



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2026

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING. BUENOS DIAS. WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THE 1ST, 2026. AND WE TAKE NOTE THAT A QUORUM OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. AND BEFORE WE BEGIN TODAY, I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT WE ARE INTRODUCING A PILOT PUBLIC COMMENT REGISTRATION SYSTEM, WHICH CREATES A MORE CONSISTENT AND ACCESSIBLE EXPERIENCE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OUR ED YEN, PLEASE GO OVER AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ON HOW IT CAN BE UTILIZED. THANK YOU.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

SPEAKER: [AUDIO TRANSLATION]

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ALRIGHT, A LITTLE BIT OF TRANSLATION. GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT TO YOU OUR NEW PUBLIC COMMENT SYSTEM. WHETHER SOMEONE IS PARTICIPATING BY PHONE OR IN PERSON, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO REGISTER FOR THE ITEMS THEY WANT TO SPEAK ON AND HAVE A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF WHERE THEY ARE IN THE



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1 PROCESS, INCLUDING REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION AND TEXT MESSAGE
2 REMINDERS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CALL IN DIRECTLY, BUT NOW
3 THERE IS A REGISTRATION OPTION THAT EXPEDITES THE PROCESS.
4 INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN PUBLIC COMMENT, EITHER BY PHONE
5 OR IN PERSON, WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER FOR THEIR
6 DESIRED ITEMS PRIOR TO THE AGENDA ITEM BEING HEARD. WE
7 ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO REGISTER TO SPEAK
8 DURING TODAY'S MEETING ON OUR WEBSITE AT . THAT'S
9 WWW.PUBLICCOMMENT.LACOUNTY.GOV. REGISTERING ONLINE WILL ALLOW
10 YOU TO IDENTIFY THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
11 ADDRESSING. YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL WITH FURTHER
12 INSTRUCTIONS. TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS VIA TEXT MESSAGE ON
13 YOUR PHONE WHEN THE ITEM YOU WISH TO ADDRESS IS NEXT, JUST
14 ENTER YOUR PHONE NUMBER ON THE WEBSITE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A
15 COMPUTER OR WISH TO MAKE A COMMENT AT ANY TIME WHEN THE AGENDA
16 ITEM IS ACTIVE, YOU MAY CALL 213-444-2600 AND PRESS STAR, THEN
17 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTER. AN OPERATOR WILL BE ON
18 THE PHONE TO ASSIST. YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ON OUR
19 WEBSITE AT BOS.LACOUNTY.GOV. THAT'S BOS.LACOUNTY.GOV. PLEASE
20 CLICK ON THE REMOTE PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR MORE
21 INFORMATION. THIS NEW SERVICE WILL HELP EVERYONE CONNECT AND
22 SHARE THEIR COMMENTS MORE EASILY. YOU WILL HAVE THE
23 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. FOR
24 ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD, YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE FOR
25 ONE ITEM AND UP TO TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE ITEMS. FOR



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ITEMS HELD BY SUPERVISORS, YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AND ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME AND INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING. PLEASE NOTE, ONCE YOUR ITEM, ONCE YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, WE WILL IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, YOUR NAME OR THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF PHONE NUMBER WILL BE CALLED. TO ENSURE WE HEAR BOTH FROM IN-PERSON AND REMOTE SPEAKERS, WE WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING CUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE ROOM AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO. ALSO, FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE, PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE A CONSTITUENT ASSISTANCE TEAM THAT INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING, AND PARKS AND RECREATION IN THE AUDIENCE, SHOULD YOU NEED ASSISTANCE FROM THEM.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HOPE EVERYONE WILL UTILIZE THIS NEW SYSTEM. IT HAS BEEN A GREAT INVESTMENT AND WE'VE HEARD MANY CONCERNS FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS AND THE COMMUNITY WHEN THEY COME FORWARD EITHER TO CALL IN



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1 TELEPHONICALLY OR COME IN IN-PERSON. SO I HOPE THIS WILL HELP
2 TO EXPEDITE ALL OF THOSE CONCERNS. WITH THAT MEMBERS, WE'LL
3 NOW START THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR [VIDEO RECORDING]:** THE COUNTY OF LOS
6 ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND ORIGINALLY AND STILL
7 INHABITED AND CARED FOR BY THE TONGVA, TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH
8 AND CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS
9 AND DESCENDANTS, PAST, PRESENT, AND EMERGING, AS THEY CONTINUE
10 THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE
11 THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION RESULTED IN LAND SEIZURE, DISEASE,
12 SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY, RELOCATION, BROKEN PROMISES, GENOCIDE,
13 AND MULTI-GENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
14 DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH,
15 HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION, AND TO ELEVATING THE STORIES,
16 CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
18 LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO
19 GROWING AND SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE PEOPLES AND
20 LOCAL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER.
21 FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, GABRIELINO TONGVA
22 INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COUNCIL, GABRIELENO/TONGVA SAN
23 GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION
24 INDIANS - KIZH NATION, YUHA AVIATAM OF SAN MANUEL NATION, SAN
25 FERNANDO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, COASTAL BAND OF CHUMASH



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1 NATION, GABRIELINO/TONGVA NATION, GABRIELINO TONGVA TRIBE. TO
2 LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FIRST PEOPLES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
3 PLEASE VISIT THE LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN
4 INDIAN COMMISSION WEBSITE AT LANAIC.LACOUNTY.GOV.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND WITH THAT, THIS MORNING THE
7 INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY LEAD PASTOR WILL VUCUREVICH SORRY IF
8 I APOLOGIZE IF I DIDN'T SAY THAT CORRECTLY. REPRESENTING GRACE
9 LONG BEACH FROM THE 4TH DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF
10 ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED TODAY BY LEO HERNANDEZ, FORMER
11 SPECIALIST SPC UNITED STATES ARMY REPRESENTING THE 5TH
12 DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ALL ABLE, PLEASE STAND AND JOIN US THIS
13 MORNING.

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15 **LEAD PASTOR WILL VUCUREVICH:** COUNTY SUPERVISORS, THE BURDEN OF
16 LEADERSHIP IS HEAVY, LONELY, AND COSTLY. AS A REPRESENTATIVE
17 OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND
18 LEADERSHIP. YOU ARE NOT ALONE. WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER. I'M
19 HONORED TO DREAM WITH YOU THIS MORNING AS WE IMAGINE AND WORK
20 TOWARD AN L.A. COUNTY AS IT OUGHT TO BE. AN L.A. COUNTY WHERE
21 ALL FAMILIES ARE FED, HOUSED, AND FLOURISHING. L.A. COUNTY
22 WHERE ACCESS TO RESOURCES REDUCES THE NEED TO SELF-MEDICATE
23 THE BROKENNESS AWAY. AN L.A. COUNTY WHERE FOLKS HAVE ENOUGH
24 MARGIN TO ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF OUR BEACHES, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS,
25 OUR PARKS AND MUSEUMS, THE INSTAGRAMMABLE COFFEE SHOPS AND THE



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1 ROSES THAT DESPITE ALL ODDS CONTINUE TO SPROUT FROM OUR
2 CONCRETE STREETS. AN L.A. COUNTY WHERE ALL OUR NEIGHBORS, OUR
3 FRIENDS, OUR FAMILIES AND OUR CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED AND
4 ACTUALLY FEEL WELCOMED. AN L.A. COUNTY WHOSE STREETS ARE SAFE
5 ENOUGH TO BE FILLED WITH THE LAUGHTER OF THE YOUNG AND THE
6 WISDOM OF THE ELDERS. AN L.A. COUNTY THAT EXPERIENCES PEACE,
7 WHOLENESS, FLOURISHING, AND PLENTY. WHERE JUSTICE FLOWS LIKE
8 MIGHTY RIVERS, DREAMS ARE NO LONGER DEFERRED BUT REALIZED AND
9 LIFE FEELS BETTER FOR ALL FROM LANCASTER TO LONG BEACH FROM
10 MALIBU TO POMONA. THIS IS OUR HOPE OUR DESIRE AND OUR PRAYER.
11 SUPERVISORS, THIS IS THE WORK YOU HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH,
12 AND WE STAND WITH YOU IN IT. GOD ALMIGHTY, THIS IS WHY WE NEED
13 YOUR HELP. BLESS THESE LEADERS WITH WISDOM, COURAGE, HUMILITY,
14 AND COMPASSION, AND MAKE US ALL PEOPLE WHO SEEK THE COMMON
15 GOOD OF THIS PLACE, NOT MERELY FOR OURSELVES, BUT FOR THE
16 FLOURISHING OF ALL OUR NEIGHBORS. MAY THIS DISTANT DREAM
17 CONTINUE TO MATERIALIZE AMONGST US. AMEN.

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19 **LEO HERNANDEZ:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE PLACE A FLAG, PLACE YOUR
20 RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU'RE A VETERAN, YOU MAY
21 RENDER A HAND SALUTE AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
22 I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF
23 AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION
24 UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

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3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU
4 SO MUCH. WHERE ARE YOU? THERE YOU ARE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE
5 WELCOME PASTOR WILL VUCUREVICH. THANK YOU. YOU WERE CLOSE. THE
6 ONLY REASON I KNOW HOW TO PRONOUNCE IT, BECAUSE I STRUGGLE
7 WITH IT, MADAM CHAIR, AND HE GAVE A VOICE MEMO THAT I LISTENED
8 TO ON HOW TO PRONOUNCE IT, SO DON'T FEEL BAD. PASTOR WILL,
9 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LEADING US. I FEEL LIKE THAT WAS MORE
10 THAN AN INVOCATION. THAT WAS A VISION OF, I THINK, WHAT WE ALL
11 THINK L.A. COUNTY SHOULD BE LIKE AND SHOULD BEHAVE LIKE AND
12 SHOULD LOOK LIKE FOR EVERYONE. SO THANK YOU FOR SETTING THAT
13 FORTH TO US AND REMINDING US THAT THAT IS OF COURSE WHAT WE'VE
14 ALL BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH DOING IN EACH AND EVERY ONE OF OUR
15 DISTRICTS. SO PASTOR WILL, WE'RE GOING TO CALL HIM PASTOR WILL
16 FOR THE REST OF THIS, PASTOR WILL IS THE CO-LEAD PASTOR AT
17 GRACE LONG BEACH, WHERE HE SERVES AS THE PASTOR OF MINISTRY
18 MOBILIZATION AND FOCUSES ON LOCAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. IN HIS
19 ROLE, PASTOR WILL HAS GUIDED THE CHURCH IN USING AN ASSET-
20 BASED APPROACH TO LEARN AND UNDERSTAND LONG BEACH'S WRIGLEY
21 NEIGHBORHOOD, ITS HISTORY, ITS STRENGTH, ITS RESOURCES, AND
22 ITS NEEDS. I SPENT ABOUT 10 YEARS IN WRIGLEY AT ONE POINT OF
23 MY LIFE. AND BY ACTIVELY LISTENING TO RESIDENTS OF THE
24 COMMUNITY, GRACE LONG BEACH HAS BEEN ABLE TO FOCUS ON SERVING
25 UNDER-RESOURCED CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES. ONE OF



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1 GRACE LONG BEACH'S SPECIFIC FOCUSES IS THEIR LEGACY OF
2 SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES INVOLVED IN THE CHILD WELFARE
3 SYSTEM, THOSE AT RISK OF ENTERING IT, AND YOUTH TRANSITIONING
4 OUT OF FOSTER CARE. TO DO THIS, GRACE LONG BEACH WORKS
5 DIRECTLY WITH OUR L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
6 FAMILY SERVICES. THEY ALSO HAVE A THRIVING FOSTER CARE
7 MINISTRY AND SUPPORTS GROUPS FOR RESOURCE. I KNOW KATHRYN
8 BARGER WILL LOVE THIS BECAUSE THIS IS ONE OF HER FOCUSES. THEY
9 SUPPORT GROUPS FOR RESOURCE PARENTS THAT PROVIDE CARE FOR
10 CHILDREN IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AND TOGETHER, GRACE LONG
11 BEACH AND DCFS ARE ABLE TO HELP MEET TANGIBLE NEEDS FOR
12 COUNTLESS OF OUR FAMILIES IN THE COUNTY. AND THEIR COMMITMENT
13 TO THE COMMUNITY WAS RECOGNIZED IN 2025 WHEN THEY RECEIVED THE
14 INAUGURAL FAITH IN ACTION AWARD FROM THE DCFS OFFICE. I DIDN'T
15 KNOW WE GAVE THAT AWARD, BUT YES, THAT'S WORTH, YES. WILL'S
16 VISION FOR GRACE LONG BEACH IS SIMPLE AND POWERFUL, TO LEAD A
17 CHURCH THAT LOVES LONG BEACH WELL. THEY ARE COMMITTED TO
18 SUPPORTING THEIR NEIGHBORS AND FINDING NEW WAYS TO COLLABORATE
19 WITH LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND THE COUNTY TO ENSURE THAT
20 THEIR COMMUNITY IS CARED FOR. PASTOR WILL AND HIS WIFE ERIN
21 HAVE THREE BOYS AGES 15, 12, AND 3. THANK YOU PASTOR WILL FOR
22 YOUR DEDICATION TO LONG BEACH, YOUR COMMITMENT TO CHILDREN AND
23 FAMILIES, AND YOUR CONTINUED WORK TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY.
24 AND THANK YOU ALL, ESPECIALLY JEANETTE CHRISTIAN, MY LONG
25 BEACH DEPUTY. WE HAD A TIME GETTING HERE THIS MORNING. THE



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1 ENTIRE 710 FREEWAY FROM LONG BEACH WAS CLOSED DOWN ALL LANES,
2 WHICH MEANT THAT ALL THOSE CARGO CONTAINER TRUCKS WERE NOW ON
3 THE 110, AND WE HAD A DIFFICULT TIME GETTING HERE. SO IT FELT
4 LIKE THE UNIVERSE WAS CONSPIRING AGAINST US THIS MORNING, BUT
5 WE'RE ALL HERE, AND THAT WAS A BEAUTIFUL INVOCATION. AND AS A
6 TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION, THE FIVE COUNTY SUPERVISORS WOULD
7 LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR
8 WHAT YOU DID FOR US TODAY.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. PLEASE JOIN ME IN
13 THANKING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SPECIALIST LEO HERNANDEZ FOR
14 LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. LEO
15 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 2014 TO 2019 IN KUWAIT
16 AND JORDAN. DURING HIS SERVICE, HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS
17 ACCOMMODATIONS, INCLUDING ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, ARMY GOOD
18 CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON
19 TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDIENTIARY
20 MEDAL, ARMY SERVICE RIBBON, AND THE OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON.
21 TALK ABOUT AN OVERACHIEVER. HE EARNED HIS BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
22 SOCIOLOGY FROM CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE. LEO IS A PROUD RESIDENT
23 OF PALMDALE. HE CAME ACROSS THE ANGELES CREST HIGHWAY TO GET
24 HERE THIS MORNING, SO I TAKE MY HAT OFF TO YOU FOR THAT, WHERE
25 HE WORKS FOR JVS SOCAL AS A PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST,



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1 CONNECTING VETERANS TO THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES THAT THEY HAVE
2 EARNED AND THAT THEY DESERVE. IN HIS FREE TIME, HE ENJOYS
3 WORKING ON CARS AND SPENDING TIME WITH HIS CHILDREN, LEO AND
4 LUCIANO. THANK YOU, LEO, FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION, YOUR
5 ONGOING SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES, AND FOR JOINING US HERE
6 THIS MORNING. LET'S GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND NOW I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU
11 OUR DOG OF THE WEEK. WE'RE BACK AND WE HAVE A VERY SWEET AND
12 SPECIAL PUP FOR YOU TO MEET. THIS IS EGGY, A FOUR-MONTH-OLD
13 GERMAN SHEPHERD WHO IS ABSOLUTELY THE SWEETEST DOG. HE'S BEEN
14 THROUGH A LOT THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF HIS LIFE. HE WAS RESCUED
15 FROM A HOARDING SITUATION AND HAS BEEN EAGERLY LOOKING FOR A
16 FOREVER HOME SINCE. HE WAS TEMPORARILY ADOPTED BUT LATER
17 RETURNED BECAUSE THE OWNER'S OTHER DOG WASN'T READY FOR A
18 SIBLING. BUT EGGY IS READY TO BE SOMEONE'S BEST FRIEND,
19 SIBLING, AND QUITE FRANKLY, JUST SOMEONE TO CUDDLE WITH. EGGY
20 ENDURED SO MUCH CHANGE AND TRANSITION, AND WE'RE HOPING TO
21 FIND HIM A LOVING HOME THAT HE CAN SETTLE DOWN AND MAKE HIS
22 OWN. IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE EGGY YOURS, CALL THE AGOURA CARE
23 CENTER AT 818-991-0071. AGAIN THIS IS EGGY AND GIVEN ALL THAT
24 HE'S BEEN THROUGH, HE IS VERY, VERY, VERY WELL ADJUSTED. AND
25 NOW I'M GOING TO TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SCREEN FOR OUR PET



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FROM PALMDALE. MEET HANK. THIS IS A ONE-YEAR-OLD GERMAN
SHEPHERD WHO WAS SURRENDERED BY HIS OWNER BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T
HAVE TIME TO GIVE HIM THE ATTENTION THAT HE DESERVES AND HE
NEEDS. HANK IS A HAPPY, KIND DOG WHO LOVES AFFECTION, SIMILAR
TO EGGY. HE'S STILL GAINING HIS CONFIDENCE IN THE PLAY YARD,
AND WHILE HE MAY BE A LITTLE SLOW TO WARM UP, HE IS VERY
FRIENDLY ONCE HE IS COMFORTABLE. IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADOPT HANK,
COME OUT, HELP HANK COME OUT OF HIS SHELL AND ADOPT HIM, CALL
THE PALMDALE CARE CENTER AT 661-575-2888. OUR ANIMAL CARE
CENTERS ARE OPEN MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY FROM 11 A.M. TO 5
P.M. FOR WALK-INS. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO AND BRING HOME
SOMEONE TO BE YOUR FOREVER BEST FRIEND. VISIT
ANIMALCARE.LACOUNTY.GOV TO SEE ALL THE PETS WHO CAN BE YOURS.
AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING EGGY DOWN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. HOPEFULLY, EGGY
FINDS A HOME. AND WITH THAT, MEMBERS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL
YOU PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA?

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2,
CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 20. ON
ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 20, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS



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1 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ALSO INCLUDES A REVISION AS
2 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 12,
3 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 21 THROUGH 92. ON ITEM 21,
4 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
5 22, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR REPORT. ON ITEM 23, SUPERVISOR
6 HORVATH IS RECUSING HERSELF FROM PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
7 SECTION 84308 BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR
8 CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$500 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM
9 MARK LANDVER, WHO IS A PARTY PARTICIPANT OR AGENT OF A PARTY
10 PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING. ON ITEM 37, SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS
11 RECUSING HERSELF, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308,
12 BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE
13 THAN \$500 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM AL BALLESTEROS, WHO
14 IS A PARTY PARTICIPANT OR AGENT OF A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN
15 THE PROCEEDING. ALSO, SUPERVISOR HORVATH IS RECUSING HERSELF
16 FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308
17 BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION TO CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE
18 THAN \$500 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM ANTHONY MILLS, WHO IS
19 A PARTY PARTICIPANT OR AGENT OF A PARTY PARTICIPANT IN THE
20 PROCEEDING. ON ITEM 38, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS
21 ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2026, AS INDICATED ON THE
22 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 39, THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION TO
23 ADOPT AND INSTRUCT THE CHAIR TO SIGN A RESOLUTION TO UNDERTAKE
24 BOND FINANCING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,300,000 TO
25 FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, AND OR



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1 DEVELOPMENT OF THE MERCY CLAREMONT PROJECT LOCATED IN THE CITY
2 OF CLAREMONT. ON ITEM 44, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS
3 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 48, THIS
4 INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
5 ON ITEM 56, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
6 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 62, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS
7 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 15, 2026.
8 ON PAGE 50, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE
9 AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
10 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEMS 98
11 THROUGH 90F. ON PAGE 51, SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 93 THROUGH
12 94. ON ITEMS 93 AND 94, THE BOARD WILL TAKE A SEPARATE VOTE ON
13 THESE MATTERS. ALSO ON ITEM 93, THIS INCLUDES A CORRECTION AS
14 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 52, SPECIAL
15 DISTRICT AGENDAS, THESE ARE THE AGENDAS FOR THE MEETINGS OF
16 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANITATION DISTRICT NUMBER 27 AND
17 THE NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT ITEMS SD1, THE LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ITEM 1D, AND THE REGIONAL
19 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT ITEM 1P. ON ITEM 1P, THIS IS AN
20 ADDITION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 54,
21 NOTICE IS A CLOSED SESSION, ITEM CS1 THROUGH CS10. ON ITEM CS2
22 THROUGH CS5, CS7, ONE CASE, AND CS9, THE CHIEF PROBATION
23 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO
24 SEPTEMBER 15, 2026. ALSO, ITEM CS7 INCLUDES A CORRECTION AS
25 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM CS7, COUNTY



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1 COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT ONE CASE BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO
2 SEPTEMBER 15, 2026, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THE
3 REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE THROUGH CS10 ARE BEFORE YOU. THAT
4 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA MADAM CHAIR

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
7 MITCHELL SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEMS
8 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE PLAY THE CODE
9 OF CONDUCT.

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



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

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: TODAY'S MEETING ORDER WILL BE THE
FOLLOWING. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION BY
THE BOARD, INCLUDING THE CLOSED SESSION MATTERS, FOLLOWED BY
ITEMS 20 AND 22, THEN ITEMS 19 AND 21, FOLLOWED BY GENERAL
PUBLIC COMMENT, AND FINISHING UP WITH CLOSED SESSION.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: AT THIS TIME WE WILL HEAR FROM
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL



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SUPERVISORS

1 ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION BY SUPERVISORS INCLUDING CLOSED
2 SESSION MATTERS. THE CONSENT ITEMS WILL BE ACTED UPON WITH ONE
3 MOTION. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ALREADY ON THE PHONE, IF YOU
4 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK FOR THESE ITEMS, YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO
5 ANYTHING FURTHER. IF YOU ARE ON THE PHONE, HAVE NOT SIGNED UP
6 TO SPEAK AND WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS, PLEASE
7 PRESS STAR NOW AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO BE PLACED INTO THE
8 SPEAKING QUEUE. IF YOU ARE WATCHING THE MEETING AND WOULD LIKE
9 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS, PLEASE CALL 213-444-2600.
10 PRESS STAR AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS. AN OPERATOR WILL BE ON THE
11 PHONE TO ASSIST. PLEASE BE PREPARED TO INDICATE THE AGENDA
12 ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS.

13
14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW CALL IN IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND
15 WHILE THEY'RE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE REMOTE SPEAKERS.
16 THIS WILL BE FOR ALL ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD FOR
17 DISCUSSION IN CLOSED SESSION MATTERS. WILL THE FOLLOWING
18 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.
19 GREG CRUM, ISMAEL, MICHAEL MECCA, COLIN CAMPBELL, AND DANIEL
20 GARCIA. AARON GARCIA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

21
22 **AARON GARCIA:** HI, MY NAME IS AARON GARCIA. I'M THE L.A. COUNTY
23 DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY FOR STREETS ARE FOR EVERYONE. I'M HERE TO
24 TALK IN SUPPORT OF THE AGENDA ITEM FOR THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL. YOU
25 CAN PASS TICKETS. MY FAVORITE MOVIE IS THE PRINCESS BRIDE.



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SUPERVISORS

1 IT'S A MOVIE FULL OF ADVENTURE, ROMANCE, REVENGE. AND IT WAS A
2 LOW-BUDGET FILM AT THE TIME, SO THEY COULDN'T GET A LIVE
3 COMPOSER TO RECORD THE SOUNDTRACK, SO IT WAS ALL DONE
4 DIGITALLY. FAST FORWARD LIKE 20 YEARS THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL HOSTS
5 A SCREENING OF THE MOVIE WITH A LIVE ORCHESTRA. IT WAS THE
6 FIRST TIME EVER THAT THIS ENTIRE SOUNDTRACK WAS PLAYED LIVE
7 AND THAT'S LIKE THE BEAUTY OF THE BOWL. IT IS A PLACE WHERE
8 HISTORY IS MADE AND IT'S DONE BY ANGELENOS SHOWING UP. YOU SEE
9 THE OLD CHAPS WITH THEIR FEDORAS. YOU SEE OLDER WOMEN WITH THE
10 MOST BEAUTIFUL FLAMBORAN DRESSES. AND THEY BRING A NEW LIFE TO
11 THE ARTIST'S WORK. AND THAT'S WHY I'M TALKING IN SUPPORT OF
12 THIS AGENDA ITEM BECAUSE --

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MIA COLEMAN YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
15 PLEASE BEGIN.

16

17 **MIA COLEMAN:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS MY NAME IS MIA COLEMAN
18 AND I'M WITH THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION AND A MEMBER OF
19 DISTRICT 3. I'M CALLING IN OPPOSITION TO AGENDA ITEM 62. WE
20 URGE THE COUNTY NOT TO CONFUSE SURVEILLANCE WITH COMMUNITY
21 CARE. AN ANKLE MONITOR IS NOT HOUSING MENTAL HEALTH CARE,
22 SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT, A JOB, OR THE SUPPORT THAT PEOPLE
23 NEED TO SUCCESSFULLY RETURN HOME. IT SIMPLY EXTENDS THE REACH
24 OF OUR CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM INTO OUR COMMUNITIES. AT A TIME
25 WHEN THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO ACKNOWLEDGE OVERCROWDED JAILS,



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SUPERVISORS

1 INADEQUATE HEALTH CARE, UNSAFE CONDITIONS, AND PREVENTABLE
2 HARM, EXPANDING ELECTRONIC MONITORING IS MOVING IN THE WRONG
3 DIRECTION. WE CANNOT MONITOR OUR WAY OUT OF A BROKEN SYSTEM.
4 IF L.A. COUNTY IS COMMITTED TO CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST VISION,
5 WE SHOULD BE INVESTING IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BEHAVIORAL
6 HEALTH SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, AND REENTRY SUPPORT.
7 NOT EXPANDING CONTRACTS THAT PROFIT FROM SURVEILLANCE. REAL
8 PUBLIC SAFETY COMES FROM STABILITY, OPPORTUNITY, AND COMMUNITY
9 INVESTMENT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** ITEM 62 HAS CONTINUED, I BELIEVE,
14 JUST SO THAT SPEAKER IS AWARE.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADHU CHETWANI, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE
17 BEGIN.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE CAN'T HEAR HER.

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADHU, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. OK, WE'LL GO TO
22 THE NEXT CALLER. DR. LAWRENCE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE
23 BEGIN.

24

25 **DR. LAWRENCE WINSTON:** HI, YES, DR. LAWRENCE WINSTON, FOUNDER



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SUPERVISORS

1 OF WISE-UP MINISTRIES. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ITEM NUMBER
2 41, THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL TICKETS. IN OUR EXPERIENCE, THE TICKETS
3 FOR THE CHATS THE RAPPER EVENT ON JUNETEENTH, THE TICKETS WERE
4 \$19 AND IT WAS VERY AFFORDABLE AND THEN THEY MOVED DOWN TO
5 \$16. THAT WAY WE WERE ABLE TO BUY TICKETS FOR 30 OF OUR
6 COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND WE WERE ABLE TO GET THERE. HOWEVER,
7 PARKING WAS QUITE EXPENSIVE, BUT THE DISCOUNTED TICKET RATE
8 ALLOWED US TO COVER THE PARKING FOR EVERYONE THAT ATTENDED.
9 AND WE CARPOOLED. WE ALSO ATTENDED, PREVIOUSLY I ATTENDED A
10 LITTLE WAYNE VERSUS DRAKE CONCERT AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL. AND
11 IT WAS AN EXPERIENCE THAT WHERE THE TICKETS WERE VERY PRICEY.

12
13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

14
15 **DR. LAWRENCE WINSTON:** THIS WAS VERY YEARS AGO.

16
17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ALLISON MCDEW, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE
18 BEGIN.

19
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

21
22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ALLISON.

23
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALLISON MCDEW.



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SUPERVISORS

1 **ALLISON MCDEW:** HELLO.

2

3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

4

5 **ALLISON MCDEW:** YES. HI. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
6 NAME IS ALLISON MCDEW. I WANT TO APPLAUD THE L.A. FOR CREATING
7 A REDUCED-PRICE PROGRAM FOR ANGELENOS FROM LOW INCOMES UP TO
8 HOLLYWOOD BOWL. REALLY SUPPORTING ITEM 41. I REALLY WANT TO
9 ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ESTABLISH THIS COUNTY-WIDE
10 REDUCED-PRICE PROGRAMMING FOR ALL ANGELENOS FOR OUR CULTURAL
11 INSTITUTIONS BECAUSE IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO CLOSE A SOCIAL
12 ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL GAP. SO MANY STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT
13 THESE IMMERSIVE TRIPS TO CULTURAL LANDMARKS BOOST A STUDENT'S
14 CRITICAL THINKING AND EMPATHY. AND REALLY, THESE EDUCATIONAL
15 BREAKTHROUGHS ARE TWICE AS LARGE FROM YOUTH, FROM LOW INCOME
16 FAMILIES WHO LACK THESE OPPORTUNITIES. AND WE WOULD REALLY
17 JUST LOVE TO SEE THESE LOWERING OF ENTRY BARRIERS AT THESE
18 COUNTY VENUES. AND I FEEL LIKE ESPECIALLY AS WHAT'S BEEN DONE
19 AT THE 4TH YEAR. IT'S REALLY THINKING ABOUT ENTERTAINMENT NOT
20 AS A LUXURY, BUT AS AN EDUCATIONAL TOOL TO STUDENTS WHO REALLY
21 NEED IT AND FAMILIES.

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER ENDING IN 7127, YOUR LINE
24 IS NOW OPEN. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

25



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SUPERVISORS

LYDIA SCOTT: GOOD MORNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS I'M LYDIA SCOTT
ITEM 41 ON YOUR AGENDA I'D LIKE TO THANK L.A. PHIL FOR
CREATING A REDUCED-PRICE PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS ALL ANGELENOS
WITH LOW INCOME TO EXPERIENCE PERFORMANCES AT THE HOLLYWOOD
BOWL. I'M ASKING FOR THE BOARD TO BUILD ON THAT IDEA BY
ESTABLISHING A CULTURE-WIDE REDUCED PRICING PROGRAM FOR
ANGELENOS WITH LOW INCOME AND AT COUNTY CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS
INCLUDING MUSEUMS AND EVENT VENUES. TOO OFTEN, PUBLIC CULTURAL
ASSETS HAVE SEATS AND ADMISSION SPACES THAT GO UNUSED. AN
EMPTY SEAT GENERATES NO REVENUE AND PROVIDES NO BENEFIT TO
ANYONE. WHY NOT USE THOSE VACANT SPACES TO EXPAND ACCESS.
OFFERING DISCOUNTED ADMISSION TO RESIDENTS WITH LOW INCOME
WHEN CAPABILITY IS AVAILABLE WOULD CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
PEOPLE WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE BE EXCLUDED. OUR CULTURAL
INSTITUTIONS BELONG TO ALL ANGELENOS. I RESPECTFULLY ASK THE
BOARD TO ESTABLISH --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER
REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. WE WILL
NOW GO TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

GREG CRUM: GREG CRUM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 56. GOOD MORNING,
SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION AND THE MORE THAN 900 LIFEGUARDS WHO
PROTECT 72 MILES OF COASTLINE ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. SUPERVISOR



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MITCHELL, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SUPERVISOR HAHN, OUR BEACHES AND
COASTLINES ARE WITHIN YOUR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS. SUPERVISOR
SOLIS, SUPERVISOR BARGER, THOUSANDS OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS VISIT
OUR BEACHES ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL
FOR YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO THE SAFETY OF OUR BEACHES,
OUR BEACH COMMUNITIES, AND THE PUBLIC PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY
OUR COUNTY LIFEGUARD SYSTEM. SUPERVISOR HAHN, THANK YOU SO
MUCH FOR YOUR WORK IN KEEPING L.A. COUNTY LIFEGUARDS AT
CABRILLO BEACH. OUR COASTLINE IS A REGIONAL RESOURCE AND
PROTECTING IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY. L.A. COUNTY LIFEGUARDS
HAVE BUILT A COORDINATED REGIONAL LIFEGUARD SYSTEM WITH THE
STAFFING AND TRAINING EQUIPMENT AND EXPERIENCE NECESSARY TO
PROTECT MILLIONS OF BEACHGOERS WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE ONE THE
BIGGEST SUMMERS WE'VE EVER HAD AND WE HOPE THAT THE WORK OF
CABRILLO SHOWS THAT WE CAN KEEP ALL OF OUR BEACHES AND WILL
ROGERS STOCKWEILER AND ALL OF OUR OTHER CONTRACT CITIES.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU.

GREG CRUM: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

IN-PERSON SPEAKER: HELLO. I'M SPEAKING ON 32 FOR MLK LIBRARY,
35, FAMILY VISITATION DCSF, 36, MEDICAL UPGRADE, AND 38 FOR



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1 LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR THE FIRES. SO WE HAVE SOME NEW
2 TECHNOLOGIES FOR STARGATE. WE WERE WONDERING IF FOR MLK WE
3 COULD DO A DEMO OF THESE NEW AI MODELS FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING,
4 MALCOLM X, BLACK PANTHERS, TO PROTECT AFRICAN AMERICAN
5 CULTURES THAT HAVE BEEN SYSTEMATICALLY BEATEN DOWN. IF YOU
6 READ THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND U.S. CONSTITUTION, IT
7 DOES INSTITUTIONAL RACISM. SO WE WANT TO IDENTIFY AND HELP
8 PEOPLE LIFT UP. THE BUDGET IS \$238,500,000,000. IT'S WITH
9 JAPAN. SO THIS IS A FEDERAL BUDGET, BUT IT'S A JOINT
10 PARTNERSHIP. AND IF WE COULD USE IT FOR DCSF. SACAGAWEA IS ONE
11 THAT I WANTED TO BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT. IT'S FROM MY HOMETOWN
12 OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA, AND SHE'S A NATIVE AMERICAN. SO
13 AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR SPEECHES EVERY DAY WITH L.A. BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS, YOU WANT TO HONOR NATIVE AMERICANS. SO THIS
15 SHOULD HONOR NATIVE AMERICANS AND SHOULD PROTECT THEIR
16 CULTURE. SACAGAWEA WAS SOLD AS A SEX SLAVE INTO MARRIAGE AT
17 AGE 13, WHICH I THINK IS INAPPROPRIATE. SO THIS WOULD BE ABLE
18 TO PROTECT CHILDREN FOR DCSF AS THE RECOMMENDATION. FOR THE
19 FIRE EMERGENCY THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH RIGHT NOW, I'VE BEEN TO
20 ALTADENA, PASADENA. THIS IS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE. IT'S NEW
21 TECHNOLOGY. IT'S ALSO A FUSION REACTOR IS POTENTIALLY WHAT WE
22 WANT TO DO, BUT WE WANT TO START WITH POLICE FIRE EMS FIRST
23 AND EVENTUALLY ROLL IT OUT TO CITIZENS IS THE RECOMMENDATION.
24 ONE FUN ONE I PICKED WAS GERONIMO, NAMED AFTER THE APACHE
25 MEDICINE MAN. AND IT'S BASICALLY GERONIMO WOULD BE MEDICAL



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1 DIAGNOSTICS TO UNDERSTAND PEOPLE HOLISTICALLY AND HOW TO HELP
2 THEM. SO IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, WE'D LOVE TO DO IT. AND I'M IN
3 SOUTH PASADENA IN KATHRYN BARGER'S DISTRICT, UNDER 5. THANK
4 YOU.

5

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

7

8 **MICHAEL MECCA:** I'M MICHAEL MECCA WITH THE PACIFIC WATER
9 QUALITY ASSOCIATION, AND WE'RE OPPOSING THE NEWHALL RANCH
10 SANITATION DISTRICT BAN ON WATER SOFTENERS. FROM WHAT I FOUND
11 ON THIS, NEWHALL RANCH IS A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT, AND WHILE
12 IT'S IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BIG SANTA CLARITA BAN AND REMOVAL ON
13 WATER SOFTENERS, WE HAVE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF NEW RESIDENTS
14 THAT ARE GOING TO BE DENIED WATER TREATMENT OPTIONS BEFORE
15 THEY EVER MOVE INTO THEIR NEW HOUSES. I WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED
16 IN THE SANTA CLARITA BAN AND REMOVAL WITH SENATOR GEORGE
17 RENNER. WE'RE REALIST. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THINGS NEED TO
18 CHANGE. CHLORIDES ARE AN ISSUE FOR SANITATION DISTRICTS TO
19 DEAL WITH. HOWEVER, IT NEEDS TO BE DONE PROPERLY. AND IN THE
20 CASE OF SANTA CLARITA, A LOT OF THINGS CAME OUT THAT SHOULD
21 NOT HAVE BEEN DONE. LOST MY TRAIN THERE. I WAS INVOLVED ON THE
22 REMOVAL OF SOFTENERS TO SET A VALUE --

23

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

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **ISMAEL ISAIAS-RAMIREZ:** MY NAME IS ISMAEL ISAIAS-RAMIREZ. I'M
2 HERE SPEAKING AS PART OF THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU TO HOLLY
3 MITCHELL, SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, AND THANK YOU TO L.A.
4 PHIL FOR LEADING THE WAY, FOR DIFFERENT ANGELENOS TO
5 EXPERIENCE CULTURAL LANDMARKS IN AN AFFORDABLE WAY. WHEN
6 CULTURAL LANDMARKS LIKE THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, OH, I'M SPEAKING
7 ON ITEM 41, SORRY ABOUT THAT, NUMBER 41. AND WHEN CULTURAL
8 LANDMARKS LIKE THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL ARE MADE AFFORDABLE TO
9 EVERYONE, IT REESTABLISHES IMPORTANT COMMUNITY HUBS FOR PEOPLE
10 TO CONNECT. SO ALSO SHOUT OUTS TO THE FORD THEATER FOR ALSO
11 LEADING THE WAY TO THIS. THANK YOU TO THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL FOR
12 RECENTLY IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM FOR EBT USERS. MORE NEEDS TO
13 BE DONE AND I PERSONALLY HOPE AS PART OF THE PUBLIC THAT THE
14 TICKETS ARE GOING INTO THE RIGHT HANDS AND NOT PEOPLE WHO
15 WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS GOOD INTENTION. THANK YOU VERY
16 MUCH TO EVERYONE AND HAVE ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR DAY.

17

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

19

20 **DANIEL GARCIA:** HELLO, MEMBER OF THE BOARD. DANIEL GARCIA.
21 SPEAKING FROM MY EXPERIENCE ON DISABILITY, I JUST WANT TO SAY
22 THAT IF YOU ARE GOING TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE CORRIDOR OR
23 COMMERCIAL THINGS, PLEASE THINK ABOUT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
24 BECAUSE THEY NEED A PATHWAY TO, THEY NEED A PATHWAY TO BE ABLE
25 TO GO DO ANYTHING IN THE CORRIDOR. SO IT NEEDS TO BE CLEAN, IT



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1 NEEDS TO BE ACCESSIBLE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. THANK YOU
2 VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE YOU ALL FOR COMING HERE. THANK YOU.

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

5
6 **TARA TAYLOR:** YES, HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TARA TAYLOR,
7 AND I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 41. GOOD MORNING
8 SUPERVISORS. I'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY THANKING THE L.A. PHIL AND
9 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR LEADING THE WAY AND HELPING TO REDUCE
10 PRICES FOR ANGELENOS TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR CULTURAL
11 INSTITUTIONS AND IN PARTICULAR IN VISITING THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL.
12 THE EBT PROGRAM IS A TRAILBLAZING EFFORT TO GET MORE OF OUR
13 POPULATION TO OUR MAJOR CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS, AND I BELIEVE
14 THAT THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING. GIVEN THE COMPLEXITY OF
15 LIVING IN LOS ANGELES AND THE VARIOUS ECONOMIC POSITIONS OF
16 MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS HERE. I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE SUPERVISORS
17 HERE THAT THIS BODY WOULD CONSIDER A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR
18 ALL OF OUR CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS. THANK YOU.

19
20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES THE TIME FOR
21 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS.

22
23 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
24 BOARD, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. 1 THROUGH 18, 23
25 WITH SUPERVISOR HORVATH RECUSING FROM THE VOTE, 24 THROUGH 36,



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1 37 WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HORVATH RECUSING FROM THE VOTE,
2 39 THROUGH 61, 63 THROUGH 89, 98 THROUGH 90F, SD 1, 1D, 1P,
3 AND PLEASE NOTE WE WILL TAKE A SEPARATE VOTE ON ITEMS 93 AND
4 94. THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

5
6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED
7 BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH THE EXCEPTIONS
8 NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

9
10 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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

13
14 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

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

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

19
20 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

21
22 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

23
24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.



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

2

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

4

5 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION
6 CARRIES. MADAM CHAIR WE WILL NOW VOTE ON THE SEPARATE MATTER
7 ITEMS. ITEM NUMBER 93 IS BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED
10 BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
11 CALL THE ROLL.

12

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

14

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

16

17 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

18

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

20

21 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

22

23 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

24

25 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

3

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

5

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

7

8 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES, 5 TO 0. WE NOW
9 HAVE ITEM NUMBER 94 WHICH IS BEFORE YOU.

10

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

14

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

16

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

18

19 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

20

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

22

23 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

24

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



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

3
4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

5
6 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

7
8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

9
10 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES, 5 TO 0. WE WILL
11 NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 20, IMPLEMENTING COMMERCIAL TENANT
12 PROTECTIONS TO PREVENT SMALL BUSINESS DISPLACEMENT AND DELIVER
13 ON THRIVING COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS, WHICH IS HELD BY SUPERVISOR
14 MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ALREADY ON THE PHONE, IF
15 YOU HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK FOR THESE ITEMS, YOU DO NOT NEED
16 TO DO ANYTHING FURTHER. IF YOU'RE ON THE PHONE, HAVE NOT
17 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, AND WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM,
18 PRESS STAR NOW AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO BE PLACED INTO THE
19 SPEAKING QUEUE. IF YOU ARE WATCHING THE MEETING AND WOULD LIKE
20 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE CALL 213-444-2600,
21 PRESS STAR, AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS. AN OPERATOR WILL BE ON THE
22 PHONE TO ASSIST. AS A NOTE, WE HAVE MANY SPEAKERS WHO HAVE
23 REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. IN ORDER TO FINISH TODAY'S
24 MEETING EFFICIENTLY AND ADDRESS ALL AGENDA ITEMS, WE ARE
25 REQUESTING THAT IF YOU ARE WITH A GROUP, PLEASE IDENTIFY ONE



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1 PERSON TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF YOUR ENTIRE GROUP. ADDITIONALLY,
2 IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OTHER THAN WHAT HAS
3 ALREADY BEEN STATED BY OTHER SPEAKERS, PLEASE INDICATE ONLY
4 YOUR NAME AND YOUR SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO THIS ITEM. KELLY
5 LOBIANCO, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, IS AVAILABLE FOR
6 QUESTIONS. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKER, PLEASE STATE YOUR
7 NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU AT THIS TIME WILL RECOGNIZE
10 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. THIS IS HER ITEM. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR AND
13 GOOD MORNING TO ALL MY COLLEAGUES. SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE
14 BACKBONE OF L.A. COUNTY'S ECONOMY. THEY'RE WHERE JOBS ARE
15 CREATED, WHERE OUR HYPER LOCAL COMMUNITY'S DIVERSITY IS
16 REFLECTED AND CELEBRATED, BUT THEY'RE DISAPPEARING. THEY'RE
17 SEEING RENT INCREASES AS HIGH AS 400%. ONE OF MY VERY OWN
18 SECOND DISTRICT SMALL BUSINESSES SAW HIS MONTHLY RENT JUMP
19 FROM \$2,500 TO \$10,000 PER MONTH. LEASES CAN BE TERMINATED
20 WITH NO RECOURSE AND NO RELOCATION HELP, EVEN WHEN A
21 LANDLORD'S HARASSMENT IS CONFIRMED. REDEVELOPMENT CAN DISPLACE
22 LONG-TIME BUSINESSES, EVEN AS OUR COMMUNITIES DESPERATELY NEED
23 MORE HOUSING AND REVITALIZATION PROJECTS. LAST YEAR THE STATE
24 TOOK A FIRST STEP WITH SENATE BILL 1103, WHICH REQUIRES
25 ADVANCED NOTICE FOR RENT INCREASES OVER 10% NOTICE PRIOR TO



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1 LEASE TERMINATION AND TRANSLATION OF LEASES INTO LANGUAGE THE
2 TENANT CAN UNDERSTAND. I THINK THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
3 COUNTY TO DO ITS PART TO IMPLEMENT THIS LAW LOCALLY AND KEEP
4 SMALL BUSINESSES IN PLACE. THIS BOARD HAS A SIGNIFICANT TRACK
5 RECORD OF SUPPORTING BOTH SMALL BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL
6 LANDLORDS THROUGH GRANTS, RENT RELIEF, AND TECHNICAL AND LEGAL
7 ASSISTANCE. SINCE THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
8 OPPORTUNITY WAS CREATED BACK IN 2022, THE COUNTY HAS DELIVERED
9 OVER \$83,000,000 IN DIRECT CASH RELIEF TO 9,700 BUSINESSES HIT
10 BY A VARIETY OF DISRUPTIONS LIKE COVID, LABOR STRIKES, AND
11 NATURAL DISASTERS. WE'VE NOW FUNDED A PERMANENT BUSINESS
12 INTERRUPTION FUND WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$2,000,000. AND THROUGH
13 THE ECONOMIC MOBILITY INITIATIVE, WE'VE INVESTED OVER
14 \$33,000,000 IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND BUSINESS FORMATION
15 GRANTS REACHING MORE THAN 4,000 BUSINESSES. WE'VE ALSO
16 INVESTED IN \$11,000,000 TO REFRESH STOREFRONTS FOR OVER 120
17 BUSINESSES AND AFTER THE 2025 PALISADES AND EATON FIRES, DEO
18 MATCHED DISPLACED BUSINESSES WITH AVAILABLE COMMERCIAL SPACE.
19 OUR VISION IS THAT DEO IS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ALL
20 BUSINESSES COUNTYWIDE. AND AS A RESULT, DEO HAS FUNDED FREE
21 LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES SINCE 2021. THEY'VE
22 ALSO PUT ON BUSINESS FORMS TOUCHING OVER 1,200 BUSINESSES AND
23 THE LIST GOES ON. DESPITE THESE INVESTMENTS, COMMERCIAL
24 TENANTS STILL FACE EXORBITANT RENT HIKES, TERMINATED LEASES,
25 REDEVELOPMENT DISPLACEMENT, AND COERCIVE EVICTION TACTICS. A



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1 COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY LICENSE, A CRPL, SINCE THE
2 GOVERNMENT LOVES ACRONYMS, AGAIN THAT'S A COMMERCIAL RENTAL
3 PROPERTY LICENSE, WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO CLEARLY IDENTIFY
4 WHERE PRESSURES ARE OCCURRING. IT WOULD SHOW WHICH CORRIDORS
5 ARE FACING CHRONIC VACANCIES AND WHICH BUSINESSES NEED DIRECT
6 OUTREACH AND SUPPORT RATHER THAN US GUESSING OR BASING IT ON
7 HEARSAY OR ANECDOTAL STORIES. FOLLOWING THE FIRES, DEO HAD NO
8 LIST OF WHICH BUSINESSES HAD BURNED DOWN OR WERE PARTIALLY
9 DAMAGED AND HAD TO RELY ON DOOR-TO-DOOR OUTREACH TO DELIVER
10 RELIEF. A LICENSING SYSTEM WOULD MEAN THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO
11 REACH EFFECTIVE BUSINESSES MORE QUICKLY IN FUTURE EMERGENCIES.
12 THE CRPL IS AS MUCH ABOUT OUTREACH AS IT IS ABOUT ENFORCEMENT
13 AGAINST LANDLORDS WHO VIOLATE THE ANTI-HARASSMENT ORDINANCE.
14 I'D ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO'VE
15 CORRECTLY SAID THAT A REMEDY AFTER DISPLACEMENT IS NOT ENOUGH.
16 A SMALL BUSINESS CAN LOSE ITS CUSTOMERS, WORKERS, INVENTORY,
17 AND THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD PRESENCE LONG BEFORE A COURT CASE
18 REACHES A FINAL RESOLUTION. SO THAT'S WHY THE COUNTY'S REPORT
19 BACK SHOULD EVALUATE ACCESSIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE OPTIONS FOR
20 REPORTING COMMERCIAL TENANT HARASSMENT, INCLUDING COMPLAINT
21 INTAKE, INVESTIGATION, EMERGENCY REVIEW, ANTI-RETALIATION
22 SAFEGUARDS, AND REFERRAL PATHWAYS FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE. SO LET
23 ME JUST BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THIS MOTION DOES AND DOES NOT DO.
24 THIS MOTION CLOSES THE GAPS IN STATE LAW, HELPS US DELIVER
25 RELIEF TO BUSINESSES MORE QUICKLY AND HOLDS BAD ACTORS



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1 ACCOUNTABLE. IT ASKS OUR BUSINESS LICENSING WORK GROUP TO
2 DESIGN A COMMERCIAL LANDLORD LICENSE SIMILAR TO MODELS IN
3 MAJOR CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY INCLUDING CHICAGO, TACOMA, NEW
4 YORK, AND HERE LOCALLY SANTA MONICA. FOR THE FIRST TIME THE
5 COUNTY WOULD HAVE RELIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT WHO OWNS
6 COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND WHICH STOREFRONTS ARE SITTING EMPTY.
7 IF A LANDLORD IS FOUND BY THE COURTS TO HAVE HARASSED A TENANT
8 OUT OF THEIR SPACE, THE TENANT WOULD RECEIVE FINANCIAL
9 ASSISTANCE TO RELOCATE. IT ALSO ASKS DEO TO STUDY WHAT FAIR
10 RENT LOOKS LIKE AROUND THE COUNTY AND WHEN REDEVELOPMENT
11 PUSHES A SMALL BUSINESS OUT, IT ASKS COUNTY COUNSEL TO RETURN
12 WITH REAL OPTIONS FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND INCENTIVES
13 RATHER THAN ALLOWING OUR COMMUNITY ANCHORS TO BE DISPLACED
14 WITHOUT SUPPORT. AGAIN, LET ME BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THE MOTION
15 DOES NOT DO. AS I'VE HEARD THAT THERE'S BEEN SOME PERHAPS
16 CONFUSION. IT DOES NOT CAP COMMERCIAL RENT. IT DOES NOT MAKE
17 LANDLORDS SHARE ANY COPIES OF THEIR LEASES AND IT DOES NOT
18 SLOW DOWN OR BLOCK ANY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT. THE MOTION IS A
19 RESULT OF PRETTY SIGNIFICANT STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK, AND I'D
20 LIKE TO THANK MY TEAM WHO MET DIRECTLY WITH ORGANIZATIONS WHO
21 EXPRESSED THEIR OPPOSITION, WHICH IS WHY WE TOOK IT TO CLUSTER
22 TO CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL AND TRANSPARENT DISCUSSION.
23 AND AS A RESULT WHAT WE'RE CONSIDERING TODAY IS DIFFERENT THAN
24 WHAT WE FIRST INTRODUCED. AS A RESULT OF FEEDBACK WE ADDED A
25 CAP ON THE AMOUNT OF RELOCATION EXPENSES THAT COULD BE



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1 AWARDED. WE SPELLED OUT EXACTLY WHAT COUNTS AS A REDEVELOPMENT
2 PROJECT SO LANDLORDS WILL KNOW WHERE THEY STAND AND WE ASKED
3 FOR DEPARTMENTS TO COME BACK WITH MORE INCENTIVES FOR
4 LANDLORDS WHO CHOOSE THE SPECIAL STATUS LICENSE. I APPRECIATE
5 THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY STAKEHOLDERS FOR RAISING SERIOUS
6 IMPLEMENTATION QUESTIONS AND THEIR POINT THAT THE RURAL AND
7 OTHER UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES HAVE DISTINCT ECONOMIC
8 CONDITIONS IS WELL TAKEN AND THAT'S WHY THIS IS A REPORT BACK
9 MOTION. WE'RE NOT SETTING A COMMERCIAL RENT CAP OR ADOPTING A
10 FINAL RELOCATION PROGRAM TODAY. WE ARE DIRECTING OUR
11 DEPARTMENTS TO CONDUCT THE ANALYSIS, ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS
12 ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND BRING THE BOARD OPTIONS. WE SHOULDN'T
13 HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN ATTRACTING INVESTMENT AND PROTECTING
14 THE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT CREATE JOBS, PROVIDE ESSENTIAL
15 SERVICES, AND GIVE COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS THEIR CHARACTER. NOT
16 TO MENTION GIVING COMMERCIAL LANDLORDS RENT THROUGH THEIR
17 TENANCY. I BELIEVE WE HAVE TO DO ALL OF THE ABOVE. SO I LOOK
18 FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK WITH OPTIONS TO PROMOTE A FAIR AND
19 VIBRANT MARKETPLACE FOR ALL OF OUR BUSINESSES ACROSS L.A.
20 COUNTY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

21
22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO JOIN
23 YOU AND THANK YOU FOR ADDING ME, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AS A CO-
24 AUTHOR ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. IT'S A CHALLENGE FOR OUR
25 SMALL BUSINESSES. THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT AND I WANT TO



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1 THANK YOU KELLY LOBIANCO AND YOUR DEPARTMENT FOR HELPING US IN
2 THE EAST LOS ANGELES CORRIDORS AS WELL AS IN THE SAN GABRIEL
3 VALLEY, HELPING US TO RENOVATE STOREFRONTS AND REVITALIZING
4 AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN DILAPIDATED AND HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND,
5 PARTICULARLY IN CORRIDORS THAT I REPRESENT IN THE
6 UNINCORPORATED AREA, NOT JUST IN EAST L.A., BUT ALSO IN THE
7 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY NEAR UNINCORPORATED WEST PUENTE VALLEY,
8 CLOSER TO AREAS THAT FOR MANY IS HOME. AND SMALL BUSINESSES
9 THRIVE THERE. THEY DO MAKE UP THE BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY. AND
10 IT'S DISGRACEFUL WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THEM RIGHT NOW. HAVING
11 TO DEAL WITH TARIFFS, HAVING TO DEAL WITH UNCERTAINTY BECAUSE
12 OF I.C.E. RAIDS THAT HAS REALLY SUPPRESSED AND DEPRESSED
13 PEOPLE FROM COMING INTO THEIR SHOPS AND TO THEIR STORES, AND
14 PEOPLE ALSO TRYING TO MAINTAIN THEIR ECONOMIC STABILITY. IF
15 THERE ISN'T A BUSINESS OPEN, THEN THEY DON'T HAVE A JOB. AND
16 LIKEWISE, I WANT TO REFERENCE THE RECENT TRAGEDY THAT WE WENT
17 THROUGH IN EAST L.A. AND BOYLE HEIGHTS, THE LINEAGE CRISIS
18 THAT WE JUST FACED. THERE WERE MANY SMALL BUSINESSES THERE,
19 AND I KNOW THAT KELLY, YOUR GROUP, IS GOING TO BE LOOKING AT
20 DOING OUTREACH AND HAVE BEEN TO HELP US DECIPHER HOW MANY
21 PEOPLE, COMMERCIAL OWNERS OF BUILDINGS AND WHAT HAVE YOU AND
22 ALSO THEIR TENANTS HAVE BEEN IMPACTED. AND WHAT WE'VE HEARD
23 ANECDOTALLY IS THAT IT'S WAY ABOVE, MAYBE CLOSE TO MILLIONS.
24 AND THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE THE OIL SPILL THAT HAPPENED IN EAST
25 L.A. AS WELL. SO THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT ARE IMPACTING



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1 MANY OF THE FOLKS THAT I REPRESENT CURRENTLY. AND I WOULD ASK
2 PEOPLE TO BE PATIENT WITH US, BUT ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS
3 A REPORT BACK. AND I THINK SOME OF US HERE ARE VERY RESPONSIVE
4 AND WANT TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE. AND I HAVE EVEN PUT IN MY OWN
5 DISCRETIONARY FUNDING TO BUILD IN TO A BUSINESS RELIEF
6 INTERRUPTION FUND FOR THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN INTERRUPTED BECAUSE
7 OF DISASTERS OR BECAUSE OF MANMADE INTRUSIONS, LIKE THE RECENT
8 I.C.E. RAIDS THAT HAVE REALLY HURT OUR CORRIDORS HERE, EVEN IN
9 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, IN THE GARMENT DISTRICT, ALL OF THESE
10 PLACES HAVE NOT RECOVERED. AND THIS IS MULTIPLIED ON TOP OF
11 WHAT HAPPENED DURING COVID. UNFORTUNATELY, MANY OF THOSE
12 INDIVIDUALS HAPPEN TO BE PEOPLE THAT WE REPRESENT, PEOPLE OF
13 COLOR, BUT IT'S NO ACCIDENT. THEY'RE STRIVING. MANY OF THEM
14 ARE HARDWORKING IMMIGRANTS THAT CAME HERE WITH THE HOPE AND
15 DESIRE OF NOT DEPENDING ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR STATE
16 GOVERNMENT OR COUNTY, BUT ALSO BEING ABLE TO THRIVE. AND I
17 THINK THAT IS WHAT MAKES THE L.A. COUNTY ECONOMY WHAT IT IS.
18 THE FACT THAT WE HAVE ENTREPRENEURS, PEOPLE AND MICRO
19 ENTERPRISES TOO, BY PEOPLE WHO WANT TO START THEIR OWN
20 BUSINESSES, STARTING EVEN FROM MAYBE SELLING TABALES ON THE
21 STREET TO NOW GETTING A VENDOR CART THAT WE'RE PROVIDING
22 THROUGH DEO AND ALSO ESTABLISHING SAFEGUARDS SO THAT THEY CAN
23 BECOME PERMITTED AND THEN GO HOPEFULLY LATER ON IF THEY WANT
24 TO INTO BRICK AND MORTAR. SO THERE'S A PLAN HERE. IT ISN'T
25 JUST THROWING THINGS OUT THERE UNNECESSARILY. WE REALLY DO



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1 WANT OUR COMMUNITIES TO THRIVE. SO I AM FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF
2 THIS AND I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR BACK FROM THE REPORT BACK, BUT
3 ALSO TO THANK YOU, KELLY, FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE.
4 BECAUSE WE DON'T NEED TO SEE MORE PEOPLE DISPLACED AT THIS
5 TIME. UNEMPLOYMENT IS ALREADY HIGH IN THIS AREA. AND WE KNOW
6 THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE HEADING FOR SOME MORE HEAVIER
7 CHALLENGES FOR THE TIME BEING BUT THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE
8 FOREVER SO NOW IS THE TIME FOR US TO HELP STABILIZE OUR
9 COMMUNITY SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE MOTION AND THANK YOU
10 AGAIN SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND YOUR STAFF FOR THEIR GOOD WORK
11 ON THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU'RE
12 RECOGNIZED.

13
14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS
15 FORWARD AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. THANK YOU FOR THE
16 TRANSPARENCY AND HOW THIS HAS BEEN HANDLED GOING TO CLUSTER
17 AND ALL THAT IS WHY WE HAVE THIS PROCESS AND GETTING INPUT
18 FROM STAKEHOLDERS AND FROM PEOPLE THAT ARE IMPACTED. SO I WANT
19 TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. BUT I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS FOR
20 KELLY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE EXAMPLES OF SMALL
21 BUSINESSES WHO HAVE CLAIMED THAT THEY'VE BEEN DISPLACED DUE TO
22 LANDLORD HARASSMENT OR BECAUSE THE LANDLORD INCREASED THE RENT
23 WITH THE INTENT OF FORCING THE TENANT TO MOVE OUT UNDER THE
24 PROPOSED ORDINANCE A TENANT WOULD NEED TO TAKE THIS TO COURT
25 UNDER THE EXISTING COUNTY ANTI-HARASSMENT ORDINANCE TO GET



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1 RELOCATION COSTS AND OTHER COSTS LIKE RENT COVERED SO THAT
2 THEY CAN MOVE. SINCE THE COUNTY ANTI-HARASSMENT ORDINANCE WAS
3 PASSED IN 2022, HOW MANY SMALL BUSINESSES HAVE FILED
4 COMPLAINTS UNDER THIS ORDINANCE THAT WE PUT INTO PLAY, AND
5 WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF THOSE COMPLAINTS?

6

7 **KELLY LOBIANCO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. AS YOU HEARD
8 FROM THE SUPERVISORS THAT SPOKE BEFORE, AND I THINK WE'RE
9 GOING TO HEAR FROM A LOT OF FOLKS TODAY, ISSUES OF
10 AFFORDABILITY AND DISPLACEMENT AND HARASSMENT ARE VERY REAL
11 FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. WE KNOW WE ARE A COUNTY OF SMALL
12 BUSINESSES, AND THEY FACE MANY, MANY BARRIERS TO BOTH STARTUP
13 AND GROWTH AND LEGACY AND SUCCESSION HERE. AND SO WE CERTAINLY
14 HAVE BEEN PROVIDING EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND
15 SUPPORT SINCE OUR BEGINNINGS FOUR YEARS AGO. AND THAT HAS
16 INCLUDED ENGAGING WITH OUR L.A. REGION SMALL BUSINESS LEGAL
17 AID PROGRAM AND SO WE'VE BEEN ENGAGING WITH HUNDREDS IF NOT
18 THOUSANDS AT THIS POINT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO BROUGHT A VARIETY
19 OF LEGAL CHALLENGES TO US AND WE'VE WORKED WITH THAT SAID I
20 CAN PUBLIC COUNSEL TO SUPPORT THERE THAT SAID UNDER THE ANTI-
21 HARASSMENT ORDINANCE RIGHT NOW THERE'S NO SINGLE CUSTODIAN OF
22 THAT CASE DATA. SO THE ORDINANCE ESSENTIALLY OFFERS A PRIVATE
23 RIGHT OF ACTION TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HARASSMENT
24 OR RETALIATION UNDER THE SCOPE OF THE ORDINANCE, SO THEY CAN
25 PURSUE THAT ACTION DIRECTLY. AND SO, WHILE THEY MIGHT ENGAGE



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1 WITH OUR OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS AND PARTNERS TO BETTER
2 UNDERSTAND THEIR ISSUES, THE ACTUAL CIVIL SUITS ARE HANDLED
3 PRIVATELY AND SO RIGHT NOW WE DON'T HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF THE
4 ACTUAL NUMBERS BUT WHAT I WILL OFFER IS THAT THE CITY OF L.A.
5 HAS SET UP A MORE PROACTIVE APPROACH AROUND RESIDENTIAL TENANT
6 HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS AND HAS SINCE THEY SET IT UP RECEIVED
7 ABOUT A DOZEN AND SUPPORTED TRACKING OF THOSE INTO COURT AND I
8 WANT TO SORT OF LIFT UP WHAT I HEARD SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAY,
9 THAT I THINK THE LICENSING PROGRAM HERE IN A MORE PROACTIVE
10 APPROACH TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS TO THE COUNTY HELP TRIAGE TO
11 LEGAL SUPPORT WILL ENABLE US TO TRACK WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY A
12 PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION OVER TIME AND BETTER UNDERSTAND THE
13 FULL SCALE AND SCOPE.

14
15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO THE COUNTY ANTI-HARASSMENT ORDINANCE
16 THAT WAS PASSED IN 2022 HAS DONE NOTHING. WE HAVE NO DATA TO
17 SUPPORT THE EFFICACY OF THAT ORDINANCE.

18
19 **KELLY LOBIANCO:** I WILL SAY THAT WHAT THE ORDER --

20
21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NO, JUST SAY YES OR NO. I MEAN, I HEARD
22 YOU. I HEARD A LOT OF WHAT YOU SAID, BUT REALLY, I JUST WANT
23 TO KNOW. WE HAVE THINGS ON THE BOOKS, AND I LOOK TO COUNTY
24 COUNSEL. IS THERE NOT ENOUGH TEETH IN THE ORDINANCE? BECAUSE
25 WE BAND-AID, BUT I THINK THE GOAL, AND WE ALL SUPPORT THIS



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1 GOAL, BECAUSE THERE ARE BAD LANDLORDS. THERE ARE BAD LANDLORDS
2 THAT MAKE IT REALLY DIFFICULT FOR THOSE LIKE UP IN ALTADENA,
3 WHEN I THINK OF THE GALLOWAYS, WHO QUITE FRANKLY ARE THE GOLD
4 STANDARD FOR WHAT YOU WANT IN A LANDLORD BECAUSE THEY HAD
5 PEOPLE THAT SUFFERED AND ACTUALLY THEY LOST A BUILDING BUT YET
6 THEY STILL RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING BUSINESSES IN
7 THE COMMUNITY. SO MY QUESTION IS WHAT IN THE ANTI-HARASSMENT
8 ORDINANCE THAT WE VOTED ON AT THIS BOARD AND WAS SOLD AS
9 SOMETHING THAT WAS GOING TO PROTECT? AND I'M HEARING TODAY,
10 I'M GLAD THE CITY OF L.A. IS BEING PROACTIVE ON TENANTS. MAYBE
11 WE NEED TO LOOK AT THAT AS WELL. BUT PROACTIVE VERSUS
12 REACTIVE. SO TO COUNTY COUNSEL, WHAT IN THE ORDINANCE, AND I
13 DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE IT IN FRONT OF YOU, THAT IS NOT WORKING
14 OR THAT WE NEED TO DO AND WHY ARE WE NOT COLLECTING DATA AND
15 WHY ARE WE NOT WORKING WITH ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE ONES
16 THAT ARE IN THE AUDIENCE RIGHT NOW TO CAPITALIZE ON WHAT'S
17 ALREADY ON THE BOOKS?

18
19 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** SO FIRST, I DON'T HAVE THE ORDINANCE IN
20 FRONT OF ME AND I WILL CERTAINLY GO BACK AND LOOK AT IT. I
21 DON'T KNOW IN TERMS OF THE DATA COLLECTION. THAT CERTAINLY
22 WOULD NOT BE SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD HAVE. I THINK THE GOAL OF
23 THE ORDINANCE WAS FOR IT TO BE SELF-ENFORCED. I'M GOING TO
24 HAVE TO DEFER BACK TO THE DIRECTOR LOBIANCO IN TERMS OF WHEN
25 THEY ARE REACHED OUT TO BY PERSONS WITH COMPLAINTS AND THEY'RE



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1 WORKING WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL IN TERMS OF HOW THAT CAN BE
2 TRACKED PERHAPS GOING FORWARD IN THE FUTURE.

3
4 **KELLY LOBIANCO:** YES I'LL JUST SAY SO THE ORDINANCE CREATED A
5 RIGHT BUT WE DO NEED TO CREATE AN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR EDUCATION
6 AND SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES AND THEN ALSO FOR TRACKING THAT
7 LONG-TERM. THAT DOES REQUIRE LIKE THE INVESTMENT OF
8 INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESOURCES TO ENABLE US TO LIKE BETTER TRACK
9 THAT BUT IT DOES CREATE A RIGHT THAT PEOPLE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE
10 OF.

11
12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO DO YOU NEED THE BOARD TO TELL YOU TO
13 DO THAT, OR IS THAT SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE DONE? I MEAN, I
14 TALK ABOUT PROACTIVE VERSUS REACTIVE. AND THIS IS REACTIVE TO
15 A PROBLEM. AND WE JUST TALKED ABOUT THE ANTI-HARASSMENT, AND
16 NOW YOU'RE SAYING WHAT WE NEED TO DO. SO DO WE NEED TO WRITE A
17 MOTION TELLING YOU TO DO THAT, OR IS THAT SOMETHING THAT
18 SHOULD JUST BE AN OBVIOUS, BASED ON COMMON SENSE?

19
20 **KELLY LOBIANCO:** NO, IT'S NOT UNNECESSARY ABOUT A MOTION. SO
21 WHEN WE ARE ENGAGING WITH SMALL BUSINESSES THAT HAVE A
22 CHALLENGE, WHICH THERE ARE MANY, RIGHT, THAT REQUIRE A VARIETY
23 OF RESOURCES AND POTENTIALLY INCLUDING LEGAL AID, WE REFER
24 FOLKS TO OUR LEGAL AID PROGRAM WITH SUPPORT FROM MANY FOLKS IN
25 THIS ROOM, INCLUDING BET TZEDEK AND PUBLIC COUNCIL, TO



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1 ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT, LIKE TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS, TRIAGE
2 COMPLAINTS. YOU NEED TO BUILD AN INFRASTRUCTURE. THERE NEED TO
3 BE RESOURCES THAT WE EXPAND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATION AND
4 COMPLIANCE. I BELIEVE THAT HAVING A LICENSE AND A PROGRAM
5 BUILT OUT IN THIS WAY WOULD ENABLE US TO BETTER DO THAT HERE
6 IN THE COUNTY. YOU CAN'T, I'M JUST SAYING THAT IT'S NOT THAT
7 WE DON'T WANT TO DO IT I THINK WE NEED TO BUILD OUT THE
8 INFRASTRUCTURE TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH THAT'S FINE, I DON'T BUY IT, BUT
11 THAT'S FINE. I RESPECTFULLY QUASI DISAGREE WITH YOU IN TERMS
12 OF WHICH CAME FIRST. I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD BE MORE
13 PROACTIVE AND IT SHOULDN'T BE THE BOARD DIRECTING THAT. IT
14 SHOULD BE IN RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF THE CONSUMERS. AND IN
15 THIS CASE, THE CONSUMER IS A TENANT OF SMALL BUSINESSES ACROSS
16 THE BOARD. WHICH BRINGS ME TO MY NEXT QUESTION AND THIS IS
17 SOMETHING THAT IS ANECDOTAL AND I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME SMALL
18 BUSINESSES HAVE CLAIMED THAT THE LANDLORD INCREASED THEIR RENT
19 IN ORDER TO HAVE THEM MOVE OUT SO THAT THE LANDLORDS ARE
20 ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES. CAN YOU EXPLAIN A
21 LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THIS? AND HAS THIS HAD AN EFFECT ON ANY
22 SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTY?

23

24 **KELLY LOBIANCO:** CAN YOU SAY THAT LAST PART AGAIN? I'M SORRY.
25 SO YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE BUSINESS.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I'M BEING TOLD THAT LANDLORDS ARE
3 INTENTIONALLY PUSHING TENANTS OUT BECAUSE THERE IS SOME STATE
4 FINANCIAL INCENTIVE IF BUSINESSES ARE LEFT EMPTY FOR THE
5 LANDLORD.

6

7 **KELLY LOBIANCO:** I WOULD HAVE TO, WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT RENTS
8 ARE INCREASING, YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD WITHIN OUR REVIEW WE DID
9 AN HR AND A STUDY AND THERE ARE INCREASES THAT WE'RE SEEING
10 ACROSS THE BOARD AND WE KNOW THAT SOMETIMES THOSE COSTS ARE
11 PASSED ON TO THE COMMERCIAL TENANTS AND IT MAKES IT
12 UNAFFORDABLE FOR FOLKS TO STAY.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THAT'S NOT MY QUESTION. MY QUESTION IS
15 THERE A STATE-RUN POLICY --

16

17 **KELLY LOBIANCO:** I WOULD HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU TO GIVE YOU A
18 MORE --

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THAT INCENTIVIZES BUSINESSES TO BE EMPTY
21 OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME?

22

23 **KELLY LOBIANCO:** I APPRECIATE THAT QUESTION AND I'D LIKE TO
24 COME BACK TO YOU WITH A FULLER ANSWER TO, I WANT TO BETTER
25 UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE POLICIES THAT YOU'RE REFERENCING SO



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1 THAT I CAN GIVE YOU AN ANSWER THERE.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THAT IS WHAT IS BEING PRESENTED AS A WAY
4 FOR LANDLORDS TO PRICE OUT. GO AHEAD.

5

6 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** YEAH, I LIKEWISE WILL LOOK INTO IT FURTHER.
7 BUT MY GUESS IS IT'S PROBABLY A TAX INCENTIVE, AND THEY'RE
8 CLAIMING IT AS A LOSS. THAT'S WHAT MY GUESS IS. BUT WE WILL
9 LOOK INTO THAT AS WELL.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH, I MEAN, I THINK THESE ARE IMPORTANT
12 THINGS TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION. BECAUSE AGAIN, WE CAN PUT
13 TOGETHER A REGISTRY. AND MY CONCERN IS THE COST THAT'S GOING
14 TO BE PUT INTO PLAY TO CREATE A REGISTRY THAT'S GOING TO BE
15 PASSED ON TO THE TENANTS AS WELL AND IT'S LIKE A DOMINO EFFECT
16 AND I THINK THAT THAT WE NEED TO LOOK HOLISTICALLY AT WHAT IS
17 TAKING PLACE AND TRY TO ADDRESS IT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF BOTH
18 THE STATE AND LOCAL. MY LAST QUESTION IS THE MOTION FOCUSES ON
19 THE EXPERIENCE OF THE SMALL BUSINESS TENANTS. IN DIRECTIVE 1,
20 A PROPOSED DEFINITION OF A COMMERCIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ARE
21 REQUESTED. WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHO A COMMERCIAL
22 LANDLORD IS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS MOTION? AND IS IT ALL
23 COMMERCIAL LANDLORDS OF PROPERTY OR COMMERCIAL LANDLORDS OF
24 SMALL BUSINESSES OF NINE OR FEWER EMPLOYEES? I JUST NEED TO
25 GET A CLARIFICATION ON THAT.



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2 **KELLY LOBIANCO:** YOUR CLARIFICATION WILL COME BACK IN THE
3 REPORT BACK BECAUSE THE REALITY IS THERE'S A VARIETY OF
4 COMMERCIAL DEFINITIONS BEING USED. THE DEFINITION UNDER THE
5 ANTI-HARASSMENT ORDINANCE IS VERY BROAD. THE DEFINITION THAT
6 WE USE AT THE DEPARTMENT IS MORE FOCUSED ON, YOU KNOW, 100
7 EMPLOYEES AND, YOU KNOW, \$13,000,000,000 OR LESS IN LINE WITH
8 THE STATE AND FEDERAL STANDARDS IN MANY CASES. SO, WE ARE
9 GOING TO COME BACK WITH A CLEAR DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL
10 LANDLORD, COMMERCIAL BUSINESS AS PART OF THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE
11 THAT'S GOING TO BE NECESSARY FOR US TO ENGAGE IN A COMMERCIAL
12 RENT STUDY, WHICH IS PART OF REALLY OPERATIONALIZING THIS. AND
13 I DO JUST WANT TO SHARE, SUPERVISOR BARGER, I HEAR YOU, AND I
14 THINK THAT MAKING SURE THAT WHEN WE HAVE A LAW IN THE BOOKS
15 THAT WE HAVE A WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S SHARED WITH THE
16 PUBLIC AND THAT THEY CAN ACTIVATE IT. AND WE DO BELIEVE THAT
17 WE'VE SUPPORTED FOLKS IN REFERRING TO NO-COST LEGAL AID WHERE
18 WE CAN. AND I THINK BUILDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, OUR PARTNERS AT THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS WILL BE NEEDED TO
21 MAKE SURE THAT WE FULLY REACH THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF
22 BUSINESSES THAT ARE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. JUST THE SCALE OF
23 THAT AND MAKING SURE THAT EDUCATION, A PROCESS, AND TECHNICAL
24 ASSISTANCE CAN REACH EVERYONE SO THAT WE CAN FULLY REALIZE THE
25 COMPLIANCE INTENTIONS OF THE LAW IS NECESSARY. AND SO WE LOOK



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1 FORWARD TO HELPING BUILD THE CAPACITY AND DOING THAT IN THIS
2 REPORT BACK AND SHARING WHAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO REALLY MEET
3 THE ANTI-HARASSMENT LAW AND THE INTENT OF THIS MOTION.

4
5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND THE REPORT BACK IS IN HOW MANY DAYS?
6 180? IS THAT CORRECT?

7
8 **KELLY LOBIANCO:** I HAVE TO HAVE TO DOUBLE CHECK. ARE YOU
9 CONFIDENT YOU CAN DO THIS IN 180 DAYS? I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN
10 COME BACK WITH A REPORT BACK. WE'RE GOING TO BE WORKING WITH
11 COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS
12 AFFAIRS. WE'RE ALL PART OF THIS MOTION.

13
14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AS WELL AS THE INDUSTRIES THAT HAVE
15 SUBMITTED LETTERS. I MEAN, EVEN THE L.A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
16 WHO TYPICALLY KIND OF STAYS UNDER THE RADAR ON THINGS LIKE
17 THIS HAS COME OUT EXPRESSING CONCERNS. ARE YOU GOING TO BRING
18 THEM ALL IN TO DISCUSS?

19
20 **KELLY LOBIANCO:** CERTAINLY. WE WILL ENGAGE OUR BUSINESS
21 COMMUNITY FOR SURE. AND A LOT OF THAT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED UP
22 UNTIL THIS POINT THAT WE KNOW. BUT LIKE ANYTHING, A PROPER
23 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR IMPLEMENTATION IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT.
24 AND SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO THOUGHTFULLY BRINGING BACK A
25 PROPOSAL TO THIS BOARD.



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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND THEN IS THIS GOING TO GO UNDER
3 BUSINESS LICENSE? IS THAT THE GOAL IS TO HAVE IT UNDER THE
4 BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION?

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6 **KELLY LOBIANCO:** THERE'S, I THINK THAT THOSE ARE ALL THINGS
7 THAT ARE GOING TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE REPORT BACK. THERE'S A
8 SEPARATE REPORT BACK THAT'S UNDERWAY BETWEEN DCBA AND CEO
9 RIGHT NOW ON THE BUSINESS LICENSE PROGRAM.

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11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, I'D LOOK TO THE AUTHORS. JUST OUT OF
12 CURIOSITY, I MEAN, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THE BUSINESS LICENSE
13 COMMISSION OVERSEES UNINCORPORATED AREA FOR LIKE MASSAGE
14 PARLORS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. IS THE VISION OR THE THOUGHT
15 THAT THERE BE SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THAT SO THAT THE COMMISSION
16 OVERSEES AND HAS A HEARING BASED ON PEOPLE SUBMITTING REQUESTS
17 FOR BUSINESS LICENSE? DO YOU FOLLOW ME?

18

19 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I DID NOT.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO THERE'S A BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
22 THAT RIGHT NOW HEARS REQUESTS FOR, I MEAN, I THINK A MASSAGE
23 PARLORS THAT SEEMS TO BE THE BULK OF WHAT THEY ARE ACTING ON.
24 AND AWARD BUSINESS LICENSES TO UNINCORPORATED AREAS.

25



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

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THIS IS GOING TO BE A REGISTRY. AND MY
4 QUESTION IS, IS IT GOING TO GO BEFORE THE BUSINESS LICENSE
5 COMMISSION, OR DO YOU EXPECT IT JUST TO BE A SEPARATE ENTITY
6 THAT'S GOING TO BE DIRECTLY REPORTING? BECAUSE THAT ALLOWS THE
7 PUBLIC TO COME AND BE A PART OF IF THERE'S A PROBLEMATIC
8 LANDLORD.

9

10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** IT WOULD ABSOLUTELY INCLUDE THAT IT IS
11 MY EXPECTATION THAT IT WOULD ALLOW FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE
12 INVOLVED AND BRING FORWARD. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CEO IS
13 LOOKING AT MOVING THAT FROM ONE DEPARTMENT TO ANOTHER. AND SO
14 I DON'T KNOW THAT I CAN SAY IT WILL GO BEFORE THAT ENTITY. BUT
15 IT IS MY EXPECTATION THAT THE PUBLIC HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY AND
16 IT BE REVIEWED BY AN ENTITY.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** JOE?

19

20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** LIKE WHAT YOU JUST IDENTIFIED.

21

22 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. SO WHAT WE'RE
23 LOOKING AT IN OUR REPORT ON BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION IS THE
24 APPROPRIATE LOCATION OF THAT PROGRAM. RIGHT NOW IT'S WITH TTC
25 AND THERE'S SOME ANALYSIS TO LOOK AND SEE WHETHER IT BELONGS



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1 IN ANOTHER DEPARTMENT LIKE DCBA OR DEO AND WHAT THAT YOU KNOW
2 WHAT THAT PROCESS LOOKS LIKE. THIS MOTION WOULD ASK US TO COME
3 BACK OR ASK DCBA TO COME BACK 60 DAYS AFTER WE'RE DONE WITH
4 OUR REPORT. AND SO IN THAT FOLLOW-ON REPORT I THINK THAT'S AN
5 IMPORTANT QUESTION THAT THEY SHOULD BE ANSWERING WHICH IS, DO
6 WE CREATE A NEW ENTITY? DOES THIS ALIGN WITH BUSINESS LICENSE
7 COMMISSION? DOES IT ALIGN WITH THE CURRENT RENT PROTECTION
8 PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE EXISTING AT DCBA? SO I EXPECT THAT IN THE
9 REPORT THAT IS FILED IN RESPONSE TO THIS MOTION, THEY WILL
10 HAVE TO SAY WHERE THIS IS BEST ADMINISTERED.

11
12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MEAN, I GUESS I HAVE A LOT
13 OF QUESTIONS, AND I AM CONCERNED BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT, YOU KNOW,
14 ORGANIZATIONS LIKE BIZFED SAYING THAT L.A. COUNTY IS THE MOST
15 UNFRIENDLY TOWARD BUSINESSES. AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE
16 WE'RE NOT CREATING ANOTHER LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY THAT SIMILAR
17 TO THE ORDINANCE THAT WE JUST TALKED ABOUT, MAKES PROMISES BUT
18 DELIVERS VERY LITTLE AT A COST. AND SO I AM GOING TO BE
19 ABSTAINING ON THIS BECAUSE IT IS REPORT BACK, AND I THINK IT'S
20 IMPORTANT TO GET THAT INFORMATION. BUT I WILL TELL YOU THAT IF
21 WE DO ENACT SOMETHING, TRANSPARENCY IS GOING TO BEGIN AT THIS
22 BOARD AND I WILL LITERALLY BE QUESTIONING THE DATA TO MAKE
23 SURE THAT OUR BUREAUCRACY IS DOING WHAT THEY PROMISED TO BOTH
24 THE TENANTS AND ALSO THE LANDLORDS BECAUSE I THINK THAT IS
25 IMPORTANT WHEN I HEAR THAT THE ANTI-HARASSMENT ORDINANCE IS



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1 JUST THAT, SOMETHING ON PAPER, BUT WE HAVE NO DATA TO REALLY
2 SUPPORT THE EFFECTIVENESS OR THE EFFICACY OF THIS PROGRAM, IT
3 RAISES A LOT OF CONCERNS WITH ME. BECAUSE I THINK THAT WE HAVE
4 AN OBLIGATION IF WE ACT ON SOMETHING AND MAKE PROMISES WHEN WE
5 VOTE ON AN ORDINANCE THAT WE THINK IS GOING TO MAKE A
6 DIFFERENCE AND WE FIND OUT THAT OUT OF SIGHT OUT OF MIND THAT
7 DISAPPOINTS ME AND CONCERNS ME. SO I WILL BE ABSTAINING AND
8 THAT IS OUT OF RESPECT TO THE FACT THAT THIS IS REPORT BACK
9 AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE BOTH THE TENANTS BUT ALSO THE LANDLORDS
10 BUT ALSO THE BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS TO PLAY A PART IN
11 PROVIDING INFORMATION AND RECOGNIZING THAT WE NEED TO FOCUS ON
12 THOSE THAT ARE BEING IRRESPONSIBLE AND BEING BAD LANDLORDS.
13 AND THEN PEOPLE LIKE THE GALLOWAYS, WHO I WORK WITH CLOSELY,
14 AND ALTADENA AND I KNOW YOU HAVE TOO KELLY, THAT ARE BARELY
15 MAKING IT BECAUSE THEY ARE GIVING BREAKS TO THEIR TENANTS DO
16 NOT HAVE AN UNFAIR BURDEN PLACED ON THEIR SHOULDERS. THANK YOU
17 MADAM CHAIR.

18
19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD SOMETHING. A
20 COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, I ALSO INTRODUCED A MOTION TO LOOK AT
21 CREATING A WAY OF GETTING OUR DEPARTMENTS TO LOOK AT HOW WE
22 ARE PROVIDING FAIRNESS AND EQUITY IN OUR BUSINESS LICENSING.
23 AS I HAVE HEARD FOR MANY, MANY, YEARS NOW THAT THERE ARE MANY
24 TENANTS WHO WILL NOT EVEN COME FORWARD AND ADMIT THAT THEIR
25 RENTS HAVE BEEN RAISED FOR FEAR THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE



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1 KICKED OUT EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN THERE FOR 20 AND 30
2 YEARS. SO THERE'S A LOT HERE AND THE REPORT BACK SHOULD
3 ADDRESS ALL OF THAT. SO WHILE WE'RE LOOKING AT WHAT THE
4 LANDLORDS NEEDS ARE, WE BETTER ALSO THINK ABOUT THE ECONOMIC
5 IMPACTS THAT THIS WILL HAVE IN TERMS OF DISPLACEMENT. WHAT
6 THAT REALLY MEANS AND LET'S PUT IT IN NUMBERS AS WELL. I'D
7 LIKE TO SEE THAT AND GIVEN ALL THE DIFFERENT CHALLENGES THAT
8 WE HAVE GONE THROUGH IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS HERE IN THE COUNTY
9 AND LAST YEAR, THE FIRES, EVERYTHING, IT'S ALL VERY IMPORTANT
10 FOR US TO HAVE THIS DATA AND I DON'T JUST PUT IT ON YOU, I
11 DON'T SEE THAT AS JUST YOUR BURDEN. I THINK IT'S OUR
12 DEPARTMENT'S, AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT AS WELL.
13 SO I BELIEVE WE'RE TRYING TO GO IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND I
14 HOPE THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL HELP US GET THERE. SO THANK
15 YOU. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, YOU'RE IN THE QUEUE.

16
17 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SMALL
18 BUSINESSES ARE THE LIFEblood OF OUR COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS AND
19 THE HEART OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THEY'RE NOT, THEY'RE MORE THAN
20 JUST COMMERCE. THEY ARE SMALL BUSINESSES AND GATHERING PLACES
21 FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THEY HELP DEFINE A SENSE OF PLACE AND OF
22 CULTURE. BUT MANY OF OUR COMMERCIAL TENANTS, ESPECIALLY OUR
23 LEGACY SMALL BUSINESSES, FACE DISPLACEMENT FROM GROWING
24 ECONOMIC INEQUALITY, COMPETITION FROM ONLINE RETAILERS, AND
25 HARASSMENT. NOT TO MENTION THE IMPACTS FROM THE JANUARY 2025



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1 WILDFIRES, AS WELL AS THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ACTIONS AND
2 TARIFFS. AND I WILL SAY, WHILE THIS PROPOSAL WILL SEEK TO
3 CREATE POLICY THAT WILL SERVE THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES,
4 I DID HEAR FROM INCORPORATED CITIES, LIKE FROM BUSINESSES IN
5 INCORPORATED CITIES LIKE MALIBU EVEN, WHICH IS NOT ALWAYS
6 KNOWN FOR BEING A RENT CONTROL CITY BUT WE HEARD FROM SOME OF
7 THOSE BUSINESSES THAT THEY EVEN NEEDED MORE PROTECTION GIVEN
8 WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN FACING. AND SMALLER CITIES DON'T ALWAYS
9 HAVE THE RESOURCES, THE DEPARTMENTS AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE
10 THAT THE COUNTY DOES TO BE ABLE TO EXPLORE IN DEPTH WHAT THIS
11 MOTION PROPOSES. SO I'M GLAD THAT WE ARE DOING THE WORK
12 BECAUSE I KNOW IT WILL NOT ONLY BENEFIT US IN THE COUNTY AND
13 WHATEVER POLICIES WE DO DECIDE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH, BUT IT
14 WILL ALSO BENEFIT OTHER INCORPORATED COMMUNITIES WHO ARE
15 LOOKING TO THE COUNTY AS AN EXAMPLE. I'M PROUD THAT OUR COUNTY
16 HAS ESTABLISHED INITIATIVES LIKE THE BUSINESS INTERRUPTION
17 FUNDS, THE COMMERCIAL ACQUISITION FUND, THE FACADE IMPROVEMENT
18 PROGRAM, SHOP L.A. LOCAL, AND OTHER PROGRAMS TO HELP SMALL
19 BUSINESSES REMAIN AND THRIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. BUT THERE
20 IS MORE THAT WE CAN DO. AND I APPRECIATE THAT THIS MOTION
21 GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO CAREFULLY AND THOUGHTFULLY EVALUATE
22 ADDITIONAL TOOLS. AS THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE DEVELOPED, THE
23 COMMERCIAL RENT STUDY, LEGAL ANALYSIS, AND STAKEHOLDER
24 FEEDBACK SHOULD HELP ENSURE THAT ANY NEW REQUIREMENTS ARE
25 APPROPRIATELY TARGETED TO THE BUSINESSES MOST AT RISK OF



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1 DISPLACEMENT. WE SHOULD ALSO BE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT THE
2 INFORMATION THAT THE COUNTY COLLECTS THROUGH ANY POTENTIAL
3 LICENSING PROGRAM. THE REPORT BACK SHOULD CONSIDER STRONG
4 PRIVACY AND DATA MINIMIZATION STANDARDS THAT PROTECT SENSITIVE
5 INFORMATION BELONGING TO SMALL BUSINESSES AND PROPERTY OWNERS
6 WHILE STILL GIVING THE COUNTY THE INFORMATION IT NEEDS TO
7 UNDERSTAND DISPLACEMENT TRENDS AND CONNECT BUSINESSES WITH
8 RESOURCES. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
9 PROCESS SHOULD BE BROAD AND INCLUDING COMMERCIAL TENANTS,
10 INDEPENDENTLY OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES, LANDLORDS AND PROPERTY
11 OWNERS, BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS,
12 AND OTHER AFFECTED STAKEHOLDERS. AND I KNOW WE'VE ALREADY
13 HEARD FROM MANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP INFORM TODAY'S
14 CONVERSATION, AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACTIVELY
15 ENGAGE MANY ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES THAT WILL REPRESENT
16 THOSE WHO WILL BE IMPACTED BY ANY POTENTIAL POLICIES. I ALSO
17 WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT BIZFED AS WELL AS THE BUILDING OWNERS
18 AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION AND THE L.A. CHAMBER HAVE SUBMITTED
19 INFORMATION THAT I THINK WILL HELP INFORM HOW WE CAN CAREFULLY
20 AND THOUGHTFULLY CRAFT POLICY WHILE ALSO MEETING THE STATED
21 INTENTION OF PROTECTING BUSINESSES THAT ARE SIGNATURE TO WHAT
22 LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS AND WHAT IT MEANS TO SO MANY DIFFERENT
23 PEOPLE. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS, THE PROPOSED
24 PROGRAM DESIGN, AND THE ANALYSIS RESULTING FROM THIS MOTION
25 AND TO DEVELOPING POLICIES THAT PROTECT SMALL BUSINESSES IN



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1 OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR
2 INCORPORATED COMMUNITIES TO CONSIDER, AND KEEPING OUR
3 COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS THRIVING. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT IN THE
6 QUEUE WE HAVE SUPERVISOR HAHN.

7
8 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANKS MADAM CHAIR. AND OBVIOUSLY I THINK WE
9 CAN ALL AGREE THAT OUR SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE BACKBONE OF
10 OUR ECONOMY. I MEAN EVERYBODY SAYS THAT ALL CHAMBERS OF
11 COMMERCE SAY THAT THEY CREATE JOBS. IN FACT THEY CREATE MORE
12 JOBS THAN THE BIG BUSINESSES IN OUR REGION, IN OUR
13 NEIGHBORHOODS. SO ANYTHING WE CAN DO. AND I WAS TALKING TO
14 SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND WE DID SEE TRUE LANDLORD CHARACTER COME
15 FORWARD DURING COVID, RIGHT, PARTICULARLY FOR OUR COMMERCIAL
16 TENANTS, RIGHT? THERE WERE SOME LANDLORDS OF COMMERCIAL
17 PROPERTY THAT UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WAS THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR
18 OWN THAT IT WAS, YOU KNOW, IT WAS THE COUNTY THAT WAS
19 DECLARING SOME OF THESE BUSINESSES COULD NOT OPERATE LEGALLY
20 AND HEALTHFULLY DURING THE COVID. SOME OF THE LANDLORDS WERE
21 GOOD AND THEY APPRECIATE THAT. AND THEN WE SAW OTHER LANDLORDS
22 WHO ABSOLUTELY HAD NO SYMPATHY, AND THEY HAD MORTGAGES TO PAY.
23 SO THEY DIDN'T GIVE A BREAK TO SOME OF THOSE. AND SOME OF
24 THOSE SMALL BUSINESSES DID NOT SURVIVE, AND SOME OF THEM NEVER
25 CAME BACK. SOME OF THE RESTAURANTS, THE SMALL BUSINESSES. SO



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1 WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE, YOU KNOW, WE KNOW THAT THERE IS AN
2 OPPORTUNITY TO PROTECT SMALL BUSINESSES WHERE WE CAN.
3 SUPERVISOR BARGER BROUGHT UP A LOT OF CONCERNS, MANY OF THE
4 CONCERNS THAT I THINK OUR OFFICE HAS ALSO BEEN HEARING. AND SO
5 I THINK FOR ME IT WILL BE, I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR THIS BECAUSE
6 I AM CURIOUS ABOUT THE REPORT BACK AND I REALLY WANT TO URGE
7 YOU, KELLY, TO BE HAVE A VERY THOROUGH REPORT BACK AND REALLY
8 LEAN INTO A LOT OF THE CONCERNS THAT YOU'VE HEARD TODAY. AND I
9 WOULD AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER. MAKE SURE YOU'RE TALKING
10 TO THE STAKEHOLDERS WHO ARE GOING TO BE IMPACTED, BOTH THE
11 LANDLORDS, BOTH THE TENANTS. BECAUSE I THINK THE MORE PEOPLE
12 THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS, THE BETTER THE PRODUCT WILL BE AT
13 THE END. I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT. AND I THINK THAT'S, YOU
14 KNOW, CLUSTER PROCESS SOMETIMES, YOU KNOW, BY THE TIME IT GETS
15 OUT ON THE OTHER END, IT'S BETTER.

16

17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO URGE
18 YOU TO DO. THE WORST THING I THINK THAT COULD HAPPEN IS A
19 REPORT BACK THAT'S ONE-SIDED BECAUSE I THINK WE IF WE'RE GOING
20 TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS WE REALLY NEED TO GET THE BUY-IN OF
21 EVERYBODY. FOR ME, I THINK FOR ME IT'S GOING TO BE THE COST.
22 WHAT IS THIS GOING TO COST US? YOU KNOW IN A COUNTY WHERE OUR
23 BUDGET IS ALWAYS TIGHT AND WE'VE GOT PRIORITY MOUNTAIN AND
24 THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT ARE OUR PRIORITIES FOR THIS
25 BOARD AND THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO BE UNFORESEEN BY THIS BOARD



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1 HOW HOPEFULLY THE REPORT BACK AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO
2 SPEAK AT ALL, WHAT IS OUR THINKING RIGHT NOW? IT'S LIKE, ARE
3 WE GOING TO ASK THE LANDLORDS TO PAY FOR THE COST OF THIS, THE
4 COST OF TENANT PROTECTIONS? IS THERE GOING TO BE ANOTHER
5 FUNDING SOURCE THAT WILL HELP? BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO DRAG IN
6 A LOT OF OUR DEPARTMENTS ON THIS. AND ANYTHING WE DO, IT
7 REALLY SPEAKS TO THE ORDINANCE THAT'S ALREADY ON THE BOOKS,
8 ANYTHING WE DO IS NOT WORTH THE PAPER IT'S WRITTEN ON UNLESS
9 THE ENFORCEMENT IS ROBUST. AND I THINK WE FOUND THAT WITH A
10 LOT OF THINGS. WE'VE HAD VERY GOOD INTENTIONS ON THIS BOARD,
11 AND THEN IT BOILS DOWN TO IS IT BEING ENFORCED? DO WE HAVE THE
12 MONEY, THE STAFFING TO REALLY CARRY OUT A PRIORITY LIKE THIS.
13 SO MAYBE, I MEAN, THAT WILL BE INTERESTING TO ME IN THE REPORT
14 BACK, BUT MAYBE YOU CAN SPEAK TO IT. WHAT'S THE THINKING RIGHT
15 NOW IS HOW DO WE PAY FOR THIS? ARE THERE DIFFERENT FUNDING
16 SOURCES, NOT ONLY FOR THE TENANT PROTECTIONS, BUT FOR OUR
17 EXTRA DEPARTMENT STAFF WORK.

18
19 **KELLY LOBIANCO:** YEAH, I THINK WE'LL FULLY CONSIDER THE SCOPE
20 OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS IN THE REPORT BACK AND DO OUR BEST
21 ACROSS COUNTY COUNSEL AND DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER ASSISTANCE
22 AFFAIRS AND DEO TO ESTIMATE COST FOR AN INFRASTRUCTURE AND AN
23 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT HELPS US FULLY ACHIEVE THE INTENTION
24 OF THE MOTION AND THE PROGRAM. YOU KNOW, I HEAR WHAT THE BOARD
25 IS SAYING AND I AGREE. A POLICY IS GREAT. THE ANTI-HARASSMENT



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1 ORDINANCE CREATED A RIGHT. AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT, WHETHER
2 WE HAVE A ROBUST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE APPARATUS OR NOT, IS
3 IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO BECAUSE
4 THEY DIDN'T BEFORE. AND SO I DON'T WANT TO MINIMIZE THAT. BUT
5 I ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT A SMART AND THOUGHTFUL CROSS-
6 DEPARTMENTAL AND RIGHT-SIZED IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY IS
7 IMPORTANT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO BRINGING THAT BACK.

8

9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** BECAUSE WE KNOW EVERY BUDGET PROCESS, WE
10 HAVE OUR DEPARTMENTS LINING UP AND, YOU KNOW, SPEAKING TO OUR
11 PRIORITIES, LIKE KIND OF QUOTING US WORD FOR WORD ABOUT THINGS
12 THAT WE'VE ASKED FOR, BUT THEN SAYING, WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH
13 STAFF. AND THEY ASK FOR MORE STAFF AT EVERY BUDGET, AND
14 SOMETIMES THEY GET IT AND SOMETIMES THEY DON'T. SO JUST REALLY
15 WANT TO MAKE SURE UPFRONT IF WE'RE GOING TO BUILD THIS
16 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE REALLY UNDERSTAND THE COST AND WE
17 REALLY ARE GIVEN A CLEAR PATHWAY TO A FUNDING STRATEGY. THANK
18 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANTED TO
23 RESPOND TO SOME OF THE ISSUES RAISED BY MY COLLEAGUES. AND
24 SUPERVISOR HAHN, I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE. I COULDN'T
25 AGREE WITH YOU MORE. AND I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE AS A BOARD



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1 EXERCISE A SIMILAR DISCIPLINE FOR EVERY MOTION, OR ORDINANCE,
2 OR BALLOT INITIATIVE THAT COMES BEFORE US.

3
4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OH, I HATE IT WHEN YOU USE MY OWN WORDS
5 AGAINST ME.

6
7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** IN TERMS OF ASKING OURSELVES THE
8 QUESTION HOW ARE WE GOING TO PAY FOR IT. SO I AGREE WITH YOU
9 AND LIKE I SAID I THINK THAT SHOULD BE FOR THIS MOTION AND
10 EVERYTHING ELSE THAT WE CONSIDER HOW ARE WE GOING TO PAY FOR
11 IT. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT SPECIFICALLY AS YOU TALKED ABOUT IN
12 TERMS OF STAFFING AND I AGREE WITH YOU IN TERMS OF THE
13 PROPOSED COMMERCIAL LICENSE PROGRAM AND HOW IT WILL BE FUNDED,
14 AS WE HEARD FROM THE CEO, THEY'RE IN THE PROCESS OF FIGURING
15 OUT, STUDYING IF THEY SHOULD MOVE THE EXISTING SMALL BUSINESS
16 LICENSING PROGRAM FROM TTC TO EITHER DCBA OR DEO. WELL IT
17 WOULD BE MY EXPECTATIONS THAT THE IT WOULD BE MY EXPECTATION
18 THAT THE 18 POSITIONS FOR THAT EXISTING PROGRAM THAT ARE IN
19 TTC WOULD HAVE TO MOVE WHEREVER THE PROGRAM MOVES. AND SO THAT
20 WOULD BE ONE ISSUE WITH REGARD TO THE STAFFING. THE WORK
21 MOVES, THE STAFF, THE 18 STAFF NEED TO MOVE ALONG WITH IT. SO
22 I APPRECIATE YOU RAISING THAT. TO SUPERVISOR BARGER'S QUESTION
23 AROUND THE ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY AND WHETHER OR NOT IT'S
24 ENOUGH AND WHY WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANY ACTION THERE, IT'S MY
25 UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ANTI-HARASSMENT ORDINANCE IS ONLY FOR A



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1 PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION, WHICH MEANS IT REQUIRES A CITIZEN TO
2 HIRE A PRIVATE ATTORNEY TO ENFORCE THE LAW. BECAUSE IT'S A
3 PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION, THERE IS NO GOVERNMENTAL
4 ADMINISTRATIVE KIND OF OVERSIGHT TO PURSUE IT. AND SO, BET
5 TZEDEK, PUBLIC COUNSEL HAVE COME TO US BECAUSE OF THE
6 LIMITATIONS AROUND THE ANTI-HARASSMENT ORDINANCE TO PURSUE
7 WHAT WE ARE CONSIDERING WITH THIS. SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE
8 CONSIDERING. I THINK THAT'S THE CHALLENGE. I APPRECIATE YOUR
9 LINE OF QUESTIONING, BUT IF IT ONLY CAN BE DONE THROUGH
10 PRIVATE ATTORNEYS, THAT MAY NOT BE ENOUGH. THE STATE PROGRAM,
11 I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING BACK FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR MS.
12 LOBIANCO. IF THERE'S A STATE PROGRAM, IT DOES SOUND MORE LIKE
13 TO ME THAT PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT AS MUNICIPALITIES ARE. I
14 DON'T KNOW IF THE STATE ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF A VACANCY TAX,
15 BUT IT IS CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT WE HEAR A LOT IN PUBLIC
16 DISCOURSE AND HOW A VACANCY TAX COULD BE HELPFUL. THAT
17 CERTAINLY IS NOT WHAT THIS MOTION IS ATTEMPTING TO DO. WE ARE
18 ATTEMPTING TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES FROM A VERY DIFFERENT
19 PERSPECTIVE. BUT SO I WANTED TO RESPOND TO ISSUES RAISED BY MY
20 COLLEAGUES AND HOPE THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD. OH, LASTLY,
21 SUPERVISOR BARGER, I THINK I DID SAY WHEN YOU SAID THE REPORT
22 BACK, THERE ARE VARIOUS TIMEFRAMES, BUT IT IS 180 DAYS TO
23 PREPARE WITH REGARD TO THE ANTI- FOR INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION
24 AND ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANTI-HARASSMENT ORDINANCE. SO IT'S
25 180 DAYS, 120 DAYS TO CONDUCT THE COMMERCIAL RENT STUDY. SO



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1 THERE ARE VARYING TIME FRAMES WITHIN IT BUT THE MEAT OF THE
2 MOTION AND THE REPORT BACK IS 180 DAYS. THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

3
4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY, VERY, GOOD. WITH THAT
5 THEN SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM MY COLLEAGUES, AND LET'S
6 GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

7
8 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MEMBER CHAIR, GIVEN THE NUMBER
9 OF SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON ITEM 20, IN ORDER
10 TO FINISH TODAY'S MEETING EFFICIENTLY AND ADDRESS ALL AGENDA
11 ITEMS, THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM WILL BE UP TO
12 50 MINUTES OR UNTIL ALL SPEAKERS WHO HAVE REGISTERED HAVE
13 SPOKEN. IF YOU ARE WITH A GROUP, PLEASE IDENTIFY ONE PERSON TO
14 SPEAK ON BEHALF OF YOUR ENTIRE GROUP. ADDITIONALLY, IF YOU DO
15 NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OTHER THAN WHAT HAS ALREADY
16 BEEN STATED BY OTHER SPEAKERS, PLEASE INDICATE ONLY YOUR NAME
17 AND YOUR SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO THIS ITEM TO ALLOW OTHERS
18 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. SHOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE MORE
19 DETAILED COMMENTS, YOU CAN DO SO BY SUBMITTING WRITTEN
20 COMMENTS TO OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE STAFF WITH BADGES.
21 ADDITIONALLY, YOU CAN PROVIDE YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLINE AT
22 OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.BOS.LACOUNTY.GOV BY CLICKING THE LINK
23 SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT ONLINE. ALL COMMENTS SUBMITTED ONLINE
24 WILL BE FILED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
25 UNDERSTANDING AND PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S MEETING. IT IS NOW



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1 1102 AM. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THIS ITEM WILL END AT 11:52.

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3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
4 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MIHAN TUMAJAN, ALEXANDRA
5 MELGOZA, FRANCISCO CORONA, DEANNA BROWN, CARLOS SINGER,
6 LOURDES OCAMPO, CORINA ECHEVARRIA, RAFAEL ACEVEDO, STEVE
7 QUINONES, ROSALIND SAGARA, IRMA JUAREZ, RAMIA SINHA, CAJO
8 MAYERA, CARRIE MARTIN, JESSE SAINS, ROSA MARIA MARQUEZ,
9 REBECCA HELM, AMALINDA NAVAREZ, FRANCISCO ARVIZU, AND KAREN
10 RAMIREZ. WE WILL HEAR FROM IN-PERSON SPEAKERS FIRST. PLEASE
11 BEGIN.

12

13 **MIHRAN TOUMAJAN:** HONORABLE CHAIR SOLIS AND HONORABLE
14 SUPERVISORS, I'M MIHRAN TOUMAJAN WITH CRETA SOCAL, THE
15 COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION. WE
16 RESPECTFULLY OPPOSE THE MOTIONS UNDER AGENDA ITEM 20 IN THEIR
17 CURRENT FORM. WE'VE SUBMITTED A LETTER FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD.
18 WE REPRESENT COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE OWNERS, INVESTORS, AND THE
19 ENTIRE COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY ECOSYSTEM ACROSS SOUTHERN
20 CALIFORNIA. OUR MEMBERS GO TO GREAT LENGTHS TO ENSURE THAT
21 THEIR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES ARE TENANTED AND NOT VACANT. WE
22 RECOGNIZE THE COUNTY'S INTEREST IN PROTECTING SMALL AND LEGACY
23 BUSINESSES FROM POTENTIAL HARASSMENT AND DISPLACEMENT BY BAD
24 ACTORS WHO SHOULD BE THE ONES TARGETED. I'D LIKE TO FOCUS MY
25 COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED COMMERCIAL RENT STUDY COMPONENT. THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 REVISED MOTION SHORTENS THE STUDY PERIOD FROM 12 MONTHS TO 120
2 DAYS, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDES A SURVEY OF SMALL BUSINESS
3 RENTERS. GIVEN THE COMPLEXITY OF THE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE
4 MARKET, KRITA SOKAL BELIEVES THE STUDY WOULD BE STRENGTHENED
5 BY INVOLVING THE PARTICIPATION OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS,
6 FINANCE PROFESSIONALS, AND BROKERS ALONGSIDE COMMERCIAL
7 TENANTS. CONSIDERATION OF DIFFERENCES IN PROPERTY TYPE
8 OPERATING EXPENSES, --

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

11

12 **FRANCISCO CORONA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS FRANCISCO CORONA
13 AND I AM A LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENT AND A SUPPORTER OF
14 LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 20 AND MOVE THE COMMERCIAL
16 RENTAL PROPERTY LICENSE FORWARD. SMALL BUSINESSES ARE NOT JUST
17 PLACES WHERE WE SHOP OR RECEIVE SERVICES. THEY ARE PART OF THE
18 FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITIES. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO RECOGNIZE
19 CARLITOS TIRES AND AUTO REPAIR, A SMALL BUSINESS THAT HAS
20 SERVED THE FLORENCE FIRESTONE COMMUNITY FOR MORE THAN 27
21 YEARS. CARLITOS TIRES IS MORE THAN JUST AN AUTO REPAIR SHOP.
22 IT HAS ALSO BEEN A PLACE WHERE COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN RECEIVE
23 INFORMATION, CONNECT WITH RESOURCES, AND FEEL SUPPORTED. BUT
24 BUSINESSES LIKE THIS FACE A REAL CHALLENGE. THEIR FUTURE CAN
25 DEPEND ON A COMMERCIAL LEASE. AND WHEN THOSE LEASES EXPIRES,



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE BUSINESSES MAY HAVE VERY LITTLE, CERTAINLY ABOUT WHAT
2 COMES NEXT. THAT IS WHY TRANSPARENCY MATTERS. SMALL BUSINESS
3 OWNERS DESERVE TO KNOW WHO OWNS THE PROPERTY.

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

6

7 **CARLOS SINGER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY
8 NAME IS CARLOS SINGER AND I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 20. I'M
9 THE CHIEF POLICY OFFICER AT THE L.A. AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
10 I SUBMITTED DETAILED RESPONSES TO THIS MOTION ALREADY. SO I'M
11 GOING TO JUST CEDE MY TIME TO THE OTHER FOLKS WHO ARE MAKING
12 TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. BUT I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT
13 THE REASON I'M HERE IN PERSON IS TO CLARIFY THAT WE WERE IN NO
14 WAY INVOLVED IN A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS AND WOULD ABSOLUTELY
15 WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO GOING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

16

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

18

19 **ALEXANDRA MELGOZA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALEXANDRA MELGOSA,
20 PRESIDENT OF THE FLORENCE FIRESTONE COMMUNITY LEADERS AND
21 LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER IN FLORENCE FIRESTONE. I AM HERE STRONGLY
22 IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 20 TO ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE
23 YES AND MOVE THE COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY LICENSE FORWARD.
24 AS A BUSINESS OWNER AND THE COMMUNITY LEADER, I UNDERSTAND HOW
25 IMPORTANT STABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ARE TO SMALL BUSINESSES.



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1 GARLITOS TIRES AND AUTO REPAIR HAS SERVED OUR COMMUNITY FOR
2 MORE THAN 27 YEARS. IT IS NOT ONLY A SUCCESSFUL LOCAL
3 BUSINESS, IT HAS BECOME A TRUSTED COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND A
4 PLACE WHERE RESIDENTS CONNECT WITH INFORMATION, RESOURCES, AND
5 SUPPORT. ITS LEASE EXPIRES IN MAY 2027, CREATING UNCERTAINTY
6 ABOUT WHETHER THIS LONG-TIME COMMUNITY-SERVING BUSINESS WILL
7 BE ABLE TO REMAIN. WE NEED TRANSPARENCY SO SMALL BUSINESSES
8 OWNERS UNDERSTAND THEIR PROPERTY LEASE AND OPTIONS BEFORE
9 FACING DISPLACEMENT. THIS IS ABOUT MORE THAN ONE BUSINESS. IT
10 IS ABOUT PROTECTING THE SMALL BUSINESSES JOBS.

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

13
14 **DIANA BROWN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DIANA BROWN TO OUR
15 ESTEEMED SUPERVISORS. I AM A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
16 AND A MEMBER OF THE FLORENCE FIRESTONE COMMUNITY. I HAVE
17 WORKED FOR OVER 20 YEARS AT CHARLES DREW MIDDLE SCHOOL AND I
18 SPENT MOST OF MY LIFE IN THIS COMMUNITY WITH THE FAMILIES
19 DURING THIS TIME I BECAME A MEMBER AND A CUSTOMER OF CARLITO'S
20 TIRES FOR 27 YEARS THIS SERVICE THIS BUSINESS HAS BEEN HERE
21 AND IT'S BEEN IN PLACE WHERE FAMILIES ARE WELCOME, COMMUNITY
22 MEMBERS COME AND GATHER. THE POSSIBILITY OF LOSING THIS SMALL
23 BUSINESS HAS TROUBLED THIS COMMUNITY AND MYSELF. I
24 RESPECTFULLY AND HUMBLY ASK THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON THIS
25 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 20. THANK YOU. AND PLEASE REMEMBER THAT



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SUPERVISORS

1 WHEN WE PROTECT LONG-TIME SMALL BUSINESSES, WE PROTECT MORE
2 THAN JOBS. WE PROTECT COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RELATIONSHIPS.
3 THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **KARINA CHARIAH:** MY NAME IS KARINA CHARIAH AND I AM A FLORENCE
8 FIRESTONE RESIDENT AND A PROUD SUPPORTER OF OUR LOCAL SMALL
9 BUSINESSES. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
10 VOTE YES ON ITEM 20 AND TO MOVE THE COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY
11 LICENSE FORWARD. I WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT CARLITOS TIRES AND AUTO
12 REPAIR AND WHAT THIS BUSINESS MEANS TO OUR COMMUNITY. FOR MORE
13 THAN 27 YEARS, CARLITOS TIRES HAS BEEN SERVING FLORENCE
14 FIRESTONE NOT ONLY AS A SMALL BUSINESS BUT AS A PLACE WHERE
15 PEOPLE CAN FIND HELP, INFORMATION, SUPPORT, AND SOMEONE THEY
16 COULD TRUST. IF CARLITOS TIRES IS FORCED TO MOVE, WE WILL LOSE
17 MORE THAN A BUSINESS. WE COULD LOSE A GREAT COMMUNITY LEADER,
18 MENTOR, AND SOMEONE WHO HAS DEDICATED YEARS TO HELPING OTHERS.
19 STEVE HAS USED HIS BUSINESS AS A PLACE TO CONNECT RESIDENTS
20 WITH RESOURCES, BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER AND TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS
21 TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THEIR COMMUNITY. HIS LEASE EXPIRES IN
22 MAY OF 2027 AND THAT UNCERTAINTY SHOULD MATTER TO ALL OF US.
23 SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES MEANS --

24

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



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **RAFAEL ACEVEDO VILLALOBOS:** GOOD MORNING BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME
3 IS RAFAEL JUAN DIEGO ACEVEDO VILLALOBOS. I HAVE BEEN A
4 RESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR MORE THAN 55 YEARS. I
5 AM ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES ON THE ITEM 20
6 AND MOVE THE COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY LICENSE FORWARD. SMALL
7 BUSINESSES ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY CREATE
8 JOBS, PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES, AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH
9 THE RESIDENTS THEY SERVE. BUT LONG, SMALL, LONG TIME SMALL
10 BUSINESSES CAN FACE SERIOUS UNCERTAINTY WITH DEALING WITH
11 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS. IN THE CASE OF CARLITOS TIRES, HE
12 HAS LEASE EXPIRED, HIS LEASE WILL EXPIRE IN MAY OF 2022. AFTER
13 27 YEARS.

14

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

16

17 **ROSALIND SAGARA:** HI, MY NAME IS ROSALIND SAGARA. I'M WITH THE
18 LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM
19 20. THE L.A. CONSERVANCY SUPPORTS LEGACY BUSINESSES BY
20 CONNECTING LONGTIME BUSINESS OWNERS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY WITH
21 SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES THAT HELP TO SAFEGUARD, STRENGTHEN,
22 AND GROW THEIR BUSINESSES. WE SUPPORT EXPANDING PROTECTIONS
23 FOR COMMERCIAL TENANTS THROUGH THE CREATION OF A COMMERCIAL
24 RENTAL PROPERTY LICENSE, GUARANTEED RELOCATION PAY AFTER
25 HARASSMENT, A COUNTY-WIDE COMMERCIAL RENT STUDY, PROTECTIONS



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1 TO TENANTS DISPLACED BY REDEVELOPMENT, AND FUNDING TO BRING ON
2 LEGAL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO HELP DESIGN AND CARRY OUT
3 THESE PROTECTIONS. RELOCATING A BUSINESS IS VERY EXPENSIVE,
4 AND MOM AND POP SHOPS RARELY HAVE LARGE CASH RESERVES.
5 LANDLORD FUNDED RELOCATION ASSISTANCE IN CIRCUMSTANCES AS
6 OUTLINED IN THE MOTION GIVE LEGACY BUSINESSES A LIFELINE TO
7 PREVENT PERMANENT CLOSURE.

8

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

10

11 **REBECCA HELM:** HELLO, MY NAME IS REBECCA HELM AND I JUST WANT
12 TO SAY THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR OUR COUNTY. I'M A
13 NORTHEAST L.A. RESIDENT AND PART OF SNELLAS, AND I'M HERE TO
14 DATE IN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF ITEM 20. I KNOW THE
15 SHOPKEEPERS UP AND DOWN MY NEIGHBORHOOD THEY'RE MY FRIENDS,
16 THEIR KIDS GO TO SCHOOL WITH MY FRIENDS. AND THIS IS THE
17 OUTLINE OF AN IDEAL COMMUNITY AND I'VE HEARD FROM SOME OF THE
18 PEOPLE THAT ARE BEING DISPLACED THEIR RENTS HAVE ACTUALLY GONE
19 UP SEVEN TIMES AND THEY HAVE NO MONEY TO OR IT'S VERY
20 DIFFICULT TO GET THE MONEY TO BE ABLE TO RELOCATE AND I KNOW
21 THAT WE HAVE A CHANCE TODAY TO BE ABLE TO, ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT
22 RENT CAP YET, WE HAVE A CHANCE TO PROTECT AND SPREAD THESE
23 TYPES OF IDEAL SITUATIONS IN OUR COUNTY. AND I KNOW THAT YOU
24 ALL ARE, SEEMS LIKE YOU ALL ARE BEHIND IT. AND I WANT TO JUST
25 SAY AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR EVEN PUTTING THIS FORWARD AND MAKING



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SUPERVISORS

1 THIS A REALITY IN THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTY. THANK YOU.

2

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

4

5 **RAMYA SINHA:** RAMYA SINHA, AND I'M AN ATTORNEY ON BET TZEDEK
6 SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TEAM. I'M HERE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
7 ITEM 20. EVERY DAY, I SPEAK WITH HARDWORKING SMALL BUSINESS
8 OWNERS WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO STAY AFLOAT. AS THEIR ATTORNEY, I
9 CAN ADVOCATE FOR THEM TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT, BUT THERE'S
10 ONLY SO MUCH I CAN DO WHEN THE LEGAL PROTECTIONS ARE NOT
11 THERE. WHEN A LANDLORD DOUBLES THE RENT OVERNIGHT OR HARASSES
12 A TENANT INTO LEAVING, OR WHEN A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT
13 DISPLACES A BUSINESS WITH NO RELOCATION ASSISTANCE, THERE'S
14 OFTEN NO REMEDY I CAN PURSUE ON THEIR BEHALF. THAT IS THE GAP
15 THIS MOTION SEEKS TO FILL. THE COST OF UPROOTING AND
16 REESTABLISHING A BUSINESS IS ENORMOUS, AND IT SHOULD NOT FALL
17 ON THE SHOULDERS OF A TENANT FORCED OUT BY LANDLORD HARASSMENT
18 OR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT. WHEN LANDLORDS ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE
19 FOR RELOCATION COSTS, DISPLACED BUSINESS OWNERS HAVE A REAL
20 OPPORTUNITY TO REOPEN, RETAIN JOBS, AND CONTINUE SERVING THE
21 COMMUNITIES THAT DEPEND ON THEM. THAT IS WHY I URGE THE BOARD
22 TO PASS THIS MOTION AND ADOPT THESE CRUCIAL PROTECTIONS FOR
23 SMALL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL TENANTS. THANK YOU.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO TO OUR REMOTE



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1 CALLERS. ASIS HARRIS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. ASIS
2 HARRIS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT CALLER. MONA
3 HORTON, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

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5 **MONA HORTON:** YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MONA. I AM A SMALL
6 BUSINESS OWNER AS WELL AS A LANDLORD IN L.A. COUNTY FIRESTONE
7 DISTRICT. I UNDERSTAND THERE'S A LOT OF PROTECTIONS ALREADY IN
8 PLACE FOR TENANTS, ESPECIALLY THE HARASSMENT CLAUSE, THAT
9 NEEDS TO BE ENFORCED IF THAT'S WHAT THE PROBLEM IS. THE
10 PROBLEM WITH DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS YOU ARE SCARING
11 PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE COUNTY TO INVEST IN YOUR COUNTY AND
12 OWNING BUILDINGS, WHICH IS GOING TO ONLY COST MORE
13 UNEMPLOYMENT. AND IT'S ALREADY A VERY HARD BUSINESS CLIMATE IN
14 THE COUNTY. I URGE YOU TO DELAY THIS VOTE. WE WERE NOT ASKED
15 TO BE PART OF THIS. WE WERE PART OF STOP THE DOWN ZONE WHEN
16 THEY TRIED TO LOWER OUR ZONE FROM INDUSTRIAL DOWN TO JEWELRY
17 SHOPS A COUPLE YEARS AGO. AND THEY PROMISED US, THE COUNTY,
18 THAT THEY WOULD INCLUDE US IN ANYTHING THEY'D BE DOING. I
19 HAVEN'T RECEIVED ONE CALL --

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

23
24 **CHRISTOPHER BOWEN:** GOOD MORNING CHAIR SOLIS AND SUPERVISORS.
25 CHRISTOPHER MCHILL BOWEN HERE WITH THE BUILDING OWNERS AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 MANAGERS ASSOCIATION GREATER LOS ANGELES, REPRESENTING NEARLY
2 2,000 COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS AND 135,000,000
3 SQUARE FEET ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. SINCE AUGUST 20TH, WHEN WE
4 SUBMITTED AN OPPOSITION LETTER TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
5 CLUSTER, BOMA-GLA HAS WORKED CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH SUPERVISOR
6 MITCHELL, HORVATH, AND BARGER OFFICES. WE APPRECIATE THE
7 ACCELERATED RENT STUDY, PROTECTING SOME SENSITIVE LEASE
8 DETAILS, EXTENDED ORDINANCE TIMELINE, PROPOSED RELOCATION CAP,
9 AND DIRECTION TO BETTER DEFINE WHO AND WHAT IS COVERED.
10 HOWEVER, THE MOTION STILL PRESCRIBES BROAD LICENSING, REQUIRES
11 SENSITIVE LEASE AND RENT REPORTING, RENT AND TERMINATION
12 RESTRICTIONS, AND GROSS RECEIPTS RELOCATION FORMULAS, FAR
13 BEYOND TARGETED PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE SMALL BUSINESSES.
14 PLEASE LIMIT ANY PROGRAM TO QUALIFIED SMALL AND LEGACY
15 BUSINESSES AS WAS CLEARLY OUTLINED IN THE PREAMBLE. REQUIRE
16 THE STUDY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS TO INFORM EVERY PROPOSAL AND
17 REQUIRE ANOTHER BOARD VOTE BEFORE ANY LICENSE BE ISSUED.

18
19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ANI BOYAJIAN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE
20 BEGIN.

21
22 **ANI BOYADIJIAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANI BOYAJIAN,
23 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION, AND WE
24 RESPECTFULLY OPPOSE THIS ITEM. WE SHARE THE COUNTY'S GOAL OF
25 SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE VITALITY OF



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1 OUR COMMUNITIES AND ENSURING THAT THEY ARE NOT UNNECESSARILY
2 DISPLACED. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE MOTION IS TOO
3 BROAD AND COULD EXTEND PROTECTIONS BEYOND THE MOM-AND-POP
4 BUSINESSES THAT NEED THEM MOST. THE MANDATORY LICENSING,
5 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, ANNUAL REVIEWS, POTENTIAL RENT
6 RESTRICTIONS, AND RELOCATION MANDATES WOULD ADD ADDITIONAL
7 COSTS AND UNCERTAINTY FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS. THESE
8 ADDED BURDENS COULD DISCOURAGE INVESTMENT, INCREASE THE COST
9 OF DOING BUSINESS, AND MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO ACTIVATE
10 COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES. WE ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO PURSUE
11 TARGETED PRODUCTIONS THAT PROVIDE MEANINGFUL SUPPORT TO THE
12 SMALL BUSINESSES MOST IN NEED WHILE AVOIDING BLANKET POLICIES
13 THAT COULD UNINTENTIONALLY DISCOURAGE INVESTMENT AND LIMIT
14 OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH. THANK YOU.

15
16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NATALIE ALLEN, YOUR LINE IS
17 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

18
19 **NATALIE ALLEN:** HI, THIS IS NATALIE ALLEN. RESPONSIBLE PROPERTY
20 OWNERS ARE NOT THE ENEMY OF SMALL BUSINESS. WE INVEST OUR OWN
21 CAPITAL, PAY PROPERTY TAXES, INSURANCE AND MAINTENANCE COSTS,
22 IMPROVE BUILDINGS, ABSORB VACANCIES, AND TAKE SIGNIFICANT
23 FINANCIAL RISKS TO CREATE THE COMMERCIAL SPACES THAT THESE
24 BUSINESSES OCCUPY. IF L.A. COUNTY MAKES OWNING, IMPROVING, OR
25 REDEVELOPING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY INCREASINGLY EXPENSIVE AND



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1 UNPREDICTABLE, THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES FOR US. PROPERTY
2 OWNERS WILL BE LESS WILLING TO INVEST, REDEVELOPMENT WILL
3 BECOME MORE DIFFICULT. SOME OWNERS WILL SIMPLY AVOID LEASING
4 TO SMALLER OR HIGHER RISK BUSINESSES. ULTIMATELY, THOSE COSTS
5 AND RISKS WILL WORK THEIR WAY BACK INTO COMMERCIAL RENTS, AND
6 THAT WOULD HURT TO VERY SMALL BUSINESSES MOTION IS INTENDED TO
7 HELP. I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT
8 ADEQUATELY DISTINGUISH BETWEEN A LANDLORD WHO HAS ACTUALLY
9 DONE SOMETHING WRONG AND A RESPONSIBLE PROPERTY WHO WANTS TO
10 SIMPLY IMPROVE, REDEVELOP, SELL, OR CHANGE THE USE OF A
11 PROPERTY. THOSE ARE VERY DIFFERENT SITUATIONS AND SHOULD NOT
12 BE TREATED THE SAME WAY. I RESPECTFULLY ASK THE BOARD NOT TO
13 MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT.

14
15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MATTHEW LYONS, YOUR LINE IS
16 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

17
18 **MATTHEW LYONS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MATTHEW LYONS AND I'M
19 CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ECONOMIC
20 PARTNERSHIP. THE PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTS FULLY THE GOAL OF
21 PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESSES FROM UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT AND
22 DISPLACEMENT. THIS PROPOSAL, UNFORTUNATELY, GOES FAR BEYOND
23 PROTECTING TENANTS FROM UNLAWFUL CONDUCT. IT CONTEMPLATES A
24 SIGNIFICANT NEW REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
25 OWNERS. ALL OF THIS HAS A COST. WHO WILL PAY? WILL THIS BE



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1 ANOTHER UNFUNDED GOVERNMENT MANDATE THAT ACTUALLY FALLS ON THE
2 BACKS OF SMALL BUSINESSES AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS. WE
3 LOOK FORWARD TO BEING PART OF THE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND
4 TO COUNTY STAFF CONDUCTING A THOROUGH ANALYSIS AND DISTINGUISH
5 BETWEEN UNLAWFUL DISPLACEMENT AND LAWFUL REDEVELOPMENT. WE ARE
6 CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES FOR AN
7 INVESTMENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND WE BELIEVE WE CAN PROTECT
8 SMALL BUSINESSES WHILE ALSO PRESERVING PROPERTY RIGHTS,
9 ENCOURAGING INVESTMENT, AND MAINTAINING A HEALTHY SUPPLY OF
10 COMMERCIAL SPACE.

11
12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CALLER ENDING IN NUMBER 0716. YOUR LINE IS
13 NOW OPEN. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

14
15 **ROY HUMPREYS:** ROY HUMPHREYS. DID YOU SAY THAT YOU ARE SPENDING
16 MILLIONS TO COMBAT LABOR MOVEMENT STRIKES AS YOU WATCH THE
17 STATE FARM SHAFT, THE PALISADES BURN VICTIMS AS FEATURED IN
18 SENATOR HAWLEY. PENITENTIARY PRACTICES ARE THE NATURE OF THE
19 HUMAN BEAST. YES, HILDA SOLIS SCAPEGOATS I.C.E. LAW
20 ENFORCEMENT AS DEMOCRAT FOR ORGANIZED CRIME DEFINITION, SPENDS
21 MILLIONS AIDING AND ABETTING ILLEGAL AGENTS. SUPERVISOR
22 BARGER, THE ADULT IN THE ROOM, ENFORCEMENT COSTS MONEY AS
23 DEMOCRATS DEFUND THE D.A. AND PROSECUTION SYSTEM, HENCE
24 FAILURE. YOU MUST CONTACT THE STATE OFFICIALS WHO ARE
25 UNDERMINING YOUR EFFORTS. AI COMPUTER SYSTEMS ARE ESSENTIAL.



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SUPERVISORS

1 GOD PROTECT PRESIDENT TRUMP FROM THE DEMOCRATS SOCIALIST
2 COMMUNIST ASSASSINS. THANK YOU.

3
4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER ENDING IN 1550 YOUR LINE
5 IS NOW TO OPEN. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN. CALLER
6 ENDING IN 1550 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

7
8 **MARK GRANGER:** THIS IS MARK GRANGER, COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE
9 BROKER, SMALL PROPERTY OWNER. I HAVE TWO CONCERNS REGARDING
10 THIS ORDINANCE. THE FIRST IS DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY TO
11 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I HAVE REPEATEDLY ATTENDED THE GARDENA,
12 THE AVALON GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTER. WE'VE BEEN ASSURED THAT
13 YOU WERE GOING TO REACH OUT TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. I HAVE
14 NEVER HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS ORDINANCE UNTIL RECENTLY,
15 MEANING YESTERDAY. SECONDLY, I AM CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH THE
16 GREEN ZONE, WHICH YOU ENACTED WITHOUT ANY COMMENTS OR INPUT
17 FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. THAT PROCESS HAS TAKEN TWO YEARS
18 AND I'M UP TO SPENDING ALMOST \$60,000 ON THAT PROCESS AND I
19 ENDED UP HAVING TO PUT IN A 5 FOOT SETBACK ON THE BACK OF MY
20 PROPERTY. YOU NEED TO START COMMUNICATING WITH THE BUSINESS
21 COMMUNITY. ORDINANCES OF THIS NATURE ARE EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE -

22 -

23
24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER ENDING IN PHONE NUMBER
25 5618, YOUR LINE IS NOW OPEN. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.



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2 **DIANE FOSTER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS DIANE FOSTER. I'M A SMALL
3 BUSINESS OWNER IN HIGHLAND PARK AND I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE
4 I WAS ON THE RECORD SAYING I WAS IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION. IT'S
5 BEEN REALLY HARD AS A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER TO SEE ALL OF MY
6 NEIGHBORS BE PUSHED OUT BY LARGER PRIVATE EQUITY FIRMS AND
7 CORPORATE LANDLORDS COMING IN PUSHING THEM OUT AND THESE
8 SPACES ARE STILL VACANT AND AREN'T HELPING THE OTHER SMALL
9 BUSINESSES THRIVE. SO I WANTED TO BE ON THE RECORD, BUT I AM
10 IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO BACK TO IN-PERSON
13 SPEAKERS. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD
14 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. SELLY HERNANDEZ, MARIANA LUNA,
15 CARLOS VASQUEZ, DIANA SANCHEZ, ANTONIO HERNANDEZ, ALBERTO
16 SANTILLAN, ALMA VALDEZ, MARCO ORTEGA, MEMPHIS PEREZ, MIGUEL
17 MONTERO, CARLOS GONZALEZ, JEREMY KAPLAN, AMY CHONG, SYLVIA
18 MARAQUIN, LUIS HERRERA, MANNY MIRELES, EL CAMPILLO, LENA
19 SULLIVAN, ANAHI GONZALEZ, LORENA HERRERA, IRMA JUAREZ, AND
20 CLAUDIA JEREZ. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE BEGIN.

21

22 **JOSE QUINONES:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JOSE STEVE QUINONES. I
23 AM A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, COMMUNITY LEADER, CEO, PRESIDENT OF
24 THE FLORENCE FIRE AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, AND OWNER OF
25 CARLITOS TIRES AND AUTO REPAIR WHERE I HAVE SERVED OUR



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1 COMMUNITY FOR OVER 27 YEARS I'M HERE TODAY TO STRONGLY SUPPORT
2 ITEM 20 AND ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES AND MOVE
3 THIS IMPORTANT MOTION FORWARD. MY BUSINESS IS MORE THAN AUTO
4 REPAIR SHOP FOR 27 YEARS. IT'S ALSO BEEN A TRUSTED COMMUNITY
5 RESOURCE WHERE RESIDENTS CONNECT TO THE CONNECT WITH
6 INFORMATION, COUNTY SERVICES, LOCAL LEADERS AND COMMUNITY
7 PROGRAMS. BUT TODAY I AM ALSO SPEAKING AS A TENANT. MY
8 COMMERCIAL LEASE EXPIRES IN 2027 IN MAY. AFTER INVESTING 27
9 YEARS OF MY LIFE, MY LIVELIHOOD, MY BUSINESS, AND MY COMMUNITY
10 RELATIONSHIP INTO THE LOCATION, I HAVE SERIOUS QUESTIONS. WHAT
11 HAPPENS IF THE LANDLORD DECIDES NOT TO RENEW MY LEASE. WHERE
12 DO I GO? WHAT INFORMATION AM I ENTITLED TO? WHAT OPTIONS OR
13 RESOURCES WILL BE AVAILABLE? I AM NOT ASKING THE COUNTY TO
14 TAKE AWAY PROPERTY OWNERS' RIGHTS. I AM ASKING FOR
15 TRANSPARENCY, FAIRNESS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND LEVEL PLAYING
16 FIELD. THE COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY --

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

19
20 **KAHO MAEDA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KAHU MAEDA,
21 AND I'M WITH PUBLIC COUNCIL, BUT SPEAKING TODAY ON BEHALF OF
22 OUR PARTNER, LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER, IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
23 ITEM 20. LTSC BUILDS AND MANAGES BOTH AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
24 LIMITED COMMERCIAL SPACES IN LITTLE TOKYO AND THROUGHOUT L.A.
25 WE SUPPORT THIS MOTION TO CREATE STANDARDS FOR TREATING



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1 COMMERCIAL TENANTS, SPECIFICALLY THOSE THAT ARE MOM AND POP
2 SMALL BUSINESSES, WITH FAIRNESS AND RESPECT. WE HAVE TRIED TO
3 SUPPORT LEGACY-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES IN LITTLE TOKYO AS THEY
4 FACED HARASSMENT FROM THEIR LANDLORDS. UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE
5 COMMERCIAL RENT PROTECTIONS ARE NON-EXISTENT, WE HAVE NOT BEEN
6 ABLE TO PREVENT SOME OF THEM FROM DISPLACEMENT. WHEN THESE
7 BUSINESSES CLOSE, THEY NOT ONLY IMPACT THE BUSINESS OWNERS,
8 BUT ALSO ALL OF THE WORKERS AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE.
9 EVEN WHEN THEY FIND A LOCATION ELSEWHERE, THE DISRUPTION CAN
10 BE VERY CHALLENGING TO OVERCOME. WHILE THIS MOTION WILL NOT
11 DIRECTLY IMPACT LTSC TENANTS, WE SUPPORT EFFORTS TO SET THIS
12 AS A NORMALIZED PRECEDENT THAT AFFORDS RIGHTS TO MOM-AND-POP
13 SMALL BUSINESSES THAT MAKE UP THE BACKBONE OF OUR
14 NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES. WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU
15 VOTE YES ON THIS.

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

18
19 **CARIE MARTIN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CARIE MARTIN, SPEAKING
20 TODAY IN FAVOR OF ITEM 20. I'M A STAFF ATTORNEY AT PUBLIC
21 COUNCIL WHERE I WORK TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES, MICRO
22 ENTREPRENEURS AND COMMUNITY-SERVING NONPROFITS. COMMERCIAL
23 TENANT PROTECTIONS THAT FOSTER TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY,
24 AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ARE COMMON SENSE. FOR FAR TOO LONG,
25 CORPORATE LANDLORDS AND REAL ESTATE CONGLOMERATES HAVE BEEN



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1 ALLOWED TO OPERATE UNREGULATED, AND WE ARE ALL SEEING THE
2 EFFECTS. BLOCK AFTER BLOCK OF BUSINESS CLOSURES FOR RENT SIGNS
3 AND BIG BOX STORES REPLACING LOCAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS THAT
4 ONCE SERVED AS VITAL COMMUNITY HUBS WHILE THE BUSINESS
5 DIVERSITY THAT ONCE DEFINED LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISAPPEARS
6 BEFORE OUR EYES. NOTHING BEING PROPOSED TODAY RADICALLY TIPS
7 THE BALANCE IN FAVOR OF TENANTS OR IMPACTS THE ABILITY OF
8 PROPERTY OWNERS TO SET RENTS, SELL THEIR PROPERTY, OR
9 REDEVELOP. INSTEAD, IT SETS MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THOSE WHO
10 OWN A PIECE OF OUR COUNTY AND TELLS THEM THAT WE RESPECT AND
11 VALUE OUR SMALL BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM ENOUGH TO PROTECT IT.
12 PLEASE VOTE YES ON 20.

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

15
16 **ROSA MARIA MARQUEZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ROSA
17 MARIA MARQUEZ. I'M A BUSINESS OWNER IN HIGHLAND PARK. I'VE HAD
18 ROCKROSE GALLERY FOR THE PAST 27 YEARS. IT CAME OUT OF MY WORK
19 MORE AS AN INCUBATOR TO BRING THE ARTS TO THE COMMUNITY, TO
20 BRIDGE COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE ARTS. I'VE LEARNED A LOT IN
21 THIS 27-YEAR PROCESS. I WAS RECENTLY EVICTED. I MOVED TWO
22 MONTHS AGO. I'M STILL LOOKING FOR A PLACE. I'M SOMEWHERE
23 TEMPORARILY, BUT NOT LEAVING HIGHLAND PARK. IT'S A COMMUNITY
24 THAT I'VE COME TO KNOW AND LOVE. I'VE BEEN IN LOS ANGELES
25 WORKING IN THE ARTS FOR THE PAST 60 YEARS, BUT HIGHLAND PARK



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SUPERVISORS

1 IS A REALLY SPECIAL COMMUNITY AND I WANT TO SUPPORT THIS
2 MOTION. PLEASE, YOU MENTIONED THAT IT WOULD TAKE TIME TO PUT
3 INFORMATION TOGETHER. I'M A RESOURCE. I'VE LEARNED SO MUCH
4 ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE EVICTED. I'D LOVE TO SHARE THAT WITH
5 YOU.

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

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HAVE SOMEONE ON MY STAFF THAT WILL
10 TALK TO YOU. SHE'S COMING, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER.

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12 **IRMA JUAREZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS IRMA JUAREZ AND I'M A
13 SMALL BUSINESS OWNER WOMAN AND FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I
14 OWN A SMALL PROTEIN DELIGHT STORE NAMED HEALTHY PROTEIN
15 NUTRITION FOR THE LAST 7 YEARS. AND I AM HERE TO SUPPORT THE
16 ITEM NUMBER 20. IT IS THE RIGHT WAY TO DO. I WAS RECENTLY
17 DISPLACED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER USING HARASSMENT TACTICS, AND
18 THEY REFUSED TO DO ANY REPAIRS NEEDED. THAT WAS BAD FOR MY
19 BUSINESS AND FOR MY CUSTOMERS AS WELL. THE LANDLORD DIDN'T
20 WANT TO AS WELL RENEW MY LEASE AFTER SO MANY YEARS. I LOST A
21 LOT OF MONEY, TIME, AND MOST OF ALL, ALL MY CUSTOMERS. AND I
22 CANNOT FIND ANY AFFORDABLE PLACE AT THIS MOMENT TO CONTINUE MY
23 BUSINESS AND TO SUSTAIN MY LIVELIHOOD FOR MY FAMILY,
24 ESPECIALLY MY TWO CHILDREN. I WANT TO CONTINUE RUNNING A
25 PROTECTIVE BUSINESS AND CONTINUE AS WELL, CONTINUE PAYING MY



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SUPERVISORS

1 TAXES, BECAUSE WE ARE THE BACKBONE OF THE ECONOMY.

2

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

4

5 **LUIS HERRERA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LUIS HERRERA I OWN A
6 BARBERSHOP IN THE FLORENCE FIRESTONE NEIGHBORHOOD OF AN
7 INCORPORATED AS THE TO MY BUSINESS SUPPORTS NOT ONLY MY FAMILY
8 BUT ALSO EMPLOYEES PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I AM SPEAKING
9 IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 20. MY FAMILY HAS OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE
10 NEIGHBORHOOD FOR OVER 20 YEARS. IT'S BEEN REALLY CHALLENGING
11 TO KEEP OUR BUSINESSES AFLOAT ALL THESE YEARS WITH LACK OF
12 TENANT PROTECTIONS. WE HAVE HAD LANDLORDS REFUSE TO MAKE
13 NEEDED REPAIRS, TERMINATE OUR TENANCY FOR NO CAUSE, AND
14 THREATEN TO TRIPLE OUR RENT FOR ASSERTING OUR RIGHTS. HOW CAN
15 SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS BE EXPECTED TO KEEP THEIR BUSINESSES
16 AFLOAT WHEN THEIR LENDERS WON'T EVEN MAKE NEEDED REPAIRS? AND
17 WE ARE DISPLACED DUE TO PROPERTY BEING CONVERTED INTO BIG BOX
18 RETAIL AND HIGH-RISE CONDOS. WE NEED MORE COMMERCIAL TENANT
19 PROTECTION TO STOP SMALL BUSINESS DISPLACEMENT AND MAINTAIN
20 THE STORE FUNDS THAT CLOSE THE FEED AND CARE FOR OUR
21 COMMUNITY.

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

24

25 **JESSE SANES:** GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS JESSE SANES. I'M HERE AT



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE LOS ANGELES TENANTS UNION. AS TENANT ORGANIZERS, WHAT
2 WE'RE HEARING FROM COMMERCIAL LANDLORDS TODAY IS VERY
3 FAMILIAR. REGULATION GETS CALLED AN ATTACK AS THOUGH LANDLORDS
4 HAVE A PROTECTED RIGHT TO EXTRACT THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE RENT
5 FROM SOMEBODY ELSE'S WORK. WE SEE THE SAME FORCES DISPLACING
6 TENANTS AND NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES. RENT HIKES, HARASSMENT,
7 AND HOLDING STOREFRONTS VACANT FOR HIGHER RENTS ARE THE
8 MACHINERY OF GENTRIFICATION. WE NEED REAL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT
9 PUTS OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF DISPLACEMENT AND SHIFTS POWER
10 TOWARDS THE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY SUSTAIN THESE COMMUNITIES.
11 BEING BUSINESS FRIENDLY CANNOT MEAN BEING FRIENDLY TO
12 EXTRACTION. OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, OUR HOMES, AND LIVELIHOODS, NOT
13 JUST INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES. SUPPORT ITEM 20.

14

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

16

17 **MEMPHIS PEREZ:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
18 MEMPHIS PEREZ. I'M HERE REPRESENTING OUR SMALL BUSINESS
19 MOVEMENT AND THE MANY MOM-AND-POP BUSINESSES THAT ARE FIGHTING
20 TO KEEP OPERATING IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. L.A. COUNTY HAS
21 ALREADY TAKEN IMPORTANT STEPS BY INCLUDING COMMERCIAL TENANTS
22 IN THEIR TAHO ORDINANCE. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO ASK FOR MORE
23 TRANSPARENCY AS WE APPLY THIS POLICY. DON'T JUST PROTECT THE
24 PROPERTY, PROTECT THE BUSINESSES INSIDE THE PROPERTY. WE NEED
25 THIS TAHO UPGRADE ASAP. LET'S CREATE THAT COMMERCIAL RENTAL



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1 PROPERTY LICENSE SO THE COUNTY CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT IS
2 HAPPENING IN THEIR COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS AND WHETHER THERE IS A
3 HISTORY OF VIOLATIONS. FROM THIS LICENSE WE CAN ALSO CREATE
4 INCENTIVES FOR THOSE GOOD LANDLORDS THAT ARE ALREADY HELPING
5 KEEP OUR SMALL BUSINESSES OPERATING IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
6 SECOND, RELOCATION ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES DISPLACED
7 BECAUSE OF A CONFIRMED LANDLORD HARASSMENT. THIS IS MORE FAIR
8 THAN TO JUST DESTROY A LEGACY BUSINESS THAT WAS THRIVING AND
9 WAS A STAPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. LAST, PROTECT BUSINESSES FROM
10 REDEVELOPMENT DISPLACEMENT. DEVELOPMENT SHOULD NOT REQUIRE
11 DISPLACEMENT. SO WE ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DON'T JUST
12 PROTECT THE PROPERTY, PROTECT THE BUSINESS ITSELF.

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

15
16 **JEREMY KAPLAN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JEREMY CAPLAN. FOR 20 YEARS,
17 MY WIFE AND I OWNED THE RED BOOKS THE ONLY USED BOOKSTORE IN
18 NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES UNTIL SYSTEMS REAL ESTATE PURCHASED OUR
19 BUILDING, RAISED OUR RENT 133%, AND GAVE EVERYBODY 30 DAYS
20 NOTICE. NO INTRO, NO NEGOTIATION, NO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SB
21 1103. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS HAPPENING ALL OVER LOS ANGELES.
22 IT'S AN EXISTENTIAL CRISIS WHERE CORPORATE LANDLORDS ARE
23 BUYING EVERY AVAILABLE PIECE OF PROPERTY, DOUBLING, TRIPLING,
24 AND QUADRUPLING RENTS, AND EVICTING STABLE LONG-TERM TENANTS.
25 THERE ARE NO GUARDRAILS. THEY ARE MAKING MORE BY WRITING OFF



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SUPERVISORS

1 OVER-EVALUATED PROPERTIES THAN THEY WOULD BY LEASING THEM AT
2 REASONABLE RATES. I BELIEVE IN THE LOS ANGELES OF JONATHAN
3 GOLD, WHERE VIBRANT COMMUNITY CORRIDORS SERVE FOOD,
4 LITERATURE, AND ART. NO ONE COMES TO LOS ANGELES TO SEE
5 VACANCIES CREATED BY GREEDY PEOPLE.

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

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9 **ELIDA HERNANDEZ:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

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11 **INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS ELIDA HERNANDEZ, AND I HAVE BEEN A
12 VENDOR FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS. I'M HERE IN ORDER TO ASK FOR
13 SUPPORT FOR LAWS FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. FROM MY
14 PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, NOT HAVING PROTECTIONS IN THESE AREAS,
15 THAT HAS BEEN THAT HAS BEEN A BARRIER THAT PREVENTS US FROM
16 GROWING AND STRENGTHENING BUSINESSES IN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES.
17 AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO OPEN A BUSINESS, BUT WHEN I
18 FOUND OUT THAT THERE'S NO RENT CONTROL IN THE AREA WHERE I
19 LIVE, THAT'S JUST THE DOOR TO THESE PROJECTS AND TO THE DREAMS
20 OF BRINGING SMALL BUSINESSES TO OUR AREAS. I THANK ALL OF THE
21 PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPORTING THESE LAWS. AND I ASK FOR THOSE OF
22 YOU WHO ARE NOT IN SUPPORT THAT YOU WOULD CONSIDER SUPPORTING
23 US. BECAUSE HAVING A BUSINESS IS NOT EASY AT ALL. WE GO
24 THROUGH A LOT OF CHALLENGES. SO I INVITE YOU TO WALK IN OUR
25 BUSINESSES AND GET TO KNOW OUR PROBLEMS.



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SUPERVISORS

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

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4 **ALBERTO SANTILLAN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ALBERTO SANTILLAN. I HAVE
5 OWNED A VINTAGE SHOP IN BOYLE HEIGHTS SINCE 2022. MY BUSINESS
6 IS MORE THAN JUST A PLACE TO SHOP. I'VE USED MY COMMERCIAL
7 SPACE TO HOST MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUPS FOR SPANISH
8 SPEAKERS AND TO SCREEN LGBTQ THEMED MOVIES. IT REPRESENTS
9 BOYLE HEIGHTS' ESSENCE AND THERE'S REALLY NO PLACE LIKE IT AND
10 UNFORTUNATELY IT'S IN DANGER OF CLOSING. FOR THE PAST FIVE
11 MONTHS I'VE HAD NO ELECTRICITY IN MY BUSINESS BECAUSE OF AN
12 OLD FAULTY ELECTRICAL PANEL AND METER BOX THAT EXPLODED,
13 CAUSING AN ENORMOUS FIRE HAZARD. LADWP ISSUED AN ORDER
14 DIRECTING THE CORPORATE LANDLORD TO REPLACE THE PANEL, BUT
15 THEY REFUSED TO DO SO. I BELIEVE THEY HAVE NO INCENTIVE TO FIX
16 THE ISSUE BECAUSE THEY'RE AWAITING PERMITS TO REDEVELOP THE
17 PROPERTY, AND I AM STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET WITH NO
18 ELECTRICITY. AND MY LANDLORD HAS NOW FILED AN EVICTION LAWSUIT
19 AGAINST ME FOR PAYING REDUCED RENT DURING THIS WHOLE ORDEAL.
20 IF I'M FORCED TO MOVE OUT, I'M NOT ENTITLED TO ANY FINANCIAL
21 ASSISTANCE FROM MY LANDLORD AND WILL NEED TO COMPLETELY SHUT
22 DOWN. THIS TYPE OF HARASSMENT HAS TO STOP. HOW CAN SMALL
23 BUSINESS OWNERS BE EXPECTED --

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



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2 **LORENA HERRERA:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

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4 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LORENA HERRERA. FOR 25
5 YEARS, I'VE HAD BUSINESSES IN FLORENCE, COMPTON. I SUPPORT THE
6 PROPOSITION FOR CODE 20. PROPOSITION FOR CODE 20. IN MY
7 BUSINESS, I HAVE SUPPORTED MANY PEOPLE BY GIVING THEM JOBS.
8 MANY OF THE BARBER SHOPS AROUND 80% ARE FORMER EMPLOYEES FROM
9 PREVIOUS YEARS. MY BUSINESS HAS BEEN USED TO GIVE EMPLOYMENT
10 TO A LOT OF PEOPLE. BARBERSHOPS THAT ARE SURROUNDING WHERE I
11 AM, 80% OF THEM ARE MY EX-EMPLOYEES. ALL OF US GO THROUGH
12 CHALLENGES IN OUR BUSINESSES. WITH UNEXPECTED RAISES OF RENT.
13 AND ONE OF MY BUSINESSES WHERE I RENEWED THE CONTRACT, THEY
14 RAISED IT BY 500 LAST MONTH. SO I'VE GONE THROUGH SO MANY
15 CHALLENGES DURING THE PANDEMIC, MY HUSBAND PASSED AWAY, AND
16 THEN SO MANY OTHER THINGS BETWEEN THE FIRE, IMMIGRATION, HEAT.
17 WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD AND WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I'M THE
18 MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN. AND I PROVIDE FOR THEM BY MYSELF. WE
19 WANT THE LAWS TO BE CHANGED FOR US AS BUSINESS OWNERS.

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

22

23 **CARLOS VASQUEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CARLOS VASQUEZ, AND I
24 AM THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING DIRECTOR AT LIVE LOS ANGELES.
25 OUR MISSION IS TO HELP ANGELENOS BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY BY



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SUPERVISORS

1 INVESTING IN PARENTS AND ENTREPRENEURS. I AM HERE TODAY IN
2 SUPPORT OF THE MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD AND THE PROTECTIONS IT
3 WOULD PROVIDE TO SMALL BUSINESSES AND COMMERCIAL TENANTS
4 ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SMALL BUSINESSES ARE ESSENTIAL TO
5 THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITIES. BUT
6 COMMERCIAL TENANTS OFTEN FACE RISING RENTS, LIMITED
7 INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR LANDLORDS AND LEASES, DISPLACEMENT AND
8 HARASSMENT, LEAVING TENANTS WITH NO OPTIONS BUT TO CLOSE.
9 SMALL BUSINESSES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FINANCIAL
10 SUCCESS OF OUR CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS. THEY PROVIDE JOBS
11 TO THOUSANDS OF ANGELENOS AND PAY TAXES TO OUR GOVERNMENT.
12 THIS MOTION WILL HELP THEM STAY IN BUSINESS AND WE APPRECIATE
13 YOU APPROVING THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

16
17 **ALMA VALDEZ:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

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19 **INTERPRETER:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALMA VALDEZ. AND
20 I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE 20, BECAUSE I AM ALREADY TIRED
21 OF GOING AGAINST THE CURRENT. I HAVE FIVE YEARS WITH MY
22 BUSINESS. AND EVER SINCE THE SECOND YEAR, THE ROOF WAS NOT IN
23 WORKING CONDITION. AND THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY SAID THAT ALL
24 OF THE MAINTENANCE AND ANYTHING THAT NEEDED TO BE REPAIRED IN
25 THE BUILDING THAT WAS MY RESPONSIBILITY. SO I HAD TO DO THAT.



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1 AND THEN MONTHS AFTER THAT, THE PLUMBING AND THE FLOOR BURST.
2 1950, THAT WAS THE COST OF THE PLUMBING. I HAD TO CLOSE DOWN
3 THE BUSINESS FOR SIX DAYS TO BE ABLE TO FIX IT. IT WAS \$15,000
4 TO FIX THE ELECTRICAL, WHICH WAS NOT WORKING. I SPOKE WITH THE
5 PROPERTY OWNER AND HE SAID THE SAME THING THAT IT WAS MY
6 RESPONSIBILITY TO DO IT. AND I HAVE 1.5 YEARS LEFT ON THE
7 CONTRACT. I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ALL OF THE INVESTMENT THAT
8 CORRESPONDS TO ME FOR THE PROPERTY. AND SO LAST YEAR, I FOUND
9 OUT THAT THEY TRANSFERRED THE OWNERSHIP TO, I DON'T KNOW, IT
10 MIGHT BE A FAMILY MEMBER. SO THAT MEANS I CAN GO OUTSIDE AND
11 WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION.

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

14
15 **AMY CHONG:** HI MY NAME IS AMY CHONG, AN SD5 RESIDENT AND A
16 PROUD DAUGHTER OF FORMER SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND I'M AN
17 ADVOCATE WITH INCLUSIVE ACTION FOR THE CITY AND ECONOMIC
18 JUSTICE ORGANIZATION WORKING TO BUILD AN ECONOMY THAT WORKS
19 FOR EVERYBODY. WE ARE IN A STATE OF AN EMERGENCY. COMMUNITY-
20 SERVING SMALL BUSINESSES ARE CLOSING LEFT AND RIGHT WHILE
21 COMMERCIAL TENANTS HAVE NO PROTECTIONS. LET ME BE CLEAR ABOUT
22 WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR HERE. WE'RE ASKING LANDLORDS TO BE
23 TRANSPARENT ABOUT THEIR PROPERTIES, COMMERCIAL TENANTS TO HAVE
24 BASIC PROTECTIONS AGAINST HARASSMENT, TO UNDERSTAND WHAT FAIR
25 MARKET RENTS ARE, AND TO PROVIDE RELOCATION ASSISTANCE WHEN



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1 BUSINESSSES ARE DISPLACED. RESPONSIBLE LANDLORDS SHOULD HAVE
2 NOTHING TO FEAR FROM REASONABLE PROTECTIONS, HOWEVER WE ALL
3 KNOW THAT THERE ARE LANDLORDS WHO HAVE CAUSED REAL HARM TO
4 SMALL BUSINESSSES AND COMMUNITIES THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE
5 SERVING. THIS MOTION CREATES ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND
6 STABILITY TO KEEP SMALL BUSINESSSES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. SO
7 PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

8

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

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11 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** I AM A LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENT, AND I
12 SUPPORT ITEM 20. I WORK FOR AN ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS OVER
13 500 ENTREPRENEURS AND EVERY WEEK WE HAVE MANY COME TO US AND
14 WE HAVE OBSERVED HARASSMENT, DISPLACEMENT AND RENT INCREASES
15 OF UP TO THREE TIMES IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. CURRENT
16 PROTECTIONS ARE NOT ENOUGH. THEY NEED RELOCATION ASSISTANCE,
17 MORE INFORMATION, AND THE REGISTRY. SMALL BUSINESSSES PROVIDE
18 ALMOST 0.333 OF ALL JOBS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SMALL
19 BUSINESSSES NEED MORE CERTAINTY BECAUSE THIS CERTAINTY WILL NOT
20 ONLY HELP BUSINESS OWNERS BUT ALSO THE EMPLOYEES KEEP
21 EMPLOYMENT INCREASED WAGES AND ALSO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR
22 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ANGELENO FAMILIES MONEY STAYS IN LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY WHEN SMALL BUSINESSSES REMAIN CREATING A
24 SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY AND TAX BASE. WE URGE THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS TO PASS THE MOTION AND ADOPT THESE PROTECTIONS OF



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1 ITEM 20. THANK YOU.

2

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

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5 **KAREN:** HI, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS KAREN. I AM A SMALL BUSINESS
6 ORGANIZER WITH STRATEGIC ACTIONS FOR A JUST ECONOMY OR STAGE.

7 I'M HERE IN FAVOR OF ITEM 20. 1ST OF ALL, I WANT TO SAY THANK

8 YOU TO SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL FOR TAKING BOLD LEADERSHIP

9 HERE TODAY TO PROTECT THE FABRICS OF OUR COMMUNITY SMALL

10 BUSINESSES NEED STRONG PROTECT STRONG PROTECTIONS AGAINST

11 DISPLACEMENT. THE COUNTY HAS GREAT BUSINESS PROGRAMS ALREADY,

12 BUT IT DOES NOT ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSE FOR THE ISSUE.

13 COMMERCIAL UNITS DO NOT HAVE ANY FORM OF RENT CONTROL;

14 THEREFORE, RENTS ARE SKYROCKETING. WITHOUT THESE POLICY

15 PROTECTIONS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOSE SMALL BUSINESSES TO

16 HARASSMENT, HARMFUL REDEVELOPMENT PRACTICES, AND BUSINESSES

17 WILL ULTIMATELY JUST CLOSE. THE REPORT BACK WILL BRING BACK

18 BOTH SIDES OF THE STORY, AND I AGREE WHEN SUPERVISORS SAY THAT

19 IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE POLICIES THAT HAVE REAL SOLUTIONS.

20 MANY SMALL BUSINESSES HAVE FACED CLIMATE GENTRIFICATION,

21 I.C.E. RAIDS, AND IT'S LEAVING OUR COMMUNITIES DESTABILIZED.

22 THERE ARE NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY. LET'S

23 KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOODS TOGETHER, THRIVING, AND PROTECTED.

24 THANK YOU.

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

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3 **ALEXANDER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ALEXANDER. I'M A LIFELONG AND A
4 CURRENT RESIDENT OF SD3 IN THE GUATEMALAN AND SALVADORAN
5 CORRIDOR WHERE THERE'S A LOT OF SMALL BUSINESSES. SO THIS IS A
6 TOPIC VERY NEAR AND DEAR TO MY COMMUNITY AND MY HEART.
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN BROUGHT UP THE IDEA OF COST. AND AS A MIDDLE-
8 CLASS TAXPAYER, I COULDN'T AGREE MORE. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE
9 REACTIVE. PREVENTION MAY REQUIRE INITIAL INVESTMENT UPFRONT,
10 BUT THE COST OF AN ACTION OFTEN POSES A FAR GREATER TOLL. WHEN
11 A NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY STORE CLOSES, THE IMPACT DOESN'T STOP
12 AT THE STOREFRONT. OUR ELDERLY RESIDENTS, WHO CANNOT MOVE AS
13 FREELY AS SOME OF US LOSE ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL FOOD AND
14 SERVICES. AND WHAT DOES THAT DO? IT PLACES A GREATER BURDEN ON
15 OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM ECONOMICALLY AS WELL. WHEN A SMALL
16 BUSINESS WITH INDOOR SEATING THAT HAS SERVED A COMMUNITY FOR A
17 LONG TIME PUSHES, IS PUSHED OUT BY AN UNSEMPATHETIC LANDLORD,
18 RESIDENTS LOSE MORE THAN A PLACE TO SHOP. THEY LOSE A PLACE TO
19 GATHER, CONNECT, AND ESCAPE THE EXTREME HEAT. PLEASE INVEST IN
20 OUR SMALL COMMUNITY. PLEASE INVEST AND NOT BE REACTIVE. THANK
21 YOU SO MUCH.

22

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

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25 **FRANCISCO ARVIZU:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. JUST WANTED TO



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1 THANK HOLLY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR TAKING THE LEADERSHIP IN
2 THIS MOTION. MY NAME IS FRANCISCO ARVIZU. I'M WITH SAJE. OVER
3 THE LAST THREE YEARS, WE'VE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH SMALL
4 BUSINESSES. AND WE ALWAYS HEAR ALL KINDS OF STORIES, SO I ECHO
5 SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE MADE
6 ALREADY. BUT VOTING YES ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMERCIAL
7 RENTAL PROPERTY LICENSE, VOTING YES ON AMENDING L.A. COUNTY
8 COMMERCIAL TENANT PROTECTIONS ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE RELOCATION
9 ASSISTANCE. VOTING YES ON L.A. COUNTY COMMERCIAL RENT STUDY,
10 THE RENT STUDY, AND VOTING YES ON RELOCATION ASSISTANCE TO
11 COMMERCIAL TENANTS DISPLAYED BY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IS A
12 WIN-WIN SITUATION. PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESSES IS A WIN-WIN
13 SITUATION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESSES IS
14 A WIN-WIN SITUATION FOR COMMERCIAL LANDLORDS. BUT PROTECTING
15 SMALL BUSINESSES IS A WIN-WIN SITUATION FOR OUR LOCAL
16 GOVERNMENT.

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

19
20 **CLAUDIA JEREZ:** GOOD MORNING. CLAUDIA JEREZ, DPSS, DWC. THE
21 LANDSCAPE OF OUR COMMUNITIES MEANS THAT WE ARE, THE CHANGING
22 LANDSCAPE OF OUR COMMUNITY MEANS THAT WE ARE EITHER EVOLVING
23 OR WE ARE IN NEED OF A NECESSARY CHANGE TO KEEP SUBSISTING IN
24 A WAY THAT WE KEEP OUR STANDARDS AND THAT THE SPARK THAT WE
25 HAVE HERE IN L.A. IS MAINTAINED IN L.A. COUNTY. IMPLEMENTATION



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1 OF THIS TENANT PROTECTION IS NECESSARY. WE MUST EVOLVE AND
2 WITH IT COMES CHANGE. I SUPPORT ALL HISPANIC BUSINESSES AND I
3 SUPPORT THEM. MY FATHER WAS A BUSINESSMAN SUCH AS THOSE
4 BUSINESSES. WE WENT TO THE SWAT MEETS. WE WENT TO, HE HAD A
5 CHRISTIAN LIBRARY RIGHT THERE AT THE CORNER OF MY HOUSE. SO I
6 COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND. I DO SUPPORT HISPANIC BUSINESSES. I
7 SUPPORT HISPANIC PEOPLE IN THAT COMMUNITY. I BELIEVE THAT NOT
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10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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12 **A'KIA BENBO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS A'KIA BENBO, FOUNDER OF
13 HONEY QUEEN JUICE BAR. OUR MISSION IS TO HELP HEAL OUR
14 COMMUNITY THROUGH THE POWER OF FRESH JUICE. I'M SPEAKING IN
15 STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 20, COMMERCIAL TENANT PROTECTIONS. I
16 ASKED IF YOU CANNOT LEGALLY SELL SOMEONE A LEMON CAR, WHY
17 SHOULD YOU BE ALLOWED TO LEASE A LEMON BUILDING? COMMERCIAL
18 TENANTS LIKE ME SUFFERED WHEN LANDLORD NEGLECT REPAIRS, LEASE
19 UNSAFE NON-COMPLIANT PROPERTIES, AND IMPOSE UNJUSTIFIABLE RENT
20 INCREASES, FORCING TENANTS TO SPEND LIMITED BUSINESS CAPITAL
21 CORRECTING PROBLEMS THEY DID NOT CREATE. I SPENT MOST OF MY
22 INVESTMENT BRINGING MY LANDLORD'S PROPERTY UP TO CODE, YET
23 AFTER TAKING MY RENT AND BENEFITING FROM MY IMPROVEMENTS, THE
24 LANDLORD QUICKLY FORCED ME OUT BEFORE I COULD FULLY LAUNCH. A
25 MAJOR LOSS FOR THE FOOD DESERT COMMUNITY AWAITING FRESH



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1 BEVERAGE OPTIONS. I AM NOW TRYING TO RELOCATE WITHOUT ANY
2 RESOURCES, ASSISTANCE, OR ANY LEADS. WE NEED LANDLORD
3 ACCOUNTABILITY, MEAN FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE, PROTECTIONS
4 AGAINST HARASSMENT AND DISPLACEMENT, REASONABLE RENT CAPS,
5 ESPECIALLY AT LEASE RENEWAL, AND PATHWAYS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES
6 WHO ARE INTERESTED TO GET TO OWNERSHIP THEMSELVES. THANK YOU.

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, ALL MEMBERS OF THE
9 PUBLIC WHO REGISTERED TO SPEAK ON ITEM 20 HAVE BEEN HEARD.
10 THAT CONCLUDES THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

11

12 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, ITEM 20 IS BEFORE
13 YOU.

14

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

18

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

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21 **SUP. HOLLY P. MITCHELL:** AYE.

22

23 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

24

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



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2 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM 20.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I WAS BEING DISTRACTED. I'M GOING TO
7 ABSTAIN ON THIS ONE.

8

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

10

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

12

13 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MOTION PASSES, 3 AYES, 1
14 ABSTENTION.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU'RE IN
17 AGREEMENT. THANK YOU. OKAY. OKAY. THANK YOU.

18

19 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 22.

20

21 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OH, DID YOU ALREADY VOTE?

22

23 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN WILL ALSO
24 REGISTER AN AYE VOTE ON ITEM 20.

25



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO THERE ARE 4 VOTES FOR THE ITEM.
2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES, THAT'S 4 AYES VOTES AND
5 ABSTENTION.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, THANK YOU. NEXT ITEM.

8

9 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOT MOVE ON TO VERBAL
10 PRESENTATION ON THE SUMMARY OF --

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN PEOPLE PLEASE SETTLE DOWN? THANK
13 YOU. APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 22,
16 VERBAL PRESENTATION ON A SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND
17 PLANNED STRATEGIES TO MITIGATE EL NINO DURING THE 2026/27
18 STORM SEASON, WHICH WAS HELD FOR PRESENTATION. FOR MEMBERS OF
19 THE PUBLIC ON THE PHONE, IF YOU'VE ALREADY SIGNED UP TO SPEAK,
20 NO FURTHER ACTION IS NEEDED. IF YOU'RE ON THE PHONE AND WISH
21 TO COMMENT BUT HAVEN'T SIGNED UP, PRESS STAR AND FOLLOW THE
22 PROMPTS TO JOIN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. IF YOU ARE WATCHING THE
23 MEETING AND WANT TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, CALL 213-444-2600 PRESS
24 STAR AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS. AN OPERATOR WILL ASSIST YOU.

25 KEVIN MCGOWAN, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,



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1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. DR. ARIEL COHEN, NATIONAL WEATHER
2 SERVICE. ANDREW VEIS, ACTING DIRECTOR, COUNTY WATER
3 COMMUNICATIONS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, MARK PESTRELLA,
4 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, SHERIFF ROBERT LUNA, FIRE CHIEF
5 ANTHONY MARRONE, MARAL KARACCUSIAN, DIRECTOR OF AGING AND
6 DISABILITIES, CARTER HEWGLEY, SENIOR MANAGER, DEPARTMENT OF
7 HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SERVICES, GARY JONES, DIRECTOR OF
8 BEACHES AND HARBORS, MICHAEL SYLVESTER, CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, WILL GIVE A
10 PRESENTATION. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE SET YOUR
11 NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

12
13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU AND THANK YOU TO THE PANEL
14 FOR BEING HERE. I KNOW SUPERVISOR HORVATH WANTS TO BEGIN.

15
16 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR AND I
17 WANT TO THANK OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS FOR BEING HERE TO PRESENT
18 TODAY AND FOR PREPARING OUR COUNTY AND OUR RESIDENTS FOR THIS
19 WINTER AND EL NINO EMERGENCY EVENTS. AS WE HAVE ALL HEARD, A
20 VERY STRONG EL NINO IS THREATENING OUR COMMUNITIES AND COUNTY
21 INFRASTRUCTURE THIS STORM SEASON, WHICH BEGINS OCTOBER 15TH,
22 THOUGH I KNOW RECENT REPORTS HAVE PUT US ON ALERT AS EARLY AS
23 THIS WEEKEND. THIS IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNING FOR COMMUNITIES
24 NEAR WILDFIRE BURN SCARS, AND THAT'S WHY WE BROUGHT FORWARD
25 THE MOTION ASKING FOR THIS PANEL TO COME FORWARD TODAY.



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1 COMMUNITIES LIKE THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND ALTADENA COULD
2 EXPERIENCE INTENSE FLOODING AND LANDSLIDES DUE TO THE HEAVY
3 RAINFALL AND OUR COASTAL COMMUNITIES AND VULNERABLE
4 INFRASTRUCTURE ARE ALSO OF NOTABLE CONCERN ESPECIALLY AFTER A
5 LARGE STORM SURGE CUT OFF WESTWARD BEACH ROAD IN MALIBU
6 RESTRICTING PUBLIC ACCESS TO POINT DOOM BEACH. PROPER PLANNING
7 AND PREVENTION CAN REDUCE THE IMPACT OF THESE TYPES OF
8 EMERGENCIES ON COMMUNITIES PARTICULARLY OUR MOST VULNERABLE
9 POPULATIONS. IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT THE COUNTY WORK ALONGSIDE
10 OUR CITIES, NONPROFITS, LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES, AND OUR
11 RESIDENTS TO COORDINATE A STRONG UNIFIED RESPONSE AND PROMOTE
12 AWARENESS AND VISIBILITY ON POTENTIAL EL NINO IMPACTS. IT'S MY
13 GOAL THAT ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, OUR CITIES, COMMUNITY
14 GROUPS, AND OF COURSE OUR RESIDENTS UNDERSTAND THEIR RISKS,
15 HOW BEST TO PREPARE, AND WHERE TO TURN WHEN THEY NEED HELP.
16 I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE COUNTY-LED EMERGENCY DRILL THAT
17 WILL HAPPEN LATER THIS MONTH TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE COORDINATED.
18 AND I KNOW MY OFFICE IS ALSO HOLDING A VIRTUAL EL NINO TOWN
19 HALL ON SEPTEMBER 28TH TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS AND ANSWER THEIR
20 QUESTIONS. WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO ATTEND TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
21 HOW OUR COUNTY IS SUPPORTING YOU AND DETAILS ON THAT
22 PARTICULAR EVENT. YOU CAN FIND AT OUR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE,
23 LINDSAYHORVATH.LACOUNTY.GOV UNDER EVENTS.BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO
24 TODAY'S PRESENTATION AND I WILL HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR OUR
25 RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE I KNOW OUR



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1 MY COLLEAGUES WERE SAYING WOW IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S HERE
2 AND WHEN WE SAY WE'RE SHOWING UP IN FORCE WE MEAN IT
3 ESPECIALLY TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE. SO I THANK YOU ALL FOR
4 BEING HERE AND I'LL TURN IT TO YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION.

5

6 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** GOOD MORNING CHAIR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE
7 BOARD. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ON THIS
8 IMPORTANT TOPIC. FOR THE RECORD, I'M KEVIN MCGOWAN, DIRECTOR
9 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. THIS
10 MORNING, THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WILL BEGIN BY EXPLAINING
11 EL NINO AND ITS POTENTIAL EFFECTS ON SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I
12 WILL THEN DISCUSS HOW OEM IS PREPARING THE COUNTY FOR THE
13 POSSIBILITY OF MORE FREQUENT AND MORE SEVERE WINTER STORMS.
14 FOLLOWING MY REMARKS YOU'LL HEAR FROM OUR PARTNERS AT CEO
15 COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS, THE SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT, HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING,
17 BEACHES AND HARBORS, PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, EACH WILL DISCUSS
18 THEIR RESPECTIVE PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS. AND WITH THAT, IT'S MY
19 PRIVILEGE TO INTRODUCE DR. ARIEL COHEN, THE METEOROLOGIST IN
20 CHARGE OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE'S LOS ANGELES-OXNARD
21 FORECAST OFFICE, WHO WILL BE PROVIDING AN OVERVIEW OF EL NINO
22 AND ITS POTENTIAL WEATHER IMPACTS. AND CAN YOU PLEASE ADVANCE
23 THE SLIDE?

24

25 **DR. ARIEL COHEN:** GOOD DAY, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS DR. ARIEL



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1 COHEN. I'M THE METEOROLOGIST IN CHARGE OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER
2 SERVICE IN LOS ANGELES, OXNARD. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE
3 TODAY IN TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING EL NINO AND ITS TRUE INFLUENCE
4 EL NINO IS DEFINED BY OCEAN WARMTH BUT FOR DANGER TO ACTUALLY
5 BE REALIZED LOCALLY, THE ATMOSPHERE MUST ACTIVELY COUPLE WITH
6 THAT HEAT TO STEER STORMS TOWARD SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND
7 THAT'S HIGHLY UNCERTAIN. FOR THIS UPCOMING WINTER, THIS IS
8 SIGNIFICANTLY TILTING THE REGIONAL ODDS TOWARD A WETTER THAN
9 NORMAL WINTER, BRINGING THE POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT STORMS,
10 FLOODING, SEVERE WEATHER, COASTAL IMPACTS AS WELL. HOWEVER, EL
11 NINO IS NOT A SINGLE STORM, AND IT DOES NOT GUARANTEE A WET
12 SEASON OR DICTATE INDIVIDUAL STORM TRACKS. HERE IS AN ANALOGY.
13 FACING A TOP RANKED SPORTS TEAM INCREASES THE STATISTICAL
14 CHANCE OF A DIFFICULT GAME BUT IT DOES NOT GUARANTEE AN
15 AUTOMATIC LOSS. SIMILARLY, AN ACTIVE EL NINO DOES STACK THE
16 DECK TOWARD A STORMY SEASON, BUT IT DOES NOT PREDETERMINE A
17 DISASTER. OUTCOMES WILL BE DECIDED PLAY BY PLAY AS INDIVIDUAL
18 STORMS DEVELOP. WHEN IT COMES TO MESSAGING LOCATION-SPECIFIC
19 HAZARDS, HIGH IMPACT THREATS SUCH AS PEAK HOURLY RAINFALL
20 RATES OR DEBRIS FLOW POTENTIAL FOR BURN SCARS CANNOT BE
21 RELIABLY FORECASTED MONTHS IN ADVANCE. ACTIONABLE SITE-
22 SPECIFIC FORECASTS REQUIRE CURRENT OBSERVATIONS AND HIGH-
23 RESOLUTION NUMERICAL MODELING AND ARE DELIVERED WITHIN A FEW
24 TO SEVERAL DAYS OF THE ONSET OF A STORM, WHEN PREDICTABILITY
25 ALLOWS. NOW, CONSIDERING OPERATIONAL REALITY VERSUS



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1 HYPOTHETICAL EXTREMES, WHILE LONG-RANGE RESEARCH MODELS
2 FREQUENTLY EXPLORE WORST-CASE THEORETICAL SCENARIOS, AND THERE
3 ARE MANY THAT ARE OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE, THE NATIONAL
4 WEATHER SERVICE FOCUSES ON REAL-WORLD ACTIONABLE FORECASTS. WE
5 WILL ESCALATE THE MESSAGING OF REASONABLE WORST-CASE SCENARIOS
6 ONLY WHEN SUFFICIENT SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE EXISTS NEAR A STORM'S
7 ARRIVAL. VERY IMPORTANTLY IS PREVENTING PUBLIC WARNING
8 FATIGUE. FRAMING A SEASONAL CLIMATE SIGNALS AS CONFIDENCE
9 SHIFTS AND DYNAMICALLY INVOLVING CERTAINTY RATHER THAN
10 INEVITABLE EMERGENCIES IS CRITICAL. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT
11 OVERSTATING LONG-RANGE RISKS NOW CAN LEAD TO WARNING FATIGUE,
12 SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING PUBLIC COMPLIANCE WHEN HIGH-URGENCY,
13 SHORT-RANGE LIFE SAFETY ALERTS LIKE FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS OR
14 TORNADO WARNINGS POTENTIALLY ARE ISSUED LATER IN THE WINTER.
15 TO CONCLUDE, REGARDING OUR OPERATIONAL NATIONAL WEATHER
16 SERVICE CADENCE AND SUPPORT FOR OUR CORE PARTNERS. WE ARE
17 MAINTAINING CONSISTENT COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, LOS ANGELES CITY
19 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, ALL OF OUR CORE PARTNERS AS
20 THE CONDITIONS EVOLVE. WE'RE ACTUALLY HOSTING TWO TIMES A WEEK
21 EVERY SINGLE WEEK A BRIEFING RHYTHM THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE
22 SEASON TO ALL OF OUR CORE PARTNERS, HIGHLY TECHNICAL TUESDAY
23 SESSIONS TAILORED FOR OUR CORE PARTNERS SUCH AS THE OFFICE OF
24 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS, AND THEN BROAD FRIDAY
25 RISK MESSAGING BRIEFINGS, INCLUDING THE MEDIA. THANK YOU VERY



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1 MUCH FOR HAVING ME, AND I'M HAPPY TO ADDRESS ANY OF THESE
2 ITEMS AT ANY TIME. THANK YOU.

3
4 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** THANK YOU, DR. COHEN. CAN YOU PLEASE ADVANCE
5 THE SLIDE? THANK YOU. OUR COLLECTIVE OBJECTIVE WITH THE COUNTY
6 IS NOT SIMPLY TO PREPARE FOR EL NINO AS A CLIMATE PATTERN. IT
7 IS TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTY'S READINESS FOR OPERATIONAL
8 CONSEQUENCES THAT MAY ACCOMPANY SEVERE AND REPEATED STORMS
9 INCLUDING FLOODING, DEBRIS FLOWS, DAMAGING WIND, COASTAL
10 EROSION AND FLOODING, POWER OUTAGES, ROAD CLOSURES,
11 EVACUATIONS, SHELTERING NEEDS, AND IMPACT TO CRITICAL
12 INFRASTRUCTURE. THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS
13 COORDINATING A COUNTY-WIDE PREPAREDNESS EFFORT THAT'S FOCUSED
14 ON READINESS, PUBLIC AWARENESS, AND OPERATIONAL COORDINATION.
15 FIRST, WE ARE WORKING WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND OUR COUNTY-
16 WIDE PARTNERS TO CONDUCT HAZARD AND OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENTS.
17 THESE ASSESSMENTS HELP IDENTIFY COMMUNITIES AND FACILITIES,
18 INFRASTRUCTURE, AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES THAT MAY BE
19 PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE, AS WELL AS RESOURCES AND CAPABILITY
20 GAPS THAT WE CAN USE TO ADDRESS WINTER STORM SEASONS. ON
21 OCTOBER 18TH, OEM CONVENED THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
22 COUNCIL, BRINGING TOGETHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, CITIES, PUBLIC
23 SAFETY AGENCIES, UTILITIES, THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE,
24 DISASTER MANAGEMENT AREA COORDINATORS, AND OTHER PARTNERS. IN
25 THAT MEETING, WE ESTABLISHED A COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE



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POTENTIAL THREAT AND THE PRIORITY PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS THAT PEOPLE CAN FOLLOW AS WE APPROACH THE STORM SEASON. OEM WILL ALSO BE CONTINUOUSLY WORKING DIRECTLY WITH OUR CITIES, OUR COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, DISASTER MANAGEMENT AREAS TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S DETAILED COORDINATION AND PLANNING ACROSS THE ENTIRE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SECOND, WE ARE DEVELOPING PLANS THAT CLEARLY DEFINE HOW THE COUNTY COORDINATES SIGNIFICANT STORMS RESPONSE. THESE PLANS ADDRESS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ACTIVATIONS, INFORMATION SHARING, EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS, RESOURCE SUPPORT, EVACUATION COORDINATION, MASS CARE AND SHELTER OPERATIONS, AND THE TRANSITION FROM RESPONSE TO RECOVERY. OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IS EVACUATION PLANNING FOR AREAS OF INCREASED RISK FOLLOWING RECENT WILDFIRES, INCLUDING THE EATON AND PALISADES BURN SCARS. THIS PLANNING ESTABLISHES DETAILED PROCESSES FOR COORDINATION WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND CLEARLY DEFINES AGENCY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, PUBLIC WORKS ASSESSES HAZARDS, IDENTIFIES AREAS POTENTIALLY AT RISK, AND PROVIDES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMERGENCY ACTIONS SUCH AS EVACUATIONS. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COORDINATES AND IMPLEMENTS THOSE EVACUATIONS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTIONS, WHILE OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES DO THE SAME FOR THEIRS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS RESCUE OPERATIONS, AND THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATES AND ISSUES COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS. THIS PLANNING ALSO PLACES PARTICULAR



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1 EMPHASIS ON ENSURING THAT THE NEEDS OF VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES
2 AND INDIVIDUALS WITH ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS ARE
3 INCORPORATED INTO OUR EVACUATION, NOTIFICATIONS,
4 TRANSPORTATION, SHELTERING, AND OTHER RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.
5 3RD, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE ASSESSING COUNTY-OWNED
6 PROPERTIES AND CRITICAL FACILITIES AND IDENTIFYING MEASURES TO
7 PROTECT THEM FROM RAIN, FLOODING, WIND DAMAGE, AND THE
8 POTENTIAL OF POWER DISRUPTIONS. WE ARE ALSO DEVELOPING
9 PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION AND PLANNING GUIDANCE THAT
10 JURISDICTIONS CAN USE TO CONDUCT SIMILAR ASSESSMENTS. ON
11 SEPTEMBER 30TH, OEM WILL HOST A TABLETOP EXERCISE FACILITATED
12 BY THE NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL CENTER ON HOMELAND DEFENSE
13 AND SECURITY. COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ALONG WITH OPERATIONAL
14 PARTNERS INCLUDING SOME SELECT JURISDICTIONS AND OUR DISASTER
15 MANAGEMENT AREA COORDINATORS AND AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR
16 COMMUNITIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE
17 EXERCISE WILL ALLOW US TO IDENTIFY GAPS AND RESPONSE ACTIONS
18 THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK ON THROUGHOUT THE STORM SEASON.
19 CLEAR AND COORDINATED PUBLIC INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE
20 ESSENTIAL. ANDREW WILL PROVIDE A MORE DETAILED UPDATE FROM
21 COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS, BUT I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT OEM IS
22 AN INTEGRAL PART IN ALL OF THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY
23 COMMUNICATIONS. WITH THAT WE PROVIDE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
24 EXPERTISE NECESSARY TO ENSURE PUBLIC MESSAGING IS TIMELY,
25 OPERATIONALLY ACCURATE, AND COORDINATED WITH THE ACTIONS OF



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1 EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES. FINALLY, AND
2 MOST IMPORTANTLY, PREPAREDNESS MUST EXTEND BEYOND GOVERNMENT.
3 EVERY RESIDENT SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE FLOOD RISK, WHERE THEY
4 LIVE, AND CONSIDER PURCHASING FLOOD INSURANCE. STANDARD
5 HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS INSURANCE POLICIES GENERALLY DO NOT
6 COVER FLOOD DAMAGE, AND FLOOD INSURANCE TYPICALLY HAS A
7 WAITING PERIOD. RESIDENTS SHOULD ACT NOW AND NOT WAIT FOR
8 STORMS TO ARRIVE. RESIDENTS SHOULD ALSO INSPECT THEIR HOMES,
9 CLEAR DRAINS, RAIN GUTTERS, SECURE OBJECTS, ADDRESS ROOF
10 DRAINAGE PROBLEMS, AND PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE POWER OUTAGES. WE
11 STRONGLY ENCOURAGE EVERY RESIDENT TO REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY
12 NOTIFICATIONS AT ALERT.LACOUNTY.GOV AND FOLLOW INFORMATION
13 FROM TRUSTED GOVERNMENT SOURCES. DEPENDING ON THE EMERGENCY
14 AND ITS LOCATION ALERTS MAY BE ISSUED BY A CITY, THE COUNTY, A
15 STATE AGENCY, THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE, OR OTHER
16 AUTHORIZED PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES. IN CLOSING, WE CAN'T
17 PREDICT PRECISELY HOW MUCH RAIN EL NINO MAY BRING, BUT WE CAN
18 AND MUST USE THIS TIME TO STRENGTHEN OUR PLANS, PROTECT OUR
19 FACILITIES, COORDINATE WITH OUR PARTNERS, AND HELP OUR
20 COMMUNITIES PREPARE. PREPAREDNESS NOW WILL REDUCE OUR RISK,
21 IMPROVE OUR RESPONSES, AND HELP PROTECT LIVES WHEN THE NEXT
22 MAJOR STORMS ARRIVE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I'M AVAILABLE
23 FOR ANY QUESTIONS. AND WITH THIS, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO
24 INTRODUCE ANDREW VEIS, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF CEO COUNTYWIDE
25 COMPS.



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1
2 **ANDREW VEIS:** SORRY ABOUT THAT. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR,
3 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANDREW VEIS.
4 I'M THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS. L.A.
5 COUNTY IS WORKING COLLABORATIVELY ACROSS MULTIPLE AGENCIES TO
6 PREPARE OURSELVES AND THE PUBLIC BEFORE THE FIRST OF ANY
7 POTENTIAL EL NINO-DRIVEN STORMS ARRIVE. IN JULY, WE PARTNERED
8 WITH OEM TO HOST THE FIRST EVER COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY JOINT
9 TRAINING EXERCISE FOR COUNTY COMMUNICATORS. MORE THAN 100
10 COMMUNICATORS FROM ALL 39 DEPARTMENTS EXPERIENCED A SIMULATED
11 JOINT TO INFORMATION CENTER ACTIVATION, PROVIDING EVERYONE
12 WITH VALUABLE HANDS-ON EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EXPERIENCE.
13 AND SINCE EARLY JULY, THE DEPARTMENTS SEATED WITH ME TODAY
14 HAVE BEEN MEETING WEEKLY TO TAKE EARLY PROACTIVE STEPS TO
15 ENSURE ONE VOICE MESSAGING AND TO SHARE HOW L.A. COUNTY IS
16 PREPARING FOR STORM SEASON AND HOW THE PUBLIC CAN TOO. WE HAVE
17 THREE MAIN COMMUNICATION OBJECTIVES. FIRST, TO PREPARE ALL
18 COMMUNITIES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY FOR SEVERE STORM WEATHER BY
19 PROVIDING MULTILINGUAL, CULTURALLY RELEVANT INFORMATION AND
20 RESOURCES. SECOND, TO SHARE FACTS ABOUT WHAT AN EL NINO STORM
21 SEASON MEANS FOR L.A. COUNTY AND IDENTIFY RELATED STORM
22 HAZARDS SO PEOPLE CAN START PREPARING WITH RESOURCES LIKE
23 FLOOD INSURANCE. AND THIRD, TO AMPLIFY STORM PREPAREDNESS
24 RESOURCES INCLUDING ADVISORIES AND WEATHER FORECASTS EARLY AND
25 PROACTIVELY WHILE DRIVING RESIDENTS TO



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1 READY.LACOUNTY.GOV/RAIN. WE HAVE BEEN PROACTIVELY PITCHING TO
2 MEDIA OUTLETS, RESULTING IN MORE THAN A DOZEN STORIES TO DATE,
3 INCLUDING YESTERDAY'S STORY IN THE L.A. TIMES, A THREE-PART
4 KNX SERIES ON EL NINO, INTERVIEWS WITH UNIVISION, ABC, CBS,
5 FOX, AND ETHNIC AND HYPERLOCAL MEDIA OUTLETS REPORTING TO
6 THEIR AUDIENCES IN LANGUAGE. THE CBS STORY I JUST MENTIONED
7 HAS BEEN VIEWED 300,000 TIMES ON THEIR YOUTUBE CHANNEL. OUR
8 INITIAL WORK IS FOCUSING ON EARNED MEDIA, GIVEN THE NATURAL
9 INTEREST IN THIS TOPIC, AND IT'S BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE. WE WILL
10 ALSO LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRO BONO ADVERTISING AS THE
11 SEASON CONTINUES. AS WE HEAD INTO STORM SEASON, WE WILL
12 CONTINUE TO DO TARGETED MEDIA PITCHING ON RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE
13 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, OLDER ADULTS, RESIDENTS WITH ACCESS
14 AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS, AND OTHER POPULATIONS WITH SPECIFIC
15 NEEDS. THIS OUTREACH WILL INCLUDE PRESENTATIONS ON COMMUNITY
16 PREPAREDNESS TO CITIES, COMMUNITY GROUPS, TOWN COUNCILS, AND
17 OTHER MUNICIPALITIES. WE ARE ALSO GOING TO BE LAUNCHING A
18 WEEKLY EL NINO PREPAREDNESS NEWSLETTER, WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE
19 PUBLIC WITH PREPAREDNESS TIPS AND RESOURCES SOURCED FROM THESE
20 VERY DEPARTMENTS. RESIDENTS CAN SIGN UP FOR THAT TODAY AT
21 READY.LACOUNTY.GOV. THANK YOU AND I'D LIKE TO HAND IT OVER TO
22 PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MARK PESTRELLA.

23
24 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THANK YOU EVERYONE. THANK YOU SUPERVISORS FOR
25 HAVING ME HERE TODAY AND RECOGNIZING THE ROLE THAT PUBLIC



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1 WORKS PLAYS AND HAS PLAYED FOR OVER 100 YEARS WITH RESPECT TO
2 FLOOD PROTECTION FOR L.A. COUNTY. MY NAME, AGAIN, IS MARK
3 PESTRELLA. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC
4 WORKS, AND AS A PART OF THAT I'M THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. PUBLIC WORKS APPROACHES
6 FLOOD RISK THE SAME WAY WE APPROACH OTHER MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE
7 RISK. WE START WITH THE SCIENCE, WE EVALUATE THE CONSEQUENCES,
8 AND WE DIRECT OUR RESOURCES WHERE THEY CAN REDUCE THE GREATEST
9 RISK OUR REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM HERE IN L.A. COUNTY IS
10 PREPARED FOR THE UPCOMING STORM SEASON WE PREPARE THAT EVERY
11 YEAR ALL YEAR LONG FOR THE WORST-CASE SCENARIOS BUT
12 PREPAREDNESS IS NOT SIMPLY ABOUT THE CAPACITY OF OUR DAMS
13 CHANNELS DEBRIS BASINS AND STORM DRAINS IT ALSO MEANS
14 UNDERSTANDING WHERE FLOODING IS MOST LIKELY TO OCCUR, WHICH
15 COMMUNITIES ARE MOST EXPOSED, AND WHERE THE CONSEQUENCES OF
16 FLOODING COULD BE GREATEST. THAT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT
17 THIS YEAR AS WE PREPARE FOR THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF A VERY
18 STRONG EL NINO. SO WHAT IS THE SCIENCE TELLING US? I WANT TO
19 THANK OUR PARTNERS FROM NOAA THAT ARE HERE TODAY. THEY DID A
20 GREAT JOB. I LIKE THE ANALOGY. THAT WAS GREAT. I WOULD SAY ONE
21 THING JUST TO PUT IT IN CONTEXT, WE DON'T SEE THIS AS THE
22 SUPER BOWL AT FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT OF OUR STORMS, WE WOULD
23 SEE THE SEASON AS A POTENTIAL SUPER BOWL, AND IT WOULD TAKE
24 MANY STORMS TO REACH LIKE THE HIGHEST CAPACITY WE'VE EVER SEEN
25 IN TERMS OF STORM DAMAGE AND FLOODING. HOWEVER, WE ARE



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1 TREATING THIS CONDITION AS IF IT COULD PRODUCE THOSE KIND OF
2 CONDITIONS AND PREPARING COMMUNITY AS IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE
3 OUR SUPER BOWL. NOAA IS CURRENTLY REPORTING A GREATER THAN 90%
4 CHANCE, A PROBABILITY, THAT THIS EL NINO WILL BECOME A VERY
5 STRONG EVENT DURING THE FALL AND WINTER. A VERY STRONG EL
6 NINO, AS STATED BEFORE, DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT L.A. COUNTY
7 WILL EXPERIENCE ABOVE AVERAGE RAINFALL OR DAMAGING STORMS. IN
8 FACT, THE LAST VERY STRONG EL NINO I RECALL, WE HAD NO RAIN.
9 BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW, WE WERE PREPARED AND LEARNED A LOT FROM
10 THAT EVENT BECAUSE WE FOUND THAT SOME OF OUR PARTNER AGENCIES
11 WEREN'T PREPARED AND WERE TAKING THE RISK THAT WE WOULDN'T
12 HAVE RAIN. AND THIS YEAR WE ARE ACTUALLY REACHING OUT TO ALL
13 THOSE PARTNERS, INCLUDING OUR GREAT PARTNER THE ARMY CORPS OF
14 ENGINEERS, TO BE SURE THEY ARE PREPARED. FOR US, THIS MEANS
15 PREPARING FOR A RANGE OF POSSIBLE CONDITIONS RATHER THAN
16 PLANNING AROUND A SINGLE RAINFALL EVENT. WE EVALUATE STORM
17 INTENSITY, DURATION, SOIL MOISTURE, WATERSHED CONDITIONS, BURN
18 SCARS, DEBRIS POTENTIAL, DRAINAGE CAPACITY, AND THE
19 POSSIBILITY OF STORMS ARRIVING IN SUCCESSION. THESE FACTORS
20 MATTER BECAUSE FLOOD RISK IS CUMULATIVE. WHEN SOILS ARE
21 ALREADY SATURATED, RESERVOIRS AND DEBRIS BASINS HAVE BEEN
22 RECEIVED AND HAVE RECEIVED RUNOFF FROM EARLIER STORMS. ANOTHER
23 STORM ARRIVES SIGNIFICANTLY NEXT TO IT, IT CAN CAUSE MAJOR
24 PROBLEMS. WE LOSE WHAT WE CALL FLOOD CONTROL. THIS LOOKS LIKE
25 THE DAMS FILLING UP AND SPILLING OVER THE TOP OF THE DAM,



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1 WHICH DID OCCUR IN 2004 AND 05. ALL 14 DAMS SPILLED OVER IN
2 2004/05 EVENT. AND WE LOST NO LIVES AND HAD NO MAJOR PROPERTY
3 DAMAGE EVEN THOUGH THEY DID SPILL OVER. SO WE HAVE THE
4 CAPACITY TO HANDLE SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. OF COURSE, OUR JOB IS
5 TO CONTINUALLY EVALUATE THESE CONDITIONS AND ADJUST OUR
6 OPERATIONS AS RISK CHANGES. SO IT'S A RISK-BASED APPROACH. WE
7 THINK ABOUT FLOOD RISK AS A COMBINATION OF THREE THINGS, THE
8 HAZARD ITSELF, WHO AND WHAT IS EXPECTED TO THAT, EXPOSED TO
9 THAT HAZARD, AND HOW VULNERABLE THOSE COMMUNITIES ARE AND
10 INFRASTRUCTURE MAY BE. WE USE FEMA FLOOD INFORMATION,
11 HISTORICAL FLOODING, RAINFALL AND WATERSHED MODELING, BURN
12 AREA CONDITIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY, FIELD OBSERVATIONS,
13 AND OUR FRIENDS AT NOAA TO HELP US DRAW A PICTURE FOR EACH
14 EVENT AS THEY'RE COMING IN. WE THEN USE THAT INFORMATION TO
15 PRIORITIZE THE WORK, AND AREAS WITH THE GREATEST PROBABILITY
16 OF FLOODING BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT, BUT PROBABILITY ALONE
17 DOES NOT DETERMINE PRIORITY. WE ALSO CONSIDER THE POTENTIAL
18 CONSEQUENCES, INCLUDING THREATS TO LIFE, HOMES, CRITICAL
19 INFRASTRUCTURE, EVACUATION ROUTES, AND COMMUNITIES THAT MAY
20 HAVE FEWER RESOURCES TO PREPARE FOR OR RECOVER FROM A FLOOD.
21 SO PRIORITIZING VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IS OUR HIGHEST
22 PRIORITY. OUR GOAL IS NOT SIMPLY TO DISTRIBUTE RESOURCES
23 EQUALLY ACROSS THE COUNTY. THAT WOULD BE WASTEFUL. IT IS TO
24 DEPLOY RESOURCES ACCORDING TO THE RISK. THAT MEANS GIVING
25 GREATER ATTENTION TO COMMUNITIES WHERE SIGNIFICANT FLOOD



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1 EXPOSURE OVERLAPS THE GREATER – WITH GREATER SOCIAL AND
2 PHYSICAL VULNERABILITY. THIS CAN INCLUDE COMMUNITIES WITH
3 LIMITED EVACUATION ROUTES, OLDER DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE, OR
4 PLACES WHERE THERE IS NO FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM, THE MALIBU AND
5 ALSO OUR NORTH COUNTY. WE LOOK AT HISTORICAL DATA FOR WHAT WE
6 CALL OUR SKELETONS, REPEATED HISTORICAL FLOODING. WE LOOK AT
7 THE GEOGRAPHY, TOPOGRAPHY AND AGAIN, FIRST AND FOREMOST, THE
8 RESIDENTS AND THEIR ABILITY TO DEAL WITH AND PREPARE FOR A
9 FLOOD, A SIGNIFICANT FLOOD EVENT. THIS YEAR WE'RE ALSO PLACING
10 SIGNIFICANT ATTENTION ON ALTADENA AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS
11 OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AFFECTED BY THE L.A. WILDFIRE,
12 AND I'M SURE YOU ALL KNOW WHY BECAUSE THESE AREAS WILL PRODUCE
13 THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF POTENTIAL DEBRIS FLOWS AND THEREFORE
14 SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL LOSS OF LIFE AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTIES.
15 WILDFIRE CHANGES WATERSHED BEHAVIOR. LOSS OF VEGETATION
16 CHANGES THE SOIL AND CAN CAUSE RAINFALL TO RUN OFF MORE
17 RAPIDLY. IT CAN MOBILIZE MUD, ROCK, AND SEDIMENT. IT CAN CLOG
18 OUR – NOT ONLY AFFECT OUR HOMES, AFFECT OUR BUSINESSES, BUT
19 ALSO AFFECT OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN SIGNIFICANT WAYS. THE
20 PCH IS ONE AREA OF TRANSPORTATION THAT WE'RE MOST
21 SIGNIFICANTLY WATCHING THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF ITS POTENTIAL
22 IMPACT TO BE LOST TO HIGH SEA CONDITIONS AS WELL AS THE
23 RAINFALL CONDITIONS THAT ARE EXISTING THERE BECAUSE THE AREA
24 CONTINUES TO BE HIGHLY VULNERABLE TO EROSION. AS YOU KNOW,
25 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WE MANAGED THROUGH THAT WITH THE



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1 CONSTRUCTION AND WE CONTINUE TO MANAGE THROUGH IT. THE NORTH
2 COUNTY IS ALSO AN AREA OF TRANSPORTATION IN WHICH WE HAVE
3 LEARNED AND CONTINUE TO LEARN LESSONS ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON
4 WITH CLIMATE. WE'VE SEEN MORE SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO THE
5 DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AND THE ROAD SYSTEM IN THE NORTH COUNTY THAN
6 ANY OTHER AREA IN TERMS OF TRANSPORTATION DAMAGE. AND THESE
7 ARE DUE TO SHEET FLOW AND THE FLOWS THAT YOU MAYBE SAW IN THE
8 GRAND CANYON THIS RECENT WEEK, THAT TYPE OF FLOW WHERE IT'S A
9 DEBRIS FLOW THAT RUNS ACROSS THE LAND AND DESTROYS THE ROAD
10 SYSTEM AND EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH. THE PURPOSE AGAIN, THE NEXT
11 SLIDE PLEASE. THE PURPOSE OF OUR FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT IS NOT
12 SIMPLY TO PRODUCE A MAP, IT'S TO DRIVE OPERATIONAL DECISIONS.
13 AS STORM FORECASTS BECOME MORE PRECISE, WE USE THE LATEST
14 INFORMATION TO DETERMINE WHERE CREWS, EQUIPMENT, PATROLS,
15 INSPECTIONS, EMERGENCY RESOURCES SHOULD BE POSITIONED. AND
16 THESE FOLKS THIS WINTER WILL BE ON 24 STANDBY THROUGHOUT FROM
17 OCTOBER TILL APRIL AND BE READY TO STAND UP TO ABOUT 600
18 DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES WHO OPERATE THE FLOOD CONSULT SYSTEM FOR
19 L.A. COUNTY. WE CAN TRULY MOVE FROM REGIONAL FORECAST TO
20 WATERSHED LEVEL ASSESSMENTS ULTIMATELY TO COMMUNITY LEVEL
21 ACTION AND I'M MENTIONING THIS AND AS IT WAS MENTIONED BY THE
22 PREVIOUS SPEAKERS, THOSE CALCULATIONS ARE BEING MADE IN REAL
23 TIME. SO IT'S NOT EASY FOR US TO TELL YOU WHEN IT'S GOING TO
24 RAIN AND WHERE IT'S GOING TO RAIN TODAY. BUT AS WE GET CLOSER
25 AND CLOSER TO THE STORM EVENT, WE GET BETTER AND BETTER



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1 INFORMATION. AND SO THERE'S THIS BALANCING ACT OF WHEN SHOULD
2 WE PULL THE TRIGGER ON SOMETHING. WE KNOW WE CAN MOVE THINGS
3 TO CERTAIN AREAS, BUT THIS ISSUE OF EVACUATION BECOMES VERY
4 TECHNICAL. SO THIS YEAR WE DECIDED AMONGST OURSELVES, KEVIN,
5 MYSELF, THE FIRE CHIEF, THE SHERIFF, THAT PUBLIC WORKS,
6 MYSELF, WILL BE THE ENTITY THAT WILL BE MAKING THE CALLS ON
7 EVACUATIONS. SO I WILL BE TAKING THAT RESPONSIBILITY FORMALLY.
8 ALTHOUGH WE HAD PREVIOUSLY DONE THAT, I WILL FORMALLY BE
9 PLAYING THE ROLE OF EVACUATION WARNINGS. SYSTEM READINESS. THE
10 BACKBONE OF THAT EFFORT IS ONE OF THE LARGEST URBAN FLOOD
11 CONTROL SYSTEMS IN THE NATION, SOMETHING THAT THIS BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF. IT INCLUDES 14 DAMS AND
13 RESERVOIRS, 178 DEBRIS BASINS, 483 MILES OF FLOOD CONTROL
14 CHANNELS, MORE THAN 3,300 MILES OF STORM DRAIN AND 82,000
15 CATCH BASINS AND 27 SPREADING GROUNDS. IT'S A HUGE INVESTMENT
16 THAT THIS BOARD HAS MADE THROUGH THE YEARS. YOU CURRENTLY
17 SPEND 80 TO 90% OF THE MONEY THAT WE RECEIVE FOR FLOOD CONTROL
18 ON MAINTAINING THE EXISTING SYSTEM, MAINTAINING IT IN A WORLD-
19 CLASS LEVEL, PROVIDING A SPECIFIC LEVEL OF FLOOD PROTECTION.
20 OUR CREWS INSPECT AND MAINTAIN THESE FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE
21 YEAR. BEFORE STORM SEASON, WE USE OUR RISK ASSESSMENT AND WE
22 IDENTIFY VEGETATION NEEDS TO BE REMOVED AND JUST GENERALLY
23 PREPARE THE SYSTEM SO THAT IT CAN CATCH THE DEBRIS AND RAIN.
24 PRIORITIZING OUR RESPONSE. BEFORE AND DURING MAJOR STORMS, WE
25 DO NOT TREAT EVERY PART OF THE COUNTY EXACTLY THE SAME. SO ONE



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1 OF THE THINGS I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE IS I KNOW WHEN YOU SEE
2 RAIN, WE GET CONCERNED. RESIDENTS, I KNOW THE BOARD DOES TOO.
3 THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S RAINING THE SAME LEVEL EVERYWHERE AT
4 THE SAME TIME. IN FACT, THAT'S THE NATURE OF RAIN. IT CAN BE
5 VERY INTENSE IN ONE NEIGHBORHOOD AND IT CAN BE SUNNY IN
6 ANOTHER. WE DON'T GENERALLY GET RAIN OVER THE ENTIRE L.A.
7 COUNTY AT THE SAME TIME. WE COULD HAVE A CELL OF RAIN THAT
8 WOULD BE A 500-YEAR EVENT OCCURRING FOR MAYBE 30 MINUTES AND
9 COULD CAUSE LOCALIZED FLOODING. SO YOU CAN IMAGINE THIS
10 REQUIRES THE ABILITY TO BE FLEXIBLE, BUT ALSO IT REQUIRES US
11 TO BE EDUCATED AND BE EDUCATING YOU AS TO WHERE THE ACTUAL
12 AREA IS TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT. SO WE DON'T OVER-RESOURCE OR
13 THIN OUT OUR RESOURCES AND NOT BE ABLE TO RESPOND PROPERLY TO
14 THE RIGHT LOCATIONS. WORKING AS ONE REGIONAL SYSTEM. FLOOD
15 PROTECTION IN LOS ANGELES IS SHARED RESPONSIBILITY. VERY
16 IMPORTANT. YOU CAN'T EXPECT YOUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO
17 COVER EVERYBODY. IT'S A JOINT EFFORT. IT GOES, EVERYBODY FROM
18 OUR MAJOR PARTNERS LIKE THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, TO OUR
19 LOCAL CITIES WHO HAVE THEIR OWN FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS AND HAVE
20 THEIR OWN PDS, TO RIGHT DOWN TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL OF
21 PROPERTY OWNERS TAKING CARE OF THEIR BUSINESS ON THEIR
22 PROPERTY. I WANT TO GUARANTEE YOU THIS YEAR THE CORPS OF
23 ENGINEERS IS FULLY ENGAGED WITH US ON THIS YEAR'S FORECAST.
24 AND WE AGREE THAT STORM READINESS IS OUR TOP PRIORITY. I MET
25 DIRECTLY WITH GENERAL BUTCH GRAHAM, CHIEF ENGINEER TO THE



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1 COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AND
2 COLONEL BOST, THE NEW COMMANDER OF THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT TO
3 MAKE SURE WE ARE ALL ALIGNED IN PREPARING COMMUNITY TOGETHER
4 FOR THIS EVENT THAT'S COMING UP. AND I'M PROUD TO TELL YOU
5 THAT I'M HAPPY TO TELL YOU THAT THE CORPS IS ALL ON BOARD AND
6 TAKING CARE OF SOME OF THE ROUTINES THAT WE NORMALLY DON'T SEE
7 THEM TAKE CARE OF. SO I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THIS ISN'T A
8 YEAR WHERE WE FIND DEFICIENCIES THAT COULD POTENTIALLY BE A
9 PROBLEM. AGAIN, STORMWATER DOESN'T RECOGNIZE JURISDICTIONAL
10 BOUNDARIES. FOR THAT REASON, OUR PREPARATION MUST ALSO CROSS
11 THOSE BOUNDARIES. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, WE WORK WITH CITY
12 ENGINEERS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS, EMERGENCY MANAGERS, THE
13 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT
14 CONDITIONS. AGAIN, AS STORM'S APPROACH, THAT TEAM OF REGIONAL
15 FLOOD FIGHTERS, FLOOD CONTROL FOLKS, WEATHER FORECASTERS ARE
16 ALL WORKING TOGETHER AROUND THE CLOCK TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
17 MEET OUR KPI OF NO LIVES LOST AND LIMITED PROPERTY DAMAGE. SO
18 THE SAME APPROACH GUIDES OUR LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS. WE STUDY
19 WHERE FLOOD RISK EXISTS TODAY. I CAN TELL YOU WHERE I EXPECT
20 THERE TO BE FLOODING. IF YOU CALL ME AND SAY IN MY
21 NEIGHBORHOOD, MY STAFF CAN TELL YOU AT ANY PLACE, ANY LOCATION
22 IN L.A. COUNTY WHAT WE EXPECT WILL HAPPEN WITH ANY KIND OF
23 RAIN EVENT. AND TO THAT END, PROPERTY OWNERS CAN CALL OR YOUR
24 STAFF CAN CALL MY STAFF AT ANY TIME AND I HAVE A NUMBER I'LL
25 GIVE OUT HERE IN A MINUTE 1-800-933-0930 IF YOU WANT TO BECOME



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1 AWARE OF YOUR SPECIFIC PROPERTIES POTENTIAL FLOOD HAZARD AND
2 IF YOU'RE JUST CONCERNED ABOUT THIS WEATHER COMING WE HAVE
3 PEOPLE WHO ENGINEERS WHO CAN ANSWER THE QUESTION HAVE REAL-
4 TIME DATA RIGHT DOWN TO PROPERTY LEVEL ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR
5 FLOODING ON ANY PROPERTY IN L.A. COUNTY. SO THAT'S OUR
6 PREPAREDNESS. SO HOW CAN WE PREPARE? PREPAREDNESS IS THE NEXT
7 SLIDE AND MY LAST SLIDE. PREPAREDNESS IS ALSO TOTALLY LOCAL.
8 GOVERNMENT HAS IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY FOR REDUCING REGIONAL
9 FLOOD RISK, INCLUDING NOT HYPING FLOOD AND NOT CREATING FEAR
10 FOR PEOPLE. SOME OF THE BIGGEST HAZARDS WE GET ARE PEOPLE THAT
11 GET SCARED AND THEY LEAVE THEIR PROPERTY AND THEY DRIVE
12 IMPROPERLY THROUGH THE RAIN SYSTEM OR THEY UNDERESTIMATE AGAIN
13 THE RAINING. SO IT'S TAKING IT SERIOUSLY BUT NOT BEING TO THE
14 POINT OF HAVING FEAR DRIVE US. THE FINAL LEVEL OF PREPARATION
15 OCCURS AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL, AND I TALKED ABOUT IT
16 EARLIER. WE'RE ASKING RESIDENTS TO TAKE FOUR ACTIONS. KNOW
17 YOUR RISK.

18
19 **MARK PESTRELLA:** UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS AROUND YOUR HOME.
20 ARE YOU IN OR NEAR A MAP FLOODPLAIN? YOU CAN LOOK THIS UP ON
21 OUR WEBSITE. ARE YOU BELOW A HILLSIDE OR BURN AREA? ARE YOU
22 NEAR A CHANNEL, A CREEK, DEBRIS BASIN, OR LOW-LYING ROADWAY?
23 AND ON THAT ONE, LET ME BE VERY SPECIFIC. MOST TRAGIC LOSSES
24 WE HAVE HAD IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE BEEN CHILDREN ENTERING INTO
25 THE FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM, GOING ACROSS CHANNELS OR CROSSING



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1 CREEKS AT ANY LEVEL OF FLOW. IT'S VERY, VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE
2 EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN AND EDUCATE FOLKS TO STAY OUT OF
3 FLOODWAYS WHEN WE HAVE RAIN. HAS YOUR PROPERTY OR NEIGHBORHOOD
4 EVER FLOODED? IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW AND KNOW THE HISTORICAL
5 ISSUES. HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLAN. KNOW WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR
6 NEIGHBORHOOD IF CONDITIONS ARE DETERIORATING. CONSIDER FAMILY
7 MEMBERS, OLDER ADULTS, NON-AMBULATORY RELATIVES, PEOPLE WITH
8 DISABILITIES, PETS, MEDICATIONS, AND TRANSPORTATION NEEDS. IN
9 COMMUNITIES WITH LIMITED ACCESS OR EVACUATION ROUTES, EARLY
10 PREPARATION BECOMES EVEN MORE IMPORTANT. PREPARE YOUR
11 PROPERTY, THE BASIC THING OF CLEARING YOUR GUTTERS AND MAKING
12 SURE YOU HAVE A FLOW PATH ON YOUR PROPERTY SO IT RUNS OFF YOUR
13 PROPERTY. KNOW WHERE THE WATER COMES INTO YOUR PROPERTY. KNOW
14 WHERE THE HEAVIEST INUNDATION IS. STAY INFORMED. WEATHER RISK
15 CHANGES RAPIDLY. A SEASONAL OUTLOOK TELLS YOU WHAT MAY BE MORE
16 LIKELY OVER SEVERAL MONTHS, BUT A LOCAL FORECAST DURING THAT
17 WEEK IS CRITICAL TO PEOPLE'S SAFETY. STAY IN TOUCH WITH L.A.
18 COUNTY. STAY AND LISTEN TO THE NEWS AND BE PREPARED. SO WE ARE
19 HELPING COMMUNITIES PREPARE. THAT IS THE OBJECTIVE AS KEVIN
20 SAID, THAT OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE. WE ARE RECOGNIZED THAT EVERY
21 HOUSEHOLD HAS THE SAME ABILITY TO REPAIR. SOME DO AND SOME
22 DON'T. SOME REALMS HAVE MORE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND
23 TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS, INFORMATION OR ABILITY TO PROTECT
24 THEIR PROPERTY THAN OTHERS. THAT IS WHY L.A. COUNTY
25 PREPAREDNESS MUST FOCUS ADDITIONAL ATTENTION ON COMMUNITIES



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1 WHERE VULNERABILITY IS GREATEST. PUBLIC WORKS WILL CONTINUE
2 WORKING WITH CITIES, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, EMERGENCY
3 MANAGERS, RESIDENTS TO GET INFORMATION ASSISTANCE TO THOSE
4 COMMUNITIES BEFORE MAJOR STORMS ARRIVE. RESIDENTS WHO ARE
5 CONCERNED ABOUT FLOODING, MUD OR DEBRIS AFFECTING THEIR
6 PROPERTY CAN ALSO CONTACT PUBLIC WORKS, AS I SAID, AT OUR FREE
7 ENGINEERING NUMBER 1-800-933-0930. THEY CAN ALSO GO TO
8 READY.LACOUNTY.GOV FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EL
9 NINO EVENT. IN CLOSING, THANK YOU SUPERVISORS FOR HELPING US.
10 YOU PLAY A MAJOR ROLE, OBVIOUSLY, IN PREPARING COMMUNITY AND
11 TODAY IS A VERY GOOD START FOR OUR PREPARATION FOR COMMUNITY.

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** MR. SHERIFF, I THINK YOU'RE NEXT.

14

15 **ROBERT LUNA:** GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYBODY. ROBERT LUNA, YOUR
16 SHERIFF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
17 BOARD, THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY. THE SHERIFF'S
18 DEPARTMENT FOCUS FOR THE UPCOMING EL NINO STORM SEASON IS
19 PROTECTING LIFE AND PROPERTY THROUGH EARLY PREPARATION,
20 COORDINATED EVACUATIONS, AND OUR ABILITY TO RAPIDLY DEPLOY
21 RESOURCES AS CONDITIONS CHANGE. PRE-STORM PLANNING AND
22 RESOURCE POSITIONING, OUR DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS EMERGENCY
23 OPERATION PROCEDURES SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING SEVERE WEATHER,
24 FLOODING, AND POST-FIRE MUD AND DEBRIS FLOWS AND HAZARDS AS
25 THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HAS ARTICULATED. BEFORE SIGNIFICANT



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1 STORMS, OUR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BUREAU AND AFFECTED STATIONS
2 COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,
3 PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTY FIRE, AND OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND
4 PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERS. WE MONITOR FORECAST AND ANTICIPATED
5 IMPACTS, BRIEF PERSONNEL, INSPECT EQUIPMENT, IDENTIFY
6 VULNERABLE LOCATIONS, PREPARE ROADWAY CLOSURES, AND PRE-
7 POSITION RESOURCES BASED ON ANTICIPATED THREAT. IN REGARDS TO
8 EVACUATION AND LIFE SAFETY OPERATIONS, EVACUATION AND LIFE
9 SAFETY OPERATIONS ARE AMONG OUR MOST IMPORTANT
10 RESPONSIBILITIES DURING SIGNIFICANT STORMS. THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUOUSLY MONITORS CONDITIONS AND PROVIDES A
12 TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL FLOODING AND DEBRIS FLOW
13 IMPACTS AND PROVIDES DEBRIS FLOW FORECASTS, HAZARD MAPS, AND
14 LISTS OF IDENTIFYING PROPERTIES THAT MAY BE AT AN ELEVATED
15 RISK. WHEN AN EVACUATION WARNING OR ORDER IS ISSUED, OUR
16 STATION PERSONNEL ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING RESIDENTS IN
17 THE AFFECTED AREAS AND CONDUCTING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
18 EVACUATION OPERATION. WE ALSO USE OUR NEW CITIZEN EVACUATION
19 TRACKER THAT WE STARTED BACK IN APRIL OF 25 TO DOCUMENT THESE
20 NOTIFICATIONS SO INCIDENT COMMANDERS HAVE SITUATIONAL
21 AWARENESS OF THE EVACUATIONS PROGRESS SO IN A SENSE IT GIVES
22 US A LIVE PICTURE OF EVACUATION STATUS. THE DEPARTMENT OF
23 PUBLIC WORKS IDENTIFIES THE HAZARD. COUNTY PARTNERS
24 COORDINATE. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
25 PREPARES AND CONDUCTS LAW ENFORCEMENT EVACUATION OPERATION.



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1 THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUPPORTS COORDINATED
2 ALERTING, STATIONS CONDUCT EVACUATIONS AND DOCUMENT RESIDENT
3 NOTIFICATIONS. VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES AND BURN SCAR AREAS.
4 RECENT BURN SCAR AREAS WILL REQUIRE PARTICULAR ATTENTION. OUR
5 PLANNING IDENTIFIES VULNERABLE PROPERTIES AND COMMUNITIES
6 BEFORE THE STORM ARRIVES SO OUR PERSONNEL KNOW WHERE THE
7 GREATEST RISK MAY EXIST AND WHERE EVACUATION NOTIFICATIONS MAY
8 BE REQUIRED. PATROL STATIONS LOCATED NEAR RECENT BURN SCARS
9 WILL CONDUCT REGULAR PATROL CHECKS, CONTINUOUSLY REASSESS
10 CONDITIONS AS STORMS DEVELOP AND PROVIDE TIMELY UPDATES
11 REGARDING CHANGING CONDITIONS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.
12 SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THE STORM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
13 BUREAU, HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES TEAM, BETTER KNOWN AS HOST,
14 AND A STATION PERSONNEL WILL CONDUCT OUTREACH TO THE UNHOUSED
15 POPULATION IN RIVERBEDS, WASHES, AND OTHER HIGH-RISK
16 LOCATIONS. PERSONNEL WILL PROVIDE WARNINGS, CONDUCT WELFARE
17 CHECKS, ASSIST WITH EVACUATIONS, AND COORDINATE WITH COUNTY
18 AGENCIES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS REGARDING RELOCATION TO SAFER
19 LOCATIONS OR AVAILABLE SHELTERS. THIS PROTECTS VULNERABLE
20 INDIVIDUALS AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCIES REQUIRING
21 ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY RESOURCES, INCLUDING SWIFT WATER
22 RESCUE OPERATIONS DURING SEVERE STORMS. DURING EVACUATION
23 OPERATIONS, PERSONNEL WILL REMAIN MINDFUL THAT RESIDENTS WITH
24 ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE,
25 ADDITIONAL TIME OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS TO EVACUATE SAFELY. IN



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1 REGARDS TO ROADWAY AND FLOOD RESPONSE, OUR STATIONS IDENTIFY
2 ROADS AND INTERSECTIONS SUSCEPTIBLE TO FLOODING AND DEBRIS
3 FLOWS AS PART OF THEIR LOCAL PLANNING. STATIONS WILL IMPLEMENT
4 PRE-PLANNED ROAD CLOSURES AT FLOOD-PRONE INTERSECTIONS AND
5 OTHER LOCATIONS THAT ROUTINELY EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANT WATER
6 ACCUMULATION DURING STORMS. DURING SIGNIFICANT STORMS, OUR
7 DEPUTIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ESTABLISH ROAD CLOSURES AND
8 ACCESS CONTROLS, PROVIDE TRAFFIC DIRECTION, ASSIST STRANDED
9 MOTORISTS, SUPPORT RESCUE AND EVACUATION OPERATIONS, AND
10 ESTABLISH DETOURS AROUND HAZARDOUS AREAS. I DO LIKE TO REMIND
11 PEOPLE AT THIS TIME, IF YOU SEE A SIGN THAT SAYS FLOODED OR DO
12 NOT ENTER, DO NOT ENTER. WE END UP HAVING TO RESCUE A LOT OF
13 FOLKS THAT GO THROUGH THOSE AND THAT CREATES A HIGH-RISK FOR
14 ALL OF OUR FOLKS. THESE ACTIVITIES WILL BE COORDINATED WITH
15 PUBLIC WORKS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, CALTRANS FIRE,
16 AND OTHER AGENCIES SO EMERGENCY ACCESS CAN BE MAINTAINED AND
17 RESOURCES CAN BE ADJUSTED AS CONDITIONS CHANGE. IN REGARD TO
18 EMERGENCY COORDINATION AND SPECIALIZED RESOURCES, IF AN
19 INCIDENT EXCEEDS THE CAPABILITIES OF AN INDIVIDUAL PATROL
20 STATION, THE DEPARTMENT CAN RAPIDLY EXPAND ITS RESPONSE. OUR
21 DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTER CAN BE ACTIVATED TO COORDINATE
22 DEPARTMENT RESOURCES, SUPPORT AFFECTED STATIONS, AND THE FIELD
23 INCIDENT ITSELF. COMMANDERS MAINTAIN DEPARTMENT-WIDE
24 SITUATIONAL AWARENESS AND COORDINATE WITH COUNTY EMERGENCY
25 OPERATIONS CENTER AND OUR PARTNER AGENCIES. THE DEPARTMENT



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1 ALSO MAINTAINS TRAINED INCIDENT COMMAND TEAM, INCIDENT
2 MANAGEMENT TEAMS, AND COMMAND AND COORDINATION SUPPORT DURING
3 LARGE-SCALE OR COMPLEX INCIDENTS BY HELPING MANAGE OPERATIONS,
4 PLANNING LOGISTICS, RESOURCES, AND OTHER CRITICAL INCIDENT
5 FUNCTIONS. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO MAINTAINS SPECIALIZED
6 RESOURCES, INCLUDING SWIFT WATER RESPONSE CAPABILITIES THAT
7 CAN BE DEPLOYED WHEN THE CONDITIONS WARRANT. IN REGARD TO
8 PUBLIC INFORMATION AND DEPARTMENT READINESS, FINALLY, TIMELY,
9 CONSISTENT, AND ACCURATE PUBLIC INFORMATION IS ABSOLUTELY
10 CRITICAL TO KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES INFORMED AND PREPARED. OUR
11 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BUREAU, SHERIFF'S INFORMATION BUREAU, 24-
12 HOUR OPERATIONS CENTER, AND AFFECTED STATIONS WILL COORDINATE
13 TIMELY AND ACCURATE PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION REGARDING IF
14 EVACUATION WARNINGS AND ORDERS, ROAD CLOSURES, FLOODING
15 HAZARDS AND AREAS RESIDENTS SHOULD AVOID. WE WILL WORK WITH
16 THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND OUR COUNTY PARTNERS TO
17 ENSURE COORDINATED EMERGENCY MESSAGING. I ALSO AT THIS TIME
18 WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT WHEN YOU GET DIRECTIONS TO EVACUATE,
19 ESPECIALLY A MANDATORY EVACUATION THAT YOU COMPLY, THAT HAS
20 GOTTEN OUR FOLKS IN GRAVE DANGER IN THE PAST. OUR FOCUS GOING
21 INTO THIS EL NINO SEASON IS MAKING SURE OUR PERSONNEL ARE
22 PREPARED, OUR RESOURCES ARE STRATEGICALLY POSITIONED, OUR
23 FACILITY STATIONS ARE READY, AND OUR COORDINATION WITH COUNTY
24 PARTNERS IS ESTABLISHED BEFORE THE STORMS ARRIVE. I WANTED TO
25 MENTION WITH THE URGING OF THE COUNTY CEO, MR. NICCHITTA, THAT



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1 ON THE 8TH OF SEPTEMBER OF 26, WE HAVE A MEETING WITH ALL OF
2 OUR CONTRACT CITY PARTNERS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE LOOPED
3 IN TO WHAT THE COUNTY FAMILY IS DOING SO THAT WE CAN HELP EACH
4 OTHER KEEP EACH OTHER INFORMED AND SO ON AND THEN I ALSO WANT
5 TO MAKE SURE, AND WE'VE MENTIONED IT, BUT I'M GOING TO
6 REINFORCE IT. HAVE YOUR FAMILY PREPARED FOR ANY AND ALL
7 EMERGENCIES, INCLUDING AN EARTHQUAKE. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE
8 SUFFICIENT FOOD, WATER, AND REMEMBER THE 6 PS. PEOPLE, PETS,
9 PRESCRIPTIONS, PAPERS, WHICH MEAN IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS,
10 PERSONAL NEEDS, PRICELESS ITEMS, AND A COMMUNICATION PLAN WITH
11 ALL OF YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS. BECAUSE THE FIRST THING THAT'S
12 GOING TO HAPPEN IS THAT DON'T DEPEND THAT YOUR CELL PHONE
13 SERVICE IS GOING TO WORK. SO PREPARE YOUR COMMUNICATION PLAN
14 WITH YOUR CELL PHONES GOING DOWN. THAT IS VERY, VERY, CRITICAL
15 AND THEN JUST AS IMPORTANT TAKE CARE OF YOUR AT-RISK
16 NEIGHBORS. AND WITH THAT, I WANT TO INTRODUCE MY PARTNER,
17 CHIEF OF THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, ANTHONY MARRONE.

18
19 **ANTHONY MARRONE:** SO GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE CHAIR AND
20 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IN REGARDS TO FIRE'S PREPAREDNESS
21 EFFORTS, THIS BEGINS WITH PREPAREDNESS BEFORE STORM-RELATED
22 EVENTS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DOES PARTICIPATE IN INTERAGENCY
23 TRAINING FOR MUD AND DEBRIS FLOW AND SWIFT WATER INCIDENTS. WE
24 MONITOR FORECASTS AND INPUTS AND IMPLEMENT AUGMENTED STAFFING
25 AND THE PRE-DEPLOYMENT OF SPECIALIZED RESOURCES IN IDENTIFIED



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1 AREAS. WE ALSO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVE PATROL DURING THE STORM.
2 WHEN AN INCIDENT OCCURS, WE PARTICIPATE IN A COORDINATED
3 EMERGENCY RESPONSE ALONG WITH OUR PARTNERS AT THE DEPARTMENT
4 OF PUBLIC WORKS, LASD, AND OEM. IN ADDITION, THE FIRE
5 DEPARTMENT DOES AMPLIFY THE PUBLIC ONE VOICE MESSAGING AND WE
6 DO PARTICIPATE IN EDUCATION AND SAFETY AWARENESS BEFORE OUR
7 STORM SEASON STARTS. I'D NOW LIKE TO PASS IT ON TO OUR
8 PARTNERS AT HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING FOR THEIR REPORT.

9

10 **CARTER HEWGLEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. DIRECTOR MAHIN
11 WAS UNABLE TO BE HERE TODAY. I'M CARTER HEWGLEY, CHIEF OF
12 STRATEGY AND PARTNERSHIPS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS
13 SERVICES AND HOUSING. HSH HAS INITIATED OUR OPERATIONAL
14 READINESS BY REVIEWING AREAS OF GREATEST NEED AND IDENTIFYING
15 ACCESSIBLE EMERGENCY INTERIM HOUSING SITES THAT ARE CONNECTED
16 TO THOSE AREAS AND TO THE OUTREACH TEAMS THAT SERVE
17 UNSHELTERED RESIDENTS IN THOSE AREAS. AS YOU KNOW, HERE IN
18 L.A. COUNTY, TWO THIRDS OF OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS ARE ALREADY
19 SURVIVING OUTSIDE, WHICH MEANS WE ALREADY DON'T HAVE A HOUSING
20 SOLUTION FOR EVERYONE. SO WE WORK EVERY DAY TO GET VULNERABLE
21 PEOPLE SAFELY OUT OF VULNERABLE AREAS. BUT FOR FOLKS WHO ARE
22 UNABLE TO COME INSIDE DUE TO SHELTER AND HOUSING CAPACITY
23 CONSTRAINTS, WE'RE ALREADY WORKING WITH THEM TO EDUCATE THEM
24 ABOUT THEIR RISK, EMPOWER THEM WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR
25 OPTIONS, AND PROTECT THEM BY DISTRIBUTING EMERGENCY SUPPLIES



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1 AND EQUIPMENT DIRECTLY TO THEM AND OUR PARTNERS WHO SERVE
2 THEM. IN COORDINATION WITH OUR SISTER DEPARTMENTS, WE'RE ALSO
3 FINALIZING OUR EMERGENCY ACTIVATION STANDARD OPERATING
4 PROCEDURES FOR OUR UNSHELTERED RESPONSE, AND WE'RE TAKING
5 STEPS TO TRAIN OUR STAFF ON THE PROTOCOLS RELATED TO SEVERE
6 WEATHER EVENTS. WE ARE ALSO CREATING PATHWAYS FOR ADDITIONAL
7 INTERIM HOUSING CAPACITIES, WHICH WILL INCLUDE IDENTIFYING
8 EXISTING VACANCIES IN OUR INTERIM HOUSING PORTFOLIO, USING
9 EMERGENCY MOTEL VOUCHERS, AND AUGMENTING OUR EMERGENCY
10 SHELTERS AT ALTERNATIVE AND EXISTING INTERIM HOUSING
11 FACILITIES. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. IN ADDITION TO PARTICIPATING
12 IN THE TABLETOP EXERCISES AND BEING PART OF THE COMMUNICATIONS
13 WORKING GROUP THAT ANDREW MENTIONED, HSH IS UNDERTAKING
14 ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION EFFORTS TO INFORM OUR PARTNERS AND
15 THE PUBLIC ABOUT CLIMATE RELATED EVENTS AND RESPONSES. OUR
16 GOAL IS TO ENSURE THE RIGHT PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT INFORMATION
17 AT THE RIGHT TIME, WHICH INCLUDES THOSE SURVIVING UNSHELTERED
18 IN OUR HIGHEST RISK AREAS AND THE PARTNERS THAT SERVE THEM.
19 OUR EMERGENCY CENTRALIZED RESPONSE CENTER PUSHES CLIMATE-
20 RELATED NOTIFICATIONS TO HSH-ADMINISTERED AND PARTNER OUTREACH
21 TEAMS FOR TARGETED COMMUNICATIONS TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
22 UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS. HSH ALSO MAINTAINS TIMELY AND
23 ACCESSIBLE DIGITAL CONTENT ON OUR WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA
24 CHANNELS, AND E-NEWSLETTER, AND OUR COMMUNICATIONS TEAM WILL
25 DISTRIBUTE RELEVANT INFORMATION IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES TO THE



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1 PUBLIC VIA THESE CHANNELS. REGULARLY UPDATED DIGITAL CONTENT
2 WILL INCLUDE COUNTY WEATHER ALERTS, RESOURCES TO CONNECT FOLKS
3 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES, INFORMATION
4 ABOUT L.A.'S 211, AND OTHER KEY UPDATES AND COMMUNITY
5 RESOURCES AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. WE CONTINUE TO REMAIN
6 COMMITTED TO THIS IMPORTANT WORK ALONGSIDE OUR PARTNERS HERE
7 WITH EQUITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY AT THE FOREFRONT
8 OF OUR DECISION MAKING. AND NOW I'LL TURN IT OVER TO MY
9 COLLEAGUE, GARY JONES, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND
10 HARBORS.

11
12 **GARY JONES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR SOLIS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
13 GARY JONES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS. OUR
14 DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 23 MILES OF L.A. COUNTY
15 COASTLINE, INCLUDING WORLD FAMOUS SURF RIDER VENICE AND
16 MANHATTAN BEACHES. WE ALSO MANAGE MARINA DEL REY, THE LARGEST
17 CONSTRUCTED SMALL CRAFT HARBOR IN THE UNITED STATES. OUR
18 APPROACH TO COASTAL PREPAREDNESS EXTENDS BEYOND A SINGLE
19 WEATHER PATTERN. OUR SEASONAL PREPARATIONS REDUCE RISK AND
20 ALLOW US TO RESPOND QUICKLY WHEN CONDITIONS CHANGE, WHILE
21 INVESTMENT IN THE LONG-TERM RESILIENCE OF OUR COASTLINE IS A
22 YEAR-ROUND COMMITMENT. OUR PREPARATIONS FOR THIS YEAR'S EL
23 NIÑO AND THE PREDICTED COMBINATION OF STRONG STORMS, SEA LEVEL
24 RISE AND SUPER KING TIDES ARE THE SAME AS THEY ARE EVERY YEAR.
25 THAT'S BECAUSE WE PROACTIVELY PREPARE OUR BEACHES AND MARINA



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1 DEL REY FOR THE WORST WINTER CONDITIONS. OUR SEASONAL BERMS
2 ARE THE MOST VISIBLE FORM OF COASTAL PROTECTION. THESE BERMS
3 ARE LONG PILES OF SAND, ABOUT 15 FEET HIGH. WITHOUT THEM,
4 WAVES DURING HIGH TIDES AND STORM SURGES COULD QUICKLY RUSH
5 OVER THE FLAT BEACH AND FLOOD PARKING LOTS AND OTHER
6 FACILITIES. THE TALL BERM MAKES IT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT FOR
7 WATER FROM THE WAVES TO CROSS THE ENTIRE BEACH AND ENTER
8 FACILITIES. OUR CREWS MONITOR, MAINTAIN AND REBUILD THESE
9 BERMS AS NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE WINTER. WE ALSO DEPLOY SANDBAGS
10 IN FLOOD-PRONE AREAS TO PROTECT THE COUNTY'S FACILITIES. BUT
11 PLEASE REMEMBER SANDBAGS SHOULD NEVER BE FILLED WITH BEACH
12 SAND OR EMPTIED ONTO THE BEACH AFTER USE. OTHER PREPARATIONS
13 INCLUDE LIFEGUARD TOWER RELOCATIONS AND ROUTINE INSPECTIONS TO
14 HELP REDUCE IMPACTS BEFORE STORMS ARRIVE. PREPAREDNESS ALSO
15 MEANS MAKING SURE PEOPLE HAVE INFORMATION THEY NEED. WE
16 AMPLIFY SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS MESSAGING FROM THE L.A. COUNTY
17 LIFEGUARDS AND FROM THE MARINA DEL REY HARBOURMASTER TO MARINA
18 DEL REY LESSEES, THE BOATING COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC AS
19 CONDITIONS CHANGE. WE ALSO AMPLIFY BEACH SAFETY MESSAGING FROM
20 LIFEGUARDS AND OTHER AGENCIES. WHEN CONDITIONS CHANGE WE
21 RESPOND QUICKLY TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND
22 BEACH ACCESS. THIS REQUIRES A COORDINATED EMERGENCY RESPONSE.
23 OUR RESPONSE TO THE RECENT EROSION AT POINT JIMM EXEMPLIFIES
24 OUR ABILITY TO RAPIDLY IMPLEMENT EMERGENCY MITIGATION MEASURES
25 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER AGENCIES. SEASONAL PREPAREDNESS



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ADDRESSES TODAY'S RISKS. OUR COASTAL RESILIENCE INITIATIVE
FOCUSES ON TOMORROW. THROUGH THE INITIATIVE, WE INVEST IN
LONG-TERM STRATEGIES THAT HELP PROTECT BEACHES, PUBLIC ACCESS
AND COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE FROM EVOLVING COASTAL HAZARDS.
THESE STRATEGIES INCLUDE LIVING SHORELINE AND BEACH
NOURISHMENT PROJECTS. WE ARE ALSO WORKING WITH CITIES AND
OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO CREATE COMPREHENSIVE ADAPTION PLANS THAT
BENEFIT THE ENTIRE COASTLINE. TOGETHER, THESE EFFORTS REFLECT
THE DEPARTMENT'S COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO COASTAL
PREPAREDNESS. PREPARING FOR THE SEASON, PROTECTING DURING
EMERGENCIES AND PRESERVING LOS ANGELES COASTLINE FOR THE
FUTURE. AND WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO MICHAEL
SILVESTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES.

MICHAEL SILVESTER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS. I'D
LIKE TO UPDATE YOU ON DPSS'S EFFORTS. MY NAME IS MICHAEL
SYLVESTER. I'M CHIEF DEPUTY OF ADMINISTRATION. I'M HERE ON
BEHALF OF DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS. AND WE HAVE TWO ROLES,
OBVIOUSLY, AS MANY OF OUR PARTNERS HAVE DURING EMERGENCIES.
ONE IS TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF THE OVER 4,000,000 CLIENTS THAT WE
SERVE AND 1,000,000 OF THEM CHILDREN AND MAKING SURE THAT THEY
CAN STILL OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN THEIR BENEFITS THROUGHOUT AN
EMERGENCY. SO, MAKING SURE THAT ALERTS AND ALL OF THE
INFORMATION SHARED ON THE EMERGENCY IS DISTRIBUTED OUT TO OUR
CLIENTELE. WE DO USE THE GET READY L.A. WEBSITE TO MAKE SURE



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1 THAT IT'S CONSISTENT INFORMATION THAT'S PROVIDED TO THEM. WE
2 ALSO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR IHSS
3 POPULATION. WE DO WELLNESS CHECKS DURING EMERGENCIES TO MAKE
4 SURE THAT THEY HAVE THE RESOURCES NEEDED. OUR SOCIAL WORKERS
5 DO THAT ON BEHALF OF THEIR CLIENTS. AND THEN IN ADDITION, WE
6 HAVE OUR LEAD ROLE FOR THE COUNTY, AND THAT'S IN THE MASS CARE
7 AND SHELTER ROLE. IN THAT ROLE, WE ARE SENDING OUT
8 NOTIFICATIONS AS WELL, BUT WE ARE USING THE COUNTY
9 DISTRIBUTION NETWORK FOR THAT. WE ALSO PRE-IDENTIFY POTENTIAL
10 SHELTER SITES. IN DOING THAT, WE WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS AT
11 AMERICAN RED CROSS, AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARKS AND REC, TO
12 PRE-IDENTIFY SHELTER SITES, PRE-STAGE EQUIPMENT THAT WOULD BE
13 IN LOCALITY TO WHERE WE THINK THE SHELTER SITES MIGHT BE
14 NEEDED. WE OBVIOUSLY USE THE ZIP CODE AND IMPACT ZONES THAT
15 ARE DISTRIBUTED BY OUR EMERGENCY PARTNERS. WE LOOK FOR
16 ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, DURING
17 EMERGENCIES, WE HAVE TO MAKE SWIFT CHANGES AND PLANS BECAUSE
18 THE FIRES OR FLOODS, IN THIS CASE, ACTUALLY POP UP IN
19 DIFFERENT AREAS. AND WHEN THOSE CHANGE, WE HAVE TO CHANGE
20 WHERE WE MIGHT HAVE SHELTER SITES. WE COMPILE A LIST OF
21 LOCATIONS WHERE VENDORS CAN PROVIDE US WITH ADA SHOWERS AND
22 ALSO LOCATIONS WHERE SHOWERS CAN BE ALTERNATIVELY PROVIDED
23 THROUGH YMCAS, COMMUNITY CENTERS, AND THE LIKE. WE PARTICIPATE
24 IN SHELTER EXERCISES. WE'RE ACTUALLY THE ONES THAT WORK WITH
25 AMERICAN RED CROSS AND WE DO SHELTER EXERCISES. WE PLAN TO DO



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1 THAT IN ACCORDANCE OF PREPARATION FOR THESE EMERGENCIES. WE
2 HAVE APPROXIMATELY 1,000 COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE TRAINED IN
3 SHELTER SERVICES, AND MANY OF THEM ARE DPSS EMPLOYEES. WE DO
4 HAVE SOME THAT ARE IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS. WE WOULD REALLY LIKE,
5 I'M GOING TO MAKE A PLEA - WE'D REALLY LIKE TO EXPAND THAT TO
6 BECOME A COUNTY-WIDE STAFFING RESOURCE. IN FACT, ONE OF OUR
7 RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE TO LOOK AT THAT AS PART OF THE DSW
8 PROGRAM SO THAT DSWs CAN BE SHELTER-READY. BUT WE DO HAVE OVER
9 1,000 IN DPSS ALONE. SO WE HAVE TO TAKE THEM OFF THE LINE,
10 JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE TO MAN THE SHELTERS. WE ALSO WORK WITH
11 AMERICAN RED CROSS ON MESSAGING, ON PREPAREDNESS. WE DIRECT
12 THEM TO THE SAME MESSAGING THAT'S GOING TO BE PUT UP ON THE
13 READINESS L.A. WEBSITE. RED CROSS IS ACTUALLY HERE. THEY WERE
14 HERE IN CASE THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS FOR RED CROSS, BUT RED
15 CROSS IS A MAJOR PARTNER FOR L.A. COUNTY. THEY HAVE HELPED US
16 WITH THE SHELTERS QUITE A BIT THROUGHOUT THE LAST EMERGENCIES
17 WE ALSO I JUST WANT TO REMIND THE BOARD AS WELL. WE ALSO WILL
18 BE PURSUING DISASTER CALFRESH IF IT IS APPROPRIATE DURING
19 DEPENDS ON THE DISASTER IMPACT, BUT WE DID DO THAT DURING THE
20 FIRES. IT WAS VERY HELPFUL TO THE PUBLIC, AND THAT WOULD BE
21 ANOTHER THING THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY THE LEAD ON. SO THAT
22 CONCLUDES DPSS'S PORTION OF THE PRESENTATION.

23
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, DID YOU
25 HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? AND THEN WE'LL START WITH THE OTHER BOARD



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1 MEMBERS THAT WANT TO ASK.

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I REALLY
4 APPRECIATE THAT. AND THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S PRESENTATION IS
5 NOT TO ALARM ANYONE, BUT TO ALERT EVERYONE, TO MAKE SURE THAT
6 THEY ARE READY, THEY ARE CHECKED IN AND HAVE THE INFORMATION
7 THAT THEY NEED. TO THAT END, I KNOW MANY OF US WOKE UP TO
8 REPORTS THAT POTENTIALLY THIS WEEKEND THERE WOULD BE A
9 HURRICANE COMING IN THIS DIRECTION. IS THAT REAL? AND WHAT
10 ARE—WHAT SHOULD PEOPLE ACTUALLY BE PREPARED FOR THIS WEEKEND?

11

12 **DR. ARIEL COHEN:** IT'S EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT WE HAVE DIRECT
13 IMPACTS FROM THE LOWER LATITUDE TROPICAL SYSTEMS THAT HAVE
14 BEEN OCCURRING VERY, VERY FAR AWAY FROM THE AREA AND IN FACT
15 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EXTREMELY SMALL ODDS OUR BIGGEST CONCERN
16 IS GOING TO BE THE SIGNIFICANT SWELLS, SOUTHERLY SWELLS THAT
17 ARE GOING TO BE IMPACTING COASTAL AREAS. IT'S CERTAINLY
18 POSSIBLE THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE OUTDOORS AROUND
19 THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND AT THE BEACHES, AND THE RIP CURRENTS ARE
20 GOING TO BE EXTREMELY STRONG, POTENTIALLY DEADLY. AND THE
21 AMOUNT OF ENERGY FROM THAT SWELL, THE LONG PERIOD SWELL, IS
22 GOING TO BE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO FOLKS HEADED TOWARDS THE
23 BEACHES, ESPECIALLY IF IT'S SUNNY OUTSIDE. WE CAN HAVE SUNNY
24 CONDITIONS AND STILL VERY DANGEROUS CONDITIONS AT THE BEACHES,
25 NOT TO MENTION SIGNIFICANT COASTAL EROSION CAN OCCUR WITH SUCH



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1 TREMENDOUS ENERGY FROM THESE DISTANT STORM SYSTEMS AS WELL AS
2 COASTAL FLOODING. SO THOSE ARE THE MAIN CONCERNS, EVEN IF IT'S
3 COMPLETELY SUNNY OUTSIDE.

4
5 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. I KNOW MANY
6 PEOPLE HAVE HAD THAT QUESTION. AND IT SOUNDS LIKE FROM YOUR
7 ANSWER, WE DON'T WANT TO PUT OUR LIFEGUARDS TO THE TEST ANY
8 MORE THAN WE ALREADY HAVE. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE
9 KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE. BUT IT'S HELPFUL TO KNOW WHAT WE SHOULD
10 ACTUALLY BE PREPARING FOR. TO THAT END IF PEOPLE WALK AWAY
11 WITH ONE PIECE OF INFORMATION OF WHERE THEY SHOULD GO TO STAY
12 ON TOP OF INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THIS SEASON I'LL ASK OUR
13 COMMS WHERE SHOULD THEY BE GOING JUST TO REITERATE THAT.

14
15 **ANDREW VEIS:** SO FOR PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES THEY SHOULD GO TO
16 [READY.LACOUNTY.GOV/RAIN](https://ready.lacounty.gov/rain) AND IF THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH
17 EVENT WE WILL ACTIVATE OUR EMERGENCY PAGE ON
18 [LACOUNTY.GOV/EMERGENCY](https://lacounty.gov/emergency).

19
20 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU AND EACH OF YOU HAVE
21 TOUCHED ON THIS IN DIFFERENT WAYS, BUT OBVIOUSLY RESIDENTS
22 IMPACTED IN THE BURN SCAR AREAS ARE PAYING PARTICULAR
23 ATTENTION TO THE WEATHER CONDITIONS. WHAT SHOULD THEY BE ON
24 THE LOOKOUT FOR AND WHAT SPECIFIC INFORMATION SHOULD THEY BE
25 CHECKED INTO AS WE'RE ENTERING THIS SEASON?



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2 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SO SUPERVISOR, WE, AS YOU, I BELIEVE YOU KNOW,
3 IN THESE, NOT ONLY THE RECENT BURN SCARS, BUT ANYTHING LESS
4 THAN FIVE YEARS IN RECOVERY, PUBLIC WORKS IS ASSESSING THOSE
5 SPECIFIC PROPERTIES AND IDENTIFYING THE MOST VULNERABLE
6 LOCATIONS. AND I WAS TOUCHED ON WITH SHERIFF LUNA WHO
7 ANNOUNCED THAT WE DO HAVE A LIST OF PROPERTIES THAT WE
8 CONSIDER MOST VULNERABLE, AND WE WILL BE REACHING OUT TO THOSE
9 PROPERTY OWNERS SPECIFICALLY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON
10 HERE, OCTOBER 15TH, IF THEY'RE ABOUT TO PREPARE THEM. THEY
11 THEMSELVES, JUST VERY SIMPLE, THERE COULD EVEN BE RENTERS AND
12 PROPERTIES LIKE THAT. WHAT WE WANT THEM TO DO IS IF THEY KNOW
13 THERE WAS A RECENT FIRE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, TO GO TO THE
14 BACKYARD OR THE FRONT YARD AND LOOK FOR HILLSIDE SLOPES THAT
15 COME DOWN ONTO THE PROPERTY AND IF THE VEGETATION IS BURNED
16 AND STILL SCARRED, WE WANT THEM TO CONTACT US DIRECTLY SO THAT
17 WE CAN TALK TO THEM ABOUT A PLAN FOR THEIR SPECIFIC PROPERTY.

18

19 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** SO INDIVIDUAL HOMEOWNERS CAN CONTACT
20 YOU DIRECTLY?

21

22 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES, THEY CAN.

23

24 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND I KNOW THAT WE ALSO HEAR FROM
25 PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, THERE ARE ROUTINE AREAS THAT EXPERIENCE



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1 FLOODING. PEOPLE ARE FRUSTRATED. WE KNOW THIS HAPPENS EVERY
2 TIME THERE'S A RAIN, AND YET IT FEELS LIKE NOBODY IS REALLY
3 RESPONDING. SO WHAT SORT OF PREVENTATIVE MEASURES HAVE WE BEEN
4 TAKING, ESPECIALLY IN THOSE AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN ROUTINELY
5 IMPACTED?

6

7 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SO WE FINALLY CALL THOSE PLACES SKELETONS. THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THEY'RE BETTER KNOWN AS
9 DEFICIENCIES IN THE SYSTEM. THEY'RE NOT REALLY TRUE
10 DEFICIENCIES. THEY'RE JUST PLACES THAT DO NOT DRAIN AT LIKE
11 100-YEAR PROTECTION. THEY DRAIN SOMETHING LESS THAN THAT. THE
12 PLACES THIS STORM THIS WEEK, I COULD SEE THE VENICE AREA, THE
13 LOW-LYING AREAS OF VENICE AND THAT POTENTIALLY HAVING. SO WE
14 DO IS WE PRE-DEPLOY, YOU KNOW, PUMPS AND OTHER DEVICES TO
15 DRAIN THOSE AREAS THAT WE KNOW ARE A PROBLEM. AND WE HAVE AN
16 ONGOING LIST AT THE DEPARTMENT THROUGHOUT THE CITIES AND THE
17 COUNTY IN THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AREA WHERE WE WILL PRE-
18 DEPLOY FACILITIES TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE THINGS GET TAKEN
19 CARE OF. IT'S INTERESTING THOUGH BECAUSE IF SOMEBODY DOESN'T
20 MAINTAIN THEIR DRAIN ON THEIR PROPERTY YOU COULD FLOOD SO
21 THERE'S ANY NUMBER OF THINGS THAT CAN COME OUT BUT THE KNOWN
22 ONES WE ARE ON THEM ON TOP OF THAT AND ALREADY PREPARING FOR
23 THAT.

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND IS THAT COUNTYWIDE REGARDLESS OF



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1 INCORPORATED CITY VERSUS UNINCORPORATED AREA OR ARE YOU DOING
2 THAT ONLY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA?

3

4 **MARK PESTRELLA:** IT'S A GOOD CLARIFICATION. IT'S IN THE FLOOD
5 CONTROL DISTRICT'S BOUNDARIES, WHICH IS 85 OF THE 88 CITIES,
6 EVERYTHING SOUTH OF AVENUE S TO BE TECHNICAL AND WE DO NOT
7 COVER THE ISLAND, THE CATALINA ISLAND.

8

9 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND FOR THE PROPERTY OWNERS AS WELL,
10 THE INFORMATION YOU SHARED, IS THAT ONLY FOR UNINCORPORATED
11 RESIDENTS OR IS THAT COUNTYWIDE AS WELL?

12

13 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THAT'S COUNTYWIDE SUPERVISOR WITHIN THE L.A.
14 COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BOUNDARY.

15

16 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. I KNOW THAT ANOTHER THING THAT
17 WE HEAR IN OUR DISTRICT AND I'M SURE SUPERVISOR BARGER DOES AS
18 WELL, THE LANDFILLS GET PARTICULARLY IMPACTED WITH THIS WET
19 WEATHER SEASON. SO WHAT ARE WE DOING TO PREPARE? WHAT ARE WE
20 DOING TO ADDRESS WHAT WE KNOW ARE IMPACTS, THE AWFUL ODORS AND
21 THINGS THAT TAKE MONTHS TO RECOVER FROM? WHAT ARE WE DOING
22 NOW?

23

24 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SO, WE'VE ALREADY REACHED OUT TO ALL THE
25 LANDFILLS IN L.A. COUNTY THAT WE HAVE JURISDICTION WITH OR



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1 PARTNERSHIP WITH. THE COUNTY AGENTS ARE COORDINATING THE
2 LANDFILL WITH THE OPERATORS THEMSELVES AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES
3 TO ENSURE WET WEATHER PLANS ARE UPDATED AND FACILITIES ARE
4 PREPARED FOR ANTICIPATED HEAVY RAINFALL. THEY ARE MANDATED TO
5 HAVE A WET WEATHER PLAN SUPERVISOR OF ANY RAIN OF ANY
6 CONSEQUENCE. AND AS YOU KNOW, WE WENT THROUGH SEVERAL OF THESE
7 WHERE WE HAD NOT ONLY WE HAD ODORS BUT WE ALSO HAD SOME
8 FACILITIES THAT TOOK OFF IN AN UNUSUAL WAY IN TERMS OF
9 UNDERGROUND FIRES AND THINGS AND SOME OF THAT WAS TRIGGERED BY
10 LEACHING OF WATER INTO THE GROUND. SO THE LANDFILL OPERATORS
11 ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FACILITY PREPAREDNESS WITH REGULATORY
12 AGENCIES PROVIDING OVERSIGHT, AND PUBLIC WORKS IS PROVIDING
13 TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND COORDINATION. SPECIFICALLY AT SUNSHINE
14 CANYON LANDFILL, PREPARATIONS ARE STARTING EARLIER AND
15 INCORPORATING LESSONS FROM THE RECENT STORMS, INCLUDING
16 IMPROVEMENTS TO DRAINAGE, SLOPE PREPARATION, AND EROSION
17 CONTROL. PUBLIC WORKS PARTICIPATES IN REGULAR INSPECTIONS AND
18 REVIEWS WET WEATHER PLANS WITH FACILITY OPERATORS AND PARTNER
19 AGENCIES TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL ISSUES AND MAINTAIN READINESS
20 THROUGHOUT THE STORM SEASON.

21
22 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SO YEAH, WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH THEM ALREADY.
23 WE'RE MAKING SURE NOT ONLY THAT THEY HAVE THEIR WET WEATHER
24 PLANS, BUT ANY OPEN CONSTRUCTION SITE DURING THE WET WEATHER
25 SEASON WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA ALSO HAS ITS WET WEATHER



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1 PLAN IN PLACE BEFORE THE OCTOBER 15TH RAINY SEASON DEADLINE.

2

3 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND HOW HAVE WE PREPARED FOR
4 STORMWATER CAPTURE GIVEN THAT THIS WILL BE AN UNUSUAL SEASON
5 IT'S ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO CAPTURE WATER?

6

7 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YEAH SO THAT'S ONE OF THE YOU KNOW OUR DUAL
8 OPERATIONS, DUAL MISSION AT FLOOD CONTROL IS TO CAPTURE AS
9 MUCH OF THE PRECIOUS RAINWATER AS POSSIBLE, WHICH IS SAFELY TO
10 DO. SO AS I STATED EARLIER, ALL OUR DEBRIS BASINS ARE READY TO
11 REGULATE THOSE FLOWS. THE SPREADING GROUNDS, 27 OF THEM, ARE
12 PREPARED AND BEEN CLEANED AND READY TO TAKE IN FLOWS. THEY
13 WILL BE GOING AND THEN ALL OF THE INVESTMENTS YOU'VE BEEN
14 MAKING THROUGH MEASURE W, MAKING SURE THAT THOSE SYSTEMS ARE
15 READY AND OPERABLE FOR THE SEASON SO THAT WE CAN AGAIN CAPTURE
16 SAFELY CAPTURE THE FLOWS. GIVES ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND
17 THE MEDIA THAT WE CAN'T CAPTURE EVERY DROP BECAUSE WATER IS
18 VERY HEAVY. IT CAN BE DANGEROUS TO CAPTURE. AND SO WE WILL
19 PRIORITIZE PEOPLE'S SAFETY AND FLOOD CONTROL FIRST, AND WATER
20 CONSERVATION WILL BE THE SECOND PRIORITY.

21

22 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. AND MY FINAL QUESTION IS REALLY
23 RELATED TO THE IMPACTS ON OUR UNHOUSED POPULATION. I KNOW WE
24 TOUCHED ON THAT THERE WILL BE PRE-IDENTIFIED LOCATIONS FOR
25 SHELTERS. THERE WILL BE A UNIQUE ROLE FOR OUR ECRC TO PLAY.



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1 AND WE'RE ALSO PEOPLE WE KNOW WILL BE CALLING INTO 211. SO
2 WHERE ARE WE ACTUALLY IDENTIFYING THOSE LOCATIONS? HOW ARE WE
3 MAKING SURE 211 HAS THE CAPACITY TO TAKE THE CALLS? AND WHAT
4 SHOULD PEOPLE EXPECT OUT OF THE ECRC AS IT RELATES TO THAT
5 OPERATION?

6

7 **CARTER HEWGLEY:** THANK YOU FOR THOSE QUESTIONS. SO I'LL START
8 WITH THE ECRC.

9

10 **CARTER HEWGLEY:** THERE'S SEVERAL ROLES THE ECRC PLAYS. FIRST IS
11 ON TRAINING. THEY'RE PROVIDING TRAINING TO OUTREACH TEAMS AND
12 PRACTICING HOW WE RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES IN ADVANCE OF THEM,
13 DOING CASE CONFERENCING TO COORDINATE SPACES AND TEAMS SO THEY
14 CAN TALK ABOUT VULNERABLE CLIENTS AND VULNERABLE SPACES, AND
15 HELPING FIGURE OUT HOW TO CONNECT THOSE CLIENTS TO THE
16 SERVICES THEY NEED. THEY'RE ALSO DOING SITUATIONAL AWARENESS,
17 PUSHING OUT SITUATION REPORTS TO OUR TEAMS AND TO OUR PARTNERS
18 ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING, ANY EMERGING THREATS THAT THEY'RE
19 SEEING IN THE AREAS, AND THEN MONITORING HOW NOT ONLY OUR
20 UNSHELTERED LOCATIONS, BUT OUR SHELTERS MIGHT BE IMPACTED BY
21 EVENTS. WILDFIRES WAS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW THEY DID THAT AT
22 ECRC. AND THEN FINALLY, JUST REALLY SERVING AS THAT CENTRAL
23 REFERRAL AND COORDINATION POINT WHERE THEY'RE WORKING WITH
24 OUTREACH TEAMS TO RECEIVE REFERRALS AND COORDINATE THE
25 CONNECTIONS TO THINGS LIKE EMERGENCY VOUCHERS OR INTERIM



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1 HOUSING PLACEMENTS. SO THAT'S A LOT OF DIFFERENT ROLES THAT
2 THE ECRC IS PLAYING. TO THE QUESTION ABOUT CAPACITY AND WHAT
3 CAN BE DONE. OUR PRIMARY STRATEGY IS TO REDUCE DEMAND ON 211.
4 INSTEAD OF THINKING OF IT ONLY AS WE HAVE STAFF UP TO MEET THE
5 DEMAND, WE WANT TO PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING AS MUCH AS
6 POSSIBLE BY FIRST WORKING NOW TO GET VULNERABLE PEOPLE OUT OF
7 VULNERABLE AREAS. ALSO LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN USE EXISTING
8 INTERIM HOUSING CAPACITY NEAR SOME OF OUR WATERSHEDS AND RIVER
9 BASINS. ALSO LOOKING AT OUR PROVIDER CONTRACTS AND SEEING LIKE
10 HOW CAN WE ADD COTS AND BEDS AT SITES THAT ALREADY EXIST. OUR
11 EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER CAPACITY. SO JUST LOOKING SORT OF
12 ACROSS THE ENTIRE SYSTEM AND THINKING ABOUT HOW DO WE MAKE THE
13 MOST OF WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE, HOW DO WE ADD CAPACITY TO WHAT
14 WE DON'T HAVE, AND THEN ONCE IT GETS TO LIKE HOW DO WE ADD
15 MOTEL VOUCHERS, WORKING BOTH WITH 211 AND WITH OUR OUTREACH
16 TEAMS TO REFER DIRECTLY INTO THOSE VOUCHERS.

17
18 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. AND DPSS, I THINK YOU WANTED TO
19 JUMP IN AS WELL.

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21 **MICHAEL SYLVESTER:** YEAH. SO FOR GENERAL POPULATION SHELTERS,
22 WE DO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH RED CROSS, AS I INDICATED BEFORE.
23 THERE'S APPROXIMATELY 75 COUNTY-DOCUMENTED SHELTERS, BUT
24 THERE'S SEVERAL HUNDRED.



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SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: AND ARE THOSE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY,
INCLUDING OUR INCORPORATED CITIES, OR ARE THEY ONLY IN
UNINCORPORATED AREAS?

MICHAEL SYLVESTER: NO, THEY'RE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY SO SOME
ARE IN INCORPORATED AREAS AND SOME ARE IN UNINCORPORATED
AREAS. NOW THE CITIES TAKE THE LEAD IN INCORPORATED AREAS FOR
SHELTER AND WE HAVE THE LEAD IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS, BUT IF
THE CITY CAN'T, IF THEY DON'T HAVE, IF THEY HAVE A CAPACITY
ISSUE WE STEP IN TO ASSIST THEM. SO THAT'S WHY THE SHELTERS
ARE IMPORTANT TO COVER THE ENTIRE COUNTY FROM A GEOGRAPHIC
PERSPECTIVE. BUT THEY'RE - RED CROSS HAS SEVERAL HUNDRED, AND
SO WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH RED CROSS IS WE'RE GOING THROUGH THE
LISTING, UPDATING THEM ALL, MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE MASTER
FACILITY USE AGREEMENTS WITH THEM, ALL OF OUR TERMS ARE
UPDATED, AND THAT WE CAN - AND THEN WE'LL BASICALLY PULL ALL
OF THE IMPACT AREAS AND OVERLAY THAT, AND THEN LOOK FOR
SHELTERS THAT WOULD BE OUTLYING THOSE IMPACT AREAS, BECAUSE WE
DON'T WANT SHELTERS IN THE IMPACT AREA. AND SOMETIMES THAT
FORCES YOU FURTHER AND FURTHER OUT DEPENDING ON HOW FAR THE
IMPACT BECOMES BUT THAT'S HOW WE HANDLE THAT AND ALSO IN TERMS
THAT WE WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH EACH HSH IN THE SHELTERS TO
MAKE SURE THAT AS WE HAVE ON HOUSE COME INTO A GENERAL POP
SHELTER THAT WE CAN GET THEM TO SHELTERS WHERE THEY MIGHT
ACTUALLY HAVE BETTER SERVICES FOR THEM MORE APPROPRIATE



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1 SERVICES FOR THEM AND WE ALSO CASE MANAGE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
2 IN THE SHELTER WHO ARE LOOKING FOR 211 HOTEL VOUCHER OTHER
3 OPTIONS THAT MIGHT BE MORE FORMIDABLE FOR THEM.

4
5 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. THIS WAS
6 INCREDIBLY COMPREHENSIVE AND I THINK USEFUL FOR EVERYONE WHO'S
7 BEEN PAYING ATTENTION AND REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THIS
8 SEASON MIGHT MEAN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9
10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU'RE
11 IN THE QUEUE.

12
13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, DR. COHEN, FOR
14 ACTUALLY MAKING IT UNDERSTANDABLE. SUPERVISOR HAHN, RIGHT
15 BEFORE YOU TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE HEAR THAT WORD, YOU
16 KNOW, THE EL NINO, WE THINK IT'S GOING TO BE ALL ABOUT RAIN.
17 BUT I WILL SAY, AND THIS, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS A QUESTION
18 OR A STATEMENT OR BOTH, WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, IT RAINED. IT
19 RAINED. AND THE THING THAT CHANGED WAS WE DIDN'T WALK TO
20 SCHOOL. NOW WHEN IT RAINS, THE NEWS COVERS AS THOUGH IT IS THE
21 ARMAGEDDON COMING UPON US. AND I GUESS MY QUESTION TO YOU IS,
22 DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAS CHANGED IN TERMS OF, IS IT PERCEPTION,
23 BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T HAD RAIN OVER PERIODS OF TIME, BUT WHAT HAS
24 CHANGED THAT'S CREATED THIS, FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM,
25 HYSTERIA AS IT RELATES TO RAIN?



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1
2 **DR. ARIEL COHEN:** SUPERVISOR, I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS
3 SINCERELY. THIS IS ON MY MIND A LOT BECAUSE PUBLIC SAFETY IS
4 OUR CORE MISSION. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ALL HERE FOR. AND WE WANT
5 TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR ALERTS ARE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. AND IT'S THE
6 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SAVING LIVES AND OTHERWISE. I THINK A LOT
7 ABOUT THE QUESTION THAT YOU ASKED. I DON'T HAVE A SINGLE
8 ANSWER FOR IT. I WOULD IMAGINE THAT OVER TIME SOCIAL MEDIA MAY
9 BE PLAYING A ROLE IN TERMS OF THAT I'D IMAGINE THAT OVER TIME
10 PERCEPTIONS JUST CHANGE OVERALL I MEAN WE'VE HAD AN EL NINO
11 SIGNIFICANT EL NINO THAT WAS COMPLETELY DRY A VERY STRONG EL
12 NINO THAT WAS COMPLETELY DRY. AND WE'VE HAD VERY STRONG EL
13 NINOS THAT HAD MUCH SIGNIFICANT WEATHER. WE KNOW THAT WHEN
14 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTING THERE TO BE SIGNIFICANT WEATHER AND IT
15 DOESN'T HAPPEN, THERE'S THE CONCERN ABOUT DESENSITIZATION OF
16 ALERTS SUBSEQUENT TO THOSE SEASONS. SO I'M NOT COMPLETELY SURE
17 EXACTLY WHAT HAS DRIVEN WHAT YOU MENTIONED, THE EVOLVING
18 PERCEPTION, BUT WHAT WE'RE DOING FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER
19 SERVICE PROACTIVELY IS HAVING THESE TWICE-A-WEEK MEETINGS
20 EVERY SINGLE WEEK WITH OUR CORE PARTNERS AND ON FRIDAYS
21 INCLUDING THE MEDIA TO REALLY BE LEADING THE MESSAGING.
22 BECAUSE THAT MESSAGING, I CAN GIVE A COMPLETELY FACTUAL
23 STATEMENT, IT CAN BE PERCEIVED COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THAN THE
24 ACTUAL WORDS I'M USING. AND THE GOAL IS TO WORK
25 COLLABORATIVELY TOGETHER WITH OUR PARTNERS AT LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
2 DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE BOARD TO REALLY UNIFY THE MESSAGING SO
3 THAT WHEN CATASTROPHE DOES STRIKE, AND WE KNOW IT DOES STRIKE.
4 PEOPLE ARE READY, PEOPLE ARE PREPARED AS WE WORK TOGETHER IN
5 ADVANCE, AND THEY'RE ALSO LISTENING. IT'S A COMMUNITY EFFORT,
6 AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK WE DO COLLABORATIVELY TO MAKE
7 THAT POSSIBLE. YOU ASKED A GREAT QUESTION. I'M ALWAYS
8 THINKING, HOW CAN WE DO BETTER? SO THAT'S AT LEAST AS A STEP
9 WHY WE'RE DOING THESE MEETINGS TWICE A WEEK TO REALLY GET
10 EVERYONE THE SAME PAGE THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION.

11
12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH, AND THANK YOU AND I WOULD SAY
13 THOUGH THAT YOU KNOW THINGS LIKE WHAT'S HAPPENED IN TIBET
14 NEPAL AS WELL AS A GRAND CANYON, I THINK FURTHER PUT FEAR IN
15 PEOPLE'S MINDS, BUT I WILL SAY, AND I LOOK TO YOU, MARK, WE
16 TALK ABOUT THE BURNS SCARS AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH,
17 FOR HIGHLIGHTING THAT, BECAUSE THAT IS SOMETHING THAT EVEN
18 LAST YEAR WHEN IT RAINED, I HAD CONCERNS ABOUT THE ALTADENA
19 AREA BECAUSE IT'S ON THE FOOTHILLS AND THERE HAD BEEN, THERE'S
20 BURN SCARS AND THE VEGETATION HAD NOT HAD TIME TO HAVE
21 REGROWTH. AND SO MY BIGGEST FEAR WAS THAT WE'D HAVE MUDSLIDES.
22 SO I MEAN, I FEEL THAT'S A VALID CONCERN. BUT THEN YOU'VE GOT
23 THE HIGH DESERT. AND LAST YEAR, FLASH FLOODS WASHED OUT ROADS,
24 AND PEOPLE COULDN'T GET TO AND FROM. AND THAT'S PROBABLY GOING
25 TO OCCUR AGAIN. IT'S PROBABLY OCCURRED IN YEARS PAST. I MEAN,



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1 FLASH FLOODS ARE, I DON'T WANT TO SAY, WELL, MAYBE THEY ARE A
2 NORM IN THE HIGH DESERT OR EVEN DOWN IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY IN
3 THE DESERTS. WHEN YOU HAVE A LOT OF RAIN COMING UP IN THE
4 FOOTHILLS AND COMING DOWN FAST, IT'S GOT TO HAVE A PLACE TO
5 GO. SO HOW PREPARED DO YOU FEEL THAT WE ARE THIS YEAR AS IT
6 RELATES TO THAT?

7

8 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, WE'RE PREPARED AS WE HAVE BEEN IN
9 EVERY YEAR. WE HAVE SUCH A GREAT TRACK ORDER IN L.A. COUNTY
10 FOR OUR PREPAREDNESS FOR SYSTEM AND THAT BECAUSE YOU ALL MADE
11 THIS GREAT INVESTMENT IN A SYSTEM TO PROTECT PEOPLE. THAT
12 INCLUDES THE ROAD SYSTEM. THE ROAD SYSTEM ITSELF PROVIDES A
13 TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF FLOOD PROTECTION, INCLUDING THE AREA OF
14 THE NORTH COUNTY. AND IT WAS A TRAGEDY LAST YEAR, JUST SAID
15 WHAT HAPPENED. AND I WANT TO COMMUNICATE AGAIN AND DOUBLE DOWN
16 ON WHAT CHIEF SAID. OUR SHERIFF SAID, IF YOU SEE A SIGN THAT
17 SAYS DON'T ENTER, DON'T ENTER. AND AS I SAID, DON'T LET
18 CHILDREN GO IN. I DO WANT TO ADDRESS ONE THING, SUPERVISOR, IS
19 YOU SAID WHAT HAS CHANGED. THERE IS A CHANGE IN OUR CLIMATE
20 THAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING THAT HAS CAUSED US TO HAVE MORE SEVERE
21 EVENTS AT A HIGHER FREQUENCY. OUR RAINFALL HAS CHANGED IN ITS
22 NATURE IN THAT IT'S LESS FREQUENT BUT HIGHER INTENSITY.

23

24 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH. AND I APPRECIATE THAT MARK, BUT I
25 THINK MY FRUSTRATION IS, AND DR. COHEN, I TOUCHED ON IT, IS



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1 THAT EVERY TIME THERE'S RAIN COMING, IT'S ALL HANDS-ON DECK
2 ARMAGEDDON. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US. I MEAN, I THINK
3 BACK TO WHEN LUCY JONES, WHEN SOMEONE ASKED, LIKE WHEN I WAS
4 IN MY TEENS, THEY ASKED, IS IT APPROPRIATE TO PANIC DURING AN
5 EARTHQUAKE? AND SHE TURNED AND SAID, IT'S NEVER APPROPRIATE TO
6 PANIC. AND SO I SAY THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY, AND WE'RE
7 GOING TO DO IT WITH THE EARTHQUAKES, IS EDUCATION.
8 PREPAREDNESS, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY. IS GOVERNMENT READY TO
9 RESPOND? AND THAT'S AN IMPORTANT, CALM WAY OF LETTING PEOPLE
10 KNOW THAT YOU SHOULD ALWAYS PREPARE FOR THE WORST WITH THE
11 CHANCES OF THAT HAPPENING, PROBABLY NOT LIKELY, BUT YOU ALWAYS
12 PREPARE FOR THE WORST. CORRECT?

13

14 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES. WE PREPARE EVERY YEAR FOR THE WORST
15 CONDITIONS. WE MAXIMIZE THE CAPACITY OF THE SYSTEM THAT'S
16 BUILT TO TAKE THOSE STORMS. SO I STARTED THIS BY SAYING FEAR
17 IS THE ENEMY FOR US, BECAUSE THAT'S USUALLY WHERE WE HAVE
18 SOMEONE MAKE A MISTAKE, BECAUSE THEY'RE FIERCE. SO WE DO HAVE
19 TO BE CAREFUL, AND WE HAVE TO MODULATE THE WAY WE TALK ABOUT
20 IT. WE DON'T PULL THE WORD OUT SAFETY OR UNSAFE LIGHTLY. AND
21 WE'RE PRECISE ABOUT WHEN SOMETHING'S UNSAFE. BUT WE DON'T WANT
22 ALL OF L.A. COUNTY TO THINK IT'S UNSAFE EVERY TIME IT RAINS.
23 IN FACT, IT'S A NATURAL PHENOMENON, AS YOU KNOW. IT PROVIDES A
24 CRITICAL RAINFALL, IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF OUR WATER SYSTEM
25 HERE AND OUR WATER SUPPLY HERE. AND SO IF WE GET RAIN IN A



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1 REGULAR YEAR, WE'LL DO LIKE WE DID LAST YEAR, DID A TREMENDOUS
2 AMOUNT OF WATER. WE CAPTURED LIKE A THIRD OF THE DRINKING
3 WATER SUPPLY FOR L.A. COUNTY AND WE HAD A FAIRLY GOOD STORM
4 SEASON. HOWEVER, WE DO NEED TO PREPARE AS IF IT IS GOING TO BE
5 SUPER BOWL BECAUSE IT COULD HAPPEN.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YOU SHOULD BE PREPARING RIGHT NOW,
8 EXPECTING THE WORST. THAT'S WHY WE CLEANED OUT DEVIL'S GATE.

9

10 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THAT'S RIGHT.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** GOT A LOT OF HEAT FOR IT. YEAH. BUT WE
13 DID IT NOT BECAUSE IT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN THAT YEAR, BUT WE
14 NEED TO BE PREPARED IN CASE IT DID. SO I BELIEVE THE
15 PREPAREDNESS ACROSS THE BOARD, EVEN WHEN WE'RE NOT TALKING
16 ABOUT EL NINO, IS COMMON SENSE. I MEAN, IF NOT US, WHO?

17

18 **DR. ARIEL COHEN:** SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD ADD ON, ONE OF MY
19 FIRST YEARS HERE AS THE METEOROLOGIST IN CHARGE OF 2022/23 WAS
20 ACTUALLY LA NINA YEAR. AND WE HAD SOME OF THE MOST
21 CATASTROPHIC FLOODS ALONG THE CENTRAL COAST DURING THAT
22 TIMEFRAME. WHILE LOS ANGELES WAS A LITTLE BIT SOUTH WE HAD THE
23 MONTEBELLO TORNADO IF YOU RECALL DURING THAT TIME AND THAT'S
24 THE DURING A LA NINA PERIOD PRETTY SIGNIFICANT LA NINA
25 ACTUALLY. OVERALL THE CORRELATION BETWEEN EL NINO LA NINA AND



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1 PRECIPITATION STORM PATTERNS IS MUCH GREATER WELL EAST OF
2 HERE, TEXAS TO FLORIDA. THAT'S WHERE THAT CORRELATION IS MUCH
3 STRONGER. HERE WHERE STORMS ARE FIRST HITTING THE COAST, NOT
4 QUITE TO THAT SAME EXTENT, BUT WHAT YOU MENTIONED,
5 PREPAREDNESS EVERY YEAR. WE CAN GET STORMS IN LA NINA YEARS,
6 NEUTRAL YEARS, AND EL NINO. YOU'VE HIT IT SPOT ON.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I LIKE YOU.

9

10 **DR. ARIEL COHEN:** I LIKE YOU, TOO.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** CHIEF MARRONE AND SHERIFF LUNA, THE CERT
13 TEAM, I CAN'T REMEMBER WHO THE CERT TEAM FALLS UNDER. IS IT
14 UNDER BOTH OF YOU IN TERMS OF TRAINING, SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU
15 HAVE, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, THE BRIGADE THAT YOU'VE GOT DOING
16 THE CERT, CERTIFICATIONS OR TRAINING?

17

18 **ROBERT LUNA:** YES. ARE WE GOING TO CREATE A MORE ROBUST? WE'RE
19 BOTH ENGAGED IN IT, BUT YES, WE HAVE IT.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** ARE WE REALLY PUSHING THAT OUT? BECAUSE
22 THAT IS A PROGRAM WHERE YOU DO EMPOWER THE PUBLIC TO BE THE
23 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR THAT COMMUNITY IF THERE'S AN
24 EMERGENCY?

25



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1 **ROBERT LUNA:** I THINK BOTH DEPARTMENTS DO A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF
2 PUSHING IT OUT BUT YOU CAN ARGUE WE CAN ALWAYS DO BETTER.

3
4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** WELL YEAH BECAUSE I SHOULD BE DOING IT
5 AND YOU HAVEN'T RECRUITED ME YET.

6
7 **ROBERT LUNA:** WELL, WE SHOULD ALL BE DOING IT. I KNOW.

8
9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND THEN I ALWAYS WANT TO SAY, DON'T PUT
10 BABY IN THE CORNER. CHIEF MARRONE. SWIFTWATER RESCUE, ARE YOU
11 ALL DOING WITH LAFD TRAINING ON THAT?

12
13 **ANTHONY MARRONE:** YEAH, WE'RE PARTICIPATING IN TRAINING WITH
14 OUR ALLIED AGENCIES, OUR MUTUAL AID PARTNERS. WE DID HAVE A
15 SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SWIFTWATER RESCUES IN THE ANTELOPE
16 VALLEY IN DECEMBER. YOU KNOW THAT WE RESCUED MANY OF THE
17 PEOPLE WITH OUR DEPARTMENT HELICOPTERS. WE WILL BE PREPARED
18 AGAIN, ESPECIALLY ON LABOR DAY, IF WE WERE TO HAVE FLASH
19 FLOODS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, IN ADDITION TO THE SANTA MONICA
20 MOUNTAIN AREA THAT WAS IMPACTED BY THE FIRE. SO WE WILL BE
21 READY TO NOT ONLY AUGMENT OUR RESOURCES BUT PRE-DEPLOY THEM TO
22 THE RIGHT AREAS. WE DO MONITOR THE MUDFLOW AND DEBRIS FLOW
23 PLAN THAT COMES OUT FROM DPW, AND WE USE THAT AS OUR STAFFING
24 GUIDE. SO THAT MUDFLOW AND DEBRIS PLAN THAT DIRECTOR
25 PESTRELLA'S STAFF PUTS TOGETHER IS REALLY KEY TO HOW WE



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1 PREPARE TO RESPOND TO ANY INCIDENTS ALONG WITH OUR SHERIFF'S
2 PARTNERS.

3
4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** EXCELLENT. AND THEN I'LL JUST SAY, AND
5 JANICE HAS BEEN PROUD OF ME OVER HERE, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE
6 UNHOUSED, AND I WORRY ABOUT THE FLOOD CONTROL BECAUSE HOW MANY
7 OF US TURN ON THE TV AND WHEN THERE'S A LOT OF RAIN COMING,
8 THEY'RE RESCUING THE UNHOUSED THAT HAVE BEEN LIVING DOWN
9 THERE. I HOPE WE ARE DOING OUTREACH TODAY INTO ANTICIPATION
10 OF, I MEAN, THEY SHOULDN'T BE IN THERE ANYWAY, IN ANTICIPATION
11 OF ANY AMOUNT OF WATER THAT MAY COME DOWN FROM THE FOOTHILLS.
12 SO I'M LOOKING TO YOU. AND THEN LAST BUT NOT LEAST, JENNIFER
13 ANISTON, LISTEN TO ME. I KNOW. YEAH, I DID. JANICE HAHN.
14 JANICE AND I WERE TALKING. SO YOU'VE GOT THE SHELTERS YOU'RE
15 READY TO SET UP, CORRECT?

16
17 **CARTER HEWGLEY:** YOU'RE TALKING TO ME. YES, WE HAVE SHELTERS
18 ALREADY AND WE HAVE OUR WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM.

19
20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO LET'S DO IT RIGHT NOW JUST FOR THE
21 UNHOUSER ON THE STREET. I MEAN, I'D LOVE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT
22 THAT, BECAUSE THE PUBLIC IS GOING TO TALK TO US NOW WHEN THEY
23 HEAR THAT AND SAY, IF YOU CAN DO IT DURING AN EMERGENCY, WHY
24 CAN'T YOU DO IT? IN WHAT SOME WOULD ARGUE IS AN EMERGENCY ON
25 THE STREET, WHICH IS A WHOLE DIFFERENT DISCUSSION, DR. COHEN,



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1 THAT DOES NOT FALL UNDER METEOROLOGISTS. ALTHOUGH YOU PROBABLY
2 HAVE AN OPINION. I'D LOVE TO HEAR IT SOMETIME. BUT SERIOUSLY,
3 ALL KIDDING ASIDE, WHEN I HEAR THAT, IT STARTS IT MAKES US
4 THINK, WELL, IF YOU CAN DO IT FOR AN EMERGENCY, THIS IS AN
5 EMERGENCY THAT WE'RE FACING ON THE STREET. AND SO I THINK THAT
6 WE NEED TO BE COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT STANDING UP AN
7 EMERGENCY SHELTER SHOULD NOT BE JUST FOR EL NINO. IT SHOULD BE
8 ACROSS THE BOARD. AND I'M NOT CHASTISING YOU, BUT I'M JUST
9 KIND OF HIGHLIGHTING THE PERCEPTION THAT THAT LEAVES WITH
10 PEOPLE WHEN THEY HEAR THAT.

11

12 **CARTER HEWGLEY:** YEAH, AND I JUST TO CLARIFY, OUR USE OF
13 EMERGENCY VOUCHERS IN SOME OF OUR AUGMENTED SYSTEM IS NOT
14 RESERVED ONLY FOR EL NINO. WE DO THAT FOR EXTREME WEATHER ALL
15 THE TIME. BUT I UNDERSTAND.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH.
18 I THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT. I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS DISCUSSION
19 AS IT RELATES TO THE EARTHQUAKES AS WELL, BECAUSE I, AGAIN,
20 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO EMPOWER THE PUBLIC WITH
21 KNOWLEDGE. AND THEN, MR. MCGOWAN, THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT
22 YOU DO AND IF YOU CAN GET INSURANCE COMPANIES TO ACTUALLY
23 HONOR THEIR POLICIES EVEN ON FIRE, LET ALONE FLOOD YOU ARE A
24 BETTER PERSON THAN THE REGULATORS.

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1 **KEVIN MCGOWEN:** EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE TOO.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH, I KNOW. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU'RE ON.

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7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU.

8 THIS HAS BEEN A REALLY GOOD CONVERSATION AND WHAT'S NEEDED,

9 BUT, YOU KNOW, LISTENING TO EVERYTHING, I STILL COME BACK TO

10 WHAT I THINK A LOT OF THE PUBLIC, DR. COHEN, IS FEELING LIKE

11 IS IT GOING TO BE A WET ONE OR IS IT GOING TO BE A DRY ONE? WE

12 JUST DON'T KNOW. WHEN DO YOU THINK WE WILL KNOW? ARE WE

13 TALKING ABOUT OCTOBER, NOVEMBER? WE'RE TALKING ABOUT JANUARY,

14 FEBRUARY? WHEN IS THIS EVENT HAPPENING?

15

16 **DR. ARIEL COHEN:** IT'S A REALLY GREAT QUESTION, AND WE STILL

17 HAVE A LOT TO LOOK AT. AS WE LOOK AT THE STORM HORIZONS, WE'RE

18 PROBABLY A WEEK, MAYBE A WEEK AND HALF OUT BEFORE THE ONSET OF

19 SIGNIFICANT STORMS CAN --

20

21 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THAT'S SHOCKING. WITH RELIABILITY. WITH ALL

22 THE TECHNOLOGY OUT THERE, SATELLITES OUT THERE, ALL THE

23 METEOROLOGISTS, THE DOPPLER 7000. IT'S SHOCKING TO ME THAT A

24 WEEK AND HALF OUT IS ALL WE WILL HAVE.

25



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1 **DR. ARIEL COHEN:** WE CAN SAY THAT OVER THE SEASONAL CYCLE OVER
2 A FEW MONTHS. WE'RE LOOKING AT LARGE CHANCES OF ABOVE NORMAL
3 PRECIPITATION BUT IN TERMS OF THE SPECIFICITY THE GRANULARITY
4 OF A FORECAST DOWN TO, SAY, POINT SCALE, WE COULD ONLY BE
5 LOOKING AT AN HOUR OR LESS SOMETIMES. SO THAT PUBLIC EDUCATION
6 ASPECT THAT YOU BROUGHT UP, YOU KNOW, I THINK WE ALL WANT TO
7 KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE LIKE WHERE WE ARE A YEAR
8 FROM NOW, FOR INSTANCE. BUT THAT'S BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF THE
9 SCIENTIFIC PREDICTABILITY THAT WE HAVE. AND WE WANT TO MAKE
10 SURE THAT THAT PRECISION WE PROVIDE IS MATCHED WITH THE
11 ACCURACY, AND THAT'S BASED ON THE SCIENCE. SO AT THIS POINT,
12 WHEN WE LOOK OUT OVER A THREE-MONTH, FOUR-MONTH TIME SPAN,
13 GOOD CHANCES OF ABOVE NORMAL PRECIPITATION, BUT THAT DOES NOT
14 IMPLY CATASTROPHIC FLOODING. ARE THE ODDS TILTED IN THAT
15 DIRECTION? THEY ARE.

16
17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** BUT AGAIN, ARE WE TALKING ABOUT OCTOBER?

18
19 **DR. ARIEL COHEN:** WE WILL DEFINITELY BE. AND GREAT QUESTION.
20 THIS IS WHY WE'RE HAVING THESE UPDATES TWICE A WEEK WITH OUR
21 CORE PARTNERS, WITH THE MEDIA ON FRIDAYS.

22
23 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I THINK JUST SO MUCH
24 I'M LEANING INTO A LOT OF WHAT SUPERVISOR BARGER WAS TALKING
25 ABOUT BECAUSE IT IS TRUE. WE REALLY DON'T HAVE MUCH WEATHER TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 SPEAK OF IN L.A., SO ALL OF OUR METEOROLOGISTS, NO OFFENSE
2 MEANT, AND EVERYBODY ON TV, I MEAN, THEY REALLY HAVE NOTHING
3 TO TALK ABOUT MOST OF THE TIME. BECAUSE WE'RE JUST LIKE SUNNY
4 AND CLEAR ALL THE TIME. AND SO WHEN THERE IS EVEN A CHANCE OF
5 PARTICIPATION, YOU GET STORM WATCH 2027, NEWS AT 11. IT
6 BECOMES A MAJOR EVENT. AND THEN I DO REMEMBER THE LAST TIME WE
7 HAD A POTENTIAL HURRICANE. I WAS THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD. YOU
8 KNOW HOW WE ALL HAVE OUR OWN DISASTERS AS THE CHAIR, AND IT
9 WAS HURRICANE HILARY. AND KEVIN, WE WERE DOWN THERE IN THE
10 EOC, WE WERE PREPARING, WE HAD THE SUPERINTENDENT, WE WERE
11 CANCELING CLASSES, WE WERE TRYING TO EVACUATE CATALINA,
12 REMEMBER? THERE WAS THE LAST BOAT LEAVING AT ONE. YOU BETTER
13 GET ON NOW. AND THEN THERE WAS NOTHING. THERE WAS A FEW LITTLE
14 DRIZZLES THAT HIT OUR WINDSHIELD. SO I THINK THE PUBLIC IS A
15 LITTLE BIT IN THIS, THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLF SYNDROME. AND SO I
16 THINK OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE AND I THINK YOU SAID THAT DR.
17 COHEN IS THAT THE OUR ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE TO GET THEM TO
18 TAKE US SERIOUSLY. ONE OF THE THINGS I WAS THINKING ABOUT
19 SHERIFF AND KEVIN MAYBE YOU GUYS YOU CAN SHARE IF YOU WERE
20 TALKING ABOUT WORKING ON THE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM THAT
21 SOMETIMES WE GET OVER, I'M THINKING ABOUT OUR CABLE TV. YOU
22 KNOW, WE'RE ALL VERY AWARE OF THOSE REGULAR, THAT SCREECHING
23 NOISE. MOST PEOPLE ARE JUST ANNOYED THAT IT INTERRUPTS THEIR
24 PROGRAM. AND IT'S A VERY ARCHAIC BOX LETTER MESSAGE. AND IN MY
25 OPINION, THEY'RE TOO VAGUE AND THEY'RE TOO BROAD. THE LAST



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SUPERVISORS

1 TIME WE HAD A FLASH FLOOD WARNING, IT CAME ACROSS MY TV
2 SAYING, FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES. AND IT LISTED LIKE 7
3 COUNTIES. AND I THINK THE AVERAGE PERSON SITTING THERE IN
4 THEIR LIVING ROOM, IS THERE A WAY, KEVIN, THAT WE CAN WORK
5 WITH THIS EMERGENCY MESSAGING SYSTEM TO CHANGE THE LETTERING,
6 CHANGE THE MUSIC, CHANGE THE MESSAGE SO THAT IT BECOMES, IF WE
7 NEED IT TO BE, MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT WE'RE ASKING THE
8 PUBLIC TO DO.

9

10 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I'M GOING TO
11 ACTUALLY KIND OF TACKLE BOTH QUESTIONS OR THE PREMISE OF BOTH
12 TOPICS KIND OF TOGETHER. SO BUILDING ON WHAT DR. COHN WAS
13 SAYING, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, I THINK
14 IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE BOARD, OUR PUBLIC SERVANTS TO KNOW THAT
15 AS WE APPROACH A STORM FORECAST, WHEN WE GET INTO THAT FIVE TO
16 THREE-DAY WINDOW, SO IF THE STORM IS GOING TO IMPACT US ON
17 FRIDAY, THAT'S THE FORECAST, THE CLOSER WE GET TO FRIDAY, THE
18 ACCURACY OF THAT STORM INCREASES. AND WHAT WE DID LAST YEAR
19 AND THE YEAR BEFORE WAS WE WENT INTO A MUCH MORE INTENSE
20 PREPAREDNESS POSTURE IN THAT THREE-DAY TO 48-HOUR WINDOW,
21 BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN WE HAVE MUCH HIGHER CERTAINTY FROM THE
22 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE THAT THESE STORM IMPACTS ARE GOING TO
23 CAUSE DEBRIS FLOWS AND USING LAST YEAR AS THE MODEL. THAT'S
24 WHEN WE DID OUR PRESS CONFERENCES AND THAT'S WHEN WE DID
25 PROACTIVE NOTIFICATIONS AND EMERGENCY MESSAGING TO TELL PEOPLE



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SUPERVISORS

1 TO TAKE SPECIFIC ACTIONS. SO I WOULD, THAT IS GOING TO BE THE
2 MODEL THAT WE USE THIS YEAR. IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE EMERGENCY
3 ALERT SYSTEM, EAS FOR SHORT, IT'S MORE THAN JUST THE COUNTY
4 SYSTEM. THAT IS A FEDERAL SYSTEM THAT'S THROUGH THE INTEGRATED
5 PUBLIC ALERT AND WARNING SYSTEM. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND
6 OEM ACTUALLY JOINTLY CAN ACCESS THAT SYSTEM FOLLOWING THE
7 JANUARY FIRES. OEM AND THE SHERIFF, WE TEST THAT SYSTEM.

8

9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** IT'S JUST NOT GOOD. IT'S NOT GOOD.

10

11 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** CORRECT. YEAH. AND IT'S THE SYSTEM'S
12 LIMITATIONS. WE MAXIMIZE THAT SYSTEM TO THE HIGHEST-LEVEL IT
13 CAN BE USED. IN ADDITION, LIKE THE ONE THAT YOU'RE
14 REFERENCING, WHEN IT'S A FLASH FLOOD, THAT'S ACTUALLY THE
15 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE THAT ACCESSES THAT SYSTEM. SO IT IS A
16 SYSTEM THAT MULTIPLE --

17

18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I DON'T KNOW IF YOU GUYS ARE FAMILIAR WITH
19 THE ONE THAT COMES ACROSS YOUR CABLE, RIGHT? WE GET IT FOR A
20 LOT OF IT. THEY'RE SO BROAD AND SO VAGUE. AND AGAIN, EVEN THE
21 LETTERING IS A TURNOFF. MAYBE WE WORK WITH OUR OWN COUNTY
22 CHANNEL, CHANNEL 36. IS THAT OUR CHANNEL? 36? 37? I JUST FEEL
23 LIKE WE NEED, IF WE'RE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS BEING
24 SERIOUS, EVEN THAT THAT EMERGENCY MESSAGING BECOMES PEOPLE
25 BECOME NUMB TO IT BECAUSE IT IS SO ROTE AND SO MOST PEOPLE



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1 FEEL IT'S IRRELEVANT TO THEIR PARTICULAR SITUATION THAT
2 THEY'RE JUST NOT PAYING ATTENTION I THINK THAT'S WHAT I'M MOST
3 WORRIED ABOUT LISTENING TO EVERYBODY. HOW DO WE GET THE PUBLIC
4 TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY?

5

6 **KEVIN MCGOWEN:** WE'LL WORK. WE'LL TAKE IT BACK WITH THE COMMS
7 TEAMS AND WE'LL WORK THROUGH IT.

8

9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH. LET'S, SHERIFF DID YOU DO YOU WANT TO
10 SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THAT? KATHRYN BARGER THINKS YOU DON'T WANT
11 TO SPEAK.

12

13 **ROBERT LUNA:** I REMEMBER DURING THE FIRES THERE WERE A LOT OF
14 CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS. WHAT YOU'RE ASKING COMPLETELY
15 LEGITIMATE AND I THINK WE DO HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO MAKE
16 IT BETTER. BUT PLEASE REMEMBER THAT AS WE ARE ON A PATH TO
17 MAKE THINGS BETTER, IT USUALLY MEANS BETTER TECHNOLOGY. AND IN
18 OUR WORLD OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE, ACTUALLY THE MORE TECHIE YOU
19 GET, THE MORE IT'S PROBABLY GOING TO FAIL AT THE TIME YOU NEED
20 IT THE MOST. SO SOME OF THE MOST ARCHAIC SYSTEMS THAT WE HAVE

21

22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THEY LAST.

23

24 **ROBERT LUNA:** MAY BE THE BEST MECHANISM TO COMMUNICATE WHEN
25 THAT HUGE EARTHQUAKE HITS, WHEN COMMUNICATION GOES DOWN, WHEN



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SUPERVISORS

1 YOUR CELL PHONE'S NOT WORKING, BECAUSE THAT WAS A BIG ISSUE
2 FOR US DURING THE FIRES, BOTH FOR EATON AND THE PALISADES. SO
3 IT'S JUST SOMETHING FOR YOU OR FOR ALL OF US TO CONSIDER.
4 MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING IN BETWEEN.

5

6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YES?

7

8 **ANDREW VEIS:** SORRY, SUPERVISOR. ANDREW VEIS WITH COUNTYWIDE
9 COMMUNICATIONS. WE DO HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO THAT WITH THE
10 COUNTY CHANNEL AND WE REGULARLY DO. FOLLOWING THE FIRES, OUR
11 PARTNERS AT ISD ACTUALLY BUILT AN ALERT BANNER THAT WE CAN
12 ACTIVATE FROM LACOUNTY.GOV THAT WILL ACTUALLY PUT A MESSAGE
13 ONTO EVERY COUNTY WEBSITE THAT HAS THE PLUG-IN, INCLUDING YOUR
14 WEBSITES, SO WHEN THERE'S EXTREME HEAT OR A BIG RAINSTORM
15 COMING, WE WILL ACTIVATE THAT AND THAT WILL DISPLAY ACROSS THE
16 COUNTY SYSTEM.

17

18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT, THANK YOU. AND THAT LEADS ME TO
19 ASKING MARAL, OUR DIRECTOR OF AGING AND DISABILITIES, SEE YOU
20 BACK THERE. THOSE ARE TWO POPULATIONS, AGING AND DISABILITIES,
21 THAT I THINK WE'VE GOT GREAT CONCERNS FOR. WE HEARD A LITTLE
22 BIT DURING THE FIRES OF THE DIFFICULTY OF EVACUATING PEOPLE
23 WHO HAD MOBILITY CHALLENGES OR HEARING, SEEING CHALLENGES. SO,
24 WONDERING WHAT YOU'RE THINKING ON BOTH THOSE POPULATIONS, HOW
25 DO WE MAKE SURE THEY ARE GOING TO BE SAFE? BUT I'M ALSO



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1 THINKING, YOU KNOW, THERE'S A LOT OF OUR SENIOR POPULATIONS
2 THAT WHEN THEY HEAR THE WORD WEBSITE OR WWW.GOV SLASH
3 BACKSLASH, YOU KNOW, THEY CAN'T DO IT. OR NOR DO THEY WANT,
4 THEY JUST DON'T. AND I FEEL LIKE DURING COVID, WE HAD SOME OF
5 THE ISSUES OF INSISTING PEOPLE SIGNED UP FOR VACCINES ONLINE.
6 IT WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. YOU REMEMBER THAT. YEAH. WHAT'S A
7 BETTER WAY TO COMMUNICATE TO THOSE WHO JUST AREN'T LITERATE
8 WHEN IT COMES TO WEBSITES?

9

10 **MARAL KARACCUSIAN:** ABSOLUTELY. I MEAN, I'M GOING TO ANSWER THE
11 SECOND QUESTION FIRST, AND THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE. IT
12 WAS THE ADDED BONUS TO THIS PRESENTATION. I PROMISE I WOULDN'T
13 SAY ANY JOKES. BUT I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO FOCUS ON
14 COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACH, RIGHT? AND I THINK THIS IS WHERE
15 BOARD OFFICES PLAY AN INTEGRAL ROLE. YOU ARE CONNECTED TO
16 COUNTLESS COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, FAITH-BASED
17 ORGANIZATIONS, ET CETERA. I THINK IN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, I'VE
18 BEEN HERE FOR ALMOST A YEAR, WHICH HAS JUST FLOWN BY. WE'RE
19 NOT SO GOOD AT THAT. SO I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING I REALLY WANT
20 TO FOCUS ON IN THE MIDST OF HIRING MY TEAM AND KIND OF
21 DEVELOPING THAT. SO I THINK IT'S CREDIBLE MESSENGERS. WE TALK
22 ABOUT IT ON THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SIDE, BUT IT'S ALSO LIKE HOW
23 DO WE GET, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE WHO ARE CLEAR WITH THE MESSAGING
24 ON WHERE TO REDIRECT, TALKING TO YOUR NEIGHBORS. I THINK WE'VE
25 KIND OF LOST THAT IN OUR COMMUNITIES, SO I THINK THAT'S ALSO



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1 HARD. I THINK GOVERNMENT CAN, AND THIS IS GOING TO SOUND
2 CONTROVERSIAL, BUT GOVERNMENT PUTS ALL THESE MESSAGES OUT HOW
3 ARE WE COMMUNICATING IT AND HOW IS IT TRICKLING DOWN? AND SO I
4 THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WE WANT TO FOCUS ON. TO ANSWER THE
5 FIRST QUESTION, WE HAVE TWO DISTINCT POPULATIONS THAT WE
6 SERVE. ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS IS SOMETHING I'VE BEEN
7 HONING IN ON. I THINK EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IS SOMETHING OUR
8 DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO PRIORITIZE. I JUST NEED TO HAVE THE
9 PROPER EXPERTISE. WE'RE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION, BUT WE'RE
10 GOING TO GET THERE.

11

12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO
13 YOUR OFFICE PARTICULARLY WORKING WITH OUR OFFICE AND MAYBE
14 HELPING US PUT TOGETHER SOMETHING FOR DIRECT COMMUNICATION
15 WITH OUR SENIORS. FOR A LOT OF ISSUES, BUT I THINK WE COULD
16 USE THE HELP, TOO, AS WELL.

17

18 **MARAL KARACCUSIAN:** ABSOLUTELY. AND JUST ACKNOWLEDGING THAT WE
19 HAVE OVER 200 SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTERS COUNTYWIDE. AND SO
20 I THINK THAT'S A GOOD TARGETED APPROACH AS WELL, RIGHT?

21

22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.

23

24 **MARAL KARACCUSIAN:** SO I THINK THERE'S A PIECE OF A RERUN. WE
25 HAVE 13 OF THEM IN OUR DEPARTMENT, BUT THERE'S OVER 200 IN THE



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1 REGION. SO, I THINK REALLY KIND OF ANCHORING SOME OF THIS
2 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AROUND TRAINING OUR SENIOR STAFF, OUR,
3 YOU KNOW, TRAIN THE TRAINER TYPE SITUATION IS JUST REALLY, I
4 DON'T THINK OUR DEPARTMENT HAS DONE THAT AS A REGION, SO I'M
5 REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO BUILDING THAT.

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** GREAT. THANK YOU. AND I KNOW, MARK, YOU SAID
8 IT IN ALL SORTS OF WAYS, BUT I JUST WANT TO HEAR IT ONE MORE
9 TIME. YOU TALK ABOUT MAINTAINING OUR SYSTEMS, BUT I JUST WANT
10 TO HEAR IT ONE MORE TIME, AND I THINK THE PUBLIC WANTS TO HEAR
11 IT. HAVE ALL MAJOR STORM DRAINS, CHANNELS, CATCH BASINS, AND
12 FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEMS BEEN INSPECTED AND CLEARED? PARTICULARLY
13 OUR – WE CAN HAVE THE BEST SYSTEM, BUT AS YOU KNOW, EVEN YOUR
14 OWN GUTTER SYSTEM, IF YOU HAVEN'T CLEARED IT, IT'S NOT GOING
15 TO WORK. HAVE YOU CLEARED ALL OF OUR DRAINS?

16

17 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, OUR MAINTENANCE REGIMES WILL BE
18 FINISHED ON, TECHNICALLY ON OCTOBER 14TH OF THE WEEK BEFORE.
19 95%, 98% OF THEM ARE COMPLETED AND READY TO GO. WE HAVE A FEW
20 BASINS IN THE ALTADENA AREA THEY'RE GOING TO FINISH UP ON. SO
21 THAT'S OUR ANNUAL GOAL, OCTOBER 15TH, ALL SYSTEMS ARE
22 COMPLETELY 100% GO AND READY FOR ANY RAIN EVENT THAT COMES.

23

24 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** GREAT. THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO HEAR IT
25 ONE MORE TIME. THE PUBLIC WANTS TO HEAR IT.



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2 **MARK PESTRELLA:** I WOULDN'T MIND IF YOU LET ME GIVE A PRACTICAL
3 ANSWER TO WHAT YOU WERE JUST BRINGING UP. BEING IN THE RAIN
4 BUSINESS FOR SO MANY YEARS, PART OF MY ENTIRE CAREER HAS BEEN
5 IN IT.

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** DID YOU SAY BEING IN THE RAIN BUSINESS?

8

9 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES, YOU KNOW IT'S A TOUGH BUSINESS AS YOU CAN
10 TELL. THESE METEOROLOGISTS YOU KNOW THEY TELL YOU 50-50 IT
11 MIGHT HAPPEN. SO YOU HAVE TO PLAN FOR EVERYTHING. BUT ONE
12 THING WE DO KNOW, WE DO KNOW ABOUT THE SHAPE AND SIZE AND THE
13 WAY THE WATER FLOWS OVER L.A. COUNTY. THIS IS A FLOW PATH IN
14 L.A. COUNTY. SO THESE ARE KNOWN PLACES WHERE WATER GOES,
15 EITHER PONDS OR GOES. THIS IS MAPPED, WELL-KNOWN, DOCUMENTED,
16 AND AS I SAID, WE CAN PROVIDE INFORMATION TO PROPERTY OWNERS
17 DOWN THESE DAYS.

18

19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YOU KNOW WHERE THOSE SITES ARE.

20

21 **MARK PESTRELLA:** I KNOW WHERE TO TELL YOU NOT TO DRIVE. I KNOW
22 WHERE YOU KNOW.

23

24 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY.

25



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1 **MARK PESTRELLA:** AND I THINK ONE OF THE MESSAGING WE WANT TO DO
2 BETTER AT THIS YEAR IS SAYING IF IT RAINS, THIS AREA SHOULD BE
3 AVOIDED OR THAT AREA SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

4
5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** GOT IT.

6
7 **MARK PESTRELLA:** WE ARE VERY PRECISE IN LETTING HOMEOWNERS THAT
8 WE KNOW ARE VULNERABLE LIKE THE MOUNTAIN AREAS, WE GO TO THEM,
9 WE DOOR KNOCK, WE TALK TO THEM, WE TELL THEM BEFOREHAND. YOU
10 SHOULD BE AWARE. WITH THE VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, AS YOU SAID,
11 MAYBE SOME OF THESE LOCATIONS OF THE COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE
12 LOCATED IN NON-AMBULATORY AND THAT. WE DO KNOW IN THE COUNTY
13 FACILITIES SPECIFICALLY WHERE THE SKELETONS ARE, WHERE THE
14 DRAINAGE AREAS ARE WITH THEM. SO WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS PREPARE
15 THEM FOR THAT. IT'S THAT THING, KNOW YOUR DRAINAGE.

16
17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** KNOW YOUR DRAINAGE.

18
19 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YOU HAVE A STAFF AT PUBLIC WORKS THAT KNOW THE
20 ENTIRE HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULICS OF L.A. COUNTY.

21
22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** SO YOU KNOW WHERE THE LIKELY PLACES ARE THAT
23 IT WILL --

24
25 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SO PRACTICALLY I WOULD TELL YOU IS WE DON'T



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1 WANT TO OVERHYPE IT. IT IS VERY DANGEROUS TO DRIVE IN RAIN. IF
2 YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRIVE ON THE DAY WHEN IT'S RAINING HARD
3 DON'T DRIVE THAT'S THE BUSINESS THAT'S AN EASY THING TO SAY
4 BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE TO GO TO WORK. THE FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM --

5
6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WORK FROM HOME.

7
8 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THE FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEMS WILL KEEP, YES. THE
9 FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEMS WILL KEEP THOSE ROAD SYSTEMS SAFE AND
10 GOING BUT THERE ARE AREAS WHERE THEY THE ROADS ARE VULNERABLE
11 TO WE WILL MAP THOSE IN OUR COMMUNICATION. WE WILL PREPARE
12 PEOPLE FOR WHEN IT RAINS. WE ALWAYS SAY IT ALWAYS RAINS AND WE
13 SHOULD KNOW WHERE IT IS. PEOPLE DO MOVE INTO PLACES. YOU'D BE
14 SURPRISED. WE'LL GO AND TELL PEOPLE, DID YOU KNOW THERE'S A
15 DAM BEHIND YOUR HOUSE, TWO MILES BEHIND YOUR HOUSE, THEY DON'T
16 KNOW THERE'S EVEN A DAM. AND THAT'S BECAUSE IT DOESN'T RAIN
17 ENOUGH IN LOS ANGELES FOR PEOPLE TO BE HIGHLY AWARE OF THEIR
18 DRAINAGE. SO IN THIS YEAR, I THINK ONE THING WE CAN DO, WE'VE
19 BEEN DOUBLING DOWN ON THAT, IS INSTEAD OF, YOU KNOW, FEARING
20 GETTING EVERYONE SCARED, IS SAYING IN THESE AREAS, YOU ARE
21 SUSCEPTIBLE TO RAINING. WHEN IT RAINS, IF YOU CAN AVOID
22 DRIVING, AVOID DRIVING.

23
24 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, THAT'S GREAT. AND YOU KNOW, I WAS A
25 HUGE PROPONENT OF WORK AT HOME. I HAD SOME DISAGREEMENTS WITH



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1 SOME DEPARTMENT HEADS, IF YOU WERE ONE OF THEM. WELL, MY FLOOD
2 CONTROL PEOPLE NEEDED TO BE AT WORK. BUT I THINK THIS IS A
3 MESSAGE TO ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS RIGHT NOW, RIGHT?

4

5 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YEAH.

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** BECAUSE WE GOT REALLY GOOD AT WORKING FROM
8 HOME DURING COVID. I MEAN, THERE WAS INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WAS
9 PUT IN PLACE. PEOPLE HAD SYSTEMS TO WORK FROM HOME. AGAIN, IT
10 DOESN'T WORK FOR EVERYBODY. BUT I THINK THIS WOULD BE AN
11 OPPORTUNITY WHEN WE GET THE WEEK AND HALF AWAY FROM A MAJOR
12 STORM EVENT, IF WE CAN AS A DEPARTMENT HEAD --

13

14 **MARK PESTRELLA:** A TOOL, YES.

15

16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** ALLOW YOUR EMPLOYEES TO WORK FROM HOME
17 DURING THE --

18

19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** HOW MANY INCHES WOULD TRIGGER THAT?

20

21 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, YOU KNOW, A FEW DRIZZLES AND I'D LIKE
22 TO SLIP FROM HOME.

23

24 **MARK PESTRELLA:** I'D LIKE WHAT YOU BROUGHT UP, I THINK WE WOULD
25 HAVE TO COME UP WITH SOME PARAMETERS



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1
2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I LIKE STAYING HOME ON A GOOD RAINY DAY.

3
4 **MARK PESTRELLA:** AS YOU SAID ON THE AMOUNT OF RAINFALL. YES.

5
6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, I MEAN I'M JUST PUTTING THAT OUT THERE
7 THAT'S A BOARD POLICY BUT I'M JUST PUTTING OUT THIS AND LET ME
8 JUST TOUCH BRIEFLY I KNOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE BURNS SCARS
9 BUT AS YOU KNOW MARK MY BIG CONCERN WILL BE THE PALOS VERDES
10 PENINSULA. AND KEVIN, YOU KNOW THAT TOO VERY WELL. AND THE
11 SHERIFF KNOWS THAT VERY WELL. AND WE KNOW THE LAND MOVEMENT
12 WAS DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO RAIN. THAT'S WHAT MADE IT HAPPEN. IT
13 ACCELERATED. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN MOVING BUT THAT ACCELERATED. WE
14 KNOW THAT. AND THE LAST MAJOR RAIN EVENT CAUSED IT TO MOVE IN
15 AN INCREDIBLE WAY. WHAT ARE WE DOING? MARK, KEVIN, YOU KNOW,
16 FIRE TO SUPPORT OUR PALOS VERDES PENINSULA CITIES? FIRSTLY,
17 RANCHO PALOS VERDES.

18
19 **MARK PESTRELLA:** I'VE BEEN MEETING WITH THE CITY, ALL THE
20 CITIES IN THAT AREA. WE'VE BEEN GOING OVER THEIR PLAN, WHICH
21 IS TO PUMP THE GROUNDWATER. AND THEY'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL AT
22 PUMPING GROUNDWATER. THEY CONTINUE TO DO THAT, AS YOU KNOW,
23 SUPERVISOR. THEIR SURFACE DRAINAGE IS ALSO A PROBLEM, BECAUSE
24 IT'S THE SURFACE DRAINAGE WHICH IS INFILTRATING INTO THE, AND
25 THERE IS NO PRACTICAL WAY TO CONDUCT THAT SURFACE DRAINAGE



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1 OVER THE SURFACE AND TO THE OCEAN QUICKLY. IT JUST IS THE
2 NATURE OF THE BEAST UP THERE. SO ONE OF THE THINGS THEY HAVE
3 WORKED ON IS, AND THEY CONTINUE TO PLACE TEMPORARY SYSTEMS IN
4 PLACE. AND WE SUPPORTED THEM LAST YEAR WITH TECHNICAL ADVICE
5 ON HOW TO DO THAT AND THEY ARE GOING TO PREPARE AGAIN THIS EL
6 NINO SEASON AS IF IT'S GOING TO RAIN AND THEY WILL PROBABLY
7 SEE YOUR FISK QUEEN COVER UP THERE AGAIN.

8

9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT, THIS GIANT SLIP AND SLIDE.

10

11 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES, GIANT SLIP AND SLIDE. GOOD WAY TO SAY IT.
12 SO THEY'RE PREPPING. THEIR CITY ENGINEERS IN CONTACT WITH US.
13 WE'RE WORKING THROUGH ANY DIFFICULTIES THEY MAY HAVE.

14

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

16

17 **MARK PESTRELLA:** WE'RE MAKING SURE OUR UTILITIES

18

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

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21 **MARK PESTRELLA:** AREN'T PART OF THE PROBLEM AS WELL. AND SO
22 WE'RE PREPPING FOR THAT.

23

24 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, LET ME JUST ONE MORE. THANK
25 YOU. AND JUST KEEP YOUR EYE ON THEM PLEASE BECAUSE OKAY KEVIN



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1 BECAUSE THE CHAIR IS LIKE REIGNING ME IN.

2

3 **KEVIN MCGOWEN:** I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY THEY'RE ALSO HOSTING A
4 PENINSULA PREPARED EXPO IN OCTOBER THAT THE COUNTY IS A
5 PARTICIPANT IN AND THAT'S FOR ALL OF THE PENINSULA CITIES.

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND THE LAST THING THAT I JUST
8 WANT TO THROW OUT THERE IS CATALINA, WHICH IS CERTAINLY
9 THERE'S UNINCORPORATED AREA THERE. AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE
10 SURE WE ARE WORKING WITH THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN PROTECT
11 THEIR RESIDENTS, THEIR WILDLIFE, IF THERE'S ANY LEFT. AND AS
12 YOU KNOW, THE WHOLE EVACUATION ISSUE FOR AN ISLAND IS
13 EXTREMELY TENUOUS.

14

15 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SO THE CAMPS ON CATALINA ARE THE MOST
16 VULNERABLE LOCATIONS. THEY DON'T OCCUPY THE CAMPS. THEY'RE NOT
17 AUTHORIZED TO OCCUPY THE CAMPS DURING RAIN EVENTS. THOSE
18 OCCUPIES UNINCORPORATED AREA. THE CITY OF AVALON IS IN CONTACT
19 WITH US ROUTINELY ON RAIN EVENTS AS YOU KNOW SUPERVISOR SO
20 IT'S MUCH LIKE THE PENINSULA AND WE COULD CONDUCT MAYBE WE CAN
21 GO OUT AND CONDUCT A SIMILAR YOU KNOW PREPPING MAYBE KEVIN
22 KNOWS THAT. WE'RE ALREADY GOING TO DO THAT.

23

24 **KEVIN MCGOWEN:** WELL, ONE SPECIFIC THING THAT CAME UP WITH
25 HURRICANE HILARY THAT DROVE SOME OF THE DECISION-MAKING WAS



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1 SOME OF THE IMPACTS TO SOCAL EDISON'S INFRASTRUCTURE. AND
2 WE'VE BEEN MEETING WITH SCE EVER SINCE THEN. THEY'VE MADE
3 INVESTMENTS. THEY'VE ARMORIZED CERTAIN THINGS. THEY'VE ALREADY
4 DEPLOYED BACKUP POWER. SO THERE'S MORE CAPABILITIES OUT THERE
5 FOR EDISON THAT CHANGE THE DECISION MAKING AROUND EVACUATIONS
6 TOO.

7

8 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WAS GOING TO SAY THERE'S
11 ISSUES WITH THAT AIRPORT TOO RIGHT? OKAY NEVER MIND.

12

13 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YES, RECLAIMING MY TIME.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR AND
18 THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE ISSUE TO THE TABLE. IT'S CLEARLY AN
19 IMPORTANT ONE, AND I SUPPORT ALL THE COMMENTS MADE BY MY
20 COLLEAGUES. JUST VERY QUICKLY, TO MARAL, YOU KNOW, WHEN I
21 THINK ABOUT FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES,
22 MOSQUES, THEY CERTAINLY KNOW THE SENIORS IN THEIR MEMBERSHIP.
23 AND SO AS YOU DO OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS,
24 WE'VE HAD A VARIETY OF MOTIONS. THE CHAIR HAS CARRIED SOME, I
25 THINK I HAVE, BRINGING FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS INTO THE



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COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE. SO REACHING OUT TO THEM, YOU KNOW, I HAD THIS BROAD IDEA WHEN I WAS IN THE LEGISLATURE TO GET HAVE CHURCHES, MOSQUES, AND SYNAGOGUES TO GET GENERATORS BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE A GREAT PLACE IF YOU KNOW THAT YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP HAD A GENERATOR. IF THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY YOU CAN GO PLUG IN YOUR PHONE BECAUSE INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS, WE CAN'T AFFORD THEM, BUT IF THEY HAD THEM IN EVERY COMMUNITY IT WOULD BE GREAT. SO I HOPE THAT YOU WILL INCLUDE THEM IN YOUR OUTREACH PLANNING. WE'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT BURN SCAR AREAS AND THAT'S IMPORTANT AS WELL AS I WANT TO MAKE SURE PREVIOUS SLIDE AREAS TOO. IT OCCURRED TO ME, THE ONE DEPARTMENT I DON'T SEE HERE IS PARK AND REC. WHEN WE THINK ABOUT SOME OF THEIR LARGE REGIONAL PARKS, THAT'S BEEN MY EXPERIENCE, SOME OF THE KENNY HAHN PARK PROPERTY AND NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES THAT ABUTS RESIDENTIAL AREAS. SO I KNOW PARK AND REC WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE MOTION, BUT I'M HOPING THAT THERE'S COORDINATION WE STILL HAVE TARPS IN THE 2ND DISTRICT FROM PREVIOUS, SO JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT'S ON OUR RADAR IN COMMUNICATION, PARK AND REC.

MARK PESTRELLA: IT IS SUPERVISOR. THE AREA YOU'RE SPEAKING ABOUT IS ONE OF THE QUOTE UNQUOTE SKELETONS OR VULNERABLE LOCATIONS IN OUR SYSTEM LISTED. WE'LL BE INSPECTING IT. I'LL WORK WITH NORMA TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COUNTY PROPERTY ISN'T CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROBLEM.



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2 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** TWO QUICK QUESTIONS MADAM CHAIR. WE'VE
3 HEARD, THANK YOU FOR THE POWERPOINT THAT WAS VERY HELPFUL. I
4 WAS OVER THERE CHEERING MR. SHERIFF WHEN YOU SAID THERE'S A
5 SIGN THAT SAYS DON'T CROSS, DON'T CROSS. I WAS LIKE COULD YOU
6 SAY IT A LITTLE LOUDER FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE BACK? BECAUSE IT
7 ALWAYS AMAZES ME THAT THERE WILL BE A NEW SEGMENT WHERE THE
8 SIGN SAID DON'T ENTER DANGER AND SOMEONE DROVE THROUGH IT. SO
9 THANK YOU FOR REPEATING THAT DIRECTIVE. YOU KNOW, ARE THERE
10 AREAS WHERE ANY OF YOU FEEL WE REMAIN MOST VULNERABLE STILL,
11 EVEN WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN AND ALL THE PLANS THAT YOU
12 SHARED WITH US TODAY? IS IT SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD KNOW AS A
13 BOARD WHERE YOU FEEL VULNERABLE?

14

15 **MARK PESTRELLA:** IT'S HUMAN BEHAVIOR SUPERVISOR AND IT'S
16 INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE ARE ALWAYS WE WILL ALWAYS BE
17 VULNERABLE AND WE WILL NEVER EDUCATE ENOUGH BECAUSE THERE WILL
18 ALWAYS BE SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T HEAR, DIDN'T KNOW. SO AS I SAID
19 BEFORE, MAKE WAY FOR THE FLOOD. DON'T CROSS THE STREAM. DON'T
20 DRIVE IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO. YOU KNOW, HEED THE WARNINGS WHEN
21 WE ASK YOU TO EVACUATE, YOU EVACUATE. BUT IT'S THE, AGAIN, WE
22 CANNOT SPEND ENOUGH MONEY ON EDUCATION BECAUSE WE HAVE FOUND
23 AS OUR EXPERIENCES THAT EVERYONE WILL NEED TO BE RE-EDUCATED,
24 GIVEN THE MEDITERRANEAN CLIMATE WE LIVE IN BECAUSE IT DOESN'T
25 RAIN ENOUGH FOR PEOPLE TO GET. YOU GO TO OTHER COMMUNITIES AND



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1 IT RAINS ALL THE TIME. THIS ISN'T EVEN A QUESTION, AS
2 SUPERVISOR SAID. BUT IN A PLACE LIKE L.A. WITH A MEDITERRANEAN
3 ENVIRONMENT, AND IT'S VERY FLASHY, IT'S HIGH HAZARD, LOW
4 FREQUENCY, HIGH HAZARD EVENT. SO EDUCATION.

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6 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT. HOW HAS OEM ENGAGED
7 YOU WITH UTILITY COMPANIES TO ENSURE SERVICES ARE MAINTAINED
8 FOR OUR SHARED CONSTITUENTS DURING THE UPCOMING STORMS. I
9 THINK THAT WE HAVE ALL LOOKED AT THE TRAVESTY OF GARY,
10 INDIANA. AND SO, WONDERING IF THERE'S BEEN COMMUNICATION WITH
11 UTILITY COMPANIES.

12

13 **KEVIN MCGOWEN:** THERE HAS BEEN, AND IT'S KIND OF A TWO-PRONGED
14 APPROACH. ONE IS FROM US IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE
15 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE, THERE'S ENGAGEMENT WITH ALL OF THE
16 UTILITIES SO THAT THEY HAVE AWARENESS OF THE POTENTIAL STORMS
17 AND THE IMPACTS. THE OTHER SIDE OF IT IS OUR UTILITIES HAVE
18 BEEN HOSTING THEIR OWN INTERNAL, WELL, IT'S NOT INTERNAL, BUT
19 UTILITY-LED PROCESSES THAT WE'VE BEEN PARTICIPANTS INTO. THIS
20 IS STILL GOING ON. IT'S GOING TO CONTINUE TO GO ON FOR THE
21 NEXT FEW MONTHS. AND SO WE HAVE DIFFERENT UTILITIES THAT HAVE
22 STEPPED UP TO LEAD UTILITY COORDINATION EFFORTS. AND THIS
23 SPANS ACROSS JUST LIKE THE MAJOR INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES TO
24 EVEN SOME OF OUR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AND ACROSS DIFFERENT
25 UTILITY SECTORS. SO NOT JUST POWER, BUT GAS AND THE OTHER



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1 ONES, WATER SEWAGE. SO IT'S A BROAD EFFORT.

2

3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THE PANEL AND
6 THE QUESTIONS BY MY COLLEAGUES, BUT I WANTED TO THANK YOU, MR.
7 COHEN, FOR COMING AND SPENDING TIME WITH US AND HUMORING US.
8 BUT CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHEN THIS WAS TAKEN, THE PICTURE OF THE
9 PROPOSED EL NINO?

10

11 **DR. ARIEL COHEN:** THAT'S A CONCEPTUAL MODEL THAT APPLIES TO
12 WHAT WE HAVE.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S CONCEPTUAL.

15

16 **DR. ARIEL COHEN:** YEAH. AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE HAVING AS MANY
17 TOUCH POINTS AS POSSIBLE TO GIVE THE LATEST EXPECTATIONS GOING
18 FORWARD.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO WHAT DRAWS MY ATTENTION TO IT IS
21 THAT ON THE UPPER PORTION HERE IN THIS CORNER, IT'S WARM,
22 RIGHT? THAT'S NORTHERN IT'S A NORTHERN CONTINENT THERE AND
23 THEN BELOW WHERE WE'RE AT IN LOS ANGELES IT SAYS WET AND THEN
24 IT SAYS WET AND COOL AROUND MEXICO AND BELOW SO WHAT DOES THAT
25 MEAN THE IT'S KIND OF A MORE A LIGHTER GREEN OR LIGHTER SHADE?



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1 WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? IT IS NOT, IT GOING TO BE LESS.

2

3 **DR. ARIEL COHEN:** DR. ARIEL COHEN? THE ODDS ARE TILTED TOWARDS
4 ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL IN AGGREGATE OVER THE COURSE OF THE
5 WINTERTIME. IT DOESN'T GUARANTEE FLOODING, IT CERTAINLY TILTS
6 THE ODDS IN THAT DIRECTION OF SIGNIFICANT STORMS, BUT FAR FROM
7 GUARANTEED AT THIS JUNCTURE. SO THE OVERALL WHAT WE CALL JET
8 ENERGY IN THE ATMOSPHERE, WHAT'S STEERING THESE STORM SYSTEMS,
9 HAS THE POTENTIAL REGIONALLY SPEAKING TO BRING MORE STORM
10 SYSTEMS THROUGH, DOESN'T GUARANTEE IT AT ALL. BECAUSE EL NINO,
11 IT'S A STATE OF THE WATER TEMPERATURES THAT ATMOSPHERIC
12 COUPLING IS NOT PERFECT ONE-TO-ONE. GREAT QUESTIONS.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO THIS ISN'T A QUIZ FOR OUR STUDENTS
15 THEN, RIGHT? FOR OUR STAFFS. WHEN I SAW IT I THOUGHT, OKAY
16 WELL WHAT'S THE REAL MESSAGE HERE? AND THIS IS PREDICTION,
17 YOU'RE PREDICTING, THIS IS A PREDICTION AND IT CAN CHANGE.
18 THAT'S WHY I ASKED WHEN YOU TOOK IT OR WHEN THIS WAS MADE
19 AVAILABLE. BUT ANYWAY, I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE. I'M GLAD YOU WERE
20 ABLE TO ADD TO OUR DISCUSSION AND THE LIVELY DISCUSSION THAT
21 WE'VE HAD IN EVERYBODY HERE. I KNOW, I THINK EVERY SINGLE ONE
22 OF US HAS GONE THROUGH SOME WEATHER DISASTER, ONE MANMADE OR
23 WHATEVER IT WAS. I KNOW I HAVE, SPEAKING ABOUT MONTEBELLO, WE
24 HAD THAT FREAK TORNADO AND IT DISPLACED ABOUT 6,000 WORKERS,
25 ONE WAREHOUSE, TWO, THREE BLOCKS. AND SO THERE ARE



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1 RAMIFICATIONS TO WHEN THERE ARE DISASTERS. AND I DON'T TIE
2 THAT TO EL NINO OR EL NINO, BUT NONETHELESS, THOSE THINGS
3 HAPPEN AS WELL. AND THAT JUST MAKES ME THINK, WELL, HOW WELL
4 ARE WE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING SIMILAR TO THAT? AND NO ONE COULD
5 PREDICT THAT THAT WAS COMING, IS MY UNDERSTANDING. IS THAT
6 CORRECT?

7

8 **DR. ARIEL COHEN:** IF I COULD ELABORATE ON THAT, SUPERVISOR,
9 WHEN WE ISSUE WARNINGS, WE'RE CONSTANTLY BALANCING THE, WHAT
10 WE CALL, THE DETECTION, DETECTABILITY OF THE PHENOMENON VERSUS
11 FALSE ALARM. WHEN WE ISSUE A WARNING, THERE ARE GOING TO BE
12 MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY LIFE-THREATENING
13 CONDITIONS. AND WE'RE VERY RESPECTFUL OF THE FALSE ALARM
14 DESENSITIZATION CONCERNS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THOSE THAT DO
15 GET IMPACTED BY THE CATASTROPHIC WEATHER, THEY NEED SOME TIME.
16 AND SO, THERE'S A PUBLIC EDUCATION ASPECT, I THINK, A GREAT
17 OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT
18 PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT A WARNING DOESN'T GUARANTEE THAT YOU'RE
19 GOING TO PERSONALLY EXPERIENCE THOSE CONDITIONS, BUT THAT
20 THOSE CONDITIONS SOMEWHERE IN THAT AREA ARE ALIGNING TO BE
21 FAVORABLE FOR DESTRUCTION, AND THAT EVEN WITHOUT A WARNING, IF
22 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THOSE CONDITIONS POSSIBLY COMING TOGETHER,

23

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

25



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1 **DR. ARIEL COHEN:** IT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE TO TAKE SOME EXTRA
2 STEPS. IT'S A VERY DYNAMIC SITUATION OVERALL, AND THERE'S NO
3 YES-NO WITH A LOT OF THINGS WHICH I KNOW FOLKS WANT TO HAVE.

4

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

6

7 **DR. ARIEL COHEN:** AND SO HAVING THAT COMMUNICATION, THAT PUBLIC
8 AWARENESS ABOUT WHAT ARE THE BOUNDS OF PREDICTABILITY IS
9 REALLY CRITICAL FOR BEING PREPARED.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, LET'S HOPE PEOPLE AREN'T
12 BETTING. I MEAN, THAT'S THE OTHER QUESTION. I MEAN, IT'S
13 UNFORTUNATE THAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY BET ON THESE THINGS TOO. AND
14 IT'S UNFORTUNATE. AND THAT'S A MESSAGE, THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE,
15 BUT I JUST THINK IT'S IMPORTANT AS WELL. I DID WANT TO ASK
16 QUESTIONS OF OUR PUBLIC WORKS. MARK, I KNOW WE'VE BEEN WORKING
17 TOGETHER A LOT ON A LOT OF DIFFERENT ISSUES IN OUR DISTRICT.
18 WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT WITH AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF RAIN COMING
19 DOWN IN CERTAIN AREAS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, FOR EXAMPLE,
20 CITY TERRACE, EAST LOS ANGELES, WE HAVE CLIFFS, WE HAVE CITY
21 TERRACE WHERE HIGH HILLS WHERE WATER WILL JUST COME STRAIGHT
22 DOWN, NOWHERE TO GO. AND I'M NOT SURE THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS
23 REALLY FULLY PREPARED IN UNDERSTANDING WHAT'S TAKING PLACE
24 THERE. AND WITH THE RECENT OIL SPILL, THAT CAN STILL BE
25 IMPACTED AT THIS TIME.



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2 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES,

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BECAUSE THE TIME FRAME DOESN'T ALLOW
5 FOR THAT TO BE CLEANED UP BY OCTOBER SO

6

7 **MARK PESTRELLA:** I'M CONFIDENT

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WILL BE A SENSE OF WHAT THAT.

10

11 **MARK PESTRELLA:** ON THE OIL SPILL I'M CONFIDENT THAT WILL BE IN
12 GOOD SHAPE COME THE TIME THAT WE HAVE REAL RAIN, SUPERVISOR.
13 I'M NOT THAT CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. I OF COURSE WE'VE GOT TO
14 KEEP PRESSURIZING THEM AND THEY HAVE TO HAVE ANY CONSTRUCTION
15 THEY'RE GOING TO BE DOING TO REMEDIATE WILL HAVE TO BE
16 CONTROLLED THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DO MAY HAVE TO SHUT THEM
17 DOWN IF IT BEGAN IN A RAINY SEASON WE DON'T WANT THEM TO
18 UNCOVER THE SOIL ON THAT. SO WE'LL BE MONITORING THAT FOR
19 EROSION CONTROL IN YOUR AREA LIKE EVERY AREA WE HAVE THESE
20 DEFICIENCIES OR WELL-KNOWN AREAS WHERE THERE'S PONDING OR
21 THERE'S HILLSIDE MOVEMENT THEY'RE DOCUMENTED IN OUR DEPARTMENT
22 EVERY TIME WE GO ON ONE OF THOSE INVESTIGATIONS. THEY'RE KEPT
23 AND DOCUMENTED AND THEN WHAT WE DO IN EACH RAIN SEASON, WE
24 PREPARE AND WE PULL THOSE OUT AND WE LOOK HAS ANYTHING BEEN
25 DONE TO MITIGATE WHAT MITIGATION AND WHEN WE'RE IN MITIGATION



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1 SEASON, WHICH IS USUALLY THE SUMMER. IF THERE HASN'T BEEN
2 MITIGATION EVEN BY A PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER, WE'VE GOT THEM ON
3 THE LIST, AND THEN WE'RE VISITING THOSE LOCATIONS TO REMIND
4 THEM. AND SO, YES, YOU MENTIONED A FEW THERE, AND AGAIN, EVERY
5 ONE OF THE DISTRICTS HAS SOME LOCATIONS LIKE THIS WHERE
6 DRAINAGE BECOMES A PROBLEM WHEN IT RAINS, ANY KIND OF
7 SIGNIFICANCE. AND THEN, OF COURSE, LANDSLIDING IS A PHENOMENON
8 IN L.A. COUNTY, GIVEN OUR GEOLOGY AND TOPOGRAPHY, THE
9 STEEPNESS OF IT, THAT WE LOOK TO TRIGGER AFTER MULTIPLE
10 STORMS. SO CUMULATIVE FLOWS, CUMULATIVE RAIN CAN CAUSE
11 LANDSLIDING. DEBRIS FLOWS ARE A PART OF A REGULAR DEBRIS FLOW.
12 WE MAP THOSE AS WAS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, AND WE'RE MAPPING
13 THOSE AND GIVING THOSE TO ALL FIRST RESPONDERS WITH EACH EVENT
14 AS THEY'RE COMING THROUGH. SO PREPAREDNESS HAS A LOT TO DO
15 WITH US PLANNING, PRE-PLANNING, AND THEN WARNING.

16
17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. I DID WANT TO RAISE THE ISSUE
18 ABOUT THE HOMELESS TOO, PARTICULARLY IN WHITTIER NARROWS AND
19 LARIO PARK. AND I KNOW THAT IN THE PAST, WE'VE HAD ASSISTANCE
20 BY HOST COMMITTEE, SHERIFF'S HOST COMMITTEE. AND I KNOW THEY
21 DO A LOT OF WORK. ARE THEY GOING TO BE GOING OUT REGULARLY
22 BEFORE, I'M SURE, I'M CERTAIN BEFORE OCTOBER AND ALL OF THAT
23 TO HELP US BEGIN TO IDENTIFY THE HOMELESS?

24
25 **ROBERT LUNA:** OUR HOST TEAM WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF OUR



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1 PREPAREDNESS PLAN WITH ALL OF OUR COUNTY PARTNERS.

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3 **MARK PESTRELLA:** AND THAT'S GOING TO BE ONGOING? THAT'S YEAR-
4 ROUND SUPERVISOR, THE HOST TEAMS.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ESPECIALLY.

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8 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YEAH, OUR DEPARTMENT IS A PART OF IT AS WELL
9 AS OUR FOLKS FROM THE HOMELESS.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'M REALLY CONCERNED BECAUSE THE LAST
12 TIME THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT RAIN THAT WE THOUGHT WAS COMING,
13 HILARY AND WHAT HAVE YOU, A LOT OF FOLKS WERE CLEARED FROM THE
14 ENCAMPMENT.

15

16 **MARK PESTRELLA:** RIGHT.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND THEY WERE TAKEN TO CITIES THAT
19 WERE KIND OF FAR REMOVED FROM WHERE THEY WERE PLACED. SO I
20 WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR US TO START LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN GET
21 THE CITIES FROM THE COGS THAT SURROUND THESE AREAS TO ALSO
22 PROVIDE INCENTIVES SO THEY PUT ASIDE VOUCHERS. THEY PUT ASIDE
23 THEIR, YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE TO PUT SOME SKIN IN THE GAME HERE,
24 IN MY OPINION, AND THEY HAVE NOT. SOME CITIES HAVE TAKEN THAT
25 ON AND HELPED IN MY REGION, FOR EXAMPLE, THE CITY OF EL MONTE



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1 AND BALDWIN PARK, I WANT TO SAY. BUT I'M JUST SAYING THAT IT'S
2 NOT FAIR. AND THERE HAS TO BE SOME FAIRNESS WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
3 DISASTERS. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE'S LIVES WHO ARE
4 IMPACTED. AND I DON'T SEE THAT DISCUSSION GOING ON. YOU SAY
5 YOU WANT PARTNERSHIPS WITH CITIES, BUT HOW WILLING ARE WE
6 REALLY TO MAKE THAT DEMAND THAT THEY NEED TO PUT UP VOUCHERS.
7 THAT'S NOT DIRECTED AT THE WEATHER SERVICE, BUT OBVIOUSLY TO
8 OUR HOUSING, OUR HOMELESS OEM, AS WELL AS, YOU KNOW, OUR
9 SHERIFFS CAN ALSO PLAY A ROLE HERE. BECAUSE IT'S LIFE. IT'S,
10 YOU KNOW, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE IN
11 DISTRESS, FINDING THEM PLACES WHEN THERE ISN'T MAYBE
12 SUFFICIENT SHELTER, ONE BIG CONGREGATE SHELTER, BUT THE FACT
13 THAT WE NEED VOUCHERS. SO IS THERE ANY RESPONSE?

14
15 **CARTER HEWGLEY:** I CAN SPEAK TO THAT, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU FOR
16 THAT COMMENT. WE DO HAVE VERY STRONG AND GROWING RELATIONSHIPS
17 WITH OUR COGS AND OUR CITIES THAT ARE FUNDED BY LSF FOR THINGS
18 LIKE INTERIM HOUSING AND VOUCHER CAPACITY. SO WE'RE INCREASING
19 OUR AWARENESS OF WHAT THEY'RE FUNDING AND HOW ACCESSIBLE THOSE
20 RESOURCES ARE IN TIMES OF NEED. THERE HAVE BEEN EXAMPLES WHERE
21 WE'VE CALLED ON OUR COGS TO PITCH IN AT SITUATIONS WHERE WE'VE
22 GOT SOMETHING WHERE WE DON'T HAVE A RESOURCE AND WE NEED HELP,
23 AND SEVERAL COGS HAVE SORT OF PITCHED IN TO HELP THERE. AND
24 THEN WE HAVE, I THINK HURRICANE HILARY WAS A REALLY GREAT
25 EXAMPLE OF PARTNERING WITH HOST TO GET FOLKS OUT OF THOSE



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1 DANGEROUS AREAS AND INTO PROGRAMS LIKE PATHWAY HOME AND
2 GETTING THEM ON A LONG-TERM PATH. SO WE KNOW HOW TO DO IT. THE
3 ISSUE IS ALWAYS RESOURCES AND WE AGREE WITH YOU THAT
4 PARTNERING WITH OUR CITIES AND OUR COGS TO MAKE ALL THE
5 RESOURCES ON THE TABLE IS WHAT WE NEED TO BE FOCUSED ON.

6
7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO MAKE A
8 RECOMMENDATION THAT THE NEXT REPORT WE HAVE OR IF WE CAN ASK
9 FOR A REPORT ON THAT, ON THAT VERY ISSUE. BECAUSE I CAN'T WAIT
10 FOR OCTOBER AND TO FIND OUT CITIES ARE CALLING ME AND SAYING
11 WELL SUPERVISOR WE HAVE PEOPLE OUT HERE WE DON'T HAVE WE DON'T
12 HAVE ANY VOUCHERS WELL WAIT A MINUTE YOU DO HAVE FUNDING
13 THAT'S AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUR LOCAL FUNDING THAT YOU RECEIVE
14 OR HOMELESS THROUGH YOUR COGS IN YOUR CITIES HAS BEEN MADE
15 AVAILABLE. AND WHY CAN'T WE IDENTIFY A RATIO OR PERCENTAGE AND
16 START TO DEVELOP SOME KIND OF METRICS THERE? AND IT ISN'T JUST
17 FOR MY DISTRICT. I WOULD THINK THAT IT MAY BE IMPACTFUL IN
18 OTHER AREAS AS WELL. BUT I DO WANT TO SEE SOMETHING MORE
19 GRANULAR AND A REAL METRIC TO BE USED.

20
21 **CARTER HEWGLEY:** YEAH. AND IF YOU HAVE CITIES THAT YOU WANT US
22 TO CONNECT WITH DIRECTLY THAT ARE CALLING YOU AND SAYING LIKE
23 WE DON'T HAVE RESOURCES WE CAN MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND
24 WHAT'S AT THOSE COGS THAT THEY CAN TAP INTO.



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL IT'S DISAPPOINTING BECAUSE WE'VE
2 GONE THROUGH THIS ALREADY WITH SOME OF THEM AND THEY DON'T
3 SEEM TO TAKE US SERIOUS AND THEY PUT THE BLAME THE ONUS ON THE
4 COUNTY AND THAT'S NOT WHAT THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT IF
5 IT'S REALLY ABOUT PARTNERSHIP AND COORDINATION, THEN I WOULD
6 SAY THAT'S NOT A ONE-WAY STREET HERE. IT'S GOT TO BE TWO-WAY.
7 SO I WOULD ASK FOR THAT TO COME BACK TO US, CEO, IF YOU CAN. I
8 DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE WITH ANYBODY, BUT I'M JUST SAYING THIS
9 IS A FACT THAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COUNTY, AND IT'S NOT FAIR.
10 BECAUSE WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR A BROADER POPULATION THAN MANY
11 OF OUR CITIES ARE. AND THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE RIGHT NOW THAT I
12 KNOW ARE VERY, VERY SCARED, JUST OVERALL. THEY DON'T EVEN WANT
13 TO ACCEPT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN ANY WAY BECAUSE THEY THINK IT'S
14 GOING TO IMPEDE THEM FROM GETTING ANYTHING ELSE OR MIGHT EVEN
15 HURT THEIR ABILITY TO ESTABLISH CITIZENSHIP. AND THAT'S A
16 FACT. AND SO I REALLY WANT TO BE CAREFUL HOW WE ADDRESS OUR
17 COMMUNITY, HOW WE ARTICULATE, HOW WE MESSAGE TO THEM, AND NOT
18 JUST ALWAYS MICRO-ETHNIC. BECAUSE 50% OF THIS L.A. POPULATION
19 SPEAKS DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. WHILE ENGLISH IS THE DOMINANT
20 LANGUAGE, I DON'T, YOU KNOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT WE NEED TO
21 START MESSAGING IN DIFFERENT WAYS AND I WOULD REALLY IMPLORE
22 OUR DEPARTMENTS TO DO A BETTER JOB. SOME OF YOU ARE, BUT SOME
23 CAN DO A LOT BETTER AND HELP EACH OTHER. SOME ARE DOING REALLY
24 WELL AND SOME CAN DO BETTER. THAT'S MY PLEA FOR YOU. AND THEN
25 I THINK WITH THAT I WOULD JUST SAY LET'S HOPE THAT THERE ISN'T



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1 A BIG CATASTROPHE. WE HAVE OTHER MAN-MADE CATASTROPHES THAT
2 ARE HAPPENING IN DC, BUT THE ONES THAT THAT ARE HERE AT LEAST
3 WE CAN WORK TOGETHER AND SAY WE'RE GOING TO WORK ON IT AS A
4 TEAM. AND I DO WANT TO THANK OEM STAFF, I DO WANT TO THANK
5 YOUR STAFF, KEVIN, FOR THEIR HELP ON LINEAGE AND EVEN ON DPW
6 AND WHAT HAVE YOU ON THE OIL SPILL AND ALL OF THAT BECAUSE
7 THOSE ARE DISASTERS THAT ALSO IMPACT OUR COMMUNITIES. AND WITH
8 THIS BAD WEATHER THAT WE'VE HAD WHAT, ALMOST A WHOLE MONTH OR
9 MORE OF WEATHER DEGREE OVER 90 AND IF YOU'RE IN A HOME AND YOU
10 DON'T HAVE AIR CONDITIONING, IT'S LIKE 100. IT'S BEEN PRETTY
11 MISERABLE FOR PEOPLE RIGHT NOW IN L.A. COUNTY. AND A LOT OF
12 FOLKS, I WILL TELL YOU, SOME IN MY DISTRICT DON'T HAVE A LOT
13 OF FAITH IN ANYTHING WE SAY. SO THAT TO ME IS VERY IMPORTANT
14 THAT WE DO THE VERY BEST THAT WE CAN. SO THANK YOU. THERE'S NO
15 FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM MY COLLEAGUES. OK, WE'VE BEATEN EL NINO
16 TO DEATH. ALL RIGHT, WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU.

17
18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
19 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU SEAN PATRICK PATTERSON,
20 CLAUDIA JEREZ, LUCIANO HABER, COLIN CAMPBELL AND DANIEL
21 GARCIA. PALOMA BUSTOS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. PALOMA
22 BUSTOS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

23
24 **PALOMA BUSTOS:** THANK YOU, MY NAME IS PALOMA BUSTOS WITH THE
25 SUNITA JAIN OF THE TRAFFIC INITIATIVE AT LOYOLA SCHOOL. I JUST



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1 WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO INCLUDE HUMAN TRAFFICKING
2 PREVENTION AND ITS PLANNING FOR THIS STORM SEASON. LAST YEAR,
3 THE BOARD PASSED A MOTION SPECIFICALLY FOCUSED ON PREVENTING
4 HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFTER NATURAL DISASTERS. THAT WORK
5 RECOGNIZES THAT DISASTERS CAN CREATE CONDITIONS THAT INCREASE
6 VULNERABILITY, INCLUDING DISPLACEMENT, LOST INCOME, UNSAFE
7 WORK, AND AN URGENT NEED FOR HOUSING OR SERVICES. SINCE THE
8 COUNTY IS NOW PLANNING FOR A RENEWAL, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY
9 TO BUILD ON THAT POLICY ALREADY IN PLACE. WE ASK THE COUNTY TO
10 INCLUDE TRAFFICKING PREVENTION IN ITS EMERGENCY PLANNING,
11 COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND FUTURE REPORTS TO THE BOARD. DOING THIS
12 NOW WILL HELP MAKE SURE TRAFFICKING PREVENTION IS PART OF THE
13 COUNTY'S RESPONSE BEFORE THE NEXT EMERGENCY HAPPENS. THANK
14 YOU.

15
16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER ENDING IN 0716. YOUR LINE
17 IS OPEN. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

18
19 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** OKAY, ROY HUMPHREYS, ROWLAND HEIGHTS. I'VE
20 FOUGHT EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN MODERNIZED DISASTER READINESS AS TO
21 ESTABLISH THE RISK TO ENVIRONMENT BOTH NATURAL AND MANMADE AS
22 EVIDENCED BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND OTHERS WHO HAVE
23 FAILED US, I.E. THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS SEWAGE FLOW INTO THE LOS
24 ANGELES RIVER. THE DATA CENTER'S POSED A NEW SET OF RISKS
25 WHICH THE ELECTED OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN NEGLIGENT AND HAVE



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1 ESPECIALLY WHEN THE, I HAVE SUGGESTED THE COUNTY, DEVELOPED A
2 HOMELESS, COUNTY-WIDE HOMELESS AND TRANSIENT CAMPSITES, I.E.
3 CROSSROADS, HOW DIFFERENT THIS ALL COULD HAVE BEEN. ON THE
4 POSITIVE SIDE, THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT OUR HISTORIC DROUGHT
5 STATUS WILL BE MITIGATED. THANK YOU.

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7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER, PHONE NUMBER ENDING IN
8 5957, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.

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10 **MEL BAILEY:** HI, THIS IS MEL BAILEY. AND I JUST WANTED TO ADD,
11 I DO APPRECIATE THE MOTION AND I JUST WANTED TO TAG ON TO ONE
12 OF THE LATTER THINGS THAT SUPERVISOR SAID AS IT RELATES TO THE
13 LANGUAGE BARRIER. I WANTED TO KNOW AT WHAT POINT OR IF THE
14 COUNTY IS DOING ANYTHING TO ASSIST OUR MULTILINGUAL CITIZENS
15 OR CONSTITUENTS TO BE ABLE TO LEARN ENGLISH AND I THINK THAT
16 WOULD BE HELPFUL AS WELL BECAUSE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL
17 EVERYTHING. OBVIOUSLY THE BOARD CAN'T CONTROL DEPARTMENTAL
18 APPROACHES, BUT FOR THE PRIVATE BUSINESSES, I THINK IT'S ALSO
19 IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE ASSISTING OUR FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS
20 OF LEARNING ENGLISH. AND I THINK IT'D BE A MUCH SAFER
21 SITUATION FOR THEM. SO, HOPEFULLY, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE
22 CAN LOOK INTO AS WELL. THANK YOU.

23

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



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2 **SEAN PATRICK PATTERSON:** HI, THIS IS SEAN PATRICK PATTERSON.
3 I'M PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF NEXT 5000. THE NEXT 5000 EMERGENCY
4 PLAN PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED. IT IS ON PUBLIC COMMENT. THE
5 PROPOSAL WILL ESTABLISH A MAJOR EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTION AND
6 TEMPORARY SHELTER CENTER CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING L.A. COUNTY
7 DURING THE NATURAL DISASTERS. THAT'S THE SKID ROW DISTRICT.
8 THE SKID ROW DISTRICT ALREADY SERVES AS A DISTRIBUTION CENTER
9 FOR THE HOMELESS. IF, DURING A NATURAL DISASTER, ALL THE
10 HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE SENT TO THE SKID ROW DISTRICT, WE CAN
11 CONSOLIDATE THE TENTS, THE FOOD, THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AND IT
12 WILL SERVE NOT ONLY THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, BUT ALSO THE
13 HOMELESS. AND SO I'M ASKING THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL
14 BY THE NEXT 5000.

15

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

17

18 **COLIN CAMPBELL:** HELLO, I'M COLIN CAMPBELL, DISTRICT 5, KATHRYN
19 BARGER, OUT OF SOUTH PASADENA. I'M TRYING TO DO A PILOT RIGHT
20 NOW, AND I'VE VOLUNTEERED TO SHARE, ELECT TO SHARE MY
21 INFORMATION WITH ALL FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL SYSTEMS. THIS
22 IS FOR STARGATE. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THEY'RE TALKING
23 ABOUT IS COMMUNICATION ISSUES. SO THIS USES ALL THE
24 COMMUNICATION NETWORKS THAT WE HAVE, BUT WE ALSO HAVE QUANTUM
25 INTERNET. AND SO QUANTUM INTERNET ALLOWS YOU TO BE ABLE TO



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1 COMMUNICATE INSTANTLY FASTER THAN LIGHT. AND SO YOU
2 ESSENTIALLY COULD ALERT PEOPLE IF TELEPHONE NETWORK IS DOWN TO
3 EVACUATE THEM. AND I JUST I'M TRYING TO GET THEM TO DO THE
4 PILOT OUT OF SOUTH PASADENA. I LIKE TO SHOW SOME NEW
5 TECHNOLOGY AND I WOULD LIKE TO DEMONSTRATE U.S. CYBER
6 COMMAND'S BEST CAPABILITIES. SO THIS IS NEW TECHNOLOGY AND
7 IT'S OUR AI AND SOUTH PASADENA IS CONCERNED BECAUSE OF PRIVACY
8 ISSUES, BUT WE CAN CONTAIN IT.

9

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

11

12 **LUCIANO HABER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME
13 IS LUCIANO HABER. I'M A FIREFIGHTER WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
14 WILDFIRE RESPONSE. WE'RE A COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT BASED UP
15 AT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO SAY
16 THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY
17 PREPARATION AND ITEMS LIKE THIS. LISTENING TO THIS
18 PRESENTATION I'VE IDENTIFIED PROBLEMS THAT HAVE THE GREATEST
19 SOLUTION, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. AS A COMMUNITY FIRE
20 DEPARTMENT, THAT IS WHAT WE SPECIALIZE IN. WE ARE INITIAL
21 ATTACK, TACTICALLY CAPABLE, AND I BELIEVE IN OLD-FASHIONED
22 RETAIL POLITICS. I'VE GONE DOOR-TO-DOOR WITH 19 HOAS, WITH
23 EVERY LAFD STATION IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, MOST OF THESE
24 CITY COUNCIL OFFICES IN PERSON. THAT IS SOMETHING WE STRIVE TO
25 DO. AND I WOULD LOVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE YOU AWARE THAT WE



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SUPERVISORS

1 ARE CAPABLE, WE ARE MOBILE, AND WE ARE READY TO ASSIST IN ANY
2 AND ALL-NATURAL EMERGENCY OR WILDFIRE CRISIS. THANK YOU.

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

5
6 **DANIEL GARCIA:** HI. AND THEN YOU GO HERE. I APPRECIATE ALL YOUR
7 WONDERFUL PARTICIPATION IN MAKING SURE THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
8 IN THERE, THE SENIOR SIGNING, FULLY PREPARED FOR THE MMS, FOR
9 THE STAND FOR THIS PLAN. BUT MY QUESTION IS MORE TO DO WITH
10 THE ISSUE THAT HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED. THE ISSUE IS HOW MANY
11 ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE BUILDING? HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE A
12 BATHROOM WITH LOCATION OR HOMELESS PEOPLE GOING TO BE THERE?
13 THANK YOU.

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

16
17 **CLAUDIA JEREZ:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. GOOD AFTERNOON.
18 CLAUDIA JEREZ, DPSS DWC. I CAN SAY THAT ON THAT MAP, I CAN
19 TELL YOU, I CAN RECOGNIZE THE VERBIAGE OF THAT MAP, THAT WET
20 AND COOL AND THAT WET. I THINK WE CAN ADVANCE TO SOMETHING
21 GREATER, THE WET AND COOL. IT'S A LITTLE BIT ELEMENTARY, WET
22 AND COOL. YOU KNOW, I THINK WE CAN ADVANCE IT TO SOMETHING
23 MORE, I GUESS, I DON'T KNOW, MORE SCHOLARLY, I WOULD SAY.
24 THAT'S MY COMMENT FOR THAT. IT IS NECESSARY TO BE PREPARED FOR
25 ALL TYPES OF WEATHER EVENTS. LA NIÑA AND EL NIÑO, TO HIT IN



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IS AN OUT OF NORMAL CONDITION. IT'S A
2 SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE FOR ALL OF US. THE IMPACT OF DESTRUCTION
3 THESE HAZARDS BRING TO OUR COMMUNITY REQUIRES ALL HANDS IN
4 DECK APPROACH. EL NINO AND EL NINO AND THE DESTRUCTION THIS
5 REQUIRE THIS REPRESENTS REQUIRES AN ANALYSIS DUE TO THE
6 EXTREME NATURE OF ITS CAPACITY FOR DESTRUCTION. THE
7 DISSEMINATION OF OUR COMMUNITIES COULD BE A REAL POSSIBILITY.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **CLAUDIA JEREZ:** EL NINO AND EL NINO --

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THAT CONCLUDES THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
14 ON THIS ITEM.

15

16 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THIS REPORT WILL
17 BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS,
20 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

21

22 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 19,
23 PROTECTING EATON AND PALISADES FIRE SURVIVORS FROM FRAUD,
24 PREDATORY PRACTICES, AND CONTRACTOR SCAMS, WHICH WAS HELD BY
25 SUPERVISOR BARGER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE PHONE, IF



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1 YOU'VE ALREADY SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, NO FURTHER ACTION IS
2 NEEDED. IF YOU'RE ON THE PHONE AND WISH TO COMMENT BUT HAVEN'T
3 SIGNED UP, PRESS STAR AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO JOIN THE
4 SPEAKING QUEUE. IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED OR REGISTERED BUT
5 WATCHING THE MEETING, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE CALL 213-
6 444-2600, PRESS STAR AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS. AN OPERATOR WILL
7 ASSIST YOU. RAFAEL CARBAJAL, DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER BUSINESS
8 AFFAIRS AND MARK PESTRELLA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS ARE
9 AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE
10 STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE
11 BOARD. THANK YOU.

12
13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER.

14
15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
16 HORVATH FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. AS MORE EATON
17 FIRE SURVIVORS MOVE FORWARD WITH REBUILDING, MY OFFICE HAS
18 HEARD INCREASING CONCERNS ABOUT CONTRACTOR FRAUD AND BAD
19 ACTORS THAT ARE TARGETING HOMEOWNERS IN ALTHADENA WHO WERE
20 VERY VULNERABLE AT THIS TIME. AS THE REGION CONTENDS WITH MORE
21 HOME BUILDING THAN WAS ANTICIPATED, NEW COMPANIES ARE EMERGING
22 TO HELP REBUILD OUR COMMUNITIES. BUT WITH THAT COMES THE NEED
23 TO PROTECT HOMEOWNERS FROM POTENTIALLY FRAUDULENT AND
24 UNPREPARED CONTRACTORS. AND I WOULD SAY IF IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE
25 TRUE, IT IS TOO GOOD. WHILE THERE ARE PREDATORY AND FRAUDULENT



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1 ACTORS OUT THERE, SOME COMPANIES AND BUILDERS ALSO FIND
2 THEMSELVES COMPLETELY BEYOND CAPACITY ON UNWITTINGLY HARMING
3 SURVIVORS. HOWEVER, AT THE END OF THE DAY, OUR RESIDENTS HAVE
4 ALREADY LOST FAR TOO MUCH AND NEED SUPPORT TO MAKE INDIVIDUAL
5 DECISIONS THAT HELP THEM REBUILD AND COME HOME. THEY SHOULD
6 NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BEING VICTIMIZED AGAIN AND AGAIN BY
7 UNSCRUPULOUS CONTRACTORS OR SCAMMERS. THAT IS WHY WE ARE
8 BRINGING IN THIS MOTION TODAY. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THE COUNTY
9 IS RESPONDING TO WHAT WE ARE SEEING ON THE GROUND AND THAT OUR
10 CONSUMER PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS ARE WORKING
11 TOGETHER. IT ALSO PUTS A STRONG EMPHASIS ON PREVENTION. AND I
12 KNOW WE STARTED OFF WHEN WE BEGAN THE REBUILD PROCESS, TRY TO
13 EDUCATE THE D.A., DID A PRESS CONFERENCE. WE'VE BEEN VERY
14 PROACTIVE IN TRYING TO EDUCATE PEOPLE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR
15 CONTRACTOR HAS A LICENSE BECAUSE A LIABILITY WILL FALL ON YOU
16 IF SOMETHING HAPPENS ON YOUR PROPERTY OR THEY ARE NOT LICENSED
17 AND HAVE SOME SORT OF WORKMAN'S COMP INSURANCE. THIS MOTION
18 DIRECTS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO DEVELOP AND EXECUTE A
19 COORDINATED PLAN OF ACTION TO ADDRESS CONTRACTOR FRAUD AND
20 OTHER SCAMS THAT ARE IMPACTING THE SURVIVORS. THIS INCLUDES
21 ESTABLISHING A SPECIALIZED TASK FORCE MADE UP OF COUNTY
22 DEPARTMENTS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS TO ENSURE THAT ALL
23 THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES NECESSARY ARE BEING DEPLOYED. AND BY
24 THE WAY, THESE ARE ALREADY IN EXISTENCE, JUST NOT ON A
25 COORDINATED EFFORT. SURVIVORS NEED CLEAR, TRUSTED INFORMATION



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1 BEFORE THEY SIGN A CONTRACT OR SPEND THEIR RECOVERY DOLLARS,
2 INCLUDING HOW TO VERIFY A CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE, UNDERSTAND THE
3 CONTRACTS THEY ARE SIGNING, RECOGNIZE THE WARNING SIGNS OF A
4 SCAM, AND REPORT SUSPECTED FRAUD. BY INTEGRATING THESE
5 RESOURCES INTO OUR ONE-STOP PERMITTING CENTERS AND WORKING
6 WITH TRUSTED COMMUNITY PARTNERS, WE CAN REACH SURVIVORS WHERE
7 THEY ARE IN THE REBUILDING PROCESS. WHILE WE HAVE DONE
8 PREVIOUS OUTREACH THROUGH WORKSHOPS AND CONSULTATIONS, IT'S
9 CLEAR THAT WE MUST DO MORE TO EDUCATE SURVIVORS ON WAYS TO
10 PROTECT THEMSELVES. OUR GOAL IS TO PROTECT SURVIVORS AND MAKE
11 SURE THAT PEOPLE REBUILDING IN OUR COMMUNITIES ARE LEGITIMATE,
12 LICENSED, AND ACCOUNTABLE. I UNDERSTAND THE DCBA NEEDS TO MOVE
13 QUICKLY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR PAID MEDIA, INCLUDING
14 BILLBOARDS AND OTHER ADVERTISING IN THE FIRE IMPACTED AREAS,
15 AS WELL AS IN-PERSON SUPPORT AND OUTREACH WITH LEGAL SERVICE
16 PROVIDERS. AND SO TO EXPEDITE THOSE EFFORTS, I WOULD LIKE TO
17 READ IN A MINOR AMENDMENT TO DIRECTIVE 3, AND IT WOULD BE AS
18 FOLLOWS. THE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD
19 POLICY NUMBER 5.100 FOR THESE AGREEMENTS. THESE AGREEMENTS AND
20 ANY AMENDMENTS SHALL BE APPROVED AS TO FORM BY COUNTY COUNSEL
21 TO KEEP THE CHECKS IN BALANCE. AND THANK YOU, RAFAEL, FOR
22 POINTING THAT OUT TO US BECAUSE THIS IS A SENSE OF URGENCY.
23 I'VE TALKED TO SOMEONE WHOSE FAMILY MEMBER HANDED OVER A 50%
24 DOWN PAYMENT AND NEVER SAW THE CONTRACTOR AGAIN AND TOOK OFF
25 WITH THE MONEY. AND YOU KNOW, EVEN WITH THOSE THAT ARE



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1 CONTRACTED OR THAT ARE LICENSED, WE ALSO HAVE BUSINESSES AND
2 THERE WAS ONE PREFAB BUSINESS WHERE THE GENTLEMAN THOUGHT WHEN
3 HE PAID THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT IT WAS FOR EVERYTHING,
4 BECAUSE THAT'S KIND OF THE WAY IT'S ADVERTISED. AND THEN HE
5 FOUND OUT IT WASN'T. AND HE TOOK HIS LIFE. NOW, DID THE
6 COMPANY DO ANYTHING ILLEGAL? NO. BUT IF HE HAD KNOWN WHAT HE
7 WAS SIGNING AND THAT THE LITTLE FOOTNOTES WERE, BY THE WAY,
8 YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR A SLAB MOVING THE BUILDING ON, HOOKING UP
9 TO SEWER, HOOKING UP TO WATER. HE MAY HAVE THOUGHT TWICE ABOUT
10 PAYING \$450,000 FOR WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS READY TO GO. SO THESE
11 ARE LESSONS LEARNED, BUT THESE ARE ALSO THINGS THAT ARE
12 HAPPENING TODAY. SO I WOULD ASK YOU, RAFAEL, AND AGAIN, THANK
13 YOU AND YOUR TEAM. YOU'RE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND IT'S GREATLY
14 APPRECIATED. WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON CONTRACTOR SCAMS OR
15 VIOLATIONS THAT YOU ARE SEEING IN ALTADENA, AND MAYBE EVEN IN
16 THE PALISADES-BURN AREA, AND WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A COMPLAINT IS
17 FILED?

18
19 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. RAFAEL
20 CARBAJAL. THE PRIVILEGE AND HONOR OF BEING THE DIRECTOR OF THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER BUSINESS AFFAIRS. AND THANK YOU,
22 SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR BRINGING THIS
23 MOTION. THE CONCERNS THAT WE'RE WATCHING CLOSELY INCLUDE
24 UNLICENSED CONTRACTING, IMPROPER PAYMENT PRACTICES,
25 MISREPRESENTATION ABOUT LICENSING AND QUALIFICATIONS. WE SEE A



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1 LOT OF THAT. INCOMPLETE OR PROBLEMATIC CONTRACTS, WHICH IS
2 PEOPLE NOT UNDERSTANDING EXACTLY WHAT'S IN THE CONTRACT OR HOW
3 THEY'RE WRITTEN. WORK THAT IS ABANDONED OR SUBSTANTIALLY
4 DIFFERENT, WHAT THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE PURCHASING OR PAYING
5 FOR. CONTRACTORS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF RESIDENTS WHO ARE UNDER
6 TREMENDOUS STRESS AND THEY'RE PUTTING HIGH-PRESSURE TACTICS ON
7 THEM TO EXECUTE THESE AGREEMENTS. SO WE DO AT DCBA RECOGNIZE
8 THAT WHEN PEOPLE COME TO US AND REACH OUT WITH THESE ISSUES,
9 THEY'RE ALREADY FRUSTRATED, SCARED, AND DON'T UNDERSTAND WHERE
10 TO GO AND TURN TO FOR HELP. SO, WE SIMPLY DON'T JUST LOOK AT
11 THE COMPLAINTS, WE ACTUALLY SIT DOWN AND WE TRIAGE THEM TO
12 DETERMINE NOT ONLY DO THEY FALL UNDER OUR JURISDICTION, BUT WE
13 REVIEW THE FACTS, WE TRIAGE THE ENTIRE SITUATION, REVIEW
14 DOCUMENTATIONS, AND WE PROVIDE COUNSELING AND CONNECTION TO
15 OTHER RESOURCES THAT THEY MIGHT NEED. AND EVEN IF IT'S NOT
16 WITHIN OUR JURISDICTION OR OUR AUTHORITY, WE WORK WITH OUR
17 PARTNERS COLLABORATIVELY, INCLUDING THE D.A., THE ATTORNEY
18 GENERAL, AND OUR VERY OWN COUNTY COUNSEL AFFIRMATIVE
19 LITIGATION TEAM. AND ULTIMATELY, WHAT WE LIKE TO DO IS COLLECT
20 THE DATA, TOO, SO THAT WE COULD START FORECASTING POTENTIAL
21 ISSUES IN THE REGION, SO WE COULD START ADDRESSING THEM BEFORE
22 PEOPLE ACTUALLY FALL VICTIM TO SOME OF THESE ISSUES. AND LIKE
23 YOU NOTED, SUPERVISOR, PREVENTION IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS
24 HELPING PEOPLE WHEN THEY'RE ALREADY IN TROUBLE. SO ONE OF THE
25 THINGS THAT WE WANT TO DO IS SCALE UP THE OUTREACH. ANYTIME



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1 YOU DRIVE THROUGHOUT ALTADENA OR THE PALISADES OR ANYWHERE
2 THAT HAS BEEN AN EMERGENCY, THE 1ST THING YOU SEE IS
3 BILLBOARDS ON ATTORNEYS AND HOW TO SUE AND HOW TO FIND SOME
4 ASSISTANCE. WE NEED TO DO THE SAME TO MAKE SURE THAT FOLKS
5 UNDERSTAND WHAT THEIR RIGHTS ARE AND THE RESOURCES THAT ARE
6 AVAILABLE TO THEM. ANOTHER THING I'D LIKE TO ADD IS THAT OUR
7 TEAM, OUR COUNSELORS, ACTIVELY SUPPORT FOLKS WHO ARE GOING
8 THROUGH THESE SITUATIONS. SO IF FOLKS NEED ASSISTANCE
9 UNDERSTANDING A CONTRACT, UNDERSTANDING THEIR RIGHTS OR
10 RESPONSIBILITIES. THEY COULD ALSO CALL US AND WE'LL ACTUALLY
11 WALK THEM THROUGH SOME OF THE PAPERWORK AND SOME OF THE
12 PROCESS THEMSELVES SO THAT THEY COULD UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE
13 FACING. AND IN REGARDS TO THE ADDITIONAL READING LANGUAGE,
14 REALLY APPRECIATE THAT BECAUSE WE DO WANT TO EXECUTE SOME
15 AGREEMENTS IMMEDIATELY, LEVERAGING SOME OF THE DOLLARS OUR
16 COUNTY COUNSEL HAS ALREADY HELPED US ACQUIRE AND RESULT SOME
17 OF THE WORK THAT AFFIRMATIVE LIT HAS ALREADY BEEN DOING TO GET
18 ADVERTISEMENT OUT BOTH ON THE RADIO, BILLBOARDS, PRINT ADS,
19 BUS BENCHES, AND THEN ALSO BRING IN SOME SUPPORT FROM THE
20 LEGAL SERVICE COMMUNITY TO HELP FOLKS ALREADY STUCK IN THESE
21 SITUATIONS.

22
23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND SO, AND I'LL JUST, AND I'LL ASK THIS
24 QUESTION, I'VE GOT MORE, BUT I'M GOING TO CONSOLIDATE INTO ONE
25 BECAUSE I KNOW MY CO-AUTHOR WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING, BUT TO



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1 BOTH YOU AND MARK, OBVIOUSLY WHAT YOU'RE HEARING IN TERMS OF
2 THE FRAUD, ARE YOU ALL COORDINATING TO BEST LEVERAGE BOTH
3 COMMUNICATION TO THE PUBLIC BECAUSE NOT EVERYONE'S GOING TO
4 COME TO A PERMITTING MEETING, YOU KNOW, THAT WE HOLD IN LOMA
5 ALTA PARK. SO ARE YOU ALL LEVERAGING COMMUNICATION CHANNELS TO
6 MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE TOUCHING AT EVERY TOUCH POINT POSSIBLE?

7

8 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** YES, WE ARE. WE'RE ACTUALLY WORKING WITH
9 MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING LECDA, PUBLIC WORKS, THE D.A.,
10 ALL OF OUR PARTNERS, EVEN SOME OF THE CITY STAFF TO GET
11 INFORMATION OUT. WE HOLD REGULAR WORKSHOPS AROUND THIS
12 INFORMATION, BUT LIKE ANYTHING THERE COULD ALWAYS BE BETTER
13 COORDINATION AND THAT'S WHY I APPRECIATE THIS MOTION IT
14 ACTUALLY PUSHES US FORWARD TO CONTINUE TO BUILD ON WHAT WE
15 ALREADY STARTED.

16

17 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YOU KNOW I CAN CONFIRM THAT SUPERVISOR.
18 THERE'S A PRESENCE IN OUR ONE-STOP CENTER NOT ONLY OF THE DCBA
19 BUT ALSO THE CONTRACTOR STATE LICENSING BOARD IS ALSO PRESENT
20 IN THE ONE-STOP CENTERS AS YOU SAID THOUGH, THERE'S MULTIPLE
21 TOUCH POINTS. I MEAN, YOU'RE NOT SURE WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO
22 TOUCH FIRST IN THE SYSTEM. THEY TYPICALLY, HOMEOWNERS, I'M
23 SORRY, SURVIVORS, WILL FIND A CONTRACTOR FIRST. AND THAT'S,
24 YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES TOO LATE BECAUSE THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN
25 CONVINCED TO GO WITH THAT PERSON. BUT WE ARE CONTINUING TO



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1 PROVIDE VETTED NAMES OF CONTRACTORS WHO'VE DONE WORK IN L.A.
2 COUNTY AT OUR ONE-STOP CENTERS. WE'RE EDUCATING THE PUBLIC
3 WHEN THEY COME IN. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAS COME TO OUR
4 ATTENTION, THERE'S AN INTERESTING THING GOING ON WITH PEOPLE
5 COMING IN. AND WE NOTICED AN UPTICK IN PEOPLE WHO ARE APPLYING
6 TO BE THEIR OWN BUILDERS. IT'S CALLED BUILDER OWNER, OWNER
7 BUILDER. UNDER STATE LAW BUILDERS HOMEOWNERS CAN BUILD THEIR
8 OWN HOME BUT IT'S A VERY SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TO DO SO AND IT'S
9 WROUGHT WITH DANGER BECAUSE YOU STILL HAVE TO HIRE THE SUBS
10 AND SUBCONTRACTORS AND THERE'S ANOTHER LITTLE TWIST TO THAT
11 THAT I KNOW ABOUT PERSONALLY IS IF YOU'D GO OWNER BUILDER AND
12 YOU HAVE A MORTGAGE AND YOU ARE PAYING TAKING THE INSURANCE
13 MONEY TO PAY THAT DOWN THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL BE VERY, VERY
14 ANTI-OWNER BUILDER THEY WILL WANT A LICENSED CONTRACTOR TO
15 GIVE THAT MONEY TO SEND THE MONEY TO. SO IT CAN BE A DELAY IN
16 YOUR REIMBURSEMENT OF YOUR INSURANCE AS WELL. SO THIS IS
17 ANOTHER THING THAT'S GOING ON. I'M AWARE OF SEVERAL FOLKS THAT
18 DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT LICENSURE TO BUILD, BUT THEY'RE GUIDING
19 PROPERTY OWNERS TO GO OWNER-BUILDER. WE NORMALLY CANNOT TELL
20 THEM THEY CAN'T DO THAT, BUT WE WOULD PUSH THEM AWAY FROM
21 DOING THAT, GIVEN THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND WHAT I JUST
22 DESCRIBED TO YOU IN TERMS OF REIMBURSEMENT FROM THEIR MORTGAGE
23 COMPANIES. IT'S A DIFFICULT APPROACH.

24
25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE IT'S COMING FROM.



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1 THANK YOU FOR THAT. AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR
2 CO-AUTHORING THIS. IT'S UNFORTUNATE WE HAVE TO DO THIS, BUT
3 THE REALITY IS THAT, YOU KNOW, WHEN I HEAR SOMEONE SAY THAT
4 THEY'RE EXCITED THEY PAID \$200 A SQUARE FOOT. THAT IS A RED
5 FLAG, BECAUSE THE AVERAGE RIGHT NOW IS ABOUT \$350 TO \$400 A
6 SQUARE FOOT. AND SO THAT'S WHAT THE CONTRACTORS ARE
7 LEVERAGING, IS THE PRICE PER SQUARE FOOT. AND YOU GET SOMEONE
8 UNSUSPECTING, AND THEY'RE DESPERATE. SO THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE YOU
13 BRINGING FORWARD THIS MOTION, SUPERVISOR BARGER, TO BETTER
14 PROTECT OUR WILDFIRE SURVIVORS FROM FRAUD, SCAMS, AND OTHER
15 PREDATORY BUSINESS PRACTICES. AS THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES
16 CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF REBUILDING THEIR HOMES AND THEIR
17 COMMUNITIES THE LAST THING THEY NEED IS TO BE TAKEN ADVANTAGE
18 OF BY SCAMMERS AND PREDATORY ACTORS. MY TEAM HAS HEARD FROM
19 CONSTITUENTS IN THE PALISADES FIRE AREAS WHO HAVE ALREADY LOST
20 THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS. OUR SENIORS,
21 THOSE WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY AND VULNERABLE
22 HOUSEHOLDS IN PARTICULAR NEED CLEAR CONSISTENT AND FREQUENT
23 COMMUNICATION TO UNDERSTAND THEIR RIGHTS AND TO ACCESS
24 CONSUMER PROTECTION RESOURCES. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE HOW TO FILE
25 COMPLAINTS AND HOW TO REPORT FRAUD. IN ADDITION TO DIRECTING A



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1 PLAN OF ACTION FROM DEPARTMENTS TO ADDRESS AND CURB FRAUD IN
2 30 DAYS. THIS MOTION ALSO DIRECTS AN EXPANDED AWARENESS
3 CAMPAIGN AND THE EXPANDED COMMUNICATIONS WILL UTILIZE BOTH
4 ONLINE METHODS AND IN-PERSON RESOURCES AT OUR COUNTY ONE STOPS
5 IN ALTADENA AND CALABASAS AS HAS BEEN SAID AND WITH COMMUNITY
6 PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE LONG-TERM RECOVERY GROUPS. THE
7 AWARENESS CAMPAIGN SHOULD INCLUDE MATERIALS IN MULTIPLE
8 LANGUAGES. OUR WILDFIRE SURVIVORS HAVE ALREADY BEEN THROUGH
9 FAR TOO MUCH. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE PLAN OF ACTION AND
10 AWARENESS CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE CONSUMER PROTECTION FOR OUR
11 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. AND MY ONE QUESTION IS THAT WE
12 INCREASED THE PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT POWER FOR DCBA IN
13 TERMS OF VIOLATIONS FOR PRICE GOUGING PROTECTIONS EARLIER THIS
14 YEAR AND CERTAINLY LAST YEAR. ARE THERE ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT
15 TOOLS OR AUTHORITY YOU NEED THAT COULD DETER SOME BAD ACTORS
16 AND PROVIDE MORE REMEDIES FOR VICTIMS OF FRAUD?

17
18 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION THAT I'D LIKE TO SAY
19 DOWN WITH OUR COLLEAGUES AT COUNTY COUNSEL. THEY ACTUALLY HAVE
20 THE AUTHORITY TO PURSUE UNLAWFUL BUSINESS PRACTICES, UNFAIR
21 BUSINESS PRACTICES UNDER THE 17200S, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT
22 WE CAN LEVERAGE TO TRY TO PURSUE SOME OF THESE BAD ACTORS IF
23 THE EXISTING LAWS DON'T EXIST. AND THAT'S WHY WE COORDINATE
24 REALLY CLOSELY WITH THEM ON THAT. WHEN THE PRICE GOUGING
25 PROTECTIONS WERE IN PLACE, THERE WERE REBUILDING PROTECTIONS



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1 IN PLACE, BUT ONCE THEY EXPIRED, THOSE REBUILDING PROTECTIONS
2 EXPIRED ALONG WITH THE PROTECTIONS.

3

4 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** ALL RIGHT WELL I THINK GIVEN THAT WE
5 KNOW PEOPLE ARE BEING PREYED UPON UNFORTUNATELY AND THEY'RE
6 INCREDIBLY VULNERABLE AND THEY JUST WANT TO GET HOME. MAKING
7 SURE THAT YOU HAVE THE TOOLS THAT YOU NEED TO PROTECT OUR
8 RESIDENTS IS IMPORTANT SO IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL TOOLS THAT
9 YOUR DEPARTMENT NEEDS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THAT END, PLEASE DO
10 LET US KNOW. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO ADD, I SUPPORT THE
13 MOTION, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND HORVATH. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT
14 HAS BEEN CONTINUAL, I GUESS, CHALLENGE FOR THE COUNTY FOR SO
15 MANY DISASTERS AND THINGS THAT WE'VE GONE THROUGH. FOR ME,
16 RECENTLY IT WAS THE LINEAGE FIRE WHERE WE HAD PEOPLE THAT WERE
17 ACTUALLY INCREASING FUNDS OR ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR
18 PURIFIERS. THEY'RE GOING DOOR TO DOOR AND THEY WERE CHARGING
19 LIKE \$300 FOR MAYBE \$100 OR \$75 PURIFIER. AND THEN ALSO WE'RE
20 SEEING ATTORNEYS, VERY SIMILAR TO ATTORNEYS THAT ARE TAKING
21 ADVANTAGE OF SOME OF THE FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN, OR
22 ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN THINGS WITH THE COUNTY WITH CHILDREN
23 AND FAMILY SERVICES, ETC. IN THIS CASE, THESE ATTORNEYS ARE
24 ACTUALLY CORRALLING RESIDENTS, PAYING THEM THEIR DINNER AND
25 SAYING, HEY, IF YOU HAVE A CLAIM, THERE'S 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 THINGS



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1 AND YOU FIT THIS MOLD, WE'LL TAKE YOUR CASE ON. AND IT'S NOT
2 TOWARDS US, IT'S TOWARDS THE CORPORATION, BUT NONETHELESS, I
3 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE STANDARDS ARE FOR THE LAW FIRMS THAT ARE
4 DOING THIS, BUT THEY'RE ADVERTISING AND THEY ARE GOING OUT TO
5 COMMUNITIES AND THEY'RE ALSO LEAVING LEAFLETS AT PEOPLE'S
6 HOMES. WE'VE ALREADY FOUND THAT. SO I WOULD JUST SAY THAT WHEN
7 WE THINK ABOUT THIS, LET'S THINK ABOUT IT IN A BROAD SENSE
8 TOO, SO THAT WE CAN DEFEND WHAT WE'RE DOING AND THEN MOVE ON
9 TO THE NEXT. BUT I DO SUPPORT THE ITEM. THANK YOU. SEEING NO
10 MORE QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD, LET'S GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

11
12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
13 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? KATHERINE PEOPLES, ROXANNE
14 NAZARIO, CLAUDIA JEREZ, AND LUCIANO HABER. AS A FINAL REMINDER
15 FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS, IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
16 REMOTELY YOU MUST CALL 213-444-2600 WHETHER YOU'RE REGISTERED
17 OR NOT. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO REMOTE CALLERS TO ADDRESS
18 THE BOARD. WE WILL GO TO OUR IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

19
20 **KATHERINE PEOPLES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD AND CHAIR. MY NAME IS
21 KATHERINE PEOPLES. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HPP CARES. I
22 REPRESENT THE REBUILD CENTER FOR BOTH THE EATON AS WELL AS THE
23 PALISADE LONG-TERM RECOVERY CENTER WHERE WE PROVIDE REBUILD
24 CASE MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS SUPPORT TO ALL OF OUR SURVIVORS. WE
25 HAVE SEEN UNBELIEVABLE PREDATORY ACTIVITIES HAPPENING IN THE



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1 COMMUNITY UP TO THE TUNE OF 1,000,000 DOLLARS. I'VE HAD A
2 SURVIVOR LOSE 1,000,000 DOLLARS TO AN UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR.
3 SO I AM SO THANKFUL THAT YOU BROUGHT THIS MOTION. WE MUST ALL
4 AGREE TO THIS MOTION. OUR SURVIVORS NEED THIS AND I CANNOT
5 STRESS IT ENOUGH. COUNTLESS DAYS AFTER DAY WE SEE NUMEROUS
6 SURVIVORS, \$300,000, \$700,000 THAT THEY HAVE PAID INDIVIDUALS
7 THAT ARE NOT LICENSED. WE MUST STOP THE ABILITY FOR ANYONE TO
8 BE ABLE TO PULL AN OWNER BUILDER PERMIT. IF YOU MADE THAT ONE
9 CHANGE FOR ME IT WOULD MAKE MY DAY AMAZING. IT WOULD ALLOW US
10 TO HAVE IMMEDIATE PREVENTION.

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

13
14 **LUCIANO HABER:** BACK AT THE PODIUM. THIS IS MY NAME IS LUCIANO
15 HABER AGAIN WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RESPONSE. THIS
16 WAS NOT SOMETHING I INITIALLY WAS PLANNING TO SPEAK ON, BUT I
17 JUST WANTED TO BECAUSE AS WE SPOKE TO VICTIMS OF THE PALISADES
18 AND THE EATON FIRES, I JUST WANTED TO PERSONALLY SAY THANK YOU
19 FOR ADDRESSING THIS. THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF PROBLEMS AND A
20 LOT OF ATTENTION ON THE ILLEGAL CONTRACTING SIDE, FRAUDULENT
21 PRACTICES SIDE, AND JUST GENERAL FRAUD. WE'VE SPOKEN TO THREE
22 FAMILIES IN THE PALISADES WHO WERE ACTUALLY CONVINCED TO
23 DONATE TO SUPPOSED CAUSES FOR WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND
24 EMERGENCY RESPONSE. AND THAT WAS ONE OF THOSE TOPICS THAT
25 REALLY HIT HOME BECAUSE THEY MADE A SIGNIFICANT DONATION, ONE



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1 OF THEM IN THE \$35,000 RANGE, AND THAT WENT COMPLETELY OUT THE
2 WINDOW. SO I REALLY THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE INITIATIVE WITH
3 THIS, AND BEST OF LUCK. THANK YOU.

4

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

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7 **ROXANNE AZARIO:** MY NAME IS ROXANNE AZARIO. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF
8 POLICY AND ADVOCACY AT HPP CARES. I JUST WANT TO THANK
9 SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND BARGER FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. AS MY
10 BOSS, KATHERINE PEOPLES, WAS JUST SHARING, WE ARE THE EYES ON
11 THE GROUND. WE ARE AT THE EFC, WE ARE REBUILDING, WE'RE
12 DEALING WITH THESE SURVIVORS EVERY DAY, AND WE'VE KIND OF
13 BECOME THE PLACE THAT EVERYBODY GOES TO WHEN THEY HAVE NOWHERE
14 ELSE TO GO. SO MY BOSS IS ON THE PHONE FOR HOURS AT A TIME,
15 MEETING WITH SURVIVORS, TRYING TO GIVE THEM HOPE, TRYING TO
16 GIVE THEM A PATH BACK TO HOME. SO WE STARTED SOUNDING THIS
17 ALARM. AND THANKFULLY, YOU GUYS WERE ALREADY ON IT. SO YOU
18 GUYS WERE ALREADY PUTTING THIS TOGETHER, WHICH WE APPRECIATE.
19 WE'VE BEEN DOING EDUCATIONAL CONTRACTOR EVENTS, ESPECIALLY
20 WHEN IT COMES TO BUILDING IN THE BURN ZONE, WHICH IS
21 DIFFERENT, RIGHT? SO A LOT OF THESE CONTRACTORS COMING IN,
22 EVEN IF THEY'RE LICENSED AND HAVE EVERYTHING IN PLACE, THEY
23 STILL MAY NOT HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OF WORKING IN BURN ZONES, SO
24 THAT'S IMPORTANT. WE NEED TO KEEP THE EDUCATION UP BECAUSE
25 MOST PEOPLE DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING.



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

3
4 **CLAUDIA JEREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. CLAUDIA JEREZ, DPSS DWC. PUBLIC
5 AWARENESS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, WE MUST GO BACK TO THE OLD
6 COMMUNITY GETTING TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THESE PRACTICES DO NOT
7 OCCUR. IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD, AND IT TAKES A
8 VILLAGE TO MAINTAIN THAT CHILD. AND THAT'S OUR ENVIRONMENT.
9 OUR ENVIRONMENT, OUR ATMOSPHERE, OUR HOMES. IT TAKES REALLY A
10 VILLAGE AND THIS IS A VILLAGE HERE AND WE ARE YOU KNOW IN A
11 WAY TOGETHER YOU KNOW GOING THROUGH THIS AND SO I THINK THAT
12 GRIEF IS VERY IMPORTANT WHEN THE FIRES ARE HAPPENING. GRIEF IS
13 IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY DO NEED SUPPORT FOR
14 THAT EMOTIONAL SUPPORT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND HOW TO YOU KNOW MOVE
15 FORWARD WITH THE GRIEF LOSING YOUR HOME LOSING EVERYTHING AND
16 HAVING EVERYTHING IN DESTRUCTION I THINK THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO
17 UNDERSTAND THAT YOU KNOW PEOPLE DO NEED SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

18
19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES THE TIME FOR
20 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

21
22 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, ITEM 19 AS REVISED
23 IS BEFORE YOU.

24
25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER SECONDED



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1 BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH AS AMENDED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.

2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL.

3

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

5

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

7

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

9

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

11

12 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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

15

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

17

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

19

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

21

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

23

24 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES, 5-0. WE WILL

25 NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 21, REPORT ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN TO



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CURTAIL STREET RACING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD BY
SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE PHONE,
IF YOU'VE ALREADY SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, NO FURTHER ACTION IS
NEEDED. IF YOU'RE ON THE PHONE AND WISH TO COMMENT BUT HAVEN'T
SIGNED UP, PRESS STAR AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO JOIN THE
SPEAKING QUEUE. IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED OR REGISTERED BUT
ARE WATCHING THE MEETING, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE CALL
213-444-2600. PRESS STAR AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS. AN OPERATOR
WILL ASSIST YOU. DAVID CARROLL, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.
STEVE BURGER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND JULIAN GARCIA, PRINCIPAL
ENGINEER, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. COMMANDER TERENCE BELL,
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. VICTOR PUEBLA, CAPTAIN, SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT. AND CARRIE MILLER, BRANCH MANAGER, POLICY
IMPLEMENTATION AND ALIGNMENT BRANCH, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
WILL GIVE A PRESENTATION. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS,
PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU
ADDRESS THE BOARD.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR AND I
WANT TO THANK THE STREET TAKEOVER REDUCTION WORK GROUP ON ALL
THE DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE HERE TODAY AND ARE WORKING
COLLABORATIVELY WITH YOU. YOU KNOW I CONTINUE TO HOLD THIS
ITEM BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE IT A PRIORITY



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1 AND THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC CONTINUES TO UNDERSTAND THE WORK
2 THAT'S HAPPENING. SO I THINK I'LL TURN IT OVER AND HEAR THE
3 PRESENTATION AND THEN I'LL COME BACK, MADAM CHAIR, AND WE'LL
4 HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.

5

6 **JERAMY GRAY:** SUPERVISOR, JERAMY GRAY, JUST LIKE TO QUICKLY
7 OPEN, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER FOR THE CEO. WE SUBMITTED OUR
8 7TH REPORT ON THIS MATTER LAST WEEK. IF YOU RECALL WHEN WE
9 PRESENTED THE LAST TIME, WE PRESENTED THAT DURING THE PERIOD
10 OF 2024 TO 2025, WE ACTUALLY SAW A DECREASE OF AROUND 33% IN
11 ACTIVITY. AND WE HAVE SINCE, AS YOU CAN SEE FROM OUR LAST
12 REPORT, SEEN A SPIKE. AND I'M GOING TO HAVE DR. CARRIE MILLER
13 AND OUR PANEL TALK ABOUT SOME OF OUR ANALYSIS AND SOME OF THE
14 REMEDIATION STRATEGIES THAT WE PLAN TO EXECUTE TO ADDRESS
15 THOSE FLUCTUATIONS IN OUR NUMBERS. DR. MILLER.

16

17 **CARRIE MILLER:** THANK YOU, JERAMY. GOOD AFTERNOON. PLEASURE TO
18 BE HERE. I'M CARRIE MILLER, THE BRANCH MANAGER FOR POLICY
19 IMPLEMENTATION AND ALIGNMENT BRANCH WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
20 OFFICE, AND I'LL WALK THROUGH THE PRESENTATION AND THEN OPEN
21 IT UP FOR QUESTIONS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO AS YOU KNOW, WE
22 HAVE A FULL GROUP OF PRIVATE PARTNERS, PUBLIC PARTNERS,
23 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND ADVOCATES THAT WE ARE
24 WORKING WITH TO TRY TO REALLY GET A HANDLE ON THIS PROBLEM
25 MOVING FORWARD. NEXT SLIDE. SO, WHAT WE SAW, AS JERAMY



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1 MENTIONED, WE SAW A 33% DROP SINCE FOR THE YEAR AFTER WE
2 IMPLEMENTED OUR ORIGINAL ACTION PLAN. THAT NUMBER AND THAT
3 DROP ACTUALLY HELD FOR FIVE STRAIGHT QUARTERS AND THEN WE SAW
4 A SPIKE. AND IF YOU SEE THE SPIKE IT'S PRETTY DRAMATIC AND
5 DISTURBING. WE WENT UP 41% FROM THE EXACT SAME TIME PERIOD
6 OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WITH THAT, THERE
7 WAS A LOT OF ACTIVITY THAT WE DID TO IMPLEMENT THE ACTION PLAN
8 THAT OUR PARTNERS HERE WORKED REALLY HARD ON. AS YOU SEE, OVER
9 3,000 STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTS PARTICIPATED IN
10 PREVENTION AND EDUCATION WORKSHOPS, AND 84% OF PARTICIPANTS
11 DID SAY THAT THEY WOULD BE LESS LIKELY TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY
12 TYPE OF THIS ACTIVITY AFTER PARTICIPATING IN THOSE WORKSHOPS.
13 NEXT SLIDE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT DPW HAS
14 BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD TO PUT IN PLACE, OVER THE LAST
15 QUARTER, THEY INSTALLED THREE INSTALLATIONS IN EAST GARDENA,
16 TWO IN WALNUT PARK, TWO IN EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, AND EIGHT IN
17 FLORENCE FIRESTONE. THIS REPRESENTS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
18 INSTALLATIONS OF ANY QUARTER THAT WE'VE HAD SINCE WE STARTED
19 DOING THIS WORK. AND YOU SEE THERE'S FOUR ADDITIONAL PLANNED
20 INSTALLATIONS UNDERWAY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS IS A PICTURE
21 FOR FOLKS WHO DON'T KNOW WHAT AN INTERSECTION INSTALLATION
22 LOOKS LIKE OF THE WORK OF DPW INSTALLING ONE OF THESE. NEXT
23 SLIDE, PLEASE. LOOKING AT ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS FOR LASD,
24 THEY CONDUCTED EIGHT SOLO AGENCY OPERATIONS IN THE LAST
25 QUARTER. COMBINATION OF LSD AND CHPS ACTIVITY ISSUED 134



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1 CITATIONS, MADE 46 ARRESTS, AND TOWED 47 VEHICLES. THE D.A.,
2 WE KNOW, DIVERTED 31 PEOPLE USING THE STREET TAKEOVER, THE
3 STREET RACING KILLS DIVERSION PROGRAM AND COLLECTED
4 RESTITUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000. AND THEY'RE STILL
5 PROSECUTING TWO FELONY CASES OF ORGANIZERS OF STREET TAKEOVERS
6 AS WE SPEAK. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WE ARE CONTINUING WITH OUR
7 COMMUNITY AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES. AS YOU KNOW, THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES LAST QUARTER PUT
9 OUT A PSA ON THE DANGERS OF THESE EVENTS. THIS WAS INFORMED BY
10 YOUTH AND LARGELY CONSTRUCTED WITH YOUTH INPUT AND THEY'VE
11 SEEN REALLY SIGNIFICANT PERFORMANCE ON THE CHANNELS WHERE THEY
12 HAVE POSTED THIS PSA. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. IN TERMS OF
13 IDENTIFYING SAFE AND LEGAL ALTERNATIVES WE HAVE OUR FIRST
14 EVENT THAT IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 19TH AT SANTA FE DAM. WE
15 ARE LOOKING AT TARGETING YOUTH USING GO-KARTS SO THAT THEY CAN
16 LEARN HOW TO SAFELY PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES AND WE CAN
17 USE THAT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS THAT LEGAL DRIFTING IS
18 FAR BETTER THAN THE ILLEGAL OPTIONS. WE ARE STILL PURSUING
19 AVENUES WITH ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS AND PROMONA
20 FAIRGROUNDS, BOTH WHO HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HOLDING LEGAL
21 ALTERNATIVE EVENTS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, IF WE LOOK AT THE
22 DATA, THIS IS CHP DATA. WE SAW THAT THEIR NUMBERS JUMPED 21,
23 WHICH IS ALMOST DOUBLING FROM WHERE THEY WERE AT THE LAST
24 QUARTER. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. LOOKING AT LASD'S JURISDICTION,
25 WE DID SEE A 200% SPIKE OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. THIS WAS



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1 LARGELY IN SUPERVISORY DISTRICT 2. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WHAT WE
2 DID TO TRY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THIS DATA IS WE DID A
3 BREAKDOWN BETWEEN UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND CONTRACT CITIES.
4 AND IT WAS INTERESTING WHEN WE DID THAT, BECAUSE WHAT WE FOUND
5 IS THERE WERE ACTUALLY ZERO EVENTS HAPPENING IN THE
6 UNINCORPORATED AREAS EXCEPT FOR SD2. BUT WHAT YOU SEE IS A BIG
7 JUMP IN CONTRACT CITIES, MUCH HIGHER THAN WHAT WE'VE SEEN IN
8 THE PAST. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AND SO WE FURTHER DUG INTO THIS
9 DATA TO SEE, WELL, WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE? AND WHEN WE LOOKED
10 AT THE DATA FOR CONTRACT CITIES COMPARING THIS LAST QUARTER,
11 QUARTER TWO TO ONE YEAR PRIOR, SO THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT
12 APPLES-TO-APPLES COMPARISON, THERE WAS A 200% SPIKE IN
13 CONTRACTED CITIES. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. HOWEVER, WHEN WE LOOKED
14 AT THE UNINCORPORATED AREA DATA, THIS IS WHAT WAS REALLY
15 INTERESTING. WE ONLY SAW A 16% SPIKE, WHICH COULD BE WHAT WE
16 WOULD EXPECT FROM, LIKE, REGIONAL DIFFERENCES. HOWEVER, WHAT
17 WAS REALLY IMPORTANT IS IF YOU LOOK AT THE CENTRAL DIVISION,
18 THERE WAS A DROP OF 28. SO IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS INCREDIBLE
19 SPIKE THAT WE SAW, THERE WAS A DROP IN THIS CENTRAL DIVISION.
20 SO WE WANTED TO UNDERSTAND THAT MORE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO
21 WHEN WE STARTED TO BREAK DOWN WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN CENTRAL
22 DIVISION THAT MIGHT BE DIFFERENT THAN OTHER AREAS, WE KNOW
23 THAT LASD HAD CONSIDERABLE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS IN THAT AREA,
24 SO THAT WAS CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED. BUT WE ALSO
25 THEN LOOKED AT, STARTED TO LOOK AT OUR DPW INSTALLATIONS TO



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1 TRY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT PICTURE LOOKED LIKE. AND
2 WHAT YOU WILL SEE HERE IS THAT IN THE LAST YEAR THROUGH LAST
3 QUARTER, THEY INSTALLED 14 INTERSECTION INSTALLATIONS AND ALL
4 OF THEM WERE IN CENTRAL DIVISION BOUNDARIES. SO THAT IS
5 SIGNIFICANT THAT EVERY SINGLE PLACE THAT THEY PUT THEM IS IN
6 THE VERY SAME AREA WHERE WE SAW THIS DROP. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
7 SO LOOKING FORWARD, DPW HAS, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, ADDITIONAL
8 INSTALLATIONS PLANNED, AND NOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT IS
9 THE SOUTH DIVISION, BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE THE SPIKE HAPPENED.
10 NEXT SLIDE. AND THEN, AS WE'VE ALWAYS REPORTED OUT, WHAT ARE
11 THE COSTS OF THESE IMPACTS, DPW REPORTED A 410,000 COST JUST
12 FOR LAST QUARTER, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE INSTALLATIONS THAT
13 THEY WERE DOING BUT ALSO BECAUSE THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE
14 TO THE INSTALLATIONS THEY DID DO AND REQUIRED A NUMBER OF
15 REPAIRS TO THOSE INSTALLATIONS. NEXT SLIDE. SO, WITH THIS,
16 WE'VE, THE WORKGROUP HAS SPENT A LOT OF TIME TRYING TO
17 UNDERSTAND AND FIGURE OUT WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON AND WHAT CAN
18 WE DO TO REMEDY THIS SITUATION. SO, WE KNOW THAT THIS IS A
19 COMPLEX PROBLEM. WE KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF FACTORS DRIVING
20 IT, AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF
21 INTERVENTIONS TO REALLY GET A HANDLE ON THIS SPIKE AND GET IT
22 BACK DOWN TO WHERE WE WERE. SO, ACROSS THE PARTNERS, THEY WILL
23 SPEAK MORE ABOUT THIS, BUT JUST AT A HIGH LEVEL, THEY HAVE
24 ALREADY COMMITTED TO EXPANDING SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PREVENTION
25 PROGRAMMING, PLANNING INSTALLATIONS IN THE SOUTH DIVISION



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1 INTERSECTIONS, WHICH IS WHERE THE SPIKE OCCURRED, DEPLOYING
2 ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES, AND WE ARE INCREASING OUR
3 SOCIAL MEDIA MONITORING AND TRYING TO REMOVE AS MANY OF THESE
4 POSTS THAT WE POSSIBLY CAN SINCE WE KNOW THAT DRIVES A LOT OF
5 THE ACTIVITY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AND WITH THAT, WE OPEN IT UP
6 FOR QUESTIONS.

7

8 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM
9 CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO THE PANEL. THE 200% INCREASE IS
10 ALARMING, BUT I WANT TO START BY ACKNOWLEDGING THE COLLECTIVE
11 WORK THAT YOU ALL HAVE DONE. WHO'S TO SAY IT WOULDN'T HAVE
12 BEEN LARGER? I THINK WE WERE VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE TREND
13 THAT WE HAD SEEN OVER THE LAST SEVERAL QUARTERS AND WE KNEW
14 SUMMER WAS COMING AND WE KNEW WHAT THE TREND SHOWED US FOR THE
15 SUMMER AND SO I CERTAINLY WASN'T NOWHERE NEAR ANTICIPATING A
16 200% INCREASE PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU GIVE THE DISPROPORTIONATE
17 NUMBER OF THOSE THAT ARE IN THE 2ND DISTRICT, BOTH CONTRACT
18 CITIES AND THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. WE RECENTLY, MY
19 TEAM DID A WORK GROUP COMMUNITY WALK IN EAST GARDENA AND
20 WILLOWBROOK, THE 18TH OF LAST MONTH. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO
21 THANK PUBLIC WORKS, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND OUR OTHER
22 PARTNERS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THAT AND HEARING DIRECTLY FROM
23 RESIDENTS AND BEGINNING TO IDENTIFY CONCRETE NEXT STEPS. YOU
24 KNOW, THIS IS AN INTERESTING ISSUE WHERE PEOPLE HAVE ALL KINDS
25 OF IDEAS. AND I DO BELIEVE THIS MULTI-PRONGED STRATEGY AROUND



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1 EDUCATION ENFORCEMENT, THE BARRIERS, REALLY MAKES SENSE. AND
2 IT'S JUST A MATTER OF HOW WE CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY RESOURCES,
3 PRIORITIZE AREAS THAT NEED TO BE TARGETED BASED ON THE DATA
4 THAT YOU'RE BRINGING TO US, THAT IT'S AN EQUITABLE INVESTMENT
5 BASED ON THE DATA. I UNDERSTAND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
6 CONDUCTED AN OPERATION AT 157TH AND BROADWAY AND THERE WAS A
7 GREAT REDUCTION AND YET THEN WE HEARD FROM AND GOT VIDEO FROM
8 CONSTITUENTS THAT SHOWED THAT THE RECORD THAT THE CROWDS
9 RETURNED THIS PAST WEEKEND. SO IT'S LIKE WE'VE GOT A PRESENCE
10 AND YET PEOPLE COME BACK. SO I'M HOPING THAT THAT IS AN AREA
11 THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO MONITOR AND FOCUS ON. SO I GUESS
12 REALLY MY QUESTION IS WHAT ARE NEXT STEPS? I APPRECIATE IT
13 SEEING THE DATA SEPARATED BY UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND CONTRACT
14 CITIES, IDENTIFYING THE AREA WHERE THERE WAS A SLIGHT
15 REDUCTION, YOU KNOW, WHAT COULD HAVE CAUSED THAT,
16 ACKNOWLEDGING THE FACT THAT IT'S THE PUBLIC WORKS
17 INTERVENTIONS THAT ARE HELPFUL. WHAT ARE OUR NEXT STEPS? WHAT
18 MITIGATION STRATEGIES ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER MOVING FORWARD
19 FOR SD2 AS WELL AS THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE?

20
21 **STEVE BURGER:** I CAN TAKE A STAB AT THAT, SUPERVISOR STEVE
22 BURGER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR TRANSPORTATION, L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC
23 WORKS. YEAH, SO AS I THINK YOU HEARD FROM CARRIE AND AS YOU
24 ALLUDED TO, WE'RE STARTING TO SEE DATA THAT'S INFORMING US
25 THAT SOME OF THESE INTERVENTIONS, THE PHYSICAL INTERVENTIONS,



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1 ARE WORKING. AND SO WE'RE USING THAT DATA. I LOVE THE FACT
2 THAT WE'RE GETTING REALLY SOLID DATA NOW.

3

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

5

6 **STEVE BURGER:** AND WE'RE USING THAT TO FOCUS WHERE WE WANT TO
7 DO THE NEXT INSTALLATIONS. THE OTHER THING THAT WAS NOTABLE,
8 THAT IS A LOT OF THE UPTICK WAS IN THE CITIES, AND WE'VE
9 ALREADY BEGUN REACHING OUT TO THOSE CITIES TO OFFER OUR
10 EXPERTISE, OUR COLLABORATION. YOU KNOW, THIS IS ALL ONE
11 COUNTY, AND ALTHOUGH, YOU KNOW, THEY'LL HAVE TO BE THE ONES TO
12 PUT IN THESE INSTALLATIONS IN THEIR JURISDICTION, WE
13 DEFINITELY HAVE THE ABILITY AND THE DESIRE TO WORK WITH THEM
14 TO SHARE OUR EXPERTISE, OUR EXPERIENCE, AND HELP THEM GET, IF
15 THEY DECIDE THAT THESE PHYSICAL INTERVENTIONS ARE MEANINGFUL
16 AND HELPFUL, TO HELP THEM WITH THAT AS WELL.

17

18 **DAVID CARROLL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD, AND HAPPY TO SEE YOU.
19 I'M DAVID CARROLL, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
20 DEVELOPMENT. YOU SAW EARLIER THE 3,336 WORKSHOP OR FOLKS THAT
21 WERE SERVED THROUGH ABOUT 127 WORKSHOPS WE ARE FORTUNATE THAT
22 WE WERE ABLE TO CONTINUE THAT WORK WITH STREET RACING KILLS
23 BUT EXPAND AND FOCUS IT SO WE'RE MOVING FROM ONE-OFF WORKSHOPS
24 TO SUSTAINED ENGAGEMENT WHERE WE CAN WORK WITH THE SAME GROUP
25 OF YOUNG PEOPLE OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME SO THAT THEY



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FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DANGERS OF STREET RACING AND THE
ALTERNATIVES, ET CETERA. WE'RE FOCUSING ON MULTIPLE SCHOOL
DISTRICTS, INCLUDING IN COMPTON, MONTEBELLO, AND POMONA, AMONG
MANY OTHERS, BUT WE HAVE THOSE SPECIFIC RELATIONSHIPS ALREADY
SET UP. WE'RE EXPANDING OUR REACH ACROSS THE DYD SCHOOL-BASED
PROGRAMMING. SO WE'VE GOT ABOUT 10 SCHOOLS THAT ARE SERVED
THROUGH THE BLOOM INITIATIVE AND ANOTHER 10 THAT ARE SERVED
THROUGH THE DYD ROOTED INITIATIVE. SO ALL THOSE SCHOOLS WILL
BE RECEIVING THE WORKSHOPS THROUGH SRK ON A REGULAR BASIS.
WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY-BASED
PREVENTION AND OUTREACH AGAIN GOING TO THE COMMUNITY EVENTS
PARTNERING WITH PARKS AND RECREATION, OUR SPOT TEEN PROGRAM,
AS WELL AS JCOD'S STORES LOCATIONS TO OFFER THE WORKSHOPS IN
THOSE FACILITIES, AS WELL AS OUR 42 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORK
PROVIDERS THAT ARE SPREAD ACROSS EVERY SPA, ACROSS ALL 5
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. WE'RE GOING TO ASK YOUNG PEOPLE, YOU
KNOW, WHAT'S WORKING, RIGHT, INCREASE THAT YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SO
THEY CAN TELL US WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO HAMMER THE MESSAGE HOME
SO THAT THEY REALLY UNDERSTAND WHY WE ARE PROVIDING THE
WORKSHOPS AND WHAT THE GOAL IS. AND CONTINUING TO WORK WITH
OUR PROVIDER TO STRENGTHEN THEIR WORKSHOP DELIVERY MODEL SO
THAT IT IS HAVING THE IMPACT THAT WE EXPECT.

ROBERT LUNA: I WANTED MY PARTNERS TO GO FIRST BECAUSE
OBVIOUSLY FOR THE ROBERT LUNA OF THE SHERIFF OF L.A. COUNTY, I



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1 WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THAT WE DO SUPPORT THE
2 MULTI-PRONG APPROACH. EDUCATION IS CRITICAL. ENGINEERING IS
3 CRITICAL. AND OUR PARTNERS AT PUBLIC WORKS JUST TALKED ABOUT
4 THAT. SO I'M NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE ENFORCEMENT PORTION
5 OF THIS. OUR DEPARTMENT WAS DOING VERY WELL. YOU SAW THE
6 STATISTICS UP UNTIL THIS YEAR. WE ACTUALLY HAD A SIGNIFICANT
7 REDUCTION. AGAIN, IT WAS SHOWN ON THE CHART. BUT THIS LAST
8 SUMMER, THINGS WENT IN A COMPLETELY OPPOSITE DIRECTION. I FIND
9 IT TO BE UNACCEPTABLE. OBVIOUSLY, WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
10 STREET TAKEOVERS, IT IS SOMETHING OUR COMMUNITY IS BECOMING
11 LESS TOLERANT OF, AND WE'RE GETTING A LOT OF COMPLAINTS. BUT
12 WHAT I WANT TO SPEND A COUPLE OF MINUTES TALKING ABOUT IS IN
13 THE LAST MONTH OR SO, WE HAVE SEEN A VERY DISTURBING TREND
14 WHERE THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE COMING IN TO DO THESE
15 STREET TAKEOVERS, AND THERE ARE BURGLARIES, OR WHAT PEOPLE
16 CALL LOOTING, ATTACHED TO IT. THESE VIDEOS ARE EXTREMELY
17 DISTURBING. YOU HAVE DOZENS AND DOZENS OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN
18 RUNNING INTO, WHETHER IT BE AUTO STORES, MARKETS, AND I JUST
19 WANT TO BRING SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO AN INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED
20 IN BELLFLOWER. AND WE JUST HAD ANOTHER ONE IN BELLFLOWER EARLY
21 LAST THIS MORNING. BUT YOU HAD A VERY HARDWORKING FAMILY,
22 IMMIGRANT FAMILY, WHO WORKED THEIR WHOLE LIVES TO PUT THIS
23 MARKET TOGETHER. THEY HAD A STREET TAKEOVER AT AN INTERSECTION
24 IN BELLFLOWER. AND PARTS OF THIS GROUP WENT IN THERE AND
25 CAUSED WHAT'S ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$30,000 IN DAMAGE. I'VE SEEN



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1 ENOUGH OF THIS TO WHERE I'M JUST MAKING A PUBLIC STATEMENT
2 THAT IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN THESE STREET TAKEOVERS AND YOU
3 CHOOSE TO GO OUT AND IMPACT OUR BUSINESSES AND OUR COMMUNITY,
4 THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTABILITY. WE'RE
5 TRYING THE ENGINEERING, WE'LL CONTINUE TO DO THAT, WE'LL
6 CONTINUE TO DO OUR EDUCATION, WHICH I FULLY SUPPORT. BUT IF
7 YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY BURGLARIZING OUR BUSINESSES HERE IN LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY, WE ARE NOT GOING TO TOLERATE IT. ONE, I HAVE
9 ASKED OUR DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP TO PUT MORE FOCUS ON ISSUING
10 MORE CITATIONS AND SEIZING MORE VEHICLES. SO IN A WAY, WHEN
11 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EDUCATION, I AM WARNING OUR COMMUNITY THAT
12 IF YOUR KIDS ARE OUT THERE PARTAKING IN THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY,
13 THERE IS A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A
14 CITATION AND ARREST OR YOUR VEHICLE BEING IMPOUNDED AS A
15 RESULT OF THE ACTIVITY THAT'S OCCURRING OUT THERE. PLEASE KNOW
16 THAT AS I'VE GIVEN THAT DIRECTION, WE HAVE MORE OF OUR
17 SPECIALIZED UNITS AND INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER PARTS OF OUR
18 DEPARTMENT THAT WILL BE ASSISTING OUR PATROL STATIONS THAT ARE
19 HEAVILY IMPACTED BY THIS ACTIVITY. I HAVE PERSONALLY CALLED
20 THE CHP COMMISSIONER, SEAN DERUE, AND I'VE ASKED HIM FOR HELP.
21 HIM AND I HAVE AN EXTRAORDINARY RELATIONSHIP. HE'S ALREADY
22 SENDING ADDITIONAL UNITS. AND I ALSO WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT
23 THE U.S. ATTORNEY HERE HAS CALLED ME AND HE'S ASKED TO BE
24 INVOLVED IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS. AND PEOPLE MAY SAY, WELL,
25 HOW DOES THE US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE GET INVOLVED IN THIS TYPE OF



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1 ACTIVITY? WE WILL BE WORKING WITH THE D.A.'S OFFICE BECAUSE
2 THERE WILL BE CONSPIRACY CHARGES FILED SPECIFICALLY ON
3 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DOING THE BURGLARIES OR LOOTING AS PEOPLE
4 CALL THEM. SO THIS IS VERY SERIOUS. AND I'M PUTTING OUT THIS
5 WARNING TO OUR COMMUNITY, PLEASE, WE NEED TO STOP THIS
6 NONSENSE. IT'S ILLEGAL. IT'S VERY SERIOUS. WE'VE HAD VIOLENT
7 CRIMES AT THESE INCIDENCES, THIS CANNOT CONTINUE. I HAVE
8 AUTHORIZED THE USE OF DRONES OVER SOME OF THESE MORE
9 PROBLEMATIC INTERSECTIONS. AND I'M JUST GOING TO GIVE AN
10 EXAMPLE BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO TOO MUCH DETAIL THAT
11 AS A RESULT OF THE DRONE FOOTAGE WE WERE ABLE TO CAPTURE
12 VEHICLES THAT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN DOING THE
13 DONUTS AROUND THE INTERSECTIONS BUT THEY WERE BLOCKING THE
14 INTERSECTION SO OTHER CARS COULDN'T GET IN. AND OUR DETECTIVES
15 ON FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATIONS WENT OUT, GOT A WARRANT TO SEIZE
16 THESE INDIVIDUAL CARS, AND WE IMPOUNDED SEVEN ADDITIONAL CARS
17 ON TOP OF WHAT WE'RE DOING ALREADY. WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO
18 DO THAT KIND OF WORK. SO AGAIN, THIS IS NOT WITHOUT WARNING.
19 I'M TIRED OF IT. OUR COMMUNITY IS TIRED OF IT. THIS BEHAVIOR
20 IS UNACCEPTABLE. AND SO I WOULD LIKE AS MUCH HELP AS I CAN
21 GET. AND I KNOW ONE THING THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT, AND I THINK
22 IT MAY JUST NEED A LITTLE BIT MORE DATA RESEARCH, IS THAT SOME
23 OF THE CITIES THAT ARE BEING VERY SUCCESSFUL IN IMPACTING THIS
24 PROBLEM, I'M GOING TO USE THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA FOR EXAMPLE
25 THEY ARE NOW ISSUING ADMINISTRATIVE SITES FOR SPECTATORS, IT'S



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1 2,000 DOLLARS. I KNOW THAT SOUNDS LIKE A LOT OF MONEY. IT IS A
2 LOT OF MONEY BUT UNTIL WE START DOING THIS I BELIEVE IN ON OUR
3 UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT'LL FURTHER GIVE US AN ADDITIONAL
4 TOOL TO IMPACT THIS AND HOPEFULLY KEEP THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO
5 ARE INVOLVED IN THIS AWAY FROM THIS. AND THE LAST THING I'LL
6 SAY, AND I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE
7 CONSPIRACY, THAT IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN ARRANGING THESE,
8 SETTING THESE UP, AND SOMEHOW PROFITING FROM THIS, I'M GOING
9 TO USE EVERY TOOL AT MY DISPOSAL TO COME AFTER YOU. WHETHER
10 IT'S THROUGH THE L.A. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OR THE US
11 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, YOU CANNOT IMPACT OUR COMMUNITIES IN THIS
12 FASHION ANYMORE. SO THAT'S THE END OF MY REPORT AND I STAND
13 READY FOR ANY QUESTIONS ANY OF YOU MAY HAVE.

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15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT SHERIFF AND I
16 APPRECIATE YOU COMING TODAY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PANEL LET ME
17 SAY I AGREE WITH YOU. IT'S HORRIBLE THAT SMALL BUSINESSES HAVE
18 BEEN IMPACTED BUT I WANT TO ADD THAT THERE ARE COMMUNITIES
19 THAT HAVE BEEN TERRORIZED FOR YEARS AND SO I APPRECIATE US
20 HIGHLIGHTING BUSINESSES THAT ARE BEING LOOTED, BUT I DON'T
21 WANT IT TO BE LOST THAT THERE ARE FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND
22 NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE HAD LOSS OF LIFE AND HAVE BEEN HELD CAPTIVE
23 IN THEIR HOUSES WEEK AFTER WEEK AFTER WEEK. AND SO I
24 APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THE FIRE TODAY AND I HOPE THAT'S
25 SUSTAINED NOT ONLY FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES BUT FOR OUR



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1 RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN HELD CAPTIVE IN THEIR HOMES. THEY ARE
2 THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BROUGHT THIS ATTENTION TO US, WHO HAVE
3 COME HERE QUARTER AFTER QUARTER TO TESTIFY, WHO REACH OUT TO
4 YOU ALL, WHO TALK ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES ON
5 THE WEEKENDS BECAUSE OUT OF FEAR OF NOT BEING ABLE TO GET BACK
6 INTO THEIR HOMES. SO I APPRECIATE THAT. I DON'T WANT THEIR
7 LIVED EXPERIENCES MINIMIZED AT ALL GIVEN KIND OF THE NEW
8 HEIGHTENED ATTENTION. I WANT TO APPRECIATE THE MEDIA'S
9 ATTENTION ON THIS. IT TAKES IT TO ANOTHER LEVEL WHEN PEOPLE
10 SEE BUSINESSES IMPACTED. I DON'T WANT THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS'
11 LIVED EXPERIENCE FOR YEARS NOW LOST IN THAT.

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13 **ROBERT LUNA:** YES, MA'AM, AND I WAS MY HEAD WAS SHAKING UP AND
14 DOWN JUST ACKNOWLEDGING WHAT YOU WERE SAYING AND PLEASE KNOW
15 THAT OUR RESIDENTS HAVE NOT BEEN IGNORED. I KNOW HOW
16 FRUSTRATING IT IS.

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

19
20 **ROBERT LUNA:** BUT I THINK IF YOU LOOK AT THE STATISTICS, IT
21 ACTUALLY SHOWED THAT OUR DIFFERENT STATIONS WERE STARTING TO
22 IMPACT THIS UP UNTIL THIS COMING YEAR.

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



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1 **ROBERT LUNA:** SO WE WERE LISTENING TO OUR RESIDENTS, A LOT OF
2 FRUSTRATED RESIDENTS. AND AS YOU STATED, THERE HAS BEEN
3 VIOLENCE AT SOME OF THESE INCIDENCES THAT WE TAKE VERY
4 SERIOUS. AND THAT'S WHY WE WERE RESPONDING THE WAY WE ARE OR
5 HAVE BEEN. SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THAT CLEAR.

6

7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT. I THINK IT'S ALSO
8 REALLY TRAGIC. THIS IS AS WE TALK ABOUT OUR BUDGETS AND ALL
9 THAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO AND ALL THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DO, THE
10 FACT THAT THIS IS COMPLETELY AVOIDABLE. WE JUST SPENT HOURS
11 TALKING ABOUT EL NINO AND THINGS THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY
12 CONTROL OVER AND HOW WE HAVE TO DEVOTE RESOURCES TO KEEP
13 PEOPLE SAFE. THIS IS COMPLETELY PREVENTABLE. I THINK IT'S ALSO
14 IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUT LOUD THAT SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES
15 CONTINUE TO BE TARGETED. PERIOD. AND THE QUESTION FOR ME IS,
16 AS A RESULT OF YOUR ARRESTS, IF THERE IS A SENSE THAT THERE
17 ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING INTO THESE COMMUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN
18 THIS ILLICIT BEHAVIOR OR IF IT'S LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO ARE
19 TEARING UP THE STREETS IN THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS?

20

21 **ROBERT LUNA:** WE CAN DEFINITELY DIG IN TO GET MORE SPECIFIC
22 INFORMATION AND THE COMMANDER CAN CORRECT ME IF I'M
23 INACCURATE. IT'S A COMBINATION OF BOTH, UNFORTUNATELY.

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25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO THAT'S NOT LOST ON ME, THAT



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1 PARTICULAR COMMUNITIES ARE BEING TARGETED FOR THIS BEHAVIOR.
2 THAT'S DEEPLY DISTURBING. I WOULD LIKE IF POSSIBLE THAT THE
3 NEW DATA TODAY IN TERMS OF HOW YOU'RE BEING ABLE TO BURROW
4 DOWN SPECIFICS WAS VERY HELPFUL BUT IF WE CAN IF WE'RE IF IN
5 IF PROSECUTIONS ARE INCREASING AND ARRESTS ARE INCREASING, IT
6 WOULD BE, I THINK, HELPFUL FOR US TO HAVE A SENSE OF IF PEOPLE
7 ARE COMING INTO THE COMMUNITY OR NOT. PARTICULARLY AS WE BEGIN
8 TO TARGET OR CONTINUE TO TARGET THE MULTI-PRONGED STRATEGY.
9 YOU KNOW, IF WE'RE TARGETING SCHOOLS IN DISTRICTS WHERE IT'S
10 HAPPENING, BUT THAT'S NOT WHO'S COMMITTING THE CRIMES, THEN WE
11 NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO PARTNER WITH NEIGHBORING
12 MUNICIPALITIES TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC EDUCATION IS GOING
13 TO WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE ACTIVITY. SO
14 THAT'S WHY I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO ACTUALLY KNOW.

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16 **ROBERT LUNA:** I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MADAM CHAIR.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YEAH, I WAS REALLY
23 FRUSTRATED AT THE INCREASE. BOTH MY DISTRICT, BUT CERTAINLY IN
24 THE 2ND DISTRICT, WAS THE LARGEST. IN MY DISTRICT, THEY WENT
25 UP BY ALMOST 50. IN SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S DISTRICT, THEY HAD



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1 96 LAST QUARTER AND 323 THIS QUARTER. SO I WAS FRUSTRATED,
2 ESPECIALLY LISTENING, CARRIE, TO EVERYTHING YOU'RE DOING AND
3 ALL THE STATISTICS ABOUT ALL THE WORKSHOPS AND THE EDUCATION
4 AND THE OUTREACH AND THE INTERSECTION BARRIERS. I MEAN WE'VE
5 DONE A LOT SINCE THIS FIRST STARTED AND SO IT WAS EXTREMELY
6 FRUSTRATING TO ME. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IS CALMER ABOUT THIS
7 THAN I WAS WHEN I SAW THESE NUMBERS. BUT I, AND I KNOW THERE'S
8 LOTS OF THEORIES ABOUT WHY. WORLD CUP CELEBRATIONS, SPORTING
9 EVENTS, MEDIA PROMOTIONS AROUND ATTRACTIONS FOR RACING, A NEW
10 TREND VIDEO GAME DRIVING THAT PROMOTES RECKLESS DRIVING. THE
11 FACT SHEET SAYS RECENT DECENTRALIZATION OF THE LAPD STREET
12 TAKEOVER TASK FORCE AND OR DISRUPTION TO INTELLIGENCE SHARING
13 AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. AND I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO
14 ADDRESS ALL THOSE TRENDS. YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL US NOW
15 EXACTLY HOW YOU'RE DOING THAT, BUT I THINK, YOU KNOW, ALL
16 THOSE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS ARE NOT NECESSARILY GOING AWAY. I
17 MEAN, IT'S NOT THE WORLD CUP, BUT IT WILL BE SOMETHING ELSE.
18 AND I'M WONDERING, AFTER LISTENING TO THE EL NINO PREPARATION,
19 RIGHT, I'M WONDERING HOW MUCH THIS TASK FORCE IS REALLY
20 PREPARING FOR AT LEAST ONE OF THOSE FACTORS, WHICH WOULD BE,
21 OF COURSE, THE OLYMPICS. AND SHERIFF, I'M REALLY GLAD YOU SAID
22 WHAT YOU SAID, BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENED IN BELLFLOWER WAS JUST
23 SHOCKING. SHOCKING. AND IT WAS ALMOST LIKE THE STREET TAKEOVER
24 ALMOST LOOKED LIKE A DISTRACTION TO WHAT THEY WERE ACTUALLY
25 THERE TO DO. THEY WERE ACTUALLY THERE TO LOOT AND ROB THAT



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LIQUOR STORE. BUT THE STREET TAKEOVER AND THE SPINNING AND THE SPARKS AND I THINK THERE WERE SOME FIREWORKS SEEMED LIKE IT WAS A BIG DISTRACTION AND THANK YOU FOR BEING SENSITIVE SHERIFF TO THAT FAMILY THAT THAT WAS DEVASTATED NOW THEY REACHED OUT TO OUR OFFICE BECAUSE I REPRESENT BELLFLOWER AND THE FAMILY FELT, THEY HAVE NOT FELT COMFORTABLE WALKING AROUND AT NIGHT SINCE THAT INCIDENT OCCURRED. THEY ALSO FELT LIKE WHAT THEY REACHED OUT TO US WAS THAT OUR BELLFLOWER SUBSTATION, WHICH IS JUST A SUBSTATION, WAS UNDERSTAFFED. AND I APPRECIATE SHERIFF AND COMMANDER BELL, YOUR WORK ON MAYBE INCREASING SOME PENETRATION THERE IN THAT AREA. BUT YOU KNOW SOMETIMES WHEN WE JUST HAVE A SUBSTATION, IT IS IT'S NOT HIGHLY STAFFED, YOU KNOW. THERE'S NOT AS MANY PERSONNEL AS A REGULAR STATION. WHAT WOULD YOU SAY, SHERIFF, TO THE COMMUNITY AND PARTICULARLY TO THE FAMILY THAT OWN THIS STORE? HOW DO WE GET THEM TO FEEL SAFE?

ROBERT LUNA: FIRST OF ALL, I JUST SPOKE ABOUT THE SENSITIVITY TOWARDS THE FAMILY. I'LL MAKE SURE THAT THEY CONNECT WITH OUR CAPTAIN AT THE LAKEWOOD STATION, WHICH ALSO COVERS BELLFLOWER, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY KNOW THAT WE ARE THERE. WE RESPOND, WE INVESTIGATE, AND OUR DEPUTIES DO AN AMAZING JOB OF DOING THAT 24/7. OBVIOUSLY, I WILL NEVER USE ANY EXCUSE, LIKE STAFFING OR ANYTHING ELSE, BUT WE ARE A DEPARTMENT THAT'S UNDERSTAFFED. WE'VE TALKED



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1 ABOUT THAT ON MANY OCCASIONS HERE. BUT WHEN I GO OUT AND
2 COMMUNICATE CONSISTENTLY WITH OUR COMMUNITY, ONE, I WANT THEM
3 TO KNOW THAT I HAVE THE AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE BETWEEN 800 AND
4 1,000 DEPUTIES PER YEAR. YOU GUYS HAVE GIVEN US THAT
5 AUTHORIZATION. SO THAT'S A MISNOMER OUT THERE BASED ON PAST
6 HISTORY. AND OUR STAFFING IS ACTUALLY, I'M SORRY, OUR HIRING,
7 RECRUITING AND HIRING IS ACTUALLY UP. OUR APPLICATIONS ARE UP
8 ABOUT 50%. ANYTIME WE TALK ABOUT RECRUITING, I REMIND
9 EVERYBODY THAT WE ARE HIRING. AND SO IF ANYBODY KNOWS ANYBODY
10 WHO WANTS TO BE A DEPUTY SHERIFF, PLEASE COME ON OUT. BUT
11 THERE'S, YOU KNOW, WE'RE STILL AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. I
12 THINK ALL OF YOU KNOW THAT. THAT IMPACTS STAFFING. WE'RE
13 TALKING ABOUT THIS STAR PROGRAM, WHICH IMPACTS OUR RETENTION.
14 THAT ALL IMPACTS EVERYTHING WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. BUT IF YOU'RE
15 TALKING ABOUT NIGHTLY DEPLOYMENTS WHETHER IT'S IN THE CITY OF
16 LAKEWOOD, BELLFLOWER OR ANY OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT
17 IMPACT ALL OF YOUR DISTRICTS. OUR DEPUTIES ARE OUT THERE. WE
18 HAVE THE STAFFING WE HAVE OUT THERE. THAT'S USUALLY NOT
19 FALLING BELOW THE MINIMUM STAFFING STANDARDS. SO I GET IT WHEN
20 SOMEBODY THERE'S A CRIME IN PROGRESS PEOPLE ARE GOING TO SAY
21 HEY THEY DIDN'T GET HERE QUICK ENOUGH OR THERE WASN'T ENOUGH
22 OF THEM. I RESPECT THAT AND UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT WE ARE
23 RESPONDING IN SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS TO THESE.

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25 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I MEAN, I GET THAT. YOU CAN'T GET EVERY



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1 INTERSECTION EVERYWHERE. AND THIS WHOLE PROBLEM TO ME IS A
2 LITTLE WHACK-A-MOLE, RIGHT? WE SOLVE IT AT ONE INTERSECTION,
3 WE PUT UP BARRIERS OR DETERRENCE, AND THEN THEY MOVE TO
4 ANOTHER DIRECTION. BUT, SHERIFF, IN NORWALK LAST WEEK, THE
5 NORWALK PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS NOTICED A LOT OF CARS AND
6 PEOPLE BEGINNING TO CONGREGATE. AND SO THEY CALLED THE
7 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS ABLE TO
8 ARRIVE ON THE SCENE QUICKLY AND PREVENT THE OVERTAKING OF THE
9 ENTIRE INTERSECTION. AND MAYBE EITHER YOU OR COMMANDER BELL
10 CAN TALK ABOUT WHAT WORKED THERE. LIKE, WHY DID THAT ONE WORK
11 TO PREVENT? IT WAS TRYING TO HAPPEN. CLEARLY, THEY HAD ALL
12 GATHERED TO MAKE IT HAPPEN, BUT SOMETHING, YOU KNOW,
13 INTERRUPTED IT.

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15 **ROBERT LUNA:** I'LL TRY AND ADDRESS IT AND IF COMMANDER BELL HAS
16 ANYTHING TO ADD.

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18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THAT THAT WE CAN
19 USE IN OTHER

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21 **ROBERT LUNA:** THE KEY THERE IS THAT SOMEBODY SAW THE ACTIVITY
22 AND CALLED US IMMEDIATELY. AND THE QUICKER WE BECOME AWARE OF
23 IT, REMINDING THE COMMUNITY THAT YOU ARE OUR EYES AND EARS,
24 GET A HOLD OF US IMMEDIATELY. EITHER WE PUT AIR ASSETS UP
25 THROUGH OUR HELICOPTERS. THEY CAN IMMEDIATELY SHOW UP AND GIVE



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1 THE GROUND UNITS SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT HOW MANY CARS, HOW
2 MANY PEOPLE, AND THEN WE START BRINGING IN BLACK AND WHITES,
3 OTHER TYPE OF RESOURCES. AND IF WE CAN DO THAT, WE WOULD
4 DEFINITELY IMPACT THIS BEFORE IT BECOMES A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM
5 FOR US. THAT'S A BIG HELP TO US.

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** RIGHT, SO THAT'S A GOOD MESSAGE. IF YOU SEE
8 SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING.

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10 **ROBERT LUNA:** YES MA'AM.

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12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND YEAH, YOU KNOW, COMMANDER, DID YOU WANT
13 TO SAY SOMETHING?

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15 **TERRENCE BELL:** YES, COMMANDER TERRENCE BELL. I JUST WANTED TO
16 ADD AND ECHO THE SHERIFF. AS YOU KNOW THAT IN LOS ANGELES AND
17 EAST L.A., THAT WAS A SIMILAR SITUATION WHERE WE HAD WHERE IT
18 WAS A STREET TAKE OR ABOUT TO OCCUR. WE WERE ABLE TO PREVENT
19 THAT BUT WHAT WE SEEN NOW WITH THE TECHNOLOGICAL ASPECT TO IT?
20 WE WERE PUTTING UP CAMERAS SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS THIS WILL ONLY
21 HELP US TO RESPOND FASTER WITH THESE CAMERAS THAT ARE LIVE
22 FEED TO OUR SHERIFF'S STATIONS WILL GIVE US A LIVE FEED AND WE
23 CAN SEE SOME OF THESE CARS START TO BUILD UP AND THAT WILL
24 HELP US RESPOND IN ADDITION TO WHAT THE COMMUNITY CALLS. IF
25 THEY JUST GIVES US A CALL, WE WILL RESPOND. SO WE'RE GOING TO



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1 REASSURE THE COMMUNITY THAT IF THEY CALL, WE WILL RESPOND.
2 WE'RE GOING TO USE ALL RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGY TO ADDRESS
3 THIS PROBLEM. AND CAMERAS WILL BE ONE KEY COMPONENT HELPING US
4 RESOLVE THAT.

5

6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND I APPRECIATE, SHERIFF, I
7 APPRECIATE THE AIR ASSETS, BECAUSE I THINK THAT ALSO CAN RELAY
8 IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE GROUND BUT AS YOU SAID COULD
9 CAPTURE LICENSE PLATES AND VEHICLES TO THEN HOLD ACCOUNTABLE
10 IF IN FACT IT TURNS INTO A FULL-BLOWN INTERSECTION.

11

12 **ROBERT LUNA:** YEAH AND THAT'S FOR DRONES BUT IF SOMEBODY CALLS
13 OUR HELICOPTERS ARE IN THE AIR AND THEY HAVE MINUTES OF
14 RESPONSE TIME AND GET THERE QUICKLY TO START COORDINATING OUR
15 UNITS COMING IN TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE.

16

17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU. WELL, AGAIN, I APPRECIATE
18 ALL THE EDUCATION, THE OUTREACH. I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. BUT
19 TO ME, WHEN I READ THE INCIDENT REPORTS OF THESE MOST RECENT,
20 THESE ARE NOT THE KIDS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN IN SCHOOL
21 LISTENING TO OUTREACH ABOUT WHY STREET RACING IS BAD. THIS
22 SEEMS TO BE AN ELEVATED LEVEL OF FOLKS WHO HAVE CRIMINAL
23 INTENT TO HARM INNOCENT PEOPLE. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU



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1 FOR PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON THIS REPORT. IT IS TROUBLING, AND I
2 KNOW THAT FOR MY DISTRICT, IT HASN'T GROWN INCREASINGLY, BUT
3 THERE'S STILL ACTIVITY. AND AS YOU SAID, SHERIFF, THERE'S
4 ALREADY BEEN TWO RETAIL THEFT OCCURRENCES THAT HAPPEN AT THE
5 AUTOZONE THERE IN EAST L.A. AND IT'S REALLY TROUBLING BECAUSE
6 I TOO AM CONCERNED IF WE'RE ADDRESSING STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL
7 AND WHAT HAVE YOU, THAT'S ONE POPULATION. THAT'S PREVENTIVE.
8 BUT IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE THAT ARE OF 21 AND OLDER OR
9 WHATEVER, THEN WE'RE LOOKING AT A DIFFERENT POPULATION AND I'D
10 LOVE TO SEE THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED TO US. AND I AGREE WITH
11 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IF THESE FOLKS ARE ACTUALLY FROM OUR AREA,
12 FROM THE IMMEDIATE ZIP CODE OR PRECINCTS, SO TO SPEAK, AND
13 THEN HAVE THAT INFORMATION BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY
14 ANOTHER WAY OF DOING MORE INVESTIGATION INTO REALLY DETERRING
15 WHO THOSE FOLKS ARE AND WHO THEY'RE CONNECTED TO AND I DO
16 THINK THAT OUR BUSINESSES NEED TO BE MADE AWARE IN OUR
17 COMMUNITIES THAT THEY HAVE SOME RIGHTS AND THAT THEY SHOULD
18 ALSO BE VIGILANT. SO I WANT YOU TO REAFFIRM WHAT YOU SAID,
19 THAT IF THEY SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING, TO CALL AND NOT TO
20 BE AFRAID. AND I GET IT, SOME OF OUR BUSINESSES ARE
21 INTIMIDATED RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THEY'RE AFRAID OF EVERYTHING,
22 ESPECIALLY IN EAST L.A., IF IT'S I.C.E., IF IT'S ANYONE
23 WEARING A UNIFORM, EVEN IF IT'S DPW OR PUBLIC HEALTH, THEY
24 DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH GOVERNMENT AND THAT IS
25 REALLY BAD. SO WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS TO OVERCOME AND I THINK



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1 THE BEST WAY IS TO GET TO THEM IN THEIR COMMUNITY, SPEAKING
2 THEIR LANGUAGE, CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND MAKING SURE THAT
3 THOSE RELATIONSHIPS ARE LASTING AND NOT JUST A ONE-OFF.
4 OTHERWISE, IT'S GOING TO CONTINUE. AND MY SENSE IS THINGS
5 AREN'T GOING TO GET, I HOPE THEY GET BETTER. I REALLY DO. BUT
6 I KNOW THAT THERE'S ALWAYS OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE TO DO
7 SOMETHING NEGATIVE. AND I REALLY WANT OUR BUSINESS PEOPLE TO
8 KNOW THAT WE SUPPORT THEM. AND IT'S REALLY DANGEROUS. AND FOR
9 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, TOO, TO CONTINUE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S
10 CONSEQUENCES TO THEIR ACTIONS. SO I WOULD JUST SAY THAT. THANK
11 YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

12

13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I
14 JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY SOMETHING PERHAPS WITH COUNTY COUNSEL
15 BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE BROUGHT FORWARD MOTIONS TO INCREASE
16 PENALTIES AND WE WERE GOING TO BRING FORWARD A MOTION WITH
17 REGARD TO ADMIN CITATIONS BUT IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE
18 FEDERAL COURT DEEMED THEM UNCONSTITUTIONAL SO IF THAT IS
19 HAPPENING IN PICO RIVERA I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW PICO RIVERA GETS
20 TO NOT PAY ATTENTION TO FEDERAL COURT BUT MAKE SURE I'M
21 FOLLOWING THE COMMENTS MADE AND IS THAT CORRECT OR NOT?

22

23 **CRAIG KIRKWOOD:** HI SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, CRAIG KIRKWOOD, DEPUTY
24 COUNTY COUNSEL, THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED THE LAW YET. THAT HASN'T
25 HAPPENED. PICO RIVERA HASN'T CHANGED IT. THAT'S MY



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1 UNDERSTANDING. BUT THE CASE THAT YOU CITED IS CORRECT AND IS
2 STILL ON POINT WITH RESPECT TO SPECTATORS BEING PENALIZED, IF
3 THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE REFERENCING.

4

5 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO WHEN YOU SAY PICO RIVERA HASN'T
6 CHANGED THE LAW YET, YOU MEAN THEY HAVE NOT COME INTO
7 COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL RULING?

8

9 **CRAIG KIRKWOOD:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

10

11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** OKAY. SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR PICO
12 RIVERA? IF THEY'RE STILL ISSUING ADMIN CITATIONS, WHAT DOES
13 THAT MEAN?

14

15 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** THEY ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL
16 LAW. I MEAN, AT THIS POINT, THOSE TYPES OF SPECTATOR CITATIONS
17 ARE A VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION IN TERMS OF RIGHT OF
18 ASSEMBLY AND FREE SPEECH.

19

20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** SO I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY, BECAUSE
21 WE WERE GOING TO PUT THAT IN ONE OF OUR PAST MOTIONS AND
22 UNDERSTOOD ABOUT THAT RULING. SO I AM OPEN, AND WE SHOULD
23 CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE ON WAYS, FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE,
24 SHERIFF, ADDITIONAL TOOLS YOU THINK YOU NEED. THAT ISN'T ONE
25 OF THEM. SO LET'S CONTINUE TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT WAYS IN



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1 WHICH WE CAN EMPOWER YOU BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCE ABOUT WHAT
2 WE NEED TO TRY TO TURN THIS CORNER. I THOUGHT ADMIN CITATIONS
3 WERE NOT CORRECT, SO I WANTED TO GET THAT CLEAR ON THE RECORD.
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SEEING NO OTHER QUESTIONS
7 FROM THE BOARD. LET'S GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
10 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU CLAUDIA JEREZ, DAVID
11 MATTHEWS AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS IN ORDER
12 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD REMOTELY YOU MUST CALL IN BY PHONE TO
13 213-444-2600 WHETHER YOU'RE REGISTERED OR NOT. CALLER WITH
14 PHONE NUMBER ENDING IN 7204 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

15

16 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** YES I LIVE IN THE 5TH DISTRICT AND I ASK
17 THAT YOU PLEASE DON'T FORGET ABOUT US IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.
18 THE SOUTH COUNTY TAKEOVERS GET A LOT OF ATTENTION, BUT ACTUAL
19 STREET RACING OUT HERE IS A BIG DANGER. JUST OPPOSED TODAY IN
20 LANCASTER, THE STATE HAS BEEN OVER 29 FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISIONS
21 AND OVER 800 INJURY COLLISIONS, WITH 60% OF THAT ATTRIBUTED AT
22 SPEED. WHILE THE FOCUS ON YOUTH OUTREACH IS APPRECIATED, WE
23 HAVE GROWN ADULTS SUFFERING MIDLIFE CRISIS. ALSO DRIVING
24 AROUND IN CARS MODIFIED FOR RACING, BEING USED TO RACE FROM
25 STOPLIGHT TO STOPLIGHT ON BUSY STREETS. THIS CREATES NOISE



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1 POLLUTION. LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS ALSO SPREAD THIN UP HERE, BUT
2 MAYBE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT MORE
3 EFFORTS CAN BE MADE TO TARGET THOSE THAT ARE CREATING A PUBLIC
4 HAZARD TO PEOPLE ON THE ROADS AND THOSE BEING IN NEWSTON TO
5 THOSE IN THEIR HOMES. THE IDEA OF THE FAIRGROUNDS OPENING UP
6 WITH A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD, WE'RE CLOSE TO WILLOW SPRINGS AND
7 THERE IS OPEN TRACK DAYS AND THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO HELP. THIS
8 MIGHT END UP BEING MORE OF A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD AND AN
9 OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO GATHER AND RACE LEGALLY ON THEIR OWN
10 AFTER OR PRIOR TO LEGAL EVENTS. THANK YOU.

11
12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO TO OUR IN-PERSON
13 SPEAKERS.

14
15 **CLAUDIA JEREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. CLAUDIA JEREZ, DPSS DWC. I CAN
16 SAY THAT I SEE YOUTH ALL THE TIME WHEN THEY COME OUT OF
17 SCHOOL, AND I SEE THEM WITH THEIR BACKPACKS AND EVERYTHING,
18 AND I THINK, WOW, THEY'RE REALLY LEARNING. SO WHEN I SEE THESE
19 VIOLATIONS, DON'T THINK IT'S ALL OF THEM. I CAN SAY THAT YOUTH
20 ARE AND CAN BE MANIPULATED EASILY. THEY CAN BE MANIPULATED
21 EASILY OR THEY CAN BE INSTRUCTED EASILY. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT
22 THESE STREET TAKEOVERS ARE A REPRESENTATION OF THE YOUTH BEING
23 DERAILED FROM NORMAL STANDARDS. WE MUST BRING THEM BACK AND
24 TEACH THEM USEFUL TECHNIQUES, FORMS OF EXPRESSION THAT ARE
25 USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE. AND ALSO, WE HAVE TO GIVE THEM GOOD



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1 EXAMPLES AND GOOD INSTRUCTION AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY
2 UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES, BUT WE HAVE TO PROVIDE THEM THE
3 GOOD EXAMPLE. AND WE HAVE TO ALSO HELP THEM GRIEVE BECAUSE
4 THEY ARE ALSO GRIEVING WITH US IN ALL THIS.

5
6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES THE TIME FOR
7 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

8
9 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THIS REPORT WILL
10 BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

11
12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HEARING NO OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
13 THE ORDER.

14
15 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO GENERAL
16 PUBLIC COMMENT. AT THIS TIME WE WILL HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE
17 PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
18 THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
19 SUBJECT MATTERS WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION, BUT NOT ON
20 ITEMS ON THE MEETING AGENDA. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ALREADY
21 ON THE PHONE, IF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM,
22 PLEASE STAY ON THE PHONE. IF YOU ARE ON THE PHONE, HAVE NOT
23 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, AND WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM,
24 PLEASE PRESS STAR NOW AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO BE PLACED INTO
25 THE SPEAKING QUEUE. IF YOU ARE WATCHING THE MEETING AND HAVE



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1 REGISTERED OR YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED AND WOULD LIKE TO
2 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM, YOU MUST CALL 213-444-2600.
3 PRESS STAR AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS. AN OPERATOR WILL BE ON THE
4 PHONE TO ASSIST. PLEASE BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
5 SUBJECT MATTERS WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION.

6
7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW CALL IN IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND
8 WHILE THEY'RE COMING FORWARD WE WILL TAKE REMOTE SPEAKERS.
9 WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
10 WILL ASSIST YOU. DANIEL GONZALEZ, CLAUDIA JEREZ, LUCIANO
11 HABER, AND DANIEL GARCIA. JOCELYN TUCKER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
12 PLEASE BEGIN.

13
14 **JOCELYN TUCKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
15 IS JOCELYN TUCKER, AND I AM CALLING BECAUSE I AM DISAPPOINTED
16 REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. IT HAS
17 BEEN AN AFFORDABLE EXPERIENCE FOR MY FAMILY, TRYING TO DEAL
18 WITH THOSE FACILITIES AND THE LACK OF CARE AND CONCERN AND
19 EMPATHY AND SUPERVISION. IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE A HEARING TO
20 ALLOW FOR OTHER FAMILIES TO SPEAK. IF YOU COULD DO THAT, I'D
21 REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

22
23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER ENDING IN 0716, YOUR LINE
24 IS OPEN. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN.



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ROY HUMPHREYS: THIS IS ROY HUMPHREYS, ROWLAND HEIGHTS. I'M SURE ADVISOR MITCHELL ET AL. RAISED THEM IN 02 YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND IT AIN'T GOING AWAY, AS THE IGNORANCE OF THIS BOARD NEEDS ONLY TO VISIT MY YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR BLACK HISTORY, EDUCATION, ENLIGHTENMENT, AND ABANDON THE BLM IN WHICH 25 BLACKS WERE MURDERED BY BLACKS AND BILLIONS IN BURNING AND LOOTING OF BLACK BUSINESSES BY BLACKS. HILDA SOLIS HAS BEEN A MASTER IN SLAVERY OF LATINOS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, LEGAL AND ILLEGAL, A LA RECONQUISTA FOREVER. WHY ARE THERE 53 MEXICO CONSULATES IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA? NOW, WE ALL ARE FACED WITH THE ISLAMIC INSURRECTION. AGAIN, GO TO MY CHANNEL, AND I OPENING EXPERIENCE, THE MADAM'S IMAM SAYS, DEATH TO THE INFIDELS AND MARTYRDOM. YOU WILL NEVER BE THE SAME. THE INVISIBLE CREW.

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

CASH: OK. YEAH, SO I'M LIVE RIGHT NOW?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: YES, GO AHEAD.

CASH: I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY. I'VE NOTICED A VERY DISTURBING PATTERN WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT YOU KEEP ANNOUNCING THESE DECISIONS OR LEGISLATIONS THAT YOU'RE MAKING THAT ARE



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1 SUPPOSED TO HELP L.A. COUNTY CITIZENS AND THEN IT IT'LL SAY IN
2 THE KIND OF THE FINE PRINT THAT IT'S ONLY FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN
3 UNINCORPORATED PARTS OF THE COUNTY. AND I LOOKED IT UP ON
4 GOOGLE, ONLY 10% OF THE WHOLE POPULATION OF L.A. COUNTY LIVES
5 IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF FOLKS YOU
6 GUYS THINK YOU'RE PULLING HERE, BUT THE CITIZENS OF L.A.
7 COUNTY, WE NEED YOU GUYS TO BE MAKING DECISIONS THAT AFFECT,
8 YOU KNOW, IF NOT 100% OF US, BUT AT LEAST --

9

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

12

13 **DANIEL GARCIA:** HI, MY NAME IS DANIEL GARCIA, AND I WANT TO
14 SPEAK BECAUSE I'M A SPEAKING BABY.

15

16 **INTERPRETER:** THIS IS FOR DANIEL GARCIA. THE COLLECTIVE TROUPE
17 PRESENTS ACTION T4. IT'S A POWERFUL NEW PLAY BY DANIEL GARCIA
18 AND A.M. SANAZARO, AN EXPLORATION OF THE CHILLING HISTORY OF
19 THE ACTION T4 PROGRAM. THIS DEEPLY HISTORICAL AND URGENT WORK
20 EXAM IS THE 3RD REICH'S CLANDESTINE EUTHANASIA INITIATIVE, A
21 PRECURSOR TO THE HOLOCAUST THAT SERVED AS A TESTING GROUND FOR
22 MASS MURDER AND SYSTEMICALLY TARGETED INDIVIDUALS WITH
23 PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES. IT STARTS
24 TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND. IT WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER
25 2ND, 3RD, 9TH, AND 10TH AT 7:30 P.M. THIS IS AT THE THYMELE



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1 ARTS SHIRLEY DAWN STUDIO, 5481 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD IN L.A.
2 IT'S ALSO ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, AND SUNDAY THE 13TH AT 3
3 P.M. DOORS OPEN AT 2:30 FOR THAT AND 7 FOR THE EVENING ONE
4 GENERAL ADMISSION 20 STUDENTS 15 ADA AND COMPANIONS \$12 THE
5 INSTAGRAM IS AT THE COLLECTIVE TRUTH AND ALSO YOU CAN FIND
6 TICKETS THERE IN THE BIO.

7

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

9

10 **DANIEL GARCIA:** TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE.

11

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

13

14 **LUCIANO HABER:** LUCIANO HABER. I KNOW I'VE SPOKEN TODAY SO FAR
15 AND I KNOW THE TOPIC OF WILDLAND FIRES IS ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE
16 TO SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH. NOW I'D LIKE TO
17 TAKE A MOMENT TO WHY IT'S PERSONAL TO ME. LAST YEAR, IN MARCH,
18 I HAD THE UNFORTUNATE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING A CALL TO THE
19 NEXT OF KIN OF A FRIEND OF MINE WHO WAS A WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER
20 OUT EAST. FROM THAT CALL, I MADE A PROMISE THAT I WOULD DO
21 EVERYTHING IN MY POWER, WHERE I LIVE, IN MY HOME, TO FIGHT THE
22 CRISIS OF WILDLAND FIRES. AND FORTUNATELY, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
23 WILDFIRE RESPONSE IS READY TO TAKE UP THAT MANTLE. SO I ASK OF
24 YOU, THE BOARD OF TWO THINGS, HELP US ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY AND
25 OPEN THE DOORS TO THE AGENCIES THAT WE CAN WORK WITH. THANK



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1 YOU.

2

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

4

5 **IAN JAMESON:** IAN JAMESON, HILDA SOLIS ON AUGUST 25TH LAST
6 TUESDAY THERE WAS A SECOND GAS LEAK AT THE HILDA SOLIS ROSE
7 COURT FOR WHICH YOU HAVE PONIED UP \$7,500,000 IN COUNTY FUNDS.
8 THE FIRST OCCURRED ON APRIL 22ND. ON APRIL 22ND, L.A. COUNTY
9 FIRE DEPARTMENT, I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE FILMING ME, DID NOT
10 EVACUATE US. THAT WAS VIOLATION OF SAFETY PROTOCOL. YOU NEED
11 TO DO AN INVESTIGATION OF L.A. COUNTY FIRE AS TO WHY THE FIRST
12 EVACUATION DID NOT OCCUR. ADDITIONALLY, YOU NEED TO INSTRUCT
13 STEVE FOWLER OF EL MONTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO MEET WITH
14 THE RESIDENTS AS TO ANY FINANCIAL, MEDICAL, AND OR OTHER
15 HARDSHIPS THEY SUFFERED. AND YOU ALSO NEED TO DIRECT CITY
16 COUNCILWOMAN JULIA RIVERA TO DO THE SAME. I FILED A REPORT
17 WITH YOUR OFFICE ON FRIDAY. I'VE HEARD NOTHING BACK FROM YOU.
18 AND I'LL JUST CONCLUDE BY REMINDING YOU THAT WE ARE NEARLY
19 THREE YEARS INTO ISRAEL'S GENOCIDE IN GAZA, AND NONE OF YOU
20 HAVE CONDEMNED IT. ALL OF YOU HAVE STOOD STEADFAST WITH
21 ISRAEL, AND THEREFORE ALL 5 OF YOU GENOCIDAL PSYCHOPATHS CAN
22 ROT IN HELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

23

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

25



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1 **DANNY GONZALEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DANNY GONZALEZ, AND
2 I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER IN STRONG
3 SUPPORT OF RESTORING \$24,000,000 CUT IN TRANSITION-AGED YOUTH
4 HOMELESS SERVICES. TAY SERVICES ARE CRITICAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
5 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, INCLUDING LGBTQ YOUTH WHO RELY ON
6 HOUSING, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AND A CONSISTENT NETWORK OF CARE
7 TO BUILD STABLE FUTURES. DESTRUCTIONS OF FUNDING BETWEEN
8 FISCAL YEARS CAN HAVE CATASTROPHIC CONSEQUENCES, PUSHING
9 VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE BACK INTO HOMELESSNESS AND
10 INSTABILITY. WE URGE THE COUNTY TO BACKFILL THE FULL
11 \$24,000,000, PROVIDING GREATER TRANSPARENCY AROUND FUNDING AND
12 IMPLEMENTATION AND WORK CLOSELY WITH THE CITY TO ENSURE THAT
13 THERE ARE NO GAPS IN SERVICES. WE ASK THAT YOU MAKE TAY
14 HOMELESSNESS SERVICES A PRIORITY AND PROTECT YOUNG PEOPLE WHO
15 DEPEND ON THEM. THANK YOU.

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

18
19 **COLIN CAMPBELL:** HELLO, I'M COLIN CAMPBELL. FROM DISTRICT 5,
20 KATHRYN BARGER. SO I CONTACTED L.A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
21 MELISSA AT THE FRONT DESK AND MY EMAILS ARE BLOCKED TO GO TO
22 MEASURE G, LACOUNTY.GOV. I WAS WONDERING IF YOU GUYS COULD
23 HELP ME SEND IN THE INFORMATION. THEY'RE REQUESTING US TO HAVE
24 MEETINGS WITH LOCAL CHURCHES, SO SOUTH PASADENA, ST. JAMES,
25 ETHICS COMMISSION FOR MEASURE G. WE WANT TO DISCUSS ETHICS. AS



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1 WELL AS ALSO I'M PROMOTING THE STARGATE AI SO WE WANT TO MAKE
2 CERTAIN OUR AI FOR HEALTHCARE IS ETHICAL, WHICH WOULD BE
3 REALLY NICE AND THAT'S BASICALLY IT. THANK YOU.

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

6
7 **CLAUDIA JEREZ:** CLAUDIA JEREZ, DWC, DBSS. FIRES, YOUTH
8 TAKEOVERS, EL NINO FRAUD, ALL THOSE THINGS, THESE ARE ALL
9 REPRESENTATIONS OF ISSUES WE MUST TACKLE. WE MUST COME
10 TOGETHER AND ASCERTAIN WITH A SOUND MIND OF WE ARE THE, IF WE
11 ARE THE LEADERS OF THIS COUNTY, WE MUST CONFRONT THEM WITH
12 FIRMNESS AND CONVICTION AND MAINTAIN OUR WHOLENESS. THESE ARE
13 EVENTS ARE VERY TRAGIC TO ALL OF US AND CAUSE VERY SERIOUS
14 EMOTIONAL UPHEAVAL IN US AND WE MUST, YOU KNOW, CONFRONT THEM
15 WITH STANDARDS. THE ISSUES ARE VOLATILE, DIFFICULT, BUT WE
16 MUST MEET THEM WITH A SOUND MIND. AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I
17 WANT TO SHARE. THANK YOU.

18
19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
20 BOARD. THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

21
22 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW PROCEED WITH THE
23 ADJOURNMENTS. MADAM CHAIR, WE WILL NOW PROCEED WITH
24 ADJOURNMENTS.



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO START
2 WITH THE 1ST DISTRICT. COLLEAGUES TODAY, I WOULD LIKE TO
3 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE THAT I HAD
4 KNOWN FOR OVER 30 YEARS. HE WAS A PIONEER IN ENVIRONMENTAL
5 JUSTICE AND SO MANY GOOD THINGS. DAVID ALGOOD WAS A VERY GOOD
6 FRIEND OF MINE, HELPED ME IN MY CAREER WHEN I GOT STARTED BACK
7 IN 1992. HE WAS BORN IN VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA IN 1947. HE SERVED
8 IN THE AIR FORCE FROM 1966 TO 1972 AS A RUSSIAN LANGUAGE
9 INTERCEPTOR. AND HE SPENT HIS EARLY YEARS AS AN ARTIST AND WAS
10 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FINE ART EMBOSSED SERIGRAPH
11 PRINTMAKING. AND BACK IN 1980, HE OPENED AN ART PUBLISHING
12 COMPANY, MINDS EYE STUDIO IN LOS ANGELES, WHERE HE PROMOTED
13 HIS WORK ALONG WITH MANY OTHER ARTISTS HE THOUGHT NEEDED
14 SUPPORT BY CREATING AND MARKETING LIMITED EDITION WORKS. HE
15 WAS AN ADVOCATE FOR ARTISTS' RIGHTS. DAVID WAS ALWAYS HELPING
16 SOMEONE OR ORGANIZING PEOPLE TO STAND UP AGAINST INJUSTICE.
17 AND AFTER 10 YEARS HE CLOSED A MIND'S EYE AND DEVOTED HIS TIME
18 TO POLITICS, WHICH WAS ALWAYS A THREAD IN THE FABRIC OF THE
19 MAN HE WAS. DAVID SERVED AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
20 CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS, KNOWN TODAY AS THE
21 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL VOTERS. HE CONTINUED TO ORGANIZE
22 PROGRESSIVE GROUPS TO FIGHT FOR CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER, AND
23 AGAINST CORPORATE DOMINATION AND STATE POLITICS. DAVID WAS A
24 TRUE RENAISSANCE MAN WITH AN ABILITY TO CONNECT PEOPLE IN
25 ORDER TO INNOVATE AND SOLVE PROBLEMS. HE LOVED HISTORY, ART,



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1 MUSIC, MAKING PIES, AND SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY,
2 FRIENDS, AND HIS DOGS. I REMEMBER HIM FONDLY BECAUSE HE WORKED
3 SO TIRELESSLY WITH ME ON CRAFTING MANY PIECES OF ENVIRONMENTAL
4 JUSTICE LEGISLATION. IN MY COMMUNITY AND I GIVE HIM AND HIS
5 FAMILY OUR BLESSINGS AND OUR THANKS.

6

7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN YOU ON THAT.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. OKAY. OKAY. SO, OKAY. YES,
10 ABSOLUTELY. I THINK ALL MEMBERS. NEXT MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO
11 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN THE MEMORY OF
12 SAMUEL PAZ, WHO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 14, 2026, AT THE AGE OF
13 83. BORN ON FEBRUARY 28, 1943, MR. PAZ LIVED A LIFE DEFINED BY
14 SERVICE, ADVOCACY, AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO CIVIL RIGHTS.
15 MR. PAZ HONORABLY SERVED IN THE U.S. NAVY IN THE 1960S BEFORE
16 PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION AT UCLA FROM 1969 TO 1971, AND LATER
17 EARNING HIS LAW DEGREE FROM USC WHERE HE BECAME DEEPLY
18 INVOLVED IN STUDENT ACTIVISM. BEGINNING HIS LEGAL CAREER IN
19 1975, HE QUICKLY EMERGED AS A PIONEERING FORCE IN POLICE
20 ACCOUNTABILITY, WINNING ONE OF THE FIRST MAJOR LEGAL VICTORIES
21 INVOLVING POLICE SURVEILLANCE. HE DEDICATED HIS PRACTICE TO
22 SERVING COMMUNITIES IN NEED, PARTICULARLY SPANISH-SPEAKING
23 CLIENTS, AND BECAME WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF SOUTHERN
24 CALIFORNIA'S LEADING CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATORS. MR. PAZ'S
25 INFLUENCE EXTENDED NATIONALLY. HE JOINED THE ACLU OF SOUTHERN



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1 CALIFORNIA BOARD IN 1978, AND LATER THE ACLU NATIONAL BOARD IN
2 1988, SERVING FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN
3 2018. HIS LEADERSHIP CONTRIBUTED TO LANDMARK VICTORIES,
4 INCLUDING MULTIPLE MILLION-DOLLAR SETTLEMENTS AGAINST THE LAPD
5 AND HIS PIVOTAL ROLE IN OPPOSING PROPOSITION 187, PROTECTING
6 VITAL SERVICES FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS. HE WAS WIDELY
7 HONORED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVING THE ACLU CERTIFICATE
8 OF HONOR AND THE ACLU LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN 2019. AS
9 AN EDUCATOR, HE SERVED AS AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT LOYOLA LAW
10 SCHOOL, THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TRIAL ADVOCACY, AND THE
11 PEOPLE'S COLLEGE OF LAW, SHAPING GENERATIONS OF CIVIL RIGHTS
12 ATTORNEYS. MR. PAZ WAS A BRILLIANT LITIGATOR, A GENEROUS
13 MENTOR, AND A VISIONARY LEADER WHOSE GUIDANCE AND EXAMPLES
14 STRENGTHENED THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT FOR POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY.
15 HIS HUMILITY, KINDNESS, AND WILLINGNESS TO ADVISE OTHERS MADE
16 HIM BELOVED ACROSS THE LEGAL COMMUNITY. MR. PAZ LEAVES BEHIND
17 A PROFOUND LEGACY MARKED BY COURAGE, INTEGRITY, AND DECADES OF
18 SERVICE TO JUSTICE. HIS LIFE WORK CONTINUES TO GUIDE THE
19 EFFORTS OF COUNTLESS ADVOCATES AND INSTITUTIONS COMMITTED TO
20 CIVIL RIGHTS. AND LASTLY, MEMBERS, FINALLY I MOVE THAT WE
21 ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF FORMER WEST COVINA MAYOR, DR.
22 FOREST TENNANT, JR., WHO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 13TH. MR.
23 TENNANT WAS A REMARKABLE PHYSICIAN, HUMANITARIAN, COMMUNITY
24 LEADER, HISTORIAN, AND PHILANTHROPIST, WHOSE LIFETIME OF
25 SERVICE TOUCHED COUNTLESS PEOPLE. HE DEDICATED MUCH OF HIS



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1 DISTINGUISHED MEDICAL CAREER TO THE UNDERSTANDING AND
2 TREATMENT OF CHRONIC PAIN. HE BECAME A PIONEERING VOICE IN THE
3 TREATMENT OF ARCH, I CAN'T EVEN PRONOUNCE THIS, ARCHNODITIS,
4 BRINGING HOPE TO PATIENTS WHO WERE OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD,
5 OVERLOOKED, OR TOLD THAT LITTLE COULD BE DONE FOR THEM.
6 THROUGH HIS RESEARCH, CLINICAL WORK, TEACHING, AND WRITING, HE
7 TIRELESSLY ADVANCED MEDICAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEVASTATING
8 CONDITION WHILE HELPING PATIENTS ACHIEVE RELIEF AND A BETTER
9 QUALITY OF LIFE. HE AUTHORED NUMEROUS MEDICAL BOOKS AND
10 PUBLICATIONS ON PAIN MANAGEMENT, SHARING HIS KNOWLEDGE WITH
11 PHYSICIANS AND PATIENTS AROUND THE WORLD. HIS COMPASSION FOR
12 THOSE WHO SUFFERED REMAINED AT THE CENTER OF HIS LIFE'S WORK.
13 BEYOND MEDICINE, DR. TENNANT WAS A DEDICATED SERVANT TO THE
14 CITY OF WEST COVINA, SERVING BOTH AS MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
15 MEMBER. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT A COMMUNITY'S STRENGTH COMES NOT
16 ONLY FROM ITS INSTITUTION, BUT ALSO FROM ITS PEOPLE, STORIES,
17 AND HISTORY. THAT VISION LED HIM TO HELP ESTABLISH THE WEST
18 COVINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CREATING A LASTING HOME FOR THE
19 PRESERVATION OF THE CITY'S HERITAGE. DR. TENNANT'S GENEROSITY
20 ALSO EXTENDED THROUGH THE TENNANT FOUNDATION, WHICH FOR MORE
21 THAN TWO DECADES HAS PROVIDED GRANTS TO NON-PROFIT
22 ORGANIZATIONS IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. HIS BELIEF IN GIVING BACK
23 BECAME A POWERFUL FORCE FOR GOOD, STRENGTHENING IN
24 ORGANIZATIONS AND SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES IN NEED. DR. TENNANT
25 LEAVES BEHIND A LEGACY THAT IS FOUNDED IN THE LIVES HE



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TOUCHED, THE PATIENCE HE HELPED, THE HISTORY HE PRESERVED, AND
THE ORGANIZATIONS HE STRENGTHENED AND THE HOPE THAT HE GAVE
OTHERS. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNMENTS. 2ND DISTRICT.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.
COLLEAGUES I ASKED THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN
THE MEMORY OF CHARLENA D. PRICE. MRS. PRICE PASSED AWAY ON
AUGUST 10TH AT THE EXTRAORDINARY AGE OF 100. BORN ON JANUARY
8, 1926, IN HAMMOND, LOUISIANA, SHE WAS THE ELDEST OF SIX
CHILDREN AND WAS RAISED IN A FAITH-CENTERED HOME THAT SHAPED
HER LIFELONG DEDICATION TO SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AND
COMPASSION. IN 1941, HER FAMILY MADE A PIVOTAL DECISION THAT
FOREVER CHANGED HER LIFE BY JOINING THE HISTORIC MIGRATION OF
MILLIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS WHO LEFT THE SOUTH IN SEARCH OF
GREATER SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. AT THE AGE OF 14 SHE
MOVED TO LOS ANGELES TO LIVE WITH HER AUNT AND GRADUATED FROM
JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL IN 1945. SHE LATER COMPLETED A DENTAL
ASSISTANT PROGRAM AT L.A. TRADE TECH COLLEGE. DURING HER DAILY
COMMUTE, SHE MET CURRAN D. PRICE SR., WHOM SHE MARRIED IN
1947. TOGETHER THEY WELCOMED THEIR TWO SONS, CURRAN JR. AND
CHARLES, AND BUILT A LOVING AND SUPPORTIVE HOME. IN FEBRUARY
OF 1965, MRS. PRICE BECAME AN ECONOMIC PIONEER WHEN SHE
PURCHASED A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME IN WHAT WAS THEN THE ALL-WHITE
MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD OF INGLEWOOD. DETERMINED TO CREATE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR HER SONS, SHE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO ENSURE



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1 THEY BOTH GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE. SHE BELIEVED IN STABILITY
2 AND COMMUNITY, RESIDING IN INGLEWOOD FOR 51 YEARS AND
3 REMAINING ACTIVE IN HER BLOCK CLUB THROUGHOUT THAT TIME.
4 PROFESSIONALLY, MRS. PRICE SERVED OVER 15 YEARS AT THE LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. SHE LATER WORKED AT A LAW
6 FIRM AND SPENT MORE THAN A DECADE TEACHING OFFICE MANAGEMENT
7 AT INGLEWOOD ADULT SCHOOL, HER MOST GRATIFYING POST-RETIREMENT
8 ENDEAVOR. SHE HAD A GIFT FOR HELPING STUDENTS UNDERSTAND NOT
9 ONLY THE MATERIAL BUT ITS PURPOSE, ENCOURAGING THEM TO PURSUE
10 THEIR INTERESTS AND BUILD THEIR CAREERS. A LIFELONG ADVOCATE
11 FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, YOUTH AND EDUCATION, MRS. PRICE
12 STRENGTHENED NEIGHBORHOODS AND INSPIRED GENERATIONS ACROSS
13 SOUTH LOS ANGELES. HER COMMUNITY WORK EARNED RECOGNITION FROM
14 THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE, THE
15 CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND NUMEROUS NONPROFIT AND
16 PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS. IN HONOR OF HER IMPACT, THE
17 INTERSECTION OF 38TH STREET AND GRIFFITH AVENUE PROUDLY
18 CARRIES THE NAME CHARLENA D. PRICE SQUARE. IN HER FREE TIME,
19 MRS. PRICE CHERISHED MOMENTS WITH LOVED ONES AND ENJOYED
20 GARDENING, BAKING ROLLS, AND SOLVING SUDOKU AND WORD PUZZLES.
21 SHE ALSO HAD A PASSION FOR TRAVEL, EXPLORING DESTINATIONS
22 THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA, THE US, AS WELL AS EUROPE, ASIA,
23 MEXICO, JAMAICA, AND CUBA. HER FAITH REMAINS CENTRAL
24 THROUGHOUT HER LIFE, GUIDING HER WITH RESILIENCE AND GRACE.
25 SHE'LL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER KINDNESS, STRENGTH, AND LIFELONG



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1 DEVOTION TO SERVICE. MRS. PRICE IS SURVIVED BY HER SONS,
2 COUNCIL MEMBER CURRAN D. PRICE JR. AND CHARLES PRICE, HER
3 SISTER GLORIA, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO
4 WILL FOREVER CHERISH HER MEMORY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I'D LIKE TO, MAY I JOIN YOU ON THAT? YOU
7 WANT TO?

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, ALL OF US? THANK YOU. OKAY.
10 SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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12 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT
13 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOAN BOYETT, A
14 DEVOTED CHAMPION FOR ARTS EDUCATION AND A LONGTIME STUDIO CITY
15 RESIDENT. JOAN BOYETTE PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 4TH AT THE AGE OF
16 90. THIRD GENERATION ANGELENO, JOAN DEDICATED HER CAREER TO
17 MAKING THE ARTS ACCESSIBLE TO YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS LOS ANGELES.
18 AFTER A DECADE WITH THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC, JOAN
19 ESTABLISHED THE MUSIC CENTER'S EDUCATION DIVISION IN 1979.
20 OVER THE NEXT TWO DECADES, SHE HELPED GROW IT INTO ONE OF THE
21 NATION'S LARGEST ARTS' EDUCATION PROGRAMS, REACHING MILLIONS
22 OF PEOPLE, AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE FOUNDING OF THE LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS. JOAN BELIEVED DEEPLY
24 IN OPENING DOORS FOR OTHERS, WHETHER FOR A YOUNG PERSON
25 DISCOVERING THE ARTS OR A COLLEAGUE FINDING THEIR PATH IN THE



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1 FIELD. EVEN AFTER RETIRING, SHE CONTINUED SERVING LOS ANGELES
2 THROUGH ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS, LEAVING AN INFLUENCE
3 THAT CAN BE STILL FELT IN CLASSROOMS, THEATERS, AND CREATIVE
4 COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
5 CHILDREN KEVIN AND SUSIE, HER GRANDDAUGHTERS BROOKE AND
6 JORDAN, AND HER GREAT-GRANDSON HENRY. WE ADJOURN TODAY IN
7 HONOR OF JOAN, RECOGNIZING HER EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO
8 ARTS' EDUCATION, THE OPPORTUNITIES SHE CREATED FOR GENERATIONS
9 OF YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THE LASTING LEGACY SHE LEAVES ACROSS LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY. AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, I KNOW YOU WANTED TO
11 JOIN ME IN THAT.

12
13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH, THANK YOU. AND SUSIE ACTUALLY IS
14 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE BLUE-RIBBON MUSIC CENTER AND IS
15 SOMEONE, HER MOM, AS YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WAS JUST A
16 REMARKABLE WOMAN WHO REALLY DID LEAVE AN INCREDIBLE LEGACY.

17
18 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** YES.

19
20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** SO THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME IN THAT.
23 I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TIM
24 CURRY, A BELOVED ACTOR, SINGER, AND PERFORMER WHO MADE LOS
25 ANGELES HIS HOME FOR NEARLY FOUR DECADES. TIM CURRY PASSED



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1 AWAY ON AUGUST 25TH AT THE AGE OF 80. BORN IN ENGLAND, TIM
2 GREW UP SINGING IN CHURCH AND DISCOVERED THEATER AT A YOUNG
3 AGE, BEGINNING A CAREER THAT WOULD ULTIMATELY SPAN MORE THAN
4 FIVE DECADES. HE BECAME KNOWN FOR TAKING CREATIVE RISKS AND
5 EMBRACING CHARACTERS OUTSIDE THE EXPECTED. AND IN DOING SO,
6 HIS WORK HELPED GENERATIONS OF PEOPLE FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE
7 EMBRACING WHAT MADE THEM DIFFERENT. TIM WAS ALSO AN AVID
8 READER, PAINTER, AND GARDENER WHO FOUND GREAT MEANING IN
9 CREATING AND RESTORING BEAUTIFUL SPACES. AFTER SUFFERING A
10 MAJOR STROKE IN 2012, HE CONTINUED TO WORK, ENGAGE WITH
11 AUDIENCES, AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ARTISTIC COMMUNITY THAT HAD
12 SURROUNDED HIM FOR MUCH OF HIS LIFE. IN HIS LATER YEARS, HE
13 REFLECTED ON THE MESSAGES HE RECEIVED FROM PEOPLE WHO TOLD HIM
14 HIS WORK HAD HELPED THEM FEEL SEEN, UNDERSTOOD, AND LESS
15 ALONE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS NIECES KATE LEWIS AND JULIA
16 BULLMAN, HIS NEPHEW MARK LEWIS, AND HIS GREAT NIECES JOSEPHINE
17 AND GEORGINA. WE ADJOURN TODAY IN HONOR OF TIM CURRY,
18 RECOGNIZING THE CREATIVITY AND COURAGE HE BROUGHT TO HIS ART.
19 I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF GETTING TO KNOW HIM DURING MY TIME
20 SERVING IN WEST HOLLYWOOD WHEN WE HAD A COMMEMORATION OF THE
21 ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW AS PART OF OUR HALLOWEEN
22 CELEBRATION. AND HE WAS INCREDIBLY KIND AND SUPPORTIVE OF THE
23 COMMUNITY, ALWAYS INSPIRING AND DARING. AND HE IS CERTAINLY
24 TREASURED BY THE COMMUNITY AND CERTAINLY MISSED AS WELL. I
25 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DOLLY



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1 REBECCA PARTON, A BELOVED ARTIST, SONGWRITER, PHILANTHROPIST,
2 AND AMERICAN ICON, DOLLY REBECCA PARTON PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST
3 25TH AT THE AGE OF 80. BORN INTO A FAMILY OF 12 CHILDREN IN
4 THE MOUNTAINS OF EAST TENNESSEE, DOLLY GREW UP WITH VERY
5 LITTLE AND WENT ON TO BUILD AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE. YET NO
6 MATTER HOW FAR HER CAREER TOOK HER, SHE REMAINED DEEPLY
7 CONNECTED TO THE STORIES OF WORKING PEOPLE, STRONG WOMEN,
8 FAMILY, HEARTBREAK, HOPE, AND HOME. DOLLY ALSO MADE AN
9 ENDURING MARK ON HOLLYWOOD AND LOS ANGELES. HER FILM DEBUT IN
10 9 TO 5 HELPED TELL A STORY ABOUT WORKING WOMEN STANDING
11 TOGETHER AGAINST HARASSMENT, INEQUALITY, AND BEING
12 UNDERESTIMATED. CERTAINLY A MESSAGE RESONANT WITH THIS BOARD.
13 DOLLY SHOWED GENERATIONS OF WOMEN THAT THERE WAS NO SINGLE WAY
14 TO BE STRONG OR SUCCESSFUL. SOME OF DOLLY'S MOST MEANINGFUL
15 WORK, HOWEVER, WAS DEDICATED TO CHILDREN. HER FATHER NEVER HAD
16 THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN TO READ OR WRITE, AND IN HIS HONOR,
17 SHE CREATED THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY SO CHILDREN COULD
18 EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF HAVING BOOKS OF THEIR VERY OWN. WHAT
19 BEGAN IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE SHE GREW UP BECAME AN
20 INTERNATIONAL LITERACY MOVEMENT THAT HAS GIVEN HUNDREDS OF
21 MILLIONS OF BOOKS TO CHILDREN. DOLLY SPENT HER LIFE TELLING
22 STORIES AND THEN USED HER SUCCESS TO MAKE SURE MILLIONS OF
23 CHILDREN WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER STORIES AND
24 DREAMS OF THEIR OWN. DOLLY'S MUSIC MADE PEOPLE FEEL SEEN. HER
25 HUMOR BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER. AND THE STORY OF A GIRL FROM A



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1 FAMILY OF 12 CHILDREN WHO NEVER FORGOT WHERE SHE CAME FROM,
2 REMINDED PEOPLE THAT WHERE YOU BEGIN DOES NOT HAVE TO
3 DETERMINE HOW FAR YOU CAN GO OR HOW MUCH YOU CAN GIVE BACK
4 ALONG THE WAY. DOLLY WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND OF
5 NEARLY 60 YEARS, CARL DEAN, AND LEAVES BEHIND A LARGE AND
6 DEEPLY CHERISHED FAMILY AS WELL AS GENERATIONS WHO FOUND JOY,
7 COMFORT, COURAGE, AND POSSIBILITY IN HER LIFE AND WORK. WE
8 ADJOURN TODAY IN HONOR OF DOLLY REBECCA PARTON, RECOGNIZING
9 THE JOY SHE BROUGHT TO OUR LIVES, THE DOORS SHE OPENED FOR
10 WOMEN, THE DREAMS SHE NURTURED IN CHILDREN, AND THE
11 EXTRAORDINARY GENEROSITY WITH WHICH SHE SHARED HER GIFTS WITH
12 THE WORLD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OH, I SUPERVISOR HAHN WAS JUMPING UP LIKE
17 SHE WAS. OKAY. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN
18 MEMORY OF VIRGINIE GABORKIAN, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 21ST.
19 SHE WAS BORN ON APRIL 5, 1946, IN ARMENIA. SHE LATER
20 IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES AND RAISED HER DAUGHTER,
21 KNARIK, IN BURBANK, FILLING EVERY ROOM SHE ENTERED ALONG THE
22 WAY, THE LOUDEST VOICE AT ANY GATHERING, ALWAYS READY WITH A
23 LAUGH, A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ANYONE WHO NEEDED ONE. SHE
24 POURED EVERYTHING INTO HER FAMILY, HER FRIENDS, AND HER
25 ARMENIAN HERITAGE. EVEN AS ALZHEIMER'S TOOK HER, TOOK SO MUCH



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1 FROM HER, HER GRANDCHILDREN REMAINED ONE OF THE FEW THINGS
2 THAT SHE COULD STILL BRING, THAT COULD STILL BRING JOY TO HER.
3 SHE SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, KNARIK VIZCARRA, AND HER
4 GRANDDAUGHTERS, CHLOE AND ELLA. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE
5 EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HER AND HER FAMILY. HER
6 HUSBAND, ADELE, WORKS AS MARK PESTRELLA'S ASSISTANT. AND SO,
7 YEAH.

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9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND THEN ALSO, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
10 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
11 WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH
13 DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST
14 MONTH. MICHAEL CLAIRE GOODMAN, AIR FORCE. ALBERT HUFF,
15 MARINES. WILLIAM MICHAEL VENEGAS, AIR FORCE. CHARLES LEE
16 LOGSON SENIOR, NAVY. GREGORY ANTHONY POWELL, NAVY. WILLIE
17 FRANK DRUMMOND, ARMY. HERBIE RIAL CURTIS, MARINES. WILLIE
18 JAMES TOWNSEND, ARMY. BRUCE GEORGE HETKAMER, NAVY. RAYMOND
19 DOUGLAS HEAD, MARINES. LOUIS RIOS, ARMY. DONALD SAJA AWAKENE,
20 ARMY. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTION AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR
21 COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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23 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH. YEAH, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I DIDN'T
24 HAVE A TERM TO SAY, BUT I WANTED TO JOIN SUPERVISOR HORVATH IN
25 ADJOURNING FOR DOLLY PARTON. I JUST WANTED TO JOIN THAT. ALL



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MEMBERS, IT SOUNDS LIKE. YEAH. SHE WAS SUCH A STAR, AND I THINK SHE MAYBE FOOLED A LOT OF PEOPLE JUST WITH HER OUTWARD APPEARANCE BECAUSE UNDER ALL OF THAT SHE WAS AN INCREDIBLE BUSINESSWOMAN. SHE WAS A FIERCE ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN, AS SHOWN IN HER LIBRARY FOUNDATION. AND SHE WAS A FEMINIST. I MEAN, WHEN YOU READ THE WORDS TO 9 TO 5, IT REALLY WAS A SHOUT OUT TO ALL WORKING WOMEN AND THE IDEALS OF EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK AND BEING OPPRESSED IN THE WORKPLACE. SO EVEN THOUGH SHE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS KIND OF A HUMAN BARBIE DOLL, SHE REALLY WAS A KEEN BUSINESSWOMAN AND A VERY SHARP PERSON WHOSE MANY, MANY, MANY SONGS THAT SHE WROTE WILL LIVE ON FOREVER. YEAH, SO SHE'S, WE WILL MISS HER. THIS WORLD IS MUCH BRIGHTER AND LIGHTER AND SPARKLY BECAUSE OF DOLLY PARTON.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: YES SUPERVISOR.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: IN FOLLOWING HER NATIONAL MODEL, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PASSED THE BILL. TONY ATKINS WAS PRO TEM AT THE TIME AND AUTHORED IT AND FUNDED THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY. AND I KNOW THAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT PARTNERS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. AND SO I'M HOPING THEY WILL REACH OUT TO THE FIVE FEMALE MEMBERS OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR. I THINK A PROFOUND WAY TO SUPPORT DALI WOULD BE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY IS MADE AVAILABLE TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR OWN COUNTY.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IMAGINATION. THANK YOU ALL. WE'LL
3 TAKE ALL MOTIONS AS SECONDED. THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO
4 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THEN THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND LET US NOW,
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

6

7 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THE
8 BOARD WILL NOW BE GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION. IN ACCORDANCE
9 WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS
11 ITEM NUMBER CS1, AUDITED BY CALIFORNIA STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
12 ITEM NUMBER CS6, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
13 EXISTING LITIGATION. ITEM NUMBER CS8, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
14 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. AND ITEM NUMBER CS10, CONFERENCE WITH
15 LABOR NEGOTIATORS, JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA AND DESIGNATED STAFF,
16 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS.

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18 [CLOSED SESSION]

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US.
21 WE'RE NOW BACK. I'M SORRY. WE'RE IN OPEN SESSION EXECUTIVE
22 OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE REPORT OF ACTION. THERE'S ANY.

23

24 **EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF
25 ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, ITEM



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1 NUMBER CS1, CS6, CS8, AND CS10. NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS
2 TAKEN.
3
4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S
5 MEETING THE BOARD WILL BE MEETING AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER THE 8TH.
6 OH, WAIT A MINUTE. WHAT AM I SAYING? WE ARE CANCELING THAT
7 DAY. IT'S LABOR DAY, RIGHT? THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE
8 HELD ON SEPTEMBER THE 15, 2026, AT 9:30 A.M. WE ARE ADJOURNED.
9 THANK YOU.



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2 qualified in and for the State of California, do
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