTS HAVE REPEATEDLY UPHELD TEMPORARY TENANT PROTECTIONS
20 DURING CRISES. PLEASE USE YOUR POWER TO PROTECT IMMIGRANT
21 TENANTS ACROSS ALL OF L.A. COUNTY.

22

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

24

25 **STEPHEN OZEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS STEPHEN OZEN. EARLIER



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 I HEARD THE BOARD SAY THAT PROVIDING HEALTHCARE IS A HUMAN
2 RIGHT AND ACCORDINGLY THEY VOTED TO PUT THE RAISING OF SALES
3 TAX BY UP TO 0.5% TO PAY FOR THESE SERVICES ON THE BALLOT. I
4 ALSO BELIEVE IF YOU ALSO BELIEVE HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT AND
5 I'VE MADE BELIEVE THAT TOO, WHY IS IT THAT THE OBLIGATION TO
6 PROVIDE THESE SERVICES FALLING ON THE PRIVATE HOUSING
7 PROVIDERS? WHY AREN'T DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS OBLIGATED TO
8 PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES, JUST AS YOU ARE NOW MAKING HOUSING
9 PROVIDERS PROVIDE HOUSING SERVICES? INSTEAD, WHY DON'T WE ADD
10 SALES TAX TO HOUSING COSTS? ALL RENTERS CAN PAY A SALES TAX ON
11 THEIR RENT. THE REVENUE RAISED CAN BE USED TO PROVIDE HOUSING
12 TO THOSE WHO TRULY CAN'T AFFORD IT. OR YOU CAN INCREASE SALES
13 TAX ON COUNTRYWIDE ON EVERYONE AS YOU ARE WITH MEDICAL
14 SERVICES AND THEREBY SHARE THE COST EQUALLY AMONGST ALL
15 RESIDENTS. THE MEASURE YOU ARE PROPOSING NOW IS PROVIDING
16 BENEFITS TO EVERYBODY IN THE COUNTY, EVEN THOSE WHO MAY NOT
17 NEED IT.

18

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

20

21 **LORETTA LORAINÉ:** OKAY, I'M HERE BECAUSE I KNOW ABOUT THOSE
22 LANDLORDS, ESPECIALLY WITH SINGLE MOMS AND ALSO BEAUTIFUL
23 TRANSGENDER YOUNG LADIES, IF THEY SOMETIMES THEY WANT
24 FAVORITISM IF THEY DON'T IF THEY DON'T IF THEY'RE NOT ON TIME
25 ON RENT OR THEY'RE LATE AND ALL THAT BECAUSE I KNOW SOME YOUNG



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SUPERVISORS

1 LADIES THAT TALK TO ME. THERE'S SOME OF THEM ON WELFARE, ON
2 GOING THROUGH SOME PROBLEMS, AND THEY GET ASSISTANCE, AND
3 THOSE LANDLORDS SHAKE UP THEIR PRICES IF THEY DON'T GET
4 SPECIAL FAVORS. I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT BECAUSE I TALKED TO SOME
5 LADIES ABOUT IT. WHY DO LANDLORDS GET AWAY WITH STUFF THAT
6 THEY SUPPOSED TO DO? YOU'RE THERE TO HELP THE PEOPLE. THAT'S
7 WHY YOU GIVE ALL THIS FUNDS FOR HOMELESSNESS AND FOR PEOPLE,
8 NOT TO LANDLORDS THAT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SINGLE MOMS AND ALSO
9 BEAUTIFUL TRANSGENDERS, SINGLE TRANSGENDERS. THEY WANT MEN,
10 THEY WANT, RENT TO THEM AND WANT FAVORITISM. THERE'S NO
11 FAVORITISM IN ME. GET YOUR RENT.

12

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

14

15 **SABRINA RAMIREZ DIAZ:** HI, MY NAME IS SABRINA RAMIREZ DIAZ, AND
16 I'M A MEMBER OF THE RENT BRIGADE. I'M HERE TO VOICE MY SUPPORT
17 FOR THIS MOTION. WE BELIEVE THAT L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS HAS A CLEAR AUTHORITY TO RAISE THE EVICTABLE RENT
19 AT TRUST THRESHOLD. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARE A STATE
20 OF EMERGENCY ON OCTOBER 7TH, AND IT'S TRULY AN EMERGENCY.
21 UNDER THE CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY SERVICES ACT, A LOCAL EMERGENCY
22 IS DULY PROCLAIMED EXISTENCE OF CONDITIONS OF DISASTER OR OF
23 EXTREME PERIL TO THE SAFETY OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY WITHIN THE
24 TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF A COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY OR CITY. THE
25 I.C.E. RAIDS AND MASS IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



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SUPERVISORS

1 CONSTITUTE A MANMADE CONDITION THAT DIRECTLY THREATENS HOUSING
2 STABILITY, SAFETY, AND ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES,
3 PARTICULARLY IN THE TARGETED COMMUNITIES. AS OF OCTOBER 2025,
4 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS ALREADY RECOGNIZED IMMIGRATION
5 RATES AS A LOCAL EMERGENCY CONDITION, AND HOUSING STABILITY,
6 INCLUDING POTENTIAL EVICTION PROTECTIONS, IS WITHIN THE
7 CONTEMPLATED SCOPE OF AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE. THE COUNTY BOARD
8 OF SUPERVISORS HAS THE AUTHORITY TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF RENT
9 DEBT --

10

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

12

13 **JASMINE GONZALEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JASMINE GONZALEZ
14 AND I'M A COMMUNITY STABILITY ORGANIZER WITH EAST YARD
15 COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, I'M HERE TO URGE THE
16 SUPERVISORS TO PROTECT ALL 88 CITIES IN L.A. COUNTY AND VOTE
17 YES ON ITEM 20, MOTION TO INCREASE THE RENT DEBT THRESHOLD FOR
18 HOUSEHOLDS IN L.A. COUNTY. I AM A RENTER MYSELF, AND I'M HERE
19 TO ADVOCATE FOR SD4 CONSTITUENTS AND RESIDENTS, MANY OF WHOM
20 ARE NOT ABLE TO MAKE IT TO THESE MEETINGS BUT ARE MAYBE STREET
21 VENDORS OR ARE AFFECTED BY THE I.C.E. RAIDS. AND SO, I'M
22 URGING Y'ALL TO DO THE BEST YOU CAN AND USE THE POWERS YOU
23 HAVE TO PASS STRONGER RUNNER PROTECTIONS. THANK YOU.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** OKAY, WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS,



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SUPERVISORS

1 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AMANDA GARZA,
2 DAVID ALBRIGHT, INES ALCAZAR, CELESTE GODOY, ALANA HOLT, KIM
3 CASTRO, KENYA ALCAZAR, KIT TALI, JAIME BRADLEY, VICTOR RICKS,
4 JOSEPH RAMOS, DAVID EVANS, ELIZABETH ESCALANTE, SUSAN COLLINS,
5 AND GIOVANNA ANDERSON. WE WILL NOW GO TO REMOTE SPEAKERS.
6 DIANA CALDERON, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

7

8 **DIANA CALDERON:** MY NAME IS DIANA CALDERON AND I'M A HOMEGROWN
9 ANGELENO. I'M A COMMUNITY LEADER AT CALIFORNIA LATINAS FOR
10 REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE. MY COMMENT IS IN FAVOR OF ITEM 20 WITH
11 THE AMENDMENT THAT THIS MOTION APPLY TO ALL OF L.A. COUNTY AND
12 RAISE A THRESHOLD TO A MINIMUM OF AT LEAST THREE MONTHS OF
13 FAIR MARKET RENT. ECHOING WHAT OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE
14 STATED, WE HAVE SEEN HOW I.C.E. HAS TERRORIZED OUR IMMIGRANT
15 COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORS, WITNESSING KIDNAPPINGS IN BROAD
16 DAYLIGHT. THESE ARE DIRECT ATTACKS ON OUR BODILY AUTONOMY AND
17 OUR HUMAN RIGHTS TO EXIST AND SURVIVE, A PROPOSAL THAT APPLIES
18 ONLY TO UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY. LOS ANGELES COUNTY
19 FAILS TO MEET THE REALITY OF THE CRISIS. I.C.E. IS OCCUPYING
20 COMMUNITIES ACROSS ALL OF L.A. COUNTY AND WE URGE YOU TO APPLY
21 THE PROTECTIONS THAT CONSIDER THE ENTIRETY OF LOS ANGELES AND
22 USE YOUR EMERGENCY POWERS TO PROTECT IMMIGRANT TENANTS. THANK
23 YOU.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. KAITLYN VANARSDALE, YOUR LINE IS



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SUPERVISORS

1 UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

2

3 **CAITLIN VANARSDALE:** MY NAME IS CAITLYN VANARSDALE. I'M A
4 MEMBER OF L.A. STREET CARE AND RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF L.A. I
5 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR LISTENING TO HER
6 CONSTITUENTS AND INTRODUCING THE MOTION TODAY AND TO EXTEND
7 EVICTION PROTECTIONS FOR ALL ANGELENOS IN THE COUNTY. I.C.E.
8 RAIDS ARE CONTINUOUSLY A THREAT TO THE LIVES OF ALL ANGELENOS
9 AND YOU KNOW AND FOLKS IN INCORPORATED AREAS ARE BEING
10 IMPACTED QUITE HEAVILY. AND I THINK AFTER EIGHT MONTHS OF THE
11 SIEGE AND I SEEMINGLY NOT STOPPING ANYTIME SOON, IT'S
12 INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE
13 NEIGHBORS AT THIS MOMENT. AND SO, I'M URGING THE BOARD TO, YOU
14 KNOW, EXTEND THE RENT PROTECTIONS TO THREE MONTHS, AS WELL AS
15 APPLY IT TO ALL OF L.A. COUNTY.

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE
18 NUMBER 562713. YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME
19 AND BEGIN.

20

21 **MARIO ZAMORANO:** MY NAME IS MARIO ZAMORANO. I'M A PROPERTY
22 MANAGER IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND I WANT TO SAY THIS.
23 IF YOU WHO REPRESENT US HAD NOT INVITED HOMELESS PEOPLE AND
24 WELCOME ILLEGAL ALIENS INTO OUR STATE AND TO OUR COUNTY WE
25 WOULD NOT HAVE THE SHORTAGE OF HOUSING THAT WE HAVE TODAY OR



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SUPERVISORS

1 AT LEAST IT WOULDN'T BE AS BAD BUT YOU MADE ONE MORE BAD
2 DECISION AND ONE MORE TIME YOU LOOK TO LANDLORDS TO BAIL YOU
3 OR BAIL YOU OUT OF THE BAD DECISION THAT YOU MADE. AND I HAVE
4 TO TELL YOU, I'M EMBARRASSED TO SAY THAT NOT ONE OF OUR
5 REPRESENTATIVES HAS THE IQ TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO CORRECT
6 THE SAD MISTAKE YOU'VE MADE INSTEAD. IT'S ALL ABOUT RAISING
7 TAXES AND PUTTING THE BURDEN OF YOUR MISTAKES ON THE SHOULDERS
8 OF LANDLORDS. NOW, THE REASON THAT THE I.C.E. RAIDS ARE WHAT
9 THEY ARE IS BECAUSE WE HAVE BECOME A SANCTUARY STATE IN
10 CREATING SPACE FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS OR GREAT PEOPLE, BUT THEY'RE
11 ILLEGAL ALIENS, EVEN PEDOPHILES, EVEN FELONS TO COME HERE AND
12 LIVE HERE EVEN AMONG OUR FAMILY NEIGHBORHOODS. IT'S VERY SAD.
13 I DON'T THINK ANY LANDLORD HAS A PROBLEM WITH THE COUNTY.

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** DAVID KISSINGER, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED.
16 PLEASE BEGIN.

17

18 **DAVID KISSINGER:** DAVID KISSINGER ON BEHALF OF THREE LOCAL
19 ASSOCIATIONS OF REALTOR SPECIFIC WEST PASSING THE FOOTHILLS
20 AND TRI COUNTY APPROXIMATELY 10,000 OR SO LICENSE REAL ESTATE
21 AGENTS. I WANT TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE NOT MOVE FORWARD ON THIS
22 MOTION. IT WILL NOT WORK. BUT ACTUALLY, IT PUTS BOTH TENANTS
23 AND HOUSING PROVIDERS AT CONTINUED RISK. THIS RISK INCLUDES,
24 AMONG OTHER THINGS, AN OBLIGATION FOR HOUSING PROVIDERS TO
25 POTENTIALLY CARRY OUT POSSIBLY DISCRIMINATORY ACTION, PUTTING



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE HOUSING PROVIDER OUT OF COMPLIANCE AND ADDITIONAL RISK ON
2 THE TENANTS DUE TO THINGS LIKE A RISK DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL
3 DATA SUCH AS A TENANT'S CITIZENSHIP OR RESIDENT STATUS. IF
4 THIS BODY WANTS TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT ANOTHER GOVERNMENT
5 AGENCY VIOLATING THE LAW ON THE GROUNDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
6 THEN PLEASE GO AFTER THAT AGENCY, BUT NOT PENALIZING OR PUT
7 HOUSING PROVIDERS AT RISK. WE NEED MORE HOUSING, NOT LESS. AND
8 PROPOSALS LIKE THIS ACTUALLY MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR MORE
9 HOUSING TO BE MADE AVAILABLE. THANK YOU FOR THIS AND
10 APPRECIATE YOU KNOW WHAT ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. A RAUL GREEN, YOUR LINE IS
13 UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **RAUL GREEN:** I'M A MEMBER OF L.A. STREET CARE AND A RESIDENT OF
16 L.A. CITY. I'LL KEEP IT BRIEF SO THAT MORE CAN SPEAK, BUT I
17 JUST REALLY, REALLY WANTED TO EMPHASIZE THAT L.A. IS IN MANY
18 CRISES, THAT L.A. IS, IN THE IN MANY CRISES, AND TWO OF THEM
19 ARE OUR HOMELESSNESS CRISIS AND ALSO THE CRISIS OF ALLOWING
20 FOR I.C.E. TO COME AND LAY SIEGE ON OUR CITY AND KIDNAP OUR
21 NEIGHBORS. THIS IS THE BARE MINIMUM THAT WE CAN DO TO KEEP
22 PEOPLE HOUSED, KEEP OUR NEIGHBORS FROM ENDING UP ON THE
23 STREET. AND SO, I REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO INCREASE THE
24 THRESHOLD FOR A VICTIM RENT DEBT TO THREE MONTHS AND APPLY IT
25 TO ALL OF L.A. COUNTY BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY, MANY CITIES, NOT



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SUPERVISORS

1 JUST THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT ARE BEING HEAVILY AFFECTED
2 BY THIS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 914424.
5 YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

6

7 **JACOB HART:** HI, MY NAME IS JACOB HART. I'M A COMMUNITY
8 ORGANIZER IN NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES. I WORK WITH A FOOD
9 DISTRIBUTION OPERATION. WE DELIVER TO HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES A
10 FEW TIMES A MONTH. BUT THIS TIME BEFORE I WAS ALLOWED TO
11 DRIVE, I HAD TO ACKNOWLEDGE I READ A TEXT SAYING I WOULD MAKE
12 SURE I WASN'T BEING TAILED BY WHILE DELIVERING THE FOOD. SO,
13 IF THAT'S THE LENGTH OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO GO
14 TO KEEP THE MONEY FLOWING TO I.C.E. DETENTION CENTERS AND KEEP
15 DETAINING OUR CITIZENS. AT A TIME WHEN TRUST IN THE DEMOCRATIC
16 PARTY IS AT AN ALL TIME LOW, WE NEED DEMOCRATIC LED BODIES
17 LIKE THIS ONE TO TAKE BIG SWINGS ON ORDINANCES AND MOTIONS AND
18 LEGISLATION LIKE THIS. I DEFINITELY FEEL LIKE WE NEED TO GET
19 TO A RENT FREEZE, EVICTION MORATORIUM, BUT THIS IS A GOOD STEP
20 IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. PLEASE PASS THIS ORDINANCE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ANTHONY SINTANEK, YOUR LINE IS
23 UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

24

25 **ANTHONY SINTANEK:** ANTHONY, I'M A SMALL HOUSING PROVIDER. I



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SUPERVISORS

1 URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON THIS MEASURE. THIS IS LEGALIZED THEFT.
2 WHEN DID SMALL HOUSING PROVIDERS BECOME A QUASI GOVERNMENT
3 AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR HOUSING IMMIGRANTS FOR FREE? WHEN
4 PEOPLE FALL BEHIND IN THEIR RENT, THEY RARELY PAY IT BACK.
5 FURTHERMORE, THIS MEASURE INVITES FRAUD AND ABUSE. SCAMMERS
6 WILL STOP PAYING THEIR RENT LIKE THEY DID DURING COVID.
7 HOUSING PROVIDERS ARE NOT BANKS. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE
8 EXPOSED TO THIS KIND OF RISK. IF YOU ARE SO CONCERNED ABOUT
9 EVICTION, RAISE THE MONEY NECESSARY TO PROVIDE RENTAL
10 ASSISTANCE, LIKE THROUGH A SALES TAX. THIS IS NOT COVID. THIS
11 IS NOT A REAL EMERGENCY. STAY OUT OF OUR BUSINESS. THANK YOU.

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 213465.
14 YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

15

16 **NICK ANAND:** HI, MY NAME IS NICK ANAND AND I APPRECIATE I'M A
17 RESIDENT IN L.A. COUNTY AND A SMALL PROPERTY OWNER I DO FIND
18 IT INTERESTING THAT THE RENT BRIGADE GOT TO SPEAK THREE TIMES
19 BEFORE ANYBODY ELSE GOT TO SPEAK. I APPRECIATE THE SUPERVISOR
20 LAYING OUT THE IDEALS AND HOW WE WANT TO TRY AND PREVENT
21 HOMELESSNESS BUT THIS IS THE WRONG WAY TO GO. THIS IS A
22 SLEDGEHAMMER APPROACH TO A NUANCED ITEM. AND FOR US SMALL
23 HOUSING PROVIDERS THAT USE THIS INCOME FOR RETIREMENT, THE
24 ISSUE OF TRYING TO GET RENT PAYMENT THROUGH THE CITY IS VERY,
25 VERY DIFFICULT AND ACTUALLY HAS A LOT OF RESTRICTIONS.



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SUPERVISORS

1 HOWEVER, GUESS WHAT? I STILL HAVE TO MAKE ALL MY MORTGAGE
2 PAYMENTS AND IT DOES REQUIRE THAT THE TENANT ACTUALLY
3 COOPERATE TO TRY AND GET THE MONEY PAYMENT. SO, THIS IS
4 ACTUALLY A SLEDGEHAMMER APPROACH TO A VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM
5 AND IT WILL NOT WORK. AND GUESS WHAT? THE BANKS DON'T CARE IF
6 WE'RE, IF I'M NOT --

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ANGELA CISNEROS, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED.
9 PLEASE BEGIN.

10

11 **ANGELA CISNEROS:** MY NAME IS ANGELA CISNEROS AND I RESPECTFULLY
12 URGE YOU TO OPPOSE ITEM 20. ITEM 20 WILL REQUIRE LANDLORDS TO
13 CARRY MONTHS OF UNPAID RENT, EFFECTIVELY TURNING HOUSING
14 PROVIDERS INTO INVOLUNTARY LENDERS WITH NO VIABLE PATH TO
15 RECOVER LOSSES. HOUSING PROVIDERS MUST COVER ESSENTIAL
16 OPERATING COSTS SUCH AS MORTGAGES, PROPERTY, TAXES, AND
17 INSURANCE, WHICH INSURANCE HAS INCREASED OVER 300% SINCE 2021
18 AND UTILITIES OVER 70% SINCE 2021. THE REGULATED HOUSING
19 SECTOR FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS IS STILL
20 RECOVERING FROM THE COVID ERROR MORATORIUMS. UNDER THESE
21 REGULATED PROGRAMS, THE PROPOSED THRESHOLD IN ITEM 20 WOULD
22 RESULT IN SIX MONTHS TO OVER A YEAR OF UNPAID RENT BEFORE
23 REACHING THE EQUIVALENT OF THE THREE MONTHS FAIR MARKET RENT.
24 POLICIES LIKE 20 ULTIMATELY REDUCE HOUSING AVAILABILITY,
25 HINDER THE PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE UNITS, AND DESTABILIZE



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SUPERVISORS

1 HOUSING FOR ALL RESIDENTS. FOR THESE REASONS, I EXPECTFULLY
2 ASK YOU TO VOTE NO ON ITEM 20.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 310650.
5 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED AND BEGIN. CALLER
6 WITH 310650, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, PLEASE BEGIN. CALLER WITH
7 PHONE NUMBER 818807, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, PLEASE STATE YOUR
8 NAME AND BEGIN.

9

10 **GREG ASTORIAN:** MY NAME IS GREG ASTORIAN. I CALL ON BEHALF OF
11 THE LANDON ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS AND ITS 1,500+ MEMBERS IN
12 OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION AT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 20. THE
13 THRESHOLD OF LAWFUL EVICTIONS, MOVING IT FROM ONE TO TWO
14 MONTHS WAS HARSH ENOUGH. RIGHT NOW, CHANGING IT TO THREE
15 MONTHS WOULD MAKE IT, WOULD ACTUALLY MAKE IT INTOLERABLE AND
16 WILL SUFFOCATE SMALL HOUSING PROVIDERS. THE SAME HOUSING
17 PROVIDERS THAT OWN DUPLEXES, TRIPLEXES, FOURPLEXES THAT ARE
18 CONSIDERED THE NATURALLY OCCURRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. PLEASE
19 RECONSIDER AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE TO L.A. COUNTY.
20 THANK YOU.

21

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

24

25 **MATEO GIL:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MATEO ORGANIZER WITH EAST YARD.



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SUPERVISORS

1 WEEK AFTER WEEK WE COME HERE TO SPEAK WITH JANICE HAHN. IVAN
2 SULIK IGNORES OUR EMAILS. ARE WE JUST A PAWN? WE TURN IN
3 SURVEYS, DATA, AND QUOTES. YOU SEE OUR STRUGGLE. WHY CAN'T WE
4 COUNT ON YOUR VOTE? WHAT WAS THE POINT OF PASSING A STATE OF
5 EMERGENCY IF YOU WEREN'T GOING TO PASS ANY POLICY WITH
6 URGENCY? IT'S PROPERTY VERSUS PEOPLE'S LIVES. A THREE-MONTH
7 NON-PAYMENT THRESHOLD IS A MINIMUM, NO LIE. WHY DO WE HAVE TO
8 HAVE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHERE TENANTS COULDN'T EVEN
9 APPLY? YOU FIX THAT ISSUE, AND WE THINK THAT'S GOOD. I'M NOT
10 HERE TO DISS YOU, JUST TO UPLIFT OUR HOODS. BUT I BELIEVE IN
11 US TO WORK TOGETHER TO FIND A SOLUTION, LIKE ALL THE WORK
12 WE'VE DONE AROUND POLLUTION. EIGHT MONTHS OF SIEGE, THIS
13 POLICY WILL HELP US BREATHE. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGAIN OUR
14 TRUST. WE JUST HAVE TO START WITH THE EVICT I.C.E., NOT US.
15 THANK YOU.

16

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

18

19 **BIJAN GHAEMI:** MY NAME IS BIJAN GHAEMI. I'M A TENANT ORGANIZER
20 WITH COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE AND L.A. TENANTS UNION.
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THE FINANCIAL PROBLEM
22 OF LANDLORDS ARE NOT MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT OF TENANTS.
23 ALSO, I WANT TO SAY THAT THIS POLICY WILL ACTUALLY PROTECT THE
24 REAL HOUSING PROVIDERS, THE HARDWORKING IMMIGRANT POPULATION
25 THAT HOUSE THIS COUNTY. THIS GOES BEYOND EVICTIONS. THIS IS



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE ONLY SENSIBLE POLICY THAT CAN ACTUALLY PROTECT TENANTS
2 AGAINST DEPORTATION. AFTER IMMIGRANTS HEAR THIS NEWS THEY'LL
3 KNOW THAT THEY HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO STAY HOME IF I.C.E. IS
4 HOT THAT DAY. THEY'RE NOT LOOKING TO SCAM. THE COUNTRY IS
5 WATCHING. DON'T YOU FEEL POWERLESS TO STOP I.C.E? BUT YOU CAN
6 BE BOLD LEADERS FOR THIS COUNTRY TO LOOK TO AND FOLLOW CITIES
7 THAT ARE BEING TARGETED FOR HAVING AN IMMIGRANT POPULATION
8 LIKE LOS ANGELES DON'T BE SCARED OF A LAWSUIT. LAWSUIT OR NOT
9 IF THIS MOTION PASSES THE AFFECTED PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY WILL
10 BE BETTER OFF, NOT WORSE OFF, AND IT'LL BE BETTER THAN WHAT WE
11 HAVE NOW. I'M IN FAVOR OF ITEM 20, THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **LUPITA:** I'M LUPITA WITH THE L.A. TENANTS UNION. THANK YOU
16 SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. HAHN, YOU'RE A
17 COWARD FOR SITTING THIS ONE OUT AFTER YOUR CONSTITUENTS HAVE
18 BEEN MEETING WITH YOU FOR SO LONG. I URGE SUPERVISORS MITCHELL
19 AND SOLIS TO VOTE YES AND TO EXPAND THE PROTECTIONS THAT YOU
20 VOTED IN LAST WEEK TO ALL 88 CITIES. YOU HAVE ALREADY DECLARED
21 A STATE OF EMERGENCY, WHICH YOU KNOW HAS EXPANDED YOUR LEGAL
22 AUTHORITY OVER THE ENTIRE COUNTY. YOU DID THIS BECAUSE YOU
23 KNOW THAT I.C.E. IS A THREAT TO HUMAN LIFE AND SAFETY IN L.A.
24 I.C.E. HAS KILLED 8 PEOPLE IN 2026 IN ADDITION TO THE PEOPLE
25 DYING IN DETENTION OR SUFFERING PHYSICAL ABUSE AND THE MANY



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1 WHOSE HEALTH IS SUFFERING BECAUSE THEY CAN'T GO TO HOSPITALS
2 THAT ARE OCCUPIED BY I.C.E. OR BECAUSE OF THE CONSTANT STRESS
3 OF THIS BEING THE NEW NORMAL OF JUST WONDERING WHEN YOU'RE
4 GOING TOGET PICKED UP OFF THE STREET. IF YOU THINK THAT
5 THERE'S RISKS INVOLVED WITH PASSING STRONG PROTECTIONS, TRY
6 PUTTING YOURSELF IN THE SHOES OF AN IMMIGRANT TENANT THAT IS
7 RISKING KIDNAPPING EVERY DAY TO MAKE ENDS MEET.

8

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

10

11 **DAVID ALBRIGHT:** MY NAME IS DAVID ALBRIGHT. I'M HERE TO SPEAK
12 IN SUPPORT OF MOTION 20. WE KNOW THAT YOU CAN SEE AT THIS
13 POINT THE NEED TO RAISE THE EVICTABLE RENT DEBT THRESHOLD FOR
14 ALL OF L.A. COUNTY TO SAVE LIVES BUT ARE WORRIED THAT THE
15 COUNTY WILL BE SUED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT. THIS UNFORTUNATELY IS
16 A QUESTION OF THE LEGITIMACY OF YOUR GOVERNANCE. MORE THAN 32
17 PEOPLE WERE KILLED BY I.C.E. IN 2025 AND EIGHT MORE IN THE
18 PAST SIX WEEKS, INCLUDING KEITH PORTER JR., A BLACK ANGELINO
19 AND FATHER OF TWO WHO WAS MURDERED BY I.C.E. ON NEW YEAR'S
20 EVE. IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO DEFEND THE POOR AND WORKING
21 ANGELENO'S AGAINST A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT IS ETHNICALLY
22 CLEANSING OUR COMMUNITIES, THAT IS USING THE THREAT OF
23 EVICTION TO FILL CONCENTRATION CAMPS, THEN YOUR GOVERNANCE IS
24 NO MORE LEGITIMATE IN THE LIVES OF 2,300,000 TENANTS JUST IN
25 L.A. CITY THAN THIS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF FASCISTS THAT IS



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 OCCUPYING OUR CITY. THANK YOU.

2

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

4

5 **CELESTE GODOY:** HELLO, MY NAME IS CELESTE. I'M A MEMBER OF THE
6 LOS ANGELES TENANTS UNION AND A TENANT HERE IN THE CITY OF
7 L.A. I WOULD LIKE TO VOICE MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR ITEM 20.
8 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN ALL PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES HAVE BEEN
9 UNDER FEDERAL SIEGE FOR THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS A SIEGE THAT HAS
10 RESULTED NOT ONLY IN FAMILIES BEING TORN APART, BUT IN THE
11 LOSS OF LIFE NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR EMPTY SYMBOLISM LIKE
12 PROTECTIONS THAT ONLY COVER LESS THAN 10% OF THE COUNTY. NOW
13 IS THE TIME TO USE YOUR POWERS TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF YOUR
14 COUNTY, THE PEOPLE WHO YOU HAVE BEEN CHARGED TO SERVE. AND SO,
15 I ONCE AGAIN STRONGLY URGE YOU TO PASS ITEM 20. THANK YOU.

16

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

18

19 **AMANDA GARZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE
20 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS AMANDA GARZA. I AM THE VICE
21 PRESIDENT OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT WITH THOMAS SAFRAN AND
22 ASSOCIATES, AND I RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO OPPOSE ITEM 20.
23 THIS PROPOSAL WOULD REQUIRE HOUSING PROVIDERS TO CARRY MONTHS
24 OF UNPAID RENT, EFFECTIVELY TURNING LANDLORDS INTO INVOLUNTARY
25 LENDERS. WHILE WE ARE STILL REQUIRED TO PAY OUR MORTGAGES,



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SUPERVISORS

1 PROPERTY TAXES, INSURANCE, UTILITIES, AND MAINTENANCE.
2 AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPERATES ON RAZOR THIN MARGINS AND MANY OF
3 US ARE ALREADY RENTING UNITS BELOW THE FAIR MARKET VALUE. MANY
4 RESIDENTS ALREADY FALL TWO, THREE, OR EVEN FIVE MONTHS BEHIND
5 BEFORE THEY EXCEED THE CURRENT THRESHOLD. THAT LEVEL OF LOSS
6 IS NOT SUSTAINABLE. IN OUR PORTFOLIO, 70% OF THE UNPAID RENT
7 IN JANUARY CAME FROM RESIDENTS PROTECTED UNDER THE CURRENT
8 POLICY OF ONE MONTH'S RENT. WELL, THOUGH THIS IS A WELL-
9 INTENTIONED POLICY, IT HARMS BOTH LANDLORDS AND TENANTS,
10 ALLOWING THIS RENT DEBT TO GROW.

11

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

13

14 **INES ALCAZAR:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

15

16 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS INEZ. I'M HERE TO ASK
17 YOU TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF MONTHS FROM TWO TO THREE MONTHS
18 IN REGARDS TO THE EVICTION? TWO MONTHS IS NOT ENOUGH AND
19 NEITHER IS THREE MONTHS. BUT WE CAN WORK WITH THAT AND WE NEED
20 MORE SUPPORT FROM ALL OF YOU. YOU HAVE BEEN PUT IN THESE
21 POSITIONS TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT RENTERS. AND ALSO, TO THE
22 OWNERS AND TO ALL OF US, WE ARE AWARE OF ALL OF THIS, BUT TO
23 BE ABLE TO LIVE TOGETHER AND TO TREAT US AS HUMAN BEINGS WE
24 REALLY NEED THIS. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE SUFFERING KIDNAPPINGS
25 FROM IMMIGRATION. AND OUR CHILDREN ARE SUFFERING TRAUMAS. OUR



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SUPERVISORS

1 COMMUNITY IS SUFFERING HUNGER. AND PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE
2 STREETS ARE SUFFERING TERROR. WE DON'T WANT ANYBODY ELSE TO
3 LOSE THEIR HOME. WE WANT EVERYONE TO HAVE A HOME WHERE THEY
4 CAN LIVE.

5

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

7

8 **ALANNA HOLT:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ALANA HOLT. I'M AN ATTORNEY, A
9 TENANT'S RIGHTS ATTORNEY. I'VE HANDLED OVER 100 UNLAWFUL
10 DETAINER ACTIONS DEFENDING TENANTS. I'M ALSO AN ORGANIZER WITH
11 THE LOS ANGELES TENANTS UNION. I WANT TO ASSURE THE BOARD THAT
12 YOU DO HAVE THE POWER TO PASS WHAT IS ULTIMATELY A MODEST
13 PROTECTION UNDER YOUR EMERGENCY POWERS, AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO
14 PASS IT TO COVER ALL 88 CITIES. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR
15 MITCHELL, YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO ACT WHERE SO MANY ARE
16 PARALYZED BY FEAR, BY KIDNAPPING, BY DEATH. I WANT TO ADDRESS
17 BRIEFLY THE ARGUMENT THAT THIS PROTECTION WOULD AMOUNT TO
18 LEGALIZED THEFT. THESE PROTECTIONS WOULD NOT PREVENT LANDLORDS
19 FROM ATTEMPTING TO RECOVER RENTAL DEBT IN SMALL CLAIMS COURT
20 OR IN UNLIMITED CIVIL COURT. THIS PROTECTION WOULD ONLY
21 PREVENT LANDLORDS FROM OBTAINING, RE-OBTAINING POSSESSION OF
22 THE PROPERTY. THAT THE CONSEQUENCE FOR NON-PAYMENT IS NOT
23 EVICTION, THE CONSEQUENCE FOR NON-PAYMENT CAN STILL BE BROUGHT
24 IN CIVIL COURT. THANK YOU.

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

3 **VICTOR RICKS:** I'M VICTOR RICKS AND I'D LIKE EVERYONE TO KNOW
4 THAT I AM A HOUSING PROVIDER FOR ALL RACES, NOT JUST
5 IMMIGRANTS. WHEN A TENANT COMES TO APPLY FOR AN APARTMENT THEY
6 PROMISE TO PAY ON THE FIRST AND THEY SIGN AND THAT'S THE
7 AGREEMENT. AS FAR AS FAIR MARKET RENT MOSTLY ALL TENANTS ARE
8 NOT PAYING FOR MARKET RENT BECAUSE WE'RE UNDER RENT CONTROL.
9 SO, TO GIVE A THREE MONTH GRACE PERIOD OF TIME IT TAKES ABOUT
10 FOUR MONTHS TO EQUAL ONE MONTH RENT. SO, YOU'LL BE INTO
11 FOLLOWING YEAR BEFORE YOU CAN GO TO COURT TO RECOVER WAS DO
12 YOU. THIS IS NOT GOING TO ONLY AFFECT HOUSING PROVIDERS, BUT
13 IT'S GOING TO HAVE A GREAT IMPACT ON BANKS. YOU HAVE TO PAY
14 LATE FEES, PENALTIES. WE HIRE PLUMBERS, PAINTERS. A PAINTER,
15 HE CANNOT SAY, WELL, I CAN WAIT TWO, THREE MONTHS BECAUSE I
16 HAVE TO PAY MY RENT. I HAVE TO FEED MY CHILDREN. I HAVE A LOT
17 OF RESPONSIBILITY. BE PART OF THE, NOT PART OF THE PROBLEM,
18 BUT THE SOLUTION.

19

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

21

22 **JOSEPH RAMOS:** JOSEPH RAMOS FOR THE DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF
23 GREATER LOS ANGELES. THIS MOTION WOULD CREATE LEGAL CHAOS BY
24 OVERRIDING 88 INCORPORATED CITIES, DUAL ELECTED CITY COUNCILS,
25 AND CONFLICTING WITH MANY LOCAL CITY ORDINANCES ON ANTI-



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SUPERVISORS

1 HARASSMENT, AS WELL AS THE COUNTY'S OWN ANTI-HARASSMENT
2 ORDINANCE. OWNERS ARE ALREADY PREVENTED FROM EVEN ASKING ABOUT
3 A RENTER'S RESIDENCES OR CITIZENSHIP STATUS. RENTERS THAT ARE
4 ALREADY THREE MONTHS BEHIND ON RENT ARE HIGHLY UNLIKELY TO
5 HAVE THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO STAY IN THEIR CURRENT HOUSING
6 FOR THE LONG TERM. THE EVICTION THRESHOLD WILL ONLY CAUSE MORE
7 HARM BY ENCOURAGING STRUGGLING RENTERS TO GET EVEN DEEPER INTO
8 RENTAL DEBT THAT THEY HAVE LITTLE HOPE TO PAY BACK. THIS
9 MOTION WILL ALSO HARM RESPONSIBLE RENTERS THAT ARE CURRENT ON
10 THEIR RENTS AS THEY WILL BE FORCED TO BEAR THE COST FOR THOSE
11 RENTERS UNWILLING TO PAY THEIR SHARE. THE COUNTY SHOULD NOT
12 PROVIDE A BLANKET REWARD FOR RENTERS WHO MERELY REFUSE TO PAY
13 THE RENT. IT WILL ALSO FORCE MOM AND POP OWNERS THAT ARE
14 ALREADY ON THE FINANCIAL EDGE OUT OF BUSINESS ENTIRELY. THEIR
15 PROPERTIES WILL BE SOLD TO DEVELOPERS FOR LUXURY HOUSING AND
16 MANY CITIES WILL LOSE THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL
17 HOUSING. PLEASE VOTE NO ON THIS HORRIFICALLY DAMAGING MOTION
18 THAT WILL ONLY HURT FAR MORE RENTERS AND IT WILL HELP. THANK
19 YOU.

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
22 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. NAHUL GEBRE,
23 JAIME NEGRETE, ESMERALDA NEGRETE, CHRISTINA GARCIA, JOVANA
24 ESCOBAR, ALEJANDRO MENDEZ, EVALIA MONTANO, LAURA MENDEZ,
25 GRISELDA VALDES, FRANK RIZZI, CLAUDIA JEREZ, TONY MARTINEZ,



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SUPERVISORS

1 JEFFREY PERDOMO, MARGARITA GONZALEZ, DANIEL CERVANTES. ROY
2 HUMPHREY, WE WILL NOW GO BACK TO REMOTE SPEAKERS. I MEAN,
3 YEAH, TO REMOTE SPEAKERS. ROY HUMPHREY, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED.
4 PLEASE BEGIN.

5

6 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, HAVING PLED GUILTY, THIS
7 BOARD GUILTY TO FEDERAL FELONIES. ILLEGALS HAVE BEEN ENSLAVED
8 FOR DECADES WITH TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF TAX DOLLARS FORFEIT.
9 RECENT COURT HAS CASES HAVE GIVEN I.C.E., PRESIDENT TRUMP, THE
10 SAME RIGHTS AND POWERS TO EXERCISE FOR THE DEPORTATION
11 MEASURES EMPLOYED BY OBAMA AND CHAMPIONED BY BILL, HILLARY AND
12 JOE SCARBOROUGH. SEE MY CHANNEL. YOU SET THE STAGE FOR THE TWO
13 MINNESOTA DEATHS GUILTY AS CHARGE. SHAME ON YOU. REPUBLICANS
14 UNLIKE DEMOCRAT ASSASSINS AND SLAVERS HAVE BROUGHT FORTH
15 SOLUTIONS LIKE THE SAFE ACT AND DIGNITY ACT WHICH HAD A
16 DEMOCRAT SUPPORT ON THAT. YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF.
17 AND IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT BLACK HISTORY, SEE MY YOUTUBE
18 CHANNEL. I GOT SOME GREAT STUFF THERE. THANK YOU.

19

20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 310415.
21 YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

22

23 **FRED SUTTON:** I'M SUTTON WITH THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT
24 ASSOCIATION. WE SUPPORT HOUSING STABILITY FOR EVERYONE, BUT
25 THIS PROPOSAL MOVES US IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. EXPANDING THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 RENT DEBT THRESHOLD USING EMERGENCY POWERS IS AN IMPROPER USE
2 OF THAT AUTHORITY AND WILL HURT THE PEOPLE IT IS INTENDED TO
3 HELP. WE'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE DURING COVID. WHEN RENT IS
4 DEFERRED MONTH AFTER MONTH WITHOUT ASSISTANCE, THE DEBT
5 BECOMES HARDER TO PAY. IT IS SETTING PEOPLE UP TO FAIL. DIRECT
6 RENT RELIEF WORKS AND THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD FOCUS ON. THIS
7 ALSO CREATES SERIOUS FAIR HOUSING CONCERNS. HOUSING PROVIDERS
8 ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM INQUIRING INTO A TENANT'S
9 IMMIGRATION STATUS. YET THIS POLICY INCENTIVIZES NONPAYMENT
10 WITHOUT ANY LAWFUL WAY TO VERIFY ELIGIBILITY, PLACING
11 PROVIDERS AT RISK OF VIOLATING FAIR HOUSING LAWS. AS FINANCIAL
12 RISK INCREASES, PROVIDERS RESPOND BY TIGHTENING SCREENING,
13 MAKING HOUSING HARDER TO ACCESS. MOST HOUSING PROVIDERS CANNOT
14 ABSORB PROLONGED NON-PAYMENT WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING THEIR
15 ABILITY TO OPERATE.

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 818314,
18 YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

19

20 **TIM RILEY:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, TIM RILEY WITH THE MARIA DEL
21 REY LESLEY'S ASSOCIATION. ONLY ONE WEEK AGO YOU PROPOSED TO
22 EXTEND THE RENTAL DEBT TO TWO MONTHS, NOW YOU WANT TO GO TO
23 THREE MONTHS. AND IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE BEFORE YOU TODAY, IT
24 WAS EXEMPT FROM CLUSTER REVIEW AND WE QUESTIONED THAT BECAUSE
25 ON, THIS PARTICULAR MEASURE WILL APPLY NOT ONLY TO COUNTY



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SUPERVISORS

1 UNINCORPORATED BUT TO ALL 88 CITIES. AND IT REALLY SHOULD HAVE
2 HAD THE REVIEW PROCESS AND TRANSPARENCY THAT SHOULD BE
3 AFFORDED FOR MORE PUBLIC INPUT IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AND
4 THAT DID NOT OCCUR AND ALSO THERE IS AS ARI MENTIONED THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER BUSINESS AFFAIRS JUST YESTERDAY
6 REOPENED THE RENT RELIEF PROGRAM. AND THE BURDEN REALLY SHOULD
7 NOT FALL JUST ON LANDLORDS TO TAKE CARE OF THESE SITUATIONS.

8

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

11

12 **MEL BAILEY:** YES, MEL BAILEY, DISTRICT 2. YOU KNOW, ON THIS
13 ONE, I'M REALLY CONFLICTED. I TELL MY KIDS THAT THEY'RE POOR
14 PLANNING THAT WILL NEVER EVOLVE INTO MY EMERGENCY. AND WHILE I
15 AGREE THAT SOMETHING DOES NEED TO BE DONE, HOW WILL IT BE
16 DONE? WHAT ARE THE TERMS? HOW CAN WE AVOID ANY TYPE OF ABUSE
17 THAT DID TAKE PLACE DURING THE PANDEMIC? YOU KNOW, HOW WILL
18 THIS AFFECT THOSE WHO ARE NOT ON THE LEASE? THERE'S A LOT OF
19 FOLKS THAT COULD BE HERE THAT WOULD BE HERE, BUT THEY'RE OUT
20 THERE HAVING TO EARN A WAGE, AND THEY'RE AFRAID TO JUST SHOW
21 UP. WE SHOULD PROBABLY USE THE ENERGY TO HELP THESE
22 INDIVIDUALS GET DOCUMENTED AND LEARN ENGLISH, NOT TO BE
23 DISRESPECTFUL, BUT I KNOW THAT'S A TARGET THAT'S BEING USED BY
24 THESE KIDNAPPERS. MORTGAGE FORGIVENESS, THIS CAN ACTUALLY TURN
25 PROPERTY OWNERS INTO THE SAME PEOPLE THAT WE'RE TRYING TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 PROTECT. SO AMERICAN DREAM, WE ALL HAVE THE AMERICAN DREAM TO
2 OWN HOME, BUT LET'S NOT TURN IT INTO A NIGHTMARE.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AMNARI CASEL, YOUR LINE IS
5 UNMUTED, PLEASE BEGIN. AMNARI CASEL, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED,
6 PLEASE BEGIN. OKAY, WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT CALLER WITH PHONE
7 NUMBER 310650, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME
8 AND BEGIN. CALLER WITH 310650, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, PLEASE
9 BEGIN. HECTOR RAMIREZ, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, PLEASE BEGIN.

10

11 **HECTOR RAMIREZ:** THIS IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. I REALLY WANT TO THANK
12 SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR REALLY CHAMPIONING THIS PARTICULAR
13 EFFORT AND REALLY WANT TO SUPPORT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
14 CONTINUING TO REALLY EXERCISE THEIR EMERGENCY POWERS DURING
15 THIS HORRIBLE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS THAT WE'RE FACING IN LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY. THE FACT IS THAT SO MANY OF OUR COMMUNITIES
17 ARE BEING SINGLED OUT AND TARGETED, PARTICULARLY OUR IMMIGRANT
18 COMMUNITIES AND OUR DISABLED POPULATIONS. WE KNOW THAT
19 HOUSEHOLDS ARE COMPOSED OF MULTIPLE INDIVIDUALS, NOT JUST
20 SINGLE INDIVIDUALS. SO, THIS PARTICULAR MEASURE REALLY GOES ON
21 TO SUPPORT SOME PRODUCTIVE STRATEGIES DURING THIS HORRIBLE
22 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY THAT WE SEE THAT ONLY L.A. COUNTY
23 UNDER BUT ALSO THE CITY OF CALIFORNIA REALLY APPLAUD THIS WORK
24 AND HOPE THAT YOU CONTINUE TO EXPAND ON THOSE POWERS.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 213471
2 YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN. PLEASE BEGIN.

3

4 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** YES. HELLO. YES. HI. I AM CALLING BECAUSE
5 WE'RE JUST TALKING ABOUT THE DISPROPORTIONED COMMUNITIES OUT
6 THERE. DUE TO THE ENGLEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ACTIONS, THEY
7 SEIZED MY VEHICLE, THEY TOLD IT TO SEIZE IT AND THEN AUCTION
8 IT OFF WITHOUT MY PROPERTY IN IT, CAUSING ME TO DIRECTLY BE
9 HOMELESS. AND THEY ARE CONTINUING THE DETENTION OF MY DOGS AND
10 ONE OF THEM ALMOST DIED. BEING IN THERE, SO YOU GUYS SHOULD
11 INVESTIGATE JUSTIN GOOSEMAN AND ALL OF HIS SUPERVISORS BECAUSE
12 THEY'RE EUTHANIZING OVER 600,000 DOGS A YEAR. AND IT'S NOT
13 JUST ME, BUT I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REQUEST A FEE WAIVER FOR THE
14 \$3,500 NOW I'M BEING FORCED TO PAY OTHERWISE MY DOGS WILL BE
15 EUTHANIZED SO IF YOU GUYS COULD PLEASE GIVE ME THAT FEE WAIVER
16 THAT WOULD BE AWESOME MY ANIMALS NUMBER IS 85742486 THANK YOU.

17

18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 310650,
19 YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.
20 310650, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, PLEASE BEGIN. CALLER WITH PHONE
21 NUMBER 213471, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME
22 AND BEGIN. 213471, PLEASE BEGIN. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER
23 818517, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
24 BEGIN.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS STAR JAMES. I'M A REALTOR
2 AND I WORK WITH MOM-AND-POP HOUSING PROVIDERS I AM CALLING TO
3 STRONGLY OPPOSE AGENDA 20 AND I'M NOT GOING TO REPEAT WHAT
4 EVERYBODY ELSE HAS SAID BUT I JUST WANT TO MENTION THAT THE
5 LAWS IN 2026 HAVE CHANGED DRAMATICALLY FOR THE HOUSING
6 PROVIDERS. AND THEY HAVE HAD TO PROVIDE FOR REFRIGERATORS AND
7 STOVES, AND UPCOMING THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PROVIDE AIR
8 CONDITIONINGS ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE THAT HAS BEEN
9 MENTIONED. AND IF THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE ANOTHER THREE
10 MONTHS ON TOP OF THE ALMOST ONE YEAR IT TAKES TO EVICT
11 SOMEBODY, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ANY MONEY TO CONTINUE
12 PROVIDING HOUSING. AND THE LAWS KEEP GETTING TOUGHER AND
13 TOUGHER FOR THE HOUSING PROVIDERS. AND THEY'RE TRYING TO BE
14 FAIR. AND IT'S SO HORRIBLE WHAT'S HAPPENING TO EVERYBODY. AND
15 NOT EVERY HOUSING PROVIDER IS A BAD PERSON.

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** THEY'RE TRYING TO DO --

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ROSE LENEHAN, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE
22 BEGIN. ROSE LENEHAN, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

23

24 **ROSE LENEHAN:** MY NAME IS ROSE LENEHAN, AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE
25 L.A. TENANTS UNION. I WORK IN EVICTION DEFENSE AND I SUPPORT



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SUPERVISORS

1 TENANTS WHO ARE FACING EVICTION EVERY DAY. I'M ASKING YOU TO
2 VOTE YES ON ITEM 20. THIS PROTECTION IS DESPERATELY NEEDED.
3 IT'S VERY DISAPPOINTING THAT JANICE HAHN IS ABDICATING HER
4 RESPONSIBILITY AND SITTING THIS VOTE OUT, AND WE WON'T FORGET
5 IT. TO ME, THIS IS REALLY A VOTE ABOUT HOW MUCH YOU CARE ABOUT
6 THE LIVES OF IMMIGRANTS IN OUR COUNTY. THAT'S IT. YOU DECLARED
7 A STATE OF EMERGENCY, BUT YOU'VE REFUSED TO TAKE EMERGENCY
8 ACTION. FOR THE LANDLORDS WHO WORRIED ABOUT PAYING THEIR
9 MORTGAGES, I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT TO YOU THAT YOU'RE SAYING
10 YOU NEED TENANTS RENT TO PAY YOUR MORTGAGE YOU'RE NOT HOUSING
11 PROVIDERS TENANTS ARE PROVIDING HOUSING TO YOU TENANTS WORK
12 HARD TO MAKE WAGES TO PAY THEIR RENT TO BUY YOU PROPERTY
13 IMMIGRANT TENANTS ARE EXPERIENCING A PROFOUND FINANCIAL CRISIS
14 AND THIS PROTECTION IS THE BARE MINIMUM THAT WE NEED TO KEEP
15 PEOPLE HOUSED AND KEEP PEOPLE FROM HAVING TO CHOOSE WHETHER TO
16 STAY IN THIS COUNTRY WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND WITH THEIR
17 COMMUNITIES OR SELF-DEPORT OR FACE HOMELESSNESS.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 310704.
20 YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

21

22 **QUAN LU:** HI, MY NAME IS QUAN LU. I'M A HOMEOWNER IN THE CITY
23 OF LOS ANGELES. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH
24 FOR LISTENING TO OUR CONSTITUENTS AND INTRODUCING EVICTION
25 PROTECTIONS FOR ALL ANGELENOS IN THE COUNTY. AS YOU KNOW



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SUPERVISORS

1 IMMIGRANT FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORS ARE IN CRISIS AS A DIRECT
2 RESULT OF I.C.E. RAIDS. INCOMES HAVE BEEN EVISCERATED. A
3 PROPOSAL THAT APPLIES ONLY TO UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY FAILS TO MEET THE REALITY OF THIS CRISIS. I.C.E. IS
5 OCCUPYING COMMUNITIES ACROSS ALL 88 CITIES OF L.A. COUNTY
6 WHERE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COULD COLLABORATE WITH STATE OF
7 EMERGENCY. SO, THIS EMERGENCY HAS BEEN ONGOING FOR NEARLY
8 EIGHT MONTHS DURING THAT TIME IMMIGRANT TENANTS HAVE LIVED IN
9 CONSTANT FEAR OF SEEING LOVED ONES DETAINED OR DEPORTED AND
10 LOSS AND AVERAGE OF 60% OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD INCOME. THOSE
11 CONDITIONS ARE PUSHING IMMIGRANTS TOWARDS DISPLACEMENT, SELF-
12 DEPORTATION AND HOMELESSNESS. SO, I URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT
13 MOTION 20. THANK YOU.

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 626607,
16 YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

17

18 **CHRISTINE RODRIGUEZ:** HELLO, HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
19 CHRISTINE RODRIGUEZ AND I AM WITH THE RENT BRIGADE. I WANT TO
20 FIRST OF ALL THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR INTRODUCING THIS
21 MOTION SO THAT WE CAN HAVE PROTECTIONS FOR ALL FOLKS LOCATED
22 IN L.A. COUNTY. I WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO PASS YES ON THIS
23 MOTION TO USE THEIR AUTHORITY AT THIS VERY URGENT TIME. AS THE
24 I.C.E. RAIDS HAVE BEEN IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY AND
25 UNFORTUNATELY, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS. I THINK



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SUPERVISORS

1 THIS NOW CAN REALLY PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR FOLKS IN THE
2 FUTURE AND HELP KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED IN L.A. COUNTY, THANK YOU.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER
5 REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR
6 ITEM 20 IS NOW CONCLUDED. WE WILL GO BACK TO IN-PERSON
7 SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

10

11 **GIOVANNA ANDERSEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS GIOVANNA
12 ANDERSEN. I AM HERE TO VOICE MY OPPOSITION TO THE INCREASE ON
13 THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT EQUAL TO THREE MONTHS OF FAIR MARKET RENT
14 BEFORE A HOUSING PROVIDER MAY BE ABLE TO FILE AN EVICTION FOR
15 NON-PAYMENT OF RENT. HOUSING PROVIDERS ARE NOT IN THE BUSINESS
16 OF EVICTING PEOPLE. THE EVICTION PROCESS TAKES AN AVERAGE OF
17 SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR, AND SOMETIMES EVEN MORE IF THE TENANT IS
18 BEING REPRESENTED BY LEGAL GROUPS THAT ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE
19 LOOPHOLES IN THE LAW BY FILING MOTIONS AFTER MOTIONS TO DELAY
20 THE CASES. THE EVICTION LEGAL COST FOR HOUSING PROVIDERS IS
21 SIGNIFICANT. HOW DO YOU EXPECT HOUSING PROVIDERS TO PROPERLY
22 CARE FOR THE PROPERTIES IF THEY CAN'T COLLECT RENTS IN A
23 TIMELY MANNER? LENDERS WON'T WAIT, THEY WILL FORECLOSE. HOW
24 ARE WE SUPPOSED TO PAY OUR VENDORS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO
25 THE BUILDINGS, PLUMBERS, PAINTERS, GENERAL CONTRACTORS? PLEASE



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1 VOTE NO ON 20. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, SIR.

6

7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** PLEASE BEGIN.

8

9 **ALEJANDRO MENDEZ:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

10

11 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE, SUPERVISORS AND
12 EVERYONE PRESENT. MY NAME IS ALEJANDRO MENDEZ AND I AM HERE IN
13 REPRESENTATION OF COLECTIVO PODER COMUNITARIO. I AM HERE TO
14 ASK SOMETHING URGENT AND JUST. WE NEED A MORATORIUM TO BE
15 APPLIED TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. NOT JUST IN THE AREAS
16 THAT ARE NOT INCORPORATED. THE HOUSING CRISIS HAS NO
17 BOUNDARIES OR ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARIES. NEITHER DO OUR
18 FAMILIES. WE ALSO ASK THAT THIS MORATORIUM BE THREE MONTHS AND
19 ALSO THAT THE RENT ACCUMULATED IS NOT JUST IN A LUMP SUM
20 AMOUNT. BUT THEN TO ALSO HAVE PAYMENTS IN A WAY THAT IS
21 ACCESSIBLE SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO ALSO NOT TAKE ON A CHARGE
22 THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. MANY OF US ARE IMMIGRANTS AND WORKERS WHO
23 HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE ALREADY BAD SITUATION IMMIGRATION
24 AND NOW WE ARE AT RISK OF BEING TAKEN OUT OF OUR HOMES. WE ARE
25 IMMIGRANTS, ESSENTIAL WORKERS, AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE ALREADY



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1 BEEN HIT BY THE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM AND ARE NOW FACING THE RISK
2 OF LOSING THEIR HOMES. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO ACT. WE DO HOPE
3 THAT YOU USE IT TO BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITIES.

4

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

6

7 **KIMBERLY CASTRO:** SO HI, MY NAME IS KIMBERLY CASTRO AND I'M
8 HERE AS AN ORGANIZER WITH COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER
9 ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL AS A COALITION MEMBER WITH THE VIC
10 I.C.E., NOT US. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR INTRODUCING
11 THIS MOTION AND I URGE THE REST OF YOU TO PLEASE VOTE YES I'M
12 HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO CAN'T AND I'M HERE TO
13 URGE YOU TO USE YOUR POWER TO PROTECT AS MANY FAMILIES AS YOU
14 CAN FROM BEING EVICTED. IT DOESN'T HURT THE COUNTY TO INCREASE
15 THE NON-PAYMENT RENT THRESHOLD, BUT IT WILL PROTECT MANY
16 ANGELENOS FROM SUFFERING HOUSING INSECURITIES AND EVEN RISK
17 BECOMING HOMELESS OR SELF-DEPORTING. IS THAT WHAT THE COUNTY
18 WANTS TO SEE? MORE MOTHERS, FATHERS, AND KIDS ON THE STREETS
19 ARE LIVING IN THEIR CARS? IF HOUSING PROVIDERS ARE WORRIED
20 ABOUT PAYING THEIR RENT, THEN THEY CAN DIRECTLY APPLY TO THE
21 RENT RELIEF THAT'S BEEN PROVIDED. THAT'S WHY IT'S THERE. THE
22 GOAL IS TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM BEING EVICTED AND THE PASSING
23 OF THIS MOTION WOULD DO THAT EXACTLY. SO, I URGE YOU TO USE
24 YOUR POWER FOR GOOD AND DO GOOD BY YOUR CONSTITUENTS WHO HAVE
25 BEEN MOST AFFECTED BY THE ONGOING I.C.E. RAIDS. THANK YOU.



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

3

4 **ELIZABETH ESCALANTE:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ELIZABETH ESCALANTE AND
5 I'M IN FAVOR OF MOTION 20. BASIC NEED PILLARS ARE SLOWLY BEING
6 DISMANTLED, AND OUR MOST VULNERABLE ARE THE ONES TO PAY THE
7 PRICE. HISTORY WILL REMEMBER THE CHOICES MADE IN THIS MOMENT,
8 WHETHER WE PROTECTED OUR COMMUNITIES OR ENABLED DISPLACEMENT.
9 WE'RE ASKING FOR REAL PROTECTION FOR OUR VILLAGE, NOT SYMBOLIC
10 MEASURES, NOT DISPLAYS, NOT DELAYS, BUT ENFORCEABLE SAFEGUARDS
11 THAT PREVENT EVICTIONS WHERE RENTAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE
12 AND TENANTS ARE ACTING IN GOOD FAITH. JUSTICE IS NOT
13 THEORETICAL. IT IS MEASURED BY WHO IS PROTECTED WHEN POWER IS
14 UNEVEN. I URGE YOU TO STRENGTHEN EVICTION PROTECTIONS, HOLD
15 BAD FAITH LANDLORDS ACCOUNTABLE, AND ACT WITH URGENCY. WE'RE
16 STILL IN AN EMERGENCY. IT HASN'T STOPPED.

17

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

19

20 **JOVANA ESCOBAR:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

21

22 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOVANA ESCOBAR AND I
23 AM A MEMBER OF COLLETIVO PODER COMUNITARIO. I AM HERE ONCE
24 AGAIN TO ASK FOR A MORATORIUM BECAUSE IT IS HARD THAT WE
25 CONTINUE TO COME HERE AND WE'RE NOT BEING LISTENED TO WHEN THE



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1 EMERGENCY IS CLEAR. WITH THE RAIDS, MANY OF US ARE NOT ABLE TO
2 COME OUT TO WORK. WE ARE IN CONSTANT FEAR WITH THE TERRORISM
3 THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS IMPLYING ON US AND IS BEING
4 AFFECTED WITH OUR STABILITY AND OUR HOUSING. THIS IS WHY WE
5 ARE ASKING FOR A MORATORIUM OF THREE MONTHS THAT BE APPLIED TO
6 THE WHOLE COUNTY WITHOUT ANY EXCEPTIONS BECAUSE OUR FIGHT IS
7 NOT INDIVIDUAL. WE HAVE TO FIGHT FOR EVERYONE, FOR THE PEOPLE
8 THAT DESERVE TO HAVE A HOUSING, JUST HOUSING. WE ALSO NEED
9 THAT THOSE THREE MONTHS BE CHARGED IN REASONABLE PAYMENTS SO
10 THIS WAY WE'RE NOT UNDER PRESSURE AND LIVING IN AN IMPOSSIBLE
11 RENT. TODAY WE ASK THAT YOU ASK IN A HUMANE FORM AND WITH
12 RESPONSIBILITY OR URGENCY. THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **ESMERALDA NEGRETE:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

17

18 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ESMERALDA NEGRETE. I
19 AM A MEMBER OF THE COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY POWER. I AM HERE TO
20 TELL YOU THAT IT IS URGENT TO APPROVE THE MORATORIUM. THE
21 RAIDS CONTINUE AND THEY KEEP US TERRORIZED. A LOT OF PEOPLE,
22 WE ARE NOT ABLE TO GO OUT TO WORK WITHOUT FEAR. THEY HAVE
23 TAKEN MANY OF OUR CO-WORKERS, MANY OTHER STREET VENDORS,
24 PEOPLE WHO ARE JUST TRYING TO EARN A LIVING. WE CAN'T KEEP
25 PUTTING OURSELVES AT RISK. BEING ABLE TO PROTECT OUR



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1 COMMUNITIES IS IN YOUR HANDS. THAT'S WHY WE DEMAND A THREE-
2 MONTH MORATORIUM WITH PARTIAL REASONABLE PAYMENTS. AND THAT
3 NEEDS TO APPLY THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE COUNTY WITHOUT ANY
4 EXCEPTIONS. BECAUSE EVERY SINGLE PERSON DESERVES HOUSING.
5 IMAGINE THE IMPACT OF THESE RAIDS AND THEN BESIDES THAT BEING
6 LEFT WITHOUT A HOME. WHERE ARE WE GOING TO END UP? WE ASK YOU
7 TO ACT WITH HUMANITY, WITH RESPONSIBILITY AND URGENCY. THANK
8 YOU.

9

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

11

12 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** HI. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR
13 HOVATH FOR LISTENING TO HER CONSTITUENTS AND INTRODUCING THE
14 EVICTION PROTECTIONS FOR ALL IN JALINO-SANTA COUNTY. IMMIGRANT
15 FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORS HAVE BEEN IN CRISIS AS A DIRECT RESULT
16 OF I.C.E. RAIDS. WE ARE A COMMUNITY WHOSE WELFARE HAS BEEN
17 ENDANGERED. INCOME HAS BEEN EVISCERATED WHEN, WITH FAMILIES
18 WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED, WE HEAD TO A POINT WHERE THE
19 PROTECTIONS OF OUR HOME ARE AT RISK. A PROPOSAL THAT APPLIES
20 ONLY TO UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAILS TO MEET THE
21 REALITY OF THE CRISIS. I.C.E. IS OCCUPYING COMMUNITIES ACROSS
22 ALL OF THE 88 CITIES AND IN THE L.A. COUNTY WHERE THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS HAVE DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY. A RECENT
24 SURVEY SHOWS IMPACTED TENANTS ARE ALREADY AN AVERAGE OF FOUR
25 MONTHS BEHIND ON RENT, WITH SOME CARRYING AS MUCH AS 13,000 IN



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SUPERVISORS

1 RENT DEBT. A VAST MAJORITY OF THOSE HARMED LIVE WITHIN THE
2 L.A. CITY AND SOUTHEAST L.A. CITIES. THIS EMERGENCY HAS BEEN
3 ONGOING FOR NEARLY EIGHT MONTHS. DURING THAT TIME, IMMIGRANT
4 TENANTS HAVE LIVED IN CONSTANT FEAR, HAVE SEEN LOVED ONES
5 DETAINED OR DEPORTED, AND LOST AN AVERAGE INCOME OF 60%.

6

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

8

9 **ANTONIO MARTINEZ:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

10

11 **INTERPRETER:** HI, MY NAME IS ANTONIO MARTINEZ. I'M A MEMBER OF
12 COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE. WE ARE HERE ONCE AGAIN TO ASK FOR
13 SOMETHING THAT IS URGENT AND NECESSARY. AN EVICTION MORATORIUM
14 FOR THREE MONTHS. NOT JUST THAT. WE NEED TO HAVE A TRUE
15 BACKING AND SUPPORT WITH THIS MORATORIUM, WHICH ALLOWS RENTERS
16 TO BE ABLE TO MAKE PAYMENTS THAT ARE REACHABLE WITHOUT
17 INSISTING THAT IT ALL BE PAID IN ONE LUMP SUM BECAUSE OUR
18 COMMUNITIES ARE NOT ABLE TO CARRY THAT BURDEN. THIS MORATORIUM
19 SHOULD APPLY THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
20 WITHOUT ANY EXCEPTIONS. BECAUSE HOUSING IS A RIGHT, NOT A
21 PRIVILEGE. IT SHOULD NOT DEPEND ON ONE'S ZIP CODE. WE ARE
22 LIVING IN A REAL EMERGENCY. RAIDS. HARASSMENT FROM THE FEDERAL
23 GOVERNMENT. CONSTANT FEAR IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS FEELS LIKE
24 TERRORISM. OUR FAMILIES ARE LIVING WITH ANGUISH EVERY SINGLE
25 DAY. THAT'S WHY WE ASK THAT YOU TODAY AS SUPERVISORS WOULD



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SUPERVISORS

1 PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY. BE ON THE SIDE OF WORKING PEOPLE AND
2 ACT TODAY.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. THE TIME IS NOW 3:53 P.M. THE
5 TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM IS NOW CONCLUDED.

6

7 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IF YOU
8 WERE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, YOU CAN
9 PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENTS TO OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE STAFF OR
10 PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ONLINE ON OUR WEBSITE AT
11 BOS.LACOUNTY.GOV BY CLICKING SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS ONLINE.
12 ALL COMMENTS SUBMITTED ONLINE WILL BE FILED IN THE OFFICIAL
13 RECORD. ITEM 20 IS BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANTED
18 TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO SPEAK TODAY. AND GIVEN THAT
19 MANY SPEAKERS IDENTIFIED THAT RENTAL ASSISTANCE IS THEIR
20 PREFERRED OPTION, I THOUGHT IT WAS WORTH NOTING THAT THERE IS
21 ACTUALLY RENTAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW. TENANTS CAN
22 APPLY. IT IS HELPFUL IF LANDLORDS SUPPORT THEIR TENANTS IN
23 THIS APPLICATION PROCESS. AND SO, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE
24 THAT WAS AVAILABLE. AND OUR DIRECTOR OF DCBA IS HELPING TO
25 MANAGE THAT IF YOU COULD SHARE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW



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1 PEOPLE CAN APPLY FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE.

2

3 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** THANK YOU FOR THAT SUPERVISOR. RAFAEL
4 CARBAJAL DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER BUSINESS AFFAIRS. WE
5 ACTUALLY HAVE STAFF TABLING OUT IN THE LOBBY AS WELL HANDING
6 OUT INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND ALSO FOLKS ARE
7 INTERESTED IN APPLYING THEY CAN GO TO THE LACOUNTYRENTRELIEF.
8 COM AND APPLY THERE AS WELL.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** YEAH, SO IT'S NOT THE EXPECTATION OF
11 THIS BOARD THAT THERE'S NO ASSISTANCE. IN FACT, QUITE THE
12 OPPOSITE. WE'VE INVESTED IN MAKING SURE THERE IS RENTAL
13 ASSISTANCE, AND I THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO
14 KNOW. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HAD A QUESTION FOR YOU, DIRECTOR
17 CARVAJAL. CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE EMERGENCY RENTAL RELIEF PROGRAM,
18 WHERE WE ARE, HOW MUCH MONEY HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCUMULATED,
19 SPENT, AND WHAT THOSE PORTIONS ARE THAT CAN GO TO TENANTS OR
20 LANDLORDS AND HOW LONG WILL THIS PROGRAM LAST? SO, CAN YOU GO
21 OVER THOSE PHASES?

22

23 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS TO THIS BOARD,
24 THIS PROGRAM IS FUNDED AT \$44,000,000. WE CURRENTLY ARE
25 ACCEPTING THE SECOND ROUND OF APPLICATIONS, WHICH WE ARE NOW



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1 ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM TENANTS AS WELL. FIRST ROUND ONLY
2 ACCEPTED LANDLORD APPLICATIONS. AS OF LAST WEEK, WE'VE
3 APPROVED THE FIRST ROUND, THE FIRST BATCH OF APPLICATIONS, AND
4 WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE APPROVING THOSE AS WE GO ON. IT'S AN
5 ITERATIVE PROCESS IN PARTICULAR NOW THAT TENANTS ARE ABLE TO
6 APPLY.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, TENANTS CAN APPLY?

9

10 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** YES, THEY CAN.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND WHAT IS THE AMOUNT THAT THEY CAN
13 APPLY FOR?

14

15 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** THEY RECEIVE A MAXIMUM OF UP TO \$15,000.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** 15,000? AND IS THERE A LIMIT? I MEAN,
18 THAT'S A ONE TIME ONLY?

19

20 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** FOR THIS PROGRAM ITSELF, YES, IT'S A ONE TIME
21 ONLY. LANDLORDS COULD RECEIVE MULTIPLE PAYMENTS FOR MULTIPLE
22 UNITS AS LONG AS THEY'RE ELIGIBLE AS WELL.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND I HAVE A QUESTION, IS THAT JUST
25 FOR UNINCORPORATED?



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2 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** NO, ACTUALLY, THIS BOARD DECIDED TO MAKE THIS
3 PROGRAM COUNTYWIDE AS OPPOSED TO A PREVIOUS PROGRAM.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S COUNTYWIDE. OKAY, I WANTED
6 CLARIFICATION ON THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY, EO, LET'S
7 MOVE ON.

8

9 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
10 BOARD, ITEM 20 IS BEFORE YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. IS THERE
13 A SECOND?

14

15 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** HEARING NO SECOND. HEARING NO
16 SECOND FOR ITEM 20. THIS MOTION FAILS FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** LET'S MOVE ON. LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM
19 NUMBER 52.

20

21 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 52.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE CAN GO.

24

25 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOU'RE BEING



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1 DISRUPTIVE. WE NEED TO CONTINUE WITH THE CONDUCT OF THE
2 MEETING. WE NEED TO CONTINUE WITH THE CONDUCT OF THE MEETING.
3 YOU'RE BEING DISRUPTIVE. THIS IS YOUR SECOND WARNING.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE ARE GOING TO GO INTO CLOSED
6 SESSION. THIRD WARNING. THIRD WARNING. CLOSED SESSION.

7

8 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
9 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
11 NUMBER CS1 AND CS2 CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
12 ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, 1 CASE EACH, AS INDICATED ON THE
13 POSTED AGENDA.

14

15 **[CLOSED SESSION]**

16

17 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GOING BACK AGAIN, PURSUANT TO
18 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.9, BECAUSE THE MEETING WAS
19 WILLFULLY DISRUPTED AND INTERRUPTED BY GROUPS OF PERSONS
20 RENDERING THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING UNFEASIBLE AND
21 BECAUSE ORDER COULD NOT BE RESTORED BY REMOVAL OF INDIVIDUALS
22 WHO WERE THE MEETING WAS CLOSED. THE MEETING ROOM WAS CLEARED.
23 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS, EXCEPT FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING
24 IN THE DISTURBANCE, WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BOARD ROOM.
25 EVERYONE THAT WAS REMOVED FROM THE HEARING ROOM WAS GIVEN



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1 INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING VIRTUALLY.
2 THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON
3 FEBRUARY 10, 2026, ITEM NUMBER CS1 AND CS2 CONFERENCES WITH
4 LEGAL COUSEL REGARDING ANCIPATED LITAGATION. ONE CASE EACH. NO
5 REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 52,
6 REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE ROSAS AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS HELD
7 FOR REPORT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, TO
8 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU
9 ARE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR 3 IF ON THE TELEPHONE SCREEN. HUGO
10 MACIAS, ACTING ASSISTANT SHERIFF, WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION.
11 KATHY KENNEY, NICHOLAS MITCHELL, AND ROBERT HOUSTON,
12 COMPLIANCE MONITORS, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. FOR THE
13 DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR
14 THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

15

16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WILL
17 BE CHAIRING THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING. SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAD
18 A LITTLE TICKLE IN HER THROAT, WASN'T FEELING 100%.

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN YOU PULL YOUR MIC UP? I
21 CAN'T HEAR YOU UNLESS I'M GOING DEAF.

22

23 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** THAT IS NOT OFTEN AN ISSUE
24 I'VE HEARD IN MY LIFE THAT I CAN'T BE HEARD. IS THAT BETTER?
25 OKAY. I WAS JUST, LET ME RESTATE, I WAS SAYING THAT I'LL BE



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1 CHAIRING THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING. SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAD A
2 LITTLE TICKLE IN HER THROAT. IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY. SHE WASN'T
3 FEELING 100%. SO HERE WE ARE. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE
4 GOING TO ALLOW THE PANEL TO GO AHEAD AND BEGIN WITH THEIR
5 PRESENTATIONS AND THEN I WILL RECOGNIZE BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE
6 QUESTIONS. SO PLEASE PROCEED.

7

8 **HUGO MACIAS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. DO YOU WANT US TO
9 INTRODUCE OURSELVES OR DO YOU WANT ME TO START WITH THE
10 PRESENTATION?

11

12 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** PLEASE GO AHEAD AND INTRODUCE
13 YOURSELVES. THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE RECORD AND THE
14 PUBLIC WHO'S WATCHING.

15

16 **HUGO MACIAS:** YES, MA'AM HUGO MACIAS, ASSISTANT SHERIFF FOR
17 CUSTODY OPERATIONS.

18

19 **KATHY KENNY:** KATHY KENNY, ONE OF THE ROSAS MONITORS.

20

21 **NICHOLAS MITCHELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, NICK MITCHELL, ONE OF THE
22 ROSAS MONITORS IN THE MONITOR OF THE US DOJ CONSENT DECREE
23 WITH THE COUNTY.

24

25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** AND NO RELATION, WE'LL JUST



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1 SAY THAT FOR THE RECORD.

2

3 **NICHOLAS MITCHELL:** NO RELATION, THAT'S CORRECT.

4

5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** I'M JUST TEASING.

6

7 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** BOB HOUSTON, ROSAS MONITOR. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

10

11 **HUGO MACIAS:** FIRST AND FOREMOST, THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR
12 HAVING US HERE TODAY TO PRESENT THIS INFORMATION. I'M HERE ON
13 BEHALF OF SHERIFF ROBERT LUNA TO DISCUSS OUR IMPLEMENTATION
14 PLAN AND AS FAR AS OUR COMPLIANCE. PROVISION 1.4 OF THE ROSAS
15 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REQUIRES US TO COME HERE ON A BIENNIAL
16 BASIS TO PRESENT THE INFORMATION IN A PUBLIC FORUM SUCH AS
17 TODAY. I'M GOING TO BE GOING THROUGH SIX MAJOR CATEGORIES,
18 WHICH CONSIST OF OUR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, OUR STATUS OF
19 COMPLIANCE, SOME OF OUR TRAINING IN USE OF FORCE, AND SOME OF
20 OUR POLICY VIOLATIONS, AND FINALLY OUR INMATE GRIEVANCE. ALL
21 THIS INFORMATION IS GOING TO ENCOMPASS DATA FROM 2023 THROUGH
22 2025. HERE YOU'LL SEE THE LAST THREE REPORTING PERIODS FROM
23 THE 14TH REPORT, THE 15TH AND THE 16TH. THE 16TH REPORT
24 ENCOMPASSES ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE YOU'LL SEE THE FIRST SIX
25 MONTHS OF 2024. THE 15TH PANEL IS THE FIRST PORTION OF THE



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1 2024. SO, I APOLOGIZE, I WAS IN THE OPPOSITE. 15 IS THE FIRST
2 PORTION OF 24, 16 IS THE LATTER PART. THE MAJOR TAKEAWAY HERE
3 IS THAT WE'VE SEEN PROGRESSION IN OUR COMPLIANCE MEASURES. WE
4 HAVE 82 OUT OF THE 104 PROVISIONS THAT WE MUST REACH
5 COMPLIANCE. WE DID EXPERIENCE SOME SETBACKS, AND I'LL SHARE
6 TWO WITH YOU. PART OF OUR EARLY WARNING SYSTEM, YOU'LL SEE WE
7 DIDN'T HAVE ANY NONCOMPLIANCE, AND WE REFLECTED ONE. A LOT OF
8 THAT HAD TO DO WITH DOCUMENTATION, WHERE WE WERE SUPPOSED TO
9 ENSURE THAT THE UNIT COMMANDER AT THE RESPECTIVE FACILITY
10 REPORTED THEIR FINDINGS TO THE DIVISION CHIEF. THAT WAS
11 PROVIDED, BUT IT WAS NOT WITHIN THE TEN DAY WINDOW. SIMILAR IN
12 FASHION WHEN IT COMES TO GRIEVANCES, YOU ALSO FIND THAT THERE
13 WAS ADMINISTRATIVE THINGS THAT WERE NOT FULFILLED. EVEN THOUGH
14 WE HAD GREAT SUCCESS IN IT, WE STILL DID NOT FALL WITHIN THE
15 15-DAY REQUIREMENT OF ALLOWING THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SUBMITTED
16 THE GRIEVANCE TO RECEIVE A RESPONSE. HERE YOU'LL SEE FOUR
17 REPORTS, AND ONCE AGAIN, WE START SEEING A PROGRESSION IN SOME
18 OF OUR SUCCESS IN REACHING COMPLIANCE. ALTHOUGH WE WANT TO GO
19 OVER THE 90% THRESHOLD, WE STILL HAVE 75 WHEN IT COMES TO
20 MINIMIZING MEDICAL DISTRESS, AND YOU'LL SEE THE SPECIFIC
21 PROVISION LISTED UNDERNEATH THE CHARTS, AND THE DEFINITIONS
22 REFLECTED AT THE BOTTOM. THE MAJOR TAKEAWAY ON THIS SECTION,
23 WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU, IS THE FACT THAT WE TOOK
24 INTO ACCOUNT THE AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION FOR THE BASIN
25 FACILITY, WHICH IS REFLECTED IN THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER,



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1 SUCH AS FOR 2025 WE HAD 6,724 INDIVIDUALS REMANDED TO A CARE
2 IN THE BASIN FACILITIES, AND ONLY 597 INCIDENTS OF USE OF
3 FORCE, WHICH YOU'LL SEE A MAJOR DECLINE AS WE CONTINUE FROM
4 2022 THROUGH 2025 PRESENT DAY. THE OTHER THING I'D LIKE TO
5 ILLUSTRATE, WHICH IS NOT REFLECTED HERE, IS THAT WE DID A 10-
6 YEAR COMPARISON AND IN 2016 WE HAD APPROXIMATELY 1,500 USES OF
7 FORCE. AND IF YOU COMPARE THAT TO WHAT WE HAVE TODAY AT 597,
8 THAT'S APPROXIMATELY A 55% DECREASE IN OVERALL USES OF FORCE,
9 AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THOSE NUMBERS. HERE YOU'LL SEE FOR THE
10 BASIN FACILITY, OUR CATEGORY 2 USES OF FORCE, AND FOR THOSE
11 WHO DON'T KNOW, THAT JUST INDICATES THAT THERE WAS AN
12 ASSOCIATED INJURY THAT IT WAS VISIBLE AS A RESULT OF THE USE
13 OF FORCE. AND FOR THOSE INCIDENTS WE HAD IN 2022, 169, AND
14 TODAY WE STAND AT ONLY 105. ANOTHER MAJOR TAKEAWAY, WHICH I
15 DID A STUDY ALL THE WAY BACK TO 2016, AND WE USED TO HAVE 254
16 FOR THAT PARTICULAR YEAR, AND IF YOU COMPARE THAT TO 105,
17 THAT'S APPROXIMATELY A 60% DROP IN CATEGORY 2 USES OF FORCE.
18 HERE YOU HAVE OUR CASE MANAGEMENT STATISTICS WHEN IT COMES TO
19 OUR CUSTODY FORCE INVESTIGATION TEAM. THIS IS A TEAM THAT WAS
20 UPLIFTED IN 2023 WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD. IT ENCOMPASSES
21 12 SERGEANTS WHO ARE MATURED, HAND-PICKED, TENURED INDIVIDUALS
22 AND 1 LIEUTENANT. BUT I WILL HAVE TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT WE
23 CANNOT TAKE 12 SERGEANTS FROM THE LINE IF THEY WERE TALENTED.
24 WE WOULD BE DOING THE RESPECTIVE FACILITIES AT DISSERVICE. SO,
25 THIS WAS DONE IN PHASES. SO, ALTHOUGH IT WAS APPROVED, WE



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1 ONBOARDED ONLY FOUR SERGEANTS IN 2023, THEN WE ADDITIONAL FOUR
2 SERGEANTS IN 2024, AND THEN BY THE LATTER PART OF THAT YEAR IN
3 DECEMBER, THE ENTIRE TEAM WAS ASSEMBLED AND WAS FULLY
4 OPERATIONAL BY THE END OF THE YEAR OF 2024. NONETHELESS,
5 YOU'LL SEE THE NUMBER ASSIGNED TO PACKAGES THAT YOU SEE
6 REFLECTED THAT THEY GET ASSIGNED. WE USED TO HAVE A DELAY IN
7 COMPLETING THOSE PACKAGES, AND RIGHT NOW WE'RE AVERAGING FOUR
8 MONTHS IN COMPLETION, AND YOU'LL SEE THE NUMBER ON THE FAR
9 RIGHT REFLECTS THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT IT TAKES FOR THEM TO
10 COMPLETE THIS WILL REFLECT OUR ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS
11 THAT RESULTED FROM USES OF FORCE AND YOU'LL SEE THAT
12 THROUGHOUT THE REPORTING PERIODS YOU SEE THE NUMBER OF
13 INVESTIGATIONS THAT WERE OPEN, AND THE GREEN REFLECTS THOSE
14 THAT WERE FOUNDED. JUST FOR CLARIFICATION, THAT JUST REFLECTS,
15 IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY WERE OPEN ON THE SAME RATING
16 PERIOD, THAT JUST REFLECTS THOSE WHO WERE OPEN DURING THAT
17 PARTICULAR PERIOD, SIX MONTHS, AS WELL AS THOSE THAT WERE
18 FOUNDED. SO, IN OTHER WORDS, THEY COULD HAVE BEEN OPEN ON A
19 PRIOR QUARTERLY PERIOD AND THEN REFLECTED ON THE FOLLOWING
20 SECTOR OF TRACKING. FOR THIS, WE'LL SEE THE BASE OF FACILITY
21 GRIEVANCES, AND ONCE AGAIN, WE'VE NOTICED THEM GO DOWN. WE
22 ONBOARDED OUR CUSTODY INMATE GRIEVANCE APPLICATION BACK IN
23 2024, AND THAT'S HELPED US A LOT IN ORDER TO GET RESPONSES TO
24 THE RESPECTED INDIVIDUALS IN OUR CARE. WE UNDERSTAND IF WE'RE
25 RESPONSIVE TO THEM, IT RESULTS IN LESS GRIEVANCES AND LESS



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1 OVERALL COMPLAINTS. AND WE'VE SEEN A DRAMATIC DROP. IF YOU
2 TAKE 2023 NUMBERS WITH 2025, THAT'S APPROXIMATELY A 45% DROP.
3 AND UNDERNEATH YOU'LL SEE SOME OF THE MOST COMMON GRIEVANCES
4 THAT WE RECEIVE. AND THEN FOR OUR LAST SLIDE, DISCUSSING SOME
5 OF OUR IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS, WE CREATED IN 2025 AN ELECTRONIC
6 FORCE TRACKER WHICH IS BASICALLY A CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. WE
7 ELIMINATED THE HUMAN FACTOR, WHERE YOU HAVE HUMAN ERROR. HERE,
8 IT ADDRESSES HOW MANY CASES EACH RESPECTIVE SUPERVISOR HAS. WE
9 UNDERSTAND WHETHER THEY'RE BOTTLENECKS. IT PROVIDES US
10 METRICS, THIS IS WHERE WE CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR
11 MORE EFFICIENCY. THAT ENCOMPASSED WITH SOME OF OUR COMPLIANCE
12 TEAMS WHO HAVE CONDUCTED AUDITS. WE'VE IDENTIFIED SOME
13 EFFICIENCIES AND SOME INEFFICIENCIES AND MOVING FORWARD WE
14 HOPE TO STREAMLINE ALL THOSE EFFORTS. WE'VE ALSO IMPLEMENTED A
15 BODY WORN CAMERA AND I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT IN THE BASE OF
16 FACILITIES, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES CRDF IN THIS MEASURE, THEY'RE
17 ALL EQUIPPED WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT BODY WORN
18 CAMERAS, AND WE HAVE JUST OVER 1,800 INDIVIDUAL DEPUTIES AT
19 CAS THAT ARE EQUIPPED WITH BODY WORN CAMERAS. WE'RE IN THE
20 FINAL PHASES IN PDC NCCF, AND WE HOPE TO HAVE BODY-WORN
21 CAMERAS DEPLOYED THERE AT THE END OF FEBRUARY. THANKS FOR YOUR
22 SUPPORT, WE'VE REPLACED ALL OUR BODY SCANNERS. THE FIRST
23 GENERATION WAS FROM 2013, WHICH IF WE ALL KNOW, TECHNOLOGY
24 BECOMES OBSOLETE AND THE OPERATING SYSTEMS ARE NOT AS
25 EFFICIENT. THESE NEW 17 SCANNERS PROVIDE HIGHER RESOLUTION AND



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1 ARE ABLE FOR US TO PROVIDE BETTER CLARITY WHEN SOMEONE IS
2 CARRYING ANY TYPE OF CONTRABAND, WHICH WE'RE TRYING TO
3 MITIGATE MAKING ENTRY INTO OUR FACILITIES. AND THEN FINALLY,
4 WE HAVE A COOK CHILL, WHICH HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL AND HAS
5 BEEN FULLY IMPLEMENTED AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WHICH IF PEOPLE
6 RECEIVE FOOD, THAT'S ANOTHER ITEM THAT PEOPLE HAD MAJOR
7 COMPLAINTS ABOUT. THIS ENSURES THE FOOD IS KEPT WARM AT
8 TEMPERATURES FOR OVER FOUR HOURS. IT'S SEALED SO THERE'S NO
9 CROSS CONTAMINATION. AND WE UNDERSTAND IF FOLKS IN OUR CARE
10 ARE RECEIVING GOOD FOOD, GOOD QUALITY, THAT TENDS TO HAVE A
11 RESULT ON HOW THEY REACT TOWARDS US AND VICE VERSA. AND THAT
12 CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION AND I'M OPEN TO ANY QUESTIONS. THANK
13 YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** SUPERVISOR HAHN.

16

17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, ASSISTANT
18 CHAIR OF MACIAS FOR THE PRESENTATION. SO, THERE'S A LOT IN
19 HERE AND OVERALL, YES, THE DEPARTMENT IS MAKING SOME PROGRESS
20 AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. I THINK WHAT'S HARD IS HOW THE DATA
21 IS PRESENTED, ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO WHAT IS REPORTED BY
22 THE MONITORS AND THEN WHAT WE SEE PRESENTED BY THE SHERIFF'S
23 DEPARTMENT. THE LATEST REPORTS WE HAVE, THE 15TH REPORT AND
24 MORE RECENTLY THE 16TH REPORT FROM THE MONITORS FOCUSED SLOWLY
25 ON THE FIRST AND SECOND HALVES OF 2024. BUT WHAT WAS PRESENTED



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1 TODAY INCLUDED 2025 DATA WHICH THE MONITORS HAVE NOT YET
2 REPORTED ON. SO, IT'S CONFUSING SOMETIMES HOW WE GET THE
3 INFORMATION. SO, IT REALLY DOESN'T FEEL LIKE WE'RE APPLES TO
4 APPLES MANY TIMES. AND SO, I'M HOPING SOMEHOW IN THE FUTURE
5 WHEN YOU MAKE THESE BOARD PRESENTATIONS, WE CAN FIGURE OUT HOW
6 TO ALIGN THEM WITH WHAT THE MONITORS ARE REPORTING IN THEIR
7 15, 16, 17TH REPORTS AND WHAT YOU'RE PRESENTING ON IN TERMS OF
8 YEARS OR THE FIRST HALF OF A YEAR OR SECOND HALF OF YEAR.
9 BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S HARD FOR US AND THE PUBLIC PROBABLY TO
10 DECIPHER. SO THAT'S NUMBER 1. AND BY THE WAY, I APPRECIATE
11 THAT THE MONITORS ARE HERE TODAY FOR THIS PRESENTATION. AND I
12 HOPE YOU WEIGH IN WHENEVER YOU CAN. I KNOW YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC
13 ROLE IN IDENTIFYING AND REPORTING OUT INDEPENDENT FINDINGS ON
14 WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR JAILS. SO, THE OTHER THING IS THE
15 HEAD STRIKES. IT SEEMS LIKE CONSISTENTLY EVERY REPORT, WHAT
16 THE DEPARTMENT DEEMS OUT OF COMPLIANCE VERSUS WHAT THE
17 MONITORS DEEM OUT OF COMPLIANCE ARE NOT THE SAME THING. SO,
18 FOR INSTANCE, IN THE 16TH REPORT, THE MONITORS REVIEWED 19
19 HEAD STRIKES AND FOUND THAT NINE WERE OUT OF COMPLIANCE. THE
20 DEPARTMENT TOOK THOSE SAME 19 AND FOUND ONLY FIVE TO BE OUT OF
21 COMPLIANCE. NOT A BIG HUGE DIFFERENCE, BUT WHAT IS THE
22 DIFFERENCE? AND THAT'S BEEN TROUBLING ME ALMOST EVERY SINGLE
23 REPORT IS LIKE THAT. SO, COULD WE FIGURE OUT BY THE NEXT
24 REPORTING PERIOD WHO'S RIGHT?
25



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1 **HUGO MACIAS:** IF I MAY.

2

3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, OKAY.

4

5 **HUGO MACIAS:** SUPERVISOR HAHN.

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, AND THEN I'D LIKE TO HEAR THE
8 MONITORS.

9

10 **HUGO MACIAS:** I'M SURE MY COLLEAGUES HERE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE.
11 I WOULD SAY THAT THE GAP IS NARROWING. TO YOUR POINT, WE ARE
12 LOOKING AT PAST HISTORY PRACTICES, AND I CAN ONLY SAY THAT
13 ACCOUNTABILITY, BETTER REPORTING, OUR EFFORTS ARE ALIGNING
14 WHEN IT COMES TO INVESTIGATIONS, AND THOUGH THE MONITORS
15 MOVING FORWARD WILL BE ABLE TO REVIEW CURRENT INCIDENTS SO
16 THEY CAN WEIGH US ON CURRENT PRACTICES, BUT THERE IS A GAP ON
17 SOME OF THE OLD PRACTICES. AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE ARE
18 IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE PERHAPS VIOLATED A POLICY,
19 BUT NOT NECESSARILY RESULT IN A FORMAL INVESTIGATION. WE
20 WEIGHED INDEPENDENTLY, FOR INSTANCE, YOU CAN'T WEIGH A TEN-
21 YEAR VETERAN WITH A NEW DEPUTY WHO'S BEEN ON SIX MONTHS. YOU
22 WEIGH THEM ON THE EGREGIOUSNESS OF THE INCIDENT, THEIR TENURE,
23 THEIR EXPERIENCE, BUT YOU CAN STILL CALL IT OUT OF VIOLATION
24 AND YOU CAN DO THE CORRECTIVE ACTION, WHETHER IT'S FORMAL
25 TRAINING, FORMAL DOCUMENTATION, OR IT ELEVATES TO A FORMAL



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1 INVESTIGATION FOR FORMAL DISCIPLINE. AND THESE ARE DISCUSSIONS
2 WE'VE HAD WITH THE MONITORS. WE'VE HAD MULTIPLE CONVERSATIONS
3 WHERE TO YOUR POINT CERTAIN INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED IN
4 ONE FAVOR OVER VERSUS THE OTHER. WE FIND THAT AFTER WE REVEAL
5 ALL THE DETAILS ONE OF US CHANGES OUR MIND WHETHER WE AGREE
6 WITH THEM OR THEY AGREE WITH OUR SIDE BUT I THINK THAT GAP IS
7 NARROWING AS WE MOVE FORWARD AND I SHARE WITH THEM.

8

9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WOULD THE MONITOR LIKE TO WEIGH IN ON THAT?

10

11 **KATHY KENNY:** YES I WOULD AGREE AND I SHARE YOUR CONCERN. WE
12 SIT BEFORE YOU TODAY FOR THE 15TH AND 16TH REPORT, WE WERE
13 LOOKING AT 2024.

14

15 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT.

16

17 **KATHY KENNY:** AND IT'S 2026. AND FOR THE FOUR CASES THAT WE
18 REVIEWED FOR BOTH OF THOSE REPORTING PERIODS, THE EARLIEST
19 CASE WE LOOKED AT WAS JULY OF 2022. AND THE MOST RECENT CASE
20 THAT WE LOOKED AT FOR THE 15TH OR 16TH REPORT WAS FEBRUARY OF
21 2025. SO, WE'RE NOT YET AT THE POINT WHERE WE'RE ABLE TO GIVE
22 YOU REAL TIME DATA OR INFORMATION. AND WE ARE WORKING AND
23 WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

24

25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** BUT THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY SPEAK TO THE



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1 OUT OF COMPLIANCE IN COMPLIANCE.

2

3 **KATHY KENNY:** IT DOES NOT. IT DOES NOT.

4

5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THAT WAS SPECIFICALLY THERE WERE 19 CASES.

6

7 **KATHY KENNY:** HE SAYS IN THE 16TH REPORTING, I WOULD NOTE IN
8 THE 15TH REPORT, WE HAD A TOTAL OF 15 HEAD STRIKE CASES, SEVEN
9 OF WHICH WE FOUND OUT OF COMPLIANCE. THEY DIDN'T FIND ANY. SO,
10 WE WENT FROM, SO THAT GAP WAS, YOU KNOW, SEVEN CASES.

11

12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT.

13

14 **KATHY KENNY:** AND THEN, AND WE REALLY, WE HAD A LOT OF
15 MEETINGS, WE REALLY-

16

17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WHAT IS THE MAJOR THING THAT BECOMES THAT
18 VAGUE POINT WHERE YOU THINK THEY'RE OUT OF COMPLIANCE AND THE
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THINKS, OH NO, THOSE AREN'T COMPLETELY IN
20 COMPLIANCE?

21

22 **KATHY KENNY:** WHY THEY'RE VIEWING THEM. I THINK WE'RE GETTING
23 CLOSER ON THE LANGUAGE OF WHY WE'RE VIEWING THAT. THERE'S KIND
24 OF A SENSE, AT LEAST, AND I'LL LET MY COLLEAGUES INTERVENE IF
25 THEY DON'T THINK THAT SHOULD THE INMATE ACTUALLY ATTACK THE



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1 DEPUTY THAT IF THE ACTION THAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT IS VIEWED AS
2 IN COMPLIANCE, WHEREAS IN SOME CASES WE WILL SEE THAT, THAT IT
3 WAS IN COMPLIANCE, BUT IN SOME CASES, PARTICULARLY IF THE
4 INMATE HAS BEEN TAKEN DOWN ON THE GROUND AND THERE ARE OTHER
5 DEPUTIES PRESENT, WE NORMALLY DO NOT FIND THOSE HEAD STRIKES
6 IN COMPLIANCE.

7

8 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I SEE.

9

10 **KATHY KENNY:** SO, IT REALLY IS, IT'S VERY CASE SPECIFIC. IN THE
11 15TH REPORT, WE HIGHLIGHTED A COUPLE OF CASES, ONE OF WHICH WE
12 FOUND VERY SERIOUS WHERE THE INMATES HEAD WAS SLAMMED INTO THE
13 WALL. AND IT WAS AFTER REVIEWING THAT CASE THAT WE FOUND OUT
14 OF COMPLIANCE AND THEY FOUND IN COMPLIANCE THAT WE REALLY
15 EMBARKED ON THIS. IF THEY'RE NOT SEEING THAT OUT OF
16 COMPLIANCE, WHAT ARE THE CASES THAT THEY WILL? SO, WE REALLY
17 ENGAGED IN MORE IN-DEPTH CONVERSATIONS. WE ALSO ENGAGED IN
18 CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE RELUCTANCE TO OPEN ADMINISTRATIVE
19 INVESTIGATIONS. BECAUSE SOMETIMES THE ADMINISTRATIVE
20 INVESTIGATION ISN'T GOING TO NECESSARILY FIND THE PERSON WHO
21 HAVE COMMITTED IT. THAT'S WHAT AN INVESTIGATION IS FOR, THE
22 FACT FINDING TO FIND OUT WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED. AND SO, I
23 THINK WE WERE HEARD ON THAT REQUEST AND WE HAVE SEEN THEM OPEN
24 MORE ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS. AND THE NEXT STEP FOR US
25 WILL BE, OKAY, WHAT'S THE OUTCOME OF THOSE ADMINISTRATIVE



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1 INVESTIGATIONS? WE'VE GOT TO START WITH, LET'S HAVE THE
2 INVESTIGATION AND THEN THE ACCOUNTABILITY PIECE WILL CONTINUE
3 OF WHAT HAPPENS AS A RESULT OF THAT INVESTIGATION. IS
4 DISCIPLINE IMPOSED AND IS THAT DISCIPLINE THAT'S IMPOSED
5 APPROPRIATE BASED ON THE FACTS OF THE CASE?

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND ULTIMATELY, WOULD THERE BE A POLICY
8 DISCUSSION ABOUT IF THIS IS IN COMPLIANCE VERSUS OUT OF
9 COMPLIANCE? LIKE PROTOCOL, POLICY?

10

11 **KATHY KENNY:** I THINK WE DO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN ON
12 THEIR POLICIES. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE'RE REVIEWING SOME
13 RIGHT NOW. THAT IS PART OF OUR DISCUSSION OF WITH THEM IS WHAT
14 STANDARD ARE YOU USING? WHAT'S THE PREPONDERANCE OF THE
15 EVIDENCE STANDARD SHOULD BE USED AS THEY LOOK AT THESE CASES
16 AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER A CASE SHOULD EVEN BE OPENED. SO, WE
17 HAVE HAD THOSE CONVERSATIONS.

18

19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT, WELL, I APPRECIATE THE CONVERSATIONS
20 ARE HAPPENING WHEN THERE'S A DISAGREEMENT.

21

22 **KATHY KENNY:** YES.

23

24 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** BUT IT'S A LITTLE BIT TROUBLING SOMETIMES,
25 THE OUTCOMES. LET ME, ASSISTANT SHERIFF MACIAS, LET ME ALSO



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1 SAY THAT IN THE 16TH REPORT, THE MONITORS FOUND THAT FROM 2023
2 TO 2024, THERE WAS AN OVERALL 12% INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF
3 USES OF FORCE. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK THAT
4 THE DEPARTMENT IS DOING BECAUSE THE DATA SHOWS TODAY THERE IS
5 DOWNWARD TREND IN THE NUMBER OF USES OF FORCE. BUT FOR THESE
6 RECENT MONITOR REPORTS, THERE'S AN INCREASE. AND I HOPE THAT
7 THE DOWNWARD TREND THAT YOU'RE REPORTING TODAY IS SHOWN. WE
8 HAVEN'T SEEN THE 17TH REPORT YET, BUT HOPEFULLY THE 17TH
9 REPORT WILL SHOW THIS DOWNWARD TREND. BUT AGAIN, WHAT WE'RE
10 SEEING IS ONLY THE 15TH AND 16TH REPORT, RIGHT? WHERE THE 16TH
11 SAYS IT'S GOING UP, BUT YOU'RE SAYING IT'S GOING DOWN, BUT
12 THEY HAVEN'T GIVEN THE REPORT YET ON THIS SLICE OF TIME. AND I
13 JUST WANT TO KNOW HOW'S THE DEPARTMENT LEANING IN TO THIS
14 DOWNWARD TREND AND CAN WE EXPECT IT TO CONTINUE?

15

16 **HUGO MACIAS:** WITH FULL CONFIDENCE, SUPERVISOR HAHN. SO TO YOUR
17 POINT, IT'S A SNAPSHOT. SO SOMETIMES YOU WILL HAVE UNEXPECTED
18 PEAKS, BUT WE LOOK AT THE OVERALL AND ALL THE FORCE
19 PRINCIPLES, THE DE-ESCALATION OF FORCE. WE CONTINUE TO ENSURE
20 OUR STAFF IS FULLY BRIEFED AND CONTINUES, AND ONCE AGAIN,
21 WE'RE ENSURING THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE BETTER INVESTIGATIONS
22 THROUGH OUR CUSTODY FORCE INVESTIGATION TEAM, WHICH THEY'RE
23 NOW BEING SUPPORTED AND THEIR FINDINGS ARE BEING REPORTED TO
24 THE UNIT COMMANDER TO IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTION. THEY'RE
25 BEING TASKED TO BE THE FACT-FINDERS, TO SHARE THE FACTS AND



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1 RAISE ANY POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS FOR THE RESPECTIVE CAPTAINS TO
2 DO AN ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION AS TO WHAT'S THE CORRECTIVE
3 ACTION. AND IF THERE'S AN INCIDENT WHERE AN ADMIN IS NOT
4 NECESSARILY OPEN, THAT INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE BRIEFED TO THE
5 CHIEF AS TO WHY AN ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION IS NOT BEING
6 OPENED.

7

8 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY. AND MY LAST QUESTION IS FOR THE
9 MONITOR. IN THE 15TH REPORT, YOU OUTLINE YOUR CONCERNS ON THE
10 CUSTODY FORCE INVESTIGATION TEAM OR THE CFIT, INCLUDING
11 CONCERNS AROUND IF CFIT IS CONDUCTING EFFECTIVE THROW AND
12 INDEPENDENT USE OF FORCE INVESTIGATION. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING
13 THAT WHEN IT COMES TO REVIEWING A USE OF FORCE, THE
14 INVESTIGATION USED TO BE FIRST COMPLETED BY THE SERGEANT FROM
15 THE JAIL WHERE THE FORCE OCCURRED. AND THAT COULD LEAD TO
16 CONFLICT OF INTEREST. AND THE INTENTION OF CFIT WAS TO HAVE AN
17 INDEPENDENT UNIT THAT WOULD INVESTIGATE THE CASE. BUT AS YOU
18 POINT OUT IN THIS REPORT, WHILE THE INVESTIGATION IS DONE BY A
19 CFIT SERGEANT FIRST, THE CASES ARE THEN SENT BACK TO THE
20 FACILITY FOR REVIEW, MEANING THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS NOW
21 BACK TO THE FACILITY WHERE THE USE OF FORCE OCCURRED. AND
22 WE'VE KIND OF SEEN THINGS IN THE NEWS LATELY ABOUT AFTER
23 ACTION REPORTS THAT GO BACK AND ARE SOMEHOW ALTERED OR CHANGED
24 IT LEADS TO LESS CREDIBILITY AND TRUST FROM THE PUBLIC ON HOW
25 THIS IS HAPPENING. MONITORS, DO YOU STILL THINK THAT'S A



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1 PROBLEM? AND IS THIS THE INDEPENDENCE THAT YOU HAD HOPED FOR
2 WITH THE CFIT UNIT? AND SHOULD IT BE CORRECTED AND ARE YOU
3 GOING TO CORRECT IT?

4

5 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** IF YOU PLEASE, I HAVE SOME REMARKS PREPARED.
6 AND I CAN GO THROUGH THOSE AND THEN ANSWER QUESTIONS. AND I,
7 IT WON'T ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS SPECIFICALLY. AND I THINK WE
8 HAVE THE RIGHT LEADERSHIP IN PLACE. I SAY THAT BEFORE I START
9 MY REMARKS, BUT I PUT THESE REMARKS TOGETHER TO GIVE YOU A
10 SAMPLING OF THE BLUNT CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE WHEN WE SIT DOWN
11 WITH THE DEPUTIES. SO, AND IT'S GOOD TO HEAR THAT HEAD STRIKES
12 ARE GOING DOWN, OKAY? BUT IT REALLY BEGS THE QUESTION, WHY
13 WERE THEY EVER NEEDED? OKAY? AS LETTERS AND REPORTS, THE
14 LETTERS FROM THE PLAINTIFFS AND OUR REPORT SUGGEST, HEAD
15 STRIKES AND UNREASONABLE FORCE IS STILL PRESENT IN THE
16 ORGANIZATION. I BROUGHT MY NEBRASKA COUGH WITH ME, SORRY. IF
17 WE'RE HOLDING OUR BREATH, EXPECTING THAT THIS IS JUST GOING TO
18 GO AWAY, IT'S NOT. I THINK WE'RE FOOLING OURSELVES TO THINK
19 THAT IT'S JUST GOING TO GO AWAY. THERE'S A LOT OF HARD WORK
20 THAT HUGO AND HIS STAFF ARE DOING AND ARE GOING TO DO. BUT THE
21 GAP BETWEEN WHAT WE FIND AND WHAT THEY FIND IS NOT JUST A
22 DIFFERENCE OF OPINION. SOMETIMES IT IS. BUT REALLY, ON THE
23 PRIMITIVE FORCE, THERE'S A PRETTY BIG GAP BETWEEN WHAT WE FIND
24 SOMETIMES AND WHAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND. WITH THAT SAID,
25 PROTECTING LIFE FROM SERIOUS INJURY, HEAD STRIKES ARE OFTEN



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1 NEEDED. IN FACT, WHEN ROSAS, WHEN WE FIRST STARTED, WE ASKED
2 THEM TO PUT IN POLICY THAT WHEN A DEPUTY IS TRYING TO SAVE A
3 LIFE, ANYTHING HE CAN GRAB ONTO IS AN AUTHORIZED INSTRUMENT
4 BECAUSE WE WANT THE DEPUTIES TO WIN AND WE WANT THEM TO WIN
5 QUICKLY. JUST IN THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, WE VIEWED A USE OF
6 FORCE SITUATION WHERE THE DEPUTIES WERE HEROIC. THERE WAS AN
7 INMATE WHO LITERALLY WAS GOING TO KILL, WAS TRYING TO STAB TO
8 DEATH HIS CELL MATE. THE DEPUTIES RISKED THEIR PERSONAL LIVES
9 AND PULLED THAT PERSON OUT OF THERE. THIS IS THE CHARACTER OF
10 THE DEPARTMENT, BUT IT DOESN'T ALWAYS SHOW UP IN HOW FORCES
11 EVALUATE IT. SO THE DEPUTIES MET THEIR CORE MISSION, AND THAT
12 IS TO SAVE LIFE, BECAUSE AFTER ALL, WHAT'S LAW ENFORCEMENT
13 ABOUT? THEY ONLY HAVE ONE PURPOSE, AND THAT'S TO PROTECT THE
14 PUBLIC, PROTECT PEOPLE. AND INMATES FALL IN THAT CATEGORY.
15 THEY NEED TO BE PROTECTED, TOO. SO, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
16 PROTECTING PEOPLE, WE DON'T CATEGORIZE. FIRST YOU SAVE THIS
17 PERSON, YOU SAVE ALL PEOPLE, OKAY? SO ANYHOW, IN SOME OF THESE
18 PROHIBITED FORCE CASES, I'M HEARING THE SAME EXCUSES I HEARD
19 TEN YEARS AGO. THOSE NEED TO GO AWAY, OKAY? THE PLAINTIFF SENT
20 YOU A LETTER, AND WHEN YOU READ IT, PLEASE READ IT
21 UNCRITICALLY. YOU'LL SEE A PICTURE OF AN INMATE WITH DEEP
22 GOUGES, I THINK THAT WAS REFERRED TO. AND ALSO, A VIDEO THAT
23 THEY HAD ATTACHED THAT SHOWED A VICIOUS SLAMMING OF THAT
24 INMATE'S HEAD INTO A WALL. THE INMATE BEGAN WALKING AS
25 DIRECTED, AS YOU'LL SEE IN THE VIDEO, WITH HIS ARMS SHACKLED



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1 BEHIND HIS BACK. IN OTHER WORDS, HE DIDN'T HAVE HIS ARMS TO
2 USE. THE DEPUTY REACHED OVER, GRABBED HIS HEAD, AND SLAMMED IT
3 INTO A WALL. AND THE DEPUTY WAS HELD ACCOUNTABLE. WAS HE HELD
4 ACCOUNTABLE? NO, HE WAS NOT HELD ACCOUNTABLE. INSTEAD, HE WAS
5 FOUND TO BE, TO JUDGE AS USING POOR TACTICS, BUT HE WAS NOT
6 HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THAT HEAD SLAM. IN A SECOND CASE, AN
7 INMATE WAS SITTING IDLY ON A SPIDER TABLE, AND THIS DESCRIBED
8 IN THE LETTER IS ALL, WITH HIS HANDS CROSSED OVER HIS LAP. TWO
9 DEPUTIES APPROACHED HIM, KNOCKING BACK ON THE TABLE WITH A
10 FOREARM, AND THEN PUNCHED HIM THREE TIMES IN THE HEAD,
11 DRAGGING HIM TO THE FLOOR. THE DEPUTIES REPORTED THE INMATE
12 HAD HOPPED OFF THE TABLE, TOOK A FIGHTING STANCE. THE VIDEO
13 SKIPPED FOR ONE OR TWO SECONDS, BUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT WHAT
14 THE DEPUTIES DESCRIBED ACTUALLY OCCURRED. THEIR DISHONEST
15 REPORTING AND HEAD PUNCHES WENT UNCHALLENGED BY COMMAND STAFF.
16 CONTRARY TO THEIR SWORN DUTY TO PROTECT. THE DUTIES, THE
17 DEPUTIES STRUCK HIM DOWN, WHICH POSED A RISK TO HIS PERSONAL
18 INJURY. AGAIN, WE'RE SWORN TO PROTECT LIFE. COMMAND REVIEWS
19 FOR US TELL THE DEPUTIES ONE OF TWO THINGS. SO, WHEN WE DO ANY
20 TYPE OF REVIEW AS EXECUTIVES, OKAY, WE'RE SENDING OUT ONE OF
21 TWO MESSAGES, OKAY. THE FIRST MESSAGE IS WE HAVE STANDARDS AND
22 WE EXPECT YOU TO LIVE UP TO THESE STANDARDS. OR THE SECOND
23 MESSAGE IS, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE POLICIES, BUT YOU CAN REALLY
24 CHOOSE WHETHER OR NOT TO FOLLOW THEM. OKAY? SO, THE THREE
25 DECADES OF HISTORY THE PLAINTIFFS TALK ABOUT IN THEIR LETTER



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1 WILL ONLY STOP IF ONE THING, THERE'S JUST ONE SOLUTION FOR
2 THIS, AND I TALKED TO HUGO ABOUT IT. HUGO IS COMMITTED TO
3 STAND UP, DRAW A BIG BRIGHT LINE AND SAY, OKAY, THIS IS HOW WE
4 EVALUATED USERS OF FORCE YESTERDAY AND THIS IS HOW WE'RE GOING
5 TO EVALUATE THEM TOMORROW. THERE HAS TO BE THAT CHANGE. I MEAN
6 WE SHOULDN'T BE COMING BACK, I MEAN I LIKE THE JOB RIGHT, BUT
7 WE SHOULDN'T BE COMING BACK HERE YEAR AFTER YEAR TALKING ABOUT
8 A MARKED CHANGE HAS TO HAPPEN. HUGO'S GOING TO MAKE THAT
9 CHANGE. AND I APPRECIATE OUR CONVERSATION. THANK YOU.

10

11 **KATHY KENNY:** TO YOUR QUESTION ON CFIT, WE ORIGINALLY ASKED FOR
12 AN ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT BUREAU, THAT WOULD NOT GO BACK TO THE
13 FACILITY. AND WE'RE TOLD THAT THEY SIMPLY DID NOT HAVE THE
14 RESOURCES FOR THAT, THAT THEY STOOD, AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT
15 THEY EVEN STOOD UP ANY UNIT BECAUSE THEY DID IT AT OUR
16 RECOMMENDATION AND WITH YOUR SUPPORT. I THINK THAT'S STILL OUR
17 PREFERENCE THAT THAT UNIT'S ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT, BUT WE ARE
18 TRYING TO WORK WITHIN THE SYSTEM THAT THEY HAVE CREATED AND WE
19 MEET WITH CFIT ON A REGULAR BASIS WHEN WE COME ON OUR VISITS.
20 WE MEET WITH BOTH THEIR LEADERSHIP AND THE SERGEANTS DOING THE
21 INVESTIGATION. I THINK THEY HAVE IMPROVED THE LEVEL OF
22 INVESTIGATION AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO CALL THINGS OUT. OUR
23 CONCERN, AS WE NOTED IN THE 15TH REPORT, IS WHEN IT GOES BACK
24 TO THE FACILITY AND THEY OVERTURN OR DO NOT TAKE CFIT'S
25 RECOMMENDATION. AND HUGO AND OTHERS HAVE COMMITTED WHEN THAT



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1 HAPPENS, IT'S GOT TO GO TO A HIGHER LEVEL OF REVIEW AND A
2 BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHY THEY'RE NOT TAKING THAT
3 RECOMMENDATION.

4

5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL. AND I,
6 AGAIN, APPRECIATE THIS ONGOING JOURNEY THAT YOU'RE ALL ON
7 TOGETHER. AND WHILE ULTIMATELY THERE WILL BE DISAGREEMENTS ON
8 CERTAIN THINGS, YEAH, THE SHERIFF AND I HAD KIND OF AN
9 INTERESTING ARGUMENT BECAUSE I WAS LOOKING AT THE REPORTS AND
10 HE WAS LOOKING AT THE DATA FROM THE YEAR AND THEY WEREN'T THE
11 SAME. SO ANYWAY, GOING FORWARD, AGAIN, EVEN KNOWING THAT WE'LL
12 HAVE DISAGREEMENTS ON SOMETHING, IF WE COULD HAVE SOMEHOW THE
13 SAME YEARS, WHETHER IT'S DIVIDED IN A REPORT, 15, 16, 17, BUT
14 TO LOOK AT THE MONITOR'S REPORT AND THEN KNOW THE SHERIFF ARE
15 OPERATING OFF OF AN ANNUAL REPORT, IT'S BEEN, IT'S HARD. BUT
16 WE DO WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE DEPARTMENT AND WE APPRECIATE THE
17 PROGRESS MADE. AND YOU'RE RIGHT, I MEAN, THOSE WHO ARE
18 INCARCERATED ARE IN OUR CARE AS WELL. AND WE THINK ABOUT THEM
19 ALL THE TIME AND WE'RE SADDENED EVERY TIME THERE'S A DEATH OF
20 SOMEONE IN CUSTODY. SO, WE WANT TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE
21 THE MOST HUMANE, DIGNIFIED SETTING FOR THOSE WHO ARE
22 INCARCERATED AND UNDER THE CARE OF THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** BEFORE I GO TO YOU,
25 SUPERVISOR BARGER, I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY YOUR QUESTION IS



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1 TWOFOLD. IT'S THE TIMING OF THE REPORTS, SO IT'S AN APPLES TO
2 APPLES COMPARISON, BUT IT'S ALSO CONTENT IN TERMS OF
3 DEFINITION. YOU'RE QUESTIONING WHY. OKAY, BECAUSE I'LL FOLLOW
4 UP ON THAT AS WELL. I SHARE YOUR CONCERN. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU. AND IT'S GOOD TO
7 SEE YOU ALL AGAIN. AND I'M JUST GOING TO START OFF BY SAYING
8 THAT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO HUMANE CONDITIONS.
9 I MEAN, IT'S JUST NOT, YOU KNOW, IF YOU TALK TO THE DEPUTIES
10 THERE, THEY ARE ON HEIGHTENED ALERT BECAUSE THERE ARE AREAS
11 THAT ARE MORE DANGEROUS. I'M NOT CONDONING, I'M NOT EXCUSING,
12 I'M JUST STATING A FACT. MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL NEEDS TO BE TORN
13 DOWN. IT IS, UNTIL WE DO THAT, WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO
14 HAVE ISSUES THAT ARE GOING TO BE DISCUSSED AT THIS BOARD IN
15 THIS BOARDROOM BY THE MONITORS, BY YOU, BY THE SHERIFF AS TO
16 HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN? AND THE ANSWER IS GOING TO BE THE
17 SHERIFFS. WHILE SOME OF THEM ARE NOT PROPERLY TRAINED, I THINK
18 YOU'RE GETTING BETTER AT TRAINING, BUT THEY ARE ON HEIGHTENED
19 ALERT. I'VE TALKED TO THEM. AND IN THE AREAS WHERE YOU'VE GOT
20 UNITS WITH HIGHER RISK PEOPLE IN CUSTODY, IT EVEN GETS MORE
21 DANGEROUS. AND SO, I JUST WANT US ALL TO ACKNOWLEDGE, AND I
22 DON'T THINK YOU WOULD DISAGREE, ANY OF YOU, WITH THE FACT THAT
23 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO THE KIND OF CARE OR
24 TREATMENT THAT YOU ALL EXPECT, THAT WE EXPECT TO PROVIDE, AND
25 QUITE FRANKLY THAT WE SHOULD. AND I KNOW FROM A MENTAL HEALTH



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1 STANDPOINT, WE'VE HAD TALKS, YOU KNOW, A LOT ABOUT THAT WITH
2 OUR MONITORS BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE A MORAL AND AN
3 ETHICAL OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE QUALITY CARE WHILE THEY'RE IN
4 CUSTODY. SO, I JUST WANT TO START WITH THAT. SUPERVISOR HAHN
5 TOUCHED ON IT. THE 16TH REPORT YOU WRITE THAT THE GAP BETWEEN
6 WHAT THE PANEL FINDS OUT OF COMPLIANCE AND THE DEPARTMENT
7 FINDS OUT OF COMPLIANCE ARE NARROWING. FOR EXAMPLE, THE
8 CHILLING UNIT, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I THINK YOU ALL POINTED
9 OUT. WE ARE NARROWING IT. SO I GUESS WHAT I MEAN, DO YOU THINK
10 THAT IT'S EVER GOING TO FLATLINE? I MEAN, REALISTICALLY,
11 BECAUSE WE'RE NARROWING AND WE TALKED ABOUT IN THE BACK BEFORE
12 YOU ALL CAME OUT HERE. AND THAT IS THAT I DON'T THINK THE I
13 THINK THE FRUSTRATION AND I HEARD IT FROM YOU JUST NOW AND
14 THAT'S WHY I CALLED MY DEPUTY OVER BECAUSE I COULD HEAR YOUR
15 FRUSTRATION IS THAT IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF IF IT HAPPENS
16 ACKNOWLEDGE IT BUT ALSO WHAT IS THE ACCOUNTABILITY SIDE OF IT
17 CORRECT THE ACCOUNTABILITY SIDE OF IT. AND THE CONSISTENCY AS
18 IT RELATES TO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS.

19

20 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT. AND WE HAVE A CASE
21 PRESENTLY THAT WE WON'T BE PRESENTING FOR A WHILE. BUT IN
22 THERE, THE DEPUTIES IGNORED WHAT WAS CLEARLY TO ME EXCESSIVE
23 FORCE. AND THEY SEEM TO DO IT WITH IMPUNITY. AND WE'LL TALK
24 ABOUT THAT ANOTHER TIME.

25



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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH, WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT OFFLINE.

2

3 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** BUT ANYHOW, THAT'S THE MESSAGE THAT CAN COME
4 DOWN THAT I ADDRESSED EARLIER. THE MESSAGE WE HAVE STANDARDS,
5 WE'RE GOING TO STATE TO THEM, OR WE HAVE POLICIES, BUT THEY'RE
6 JUST SUGGESTIONS.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO ASSISTANT SHERIFF, I MEAN, YOU KIND OF
9 ARE STEPPING INTO THIS ACTING, BUT I'M GOING TO CALL YOU,
10 ASSISTANT, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, TAG YOUR IT. WHAT'S YOUR
11 RESPONSE TO THAT? BECAUSE I THINK ACCOUNTABILITY, I KNOW THE
12 SHERIFF HAS SAID THAT AND THERE ARE EVEN DEPUTIES WITHIN YOUR
13 DEPARTMENT THAT WANT ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THOSE THAT ARE NOT
14 UPHOLDING THE STANDARDS THAT THAT YOU ALL TOOK AN OATH TO
15 UPHOLD.

16

17 **HUGO MACIAS:** ABSOLUTELY SUPERVISOR BARGER SO AS INDICATED BY
18 MR. HOUSTON IS THE FACT THAT WE ARE HOLDING OUR PEOPLE
19 ACCOUNTABLE IN REGARD TO EVEN OUR PROVISIONS. WE'RE FINE-
20 TUNING THE DEFINITIONS, HOW WE'RE GOING TO EVALUATE THOSE.
21 THEY'VE HAD INDEPENDENT INTERVIEWS WITH SOME OF OUR STAFF
22 MEMBERS WHO HAVE SHARED THEIR TESTIMONY TO THEM SAYING THAT
23 THEY DO FEEL THAT THEY'RE BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE, THEY'RE
24 BEING, YOU KNOW, THEIR ACCOUNTABILITY HAS JUST BEEN RISEN AND
25 THE EXPECTATION AND HOW THEIR DEMEANOR SHOULD BE DISPLAYED TO



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1 THOSE INDIVIDUALS REMANDED TO OUR CARE HAS INCREASED. AND IN
2 REGARDS TO THE INVESTIGATION, ALL I COULD SAY IS EVERYTHING IS
3 TRENDING IN AN UPWARD POSITION. WE HAVEN'T TAKEN ANY BACK
4 STEPS IN OUR EFFORTS. WE'RE ALIGNING OUR EFFORTS, AND I TRULY
5 BELIEVE THAT THE GAP IS GOING TONARROW DOWN, AND YOU WILL BE
6 HAVING THEM REVIEW CASES THAT ARE CURRENT AND THAT COULD BE
7 REFLECTIVE OF OUR PROGRESS AND WHERE WE STAND TODAY.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, AND THIS IS A NAIVE QUESTION AND I
10 APOLOGIZE IF IT COMES OFF AS A STUPID QUESTION BUT WHEN WE
11 HAVE LIKE THE CASE THAT YOU REFERENCED, AND I'M FAMILIAR WITH
12 THAT CASE. ARE YOU ALERTED ABOUT THAT CASE? AND THEN DO YOU
13 FOLLOW ALONG AS WE DO THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AS A MONITOR, OR
14 DO YOU FIND OUT AFTER THE FACT? WHAT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN
15 AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE IN A USE OF FORCE?

16

17 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** WELL, WE'LL USUALLY GET TO CASES A LITTLE BIT
18 LATER. SO NO, ONCE WE GET IT, ONCE WE'RE AWARE OF IT, YES,
19 THEN WE CAN FOLLOW ALONG WITH IT. BUT SOMETIMES THAT COULD BE
20 SIX MONTHS OR A YEAR.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY, I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU FIX
23 THAT BECAUSE THEY'VE GOT THE --

24

25 **KATHY KENNY:** IF WE UNDERSTAND THEY'VE HAD AN INVESTIGATION IN



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1 ONE OF THOSE CASES, IT WAS AN INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION.
2 SO, WE KNEW WE GOT THE INVESTIGATION AND THEN WE WILL ASK FOR
3 AND REVIEW SOME OF THE DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION THAT GOES
4 ALONG WITH THAT. BUT AS MR. HOUSTON POINTED OUT, A LOT OF
5 TIMES IT IS QUITE A WAYS AFTER THE FACT. CASES THAT WE HAVE
6 FOUND OUT OF COMPLIANCE HAPPENED MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, AND SO
7 THE DEPARTMENT ISN'T EVEN IN A POSITION THAT THEY COULD GO
8 BACK AND TAKE ACTION AGAINST THAT PERSON BECAUSE THEY'RE OF
9 THE PERSON'S POBAR RIGHTS THAT IT WOULD VIOLATE THAT TO DO SO.

10

11 **HUGO MACIAS:** AND SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD ADD MORE CONTENT,
12 WE'RE REFERRING TO THE 2022 INCIDENT. JUST TO BE VERY
13 TRANSPARENT, THAT CASE, WE OPENED A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION. WE
14 SUBMITTED TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS, NOT INTERNAL, CRIMINAL BUREAU
15 INVESTIGATION. THAT CASE WAS SUBMITTED TO JCIT, AS WE ALL
16 KNOW. IT'S A SECTOR OF THE D.A.'S OFFICE WHO LOOKS FOR
17 MISCONDUCT BY PEACE OFFICERS UNDER COLOR OF AUTHORITY. THEY
18 DEEMED IT THERE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO PROSECUTE. THAT
19 CASE WAS THEN DONE LOWER TO OUR GENERAL AFFAIRS BUREAU AND
20 THEN THEY CONDUCTED THEIR INVESTIGATION. THEIR RESULTS WERE
21 PRESENTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW
22 COMMITTEE, WHICH LOOKED AT TACTICS AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN,
23 AND THOSE TWO INDIVIDUALS DID RECEIVE FIVE DAY SUSPENSIONS FOR
24 THEIR ACTIONS.

25



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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND THAT WAS PRE-BODY WORN CAMERA TOO?

2

3 **HUGO MACIAS:** YES, MA'AM, BODY WORN CAMERAS.

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THAT'S GOING TO CHANGE A LOT OF HOW WE
6 REVIEW THESE TYPE OF CASES, I HOPE.

7

8 **HUGO MACIAS:** IT PROVIDES A LOT MORE CONTEXT OF THE
9 ENVIRONMENT, HIGHER ACCOUNTABILITY ON BOTH SIDES. WE'VE SEEN
10 ADADOTALLY POSITIVE RESULTS FROM BOTH SIDES, FROM THE
11 INDIVIDUALS REMANDED TO A CARE AND HOW WE ARE REACTING TO ANY
12 ANTAGONIZING SITUATION WITHIN OUR JAILS. ALL IN ALL, BETTER
13 BEHAVIOR AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT TO IMPROVE NOT ONLY OUR
14 INVESTIGATION, BUT OUR CONDUCT WITHIN OUR FACILITIES.

15

16 **KATHY KENNY:** THE MONITORS HAVE NOT YET REVIEWED ANY CASES
17 WHERE BODY-WORN CAMERAS WERE USED. SO, WE HOPE WE'LL GET SOME
18 OF THOSE SOON SO WE CAN HELP ASSESS THE IMPACT THAT THAT'S
19 HAVING.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN A LONG
22 DAY, AND I OUT OF RESPECT FOR MY COLLEAGUES WHO MAY WANT TO
23 ASK QUESTIONS, I'M JUST GOING TO SAY, YOU KNOW, FIRST OF ALL,
24 THANK YOU. I RESPECT AND APPRECIATE YOU. I HEARD THE TONE WHEN
25 YOU WERE TALKING IN RESPONSE TO SUPERVISOR HAHN'S QUESTION,



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1 WHATEVER THAT QUESTION WAS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR QUESTION
2 WAS, BUT WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME TEAM. ALL RIGHT? WE ARE. AT THE
3 END OF THE DAY, YOU HAVE A JOB TO DO WORKING WITH THE
4 MONITORS, AND YOUR JOB IS TO MAKE SURE ACCOUNTABILITY IS IN
5 PLACE, TRANSPARENCY IS IN PLACE, AND THAT IN FACT WE'RE DOING
6 OUR JOB. AND THEN I LOOK OUT IN THE AUDIENCE AND SEE OUR
7 FRIENDS FROM THE ACLU, AND IF YOU ALL DON'T DO THAT, THEY WILL
8 MAKE SURE IT IS DONE, RIGHT? SO, WE'VE GOT LIKE A THREE LAYER
9 GOING ON HERE. DEPARTMENT, THE MONITORS, AND THEN THE OUTSIDE
10 GROUPS THAT ARE WATCHING THIS CLOSELY. I JUST HOPE THAT AT
11 SOME POINT, AND YOU TRACK IF SOMEONE IS GETTING MORE THAN ONE
12 USE OF FORCE. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, THE GENTLEMAN WHO HAD HIS HEAD
13 BASHED, WE LOOK TO SEE IF THAT EMPLOYEE HAS HAD OTHER USE OF
14 FORCE SIMILAR TO THAT PERSPECTIVE AND BECAUSE WE'RE NOT IN
15 REAL TIME. I MEAN YOU MONITOR THAT.

16

17 **HUGO MACIAS:** ABSOLUTELY SUPERVISOR AND I MYSELF PERSONALLY
18 LOOKED AT IT AND AT THAT TIME THOSE BOTH INDIVIDUALS DID NOT
19 HAVE PRIOR DISCIPLINE AND THAT WAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IT WAS
20 THE ONLY EVALUATION BUT WE DO TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT. BUT TO
21 FURTHER DISCUSS YOUR POINT, THERE IS GENUINE COLLABORATION
22 BETWEEN US AND THE MONITORS. WE TOTALLY RESPECT OUR ROLE, AND
23 WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO SOME OF OUR
24 CHALLENGES.

25



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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU
2 ALL VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE. YOU'RE FROM COLORADO? SO, IT'S
3 NICE AND WARM. YEAH, NEBRASKA TOO. WELCOME TO CALIFORNIA.

4
5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** LET ME ASK THE EXECUTIVE
6 OFFICER TO READ A STATEMENT, PLEASE.

7
8 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
9 BOARD, BECAUSE OF DISTURBANCE HAS SUBSIDED AND INDIVIDUALS NOT
10 INVOLVED IN THE DISRUPTION HAVE BEEN ALLOWED IN BACK IN THE
11 BOARDROOM. WE WILL CONTINUE WITH PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON AND
12 REMOTELY. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY TO
13 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF
14 YOU'RE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR THREE, IF ON THE TELEPHONE.

15
16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** VANESSA PEREZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE
17 BEGIN.

18
19 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** NO, NO, NO, WE'RE NOT READY
20 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. NO, NO. ALL RIGHT. MY, I'M SORRY. MY
21 UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT ALLOWED
22 BACK IN THE BOARDROOM WHO WERE HERE TO HEAR THE ROSAS REPORT
23 AND THAT WE WERE GOING TO ALLOW THEM IN. IS THAT CORRECT? SO,
24 THEY COULD HEAR THE BALANCE OF THIS REPORT AND THEN BE
25 AVAILABLE FOR IN-PERSON?



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2 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THAT IS CORRECT.

3

4 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** WE'VE LET THOSE PEOPLE IN?

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** AREN'T ANY ADDITIONAL?

9

10 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THEY ARE, MY UNDERSTANDING,
11 THEY ARE BACK IN. THEY ARE BACK IN. AND THE DOOR'S OPEN.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THEY'RE ON THE FRONT ROW.

14

15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** AND THERE ARE NO OTHERS? I'M
16 LOOKING AT SOMEONE WHO KNOWS WHO'S GOT IT AND THE DOOR IS
17 OPEN. OKAY THANK YOU. SO, WE'RE NOT READY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
18 YET WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THE PUBLIC WAS HERE AND THEY
19 WERE PRESENT AND AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. SUPERVISOR
20 HORVATH.

21

22 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND I WANT TO
23 ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE, AS
24 WELL AS THE COLLABORATIVE WORK THAT EXISTS BETWEEN OUR
25 MONITORS, THE ACLU, AND OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN MAKING



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1 THAT PROGRESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. A LOT OF WHAT I HAD
2 PLANNED TO TALK ABOUT HAS BEEN SAID, BUT I GUESS I WOULD ASK
3 OUR MONITORS, HAVE YOU SEEN CHANGES IN TERMS OF OUR SHERIFF'S
4 DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS, HOPEFULLY IN AN ENCOURAGING DIRECTION
5 AS IT RELATES TO HOLDING PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE AND WHAT WE DO
6 WITH OUR SUPERVISORS IF THEY FAIL TO HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE?
7 AND I THINK THAT'S REALLY AT ISSUE, YOU KNOW, FOR OUR LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND WE'RE SEEING THIS ACROSS THE BOARD,
9 BUT I'LL FOCUS ON WHAT'S BEFORE US TODAY. TRUST IN LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT EXISTS WHEN PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE ARE
11 OPERATING IN SUCH A MANNER. AND SO, I REALLY WANT TO
12 UNDERSTAND, ARE YOU SEEING A BETTER TREND IN TERMS OF
13 SUPERVISORS HOLDING THEIR SUBORDINATES ACCOUNTABLE AND
14 SUPERVISORS BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE IF THEY ARE NOT?

15

16 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** WELL, I CAN TAKE, WELL FIRST OF ALL, I'M VERY
17 ENVIOUS OF THE LEADERS THAT I FIND HERE BECAUSE THEY'RE
18 EXCELLENT, YOU KNOW, AND I'M WONDERING, WERE MY LEADERS,
19 MYSELF, WERE WE THIS GOOD? AND SO EVEN WITH THE COMMENTS I
20 MADE, YOU'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE THAT DON'T HAVE
21 INTEGRITY. WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE THAT WON'T HOLD
22 PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE. BUT I THINK THERE'S A BLIND SPOT, A BIG
23 BLIND SPOT FOR EXCESSIVE FORCE. AND WHEN I FIRST STARTED THIS
24 JOB, AND OF COURSE I COME FROM CORRECTIONS, I DON'T COME FROM
25 LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND I'VE HAD THIS DISCUSSION HERE BEFORE,



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1 TERRY MCDONALD WAS THE JAIL ADMINISTRATOR. AND I SAID, TERRY,
2 SUM UP IN ONE SENTENCE WHAT IS WRONG. SHE SAYS WE'RE USING
3 STREET TACTICS IN A CONFINED ENVIRONMENT. AND THAT'S REALLY
4 WHAT IT IS. THEY'RE TRAINED WELL. I MEAN, IF I'M AROUND L.A.
5 COUNTY, I ALWAYS FEEL SAFE IF I KNOW A DEPUTY'S AROUND, RIGHT?
6 BUT IN A CONFINED ENVIRONMENT, THE RULES CHANGE BECAUSE YOUR
7 RESOURCES CHANGE. YOU'VE GOT A LOCKED, CONTAINED AREA, WHERE
8 ARE THEY GOING TO RUN TO? THEY MIGHT HAVE A WEAPON, A
9 FASHIONED WEAPON, BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE A GUN, MOST
10 LIKELY. I MEAN, I'VE NEVER SEEN IT IN MY CAREER. AND SO, I
11 INDICATED THAT FORCE IN THE COMMUNITY IS MUCH DIFFERENT THAN
12 FORCED IN A CONFINED ENVIRONMENT AND NEEDS TO BE TREATED AS
13 SUCH. AND THE VERY CORE VALUE OF CORRECTIONS IS DIGNITY AND
14 RESPECT FOR THE PEOPLE. BECAUSE REALLY, IT DOESN'T SPEAK
15 LOUDLY ABOUT US AS A PEOPLE, AS TO HOW WE TREAT THE
16 DOWNTRODDEN AND THE PEOPLE THAT ARE LEAST OF US. AND THAT'S
17 WHAT WE HAVE IN JAILS. AND THEY NEED TO BE RESPECTED AND THEY
18 NEED TO BE TREATED IN A WAY THAT WE UNDERSTAND WE DON'T HAVE
19 TO ACT QUICKLY. THAT'S WHY WE TALK ABOUT TIME AND DISTANCE,
20 YOU KNOW? STEP BACK, TAKE YOUR TIME. YOU GOT RESOURCES SECONDS
21 AWAY. IF YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COUNTY AT THREE IN THE
22 MORNING, SOME OF THE FORCES WE'RE CALLING OUT OF COMPLIANCE,
23 WE'D BE GOING, OH MY GOSH, WE DIDN'T HAVE ANYBODY AROUND. BUT
24 WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT JAILS AND
25 PEOPLE IN CONFINEMENT AND UPHOLDING THE DIGNITY. BECAUSE IT'S



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1 THE DIGNITY OF OUR OWN THAT WE'RE EXPRESSING OUR OWN DIGNITY
2 AND OUR OWN HUMANITY BY HOW WE TREAT PEOPLE IN A LESSER
3 POSITION.

4

5 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** SO, BASED ON WHERE WE ARE TODAY, WHAT
6 DO YOU THINK MOST SUBSTANTIVELY NEEDS TO CHANGE IN ORDER TO
7 HELP CULTIVATE THAT CULTURE OF ACCOUNTABILITY INSIDE THE
8 JAILS? BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT THERE EVERY DAY, WE'RE NOT THERE
9 EVERY DAY AND THAT SEEMS TO ME TO BE THE ESSENCE OF WHAT
10 YOU'RE DESCRIBING, THAT THERE'S, AS YOU JUST INDICATED, STREET
11 TACTICS ARE BEING USED INSIDE A CONFINED SPACE. SO HOW DO WE
12 CHANGE THE CULTURE TO ADDRESS WHAT YOU'RE DESCRIBING?

13

14 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** WELL, LET ME SAY WHAT'S IN PLACE, AND THEN WE
15 CAN TALK ABOUT HOW YOU CHANGE THERE. FIRST OF ALL, WHEN WE
16 STARTED 12 YEARS AGO, WE REQUIRED THAT THERE BE A SEPARATE
17 MANUAL FOR THE JAIL, AND SO THAT WAS CREATED. WE ASKED THAT
18 THINGS CONCERNING THE PROVISIONS ARE PUT INTO POLICY, AND
19 THAT'S OCCURRED. AND SO, THE PIECES ARE IN PLACE TO MAKE THAT
20 CHANGE. AND WHEN I WENT OVER MY PREPARED REMARKS, I INDICATED
21 THAT. HUGO IS GOING TO GO IN AND SAY, THIS IS HOW WE JUDGE
22 THESE CASES YESTERDAY, AND THIS IS HOW WE'RE GOING TO JUDGE
23 THEM TOMORROW. THERE HAS TO BE A SHIFT OUT OF THE STREETS AND
24 INTO THE JAIL IN HOW THEY THINK ABOUT THINGS, TIME AND
25 DISTANCE, CALL THEM FOR SUPERVISORS, TRY TO INTERACT WITH THE



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1 INMATES IN A CORRECTIONS WAY, WHERE REALLY GOOD SECURITY IS
2 GETTING TO KNOW THE INMATES, AND THE STAFF DO A PRETTY DARN
3 GOOD JOB OF THAT. BUT HUGO CAN ADDRESS HOW THAT CHANGE COULD
4 BE MADE.

5

6 **HUGO MACIAS:** SO, SUPERVISOR, ALL I CAN ADD IS THAT OUR NUMBERS
7 PROVE IT. OUR NUMBERS ARE TRENDING DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY. I'M
8 TALKING MAJOR PERCENTAGES IF WE TAKE A TEN-YEAR SPAN. SO
9 CLEARLY THE MESSAGE IS REACHING US. WE'RE ADAPTING OUR
10 POLICIES. THE REAL ELEMENT TOO IS THAT WE'RE PEACE OFFICERS.
11 YOU GO FOR A 22-WEEK ACADEMY, THEN YOU COME INTO OUR JAILS,
12 THEN YOU GO THROUGH A SIX-WEEK TRAINING WHERE YOU LEARN ABOUT
13 ROSAS. AND FOR ANY YOUNG DEPUTY AND EVEN A SUPERVISOR, WE'RE
14 TALKING ABOUT 104 PROVISIONS, 402 COMPLIANCE MEASURES, RIGHT?
15 AND THEN YOU HAVE ALL THAT INFORMATION. IT TAKES TIME FOR OUR
16 SUPERVISORS AND OUR STAFF TO ADAPT THAT. BUT THE NUMBERS ARE
17 PROVING THAT OUR HEAD STRIKES ARE GOING ON SIGNIFICANTLY. OUR
18 OVERALL USE OF FORCE, CLEARLY THERE'S PROGRESS BEING MADE. NOT
19 TO SAY THAT THERE'S NOT MORE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT, NOT TO SAY
20 THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO KEEP OUR FOOT ON THE THROTTLE, BUT WE
21 ARE TIGHTENING THOSE AREAS. AND I'M JUST HAPPY TO SAY THAT
22 EVEN THE INSTANCES THAT WE DO HAVE ARE NOT AS EGREGIOUS AS TO
23 THE ONES THAT GOT US INTO THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TO BEGIN
24 WITH.

25



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1 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND SO HOW DO YOU INTEND TO HAVE
2 GREATER DAY-TO-DAY ACCOUNTABILITY? BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S
3 REALLY SORT OF THE PIECE THAT'S LEFT FROM OUR MONITORS ON,
4 YES, THE USE OF FORCE NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED, BUT IN MY VIEW
5 FROM WHAT I'M HEARING, IT'S THE DAY-TO-DAY INTERACTIONS THAT
6 NEED TO CREATE A CULTURE OF ACCOUNTABILITY. AND I'VE HEARD
7 FROM PATROL FOLKS THAT THEIR EXPERIENCE, THEY TAKE THINGS
8 PERSONALLY. WHEN THEY HEAR THAT SOMETHING HAPPENS IN A
9 NEIGHBORHOOD, THEY TAKE IT PERSONALLY THAT YOU KNOW, THAT
10 SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN ON THEIR WATCH. AND I WONDER, YOU KNOW,
11 I KNOW THAT THERE'S ALWAYS DISCUSSION ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE
12 BETWEEN BEING INSIDE THE JAILS VERSUS BEING OUT ON PATROLS AND
13 DIFFERENT SKILL SETS THAT ARE REQUIRED, AND MAYBE THAT'S WORTH
14 TALKING ABOUT. BUT I GUESS I'M CONCERNED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, HOW
15 DO WE GET TO A PLACE WHERE, ON A DAILY BASIS, THAT'S SORT OF
16 THE MINDSET AND THE PRACTICE FROM THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THERE?

17

18 **HUGO MACIAS:** THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. SO, THERE'S DEFINITELY
19 BEEN A CULTURE CHANGE ON HOW WE DO POLICING, RIGHT? BASED ON
20 OUR NUMBERS AND EVIDENCE, AND NOW WE'RE VERY TRANSPARENT. THE
21 SHERIFF IS COMMITTED TO BEING TRANSPARENT IN ALL OUR FINDINGS
22 AND SHARING OUR INFORMATION, GOOD, BAD, AND INDIFFERENT. SO,
23 WITH THAT BEING SAID, EVERY FORCE IS GOING TO BE HIGHLY
24 CRITICALLY CRITICIZED AS FAR AS TACTICS AND WHAT HAVE YOU, BUT
25 IT'S MORE FOR PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS. WE'RE DOUBLING DOWN ON



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1 PRACTICAL TRAINING ON HOW TO DEESCALATE THE IMPORTANCE OF
2 HAVING TIME AND DISTANCE. TO BOB'S POINT, THERE MAY NOT BE AN
3 URGENCY TO CLOSE THE GAP IF TIME PROVIDES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY
4 TO SUMMON ADDITIONAL STAFF, MAYBE A TENURE SUPERVISOR THAT CAN
5 PERHAPS DEESCALATE THE SITUATION VERBALLY AND OR AT LEAST DO
6 IT IN A TACTICAL MANNER THAT USE MINIMAL AMOUNT OF FORCE TO
7 NEUTRALIZE, TO NEUTRALIZE THE SITUATION. AND SO, I THINK, --

8

9 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OUR WHOLE PANEL'S GOING DOWN HERE.
10 AYE, AYE, AYE.

11

12 **NICHOLAS MITCHELL:** I'M OK SO FAR. OK, GOOD. I'M GOING TO STEP
13 IN. YOU KNOW, I THINK FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, WE HAVE SEEN SOME
14 IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF THE FACT-FINDING. YOU KNOW,
15 SUPERVISOR HAHN ASKED ABOUT THE CFIT TEAM, THE INVESTIGATIONS,
16 KATHY TALKED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, OUR HOPE HAD BEEN THAT THE
17 ENTIRETY OF THE INVESTIGATION AND REVIEW PROCESS WOULD BECOME
18 INDEPENDENT. THAT'S NOT THE DIRECTION THE DEPARTMENT WENT IN
19 FOR THE REASONS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ARTICULATED. I THINK
20 WE'VE SEEN SOME AMOUNT OF IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY AND
21 OBJECTIVITY OF THE FACT FINDING IN THE INVESTIGATION. AND
22 WHERE THE GAP REMAINS IS AT THE REVIEW LEVEL. AND I THINK
23 THERE'S SOME CONTINUING VARIABILITY IN THE QUALITY OF THE
24 REVIEWS OF THE USES OF FORCE BY THE COMMAND STAFF IN EACH OF
25 THE INDIVIDUAL JAILS. AND SO, I THINK WHAT, TO YOUR QUESTION,



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1 WHAT'S REQUIRED IS SOME GREATER SORT OF STANDARDIZATION AND
2 ACCOUNTABILITY FROM, YOU KNOW, I KNOW ASSISTANT SHERIFF MACIAS
3 IS COMMITTED TO THAT, TO MAKING SURE THAT EACH ONE OF THE
4 COMMANDERS AT THE INDIVIDUAL JAILS IS DOING A THOROUGH AND
5 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE FACTUAL INFORMATION THAT'S
6 GATHERED. TOO OFTEN IN THE PAST, WE SAW FORCE INCIDENTS THAT
7 WOULD BE, THE INVESTIGATION WOULD BE COMPLETED AND THE DEPUTY
8 INVOLVED OR DEPUTIES WOULD BE CLEARED WITH KIND OF
9 GENERALIZATIONS LIKE BASED ON THE TOTALITY OF THE
10 CIRCUMSTANCES I FIND THIS USE OF FORCE TO BE IN POLICY AND
11 THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH, RIGHT? IT HAS TO BE A MEANINGFUL
12 ENGAGEMENT WITH THE FACTS, THE VIDEO, THE DOCUMENTATION, THE
13 MEDICAL REPORTS. THE COMMAND PERSONNEL HAVE TO GRAPPLE WITH
14 EVIDENCE THAT MAY WEIGH AGAINST EXONERATION. AND IF IT'S NOT,
15 IF THEY DON'T CREDIT IT, EXPLAIN WHY. AND THAT'S HAPPENING IN
16 SOME CASES, BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE SORT OF A GREATER FOCUS ON
17 IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF THOSE EVALUATIONS. AND I THINK THAT
18 WOULD GO A LONG WAY TO HELP ENCLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN THEIR
19 FINDINGS AND OURS.

20

21 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** WELL, AND I HEAR AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
22 BOTH OF THE EXCELLENCE OF THE LEADERSHIP AND THAT SOME OF WHAT
23 YOU'RE SEEING IS SO OBVIOUS TO YOU THAT IT'S HARD FOR YOU TO
24 UNDERSTAND HOW IT'S STILL HAPPENING. SO THOSE TO ME SEEM SORT
25 OF INCONGRUOUS AND SO I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND IF THERE



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1 ARE OTHER TOOLS THAT WE'RE NOT USING, A DIFFERENT KIND OF
2 TRAINING, MAYBE IS THERE ANOTHER PLACE THAT PEOPLE SHOULD BE
3 LOOKING TO STAFFING, HOW JAILS ARE STAFFED ELSEWHERE THAT
4 MIGHT PROVIDE SOME INSIGHT INTO WHERE THOSE GAPS ARE EXISTING,
5 BECAUSE IT SOUNDS LIKE, AS I STARTED, I'M VERY CLEAR ABOUT THE
6 PROGRESS THAT'S BEING MADE. I'M VERY CLEAR ABOUT THE
7 COLLABORATION THAT'S HELPING TO GET US THERE. AND I THINK WE
8 ALL WANT TO SEE US GET TO A PLACE WHERE THIS DOESN'T NEED TO
9 BE CONTINUED TO BE MONITORED BECAUSE THAT ACCOUNTABILITY IS
10 COMING FROM WITHIN. AND SO, I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT
11 ELSE THIS BOARD CAN DO AND OFFER TO HELP GET US THERE.

12

13 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** I CAN GIVE YOU A SUGGESTION. OKAY. THE BIGGEST
14 CHANGE THAT YOU COULD HAVE, AND I KNOW THIS IS KIND OF A DREAM
15 OF OURS AND WE WERE GOING TO MAKE IT PART OF THE PROVISIONS,
16 IS TO GO TO DIRECT SUPERVISION WHERE YOU HAVE DEPUTIES IN
17 PAIRS, OF COURSE, AND IN NUMBERS THAT MATCHES UP TO THE
18 SECURITY LEVEL OF THE PEOPLE THERE ON THE HOUSING UNIT,
19 INTERACTING WITH THEM EVERY DAY. BECAUSE SECURITY COMES IN
20 MANY FORMS. WHEN YOU'RE OUTSIDE THE UNIT, IT'S LIKE YOU'RE AN
21 EVADING FORCE, BUT WHEN YOU'RE INSIDE THE UNIT AND YOU KNOW
22 WHO PLAYS CARDS WITH THE OTHER GUY AND WHAT THESE PEOPLE'S
23 CONCERNS ARE AND SO FORTH, IT PREVENTS SO MUCH STUFF. AND YOU
24 KNOW, YOU'D HAVE TO HAVE A REALLY GOOD STAFFING ANALYSIS
25 BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO DRIVE UP OVERTIME. BUT IT'S



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SUPERVISORS

1 SOMETHING, ESPECIALLY IF YOU BUILD ANOTHER JAIL AT SOME POINT,
2 THAT THAT BE A MAIN FEATURE THAT YOU PUT IN.

3

4 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** UNDERSTOOD.

5

6 **HUGO MACIAS:** CAN I?

7

8 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** MM-HMM, YES, OF COURSE.

9

10 **HUGO MACIAS:** GREAT QUESTION, BY THE WAY. SO, FIRST I'LL ANSWER
11 WHAT CAN BE DONE, AND WE CAME TO YOU AND YOU GUYS WERE VERY
12 SUPPORTIVE TO CREATE THIS TEAM. THESE WERE NEW FUNDED ITEMS
13 THAT DID NOT EXIST, ALL RIGHT? AND SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. WE
14 WERE MINDFUL OF WHAT WE WERE POTENTIALLY BE ABLE TO BE
15 SUPPORTIVE. WE ARE OPEN TO EXPANDING THE TEAM FIRST AND
16 FOREMOST, SO I'LL PITCH THAT FIRST. AND SECOND OF ALL, IT'S
17 JUST MAKING SURE AND THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THE EXPECTATION FOR
18 OUR SUPERVISORS, AS NICK MITCHELL INDICATED, THAT SOME OF THE
19 ARTICULATIONS, KIND OF LIKE RUBBER STAMP, IF I CAN USE THAT
20 WORD, WHERE NOW WE'RE GOING TO BE EXPECTING OUR SUPERVISORS TO
21 CLEARLY ARTICULATE THEIR FINDINGS AS TO WHY THEY CAME TO THAT
22 CONCLUSION. AND THAT'S WHAT I MEANT BY SAYING YOU'RE GOING
23 TO HAVE TO REPORT THAT TO THE DIVISION CHIEF AS TO DETERMINE
24 WHY THAT WAS A CORRECTIVE ACTION IF IT DID NOT RESULT IN A
25 FORMAL DISCIPLINE AND THEN I WOULD ADD TO BOB HOUSTON, I AGREE



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SUPERVISORS

1 MODERN PRACTICES IS THAT TYPE OF DESIGN DIRECTS LINE OF
2 SUPERVISION, YOU MITIGATE INCIDENTS BY BEING VISIBLE, ALL
3 RIGHT? IF YOU'RE IN A LINEAR DESIGN, YES, IT'S COST EFFECTIVE,
4 BUT IT ALMOST BECOMES COST PROHIBITIVE. YOU DO MODERN DESIGN,
5 WHICH IS THAT DIRECT, WHAT HE'S MEANT, YOU MINIMIZE STAFFING,
6 AND YOU PROVIDE BETTER SECURITY FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND
7 GENERAL POPULATION. AND SO THAT JUST COINCIDES WITH THE
8 SHERIFF'S IDEA OF CREATING A CARE CAMPUS FOR OUR VULNERABLE
9 POPULATION, WHERE NOW YOU CAN TAKE SOME OF OUR INDIVIDUALS
10 WITH MORE EGREGIOUS CRIMINAL RECORDS TO BE HOUSED AT TWIN
11 TOWERS. SO, WE'RE OPEN TO ALL THIS, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, WE
12 HAVE TO DO THE BEST WE CAN WITH THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURES
13 THAT WE HAVE, EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE NOT CONDUCIVE TO BEST
14 PRACTICES AND SECURITY, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, FOR THEIR CARE
15 INSIDE OUR SYSTEM.

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **KATHY KENNY:** SUPERVISOR, IF I MAY ADD TO THAT, THE ONE CHANGE
20 THAT WE'LL SEE IN THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD AS WELL, THERE'S
21 BEEN NEW COMPLIANCE MEASURES AND PROVISIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT
22 INTO PLACE REGARDING ACCOUNTABILITY. YOU'LL START TO SEE SOME
23 OF THAT REPORTED IN THE 17TH REPORT AND MORE FULLY IN THE 18TH
24 REPORT. SO, I THINK THAT WILL HELP. OUR GOAL AS A PANEL IS TO
25 SEE THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT SELF-CRITICAL OF THEIR FORCE



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1 INCIDENTS WELL BEFORE WE LOOK AT IT. YOU KNOW, THAT THEY'VE
2 IDENTIFIED THE PROBLEM BEFORE WE EVEN DO OUR REVIEW AND
3 CORRECTED THAT ISSUE. THAT'S THE WAY YOU CHANGE BEHAVIOR RIGHT
4 AWAY. AND I THINK THEY ARE SPENDING MORE TIME, THE SUPERVISORS
5 WITH WATCHING THE VIDEOS WITH THE STAFF TO SAY THIS COULD HAVE
6 BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY AND THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT. BECAUSE IF
7 YOU'RE WAITING FOR US, YOU SOMETIMES HAVE A YEAR GAP AND THEY
8 COULD CONTINUE WITH THAT BAD BEHAVIOR. AND SO, I THINK HAVING
9 THAT IMMEDIATE CORRECTION WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. AND I THINK
10 THEY'RE COMMITTED. I THINK I HAVE SEEN THAT THEY DO THAT.

11

12 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** YEAH, THAT'S SORT OF WHAT I'M GETTING
13 AT. WE'RE NOT THERE, AND I THINK THE LONGER PEOPLE WAIT, THEN
14 BAD HABITS GET REINFORCED.

15

16 **KATHY KENNY:** EXACTLY.

17

18 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I WILL ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE IT'S A HUMAN
19 REACTION TO COME FROM A PLACE OF EMPATHY WHEN PEOPLE ARE IN
20 DISTRESS, WHATEVER THAT MIGHT BE, A DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCE
21 THAT THEY'RE NAVIGATING. OVER TIME, THEY MIGHT BE NAVIGATING
22 WHAT HAVE YOU. AND SO, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AS WELL. AND SO, I
23 UNDERSTAND AN INCLINATION TO GO TO THE CUMULATIVE
24 CIRCUMSTANCES OR WHATEVER THE..

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **KATHY KENNY:** RIGHT, THE OTHER TOTALITY.

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** BUT I THINK THE MORE PRECISE WE GET,
4 THE MORE ACTUALLY HELPING DEPUTIES AND OUR DEPARTMENT DO
5 BETTER. AND THAT IS, THAT KIND OF CULTURE OF ACCOUNTABILITY ON
6 A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS IS WHERE WE NEED TO GET TO. SO, AND I
7 THINK, YOU KNOW, IN THEORY, THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO
8 ENFORCE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. SO, THE SAME SHOULD BE SAID FOR
9 THE CULTURE THAT THEY'RE OPERATING FROM.

10

11 **KATHY KENNY:** AGREED.

12

13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** I'LL JUST CLOSE BY SAYING
14 IT'S A, TO BECOME A VERY KIND OF COMMON SENTIMENT YOU WILL
15 HEAR, PARTICULARLY FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS, A IMPATIENCE WITH
16 THINGS TAKING TOO LONG AND WANTING TO GO FASTER, MOVE
17 GOVERNMENT FASTER. AND SO, WHEN I THINK ABOUT ROSAS 12 YEARS
18 AGO, AS YOU SAID, AND ALL THE YEARS THAT LED US TO THE LAWSUIT
19 AND GETTING THIS TO ROSAS, IT'S YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS. AND
20 WHILE I APPRECIATE THE SENTIMENT OF MY COLLEAGUES
21 ACKNOWLEDGING WE'VE MADE PROGRESS, WE ARE NOT AT ZERO. AND I
22 THINK WHAT I FIND CHALLENGING, AS WELL AS FAR TOO MANY OF MY
23 CONSTITUENTS, IS, YOU KNOW, THIS PROCESS, EVEN IF WE GET DOWN
24 INTO THE PARTICULAR ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE REPORT AND IT'S
25 DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW AND THE DEFINITIONS BEING DIFFERENT, IT'S



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1 ALL AFTER THE FACT. AND SO EVEN THE BODY WORN CAMERA REVIEW IS
2 AFTER THE FACT. AND SO REALLY I APPRECIATE THE LAST QUESTION
3 AND THE DIRECTION YOU WENT TO BECAUSE THE POINT IS, HOW DO YOU
4 AFFECT CULTURE SHIFT AND PREVENTION UPFRONT, AS OPPOSED TO
5 AUDITS AND MONITORING AND REVIEWING VIDEO AND AFTER THE FACT
6 REVIEW. AND SO, I GET THAT PHYSICAL PLAN IS A CHALLENGE. I
7 COMPLETELY GET THAT. IT'S A CHALLENGE TO THE KINDS OF IN UNIT
8 SUPERVISION YOU SAY IS IDEAL AND CURRENT IN TERMS OF RESEARCH
9 AND PERCEPTION IN TERMS OF THE BEST PRACTICES. SO, I WILL
10 CONTINUE TO PUSH. I WANT TO KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING ON THE
11 FRONT END WITH TRAINING, EMPOWERING OFFICERS WITH
12 ALTERNATIVES, PARTICULARLY IN THE, I WOULD SUGGEST, LOW-
13 HANGING FRUIT OF EXAMPLES THAT WERE CITED, THAT THE LETTER
14 CITED, THE VIDEO SITE, WHEN PEOPLE ARE CUFFED DO APPEAR TO BE
15 IN A PASSIVE STANCE AND YET ARE THE RECIPIENT OF A HEAD
16 STRIKE. I CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH HOW THERE CONTINUES TO
17 SEEM TO BE A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ABOUT WHAT'S APPROPRIATE,
18 NECESSARY, AND WHAT'S NOT. SO, I'M HOPING THE POLICY AND
19 YOU'LL CONTINUE TO HAVE CONVERSATION TO GET CLOSER. THAT FOR
20 ME IS A FOUNDATIONAL CONCERN THAT EVEN AS THE NUMBERS GO DOWN,
21 THAT THEY DON'T GO DOWN EQUALLY. AND SO REALLY HOPING THAT YOU
22 GET CLOSER TO A SHARED VISION AND AGREEMENT ON WHEN IT'S
23 JUSTIFIED AND WHEN IT'S NOT. THAT'S THE DAY I'M LOOKING
24 FORWARD TO, AND HOPEFULLY IT WON'T BE 12 YEARS FROM NOW,
25 RIGHT? ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT, WITH THAT, EXECUTIVE



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1 OFFICER, CAN YOU PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
2 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME
5 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PETER ELIASBERG. AS A FINAL
6 REMINDER FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING
7 QUEUE TO ADDRESS ITEM 52. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, USE
8 THE RAISE HAND FEATURE ON YOUR DEVICE OR PRESS STAR THREE ON
9 YOUR TELEPHONE NOW. ROY HUMPHRIES, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED,
10 PLEASE BEGIN.

11

12 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** RAGE 0.1 IN THIS DISCUSSION POINTS TO
13 SUPERVISOR BARGER'S FOUR DEMOCRATS SISTERS KILLING THE
14 APPROVED \$1,600,000,000 NEW MEN'S JAIL. RAGE 0.2, TO THE
15 GENTLEMAN'S CONFINEMENT VERSUS LAW ENFORCEMENT GOES TO MY
16 REPEATED PLEA THAT YOU GO TO THE STATE TO CHANGE THE STATE'S
17 JAIL CODE TO SEPARATE JAILS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
18 RAGE 0.3, WHERE'S THE DEATH REPORT, WHICH IS LIKE THE EPSTEIN
19 FILES, 2025, 36 DEAD AND SEVEN SO FAR THIS YEAR. BY THE WAY,
20 MY BROTHER WORKED WAYSIDE MAX FOR THREE YEARS. THANK YOU.

21

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

24

25 VANESSA PEREZ: I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED BY ONE INCIDENT DISCUSSED



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1 IN THE ROSAS MONITOR REPORT. THE PUBLIC REPORT ON THE LAC
2 WEBSITE STATES THAT ON JULY 4, 2022, DEPUTIES JONATHAN
3 GUTIERREZ AND JOSE PERALTA GENERALLY SQUASHED AGAINST A MAN
4 WHO WAS HANDCUFFED DURING A ROUTINE ESCORT IN THE SHOWERS AT
5 MCJ 1751. LAC'S OWN REPORT STATES THAT THE MAN WAS NOT
6 AGGRESSIVE PRIOR TO EXITING HIS CELL. THE ROSES PANEL
7 DESCRIBED THE VIDEO WHICH SHOWED DEPUTY GUTIERREZ GRIPPING THE
8 BACK OF THE MAN'S NECK AND DRIVING HIS HEAD INTO THE WALL,
9 RESULTING IN SERIOUS HEAD INJURIES. LAAC'S PUBLIC REPORT
10 CLAIMED THAT HEAD INJURIES WERE ACCIDENTAL AND CAUSED BY THE
11 MAN'S OWN MOMENTUM. THE LAC FOUND NO ROSES VIOLATION FOR THE
12 FORCE ITSELF. HOWEVER, ROSAS PROVISION 2.6 PROHIBITS HEAD
13 STRIKES UNLESS THERE IS AN IMMINENT THREAT OF SERIOUS INJURY.
14 AND THAT ROSES PANEL FOUND THAT LAC EXPLANATION THAT HE THREW
15 HIS OWN HEAD INTO THE WALL WAS NOT SUPPORTED BY VIDEO
16 EVIDENCE. THIS INCIDENT SHOWS THAT ADDING BODY CAMERAS WILL
17 NOT STOP THE ABUSE OR BRING THE LAC INTO COMPLIANCE WITH
18 ROSAS. DEPUTIES ALREADY KNOW THEY ARE BEING RECORDED. VIDEOS
19 SHOW CLEAR VIOLATIONS. YES, SERIOUS AND PROHIBITED FORCE
20 CONTINUES --

21

22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. BYRON JOSE, YOUR LINE IS
23 UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

24

25 **BYRON JOSE:** THIS IS BYRON JOSE WITH THE TRANSLATINA COALITION.



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SUPERVISORS

1 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR YOUR
2 QUESTIONS AND UPLIFTING TRANSPARENCY AND THE JUSTICE THAT
3 COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANT TO SEE. IN ADDITION TO THIS ROSAS
4 REPORTS, WE DEFINITELY LOOK FORWARD TO THIS BOARD SUPPORTING
5 AND UPHOLDING THE CIVIL BRAND COMMISSION TO ENSURE THAT THEY
6 CONTINUE TO BE ACCOUNTABILITY. WE'RE GLAD THAT SD2 IS NOW THE
7 CHAIR PRO TEM. THANK YOU FOR THE CLARIFICATION. WE WERE NOT
8 TOLD WHAT WAS HAPPENING. COMMUNITY MEMBERS WANTED TO ENGAGE
9 WITH THIS. WE HAVE FAMILIES, WE HAD ELDERS, WE HAD PEOPLE THAT
10 SPEAK OTHER LANGUAGES. SO, FOR THE CHAIR AND ALL OF HER
11 WANTING TO MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE. IT WAS HARD TO KIND OF LIKE
12 JUST BE THROWN AT THE SHERIFF, WILLING TO USE THEIR EXCESSIVE
13 FORCE ON THE PUBLIC AT THIS PUBLIC MEETING. SO, WE LOOK
14 FORWARD TO THIS BOARD MOVING SOME OF THIS WORK. THANK YOU.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ANTHONY ARENAS, YOUR LINE IS
17 UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

18

19 **ANTHONY ARENAS:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

22

23 **ANTHONY ARENAS:** HI, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS FROM
24 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3. I'M WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW IN
25 THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE



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1 VIOLENCE THAT IS GOING ON INSIDE OF THESE JAILS WITH USE OF
2 FORCE AND ALL COMES WITH A STEEP PRICE TAG THAT YOU ALL KNOW
3 ABOUT. THE COUNTY'S LITIGATION COST REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR
4 2024 TO 2025 SHOWED THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LITIGATION
5 COSTS EXCEEDED \$112,000,000 AND THAT ACCOUNTED FOR 68% OF THE
6 COUNTY'S LITIGATION SPENDING. AND TO GO BACK TO THE JULY 4,
7 2022, INCIDENT, THERE WAS A REPORT THAT CAME OUT THAT DAY
8 ABOUT DEPUTIES JONATHAN GUTIERREZ AND JOSE PERALTA JR. USING
9 FORCE AGAINST A MAN WHO WAS HANDCUFFED DURING A ROUTINE
10 ESCORT. AND THAT INCIDENT, JUST TO REITERATE, SHOWS THAT --

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. JANET ASANTE, YOUR LINE IS
13 UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **JANET ASANTE:** JANET ASANTE WITH THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION.
16 AND I WANT TO REITERATE HOW INCREDIBLY INHUMANE THE BEHAVIOR
17 OF THE LASD DEPUTIES IS AND HOW INSANE THIS IS TO HAVE AN ITEM
18 ON THE AGENDA WHERE THE THIS CASE IS REALLY JUST HIGHLIGHTING
19 HOW THE DEPUTIES CAN'T COMPLY WITH THEIR OWN POLICIES, WHICH
20 DON'T EVEN COVER THE BASIC RIGHTS OF FOLKS IN THERE. THE
21 THINGS THAT THEY'RE DOING TO PEOPLE ARE WORSE THAN THE CHARGES
22 OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING HELD INSIDE OF THESE JAILS. WE
23 KNOW THAT MOST PEOPLE IN THE JAILS HAVE MENTAL ILLNESSES TO
24 BEGIN WITH. AND SO, THE CONCERN AROUND, YOU KNOW, THE ISSUE ON
25 JULY 4TH WITH THE DEPUTIES JONATHAN GUTIERREZ AND JOSE PERRATA



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1 JR. BODY CAMERAS AREN'T GOING TO FIX THIS ISSUE. WE KNOW THAT
2 VIDEO DOESN'T STOP IT. BODY CAMERAS DON'T STOP IT. I HEARD
3 SOMEONE MENTIONED BUILDING A NEW JAIL THAT WON'T STOP IT
4 BECAUSE IT'S THE CULTURE OF THE DEPUTIES THEMSELVES. THEY COST
5 US SO MUCH MONEY IN RUNNING THE JAIL. THEY COST US MONEY IN
6 THE LITIGATION COSTS FOR ALL OF THE FAMILIES THAT THEY IMPACT
7 WITH THEIR USE OF FORCE, AND THEY CAN'T EVEN COMPLY WITH THEIR
8 OWN POLICIES. WE NEED TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND DEFUND
9 LASD NOW.

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. SAHARRA WHITE, YOUR LIGHT IS
12 UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

13

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

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

17

18 **SAHARRA WHITE:** MY NAME IS SAHARRA WHITE. I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH
19 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND JUSTICE L.A. I'M ALSO A FAMILY
20 MEMBER. I LOST MY LOVED ONE, QUENTIN THOMAS INSIDE OF TWIN
21 TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AT THE HANDS OF THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT IN MARCH 9, 2018. AND WE DON'T NEED ANY NEW JAILS.
23 WE DON'T NEED TO GIVE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MORE MONEY,
24 MORE TECHNOLOGY, NONE OF THAT. LIKE SO FAR THIS YEAR, WE'VE
25 HAD NINE IN CUSTODY DEATHS. PEOPLE ARE DYING AT A FASTER RATE



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1 THAN LAST YEAR. AND LAST YEAR WAS ALREADY AT AN ALL TIME HIGH.
2 LIKE THIS IS JUST UNACCEPTABLE. THE SHERIFF'S CARELESS AND
3 HEARTLESS ACTIONS ARE COSTING THE COUNTY MILLIONS, THOUSANDS
4 AND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN LAWSUITS AND SETTLEMENTS WHEN THAT
5 MONEY COULD BE GOING TOWARDS COMMUNITY CARE, HOUSING, MENTAL
6 HEALTH SERVICES, AND REBUILDING LOS ANGELES. WE CONTINUE TO
7 TALK, Y'ALL CONTINUE TO TOLERATE THE LASD'S USE OF FORCE,
8 ABUSE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AND PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR LIVES.
9 WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE?

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER
12 REMOTE SPEAKERS, EXCUSE ME, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. REMOTE
13 PARTICIPATION FOR ITEM 52 IS NOW CONCLUDED. WE WILL GO TO THE
14 IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

15

16 **PETER ELIASBERG:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, PETER ELIASBERG FROM
17 THE ACLU. JUST TWO QUICK COMMENTS IN ADDITION, OBVIOUSLY, TO
18 THE VOLUMINOUS MATERIAL WE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD IN OUR
19 LETTER. SUPERVISOR BARGER, I DO AGREE WITH YOU THAT CONDITIONS
20 IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ARE UNACCEPTABLE, BUT OF THE TWO
21 HORRIFIC INCIDENTS THAT BOB HOUSTON TALKED ABOUT, ONE OF THEM
22 WAS IN TWIN TOWERS, SO IT'S NOT JUST A FACILITIES PROBLEM.
23 SECOND OF ALL, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, YOU ASKED ABOUT
24 ACCOUNTABILITY. ONE THING THAT WAS REALLY DEPRESSING TO ME
25 THAT WASN'T MENTIONED WAS IT'S NOT JUST ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE



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1 DEPUTIES WHO ENGAGE IN FORCE. IT'S ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE
2 SUPERVISORS WHO SIGN OFF ON COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE FORCE AND
3 SAY IT WAS FINE. I'VE YET TO SEE ANY INCIDENT WHERE A
4 SUPERVISOR HAS EVER BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HAVING VIOLATED POLICY
5 FOR DOING A REALLY BAD REVIEW WHERE THEY SIGN OFF ON
6 UNACCEPTABLE FORCE. SO, IF YOU WANT ACCOUNTABILITY, IT'S NOT
7 JUST GOING AT THE DEPUTIES, IT'S GOING AT THE SUPERVISORS WHO
8 SIGN OFF ON THIS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE FORCE. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **MELISSA CAMACHO:** HELLO, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MELISSA CAMACHO
13 WITH THE ACLU OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
14 TAKING THE TIME TO READ OUR MATERIALS. I WANTED TO ADDRESS
15 BRIEFLY THE COMMENTS ABOUT THE GAP NARROWING BETWEEN THE
16 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S FINDINGS AND THE PANEL'S FINDINGS. AND
17 FOR THE 16TH REPORT THAT THE PANEL FOUND NINE CASES OUT OF
18 COMPLIANCE AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT THIS FIRST LEVEL OF
19 REVIEW HAS FOUND FIVE. WHAT I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO ASK
20 NEXT TIME IS, HOW MANY OF THOSE CASES ACTUALLY RESULT IN
21 DISCIPLINE? BECAUSE THE JURY IS STILL OUT AS THOSE GO INTO
22 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS. SO IT COULD BE THAT THE GAP IS
23 MUCH LARGER THAN NINE AND FIVE, IF ONLY ONE OR TWO OF THOSE
24 CASES ACTUALLY RESULT IN DISCIPLINE. SO, WE REALIZE THAT
25 THERE'S A TIMING ISSUE, YES, BUT AS THIS BOARD HAS BEEN ASKING



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1 FOR REPORTS TIME AFTER TIME IS VERY HELPFUL TO BE ABLE TO ASK
2 FOR A REVISED GAP.

3

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

6

7 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THIS REPORT WILL BE RECEIVED
8 AND FILED.

9

10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** WE WRAPPED THAT UP SO
11 QUICKLY. I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU TO ANSWER THAT LAST QUESTION
12 FROM THE WITNESS RIGHT NOW, BUT WE'LL GET TO THAT ON THE NEXT
13 GO ROUND. THANK YOU. APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU ALL.

16

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



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SUPERVISORS

1 ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME.

2

3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL JAY MORALES PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
4 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. BYRON J. YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED PLEASE
5 BEGIN.

6

7 **BYRON JOSE:** THANK YOU. PEOPLE WANT TO SHUT DOWN MEN'S CENTER
8 JAIL WE WANT TO MOVE A LOT OF THESE THINGS. SO, WE DEFINITELY
9 WANT TO SEE THAT ENERGY FROM OUR BOARD, SPECIFICALLY FROM THE
10 OFFICES THAT ARE ON THE WAY OUT THE DOOR WHO'VE SEEN THIS
11 ISSUE TRYING TO ESCALATE AND KEEP GOING AND ARE JUST WILLING
12 TO MOVE ON. SO, WE DEFINITELY WANT TO HEAR, SEE YOUR
13 LEADERSHIP AND MOVING THIS. AND LASTLY, THANK YOU SUPERVISOR
14 MITCHELL FOR VISITING OUR CENTER. THANK YOU FOR ENGAGING THE
15 TRANSLATINA COALITION, AS PROVIDING SERVICES IN YOUR DISTRICT.
16 WE'RE ALWAYS GREAT SPENDING TIME WITH YOU, BOTH AT YOUR HOME
17 HERE AT THE BOARD, AT YOUR HOME IN THE DISTRICT, AND OBVIOUSLY
18 AT OUR OFFICE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SOME MORE TIKTOKS AND
19 CONTINUE ENGAGING IN DISTRICT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR VISIT AND
20 FOR ALL OF YOUR AMAZING WORK TODAY.

21

22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ROY HUMPHRIES, YOUR LINE IS
23 UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

24

25 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** YES, CAN YOU HEAR ME?



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1

2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

3

4 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** THE HAND IS STILL, SO OKAY, JUST TO MAKE IT
5 SHORT AND SWEET THAT IT IS A DISSERVICE AND IS AN INSULT TO
6 THE CONSTITUENTS THAT YOU ALL HAVE THE AUDACITY TO HOLD
7 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE END OF AN INDETERMINATE AMOUNT
8 OF TIME. THAT IS A SIMPLE SLAP IN THE FACE AND A GO TO HELL
9 MOVE. THANK YOU.

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11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. JANET ASANTE, YOUR LINE IS
12 UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

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14 **JANET ASANTE:** HI, MY NAME IS JANET ASANTE AND I LIVE IN SD2. I
15 JUST WANTED TO GIVE A COMMENT ABOUT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN
16 THESE MEETINGS. IT'S VERY HARD FOR FOLKS TO TAKE TIME OUT OF
17 THEIR DAY, AS YOU KNOW, TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS. SO, TO HEAR
18 THAT THERE NOT ONLY WERE FOLKS SAYING, YOU KNOW, ALL THE WAY
19 UNTIL 5 P.M., BUT FURTHERMORE, BEING KICKED OUT OF THE ROOM
20 AND NOT BEING ALLOWED BACK IN BY LASD DEPUTIES, THE SAME
21 DEPUTIES THAT ARE BANKRUPTING THE ENTIRE COUNTY. AND THIS IS
22 WHAT THEY'RE DOING AT PUBLIC MEETINGS, SO LET ALONE WHAT
23 THEY'RE DOING IN THE PRIVACY OF L.A. COUNTY JAILS, WHERE THERE
24 ARE RECORD NUMBERS OF IN CUSTODY DEATHS HAPPENING. IT'S
25 IMPORTANT THAT WE ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ALSO



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1 ENCOURAGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. SO, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT
2 THEY'RE NOT KEEPING PEOPLE OUT OF THESE PUBLIC MEETINGS,
3 INCLUDING OUR PARTNERS AT THE ACLU WHO ARE DIRECT MEMBERS OF
4 THE ITEM THAT WAS BEING DISCUSSED JUST NOW. SO JUST REALLY
5 WANTED TO POINT THAT OUT. AND IT MATTERS TO ME, IT MATTERS TO
6 THE FAMILIES AND THE FOLKS IN OUR COALITION, AND IT SHOULD
7 MATTER TO THE BOARD AS WELL.

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9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER
10 REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR
11 THESE ITEMS IS NOW CONCLUDED. WE WILL GO TO THE IN-PERSON
12 SPEAKER. PLEASE BEGIN.

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14 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M TRYING
15 TO CATCH MY BREATH HERE. I HAVE A LITTLE LUNG PROBLEM. HELLO.
16 I AM GOING TO SUBMIT TO YOU A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF WHAT I'M
17 ABOUT TO SAY, BUT I'LL KEEP IT VERY BRIEF AND JUST READ ONE
18 PARAGRAPH OF THAT. I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES
19 POST NUMBER 8, CHARTER TENANT PATRIOTIC HALL, AND ALSO ON
20 BEHALF OF THE 300,000 VETERANS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, TO
21 EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO
22 EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. BECAUSE IN 11 DAYS ON SATURDAY,
23 FEBRUARY 21, 2026, AT 10 A.M., BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL WILL BE
24 CELEBRATING ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY. THIS BUILDING IS THE LAST
25 REMAINING BUILDING OF ITS TYPE IN THE NATION, AND BECAUSE OF



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1 YOU, I'M SORRY, BECAUSE OF YOU BACK IN JUNE OF 2024. WE BECAME
2 AN ACTUAL MONUMENT --

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4 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** THANK YOU.

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

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9 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
10 BOARD, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. 1 THROUGH 14, 17,
11 19, 21 THROUGH 24, 25 WAS SUPERVISOR HORVATH, RECUSING HERSELF
12 FROM THE VOTE. 26 AND 27, 29 THROUGH 31. 32 WAS SUPERVISOR
13 HORVATH, RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE. 33 WAS SUPERVISOR
14 MITCHELL, RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE. 34 THROUGH 42. 43
15 WAS SUPERVISOR HORVATH, RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE. 44
16 THROUGH 50. 53 THROUGH 60. 61A THROUGH 61C. 1D, THESE ITEMS
17 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I'LL MOVE IT.

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21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
22 SECONDED BY MITCHELL. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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24 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

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

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

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

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

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11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE**

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

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16 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM: AYE.**

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18 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE.**
19 **MOTION CARRIES, 4 TO 0. WE WILL NOW PROCEED WITH THE**
20 **ADJOURNMENTS.**

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22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR.**
23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I THINK THE ORDER OF ADJOURNMENTS WE'RE**
24 **GOING TO START WITH DISTRICT 5 AND THEN WE'LL GO IN ASCENDING**
25 **ORDER STARTING WITH DISTRICT 1.**



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN
3 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF THOMAS KENT "T.K."
4 CARTER, ACCOMPLISHED ACTOR, COMEDIAN, AND LONGTIME DUARTE
5 RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 69. BORN ON DECEMBER
6 18, 1956, IN NEW YORK CITY, T.K. GREW UP IN THE SAN GABRIEL
7 VALLEY WHERE HE DISCOVERED HIS PASSION FOR PERFORMANCE AT AN
8 EARLY AGE. HE BEGAN PERFORMING STAND-UP COMEDY AT JUST 12
9 YEARS OLD AND APPEARED IN SCHOOL THEATER PRODUCTIONS,
10 INCLUDING NEIL SIMON'S THE ODD COUPLE. T.K. LAUNCHED HIS
11 PROFESSIONAL CAREER IN THE MID 1970S WITH TELEVISION
12 APPEARANCES ON GOOD TIMES AND THE JEFFERSONS, LATER
13 TRANSITIONING INTO FILM. HE GAINED WIDESPREAD RECOGNITION FOR
14 HIS ROLE AS NOLZ IN THE THING AND WENT ON TO APPEAR IN
15 NUMEROUS FILMS INCLUDING RUNAWAY TRAIN, SKI PATROL, AND SPACE
16 JAM. ON TELEVISION T.K. WAS WIDELY BELOVED FOR HIS ROLE AS A
17 TEACHER, MIKE FULTON, ON PUNKY BREWSTER, WITH ADDITIONAL
18 APPEARANCES ON SERIES SUCH AS NYPD BLUE, EVERYBODY HATES
19 CHRIS, AND HOW TO GET AWAY WITH MURDER. OVER NEARLY FIVE
20 DECADES, HE EARNED ADMIRATION AS A DEPENDABLE AND VERSATILE
21 ACTOR WHOSE WORK SPANNED COMEDY AND DRAMA. HE WILL BE
22 REMEMBERED FOR HIS TALENT, WARMTH, AND LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS
23 TO TELEVISION AND FILM. T.K. IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, LOIS
24 GASTON, A FORMER MAYOR OF DUARTE AND A MEMBER OF THE MONROVIA
25 ARCADIA-DUARTE TOWN COUNCIL AND HIS CHILDREN ACTUALLY ON THE



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1 SCHOOL BOARD NOT THE TOWN COUNCIL.

2 I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY AND WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF

3 SYLVIA AMANDA SLAKEY, A DEVOTED EDUCATOR, COMMUNITY LEADER,

4 AND BELOVED MOTHER, WIFE, AND GRANDMOTHER WHO PASSED AWAY ON

5 JANUARY 23, 2026, AT THE AGE OF 79. BORN ON NOVEMBER 4, 1946,

6 IN BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS, SYLVIA WAS THE DAUGHTER OF EMORY

7 AND GERTRUDE LOUD AND GREW UP IN EAST BRIDGEWATER WHERE SHE

8 ATTENDED LOCAL SCHOOLS. SYLVIA EARNED HER DEGREE IN ENGLISH

9 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS SYSTEM BEFORE PURSUING A

10 TEACHING CREDENTIAL AT BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE, WHERE SHE

11 MET HER HUSBAND, STEVE SLAKEY. THEY MARRIED ON FEBRUARY 1971,

12 AND SOON SETTLED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SYLVIA CONTINUED HER

13 EDUCATION AT CAL POLY POMONA, EARNING HER TEACHING CREDENTIAL

14 AND MASTER'S DEGREE, AND BEGAN HER CAREER TEACHING AT WILLOW

15 SCHOOL AT THE CHARTER OAK SCHOOL DISTRICT, A PASSIONATE

16 EDUCATOR. SHE LATER BECAME DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE PTA

17 LEADERSHIP AT WILLIAMS SCHOOL AND ESTABLISHED IN SUCCESSFUL

18 TUTORING PRACTICE AND READING AND MATH SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND

19 FAMILIES FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. SYLVIA WAS AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY

20 VOLUNTEER SERVING NINE YEARS ON THE GLENDORA PUBLIC LIBRARY

21 BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PARTICIPATING IN NUMEROUS CIVIC AND

22 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF

23 NEARLY 55 YEARS, STEVE, HER SON, ANDREW, HER DAUGHTER,

24 STEPHANIE, HER GRANDCHILDREN, OWEN AND LAINEY, AND MANY FAMILY

25 MEMBERS WHO CHERISHED HER DEEPLY. SYLVIA WILL BE REMEMBERED



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1 FOR HER INTELLECT, COMPASSION, DEDICATION TO EDUCATION, AND
2 UNWAVERING LOVE FOR HER FAMILY AND HER COMMUNITY. THANK YOU,
3 MADAM CHAIR.

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5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** THANK YOU AND I UNDERSTAND
6 THE ONLY MEMBER THAT'S GOT ADJOURNED MEMORIES LEFT IS YOU,
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN, SO WE'LL SKIP DIRECTLY OVER TO DISTRICT 4.

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9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY, THE LAST SHALL BE THE FIRST ALMOST.
10 THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES, I HAVE TWO TODAY. AND I MOVE THE FIRST
11 ONE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
12 WILLIAM "HOWARD" ULLER, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. HE
13 WAS 84 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. AFTER GRADUATING FROM UCLA, HOWARD
14 DEDICATED HIS PROFESSIONAL LIFE TO SERVICE SPENDING DECADES AS
15 THE DIRECTOR OF TOBERMAN SETTLEMENT HOUSE IN SAN PEDRO,
16 WORKING TIRELESSLY ON BEHALF OF UNDERSERVED MEMBERS OF THE
17 COMMUNITY. HIS LIFE'S PASSION WAS HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVE
18 GANG LIFE BEHIND, AND THAT WAS A MISSION THAT HE CONTINUED
19 EVEN AFTER HIS RETIREMENT. HOWARD'S GREATEST JOY WAS HIS
20 FAMILY. HIS WIFE MITZI WAS A LONG-TIME TEACHER AT VICTOR
21 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN TORRANCE, AND TOGETHER THEY RAISED TWO
22 SONS AND SPENT MANY YEARS COACHING YOUTH SOCCER AND
23 BASKETBALL, MENTORING COUNTLESS LOCAL CHILDREN ALONG THE WAY.
24 AN AVID FLY FISHERMAN, HOWARD WAS A DEVOTED MEMBER OF THE LONG
25 BEACH CASTING CLUB WHERE HE WORKED, HE FORMED LIFELONG



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1 FRIENDSHIPS AND HELPED ORGANIZE SPY CASTING TOURNAMENTS THAT
2 GREW TO ATTRACT INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS. HE WAS ALSO A
3 MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION AT TEMPLE BETH EL IN SAN PEDRO. HE
4 SURVIVED BY HIS SONS, JEFFREY AND MATTHEW, GRANDDAUGHTER MIA,
5 SISTER NANCY, AND MANY EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS. HE WILL BE
6 REMEMBERED FOR HIS WARMTH, HIS TIRELESS PURSUIT OF SOCIAL
7 JUSTICE, LEADERSHIP IN SAN PEDRO, AND WAVERING DEVOTION TO
8 UCLA, AND HIS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I
9 FELT HONORED TO HOLD HIM DEAR AS A PERSONAL FRIEND FOR OVER 30
10 YEARS. AND COLLEAGUES, IT'S A SPECIAL HONOR FOR ME TODAY TO
11 ASK YOU TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JUAN CONTRERAS GOMEZ. JUAN
12 WAS A BELOVED HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, BROTHER, EDUCATOR,
13 AND PROUD IMMIGRANT. HE WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 17, 1958, AND HE
14 PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 22ND. JUAN IS THE FATHER OF MY
15 TRANSPORTATION DEPUTY, VIVIANA GOMEZ, WHO LEADS MY METRO TEAM.
16 JUAN IS ALSO THE BROTHER OF THE NORWALK CITY MANAGER, JESUS
17 GOMEZ, AND WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE VIVIANA AND HER FAMILY HERE
18 WITH US TODAY AS WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JUAN. AND I WAS
19 GIVEN SOME NAMES, I DON'T KNOW IF I GOT THEM ALL, BUT WE HAVE
20 MARIA GOMEZ, NELLIE AGUILAR, ALEXANDER GOMEZ, LEO OCHOA,
21 ADRIAN GOMEZ, AND ALEXANDER AND AYA, THE GRANDSON AND
22 GRANDDAUGHTER, ARE WITH US TODAY. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.
23 IT'S CLEAR THAT JUAN'S LIFE REFLECTS THE SPIRIT OF LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY, A REGION BUILT BY IMMIGRANTS, STRENGTHENED BY
25 EDUCATORS, AND SUSTAINED BY FAMILY AND SERVICE. HE IMMIGRATED



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1 TO THE UNITED STATES AT THE AGE OF 17, UNABLE TO SPEAK
2 ENGLISH. BUT THROUGH PERSEVERANCE AND DETERMINATION, HE BUILT
3 A LIFE ROOTED IN OPPORTUNITY, EDUCATION, AND LOVE. JUAN GREW
4 UP IN LYNWOOD AND HUNTINGTON PARK, GRADUATED FROM LYNWOOD HIGH
5 SCHOOL AND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY DOMINGUEZ HILLS. HE
6 PURCHASED HIS FIRST HOME IN HAWAIIAN GARDENS AND LATER RAISED
7 HIS FAMILY IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, WHERE HE BECAME A STEADFAST
8 AND RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. FOR MORE THAN 32 YEARS,
9 JUAN SERVED LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS A DEVOTED ELEMENTARY AND
10 MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER WITH LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
11 DISTRICT. TEACHING PRIMARILY SPANISH SPEAKING STUDENTS, HE
12 MADE IT HIS MISSION TO ENSURE EVERY CHILD LEARNED HOW TO READ
13 AND WRITE, BELIEVING EDUCATION TO BE THE FOUNDATION OF
14 OPPORTUNITY AND DIGNITY. HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS KINDNESS, HIS
15 HUMILITY, AND HIS GRATITUDE. HE LIVED A GROUNDED LIFE,
16 APPRECIATIVE OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY, AND ALWAYS GUIDED BY
17 COMPASSION. AND THROUGH HIS QUIET LEADERSHIP AND STEADY
18 EXAMPLE, HE LEFT AN ENDURING MARK ON THE FAMILIES, THE
19 STUDENTS, AND THE COLLEAGUES HE SERVED THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY. AND THAT WAS EVIDENT AT HIS MEMORIAL SERVICE LAST
21 SATURDAY THAT I WAS HONORED TO ATTEND. THAT CHAPEL WAS PACKED
22 WITH STANDING ROOM ONLY AND TEARS THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE WERE
23 A TESTAMENT TO PEOPLE'S LOVE AND ADMIRATION FOR JUAN. HE WAS A
24 LOVING HUSBAND, A FATHER, A GRANDFATHER. HE LED HIS FAMILY
25 WITH PATIENCE, HUMILITY, AND BY EXAMPLE, INSTILLING IN HIS



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1 CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN THE SAME VALUES OF KINDNESS,
2 GRATITUDE, AND PERSEVERANCE THAT GUIDED HIS LIFE AND WORK. HE
3 IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE, MARIA, HIS THREE CHILDREN,
4 JUAN CARLOS, ALEXANDRA, AND VIVIANA, HIS THREE GRANDCHILDREN,
5 ALEXANDER, JULIAN, AND AYA, AND HIS 11 BROTHERS AND SISTERS.
6 TODAY, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HONORS JUAN CONTRERAS GOMEZ
7 FOR A LIFE OF SERVICE BOTH IN THE CLASSROOM AND AT HOME. AND
8 IN RECOGNITION OF HIS LASTING IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY AND HIS
9 FAMILY, WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY.

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** IF IT'S APPROPRIATE, AND I WOULD BE
12 WILLING TO JOIN YOU IN THAT, AND I THINK OUR WHOLE BOARD
13 WOULD.

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15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, PRO TEM:** AS WOULD I, AND THANK YOU FOR
16 THE LOVELY IMAGES. WE SAW HIS LIFE BEFORE US, AND THOSE 80S
17 HAIRSTYLES TOO. WE SAW IT ALL. IT WAS BEAUTIFUL. THANK YOU,
18 SUPERVISOR. OH, LOOK AT THAT ONE, LOOK AT THAT ONE, THOSE
19 EYES. BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL. SO, THANK YOU ALL FOR JOINING US
20 AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR ALLOWING US TO JOIN IN.
21 WE'LL TAKE ALL MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO
22 A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY, WE'VE ALREADY
23 HANDLED THE BUSINESS OF CLOSED SESSION AND SO WITH THAT, I
24 WILL ANNOUNCE THAT THIS CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. WE COULD
25 TALK ABOUT SOME MORE THINGS, SUPERVISOR HAHN, IF YOU'D LIKE.



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1 THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING HELD
2 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026, AT 9 A.M. WE STAND ADJOURNED.
3 THANK YOU.

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