



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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MONDAY, JUNE 22ND, 2026

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING. WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME EVERYONE TO THIS VERY SPECIAL MEETING TODAY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026/27 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. TODAY IS MONDAY, JUNE 22ND, 2026. WE WILL TAKE NOTE THAT A QUORUM OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. AT THIS TIME, PLEASE JOIN ME IN HEARING THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. THANK YOU.

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



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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, YUHA AVIATAM 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:** OKAY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU
14 PLEASE PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TODAY?

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



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

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, TODAY'S MEETING ORDER WILL
23 BE THE FOLLOWING. WE'LL START WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
24 OFFICER'S PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY REMARKS BY MEMBERS OF THIS
25 BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL BUDGET ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5. THEN



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1 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL PRESENT EACH BUDGET ITEM IN
2 NUMERICAL ORDER. OKAY, THAT'S THE ORDER OF THE BUSINESS. AND
3 WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, JOSEPH M.
4 NICCHITTA.

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6 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU, I'M
7 HERE THIS MORNING TO PRESENT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FINAL
8 CHANGES TO THE COUNTY'S 2026/27 RECOMMENDED BUDGET. A QUICK
9 RECAP, I MADE A PRESENTATION AT LAST WEEK'S BOARD MEETING
10 HIGHLIGHTING THE CHALLENGES THE COUNTY FACES IN THE CURRENT
11 FISCAL YEAR AND EXPLAINING HOW THAT INFLUENCES OUR DECISION-
12 MAKING FOR FINAL CHANGES. I'M NOT GOING TO BELABOR THOSE
13 POINTS THIS MORNING, BUT FOR THE BENEFIT OF MEMBERS OF THE
14 PUBLIC THAT WERE NOT HERE OR WATCHING LAST WEEK, I WILL REPEAT
15 THAT WE ARE CONTENDING WITH FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS AND RULE
16 CHANGES TO FOOD AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS UNDER H.R.-1, A STATE
17 BUDGET DEFICIT, INCREASING COSTS OF SERVICES, AND LARGE-SCALE
18 LIABILITIES, ALL OF WHICH ARE PUTTING INTENSE PRESSURE ON OUR
19 BUDGET AND FORCING US TO OPERATE IN A CLIMATE OF UNCERTAINTY
20 WITH SEVERAL FACTORS THAT ARE OUT OF OUR CONTROL. OUR GOAL
21 UNDER THESE CONDITIONS IS TO PRIORITIZE CRITICAL SAFETY UNIT
22 SERVICES OVER LESS IMMEDIATE NEEDS AND PRESERVE RATHER THAN
23 GROW PROGRAMS AT THIS TIME. I'LL ALSO REMIND THE PUBLIC THAT
24 THIS IS THE SECOND PHASE OF OUR THREE-PHASE ANNUAL BUDGET
25 PROCESS. IF THE BOARD APPROVES THESE CHANGES TO THE



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1 RECOMMENDED BUDGET ADOPTED IN APRIL, THIS WILL BECOME THE 12TH
2 MONTH SPENDING PLAN FOR DEPARTMENTS BEGINNING JULY 1. THEN IN
3 SEPTEMBER, WE WILL RETURN TO THE BOARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
4 FOR ANOTHER SET OF CHANGES TO ENSURE OUR 26/27 BUDGET FULLY
5 REFLECTS THE STATE BUDGET, WHICH MAY NOT BE FINALIZED UNTIL
6 THE END OF THE MONTH, COUNTY DOLLARS AVAILABLE FOR
7 REALLOCATION AT YEAR-END CLOSING, AND ANY OTHER CHANGES IN
8 REVENUE AND CONDITIONS. WITH THAT, I WILL WALK THROUGH THE
9 RECOMMENDATIONS. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. THESE ARE THE
10 BUDGET BASICS. THIS SLIDE PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF THE KEY
11 BUDGET METRICS, TOTAL DOLLARS AND TOTAL BUDGETED POSITIONS.
12 THE BUDGET TOTAL FOR FINAL CHANGES IS \$50,300,000,000. THIS IS
13 A \$1,500,000,000 INCREASE FROM THE 26/27 RECOMMENDED BUDGET.
14 THAT INCREASE IS PRIMARILY DUE TO BUDGETING \$1,300,000,000 IN
15 FEDERAL, STATE, AND SPECIAL FUND REVENUE, NEARLY \$900,000,000
16 OF WHICH IS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT DOLLARS THAT COME
17 FROM THE STATE. THESE FUNDS ARE REPLACING MENTAL HEALTH
18 SERVICE ACT DOLLARS THAT WERE REMOVED FROM THE BUDGET IN AN
19 EARLIER PHASE. I'LL GET TO THE OTHER CHANGES IN JUST A MINUTE,
20 BUT THE THING I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR FOR THE MOMENT IS THAT THE
21 PROJECTIONS OF LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE IN THE RECOMMENDED
22 BUDGET REMAIN UNCHANGED. THAT MEANS THAT THERE IS NO NEW LOCAL
23 MONEY IN THE FINAL CHANGES BUDGET PHASE. IN TERMS OF BUDGETED
24 POSITIONS, THERE IS A SLIGHT NET DECREASE OF 202 POSITIONS
25 SINCE APRIL. THESE ARE DUE TO CHANGES IN DEPARTMENTAL



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1 OPERATIONAL NEEDS. THEY DO NOT REFLECT CUTS TO THE BUDGET.
2 I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. OKAY. LET'S TALK FOR A MINUTE ABOUT
3 THE SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR FINAL CHANGES. FIRST, THERE IS NEW
4 FEDERAL, STATE, AND SPECIAL DISTRICT FUNDING, AS I MENTIONED.
5 THAT INCLUDES THE NEARLY \$900,000,000 IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
6 SERVICES ACT FUNDING THAT I JUST MENTIONED \$167,600,000 IN
7 OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING, \$79,900,000 IN FIRE DISTRICT-
8 SPECIFIC FUNDING, INCLUDING GRANTS AND DISTRICT PROPERTY AND
9 SPECIAL TAXES. THERE IS ALSO APPROXIMATELY \$15,000,000 IN
10 LOCAL FUNDING TO BE ALLOCATED. JUST TO BE CLEAR, THIS IS NOT
11 NEW MONEY, BUT IN OUR MOST RECENT RETIREMENT BUDGET UPDATE, WE
12 WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY MONEY THAT COULD BE REALLOCATED FOR
13 OTHER PRIORITIES. AND THIS IS ONE OF OUR EFFORT SUPERVISORS TO
14 GO THROUGH OUR BUDGET AND MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE USING EVERY
15 DOLLAR TO ITS MAXIMUM IMPACT. I DO WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT
16 REALLOCATING THIS \$15,000,000 IN EXCESS FUNDING DOES NOT HAVE
17 ANY IMPACT AT ALL ON THE TYPE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO BE
18 PAID OUT. THERE IS NO CHANGE TO THE BENEFITS WE'VE PROMISED TO
19 OUR WORKFORCE. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. OKAY, LET'S TALK A
20 LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BUDGETING THAT
21 \$15,000,000 IN ONGOING RETIREMENT FUNDING. THEY WILL INCLUDE
22 \$7,000,000 TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ESPERANZA HILLS, CHARLES
23 WHITE, IRVIN MAGIC JOHNSON AND WISHING TREE PARKS TO BETTER
24 SUPPORT THE SOCIAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH ROLE PARKS PLAY IN OUR
25 COMMUNITIES. FIVE MILLION SET ASIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF



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1 THE NEW ETHICS COMMISSION AND OFFICE OF ETHICS COMPLIANCE AS
2 RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE. MEASURE G
3 REQUIRES L.A. COUNTY TO ESTABLISH THE ETHICS COMMISSION BY THE
4 END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR. SO THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO
5 ESTABLISH THE COMMISSION WILL BE TAKEN UP IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL
6 BUDGET PHASE. WE HAVE QUITE A BIT OF WORK TO DO BETWEEN NOW
7 AND THEN TO STAND UP THAT COMMISSION. \$1,700,000 SET ASIDE FOR
8 THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM. THESE
9 ARE LICENSES, MOSTLY LICENSES AND MAINTENANCE COSTS. THIS WILL
10 REPLACE THE SHERIFF'S CURRENT OUTDATED CAD SYSTEM. THIS IS NOT
11 FOR ADDITIONAL STAFFING. I'LL JUST NOTE AGAIN, THIS IS FOR THE
12 SYSTEM ITSELF. THE DEPARTMENT'S NAME ACCREDITATION. WE'RE
13 RECOMMENDING \$300,000 FOR A MEDICAL EXAMINER COMPLIANCE
14 OFFICER TO MAINTAIN THE DEPARTMENT'S NAME ACCREDITATION. AS
15 YOU KNOW, THIS BOARD HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS OVER THE
16 PAST SEVERAL FISCAL YEARS TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT TO REGAIN
17 ITS ACCREDITATION, WHICH WAS LOST TO THE WHICH WAS LOST YEARS
18 AGO AFTER THE DEPARTMENT FELL BELOW NAMES OPERATIONAL
19 STANDARDS. WE'RE RECOMMENDING \$200,000 FOR MILITARY AND
20 VETERANS AFFAIRS TO SUPPORT TARGETED SUICIDE PREVENTION AND
21 OUTREACH. ANOTHER IMPORTANT BOARD PRIORITY. THIS IS FOR A NEW
22 STAFF POSITION IN AN AREA WHERE EVEN A MODEST INVESTMENT CAN
23 HAVE A VERY MEANINGFUL IMPACT. AND AS I PREVIEWED FOR THE
24 BOARD LAST WEEK, BEYOND THE \$15,000,000, THERE IS NO ONGOING
25 COUNTY FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR OTHER NEW INVESTMENTS DURING THIS



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1 BUDGET PHASE. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. OKAY, SO LET'S TALK
2 ABOUT SOME OF THE ONE-TIME COUNTY AND BRIDGE FUNDING
3 RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS BUDGET PHASE. WE'RE RECOMMENDING
4 FUNDING FOR TWO WORKFORCE PROGRAMS, \$9,100,000 TO FUND WORK
5 EXPERIENCE AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR 3,308
6 YOUNG PEOPLE, ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT
7 LEVEL OF 7,000 YOUTH AT WORK PARTICIPANTS. THIS ONE-TIME
8 FUNDING JOINS SOME ONGOING FUNDING ALREADY IN DEO'S BUDGET FOR
9 THE PROGRAM. WE'RE RECOMMENDING \$1,100,000 TO FUND WORKFORCE
10 DEVELOPMENT AND CAREER PATHWAY SERVICES FOR 134 COUNTY
11 RESIDENTS ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT
12 LEVEL OF 200 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS IN THE PREPARING FOR LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, ALSO KNOWN AS PLACE, WHICH
14 CONNECTS COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK FOR THE
15 COUNTY. WE'RE ALSO RECOMMENDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE
16 MEASURE G GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE. THIS RECOMMENDED
17 \$3,300,000 IS TO PAY FOR EXISTING STAFF, AS WELL AS NEW
18 CONSULTANT AND OPERATIONAL COSTS AND MEMBER STIPENDS. THE
19 \$3,300,000 IS CONSIDERED AN IMPLEMENTATION COST UNDER MEASURE
20 G, AND THE ONE-TIME RESOURCES COME FROM OPERATIONAL SAVINGS IN
21 THE CURRENT YEAR. THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL APPROXIMATELY
22 \$900,000 ALREADY IN PF YOU TO SUPPORT THE GRTF WHICH WILL ALSO
23 BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE TASK FORCE NEXT FISCAL YEAR TO
24 SUPPORT THEIR WORK IN TOTAL THEY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO
25 \$4,200,000 TO FUND THEIR ACTIVITIES. ON THE BOTTOM HALF OF



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1 THIS SLIDE, WE DETAIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BRIDGE FUNDING. AS
2 YOU KNOW, BOARD POLICY AND SOUND FISCAL PRACTICES DICTATE THAT
3 WE USE ONE-TIME FUNDS FOR ONE-TIME PURPOSES. HOWEVER, GIVEN
4 THE COUNTY'S CURRENT FISCAL RESTRAINTS AND CRITICAL NEEDS IN
5 SOME AREAS, WE'RE USING ONE-TIME MONEY AS A ONE-TIME BRIDGE OR
6 LIFELINE FOR A LIMITED SET OF PROGRAMS AS WE ASSESS OUR
7 AVAILABLE ONE-TIME FUNDING IN SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. THESE
8 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BRIDGE FUNDING INCLUDE \$7,700,000 FOR
9 THREE LEGAL AID PROGRAMS, REPRESENT L.A., THE HOLISTIC DEFENSE
10 PROGRAM, AND THE SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS. WE'RE ALSO
11 RECOMMENDING \$1,400,000 IN BRIDGE FUNDING FOR STAFFING TO
12 CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMERCIAL
13 CANNABIS PROGRAM. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. OKAY, THIS SLIDE
14 DETAILS THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND OTHER FUNDING CHANGES THAT WE
15 ARE RECOMMENDING IN FINAL CHANGES. IT'S A FAIRLY LONG LIST, SO
16 I WON'T WALK THROUGH EACH ITEM BUT I DO WANT TO MAKE A COUPLE
17 HIGHLIGHTS. FIRST \$167,600,000 FOR A VARIETY OF IMPORTANT
18 MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS INCLUDING 376 ACUTE, SUBACUTE, AND
19 ENRICHED RESIDENTIAL SERVICES TREATMENT BEDS, EMERGENCY
20 PSYCHIATRIC ASSESSMENT TREATMENT AND HEALING UNITS AT MLK
21 JUNIOR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND HENRY MAYO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL,
22 THESE ARE CALLED MPATH UNITS, AND INTENSIVE COMMUNITY-BASED
23 OUTPATIENT CARE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO HOSPITALIZATION FOR
24 PATIENTS STEPPING DOWN FROM AN ACUTE OR CRISIS SETTING. THIS
25 OUTPATIENT CARE IS IMPORTANT FOR REDUCING OUR COSTS OF CARE BY



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1 BETTER MEETING PATIENTS' LONG-TERM NEEDS. THERE IS ALSO
2 \$101,600,000 IN ONE-TIME FUNDING FOR HOMELESS SERVICES AND
3 HOUSING TO PROVIDE A RANGE OF SERVICES TO HELP THOSE
4 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THIS FUNDING COMES FROM A VARIETY
5 OF SOURCES, INCLUDING CAL AIM, A STATE GRANT, AND TRANSFERS
6 FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. THE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED
7 HERE WILL HELP SUPPORT THE MODERNIZATION OF OUR TAX SYSTEM,
8 THE NOVEMBER MIDTERM ELECTION, STAY HOUSED L.A., YOUTH
9 DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS THAT PROVIDE COMMUNITY-BASED PREVENTION
10 AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMING, AND EARLY INTERVENTION CARE
11 COORDINATION, AND THE BUSINESS INTERRUPTION FUND TO PROVIDE
12 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES EXPERIENCING
13 SIGNIFICANT UNFORESEEN ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS. SOME OF THESE
14 EXAMPLES HIGHLIGHT OUR ABILITY TO FIND NEW SOURCES OF FUNDING
15 FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTY TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY OR CRITICAL
16 NEEDS. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT REVENUE GENERATION AS A ONE-TIME
17 SOLUTION TO OUR BUDGET NEEDS. OUTSIDE REVENUE IS A PART OF
18 THAT PUZZLE, AND WE ENCOURAGE DEPARTMENTS TO EXPLORE OUTSIDE
19 SOURCES, WHETHER THAT COMES IN THE FORM OF NEW FEDERAL AND
20 STATE GRANTS OR PHILANTHROPIC DOLLARS AS WELL. I'LL TAKE THE
21 NEXT SLIDE. JUST A BRIEF DISCUSSION ABOUT PRESERVING COMMUNITY
22 INVESTMENTS. I DO WANT TO TAKE SOME TIME TO HIGHLIGHT ONGOING
23 INVESTMENTS THAT ARE ALREADY PART OF A RECOMMENDED BUDGET
24 REMEMBER OUR BUDGET WE TEND TO BUDGET INCREMENTALLY SO WHAT
25 YOU SEE IN FINAL CHANGES DOESN'T REFLECT THE WHOLE OF THE



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1 COUNTY'S INVESTMENTS. AND THAT MAY NOT BE OBVIOUS TO THE
2 PUBLIC. THERE ARE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN INVESTMENTS NOT
3 CALLED OUT DURING THESE BUDGET PRESENTATIONS. THESE INCLUDE A
4 WIDE RANGE OF COUNTY SERVICES FROM PUBLIC HEALTH TO COMMUNITY
5 SERVICES. BUT I WANT TO FOCUS TODAY ON ALTERNATIVES TO
6 INCARECENERATION AND DIRECT COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AS WELL AS
7 JAIL CLOSURE SINCE THIS HAS BEEN THE TOPIC OF SOME DISCUSSION
8 OF LATE. THE CENTERPIECE OF THIS WORK IS OUR INVESTMENT IN
9 CFCI, WHICH TOTALS \$314,300,000 FOR 26/27. THE JAIL CLOSURE
10 IMPLEMENTATION TEAM MANAGES \$42,000,000 FUNDED THROUGH CFCI TO
11 EXPAND DIVERSION AND COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT OPTIONS. AND
12 \$2,100,000 IS ALLOCATED TO PUBLIC HEALTH TO EXPAND SUBSTANCE
13 USE NAVIGATION SERVICES SUCH AS AT FELONY ARRAIGNMENT.
14 HOWEVER, THE COUNTY'S INVESTMENTS IN ALTERNATIVES TO
15 INCARECENERATION GO FAR BEYOND CFCI FUNDING. WHAT YOU DON'T
16 SEE ON THE SLIDE, BECAUSE WE WANTED TO BE SURE TO GET THE
17 ANALYSIS RIGHT, AND WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO COMPLETE THE
18 ANALYSIS BEFORE THIS WENT LIVE, IS THAT THERE IS NEARLY
19 \$600,000,000 IN THIS BUDGET TO SUPPORT JAIL CLOSURE
20 IMPLEMENTATION TEAMS WORK TOWARD THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL
21 JAIL AND THE DOJ COMPLIANCE TEAMS WORK TO IMPROVE JAIL
22 CONDITIONS AND PROVIDE BETTER ACCESS TO MEDICAL AND MENTAL
23 HEALTH CARE IN CUSTODY SETTINGS. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THIS
24 NEARLY \$600,000,000 IS FUNDED WITH NET COUNTY COSTS AND AB 109
25 REALIGNMENT DOLLARS, MONEY THE COUNTY RECEIVES FOR TAKING OVER



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1 CUSTODY SERVICES THAT WERE ONCE THE ROLE OF THE STATE PRISON
2 SYSTEM. WE ARE DIRECTLY PAYING FOR A HOST OF PROGRAMS HELPING
3 TO DIVERT INDIVIDUALS FROM JAIL TO MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE
4 USE TREATMENT AND PROVIDE OUTPATIENT SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY
5 RATHER THAN IN A CELL. BETTER JAIL CONDITIONS FOR THOSE WHO
6 MUST REMAIN IN CUSTODY IS ALSO A PRIORITY. SO SOME OF THAT
7 NEARLY \$600,000,000 IS USED TO RECRUIT MORE CLINICIANS AND
8 NURSES TO WORK IN THE JAILS TO PAY FOR MEDICALLY ASSISTED DRUG
9 TREATMENT WHILE IN CUSTODY AND FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS AND CCTV
10 TO PREVENT JAIL SUICIDES. THE FINAL CHANGES BUDGET SUPPORTS
11 \$554,800,000 IN TOTAL FUNDING FOR CORRECTIONAL HEALTH
12 SERVICES. THIS IS THE DIVISION OF OUR HEALTH SERVICES
13 DEPARTMENT THAT PROVIDES MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT
14 IN OUR JAILS. AND TO GIVE YOU A BETTER SENSE OF THE SCOPE OF
15 COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES, THIS BUDGET ALSO PRESERVES FUNDING
16 FOR 6,164 INTERIM HOUSING BEDS, 32,517 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
17 HOUSING SLOTS, AND 5,300 BUDGETED OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
18 REENTRY BEDS. NOW, THESE ARE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS. THE
19 OFFICE OF DOJ COMPLIANCE ESTIMATES THAT THE COUNTY HAS
20 INVESTED MORE THAN \$3,350,000,000 OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS ON
21 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO SUPPORT THESE EFFORTS TO MOVE FORWARD
22 TOWARD CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND PROVIDE THE
23 APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CARE FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO MUST STAY
24 IN CUSTODY TO PRESERVE PUBLIC SAFETY. THERE IS, OF COURSE,
25 MORE WORK TO DO. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. I WANT TO BE SURE



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1 THE PUBLIC IS AWARE OF THE SCALE OF RESOURCES ALREADY DEVOTED
2 TO THESE EFFORTS AND THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP FOCUS ON THESE
3 PRIORITIES. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. JUST A BRIEF MENTION OF
4 SOME DEFERRED REQUESTS THAT REMAIN VERY MUCH ON OUR RADAR AS
5 WE LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SOURCE NEW FUNDS AND REALLOCATE
6 EXISTING DOLLARS. THESE INCLUDE A REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL
7 \$3,000,000 FOR THE BUSINESS INTERRUPTION FUND I MENTIONED
8 EARLIER, AN ADDITIONAL \$4,200,000 FOR THE REPRESENT L.A.
9 PROGRAM, AN ADDITIONAL \$1,500,000 FOR SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS
10 CENTERS, AND \$9,800,000 FOR THE ELDER NUTRITION PROGRAM, WHICH
11 IS KNOWN, WHICH I KNOW IS A PRIORITY FOR YOUR BOARD. THESE
12 REQUESTS, AS WELL AS THE NEED TO FIND FUNDING FOR PUBLIC
13 HEALTH PROGRAMS TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY, VISION ZERO AND
14 ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP ACTIVITIES ALL REMAIN IN CONSIDERATION FOR
15 FUNDING IN THE NEXT BUDGET PHASE. AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
16 PUBLIC, I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT FUNDING TODAY VERSUS DEFERRAL
17 TO A FUTURE BUDGET PHASE DOESN'T NECESSARILY REFLECT A
18 PREFERENCE FOR ONE PROGRAM OR ANOTHER, AND THE TIMING OF
19 IMPLEMENTATION OR THE POINT AT WHICH AN EXISTING PROGRAM MAY
20 RUN OUT OF FUNDING CAN ALSO PLAY A MEANINGFUL ROLE IN
21 DECISION-MAKING. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. SUPERVISORS IN
22 TERMS OF NEXT STEPS, I MENTIONED AT THE OUTSET THIS IS THE
23 SECOND PHASE IN A THREE-PHASE PROCESS. WE WILL BE RETURNING TO
24 THE BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 29TH WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
25 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. AND BETWEEN NOW AND THEN, THE CEO WILL



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1 ACTIVELY BE ADVOCATING AND MONITORING THE STATE BUDGET
2 NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WILL CONCLUDE BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, AS
3 I MENTIONED. THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER WILL CLOSE THE BOOKS AT
4 THE END OF THE YEAR, WHICH IS JUNE 30TH, AND PROVIDE A REPORT
5 ON THE CLOSING FUND BALANCE IN SEPTEMBER. THE SUPPLEMENTAL
6 BUDGET WILL REFLECT THE IMPACTS OF THE STATE BUDGET, BUDGET
7 ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON YEAR AND FUND BALANCE, AND ANY NEW
8 INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDES
9 ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATORY
10 CHANGES. WE'RE ALSO WORKING TO BRING BACK BUDGET
11 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEASURE ER OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND
12 MEASURE ER WILL BE PROGRAMMED IN SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. I'LL
13 TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE AND THAT WILL CONCLUDE MY PRESENTATION.
14 SUPERVISORS, I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, JOE, FOR THAT
17 PRESENTATION. AND I'M VERY DELIGHTED THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO
18 EXPAND UPON THE CORRECTIONAL HEALTH BUDGET IN OUR JAILS. SO I
19 THINK IT'S VERY TIMELY TO BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THAT, BUT I KNOW
20 THERE'LL BE MORE DISCUSSION ON THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD. BUT
21 BEFORE I BEGIN, COLLEAGUES, YOU KNOW, I'M FEELING A BIT SOMBER
22 RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN LOS ANGELES, IN
23 EAST L.A., AND IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. AND BEFORE I START WITH MY
24 REMARKS ON THE BUDGET, I JUST WANT TO REALLY THANK OUR L.A.
25 COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS, OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, AND ALL THE FOLKS



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1 THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING 24/7 FOR THE LAST SIX, SEVEN DAYS,
2 ALMOST SEVEN DAYS NOW, SIX DAYS, TACKLING THE HORRENDOUS FIRE
3 THAT TOOK PLACE IN BOYLE HEIGHTS KNOWN AS THE LINEAGE
4 LOGISTICS BUILDING LOCATED AT LOS PALOS STREET, WHICH IS IN
5 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, BUT WITHIN ACROSS THE STREET IS OVER
6 250 HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE IMMEDIATELY IMPACTED IN EAST L.A., THE
7 UNINCORPORATED AREA, AND THEN THAT GOES BEYOND. I WANT TO ALSO
8 THANK AGAIN THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, ESPECIALLY ASSISTANT
9 CHIEF O'BRIEN AND ALL OF HIS STAFF. I WAS THERE TO WALK
10 THROUGH WITH THEM AND ACTUALLY TOUR THE SITE OUTSIDE,
11 OBVIOUSLY, ALONG WITH THE CITY OF THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN
12 LOS ANGELES AND SAW WHAT WAS UNFOLDING BEFORE OUR EYES AND
13 LITTLE DID WE ALL KNOW THAT IT WAS GOING TO CONTINUE AND IT
14 CONTINUES ON TODAY. BUT I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW PROUD I AM IN
15 SPITE OF ALL THAT OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND I WANT TO
16 ESPECIALLY AGAIN THANK THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ALSO OUR
17 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OUR MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
18 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, OUR PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, AND
19 PARKS AND RECREATION. OUR INTERNAL SERVICES THAT WAS THERE TO
20 ASSIST WHEN WE HAD TO PULL TOGETHER QUICKLY A PRESSER AT CITY
21 TERRACE PARK AND I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO OUR OFFICE OF
22 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT KEVIN MCGOWAN WHO I KNOW WE WERE GOING
23 BACK AND FORTH ABOUT HOW QUICKLY WE COULD OPEN UP A FACILITY
24 OR PARK SPACE AND I WANT TO WANT TO THANK HIM FOR HIS COURAGE
25 IN FACING MY STAFF AND MY CONCERNS BECAUSE THESE ISSUES ARE



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1 NOT EASY AND IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT A BALANCE AND COORDINATION. AND
2 I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK THE GREAT FOLKS THAT REPRESENT THE
3 RED CROSS, BECAUSE THEY ARE RESIDENTS, THEY ARE VOLUNTEERS.
4 AND THEY IMMEDIATELY, ONCE WE CONTACTED THEM, SAID ABSOLUTELY
5 WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOU STAND UP, CITY TERRACE PARK, AND THAT
6 WAS ON FRIDAY NIGHT. SO THEY WERE PREPARING, I THINK, AFTER 6
7 P.M., BEFORE 11, TO GET THAT SET UP BY 11 P.M., AND THEY WERE
8 READY TO GO. AND THEY HAVE SINCE BEEN OPERATING ALONG WITH OUR
9 STAFFS 24/7. BUT I WANT TO SAY THAT THAT KIND OF STARTED OUT
10 LAST WEEK, AS YOU KNOW, ON WEDNESDAY. BUT WHAT CONTINUES RIGHT
11 NOW, AND I THINK MOST OF YOU EVEN IN THIS BUILDING, FELT IT IF
12 YOU SENSED THE SMELL OF A STRONG FIRE ODOR. AND THAT'S BECAUSE
13 THERE ARE VARIOUS CHEMICALS THAT ARE BURNT AND THAT ARE STILL
14 IN OUR ATMOSPHERE. AND THAT'S, I THINK, GOING TO LINGER FOR
15 SOME TIME. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO STOP,
16 THAT WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE, THAT WE'RE
17 GOING TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PPE, BUT ALSO AIR FILTERS WHERE
18 NECESSARY, WHERE WE CAN. AND I WANT TO ALSO LET THE PUBLIC
19 KNOW THAT MY STAFF WAS ON SITE ON WEDNESDAY WHEN IT STARTED.
20 SO I WANT TO CLEAR THE RECORD FOR PEOPLE WHO THINK THAT THE
21 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND OUR OFFICES WERE NOT THERE. WE WERE,
22 AND WE WERE STANDING NEXT TO OUR FIRE RESPONDERS WHO GAVE US
23 MINUTE BY MINUTE DISCLOSURES AS TO HOW THIS WAS GOING TO BE
24 HANDLED, WHAT WE NEEDED TO DO, AND TO REMAIN SAFE. AND THAT,
25 TO ME, IS FIRST AND FOREMOST. SO WE WENT ACTUALLY DOOR-TO-DOOR



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1 AND STARTED DISTRIBUTING MASKS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION IN
2 ENGLISH AND SPANISH TO THE RESIDENTS MOST IMPACTED IN THE
3 NEIGHBORING AREA. BUT I WANT TO TELL YOU, WE WORKED VERY
4 QUICKLY WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AND OUR
5 CEO AND OEM BECAUSE WE WERE ABLE TO GET AN EMERGENCY
6 DECLARATION OUT ON SATURDAY, EVEN THOUGH THE PUBLIC MAY NOT BE
7 AWARE, THAT THIS WAS ALSO DONE IN COORDINATION WITH THE MAYOR
8 AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY THAT
9 THIS WAS SIGNED ON JUNE 20TH AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD AND WE TOOK
10 VERY CAREFUL NOTE AS TO HOW TO PREPARE THIS SO THIS WENT UP TO
11 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AS SOON AS WE GOT IT PREPARED I HAVE TO
12 I HAVE TO SAY THAT BECAUSE I THINK PEOPLE GIVEN WHAT YOU'RE
13 READING DO NOT MENTION L.A. COUNTY ISSUING OUR HOUR ALONG WITH
14 THE CITY'S EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION. AND TOMORROW WE'LL
15 TECHNICALLY VOTE ON IT AT OUR BOARD MEETING. SO IT IS
16 OFFICIAL, BUT I'M SAYING THAT TO GO AHEAD AND BE ABLE TO
17 RECEIVE FUNDS AND ALL THE MECHANISMS, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT
18 THAT'S ABOUT. IT'S BRINGING IN RESOURCES THAT WE DESPERATELY
19 NEED. SO I JUST WANTED TO SAY ALL OF THAT SO THAT PEOPLE COULD
20 UNDERSTAND. AND I HOPE LATER TODAY TO OPEN UP ANOTHER SITE
21 JUST TO PICK UP SUPPLIES, NEEDED AIR FILTERS, MASKS, FOOD, AND
22 MORE INFORMATION THAT WILL BE OFFERED IN THE SURROUNDING WHAT
23 THEY CALL UNION PACIFIC AREA AROUND THE BLOCK FROM WHERE THE
24 FIRE TOOK PLACE. SO IT'S A LITTLE BIT MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR
25 PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP. AND I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES AND I



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1 WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY FAMILY AND THOSE RESIDENTS THAT ARE
2 SO RESILIENT OUT THERE RIGHT NOW. SOME DON'T KNOW WHO TO CALL
3 AND THERE'S A LOT OF CONFUSION AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN CLARIFY
4 THAT AS WE MOVE THROUGH THIS PROCESS. SO AGAIN, I WANT TO
5 THANK EVERYONE AND I WANT TO THANK OUR CEO AND ALL THOSE THAT
6 HELPED TO GET US READY FOR THIS YET AGAIN ANOTHER DISASTER. SO
7 WITH THAT, LET ME START WITH THE BUDGET. I KNOW THAT THIS
8 TAKES A LOT OF WORK, AND I WANTED TO SAY TO YOU, JOE, A
9 SPECIAL THANK YOU AND TO YOUR CEO TEAM AND TO OUR DEPARTMENT
10 HEADS WHO ARE HERE AS WELL, THEIR TEAMS THAT HAVE WORKED AND
11 PUT THEIR STRONG EFFORTS INTO MAKING THIS BUDGET DOABLE. THE
12 PROCESS, AS WE KNOW, TAKES MONTHS AND IT'S DIFFICULT,
13 DIFFICULT TO HAVE THESE DECISIONS AND DISCUSSIONS MADE. AND A
14 LOT OF INTENSE PREPARATION AND HOURS THAT GO INTO THIS TO MAKE
15 SURE THAT WE ARE TAKING CARE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES THAT
16 THE L.A. COUNTY HAS. AND IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT A BUDGET,
17 WE ALL SAY IT'S A REPRESENTATION OF OUR VALUES. AND I WANT TO
18 CONTINUE TO SAY THAT IT ABSOLUTELY IS. AND WE ARE IN A
19 SITUATION WHERE THINGS ARE CHALLENGING, BUT AGAIN, WE ARE
20 GOING TO STAND UP AND DO THE BEST WE CAN. WE'RE GOING TO
21 NAVIGATE THROUGH THIS, AND WE'RE GOING TO DO IT WITH
22 FORESIGHT, STRATEGIC PLANNING, AND I THINK A LOT OF COURAGE,
23 BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO
24 HAVE TO MAKE SOME MORE HARD DECISIONS. AS YOU ALL KNOW, WE'RE
25 FACING SOME TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES BECAUSE OF FEDERAL



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1 GOVERNMENT ACTIONS, AND ALSO BECAUSE OF THE HISTORIC AB 218
2 SETTLEMENT COSTS THAT STILL LINGER AND WILL, CONTINUED
3 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH OUR LABOR PARTNERS, THE IMPACTS OF
4 THE JANUARY 2025 WILDFIRES, AND THE STAGNANT PROPERTY TAXES.
5 AND DESPITE ALL THESE DIFFICULTIES, OUR CEO'S BUDGET UPDATE
6 LAST WEEK THAT HE PRESENTED, I AM A BIT OPTIMISTIC. OPTIMISTIC
7 IS PROBABLY THE BEST WORD I CAN SAY. WOULD I WANT TO SEE MORE?
8 ABSOLUTELY. BUT A LOT OF THOSE FACTORS ARE NOT IN OUR CONTROL,
9 AND YET WE ARE STILL HAVING TO MAKE THESE DIFFICULT DECISIONS.
10 AS SOME OF US KNOW, THE STATE LEGISLATURE HAS AGREED ON
11 INCREASED SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FOR OUR SAFETY NET PROGRAMS.
12 BUT THAT MEMBERS, AS WE KNOW, IS STILL BEING NEGOTIATED
13 BETWEEN BOTH HOUSES AND THE GOVERNOR. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT
14 OUR CEO AND ALL OF US WEIGH IN ON THAT. I KNOW WE HAVE, BUT WE
15 CONTINUE BECAUSE WE DEPEND IN A UNIQUE WAY ON THE STATE
16 GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET ON SO MANY LEVELS. THAT INCLUDES MORE
17 ASSISTANCE THAT IS NOW BEING TALKED ABOUT ABOVE AND BEYOND
18 WHAT THE GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISE PRESENTED. I HOPE WE CAN STAY
19 THERE, BUT I KNOW IT'S GIVE AND TAKE AT THIS POINT. IN
20 ADDITION, THANKS TO THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE ER, WE'RE GOING TO
21 RECEIVE SOME FUNDING THAT, AS JOE, OUR CEO, SAID, WE'RE GOING
22 TO BE TALKING ABOUT HOW WE DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDING AND HOW IT
23 WAS PRESCRIBED IN FORMULA AND KEEP TO THAT PROMISE THAT IT'S
24 GOING TO BE UTILIZED FOR HEALTHCARE. AND WHILE WE'RE NOT OUT
25 OF THE WOODS YET, I KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO PUSH



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1 THROUGH IN THESE REALLY DIFFICULT TIMES. AND THAT BEING SAID,
2 THE CEO HAS REPORTED THAT THIS FISCAL 26/27 FINAL CHANGES IN
3 THE BUDGET IS BEFORE US TODAY, AND WE'RE LOOKING AT
4 \$50,300,000,000. AND AS WAS STATED, A \$1,500,000,000 MORE WE
5 APPROVED THIS PAST APRIL, AND OVER 115,000 POSITIONS, YET WE
6 HAVE A REDUCTION OF 202 POSITIONS. SO PEOPLE MIGHT SAY, WELL,
7 HOW DOES THAT HAPPEN? IT DOES HAPPEN BECAUSE MANY OF OUR
8 PRESCRIPTIONS IN THE BUDGET ARE DRIVEN BY DIFFERENT FORMULAS.
9 AND HOWEVER, THE FINAL CHANGES IN THE BUDGET ALSO INCLUDE
10 SEVERAL PROGRAMS THAT I KNOW I AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
11 HAVE CHAMPIONED. I WANT TO POINT THEM OUT BECAUSE I THINK IT
12 IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE IN OUR DISTRICTS UNDERSTAND
13 THIS. \$8,700,000 AND 22 POSITIONS FOR CONTINUED OPERATIONS AND
14 MAINTENANCE OF THE ESPERANZA HILLS REGIONAL PARK IN THE SAN
15 GABRIEL VALLEY, WHICH WILL SOON BE OPENING, AND ALSO ONE OF
16 THE LARGEST REGIONAL PARKS IN THE COUNTY THAT WE'VE SEEN IN
17 THE LAST 35 YEARS. AND TO SEE THE TWO INCREASES OF TWO POOL
18 MANAGERS. WE'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE
19 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE STAFFING OUR AQUATIC CENTERS. I WANT TO
20 POINT OUT THE TWO IN MY DISTRICT BECAUSE THEY'RE HEAVILY
21 UTILIZED. THE BELVEDERE AQUATIC CENTER IN EAST L.A., AND THE
22 AQUATIC CENTER IN LA PUENTE, IN THE PUENTE VALLEY. \$4,200,000
23 TO PROVIDE CRITICAL LEGAL REPRESENTATION THROUGH THE REPRESENT
24 L.A. PROGRAM, WHICH WILL SUPPORT ANGELENOS WHO HAVE BEEN
25 IMPACTED BY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AND ENFORCEMENT. AND THE



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1 \$1,500,000 FOR THE SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTER KNOWN AS
2 SHLAC, WHICH PROVIDES COURT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES TO
3 PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE ATTORNEYS FOR REPRESENTATION. THE REP
4 L.A. PROGRAM AND THE SHLAC PROGRAM ARE TWO PROGRAMS THAT I
5 AUTHORED AND THESE ARE ALLOCATIONS THAT WILL FUND HALF A YEAR
6 OF SERVICE AND I AM TOLD AND HOPEFULLY UNDERSTAND THAT OUR CEO
7 WILL GO BACK AND HELP US RECONSIDER TO FIND ADDITIONAL FUNDING
8 FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IN SEPTEMBER. AND I KNOW THERE
9 WILL BE PEOPLE COMING UP TO SPEAK TO US ABOUT THIS. WE'VE
10 HEARD YOUR VOICES. WE KNOW THE ADVOCACY IS NECESSARY. BUT WE
11 ALSO KNOW THAT WE ALSO HAVE OTHER PRIORITIES AND WE STAND AS
12 BEST WE CAN WITH YOU AND OUR COMMUNITIES BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW
13 DIRE THE SITUATION IS. THAT ISN'T GOING TO GO AWAY. BUT
14 PUTTING SOME FUNDING AWAY NOW THAT WE WERE ABLE TO, I THINK
15 SENDS A MESSAGE THAT WE ARE NOT GIVING UP. SO, [SPEAKING IN
16 SPANISH]. SO, PLEASE UNDERSTAND WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO
17 FIGHT. AND I ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT ONE TIME FUNDING THAT WAS
18 MENTIONED EARLIER BY YOU, CEO, AND THAT'S \$5,600,000 ON
19 ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE STAY HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM, WHICH
20 PROVIDES TENANTS WHO ARE AT RISK OF EVICTION AND INFORMATION
21 AND LEGAL SERVICES, SOMETHING VERY HIGH ON OUR PRIORITY LIST.
22 TWO MILLION TO SUPPORT THE BUSINESS INTERRUPTION FUND TO
23 SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY UNEXPECTED
24 INTERRUPTIONS SUCH AS THE I.C.E. RAIDS, BUT EVEN TODAY AS WE
25 SPEAK, THE BOYLE HEIGHTS FIRE THAT ALSO HAS IMPACTED SMALL



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1 BUSINESSSES. THIS FUND, I HOPE, WILL GROW IN THE COMING MONTHS
2 AND YEARS. THE \$1,100,000 FOR PREPARING THE L.A. COUNTY
3 EMPLOYMENT PLACE PROGRAM THAT YOU MENTIONED, CEO, FOR THOSE
4 PEOPLE WHO FACE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE MANY WERE
5 PREVIOUSLY UNSHELTERED, HOMELESS, OR JUSTICE INVOLVED,
6 RECENTLY RELEASED FROM OUR CARECENERAL SYSTEM. \$9,100,000 FOR
7 YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM, SOMETHING THAT I KNOW I HAVE BEEN
8 CHAMPIONED SINCE I GOT HERE. AND WE'RE UP TO NOW 7,000
9 POSITIONS BACK, WHICH I HOPE WILL CONTINUE TO SUSTAIN ITSELF
10 BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TRAINED TO
11 WORK AS VOLUNTEERS, TO GO OUT, TO GAIN JOB EXPERIENCE, AND
12 GAIN THAT FIRST CHECK, PAYROLL CHECK, THAT HELPS TO INSPIRE
13 THEM TO CONTINUE TO WORK. \$29,000 TO FUND MINIMUM WAGE
14 INCREASES FOR THE ART'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR 118 INTERNS,
15 WHICH MAKES UP, I THINK, A GREAT DEAL OF DIVERSE YOUNG PEOPLE
16 THAT ARE COMING INTO THESE PROGRAMS. \$1,400,000 FOR THE OFFICE
17 OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT TO CONTINUE TO FUND OUR STAFF TO
18 DEVELOP COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS AND COMPLIANCE PROTOCOLS, AND
19 MOST IMPORTANTLY, HELP TO ALSO BRING IN FUTURE FUNDING FOR
20 THIS BUDGET FOR THAT ENFORCEMENT. \$4,600,000 FOR WARM
21 LANDINGS, AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS, THAT'S A CAPITAL
22 PROJECT THAT WILL HELP MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING OUT OF OUR
23 CARECENERAL SYSTEM TO RECEIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON RELEASE
24 WRAPAROUND SERVICES TO PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THAT SITUATION. AND
25 WE'RE OPENING THAT UP RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM OUR TWIN



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1 TOWERS UNDER JCOD. SO I WANT TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT. OUR
2 COLLEAGUES HERE ON THE BOARD, OUR STAFFS HAVE BEEN LISTENING
3 AND WE KNOW VERY WELL WHAT IS NEEDED. BUT WE ARE WORKING
4 THROUGH THIS AS BEST WE CAN. AND LASTLY, THE BUDGET REFLECTS
5 ALMOST \$1,000,000 THAT'S BEEN ALLOCATED, I KNOW, FOR MY OWN
6 OFFICE DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FOR THIS ESTEEMED PROGRAM FOR OUR
7 YOUTH AT OUR PARKS AND SENIOR PROGRAMMING AND MEALS. THIS HAS
8 BEEN PRESENTED TO US IN VARIOUS ITERATIONS, NOT JUST HERE, BUT
9 IN OUR OFFICES, AND WE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THAT IS TO SUSTAIN
10 THAT WHILE WE SEE THAT MANY OF OUR YOUNG YOUTH ARE OUT OF
11 SCHOOL RIGHT NOW. THEY CAN HAVE PLACES TO GO. THEY CONTINUE
12 THEIR LEARNING, AND THEY CAN ALSO OPEN UP OPPORTUNITIES FOR
13 NEW CAREER PATHS, HOPEFULLY SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, MATH, ART,
14 AND ALL OF THAT, AND RECEIVE THE SERVICES THAT THEY DESERVE. I
15 WANT TO CONTINUE TO SAY THAT WE CONTINUE TO SHARE OUR VALUES
16 TO SUPPORT OUR OWN COUNTY WORKFORCE. I WANT TO SAY THAT THEY
17 ARE DEDICATED PEOPLE WHO SERVE 10,000,000 RESIDENTS, AND I
18 HONOR THEM AND I THANK THEM AND I SEE OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS
19 HERE AND I PLEASE HOPE THAT YOU RELAY THAT TO YOUR STAFF
20 BECAUSE MANY ARE DOING YEOMAN'S JOBS AND I SEE THAT WHEN I GO
21 OUT AND I HEAR IT FROM MY OWN STAFF AND FROM THE COMMUNITY SO
22 KNOW THAT WE ARE STRONGLY COMMITTED TO YOU. I WANT TO URGE ALL
23 OF US TO LET THE VISION AND COMMITMENT OF WHERE THIS BOARD
24 STANDS IN HELPING TO PRESERVE THAT SAFETY NET CONTINUE ON, AND
25 THAT WE FACE THESE CHALLENGES TOGETHER. NO ONE WORKS IN



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1 ISOLATION. AND THIS BOARD, I THINK, DESPERATELY NEEDS TO HAVE
2 COOPERATION WITH OUR OUTSIDE PARTNERS AND WITH OUR
3 STAKEHOLDERS, OUR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, ESPECIALLY THE STATE
4 LEGISLATURE, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND ALL THOSE STAKEHOLDERS
5 THAT WE RELY ON. SO WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO END MY STATEMENT,
6 AND I WILL RECOGNIZE NOW SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND LET ME ALSO JUST
9 START BY THANKING YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AS WE HAD THIS VERY
10 UNEXPECTED AND SEEMINGLY GETTING WORSE EVERYDAY PROBLEM WITH
11 THE FIRE. AND I APPRECIATE YOU BEING OUT THERE. I ALSO LEAN
12 INTO ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS WHO STEPPED UP. THANK YOU FOR
13 JOINING WITH MAYOR BASS TO DECLARE THE STATE OF EMERGENCY,
14 WHICH WE WILL BE RATIFYING, I UNDERSTAND, TOMORROW. AND WE'RE
15 HAPPY TO DO THAT. AND A LOT OF MY CITIES THAT I REPRESENT,
16 BELL, BELL GARDENS, CUDAHY, THEY ALSO WERE IMPACTED EVEN
17 THOUGH THE FIRE WAS IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. AGAIN, DEPENDING ON
18 WHERE THE WIND IS HAPPENING, THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE HAS ALSO
19 BEEN SEVERELY IMPACTED. AND I KNOW I'VE BEEN REACHED OUT BY
20 SENATOR LENA GONZALEZ, ASSEMBLYMEMBER MARK GONZALEZ AS WELL.
21 AND I THINK THEY ARE ALSO EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT WE CAN
22 FIGURE OUT AIR PURIFIERS FOR THIS COMMUNITY. SO AGAIN, OF ALL
23 THE COMMUNITIES THAT JUST DIDN'T DESERVE ANOTHER DISASTER THAT
24 REALLY IMPAIRS THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE. IT WAS OUR EAST L.A.
25 COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND I STAND READY



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1 TO DO WHATEVER I CAN AS WE CONTINUE TO MITIGATE THIS ONGOING
2 DISASTER. THANK YOU, JOE. THANK YOU TO YOUR ENTIRE TEAM FOR
3 THE HARD WORK THAT YOU PUT INTO THIS BUDGET. THANK YOU TO ALL
4 THE DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO ARE SITTING OVER THERE WATCHING THESE
5 DELIBERATIONS. AND I WILL BE MENTIONING A FEW DEPARTMENTS IN
6 MY REMARKS, SO I DON'T MENTION YOU, DON'T THINK IT'S BECAUSE I
7 DON'T LOVE YOU. I JUST COULDN'T MENTION EVERYBODY, BUT WE KNOW
8 THAT YOU'VE BEEN ASKED TO DO MORE WITH LESS, AND WE APPRECIATE
9 HOW YOU'RE CONTINUING TO DELIVER THOSE SERVICES THAT OUR
10 COMMUNITIES REALLY CARE ABOUT. SO THIS BUDGET, A LITTLE OVER
11 \$50,000,000,000, AND I KNOW THAT EVERY DOLLAR WAS ALLOCATED
12 AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS AND
13 DECISIONS, AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID, IT'S GOING TO TAKE
14 COURAGE TO CONTINUE TO MAKE DIFFICULT DECISIONS AS WE GO
15 FORWARD. AGAIN, THANKS TO OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS, OUR MANAGERS,
16 OUR FRONTLINE WORKFORCE, YOU'VE ALL AGAIN BEEN DOING SO MUCH
17 MORE WITH LESS AND WE APPRECIATE THAT. SO, YOU KNOW, YOU DID
18 MENTION SOME THINGS, JOE, IN YOUR PRESENTATION THAT WE HADN'T
19 PREVIOUSLY REALLY TALKED ABOUT IN TERMS OF JAIL CLOSURE. AND I
20 KNOW THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO EITHER ARE HERE OR MAYBE WILL
21 BE CALLING IN THAT ARE VERY CONCERNED AND WANT TO MAKE SURE
22 THAT WE'RE ON TRACK TO SEE MEN CENTRAL JAIL CLOSED AND WHO
23 WANT TO SEE THAT FUNDING ALLOCATED IN THIS BUDGET TO SHOW THE
24 PATHWAY FORWARD. AND THIS BOARD HAS MADE THAT COMMITMENT,
25 RIGHT? AND MY FRUSTRATION SOMETIMES WITH OUR JAIL CLOSURE



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1 IMPLEMENTATION TEAM IS LIKE THEY WERE MEETING, THEY WERE
2 MEETING, THEIR REPORTS WERE REPORTS AND THEY NEVER WERE REALLY
3 LANDING ON GIVING US A CLEAR PATHWAY FORWARD TO HOW WE CLOSE
4 THIS JAIL AND ACCORDING TO THIS BOARD'S MOTION WITHOUT A
5 REPLACEMENT. SO I INTRODUCED A MOTION THAT SAID GIVE US A
6 TIMELINE, GIVE US A TIMELINE, GIVE US THE PATHWAY FORWARD,
7 TELL US HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST, AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO
8 EVERY SINGLE YEAR TO MAKE THIS A REALITY. AND SO THEY CAME
9 BACK AND GAVE US A JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM FIVE-YEAR
10 PLAN. AND WITH THAT FIVE-YEAR PLAN, THEY ALSO, IN PART ONE OF
11 THEIR REPORT, THEY PUT DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR EACH OF THOSE FIVE
12 YEARS THAT WOULD KEEP US ON TRACK TO CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL
13 JAIL IN FIVE YEARS. OUR OFFICES RECEIVED THAT PART ONE REPORT
14 WHICH INCLUDED THAT TIMELINE, INCLUDED SPECIFIC ASKS FOR
15 DOLLAR AMOUNT AND THERE WAS A BUT IT DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF, YOU
16 KNOW, IT DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF NEED ON IT IN TERMS OF REALLY
17 WHAT WE NEED TO DO, HOW MUCH IS EACH YEAR GOING, HOW ARE WE
18 GOING TO REDUCE THE POPULATION? IT NEEDED A LOT MORE. SO PART
19 TWO IS COMING. IT WAS MY DECISION, COLLEAGUES, TO HEAR THOSE
20 REPORTS TOGETHER. IT FELT LIKE THERE WAS A BIG GAP IN THE PART
21 ONE REPORT AND THAT THE PART TWO TOGETHER WOULD GIVE US A
22 BETTER UNDERSTANDING. WELL, AS A RESULT OF THAT DECISION, IF I
23 HAD TO DO IT OVER AGAIN, MAYBE I WOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT THAT
24 WAY. BUT AS A RESULT OF MY DECISION TO CONTINUE THEM SO WE CAN
25 HEAR THEM BOTH TOGETHER, IT REALLY UPSET, IT REALLY UPSET OUR



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1 JUSTICE ADVOCATES. AND YOU MAY HAVE HEARD THEM LAST WEEK
2 COMING UP AND TARGETING ME SPECIFICALLY AS BEING THE ONE
3 PERSON WHO IS DELAYING THE FUNDING POSSIBLE TO KEEP US ON
4 TRACK TO CLOSE THE JAIL. THEY'RE HAVING A PRESS CONFERENCE
5 RIGHT NOW AS WE SPEAK, TARGETING ME. THEY'VE LAUNCHED A
6 BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN, AND CAN I SAY THANK YOU FOR NOT HAVING A
7 SHITTY PHOTO OF ME ON THAT BILLBOARD? APPRECIATE THAT. BUT,
8 YOU KNOW, THEY'RE REALLY WANTING TO HOLD US ACCOUNTABLE TO,
9 PARTICULARLY THE FUNDING AS IT RELATES TO, ARE WE STILL ON
10 TRACK TO CLOSE THE JAIL WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT IN FIVE YEARS?
11 SO JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE, IT WAS NEVER MY INTENTION TO, IN
12 ANY WAY, DELAY THE FUNDING. I THOUGHT WE WOULD BE BETTER
13 INFORMED IF WE DID BOTH REPORTS TOGETHER. BUT HAVING SAID
14 THAT, JOE, YOU OUTLINED A LOT OF MONEY THAT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE
15 GOING TOWARDS, WHETHER IT'S ODR, BUT SPECIFICALLY TO KEEP US
16 ON TRACK FOR JAIL CLOSURE. THEIR REPORT, THEIR NUMBER ONE,
17 THEIR PART ONE REPORT SAID THAT IN FISCAL YEAR 26/27, WE
18 NEEDED TO FIND AN ADDITIONAL \$24,000,000 TOWARD DIVERSION AND
19 OTHER PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT THIS JAIL CLOSURE AND KEEP US ON
20 THE RIGHT AMOUNT. SO SOMEHOW IF WE MISS THIS FUNDING, WE'RE
21 NOW, WE'RE BEHIND IN OUR GOAL. IS THERE A DISCONNECT BETWEEN
22 WHAT YOU PRESENTED FOR THE MONEY THAT THIS CURRENT BUDGET
23 ALLOCATES THAT WILL GET US TOWARDS OUR FIVE-YEAR TIMELINE FOR
24 JAIL CLOSURE? OR DO YOU STILL SEE THERE'S A \$24,000,000 GAP
25 THAT THEY ARE ASKING FOR? THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION



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1 TEAM, JCIT, IS ASKING FOR DIFFERENT THAN WHAT YOU THINK IS IN
2 THIS BUDGET.

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4 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. I
5 DO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS A PRIORITY FOR MY OFFICE AS
6 WELL. IT'S NOT JUST A PRIORITY FOR THE BOARD THAT WE TAKE IT
7 VERY SERIOUSLY. THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM FUNDING
8 SOURCES ARE VARIED, SOME OF IT IS CFCI, SOME OF IT'S AB 109.
9 THERE'S A LOT OF DIFFERENT FUNDING SOURCES THAT WE TAP TO USE
10 TO GET THESE PRIORITIES FUNDED. I'LL JUST GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE.
11 SO FOR ODNR..

12

13 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** NO, I GOT ALL THAT. I JUST REALLY NEED TO
14 HONE IN ON THIS \$24,000,000.

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16 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** RIGHT, RIGHT. SO WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY
17 IS ODNR LEVERAGES A LOT OF AB 109 FUNDING. AB 109 FUNDING WE
18 PROGRAM IN SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. WE GET THE FINAL NUMBERS FROM
19 THE STATE BETWEEN NOW AND THEN. CFCI IS TYPICALLY PROGRAMMED
20 IN SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. THEY'RE DOING THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS
21 NOW. SO THERE ARE MORE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES LATER IN THE YEAR
22 THAN THERE ARE IN FINAL CHANGES. IN FINAL CHANGES WE HAD
23 LITERALLY NO NEW REVENUE.

24

25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT.



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2 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** THE ONLY THING WE DID WAS WE TOOK MONEY
3 OUT OF THE RETIREMENT BUDGET AND REALLOCATED IT.
4

5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I GUESS WHAT I'M ASKING IS DO YOU THINK THE
6 JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM IS MISUNDERSTANDING THAT IN
7 FACT THE \$24,000,000 THAT THEY'RE ASKING FOR 26/27 IS ACTUALLY
8 IN THIS BUDGET? OR IS THERE A GAP BETWEEN EVERYTHING YOU'RE
9 SAYING AND WHAT THEY STILL FEEL LIKE THEY NEED TO KEEP US ON
10 TRACK?
11

12 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** THERE'S CURRENTLY A GAP. THAT \$24,000,000
13 IS NOT IN THE BUDGET YET, BUT OUR BUDGET PHASES ARE NOT COMING
14 UP.
15

16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY, GREAT. SO WITH THAT, I WOULD SAY I
17 REALLY HOPE YOUR TEAM CAN FIND THAT \$24,000,000 IN TIME FOR
18 OUR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PHASE BECAUSE I KNOW THAT I WANT TO
19 KEEP ON TRACK AND I DON'T WANT TO GET BEHIND SO THAT WE'RE,
20 YOU KNOW, NOT, YOU KNOW, GOING TO MEET OUR TARGET. BUT EVEN
21 SO, AS YOU SAID, THESE PROGRAMS ARE VALUABLE ANYWAY, RIGHT?
22 THE EXPANSION OF, YOU KNOW, DIVERSION AND ANTI-
23 INCARCERATION POLICIES THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THESE
24 ARE IMPORTANT ANYWAY. SO IF THIS \$24,000,000 CAN SUPPORT THE
25 EXPANSION OF THOSE PROGRAMS AS WELL AS KEEP US ON TRACK, I



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1 THINK I WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR TEAM FIND THAT BY THE
2 SUPPLEMENTAL. SO ALSO, AND SUPERVISOR HILDA, SOLIS, YOU SAID
3 THIS, BECAUSE IN APRIL THE 1,100,000 BEING RECOMMENDED FOR
4 STAY HOUSED L.A. I DIDN'T THINK WAS GOOD ENOUGH, AND IT'S
5 ENCOURAGING TO SEE THE \$5,000,000 IN THIS BUDGET IN MEASURE A
6 FUNDING GOING TO STAY HOUSED L.A. WE KNOW THAT KEEPING PEOPLE
7 HOUSED IS A MUCH BETTER BANG FOR OUR BUCK THAN ONCE THEY GET,
8 YOU KNOW, UNSHELTERED, THEN IT'S GOING TO COST A LOT MORE
9 MONEY AND IT'S MORE COMPLICATED TO GET PEOPLE HELP. SO I'M
10 HAPPY TO SEE THAT. I'M CONCERNED THAT THIS BUDGET, WE'RE ONLY
11 FUNDING REPRESENT L.A. AND SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS BY
12 50%. SO, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT, I UNDERSTAND THE LOGIC, YET
13 WE'RE FUNDING THEM FOR SIX MONTHS WITH THE GOAL OF FUNDING THE
14 LAST SIX MONTHS IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL. AND I KNOW THESE ARE
15 CRITICAL PROGRAMS, SO I JUST WANTED TO ADD MY VOICE TO
16 HOPEFULLY FULLY FUNDING BOTH OF THEM. AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
17 MAINTAINING OUR SAFETY NET FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS,
18 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IMMIGRANT AND ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT,
19 DEPORTATION, EVICTION DEFENSE, AND INFORMING AND RESOURCING
20 LITIGANTS WHO ARE PULLED INTO LEGAL PROCEEDINGS BUT WHO CANNOT
21 AFFORD LEGAL REPRESENTATION. THAT'S THE CORE OF THESE
22 PROGRAMS. I HOPE TO SEE THEM FULLY FUNDED IN SEPTEMBER. AND I
23 WAS HOPING IN APRIL, I WANTED US TO RESTORE THE \$2,230,000 FOR
24 AGING AND DISABILITIES FOR OUR ELDER NUTRITION PROGRAM. THIS
25 WILL ALLOW 700 OLDER ADULTS TO ACCESS HEALTHY MEALS AND



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1 MAINTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE. AND THAT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A
2 WHOLE LOT COMPARED TO OTHER PROGRAMS WE FUND AND AGAIN I HOPE
3 WE CAN GET THAT FUNDING INTO THE NEXT PHASE OF THE
4 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. THANK YOU CEO FOR FINDING ONE-YEAR BRIDGE
5 FUNDING TO COVER THE DYD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS. THIS IS
6 ALSO IMPORTANT BECAUSE THESE LOCATION-BASED NETWORKS PROVIDE
7 YOUTH ALL OVER L.A. COUNTY WITH CRITICAL, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
8 AND KEEPS THEM FROM ENTERING OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE
9 MORE WE GRAPPLE WITH PROBATION, THE MORE WE HAVE COMPLICATIONS
10 FROM THAT SYSTEM, THE MORE I SPEND TIME WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
11 WHO ARE INCARCERATED. I KNOW THAT WE NEED TO LEAN IN SO
12 MUCH MORE INTO KEEPING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ENTERING OUR JUVENILE
13 JUSTICE SYSTEM. SO THANK YOU, CEO, AND I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU
14 SUPPORT DYD IN IDENTIFYING FUNDING TO SUSTAIN THIS PROGRAM IN
15 THE FUTURE. AGAIN, THIS IS WHERE I DON'T MEAN TO IGNORE ALL
16 THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS, BUT I DO KNOW THAT THE CUTS THAT WE'VE
17 HAD ON OUR NCC DEPARTMENTS ARE REALLY TOUGH. AND I KNOW WE
18 DON'T HAVE SURPLUS FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THIS BUDGET CYCLE, BUT
19 THESE REDUCTIONS FOR OUR DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND REC HAVE
20 REALLY HIT OUR CONSTITUENTS NOTICEABLY. I MEAN, A LOT OF
21 THINGS WE DO ARE IMPORTANT. THESE ARE THE ONES LOTS OF US HEAR
22 FROM. THESE CUTS HAVE LED TO CLOSURE OF OUR REGIONAL PARKS ON
23 MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS. WE'VE LOST OUR EXTENDED SWIM SEASON,
24 WHICH I FOUGHT SO HARD FOR. WE'VE LOST OUR AWARD-WINNING PARKS
25 AFTER DARK PROGRAM. SO, YOU KNOW, THESE ARE IMPORTANT TO OUR



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1 COMMUNITIES. WE HEAR FROM OUR RESIDENTS ABOUT THESE. PEOPLE
2 WHO DRIVE UP TO THE KENNETH HAHN PARK IN YOUR DISTRICT,
3 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, ARE SHOCKED WHEN IT'S CLOSED ON MONDAY
4 AND TUESDAY THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THAT'S HAPPENING AND SO
5 WE'RE HEARING A LOT ABOUT THAT SO I HOPE WE CAN FIND FUNDING
6 OPPORTUNITIES TO PRESERVE FUTURE SERVICES IN OUR DEPARTMENT OF
7 REC AND PARKS. SO, CEO, I JUST ALSO WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR
8 SUPPORTING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDERS
9 REQUEST TO SUSTAIN THEIR PARTNER FOR JUSTICE ADVOCATES
10 PROGRAM. BUT SINCE THE PD AND THE APD WERE ONLY GRANTED
11 FUNDING FOR SIX MORE MONTHS IN THAT PROGRAM, IS THERE A PLAN
12 TO SUSTAIN THAT PROGRAM BEYOND THE END OF THE YEAR? IS YOUR
13 TEAM CONSIDERING FUNDING PARTNERS FOR JUSTICE ADVOCATES
14 PROGRAM DURING SUPPLEMENTAL? AND ARE THERE OTHER IDENTIFIED
15 FUNDING SOURCES THAT COULD SUSTAIN THIS PROGRAM LONG TERM?

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17 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, SUPERVISOR.
18 WE ARE ENCOURAGING BOTH DEPARTMENTS TO FIND EXTERNAL REVENUE
19 FOR THOSE PROGRAMS. THESE ARE REVENUE FUNDED PROGRAMS. THE
20 FUNDING WENT AWAY. WE HAVE A LOT OF PROGRAMS LIKE THAT. WE
21 HAVE DOZENS OF PROGRAMS THAT HAVE LOST FUNDING, EITHER THROUGH
22 MHSA FUNDING LOSS AND OTHER GRANTS THAT HAVE GONE AWAY. SO
23 WE'RE REALLY WORKING WITH THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY CAN
24 IDENTIFY OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS THAT CARRY THIS PROGRAM
25 FORWARD. IF NOT, IT BECOMES AN NCC ASK AND IT COMPETES WITH



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1 THE REMAINDER OF THE ASKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL.

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3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT, AND AGAIN, THESE ARE CRITICAL, YOU
4 KNOW, FOR CONNECTING PEOPLE TO RESOURCES TO HELP THEM AVOID
5 UNNECESSARY JAIL TIME AND WE WANT TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN. SO
6 IT'S ALSO MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU'RE WAITING ON THE RAND
7 WORKLOAD STUDY BEFORE YOU ALLOCATE THE \$12,000,000 YOU SET
8 ASIDE TO SUPPORT OUR PUBLIC DEFENDERS AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC
9 DEFENDERS, THEIR INCREASING CASELOADS. WHEN CAN WE EXPECT
10 THESE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS TO BE ALLOCATED? AND DO YOU THINK
11 IT WILL HAPPEN BY THE SUPPLEMENTAL?

12

13 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** WELL, WE'RE WAITING FOR THAT REPORT TO
14 COME OUT. IT HAS BEEN, MY UNDERSTANDING IT HAS BEEN DELAYED A
15 LITTLE BIT. SO WE'RE LOOKING AT IT LATE SUMMER. SO LATE
16 SUMMER, IF IT COMES IN EARLY AUGUST, WE WILL GO THROUGH AN
17 IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS TO SEE HOW.

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19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** BECAUSE YOU'VE SET THAT MONEY ASIDE.

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21 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** YEAH, WE CAN, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE IN A
22 BUDGET PHASE BECAUSE THE MONEY'S ALREADY ASIDE, WE CAN WORK
23 WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO ADD OPAS. THESE ARE AUTHORITY TO HIRE
24 BEFORE WE CAN RECOGNIZE THE POSITIONS IN THE BUDGET. SO AS
25 SOON AS THAT'S DONE IN THE ANALYSIS IS COMPLETE, WE CAN START



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1 TO DEPLOY THAT FUNDING.

2

3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY. AND THE LAST THING I KNOW PART OF OUR.
4 ONGOING PROBLEM IS WHAT WE THAT WE FACE. THERE'S NO NEW
5 REVENUE THAT WERE GENERATING LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE. SO
6 ASSESSOR PRANG HAS BEEN REQUESTING SOME NEW REVENUE GENERATING
7 OWNERSHIP SERVICES POSITION. SO HELP US UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE
8 HOLDING OFF ON INVESTING IN POSITIONS THAT ACTUALLY COULD
9 DRIVE NEW UNRESTRICTED REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY.

10

11 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** IT'S A GREAT QUESTION AND HE'S BEEN VERY
12 CREATIVE IN FACT HIS AIRCRAFT SOFTWARE HAS GOT THE ATTENTION
13 OF CONGRESS WHO ARE TRYING TO UNDO ALL THE GOOD WORK HE'S DONE
14 BY SHIELDING THOSE PLANES FROM DETECTION.

15

16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OH, WOW.

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18 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** I THINK THE ANSWER RIGHT NOW IS YOU HAVE
19 TO SPEND MONEY TO MAKE MONEY.

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21 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH.

22

23 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SO WE NEED TO FIND MONEY ON THE LINE TO
24 ADD MORE ASSESSOR POSITIONS, AND WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THE
25 OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. I THINK IN THE LAST TWO PHASES WE



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1 FOCUSED ON REALLY CRITICAL CORE NEEDS THAT DIDN'T INCLUDE
2 REVENUE GENERATION, BUT IF WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO THAT IN
3 SUPPLEMENTAL, WE WILL CERTAINLY DO THAT.

4
5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I WOULD DEFINITELY LEAN INTO INVESTING IN
6 POSITIONS THAT ACTUALLY COULD GENERATE NEW UNRESTRICTED
7 REVENUE FOR OUR COUNTY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
12 JOE, FOR THE PRESENTATION TODAY. AND THANK YOU TO MASON
13 MATTHEWS AND YOUR ENTIRE CEO BUDGET MANAGEMENT TEAM WHO WORK
14 TIRELESSLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO MAKE THIS BUDGET PROCESS
15 WHERE IT IS TODAY. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR
16 DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS AND THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTIES WHO ARE
17 ALSO WORKING HARD TO SERVICE OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES.
18 WHILE WE WEATHER THIS FINANCIAL STORM SO I WANT TO GIVE A
19 SHOUT OUT TO YOU AND YOUR TEAM BECAUSE YOU ARE DOING MORE WITH
20 LESS. IT'S NOT IGNORED BY THIS BOARD WE RECOGNIZE THESE ARE
21 TOUGH TIMES, BUT WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. I KNOW THE LAST
22 FEW BUDGET CYCLES HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR COUNTY
23 STAFF AND DEPARTMENT LEADERS AS WE CONTINUE TO ASK EVERYONE TO
24 DO MORE WITH LESS. WE ARE CUTTING BACK ON COST, SEEKING OUT
25 EFFICIENCIES AND IDENTIFYING VACANT POSITIONS THAT CAN SAFELY



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1 BE DELETED, AND SOMETHING YOU HIGHLIGHTED, JOE, AND I
2 APPRECIATE THAT WITH THE ELIMINATION OF SOME, SOME EMPLOYEE
3 NUMBERS THAT DOES NOT REFLECT LAYOFFS, THAT REFLECTS
4 ATTRITION, I GUESS, IS THAT A FAIR?

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6 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** I THINK THERE'S BEEN SOME POSITION
7 DELETIONS AND SOME YOU KNOW, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS ON NET.
8 IT WAS A TUNE INTO POSITION REDUCTION, BUT IT DOESN'T REFLECT
9 CUTS OR LAYOFFS THAT REFLECTS OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU FOR THAT AND I KNOW WE ARE
12 CUTTING BACK ON COSTS, SEEKING OUT EFFICIENCIES AND
13 IDENTIFYING VACANT POSITIONS THAT CAN SAFELY BE DELETED. WE
14 ALSO INSTITUTED A HARD HIRING FREEZE EARLIER THIS YEAR TO
15 PROVIDE SOME RELIEF TO THE BOTTOM LINE. THE MEASURES THAT WE
16 ARE TAKING ARE IMPORTANT AND ARE NOT GOING UNNOTICED. DURING
17 LAST WEEK'S BUDGET PRESENTATION, I CALLED ATTENTION TO THE
18 COUNTY'S CONTINUED HIGH CREDIT RATING FROM THE NEW YORK RATE
19 AGENCY, SOMETHING THAT WE WERE ALL ON PINS AND NEEDLES. BUT
20 THANKS TO THIS TEAM, THEY SAW HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING THE
21 SHORTFALLS MOVING FORWARD. WE ARE HEARING THAT THE CREDIT
22 RATING AGENCIES WANT TO SEE US ADHERE TO THE FISCAL POLICIES,
23 MAINTAINING ADEQUATE RESERVES ON OUR RAINY-DAY FUND AND COMMIT
24 TO NOT BACKFILL STATE AND FEDERAL CUTS. WE ARE ALSO CAREFULLY
25 ALLOCATING OUR DIMINISHING HEALTH CARE RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY



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1 WITH THE NEW TAX WE WILL RECEIVE FROM MEASURE ER. CAN YOU
2 ELABORATE ON EXACTLY WHAT THE CREDIT RATING INSTITUTIONS ARE
3 TALKING ABOUT WITH THE BACKFILL BECAUSE IT'S KIND OF AN
4 INTERESTING DILEMMA THAT WE'RE IN BECAUSE THERE ARE THINGS
5 THAT WE CAN USE ONE-TIME FUNDING AND NOT IMPACT THE BOTTOM
6 LINE TO BACKFILL. SO HOW ARE THEY LOOKING AT THAT AND HOW
7 FLEXIBLE CAN WE BE TO MAKE SURE THAT, AS CHAIR SOLIS SAID,
8 THIS DOCUMENT REFLECTS OUR VALUES AND THERE ARE THINGS THAT
9 ARE BEING CUT THAT WE WANT TO MAINTAIN?

10

11 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. SO AT THE RISK
12 OF SPEAKING FOR THE CREDIT AGENCIES, WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM
13 THEM IS THE BIGGEST CONCERN IS THAT WHEN YOU HAVE FEDERALLY
14 FUNDED ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS AND GRANT PROGRAMS AT SCALE, THE
15 CONCERN IS THAT AS THOSE GO AWAY, THE PRESSURES TO FILL THEM
16 WITH LOCAL DOLLARS GROWS, AND IT REALLY EATS AWAY AT YOUR
17 ABILITY TO DO THE BASIC MANDATED FUNCTIONS THAT YOU HAVE TO
18 ACCOMPLISH. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT
19 IS THREATENING YOUR ABILITY TO REPAY ON YOUR BONDS AND YOUR
20 DEBTS. SO WHEN THEY SEE BIG RISKS, THEY SEE THINGS LIKE OUR
21 HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS AN ENORMOUS BUDGET. THEY
22 SEE THINGS LIKE CALFRESH, MEDI-CAL, THE SNAP, WHICH IS ALSO
23 CALFRESH, THE REALLY BIG PROGRAMS THAT IF THEY WENT AWAY AND
24 WE STARTED TO USE OUR LOCALLY GENERATED DOLLARS, WE'D QUICKLY
25 EAT UP MUCH OF OUR LOCAL RESOURCES. AND THERE IS ALWAYS, AND



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1 THEY'RE AWARE OF THIS BECAUSE THERE'S ALWAYS A LOT OF LOCAL
2 PRESSURE BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF LOCAL NEED FOR US TO DO
3 THAT. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THESE ARE FEDERAL PROGRAMS, AND
4 SO THEY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DRAW A LINE OF SEPARATION
5 BETWEEN WHAT THE FEDS HAVE COMMITTED TO FUNDING OR THE STATE
6 AND WHAT WE ARE FUNDING WITH OUR OWN LOCAL RESOURCES.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO WHENEVER YOU MAKE A DETERMINATION ON
9 ONE-TIME FUNDING, YOU TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE AMOUNT OF
10 MONEY THAT WE NEED TO SET ASIDE TO RETIRE OUR BOND DEBT PRIOR
11 TO MAKING THAT RECOMMENDATION?

12

13 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** ABSOLUTELY, YES. THE ISSUE WITH WE WOULD
14 NEVER WANT TO JEOPARDIZE OUR REPAYMENT OF BONDS. THAT WOULD
15 RESULT IN SOME SERIOUS FINANCIAL ISSUES. THE REASON WE SEEK
16 THE HIGHEST CREDIT RATINGS IS BECAUSE IT REDUCES OUR OPERATING
17 COSTS. WE BORROW A LOT OF MONEY. WE BORROW SHORT-TERM BONDS
18 JUST TO MAKE OUR PAYROLL EACH YEAR BECAUSE THE WAY WE RECEIVE
19 MOST OF OUR MONEY IT COMES IN APRIL AND DECEMBER AFTER PEOPLE
20 PAY TAXES, AND THEN WE CAN DIP INTO THE NEGATIVE IN CASH FLOW.
21 SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE PROTECT OUR ABILITY TO REPAY OUR
22 DEBT. THOSE REALLY GOOD BOND RATINGS REDUCE OUR OVERALL
23 OPERATING COSTS, WHICH ALLOWS US TO USE OUR NCC FOR PROGRAMS
24 AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. SO IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE
25 STAY COMMITTED TO THAT THE ONE TIME BRIDGE FUNDING. WE



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1 TYPICALLY DESCRIBE THINGS AS BRIDGE FUNDING SO THAT WE CAN GET
2 TO A PLACE OF EITHER FINDING ONGOING AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR
3 IT. WHETHER IT'S REVENUE OR SOME OTHER SOURCE OR WE. OR WE THE
4 PROGRAM YOU KNOW WINDS DOWN WHICH HAS HAPPENED.

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6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. DURING THIS PHASE OF THE
7 BUDGET FINAL CHANGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND 2027 WE ARE
8 CONTINUING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SOBERNESS THAT I HAVE
9 RARELY ENCOUNTERED DURING MY 30+ YEARS HERE WITH THE COUNTY.
10 THIS YEAR IS DEFINITELY A CHALLENGE. WE'RE FACING MASSIVE
11 LEGAL LIABILITIES BROUGHT ON BY THE GONZALES BILL, AB 218. AND
12 WE LEARNED THAT THIS STATE LEGISLATION. LEGISLATION
13 ESSENTIALLY CREATED AN OPEN DOOR FOR THE COUNTY TO BE
14 CONTINUOUSLY SERVED IN PERPETUITY. AT ONE POINT, WE ARE SEEING
15 DOZENS OF NEW FILINGS EACH AND EVERY DAY. IT GOES WITHOUT
16 SAYING THAT THIS IS NOT SUSTAINABLE, AND WE WILL NEED REFORMS
17 AT LEVELS AT ALL LEVELS TO PROTECT AGAINST FRAUD AND ENSURE
18 SETTLEMENT DOLLARS ARE GOING TO THE VICTIMS AND NOT LINING THE
19 POCKETS OF PREDATORY LENDERS, ATTORNEYS AND CAPPERS. AND I
20 WOULD SAY ON THAT NOTE, REFORMS ALSO SHOULD BE FROM WITHIN TO
21 MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE HOLDING ACCOUNTABLE ANYONE THAT IS
22 COMMITTING ANY SORT OF ABUSE ON ANY INDIVIDUAL, ADULT OR
23 CHILD, IN OUR SYSTEM. AND SO IT'S NOT AN EITHER OR IT'S AN,
24 AND WE NEED TO HOLD OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE AS IT RELATES TO
25 MOVING FORWARD MAKING SURE THAT THAT IS OCCURRING. THE FEDERAL



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1 FUNDING CUTS THAT HAVE BEEN LOOMING OVER THE PAST YEAR ARE
2 ALSO BECOMING MORE CRYSTALLIZED AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
3 SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH SERVICES ARE BEING HARD HIT BY
4 CHANGES TO ELIGIBILITY AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. THIS WILL
5 MOST CERTAINLY IMPACT OUR VULNERABLE RESIDENTS WHO RELY ON
6 THESE CRITICAL SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS. WHILE WE REACHED AN
7 AGREEMENT WITH OUR LARGEST LABOR PARTNER SEIU LAST YEAR THAT
8 INCLUDED COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS, WE ARE STILL IN
9 NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOME OF OUR OTHER LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. IT'S
10 VITAL WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH OUR UNIONS THAT WE FIND
11 COMMON GROUND AND A COMPROMISE WHILE STILL SUSTAINING THE
12 COUNTY'S FINANCIAL HEALTH. AND I KNOW WE ARE FORTUNATE IN THIS
13 COUNTY TO HAVE LABOR PARTNERS THAT ARE WILLING TO SIT AT THE
14 TABLE WITH US AND RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE GIVEN TAKES. WHEN
15 WE WENT THROUGH A DOWNTURN IN THE '90S, IT WAS BECAUSE OF
16 LABOR THAT WE WERE ABLE TO WEATHER THAT STORM. AND I HAVE NOT
17 FORGOTTEN THAT. AND I RECOGNIZE THAT THEY KNOW THAT THEY ARE
18 PART OF THE SOLUTION. OBVIOUSLY, ONE OF MY PRIORITIES IS AND
19 WILL CONTINUE TO BE REBUILDING OF THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY FROM
20 THE DEVASTATING EATON FIRE. ALLOCATING FUNDS TO THE ALTADENA
21 REBUILD IS ESSENTIAL TO THE LONG-TERM RECOVERY OF THAT
22 COMMUNITY. WE MUST MOVE FORWARD PREPARING DAMAGED
23 INFRASTRUCTURE AND NATURAL AREAS WHILE SUPPORTING COORDINATED,
24 EQUITABLE, AND SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY FOR ALL IMPACTED
25 NEIGHBORHOODS. COUNTY INVESTMENT WILL ENSURE THAT DISPLACED



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1 FAMILIES, SMALL BUSINESSES, AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS
2 HAVE ACCESS TO HOUSING, ECONOMIC SUPPORT, MENTAL HEALTH
3 SERVICES, AND THE RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED TO RECOVER AND
4 REMAIN IN THEIR COMMUNITY. THE ALTADENA SENIOR CENTER IS A
5 PERFECT EXAMPLE. PRIOR TO THE JANUARY 2025 EAT AND FIRE, THE
6 ALTADENA SENIOR CENTER SERVED AS A VITAL COMMUNITY ANCHOR FOR
7 OLDER ADULTS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES IN ALTADENA AND THE
8 SURROUNDING UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THE CENTER FUNCTIONED AS A
9 TRUSTED PLACE OF CONNECTION, WELLNESS, ENRICHMENT, AND SUPPORT
10 WHERE OLDER ADULTS COULD REMAIN SOCIALLY ENGAGED, PHYSICALLY
11 ACTIVE, AND CONNECTED TO THEIR COMMUNITY. THE CENTER'S IMPACT
12 WAS REFLECTED IN BOTH ITS RAPID GROWTH AND DEEP COMMUNITY
13 UTILIZATION. BEFORE THE FIRE, MORE THAN 27,000 RESIDENTS
14 VISITED THE ALTADENA SENIOR CENTER, DEMONSTRATING THE
15 INCREASING RELIANCE OLDER ADULTS PLACED ON THE CENTER'S
16 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. EVEN AFTER THE FIRE AND DISPLACEMENT OF
17 OPERATIONS, THE CENTER CONTINUED SERVING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH
18 TEMPORARY OPERATIONS AND IS RELOCATED AT LOMA ALTA PARK IN
19 ALTADENA, RECORDING MORE THAN 19,000 VISITS IN 2024 AND NEARLY
20 10,000 ADDITIONAL VISITS AS OF MAY 2026. THESE FIGURES
21 UNDERSCORE BOTH THE EXTRAORDINARY VALUE THE CENTER HOLDS
22 WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND THE CONTINUED NEED FOR ITS SERVICES
23 DURING A PERIOD OF RECOVERY AND REBUILDING. REBUILDING PLANS
24 ARE WAITING FEMA APPROVAL TO BRING BACK THIS BELOVED COMMUNITY
25 HUB FOR OLDER ADULTS WHO NEED CONNECTION NOW MORE THAN EVER.



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1 WE KNOW THE NEED WILL BE GREAT TO REBUILD THE CENTER. MOST
2 RECENT ESTIMATES ARE AROUND \$18,500,000 TO REBUILD WITH NOT
3 ALL OF THOSE FUNDS BEING COVERED BY FEMA. THIS PROJECT HAS
4 BEEN PENDING FEMA LARGE PROJECT REVIEW AND OBLIGATIONS SINCE
5 JANUARY OF 2026. UNTIL THE PROJECT IS INITIALLY OBLIGATED BY
6 FEMA, WE WON'T KNOW THE FUNDING GAP, WHICH COULD BE UP TO
7 \$4,700,000. THIS IS SOMETHING I'D LIKE THE CEO'S OFFICE TO
8 KEEP IN MIND, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE ONE-TIME OR CARRYOVER
9 FUNDING THAT COULD BE UTILIZED. BUT JOE, I HAVE A FEW
10 ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR YOU. YOU RECENTLY JOINED THE
11 TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR AND THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER ALONG WITH
12 THE CHAIR FOR MEETINGS IN NEW YORK WITH THE MAJOR CREDIT
13 RATING AGENCIES. CAN YOU SHARE SOME OF THE TAKEAWAYS ASIDE
14 FROM NOT BACK FROM THOSE MEETINGS MORE SPECIFICALLY. HOW IS
15 THE CREDIT RATING AGENCY LOOKING. AT THE COUNTY AND LOOKING
16 HOW WE MAINTAIN OUR HIGH CREDIT RATING DID THEY OFFER ANY
17 INSIGHT MOVING FORWARD IN TERMS OF RAINY-DAY FUND? DID THEY
18 MENTION AB 218?

19
20 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** THEY DID HAVE, SO RAINY DAY FUND IS
21 ALWAYS A TOPIC OF CONCERN FOR THE RATINGS AGENCIES. THEY WANT
22 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE MAINTAINING AND GROWING OUR RAINY-DAY
23 FUND TO OUR TARGET. OUR TARGET IS 17% OF LOCALLY GENERATED
24 REVENUE. WE ARE BELOW THAT, BUT WE ARE CONTINUING TO ADHERE TO
25 OUR POLICIES ANNUALLY TO REPLENISH THE RAINY-DAY FUND. THEY'RE



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1 MOST CONCERNED RIGHT NOW, I THINK, FOR US WITH HOW WE ARE
2 PLANNING TO FINANCE AB 218. AND WE'VE, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A
3 FINANCING PLAN FOR THE CURRENT SETTLEMENTS. AND SO I THINK
4 THEY HAVE BEEN SATISFIED THAT WE HAVE COME UP WITH A WAY TO
5 FINANCE THAT WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING OUR ABILITY TO REPAY OUR
6 DEBT. THE OTHER THING THAT THEY MENTIONED THIS YEAR, WHICH WAS
7 PROBABLY UNIVERSAL FOR COUNTIES AND EVEN STATES IS THE PUBLIC
8 HOSPITAL SYSTEMS. I MEAN, BECAUSE OF THE CHANGES BEING BROUGHT
9 ABOUT BY H.R.-1, THEY REALLY WANTED TO KNOW, AND DR. GHALY WAS
10 WITH US, AND SHE DID A REALLY GOOD JOB OF EXPLAINING HER
11 STRATEGY FOR HANDLING REVENUE DIPS. AND I THINK THEY REALLY
12 APPRECIATED THE CONVERSATION. IN FACT, THEY HAD, UNLIKE PRIOR
13 YEARS, THEY HAD LIKE A HEALTH ANALYST SIT INTO THESE MEETINGS.
14 AND I WANT TO SAY THEY WERE TALKING TO DR. GHALY ABOUT WHAT'S
15 HAPPENING IN L.A. COUNTY TO GET A BETTER SENSE OF WHAT'S
16 HAPPENING IN OTHER COUNTIES AND OTHER STATES BECAUSE SHE
17 BRINGS SUCH A STRONG PERSPECTIVE TO THAT. SO THAT, I THINK,
18 REALLY WAS TOP OF MIND FOR THEM. I WOULD SAY THOSE ARE THE
19 MAJOR ISSUES THAT WERE DISCUSSED. WE COVER A WIDE RANGE OF
20 TOPICS IN THESE MEETINGS, BUT UNIVERSALLY FROM MEETING TO
21 MEETING TO MEETING THEY WANTED TO KNOW HOW ARE WE FUNDING AB
22 218, HOW ARE WE FUNDING LABOR, AND HOW ARE WE DEALING WITH THE
23 CUTS TO OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

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25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. I KNOW THAT THE PRELIMINARY



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1 ESTIMATES INDICATE THAT ALTADENA ALONE FACES MORE THAN
2 \$2,000,000,000 IN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE REBUILD AND
3 RESTORATION COSTS. CAN YOU SPEAK TO THE CHALLENGES WE FACE IN
4 TERMS OF GENERATING LOCAL REVENUES TO ADVANCE THESE PROJECTS?
5 I KNOW THERE'S A SEPTIC TO SEWER PROJECT WE ARE WORKING WITH
6 THE STATE ON TO TRY TO GET LOW OR NO INTEREST FUNDING WHILE WE
7 WAIT FOR THE DISASTER RECOVERY DISTRICT TO GENERATE THE
8 REVENUES TO ULTIMATELY HELP PAY FOR THE TOTAL COST OF THIS
9 PROJECT. ARE THERE OTHER ISSUES THAT THE CEO'S OFFICE HAS
10 IDENTIFIED?

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12 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** YEAH, THERE ARE THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL
13 CHALLENGES IN RAISING THIS AMOUNT OF REVENUE IN TERMS OF
14 GETTING TO THE SCALE OF WHAT WE NEED, WHICH IS WHY THE
15 ADVOCACY FOR FEDERAL SUPPORT IS SO IMPORTANT. TYPICALLY THE
16 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE WHAT'S KNOWN AS DISASTER
17 RECOVERY GRANTS. THESE COULD EXTEND INTO THE BILLIONS OF
18 DOLLARS FOR A DISASTER OF THIS SCALE. SO IT'S REALLY CRITICAL
19 THAT WE CONTINUE THAT ADVOCACY BECAUSE THAT IS A PATHWAY FOR
20 US TO HAVE A MORE HOLISTIC AND INCLUSIVE RECOVERY. I CAN TELL
21 YOU WHAT WE'VE DONE LOCALLY. WE'VE DONE SOMETHING THAT NO
22 JURISDICTION HAS EVER DONE BEFORE. WE'VE CREATED FINANCING
23 DISTRICTS TO USE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING TO SUPPORT OUR FIRE
24 RECOVERY BETWEEN DISTRICTS IN UNINCORPORATED THIRD DISTRICT
25 AND IN ALTADENA, WE EXPECT TO GENERATE ABOUT \$1,000,000,000 IN



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1 FUNDING IN TODAY'S DOLLARS TO FINANCE INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS. I
2 THINK THE CHALLENGE THERE IS UNLOCKING THAT MONEY TODAY RATHER
3 THAN YEARS FROM NOW WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. WE'RE WORKING
4 ON THAT. AB 100, WHICH IS THE STATE PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES
5 ADVANCED FUNDING FOR PROJECTS THAT WILL ULTIMATELY RECEIVE
6 FEMA REIMBURSEMENT HAS YIELDED ABOUT \$203,000,000 IN FUNDING
7 FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS, WHICH IS EXCELLENT. ALTHOUGH SEPTIC TO
8 SEWER IS NOT ON THAT LIST YET WE CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR THAT
9 FUNDING UNDERGROUNDING AND UNDERGROUNDING GRANTS HAS BEEN
10 APPROVED AND SO THAT WILL PROVIDE \$100,000,000 OR SO TO HELP
11 HOMEOWNERS CONNECT TO NEWLY UNDERGROUNDED SYSTEMS, WHICH WILL
12 PROVIDE A MUCH MORE RESILIENT RECOVERY. SO WE ARE ALSO, AS YOU
13 KNOW, WE'VE WAIVED APPLICATION FEES FOR BUILDING PERMITS. SO
14 WE'RE ALSO LOOKING TO IDENTIFY FUNDING TO COVER THAT IN
15 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AS WELL. SO WE'VE DONE A LOT LOCALLY. I
16 THINK THERE'S A LOT MORE WE NEED TO DO. AND OF COURSE, THE
17 FIGHT FOR FEDERAL FUNDING CONTINUES.

18
19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT. BUT I ALSO WANT TO
20 REMIND COUNTY COUNSEL THAT I HOPE THAT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY
21 WE'RE SPENDING ON WAIVING OF PERMIT FEES IS APPLIED TOWARD OUR
22 CLAIM AGAINST EDISON, BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT WHILE WE GO TO
23 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS A COST
24 ASSOCIATED WITH A DISASTER THAT OCCURRED THROUGH THE WIRES
25 THAT SPARKED AT EATON CANYON. SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP



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1 TRACK OF THE COST AND IN FACT, FILE THAT AS PART OF THE CLAIM.
2 BECAUSE IF WE GET FEDERAL DOLLARS, THEY'RE GOING TO BE VERY
3 PRECIOUS DOLLARS TO REINVEST BACK IN THE COMMUNITY. AND THEN
4 ON THE FEDERAL SIDE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR OFFICE
5 IN WASHINGTON AS WELL AS SACRAMENTO TO MAKE SURE THAT THINGS
6 MOVE FORWARD. BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. I
7 APPRECIATE THE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND THOUGHT THAT WENT IN
8 TODAY'S BUDGET. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR FISCAL
9 RESILIENCE AND ENSURING THAT WE ALLOCATE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT
10 OUR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. AND THEN LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THANK
11 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THE FIRE. I KNOW
12 IN MY COMMUNITY, I WAS GETTING COMMENTS FROM PEOPLE THAT HAD
13 BEEN IMPACTED, AND THIS IS ALL THE WAY UP AT THE FOOTHILLS. SO
14 THE IMPACT, AND THAT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT'S HAPPENING
15 AROUND. I HAVE A STAFF MEMBER IN MY OFFICE WHO LIVES FIVE
16 BLOCKS FROM THE FIRE. AND IN TALKING TO PEOPLE, IT IS A
17 SERIOUS MATTER. AND YOUR LEADERSHIP, YOU KNOW, I SAW, AND JOHN
18 O'BRIEN WITH FIRE UP THERE. I'M VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT'S
19 BEING DONE TO WORK WITH BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON
20 THAT. I KNOW IT'S CHALLENGING AND I KNOW FIRSTHAND, IT'S HARD
21 TO SEE PEOPLE SUFFER, AND THERE'S NOT A LOT THAT WE CAN
22 IMMEDIATELY DO, BUT WE CAN OFFER THEM THE SUPPORT AND
23 RESOURCES. AND I WANT TO THANK OUR TEAM OUT THERE, IN
24 PARTICULAR PARKS AND REC, I MEAN, AND ISD, AS YOU SAID, WHO,
25 AS USUAL, CAME FORWARD DURING A TOUGH TIME AND DID WHAT THE



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1 COUNTY DOES BEST AND THAT IS SHOWS UP AND REPRESENTS. SO THANK
2 YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP WITH THAT. THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO MUCH. WITH THAT SUPERVISOR
5 MITCHELL, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

6

7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR. I'D
8 LIKE TO ECHO SUPERVISOR BARGER'S COMMENTS. I FEEL LIKE THE
9 GREAT COUNTY OF L.A. CAN'T CATCH A BREAK. AS SOON AS WE THINK
10 WE CAN TAKE A PAUSE TO INHALE AND THEN SOMETHING ELSE COMES AT
11 US. AND SO I AGREE, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SHOWING UP. THAT'S
12 WHAT COUNTY GOVERNMENT DOES. AND SOMETIMES PEOPLE ON THE
13 OUTSIDE LOOKING IN HAVE AN OPINION ON HOW THEY WOULD SHOW UP
14 QUOTE BETTER OR DIFFERENT. WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES FIRST. AND
15 SO I SAW YOUR SHOES AND YOUR BOOTS ON THE GROUND. AND SO I
16 APPRECIATE THAT. HERE WE ARE. AGAIN, AND TO OUR CEO AND YOUR
17 BUDGET TEAM, YOU KNOW, PEACE BE WITH YOU, AS MY GRANDMOTHER
18 WOULD SAY, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ENVIABLE TASK, JUST
19 PEACE BE WITH YOU. LAST WEEK YOU PRESENTED A VERY GRIM AND I
20 BELIEVE HONEST BUDGET OUTLOOK HIGHLIGHTING PROJECTED DEFICITS
21 FROM THE COUNTY'S THIRD QUARTER OF EXPENDITURES. YOU SHARED
22 THAT THERE WERE SOME REVENUE SIDE SOLUTIONS THAT DEPARTMENTS
23 HAVE BEEN WORKING ON TO MITIGATE THEIR PROJECTED DEFICITS,
24 WHICH I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE. AND I GUESS FOR ME, I ALWAYS
25 HAVE TO START, JUST FOR MYSELF, WITH THE QUESTION, HOW DID WE



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1 GET HERE? AND CLEARLY THE PAST FEW YEARS HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT
2 FOR THE COUNTY FINANCIALLY. SUPERVISOR BARGER SAID IT'S ONE OF
3 THE WORST PERIODS SHE'S SEEN IN HER CAREER HERE. WE'VE HEARD
4 IT TODAY, WE'VE EXPERIENCED HUGE IMPACTS TO OUR REVENUES,
5 FEDERAL CUTS. WE'VE INCURRED PREVIOUSLY UNEXPECTED
6 EXPENDITURES, EVERYTHING FROM LAWSUITS TO DISASTERS, TO A
7 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHO HAS CUT \$1,000,000,000,000 FROM
8 MEDICAID. IN ADDITION TO ALL OF THAT, OUR PROPERTY TAX BASE IS
9 NOT INCREASING AT THE LEVEL WE SAW AS RECENT AS FOUR YEARS
10 AGO. AND SO TODAY, IN OUR SECOND PHASE, IT ALWAYS, I ALWAYS
11 HAVE TO KIND OF THINK THROUGH IT. SO THANK YOU FOR SAYING THIS
12 IS THE SECOND OF THE THIRD STAGE, BECAUSE WHEN I HEAR FINAL
13 CHANGES BUDGET, FINAL MEANS FINAL TO ME. BUT THIS IS THE
14 SECOND PHASE OF THE THREE-PHASE PROCESS. AND FRANKLY, I DON'T
15 SEE ANY OF THE STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES TO OUR INCOME, OUR
16 REVENUE, I DON'T SEE ANY REAL SOLUTIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I
17 APPRECIATE AND RESPECT THE FACT THAT MADAM CHAIR SAYS SHE
18 FEELS OPTIMISTIC, I WANT TO HOLD ON TO SOME OF THAT. I WOULD
19 SAY THAT I AM FEELING A LITTLE MORE CAUTIOUS BECAUSE IT'S
20 GOING TO BE BASED ON OUR ABILITY TO DO SOMETHING THAT EVERY
21 BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLD HAS TO DO, AND
22 THAT'S TO BALANCE YOUR CHECKBOOK, WHICH IS HARD WHEN YOU HAVE
23 THE KIND OF COMPETING RESOURCES THAT GOVERNMENT HAS,
24 PARTICULARLY THE LOCAL LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. BECAUSE WHEN YOU
25 THINK ABOUT IT, GOVERNMENT BUDGETS ARE LARGELY INVESTMENTS IN



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1 PEOPLE. AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, EVEN MORE SO. LOCAL GOVERNMENT
2 DOESN'T MAKE WIDGETS, THAT'S NOT THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS
3 WE'RE IN. WE PROVIDE SERVICES. IT TAKES PEOPLE TO PROVIDE
4 SERVICES, THAT'S OUR WORKFORCE, AND THEN THE COSTS ASSOCIATED
5 WITH THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE. THAT'S WHAT
6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT DOES, AND THAT'S WHAT OUR BUDGETS FUND. AND
7 SO I SAY I'M CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC BECAUSE I APPRECIATE DEEPLY
8 THE VOTERS FOR PASSING MEASURE ER, AND EVEN WITH THE PASSAGE
9 OF MEASURE ER, THE REVENUE IT WILL GENERATE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH
10 TO COVER THE FULL HOLE THAT H.R.-1 BLASTED INTO OUR DEPARTMENT
11 OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES, HEALTH SERVICES, AND PUBLIC HEALTH.
12 THE LEGISLATURE'S TWO-PARTY DEAL IS NOT DONE YET. WE HOPE THE
13 TWO-PARTY DEAL DOES GOOD BY THE COUNTY. IT ACKNOWLEDGES THE
14 IMPORTANCE OF ELIGIBILITY WORKERS AS WE KEEP PEOPLE ENROLLED
15 IN CALFRESH AND MEDI-CAL. IT ACKNOWLEDGES INVESTMENTS IN
16 PUBLIC HOSPITALS. THE TWO-PARTY DEAL HEARS AND SEES THE WORK
17 OF THE COUNTY, BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT ACROSS THE FINISH
18 LINE, AND WE'RE NOT THERE YET. AND SO THOSE ARE ALL THE
19 REASONS I FEEL, MADAM CHAIR, CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC, BECAUSE
20 THERE'S JUST A LOT OF UNKNOWNNS THAT ARE NOT IN PLACE AS OF
21 YET. LET ME START WITH A QUESTION OF THE CEO THEN I'LL GO INTO
22 SOME OF MY I'LL TRY TO KEEP IT BRIEF MADAM CHAIR COMMENTS. SO
23 YOU'VE MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE HAVE VERY LIMITED RESOURCES AND
24 HISTORICALLY, FINAL CHANGES HASN'T YIELDED MUCH IN NEW NCC
25 REVENUE. I ALSO REALIZED THAT WE HAD OBLIGATIONS SUCH AS THE



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1 ETHICS COMMISSION THAT WE HAD TO PRIORITIZE. YOU KNOW, WITH
2 THAT, LET ME SAY THIS ABOUT THE ETHICS COMMISSION AND MEASURE
3 G IN GENERAL. THE PROPONENTS OF MEASURE G MADE IT VERY CLEAR
4 THAT MEASURE G WOULD NOT INCLUDE NEW TAXES. THAT DOES NOT MEAN
5 OPERATIONALIZING MEASURE G IS COST NEUTRAL. IT'S GOING TO COST
6 TO MAKE MEASURE G REAL. SO WE SAID NO NEW TAXES, BUT THAT
7 DIDN'T MEAN FREE. AND SO I HOPE THAT, AND WE WERE TOLD THAT
8 THERE WAS AN ESTIMATE AT THAT TIME THAT IT WOULD BE AN
9 \$8,000,000 DOLLAR ONE-TIME COST TO OPERATIONALIZE IT, BUT
10 WE'VE HEARD TODAY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ONE TIME AND ONGOING.
11 SO THERE WILL BE BUDGET IMPACTS. WE SEE IT RIGHT NOW WITH
12 STANDING UP THE ETHICS COMMISSION. SO I HOPE THAT JUST LIKE WE
13 HAVE DEPARTMENT BUDGETS, THAT THERE WILL BE SOME WAY THAT WE,
14 THE PUBLIC, ALL OF US CAN TRACK THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
15 MEASURE G, LIKE A RUNNING TAB, EITHER IT'S IDENTIFIED SORT OF
16 LIKE WE DO A DEPARTMENT. SO WE CAN BE TRANSPARENT ABOUT WHAT
17 MEASURE G IS COSTING, AND THEN TRANSPARENT ABOUT HOW THOSE
18 RESOURCES ARE GOING INTO MEASURE G AND ARE BEING TAKEN FROM
19 OTHER PLACES. BECAUSE MEASURE G IS NOT FREE, IT'S NOT COST
20 NEUTRAL. THERE ARE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OPERATIONALIZING
21 THAT. SO GETTING BACK TO THE QUESTION, SO WHEN REVIEWING THE
22 DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS AND UNMET NEEDS LETTERS FROM THE BOARD,
23 WHICH ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS WERE LEFT UNFUNDED IN THIS BUDGET?
24 YOU GAVE US A CHART THAT SHOWED BECAUSE OF NEWLY IDENTIFIED
25 RESOURCES, AREAS YOU FUNDED. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO



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1 UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS NOT FUNDED IN THIS BUDGET, JUST SO WE CAN
2 KIND OF UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU LANDED AND WHAT'S BEEN LEFT ON
3 THE TABLE.

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5 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** I THINK I MENTIONED, SUPERVISOR, IN AN
6 EARLIER MEETING THAT WE HAD THAT I HAVE A TABLE, A SCHEDULE OF
7 89 PAGES OF THINGS THAT WERE LEFT UNFUNDED. AND AS YOU SCROLL
8 THROUGH THAT TABLE, AND I CAN PULL IT UP AND START SCROLLING,
9 BUT YOU SEE CRITICAL PROGRAMS ON ALMOST EVERY PAGE. SO I'LL
10 JUST GIVE YOU ONE EXAMPLE. SO ONE EXAMPLE WOULD BE SOME OF THE
11 THINGS THAT ARE ON TARGET, OR I GUESS A FEW EXAMPLES, SOME OF
12 THE THINGS THAT ARE ON TARGET FOR OUR CONSIDERATION OF
13 SUPPLEMENTAL. SO WE HAD ELDER NUTRITION PROGRAM, WHICH HAS
14 BEEN MENTIONED QUITE A BIT, AND MENTIONED AGAIN TODAY. WE HAVE
15 VISION ZERO. THAT FUNDS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES SO PEOPLE ARE
16 NOT KILLED ON THE ROADWAY CROSSING THE STREET. I MEAN, THAT IS
17 A BASIC PROGRAM AND SERVICE. WE HAVE HEALTH AND SAFETY
18 FUNCTIONS IN OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THESE ARE THINGS
19 LIKE TRACKING SOMEBODY WHO COMES THROUGH LAX WITH MEASLES.
20 THESE ARE THINGS THAT ARE, YOU KNOW, CRITICAL TO A SAFE
21 SOCIETY. AND SO THOSE ARE THE TYPES OF THINGS THAT ARE NOT IN
22 HERE. WE TALKED ABOUT STAY HOUSED. STAY HOUSED IS FUNDED
23 THROUGH THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR. BUT IT'S FUNDED WITH ONE-
24 TIME DOLLARS. THERE'S A STRUCTURAL ISSUE THERE. SO IF NO MORE
25 FUNDING IS IDENTIFIED, IT'S AT RISK OF GOING AWAY. SO THERE'S



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1 LOTS OF THINGS, SUPERVISOR, AND LIKE I SAID, I CAN GO THROUGH
2 A VERY LENGTHY LIST. I'LL EVEN TALK ABOUT PROGRAMS IN THE
3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SYSTEMS, COMPUTER SYSTEMS THAT ARE
4 NECESSARY JUST FOR ACCOUNTABILITY PURPOSES THAT ARE NOT BEING
5 FUNDED THIS YEAR. SO THERE IS A LOT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN
6 UNFUNDED PROGRAMS NOT ALL OF THOSE I WOULD DESCRIBE AS
7 CRITICAL. IN FACT, I THINK INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH WE TALK ABOUT
8 THE SAFETY NET QUITE A BIT AND I THINK THERE IS A NOT A COMMON
9 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT SAFETY NET MEANS. IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO
10 GET CLARITY AROUND THAT. SO WHEN WE BRING BACK OUR
11 RECOMMENDATIONS, WE CAN TRACK TO THAT. THERE'S JAIL CLOSURE
12 INVESTMENTS. THERE'S SO MUCH IN HERE THAT IS NOT BEING
13 RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING.

14
15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT AND I WILL HAVE TO
16 TAKE A LOOK AT THE 89 PAGES. YOU MENTIONED VISION ZERO, WHICH
17 IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO THE SECOND DISTRICT. THE SECOND
18 DISTRICT CONTINUES TO HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF FATALITIES
19 BECAUSE OF VEHICLE PEDESTRIAN VEHICLE BICYCLE FATALITIES.
20 VISION ZERO WAS PASSED BY THIS BOARD YEARS BEFORE I JOINED AND
21 YOU KNOW HAS NEVER BEEN FULLY FUNDED AND SO IT'S ANOTHER
22 EXAMPLE OF WE DO A REPORT WHEN YOU KNOW BETTER I WAS SUPPOSED
23 TO DO BETTER AND SO AS PEOPLE CONTINUE TO LOSE THEIR LIVES AS
24 A RESULT OF ANTIQUATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND IN AREAS THAT WE
25 KNOW THAT WE HAVE TECHNOLOGY AND WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN IMPROVE,



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1 I HOPE THAT WE WILL ULTIMATELY GET THERE. SO THANK YOU FOR
2 THAT. LET ME TRANSITION AS I SAID YOU KNOW WE TALK ABOUT
3 BUDGETS OUR VALUE STATEMENTS WHAT DOES THAT MEAN AGAIN FROM MY
4 PERSPECTIVE IS IT'S HOW WE INVEST AND WHO WE INVEST ON BEHALF
5 OF AND SO WITH REGARD TO INVESTMENTS IN PEOPLE THAT THIS
6 BUDGET REFLECTS, I'M ENCOURAGED TO SEE THAT MAGIC JOHNSON AND
7 WISHING TREE PARKS ARE FINALLY GOING TO RECEIVE ONGOING NCC
8 FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE. THIS WAS IMPORTANT BECAUSE
9 THERE IS A MINIMUM STAFFING LEVEL FOR ALL PARKS AND THESE WERE
10 THE ONLY TWO PARKS IN OUR ENTIRE SYSTEM THAT HADN'T BEEN
11 HADN'T MET THE MINIMUM STAFFING LEVEL. THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR
12 SAFETY FOR OUR PATRONS AND SAFETY FOR OUR PARK AND REC STAFF.
13 SO I APPRECIATE THAT. WE HAD LOOKED AT SOME ONE-TIME FUNDING
14 SOLUTIONS, BUT THE ONGOING RESOURCES WILL REALLY HELP REASSURE
15 OUR RESIDENTS THAT THE COUNTY INTENDS TO CONTINUE OUR SERVICES
16 AT THESE PARKS. THE SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID THE PARKS AND THE
17 QUALITY OF YOUR EXPERIENCE AT THE PARK IS ONE AREA I THINK
18 ACROSS ALL FIVE DISTRICTS WE HEAR FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS.
19 PEOPLE NEED THEM. WE CERTAINLY LEARNED THAT DURING COVID. AND
20 SO I'M GLAD THAT THESE TWO HAVE FINALLY REACHED THE MINIMUM
21 STAFFING LEVEL THAT EVERY OTHER PARK IN OUR SYSTEM HAD
22 BENEFITED FROM. I SEE AND APPRECIATE OUR CONTINUED INVESTMENTS
23 IN THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY AND THE RESOURCES
24 COMMITTED TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. THESE SERVICES WILL HELP
25 THE COUNTY EXPEND ITS WORK TO DIVERT INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS



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1 MENTAL, PHYSICAL, OR SUBSTANCE USE NEEDS FROM INCARECENERATION
2 TO COMMUNITY-BASED CARE. WE KNOW THAT OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS
3 THE COUNTY HAS INCREMENTALLY MOVED RESOURCES AWAY FROM
4 CARECENERAL POLICIES TO COMMUNITY AND REHABILITATIVE POLICIES
5 AND THIS BUDGET IS REALLY ATTEMPTING TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT. I
6 APPRECIATE YOU SAYING EARLIER THAT WHAT WE SEE HERE BEFORE US,
7 OUR FINAL CHANGES, AND IT ISN'T AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF THE
8 BUDGET AS A WHOLE. SO AS I LISTENED TO SUPERVISOR HAHN, I
9 WANTED TO GO BACK AND LOOK AT WHAT OUR TOTAL CFCI AT FINAL
10 CHANGES INVESTMENT IS. AND CORRECT ME IF MY BACK OF A NAPKIN
11 MATH IS INCORRECT MR. CEO BUT I SEE THAT THE TOTAL FOR CFCI AT
12 FINAL CHANGES IS \$727,850,000 OF THAT AMOUNT \$413,500,000 IS
13 FROM UNSPENT DOLLARS AND THE CFCI TOTAL BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR
14 IS ABOUT \$314,000,000. THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVE TO
15 INCARECENERATION SET ASIDE OF \$217,000,000. SET ASIDE OF
16 \$217,000,000. SO I THINK THIS BRINGS US TO A TOTAL OF ABOUT
17 \$947,000,000. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT THAT AS WE
18 TALK ABOUT HOW WE'VE TRANSITIONED AND ARE SUPPORTING
19 COMMUNITY-BASED INVESTMENTS. I KNOW WE'RE ALSO TRANSFERRING
20 COMMUNITY-BASED CONTRACTS FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TO FORMALIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT
22 OF THE YOUTH DELINQUENCY AND GANG PREVENTION PROGRAM. SO WE
23 ARE TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT RESOURCES ARE REALIGNED TO THOSE
24 WHOSE WORK IS FOCUSED ON CARE AND PREVENTION. AGAIN,
25 INVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER



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1 FOR THE HOLISTIC DEFENSE PROGRAM EXPLORES WAYS TO SUSTAINABLY
2 FUND THAT PROGRAM. APPRECIATE THAT. AND I'M GLAD TO SEE
3 RESOURCES PROVIDED TO DYD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS
4 PROGRAM. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO INVEST IN OUR
5 YOUNG ANGELENOS AND PROVIDE SAFE SPACES FOR YOUTH TO RECEIVE
6 SUPPORT AND MENTORSHIP IN AND BY THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES. I
7 THINK LASTLY, I'M ALSO GLAD TO SEE RESOURCES GOING TO THE
8 BUSINESS INTERRUPTION FUND AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
9 OPPORTUNITY. IT'S A PROGRAM THAT I REALLY WANTED US TO
10 RESOURCE FOR AT LEAST THE PAST THREE YEARS, GIVEN THE
11 FREQUENCY THAT WE SEEM TO NEED IT, GIVEN THE FREQUENCY WITH
12 WHICH WE HAVE FOUND THESE INTERRUPTIONS, BE IT I.C.E., FIRES,
13 WHATEVER. SO HAVING A, NOT HAVING TO STAND UP THE FUND FOR ONE
14 EMERGENCY AFTER ANOTHER, BUT HAVE A CONSISTENT FUND IN PLACE.
15 I ALWAYS THOUGHT MADE SENSE AND WAS PRUDENT. SO I LOOK FORWARD
16 TO THIS FUND DIRECTLY ASSISTING SMALL BUSINESSES, WHICH AS WE
17 TALK ABOUT GENERATING REVENUE ARE REALLY THE LIFELINE OF OUR
18 COUNTY AND OUR REGION'S ECONOMIC HEALTH. JUST QUICKLY, LASTLY,
19 I WANT TO TOUCH BASES ON HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH. THERE WAS
20 AN ARTICLE THIS PAST WEEKEND ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE PAPER,
21 TOP OF THE FOLD, ON MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, AND
22 A NEW EFFORT THAT THEY'VE ENGAGED IN WITH REALLY SMALL,
23 RELATIVELY SMALL GRANT FUNDS, WHERE THEY HAVE REDUCED THE
24 NUMBER OF DIABETES-RELATED AMPUTATIONS SIGNIFICANTLY. THAT WAS
25 SO POWERFUL BECAUSE IT WAS JUST FIVE YEARS AGO, I WENT BACK



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1 AND LOOKED AT THE ARTICLE. IT WAS IN 2021 WHERE IT WAS A FRONT
2 PAGE TOP OF THE FULL L.A. TIMES ARTICLE THAT TALKED ABOUT
3 SOUTH L.A. HAD THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF AMPUTATIONS ANYWHERE IN
4 THE WORLD BECAUSE OF LACK OF ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE
5 SERVICES. SO IN FIVE YEARS TO HAVE AN 80% REDUCTION THROUGH
6 THEIR INTENSIVE DIABETES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, REDUCTION IN
7 AMPUTATION. 70% OF THEIR PEOPLE IN THE PROGRAM BROUGHT THEIR
8 SUGAR LEVEL UNDER CONTROL. IT JUST GOES TO SHOW FOR ME THAT
9 THIS HOSPITAL IS PLAYING A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN KEEPING PEOPLE
10 IN SOUTH L.A. HEALTHIER. AND SO WHILE I APPRECIATE THAT THEY
11 ARE A PART OF THE EMPATH PROGRAM PROVIDING BEDS AND SERVICES
12 TO THOSE SUFFERING FROM SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS. I ALSO
13 RECOGNIZE WHAT IMPACT THAT PROGRAM AND THOSE BEDS WILL HAVE ON
14 THEIR EMERGENCY ROOM WHICH AS WE KNOW SERVES 123,000 PATIENTS
15 A YEAR IN AN ER THAT THIS COUNTY DESIGNED TO SERVE 40,000. SO
16 I HOPE TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE CEO TO ENSURE THAT THE
17 HOSPITAL REMAINS VIABLE AND THAT IT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE THESE
18 KINDS OF EXCELLENT SERVICES TO A COMMUNITY THAT NEEDS IT
19 DESPERATELY. AND SO, MADAM CHAIR, I'LL JUST SAY IN CLOSING,
20 THIS FISCAL YEAR WILL BE CHALLENGING. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
21 THAT WE REMEMBER THAT ANGELENOS COME TO US, THE COUNTY, WHEN
22 THEY HAVE NO OTHER OPTION FOR RESOURCE AND OUR BUDGETS SHOULD
23 AND CAN REFLECT THAT WE UNDERSTAND OUR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY
24 IN SUPPORTING THEM. BALANCING OUR CHECKBOOK IS OUR
25 RESPONSIBILITY AS A BOARD AND TO PROVIDE COUNSEL AND DIRECTION



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1 TO THE CEO AS WE IDENTIFY OUR PRIORITIES. IT WILL CONTINUE TO
2 BE DIFFICULT FACING CONSIDERING ALL OF THE COMPETING INTERESTS
3 THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO MANAGE. BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO
4 CONTINUING TO WORK WITH MY COLLEAGUES IN THE BOARD TO MAKE
5 SURE WE BRING FORTH A BUDGET THAT PARTICULARLY IN THESE VERY
6 TOUGH TIMES WILL MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR SHARED CONSTITUENCY.
7 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO WE HAVE JOINING US
10 SUPERVISOR HORVATH RIGHT ON TIME. WELCOME. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST NEED ONE
13 SECOND.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** APOLOGIES, I HAD AN UNEXPECTEDLY LONG
18 DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT THIS MORNING SO I APOLOGIZE.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY WE'RE JUST STATEMENTS ON THE
21 BUDGET FROM THE BOARD YEAH SO TAKE YOUR TIME.

22

23 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** SO I'LL START BY THANKING THE CEO AND
24 HIS STAFF FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, INCLUDING YOUR
25 WORK ON THIS PARTICULAR PHASE. EVEN IN A CHALLENGING FINANCIAL



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1 ENVIRONMENT, WE HAVE A BALANCED BUDGET THAT MAINTAINS SERVICES
2 FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. WE'VE ALSO MAINTAINED OUR
3 TOP TIER CREDIT RATINGS, THE HIGHEST RATINGS POSSIBLE FROM ALL
4 THREE RATING AGENCIES AND THIS IS A RESULT OF PRUDENT FISCAL
5 PRACTICES, AND I'M GLAD THAT OUR STAFF HAS CONTINUED TO UPHOLD
6 THESE POLICIES. RECENTLY, WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT HOW TO
7 BECOME MORE EFFICIENT IN ORDER TO SAVE OUR RESOURCES, AND ALSO
8 TO BE GOOD FISCAL STEWARDS OF OUR PUBLIC DOLLARS. SO OVER THE
9 LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, THE CEO HAS CONVENED DEPARTMENT HEADS TO
10 DO THAT WORK SPECIFICALLY, INCLUDING TACKLING VERY PRESSING
11 ISSUES. SO TO THAT END, TO OUR CEO, LAST WEEK YOU OUTLINED
12 BUDGETARY WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE
13 UNDERTAKING TO CUT COSTS AND TO MAKE EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS
14 TO CENTRAL AGENCY BILLING AS WELL AS RIGHT SIZING OF FEES TO
15 MATCH COSTS. WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR THIS WORK AND IS YOUR
16 GOAL TO INCLUDE THESE CHANGES IN FISCAL YEAR 27/28 OR DO YOU
17 ANTICIPATE THOSE CHANGES IN 26/27?

18
19 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR. SO WE HAVE DONE
20 QUITE A BIT OF WORK ALONG FOUR DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTAL WORKING
21 GROUPS. THE PLAN IS TO HAVE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS BACK TO YOUR
22 BOARD IN TIME FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. I THINK MUCH OF THE
23 WORK WILL CONTINUE BEYOND THEN, SO WE WILL CONTINUE TO KIND OF
24 SMOOTH IN THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AS WE GO ALONG, BUT I'M
25 HOPEFUL THAT AS OF SUPPLEMENTAL WE'LL HAVE SOME



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1 RECOMMENDATIONS BACK FOR YOUR BOARD'S CONSIDERATION AND WOULD
2 HELP US GOING FORWARD IN THE REST OF THIS BUDGET.

3
4 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY, I KNOW THAT YOUR WORK IS
5 INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT, NOT ONLY FOR THE HEALTH OF OUR BUDGET,
6 BUT ALSO FOR THE EFFICIENCY OF OUR WORK AS A COUNTY. SO PLEASE
7 CONTINUE TO KEEP US UPDATED AND LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN MAKE
8 SURE THAT WE'RE STAYING ON TOP OF THOSE CHANGES AS THEY'RE
9 COMING IN. I KNOW THAT WE'RE GETTING A LOT OF INFORMATION IN
10 ALMOST REAL TIME THAT WILL IMPACT SOME OF WHAT WE'RE
11 CONSIDERING. MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ALREADY COVERED A VARIETY OF
12 TOPICS TODAY, SO I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW, INCLUDING
13 SOME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. FIRST, OF COURSE, IS HOMELESSNESS,
14 WHICH IS THE MOST CRITICAL ISSUE FACING OUR COUNTY BECAUSE IT
15 TOUCHES AND INTERSECTS WITH SO MANY OTHER ISSUES FROM HEALTH
16 AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE TO THE VITALITY OF OUR BUSINESS
17 COMMUNITY AND OUR DAY-TO-DAY LIVES FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNHOUSED.
18 ONE WEEK FROM TODAY, WE'LL ENTER A NEW ERA OF HOMELESS
19 SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS WE TRANSITION OUR DOLLARS
20 AWAY FROM LAHSA TO THE NEW COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS
21 SERVICES AND HOUSING, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN JANUARY. THIS
22 MOVE BRINGS GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY FOR RESULTS AND MORE
23 TRANSPARENCY INTO HOW THOSE INVESTMENTS ARE GOING TO BE MADE
24 ON A GOING FORWARD BASIS. IT WILL PROVIDE MORE STABILITY FOR
25 SERVICE PROVIDERS, GIVE RESIDENTS CLEARER VISIBILITY INTO



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1 OUTCOMES, AND HELP DELIVER BETTER SERVICES TO OUR UNHOUSED
2 NEIGHBORS. WITH HUD'S SUSPENSION OF FUNDING TO LAHSA LAST
3 WEEK, STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY AND DEMONSTRATING RESULTS
4 IS NOT OPTIONAL, IT IS ESSENTIAL. THIS BUDGET PHASE INCLUDES
5 \$101,600,000 IN ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FUNDING FOR HSH TO
6 CONTINUE PROVIDING HOMELESSNESS SERVICES AND PROGRAMS. THIS IS
7 A SIGNIFICANT INFLUX OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING. SO TO OUR CEO, CAN
8 YOU PROVIDE FURTHER DETAIL ABOUT WHERE THESE DOLLARS ARE
9 COMING FROM AND WHAT THEY WILL BE USED FOR? I KNOW THAT YOU
10 TOUCHED ON THIS A LITTLE BIT EARLIER AND PROVIDING DETAIL IN
11 YOUR PRESENTATION. IS THERE ANYMORE THAT YOU CAN SHARE TO THAT
12 END?

13
14 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SURE. SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT MUCH
15 OF THIS FUNDING WAS ALREADY CONSIDERED IN THE FISCAL YEAR
16 26/27 SPENDING PLAN. THERE WERE A COUPLE THINGS WE WERE
17 WAITING FOR. THERE WAS OUTSTANDING GRANT APPLICATION AND THEN
18 THERE WAS JUST REVENUE REFINEMENTS AS WE LOOK TO PROGRAM THIS
19 MONEY IN A BUDGET PHASE. SO JUST A QUICK BREAKDOWN OF THE
20 \$101,600,000. THERE'S ABOUT \$64,000,000 OF THAT IS CONSIDERED
21 SERVICES TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS. SO I'LL GIVE YOU JUST ONE
22 EXAMPLE, PROBABLY THE LARGEST EXAMPLE. ODNR WILL CONTRACT WITH
23 HSH TO PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AT THEIR HOUSING
24 FACILITIES. THAT IS ABOUT \$59,000,000 IN WORK THAT THEY WILL
25 BE DOING. WE HAVE CAL AIM REVENUE THAT WE'RE BUDGETING. IT'S



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1 ABOUT \$32,400,000 TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES UNDER CAL AIM. AND
2 THEN THE NEW GRANT, WHICH WAS NOT PART OF THE FISCAL YEAR
3 26/27 SPENDING PLAN, IT'S A GRANT OF JUST UNDER \$3,000,000
4 FROM THE STATE CALLED THE PATH STATE GRANT. THIS WILL, LET'S
5 SEE, IT IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
6 THROUGH THE CAPACITY INFRASTRUCTURE TRANSFORMATION EXPANSION
7 AND DEVELOPMENT ROUND 4 GRANT, THE CITED GRANT, THAT IS QUITE
8 AN ACRONYM. AND AGAIN, IT SUPPORTS CAL AIM COMMUNITY SERVICES
9 AND SUPPORTS. WE ALSO HAVE SOME PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER
10 MUNICIPALITIES. SO CITY OF L.A., WE HAVE A SMALL ARRANGEMENT
11 THEN FOR \$600,000 FOR EXPANDED ICMS AND STREET-BASED
12 ENGAGEMENT. CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND THEN LAHSA AS WELL IS
13 PROVIDING SOME FUNDING FOR SOME ADDITIONAL WORK THAT SUPPORTS
14 THEIR SERVICES.

15
16 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND I KNOW THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS
17 CONSIDERED ONE TIME, BUT IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT ANY OF
18 THESE SOURCES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FOLLOWING YEARS?

19
20 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** THERE'S REALLY NO CLEAR INDICATION AT
21 THIS POINT WHETHER THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THESE
22 RESOURCES IN FUTURE YEARS. SOMETHING WE'LL KEEP AN EYE ON.
23 WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH HSH TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A
24 GOOD SENSE OF THE REVENUE STREAMS COMING IN IN FUTURE PHASES.



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1 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I BELIEVE THE STATE HAS, THE STATE
2 LEGISLATURE'S BUDGET HAS A \$900,000,000 ALLOCATION FOR HAP
3 HOMELESSNESS DOLLARS. I BELIEVE THAT'S MORE THAN WE'VE SEEN IN
4 PREVIOUS YEARS. DO WE EXPECT THAT TO ACTUALLY COME THROUGH?
5 AND IF SO, HOW WILL WE BE BUDGETING FOR AND SPENDING THAT
6 ADDITIONAL FUNDING.

7
8 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** IN PRIOR FISCAL YEARS THE STATE HAS
9 APPROVED \$1,000,000,000 FOR HAP SO THIS WOULD REPRESENT A
10 SLIGHT DECREASE ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING. I'LL NOTE THAT
11 IN THE MAY GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISE THERE WAS ONLY 500 MILLION
12 FOR HALF AND SO THE LEGISLATURE'S BUDGET BROUGHT THAT AMOUNT
13 UP TO \$900,000,000 MUCH CLOSER TO WHAT WE WERE EXPECTING WITH
14 THE BILLION DOLLARS. WE'RE KEEPING AN EYE ON THIS IS ONE OF
15 THE COUNTY PRIORITIES. RIGHT NOW THE LEGISLATURE IS
16 NEGOTIATING THE FINAL BUDGET PACKAGE WITH THE GOVERNOR, SO
17 THIS IS ONE OF NOT ONLY OUR PRIORITIES BUT COUNTIES UP AND
18 DOWN THE STATE. SO WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO
19 ADVOCATE FOR THIS FUNDING TO BE IN THE FINAL BUDGET PACKAGE.
20 IF IT IS, TYPICALLY THESE FUNDS ARE BUDGETED IN SUPPLEMENTAL
21 BUDGET PHASE AFTER THE BUDGET IS DONE, AND WE HAVE A GOOD
22 SENSE OF, STATE BUDGET, WE HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF THE REVENUES
23 THAT ARE COMING DOWN TO THE COUNTY.

24
25 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT CONCERN WE



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1 HAVE IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CUTS TO OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
2 AND THESE CUTS HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT, NOT SOMETHING THAT WE
3 COULD ABSORB AS A COUNTY WITHOUT CUTS TO OUR HEALTH
4 DEPARTMENTS AND THAT'S WHY I'M SO GRATEFUL TO THE VOTERS OF
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO APPROVED MEASURE ER, PROVIDING
6 TEMPORARY FUNDING TO SUPPORT OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN THE
7 COUNTY. SO HOW WILL THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE ER IMPACT THE
8 COUNTY'S BUDGET? AND WHEN DO WE EXPECT TO INCORPORATE THOSE
9 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS INTO OUR WORK GOING FORWARD?

10

11 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** YEAH, IT WILL IMPACT OUR BUDGET IN A VERY
12 POSITIVE WAY. AGAIN, SOME OF THE REVENUE REDUCTIONS THAT WE'RE
13 FACING PARTICULARLY IN OUR HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT ARE SO
14 MASSIVE THAT IT WON'T BE A COMPLETE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM,
15 BUT IT WILL BE DEFINITELY A VERY POSITIVE STEP AND I'M ALSO
16 GRATEFUL FOR THE VOTERS TO HAVE PASSED THIS MEASURE. THE
17 ESTIMATED YEAR 1 REVENUE IS ABOUT \$800,000,000 FOR MEASURE ER.
18 THAT WOULD REPRESENT 9 MONTHS OF STALE STACKS COLLECTIONS FROM
19 OCTOBER TO THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR. THE ANNUALIZED AMOUNT
20 IS ABOUT \$1,000,000,000. AND OF COURSE, WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO
21 IN SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IS WE'LL SNAP THAT FUNDING TO THE
22 SPENDING PLAN THAT THE BOARD ADOPTED AND WILL PROGRAM THE
23 DOLLARS AT THAT TIME.

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THE JANUARY 2025 WILDFIRES WERE AS WE



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1 KNOW, ONE OF THE WORST NATURAL DISASTERS IN THE HISTORY OF OUR
2 COUNTY AND IN OUR NATION. AND WE'RE JUST FEELING THE IMPACTS
3 OF RECOVERY, BUT WE KNOW THERE'S A LONG WAY TO GO. THE FIRES
4 ALSO HAD A SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL IMPACT TO THE COUNTY AS TENS
5 OF THOUSANDS OF HOMES WERE DESTROYED AND THEIR ASSESSED VALUES
6 WERE REDUCED. REBUILDING AND RETURNING PEOPLE TO THEIR HOMES
7 AND COMMUNITIES AND ULTIMATELY RETURNING THESE PROPERTIES TO
8 OUR TAX ROLLS IS CRITICAL, WHICH IS WHY WE HAVE MOVED FORWARD
9 WITH WAIVING VARIOUS PERMITTING FEES FOR REBUILDING. SO TO OUR
10 CEO, DOES THIS BUDGET INCLUDE FUNDING TO CONTINUE TO WAIVE
11 THOSE FEES FOR FIRE REBUILDS, AND WHAT IS THE STATUS OF OUR
12 EFFORTS TO HELP INDIVIDUALS REBUILD AND RETURN TO THEIR
13 COMMUNITIES?

14
15 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** YEAH, SUPERVISOR, THE BUDGET DOES HAVE
16 FUNDING THROUGH THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR TO COVER THOSE
17 FEES AND SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. WE'RE GOING TO SEE WHERE WE'RE
18 AT IN TERMS OF HOW MANY APPLICATIONS CAME THROUGH AND WHAT THE
19 GAP IS. AND WE WILL HAVE TO IDENTIFY FUNDING AND SUPPLEMENTAL
20 BUDGET TO CARRY US THROUGH THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR. SO
21 AGAIN, FUNDED THROUGH DECEMBER, NEED TO COME BACK IN SEPTEMBER
22 TO SEE WHAT THE GAP IS AND HOW TO FUND IT THROUGH THE END OF
23 THE CALENDAR YEAR. I WALKED THROUGH A LITTLE BIT OF YOUR
24 SECOND QUESTION, WHAT ARE WE DOING TO HELP A LITTLE BIT
25 EARLIER? I THINK A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT I HIGHLIGHTED WAS IN



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1 ADDITION TO THE WAIVING OF FEES IS OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE LOCAL
2 FUNDING. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT NO ONE HAS EVER DONE BEFORE IS
3 TO CREATE THESE INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICTS IN YOUR
4 DISTRICT IN PARTICULAR, THE FINANCING DISTRICT IS EXPECTED TO
5 GENERATE ABOUT \$233,000,000 IN TODAY'S DOLLARS TO HELP COVER
6 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THAT WILL GET PEOPLE BACK INTO THEIR
7 HOMES FASTER. WE HAVE, OF COURSE, OUR PUBLIC WORKS, PLANNING,
8 AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND FIRE HAVE CREATED ONE-STOP CENTERS FOR
9 FOLKS TO COME AND HAVE AN EXPEDITED APPROACH TO PERMITTING OUR
10 PERMITS HAVE BEEN STREAMLINED SO PEOPLE CAN GET THROUGH THE
11 SYSTEM FASTER. A LOT OF FOLKS, I THINK, JUST WANT US TO GET
12 OUT OF THE WAY SO THEY CAN GET THEIR HOUSES BUILT, AND I THINK
13 WE'VE DONE THAT IN TERMS OF THE PERMIT STREAMLINING EFFORTS
14 THAT WE'VE DONE AS WELL. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE MONEY THROUGH
15 AB 100. TO DATE, WE'VE RECEIVED JUST OVER \$200,000,000 IN
16 APPROVALS. WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR THE CHECKS. ONE OF THE MOST
17 RECENT APPROVALS WAS FUNDING FOR HOMEOWNERS TO CONNECT TO
18 NEWLY UNDERGROUNDED UTILITIES. SO, NOT ONLY WILL WE BE ABLE TO
19 REBUILD IN A MORE SUSTAINABLE, RESILIENT WAY, BUT HOMEOWNERS
20 WILL HAVE GRANT FUNDING TO CONNECT TO THOSE SYSTEMS AS THEY
21 COME ONLINE. FEDERAL FUNDING REMAINS A PRIORITY. AS YOU KNOW,
22 IN TYPICALLY IN A TYPICAL DISASTER IN PRIOR YEARS, THE FEDS
23 WOULD HAVE RELEASED RECOVERY GRANTS, TYPICALLY IN THE BILLIONS
24 OF DOLLARS FOR A DISASTER AT THIS SCALE. SO WE CONTINUE TO
25 ADVOCATE FOR THAT FUNDING TO SEE SEEING THAT MONEY COME



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1 THROUGH WOULD BE A HUGE WIN FOR US AND WOULD REALLY HELP US
2 HAVE A MORE EXPEDITED AND INCLUSIVE RECOVERY.

3

4 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I KNOW THAT HOW WE HAVE ESTABLISHED
5 OUR RESPECTIVE JUST DISASTER RECOVERY FINANCING DISTRICTS ARE
6 BY DISTRICT IN THE FIFTH AND IN THE THIRD. ARE WE ANTICIPATING
7 THAT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES WILL JOIN IN THAT EFFORT GOING
8 FORWARD, OR WILL IT STRICTLY BE FOCUSED ON UNINCORPORATED L.A.
9 COUNTY?

10

11 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** WE HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER
12 MUNICIPALITIES WHO HAVE SHOWN SOME INTEREST. TO DATE, NONE HAS
13 DECIDED TO DO THAT. BUT WE CERTAINLY WELCOME THE PARTNERSHIP
14 IN THAT. I THINK WHAT MAKES THE MOST SENSE FROM MY MIND IS TO
15 ESTABLISH CONTIGUOUS FINANCING DISTRICTS, OF COURSE, WE HAVE
16 CREATED A REBUILD AUTHORITY THAT WILL HAVE CONTRACTING POWER.
17 SO IF FOR EXAMPLE, IT'S GOING TO USE AN EXAMPLE. CITY OF
18 MALIBU CREATED A FINANCING DISTRICT ADJACENT TO OURS. THE
19 REBUILD AUTHORITY CAN ALSO SERVICE THAT DISTRICT AS WELL.

20

21 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THAT'S GREAT TO HEAR. AND I KNOW WHEN
22 WE MOVED AT SCALE IN THE DEBRIS REMOVAL PROCESS, IT ALLOWED US
23 TO MOVE FASTER AND GET PEOPLE NOT ONLY FURTHER ALONG IN THE
24 RECOVERY PROCESS, BUT ALSO TO LET THEM KNOW THAT WE'RE MOVING
25 QUICKLY TO TRY AND GET THEM BACK. AND THAT HELPS TO ESTABLISH



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1 HOPE AND CONFIDENCE IN THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING. SO THE
2 ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH MUNICIPALITIES THROUGHOUT,
3 YOU KNOW, IN ALL OF THE AREAS THAT WERE IMPACTED I THINK IS
4 GOOD TO HEAR. THE WILDFIRES AND SUBSEQUENT FLOODING AND
5 MUDSLIDES THAT OCCURRED HEAVILY IMPACTED BUSINESSES IN MY
6 DISTRICT AS WELL, AND MANY OF THESE SMALL BUSINESSES BARELY
7 SURVIVED THE CHALLENGES THAT WERE THROWN AT THEM THROUGH NO
8 FAULT OF THEIR OWN. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR THE THOUSANDS OF
9 BUSINESSES THAT WERE IMPACTED BY THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY
10 STRIKES IN THE COUNTY, AND THESE BUSINESSES EMPLOY THOUSANDS
11 OF RESIDENTS AND HELP TO MAKE UP THE FABRIC OF OUR ECONOMY.
12 BUT UNLIKE LARGER BUSINESSES, TEMPORARY CLOSURES AND OTHER
13 SHORT-TERM IMPACTS CAN LEAD TO THEIR FAILURE AND LOSS OF JOBS.
14 THAT'S WHY BUSINESS INTERRUPTION FUNDS ARE SO IMPORTANT.
15 PROVIDING SMALL BUSINESSES WITH JUST A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS
16 DURING TIMES OF UNEXPECTED CLOSURE CAN MEAN THE DIFFERENCE
17 BETWEEN THAT BUSINESS CLOSING OR SURVIVING. DURING THESE
18 DISASTERS, I'VE FUNDED SEVERAL BUSINESS INTERRUPTION FUNDS
19 WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE HELP OF DEO, WHICH IS WHY IT'S
20 IMPORTANT WE'RE BEGINNING TO PERMANENTLY FUND BUSINESS
21 INTERRUPTION FUNDS WITH THE \$2,000,000 ALLOCATED IN THIS
22 BUDGET. WHILE IT'S A SMALL DROP IN THE BUCKET COMPARED TO THE
23 NEED WE KNOW IS OUT THERE, IT ALLOWS US TO START BUILDING OUT
24 THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO SCALE FUNDING GOING FORWARD AS THEY
25 BECOME AVAILABLE. AND AN ADDITIONAL \$3,000,000 IN THE



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1 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET WOULD BE CRUCIAL TO THOSE EFFORTS. OVER
2 THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS, WE'VE ALSO HEARD FROM COMMUNITY
3 ADVOCATES ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF REPRESENT L.A. AND THE SELF-
4 HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS. THESE RESOURCES ARE CRITICAL
5 LIFELINES FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHEN THEY'RE MOST IN NEED, AND
6 THESE SERVICES HELP PREVENT SO MANY OTHER NEGATIVE OUTCOMES,
7 INCLUDING HOMELESSNESS. I'M GLAD WE'RE ABLE TO AT LEAST
8 PARTIALLY FUND REPRESENT L.A. AND THE SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS
9 CENTERS IN THIS BUDGET PHASE, BUT WE NEED TO FULLY FUND THESE
10 SERVICES IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. JUST BECAUSE THE I.C.E.
11 RAIDS MAY HAVE FADED FROM SOME OF THE NEWS, THE NEED HAS IN NO
12 WAY DIMINISHED. SO WE KNOW THAT BOTH THE SELF-HELP LEGAL
13 ACCESS CENTERS AND REPRESENT L.A. PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN FUNDED
14 FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. SO TO OUR CEO, WHEN IN THE BUDGET
15 CYCLE, HAVE THEY BEEN FUNDED? IS IT TYPICALLY SUPPLEMENTAL?
16 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE IDEALLY WOULD LIKE TO WORK ON A MORE
17 SUSTAINABLE PLAN GOING FORWARD.

18
19 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SO FOR BOTH REPRESENTLA AND SLAC, I JUST
20 WANT TO, MANY PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THIS, BUT WHEN I WAS AT DCBA
21 THESE ARE TWO PROGRAMS THAT I OVERSAW AND HELPED EXPAND AND
22 ESTABLISH. OF COURSE, OUR CURRENT DIRECTOR RAFAEL CARBAJAL HAS
23 REALLY DONE A GREAT JOB BRINGING THEM TO WHAT THEY ARE TODAY.
24 SO I KNOW THESE PROGRAMS VERY WELL. THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR
25 THESE, FOR REPRESENTLA IN PARTICULAR, HAVE BEEN A BIT



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1 SCATTERED OVER THE YEARS. SO SOMETIMES THEY COME IN A BUDGET
2 PHASE EARLIER ON IN THE YEAR, SOMETIMES THEY COME LATER IN THE
3 YEAR. BECAUSE WE'RE TARGETING ONE-TIME FUNDING TO CONTINUE THE
4 PROGRAM THIS YEAR. THE INITIAL INVESTMENT IN FINAL CHANGES
5 ALLOWS THEM TO GET RAMPED UP STARTING JULY 1. AND THEN SIX
6 MONTHS OF FUNDING, SO THAT WILL CARRY US THROUGH SUPPLEMENTAL
7 BUDGET TO SEE WHAT OTHER RESOURCES WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO
8 CONTINUE THAT PROGRAM FOR SLAC, THE SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS
9 CENTERS. THAT PROGRAM IS CONTRACT-BASED AND REQUIRES FUNDING
10 TYPICALLY IN EITHER RECOMMENDED OR FINAL CHANGES AGAIN, SO
11 THEY CAN BE UP AND RUNNING JULY 1. WE HAVE A SIX-MONTH BRIDGE.
12 WE WILL BE WORKING IN SUPPLEMENTAL TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL
13 FUNDING THERE AS WELL.

14
15 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. LASTLY, I WANT TO TOUCH A
16 BIT ON OUR PROBATION BUDGET, WHICH HAS NOT CHANGED FOR MANY
17 YEARS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN
18 CUSTODY HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL
19 YEARS, WE'VE HEARD MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PROBATION
20 DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THEIR BUDGET, AND THAT'S WHY I'VE
21 AUTHORED A MOTION WHICH WENT TO CLUSTER LAST WEEK AND WILL BE
22 AT BOARD NEXT WEEK TO TAKE A DEEP DIVE INTO THE PROBATION
23 DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET AND HOW THEIR FUNDS ARE BEING SPENT. WE
24 NEED TO START FROM THE GROUND UP, WHAT SOURCES OF FUNDING IS
25 THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVING, WHAT THEY'RE BEING SPENT ON, HOW



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1 MONEY IS BEING MOVED BETWEEN USES, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WHAT
2 WE CAN DO DIFFERENTLY TO BENEFIT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO
3 DESPERATELY NEED US TO INVEST IN THEM. UNDERSTANDING
4 PROBATION'S BUDGET IS A CRITICAL FIRST STEP, BUT WHAT WE AND
5 THE COMMUNITY DO WITH THAT INFORMATION WILL BE EVEN MORE
6 IMPORTANT. SO I HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE SUPPORT FOR THAT
7 MOTION, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CEO'S ASSISTANCE WITH THE
8 WORK OF FULLY UNDERSTANDING HOW THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS
9 SPENDING THEIR FUNDING AND WHAT WE CAN BE DOING DIFFERENTLY IN
10 THE FUTURE. I KNOW THIS YEAR'S BUDGET ISN'T IDEAL. WE'VE HAD
11 MANY FINANCIAL CHALLENGES, BUT OUT OF CHALLENGE COMES CHANGE.
12 WE NEED TO CHANGE HOW WE PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE COUNTY, AND
13 WE NEED TO BE MORE EFFICIENT AND LEAN INTO THE SERVICES AND
14 PROGRAMS THAT ARE REALLY WORKING AND SCALE THOSE. WE NEED TO
15 CHANGE HOW WE APPROACH OUR BUDGETING, AND EVERY DEPARTMENT
16 SHOULD BE EVALUATED FROM THE GROUND UP SO WE UNDERSTAND WHERE
17 RESOURCES ARE GOING, WHAT OUTCOMES THEY'RE PRODUCING, AND
18 WHETHER INVESTMENTS ARE ALIGNED WITH OUR PRIORITIES. AND I
19 KNOW OUR DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS ARE HARD AT WORK IN THAT EFFORT
20 WITH US, AND I APPRECIATE THEIR PARTNERSHIP. CARRYING FORWARD
21 THE SAME BASELINE YEAR AFTER YEAR AND LAYERING ON ADDITIONAL
22 FUNDING IS NOT A STRATEGY, WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S WORKING AND
23 WHAT ISN'T. THIS IS THE WORK WE'RE STARTING, WHETHER IT BE BY
24 DEPARTMENT HEADS ANALYZING HOW SHARED SERVICES CAN BE
25 DELIVERED OR BY ANALYZING DEPARTMENT BUDGETS FROM THE GROUND



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1 UP. AND THIS IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO IN A MOMENT OF FISCAL
2 INSTABILITY, BUT IT'S ALSO WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO PROVIDE THE
3 TRANSPARENCY AND GOVERNANCE THAT OUR CONSTITUENCIES DEMAND. I
4 LOOK FORWARD TO THE HARD WORK WE'LL BE UNDERTAKING DURING THE
5 REMAINING PHASE OF THIS BUDGET AND LEADING INTO NEXT YEAR.
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WITH THAT,
9 BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CAN YOU PLEASE READ THE
10 CALLING INFORMATION AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THE
11 PUBLIC?

12

13 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE
14 PUBLIC. IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY
15 DO SO IN PERSON OR REMOTELY. TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, PLEASE
16 VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.BOS.LACOUNTY.GOV TO REGISTER AND JOIN
17 THE MEETING OR YOU MAY CALL 213-306-3065 AND USE THE ACCESS
18 CODE 25342532355 AND MEETING PASSWORD 2672026. YOU WILL HAVE
19 THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE
20 MINUTE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. GIVEN THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS SIGNED
21 UP TO SPEAK IN ORDER TO FINISH TODAY'S MEETING EFFICIENTLY AND
22 ADDRESS ALL AGENDA ITEMS, THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS
23 ITEM WILL BE LIMITED TO 75 MINUTES. IT IS NOW 11:21. PUBLIC
24 COMMENT FOR THIS ITEM WILL END AT 12:36. IF YOU ARE WITH A
25 GROUP, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY ONE PERSON TO SPEAK ON



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1 BEHALF OF YOUR ENTIRE GROUP. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COMPLETE
2 YOUR STATEMENT, YOU MAY SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS TO STAFF
3 TO BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD, AND THEY WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE
4 RECORD. WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, IF REGISTERED ON A
5 COMPUTER OR DEVICE, YOU WILL HEAR A BEEP AND YOUR NAME WILL BE
6 CALLED. OR IF JOINING BY TELEPHONE, YOU WILL HEAR YOUR LINE IS
7 UNMUTED, YOUR AREA CODE, AND THE FIRST 3 DIGITS OF YOUR PHONE
8 NUMBER WILL BE CALLED. TO ENSURE WE HEAR FROM BOTH IN-PERSON
9 AND REMOTE SPEAKERS, WE WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO
10 SPEAKING CUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE,
11 WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE
12 COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARD ROOM AND STAFF WILL ASSIST
13 YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO
14 SO. ALSO, FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE, PLEASE NOTE
15 WE HAVE A CONSTITUENT ASSISTANCE TEAM THAT INCLUDES
16 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC
17 SOCIAL SERVICES, CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, L.A. HOMELESS
18 SERVICES AUTHORITY AND PARKS AND RECREATION IN THE AUDIENCE
19 SHOULD YOU NEED ASSISTANCE FROM THEM. AT THIS TIME, WE WILL
20 HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
21 ON ALL BUDGET DELIBERATION MATTERS, AND WE WILL BE STARTING
22 WITH IN PERSON.

23
24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
25 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AUBREY YARBROUGH, LAURA



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1 HUGH, FRANK TAMBORELLO, PALOMA BUSTOS, CYNTHIA OJEDA, JESS
2 FERRIS, JOSELINE PENA, JULIETTE MARTINEZ, GERSON NAVIDAD, ALBA
3 VELASQUEZ, ANA-ALICIA CARR, ANNA HOPKINS, THOMAS MARTINEZ,
4 CHELSEA VELEZ, AYANNA DYKES, KELLY CHAVEZ, DIANA ESCAMILLA,
5 ROSIA VELES, LEILANI RUIZ, AND PAMELA MOLLERA. WE WILL HEAR
6 FROM IN-PERSON SPEAKERS FIRST. PLEASE BEGIN.

7

8 **CYNTHIA OJEDA:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CYNTHIA
9 OJEDA, CEO OF SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT SERVICES. FOR THE LAST 27
10 YEARS, I'VE BEEN OPERATING CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKETS, FARM TO
11 SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS. I SIT ON THE CDFA, CALIFORNIA
12 DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR
13 FARMERS MARKETS, SERVING ALONGSIDE OUR PRESTIGIOUS
14 COMMISSIONER, KURT FLORIN. I'M HERE TO ASK IN THIS VERY
15 IMPORTANT TOPIC THAT CONCERNS CALFRESH, MARKET MATCH, AND OUR
16 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY NUTRITION PROGRAMS THAT SERVE THESE
17 COMMUNITY MEMBERS AT OUR CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKETS. MARKET
18 MATCH IN PARTICULAR IS A PROGRAM THAT IS LIMITED TO CERTIFIED
19 FARMERS IN CALIFORNIA FARM IN CALIFORNIA IN IN L.A. COUNTY AND
20 WE NEED THESE FUNDS TO REMAIN TO OUR CITIZENS --

21

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

23

24 **AUBREY YARBROUGH:** HI, MY NAME IS AUBREY YARBROUGH AND I WORK
25 WITH FARM HABIT WE RUN NINE WEEKLY CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKETS



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1 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. L.A. IS A CITY OF VAST WEALTH, AND YET
2 ONE IN FOUR ANGELENOS IS FOOD INSECURE. THIS IS FRANKLY
3 SHAMEFUL. ON BEHALF OF FARM HABIT, I'M ASKING THE BOARD TO
4 ALLOCATE \$14,000,000 FOR CALFRESH HEALTHY LIVING, \$3,000,000
5 FOR FUNDING MARKET MATCH, AND 20 TO SUPPORT IMMIGRANT FOOD
6 JUSTICE TO THOSE WHO ARE LOSING CALFRESH BENEFITS DUE TO H.R. -
7 1 POLICY CHANGES. ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD IS BASIC. KIDS WHO
8 EAT FRUITS AND VEGETABLES HAVE LONGER LIFE EXPECTANCIES THAN
9 KIDS WHO DO NOT. WE ALL KNOW THAT FUNDING THESE NUTRITION
10 INCENTIVES MAKES ECONOMIC SENSE. L.A. COUNTY SPENDS
11 \$2,300,000,000 ANNUALLY ON HEALTH CARE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
12 FOOD INSECURITY. CALFRESH LIVING IS PROVEN TO SAVE AN
13 ESTIMATED \$10 IN FUTURE HEALTH CARE COSTS FOR EVERY \$1 SPENT.
14 THANK YOU.

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

17
18 **LAURA HUEY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LAURA HUEY. I REPRESENT
19 MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM, WHICH IS A COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT
20 ORGANIZATION THAT OPERATES INCENTIVE PROGRAMS IN THE THIRD AND
21 SECOND DISTRICT. WE GIVE OUT INCENTIVES THROUGH MARKET MATCH
22 AND THE FMMP PROGRAM TO OVER 8,000 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES
23 EVERY YEAR. EVERY YEAR OUR NEED GOES UP 10% AT THESE FARMERS
24 MARKETS AND THE FUNDING IS NOT THERE. WE KNOW THAT WE LIVE IN
25 UNCERTAIN TIMES AND WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU RECONSIDER THE



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1 OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION TO NOT FUND MARKET MATCH, AND THE
2 CALFRESH HEALTHY HABIT PROGRAM, AND THE GROCERY VOUCHER
3 PROGRAM, BECAUSE WE NEED TO SHOW OUR GOVERNOR THAT THESE
4 THINGS ARE NECESSARY, IMPORTANT. WE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SO THAT WE CAN GET INTO THOSE BUDGETS FOR
6 NEXT YEAR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

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

9

10 **PALOMA BUSTOS:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS PALOMA BUSTOS AND I'M
11 WITH THE SUNITA JAIN AND THE TRAFFIC AND INITIATIVE LOYOLA LAW
12 SCHOOL AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION.
13 BEFORE WORKING IN POLICY, I SPENT 15 YEARS IN DIRECT SERVICES
14 SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT,
15 HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND OTHER CRIMES. THROUGH THIS WORK, I SAW
16 FIRSTHAND HOW DIFFICULT IT CAN BE FOR VICTIMS TO NAVIGATE THE
17 CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM. MANY FEELING RETRAUMATIZED BY THE
18 PROCESS AND STRUGGLING TO ACCESS THE SERVICES THEY ACTUALLY
19 NEEDED. WHAT I HEARD MOST OFTEN FROM SURVIVORS AND CONTINUE TO
20 HEAR TODAY WAS NOT A DESIRE FOR MORE PUNISHMENT AND INVESTMENT
21 IN INCARCERATION. THEY WANTED HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH
22 SERVICES, AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO OVERCOME THEIR OWN
23 EXPERIENCES, AS WELL AS REHAB SERVICES FOR OFFENDERS TO
24 PREVENT HARM FROM HAPPENING AGAIN. YET THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO
25 INVEST HEAVILY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE CRIMINAL LEGAL



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1 SYSTEM, WHILE UNDER-INVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS
2 THAT VICTIMS AND COMMUNITIES HAVE CONSISTENTLY ASKED FOR. I
3 URGE THE COUNTY TO PRIORITIZE PREVENTION, HEALING, AND
4 COMMUNITY-BASED CARE IN ITS BUDGET DECISIONS. THANK YOU.

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

7
8 **ANA-ALICIA CARR:** HELLO SUPERVISORS, ANA-ALICIA CARR WITH THE
9 LOS ANGELES FOOD POLICY COUNCIL. WE'RE GREATLY DISAPPOINTED
10 THE CEO HAS NOT RECOMMENDED FUNDING TOWARDS OUR \$37,000,000
11 REQUEST FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS. FOOD INSECURITY IS
12 ASSOCIATED WITH HIGHER RISK OF CHRONIC CONDITIONS, MENTAL
13 DISTRESS, SUICIDE, POOR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, AND
14 DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES. INVESTING NOW MEANS NOT PAYING LATER.
15 JUSTIFICATIONS TO AVOID BACK-FILLING FEDERAL GAPS OR
16 CONTINUING ARP FUNDING WERE CITED. THESE COUNTY POLICIES
17 ENABLE EXCLUSION BASED ON PAST ALLOCATION TO SUPERSEDE NEED
18 AND COMMUNITY INPUT AND POINT TO WHY DEPARTMENTS MAY NOT HAVE
19 MADE REQUESTS FOR THESE PROGRAMS. OUR PROGRAMS SHOULD HAVE
20 BEEN DEFERRED TO SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AT A MINIMUM AS STATE
21 BUDGETS ARE STILL BEING NEGOTIATED. FEDERAL POLICY IS
22 TIGHTENING AND DISMANTLING OUR FOOD SAFETY NET, PUSHING PEOPLE
23 DEEPER INTO POVERTY. IF NOT FUNDED IN THE REGULAR BUDGET, WE
24 URGE THIS BOARD TO ADD FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS INTO
25 MEASURE ER SPENDING PLAN AS THESE ARE ESSENTIAL SERVICES.



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

3
4 **JULIETTE MARTINEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JULIETTE MARTINEZ.
5 I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY IMPACT IN LOS ANGELES FOR
6 THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION. I AM MOST PROUD DISTRICT 4 IN
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M HERE TODAY TO URGE YOU TO INCLUDE
8 \$3,000,000 FOR MARKET MATCH IN YOUR BUDGET, AN ESSENTIAL
9 PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM. FOR EVERY DOLLAR OF CALFRESH BENEFITS
10 USED TO BUY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AT FARMERS MARKETS, MARKET
11 MATCH GIVES AN EXTRA DOLLAR IN TOKENS OR VOUCHERS. IN FACT,
12 EVERY DOLLAR SPENT THROUGH MARKET MATCH GENERATES \$3 IN
13 ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. THOSE DOLLARS STAY RIGHT HERE IN OUR
14 COMMUNITY. ACCESS TO THE ABUNDANT FRESH FRUITS GROWN HERE IN
15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHOULD BE A RIGHT AND NOT A PRIVILEGE.
16 MARKET MATCH PROMOTES EQUITABLE ACCESS OF FRUITS AND
17 VEGETABLES FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THIS
18 PROGRAM ALLOWS FAMILIES TO STRETCH THEIR FOOD DOLLARS WHILE
19 MAKING HEALTHIER CHOICES AND STRENGTHENS OUR LOCAL ECONOMY BY
20 SUPPORTING FARMERS, SMALL BUSINESSES, AND JOB GROWTH. MARKET
21 MATCH ISN'T JUST UNDERFUNDED. IT IS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR
22 PROPOSED BUDGET AND WITHOUT ALTERNATIVE FUNDING, IT WILL
23 LIKELY END IN 2024. I'M ASKING YOU TO INCLUDE \$3,000,000 IN
24 MARKET MATCH JUST TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.



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

2

3 **ALBA VELASQUEZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALBA
4 VELAZQUEZ, AND I'M HERE FROM LOS ANGELES FOOD POLICY COUNCIL.
5 I URGE YOU TO FUND THE FULL \$37,000,000 FOR FOOD PROGRAMS. WE
6 UNDERSTAND THAT SNAP IS A FEDERAL PROGRAM, BUT CALFISH IS
7 ADMINISTERED LOCALLY, AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF FEDERAL
8 DISRUPTION ARE LOCAL. WHEN RESIDENTS LOOT FOOD ASSISTANCE OR
9 ARE CONFUSED AND AFRAID TO USE BENEFITS, THE COST DOES NOT
10 STAY IN WASHINGTON. IT SHOWS UP HERE IN EMERGENCY ROOMS,
11 HOUSING INSTABILITY, SCHOOLS, FOOD PANTRIES, PUBLIC HEALTH
12 SYSTEMS, AND COUNTY SERVICES. THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT ASKING THE
13 COUNTY TO PERMANENTLY REPLACE SNAP. IT IS ASKING FOR A
14 TARGETED EMERGENCY BRIDGE AT THE EXACT MOMENT WHEN FEDERAL
15 CHANGES ARE DEEPENING AND ALREADY EXISTING FOOD ACCESS IS IN
16 CRISIS. PART OF THIS INVESTMENT CAN PAY FOR ITSELF. CALFRESH
17 HEALTHY LIVING PROTECTS FEDERAL DOLLARS BY HELPING ELIGIBLE
18 RESIDENTS ENROLL, RENEW, AND KEEP BENEFITS. A \$14,000,000
19 INVESTMENT IS NOT SIMPLY AN EXPENSE. IT IS A STRATEGY TO KEEP
20 FEDERAL - -

21

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

23

24 **FRANK TAMBORELLO:** GOOD MORNING BOARD. FRANK HERE WITH HUNGER
25 ACTION L.A. AND WE ECHO THE CALL TO FUND THE THREE FOOD



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1 PROGRAMS, MARKET MATCH, CALFRESH HEALTHY LIVING, AND THE
2 IMMIGRANT FOOD JUSTICE. YOU KNOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS AT
3 AN ECONOMIC WAR WITH CALIFORNIA. YOU ALL KNOW THIS BETTER THAN
4 WE DO IN CALIF IN L.A. COUNTY IS ESPECIALLY GETTING HIT HARD
5 SO WE GOT TO PROTECT OURSELVES. WE HAVE TO GROW OUR OWN FOOD
6 AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE SERVE OUR OWN RESIDENTS AS MUCH AS WE CAN
7 WE GOT TO INVEST IN THESE PROGRAMS BECAUSE COMMUNITY MEMBERS
8 ARE STRUGGLING TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES. THEIR PAYCHECKS ARE
9 BEING CONSUMED BY RENT, GAS, AND OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES. WE
10 KNOW THAT COUNTIES ENTER DIRE PLACE FINANCIALLY, BUT THESE
11 PROGRAMS CREATE AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS. THIS MONEY IS NOT GOING
12 INTO A HOLE. IT'S GOING TO BE SPENT AT GROCERY STORES. IT'S
13 BEING SPENT AT FARMERS MARKETS WITH CALIFORNIA FARMERS. AND
14 IT'S PROVIDING THE RESOURCES TO CUT OUR HEALTHCARE EXPENSES.
15 IT'S PROVIDING THE RESOURCES FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE LEARNING
16 HOW TO MANAGE DIABETES AND OTHER CONDITIONS. THANK YOU VERY
17 MUCH.

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

20
21 **THOMAS MARTINEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS THOMAS MARTINEZ AND
22 I URGE YOU TO FULLY FUND THE \$37,000,000 BUDGET REQUEST ACROSS
23 CRITICAL FOOD ACCESS INITIATIVES INCLUDING IMMIGRANT FOOD
24 JUSTICE, MARKET MATCH, AND CALFRESH ATHLETE LIVING. TODAY I
25 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK SPECIFICALLY TO MARKET MATCH. IN MY WORK,



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1 I SERVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S FARMING COMMUNITY. MANY OF THE
2 FARMERS I SUPPORT SELL AT STANDS AND FARMERS MARKET WHERE
3 MARKET MATCH DOLLARS ARE USED TO PURCHASE THEIR PRODUCE. THIS
4 MEANS MARKET MATCH IS NOT ONLY A CRITICAL LIFELINE FOR
5 CONSTITUENTS WHO RELY ON CALFRESH AND WIC, IT ALSO INVESTS IN
6 LOCAL FARMS, FARM WORKERS, SMALL AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES THAT
7 ARE WORKING TO FEED OUR COMMUNITIES EVERY DAY. EVERY SNAP
8 DOLLAR GENERATES AROUND 180 IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND MARKET
9 MATCH CREATES A RIPPLE EFFECT THROUGHOUT OUR LOCAL ECONOMY.
10 THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO CONSTITUENTS,
11 PROVIDES FOR AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE, AND ENSURES THAT EXISTING
12 FARMS REMAIN A RELIABLE RESOURCE FOR FOOD INSECURE RESIDENTS.
13 SO AGAIN, I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE FUND MARKET MATCH AND PLEASE
14 FUND OTHER CRITICAL SERVICES SUCH AS THE IMMIGRANT FOOD
15 JUSTICE, GROCERY VOUCHER PROGRAM IN CALFRESH, HEALTHY LIVING.
16 THANK YOU.

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

19
20 **ANNA HOPKINS:** HELLO SUPERVISORS. ANNA HOPKINS WITH FARM TO
21 PEOPLE. WE ARE COMMITTED TO SECURING LOCAL HARVESTS AND
22 FIGHTING HUNGER IN LOS ANGELES FROM OUR HEADQUARTERS IN
23 DISTRICT 1, WHERE, AS WE KNOW AND HAVE BEEN HEARING ONE IN
24 FOUR, OUR FOOD AND NUTRITION INSECURE. THIS, TO BE CLEAR, IS A
25 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. AND WITH FEDERAL CUTS, MORE THAN A



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1 QUARTER MILLION OF OUR NEIGHBORS ARE NOW AT RISK OF LOSING
2 FOOD BENEFITS ALTOGETHER. SO WE'RE LIVING THIS CRISIS IN REAL
3 TIME, AND WE WILL FEEL THE FISCAL AND HUMAN COSTS FOR YEARS TO
4 COME. RIGHT NOW WE HAVE A CHOICE TO MAKE. RIGHT NOW YOUNG
5 MOTHERS, SENIORS, THE IMMIGRANTS WHO ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR
6 WORKFORCE, VETERANS AND WORKING FAMILIES ARE LINING UP FOR
7 DIMINISHING FOOD SUPPORT AND ACCESS, PANICKED THEY WILL NOT BE
8 ABLE TO FEED THEMSELVES OR THEIR FAMILIES. I URGE YOU TO
9 CONSIDER PERMANENT FUNDING FOR CALFRESH HEALTHY LIVING,
10 \$20,000,000 FOR A GROCERY VOUCHER PROGRAM, AND \$3,000,000 FOR
11 MARKET MATCH. TO BE THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY WITHOUT
12 A ROBUST FUNDED NUTRITION PROGRAM WOULD BE AN EMBARRASSMENT.
13 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

14
15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO TO REMOTE
16 SPEAKERS. JADE GWYNN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

17
18 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** YES, HELLO, GOOD MORNING, L.A. COUNTY BOARD
19 OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JADE GWYNN AND I'M WITH NATURE FOR
20 ALL. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ACCESSIBLE PARKS AND GREEN
21 SPACE THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY AND IN SUPPORT OF ADOPTING A
22 BUDGET INCLUSIVE OF FUNDING FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND
23 CRITICAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
24 RECREATION. PARKS ARE AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE THAT
25 SUPPORTS AND STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. IT



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1 CAN HELP THE COUNTY MEET COUNTY CLIMATE GOALS THROUGH NATURE-
2 BASED SOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR
3 STORMWATER CAPTURE AND FLOOD MITIGATION. PARKS ALSO DRIVE
4 ECONOMIC VALUE BY SUPPORTING LOCAL JOBS, ATTRACTING VISITORS,
5 IMPROVING PROPERTY VALUES, AND REDUCING LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE
6 COSTS WHEN ADEQUATELY FUNDED. PLEASE ENSURE THAT OUR COUNTY
7 PARKS HAVE ACCESS TO THE FUNDING AND RESOURCES THEY SO
8 DESPERATELY NEED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

9
10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 323359,
11 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

12
13 **ANDONY CORLETO:** MY NAME IS ANDONY CORLETO I'M AN SD TO
14 RESIDENT A PROGRAM ASSOCIATE THE VARIOUS TO THE JUSTICE I'M IN
15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM WHERE THE 60% OF
16 INCARCERATED PEOPLE HAVE AN IDENTIFIED MENTAL HEALTH NEED.
17 HOWEVER, NUMEROUS REPORTS, YEARS OF RECORD HIGH IN CUSTODY
18 DEATHS AND VARIOUS LAWSUITS HAVE SHOWN THAT OUR JAILS ARE ILL-
19 EQUIPPED TO MEET THESE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AND DELIVER
20 APPROPRIATE TREATMENTS. INSTEAD OF EXPANDING JAIL-BASED
21 RESPONSES UNDER THE GUISE OF A NEW TREATMENT FACILITY, WE URGE
22 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO INCLUDE IN THIS BUDGET CYCLE THE
23 \$24,000,000 REQUESTED BY THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
24 TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTING THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CLOSURE PLAN. THE
25 PLAN SEEKS TO EXPAND ODR HOUSING, THE RAPID DIVERSION PROGRAM,



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1 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT, AND HOLISTIC DEFENSE AMONG
2 OTHER PROVEN PROGRAMS THESE SERVICES DELIVERABLE JAILS CANNOT
3 TREATMENT STABILITY AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM RATES AT A FRACTION
4 OF THE COST WE COMMEND THE SUPERVISORS FOR ADVANCING JAIL
5 CLOSURE LIMITATION AND URGE THE BOARD TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
6 TO INVEST IN ANGELENOS AND OUR FUTURE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME
7 AND CONSIDERATION.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. DEREK STEELE. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
10 PLEASE BEGIN.

11

12 **DEREK STEELE:** DEREK STEELE HERE, REPRESENTATIVE SOCIAL JUSTICE
13 LEARNING INSTITUTE, ONE OF THE MANY ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE
14 DOING GREAT WORK UNDER CALFRESH FOR HEALTHY LIVING. I'M GIVING
15 A CALL, YOU KNOW, YOU'VE HEARD FROM MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES AS
16 IS, OUTCOMES THAT THAT WE'RE ALREADY BEING ABLE TO DO. I MEAN
17 OUR ORGANIZATION ALONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE OVER 1,000,000
18 POUNDS OF PRODUCE TO ANGELENOS ALL THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, EVERY
19 SINGLE YEAR SINCE THE COVID YEARS. AND BEING ABLE TO HAVE
20 THESE RESOURCES IN ORDER TO DO SO ARE REALLY HELPFUL. NOW WE
21 HAVE DONE WHAT WE CAN TO HELP PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES OUT
22 OF THE CFCI SPACE, AND YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO PASS IT WITH ONE-
23 TIME FUNDING. BUT THERE'S MORE THAT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO DO
24 TO BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN THIS OVER TIME. YOU HEARD ABOUT THE
25 PREVENTATIVE NATURE OF THE DOLLARS THAT ACTUALLY GET PUT



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1 TOWARD THE WORK THAT IS HAPPENING AND THE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
2 AND ALSO NUTRITION PROGRAMS. WE JUST NEED TO MAKE SURE WE CAN
3 CONTINUE THAT. SO THE PROPOSALS BEFORE YOU, LET'S MAKE IT
4 HAPPEN.

5

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

8

9 **BYRON JOSE:** GOOD MORNING, THIS IS BYRON WITH THE TRANSLATINA
10 COALITION. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR UPLIFTING THE
11 NEED FOR TRANSPARENCY AROUND HOW MEASURE J IS ACTUALLY
12 COSTING, ESPECIALLY SINCE BEFORE MEASURE G AND IT'S BUDGET
13 TRANSPARENCY AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES THAT I WAS SUPPOSED
14 TO BRING, WE USED TO GET THREE MINUTES ON ALL BUDGET ITEMS FOR
15 EVERY BUDGET HEARING. SO IF THE CHAIR NEEDS TO CANCEL THESE
16 MEETINGS AND LIMIT PUBLIC COMMENT, JUST BECAUSE IF WE HAD A
17 CARE FIRST BUDGET, EAST L.A. WOULDN'T CONSTANTLY BE BURNING OR
18 FACING TOXIC WASTE. SO AGAIN, AS WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO
19 ENSURE WE CAN WORK WITH THE CHAIR PRO TEM, SOMEONE THAT WILL
20 BE HERE FOR THE NEXT TWO, FOUR FULL TERMS, A FULL 12 YEARS TO
21 MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO MOVE INVESTMENTS FOR TGI
22 COMMUNITIES, SPECIFICALLY OUR HOUSING INITIATIVE, AND MAKING
23 SURE THAT WE'RE LEVERAGING OUR NCC OR LOCAL DOLLARS FOR CARE
24 AND NOT JUST LETTING THE CEO SLAP WHATEVER LABEL THEY WANT TO
25 THIS. AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE CLICK HONEY MINUTES TO 75



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1 MINUTES, THIS IS RIDICULOUS. YOUR STAFF ALREADY LIMIT --

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

5

6 **MEGAN CASTILLO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MEGAN
7 CASTILLO, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2, AND I'M SPEAKING
8 ON BEHALF OF THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION. AS YOU ALL WORK TO
9 CLOSE THE BUDGET GAP, I URGE YOU TO FULLY FUND THE JCIT
10 RECOMMENDATIONS AND UPHOLD THE PROMISE OF MEASURE J BY
11 CONTINUING TO INVEST IN CARE-FIRST APPROACHES THAT ADDRESS THE
12 ROOT CAUSES OF HARM. COMMUNITIES ACROSS L.A. HAVE CONSISTENTLY
13 CALLED FOR INVESTMENTS IN HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND
14 COMMUNITY-BASED CARE. AND EARLIER THIS YEAR, RILA PARTNERED
15 WITH THE MILLION DOLLAR HOODS TO RELEASE A REPORT SHOWING THAT
16 L.A. HAS SPENT HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS ON
17 LITIGATION COSTS, INCLUDING SETTLEMENTS AND JUDGMENTS AND
18 LEGAL FEES. AND SO RATHER THAN CONTINUING TO PAY FOR
19 CONSEQUENCES OF FAILED SYSTEMS, WE SHOULD BE INVESTING IN
20 SOLUTIONS THAT PREVENT HARM BEFORE IT OCCURS. THAT INCLUDES
21 DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PRESERVE SURVIVOR RIGHTS AND
22 SUPPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING TRAUMA INFORMED CARE, LEGAL
23 ADVOCACY, HEALTH CENTER SERVICES. I URGE YOU TO PROTECT THOSE
24 SERVICES AND INVESTMENTS. THANK YOU.

25



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

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4 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** HELLO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
5 CAITLIN PLAYER AND I'M AN INTERN FOR LA DEFENSA. I AM SPEAKING
6 TODAY TO PROTEST THE CARECENERAL SPENDING PRIORITIES IN THIS
7 YEAR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET ONCE AGAIN, THIS COUNTY IS ABSORBING
8 MASSIVE COST OVERRUNS FROM THE SHERIFF APARTMENT WHILE FORCING
9 OUR FRONTLINE CARE SERVICES TO FREEZE HIRING THIS BUDGET
10 ALLOWS LAW ENFORCEMENT TO EXHAUST OUR FLEXIBLE FUNDING, WHILE
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FACES A NET LOSS OF MORE
12 THAN 400 POSITIONS. OUR JAILS ARE IN A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS
13 BECAUSE WE CONTINUE TO UNDERFUND THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE
14 SUBSTANCE, USE TREATMENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT ACTUALLY
15 PREVENT CRIME. I URGE THE BOARD TO FREEZE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
16 INCREASES, HOLD THE SHERIFF ACCOUNTABLE FOR OVERSPENDING AND
17 REINVEST THOSE DOLLARS INTO OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH PUBLIC
18 SAFETY MEANS, FUNDING, CARE, NOT CAGES. THANK YOU.

19

20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MYA HENDRIX, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
21 PLEASE BEGIN. MYA HENDRIX.

22

23 **MYA HENDRIX:** I'M A MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION. WE
24 ARE IN A CRISIS AND HONESTLY I'M TIRED OF HEARING THE COUNTY
25 BLAME H.R. -1 OR AB 218 BUT NOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS



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1 COUNTY'S FINANCIAL DECISIONS. I LIVE IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
2 RECENTLY LOST MY MEDI-CAL BENEFITS AND DON'T EXACTLY KNOW HOW
3 MY FAMILY WILL MAKE ENDS MEET. YET YEAR AFTER YEAR, YOU POUR
4 OVER \$4,000,000,000 INTO THE OPERATIONS OF THE SHERIFF'S
5 DEPARTMENT AND SPEND EVEN MORE MONEY FOR THEIR NEGLIGENCE AND
6 HARM, WHILE SOCIAL SAFETY NET PROGRAMS LIKE THE ONES MY FAMILY
7 AND SO MANY OTHERS DEPEND ON ARE BEING SLASHED. IT'S ENRAGING
8 TO HEAR THAT THE CEO CONTINUES TO RECOMMEND STATUS QUO BUDGETS
9 AND POUR BILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO SYSTEMS THAT CAUSE HARM AND
10 THIS BOARD CONTINUES TO APPROVE THESE BUDGETS. IF YOU'RE
11 SERIOUS ABOUT PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST, THEN YOU MUST VOTE NO ON
12 THIS BUDGET. TAKE THE TIME TO GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD AND
13 INVEST IN WHAT ACTUALLY KEEPS US SAFE. HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH
14 CARE, DIVERSION AND REENTRY. MAKE REAL SHIFTS, ELIMINATE
15 VACANT POSITIONS AND REDUCE LAW ENFORCEMENT BUDGETS. THANK
16 YOU.

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

22
23 **KELLY CHAVEZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KELLY
24 CHAVEZ, AND I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES FOOD POLICY
25 COUNCIL. I AM HERE TODAY TO URGE THE BOARD TO INVEST



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1 \$37,000,000 IN FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT
2 FAMILIES ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT
3 THE CEO'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET DOES NOT INCLUDE FUNDING FOR
4 MARKET MATCH, THE IMMIGRANT FOOD JUSTICE GROCERY VOUCHER
5 PROGRAM, OR OTHER CRITICAL FOOD ACCESS INVESTMENTS. WHILE WE
6 UNDERSTAND THE COUNTY FACED DIFFICULT BUDGET DECISIONS, FOOD
7 INSECURITY REMAINS A REALITY FOR FAR TOO MANY RESIDENTS. THE
8 END OF ONE-TIME ARPA FUNDING DOES NOT MEAN THE NEEDS HAS
9 ENDED. FAMILIES CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH RISING FOOD COSTS,
10 AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUE TO SEE HIGH DEMAND FOR
11 SUPPORT. THESE PROGRAMS HELP RESIDENTS ACCESS HEALTHY FOOD,
12 SUPPORT LOCAL FARMERS AND BUSINESSES, AND EXTRAIGN COMMUNITY
13 HEALTH. WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THE BOARD TO PRIORITIZE FOOD
14 ACCESS AND IDENTIFY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUSTAIN THESE
15 VITAL PROGRAMS. THANK YOU.

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

18
19 **JOCELYN PENA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JOCELYN PENA WITH THE
20 AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION. I AM HERE TO URGE THE BOARD TO
21 INCLUDE \$3,000,000 FOR THE MARKET MATCH PROGRAM IN YOUR
22 BUDGET. I AM A LOCAL RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT. MARKET
23 MATCH PROMOTES EQUITABLE ACCESS TO FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR
24 OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND STRENGTHENS OUR
25 LOCAL COMMUNITY BY SUPPORTING FARMERS, SMALL BUSINESSES, AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 JOB GROWTH. BY FUNDING MARKET MATCH, WE INVEST IN BETTER
2 HEALTH OUTCOMES, REDUCE LONG-TERM HEALTH COSTS, AND CREATE A
3 HEALTHIER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN. PLEASE PRIORITIZE FUNDING
4 FOR MARKET MATCH AND FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS AS VITAL AND
5 ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF OUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR
6 CURRENT L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS AND TO OUR GROWING AND FUTURE
7 GENERATIONS. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **PAMELA MOYEDA:** GOOD MORNING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
12 NAME IS PAMELA MOYEDA. I AM A CANDIDATE FOR ITEM NUMBER 2 TO
13 LGBTI COMMUNITY. THE TRANSGENDER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN UNDER ATTACK
14 FROM OTHER SOCIETIES WHICH LACK EMPATHY FOR US. TRANSGENDER
15 PEOPLE OFTEN FACE VIOLENCE, EXCLUSION FOR EMPLOYMENT, AND
16 EDUCATION. I HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BECAUSE MY IDENTITY. HATE
17 CRIMES HAVE AFFECTED MY LIFE DEEPLY. THE TRANS COMMUNITY OFTEN
18 STRUGGLES TO FIND THE BASIC RESOURCES, LIKE FOOD, MENTAL
19 HEALTH, AND HOUSING. TO EVERYONE WHO IS PART OF OUR
20 SUPERVISOR, PLEASE CONSIDER MY TRANS COMMUNITY TO GIVE
21 HOUSING. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT. DURING THIS
22 DIFFICULT TIMES, YOU REMIND US THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE. THANK
23 YOU VERY MUCH.

24

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



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **CHELSEA VELEZ:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS CHELSEA VELEZ AND I AM
3 A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1 AND I AM ALSO THE POLICY COORDINATOR
4 FOR THE TRANSLATINA COALITION. I'M HERE TO URGE THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS TO MAKE GOOD ON YOUR COMMITMENTS, TO DIVEST FROM
6 POLICING, SUPPORT CARE FOR SERVICES, AND TO SUPPORT THE TGI
7 COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES. SPECIFICALLY, PLEASE ALLOCATE
8 \$20,000,000 TO CREATE A HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR
9 TGI IMMIGRANTS, ELDERLY, SYSTEMS IMPACTED FOLKS, AND FORMERLY
10 INCARECENERATED INDIVIDUALS. TGI COMMUNITIES SPECIFICALLY
11 EXPERIENCE DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH RATES OF HOMELESSNESS,
12 HOUSING INSTABILITY, FOOD INSECURITY, AND POVERTY. AT A TIME
13 WHEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO TARGET AND ATTACK TGI
14 PEOPLE, IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 INVEST IN COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS THAT KEEP PEOPLE SAFELY
16 HOUSED. WE ARE THE COMMUNITY, WE HAVE THE SOLUTIONS, PLEASE
17 INVEST IN CARE, NOT CRIMINALIZATION. THANK YOU.

18

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

20

21 **AYANA DYKES:** HELLO, MY NAME IS AYANA DYKES. I AM A
22 REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGELS OF CHANGE IN THE TRANSLATINO
23 ORGANIZATION. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON THE PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS
24 PARTICULAR ABOUT THE HOUSING CRISIS. WITH THE OLYMPICS AROUND
25 THE CORNER, THE WORLD WILL BE COMING TO LOS ANGELES. WHAT



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SUPERVISORS

1 STORY DO WE WANT THE WORLD TO EXPERIENCE WHEN IT DOES HAPPEN?
2 THE RESILIENCY OF LOS ANGELESISANS IS OUR WHOLE INFRASTRUCTURE.
3 STABILITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES WHERE THAT FOUNDATION IS ROOTED
4 AND IT IS IN CRISIS. EVERY UNHOUSED PERSON IS A NEIGHBOR WHOSE
5 POTENTIAL IS NOT ABLE TO BE REALIZED. EVERY ARTIST WHO CANNOT
6 CREATE, EVERY WORKER WHO CANNOT REST, EVERY YOUNG PERSON WHO
7 CANNOT AFFORD COLLEGE BECAUSE THEY ARE FOCUSED ON SURVIVAL
8 REPRESENTS A LOSS FOR ALL OF LOS ANGELES. THAT CYCLE NEEDS TO
9 CHANGE EXPONENTIALLY. IF ONE APPROACH HAS NOT PROVEN
10 SUCCESSFUL THUS FAR, THEN CHANGE NEEDS TO BE ON THE AGENDA
11 YESTERDAY, ESPECIALLY IN THE TGI COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES.

12
13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
14 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. CHICHI NAVARRO,
15 ADRIANA ARJONA, BEA CURIEL, LUIS GONZALEZ, YARITZA GONZALEZ,
16 ALEX BASS, ALINE RUIZ, ALEXANDRA MORALES, OSCAR IRAJETA, ERIC
17 GARCIA, SHANNON CAMACHO, RAFAEL GUERRERO, BRIAN CANETA,
18 MADELINE DIMAIUGA, PAULINA DIAZ, YARELI ESPINOSA, JASON BOXER,
19 PAUL TOLEDO, CHRISTINE ELOMINA, IRMA MARTINEZ, AND YESENIA
20 LOPEZ. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE BEGIN.

21
22 **DIANA ESCAMILLA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS DIANA ESCAMILLA,
23 AND I'M A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF
24 CARESA AND THE CENTRAL AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER, AND AS PART
25 OF IMMIGRANTS ARE LOS ANGELES COALITION. IMMIGRANT FAMILIES



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SUPERVISORS

1 ACROSS THE COUNTY ARE UNDER PRESSURE FROM ALL SIDES. I HAVE
2 HEARD MULTIPLE STORIES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP THAT THEY ARE
3 LOSING JOBS AND ARE FACING RISING COSTS AND THE FEAR OF
4 IMMIGRATION RATES, WHICH MAKES IT HARDER TO PAY RENT, MUCH
5 LESS HIRE A PRIVATE ATTORNEY IF DETAINED. THIS IS ALSO AN
6 AGING POPULATION WITH LITTLE TO NO SOCIAL SAFETY NETS OFFERED
7 BY THE GOVERNMENT THAT THEY PAY BILLIONS OF TAXES INTO. TODAY
8 I URGE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PASS STRONGER
9 RENTER PROTECTIONS SUCH AS RENT INCREASE FREEZE, A RENT
10 THRESHOLD FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY, AND A PERMANENT RENT RELIEF
11 PROGRAM. I ALSO ASK FOR A GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME PILOT FOR
12 IMMIGRANT SENIORS WHO ARE EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL AND STATE
13 ASSISTANCE. AND FINALLY, WE ASK FOR \$8,500,000 TO FULLY FUND
14 REPRESENT L.A. PROGRAM, THANK YOU.

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

17
18 **AILEEN RUIZ:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS AILEEN, AND I'M HERE
19 WITH THE CARESCENT AS PART OF THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AND
20 AS PART OF THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION. I'M HERE TO
21 ADVOCATE FOR A COUNTY-WIDE INCREASE IN THE RENT DEBT THRESHOLD
22 AND A PERMANENT RENT RELIEF PROGRAM. I KNOW A LOT OF FAMILY
23 MEMBERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO STRUGGLE, WHETHER PAYING ITS
24 RENT OR PUTTING FOOD ON THE TABLE, IT HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT
25 PROBLEM FOR THEM. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT MY FAMILY WAS BARELY



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SUPERVISORS

1 MAKING ENOUGH MONEY TO GET TO A POINT WHERE WE GOT AN EVICTION
2 NOTICE. MY FAMILY IS A TESTIMONY THAT EXTENDING THE RENT
3 THRESHOLD AND PROVIDING COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN NEED OF FINANCIAL
4 SAFETY NETS FOR HOUSING WORKS IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY. I URGE
5 THE BOARD TO INCREASE THE RENT, THAT THRESHOLD, AND MAKE SURE
6 THAT THE RENT RELIEF PROGRAM IS PERMANENT TO ALL L.A. COUNTY,
7 BECAUSE IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO GET COMMITTEE MEMBERS ACCESS
8 TO FINANCIAL RESOURCES. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JUSTIN MARILAD AND
13 I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY. THIS COUNTRY IS SEEKING A
14 BETTER LIFE AND SAFETY FROM CENTRAL AMERICA. AFTER BEING
15 DETAINED BY I.C.E., I HAD NO IDEA HOW THE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM
16 WORKED. AS SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN BENEFITED FROM LEGAL
17 REPRESENTATION, I CAN SHARE TESTIMONY OF ITS IMPACT. THANKS TO
18 THE HELP OF AN ATTORNEY, I WAS ABLE TO NAVIGATE THE SYSTEM
19 WITH A CLEARER SENSE. TODAY, I URGE YOU TO STAND WITH YOUR
20 FELLOW IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. BY FULLY FUNDING REPRESENT L.A.
21 WITH AN ALLOCATION OF AT LEAST \$8,500,000 IN THE COUNTY'S
22 ADAPTIVE BUDGET, MANY FAMILIES WILL NOT BE SEPARATED AND
23 THOUSANDS OF LIVES WILL BE SAVED. WE ALSO SUPPORT THE OFFICE
24 OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS RECOMMENDATIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE
25 PROGRAM. PROTECTING OUR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES REFLECTS OUR



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SUPERVISORS

1 VALUES AND COMMITMENT TOWARDS PUBLIC SERVICE AND SOCIAL
2 JUSTICE. WHILE DHA IS GRANTING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO
3 TERRORIZED AND TOOK AWAY OUR HARDWORKING NEIGHBORS AND CREATE
4 LONG LASTING TRAUMA FOR AN EXTRADITION OF CHILDREN, WE ARE
5 LEFT WITH LIMITED RESOURCES TO MEET THE MOMENT. I URGE YOU TO
6 CONTINUE SUPPORTING REPRESENT L.A. AND TO FULLY FUND THE
7 PROGRAM AT LEAST \$8,500,000 IN THE COUNTY'S ADAPTED BUDGET. WE
8 THANK YOU FOR YOUR --

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

11

12 **JESS FARRIS:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JESS FARRIS WITH ACLU
13 SOCAL AND THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION. WE URGE THE BOARD TO
14 REVISIT THIS YEAR'S PROPOSED BUDGET, WHICH ONCE AGAIN OVER
15 INVESTS IN THE CARECENERAL SYSTEM AND UNDER INVESTS IN CARE
16 FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. L.A. COUNTY ROUTINELY GIVES LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT OVER 35% OF OUR NET COUNTY COST FUNDING, LEAVING
18 ALL OTHER SERVICES LIKE HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH CARE, JOB
19 ASSISTANCE, ADDICTION SERVICES, ET CETERA, TO SPLIT THE REST.
20 THESE SERVICES HELP PEOPLE STAY SUPPORTED AND HEALTHY, WHEREAS
21 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SEES RECORD NUMBERS OF DEATH IN THEIR
22 FACILITIES EVERY YEAR, ALONG WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, IS
23 ALSO COSTING THE COUNTY BILLIONS IN SETTLEMENT FUNDING BECAUSE
24 OF WIDESPREAD ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT. SO WE URGE THE BOARD TO
25 PRIORITIZE THE FUNDING THAT JCIT REQUESTED AND TO BUILD UP



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SUPERVISORS

1 MORE MEANINGFUL INVESTMENT IN CARE, HOUSING, DIVERSION AND
2 PREVENTION, WHAT WE KNOW ARE EFFECTIVE INVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC
3 SAFETY. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ROCIO AND I'M HERE
8 WITH CARECEN AND AS PART OF THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION.
9 AS THE YOUTH AND PARENT ORGANIZER AT CARESEN, I'VE WITNESSED
10 FIRSTHAND THE IMPACTS THAT I.C.E. RAIDS HAVE HAD ON OUR
11 COMMUNITY AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THOSE STUDENTS AND THEIR
12 FAMILIES THAT CONTINUE TO FIND THEMSELVES IN NEED OF RENT
13 RELIEF. FOR THIS REASON, WE URGE THE BOARD TO ESTABLISH A
14 PERMANENT RENT RELIEF PROGRAM. WE ALSO URGE YOU TO FULLY FUND
15 THE REPRESENT L.A. PROGRAM AT \$8,500,000, THANK YOU.

16

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

18

19 **ADRIANA ARJONA:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

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21 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ADRIANA
22 ARJONA AND I'M HERE WITH THE TRANSLATINA COALITION. I'M HERE
23 TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF HOUSING. WE NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I
24 AM A SURVIVOR, SOMEONE WHO USED TO LIVE ON THE STREET. IT'S
25 BEEN VERY, VERY HARD FOR ME TO GET WHERE I AM TODAY. THANKS TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 PAT, I HAVE A PLACE NOW WHERE I'M ABLE TO BE STABLE, BUT WE
2 NEED SO MUCH MORE HELP. THAT IS WHY I ASKED THAT YOU WOULD
3 PROVIDE MORE ASSISTANCE TO THE TRANS COMMUNITY BECAUSE IT IS
4 SOMETHING THAT WE REALLY NEED URGENTLY. AND NOT JUST ONLY FOR
5 OUR COMMUNITY, BUT FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IN GENERAL. IT IS
6 HORRIBLE TO LIVE ON THE STREET. IT'S NOT A PRIVILEGE, IT IS
7 HORRIBLE. THAT IS WHY I KINDLY ASK THAT YOU GIVE US THE
8 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A STABLE AND DIGNIFIED HOME. AND DO NOT
9 DISCRIMINATE AGAINST US BECAUSE DISCRIMINATION AND RACISM IS
10 ALWAYS THERE AGAINST TRANS FOLKS.

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

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14 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** I SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF POLICY AT THE
15 TRANSLATINA COALITION. I'M ALSO A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5. AND
16 I'M HERE TO ECHO A LOT OF THE SENTIMENTS OF OUR COALITION
17 PARTNERS IN REVISITING A BUDGET TO CREATE A JUST BUDGET, TO
18 REALLY FILL IN THE GAPS THAT WE'RE SEEING IN TERMS OF GETTING
19 FOLKS ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS LIKE FOOD, AND INVESTING IN MORE
20 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS THAT WE KNOW WORK ON KEEPING OUR FOLKS AWAY
21 FROM THE CARCERAL SYSTEM. LAST WEEK WE GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO
22 PRESENT AT THE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS CLUSTER MEETINGS WITH
23 OUR TGI HOUSING INITIATIVES. AND WHILE THE COUNTY TRIES TO
24 REDIRECT AND REINTEGRATE THE NEW HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING
25 DEPARTMENT, WE ARE STILL FACING THE SAME ISSUES THAT WE HAVE



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SUPERVISORS

1 BEEN AND WE'RE WAITING PATIENTLY WHILE ALSO TRYING TO CREATE
2 CREATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITY. SO PLEASE CONSIDER THE
3 TGI HOUSING INITIATIVES AS WE MOVE INTO THE NEXT BUDGET CYCLE.
4 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

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8 **ALEX BASS:** GOOD MORNING, REPRESENTATIVES. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON
9 ITEM 2. MY NAME IS ALEX BASS. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3 AND
10 THE POLICY ASSOCIATE FOR TRANS LATINA COALITION. I'M HERE IN
11 SUPPORT OF A CREATIVE HOUSING SOLUTION FOR THE VULNERABLE
12 COMMUNITIES LIKE THE TRANSGENDER, GENDER EXPANSIVE AND
13 INTERSEX COMMUNITY, THE DISABLED, THE ELDERLY, THE SYSTEM
14 IMPACTED AND THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. THESE GROUPS OF PEOPLE
15 EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS, VIOLENCE, AND A LACK OF ACCESS TO
16 ESSENTIAL SERVICES AT THE LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL LEVELS AT
17 HIGHER RATES THAN ANY OTHER COMMUNITY. TGI HIGH WOULD
18 PRIORITIZE HOUSING STABILITY. WE ARE ASKING THE COUNTY TO
19 INVEST IN A \$20,000,000 HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM, WHICH
20 WOULD FUND AND PROVIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE, FLEXIBLE FINANCIAL
21 ASSISTANCE, HOUSING NAVIGATION, AND TENANT RIGHTS EDUCATION.
22 INVESTING IN TGI HIGH IS A CRUCIAL STEP FOR THE COUNTY IN
23 CONTINUING TO ADVANCE EQUITY AND MOVE TOWARDS A MORE INCLUSIVE
24 LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.



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SUPERVISORS

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

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3 **CHICHI NAVARRO:** HELLO MY NAME IS CHICHI, DISTRICT 1 RESIDENT
4 REPRESENTATIVE OF TLC, ERLA, AND RELA. THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO
5 SPEND MILLIONS MONTHLY ON LAWSUITS FROM JAILS, THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT, AND YOUTH FACILITIES. THIS IS A RISING COST. AND
7 YET, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS ASKING FOR \$572,000,000 IN
8 NEW FUNDING. MORE THAN THE DEPARTMENTS LIKE THE PUBLIC HEALTH,
9 AGING AND DISABILITIES, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND IMMIGRANT
10 SERVICES ARE REQUESTING COMBINED. MEANWHILE JCIT HAS BEEN
11 OPERATING SINCE 2022 AND HAS NOT CREATED ANY MEANINGFUL
12 CHANGE. WE STILL DO NOT SEE SCALE DIVERSION, JOB POPULATION
13 GOING DOWN, OR CARE FIRST LEADERSHIP. VOTERS WERE CLEAR WITH
14 MEASURE J. WE WANT CARE, NOT PUNISHMENT. WE NEED LONG-TERM
15 INVESTMENT IN HOUSING, HEALTH, YOUTH PROGRAMS, AND
16 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE IN
17 OUR COMMUNITIES, TRANS, IMMIGRANTS, YOUTH AND THE ELDERLY, THE
18 DISABLED, AND THOSE LIVING IN POVERTY. ALSO, LET'S NOT ACT
19 LIKE MEASURE A DOESN'T EXIST. VOTERS GAVE YOU AUTHORITY OVER
20 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IF YOU SAY THIS IS A CARE FIRST
21 COUNTY, THEN YOUR CHOICES MUST MATCH YOUR WORDS. THANK YOU.

22

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

24

25 **SHANNON CAMACHO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SHANNON AND I'M



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SUPERVISORS

1 WITH INCLUSIVE ACTION FOR THE CITY, ONE OF THE CO-CHAIRS FOR
2 THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION. AS YOU PREPARE TO VOTE UPON
3 THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET TODAY, WE ARE HERE TO UPLIFT THAT THE
4 COUNTY NEEDS TO DO MORE AND INVEST MORE IN IMMIGRANT
5 COMMUNITIES. WE UNDERSTAND VERY WELL THAT THIS IS A DIFFICULT
6 FINANCIAL SITUATION FOR THE ENTIRE REGION, BUT THE COUNTY HAS
7 A DUTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE MILLIONS OF IMMIGRANTS THAT LIVE
8 WITHIN ITS BORDERS, NOW MORE THAN EVER. WE ARE STILL
9 ADVOCATING FOR OUR IRLA PRIORITIES, WHICH INCLUDES MAKING THE
10 COUNTY'S RENT RELIEF PROGRAM PERMANENT, INVESTING IN OUTREACH
11 DEDICATED TO IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES BY FUNDING SIX ADDITIONAL
12 POSITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, AND THE
13 CREATION OF A GUARANTEED INCOME PILOT PROGRAM FOR SENIORS WHO
14 ARE EXCLUDED FROM FEDERAL AND STATE CASH ASSISTANCE DUE TO
15 THEIR STATUS. THE RATES OF POVERTY AMONG CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS,
16 ESPECIALLY OLDER ADULTS, HAS RISEN AND DATA FROM USC'S EQUITY
17 RESEARCH INSTITUTE SHOWS THAT OVER 60% OF THE IMMIGRANT
18 POPULATION IN THE COUNTY ARE 45 AND OLDER AND THAT NUMBER IS
19 ONLY GOING TO INCREASE. WE ALREADY KNOW THAT UNDOCUMENTED
20 IMMIGRANTS IN L.A. FACE HIGHER RATES OF POVERTY WAGE THEFT AND
21 A LACK OF BEING ABLE TO SAVE SO WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE
22 INVESTMENT IN A GUARANTEED INCOME.

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



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SUPERVISORS

1 **GARITA GONZALEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GARITA GONZALEZ AND
2 I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF CARECEN, THE CENTRAL AMERICAN RESOURCE
3 CENTER AND AS PART OF IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION. CARECEN
4 HAS WITNESSED FIRSTHAND THE IMPACTS THAT THE ONGOING I.C.E.
5 FREES ARE HAVING IN OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. OUR IMMIGRANT
6 COMMUNITIES ARE BEING PUSHED TOWARDS EVICTIONS BECAUSE THE
7 FEAR IS MAKING IT CHALLENGING TO WORK, PAY RENT, AND STAY
8 HOUSED. WE NEED TO EXPAND THE EVICTABLE RENT DEBT THRESHOLD
9 COUNTYWIDE, PASS A RENT INCREASE FREEZE, AND ESTABLISH A
10 PERMANENT RENT RELIEF PROGRAM. WE ALSO NEED TO CREATE A
11 GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANT SENIORS WHO ARE
12 EXCLUDED FROM FEDERAL AND STATE ASSISTANCE. AND FINALLY WE
13 URGE YOU TO FULLY FUND REPRESENT L.A. AT \$5,000,000 TO MEET
14 THE MOMENT THAT WE ARE IN AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTINUES
15 TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT. THANK YOU.

16
17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
18 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. IDA VEGA,
19 WILLIAM NAGAR, DESIREE MARTIN, LUCKIE ALEXANDER, VANESSA
20 MELENDREZ, ANGEL N, MIRANDA GARCIA, ALEJANDRA GARCIA, LINA
21 MUMTAZ, PEDRO TUJILLO, ELIZABETH SETS, FRANCISCO SANTIAGO,
22 SHANNON AX, ELIZABETH COX, YESENIA COX, ELLIOT N, JOSELINE
23 HERNANDEZ, RUBEN ACOMPO, AND ANGELICA MACARIEL. NEXT SPEAKER,
24 PLEASE BEGIN.



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SUPERVISORS

1 **ALEXANDRA MORALES:** HI, MY NAME'S ALEXANDRA MORALES ON BEHALF
2 OF IMMIGRANT DEFENDERS LAW CENTER, ALSO HERE ON BEHALF OF THE
3 REPRESENT L.A. COALITION. WE URGE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO SECURE
4 AT LEAST \$8,500,000 FOR REPRESENT L.A. IN THE ADOPTED BUDGET.
5 THE COUNTY'S BUDGET MUST REFLECT THE URGENCY AND OUR VALUES.
6 IT SHOULD ALSO REFLECT ALL THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF IMMIGRANTS TO
7 OUR COUNTY. OVER THE COURSE OF LAST YEAR'S WAVE OF RAIDS AND
8 DETENTIONS, WE ARE REMINDED THAT REPRESENTATION MATTERS AND IT
9 IS THE MOST TANGIBLE TOOL TO UPHOLD DUE PROCESS AND SAFEGUARD
10 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. THE DETENTIONS NEVER STOPPED. THEY ARE
11 STILL GOING. NOW CONGRESS HAS GRANTED DHS AN ADDITIONAL
12 \$70,000,000,000 FOR DEPORTATION. IN JANUARY, IMDEF ALONGSIDE
13 PUBLIC COUNCIL AND CHIRLA SUED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OVER THE
14 DANGEROUS CONDITIONS AT ADELANTO, WHERE MANY ANGELENOS ARE
15 HELD. AND THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL RELEASED A REPORT
16 UNDERSCORING THE INHUMAN CONDITIONS IN THAT DETENTION CENTER
17 AND THE PREVENTABLE DEATHS AT ADELANTO. WE MUST ALL STAND WITH
18 IMMIGRANTS. WE MUST ALL STAND UP TO INJUSTICE. WE CAN'T
19 NORMALIZE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN L.A., AND WE MUST ENSURE NO
20 IMMIGRANTS STAND ALONE.

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

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24 **MADELINE DIMAYUGA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MADELINE DEMAYUGA AND I
25 AM A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY REPRESENTING IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A.



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SUPERVISORS

1 AND PILIPINO WORKERS CENTER. A STABLE INTERNET CONNECTION,
2 MUCH LIKE THE UTILITIES OF RUNNING WATER AND FOOD SECURITY IS
3 NOT A LUXURY, IT IS A RIGHT. WITH THE SYSTEMS THE CITY HAS
4 INTEGRATED OVER TIME, RELIABLE INTERNET ACCESS DETERMINES
5 WHETHER A FAMILY CAN APPLY FOR RENT RELIEF OR ACCESS TO
6 EMERGENCY SUPPORT. IN THE PAST, L.A. COUNTY HAS INVESTED IN
7 DIGITAL NAVIGATORS, BROADBAND PILOTS, AND DEVICES FOR SENIORS.
8 THESE PROGRAMS MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE DURING THE JANUARY 2025
9 WILDFIRES WHEN FAMILIES NEEDED TO FILE INSURANCE CLAIMS AND
10 APPLY FOR RESOURCES FAST. GIVEN WHAT WE'VE SEEN THIS PAST WEEK
11 WITH THE LINKAGE LOGISTICS FACILITY FIRE IN BOYLE HEIGHTS, IT
12 IS CLEAR THAT WE NEED CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THESE DIGITAL
13 PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE HANDS-ON LANGUAGE ACCESSIBLE SUPPORT,
14 ESPECIALLY FOR L.A. RESIDENTS' MOST DIRE MOMENTS. WE NEED
15 COUNTYWIDE BROADBAND EXPANSION SO EVERY HOUSEHOLD HAS A
16 CONNECTION THEY CAN COUNT ON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
17 TIME.

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

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21 **BRIAN KANEDA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BRIAN KANEDA AND I'M
22 THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CURB CALIFORNIA'S UNITED FOR A
23 RESPONSIBLE BUDGET AND A MEMBER OF THE COORDINATING BODY FOR
24 REIMAGINED L.A. COUNTY AND A PROUD RESIDENT OF SD 1. I'VE BEEN
25 WORKING ON JAIL CLOSURE ISSUES FOR MORE THAN A DECADE, AND



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1 HONESTLY, IT'S SHOCKING THAT WE ARE STILL FIGHTING TO ACHIEVE
2 THE SAME BASIC PROMISES THAT COUNTY AND COMMUNITY RATIFIED
3 TOGETHER AS PART OF THE ATI PROCESS. I WANT TO THANK
4 SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE NEEDS FOR
5 ACCOUNTABILITY ON THE JAIL CLOSURE PLAN. JCIT HAS IDENTIFIED
6 THE FIRST SEVEN ACTIONS NEEDED TO BEGIN THE ASK IS
7 \$24,000,000. THAT'S LESS THAN SIX-TENTHS OF 1% OF THE
8 \$4,000,000,000 SETTLEMENT THIS COUNTY INCURRED BY VIOLATING
9 ITS MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. PLEASE VOTE TO FUND JCIT,
10 ELIMINATE LONG-TERM VACANT POSITIONS AT LASD AND PROBATION AND
11 REDIRECT THOSE DOLLARS INTO COMMUNITY-BASED CARE. AND LET ME
12 BE CLEAR, THE SHERIFF AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY CONTINUE
13 FLOATING NEW JAIL PLANS. MANY OF US IN THE COMMUNITY WILL
14 BECOME LOUDER AND MORE --

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

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18 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS LUIS, AND I'M
19 RIGHT HERE WITH PARO CARECEN, AND I'M PART OF THE IMMIGRANTS
20 AREA IN L.A., IRLA COALITION. RIGHT NOW THE RENT IS TOO HIGH
21 AND THE COST OF LIVING IN LOS ANGELES IS TOO EXPENSIVE. WE'RE
22 UNABLE TO LIVE COMFORTABLE, LIVING IN A SMALL SPACE. THE PLACE
23 I LIVE HAD LEFT FOR 12 YEARS, HAD CONTINUALLY INCREASED RENT.
24 EVERY YEAR AS A PARENT, I MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN PAYING RENT OR
25 BUYING THINGS FOR MY KIDS. FOR THE REASON WE URGENT TO WORK TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 PASS A RENT INCREASE FREEZE, I ALSO URGENT TO FULLY FUND THE
2 REFUNDS TO L.A. PROGRAM AT \$8,500,000, THANK YOU.

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

5
6 **JASON BOXER:** HELLO, MY NAME'S JASON BOXER. I'M A CONSTITUENT
7 OF SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S IN BALDWIN HILLS, AND I WORK IN
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT AT THE PILIPINO WORKERS CENTER.
9 I'M HERE WITH THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION TO ASK THE
10 BOARD TO CREATE A GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME PILOT FOR IMMIGRANT
11 SENIORS WHO ARE EXCLUDED FROM FEDERAL AND STATE ASSISTANCE.
12 THIS WOULD PROVIDE DIRECT CASH SUPPORT SO THEY CAN MEET BASIC
13 NEEDS AND STAY STABLE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE COUNTY HAS THE
14 RESOURCES TO TAKE THIS STEP AND WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO
15 DO SO. PWC ORGANIZES WITH CAREGIVERS WHOSE WORK SUPPORTING THE
16 ELDERLY AND THE SICK ALL OVER THE COUNTY MAKE OUR LOCAL
17 ECONOMY POSSIBLE. MANY OF OUR MEMBERS ARE THEMSELVES SENIORS
18 DOING BACKBREAKING AND EMOTIONALLY COMPLEX WORK TO HELP OTHER
19 ANGELENOS LEAD DIGNIFIED LIVES. A GBI PROGRAM WOULD EASE THE
20 IMMENSE PRESSURE THAT OUR MEMBERS AND ALL ELDERLY IMMIGRANTS
21 FEEL IN LOS ANGELES UNDER THE CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE, THIS
22 BOARD CAN ACT TO ALLEVIATE THE ECONOMIC FALLOUT OF THE FEDERAL
23 GOVERNMENT'S IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, WHICH WE KNOW IS
24 SHOT THROUGH WITH RACISM AND VIOLENCE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
25 SERVICE.



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

3

4 **IRMA MARTINEZ:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

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6 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS IRMA MARTINEZ, I'M WITH
7 COFEM IRLA AND I AM A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY. THE THROUGHOUT
8 THIS WHOLE COUNTY ELDERLY IMMIGRANTS HAVE WORKED ALL OF THEIR
9 LIVES THEY'VE CLEANED HOMES THEY'VE SOLD FOOD THEY'VE CARRIED
10 OUT HEAVY PHYSICAL LABOR AND THEY HELPED TO BUILD THIS COUNTY
11 TOGETHER WITH EACH ONE OF US. BUT MANY PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE A
12 SAFETY NET. THEY DON'T QUALIFY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY OR FOR MANY
13 OTHER FEDERAL BENEFITS. AND IN THIS MOMENT IN TIME, FEAR AND
14 FINANCIAL PRESSURE ARE REALLY MAKING THIS SITUATION EVEN MORE
15 DIFFICULT. THEY DON'T DESERVE TO HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN EATING
16 OR PAYING RENT DURING THEIR LATTER YEARS. THEY DESERVE TO BE
17 ABLE TO AGE WITH DIGNITY. WE ARE ASKING THAT THE BOARD WOULD
18 CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM FOR GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME FOR ELDERLY
19 IMMIGRANTS WHO ARE EXCLUDED FROM FEDERAL ASSISTANCE AND STATE
20 ASSISTANCE. AND THIS PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE ECONOMIC SUPPORT
21 DIRECTLY TO THEM SO THAT THEY CAN COVER THEIR BASIC NEEDS AND
22 THEY CAN STAY STABLE. OUR ELDERLY HELPS TO BUILD THIS COUNTY.

23

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

25



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1 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS CHRISTINA LUMINA FROM THE
2 PILIPINO WORKERS CENTER AND I AM A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY
3 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF IMMIGRANTS ARE LOS ANGELES. THERE ARE
4 SENIORS IN THIS COUNTY WHO HAVE SPENT DECADES DOING THE
5 HARDEST WORK, SUCH AS CLEANING HOMES, SELLING FOOD ON THE
6 STREET, AND DOING HEAVY LABOR THAT WEARS THE BODY DOWN. THEY
7 BUILT THIS COUNTY ALONGSIDE ALL OF US. WHEN THEY AGE, THERE IS
8 NO SAFETY NET WAITING FOR THEM. THEY DO NOT QUALIFY FOR SOCIAL
9 SECURITY OR FEDERAL BENEFITS. ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS ARE
10 HAPPENING ALL AROUND THEM. MANY ARE AFRAID TO LEAVE HOME,
11 AFRAID TO WORK, AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP. THEY ARE CUTTING BACK
12 ON FOOD AND MEDICATION JUST TO COVER RENT. THAT IS NOT
13 DIGNITY. THAT IS SURVIVAL. WE ARE ASKING THE BOARD TO CREATE A
14 GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME PILOT FOR IMMIGRANT SENIORS WHO ARE
15 EXCLUDED FROM THE FEDERAL AND STATE ASSISTANCE. THIS WOULD NOT
16 PROVIDE, THIS WOULD PROVIDE DIRECT CASH SUPPORT SO THEY CAN
17 MEET BASIC NEEDS AND STAY STABLE. THIS COUNTY HAS THE
18 RESOURCES TO ACT. OUR SENIORS CANNOT WAIT.

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

21
22 **ERIK GARCIA:** HEY Y'ALL, MY NAME'S ERIK GARCIA AND I'M THE
23 ORGANIZING AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR AT ORALE BASED IN LONG BEACH,
24 DISTRICT 4. AND I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF IMMIGRANTS IN L.A.
25 OUR HOMES ARE THE ONLY PLACE WE FEEL SAFE IN THE FACE OF A



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SUPERVISORS

1 DISCRIMINATORY ONSLAUGHT, AND NO MATTER THE EMERGENCY, RENT IS
2 ALWAYS DUE. RIGHT NOW, IMMIGRANT FAMILIES ACROSS THIS COUNTY
3 ARE LOSING INCOME BECAUSE IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT MAKES IT
4 HARDER TO WORK, HARDER TO LEAVE THE HOUSE, AND HARDER TO DO
5 ANYTHING IN GENERAL. PARENTS ARE CHOOSING BETWEEN KEEPING
6 THEIR FAMILIES SAFE AND KEEPING A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS, AND
7 THAT'S AN IMPOSSIBLE CHOICE. WE NEED A FREEZE ON RENT
8 INCREASES, WE NEED PROTECTIONS THAT LET FAMILIES PAY RENT
9 WITHOUT PHISHING EVICTION, AND WE NEED A THRESHOLD RAISED
10 COUNTYWIDE. AND WE NEED A PERMANENT RENT RELIEF PROGRAM. THERE
11 IS NO SAFETY NET FOR IMMIGRANT WORKERS WHO KEEP OUR ECONOMY
12 AFLOAT. L.A. HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRAILBLAZE THE PATH AND
13 ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SHOW THEM THAT THEY TOO
14 ARE L.A. THANK YOU.

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

17
18 **YESENIA LOPEZ:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

19
20 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HI, MY NAME IS YESENIA LOPEZ. I'M
21 WITH COFE IRLA AND I'M A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
22 THROUGHOUT THEIR WHOLE LIVES, OUR ELDERLY IMMIGRANTS HAVE
23 WORKED THEIR WHOLE LIVES. THEY CLEAN HOUSES, THEY SELL FOOD,
24 THEY CARRY OUT HEAVY LABOR, AND THEY TOGETHER WITH US ALL HAVE
25 HELPED TO BUILD THIS COUNTY. BUT MANY DO NOT HAVE A SAFETY



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1 NET. THEY DON'T QUALIFY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY OR FOR OTHER
2 FEDERAL BENEFITS. DURING THIS MOMENT IN TIME, FEAR AND
3 FINANCIAL PRESSURE ARE MAKING A DIFFICULT SITUATION EVEN MORE
4 DIFFICULT. THEY DO NOT DESERVE TO HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN
5 EATING AND PAYING RENT IN THEIR LAST YEARS OF LIFE. THEY
6 DESERVE TO BE ABLE TO AGE WITH DIGNITY. THANK YOU. I DON'T SAY
7 ANYMORE? THANK YOU SO MUCH.

8
9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10
11 **VANESSA MELENDREZ:** HI BOARD, MY NAME IS VANESSA MELENDREZ AND
12 I'M WITH THE FILIPINO WORKERS CENTER AS WELL AS IMMIGRANTS ARE
13 L.A. IN THE FILIPINO WORKERS CENTER, WE REPRESENT CAREGIVERS
14 AND DOMESTIC WORKERS ACROSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AS A PART OF
15 IRLA, WE SUPPORT STRONGER TENANT PROTECTIONS, GUARANTEED BASIC
16 INCOME, AND ADDITIONAL OIA STAFF. THIS WEEK ALONE, I'VE SPOKEN
17 WITH SIX MEMBERS FACING EVICTION WITH NOT A LOT OF ANSWERS TO
18 GIVE THEM OF SUPPORT. AND THAT'S NOT WITHOUT THEM TRYING. MANY
19 OF THEM AND MANY IMMIGRANT FAMILIES ARE ACTUALLY FACING HIRING
20 DISCRIMINATION DUE TO THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. WE URGE THE
21 COUNTY TO INVEST IN A RENT FREEZE, REPAYMENT OPTIONS FOR RENT
22 DEBT, AND PERMANENT RENT RELIEF PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

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



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SUPERVISORS

1 **AIDA VEGA:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

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3 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS AIDA VEGA, AND I'M HERE
4 WITH COFEM IRLA. I'M AN L.A. RESIDENT. IMMIGRANT FAMILIES
5 THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE COUNTY ARE UNDER PRESSURE FROM EVERY
6 SIDE. EMPLOYMENT LOSS AND INCREASED COSTS AND FEAR ARE MAKING
7 IT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO PAY RENT. FAMILIES ARE TRYING TO
8 SURVIVE WITH JUST ONE INCOME OR WITH NO INCOME. FAMILIES OR
9 PARENTS ARE HAVING TO CHOOSE BETWEEN BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR
10 THEIR FAMILIES OR JUST STAYING UNDER THEIR ROOF JUST
11 SURVIVING. ALL OF THIS IS OCCURRING THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE
12 COUNTY. WE NEED A FREEZE ON RENT INCREASES. WE NEED
13 PROTECTIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW FAMILIES TO PAY THE RENT THAT
14 THEY'RE BEHIND ON WITHOUT HAVING TO BE EVICTED. WE NEED THE
15 DEBT THRESHOLD INCOME TO BE RAISED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE
16 COUNTY. WE NEED A PERMANENT RENT RELIEF PROGRAM. THE DECISIONS
17 THAT YOU MAKE IN THIS MOMENT WILL DETERMINE WHICH FAMILIES CAN
18 REMAIN IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

19

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

21

22 **INTERPRETER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LISTENING.

23

24 **WILLIAM NARAG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
25 IS WILLIAM NARAG, AND I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF IMMIGRANTS IN



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SUPERVISORS

1 LOS ANGELES AND THE PILIPINO WORKERS CENTER. EVERYDAY
2 IMMIGRANT FAMILIES IN THIS COUNTY MISS OUT ON RENT RELIEF,
3 HEALTH CARE, AND LEGAL HELP. THEY QUALIFY FOR THESE PROGRAMS,
4 BUT LANGUAGE IS A BARRIER. WHEN SERVICES ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE IN
5 SOMEONE'S LANGUAGE, THOSE SERVICES DO NOT EXIST FOR THAT
6 PERSON. L.A. COUNTY HAS MADE COMMITMENTS TO FIX THIS. THOSE
7 COMMITMENTS ARE NOW IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE, AND THAT IS
8 EXACTLY WHEN COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT MATTERS MOST. WE NEED A
9 LANGUAGE ACCESS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION GROUP LAUNCHED IN THE
10 FIRST QUARTER OF THIS FISCAL YEAR. WE NEED LANGUAGE ACCESS
11 DATA SHARED PUBLICLY SO THE COMMUNITY CAN TRACK WHAT IS
12 HAPPENING. WE NEED STRONGER CONTRACTS WITH COMMUNITY-BASED
13 ORGANIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE SERVING INDIGENOUS API AND
14 BLACK IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES WHO ARE TOO OFTEN LEFT OUT. WE
15 NEED SIX ADDITIONAL OUTREACH AGENCIES AND MORE FUNDING STAFF.
16 THANK YOU.

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

19
20 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** I'M ASKING THIS BOARD TO DO EVERYTHING IN
21 ITS POWER TO PROTECT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND EMERGENCY HOUSING
22 VOUCHERS. BEHIND EVERY VOUCHER IS A HUMAN BEING, A SENIOR
23 TRYING TO AGE WITH DIGNITY, A VETERAN TRYING TO REBUILD THEIR
24 LIFE, A TRANS WOMAN ESCAPING VIOLENCE, A PERSON WITH A
25 DISABILITY, A FAMILY TRYING TO KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR



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SUPERVISORS

1 CHILDREN'S HEADS. WHEN PEOPLE TALK ABOUT FUNDING CUTS,
2 BUDGETS, AND NUMBERS ON A SPREADSHEET, I WANT US TO REMEMBER
3 THAT THESE ARE NOT NUMBERS, THEY ARE HUMAN LIVES. THESE ARE
4 OUR NEIGHBORS, THESE ARE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO DESERVE
5 STABILITY, SAFETY, AND HOPE. KATHRYN ON THIS BOARD SAID WE
6 NEED TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY FROM PREDATORS AS SHE WENT AND
7 MET WITH DONALD TRUMP, THE JOKES RIGHT THEMSELVES. WE NEED TO
8 STOP FUNDING LAPD COPS THAT KILLED DOGS AND CHILDREN AND TRANS
9 WOMEN AND FUND HOUSING. WHEN WILL YOU ALL ACTUALLY BE LEADERS?

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

12
13 **MIRANDA GARCIA:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

14
15 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MIRANDA GARCIA AND I'M
16 HERE TODAY FOR A PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE
17 ANGELS OF CHANGE PROGRAM FOR THE TRANSLATINA COALITION. WE ARE
18 LOSING GREAT VALUES LIKE EMPATHY, LIKE EQUALITY. AS A
19 TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY, WE ARE LIVING THROUGH VERY DIFFICULT
20 TIMES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH REGARDS TO HOUSING AND
21 READJUSTMENTS WITH OUR HEALTH. AND WE KNOW ABOUT THE BUDGET
22 WHICH WAS APPROVED RECENTLY. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ON BEHALF OF
23 MY WHOLE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY THAT YOU WOULD DISTRIBUTE THAT
24 BUDGET IN AN EQUITABLE MANNER AND NOT JUST FOR OUR TRANS
25 COMMUNITY BUT FOR EVERYBODY. IT'S SAD TO SEE OUT THERE IN THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 PARKS PEOPLE WHO ARE DYING, PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE A ROOF OVER
2 THEIR HEAD, ADULTS, PEOPLE THAT DON'T HAVE THE HELP THAT THEY
3 NEED. THANK YOU FOR THIS SPACE TO LISTEN TO US, TO UNDERSTAND
4 AND TO LISTEN TO OUR PETITIONS. AND THEN ONCE AGAIN I REPEAT,
5 PLEASE LET'S NOT LOSE OUR VALUES, LET'S BE EQUITABLE.

6

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

8

9 **PEDRO TRUJILLO:** HI EVERYBODY, MY NAME IS PEDRO TRUJILLO WITH
10 CHIRLA, COALITION FOR HUMAN AND IMMIGRANT RIGHTS. I HELPED
11 RESTART THE L.A. RAPID RESPONSE NETWORK A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO
12 PRIOR TO THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION COMING BACK. AND EVEN AFTER
13 ALL WE SAW IN GOOD PEOPLE COMING UP TO RESPOND TO THE
14 ATROCITIES AND AGAINST THE ATROCITIES, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
15 ONCE AGAIN FUNDED \$70,000,000,000 TO ATTACK COMMUNITIES AND
16 COUNTIES LIKE L.A. COUNTY. ANOTHER \$70,000,000,000 FOR FAMILY
17 SEPARATION. AND IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THAT'S GOING TO STOP. AND
18 SO THIS TABLE HERE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIGHT BACK, AND ONE
19 WAY IS THROUGH THE BUDGET, AND SUPPORTING IMMIGRANTS IS THE
20 WAY TO GO. WE HAVE A FEW THINGS ON THE TABLE FOR YOU ALL TO
21 CONSIDER, SUCH AS GUARANTEED INCOME FOR THE ELDERLY
22 IMMIGRANTS, AS WELL AS SUPPORT FOR RENTERS. THANK YOU ALL SO
23 MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

24

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



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2 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

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4 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME'S ELIZABETH. I LIVE IN
5 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU ALL TO SUPPORT
6 THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. SUPPORT US WITH MORE EMERGENCY FUNDS
7 TO PAY RENT. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **ANGEL NOVELO:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ANGEL NOVELO FROM COMUNIDADES
12 INDÍGENAS LIDERAS, COCIELO. INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES, WE KNOW
13 LIKE WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT OF SITUATIONS, AFTER A YEAR OF
14 RAIDS, THINGS ARE NOT GETTING ANY BETTER FOR OUR COMMUNITIES,
15 STREET VENDORS, OLD PEOPLE STILL IN THE STREETS, STILL
16 FIGHTING TO GET SOME FOOD ON THE TABLE OR PAYING THE RENT,
17 SOME OF THEM ALREADY FACING EVICTION. WE NEED TO FIND
18 SOLUTIONS FOR THIS. WE NEED TO FIND REAL SOLUTIONS FOR ALL
19 THESE PROBLEMS. AFTER A YEAR, THINGS ARE GETTING ONLY WORSE
20 AND WORSE. IT'S NOT GETTING ANY BETTER FOR OUR COMMUNITY,
21 ESPECIALLY OUR MIGRANT INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES. WITHOUT THE
22 LANGUAGE ACCESS ALSO, THEY CAN'T GET ANY HELP BECAUSE THEY
23 DON'T UNDERSTAND THEIR RIGHTS. WITHOUT LANGUAGE ACCESS,
24 THERE'S NO RIGHTS. AND I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT ONE MORE
25 TIME, AFTER A YEAR, THINGS ARE NOT GETTING ANY BETTER.



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SUPERVISORS

1 [SPEAKING IN SPANISH] THANK YOU FOR BEING PUEBLO. GRACIAS.

2

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

4

5 **LUCKIE ALEXANDER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LUCKIE ALEXANDER AND I'M
6 HERE WITH THE ANGELS OF CHANGE AND I'M ALSO THE FOUNDER OF
7 INVISIBLE MEN. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO TO
8 INCLUDE OUR TRANS COMMUNITY BUT ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE
9 THE FUNDING. THE FUNDING, FUNDING OUR COMMUNITY, WE ALREADY
10 KNOW HOW TO WORK WITH US. AND SO PLEASE FUND OUR COMMUNITY
11 AND THE DIRECT SERVICES THAT THEY'RE PROVIDING. VERY FEW
12 HOUSING OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE TRANSMASCULINE
13 COMMUNITY, INCLUDING TRANSMEN. AND AS A TRANS MAN THAT HAS
14 PERSONALLY NAVIGATED HOMELESSNESS AND INTIMATELY UNDERSTANDS
15 THE INTIMATELY UNDERSTANDS THE RISK FOR SEXUAL TRAUMA IN CIS
16 MALE HOUSING IS NOW, AND AS NOW IS THE FOUNDER OF AN
17 ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS TRANS MEN, I THINK IT'S VERY
18 NECESSARY THAT YOU FUND OUR ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE TRANS
19 COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND OURS --

20

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

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

24

25 **LEENA MUMTAZ:** HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LEENA



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1 MUMTAZ. I'M A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH THE SOUTH ASIAN NETWORK
2 AND I'M HERE TODAY THROUGH IRLA IMMIGRANTS RLA. SPECIFICALLY
3 IN THE SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITY, WE'VE SEEN MANY COMMUNITY
4 MEMBERS LOSE HEALTHCARE COVERAGE, HOUSING SUPPORT, LEGAL
5 SERVICES, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND THAT'S NOT
6 JUST BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT OF H.R.-1, IT'S ALSO BECAUSE OF THE
7 BUDGET. AT A TIME OF ECONOMIC INSTABILITY AND ESCALATING
8 FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT, WE URGE THE COUNTY TO INVEST
9 IN PROGRAMS THAT ALLOW IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES NOT JUST TO
10 SURVIVE BUT TO THRIVE. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT STRONGER TENANT
11 PROTECTIONS, PERMANENT EMERGENCY RENT RELIEF PROGRAMS,
12 GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME PROGRAMS FOR IMMIGRANT SENIORS. WE
13 URGE YOU TO STAND WITH IMMIGRANT FAMILIES AND ACT BY INCLUDING
14 OUR DEMANDS INTO THE BUDGET. THANK YOU.

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

17
18 **YESENIA CUX:** HI, I'M YESENIA CUX WITH COFEM, THE COUNCIL OF
19 MEXICAN FEDERATIONS AND THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION.
20 THROUGHOUT THIS BUDGET PROCESS, IRLA HAS CONSISTENTLY ENGAGED
21 WITH THE COUNTY. WE HAVE ATTENDED HEARINGS, MET WITH
22 SUPERVISORS, YOUR STAFF, SUBMITTED OUR PRIORITIES AT THE
23 BEGINNING OF THE YEAR AND SENT AN UNMET NEEDS LETTER OUTLINING
24 THE INVESTMENTS IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES NEED. COMMUNITY MEMBERS
25 AND ADVOCATES HAVE REPEATEDLY SHOWN UP AND MADE THEIR VOICES



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1 HEARD, YET THE BUDGET DOES NOT TRULY REFLECT THE URGENCY OF
2 THIS MOMENT FOR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. WE SPEAK FOR THOSE WHO
3 ARE AFRAID TO SPEAK OUT BECAUSE OF THE CLIMATE CREATED BY
4 FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT, AND FOR THOSE WHO FEEL
5 COMPELLED TO SPEAK DESPITE THE RISKS BECAUSE THEIR NEEDS CAN
6 NO LONGER BE IGNORED. WE CONTINUE TO URGE THE COUNTY TO INVEST
7 IN A PERMANENT EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. A
8 GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME PILOT FOR IMMIGRANT SENIORS EXCLUDED
9 FROM FEDERAL ASSISTANCE. IMMIGRANT MAKE UP NEARLY 40% OF LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY POPULATION. OUR COMMUNITIES DESERVE INVESTMENT
11 THAT REFLECT BOTH OUR COMMITMENT AND OUR NEEDS.

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

14
15 **ALEJANDRA GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALEJANDRA GARCIA
16 AND I COME WITH IRLA COFEM AND I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME
17 IMMIGRANT FAMILIES ARE FACING ADDED CHALLENGES BECAUSE
18 IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT CAN MAKE IT HARDER FOR PEOPLE TO WORK
19 CONSISTENTLY OR FEEL SAFE GOING ABOUT THEIR DAILY LIVES. WHEN
20 INCOME BECOMES UNSTABLE, IT CAN BECOME HARDER TO KEEP UP WITH
21 RENT AND AVOID FALLING BEHIND. THESE PRESSURES OFTEN BUILD
22 QUIETLY LEAVING FAMILIES WITH VERY FEW OPTIONS BEFORE THEY
23 REACH A CRISIS POINT. I AM ASKING FOR THE BOARD TO RESPOND
24 STRONGER COUNTYWIDE TENANT PROTECTIONS, EXPANDED RENT DEBT
25 PROTECTIONS, AND LONG-TERM RENT RELIEF PROGRAMS SO FAMILIES



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1 ARE NOT PUSHED OUT OF THEIR HOMES DURING TIMES OF CRISIS.

2 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

3

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

5

6 **ANGELICA MACARI:** HELLO GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANGELICA
7 MACARI AND I'M A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF
8 IMMIGRANTS ARE LOS ANGELES AND REALLY FILIPINO WORKERS CENTER.
9 RENT DOES NOT STOP DURING A CRISIS. IT COMES EVERY MONTH, NO
10 MATTER WHAT. RIGHT NOW, IMMIGRANT FAMILIES ACROSS THIS COUNTY
11 ARE LOSING INCOME AND BASED IMMIGRANT ENFORCEMENT IS MAKING IT
12 HARDER TO WORK, HARDER TO LEAVE THE HOUSE, HARDER TO DO
13 ANYTHING. PARENTS ARE CHOOSING BETWEEN KEEPING THEIR FAMILY
14 SAFE AND KEEPING A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS. THAT IS THE REALITY
15 THE BUDGET NEEDS TO MEET. WE NEED A RENT INCREASES FREEZE. WE
16 NEED PROTECTIONS THAT LET FAMILIES REPAY RENT WITHOUT FACING
17 EVICTION. WE NEED A THRESHOLD RAISE COUNTYWIDE AND WE NEED A
18 PERMANENT RENT RELIEF PROGRAM. THE BOARD CAN STILL MAKE THE
19 RIGHT CALL. THANK YOU.

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

22

23 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** I'M WITH THE TRANS LATIN COALITION. TGI
24 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING, OR
25 ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLING DISPROPORTIONATELY REPORT



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1 EXPERIENCING DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT,
2 PUBLIC SAFETY, AND EDUCATION SYSTEMS. OFTENTIMES, PROVIDERS
3 ARE NOT TRAINED IN CULTURAL COMPETENT TRAINING, ANTI-
4 DISCRIMINATIVE POLICIES THAT WORK ON ACTUALLY SERVING AND
5 HELPING TGI RESIDENTS. WITH THIS IN MIND, AS THE COUNTRY RISKS
6 DEFUNDING OVER \$1,000,000 THAT FUND PROGRAMS THAT BUILD TRUST
7 AND EDUCATION BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
8 SERVICE PROVIDERS, WE RISK PUTTING TGI INDIVIDUALS IN
9 VULNERABLE POSITIONS. THIS RENDERS PEOPLE UNABLE TO PROPERLY
10 PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMAL ECONOMY, AS MANY ARE SYSTEMATICALLY
11 DENIED FROM ANY RESOURCES THAT WOULD GIVE THEM THE CAPACITY TO
12 BECOME PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF OUR ECONOMY. I WANT TO REMIND YOU
13 THAT TGI PEOPLE ARE NORMAL PEOPLE JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE
14 TRYING TO LIVE THEIR LIVES. WHEN YOU INVEST IN COMMUNITY,
15 COMMUNITY INVESTS BACK. CONSIDER WHO YOU WERE HIRED TO SERVE.

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

18
19 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JOCELYN AND I'M
20 HERE WITH CARECEN, THE CENTRAL AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER AND AS
21 PART OF THE IMMIGRANTS ARE LOS ANGELES COALITION. AS AN
22 ORGANIZER AT CARECEN'S DAY LABOR CENTER, I WITNESSED FIRSTHAND
23 THE IMPACTS THAT THE I.C.E. RAIDS HAVE HAD ON OUR COMMUNITY.
24 DAY LABORERS ACROSS THIS COUNTY HAVE SPENT THEIR LIVES DOING
25 PHYSICALLY DEMANDING WORK. THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS



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1 COUNTY THEIR WHOLE LIVES. MANY HAVE NO SAFETY NET IN THEIR
2 OLDER YEARS. THEY DO NOT QUALIFY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY. AND WITH
3 ALL THE I.C.E. RAIDS, FEAR, AND FINANCIAL CHALLENGES HAS
4 CAUSED SOME SENIORS TO CUT BACK ON FOOD AND MEDICATION JUST TO
5 PAY RENT. FOR THIS REASON, WE URGE THE BOARD TO CREATE A
6 GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME PROGRAM PILOT FOR IMMIGRANT SENIORS
7 WHO ARE EXCLUDED FROM FEDERAL AND STATE ASSISTANCE. WE ALSO
8 URGE YOU TO FULLY FUND THE REPRESENT L.A. PROGRAM AT
9 \$8,500,000, THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **RUBEN OCAMPO:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

14

15 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS RUBEN OCAMPO. I'M PART
16 OF THE TRANSLATINA COALITION AND I PARTICIPATE IN THE ANGELS
17 OF CHANGE GROUP. I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. AND I'M HERE TO
18 ADVOCATE FOR THE ADVOCACY WHERE WE'RE ASKING FOR \$20,000,000
19 FOR THE RENT PROGRAM. DUE TO CUTS IN THE HOUSING RESOURCES
20 AREA. I'M NOT ABLE TO BE ABLE TO FIND A SHELTER WHERE TO LIVE.
21 THAT'S WHY I ASK YOU TO PLEASE HELP WITH THE RENT SUBSIDY
22 PROGRAM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

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

25



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1 **BEBE OLIVARES:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

2

3 **INTERPRETER:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BEBE OLIVARES. AND
4 I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE ORGANIZATION TRANSLATINA COALITION.
5 AND MY PRESENCE HERE IS REPRESENTING THAT MY COMMUNITY WOULD
6 BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE BUDGET, ESPECIALLY THAT WE WOULD
7 BE ABLE TO HAVE FAIR HOUSING. AND BE ABLE TO IMPROVE MENTAL
8 HEALTH FOR MY COMMUNITY. BECAUSE THE PROCESS OF BEING ABLE TO
9 FIND FAIR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS VERY DIFFICULT. AND
10 PERSONALLY, I'M LIVING THROUGH THIS. I'VE BEEN ON A WAITING
11 LIST FOR THREE YEARS. AND I'M JUST ON A WAITING LIST AND THEY
12 JUST KEEP SENDING ME LETTERS SAYING THAT YOU NEED TO KEEP
13 WAITING AND BECAUSE OF THAT HAS ME DEPRESSED. SO I JUST ASK
14 THAT YOU WOULD PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE TRANSLATINA COALITION.
15 THANK YOU.

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER
18 IN-PERSON SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS.
19 THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO THANK
22 ALL THE SPEAKERS WHO CAME IN IN PRESENT AND ALSO THOSE THAT
23 WERE ON THE TELEPHONE LINES. THIS CONCLUDES OUR PUBLIC
24 COMMENTS. WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 1
2 FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 BUDGET ISSUES. JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA, CHIEF
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION.

4
5 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN ITEM 1 IS MY
6 OFFICE'S SECOND MID-YEAR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT BOARD
7 LETTER. THIS LETTER PROPOSES MULTIPLE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE
8 2025/26 FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET ACROSS SEVERAL BUDGET UNITS.
9 APPROVAL OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL AUTHORIZE CHANGES THAT
10 REALIGN AND ADJUST THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS
11 REFERENCED IN THIS LETTER. I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS
12 THAT YOU HAVE.

13
14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SEEING NO QUESTIONS FROM MY
15 COLLEAGUES. YEN.

16
17 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
18 BOARD, ITEM 1 IS BEFORE YOU.

19
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY
21 SUPERVISOR HORVATH. TO APPROVE THE ITEM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
22 CALL THE ROLL.

23
24 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?
25



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

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

4 SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

5

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

7

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

9 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

10

11 **SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.**

12

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

14 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.**

17

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

19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

20

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

22

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

24 **CARRIES, UNANIMOUSLY WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. WE'LL NOW MOVE**

25 **ON TO ITEM 2, 2026/27 BUDGET ITEMS. JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA, CHIEF**



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SUPERVISORS

1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION.

2

3 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM 2 IS COMPRISED OF
4 3 ITEMS 2A, 2B AND 2C. ITEM 2A IS MY OFFICES REPORT
5 SUMMARIZING ISSUES RAISED BY ORAL TESTIMONY AT THE PUBLIC
6 HEARINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY MAY 6, 2026, AND BY WRITTEN
7 TESTIMONY AS SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER BY THE CLOSE
8 OF THE HEARINGS ON MAY 15, 2026. ITEM TO BE IS MY OFFICE'S
9 BUDGET LETTER THAT INCLUDES PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE
10 2026/27 RECOMMENDED BUDGET THAT WAS ADOPTED BY OUR BOARD ON
11 APRIL 14, 2026. IT ALSO HAS RECOMMENDATIONS, TWO
12 RECOMMENDATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS 3 AND 4, THAT SEEK DELEGATED
13 AUTHORITY RELATED TO FUNDING AGREEMENTS. SPECIFICALLY, THE
14 LETTER SEEKS AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC
15 DEVELOPMENT AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE
16 AND, IF NECESSARY, AMEND OR TERMINATE FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR
17 VARIOUS PROGRAMS IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES STATED IN
18 THIS BUDGET LETTER. AND UNDER ITEM 2C, YOUR BOARD CAN ORDER
19 REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS
20 PRESENTED IN ITEM 2B AS DEEMED NECESSARY. THIS CONCLUDES ALL
21 ITEMS FOR AGENDA ITEM 2 AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO QUESTIONS FROM MY COLLEAGUES.
24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
2 BOARD, ITEMS 2A, 2B, AND 2C ARE BEFORE YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED
5 BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
6 CALL THE ROLL.

7

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

9

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

11

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

14

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

16

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

19

20 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

21

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

24

25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.



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1

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

4

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

6

7 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS AYE. MOTION
8 CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 3, ITEMS FROM
9 PREVIOUS MEETINGS, WHICH WERE DEFERRED TO BUDGET
10 DELIBERATIONS. JOSEPH NICCHITTA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL
11 MAKE A PRESENTATION. ITEM 3 IS THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE
12 COUNTY DIRECTOR OF BEACHES AND HARBORS ON THE ADDITIONAL
13 ANNUAL REVENUE FROM MARINA LEASEHOLD EXTENSIONS, WHICH TOTALS
14 \$352,600 IN FISCAL YEAR 25/26. HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS ON
15 THIS ITEM.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SEEING NO QUESTIONS FROM MY
18 COLLEAGUES, EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

19

20 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
21 BOARD, ITEM 3 WILL BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE
24 THE ORDER.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 4,
2 BUDGET ITEMS. JOSEPH NICCHITTA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL
3 MAKE A PRESENTATION.

4
5 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** AGENDA ITEM 4 IS COMPRISED OF 3
6 RECOMMENDATIONS, 4A, 4B, AND 4C. FIRST, WE HAVE ITEM 4A. THIS
7 IS MY OFFICE'S ANNUAL RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE
8 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT, WHICH IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE GAN LIMIT,
9 AND THE APPROPRIATIONS SUBJECT TO LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 26/27.
10 THIS GAN LIMIT CALCULATION IS REQUIRED UNDER THE STATE
11 CONSTITUTION. NEXT IS ITEM 4B. THIS ITEM IS A RECOMMENDATION
12 THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE, IF APPLICABLE, THE REVISED FIGURES AS
13 THE FINAL BUDGET FOR 26/27 AND INSTRUCT THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER
14 TO PREPARE AND PRESENT THE FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR BOARD
15 ADOPTION. HOWEVER, SINCE THERE WERE NO CHANGES MADE TO THE
16 FINAL CHANGES BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS THIS ITEM IS NOT NEEDED.
17 ITEM FOR CR 8 MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS CONSISTING OF A SERIES OF
18 DELEGATED AUTHORITY REQUESTS OR INSTRUCTIONS TO DEPARTMENTS
19 FOR WHICH WE SEEK YOUR BOARD'S APPROVAL ANNUALLY TO BETTER
20 OPERATIONALIZE THE ADOPTED BUDGET. SPECIFICALLY, NUMBERS 1, 2,
21 3, 4, AND 8 SEEK AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS ON THE TERMS
22 SET FORTH. NUMBER 5 SEEKS APPROVAL OF BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING
23 POLICIES. NUMBER 6 DELEGATES AUTHORITY TO MY OFFICE TO APPROVE
24 THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION AS SET FORTH IN STATE BUDGET
25 LAW. AND LASTLY, NUMBER 7 SEEKS APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY



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1 TRANSFERS OF POSITIONS AMONG DEPARTMENTS. THIS CONCLUDES ALL
2 ITEMS UNDER AGENDA ITEM 4 AND I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS
3 ON THESE MATTERS.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM MY
6 COLLEAGUES EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

7

8 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR MEMBERS OF THE
9 BOARD ITEMS 4A 4B AND 4C ARE BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WILL MOVE SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
12 HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL.

13

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

15

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

17

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

20

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

22

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

25



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

2

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

4 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

5

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

7

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

9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

10

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

12

13 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION
14 CARRIES. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 5 ADOPTION OF THE 2026/27
15 BUDGET RESOLUTION JUST THE KEY THAT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
16 AND OSCAR VALDEZ OUR CONTROLLER WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION.

17

18 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISORS THE LAST ITEM ON TODAY'S
19 AGENDA IS ITEM 5. THIS ITEM IS FOR COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
20 OSCAR VALDEZ TO PRESENT TO YOUR BOARD THE 26/27 BUDGET
21 RESOLUTION. I WILL TURN IT OVER TO MR. VALDEZ.

22

23 **OSCAR VALDEZ:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
24 OSCAR VALDEZ, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, ON APRIL 14TH, YOUR BOARD
25 APPROVED THE FISCAL YEAR 26/27 RECOMMENDED BUDGET. THIS



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1 AFTERNOON, WE HAVE UPDATED THE BUDGET WITH ALL THE ADJUSTMENTS
2 APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD EARLIER TODAY. SO AS SUCH, FISCAL YEAR
3 26/27 FINAL BUDGET IS READY, BALANCED, AND READY FOR YOUR
4 CONSIDERATION.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SEEING NO QUESTIONS FROM MY
7 COLLEAGUES, EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

8

9 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
10 BOARD, ITEM 5 IS BEFORE YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
13 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL.

15

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

17

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

19

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

22

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

24

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



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1 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

2

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

4

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

6 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

7

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

9

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

11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

12

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

14

15 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION
16 CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL THE
19 MEMBERS OF OUR BUDGET TEAMS AS WELL AS OUR CEO AND DEPARTMENT
20 HEADS AND STAFF AND EVERYONE THAT COOPERATED TODAY. WE
21 APPRECIATE THAT. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK THE PUBLIC AND
22 HOPEFULLY WE WILL MOVE FORWARD AND MEET THESE CHALLENGES WITH
23 COURAGE. THANK YOU. BEFORE WE CONCLUDE THE NEXT MEETING THE
24 BOARD WILL BE HELD TOMORROW. IT'S A PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY,
25 JUNE 23RD AT 9:30 A.M. THE SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR



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1 2026 BUDGET DELIBERATION IS ADJOURNED. THANK YOU. MUCHAS
2 GRACIAS.

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

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