



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2026

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: WELL, GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2026. WE TAKE NOTE THAT A QUORUM OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, CHIEF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S MEETING WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE CHATSWORTH METRO BUS AND THE NBC4 HELICOPTER CRASH. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HORVATH WHO WILL LEAD US IN THIS MOMENT.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO BEGIN TODAY'S MEETING REMEMBERING THE FIVE LIVES THAT WERE TRAGICALLY LOST IN CHATSWORTH JUST A COUPLE WEEKS AGO. DANIEL CASTILLO AND GAGE WEIDA, WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE METRO BUS CRASH, AND ELIANA MORENO, GEORGE MARCINO, AND EDDIE GUTIERREZ MEJIA, WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE HELICOPTER CRASH THAT FOLLOWED. OUR HEARTS ARE WITH THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR LOVED ONES, THEIR COLLEAGUES, AND EVERYONE WHO IS GRIEVING. AND SO WE WILL ALSO ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING IN THEIR MEMORY, BUT IF WE COULD NOW PLEASE JOIN IN A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE.

[MOMENT OF SILENCE]



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ALL JOIN IN
5 OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS. I KNOW THE ENTIRE BOARD SITS ON
6 THE METRO BOARD AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE ALL HAD TO FACE
7 LAST WEEK WHEN WE HEARD ABOUT THESE TRAGIC INCIDENTS. SO OUR
8 PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILIES AND ALSO WITH THE BUS SUPPORT
9 STAFF, EMPLOYEES AND EVERYONE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
10 BRINGING THAT TO OUR ATTENTION. NOW WE WILL START WITH THE
11 COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. E.O.

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



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

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT, THE
15 INVOCATION THIS MORNING, MEMBERS, WILL BE LED BY DR. TASHA
16 NESBITT FROM DEEPER CHURCH, LOS ANGELES, REPRESENTING THE 2ND
17 DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE
18 LED BY JOHN CRANE, FORMER CORPORAL OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY
19 RESERVE, REPRESENTING THE 3RD DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ABLE,
20 PLEASE JOIN US AND STAND.

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22 **DR. TASHA NESBITT:** GOOD MORNING. BEFORE WE BEGIN, I WANT TO
23 PAUSE AND RECOGNIZE THE WEIGHT AND THE PRIVILEGE TO STAND IN
24 THIS MOMENT. THIS PLACE REPRESENTS A PLACE WHERE DECISIONS
25 TOUCH REAL PEOPLE, REAL FAMILIES, REAL NEIGHBORHOODS, REAL



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1 ISSUES, REAL CHILDREN, REAL ELDERS, AND OUR REAL FUTURE. SO
2 TODAY WE ASK FOR WISDOM. GOD GIVE US AND THOSE THAT LEAD OUR
3 COMMUNITY THE COURAGE TO LISTEN, THE HUMILITY TO LEARN, THE
4 CONVICTION TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, EVEN WHEN IT'S INCONVENIENT.
5 HELP US TO BE, AS DR. KING NOTED AND DESCRIBED, DRUM MAJORS
6 FOR JUSTICE. WILLING TO LEAD, WILLING TO SERVE, WILLING TO DO
7 WHATEVER INFLUENCE AND TO USE WHATEVER INFLUENCE WE HAVE TO
8 MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR SOMEONE ELSE. HELP US TO REMEMBER THAT
9 LEADERSHIP IS NOT ABOUT HAVING A POSITION, LEADERSHIP IS ABOUT
10 HAVING A RECORD. HELP THOSE THAT LEAD IN THIS SPACE
11 CONTINUALLY TO EARN THE TRUST OF THOSE THAT WE SERVE. HELP US
12 TO REMEMBER THAT TRUST HAS A TRACK RECORD. HELP US TO REMEMBER
13 THAT TRUST IS BUILT WHEN OUR WORDS MATCH OUR ACTIONS. TRUST IS
14 BUILT WHEN PEOPLE SEE US SHOW UP CONSISTENTLY. THAT TRUST IS
15 BUILT WHEN WE REMEMBER THE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US AND TO
16 REALIZE THAT THEIR VOICES TRULY DO MATTER. GOD HELP US TO
17 REMEMBER OUR OWN PERSONAL WORST DAYS. NOT SO THAT WE LIVE IN
18 YESTERDAY BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT YESTERDAY SHOULD GIVE US
19 COMPASSION FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S TODAY. HELP US TO REMEMBER WHAT
20 IT FELT LIKE TO NEED SOMEONE TO SHOW UP FOR US, WHAT IT FELT
21 LIKE TO NEED AN OPEN DOOR TO HAVE A VOICE HEARD, TO HAVE A
22 HAND EXTENDED, OR TO SOMEONE TO SIMPLY SAY, I SEE YOU. LET
23 THAT MEMORY OF WHERE WE'VE BEEN SHARPEN OUR URGENCY FOR WHAT
24 WE MUST DO NOW. HELP US TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN WHAT DR.
25 KING CALLED THE TWO AMERICAS. THE AMERICAS ONE THAT REPRESENT



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1 OPPORTUNITY AND THE OTHER THAT REPRESENT THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN
2 DENIED THAT OPPORTUNITY. THE AMERICA THAT IS SEEN AND THE
3 AMERICA THAT IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED. HELP US TO REMEMBER THAT
4 THERE ARE PEOPLE BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN WHO ARE COUNTING ON US
5 TO DO THE RIGHT THING. GOD GIVE US WISDOM, GIVE US ELEVATED
6 WISDOM TO SEE BEYOND WHAT'S IMMEDIATE, BEYOND WHAT'S
7 POLITICAL, BEYOND WHAT'S COMFORTABLE, BEYOND WHAT'S
8 CONVENIENT. HELP US TO NOT BECOME SO COMFORTABLE WITH WHAT WE
9 MIGHT LOSE THAT WE LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT COULD BE. HELP US TO NOT
10 CHOOSE WHAT'S CONVENIENT BUT GIVE US THE COURAGE TO DO WHAT IS
11 RIGHT. THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS CITY THAT ARE COUNTING ON US
12 AND CANNOT AFFORD FOR US TO WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW. GIVE US THE
13 URGENCY OF NOW, THE URGENCY TO SERVE, THE URGENCY TO LISTEN,
14 THE URGENCY TO ACT, THE URGENCY TO MAKE PROGRESS AND TO MAKE
15 SURE THAT PROGRESS REACHES THE PEOPLE THAT NEED IT THE MOST.
16 GOD, WE PRAY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT THEY WILL HAVE THE
17 SAFETY AND OPPORTUNITY, THE EDUCATION AND THE BELONGING THAT
18 WE BELIEVE IN WHO THEY ARE BECOMING. WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES
19 WHO ARE STRUGGLING, EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP, THOSE THAT FEEL
20 UNSEEN, AND FOR COMMUNITIES CARRYING BURDENS OFTEN INVISIBLE.
21 HELP US TO SIMPLY NOT IDENTIFY WHAT IS BROKEN BUT GIVE US
22 COURAGE TO HELP REPAIR IT. MAY WE CHOOSE COURAGE OVER
23 CYNICISM, SERVICE OVER SELF-INTEREST, AND CONNECTION OVER
24 DIVISION. AND WHEN WE LOOK BACK ON THIS MOMENT, MAY WE BE ABLE
25 TO SAY THAT WE SHOWED UP, WE LISTENED, WE SERVED, WE WEREN'T



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1 PERFECT, BUT WE LEFT THIS COMMUNITY AND THE COMMUNITIES THAT
2 WE REPRESENT AND ARE FROM BETTER THAN WE FOUND IT. GOD GIVE US
3 GUIDE US MOVE US WITH JUSTICE SHAPE US WITH COMPASSION AND
4 GIVE US COURAGE TO RESPOND TO THIS URGENCY AND NOW. GOD, WE
5 ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE, TO LEAD, AND BUILD
6 TOGETHER. AND TOGETHER WE SAID, AMEN, AMEN, AMEN.

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8 **BENJAMIN ANDERSON, JR.:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE FACE THE FLAG,
9 PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU'RE A VETERAN,
10 YOU MAY RENDER A SALUTE AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF
11 ALLEGIANCE. I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED
12 STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE
13 NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR
14 ALL.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
17 YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

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19 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
20 OKAY, EVERYBODY WAKE UP. GOOD MORNING, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
21 GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU. I FELT LIKE A ROMPER ROOM. MISS
22 CAROL, GOOD MORNING. YOU KNOW, IT'S MY HONOR TRULY TO WELCOME
23 TODAY'S INVOCATOR, DR. LATASHA NESBITT, AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN
24 AS DR. NEZ. A CHICAGO NATIVE, DR. NEZ EARNED HER PHD FROM THE
25 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN AND HAS LIVED HERE



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1 IN LOS ANGELES FOR THE PAST NINE YEARS, WHERE SHE AND HER
2 HUSBAND OF 20 YEARS ARE RAISING TWO TEENAGERS. WE WILL PRAY
3 FOR YOU. IN 2024, SHE AND HER HUSBAND, DR. MATT NESBITT,
4 FOUNDED DEEPER CHURCH L.A., A CUTTING-EDGE MINISTRY DEDICATED
5 TO FOSTERING SPIRITUAL DEPTH AND MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY IMPACT.
6 ALONGSIDE HER MINISTRY, DR. NEZ IS AN ENTREPRENEUR WITH
7 EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY,
8 CONTRIBUTING TO PRINT, FILM, AND COMMERCIAL PROJECTS.
9 TOGETHER, SHE AND HER HUSBAND CO-FOUNDED THE POWER COUPLE
10 NETWORK, WHICH FOCUSES ON STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS AND
11 MARRIAGES THROUGH PRINCIPALS, CONFERENCES, AND RETREATS. SHE
12 ALSO HELPS LEAD COLAB, A MENTORING COLLECTIVE THAT PROVIDES
13 TRAINING AND SUPPORT TO PASTORS, LEADERS, ENTREPRENEURS, AND
14 CREATIVE PROFESSIONALS. SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. I
15 THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING ME SEVERAL MONTHS BACK TO SHARE
16 WORSHIP WITH YOU. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR
17 COMMITMENT TO UPLIFTING THE RESIDENTS OF OUR COUNTY AND THANK
18 YOU FOR LEADING US IN TODAY'S REALLY POWERFUL INVOCATION. I
19 APPRECIATE YOU. GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, PLEASE. THANK
20 YOU.

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

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24 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. PLEASE JOIN
25 ME IN THANKING FORMER CORPORAL JOHN CRANE OF THE UNITED STATES



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1 ARMY RESERVE FOR LEADING US IN OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS
2 MORNING. CORPORAL CRANE SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY RESERVE FROM
3 2011 TO 2015 AS A PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS SPECIALIST. HE IS
4 CURRENTLY A PROGRAM CASE MANAGER AND INTAKE SPECIALIST FOR THE
5 OFFICE OF EQUITY AND COMPLIANCE. HE IS ALSO A DOCTORAL STUDENT
6 AT CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE STUDYING EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND
7 POLICY STUDIES. JOHN IS A FORMER FOSTER YOUTH AND ENJOYS
8 SUPPORTING CURRENT FOSTER YOUTH COLLEGE STUDENTS THROUGH
9 CAMPUS PROGRAMS AT CSUN. HE'S MARRIED TO HIS WIFE, NAKA, AND
10 HAS TWO CHILDREN, RAJ, WHO IS SEVEN, AND SIA, WHO IS FOUR. AND
11 IN ADDITION TO SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY, JOHN ENJOYS
12 ATTENDING CHURCH, FITNESS ACTIVITIES, CREATING MUSIC, AND
13 LEARNING. CORPORAL CRANE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXAMPLE, AND
14 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, AND FOR YOUR WORK WITH OUR FOSTER
15 YOUTH. I'M PROUD TO HAVE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AS 3RD DISTRICT
16 RESIDENTS, AND GRATEFUL THAT YOU COULD JOIN US THIS MORNING.
17 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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19 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO
20 MEET ATHENA. ATHENA IS A BEAUTIFUL AND I MEAN A SWEET, SWEET
21 DOG. SHE IS THREE YEARS OLD. SHE'S A BOXER PIT BULL MIX WITH A
22 LOT OF PLAYFUL ENERGY. SHE WAS ORIGINALLY SURRENDERED TO THE
23 LANCASTER CARE CENTER WHERE SHE GAVE BIRTH TO FOUR PUPPIES.
24 SHE AND HER PUPPIES WERE THEN TRANSFERRED TO THE AGOURA
25 SHELTER AND ARE DOING VERY WELL. I MEAN, SHE'S, WHEN I SAY



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1 SHE'S A SWEET DOG, HER TEMPERAMENT IS INCREDIBLE. SHE'S READY
2 TO FIND A FOREVER HOME WHERE SHE CAN GET THE LOVE THAT SHE
3 DESERVES. AND ATHENA, I DON'T KNOW THAT SHE KNOWS HER NAME,
4 BUT SHE IS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION. IF YOU'D LIKE TO MEET HER,
5 CALL THE AGOURA CARE CENTER AT 818-991-0071. AGAIN, THIS IS
6 ATHENA. AND THEN THE FOUR PUPPIES, I DON'T KNOW WHEN THEY'LL
7 BE UP FOR ADOPTION, BUT THEY'RE ALREADY UP FOR ADOPTION.
8 THEY'RE READY TO BE ADOPTED AS WELL. SO IF YOU KNOW OF
9 SOMEONE, THEY LOOK NOTHING LIKE ATHENA. TWO RED AND I THINK
10 ONE YOU SAID BROWN, BLACK. TWO RED AND ONE BLACK. SO, BUT
11 ATHENA IS THE MOTHER. SO WITH THAT YOU CAN CALL 818-991-0071
12 TO ADOPT ATHENA. BUT IF YOU WANT TO GO OUT AND MEET ATHENA'S
13 BABIES, YOU CAN GO TO THE AGOURA CARE SHELTER AND TAKE ONE
14 HOME TO GIVE THEM A FOREVER HOME. NOW I'D LIKE TO HAVE YOU
15 LOOK UP ON THE SCREEN FOR OUR PET FROM PALMDALE. MEET CESAR.
16 CESAR IS A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD GERMAN SHEPHERD WITH A BIG HEART.
17 CAESAR HAS A VERY GENTLE DEMEANOR AND PLAYS CALMLY WITH OTHER
18 DOGS. AND ACTUALLY, ATHENA IS GOOD WITH OTHER DOGS AS WELL.
19 HE'S INCREDIBLY AFFECTIONATE AND HE LOVES BEING AROUND PEOPLE.
20 CESAR IS ALSO VERY WELL-BEHAVED AND IS EASY TO WALK ON A
21 LEASH. CALL THE PALMDALE CARE CENTER AT 661-575-2888 TO MAKE
22 CESAR YOURS. AND WE STILL HAVE A PROMOTION GOING FOR OCTOBER
23 AND THIS ONE IS ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH AND TO CELEBRATE OUR
24 DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL WE'RE BRINGING BACK ITS
25 READ TO ROVER PROGRAM. RESIDENTS CAN COME AND READ TO A



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1 SHELTER DOG AND IF YOU DECIDE TO ADOPT THAT DAY YOUR DOG
2 ADOPTION FEES WILL BE WAIVED. EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT LOOKING TO
3 ADOPT YOU CAN STILL COME READ TO OFFER THE DOGS AT OUR CARE
4 CENTERS SOME WELL-DESERVED COMPANY. THE PROGRAM WILL BE
5 AVAILABLE ALL MONTH LONG AT ALL SEVEN OF OUR CARE CENTERS.
6 CENTERS ARE OPEN MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M.
7 FOR WALK-INS, AND YOU CAN VISIT ANIMALCARE.LACOUNTY.GOV TO SEE
8 ALL THE PETS WHO COULD BE YOURS. AND THANK YOU AND THANK YOU
9 FOR BRINGING ATHENA DOWN TODAY. AND THANK YOU FOR EVERY WEEK
10 SHOWING UP AND SHOWING US WHAT WE HAVE GOING ON IN OUR
11 SHELTERS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
14 BARGER. AT THIS TIME, WE WILL NOW HAVE A SCROLL PRESENTATION
15 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER FOR REGAINING THEIR
16 FULL ACCREDITATION FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL
17 EXAMINERS. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.
18 I'M GLAD THAT WE ALSO HAVE YOUR TEAM HERE WITH US TODAY
19 REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER FOR
20 REGAINING THEIR FULL ACCREDITATION FROM THE NATIONAL
21 ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS. I WANT TO START BY
22 PERSONALLY RECOGNIZING AND THANKING DR. UKPO AND THE ENTIRE
23 DEPARTMENT MEDICAL EXAMINER TEAM HERE THIS MORNING. THE
24 DEPARTMENT HAS THE TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY OF EXAMINING THE
25 BODIES OF THOSE WHO PASS SUDDENLY, UNEXPECTEDLY OR VIOLENTLY,



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1 TO DETERMINE THE MANNER AND CAUSE OF THEIR DEATH. AND EARLIER
2 THIS YEAR, THEY ACHIEVED, IN MY OPINION, ONE OF THE MOST
3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF REGAINING FULL ACCREDITATION
4 FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS. BELIEVE IT
5 OR NOT, IT MATTERS. AND IT MATTERS FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
6 ANGELES, WHICH IS ONE OF THE LARGEST COUNTIES HERE IN, I
7 THINK, THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. COLLEAGUES, THE ACCOMPLISHMENT HAS
8 BEEN IN THE MAKING FOR OVER 10 YEARS. THAT'S WHY IT'S
9 SIGNIFICANT. THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER LOST ITS FULL
10 ACCREDITATION 10 YEARS AGO IN 2016. AND UNDER THE LEADERSHIP
11 OF DR. UPKO, LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN DILIGENTLY WORKING TO
12 IDENTIFY EFFICIENCIES AND IMPROVE THOSE PROCESSES TO PASS THE
13 RIGOROUS ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS. SUCH
14 REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE COMPLETING EXAMINATION OF 90% OF THE
15 CASES WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER A DEATH IS REPORTED TO THE
16 DEPARTMENT AND CLOSING 90% OF CASES WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER A
17 DEATH. COMPLETING EXAMINATIONS AND CLOSING CASES IN A TIMELY
18 MANNER IS NOT ONLY CRITICAL TO RECEIVING THE FULL
19 ACCREDITATION, IT'S CRITICAL TO EXTENDING THAT DIGNITY TO
20 THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AS WELL AS TO THEIR GRIEVING FAMILIES,
21 THEIR FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND TO UNDERSTAND THE REASON
22 BEHIND A LOVED ONE'S DEATH, THAT TAKES COMPASSION. EXTENDING
23 COMPASSION AND DIGNITY TO COUNTY RESIDENTS IS A CHARACTERISTIC
24 OF THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER. AND THAT'S WHY
25 I'M HAPPY TO WORK WITH THEM, AND I KNOW THE ENTIRE BOARD TO



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1 WAIVE TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE FEES FOR ALL COUNTY
2 RESIDENTS. THIS WAS A HARDSHIP THAT WAS BROUGHT TO US BY
3 SEVERAL OF OUR RESIDENTS. SADLY, RESIDENTS WERE REQUIRED TO
4 PAY TO TRANSPORT THE BODY OF A DECEASED LOVED ONE FROM THE
5 PLACE OF DEATH TO THE DEPARTMENT WHERE BODIES UNDERGO
6 EXAMINATION. THIS WAS OFTEN AN UNEXPECTED EXPENSE FOR MANY OF
7 THOSE FAMILIES AND MANY OF THOSE FAMILIES' FACING POVERTY.
8 HOWEVER, THIS BOARD RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING
9 OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS AND LAYING THEIR LOVED ONES TO REST WITH
10 DIGNITY. AND IN JANUARY OF 2025, UNANIMOUSLY, THIS BOARD VOTED
11 TO PERMANENTLY ELIMINATE TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE FEES. FOR
12 THAT WE GIVE YOU OUR THANKS. THIS IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE
13 CRITICAL WAYS IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER
14 SUPPORTS OUR RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY. ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU AND
15 I CONGRATULATE YOU DR. UKPO. HIS TEAM JOINING US HERE TODAY,
16 MANY TIMES WE DON'T SEE THE HARD WORK THAT IS DONE DAY TO DAY
17 AND IN SUCH SHORT NOTICE. AND WE WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR
18 DEDICATION AND THEIR HARD WORK AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO
19 SUPPORTING ALL OF OUR VULNERABLE FAMILIES AND RESIDENTS THAT
20 LIVE HERE. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO HAND THE MIC OVER TO DR. UKPO
21 SO HE CAN SAY A FEW WORDS AND WE CAN THEN THANK HIM IN FRONT
22 OF EVERYONE. THANK YOU, DOCTOR.

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24 **DR. ODEY UKPO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WE LOST OUR FULL
25 ACCREDITATION IN 2016, BUT THIS WAS NOT PERMISSION FOR US TO



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1 ABANDON THE COMMUNITY. WE CONTINUE TO MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY
2 WERE IN THEIR DEEPEST OF HEARTACHE IN ORDER TO FULFILL OUR
3 MISSION, WHICH IS TO CHAMPION TIMELY COMMUNITY AWARENESS TO
4 CAUSES OF SUDDEN, UNEXPECTED, VIOLENT, AND PREMATURE DEATHS IN
5 ORDER TO INFORM TARGETED PREVENTIONS TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY.
6 WHEN THE PANDEMIC CAME, WE HAD A 35% INCREASE IN OUR CASES.
7 AND MOST FOLKS BELIEVE THAT IT WAS DUE TO COVID-19, BUT
8 RATHER, FENTANYL HAD ARRIVED IN THE COUNTY AND BOREDOM HAD SET
9 IN FROM THE LOCKDOWN. IT CREATED A PERFECT STORM THAT CAUSED
10 MANY DEATHS DUE TO FENTANYL. THAT WASN'T BY OVERDOSE. THAT'S
11 NOT THE TERM WE USE. IT'S CAUSED BY FENTANYL PERIOD. WE DON'T
12 HAVE AN AMOUNT THAT IS SAFE THAT PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE. WE ALSO
13 SAW AN INCREASE IN HOMICIDES AS PEOPLE WERE NOT GETTING ALONG.
14 AND SO WE WERE BEING THE VOICE OF THOSE, NOT NECESSARILY OF
15 THE DEAD, BUT FOR THE COMMUNITY. FOR THOSE FOLKS THAT SEE
16 DEATH AROUND THE CORNER, THEY'RE SCARED, AND THEY NEED HELP.
17 AND SO WE'RE GIVING VOICE TO THOSE PEOPLE BY THE WORK THAT WE
18 DO. A CAUSE OF DEATH DOES NOT GIVE CLOSURE TO A FAMILY. IT IS
19 A PERSONAL, LONG, AND PAINFUL PROCESS THAT INDIVIDUALS GO
20 THROUGH. AND THE CAUSE OF DEATH DOES NOT GIVE CLOSURE, BUT WE
21 ARE PART OF THAT PROCESS TO HELP THEM FIND MEANING IN THE
22 DEATH. AND THAT MEANING IS TO PREVENT THE NEXT DEATH FROM
23 HAPPENING. AND THAT IS WHY WE EXIST AS A DEPARTMENT. WHEN
24 SOMEONE DIES, YOUR RELATIONSHIP DOESN'T END. IT JUST CHANGES.
25 AND IT CHANGES TO ACTION AND THE THINGS THAT WE DO TO SUPPORT



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1 THAT FOR THE COMMUNITY. WE CAN EVEN SEE IN THIS HALL HERE
2 NAMED AFTER KENNETH HAHN, AFTER SOMEONE DIES, THE RELATIONSHIP
3 JUST CHANGES, AND IT BRINGS FORTH-CONTINUED ACTION, AND THAT'S
4 WHAT WE'RE A PART OF. SO I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
5 YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT TO OUR
6 DEPARTMENT AND ALSO RECOGNIZING THAT WE NEEDED A NAME CHANGE
7 AND REMOVING CORONER FROM OUR NAME BECAUSE WE'RE NOT CORONERS.
8 THAT'S NOT HOW WE FUNCTION IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THROUGH YOUR
9 LEADERSHIP, YOU SAW HOW IT WAS IMPORTANT TO MAKE THAT VERY
10 CLEAR TO THE COMMUNITY OF WHO OVERSEES MEDICAL LEGAL DEATH
11 INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK MY TEAM THAT'S
12 WITH ME HERE BECAUSE THROUGH THEIR COURAGEOUS INNOVATION AND
13 MY WACKY IDEAS, THEY BELIEVED IN IT, BECAUSE THEY KNEW THAT IF
14 WE DIDN'T ACT TOGETHER, WE COULDN'T BE SUCCESSFUL, EVEN IF WE
15 DISAGREED. ONE THING FOR SURE IS WE HAD TO ACT TOGETHER. AND
16 THROUGH THAT, I APPRECIATE EVERYONE STANDING HERE. FOR ALL
17 THOSE METRICS THAT YOU HEARD SUPERVISOR SOLIS TALKED ABOUT,
18 HERE'S THE EXECUTIVE TEAM WHO LED THEIR TEAMS TO MAKE THAT
19 HAPPEN. SO I'M FOREVER GRATEFUL TO THEM. AND I ALSO WANT TO
20 THANK THE COMMUNITY FOR YOUR PATIENCE, BECAUSE YOU DESERVE AN
21 EXCELLENT MEDICAL LEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATION AGENCY. AND THAT'S
22 WHAT WE AIM TO BE, TO BE THE MODEL OF JUSTICE. AND WE'RE
23 TALKING ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGH COURAGEOUS INNOVATION. SO
24 THANK YOU. AND THERE'S MORE WORK TO BE DONE. BUT AGAIN, THANK
25 YOU SO MUCH.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT, THE
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CAN YOU PLEASE CALL TODAY'S AGENDA?

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5 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING,
6 MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL
7 BEGIN ON PAGE THREE, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
8 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 21. ON ITEM 1, THIS INCLUDES AN ADDITION AS
9 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ON ITEMS 7 AND 8,
10 SUPERVISOR HAHN WOULD LIKE TO REVISE HER MOTIONS TO ADD
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AS A CO-AUTHOR. ON ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR HAHN
12 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A
13 REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 18,
14 THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
15 AGENDA. ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO REVISE HER
16 MOTION TO ADD SUPERVISOR HAHN AS A CO-AUTHOR. ON PAGE 17,
17 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS ITEMS 22 THROUGH 80. ON ITEM 24, THIS
18 ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR REPORT. ON ITEM 25, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
19 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 10,
20 2026, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 37,
21 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
22 OCTOBER 27, 2026, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON PAGE
23 50, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA THAT
24 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
25 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 78A. ITEM 78A,



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1 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WOULD LIKE TO REVISE HER MOTION TO ADD
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AS A CO-AUTHOR. ON PAGE 51, ORDINANCES FOR
3 INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 81 THROUGH 84. ON PAGE 53, SEPARATE MATTER
4 ITEMS 85 THROUGH 88. ON ITEM 85, THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION
5 ACTING AS A LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES'S
6 COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NUMBER 2021-01 TO ADOPT A
7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE 2026 BONDS
8 IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 TO
9 FINANCE CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS BENEFITING THE PROPERTY
10 WITHIN THE FACILITY'S CFD. ALSO, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
11 OF THE COUNTY, ADOPT A REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION, MAKING A
12 DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN PROJECT
13 EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS FROM SPECIAL TAX BONDS ISSUED BY
14 THE FACILITY CFD. AND ALSO, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF
15 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ADOPT
16 THE ANNEXATION RESOLUTION AND ACCEPT THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT AND
17 APPROVAL OF THE OWNERS OF THE PARCELS TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE
18 SERVICES CFD. THE BOARD WILL TAKE A SEPARATE VOTE ON THIS
19 ITEM. ON ITEMS 86 THROUGH 88, THE BOARD WILL TAKE SEPARATE
20 VOTES. ON PAGE 56, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA
21 FOR THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
22 AUTHORITY ITEMS 1D THROUGH 2D. ON PAGE 58, FISCAL YEAR
23 2026/27, SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTIONS, ITEMS 89 THROUGH 95.
24 ON ITEMS 89 THROUGH 95, THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR
25 DISCUSSION AND WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. ON PAGE 61, NOTICES



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1 OF CLOSED SESSION, ITEM CS1 THROUGH CS4. ON ITEM CS1, COUNTY
2 COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO
3 OCTOBER 6, 2026, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM
4 CS3, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
5 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO OCTOBER 6, 2026, AS INDICATED ON THE
6 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES THROUGH CS4
7 ARE BEFORE YOU. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA,
8 MADAM CHAIR.

9

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

14

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



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

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT 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 89 THROUGH 95, FISCAL YEAR 2026, 2027 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTIONS, FOLLOWED BY ITEM



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1 24, THEN ITEM 15, THEN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AND FINISHING
2 UP WITH CLOSED SESSION. BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
3 PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING
4 RULES. THANK YOU.

5
6 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING
7 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN PUBLIC
8 COMMENT EITHER BY PHONE OR IN PERSON WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
9 TO REGISTER FOR THE DESIRED ITEMS PRIOR TO THE AGENDA ITEM
10 BEING HEARD. WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO
11 REGISTER TO SPEAK DURING TODAY'S MEETING ON OUR WEBSITE AT
12 WWW.PUBLICCOMMENT.ALLACOUNTY.GOV. REGISTERING ONLINE WILL
13 ALLOW YOU TO IDENTIFY THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU'RE INTERESTED
14 IN ADDRESSING. YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL WITH
15 FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS VIA TEXT,
16 MESSAGE ON YOUR PHONE, WHEN THE ITEM YOU WISH TO ADDRESS IS
17 NEXT, JUST ENTER YOUR PHONE NUMBER ON THE WEBSITE. IF YOU DO
18 NOT HAVE A COMPUTER OR WISH TO MAKE A COMMENT AT ANY TIME WHEN
19 THE AGENDA ITEM IS ACTIVE, YOU MAY CALL 213-444-2600 AND PRESS
20 STAR, THEN FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTER. AN OPERATOR
21 WILL BE ON THE PHONE TO ASSIST. YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION
22 ON OUR WEBSITE AT BOS.LACOUNTY.GOV. PLEASE CLICK ON REMOTE
23 PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR MORE INFORMATION. YOU WILL HAVE
24 THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE MEETING.
25 FOR ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE



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1 FOR ONE ITEM AND UP TO TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE ITEMS. FOR
2 ITEMS HELD BY SUPERVISORS YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS
3 THE BOARD AND ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL
4 PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME AND INDICATE
5 THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING. PLEASE NOTE, ONCE
6 YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, WE WILL IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO THE NEXT
7 SPEAKER. WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, IF REGISTERED, YOUR
8 NAME OR THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF YOUR PHONE NUMBER WILL BE
9 CALLED. TO ENSURE WE HEAR FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND REMOTE
10 SPEAKERS, WE WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING CUES.
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR
12 SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE
13 FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO
14 NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO. ALSO FOR
15 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE A
16 CONSTITUENT ASSISTANT TEAM THAT INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM
17 THE DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, L.A. HEALTH
18 SERVICES, PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, CHILDREN AND FAMILY
19 SERVICES, HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING, AND PARKS AND
20 RECREATION IN THE AUDIENCE SHOULD YOU NEED ASSISTANCE FROM
21 THEM. AT THIS TIME, WE WILL HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
22 WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL ITEMS NOT HELD FOR
23 DISCUSSION BY SUPERVISORS, INCLUDING CLOSED SESSION MATTERS.
24 THE CONSENT ITEMS WILL BE ACTED UPON WITH ONE MOTION. FOR
25 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ALREADY ON THE PHONE, IF YOU HAVE SIGNED



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1 UP TO SPEAK FOR THESE ITEMS, YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING
2 FURTHER. IF YOU ARE ON THE PHONE, HAVE NOT SIGNED UP TO SPEAK,
3 AND WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS, PLEASE PRESS STAR
4 NOW AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO BE PLACED INTO THE SPEAKING
5 QUEUE. IF YOU ARE WATCHING THE MEETING AND WOULD LIKE TO
6 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS PLEASE CALL 213-444-2600.
7 PRESS STAR AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS. AN OPERATOR WILL BE ON THE
8 PHONE TO ASSIST. PLEASE BE PREPARED TO INDICATE THE AGENDA
9 ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS.

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW CALL IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND
12 WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD WE WILL TAKE REMOTE SPEAKERS.
13 THIS WILL BE FOR ALL ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD FOR
14 DISCUSSION AND CLOSED SESSION ITEMS. WILL THE FOLLOWING
15 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. ZOE
16 MOUTANIER, DANNY GARCIA, SEAN PATTERSON, PALOMA BUSTOS,
17 MICHAEL AGUIAN, COLIN CAMPBELL, VERONICA ENO. YOUR LINE IS
18 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. VERONICA ENO. WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT
19 CALLER. ROY HUMPHREYS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

20

21 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** YES, ITEM 5, FILIPINO MONTH, WE GET THAT DOWN
22 TO A WEEK THERE. WE GOT PLENTY OF BUSINESS TO DO. LBTQ, ITEM
23 6, I REFER YOU TO ROB SCHNEIDER. THIS IS A BRIDGE TOO FAR, AND
24 ESPECIALLY THE COMING OUT THING. HEY, HOW ABOUT THE VETERANS?
25 GIVE THE VETERANS A MONTH, OKAY? DISABILITY EMPLOYEE AWARENESS



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1 MONTH, REALLY. HAVE YOU NOT OTHER THINGS TO DO? AND THEY KNOW
2 THAT WITH THEIR DISABILITY. INVISIBLE DISABILITIES. YOU
3 PEOPLE, YOU NEED TO FIND ANOTHER AVENUE OF EMPLOYMENT. AND ON
4 THAT LATINO HERITAGE SITUATION, I COMMENTED ON THAT LAST WEEK,
5 THAT IS AN EMBARRASSMENT. AND IF YOU GO TO THE
6 COMPREHENSIVENESS OF THE HOMELESS COUNT SITUATION, AGAIN, YOU
7 HAVE SO MANY HOMELESS TO TAKE. YOU CAN'T TAKE CARE OF WHAT
8 YOU'VE GOT. ON 15, YOU HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH ON YOUR PLATE
9 THAN TO DEAL WITH THIS HOMELESS PERFORMANCE FUND, GOD. AND ON
10 THE CANNABIS, ILLEGAL GROWERS, THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM. AND I WANT
11 TO THANK YOU FOR THE EGG CONTROL SITUATION FOR MY JUMBO EGGS
12 THERE. AND CALLING ON THE DESIGNATED UNDERGROUND STORAGE, THAT
13 IS A GREAT SITUATION ON THAT. AND THE CRIMINAL RESTITUTION
14 PROGRAM, YOU HAVEN'T GOT THE MONEY. AND AFTER YOU'VE TAKEN
15 5,000,000 FROM THE BURN PEOPLE FOR ILLEGALS HABITAT, YOU
16 SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF. HAVE A NICE DAY.

17
18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER DR. KATHY CASH, YOUR LINE
19 IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

20
21 **DR. KATHY CASH:** MY NAME IS DR. KATHY CASH. I'M A UNITED STATES
22 ARMY VETERAN. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 19. I'M COMMANDER OF
23 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNSEL OF THE AMERICAN LEGION,
24 DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA. AND I SPEAK IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS' MOTION OF BRINGING THE VETERANS DIRECTED



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1 CARE PROGRAM TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU,
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR ADVANCING AN APPROACH THAT RECOGNIZES
3 THE IMPORTANCE OF INDEPENDENCE, DIGNITY, AND PERSONAL CHOICE
4 IN THE LIVES OF OUR VETERANS. FOR A VETERAN WHO NEEDS
5 ASSISTANCE WITH DAILY LIVING, REMAINING AT HOME CAN MEAN
6 PRESERVING FAMILIAR ROUTINES, RELATIONSHIPS, AND A SENSE OF
7 BELONGING. VETERANS DESERVE A MEANINGFUL VOICE IN HOW THEY
8 RECEIVE THAT ASSISTANCE AND WHO PROVIDES IT. AS I OFTEN SAY,
9 WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE DON'T KNOW, SO A VALUABLE PROGRAM CAN
10 ONLY HELP WHEN THE VETERANS KNOW IT EXISTS AND UNDERSTAND HOW
11 TO ACCESS IT. OUR AMERICAN LEGION POST CAN BE IMPORTANT
12 PARTNERS IN REACHING THOSE VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. SO I
13 SUPPORT THE PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AMONG THE COUNTIES AGING AND
14 DISABILITIES.

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

18
19 **VERONICA ENO:** YES.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, VERONICA. SHE'S STILL ON
22 THE LINE. YES, GO AHEAD, MA'AM. WE CAN HEAR YOU.

23
24 **VERONICA ENO:** OH, I'M SORRY. OKAY. OKAY. MY NAME IS VERONICA
25 ENO, AND I AM A DEAF COUNTY EMPLOYEE WITH OVER 26 YEARS OF



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1 SERVICES FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER WITH DCFS. I'M HERE
2 TODAY REPRESENTING THE DEAF AND DISABILITY COMMUNITY IN FAVOR
3 OF THIS MOTION. WE PROUDLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. IT REFLECTS A
4 POWERFUL COMMITMENT TO EQUITY, ACCESS, AND CULTURALLY ALIGNED
5 SERVICES. OUR HOPE IS THAT THIS INSPIRES EVERY COUNTY
6 DEPARTMENT TO INVEST IN SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS LIKE DEAF
7 SERVICES UNIT OVER AT DCFS. AS DEAF FAMILIES, WE NEED SERVICES
8 FROM COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO BRING LIVED EXPERIENCE, FLUENT
9 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE, AND DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF DEAF
10 CULTURE. THIS MOTION IS MORE THAN POLICY. IT IS A WONDERFUL
11 OUTCOME FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND IT BRINGS A WELCOMING INCLUSION.
12 THANK YOU.

13
14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO TO IN-PERSON
15 SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.

16
17 **ZOE MONTANER:** HI, MY NAME IS ZOE MONTANER. I'M A RESIDENT OF
18 SANTA MONICA. I'M A MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT OF LINDSAY HORVATH,
19 BUT I WANT TO ADDRESS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WHOSE STAFF MEMBER
20 IS THE MAYOR OF SANTA MONICA. A COUPLE YEARS AGO, I SPOKE
21 ABOUT ADHD AWARENESS MONTH, AND LINDSAY HORVATH BROUGHT
22 RECOGNITION FOR A PROCLAMATION. THIS YEAR, IN ITEM 8, WE HAVE
23 INVISIBLE DISABILITIES WEEK. I ASK THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA
24 AND THE MAYOR, WHO IS PART OF YOUR STAFF.



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1 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** MA'AM, MA'AM, CAN YOU IDENTIFY WHAT AGENDA
2 ITEM YOU'RE SPEAKING ON?

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4 **ZOE MONTANER:** ITEM 8, ITEM 8.

5

6 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** ITEM 8, THANK YOU.

7

8 **ZOE MONTANER:** YES, AND SHE REFUSED TO GIVE ME ACCOMMODATIONS
9 TO SPEAK PUBLICLY AT THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL MEETING.
10 SHE ALSO, AFTER LETTING ME AND INTERRUPTING ME, ALLOWED OTHER
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND VIOLATED THE RULES OF THE CITY
12 COUNCIL. SHE'S EXPOSING YOU TO SCANDAL, AND I RESPECT YOU, AND
13 I HONOR YOUR SERVICE TO THIS CITY, AND I HAVE BEEN A CHAMPION
14 OF YOUR SERVICE. BUT YOU CANNOT HAVE A STAFF MEMBER THAT WORKS
15 AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA, VIOLATING THE
16 RIGHTS, AND THESE ARE FEDERAL RIGHTS OF AMERICAN WITH
17 DISABILITIES ORDINANCES. SO I-

18

19 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** MA'AM, THIS IS ACTUALLY ON THE COUNTY'S
20 PROCLAMATION OF DISABILITIES WEEK, NOT THE CITY OF SANTA
21 MONICA ACTIONS.

22

23 **ZOE MONTANER:** WELL, HER MEMBER OF THE STAFF IS PART OF THE
24 PROBLEM THAT WE DON'T HAVE AND THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA IS
25 PART AND THAT'S WHY I ASKED.



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2 **DAWYN R. HARRISON:** MA'AM, YOU CAN COME BACK DURING GENERAL
3 PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT THIS IS SPECIFICALLY ON THE COUNTY'S
4 PROCLAMATION.

5

6 **ZOE MONTANER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR SUPERVISOR HAN FOR
7 BRINGING THIS TO THE AWARENESS OF THE COUNTY BECAUSE THERE'S A
8 LOT OF US THAT ARE SMART, HAVE INCREDIBLE PATTERN RECOGNITION,
9 DO AMAZING WORK FOR OUR COMMUNITIES BECAUSE WE SEE THINGS AND
10 WE CONNECT THE DOTS THAT NOBODY ELSE SEES. AND THAT'S WHAT I -
11 -

12

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

14

15 **SEAN PATTERSON:** HI, THIS IS SEAN PATTERSON. I REPRESENT THE
16 NEXT 5,000. WE HAVE A L.A. COUNTY THAT HAS FISCAL
17 RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE HOMELESS PERMANENT HOUSING WHEN JUDGE
18 CARTER RULES IN THE LAHSA CASE VERSUS TRUMP. THIS IS REGARDING
19 ITEM 14. THE NEXT 5,000 PERMANENT HOUSING PROPOSAL, WHICH IS
20 ATTACHED TO THE PUBLIC COMMENTS. THERE IS A DASHBOARD THAT'S
21 ALSO DISPLAYED IN THE PUBLIC COMMENTS. I WANT YOU TO COMPARE
22 THAT DASHBOARD WITH LAHSA'S DASHBOARD. LAHSA HAS QUIT THE
23 HOMELESS SPENDING MEASURE A AND JUDGE CARTER IS TRYING TO PUT
24 FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ON L.A. COUNTY. I AM ASKING FOR FISCAL
25 RESPONSIBILITY TO BE TIED IN WITH A PERMANENT HOUSING



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1 PROPOSAL, WHICH THE NEXT 5,000 HAS SUBMITTED.

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

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5 **COLIN CAMPBELL:** I HAVE 3 ITEMS 34, 35, AND 28. SO I'M COLIN
6 CAMPBELL. I'M FROM DISTRICT 5. HOLLY MITCHELL, I MET YOU LAST
7 WEEK. I WENT TO ONE OF YOUR RACIAL JUSTICE MEETINGS, WHICH WAS
8 REALLY NICE. I VOLUNTEER AT ST. JAMES IN SOUTH PASADENA, AND
9 WE DO THE FOOD LOCKER. SO FOR HEALTH CARE, AS WELL AS FOR THE
10 ETHICS COMMISSION OFFICE OF ETHICS COMPLIANCE, I SUPPORT ALL
11 THREE OF THESE THINGS AS WELL AS THE FINANCIAL STATUS FOR L.A.
12 HEALTH SERVICES. WHAT I HAVE A PLUG IS THAT WE HAVE A STARGATE
13 AI SYSTEM, WHICH IS A FEDERAL INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM THAT WE'RE
14 TRYING TO DO A PILOT WITH. AND I'M OUT OF SOUTH PASADENA AND I
15 WAS THINKING WE COULD USE THAT TECHNOLOGY. AND WE NEED YOU
16 GUYS TO MEET WITH THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR NEWSOM AS WELL AS
17 ALSO SUSIE WILES, WHO'S THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE WHITE HOUSE,
18 TO BASICALLY DO THE ROLLOUT OF THIS TECHNOLOGY. AND AGAIN,
19 THIS TECHNOLOGY IS NEW STUFF. IT HAS SOME NEW POWER SOURCES
20 THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT. SO WE'RE TRYING TO GET US OFF OF FOSSIL
21 FUELS AND BUILD AN ETHICAL AI FOR LOS ANGELES. SO THANK YOU
22 VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE IT.

23

24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. HI, GOOD
25 MORNING. MY NAME IS PALOMA BUSTOS WITH THE SUNITA JAIN ANTI-



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1 TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL. I'M HERE IN
2 SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 14 AND THE COUNTY'S EFFORT TO BETTER
3 UNDERSTAND CHANGES IN HOMELESSNESS ACROSS DIFFERENT
4 COMMUNITIES. AS THIS REVIEW MOVES FORWARD, WE ASK THE COUNTY
5 TO ALSO LOOK AT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AMONG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
6 HOMELESSNESS. EXISTING HOMELESS DATA COUNT ALREADY INCLUDES
7 QUESTIONS RELATED TO FORCE WORK. THIS INFORMATION CAN HELP THE
8 COUNTY BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CONNECTION BETWEEN HOMELESSNESS,
9 EXPLOITATION, AND BARRIERS TO STABLE HOUSING. WE ENCOURAGE THE
10 COUNTY TO INCLUDE THIS DATA IN ITS REGIONAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC
11 ANALYSIS, IDENTIFY GAPS IN HOW TRAFFICKING IS MEASURED, AND
12 LOOK AT WHETHER PEOPLE EXPERIENCING TRAFFICKING ARE BEING
13 CONNECTED TO APPROPRIATE SERVICES. THIS ALSO SUPPORTS A PUBLIC
14 HEALTH APPROACH BY HELPING TO IDENTIFY RISK EARLIER, IMPROVE
15 OUTREACH, AND CONNECT PEOPLE TO SERVICES BEFORE EXPLOITATION
16 CONTINUES OR GETS WORSE. THANK YOU.

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

19
20 **DANIEL GARCIA:** MY NAME IS DANIEL GARCIA AND I'M SPEAKING ON
21 BEHALF OF MY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. I WANT TO SAY THAT YOU
22 NEED TO START THINKING ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ACCESSIBLE
23 HOUSING TOGETHER. I'M WONDERING WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO BRING
24 THE HOUSING AND HOUSING AUTHORITY TO TAKE BACK TO YOU, TO ASK
25 THE PEOPLE. HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ELABORATE OR HOW MANY



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1 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HOUSED BY THEM AND HOW MANY AFFORDABLE
2 HOUSING AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING HAVE BEEN BUILT UPON? AND
3 THAT'S MY MAIN QUESTION FOR YOU GUYS. I'M VERY GRATEFUL ALSO
4 TO BE NEXT TO MICHAEL AGIN, WHO IS HERE TO COMMISSION ON
5 DISABILITY. I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR HIS JOB AND I HOPE HE
6 CONTINUES MORE AND MORE TO DO HIS JOB AS HE WILL, AS HE WILL
7 DECIDE TO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

10

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

12

13 **MIKE RAGE:** GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. MY NAME IS MIKE RAGE AND I'M
14 A COMMISSIONER ON COMMISSIONER ON DISABILITIES. I'M HOPING
15 YOU'RE IN FAVOR OF CHAPTER 1167, CO-CAPTIONING OF PUBLIC
16 PLACES, PUBLIC PLACES AND COMMENDATIONS. AND I WISH YOU TO
17 REALLY SUPPORT IT BECAUSE IT ALLOWS EVERYONE TO HAVE
18 ACCESSIBILITY. AND AS YOU CAN SEE IN THIS HALL, WE HAVE
19 CAFFEINE HERE. I FEEL LIKE, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE THE ALL-OVER,
20 YOU KIND OF LOST THAT, YOU JUST, IT WILL MAKE A BETTER
21 EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK YOU
22 GUYS HAVE BEEN DOING HERE. I REALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS IS
23 SOMETHING VERY, VERY, VERY BIG. I THINK IT'S GOING TO MAKE THE
24 CITY BETTER, MAKE IT MORE INCLUSIVE, AND MORE ACCESSIBLE TO
25 EVERYONE. THANK YOU.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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

5

6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
7 ON THESE ITEMS.

8

9 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR AND
10 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.
11 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6, 7 AND 8 AS REVISED, 9 THROUGH 14, 16
12 THROUGH 18, 19 AS REVISED, 20 THROUGH 23, 26 THROUGH 36, 38
13 THROUGH 77, 78A AS REVISED, 81 THROUGH 84, AND 1D AND 2D.
14 PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL TAKE SEPARATE VOTES ON ITEMS 85, 86,
15 87, AND 88. THE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

16

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

21

22 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
23 MITCHELL?

24

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



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2 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
3 HORVATH?

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

6

7 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

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11 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

14

15 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

16

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

18

19 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

20 MADAM CHAIR, WE WILL NOW VOTE ON SEPARATE MATTER ITEMS ACTING

21 AS A LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY

22 FACILITIES DISTRICT NUMBER 2021-01 TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION

23 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE 2026 BONDS IN AN

24 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 TO

25 FINANCE CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS BENEFITING THE PROPERTY



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1 WITHIN THE FACILITIES CFD. ALSO ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
2 OF THE COUNTY ADOPT A REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION MAKING A
3 DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN PROJECT
4 EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS FROM SPECIAL TAX BONDS ISSUED BY
5 THE FACILITY CFD AND ALSO ACTING AS A LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE
6 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ADOPT THE
7 ANNEXATION RESOLUTION AND ACCEPT THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT AND
8 APPROVAL OF THE OWNERS OF THE PARCELS TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE
9 SERVICES CFD. ITEM 85 IS BEFORE YOU.

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

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15 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
16 MITCHELL?

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

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20 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
21 HORVATH?

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

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25 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?



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

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9

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

11

12 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

13 NEXT ITEM IS APPROVING A REHIRING OF A RETIRED EMPLOYEE FOR

14 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. ITEM 87 IS

15 BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,

18 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE

19 OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL.

20

21 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR

22 MITCHELL?

23

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

25



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2 HORVATH?

3
4 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AYE.

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14 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

15
16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

17
18 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

19 NEXT ITEM IS APPROVING A REHIRING OF A RETIRED EMPLOYEE FOR
20 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER. ITEM 88 IS BEFORE YOU.

21
22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVE BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH SECONDED
23 BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
24 CALL THE ROLL.



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1 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
2 MITCHELL?

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

22

23 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES. WE
24 WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEMS 89 THROUGH 95. FISCAL YEAR 2026/27,
25 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTIONS. FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC ON THE



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1 PHONE, IF YOU'VE ALREADY SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, NO FURTHER ACTION
2 IS NEEDED. IF YOU ARE ON THE PHONE AND WISH TO COMMENT BUT
3 HAVEN'T SIGNED UP PRESS STAR AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO JOIN
4 THE SPEAKING QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD FROM THE MEETING CALL
5 213-444-2600 PRESS STAR AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS AN OPERATOR
6 WILL ASSIST YOU. JOSEPH M NICCHITTA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
7 WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JOE, YOU'RE ON.

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11 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE TO
12 PRESENT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 26/27 SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES
13 BUDGET, WHICH, IF APPROVED, WILL BECOME THE FINAL ADOPTED
14 BUDGET FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR. WE HAVE A SLIDE PRESENTATION THAT
15 SHOULD BE COMING UP. THERE IT IS. THIS FINAL PHASE IN OUR
16 ANNUAL BUDGET CYCLE COMES AFTER WE CLOSE THE BOOKS ON OUR LAST
17 FISCAL YEAR. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUDGET ANY FUND BALANCE
18 THAT WAS UNSPENT BY DEPARTMENTS IN THE PRIOR YEAR, REFLECT ANY
19 NEW FUNDING FROM FEDERAL, STATE, AND OTHER SOURCES, AND MAKE
20 ANY OTHER ADJUSTMENTS NEEDED BASED ON NEW INFORMATION. THIS
21 TYPICALLY MEANS A CHANCE TO MAKE SOME NEW INVESTMENTS AND
22 APPROVE SOME DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT WERE DEFERRED EARLIER IN
23 EARLIER BUDGET PHASES BUT THIS IS NOT A TYPICAL YEAR. AS WE
24 HAVE BEEN EMPHASIZING OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS THE COUNTY IS
25 DEALING WITH A NUMBER OF CHALLENGES FROM DECREASED FEDERAL



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1 FUNDING TO HISTORICALLY LARGE LEGAL SETTLEMENTS. TO ADDRESS
2 THOSE CHALLENGES AND BALANCE OUR BUDGET, NOT JUST TODAY BUT
3 FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, WE HAVE SET ASIDE AVAILABLE FUND
4 BALANCE TO COVER LEGAL CLAIMS UNDER ASSEMBLY BILL 218 AND ARE
5 RECOMMENDING THE REALLOCATION OF PREVIOUSLY BUDGETED FUNDS TO
6 MORE CRITICAL NEEDS TO PROTECT SAFETY NET SERVICES. THIS WORK
7 TO STABILIZE THE BUDGET HAS LEFT MANY OTHER IMPORTANT NEEDS
8 UNMET AND DEPARTMENTS REMAIN UNDER INTENSE FINANCIAL PRESSURE.
9 I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO I WILL START WITH A QUICK
10 LOOK AT THE NUMBERS. THE TOTAL BUDGET IS \$54,200,000,000 WHICH
11 IS A \$3,900,000,000 INCREASE FROM THE BUDGET ADOPTED BY THE
12 BOARD IN JUNE. THIS INCREASE INCLUDES, AMONG OTHER THINGS,
13 \$2,000,000,000 IN ONE-TIME UNSPENT FUNDS FROM THE 25/26 BUDGET
14 YEAR, \$148,100,000 IN ONE-TIME REVENUE, PRIMARILY FROM
15 INTEREST EARNINGS, AND \$391,100,000 GENERATED THROUGH THE
16 BUDGET STABILIZATION PROCESS, WHICH I WILL TALK ABOUT MORE IN
17 A MOMENT. THESE ARE ALL ONE-TIME FUNDS WHICH ARE NOT
18 APPROPRIATE TO FUND ONGOING PROGRAMS OR OTHER ONGOING COSTS
19 LIKE SALARIES AND POSITIONS. BUT THERE IS ALSO \$51,000,000 IN
20 NEW PROPERTY TAX AND SALES TAX REVENUE, AND THESE ARE ONGOING
21 FUNDING, OF WHICH \$45,200,000 IS AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMS AND
22 SERVICES IN THIS FINAL BUDGET PHASE. THE BALANCE OF FUNDS
23 BUDGETED IN THIS PHASE ARE PRIMARILY FEDERAL AND STATE
24 FUNDING. BUDGETED POSITIONS ARE DOWN BY 250 FOR A TOTAL OF
25 115,433 POSITIONS. HOWEVER, THIS IS A NET NUMBER. SOME



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1 DEPARTMENTS INCREASE THEIR POSITIONS, SOME DEPARTMENTS
2 DECREASE THEIR POSITIONS. I WOULD NOTE DOUBLE-DIGIT INCREASES
3 IN POSITIONS TO SUPPORT THE NEW ETHICS COMMISSION, MENTAL
4 HEALTH, FIRE, AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AMONG OTHERS. THE BIGGEST
5 REDUCTION IN POSITIONS IS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
6 WITH A NET LOSS OF 195 POSITIONS ALL VACANT, PRIMARILY RELATED
7 TO AN OPERATIONAL REALIGNMENT OF FUNDING FROM SALARIES TO
8 SERVICES AND SUPPLIES. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
9 BUDGET STABILIZATION. AS YOU KNOW, THE BOARD HAS BEEN WORKING
10 FOR MORE THAN 18 MONTHS TO POSITION THE BUDGET TO WITHSTAND A
11 VARIETY OF CHALLENGES. THAT BEGAN WITH ACROSS-THE-BOARD CUTS
12 TO DEPARTMENT BUDGETS IN FISCAL YEAR 25/26 TO GENERATE ONGOING
13 SAVINGS. NEXT, WE ESTABLISHED A WORKGROUP TO PURSUE THREE
14 AREAS OF BUDGET STABILIZATION; INCREASING REVENUES, CUTTING
15 COSTS, AND REALLOCATING RESOURCES. DEPARTMENT HEADS JOINED
16 THIS EFFORT, AND SMALLER WORKGROUPS ARE TACKLING SPECIFIC
17 ISSUES LIKE ESTABLISHING FEE POLICIES, REFORMING CIVIL SERVICE
18 RULES, AND OPTIMIZING CENTRAL SERVICES. THE WORK IS ONGOING,
19 BUT THE MOST IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP BALANCE THIS YEAR'S
20 BUDGET WAS TO REALLOCATE FUNDS FROM ACCOUNTS AND PROJECTS THAT
21 ARE EITHER NO LONGER ESSENTIAL OR ARE LESS CRITICAL THAN OTHER
22 OPERATIONAL NECESSITIES OR BOARD PRIORITIES AT THIS TIME. AS I
23 MENTIONED THROUGH THIS PROCESS, WE IDENTIFIED \$391,100,000
24 THAT COULD BE REALLOCATED TO SUPPORT THIS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET
25 AND MAINTAIN THE BOARD'S HIGHEST PRIORITIES. FUNDING CAME FROM



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1 CAPITAL PROJECT UNDERSPEND AND FROM FUNDING SET ASIDE ON LOWER
2 PRIORITY ITEMS IN PRIOR BUDGET PHASES. OUR NORTH STAR IN
3 MAKING THESE DIFFICULT REALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS WAS TO
4 LIMIT THE IMPACT ON OUR NEARLY 10,000,000 RESIDENTS WHO RELY
5 ON US FOR SERVICES. NO PUBLIC SERVICES OR PROGRAMS WERE
6 IMPACTED IN THE REALLOCATION PROCESS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE,
7 HOWEVER, THAT THIS REALIGNED FUNDING DOES NOT GROW THE PIE OF
8 FUNDING AVAILABLE TO MEET THE COUNTY'S NEEDS. THE REALLOCATION
9 PROCESS SIMPLY TAKES WHAT IS ALREADY IN OUR BUDGET AND ASSIGNS
10 THE FUNDING TO HIGHER PRIORITY USES. ONCE ALLOCATED WE WILL
11 NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS AGAIN AT SCALE AS WE
12 STRETCH TO MEET FUTURE COMMITMENTS IN 27/28 OR RESPOND TO
13 UNANTICIPATED BUDGET SHOCKS. THE BOARD LETTER DETAILS ALL THE
14 CHANGES FROM THE BUDGET ADOPTED BY THE BOARD IN JUNE. NEXT
15 SLIDE, PLEASE. MEETING OUR COMMITMENTS. THE BUDGET
16 STABILIZATION WORK ALLOWED US TO FULLY FUND OUR SECOND ANNUAL
17 SETTLEMENT PAYMENT FOR CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ASSAULT CLAIMS UNDER
18 AB 218, WHICH IS A \$1,200,000,000 COMMITMENT TO SURVIVORS.
19 FUNDING THIS COMMITMENT IN CASH COSTS LESS THAN ISSUING
20 JUDGMENT OBLIGATION BONDS, AND IT LOWERS THE RISK OF FUTURE
21 ACROSS THE BOARD CURTAILMENTS BY REDUCING OUR NEED TO FIND
22 ONGOING FUNDING TO PAY FOR DEBT SERVICE. THIS \$1,200,000,000
23 IS JUST A PORTION OF OUR NEARLY \$5,000,000,000 IN SETTLEMENTS
24 WITH SURVIVORS, AND WE HAVE ROUGHLY 6,000 NEW CLAIMS THAT
25 REMAIN UNSETTLED. WE CONTINUE TO BALANCE THE NEED TO



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1 COMPENSATE SURVIVORS WITH OUR OBLIGATION TO PROTECT SAFETY NET
2 SERVICES AND ENSURE WE DO NOT REWARD FRAUDULENT CLAIMS. I WANT
3 TO UNDERSCORE THAT OUR COMMITMENT TO SURVIVORS GOES BEYOND
4 DOLLARS AND CENTS. WE ARE CONTINUING TO MAKE OPERATIONAL AND
5 POLICY CHANGES TO REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF FUTURE ASSAULTS AND
6 ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY'S ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR THOSE WHO
7 HARM RATHER THAN PROTECT MINORS IN OUR CUSTODY CAN BE SWIFTLY
8 ENFORCED. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. FUNDING BOARD PRIORITIES
9 AND OPERATIONAL NECESSITIES. SUPERVISORS WE KNOW THAT WE CAN'T
10 SIMPLY FOCUS ON STABILIZING OUR BUDGET WITHOUT ALSO ATTEMPTING
11 TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.
12 AND SO THE NEXT SIX SLIDES WILL DETAIL OUR INVESTMENTS OF ONE-
13 TIME AND ONGOING COUNTY DOLLARS AS WELL AS FEDERAL, STATE, AND
14 LOCAL FUNDING FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS ACROSS MANY DIFFERENT
15 OPERATIONAL NECESSITIES AND BOARD PRIORITIES. IN THE PAST,
16 WE'VE ORGANIZED OUR BUDGET PRESENTATIONS AROUND THE SOURCE OF
17 FUNDING, BUT WE THINK THAT THE PUBLIC'S UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT
18 THE COUNTY BUDGET FUNDS AND HOW IT IMPACTS THEIR LIVES IS
19 BETTER CAPTURED NOT BY WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM BUT BY HOW
20 IT IS GOING TO BE SPENT. THAT SAID IT BEARS REPEATING THAT
21 ONLY 45,200,000 OF ALL THE ITEMS YOU WILL SEE FUNDED ON THESE
22 SLIDES COMES FROM ONGOING LOCAL DOLLARS THAT THE BOARD CAN
23 ALLOCATE IN ANY WAY IT SEE FITS. THE SLIDES ALSO DO NOT
24 CAPTURE ALL FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
25 LISTED, BUT TYPICALLY NOTE NEW INVESTMENTS MADE IN THIS BUDGET



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1 PHASE. AND RATHER THAN WALK THROUGH EACH INVESTMENT ON THE
2 FOLLOWING SLIDES IN DETAIL, I'LL HIT THE HIGHLIGHTS AND CAN
3 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AT THE END OF THE
4 PRESENTATION. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. HOUSING AND SAFETY NET
5 SERVICES. HOUSING AND SAFETY NET SERVICES INCLUDE NEW FUNDING
6 FOR A VARIETY OF HOUSING PROGRAMS INCLUDING BOTH THE
7 CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUBSIDIES, RENT RELIEF,
8 AND LEGAL SUPPORT THAT WORK TO KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED. IT ALSO
9 INCLUDES \$5,300,000 IN ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDING FOR THE
10 ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM, WHICH BRINGS TOTAL FUNDING FOR THIS
11 AGING AND DISABILITIES PROGRAM TO \$37,100,000. THIS PROGRAM IS
12 MEANT TO RELY ON FEDERAL FUNDING, BUT THAT FUNDING HAS STAYED
13 FLAT WHILE DEMAND FROM OLDER ADULTS HAS INCREASED. THIS IS AN
14 EXAMPLE OF THE COUNTY WORKING TO MAINTAIN SAFETY NET SERVICES
15 AS A STOPGAP WHILE WE WORK TO ADDRESS OUR SHORTFALL IN FEDERAL
16 REVENUE. NEXT SLIDE. WILDFIRE RECOVERY. WE'RE RECOMMENDING
17 \$44,300,000 IN INVESTMENTS TO REBUILD COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY
18 THE JANUARY 2025 WILDFIRES. IT MUST BE NOTED WHEN WE TALK
19 ABOUT WILDFIRE RECOVERY THAT 19 MONTHS POST-FIRE THE COUNTY
20 HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY FEDERAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY
21 RECOVERY. WITH OVER \$500,000,000 IN POTENTIALLY FEMA ELIGIBLE
22 PROJECTS AND BILLIONS MORE IN TOTAL RECOVERY NEEDS, THIS DELAY
23 IS WEIGHING DOWN A MEANINGFUL AND INCLUSIVE RECOVERY. BUT THE
24 COUNTY CAN'T WAIT FOR FEDERAL FUNDING TO TACKLE CRITICAL
25 RECOVERY PROJECTS AND INDEED WE HAVE NOT WAITED. OUR



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1 DEPARTMENTS HAVE WORKED TO STREAMLINE RECOVERY FOR IMPACTED
2 COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND YOUR BOARD CREATED A DISASTER RECOVERY
3 REBUILD AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY NECESSARY
4 TO GET PEOPLE HOME QUICKLY. TO SUPPORT THE REBUILD AUTHORITY
5 IN THE ABSENCE OF FEDERAL FUNDING, WE'RE RECOMMENDING
6 ESTABLISHING A \$20,000,000 STARTUP LOAN. THIS STARTUP FUNDING
7 COMES BY CONVERTING AN EXISTING REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR LA-
8 RICS, WHICH IS OUR PUBLIC SAFETY GRADE RADIO SYSTEM. THAT
9 SYSTEM IS NOW OPERATIONAL AND COLLECTING SUBSCRIPTION FEES. SO
10 THIS LOAN TO THE REBUILD AUTHORITY WOULD BE REPAID UPON
11 RECEIPT OF ELIGIBLE FEDERAL OR OTHER REVENUE. THE REBUILD
12 AUTHORITY WILL FOSTER A COORDINATED RESPONSE TO THE WORK OF
13 BUILDING BACK MORE RESILIENT NEIGHBORHOODS IN ALTADENA AND THE
14 UNINCORPORATED SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND SUNSET MESA. OTHER
15 INVESTMENTS DETAILED HERE WILL ALLOW US TO CONTINUE DEFERRING
16 PERMITTING FEES, SUPPORTING ONE-STOP PERMITTING CENTERS FOR
17 EASE IN MOVING CONSTRUCTION PLANS FORWARD, AND REFLECT FEDERAL
18 AND STATE GRANTS TO SUPPORT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN THE
19 CONSTRUCTION TRADES. NEXT SLIDE. CARE FIRST JAILS LAST.
20 DELIVERING ON THE BOARD'S CARE FIRST JAILS LAST VISION IS
21 CENTRAL TO OUR BUDGETING PROCESS AND THIS SLIDE HIGHLIGHTS
22 THAT COMMITMENT. YOU CAN SEE \$15,500,000 SPECIFICALLY
23 DESIGNATED TO SUPPORT THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THE
24 CFCI COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED AN ADDITIONAL \$11,000,000 FOR
25 JAIL CLOSURE, WHICH IS NOT REFLECTED HERE AND WILL BE



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PRESENTED TO YOUR BOARD NEXT MONTH. TOGETHER THESE INVESTMENTS WILL FULLY FUND THE FIRST YEAR OF JAIL CLOSURE ACTIONS AS OUTLINED BY THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM. SEVERAL OTHER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES HIGHLIGHTED HERE ALSO ENHANCE THAT WORK INCLUDING EXPANDING BEDS FOR THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY AND OTHER REENTRY SERVICES LIKE JOB TRAINING. WE ALSO RECOMMEND FUNDING TO SUPPORT COURT-RELATED COST INCREASES FOR DEFENDANTS UNABLE TO AFFORD AN ATTORNEY AND PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER THAT SUPPORT RESENTENCING AND VIOLENCE REDUCTION. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND PREPAREDNESS. EVERY DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY HAS A ROLE IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AS YOU'LL SEE WHEN SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS ARE AT THE DAIS LATER THIS MORNING TO TALK ABOUT EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS. THIS SLIDE DOES NOT BEGIN TO CAPTURE ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENT-LEVEL INVESTMENTS IN READYING THE FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM FOR EL NINO OR TRAINING DISASTER SERVICES WORKERS TO STAFF SHELTERS, BUT IT HIGHLIGHTS \$24,200,000 BUDGETED OR SET ASIDE TO EXPAND AND TRANSFORM OUR OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AS WE WORK HARD TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MCCHRYSTAL AFTER-ACTION REPORT, WHICH WAS PRESENTED IN THIS BOARDROOM JUST A FEW DAYS AGO. I'LL ALSO HIGHLIGHT THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR A MEDICAL EXAMINER TO BE READY FOR A MASS CASUALTY LIKE EVENT LIKE A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THIS



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1 SLIDE CALLS OUT INVESTMENTS THAT HELP OUR COMMUNITIES AND
2 LOCAL BUSINESSES THRIVE FROM A BIOSCIENCE PROGRAM FUNDED BY
3 STATE GRANTS AND ONE-TIME COUNTY DOLLARS TO INVESTMENTS IN
4 ARTS GRANTS AND THE PLACE PROGRAM WHICH HELPS PLACE
5 INDIVIDUALS INTO COUNTY JOBS. WE'RE ALSO RECOMMENDING
6 \$2,500,000 TO INCREASE OUR INVESTMENT IN VISION 0 TO REDUCE
7 TRAFFIC FATALITIES ON ROADS AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE
8 COUNTY AND \$1,500,000 FOR THE BUSINESS INTERRUPTION FUND TO
9 PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY
10 UNEXPECTED ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS LIKE EMERGENCIES. WITH THIS
11 INVESTMENT, \$3,500,000 WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE BUSINESS
12 INTERRUPTION FUND THIS FISCAL YEAR. WE ARE ALSO REPLACING
13 \$2,500,000 IN ONE-TIME FUNDING WITH ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE
14 ORGANIZATIONAL ARTS GRANT PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM RELIES FULLY,
15 REMAINS FULLY FUNDED IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT
16 ARTS PLAY IN SOCIAL CONNECTION AND THE QUALITY OF COMMUNITY
17 LIFE. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. LAST ON OUR SLIDES
18 LISTING OUR INVESTMENTS, AND CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, OUR
19 INVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES.
20 THIS INCLUDES \$32,400,000 IN ONE-TIME FUNDING TO SUPPORT OUR
21 ELECTION SYSTEM, WHICH WAS BUILT AND IS MAINTAINED TO ENSURE
22 SECURITY AND TRANSPARENCY AND \$3,700,000 IN FUNDING FOR THE
23 ETHICS COMMISSION AND THE OFFICE OF ETHICS OF ETHICS
24 COMPLIANCE. THIS IS NOT NEW FUNDING RATHER IT COMES FROM
25 FUNDING THAT WAS FREED UP WHEN A STATE FUNDING REQUIREMENT



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1 SUNSET THIS FISCAL YEAR. THE \$3,700,000 IS IN ADDITION TO
2 \$5,900,000 TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER BUDGET UNITS IN PRIOR BUDGET
3 PHASES TO FUND THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED DEPARTMENT, WHICH WILL
4 NOW HAVE 17 STAFF POSITIONS TO SUPPORT THEIR WORK AS
5 ENVISIONED BY MEASURE G AND CONSISTENT WITH THE
6 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE. NEXT
7 SLIDE. INVESTING IN OUR WORKFORCE. UNDERPINNING ALL THE
8 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES I HAVE MENTIONED ARE THE PEOPLE WE RELY
9 ON TO CARRY OUT THIS WORK. THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO A FAIR
10 WAGE AND STRONG BENEFITS IS REFLECTED IN THE ECONOMICS OF OUR
11 BUDGET. I DO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT THE WAGE INCREASES WILL
12 PUT ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON OUR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
13 DEPARTMENTS THIS YEAR WHOSE BUDGETS RELY PRIMARILY ON FEDERAL
14 AND STATE FUNDING. WHILE WE ARE ALLOCATING LOCAL DOLLARS TO
15 COVER THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE 2% COLA, WITHOUT A
16 CORRESPONDING RISE IN FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING THAT HELPS PAY
17 TOTAL SALARIES FOR MOST OF THEIR EMPLOYEES, HEALTH SERVICES,
18 PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, AND OTHER SUBVENE
19 DEPARTMENTS HAD TO IDENTIFY THE REVENUE TO CLOSE THIS GAP IN
20 SOME CASES THAT MAY MEAN THEY ARE UNABLE TO EXPAND SERVICES OR
21 ARE DRAWING FROM RESERVES NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE HIRING FREEZE
22 WE'RE RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD CONTINUE THE CURRENT HIRING
23 FREEZE TO MAINTAIN FISCAL DISCIPLINE AND HELP GENERATE
24 SAVINGS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE ALL EXISTING EXEMPTIONS AND
25 EXCEPTIONS, INCLUDING A BLANKET EXEMPTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT



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1 OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING TO SUPPORT A RAMP-UP IN
2 RECRUITING THERE. AS OF SEPTEMBER 15TH, HSH REPORTED 119
3 VACANCIES OUT OF A TOTAL OF 573 BUDGETED POSITIONS, SO THEY
4 HAVE MORE WORK TO DO TO FILL OUT THOSE VACANT POSITIONS. THE
5 REASON FOR THIS RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WHILE WE CLOSED THE
6 YEAR WITH SUBSTANTIAL FUND BALANCE, IT WAS NOT ENOUGH TO COVER
7 ONE-TIME OPERATING NECESSITIES WITHOUT REALLOCATING FUNDING
8 SET ASIDE FOR OTHER USES. THIS INDICATES THAT DEPARTMENTS ARE
9 OPERATING CLOSE TO ACTUAL BUDGETED FUNDING, AND COUNTYWIDE ARE
10 NOT GENERATING SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS. SAVINGS ARE IMPORTANT
11 BECAUSE DEPARTMENTS RELY ON CARRYOVER AND FUND BALANCE FOR
12 BASIC OPERATIONAL NEEDS IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. FOR EXAMPLE,
13 THIS IS HOW THE ASSESSOR FUNDS ITS OVERTIME NEEDS FOR TIMELY
14 REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT. THIS IS ALSO HOW DEPARTMENTS FUND
15 NEW AND EXISTING CONTRACTED OBLIGATIONS, LIKE THE SELF-HELP
16 LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER BUSINESS
17 AFFAIRS. SO WE BELIEVE THE FREEZE IS STILL NECESSARY, BUT
18 MAINTAINING ALL EXCEPTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS CURRENTLY IN PLACE
19 WILL ENSURE HIGH PRIORITY AND REVENUE FUNDED PROGRAMS AND
20 SERVICES WILL CONTINUE SEAMLESSLY INTO THE FISCAL YEAR. WE
21 WILL REEVALUATE BASED ON DEPARTMENT BUDGET STATUS REPORTS
22 BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER AND AGAIN IN APRIL AND MAY IF THE FREEZE
23 REMAINS IN PLACE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. NEXT STEPS. IF THE BOARD
24 APPROVES THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, THIS WILL BECOME THE FINAL
25 ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 26/27. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE



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1 27/28 RECOMMENDED BUDGET WILL BE GOING OUT SOON AND THE CYCLE
2 WILL START ALL OVER AGAIN. BUDGETING HAS TRULY BECOME A YEAR-
3 ROUND PROCESS GIVEN THE GROWING NEED FOR SERVICES AND EVER-
4 INCREASING SET OF CHALLENGES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO CLOSELY
5 MONITOR CHANGES TO OUR FEDERAL POLICY AND REGULATIONS THAT
6 IMPACT OUR RESIDENTS AND BUDGET. ON THURSDAY, ANOTHER SET OF
7 CHANGES TO MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY AS DICTATED BY H.R.-1 WILL
8 TAKE EFFECT AND CERTAIN NON-CITIZENS WHO PREVIOUSLY QUALIFIED
9 FOR FULL SCOPE MEDI-CAL WILL NO LONGER BE ELIGIBLE. THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES HAS SUBMITTED ITS FISCAL OUTLOOK
11 REPORT, WHICH HIGHLIGHTS THE REVENUE LOSSES IN FALLING MEDI-
12 CAL ENROLLMENT RELATED TO H.R.-1. OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
13 SOCIAL SERVICES IS REACHING OUT TO MEDI-CAL ENROLLEES TO
14 DISCUSS THEIR OPTIONS AND ELIGIBILITY. THE CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL
15 COMMUNICATIONS WORKGROUP ESTABLISHED BY YOUR BOARD TO TRACK
16 THESE CHANGES IS AMPLIFYING MESSAGING FROM MULTIPLE
17 DEPARTMENTS TO RAISE FURTHER AWARENESS. OUR OFFICE WILL
18 CONTINUE TO MONITOR AND EVALUATE NEW POLICIES AND REGULATIONS
19 ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD. WE'RE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF
20 FINALIZING THE LAST OF OUR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS AND BRINGING
21 MOUS FOR ALL OUTSTANDING CONTRACTS TO YOUR BOARD FOR APPROVAL.
22 AND FINALLY, WE WILL BE CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY NEW WAYS TO
23 INCREASE REVENUES AND COSTS IN ORDER TO AVOID FUTURE ACROSS-
24 THE-BOARD CURTAILMENTS. AND AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THIS
25 BUDGET PHASE REFLECTS A REALLOCATION OF \$391,100,000 THAT WAS



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1 SWEPT OR SWAPPED FROM EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES. REALLOCATION
2 HELPS STABILIZE THIS YEAR'S BUDGET BUT INCREASING REVENUES AND
3 DECREASING COSTS ARE STRUCTURAL CHANGES THAT WILL RIGHT-SIZE
4 OUR BUDGET FOR THE FUTURE. SO WE CONTINUE TO WORK HARD ON
5 THOSE CHANGES. I'LL TAKE THE FINAL SLIDE. YOUR BOARD HAS BEEN
6 CHARGED WITH MAKING MANY DIFFICULT DECISIONS THIS YEAR. AS A
7 COUNTY WE HAVE SAID NO TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES WE WISH WE
8 COULD FUND. I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND THE WORK OF YOUR
9 BUDGET DEPUTIES AND OUR OTHER STAFF BRINGING IN THIS BUDGET
10 INTO BALANCE THIS YEAR. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE
11 DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR THEIR ENGAGEMENT, NOT ONLY IN THE BUDGET
12 STABILIZATION EFFORTS, BUT FOR THEIR INTENSITY WITH WHICH THEY
13 HAD TO MANAGE THEIR INDIVIDUAL BUDGETS AND MANAGE EMPLOYEE
14 EXPECTATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD.
15 AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE CEO STAFF THAT HAS ONCE AGAIN
16 WORKED TIRELESSLY TO DELIVER THE BUDGET YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU
17 TODAY. AND WITH THAT, I PRESENT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR
18 CONSIDERATION AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

19
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, JOE NICCHITTA,
21 OUR CEO AND TO YOUR TEAM. I'M GOING TO GIVE THE FOLLOWING
22 ORDER SO BOARD MEMBERS CAN PROCEED IN THAT PROCESS. WE'RE
23 GOING TO START WITH THE 5TH DISTRICT, THE 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, AND I
24 WILL GO LAST. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR BARGER.



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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
2 JOE, FOR TODAY'S PRESENTATION ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET,
3 WHICH IS THE FINAL PHASE IN THE 26/27 BUDGET. AND I'D LIKE TO
4 ALSO THANK YOUR TEAM, MASON MATTHEWS AND THE ENTIRE CEO BUDGET
5 TEAM, WHO'VE WORKED HARD TO ASSESS AND ANALYZE COUNTLESS
6 BUDGET REQUESTS THAT HAVE COME FROM NOT ONLY DEPARTMENTS BUT
7 ALSO FROM THE BOARD AND TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE MOST
8 STRATEGIC ALLOCATIONS OF THESE PRECIOUS RESOURCES. I'D ALSO
9 LIKE TO RECOGNIZE OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS OVER THERE AND THEIR
10 ADMINISTRATIVE TEAMS. I APPRECIATE THE ONGOING PARTNERSHIP OUR
11 DEPARTMENTS HAVE IN MEETING THIS MOMENT TO SUPPORT THE FISCAL
12 CONSTRAINTS WE ARE NOW FACING IN THE COUNTY. SO I WANT TO
13 ACKNOWLEDGE YOU ALL AS WELL. TOGETHER WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF
14 PUBLIC RESOURCES MAKING CAREFUL DECISIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE
15 PROGRAMS THAT OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES RELY ON CONTINUE TO
16 REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE. TODAY'S BUDGET CONTINUES A CYCLE OF
17 FISCAL AUSTERITY WITH LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE. PREPARING A
18 COUNTY BUDGET IS NEVER SIMPLE AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCALE
19 COMPLEXITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES MAKE IT A MASSIVE UNDERTAKING.
20 THIS YEAR'S PROCESS WAS EVEN MORE DEMANDING AS THE COUNTY
21 NAVIGATES ONGOING PRESSURES FROM AB 218 AKA THE GONZALES BILL
22 AND THE SETTLEMENTS THAT WE ARE FORCED TO PUT INTO PLAY AND
23 ALSO THE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS AND ONGOING FEDERAL
24 FUNDING CUTS. WHILE OUR BUDGET CONTINUES TO GROW WE ARE NOW AT
25 \$54,200,000,000. WE KNOW THAT MUCH OF THIS FUNDING IS TIED TO



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1 SPECIFIC PROGRAMS, LEGAL MANDATES, AND OUR ONE-TIME REVENUE
2 SOURCE THAT CANNOT SUPPORT LONG-TERM SERVICE NEEDS. FISCAL,
3 STEWARDSHIP, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY AT THE COUNTY
4 LEVEL, WHERE THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR FUNDING GOES TO
5 ESSENTIAL SAFETY NET SERVICES, MEANS THAT WE ARE GOING TO ALL
6 HAVE DIFFICULT CHOICES TO MAKE. WE MUST STAY WITHIN OUR MEANS
7 WHILE SAFEGUARDING THE CORE SERVICES THAT COMMUNITIES RELY ON
8 THE MOST. AS WE DISCUSS THE COUNTY'S FISCAL OUTLOOK, WE CANNOT
9 LOSE SIGHT OF THE SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES THAT WILL STILL BE
10 NEEDED FOR THE LONG-TERM RECOVERY OF ALTADENA AND THE
11 COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY THE EATON FIRE AS WELL AS THE
12 PALISADES FIRE. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED MORE THAN \$2,000,000,000 IN
13 DAMAGED OR DESTROYED PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE EATON FIRE
14 ALONE. REBUILDING THAT INFRASTRUCTURE WILL REQUIRE RESOURCES
15 WELL BEYOND WHAT THE COUNTY CAN SHOULDER ON ITS OWN. WE HAVE
16 TAKEN STEPS LOCALLY TO CREATE LONG-TERM RESOURCES, INCLUDING
17 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALTADENA ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE
18 FINANCING DISTRICT, BUT AN EIFD IS A LONG-TERM FINANCING TOOL,
19 AND IT WILL TAKE TIME FOR PROPERTY VALUES TO RECOVER AND FOR
20 MEANINGFUL REVENUE TO BE GENERATED. THAT MAKES FEDERAL FUNDING
21 CRITICAL IN THE NEAR TERM. WE CONTINUE TO FACE UNCERTAINTY
22 AROUND FEDERAL DISASTER RECOVERY RESOURCES, INCLUDING
23 HAZARDOUS MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING, WHICH COULD HELP
24 ADVANCE MAJOR RESILIENCY PROJECTS THAT ALTADENA NEEDS.
25 UNDERGROUNDING IS ALSO CRITICAL TO HELPING ALTADENA RESIDENTS



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1 MOVE FORWARD WITH THE REBUILDING. SURVIVORS NEED THE NECESSARY
2 UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE TO RECONNECT THEIR HOMES AND
3 RETURN TO THEIR PROPERTIES, AND WE NEED TO IDENTIFY ENCLOSED
4 FUNDING GAPS THAT COULD OTHERWISE DELAY THE RECOVERY. HUNDREDS
5 OF ALTADENA RESIDENTS REMAIN IN LIMBO AS THEY TRY TO REBUILD,
6 PARTICULARLY THOSE WHOSE PROPERTIES RELY ON SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND
7 NEED A PATH FORWARD TO CONTINUE TO A MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEM.
8 THE PROPOSED SEPTIC TO SEWER PROJECT WOULD SERVE 671 RESIDENTS
9 IN UNINCORPORATED ALTADENA THROUGH THE INSTALLATION OF
10 APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES OF NEW SEWER LINES AND 200 MANHOLES.
11 SECURING FUNDING FOR THE DESIGN OF THIS PROJECT WOULD ALLOW US
12 TO MOVE IT FORWARD AND POSITION THE COUNTY TO PURSUE THE
13 LARGER INVESTMENT NEEDED FOR CONSTRUCTION, GIVING THESE
14 RESIDENTS GREAT CERTAINTY, GREATER CERTAINTY AND THEIR ABILITY
15 TO REBUILD AND RETURN HOME. AND RECOVERY IS NOT JUST ABOUT
16 INFRASTRUCTURE. WE CONTINUE TO SEE SIGNIFICANT DEMAND FOR
17 DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND SURVIVORS WAITING TO BE
18 CONNECTED TO CASE MANAGERS WHO CAN HELP THEM NAVIGATE HOUSING,
19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, REBUILDING, AND OTHER RECOVERY NEEDS.
20 WHILE THE NEED IS SIGNIFICANT, THE COUNTY HAS A ROLE TO PLAY
21 IN HELPING ADDRESS THIS GAP AND ENSURING RESIDENTS ARE NOT
22 LEFT NAVIGATING RECOVERY ON THEIR OWN. WE ALSO NEED TO ENSURE
23 OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE THE RESOURCES AND STAFFING
24 NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT LONG-TERM RECOVERY INCLUDING THE WORK
25 IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY PLAN AND



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1 PERMANENT ORDINANCE BEING DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 REGIONAL PLANNING. I'D ALSO LIKE TO TOUCH ON FUNDING FOR THE
3 HOMELESS. THIS IS THE FIRST FULL BUDGET CYCLE FOR OUR NEWLY
4 CREATED DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING SINCE IT
5 OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED ON JANUARY 1ST. THE BOARD HAS ALREADY
6 APPROVED \$843,000,000 SPENDING PLAN FOR HSH FOR THIS FISCAL
7 YEAR AND THE ONE AND ONE OF THE ADJUSTMENTS TODAY BRINGS
8 \$4,500,000 IN ONE-TIME FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS
9 HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS IN VERY HIGH FIRE SEVERITY ZONES. AND
10 OVER THE WEEKEND, WE HAD A FIRE OFF THE PASADENA FREEWAY THAT
11 WAS A RESULT OF AN ENCAMPMENT THAT CAUGHT ON FIRE. I'M ALSO
12 GRATEFUL THAT THE NEW DEPARTMENT HAS BEGUN MAKING DEEPER
13 INVESTMENTS IN ITS WORKFORCE AND THE CRITICAL 1,300,000
14 INVESTMENT INTO CONTRACT MONITORING WITH KEY STAFF BEING
15 BROUGHT ON TO ASSIST WITH CONTRACTING SERVICES AND OVERSIGHT.
16 WE FOUGHT TO CREATE THIS DEPARTMENT AND I KNOW I FOUGHT HARD
17 SO THAT WE CAN TRACK EVERY HOMELESS SERVICE DOLLAR AND EVERY
18 OUTCOME AND I'M EXCITED TO SEE THAT WORK CONTINUE TO UNFOLD.
19 UNFORTUNATELY, OUR PUBLIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM IS TAKING SOME OF
20 THE HARDEST HITS WITH THE SINGLE MOST CONSEQUENTIAL NUMBER IN
21 THIS PAST YEAR'S BUDGET BEING MORE THAN \$660,000,000 ESTIMATED
22 DECLINE IN FEDERAL REVENUE TO THE SYSTEM UNDER H.R.-1. THE
23 COUNTY'S FOUR HOSPITALS ARE THE BACKBONE OF THE REGION'S
24 SAFETY NET, AND I WILL KEEP PRESSING LAWMAKERS IN SACRAMENTO
25 AND IN WASHINGTON TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO ALL WE CAN TO



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1 PROTECT THEM. THE HEALTH SERVICES FUND BALANCE HAS BEEN ABLE
2 TO KEEP THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS ESSENTIAL SERVICES FUNDED.
3 HOWEVER, THAT IS NOT A SUSTAINABLE SYSTEM. WE WILL HAVE TOUGH
4 TIMES AHEAD IF WE DO NOT ADDRESS THIS ISSUE HEAD-ON. PUBLIC
5 HEALTH HAS ALSO FACED DEEP DECLINES IN FEDERAL FUNDING SUPPORT
6 OVER THE PAST YEAR AND THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE THE LOCAL
7 RESOURCES TO BACKFILL THAT LOSS. I KNOW THAT THE CEO HAS
8 WORKED DILIGENTLY WITH PUBLIC HEALTH TO PRIORITIZE CORE
9 MANDATED PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS SUCH AS DISEASE CONTROL,
10 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SO THAT
11 RESIDENTS STAY PROTECTED EVEN AS FEDERAL PARTNERS STEP BACK.
12 THE FINAL CHANGES IN THE BUDGET THAT THE BOARD ADOPTED IN JUNE
13 INCLUDED NEARLY 900,000,000 IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT
14 RELATED DOLLARS AND 167,000,000 FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS. I
15 KNOW THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WILL CONTINUE TO WORK
16 WITH PUBLIC HEALTH'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL
17 PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT THESE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
18 DOLLARS ARE LEVERAGED TO FUND KEY PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTY. MY
19 PRIORITY ON THIS FRONT REMAINS THE SAME. GETTING MORE
20 TREATMENT BEDS, MORE CRISIS CAPACITY, AND GETTING PEOPLE WITH
21 SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS INTO CARE, NOT CYCLING THROUGH OUR
22 STREETS AND OUR JAILS. HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS DON'T OPERATE
23 IN SILOS, SO NEITHER CAN OUR BUDGETARY INVESTMENTS. EVERY
24 DOLLAR MUST HELP REINFORCE THE OTHERS, FROM HEALTH SERVICES TO
25 HOUSING TO TREATMENT. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE CEO WORK WITH



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1 ALL DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE MAXIMIZING AND
2 LEVERAGING OUR RESOURCES WHENEVER POSSIBLE GIVEN SOME OF THE
3 LATEST FUNDING CHALLENGES. OUR BUDGET REALITY IS PUSHING THE
4 COUNTY TO RETHINK HOW WE WORK, ENCOURAGING INNOVATIVE AND
5 EFFICIENT SOLUTIONS THAT STRENGTHEN OPERATIONS. THE PRUDENT
6 DECISIONS THAT WE MAKE TODAY WILL REINFORCE THE COUNTY
7 STABILITY AND PRESERVE THE FOUNDATION NEEDED TO BUILD
8 STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES IN THE FUTURE. WE MUST
9 CONTINUE TO INVEST WHERE THE NEEDS ARE THE GREATEST AND
10 SAFEGUARD OUR CAPACITY TO RESPOND IN THE FUTURE. AND I JUST
11 HAVE LIKE TWO REALLY SIMPLE QUESTIONS AND ONE IS ON THE HEALTH
12 SERVICES. THE HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT, JOE, HAS RECORDED A
13 \$297,400,000 OPERATING DEFICIT. HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE
14 IN THEIR ENTERPRISE FUND BALANCE AFTER THIS ACTION AND HOW
15 MANY YEARS OF DEFICITS AT THIS LEVEL CAN THE FUND ABSORB?

16
17 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, SUPERVISOR.
18 SO BASED ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE, AFTER THE \$297,400,000
19 DEFICIT, HEALTH SERVICES HAS ABOUT \$1,440,000,000 IN FUND
20 BALANCE AVAILABLE AT THE END OF 25/26. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD
21 AT THEIR FISCAL FORECAST, WHICH IS A CONSERVATIVE FORECAST OF
22 THEIR FUNDING FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR. AND THE FISCAL
23 YEAR AFTER THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, THEY PROJECT EXHAUSTING THEIR
24 FUND BALANCE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 28/29 BUDGET YEAR. AND SO
25 THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOCUSED ON SAVINGS, STRATEGIES,



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1 EFFICIENCIES, PRIMARILY IN THE PRIOR YEAR AND THROUGH THIS
2 YEAR. THEY'VE SAVED ABOUT \$360,000,000 JUST DOING THAT ALONE.
3 AND OF COURSE WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM TO MANAGE
4 THEIR BUDGET, MONITOR IT, MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A VERY LONG
5 RUNWAY BEFORE THERE'S ANY CATASTROPHIC LOSS OF FUNDING THAT
6 WILL IMPACT OUR HOSPITALS.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE I KNOW
9 YEARS AGO WHEN WE WERE GOING THROUGH A HEALTH CRISIS WE
10 ACTUALLY DELEGATED OR DESIGNATED A THURSDAY FOR THE BOARD TO
11 ADDRESS THIS ISSUE ONLY FOR HEALTH GIVEN THAT THE BACKBONE OF
12 REALLY WHAT WE DO AS IT RELATES TO SERVING THOSE THAT ARE
13 UNINSURED, THE SERVICES THAT ARE NECESSARY AND LIFE-SAVING,
14 AND EVEN OUR TRAUMA NETWORK. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD
15 KEEP US UPDATED SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THAT THAT LAUNCHING PASS
16 SO THAT IT'S NOT A CLIFF THAT WE FALL OFF OF. AND THEN LAST
17 BUT NOT LEAST THE BOARD IS COMMITTED TO MAKING INVESTMENTS
18 INTO THE CAPACITY OF HSH AS A NEW DEPARTMENT IS NOW OVERSEEING
19 CONDUCTING OUTREACH FOR THE REGION. THAT INCLUDES SPECIALIZED
20 OUTREACH BETWEEN HSH AND OUR HOST TEAM, SOMETHING THAT I
21 STRONGLY BELIEVE IN. I FUND DELEGATED TEAMS IN MY DISTRICT
22 BECAUSE I'VE SEEN THE SUCCESS OF HOST FIRSTHAND. SO I'M HOPING
23 THAT WE WILL FUND A ROBUST HOST SYSTEM IN THE FUTURE,
24 ESPECIALLY FOCUSED ON CLEANUPS OF ENCAMPMENTS IN THE VERY HIGH
25 FIRE SEVERITY ZONES, WHICH IS CRITICAL TO ENSURING THE SAFETY



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1 OF OUR RESIDENTS AND THE INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING
2 HOMELESSNESS. YOU'VE RECOMMENDED \$4,500,000 FROM THE ONE-TIME
3 FUND BALANCE FOR HSH TO FUND THIS WORK. WHILE THESE ONE-TIME
4 FUNDS WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR ENSURING THE BOARD PRIORITY IS
5 FUNDED, ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT LONG-TERM STRATEGIES FOR
6 ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO KEEP THE CAPACITY NEEDED
7 FOR FISCAL YEARS? AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU ALL, BUT IT'S
8 HARD FOR ME TO EXPLAIN TO MY CONSTITUENTS, MY DISTRICT, THAT
9 WE'RE DOING ONE ENCAMPMENT AT A TIME BECAUSE, AND I KNOW IT'S
10 LABOR INTENSIVE, BUT THERE ARE MANY ENCAMPMENTS THAT I CAN'T
11 FIGURE OUT WHY WE CANNOT DO IT SIMULTANEOUSLY. AND THAT'S ALL
12 I HAVE AFTER THAT QUESTION. I KNOW.

13

14 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** YEAH. THE QUESTION IS, AS I UNDERSTOOD
15 IT, AROUND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YES.

18

19 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** FOR THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM SO THIS IS A
20 CONVERSATION WE'RE HAVING WITH HSH YOU KNOW THEY'RE UNDER
21 EXTREME FINANCIAL STRAIN THEMSELVES WITH THE SIGNIFICANT
22 SIZABLE BUDGET DEFICIT SO THIS YEAR WE WERE ABLE TO FIND ONE-
23 TIME MONEY. IT'S AN ONGOING CONVERSATION WITH THEM ABOUT
24 WHETHER THIS CAN BE ROLLED INTO THEIR OPERATING PLAN FOR NEXT
25 YEAR SO THAT IT BECOMES AN ONGOING COMPONENT OF THE WORK THAT



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1 THEY DO. IF THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE, WE'LL CONTINUE TO TALK TO
2 THEM ABOUT OTHER WAYS OF DOING THAT.

3

4 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** BUT THIS IS THIS IS A PRIORITY PROGRAM
5 AND CERTAINLY RECOGNIZE NOT JUST THE JUST THE HELP THAT WILL
6 COME TO THOSE WHO ARE LIVING IN THOSE ENCAMPMENTS BUT THE RISK
7 REDUCTION TO COMMUNITIES THAT ARE SURROUNDING THOSE
8 ENCAMPMENTS AS WELL.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU AND THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE MOVING ON
13 NOW TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

14

15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR AND
16 GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. THANK YOU MR. NICCHITTA. I WANT TO ECHO
17 SUPERVISOR BARGER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR
18 TEAM, ALL YOU'VE DONE TO LEAD UP TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET
19 PHASE. I'D AGAIN LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO
20 ARE HERE TODAY, AS WELL AS THE CEO'S LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND
21 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS TEAM FOR THEIR STATE BUDGET
22 ADVOCACY IN SACRAMENTO ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY. ALSO WOULD
23 LIKE TO ALIGN MYSELF WITH THE COMMENTS MADE BY SUPERVISOR
24 BARGER WITH REGARD TO FUNDING FOR PATHWAY HOME. IT'S REALLY
25 IMPORTANT THAT THAT PROGRAM CONTINUE. I AGREE THAT WE SHOULD



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1 BE ABLE TO DO MORE THAN ONE AT A TIME. I ALSO AGREE THAT IT IS
2 VERY LABOR INTENSIVE TO DO IT WELL AND THE COUNTY DOES IT
3 WELL. AND SO I'D LIKE TO ALIGN MY COMMENTS WITH YOU TOO. YOU
4 KNOW FROM MY PERSPECTIVE THE BUDGET IS THE MOST IMPORTANT WORK
5 WE DO. IT'S ALSO THE MOST DIFFICULT. AND WHILE WE OVERSEE ONE
6 OF THE LARGEST LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING PLANS IN THE NATION,
7 IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH TO TRULY SERVE THE NEEDS OF OVER
8 10,000,000+ RESIDENTS. FOR SOME PEOPLE THAT'S HARD TO FATHOM,
9 THEY HEAR THE NUMBER, BUT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE BREADTH AND
10 SCOPE OF THE WORK THAT THE COUNTY DOES, IT REMAINS A
11 CHALLENGE. WHEN YOU COUPLE THAT WITH THE FACT THAT THIS YEAR
12 MARKS THE 4TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF SLOWING GROWTH IN OUR
13 LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUES THAT BEGS THE QUESTION. SUPERVISOR
14 HAHN, SEVERAL BOARD MEETINGS AGO, I THINK, SUGGESTED IN HER
15 COMMENTS AROUND THE MOTION THAT THE CEO WAS GOING TO HAVE TO
16 EXERCISE DISCIPLINE WITH REGARD TO FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND I
17 WOULD ARGUE THAT SO ARE WE. AND THAT IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE
18 DISCIPLINE IN OUR ACTIONS IN TERMS OF THE PASSAGE OF OUR
19 BUDGET. IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE DISCIPLINE AND ARE THE MOTIONS
20 WE BRING FORWARD THAT COST MONEY. IT'S GOING TO BE IMPORTANT
21 THAT WE INDEED TRACK THE OUTCOMES OF THE INVESTMENTS THAT WE
22 MAKE. MR. NICCHITTA, ON SLIDE 3 YOU HAD A BOX THAT TALKED
23 ABOUT THE REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES, DECREASE EXPENSES, AND
24 INCREASE REVENUES AS KIND OF THIS THREE-LEGGED STOOL, WHICH IS
25 HOW BUDGETS TEND TO BE FORMED. AND I WANT TO JUST CLARIFY TO



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1 MAKE SURE I UNDERSTOOD YOU. I THINK IT WAS WITH REGARD TO THE
2 REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES, YOU STATED THAT NO PUBLIC SERVICES
3 WERE REDUCED.

4

5 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** THAT'S CORRECT. SO OUR APPROACH TO THAT
6 WAS TO FIND FUNDING THAT WAS UNDERUTILIZED OR THAT COULD BE
7 SWAPPED WITHOUT AN IMPACT TO DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS AS THOUGH
8 THAT WAS OUR NORTH STAR. WE, YOU KNOW, OUR COMMITMENT WAS TO
9 AVOID CURTAILMENTS IF WE CAN. AND WHILE THESE WERE
10 REALLOCATIONS AND CUTS INTERNALLY THEY DID NOT CUT EXTERNAL
11 FACING PROGRAMS.

12

13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT I GUESS MY FOLLOW-UP
14 QUESTION IS WITH REGARD TO THE SECOND LEG OF THAT SCHOOL TO
15 DECREASE EXPENSES COULD WE SAY THE SAME THING NO PUBLIC
16 SERVICE WAS REDUCED?

17

18 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SO THE WORK OF THE WORK OF DECREASING
19 EXPENSES AND INCREASING REVENUE IS ONGOING. THOSE ARE REALLY,
20 AS WE'VE DIVED INTO IT, THOSE ARE REALLY STRUCTURAL ISSUES.
21 THEY'RE REALLY MUCH MORE COMPLICATED. I'LL GIVE YOU ONE
22 EXAMPLE. CIVIL SERVICE RULES DRIVE A LOT OF COST. IT IS REALLY
23 DIFFICULT TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO NAVIGATE THE CIVIL SERVICE
24 RULES IN A WAY THAT MAKES SENSE OPERATIONALLY AND REDUCES YOUR
25 COST. THAT'S JUST ONE EXAMPLE. BUT THOSE ARE, AGAIN, THOSE ARE



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1 FOCUSED ON HOW WE OPERATE. IT'S NOT SO MUCH ELIMINATING
2 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. IT'S MORE ABOUT HOW ARE WE CHARGING
3 EACH OTHER FOR THE WORK THAT WE DO AS AN EXAMPLE, RIGHT? SO
4 THE CENTRAL AGENCIES BILL OTHER DEPARTMENTS, OTHER DEPARTMENTS
5 BILL OTHER DEPARTMENTS, AND THOSE COSTS STACK UP. AND THEN
6 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EFFICIENCIES. SO ARE THERE WAYS TO BE
7 EFFICIENT? I'LL GIVE YOU ONE EXAMPLE OF A WAY THAT WE REDUCED
8 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN COST THAT DIDN'T HAVE AN IMPACT ON
9 ANYBODY. WE CANCELLED A LOT OF LICENSES FOR SYSTEMS, IT
10 SYSTEMS, THAT WERE NOT BEING USED AND THAT GENERATED MILLIONS
11 OF DOLLARS IN SAVINGS ACROSS THE COUNTY. SO THOSE ARE SOME
12 STRAIGHTFORWARD EXAMPLES BUT THE WORK IS REALLY WE'RE KNEE-
13 DEEP IN THAT WORK NOW AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT BECAUSE
14 THOSE ARE THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES THAT WILL SET US UP TO BE
15 MORE SUSTAINABLE RESILIENT GOING FORWARD DESPITE OUR SLOW
16 REVENUE GROWTH AS YOU MENTIONED.

17
18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT CLARIFICATION. I
19 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND THE WAYS IN
20 WHICH YOU ACCOMPLISH DECREASING EXPENSES BECAUSE WHEN YOU MADE
21 THE DECLARED TO STATE BUT NO PUBLIC SERVICE WAS REDUCED ON THE
22 ONE HAND I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC UNDERSTOOD THE
23 WAY IN WHICH YOU WERE APPROACHING DECREASING EXPENSES, SO
24 THAT'S HELPFUL. YOU KNOW, WE'RE ALSO EXPERIENCING THE SECOND
25 YEAR OF NAVIGATING THE IMPACTS OF H.R.-1 AND THE ONSLAUGHT OF



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1 FEDERAL ACTIONS THAT HAVE ELIMINATED MANY OF THE RESOURCES
2 SERVING OUR MOST VULNERABLE CONSTITUENTS, THAT CANNOT BE
3 OVERSTATED. IN SOME CASES, THESE FEDERAL ACTIONS HAVE WEAKENED
4 THE CAPABILITY OF OUR PROGRAMS WITH CRIPPLING FUNDING
5 REDUCTIONS. IN OTHER CASES, THEY HAVE AND WILL DELAY COUNTY
6 SERVICES WITH ADDITIONAL RED TAPE AND BUREAUCRACY. AS WE'VE
7 COME TO UNDERSTAND, H.R.-1 LED TO THE LARGEST REDUCTION OF
8 FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN OUR NATION'S
9 HISTORY. AGAIN, THE IMPACT THAT HAS ON THE STATE BUDGET AND
10 OUR BUDGET IS SIGNIFICANT. AND I'M CLEAR THAT OUR COUNTY
11 BUDGET POLICY STATES THAT WE DON'T BACKFILL FEDERAL FUNDING
12 LOSSES. WE COULDN'T BACKFILL IT EVEN IF WE WANTED TO. BUT I'M
13 ALSO CLEAR THAT WE REMAIN THE SAFETY NET PROVIDER OF LAST
14 RESORT. THAT IS LITERALLY IN STATE STATUTE. THE LANGUAGE
15 MANDATES OUR ROLE AND OUR CONSTITUENTS COUNT ON US TO PROVIDE
16 LIFE-SUSTAINING SERVICES. FAR TOO MANY COUNTY RESIDENTS DON'T
17 HAVE CONSISTENT ACCESS TO THEIR MOST BASIC NEEDS, HEALTH,
18 FOOD, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY, AND THEY RELY ON OUR SERVICES TO
19 MEET THOSE BASIC NEEDS. SO WE SIMPLY CAN'T FALL SHORT EVEN IN
20 OUR CURRENT FISCAL SITUATION. AGAIN, I HOPE THAT THROUGH A
21 DISCIPLINED STRATEGIC APPROACH WE CAN CONTINUE TO DELIVER FOR
22 THEM. WITH REGARD TO H.R.-1 AND WHAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED THUS
23 FAR, NEARLY 380,000 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, NEARLY ONE IN
24 RESIDENTS HAVE ALREADY LOST MEDI-CAL. ONE IN FIVE OF THOSE
25 WHO'VE LOST FULL SCOPE MEDI-CAL ARE OUR COUNTY'S CHILDREN. AND



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1 THE HARM REACHES BEYOND MEDI-CAL. AN ESTIMATED 43,000 L.A.
2 COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO RECEIVE COVERAGE THROUGH COVERED
3 CALIFORNIA STAND TO LOSE THEIR SUBSIDIES. WORK REQUIREMENTS
4 AND THE SIX-MONTH REDETERMINATIONS BEGIN JANUARY 1, 2027. THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES PROJECTS THAT THESE
6 ADMINISTRATIVE MANDATES WILL PUSH MORE THAN 700,000 L.A.
7 COUNTY RESIDENTS OFF MEDI-CAL. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
8 HAS ALSO SEEN A 23% INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS
9 ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT, A RATE DOUBLE THAT OF MOST
10 HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTY, OCCURRING WITHIN A SINGLE YEAR,
11 REMEMBERING THAT DHS SERVES A HIGHER SHARE OF PATIENTS WHO ARE
12 UNDOCUMENTED. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO REALLY INTERNALIZE
13 THOSE NUMBERS, THOSE NUMBERS WHO EQUATE TO ACTUAL PEOPLE,
14 BECAUSE WHEN PEOPLE LOSE COVERAGE THEY OFTEN DELAY CARE UNTIL
15 IT'S AN EMERGENCY AND THIS HAS DEVASTATING IMPACTS ON NOT ONLY
16 PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ENTIRE COMMUNITIES AND OUR
17 COUNTY'S HEALTH CARE INFRASTRUCTURE. FROM OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS
18 TO OUR FQHCs, THE ENTIRE HEALTH CARE INFRASTRUCTURE IS
19 COMPROMISED. AND SO I AM CLEAR AS YOUR LAST SLIDE, NEXT STEPS,
20 THAT THERE WILL BE ONGOING DELIBERATE WORK THROUGH THIS BUDGET
21 CYCLE SO WE CAN FIGURE OUT THE WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN
22 APPROPRIATELY RESPOND. AGAIN, OUR ROLE AS SAFETY NET PROVIDERS
23 OF LAST RESULT IS A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH IN MANY CASES, SO
24 WE MUST GUIDE OUR FISCAL DECISIONS ACCORDINGLY. I APPRECIATED
25 SLIDE 10, SOME OF THE KEY INVESTMENTS YOU TALKED ABOUT. I'LL



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1 TOUCH ON SOME OF THOSE AS WELL. I WAS HAPPY TO SEE INVESTMENTS
2 IN PROGRAMS THAT CONNECT PEOPLE TO CARE EARLIER. THIS IS IN
3 THE PUBLIC SAFETY REALM AND SUPPORT YOUTH REENTRY. AN EXAMPLE
4 IS THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S HOLISTIC EARLY ASSESSMENT AND LINKAGE
5 PROGRAM AND THE YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAM AT SECURE YOUTH
6 TREATMENT FACILITIES. WAS PLEASED TO SEE AN INCREASE IN
7 STAFFING FOR OUR OWN DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGAIN TO
8 SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS IN OUR JUVENILE CAMPS AND HALLS. AND
9 WHILE WE'RE MOVING TO INVEST MORE IN OUR BROADER CARE FIRST,
10 JAILS LAST, AND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED VISION, THERE ARE
11 STILL SOME AREAS THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM A DEEPER EVALUATION
12 TO ENSURE OUR BUDGET AND INVESTMENTS DON'T CONTRADICT EACH
13 OTHER. ONE EXAMPLE, THE D.A.'S OFFICE RECEIVED MORE DOLLARS
14 FOR THEIR DIVERSION AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE INTERVENTION
15 PROGRAM. HOWEVER, I CONTINUE TO WONDER IF THEY ARE BEST
16 POSITIONED TO LEAD ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES,
17 ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE A NUMBER OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE
18 TRUSTED IN COMMUNITY TO DO THIS VERY WORK. I ALSO WANT TO
19 RECOGNIZE THE INVESTMENTS MADE IN THE JAIL CLOSURE
20 IMPLEMENTATION TEAMS YEAR ONE REQUIRED ACTIONS FOR JAIL
21 CLOSURE. THESE INVESTMENTS MUST BE MADE ACROSS ALL DEPARTMENTS
22 THAT PLAY A ROLE IN JAIL CLOSURE. OUR INVESTMENTS MUST BE A
23 PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY NOT A COLLECTION OF
24 DISCONNECTED PROGRAMS. EARLY INTERVENTION, HOLISTIC
25 PREVENTATIVE SERVICES, AND REENTRY SUPPORT ARE STRATEGIES THAT



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1 WE KNOW WORK. HOWEVER, WE CONTINUE TO SYSTEMATICALLY INVEST
2 MORE DOLLARS INTO TRADITIONAL LAW AND ORDER APPROACHES INSTEAD
3 OF TOWARDS SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THAT REFLECT THE BOARD'S CARE
4 FIRST COMMITMENT AND TRUE FROM MY PERSPECTIVE PUBLIC SAFETY.
5 MOVING ON TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGAIN I'M GLAD TO SEE
6 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
7 OPPORTUNITIES BUSINESS INTERRUPTION FUND BECAUSE THESE ARE
8 CRITICAL DOLLARS THAT HELP BUSINESSES STAY OPEN, WORKERS
9 REMAIN EMPLOYED, AND OUR COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS STAY ALIVE. WE
10 KNOW THAT THESE FUNDS ARE CRITICAL BECAUSE IT'S NOT A QUESTION
11 OF IF WE'LL FACE ANOTHER ECONOMIC CRISIS, BUT FRANKLY WHEN.
12 AND WE'VE GOT TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN
13 PLACE TO REMAIN ECONOMICALLY RESILIENT. AND THAT'S WHY I'M
14 COMMITTED TO MAKING SURE OUR OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS HAS THE
15 STAFFING AND SUPPORT IT NEEDS TO CARRY OUT THIS RESILIENCY
16 WORK. AGAIN, WITH REGARD TO KEY INVESTMENTS, VISION ZERO, I
17 APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH. I THINK IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT THE
18 DEPARTMENT FOCUS THESE RESOURCES ON THE MOST AT-RISK PUBLIC
19 ROADS AND COMMUNITIES WITH THE HIGHEST NEEDS FOR IMPROVEMENT
20 TO ENSURE SAFE TRANSPORTATION FOR PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS, AND
21 DRIVERS. LASTLY, YOU REFERENCE ELECTION SECURITY. AND I CAN
22 SIT HERE AS WE ALL COULD IN DAYDREAM WHAT ELSE WE COULD SPEND
23 \$32,000,000 ON BUT GIVEN THE TIMES IN WHICH WE WERE LIVING AND
24 THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE WERE FACING I'M GLAD THAT WE AS A COUNTY
25 ACKNOWLEDGE THE ROLE WE PLAY IN GUARANTEEING A SAFE ELECTION



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1 PROCESS THAT EVERY VOTER IN L.A. COUNTY FEELS A HIGH LEVEL OF
2 CONFIDENCE IN THAT THEIR VOTE WILL BE COLLECTED, TABULATED,
3 THAT THOSE WORKING AT THE NEW GREAT CENTER WILL BE SAFE FROM
4 PEOPLE WHO CHOOSE TO BRING THEM HARM OR DO HARM OR TO ATTEMPT
5 TO DISENFRANCHISE SOME OF US FROM OUR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO
6 PARTICIPATE IN OPEN FREE PUBLIC ELECTIONS AND SO THANK YOU FOR
7 THE \$32,000,000 INVESTMENT. I WISH IT WASN'T NECESSARY. IN
8 CLOSING, AS WE PREPARE FOR TRANSITIONS AT THE STATE AND
9 FEDERAL LEVELS NEXT YEAR, I HOPE THAT WE REMEMBER THAT WE MAY
10 FACE THE SAME CHALLENGES AGAIN. THE ECONOMY AND HOUSING MARKET
11 AREN'T SHOWING SIGNS OF ACCELERATED GROWTH. IN FACT, MORTGAGE
12 INTEREST RATES CONTINUE TO HOVER AROUND THE 7% RANGE AND WE
13 DON'T KNOW YET HOW THE NEXT STATE ADMINISTRATION'S FISCAL
14 DECISIONS WILL IMPACT US. THEREFORE, AGAIN, I THINK WE'RE
15 GOING TO HAVE TO REMAIN STEADFAST, ADOPT THE CONCEPT OF
16 DISCIPLINED APPROACH, BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT OUR ROLE IS IN THE
17 OVERALL COMPLEXITY OF GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND WHO PAYS
18 FOR WHAT, WHO GETS WHAT WHEN, AND MAKING SURE THAT AS A SAFETY
19 NET PROVIDER OF LAST RESORT WE CONTINUE TO FIGHT TO MAKE SURE
20 WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF EVERY L.A. COUNTY
21 RESIDENT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET'S GO ON TO
24 SUPERVISOR HORVATH.



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1 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO
2 START BY THANKING EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE BUDGETING PROCESS
3 FOR THEIR WORK, ESPECIALLY OUR CEO, HIS BUDGET STAFF, AND ALL
4 OF THE DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING OUR AUDITOR, CONTROLLER, AND
5 BOARD OFFICE STAFF. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I ALSO WANT TO THANK
6 ADVOCATES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS WHO
7 HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN OUR BUDGETING PROCESS AND WHO WILL
8 CONTINUE TO BE IN THE FUTURE. AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK
9 JOHN LEONARD IN MY OFFICE AS WELL. FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, OUR
10 BUDGET HAS BEEN DIFFERENT THAN YEARS BEFORE. WE HAVE BEEN
11 FACED WITH MANY SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL NEEDS AND CHALLENGES,
12 INCLUDING THE COST OF AB 218 SETTLEMENTS, THE FINANCIAL
13 IMPACTS FROM THE JANUARY 2025 WILDFIRES, AND THE NEED TO
14 PROVIDE FAIR COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR OUR COUNTY
15 WORKFORCE, AS WELL AS REDUCTIONS IN FEDERAL FUNDING. LAST
16 YEAR, WE IMPLEMENTED CURTAILMENTS TO RESERVE FUNDS FOR SOME OF
17 THESE NEEDS AND CHALLENGES AND THROUGHOUT LAST YEAR AND INTO
18 THIS YEAR, WE CONTINUE TO REMAIN FINANCIALLY PRUDENT,
19 INCLUDING MAKING INTERNAL ADJUSTMENTS AND LOOKING CLOSELY AT
20 OUR BUDGET TO SEE WHERE ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS COULD BE MADE
21 WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTAL CURTAILMENTS. THIS WORK
22 HAS PAID OFF. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE A BALANCED BUDGET AND ARE
23 ABLE TO UTILIZE BOTH ONE-TIME AND ONGOING FUNDING FOR KEY
24 COUNTY PROGRAMS. LAST YEAR DURING THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, I
25 ASKED OUR CEO WHAT WAS BEING DONE TO MAKE SURE THE SHERIFF'S



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DEPARTMENT WAS MAKING EFFORTS TO BE MORE EFFICIENT, EITHER IN
TERMS OF RESOURCE DEPLOYMENT, REORGANIZATION, OR STAFFING
IMPROVEMENTS, TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE ALSO CONTRIBUTING TO
SOLVING OUR BUDGET CHALLENGES. THIS QUESTION CAME AT A TIME OF
CURTAILMENT WHICH THE DEPARTMENT DID NOT TAKE AND SO I THINK
THE SAME QUESTION IS APPROPRIATE THIS YEAR SINCE LASD RECEIVES
MORE FUNDING THAN ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT, AND WE CONTINUE TO BE
ASKED BY OUR CONSTITUENTS REGARDING THEIR FUNDING. SO I WOULD
START WITH OUR CEO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO WORK WITH OUR
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO BE MORE EFFICIENT, TO ASSIST WITH OUR
BUDGET CHALLENGES, AND HAS ANYTHING CHANGED SINCE THE LAST
TIME I ASKED IN OUR BUDGETING PROCESS?

JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA: YES, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THAT QUESTION.
IN TERMS OF THE DEFICIT ITSELF THIS YEAR, THE SHERIFF'S
DEFICIT IS AT \$106,000,000. IT'S A LITTLE BIT MISLEADING THIS
YEAR BECAUSE \$24,000,000 OF THAT IS ACTUALLY BECAUSE OF
DELAYED FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE EMERGENCIES AND SO IT
ACTUALLY ADDED TO THEIR DEFICIT AT YEAR-END BECAUSE THEY
DIDN'T RECEIVE THE FUNDING THAT WE HAD EXPECTED TO RECEIVE. OF
THE REMAINDER OF \$87,000,000 IS BECAUSE OF OVERTIME COSTS AND
WORKERS' COMPENSATION, AND AN ADDITIONAL \$24,000,000 IS DUE TO
LAWSUITS AND LIABILITIES. SO WHEN WE THINK ABOUT WHAT IS
DRIVING OUR DEFICIT, OVERTIME, WORKERS' COMP, AND LAWSUITS,
AND WE FOCUS ON EFFICIENCIES, LET ME JUST LIST THROUGH SOME OF



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1 THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON SINCE LAST YEAR. THE
2 FIRST IS RELATED TO SETTLEMENTS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS
3 AND OF COURSE I'VE ASKED DESTINY CASTRO OUR RISK MANAGER TO
4 BECOME MUCH MORE INVOLVED IN HELPING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
5 AND THE COUNTY FOLLOW UP ON CAPS, MAKE SURE THEY'RE
6 APPROPRIATELY IMPLEMENTED, AND REDUCE OVERALL LIABILITY. I
7 BELIEVE SHE NOW PRESENTS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTER
8 REGULARLY WITH UPDATES ON THAT. WE HAVE SEEN SOME SUCCESS
9 HERE. WE'VE SEEN USE OF FORCE CASES GOING DOWN. WE'VE SEEN
10 AUTO LIABILITY GOING UP. SO NOW WE HAVE TO KIND OF SHIFT OUR
11 FOCUS ON THAT. SO THAT'S ONE BIG ASPECT OF IT. OF COURSE,
12 THERE'S A LOT MORE WORK TO DO. AND A LOT OF THE CASES YOU'RE
13 SEEING ARE FROM YEARS PAST, BUT WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE CASES
14 FROM THIS YEAR SHOW UP IN THREE YEARS OR FOUR YEARS. SO WE'RE
15 REALLY FOCUSED ON THAT. I THINK FOR THE OVERTIME, I MEAN,
16 RECRUITMENT IS REALLY A RECRUITMENT AND RETURN TO WORK ARE
17 REALLY HUGE ISSUES. AND OF COURSE, RECRUITMENT IS CHALLENGING
18 FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES RIGHT NOW. WE ACTUALLY HAVE A
19 NEW WRINKLE, WHICH IS A METRO PD IS COMING ONLINE, WHICH WILL
20 COMPETE INTERNALLY IN OUR REGION FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. THE
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS RETAINED A CONSULTANT THAT IS
22 ACTUALLY DOING SOME REALLY INTERESTING WORK ON THE RECRUITMENT
23 SIDE. AND WE'LL SHARE WITH YOUR OFFICES SOME OF THE MATERIALS
24 THAT THEY'VE PUT OUT AND SOME OF THE RECRUITMENT VIDEOS THEY
25 HAVE WHICH ARE BELIEVE IT OR NOT INCREASING RECRUITS WHO ARE



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1 SHOWING UP FOR ACADEMY CLASSES AS WELL. WE'VE EXPANDED ACADEMY
2 CLASSES FROM FOUR TO EIGHT TO ACCOMMODATE SOME OF THAT
3 INCREASED INTEREST. CIVILIANIZATION EFFORTS IS A BIG THING FOR
4 US AND I KNOW MY TEAM IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE SHERIFF'S
5 TEAM. CIVILIANIZATION BASICALLY MEANS IN THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT YOU HAVE SWORN PERSONNEL WHO ARE DOING THINGS THAT
7 ANOTHER DEPARTMENT ARE DONE BY A NON-SWORN PERSON. IT COSTS
8 MORE, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THAT'S A SWORN PERSONNEL THAT'S
9 NOT OCCUPYING A SWORN FIELD POSITION. AND SO WE'RE WORKING
10 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO MOVE FOLKS OUT OF THE ADMIN
11 SIDE IF THEY'RE SWORN AND PUT THEM IN PLACES WHERE THEY CAN
12 REDUCE THE OVERTIME BURDEN FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO
13 THAT'S AN ONGOING EFFORT AS WELL. CONTRACT RATES, SO PART OF
14 THE DEFICIT IS BECAUSE THE SHERIFF WORKS ON A LOT OF CONTRACT
15 WORK AND WE ARE NOT NECESSARILY CHARGING EVERYTHING WE CAN VIA
16 THESE CONTRACTS. SO THAT'S ANOTHER EFFORT TO RIGHT-SIZE OUR
17 CONTRACT RATES. I REALIZE THERE'S A LOT OF SENSITIVITIES THERE
18 BUT IT'S AN ONGOING PROCESS AND ULTIMATELY SOMETHING WE CAN
19 BRING BACK TO THE BOARD OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO HELP DEFRAY SOME
20 OF THE COSTS THAT WE ARE BEARING FOR CONTRACT WORK, WHETHER
21 IT'S A CONTRACT CITY OR YOU KNOW AN ENTITY THAT CONTRACTS WITH
22 US FOR SECURITY SERVICES OR SOMETHING OF THAT NATURE. LAST
23 THING I'LL MENTION IS SPEED OF CONTRACT WORK IS A REDUCTION IN
24 CONTRACT CONTRACTED SECURITY SO AGAIN, THE SHERIFF DOES A LOT
25 OF CONTRACTED SECURITY WORK FOR FACILITIES PRIMARILY COUNTY



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1 FACILITIES, BUT NOT JUST COUNTY FACILITIES. THEY ALSO CONTRACT
2 FOR SERVICES IN OTHER AGENCIES THE SHERIFF IS REEVALUATING
3 THAT BRINGING A LOT OF THOSE CONTRACTS TO A CLOSE SO THAT THEY
4 CAN TAKE THOSE SWORN PERSONNEL THAT ARE ASSIGNED TO CONTRACT
5 DUTY, BRING THEM BACK TO CORE DUTIES IN THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT, AND AGAIN, REDUCE THAT OVERTIME NEED. SO THERE'S A
7 LOT HAPPENING. WE HAVE MORE WORK TO DO AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO
8 REPORT REGULARLY IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTER ON THE
9 CONSTELLATION OF EFFORTS THAT IS ONGOING.

10
11 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT PROGRESS IS
12 BEING MADE I WOULD ALSO SAY YOU KNOW YOU HIGHLIGHTED ONE TOPIC
13 THAT COMES UP FROM TIME TO TIME, WHICH IS CONTRACT CITY RATES.
14 ANOTHER TOPIC THAT COMES UP FROM TIME TO TIME IS THE
15 DISCUSSION AROUND A REPLACEMENT FACILITY FOR MEN'S CENTRAL
16 JAIL. AND GIVEN WHAT YOU HAVE HIGHLIGHTED, I WANT TO
17 UNDERSTAND, IS THERE FUNDING SET ASIDE FOR THAT KIND OF
18 CONVERSATION JUST BECAUSE WHEN THESE CONVERSATIONS COME TO US
19 THEY UNDERSTANDABLY THEN GET CREATE FEEDBACK FROM THE
20 COMMUNITY AND I WANT TO BE REALLY CLEAR ABOUT HOW PREPARED WE
21 ARE TO TAKE ON SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

22
23 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SPECIFICALLY TO THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S
24 CENTRAL JAIL?



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SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: AND INVESTING IN A NEW FACILITY.

JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA: AND INVESTING IN A NEW FACILITY. SO
ESSENTIALLY, HERE'S WHERE WE'RE AT. WE HAVE INVESTED HUNDREDS
OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PROGRAMS TO DATE THAT FOCUS ON
DIVERSION AND DECARCERATION AND KEEPING OUR JAIL POPULATION AT
A PLACE WHERE WE CAN START TO TALK ABOUT THE MECHANICS OF
MOVING FOLKS OUT OF MCJ AND CLOSING THAT FACILITY. WE'VE ADDED
TO THAT THIS BUDGET PHASE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE OUR
INVESTMENTS IN WHAT WE'RE TERMING THE REQUIRED ACTIONS, WHICH
ARE NECESSARY BUT NOT SUFFICIENT TO CLOSE IN THE JAIL. WE
TALKED ABOUT AT THE LAST PRESENTATION WHEN JCIT WAS UP HERE
TALKING ABOUT THEIR FRAMEWORK, THE NEED TO ALSO LOOK AT OUR
FACILITY FOOTPRINT. AND IF YOU GO BACK TO JCIT'S REPORT, YOU
WILL NOTICE THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES JUST BY
ENHANCING EXISTING FACILITIES TO MOVE PEOPLE AT SCALE OUT OF
MCJ. IT WOULDN'T CLOSE MCJ, BUT IT WOULD CERTAINLY GET US
CLOSER TO THAT MILESTONE. IN TERMS OF FUNDING, YOU KNOW, EVERY
PROJECT IS SORT OF APPROACHED INDIVIDUALLY. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
A CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, WE HAVE A VERY SPECIFIC WAY OF
COMING TO THE BOARD WITH DESIGN AND FUNDING FOR DESIGN AND
THEN FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION. WE HAVE REQUESTED \$1,500,000 IN
THIS BUDGET. THAT'S AN ONGOING LINE ITEM FOR JCIT TO HELP US
PAY FOR THOSE ONGOING FACILITY NEEDS AND FACILITY COSTS
BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT WITHOUT SOME FACILITY INVESTMENTS, WE'RE



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1 NOT GOING TO ACCOMPLISH THE METRICS THAT JCIT SET FORTH IN
2 THEIR MOTION. AND WE REALLY NEED TO START FROM A POSITION OF
3 WHAT OUR POPULATION NEEDS RATHER THAN AN ASSUMPTION ABOUT WHAT
4 FACILITIES WE NEED. SO WE'VE STARTED THERE. AND FROM THERE, WE
5 PLAN TO WORK WITH YOUR BOARD TO OUTLINE WHAT OUR FOLKS NEED TO
6 START MOVING THEM OUT OF MCJ RIGHT NOW. AND WE'VE STARTED A
7 LITTLE BIT OF THAT WITH THE URGENT CARE CENTER AND SOME OF THE
8 OTHER THINGS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE JCIT REPORT, BUT THERE'S A LOT
9 MORE WORK TO DO. SO WE HAVE A RELATIVELY SMALL LINE ITEM, BUT
10 AN IMPORTANT ONE TO HELP US CONTINUE TO DO THAT.

11
12 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU'RE PRIORITIZING
13 BASED ON NEED. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF CAPITAL NEEDS
14 NOT ONLY WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUT COUNTYWIDE FOR
15 DIFFERENT ISSUES AND SO IF WE'RE PRIORITIZING CAPITAL
16 INVESTMENTS I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE'S TRANSPARENCY
17 AROUND HOW WE'RE MAKING THOSE CHOICES.

18
19 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** YES

20
21 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** PREVIOUSLY WE HEARD FROM YOUR
22 DEPARTMENT ABOUT EFFORTS TO BRING DEPARTMENT HEADS TOGETHER TO
23 FIND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO MAKE THE COUNTY MORE EFFICIENT AND TO
24 REDUCE COSTS. SO CAN YOU PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE BUDGETARY
25 WORK THAT YOU AND OUR RELEVANT DEPARTMENT HEADS HAVE BEEN



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1 UNDERTAKING TO CUT COSTS AND TO MAKE EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS
2 INCLUDING CENTRAL AGENCY BILLING AS WELL AS RIGHT SIZING OF
3 FEES TO MATCH COSTS.

4
5 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** YEAH, OF COURSE. SO I MENTIONED, I THINK
6 IN RESPONSE TO PERHAPS TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S QUESTION THAT
7 THE WORK OF THOSE PARTICULAR WORKING GROUPS, THE FEE POLICY
8 WORK GROUP, THE CENTRAL BILLING, CIVIL SERVICE REFORM, NAMING
9 RIGHTS, THAT IS REALLY LOOKING AT STRUCTURAL CHANGES THAT WILL
10 HELP US SUSTAIN OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES GOING FORWARD MORE
11 SO THAN REALLOCATIONS AND SWEEPS AND SWAPS. I THINK WE'RE
12 PRETTY CLOSE SUPERVISOR TO START BRIEFING OUT SOME OF THOSE
13 OUTCOMES. IT REALLY IS A ROLLING PROCESS WHERE WE'VE TACKLED
14 LOW-HANGING FRUIT FIRST. IT'S TRAILING BEHIND THE
15 REALLOCATIONS AND THE SWEEPS AND THE SWAPS BECAUSE THOSE WERE
16 RELATIVELY STRAIGHTFORWARD BUDGET ACTIONS. BUT WE'VE MADE A
17 LOT OF PROGRESS AND I'LL JUST HIGHLIGHT FOR THE FEES AS WELL
18 IN PARTICULAR. WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FOR FEES IS NOT SO
19 MUCH INCREASING EVERY FEE TO RECOVER OUR MAXIMUM DOLLAR. WE'RE
20 TALKING ABOUT IT IN A MORE HOLISTIC WAY. WE WANT TO LOOK AT A
21 POLICY FOR HOW THE COUNTY APPROACHES ITS FEES AND WE ALSO WANT
22 TO LOOK AT DEPARTMENTAL EFFICIENCIES AS WELL BECAUSE WE KNOW
23 THE EXPECTATION WILL BE IF WE COME IN FOR A FEE INCREASE THE
24 QUESTION WILL BE WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE
25 SO YOU'RE NOT PASSING ON UNNEEDED COSTS TO THOSE WHO ARE



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1 PAYING THE FEES. SO AGAIN, IT'S A LITTLE MORE COMPLICATED BUT
2 WE'RE QUITE A BIT A WAYS DOWN THE ROAD AND SO I WOULD EXPECT
3 THAT AS A NEXT STEP, WE WOULD BRIEF, START BRIEFING OUR STAFFS
4 AND THEN HAVE SOME OF THESE WORK GROUPS COME TO THE BOARD AND
5 PRESENT SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS DIRECTLY.

6
7 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND I WOULD ADD IF WE'RE INCREASING
8 COSTS, WHAT WILL WHOMEVER IS PAYING THOSE INCREASED FEES, WHAT
9 WILL THEY SEE THAT'S DIFFERENT, THAT'S AN ADDED BENEFIT
10 BECAUSE I THINK THAT ALSO NEEDS TO BE PART OF THE
11 CONVERSATION. NEXT I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE KEY NEW
12 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS IN OUR BUDGET. ONE OF THE MAIN TAKEAWAYS
13 IN OUR BUDGET IS EMERGENCY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT, BOTH HOW
14 WE PREPARE FOR UNFORESEEN INCIDENTS AND HOW WE RESPOND TO
15 THEM. OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS WE'VE SEEN MANY INCIDENTS
16 INCLUDING THE JANUARY 2025 WILDFIRES, THE LINEAGE FIRE, THE
17 LAND MOVEMENT ON THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA, WINTER STORMS,
18 AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE IMPACTS TO OUR SHORELINES FROM
19 RECORD HIGH TIDES AND WAVES PRESENTLY. WE HAVE LEARNED LESSONS
20 FROM THESE INCIDENTS, AND AS SHOWN MOST RECENTLY BY THE AFTER-
21 ACTION REPORT, WE RECEIVED TWO WEEKS AGO FROM THE MCCHRYSTAL
22 GROUP. WE'VE ALREADY BEGUN TO UNDERTAKE SOME OF THE ACTIONS
23 NECESSARY TO STRENGTHEN OUR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND
24 RESPONSE, INCLUDING ADDING 44 POSITIONS TO OUR OFFICE OF
25 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. AND DURING OUR BUDGET PHASE WE ARE GOING



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1 EVEN FURTHER. WE'RE ALLOCATING OVER \$20,000,000 TO SUPPORT OUR
2 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS FACILITIES, PROVIDING \$20,000,000 TO
3 ESTABLISH A REVOLVING LOAN FOR THE REBUILD AUTHORITY STARTUP
4 COSTS. WE'RE ALLOCATING \$13,700,000 FOR REBUILD PERMIT FEE
5 WAIVERS, ALLOCATING NEARLY \$10,000,000 FOR OUR SHERIFF'S
6 COMPUTER AID DISPATCH SYSTEM, AND UTILIZING NEARLY \$5,000,000
7 TO ADDRESS HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT INTERVENTION IN VERY HIGH FIRE
8 SEVERITY ZONES. WE'RE RESERVING AN ADDITIONAL \$4,000,000 FOR
9 THE EXPANSION OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,
10 INCREASING OUR BUSINESS INTERRUPTION FUND BY \$1,500,000
11 ANNUALLY, ESTABLISHING A \$1,500,000 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY
12 RESILIENCY FUND TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO COMMUNITY NEEDS IN A
13 DISASTER, AND WE'RE ALLOCATING \$1,200,000 FOR A WILDFIRE JPA
14 STUDY. IN TOTAL, THAT \$77,000,000 INVESTED IN EMERGENCY
15 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE DURING THIS BUDGET PHASE. WE
16 UNDERSTAND THAT IN L.A. COUNTY THERE WILL ALWAYS BE
17 EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS BUT WITH THE RIGHT PREPARATION AND
18 RESPONSE WE CAN MITIGATE THE IMPACTS. AND OVER THE PAST YEAR
19 WE'VE MADE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO HOW OUR HOMELESS SERVICES
20 RESPONSE IS MANAGED, AS HAS ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED, INCLUDING
21 CREATING THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING.
22 BUT RESPONDING TO THOSE ALREADY EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IS
23 ONLY A PART OF WHAT'S NEEDED TO REDUCE AND END HOMELESSNESS.
24 WE MUST ALSO PREVENT THOSE VULNERABLE TO HOMELESSNESS FROM
25 FALLING INTO IT IN THE FIRST PLACE. AND PREVENTION IS KEY TO



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1 SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING HOMELESSNESS AND RELATED COSTS. IN THIS
2 BUDGET WE'RE RECOMMITTING TO OUR INVESTMENTS IN PREVENTION,
3 INCLUDING CONTINUING TO FUND THE SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS
4 CENTERS, WHICH PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO SOME OF THE MOST
5 VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, INCLUDING MANY FACING EVICTION.
6 WE'RE ALLOCATING \$11,500,000 FOR THE STAY-HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM,
7 PROVIDING \$10,000,000 TO DCBA FOR THE EMERGENCY RENTAL
8 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND ALLOCATING NEARLY \$1,000,000 TO
9 PROGRAMS TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING AND OVER
10 \$500,000 TO DCBA'S EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE HOTLINE. WE'RE
11 ALSO INVESTING NEARLY \$500,000 IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS,
12 BUT WE TRULY NEED MORE INVESTMENTS. MOVING FORWARD, I'LL BE
13 WORKING TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
14 PREVENTION AND PROTECTION. THESE FUNDS NOT ONLY CRITICALLY,
15 NOT ONLY ARE THEY CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO THOSE UTILIZING THE
16 SERVICES, BUT WE ALSO NEED INVESTMENT IN MORE DOMESTIC
17 VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS. IN THIS
18 BUDGET PHASE WE'RE ALSO ALLOCATING \$163,000,000 IN ONE-TIME
19 FUNDS FOR HOMELESS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. SO FOR OUR CEO, FOR
20 THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, CAN YOU OUTLINE WHERE THIS
21 \$163,000,000 IN FUNDING IS GOING?

22
23 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SURE. SO OF THE \$162,900,000 IN NCC, SOME
24 OF THE HIGH-LEVEL BUCKETS OF FUNDING INCLUDE \$90,700,000 FOR
25 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OPERATIONS AND FOR INTERIM



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1 HOUSING IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALLIANCE LAWSUIT. WE HAVE
2 ANOTHER \$26,500,000 IN BOARD-DIRECTED INVESTMENTS, \$20,500,000
3 FOR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS, ANOTHER \$5,600,000 FOR
4 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATED TO CLOSING OUT PROJECT ROOMKEY,
5 AND WE HAVE THE \$4,500,000 I MENTIONED FOR THE VERY HIGH FIRE
6 HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES AMONG SOME SMALLER INVESTMENTS LISTED SO
7 REALLY THE BULK OF THAT IS GOING TO CORE SERVICES, HOUSING,
8 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND INTERIM HOUSING AS WELL AS
9 ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS.

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE
12 LOOKING THROUGH DIFFERENT LENSES AT HOW WE'RE SPENDING OUR
13 FUNDING ON HOMELESS SERVICES AND ALL KINDS OF HOUSING
14 SOLUTIONS SO IT'S HELPFUL TO KNOW WHERE THAT MONEY IS EXACTLY
15 GOING AS I ASSUME WILL CONTINUE TO BE ASKED ABOUT THAT FOR
16 MANY DIFFERENT REASONS. ALSO IN THIS BUDGET PHASE, WE'RE
17 CONTINUING TO IMPLEMENT MEASURE G, THE ONCE IN A CENTURY
18 GOVERNANCE REFORM APPROVED BY VOTERS IN 2024. TODAY WE'LL BE
19 APPROVING NEARLY \$10,000,000 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
20 ETHICS COMMISSION AND THE OFFICE OF ETHICS COMPLIANCE. THIS
21 BUDGET ALLOCATION WILL INCLUDE 17 POSITIONS TO ESTABLISH THE
22 OFFICE AS WELL AS OTHER FUNDS NECESSARY FOR ITS STARTUP.
23 GREATER ETHICS OVERSIGHT IS SOMETHING THAT THE VOTERS HAVE
24 BEEN ASKING FOR AND WITH THIS BUDGET ALLOCATION WE ARE
25 DELIVERING. OUR WORKFORCE IS ALSO CRITICALLY IMPORTANT AND I'M



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1 GLAD WE'RE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COST OF LIVING
2 ADJUSTMENTS FOR OUR BARGAINING UNITS. WITHOUT OUR WORKFORCE
3 THE COUNTY SIMPLY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FUNCTION AT THE LEVELS
4 THAT WE DO. AND AS WE MOVE FORWARD, I HOPE WE CONTINUE TO FIND
5 CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO OUR BUDGETARY CHALLENGES. WITH THAT IN
6 MIND, MY FINAL QUESTION FOR OUR CEO, WHAT WILL YOU BE
7 EXPECTING FROM DEPARTMENTS AS WE LOOK AT THE WORK FOR FISCAL
8 YEAR 27/28 BUDGET AND THE UPCOMING MONTHS? AND WHAT WILL LOOK
9 DIFFERENT THAN IN THE PAST?

10

11 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SO, THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. YOU KNOW,
12 WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO FACE FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS. I THINK
13 THAT'S THE FIRST THING THAT EVERYBODY SHOULD RECOGNIZE. AND IN
14 DOING SO, I THINK THERE'S A COUPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
15 DEPARTMENTS, AND FOR ME IN PARTICULAR, WORKING WITH
16 DEPARTMENTS THAT I SHOULD HIGHLIGHT. FIRST IS THERE ARE THINGS
17 WITHIN DEPARTMENTS' CONTROL THAT THEY CAN WORK ON TO MAKE
18 THEMSELVES MORE FINANCIALLY RESILIENT. THAT MIGHT BE FINDING
19 EFFICIENCIES, REDUCING DUPLICATION, RISK MANAGEMENT, THINGS OF
20 THAT NATURE THAT WE'RE MORE THAN HAPPY TO WORK WITH THEM ON. I
21 KNOW, YOU KNOW, MY COLLEAGUES ARE SITTING BEHIND ME, SO I
22 CAN'T SEE THEM ROLL THEIR EYES. I THINK THE ISSUE WITH
23 DEPARTMENTS IS THEY'RE WORKING UNDER EXTREME STRAIN, BUT WE
24 CAN ALWAYS DO MORE. WE CAN ALWAYS DO. I RUN A DEPARTMENT TOO.
25 I RUN TWO DEPARTMENTS, AND I KNOW THAT YOU CAN ALWAYS DO MORE



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1 TO FIND WAYS TO MAKE YOURSELF MORE OF A LEAN, MEAN, FIGHTING
2 MACHINE. AND THAT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE, AGAIN, THE FUNDING
3 GROWTH IS VERY STAGNANT, AND WE'RE NOT EXPECTING MORE
4 RESOURCES TO COME TO THE RESCUE. BUT I THINK FROM MY
5 PERSPECTIVE, WHAT I CAN DO TO HELP DEPARTMENTS WITH THAT IS ON
6 INTERDEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS
7 MENTIONED UP HERE IS, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A SMATTERING OF
8 PROGRAMS, BUT IT'S UNCLEAR SOMETIMES TO THE PUBLIC, AND
9 SOMETIMES, FRANKLY, IT'S UNCLEAR TO US HOW EVERYTHING WORKS
10 TOGETHER IN A SYSTEM TO ACHIEVE APPROPRIATE OUTCOMES. AND SO,
11 WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE COUNTYWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN, IT'S
12 PROBABLY TOO BIG OF A SLICE TO REALLY GET TO THE HEART OF THAT
13 QUESTION BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY PROGRAMS THAT WE OPERATE
14 AND IT'S VERY DAUNTING TO DO IT THAT WAY. SO IF WE THINK ABOUT
15 LOOKING AT OUR MOST CRITICAL FUNCTIONS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS
16 AND REALLY FOCUSING ON WORKING WITH DEPARTMENTS ON A
17 COORDINATED EFFORT TO ACHIEVE METRICS AND KPIS, AND THAT'S
18 ANOTHER THING WE DO, BUT WE DON'T DO IT FROM A COUNTY-WIDE
19 LENS, WHICH IS WHAT METRICS ARE WE TRYING TO HIT? WHAT'S
20 BETTER ONCE WE'RE DONE WITH OUR WORK? I FEEL LIKE THAT'S AN
21 OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO REALLY WORK WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS TO
22 FIGURE OUT HOW BEST WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THAT FROM A COUNTY-WIDE
23 VIEW. WE'VE TRIED SOME OF THAT BEFORE IN THE PAST. I THINK
24 THERE'S, I HAVE SOME IDEAS ON HOW WE CAN DO THAT DIFFERENTLY.
25 WE HAVE A RELATIVELY SHORT RUNWAY BETWEEN NOW AND THE MEASURE



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1 G TRANSITION, BUT THERE'S CERTAINLY HANDING OFF A WELL-
2 FUNCTIONING, LEAN GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO BE A SOURCE OF PRIDE
3 FOR ME, SO IT'S SOMETHING I'M COMMITTED TO AND WANT TO WORK
4 TOWARD.

5

6 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I WOULD AGREE.
7 I THINK OUR DEPARTMENTS DO A VERY GOOD JOB, ESPECIALLY WHEN,
8 YOU KNOW, USING HSH AS AN EXAMPLE, THE KIND OF FOCUS THAT WE
9 PLACE ON THAT DEPARTMENT AND STANDING IT UP TO LOOK AT ALL OF
10 THE CONTRACTS THAT WERE COMING OVER FROM LAHSA FOR US TO
11 ADMINISTER GOING FORWARD. I THINK WHEN WE ARE FIRST STANDING
12 THINGS UP, THERE'S A LOT OF VERY GOOD INTENT INVESTED IN
13 MAKING SURE THERE'S CLEAR OVERSIGHT. AND THEN SOMETIMES AS WE
14 SYSTEMATIZE, THINGS START TO HAPPEN THAT WITHOUT THAT KIND OF
15 DIRECT OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY TAKE US OFF TRACK. SO I
16 APPRECIATE THAT THERE ARE MANY CHALLENGES OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE
17 ALREADY FACING AND I ALSO APPRECIATE WHEN THEY TAKE THAT
18 SECOND OR THIRD LOOK BECAUSE SOMETIMES THERE ARE THINGS THAT
19 WE CAN FIND THAT HELP MAKE SURE THE INVESTMENTS THAT WE'RE
20 MAKING IN OUR COMMUNITY MEAN WE'RE STRETCHING OUR DOLLARS AS
21 FAR AS THEY CAN GO, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME LIKE THIS. SO THANK
22 YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR
25 HAHN, YOU'RE ON.



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2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOW, THIS IS YOUR
3 LAST BUDGET. AFTER 12 YEARS, IT'LL BE INTERESTING TO HEAR YOUR
4 TAKE ON IT AND YOUR CONCERNS. IT'S AMAZING. I WAS THINKING
5 WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED, THE FIRST BUDGET IN 2017 WAS
6 \$30,000,000,000. SO IT'S AMAZING. SO THANK YOU, JOE. AND YEAH,
7 I MEAN, THE FACT THAT OUR BUDGET IS \$54,000,000,000, IT'S
8 INTERESTING. I'M SURE THAT THERE ARE THOSE WHO WILL BE
9 WATCHING AND LISTENING THAT WILL BE SURPRISED THAT WE CAN'T DO
10 EVERYTHING AND THAT THERE ARE STILL THINGS THAT WE CAN'T FUND.
11 THERE'S A LOT WE CAN, BUT I THINK THERE WILL BE THOSE WHO WILL
12 WONDER WHY WE CAN'T DO EVERYTHING WE WANT TO DO. IT'S A BIGGER
13 BUDGET, BUT JUST LIKE IN MY SHORT TIME HERE, THE CHALLENGES
14 ARE BIGGER, THE NEEDS ARE GREATER, AND WE STILL DON'T KNOW
15 WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER IN TERMS OF THE NEXT CATASTROPHE OR
16 DISASTER. I THINK WE HAVE AN ITEM TODAY TO TALK ABOUT
17 EARTHQUAKES AND THE POSSIBLE BIG ONE THAT MIGHT HIT LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY. SO THERE'S A LOT, BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
19 TO BALANCE MEETING THE VERY REAL AND IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF OUR
20 CONSTITUENTS WITH THE EQUALLY VERY REAL NEED TO POSITION THE
21 COUNTY FOR LONG-TERM FISCAL SOLVENCY. AND I APPRECIATE, JOE,
22 YOUR WORK ON DOING THAT. AND THANK YOU TO OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS
23 OUT THERE. WE JUST CONTINUE TO ASK YOU TO DO MORE WITH LESS.
24 AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR INNOVATION AND YOUR COMMITMENT AND YOUR
25 PASSION AND YOUR CREATIVITY. HONESTLY, YOU ALL DESERVE TO BE



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1 APPLAUDED FOR THE WORK YOU DO EVERY DAY, PARTICULARLY YOUR
2 CREATIVITY. I MEAN, SKYE PATRICK, HELLO KITTY LIBRARY CARDS. I
3 MEAN, EVERYBODY LIKES THOSE. I MEAN, IT WAS CAUSING STAMPEDES
4 TO GO TO OUR COUNTY LIBRARY. SO THINGS LIKE THAT DON'T GO
5 UNNOTICED. AND WE CONTINUE TO DO THINGS THAT EXCITE OUR PUBLIC
6 AND OUR CONSTITUENTS AND DRIVE THEM TO THE RESOURCES THAT WE
7 DO HAVE AVAILABLE. BUT, OF COURSE, YOU KNOW, I WOULDN'T BE ME
8 IF I DIDN'T TELL YOU, JOE, THAT I DON'T LIKE THE NUMBER OF
9 THINGS THAT ARE NOT FUNDED IN THIS BUDGET. BUT WE ARE MOVING
10 FORWARD. THIS BUDGET DOES A GOOD JOB OF MOVING US FORWARD AND
11 PREPARING US TO CONTINUE IN YEARS TO COME. SO A COUPLE
12 QUESTIONS. JOE, EARLIER THIS YEAR YOU SET ASIDE \$12,000,000 TO
13 SUPPORT OUR PUBLIC DEFENSE IN L.A. COUNTY AND YOU WERE WAITING
14 ON A WORKLOAD STUDY BEFORE YOU DECIDED HOW THAT MONEY WOULD BE
15 SPENT. THE STUDY CAME BACK, THE RAND STUDY CAME BACK, YOU'VE
16 SEEN IT, IT CONFIRMED WHAT THEY PROBABLY WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU
17 IN THE FIRST PLACE THAT OUR ATTORNEYS' CASELOADS ARE FAR TOO
18 LARGE SO CAN YOU GIVE US AN IDEA OF YOU KNOW WHEN OUR PUBLIC
19 DEFENDER AN ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER WILL HAVE ACCESS TO
20 THOSE FUNDS. AND DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA HOW YOU'LL BE SPLITTING
21 IT BETWEEN THOSE TWO OFFICES?

22
23 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** YEAH, THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. THANK YOU.
24 AND I HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW THE RAND STUDY, AND IT DOES
25 PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH FOR FUTURE PUBLIC



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1 DEFENSE STAFFING AND RESOURCE PLANNING. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH,
2 THERE, YOU KNOW, RAND FOCUSED NOT JUST ON THE ATTORNEYS, BUT
3 ON THE SUPPORT STAFF, AND REALLY EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR
4 EFFECTIVE SUPPORT STAFF SO THAT ATTORNEYS DON'T HAVE TO DO THE
5 THINGS THAT A PARALEGAL CAN DO OR A SECRETARY CAN DO AND FREE
6 UP THEIR TIME TO WORK ON THE STUFF THAT ONLY THE ATTORNEY CAN
7 ACCOMPLISH. AS YOU MENTIONED, THERE'S \$12,000,000 THAT WE SET
8 ASIDE IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET. IT'S IN A PFU. SO, WE'RE
9 WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE AND THE ALTERNATE
10 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE RIGHT NOW TO EVALUATE THEIR PROPOSED
11 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STAFFING STUDY. AND SO, WE EXPECT TO
12 ALLOCATE THAT IN THE MID-YEAR. SO THEY DON'T NEED TO WAIT TILL
13 NEXT YEAR TO GET IT, AS SOON AS WE HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF HOW
14 THEY'RE IMPLEMENTING THE RAND STUDY. AND WE PROBABLY NEED TO
15 UNDERSTAND THEIR MULTI-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY SO WE CAN
16 FUND THINGS IN A WAY THAT YOU KNOW, WITH AN EYE TO THE FUTURE.
17 AND THERE'S NO SET WAY OF SPLITTING THIS MONEY. WHAT WE'RE
18 LOOKING AT IS WHAT ARE YOUR RESOURCE NEEDS AND HOW DO THEY
19 ALIGN WITH THE RAND RECOMMENDATIONS AND WHERE THE MONEY SHOULD
20 GO TO BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE BASED ON WHAT RAND IS
21 RECOMMENDATION. SO WE TYPICALLY HAVE A SPLIT BETWEEN PD AND
22 APD. THAT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT I INTEND TO FOLLOW FOR RAND
23 BECAUSE RAND HAS A VERY SPECIFIC FORMULA AND WE WANT TO MAKE
24 SURE DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING WITHIN THAT FORMULA SO WE CAN
25 CONTINUE TO KEEP THEM AS EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE.



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2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. WELL, IT'S SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART
3 OF OUR SAFETY NET HERE IN L.A. COUNTY IS PUBLIC DEFENSE. AND
4 I'VE SEEN THEIR GOOD WORK AS IT RELATES TO MANY OF OUR
5 JUVENILES WHO ARE INCARCERATED. SO I GET NERVOUS ABOUT PARKING
6 SOMETHING IN A PFU BECAUSE I HAVE MY OWN EXPERIENCE OF
7 THINKING SOMETHING WAS IN THERE AND THE NEXT THING I KNOW IT
8 WAS TAKEN FOR SOMETHING ELSE. SO THE SOONER YOU CAN MAKE SURE
9 IT'S ALLOCATED TO WHAT I THINK YOUR INTENTION WAS TO PUBLIC
10 DEFENSE, I THINK THAT'S A GOOD THING.

11

12 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** AND I CAN AND IF I PICKED UP MY PHONE I
13 COULD SCROLL LIKE THIS SEVERAL TIMES FROM THE TEXT MESSAGES
14 I'VE GOTTEN FROM RICARDO GARCIA ASKING ME WHEN THE MONEY WILL
15 BE AVAILABLE SO WHERE HE'S DEFINITELY ON IT AND WE'RE WORKING
16 WITH HIM.

17

18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY GOOD I'M WITH HIM. SO YOU KNOW ONE
19 OTHER THING I WAS THINKING ABOUT WAS THE PROBATIONS BUDGET AND
20 THE DELETED POSITIONS. AND THERE ARE STILL HUNDREDS OF LONG-
21 TERM VACANCIES IN PROBATION. AND THERE'S THIS IDEA OUT THERE,
22 AND MAYBE YOU COULD SPEAK TO THE PUBLIC AND US, THAT THERE'S
23 AN UNDERSTANDING THAT COULD WE FREE UP THOSE FUNDS IN THE
24 DELETED AND VACANT POSITIONS TO INVEST IN CARE FIRST JAILS
25 LAST INITIATIVE, PARTICULARLY IF WE DELETED MORE OF THOSE



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1 VACANT POSITIONS. IS THAT THE CASE, OR IS IT MORE COMPLICATED
2 THAN THAT?

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4 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** I THINK THE ANSWER IS PROBABLY, BUT NOT
5 TO THE EXTENT THAT PEOPLE ARE EXPECTING. THE REASON IS PRETTY
6 SIMPLE. A LOT OF PROBATION'S POSITIONS ARE REVENUE GENERATING.
7 SO IF THERE'S NO REVENUE, IF THERE'S NO PERSON THERE, THEY'RE
8 NOT BRINGING IN REVENUE. AND YOU KNOW THEY HAVE REALLY
9 SUBSTANTIAL RECRUITMENT CHALLENGES AND SO THEY'RE NOT DRAWING
10 DOWN THAT REVENUE. I THINK FOR OTHER POSITIONS IT'S MORE
11 COMPLICATED WHERE IT'S A BLEND, IT'S A BRAIDED FUNDING, SOME
12 REVENUE AND SOME NCC. AND SO IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT FOR US TO
13 UNTANGLE THAT IN A VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD WAY, BUT IT'S
14 SOMETHING WE'RE WORKING ON. I THINK WHAT I'VE ASKED MY TEAM TO
15 DO IS REALLY WORK CLOSELY WITH PROBATION ON TWO THINGS. ONE IS
16 FIND OUT HOW MUCH EXTRA MONEY IS THERE. FIND OUT HOW MUCH
17 PROBATION NEEDS TO ADDRESS SOME STRUCTURAL ISSUES IT HAS, THEY
18 HAVE THEIR BUDGETS OUT OF BALANCE. THEY'RE SPENDING MORE ON
19 SNS THAN THEY ARE ON SALARY, AND EVERY YEAR THEY MOVE MONEY
20 FROM SALARY TO SNS BECAUSE THEY'RE OUT OF BALANCE. AND SO ONCE
21 WE'RE BALANCED, WE WOULD HAVE A SENSE OF HOW MUCH IS AVAILABLE
22 AND THAT MONEY CERTAINLY CAN COME INTO PLAY TO MEET THE
23 BOARD'S PRIORITIES AND NEEDS. AND SO IT'S AN ONGOING PROCESS.
24 WE HAVE A MOTION WE'RE WORKING WITH PROBATION DILIGENTLY ON
25 IT. AND SO I THINK, LIKE I SAID, I THINK PROBABLY BUT IT'S



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1 PROBABLY NOT GOING TO BE A WINDFALL. I THINK WHERE WE'RE
2 LOOKING NOW MORE STRATEGICALLY IS HOW WE USE A LOT OF THE
3 TRUST FUND MONIES THAT ARE YOU KNOW THAT PROBATION CAN RELY ON
4 BUT ALSO DO YOU LIKE DO YOU ID CAN RELY ON AND SO WE'VE
5 STARTED TO LOOK AT OPPORTUNITIES THERE TO MOVE MONEY FROM
6 THOSE ACCOUNTS OVER TO DYD.

7

8 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WELL, THANK YOU FOR THAT EXPLANATION. AND I
9 APPRECIATE THAT THIS BUDGET FUNDS SEVERAL POSITIONS IN OUR
10 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE
11 REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT TO ADDRESS WHAT THIS BOARD HAS DECIDED
12 TO MOVE SOME OF THE PROGRAMMING FROM PROBATION TO DYD. AND I
13 KNOW THAT YOU'RE WORKING WITH PROBATION AND DYD TO TRANSFER
14 THE FUNDS. SO THIS IS ALSO WILL PROBABLY HIT PROBATION'S
15 BUDGET AS WELL. I KNOW YOU'RE WORKING TO WORK WITH THEM TO
16 DEDICATE MORE PROGRAMMING INTO DYD'S BUDGET. DO YOU HAVE AN
17 UPDATE ON HOW THAT'S GOING? WHEN WILL WE SEE THAT TRANSFER
18 HAPPEN? BECAUSE I REALLY BELIEVE WE WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN.
19 WE THINK IT WILL BE MORE SUCCESSFUL. AND THE PROGRAMMING IN
20 OUR JUVENILE FACILITIES IS SO KEY AND SO IMPORTANT AND IT'S
21 BEEN A LITTLE HIT AND MISS FOR AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN A
22 SUPERVISOR.

23

24 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISOR, THAT'S STARTING THIS
25 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND SO LET ME JUST HIGHLIGHT THE



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1 INVESTMENT THERE. AND I MENTIONED THE TRUST FUNDS BEING
2 UTILIZED TO SUPPORT DYD. SO IN THIS FISCAL YEAR, 26/27
3 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, WE ARE RECOMMENDING \$8,300,000 IN
4 JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING. THAT'S GOING
5 OVER TO DYD. IT WILL SUPPORT 14 NEW POSITIONS. IT WILL ALSO
6 ADD 10 ORDINANCE-ONLY POSITIONS TO ALLOW THEM TO EXPAND. AND
7 THEN THERE'S GOING TO BE ABOUT \$5,000,000 IN SNS, WHICH I
8 SUSPECT WILL BE USED LARGELY FOR CONTRACTING. LET ME TALK A
9 LITTLE BIT ABOUT SOME OF THE TRANSFER STATUS FOR MOVING SOME
10 OF THIS WORK FROM PROBATION TO DYD. AND CURRENTLY WE'RE IN THE
11 IMPLEMENTATION PHASE. WE HAVE AN MOU THAT IS IN THE WORKS
12 BETWEEN THE TWO DEPARTMENTS. WE THINK THAT WILL BE DONE NEXT
13 MONTH. AND THEN WE'LL START PHASE TRANSFERS OF THE WORK
14 BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER. NOVEMBER WE'LL START WITH CAMPUS
15 KILPATRICK IN JANUARY, LOS PADRINOS IN MARCH, BARRY J. NIDORF,
16 AND IN MARCH OR APRIL THE EAST CAMPS. AND SO THE PROCESS IS
17 UNDERWAY AND WE'LL START TO SEE A LITTLE BIT MORE OF THAT
18 PROGRESS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. AND SO WE'RE CERTAINLY
19 SOMETHING THAT WE'RE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENTS TO
20 EFFECTUATE AND WE HAVE REPORTS BACK THAT ARE DUE I THINK THE
21 NEXT ONE'S DUE IN OCTOBER SO WE'LL GIVE THEM A YOU A MUCH
22 FULLER SENSE OF WHERE WE'RE AT.

23
24 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY GOOD, I APPRECIATE THAT AND THEN MY
25 HOPE IS THAT IN THE FUTURE BUDGET YEARS WE CAN REALLY FOCUS ON



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1 PREVENTION SO THAT FEWER YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ENTERING OUR
2 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE FIRST PLACE. DYD'S YOUTH
3 DEVELOPMENT NETWORK FOR EXAMPLE, OUR ESSENTIAL PREVENTION
4 SERVICES THAT SUPPORT YOUTH ACROSS THE COUNTY BY PROVIDING
5 THEM WITH MENTORING, CAREER PREPARATION, MENTAL HEALTH
6 RESOURCES, AND SO MUCH MORE. IF WE REALLY ARE SERIOUS ABOUT
7 FOLLOWING THROUGH ON OUR COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST,
8 WE MUST CONTINUE TO BUILD OUT OUR PREVENTION SERVICES. JOE,
9 ACROSS THE COUNTY, SOMETIMES PREVENTION IS ONE OF THE FIRST
10 INITIATIVES CAUGHT WHEN WE FACE FISCAL CHALLENGES BECAUSE
11 OTHER PROGRAMS OFTEN TAKE PRIORITY. WHILE I UNDERSTAND WHY
12 THIS HAPPENS IN A PERFECT WORLD, WE WOULD INVEST MUCH MORE IN
13 PREVENTION SERVICES HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. HOW ARE YOU LOOKING
14 AT FUNDING FOR PREVENTION AS A WHOLE TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE
15 CONTINUING TO INVEST ON THE FRONT END INSTEAD OF WHAT HAPPENS
16 ON THE BACK END? AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH IT.

17
18 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SAY THAT LAST PART, SORRY.

19
20 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH IT

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22 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION. YOU KNOW, I'M
23 REMINDED OF A CONVERSATION. THIS WAS WHEN WE CONVENED ALL THE
24 DEPARTMENT HEADS IN JANUARY TO TALK ABOUT OUR BUDGET
25 STABILIZATION PROCESS. AND WE HAD A PRETTY ROBUST DISCUSSION.



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1 AND I REMEMBER CLEARLY ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS SAID, AND IT
2 WAS DR. FERRER WHO SAID IT, IS JUST LIKE YOU SAID, WHEN WE'RE
3 IN A BUDGET CRISIS, WE DEAL WITH WHAT'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF US
4 AND PREVENTION IS CUT. PREVENTION IS CUT TYPICALLY BECAUSE
5 IT'S HARD TO MEASURE. AND SHE RECOMMENDED, YOU KNOW, HAVING
6 SOME COMMITMENT, YOU KNOW, AND I THINK SHE MIGHT HAVE EVEN
7 SAID LIKE A PERCENTAGE COMMITMENT OF SOME KIND, DIRECT
8 SERVICES AND PREVENTION. AND I REALLY TOOK IT TO HEART BECAUSE
9 I DO BELIEVE NOT ONLY IN THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE PREVENTATIVE
10 BUT THE FACT THAT FROM A BEAN COUNTING PERSPECTIVE THEY'RE
11 GOING TO SAVE US MONEY AND SO IN THE LONG RUN I MEAN YOU KNOW
12 INCLUDING ALL OF THE SOCIAL BENEFITS THAT WE CAN CLAIM. SO IN
13 THE LONG RUN, I THINK THAT'S TRUE. WE HAVE A LIST OF
14 PREVENTION PROGRAMS HERE THAT WE FUNDED THIS BUDGET PHASE. WE
15 HAVE LOTS OF PREVENTION PROGRAMS THAT ARE MAINTAINED IN OUR
16 BUDGET. AND WE CAN CERTAINLY TALK MORE READILY ABOUT WHAT'S
17 PREVENTION AND WHAT'S NOT WHEN WE COME FORWARD WITH ADDITIONAL
18 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS BUT IT'S PART AND PARCEL OF WHAT WE'RE
19 DOING. WE MAINTAINED IT, WE DIDN'T CUT IT ALL AND IT'S
20 SOMETHING THAT I AGREE WITH AND OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS AGREE
21 WITH AND THE BOARD IS SUPPORTIVE OF. SO IT WILL BE PART OF OUR
22 INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO GOING FORWARD.

23
24 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT BECAUSE
25 I DO BELIEVE IT WILL PAY OFF IN THE LONG RUN, NOT JUST WITH



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1 OUR BOTTOM LINE, BUT CERTAINLY WITH LIVES OUT THERE. I WANT TO
2 THANK YOU FOR FUNDING FOR FINDING THE FUNDING FOR THE FIRST
3 YEAR OF THE JCIT PLAN TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. I WANT TO
4 THANK OUR CFCI COMMITTEE AND MY COMMISSIONER VERONICA LEWIS
5 FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK AND PUTTING FORWARD SPENDING
6 RECOMMENDATIONS TO HELP FUND THAT YEAR ONE. AND THEN WE'LL SEE
7 WHERE WE GO FROM HERE, BUT I THINK THAT WAS A BOLD MOVE THAT
8 WE PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH WAS ABOUT THIS BOARD'S
9 COMMITMENT TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND I'M ALSO HAPPY TO
10 HEAR THAT AFTER MULTIPLE REQUESTS FROM BOARD OFFICES THAT THE
11 ELDER NUTRITION PROGRAM WILL BE ABLE TO GET SOME FUNDING. I'M
12 STILL CONCERNED WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FUNDING WE MAY SEE A LONGER
13 WAIT LIST OF VULNERABLE OLDER ADULTS. SO I'M GOING TO BE
14 PAYING ATTENTION TO THIS. I'M GOING TO SEE WHAT I CAN DO IN MY
15 OWN OFFICE WITH MY OWN DISCRETIONARY DOLLARS FOR THOSE KINDS
16 OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN MY DISTRICT. SO THANK YOU. THANK
17 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO
20 THANK MY COLLEAGUES BECAUSE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU BRING A
21 DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON THE BUDGET THAN YOU ALWAYS HAVE. AND
22 I KNOW THAT THAT WILL CONTINUE ON IN THE FUTURE. THIS IS GOING
23 TO BE MY LAST BUDGET. WHILE I'LL BE MAYBE PERCHED SOMEWHERE
24 ELSE, I'LL BE LOOKING DOWN AND HOPEFULLY VISITING OR YOU'LL
25 COME AND VISIT ME AND WE'LL WORK TOGETHER ON THESE ISSUES THAT



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1 WE KNOW REMAIN UNSOLVED. SO I GET THAT. AND I WANT TO SAY
2 THANK YOU TO JOE, NICCHITTA. YOU'VE DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN
3 TERMS OF MY PERSPECTIVE AND YOUR STEWARDSHIP AND MEETING THE
4 MOMENT FOR L.A. COUNTY. AND ACTUALLY TAKING A DIFFERENT
5 PERSPECTIVE IN SO MANY WAYS FROM OUR PREVIOUS CEO, WHICH I
6 WANT TO COMMEND YOU. AND IT TAKES GREAT LEADERSHIP TO DO THAT,
7 BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO NAVIGATE THE SHIP, THE SHIP THAT'S SO BIG,
8 AND BRINGING ALONG EVERYBODY, INCLUDING NOT JUST YOUR STAFF,
9 AND WHO I WANT TO THANK AS WELL, THE BUDGETARY STAFF, ALL OF
10 YOU, BECAUSE YOU'RE UNDER TREMENDOUS PRESSURE. ALL OF US HAVE
11 BEEN IN, AT LEAST IN THE LAST THREE, FOUR YEARS WITH THE AB
12 218 AND ALL THOSE OTHER THINGS THAT JUST WERE THROWN AT US. OH
13 MY GOD, I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT IN THAT MAGNITUDE
14 FOR A COUNTY TO HAVE TO SUSTAIN AND STAND UP. SO I PERSONALLY
15 WANT TO THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK THE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE'VE
16 HAD WITH YOUR TEAM. I WANT TO THANK JEREMY GRAY. I DON'T SEE
17 HIM HERE, BUT I'M SURE HE'S WATCHING. AND I WANT TO THANK ALSO
18 MASON MATTHEWS, YOLANDA REYES, YOUR ENTIRE BUDGET TEAM FOR
19 WORKING WITH MY TEAM, MY ONE PERSON, TAMMY WHO'S HERE, AND
20 ALSO WANT TO THANK THE LEGISLATIVE TEAM ANGELA OVALLE, AND ALL
21 OF THE TEAM IN SACRAMENTO AND EVEN IN D.C. IT'S BEEN
22 TREMENDOUS. I ALSO TAKE PRIDE IN NOTICING THE GOOD WORK OF OUR
23 EMPLOYEE RELATIONS TEAM, KEISHA, LAKEY WRIGHT, THANK YOU, AND
24 YOUR STEWARDSHIP, AND FOR YOUR KIND HAND. THESE DISCUSSIONS
25 THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING GROUPS AND WHAT HAVE



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1 YOU, I KNOW WE'RE NOT ENGAGED EVERY SINGLE DAY, BUT YOU ARE,
2 AND YOUR STAFF IS, AND IT IS CHURNING. I'M SURE THAT EVERYBODY
3 IS LEARNING EVERY MOMENT THAT THINGS CAN CHANGE RAPIDLY AND I
4 THINK ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY THEY'VE ACTUALLY WORKED OUT IN
5 MY OPINION SO CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYBODY ON HELPING MAKE
6 THAT POSSIBLE INCLUDING OUR BARGAINING GROUPS BECAUSE IT TAKES
7 GIVE-AND-TAKE BY BOTH SIDES SO I JUST WANT TO SAY HOW MUCH I
8 APPRECIATE THAT. I ALSO NOTE THAT WE HAVE MEMBERS OF OUR
9 DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT ARE HERE. I DON'T KNOW IF ALL 38 OR 40
10 ARE HERE. THEY ARE. CAN YOU PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED BY
11 ALL OF US HERE AT THE BOARD, OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS? THEY DO
12 DESERVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. AND YOUR STAFFS, YOUR CHIEF OF
13 STAFFS AND YOUR STAFF, BECAUSE NOTHING COMES TO US WITH JUST
14 OUR OWN BUDGET STAFF OR CEO GIVING US THINGS TO PUT IN FRONT
15 OF OUR FACE. YOU ALL GIVE US IDEAS, YOU ALL WORK WITH US, AND
16 SOMETIMES YOU MAKE, HELP US MAKE MAGIC. AND I MEAN THAT IN A
17 VERY POSITIVE WAY. AND ALSO SOMETIMES COMMUNITIES OR
18 POPULATIONS OUT THERE THAT WE SERVE DON'T UNDERSTAND ALL OF
19 THAT. BUT IT'S ALWAYS GIVE AND TAKE WITH THE DEPARTMENTS. IT'S
20 ALWAYS GIVE AND TAKE WITH EVERYBODY, INCLUDING PEOPLE ACROSS
21 THE STREET IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS, AS WELL AS THE OTHER 87
22 CITIES AND FOLKS THAT WE REPRESENT. EVERYBODY COMES TO THIS
23 BOARD WITH DIFFERENT NEEDS AND DIFFERENT VALUES. BUT THIS IS
24 ONE TIME WHERE I KNOW THE BUDGET IS REALLY, I THINK, IN A
25 BETTER POSITION THAN WHERE WE WERE LAST YEAR. AND I SAY THAT



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1 BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO RESOLVE SO MANY GOOD THINGS IN THIS
2 BUDGET, I BELIEVE, IS A REFLECTION OF THAT. SO FOR 12 YEARS,
3 AS MY COLLEAGUE JANICE HAHN SAID, IT'S BEEN 12 YEARS. WHEN I
4 STARTED, I THINK THE BUDGET WAS AT \$29,000,000,000. AND NOW
5 LOOK AT IT. AND IT WAS, AND AT THAT TIME, IT WAS MUCH LARGER
6 THAN THE BUDGET I WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 LABOR, AND THREE TIMES MORE, THE EMPLOYEES. AND WE STILL HAVE
8 OVER 115,000 EMPLOYEES THAT WORK HERE, AS I RECALL. AND OUR
9 BUDGET IS PHENOMENAL. AND PEOPLE, QUITE HONESTLY, DON'T
10 UNDERSTAND. HOW DOES THE COUNTY, THEY THINK THE CITY IS LARGER
11 THAN WE ARE, CITY OF L.A.. THEY STILL DO. THEY THINK THAT. BUT
12 OUR BUDGET IS \$54,000,000,000. AND WHEN PEOPLE SAY, WELL,
13 AREN'T YOU JUST A COMMISSIONER? I GO, IT DEPENDS ON WHO YOU'RE
14 TALKING TO. BECAUSE OUR BUDGET IS BIGGER THAN SO MANY STATES,
15 42. AND I LIKE TO BRAG AND SAY THAT MY COLLEAGUES, ALL WOMEN,
16 BY THE WAY, AND THAT BLOWS THEM AWAY, STILL BLOWS THEM AWAY,
17 THAT WE REPRESENT EACH 2,000,000 PEOPLE. AND I LAUGH BECAUSE I
18 SAY MANY US SENATORS HAVE LESS THAN 670,000 PEOPLE IN THEIR
19 JURISDICTION. AND YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT. GEOGRAPHY
20 HISTORY IS VERY IMPORTANT. AND WE HAVE TO LET OUR PUBLIC
21 UNDERSTAND THAT AS WELL BECAUSE ACROSS THE MILES THAT WE
22 REPRESENT OUR DIFFERENCE ARE DIFFERENT BUT THEN THEY'RE NOT
23 DIFFERENT. AND WE DO HAVE SIMILARITIES WHERE WE CONTINUE TO
24 FIGHT AND WE'RE CHALLENGED BY THOSE. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY
25 THAT IT'S GOOD NEWS THAT WE'RE HEARING THAT WE SAW AN INCREASE



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1 IN OUR BUDGET, \$3,900,000,000, BUT FOLKS, IT GOT PUT IN PLACES
2 WHERE OUR PRIORITIES NEEDED TO BE MET. SO WE HAD SOME GAPING
3 HOLES, WE DID, AND SOME THAT ARE STILL GOING TO BE PLACED UPON
4 US AND WE HAVE TO FIGURE THAT OUT. MOVING FORWARD THOUGH, I
5 JUST WANT TO SAY THAT IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE TO ALWAYS BE
6 ABLE TO REPRESENT IN MY MIND THE VOICELESS AND MANY OF THOSE
7 PEOPLE THAT COME TO THIS BUILDING IN THIS FORUM AND ASK FOR
8 SUPPORT IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. AND ONE GROUP THAT I KNOW IS
9 HERE AND HAS BEEN WORKING WITH OUR OFFICE FOR A LONG TIME AND
10 FOR AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN ON HERE IS THE GROUPS THAT MAKE UP
11 REPRESENTLA. AND I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT WE HAVE PUT FORWARD A
12 \$1,800,000 REQUEST TO HELP THEM SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO
13 PROVIDE OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES WITH LEGAL REPRESENTATION.
14 FOR ME, IT'S THE COURTS. IT REALLY IS THE COURTS AND THE
15 BALANCE OF POWER. AND THAT'S SOMETIMES WHERE WE LEARNED WHERE
16 WE'RE WINNING. AND IF WE CONTINUE DOWN THAT PATH, I'LL DO
17 WHATEVER I CAN TO HELP WORK ALONGSIDE YOU IN MY JOURNEYS. I
18 ALSO WANT TO THANK THE CITY OF L.A. AND THE COUNTY'S
19 ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR HELPING US AS WELL IN THIS
20 EFFORT. AND I WANT TO THANK THE CFCI ADVISORY BOARD ALSO
21 THAT'S GOING TO HOPEFULLY ADD FUNDING TO THIS, REPRESENTLA. I
22 UNDERSTAND THERE'S A REQUEST THERE, UP TO \$11,000,000, SO I
23 HOPE THAT THE FOLKS IN THE AUDIENCE AND THAT ARE LISTENING
24 WILL UNDERSTAND THAT. WE HEAR YOU, WE CAN'T MAKE EVERY WISH
25 COME TRUE, BUT WE CERTAINLY ARE TRYING. AND I THINK THAT THE



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1 CREDIT IS DUE TO THE BOARD, BUT ALSO TO THOSE YOURSELVES IN
2 THE COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO THE ADVOCATES THAT YOU HAVE HERE
3 WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BECAUSE WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT
4 IS THAT LAWYERS HELP OUR RESIDENTS NAVIGATE A LEGAL SYSTEM,
5 WHICH CAN BE VERY, VERY DIFFICULT IN THESE DAYS. I ALSO WANT
6 TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO OUR COUNTY'S COUNCIL'S AFFIRMATIVE
7 LITIGATION EFFORT. THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT I HELPED TO CREATE
8 WHEN I STARTED HERE YEARS AGO. AND I WANT TO THANK YOUR STAFF.
9 THEY'VE BEEN HELPING US RECENTLY ON THE LINEAGE FIRE. THEY'VE
10 BEEN HELPING, I KNOW, ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE ONE WAY OR
11 ANOTHER, WHETHER IT'S FIRES, WHETHER IT'S OIL SPILLS OR WHAT
12 HAVE YOU, THEY HAVE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB. AND I'M GLAD TO
13 SEE THAT THIS BUDGET INCLUDES \$1,100,000. WHAT THAT MEANS,
14 FOLKS, WE ARE BEING PROACTIVE. WE ARE GOING AFTER DOLLARS
15 THAT, YOU KNOW, THERE IS HARM BEING DONE BY CORPORATIONS OR
16 BAD ACTORS OUT THERE AND WE'RE GOING AFTER THEM. AND I KNOW
17 THAT THAT'S GOING TO CONTINUE AND I HOPE TO CONTINUE TO WORK
18 WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL ON THE LINEAGE FIRE. WE'RE NOT DONE
19 WITH THAT. AND I DO WANT TO MENTION THAT SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO
20 GO IN OUR OWN POCKETS. AND FOR THE LINEAGE FIRE, I JUST WANT
21 TO SAY FOR THE RECORD THAT I DID DIP INTO MY DISCRETIONARY
22 FUNDING. AND WE ACTUALLY PUT WELL OVER \$1,200,000 OF
23 ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE THAT WOULD NOT ORDINARILY BE COVERED BY
24 THE LINEAGE FIRE BECAUSE THE ZONES THAT THEY CAME UP WITH WERE
25 NOT ADEQUATE THEY FORGOT A LOT OF MY RESIDENTS IN THE CITY NOT



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1 IN THE CITY BUT IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF EAST LOS ANGELES
2 AND EVEN SOME OTHER FOLKS IN COMMERCE, CUDAHY, MONTEREY PARK.
3 SO WE HAVE, I BELIEVE, DONE AS BEST WE CAN. IS IT ENOUGH? HELL
4 NO, IT'S NOT ENOUGH. IT'S NOT ENOUGH, AND WE HAVE TO BE
5 PREPARED FOR THESE KINDS OF DISASTERS. I ALSO WANT TO SAY I'M
6 HAPPY THAT I DID AUTHOR THE MOTION FOR THE BUSINESS
7 INTERRUPTION FUND. NOT A NEW IDEA, SOMETHING THAT SOME OF MY
8 COLLEAGUES KNOW WE HAVE WORKED ON IN METRO. WHEN WE HAVE A
9 BUSINESS INTERRUPTION, WHEN WE PUT UP A RAIL SYSTEM OR WE'RE
10 TAKING HOUSES DOWN OR EMINENT DOMAIN, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO
11 HELP PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THOSE BUSINESSES AS WELL AS
12 SOMETIMES HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE IMPACTED. AND WHILE WE'RE
13 SETTING ASIDE \$1,500,000, I'M HOPEFUL THAT THE CEO WILL
14 CONTINUE TO THINK ABOUT THAT BECAUSE WE ARE DEFINITELY GOING
15 TO SEE MORE CHALLENGES THAT THE COUNTY WILL FACE. AND I ALSO
16 WANT TO PIGGYBACK ON WHAT SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR
17 MITCHELL BROUGHT UP WITH RESPECT TO THE HOMELESS SERVICES AND
18 HOUSING THAT IS THE SHERIFF'S HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES KNOWN
19 AS THE HOST TEAM. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM FOR AS LONG AS
20 I THINK I'VE BEEN HERE AND WE STARTED HELPING OUT GIVING THEM
21 ASSISTANCE TOO AT WHITTIER NARROWS AND I'M HAPPY THAT THEY
22 HAVE CONTINUED TO WORK WITH US ON THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS.
23 BUT IT'S TRUE. IT'S ONE AT A TIME. AND IT TAKES TOO MUCH TIME.
24 SO I WANT TO IMPORE THE SHERIFF TO THINK ABOUT EXPANDING THAT
25 AND THE CEO BECAUSE IT'S WORTHWHILE AND IT DOES PAY. IT PAYS



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1 BIG DIVIDENDS. IN FACT, I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO OUR
2 CAPTAIN DIEDRICH, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THAT SOME WAY, ONE WAY
3 OR ANOTHER WITH THE HOST GROUP. HE'S ALSO GONE OUT OF HIS WAY
4 TO HELP SEEK \$10,000,000 FROM THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO
5 HELP AUGMENT HIS SERVICES BECAUSE THEY CAME AND PREVIEWED WHAT
6 HE DID IN WHITTIER NARROWS AND IN THE SURROUNDING CANYON
7 AREAS. AND KATHRYN, YOU KNOW THAT AS WELL AS I DO. BUT IT'S
8 IMPORTANT FOR US TO LIFT UP THOSE PROGRAMS THAT ARE ACTUALLY
9 DOING THINGS THE RIGHT WAY. THEY DON'T COME IN WITH A HEAVY
10 HAND OR A HAMMER. THEY COME IN AND THEY MEET WITH PEOPLE, THEY
11 KNOW THEM BY NAME, AND THEY DEAL WITH THEM, AND THEY HELP THEM
12 CONVINCING THEM TO GET INTO SOME FORM OF SHELTER. THAT TO ME
13 SAVES US DOLLARS AND LAWSUITS. SO IT'S WELL WORTH THE
14 INVESTMENT. SO I WANT TO APPLAUD THEM AND I WANT TO APPLAUD
15 THIS BOARD FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THEM. ALSO WITH RESPECT
16 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING, I'M VERY
17 PLEASED TO SEE THAT \$4,600,000 IS BEING REALLOCATED TO THE
18 VERY HIGH HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES, WHICH WAS ALSO A MOTION THAT
19 I PUT FORWARD. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE STAFF AND EVERYONE THAT
20 WORKED ON THAT. IT'S SO IMPORTANT FOR US. AND AGAIN, WE STILL
21 HAVE CHALLENGES. I KNOW WE HAVE MONEY IN RENT SUBSIDIES,
22 \$7,500,000 IN THIS BUDGET, \$538,000 FOR TENANT PROTECTION
23 HOTLINE, WHICH WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO STABILIZE, \$7,000,000
24 FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE LAND BANK PLOT AND
25 EVICTION DIVERSION, WHICH I STILL THINK IS VERY MUCH VALID AND



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1 I KEEP HEARING IN TERMS OF RESIDENTS THAT CALL MY OFFICE ABOUT
2 THESE ISSUES. YOU KNOW, WE'VE ALL WORKED TOGETHER HERE VERY
3 HARD AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE BOARD FOR SUPPORTING
4 ME AND MY EFFORTS AND MY STAFF, BUT ALSO THE COMMUNITY.
5 BECAUSE HILDA SOLIS DOESN'T DO IT ALONE. WE DO IT WITH OUR
6 TEAM, SOLIS TEAM, BUT ALSO THE COMMUNITY TEAM, THE MANY CBOS
7 AND THE MANY RESIDENTS THAT WORK WITH NOT JUST US, BUT WITH
8 THE COUNTY TO HELP EMPOWER THEIR VOICES. I WANT TO ALSO LIFT
9 UP THE L.A. GENERAL MEDICAL CAMPUS THAT WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN,
10 AND I HOPE SOME OF YOU WILL GET A CHANCE TO GO VISIT, 300
11 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT IS GOING TO BE MADE AVAILABLE
12 BEFORE THE GENERAL HOSPITAL IS ALL HOLLOVED OUT. SO THIS IS
13 ACROSS THE STREET, ANOTHER PROJECT THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING
14 ON, AND I WANT TO THANK LACTA, I WANT TO THANK THE EO, I WANT
15 TO THANK A LOT OF OUR PARTNERS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH US.
16 IT IS TRULY A GROUND-UP PROGRAM THAT STARTED WITH AN IDEA AND
17 THE TENACITY OF OUR DIFFERENT GROUPS, ALSO LEGISLATIVELY
18 GETTING TAX CREDITS, ALL KINDS OF CREDITS TO HELP THAT BE MADE
19 POSSIBLE AS WELL AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. I WANT TO GIVE A
20 SHOUT OUT TO THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION FOR ALSO HELPING US
21 WITH ADDITIONAL DOLLARS THERE. THAT IS GOING TO BE A DREAM
22 COME TRUE FOR SO MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO AFFORD
23 ANYTHING OUT THAT WAY. I ALSO WANT TO THANK AND GIVE A SHOUT
24 OUT TO GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM FOR ALWAYS HELPING TO SUPPORT US,
25 WHETHER IT WAS INITIALLY BEGINNING AT THE EXIDE SITE, GIVING



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1 US MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR THE CLEANUP, AND ALSO FOR HELPING
2 US STABILIZE OUR FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND
3 MENTAL HEALTH. I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO OUR DEPARTMENTS,
4 OUR LISA WONG, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK PUBLIC HEALTH AS WELL
5 AS DR. GHALY FOR ALL THAT THEY'VE DONE. I WANT TO THANK ALSO,
6 I'M REMINDED WHEN I FIRST STARTED THIS JOB I WENT TO VISIT OUR
7 BALDWIN PARK ANIMAL CENTER AND I COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT I SAW.
8 IT WAS SO HURTFUL TO SEE HOW IT WAS, IN MY OPINION, NOT
9 STABLE. WE DIDN'T HAVE A SUFFICIENT FACADE THERE. AND IT TAKES
10 TIME TO BUILD THINGS HERE. AND I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT WE HAVE
11 ALREADY STARTED IMPROVEMENTS THERE AND WE'VE ALSO MADE AN
12 INVESTMENT OF ANOTHER \$1,000,000 OUT OF MY OWN DISCRETIONARY
13 FUND. NOW KEEP IN MIND THIS PARTICULAR SHELTER SUPPORTS A
14 REGION WHICH OVERLAPS BETWEEN MY DISTRICT AS WELL AS I BELIEVE
15 THE 5TH AND POSSIBLY EVEN THE 4TH. BUT THESE ARE THINGS THAT
16 WE HAVE TO DO. IT CAN'T WAIT. AND I WANT TO THANK MARCIA, AND
17 I SAW MARSHA HERE. MARCIA, THANK YOU, BECAUSE WE DO CARE ABOUT
18 OUR PETS, AND THOSE ARE VERY IMPORTANT PARTS OF OUR FAMILY.
19 THE WARM LANDING, I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO JCOD. WE JUST
20 OPENED UP OR GROUNDBREAKING TECHNICALLY THE NEW WARM LANDING
21 PROJECT THAT'S GOING TO BE RIGHT ACROSS FROM MEN'S CENTRAL
22 JAIL. AND IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN RENDERINGS, I WOULD ASK YOU TO
23 LOOK AT THEM AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP SUPPORT THAT, BUT
24 ALSO LOOK AT WHAT YOU CAN DO IN YOUR NEIGHBORING SUPERVISORIAL
25 DISTRICT WHERE YOU HAVE A DETENTION FACILITY OR A JAIL WHERE



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1 YOU CAN HELP PROVIDE THAT ASSISTANCE. IT IS SORELY NEEDED AND
2 IT IS PHENOMENAL WHAT IS GOING TO BE OFFERED THERE. I CAN'T GO
3 INTO ALL OF IT BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME, BUT I WOULD
4 ENCOURAGE YOU TO CALL OUR OFFICE OR SET UP A TIME WITH THEM TO
5 GO VISIT THAT. AND LASTLY, I WANT TO SAY THAT WE'VE DONE A LOT
6 OF HOUSING, AND THE HOUSING, I'M PROUD TO SAY, HAS HAPPENED ON
7 OUR COUNTY PROPERTIES. IT WASN'T AS THOUGH WE HAD TO GO OUT
8 AND BUY PRIVATE PROPERTY. AND I THINK SOME OF US KNOW WHAT
9 THAT MEANS. AND LOOKING AT HOW TO UTILIZE BUILDINGS THAT CAN
10 BE REPURPOSED. WE'RE DOING IT WITH GENERAL HOSPITAL BUILDING.
11 WE'RE DOING IT WITH THE EASTLAKE JUVENILE HALL WHERE SEVERAL
12 DEPARTMENTS ARE GOING TO BE HOUSED NOW. AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE
13 WE'RE DECANTING THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, BUT PEOPLE WILL HAVE
14 PLACES TO GO. THERE WILL ALSO BE REINVIGORATION AND
15 REIMAGINING OF THESE SITES. AND HOPEFULLY POTENTIAL INCOME
16 THAT WILL COME IN BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE PROPERTY SALES
17 AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE THAT WILL HELP THIS COUNTY. AND THEN
18 I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I WANT TO THANK ALSO THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 PUBLIC WORKS, AS WELL AS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION.
20 AND I KNOW THEY'RE BOTH, I DON'T KNOW IF MARK PESTRELLA, BUT I
21 SAW NORMA HERE. THANK YOU. YOU GUYS CAN STAND UP. AND ALINA,
22 HI. I WANT TO POINT YOU OUT BECAUSE YOU AND MY STAFF, AS WELL
23 AS THE CEO AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY DILIGENTLY TO
24 REPURPOSE A 30 YEAR DREAM THAT I HAD. LITTLE DID I KNOW AS A
25 STATE ASSEMBLY WOMAN THAT WE COULD PASS LAWS AND THAT WE COULD



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1 CONVERT THINGS THAT ARE HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS THAT COME INTO OUR
2 COMMUNITY AND CONVERT THEM INTO SOMETHING BETTER. AND THAT'S
3 EXACTLY WHAT WE DID WITH THE PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL. AND UPON
4 TAKING THAT ON, AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN AND YOUR STAFF,
5 KUDOS FOR WORKING AND HELPING US WITH THAT, MOVING IT ALONG,
6 THAT MOUNT, IT'S NOT, WELL, I'M GOING TO SAY IT'S ALL TRASH
7 BECAUSE IT IS A MOUNTAIN, BUT THAT IT IS NOW IN OUR PROPERTY.
8 IT'S IN OUR DOMAIN. AND IT WILL BE ONE OF THE LARGEST URBAN
9 PARKS AVAILABLE. AND IT WILL BE UNDER THE PARKS AND RECREATION
10 AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO
11 SEE THAT IT GETS FINISHED AND THAT THERE'S MAINTENANCE OF
12 THAT, JUST LIKE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WE BUILD, WHETHER IT'S A
13 LIBRARY, A PARK, AN AQUATIC CENTER, LOS RANCHOS, LOS AMIGOS,
14 ALL THOSE, ALL THESE THINGS, WE BUILD THEM BUT WE HAVE TO
15 PRESERVE THEM. WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S FUNDING FOR
16 THAT AS WELL. SO IT CONTINUES AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. I
17 WANT TO SAY THANKS ESPECIALLY TO THE FOLKS THAT HELPED US PUT
18 THE FUNDING TOGETHER TO SEE THAT HAPPEN. MANY DIFFERENT
19 SOURCES OF FUNDING THAT CAME IN. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,
20 DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY HANLON WHO
21 SERVED AT THAT TIME, AS WELL AS THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION, AS
22 WELL AS GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM, AS WELL AS DISCRETIONARY MONEY
23 AND THE RIVERS MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY, AMONG MANY, MANY OTHERS
24 THAT HELPED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THAT EFFORT. SO I JUST WANT TO
25 SAY THANK YOU. I COULD GO ON AND ON, BUT I DON'T NEED TO. I



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1 DON'T NEED TO, BECAUSE WE NEED TO GO TO THE PUBLIC. BUT MINE
2 ISN'T SO MUCH A CRITICISM OF THE BUDGET, BECAUSE I KNOW WHAT
3 THE NEEDS ARE, AND MY COLLEAGUES SAID IT VERY WELL, ALL OF
4 THEM HAVE, AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON THEIR WORK.
5 BECAUSE WHOEVER SITS IN THIS SEAT, YOU NEED TO KEEP THEM
6 ACCOUNTABLE. AND THEY NEED TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR THESE
7 THINGS, AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THE CEO
8 AND THE DEPARTMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO SEE THESE IDEAS AND
9 VISIONS THAT WE HAVE ALL CREATED TOGETHER, THAT THEY ARE
10 CONTINUED TO BE SOUGHT AFTER NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS. I WILL BE
11 WATCHING. BUT THANK YOU AND I WANT TO GIVE A BIG SHOUT OUT TO
12 ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT, EO, I THINK WE'RE GOING
13 TO GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT, RIGHT? AND WE HAVE, YOU'RE GOING TO
14 EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS. THANK YOU.

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16 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** OKAY. MEMBERS OF
17 THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARDROOM, YOU
18 WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL BUDGET
19 ITEMS. IF YOU ARE WITH A GROUP, PLEASE IDENTIFY ONE PERSON TO
20 SPEAK ON BEHALF OF YOUR ENTIRE GROUP. ADDITIONALLY, IF YOU DO
21 NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OTHER THAN WHAT HAS ALREADY
22 BEEN STATED BY OTHER SPEAKERS, PLEASE INDICATE ONLY YOUR NAME
23 AND YOUR SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO THIS ITEM TO ALLOW OTHERS
24 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. SHOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE MORE
25 DETAILED COMMENTS YOU CAN DO SO BY SUBMITTING WRITTEN COMMENTS



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TO OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE STAFF WITH BADGES. ADDITIONALLY YOU CAN PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE AT BOS.LACOUNTY.GOV BY CLICKING THE LINK SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT ONLINE. ALL COMMENTS SUBMITTED ONLINE WILL BE FILED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORD. THERE ARE CURRENTLY OVER 66 SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO PROVIDE COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. GIVEN THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ITEMS, IN ORDER TO FINISH TODAY'S MEETING EFFICIENTLY, THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM WILL BE LIMITED TO UP TO 60 MINUTES OR UNTIL ALL REGISTERED SPEAKERS HAVE SPOKEN AND ADDRESSED THE BOARD. IF YOU ARE WITH THE GROUP, PLEASE IDENTIFY ONE PERSON TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF YOUR ENTIRE GROUP. ADDITIONALLY, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR OTHERWISE WHAT HAS BEEN STATED, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO THE ITEM. SHOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILED COMMENTS YOU CAN PROVIDE SO IN WRITTEN COMMENTS TO OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE STAFF.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. YESENIA CUX, HADIR AZAB, YARITSIA GONZALEZ, VIRGIDILA ROMERO, FRANCISCO MANCIA, MARIA OLVERIA, CHRISTO VALINA ZAPATA, PAMELA, PALOMA BUSTOS, MAYA, CHRISTY, BYRON, LORETTA LORAIN, ARO, VANESSA MELENDREZ, GERSON ALDEAR NAVIDAD, LUPITA MARTINEZ, CLAUDIA, JOCELYN DI PENA, LUPITA, DEANNA, ALONZO, EVELYN, ALEXANDRA MORALES, AND



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1 TADE. WE'LL HEAR FROM IN-PERSON SPEAKERS FIRST. PLEASE BEGIN.

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3 **HADIR AZAB:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS
4 HADIR AZAB, AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF CAIR-L.A., AS WELL AS
5 THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION AND THE REPRESENTLA
6 COALITION. AND FIRST, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR TAKING
7 US THROUGH TODAY'S BUDGET. AND I JUST WANTED TO EMPHASIZE THAT
8 FOR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, THE RAIDS MAY HAVE LEFT OUR MAJOR
9 HEADLINES, BUT THE IMPACTS HAVE NOT STOPPED. UCLA FOUND THAT
10 46,000 FEWER BUSINESSES AND \$3,160,000 IN LOSSES WERE REPORTED
11 IN NINE ENFORCEMENT SITES IN JUST TWO WEEKS. AND YOU'VE SHOWN
12 US THIS YEAR THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO RECOGNIZE THE IMMIGRANT
13 COMMUNITY AND WORK WITH US, AND WE APPRECIATE THE CONTINUED
14 COLLABORATION WITH THE POVERTY ALLEVIATION GBI PILOT PROGRAM.
15 HOWEVER, IT'S JUST SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH FOR OUR COMMUNITIES.
16 IMMIGRANT SENIORS HAVE WORKED THEIR WHOLE LIVES AND DON'T
17 QUALIFY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY. WE'VE PRESENTED A VIABLE SOLUTION
18 OF A GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME PILOT PROGRAM. AND WE'RE JUST
19 STRONGLY URGING YOU ALL TO TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION AS
20 WELL AS FULLY FUND REPLA AT THE \$8,500,000 AND THANK YOU SO
21 MUCH.

22

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

24

25 **FRANCISCO MANCIA:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]



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2 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING TO EACH ONE OF YOU. MY NAME IS
3 FRANCISCO MANCIA. AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE GARMENT WORKERS
4 CENTER. I'M HERE TO ASK THAT YOU WOULD APPROVE THE BUDGET OF
5 \$3,800,000. FOR AN INCOME PROGRAM FOR OLDER IMMIGRANT FOLKS.
6 THE PILOT, THE TWO-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM, YES, THAT HAS BEEN
7 APPROVED. \$1,200 PER MONTH WOULD HELP US WITH OUR RENTS AND
8 WITH FOOD AND WITH MEDICATION. PLEASE SUPPORT THE ELDERLY
9 PEOPLE FROM THIS COUNTY, WHO WITH DIFFICULTY WE SURVIVE IN
10 THIS COUNTY. AND WE HAVE WORKED THROUGHOUT MANY YEARS IN THIS
11 COUNTRY. THANK YOU TO EACH ONE OF YOU.

12

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

14

15 **YARITZA GONZALEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS YARITZA GONZALEZ
16 AND I'M HERE WITH CARECEN, THE CENTRAL AMERICAN RESOURCE
17 CENTER, AS WELL AS THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION AND THE
18 REPRESENTLA COALITION. L.A. COUNTY CONTINUES TO BE A TARGET
19 FOR I.C.E. RAIDS AND MUST BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO THE
20 INCREASED NEED FOR SUPPORT SERVICES. THE L.A. RAPID RESPONSE
21 NETWORK STILL RECEIVES THREE TO FIVE CALLS A DAY ABOUT I.C.E.
22 ATTENTIONS. WE MUST MEET THE MOMENT BECAUSE THE REALITY IS
23 THAT EVEN WHEN ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY MAY NOT BE AS VISIBLE,
24 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES CONTINUE TO BE UNLAWFULLY DETAINED AND
25 SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILIES. A BUDGET SHOWS WHAT A COUNTY



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1 VALUES. THIS BUDGET SHOWS THAT IMMIGRANTS MUST SHOW THAT
2 IMMIGRANTS ARE A PRIORITY WITH INVESTMENTS TO MATCH. WE URGE
3 THE BOARD TO BUILD ON WHAT YOU STARTED AND INVEST BOLDLY IN
4 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES BY FUNDING THE \$8,300,000 GUARANTEED
5 BASIC INCOME PILOT PROGRAM, MAKING THE EMERGENCY RENT RELIEF
6 PROGRAM PERMANENT AND FULLY FUNDING REFERENCE IN L.A. WITH AN
7 ALLOCATION OF \$9,000,000. THANK YOU.

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

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11 **MARIA:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]
12

13 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA AND I'M A MEMBER
14 OF THE GARMENT WORKERS CENTER. I'VE WORKED FOR 32 YEARS AS A
15 TRIMMER. WE HAVE GONE THROUGH SOME VERY DIFFICULT TIMES. THE
16 PANDEMIC CAME AND NOW WE'RE GOING THROUGH SOME SUPER DIFFICULT
17 SITUATIONS BETWEEN RENT AND FOOD AND WE NEED THE HELP OF EACH
18 ONE OF YOU. WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE \$3,800,000 AND WE
19 HOPE THAT YOU HEAR US SO THAT WE CAN BE ABLE TO SURVIVE
20 THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. BECAUSE OTHERWISE WE WILL END
21 UP ON THE STREET AND THAT IS NOT FAIR. WE HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH
22 OF OUR LIVES HERE, WE HAVE CONTRIBUTED, AND WE ALSO NEED TO BE
23 TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. EVERY IMMIGRANT DOES THEIR TAXES. WE HAVE
24 THE RIGHT FOR THEM TO GIVE A LITTLE BIT BACK TO US FROM WHAT
25 WE HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS COUNTRY. WE ARE LIVING THROUGH



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1 HARD TIMES RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF THIS GOVERNMENT. THANK YOU.

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

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5 **YESENIA CUX:** HI, MY NAME IS YESENIA CUX HERE ON BEHALF OF THE
6 IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION AND COFEM. THIS YEAR WE HAVE
7 WITNESSED HORRIFYING RACIAL PROFILING AND UNLAWFUL IMMIGRATION
8 DETENTIONS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. THIS ARE STILL HAPPENING TODAY.
9 THE L.A. RAPID RESPONSE NETWORK CONTINUES TO RECEIVE AT LEAST
10 FIVE CALLS EVERY DAY ABOUT I.C.E. DETENTIONS. BUT OUR
11 COMMUNITIES ARE NOT STANDING BY. WE REMAIN ON THE GROUND
12 SUPPORTING IMMIGRANT FAMILIES AND CONNECTING THEM TO CRITICAL
13 RESOURCES AND SERVICES. WE APPRECIATE THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE
14 COUNTY TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES, BUT THIS MOMENT DEMANDS FOR
15 STRONGER ACTION AND GREATER INVESTMENT. EMERGENCY RENT RELIEF
16 PROGRAM HAS RECEIVED NEARLY 30,000 APPLICATIONS WITH 2,400
17 COMPLETED APPLICATIONS STILL AWAITING AWARDS THAT REPRESENTS
18 \$24,100,000 IN URGENTLY NEEDED ASSISTANCE. WE URGE THE COUNTY
19 TO MAKE THE EMERGENCY RENT RELIEF PROGRAM PERMANENT AND
20 INCREASE ITS FUNDING TO SO FAMILIES CAN KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR
21 HEADS. AT THE SAME TIME, OUR COUNTY IS AGING.

22

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

24

25 **LINA ZAPATA:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]



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2 **INTERPRETER:** A VERY GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU, LINA ZAPATA
3 SPEAKING. AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE GARMENT WORKER CENTER. I
4 WORKED IN THE SEWING INDUSTRY FOR 40 YEARS. I'M HERE TO ASK
5 YOU TO APPROVE THE BUDGET OF \$3,800,000 FOR A GUARANTEED
6 INCOME PROGRAM FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE A LEGAL
7 STATUS. AND I ASK YOU TO PLEASE HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF RESPECT
8 FOR ELDERLY FOLKS. MANY HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE RAIDS. THEY
9 HAVE BEEN LEFT WITHOUT WORK. AND NOW IT'S HARD FOR THEM TO
10 FIND WORK, AND WE HAVE GIVEN SO MANY OF OUR YEARS CONTRIBUTING
11 HERE TO THIS COUNTRY. WE HAVE BUILT SO MUCH WITH OUR SWEATS.
12 WE HAVE GIVEN OUR YOUTH. AND NOW WE ASK THAT YOU GIVE US A
13 LITTLE BIT BACK BASED ON SO MUCH THAT WE HAVE GIVEN. THANK
14 YOU.

15

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

17

18 **VANESSA MELENDREZ:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS VANESSA.
19 I'M WITH THE FILIPINO WORKER CENTER AND IRLA. WE APPRECIATE
20 THE COUNTY'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS THAT HELP
21 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY IMMIGRANT SENIORS LIKE THE
22 ERRP. AT THE SAME TIME, OUR COUNTY IS GETTING OLDER AND MANY
23 IMMIGRANT SENIORS HAVE WORKED THEIR ENTIRE LIVES BUT THEY
24 DON'T QUALIFY FOR SOCIAL SAFETY NET OR OTHER SOCIAL SAFETY NET
25 PROGRAMS AND THEY'RE FACING HOMELESSNESS OR WORKING UNTIL



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1 THEIR LAST DAY OR UNTIL THEY'RE SICK. I MEAN WE HAVE A LOT OF
2 TESTIMONY ON THE SICK PART, UNFORTUNATELY. AND THIS IS WHY WE
3 ASKED THE BOARD TO IDENTIFY FUNDING SO IMMIGRANT SENIORS CAN
4 RETIRE WITH DIGNITY. WE ALSO WANT TO ASK THE BOARD TO DIRECT
5 THE CEO TO IDENTIFY TEMPORARY FUNDING NOW FOR THE PUBLIC
6 HEALTH COUNCILS SO ORGS LIKE OURS CAN CONTINUE THIS ESSENTIAL
7 WORK WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. THESE COUNCILS HELP KEEP BUSINESSES
8 SAFE.

9

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

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12 **VIRGIDILA ROMERO VAZQUEZ:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

13

14 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO EACH ONE OF YOU. MY NAME IS
15 VIRGIDILA ROMERO VAZQUEZ. I'VE BEEN WORKING IN THE GARMENT
16 INDUSTRY FOR 26 YEARS. AND I'M PART OF THE GARMENT WORKERS
17 CENTER, AND I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO APPROVE THE \$3,800,000
18 BUDGET FOR A PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS OF GUARANTEED INCOME FOR
19 OLDER IMMIGRANT FOLKS. I'M HERE BEFORE YOU SO THAT YOU WOULD
20 APPROVE THIS PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE. PLEASE APPROVE THIS PROGRAM
21 FOR ELDERLY FOLKS WHO HAVE WORKED DURING DECADES WITH PAIN IN
22 THEIR KNEES OR SOME OF THEM BARELY ABLE TO WALK. WE GO TO WORK
23 LIKE THIS IN THESE KIND OF CONDITIONS, AND EVEN IN SPITE OF
24 THAT, WE CONTINUE TO WORK.

25



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **INTERPRETER:** SO BECAUSE OF THIS, I ASK YOU FOR THIS FUND,
4 WHICH WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP TO US.

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **MAYA DANIELS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M MAYA DANIELS WITH
9 THE TRANSLATINA COALITION. THIS PAST COUPLE YEARS I'VE BEEN
10 COMING HERE, I'VE HAD THE HONOR TO WITNESS THE NEEDS AND ASKS
11 OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT MAKE UP L.A. COUNTY. A MORE
12 INTENTIONAL COMMITMENT FROM ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO A CARE
13 FIRST, JAILS LAST APPROACH AND THE START OF AN ETHICS
14 COMMISSION ARE GREAT MOVEMENTS TOWARDS THE VISION THAT THE
15 COMMUNITY PAINTS FOR US AND CLOSING DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
16 AND RELEASING AND DIVERTING OUR YOUTH FROM PROBATION CAMPS IS
17 A PART OF THAT. PROBABLY THE MOST IMPACTFUL FOR ME HAS BEEN
18 THE YOUTH ADVOCATES AND THEIR STORIES WITH THE JUVENILE
19 JUSTICE SYSTEM. I'VE SEEN THIS YEAR OUR BLACK, BROWN, ASIAN,
20 AS WELL AS GENDER DIVERSE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES ASKED TO BE
21 PRIORITIZED IN A WAY THAT MEETS THE MOMENT OF FEDERAL ATTACKS
22 AND SEEK TO BE INVESTED IN JUST AS MUCH AS THEY INVEST IN THIS
23 COUNTY. WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN HELPFUL PROGRAMS AND FUNDING
24 IMPLEMENTED, THERE ALSO SEEMS AN UNEVEN MEETING OF THE
25 SEVERITY OF THE MOMENT WE ARE CURRENTLY IN. THE COMMUNITY



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1 KNOWS WHAT IT NEEDS IN THE BUDGET. THANK YOU.

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

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5 **CHRISTIE DURAN:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

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7 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CHRISTIE DURÁN. I
8 BELONG TO THE TRANSLATINA COALITION. DURING THESE LAST FEW
9 YEARS, I'VE HAD SOME PROBLEMS TO BE ABLE TO HAVE MY APARTMENT.
10 I NEED THESE FUNDS, AND I ALSO NEED IT FOR MENTAL HEALTH.
11 BECAUSE IT'S NECESSARY FOR ALL OF THOSE OF US WHO DON'T HAVE
12 HOUSING. AND ALSO ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND I ASK FOR YOUR
13 SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **EERO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EERO AND I AM A
18 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TRANSLATINO COALITION AND ALSO ANGELS OF
19 CHANGE. I WANTED TO SAY THAT I HEAR YOU ALL TODAY SPEAKING ON
20 SERVICES LIKE MENTAL HEALTH, FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL
21 VIOLENCE, SUPPORTING OUR HOUSELESS, OUR DISABLED AND OUR
22 NEIGHBORS AND FAMILY THAT DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH AS A FIRST
23 LANGUAGE. MAKING SURE THAT DISASTERS LIKE EARTHQUAKES AND
24 FIRES ARE EFFECTIVELY SUPPORTED AND THAT OUR SCHOOLS AND
25 UNIVERSITIES GET FUNDING. IN ALL OF THESE CATEGORIES, WE HAVE



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1 TGI INDIVIDUALS THAT'S TRANSGENDER AND JUST EVERYBODY THAT'S
2 UNDER THAT SPECTRUM THAT HAVE MORE BARRIERS TO REHABILITATION
3 SERVICES THAT CAN EMPOWER THEM IN THEIR PATH TO SUSTAINABLE
4 INDEPENDENCE. THAT GETS LOST IN TRANSLATION TO PEOPLE THAT ARE
5 NOT PROPERLY TRAINED OR DON'T WANT TO FAIRLY SERVE OUR
6 CONSTITUENTS. THIS IS ONE OF THE PRIME PLACES WHERE EQUITY CAN
7 BE ESTABLISHED AND WE'RE SHOWING UP. WE WANT Y'ALL TO SHOW UP
8 TOO. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **PAMELA MOLLEDA:** GOOD MORNING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
13 NAME IS PAMELA MOLLEDA. I'M PART OF THE LATINA COALITION. I
14 DON'T KNOW 94. HOMELINESS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN OUR CITY. I
15 FEEL DEPRESSED ABOUT THE SITUATION WITH MY TGI COMMUNITY. IN
16 THE PAST TO HELP PROBLEMS, I HAVE ALMOST LOST MY APARTMENT,
17 PLACE WHERE I LIVE FOR 28 YEARS. THANKS TO LGBT CENTERS, SO I
18 DIDN'T LOSE MY APARTMENT. THE TGI COMMUNITY NEEDS MENTAL
19 HEALTH AND HOUSING. NOW, I WORRY BECAUSE I WILL HAVE SURGERY
20 NEXT MONTH, AND I THINK ABOUT THAT BY HEALTH PROBLEMS, I'VE
21 BEEN IN RISK TO LOSE MY APARTMENT AGAIN. AND I DON'T WANT TO
22 BE HOMELESS. SUPERVISORS, PLEASE, MY LGBT COMMUNITY AND ALL
23 ANGELENOS TO GIVE SAFE PLACE TO HAVE A GOOD QUALITY LIFE.
24 THANK YOU.

25



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

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3 **JOSELINE PENA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOSELINE PENA. I'M
4 WITH AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION. I'M A PROUD RESIDENT OF THE
5 CITY OF PARAMOUNT AND DISTRICT 4. I AM HERE TODAY TO URGE YOU
6 TO ALLOCATE \$3,000,000 AND MEASURE YOUR FUNDS FOR MARKET
7 MATCH, WHICH IS A PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM. IN FACT, EVERY DOLLAR
8 SPENT THROUGH MARKET MATCH GENERATES \$3 IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.
9 THESE DOLLARS STAY RIGHT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE PROGRAM
10 ALLOWS FAMILIES TO STRETCH THEIR FOOD DOLLARS WHILE MAKING
11 HEALTHIER CHOICES AND STRENGTHENS OUR LOCAL ECONOMY BY
12 SUPPORTING FARMERS, SMALL BUSINESSES AND A JOB GROWTH. AT THE
13 TIME WHEN MANY FAMILIES CONTINUE TO FACE HIGH FOOD COSTS,
14 MARKET MATCH PROVIDES A PROVEN EFFECTIVE TOOL FOR HELPING
15 RESIDENTS PUT HEALTHY FOOD ON THE TABLE. COUNTY INVESTMENT
16 WOULD HELP ENSURE THAT THIS IMPORTANT RESOURCE REMAINS
17 AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT MOST. ACCESS TO ABUNDANT
18 FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES GROWN HERE IN L.A. COUNTY SHOULD
19 BE A RIGHT NOT A PRIVILEGE. MARKET MATCH PROMOTES EQUITABLE
20 ACCESS TO FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. MARKET MATCH ISN'T JUST
21 UNDERFUNDED, IT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE COUNTY BUDGET SO I'M
22 HERE TO URGE YOU TO ALLOCATE THIS FUNDS THANK YOU.

23

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

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PALOMA BUSTOS: HELLO MY NAME IS PALOMA BUSTOS WITH THE SUNITA JAIN ANTI-TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE AND THE RE-IMAGINE L.A. COALITION. ONE PART OF THE BUDGET I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT IS THE INVESTMENT IN YOUTH SERVICES. DYD IS RECEIVING MORE FUNDING ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK DIRECTLY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. WE ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO ALSO USE THESE INVESTMENTS AS PART OF A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TO TRAFFICKING BY SUPPORTING HOW YOUTH ARE ASSESSED FOR TRAFFICKING AND CONNECTED TO SERVICES. YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM MAY ACTUALLY BE EXPERIENCING SEX AND LABOR TRAFFICKING. THEY MAY ALSO BE PRESSURED OR FORCED TO COMMIT CRIMES FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S BENEFIT, BUT STILL ARE TREATED AS OFFENDERS INSTEAD OF BEING RECOGNIZED AS TRAFFICKING VICTIMS. STAFF AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE TRAINED TO RECOGNIZE THESE SITUATIONS, SCREEN FOR TRAFFICKING, AND CONNECT YOUTH TO THE RIGHT SERVICES. THESE PROTECTIONS SHOULD BE PART OF YOUTH PROGRAMS AS THEY GROW TO RECEIVE MORE FUNDING. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

CLAUDIA: I GUESS WHEN YOU'RE HEARING THE NEWS THAT THE LADY, THE DIRECTOR FROM LAHSA, HAD TO QUIT BECAUSE SOME SHADY BUSINESS. OR WHEN YOU HEAR THAT THE DUDE THAT OWNED THIS



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1 HOMELESS SHELTER WENT TO JAIL, IT GETS YOU ANGRY, RIGHT? AND
2 IT MAKES YOU UPSET. WITH THAT BEING SAID, MY NAME IS CLAUDIA.
3 I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE TRANS COMMUNITY. AND I KNOW EACH OF
4 YOU LADIES BRING A PERSPECTIVE TO THE BUDGET, RIGHT? I HEAR
5 SOMEONE TALKING ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S. YOU WANT TO GIVE MONEY TO
6 THE SHERIFF'S? BUT LAST WEEK OR A WHILE AGO, WE WERE HERE
7 BECAUSE THE GANGS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THEN WE HEAR
8 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. YOU KNOW WHAT? ON MY EXPERIENCE IN
9 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, I HAD A REALLY BAD EXPERIENCE. WHEN
10 I WAS A VICTIM, THE PERSON HAD TO PAY THE RESTITUTION FINES.
11 WHEN I CALLED THE --

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

14

15 **ALEXANDRA MORALES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALEXANDRA
16 MORALES ON BEHALF OF IMMIGRANT DEFENDERS LAW CENTER AND THE
17 REPRESENT L.A. COALITION. WE URGE THE BOARD TO ENSURE THAT THE
18 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET DELIVERS ON ITS COMMITMENT TO FUND THE
19 SECOND HALF OF REPRESENTLA. SINCE 2022, REPRESENTLA HAS SERVED
20 MORE THAN 20,000 PEOPLE THROUGH LEGAL REPRESENTATION, LEGAL
21 ORIENTATION, AND ESSENTIAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING TO ASYLUM
22 SEEKERS, SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING, UNACCOMPANIED MINORS,
23 VETERANS, AND IMMIGRANTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THIS
24 INVESTMENT IS MORE CRITICAL TODAY. RECENT FEDERAL ACTIONS HAVE
25 DIRECTED BILLIONS TOWARDS EXPANDING IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT,



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1 DETENTION, AND REMOVALS. L.A. COUNTY CONTINUES TO FEEL THESE
2 IMPACTS. WITH THOSE IMPACTS CONTINUING TO INCREASE, THIS
3 PROGRAM IS EVEN MORE CRITICAL TODAY THAN EVER. AS CALIFORNIA'S
4 LARGEST DEPORTATION DEFENSE NONPROFIT, MDOT CONTINUES TO SEE
5 THAT DETAINED IMMIGRANTS WITH LEGAL REPRESENTATION ARE
6 SIGNIFICANTLY MORE LIKELY TO OBTAIN RELIEF THAN THOSE WITHOUT
7 COUNSEL. WE URGE THE BOARD TO FULLY FUND REPRESENTLA IN THE
8 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **JERSON ALDAIR NAVIDAD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
13 JERSON ALDAIR NAVIDAD. WE'RE AN IMMIGRANT DEFENDERS' CLASS
14 CENTER, CALIFORNIA LARGEST REMOVAL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION. I'M
15 ALSO A CONSTITUENT OF THE 2ND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT OF LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY. I'M HERE TODAY TO URGE YOU TO TAKE INTO
17 CONSIDERATION THE IMPORTANCE OF DUE PROCESS IN YOUR CITY AND
18 TO CONTINUE THE IMPORTANT LEGAL SERVICES UNDER THE REPRESENTLA
19 PROGRAM. WE URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE MANY IMMIGRANT
20 AND ANGELENO FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN RIPPED APART BY THE
21 I.C.E. RAIDS. AS SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCED THE MISTREATMENT
22 OF I.C.E. AND CBP AUTHORITIES, LEGAL REPRESENTATION CAN MEAN
23 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SAFETY AND DANGER, STABILITY AND
24 SEPARATION IN SOME INSTANCES THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND
25 DEATH. IMMIGRANT FAMILIES DESERVE SAFETY AND ACCESS TO LEGAL



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1 COUNSEL. WE MUST REMIND OURSELVES THAT IMMIGRANTS MAKE OUR
2 CITY FLOURISH. IMMIGRANTS CONTRIBUTE BILLIONS ANNUALLY IN
3 LOCAL AND STATE TAXES, YET MOST OF THEM ARE LEFT WITH NO
4 ACCESS TO BENEFITS AND ARE PREVENTED BY US WITH NO ACCESS TO A
5 LAWYER. WE URGE YOU TO ATTENTION TO REPRESENTLA ON MED NEEDS.
6 WE URGE YOU TO THE COUNTY FULLY FUND REPRESENTLA IN THE
7 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **DEANNA PITTMAN:** GREETINGS. MY NAME IS DEANNA PITTMAN AND I'M
12 HERE TODAY WITH THE YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER AND THE
13 FREEDOM 50 COALITION. WE'RE HERE TO COMMENT ON THE
14 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND URGE THE BOARD ONCE AGAIN TO INVEST IN
15 CARE FIRST. THIS BOARD HAS RECENTLY RECOMMITTED TO
16 DECARCERATING GIRLS AND GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH WHO ARE HELD IN
17 LOCKUP IN OUR HALLS AND CAMPS. ANY MODIFICATION TO OUR COUNTY
18 BUDGET SHOULD REFLECT THIS AS A PRIORITY. WHAT GIRLS AND
19 GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH ARE IN DESPERATELY NEED OF IS FLEXIBLE
20 AND CREATIVE HOUSING SOLUTIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE
21 PROBATION DEPARTMENT JUST REPORTED A \$90,000,000 SURPLUS AND
22 \$78,000,000 IN SALARY SAVINGS. SO MUCH UNSPENT MONEY. THESE
23 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS SHOULD BE USED TO INVEST IN POSITIVE YOUTH
24 OUTCOMES AND WELL-BEING. WE URGE THE BOARD TO REJECT ANY
25 PROPOSAL THAT MAY COME YOUR WAY SOON THAT BROADENS THE SCOPE



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1 OF INCARCERATION FOR GIRLS AND GENDER-EXPANSIVE YOUTH. IT'S
2 TIME TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE.

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

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6 **ALONZO ALCALA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALONZO ALCALA. I'M
7 WITH THE YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER, AND I AM A PREVIOUSLY
8 INCARCERATED SYTF YOUTH. I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE WE NEED TO
9 HAVE A SERIOUS CONVERSATION ABOUT WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING AND
10 WHERE IT IS ACTUALLY REACHING. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS
11 \$10,000,000 IN YOUTH JUSTICE FUNDING THAT HAS NOT BEEN SPENT.
12 APPROXIMATELY \$91,800,000 REMAIN UNSPENT EVEN AFTER ALREADY
13 APPROVED SERVICES WERE FUNDED. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE
14 WHO ARE AT RISK, SYSTEM IMPACTED, HOMELESS, OR COMING HOME FOR
15 INCARCERATION WHO NEED REAL OPPORTUNITIES RIGHT NOW. IMAGINE
16 WHAT THOSE DOLLARS COULD DO IF THEY FOLLOWED OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
17 INTO THE COMMUNITY. WE COULD HELP PUT YOUTH THROUGH COLLEGE.
18 WE COULD PROVIDE STABLE HOUSING. WE COULD INVEST DIRECTLY INTO
19 NONPROFIT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ALREADY ON
20 THE GROUND DOING THIS WORK EVERY DAY. OUR YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T
21 NEED MONEY SITTING UNUSED. THEY NEED INVESTMENTS, OPPORTUNITY,
22 EDUCATION, HOUSING, MENTORSHIP, AND PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN
23 THEM. IF WE TRULY WANT TO PREVENT INCARCERATION, THEN WE NEED
24 TO INVEST IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE BEFORE THE SYSTEM BECOMES THEIR
25 ONLY OPTION.



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

3

4 **EVELYN ESPINAL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EVELYN ESPINAL. I'M
5 HERE WITH THE YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER. I'M HERE TODAY TO
6 URGE YOU TO STOP INVESTING IN FACILITIES INSTEAD INVESTING
7 ALTERNATIVES. IF OUR GOAL IS TO STOP INCARCERATING GIRLS AND
8 GENDER-EXPENSIVE YOUTH, WE SHOULD NOT BE INVESTING ADDITIONAL
9 MONEY IN FACILITIES WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE ARE IN NEED OF
10 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, HOUSING, HEALING, AND THE LIST GOES
11 ON. PLEASE PRIORITIZE THE NEED OF THE YOUTH. THANK YOU FOR
12 CONSIDERING THIS AS YOU FINALIZE THE BUDGET.

13

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

16

17 **DANIEL GONZALEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
18 IS DANIEL GONZALEZ AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES
19 LGBT CENTER. I URGE THE BOARD TO ADJUST \$26,000,000 IN
20 REDUCTION TO SERVICES THAT AFFECT TRANSITION-AGED YOUTH IN THE
21 FY26/27 BUDGET. FOR LGBT YOUNG PEOPLE, STABLE HOUSING AND
22 MEANINGFUL SUPPORT CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXPERIENCING
23 HOMELESSNESS AND FINDING A PATH TOWARDS STABILITY AND
24 INDEPENDENCE. PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN ZEROED OUT IN THE BUDGET
25 INCLUDE HOUSING NAVIGATION, YOUTH FAMILY RECONNECTION, CAMPUS



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1 TIER NAVIGATION, WHICH ALL PROVIDE CRITICAL SUPPORT AT A TIME
2 WHEN PEOPLE ARE BUILDING THEIR FUTURES. EVEN THOUGH THERE IS
3 NO BACKFILL IN THE APPROVED BUDGET, THE NEED HAS NOT
4 DISAPPEARED. WE URGE THE BOARD TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL \$2,600
5 IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET MOTIONS FOR STORING DIFFERENTIAL
6 SERVICES. PLEASE INVEST IN TRANSITION AGED YOUTH AND ENSURE
7 LGBT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT LEFT BEHIND. THANK YOU.

8

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

11

12 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** THANK YOU ROY HUMPHRIES, ROWLAND HEIGHTS. THANK
13 YOU ROBERT, THE DANGEROUS NEWS AS TO DECREASE FEDERAL FUNDS
14 AND END POINT CALIFORNIA COUNTY LOS ANGELES AND CONTINUING THE
15 KING OF FEDERAL FRAUD, WHICH HAS JUST SCRATCHED THE SURFACE
16 AND WILL NOT END UNTIL THE GANG OF FOUR DEMOCRATS ARE IN
17 ALLIGATOR ALCATRAZ. THE GANG OF FOUR IS WEAPONIZED ILLEGAL
18 IMMIGRATION, AIDING AND ABETTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, AND IS
19 WHAT MANY LABEL AS TREASON. AND IS YOUR TICKET TO JOIN BACA
20 AND TANAKA IN FEDERAL PRISON. MY DECADES OF EXPERIENCE IN
21 HEALTHCARE TO NOTE, NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE, YOU HAVEN'T GOT A
22 POT OR WINDOW TO THROW IT OUT. THE GANG OF FOUR HAS NO
23 SOLUTIONS BUT TO PERPETUATE AN EXACERBATED CATASTROPHIC
24 DISASTER. YOU MUST TERMINATE THE BOARD MEMBER EXPANSION
25 IMMEDIATELY. SUPERVISOR BARGER, STATES TAKE HEAD ON. BUT THE



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1 GANG OF FOUR HAS SEALED THE COUNTY'S FATE.

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

5

6 **STEPHANIE RICHARD:** HELLO. MY NAME IS PROFESSOR STEPHANIE
7 RICHARD AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE SUNITA JAIN ANTI-
8 TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL. I'M SPEAKING ON
9 ITEM 94. SGI WORKS TO PREVENT TRAFFICKING BY TREATING IT AS A
10 PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE AND THAT WORK NEEDS A PUBLIC HEALTH
11 DEPARTMENT WITH STAFF. ITEM 94 DELETE 203 VACANT PUBLIC HEALTH
12 POSITIONS. ONCE THEY'RE DELETED THEY'RE GONE FROM THE BUDGET.
13 THE MONEY TO KEEP THEM IS ALREADY HERE. THE COUNTY HOLDS ABOUT
14 \$266,000,000 IN RESERVE FOR THE SHERIFF SET ASIDE IN 2019
15 UNTIL THE SHERIFF HAD A PLAN TO CONTROL ITS COSTS. THE BUDGET
16 CALL FOR \$143,700,000 THAT ONGOING. KEEPING THESE POSITIONS IN
17 PUBLIC HEALTH WOULD COST \$35,000,000 A YEAR. PLEASE AMEND ITEM
18 94 TO KEEP ALL 203 PUBLIC HEALTH POSITIONS AND FUND THEM FROM
19 THE SHERIFF'S RESERVE. WE NEED A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH AS THE
20 SUPERVISORS HAVE TALKED ABOUT TODAY AND WE ESPECIALLY NEED
21 THIS TO PREVENT.

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ANDONY CORLETO, YOUR LINE IS
24 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

25



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ANDONY CORLETO: HI, ANDONY CORLETO, I'M AN SD TO RESIDENT A PROGRAM ASSOCIATE THE VARIOUS WHO'S JUSTICE. TODAY LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS HOME TO THE LARGEST JAIL SYSTEM IN THE COUNTRY, INCARCERATING MORE THAN 12,000 PEOPLE ON ANY GIVEN DAY. AS OF AUGUST, OVER 56% OF PEOPLE INCARCERATED IN LOS ANGELES HAVE AN IDENTIFIED MENTAL HEALTH NEED, MAKING THE JAIL SYSTEM THE LARGEST MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTION IN THE COUNTRY. WE COMMEND THE CEO FOR WORKING WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO IDENTIFY \$15,500,000 IN FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AS RECOMMENDED BY JCIT THROUGH THE EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS LIKE RDR HOUSING AND JCAWS RAPID DIVERSION PROGRAM. AT THE TIME WHEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONTINUES TO FACE MOUNTING BUDGET PRESSURES, IT IS CRITICAL FOR THE BOARD TO REJECT PROPOSALS FOR NEW AND COSTLY JAIL CONSTRUCTION THAT WILL COST \$2,800,000,000 TO BUILD AND FACILITIES AND ABOUT \$1,000,000,000 PER YEAR TO RUN. WE URGE THE BOARD TO APPROVE THESE SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES AND INCREASE INVESTMENTS TO FULLY FUND IMPLEMENT ZEX'S PLAN TO CLOSE MENTAL JAIL. WE THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THE CARE FIRST JAILS LAST MISSION. THANK YOU.

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

JULIET MARTINEZ: HI, I'M JULIET MARTINEZ. I'M THE VICE



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1 PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY IMPACT WITH THE GREATER LOS ANGELES
2 DIVISION WITH THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION. WE ARE ASKING
3 THE SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THE \$3,000,000 MARKET MATCH AND
4 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR ER WITHOUT THIS FUNDING WE'RE NOT ABLE
5 TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND AGAIN WE'RE URGING
6 THESE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO HAVE A \$3,000,000 MARKET MATCH
7 FOR GREATER L.A. THANK YOU.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. L.A. BYRON. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
10 PLEASE BEGIN.

11

12 **BYRON JOSE:** THANK YOU. WHY ARE WE EVEN DOING PUBLIC COMMENT IF
13 WE'RE GOING TO LIMIT IT TO 60 MINUTES WHEN WE SPEND TWO HOURS
14 LISTENING TO YOU NOT EVEN ASK QUESTIONS TO JOE? EVEN AFTER 12
15 YEARS, JOE WILL NEVER STABILIZE THE BUDGET IF HE CONTINUES TO
16 KEEP BLANK CHECKS TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. \$4,000,000,000
17 IN ADOPTED CHANGES UNDER THE BUDGET ALONE, THAT IS 1/10 OF OUR
18 BUDGET. THEY RECEIVED 70,000,000 OF AB 109 COMPARED TO 100,000
19 FOR THE TGI COMMUNITY TRANSITION PROGRAM. THEY ALSO RECEIVED
20 \$10,000,000 FOR HOUSING OUTREACH FROM HSH. THIS OVERSHADOWS
21 THE MISSING \$200,000,000 CARE FIRST ALLOCATIONS THAT ARE
22 HIGHLIGHTED BY JOE, AND THEN ALSO THE \$71,000,000 EMERGENCY
23 RESPONSE FUNDS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS BOARD LEVERAGING THE
24 EMERGENCY RENT RELIEF \$10,000,000, MEASURE A, AND THE VACANT
25 POSITIONS, IF DIRECTED TO THE CEO THROUGH MOTION, TO ENSURE



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1 THAT WE ROLL OUT A TGI HOUSING INITIATIVE. WE NEED A CLOSED
2 MEN'S CENTER JAIL NOW, FREE THE 50, FULLY FUND MEASURE J. THE
3 FUNDS FOR BUSINESS INTERRUPTIONS TO BE FUNDED BY LINEAGE NOT -
4 -

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

8

9 **MEGAN CASTILLO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MEGAN
10 CASTILLO AND I'M WITH LADEFENSA AND THE REIMAGINE L.A.
11 COALITION. PASSING THIS BUDGET AND RUBBER STAMPING THE FALSE
12 CHOICES PRESENTED BY THE INTERIM CEO WILL BE A SLAP IN THE
13 FACE OF THE RESIDENTS YOU CLAIM TO REPRESENT. ONCE AGAIN,
14 WE'RE BEING TOLD THAT THIS IS A TOUGH BUDGET YEAR, BUT L.A.
15 COUNTY IS NOT BROKE. JOE AND HIS CRONIES WANT YOU TO BELIEVE
16 THAT YOU HAVE NO OTHER CHOICES, BUT YOU DO. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO
17 CONTINUE POURING BILLIONS INTO LAW ENFORCEMENT. YOU DO NOT
18 HAVE TO CONTINUE PAYING FOR THE HARM CAUSED BY THE PROBATION
19 DEPARTMENT. AND YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SWEEP DEPUTY GANGS UNDER
20 THE RUG. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ALLOW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO
21 PRANK WORK OUR COMMUNITY. AND SO WE'RE ASKING YOU TO MAKE A
22 DIFFERENT CHOICE. INVEST IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE, HOUSING AND
23 TREATMENT, AND MOVE US TOWARD CARE FIRST JAILS LAST. THANK
24 YOU.

25



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

3
4 **CARMEN GUTIERREZ:** HELLO, MY NAME IS CARMEN GUTIERREZ. I'M AN
5 ORGANIZER WITH THE CLEAN CAR WASH WORKERS CENTER. CLEAN
6 REPRESENTS CAR WASH WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY. THE PUBLIC HEALTH
7 PROGRAM HAS ALLOWED US TO CONDUCT EMPLOYER AND WORKER
8 OUTREACH. WE HAVE PROVIDED VITAL KNOW YOUR RIGHTS INFORMATION,
9 DISTRIBUTED ESSENTIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY INFO, AND HAVE
10 FACILITATED IN ENGAGING WORKERS IN ADDRESSING WORKPLACE
11 HAZARDS. THIS INCLUDING COVID REPORTING WORKPLACE HAZARDS TO
12 CORRESPONDING AGENCIES AND HAVE STRENGTHENED THE RELATIONSHIP
13 BETWEEN WORKERS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.
14 THEREFORE, TODAY WE ASK THAT THE BOARD TO DIRECT THE CEO TO
15 IDENTIFY AND BRIDGE THE FUNDING NOW SO THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH
16 COUNCIL'S PROGRAM CAN CONTINUE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. THANK
17 YOU.

18
19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ANTHONY FAIZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
20 PLEASE BEGIN.

21
22 **ANTHONY FAIZ:** HI, GOOD EVENING EVERYONE. MY NAME IS ANTHONY
23 FAIZ. I'M A WORKER ORGANIZER WITH LANE, A NONPROFIT THAT
24 ADVOCATES FOR WORKING FAMILIES AND SUPPORTS LABOR IN THE CITY
25 OF LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE TO COMMENT ON ITEM 94 AND OPPOSE THE



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1 CEO'S RECOMMENDATIONS. FUNDING MUST BE MAINTAINED FOR PUBLIC
2 HEALTH COUNCIL WITHOUT A GAP IN SERVICE. I WORK CLOSELY WITH
3 GROCERY WORKERS WHO ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE INDUSTRY THAT THIS
4 CITY DESIGNATED AS TOO IMPORTANT TO SHUT DOWN DURING THE
5 PANDEMIC. ELIMINATING FUNDING WOULD BE A HUGE LOSS AND A SIGN
6 OF DISREGARD TO WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO RISKED THEIR
7 LIVES TO KEEP OUR CITY RUNNING. I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND A PUBLIC
8 HEALTH COUNCIL POSITIVELY IMPACTS THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE THAT
9 WORK HARD TO FEED LOS ANGELES. WORKERS ARE OFTEN NOT GIVEN
10 PROPER SUPPLIES AND ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR BASIC LABOR AND
11 SAFETY RIGHTS. PC PROVIDES A SPACE WHERE WORKERS CAN RECEIVE
12 SUPPORT AND INFORMATION THAT THE WORKPLACE SIMPLY ISN'T
13 PROVIDING. WITHOUT PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING WORKERS ARE LEFT IN
14 THE DARK. THANK YOU.

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

18
19 **ANTHONY DEPICE:** HI. I'M WITH THE WAREHOUSE WORKER RESOURCE
20 CENTER. WE SUPPORT WORKERS IN THE HUNDREDS OF WAREHOUSES
21 ACROSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THAT SUPPLY ALL THE GOODS WE
22 CONSUME THAT COME IN FROM THE PORTS AND MOVE OUT TO THE REST
23 OF THE NATION. WWRC HAS BEEN PART OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL
24 PROGRAM AND IT HAS LED TO US ENGAGING DIRECTLY WITH HUNDREDS
25 OF WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY TO WORK IN WAREHOUSES, ESPECIALLY



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1 THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED THROUGH STAFFING AGENCIES. THIS HAS LED
2 US TO EDUCATING THEM ON ISSUES OF INDOOR HEAT, MACHINERY AND
3 COVID PREVENTION, AND ENGAGING MULTIPLE WORKPLACES WITH
4 VACCINE CLINICS. WE ASKED THE CEO TO ESTABLISH SOME BRIDGE
5 FUNDING SO WE CAN CONTINUE THIS CRITICAL EDUCATION AND WORKER
6 ENGAGEMENT THAT HAS PROVEN TO BE A VALUE AND BENEFIT TO THE
7 WORKERS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO BACK TO IN-PERSON
10 SPEAKERS. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD
11 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. RICARDO HERNANDEZ, EMILY ZAMORA,
12 ISABELLA SULEIMAN, JAZARA QUESEDUMODINALDO, LENA MULLET,
13 TYREEK SHIPP, ANGELA, JORGE, JUSTIN MARKS, SY ROMERO, SALAZAR
14 SUMMONS, COREY SCHMIDT, BEBE OLVAROS, RENEE OCAMPO, ADRIANA
15 ARJONA, AND JANET ASANTE. PLEASE BEGIN.

16

17 **LUPITA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LUPITA WITH THE YOUNG
18 WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER, AND I AM HERE TO STRONGLY OPPOSE
19 CONTINUING TO GROW THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET. WHILE
20 YOUNG PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ARE ASKING FOR REAL
21 ALTERNATIVES, PROBATION HAS REPORTED MILLIONS IN UNSPENT
22 FUNDS. YET, WE ARE STILL TALKING ABOUT SPENDING \$1,700,000 ON
23 A TRAILER. THAT MONEY COULD BE INSTEAD SUPPORT YOUTH JOBS,
24 HOUSING, EDUCATION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND COMMUNITY-
25 BASED HEALING. FIVE YEARS AFTER THE COMMITMENT TO END THE



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1 INCARCERATION OF GIRLS AND GENDER-EXPENSIVE YOUTH, THIS IS
2 WHAT WE ARE FUNDING. A TRAILER WITH FOUR ISOLATION ROOMS IS
3 STILL A CAGE, EVEN WHEN WELLNESS NAME ON THE DOOR. YOUNG
4 PEOPLE DON'T NEED ANOTHER ROOM TO BE SENT TO. THEY NEED PEOPLE
5 AND PLACES THAT CATCH THEM BEFORE THEY GET THERE. WE NEED NON-
6 INSTITUTIONAL TRAUMA-INFORMED GENDER RESPONSIVE HOUSING AND
7 HEALING CENTERS WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN STAY CONNECTED TO
8 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS AND RECEIVE THE
9 SUPPORT THEY NEED TO GO HOME IF THERE ARE FEWER THAN 50 GIRLS
10 AND GENDER --

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

13
14 **TARDIS SHAKUR:** HI, MY NAME IS TARDIS SHAKUR AND I'M WITH THE
15 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE PROPOSED
16 \$1,700,000 FOR ISOLATION TRAILERS. YOU SAY YOU'RE COMMITTED TO
17 ENDING THE INCARCERATION OF GIRLS, SO WHY ARE WE INVESTING
18 MILLIONS IN MORE DETENTION INFRASTRUCTURE? THE PROBATION
19 DEPARTMENT HAS REPORTED \$91,800,000 IN UNSPENT FUNDS, MONEY
20 THAT COULD BE GOING TOWARD YOUTH JOBS, HOUSING, EDUCATION,
21 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND REAL COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORT.
22 INSTEAD, WE'RE BEING ASKED TO SPEND \$1,700,000 TO TRAILERS
23 DESIGNED TO ISOLATE AND LOCK UP YOUNG PEOPLE. THAT IS
24 UNACCEPTABLE. AS ANGELES DAVIS SAID, PRISONS DO NOT DISAPPEAR
25 SOCIAL PROBLEMS, THEY DISAPPEAR HUMAN BEINGS. SEPTEMBER IS



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1 ALSO A TIME WHEN WE RECOGNIZE SUICIDE PREVENTION IN SUBSTANCE
2 USE AWARENESS. YOUNG PEOPLE NEED CARE CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY
3 NOT ISOLATION IF YOU TRULY CARE ABOUT GIRLS AND GENDER-
4 SPECIFIC YOUTH RELEASING FROM THESE UNACCEPTABLE AND
5 DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS DO NOT USE THESE TRAILERS AS ANOTHER
6 EXCUSE TO EXPAND LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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

9
10 **DANIEL GARCIA:** THANK YOU. I AM DANIEL GARCIA AND EVERY TIME I
11 GO TO THE COMMUNITY, THE COUNTY COMMUNITY, I ALWAYS SEE THE
12 SAME PROBLEM. AND THE SAME PROBLEM BY THE COMMUNITY IS PRESENT
13 IN THE PRESENTATION. AND THE SAME PROBLEM IS HOUSING. HOUSING.
14 HOUSING. THE SAME PROBLEM. ALL I HAVE BEEN HEARING IS HOUSING.
15 ALL I'VE BEEN HEARING IS HOW COME I COME HERE FOR YEARS HERE.
16 YOU ALL KNOW ME. YOU ALL KNOW ME HERE. THANK YOU.

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

19
20 **RICHARD HERNANDEZ:** MY NAME IS RICHARD HERNANDEZ, RICARDO
21 HERNANDEZ AND I'M WITH THE CEO OF EC SAFE HARBOR. I'M HERE TO
22 PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COST SAVING
23 PROCESS FOR SCHOOLS. A COST EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS FOUND THAT THE
24 LARGEST EXCESSIVE COST FOR SCHOOLS IS INTEREST. I DID AN
25 ANALYSIS FOR THE AGENDA FOR MAY 26 THEY HAD SEVEN ITEMS LISTED



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1 THE COST FOR \$920,000,000 FOR THE SCHOOL BONDS THE COST OF
2 INTEREST CHARGE WAS \$1,000,000,000 AND \$31,000,000. THAT'S
3 MORE THAN EQUAL THE AMOUNT OF THE BOND ITSELF. AND THEY
4 CONTINUED TO DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE. AFTER ONLY FIVE
5 YEARS, LAUSD CAN DEDUCT 72 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF \$4,600,000,
6 SAVING \$334,000,000, OR 35% OF THE ENTIRE COST OF INTEREST.

7

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

9

10 **KASSIDI MALDONADO:** GOOD AFTERNOON.MY NAME IS CASSIDY
11 MALDONADO. I'M WITH YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER. I'VE BEEN
12 AFFECTED BY THE SYSTEM SINCE I WAS 15. I'M 24 NOW, AND IT'S
13 STILL HAPPENING. WE WANT A BUDGET FOR HEALING AND LEARNING,
14 NOT TO HURT PEOPLE AND TARGET PEOPLE. WE WANT A BUDGET FOR US
15 TO HELP US GROW AND BE BETTER. WE DON'T WANT A BUDGET TO HURT
16 PEOPLE, ANIMALS. WE DON'T WANT A BUDGET TO SCARE KIDS AND
17 CRIMINALIZING PEOPLE. WE ARE TIRED OF YOUR FAKE PROMISES. WE
18 WANT TO CHANGE. WE WANT YOU TO FREE THE 50. WE WANT YOU TO
19 MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION FOR THE PEOPLE, NOT THE POWER. MORE
20 BEDS IS NOT, THAT DON'T MEAN HEALING. WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER
21 ROOM FOR US TO BE SENT TO WHEN WE ARE STRUGGLING. WE NEED
22 PEOPLE PLACES TO CATCH UP BEFORE WE GET THERE. THANK YOU.

23

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

25



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ISABELLA SOLOMON: GOOD MORNING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS ISABELLA SOLOMON. I AM A FORMERLY INCARCERATED WOMAN A MOTHER A STUDENT AND THE ASSOCIATE OF POLICY AT THE ANTI-RESIDIVISM COALITION. AS SOMEONE WHO EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS AS A CHILD, INCARCERATION AS A YOUNG ADULT, AND THE DIFFICULT JOURNEY OF REBUILDING MY LIFE, I KNOW THAT COMING HOME IS ONLY THE BEGINNING YOU CAN BE READY TO WORK REUNITE WITH YOUR CHILDREN AND CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR COMMUNITY BUT WITHOUT STABLE HOUSING REBUILDING YOUR LIFE BECOMES AN UPHILL BATTLE THROUGH MY LIVED EXPERIENCE AND WORK WITH ARC'S POLICY DEPARTMENT I UNDERSTAND THAT HOUSING STABILITY IS DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO SUCCESSFUL RE-ENTRY, FAMILY REUNIFICATION, AND LONG-TERM PUBLIC SAFETY. CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST MEANS WE CANNOT INCARCERATE OUR WAY OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. IT MEANS INVESTING IN PREVENTION, INVESTING IN PEOPLE, AND RECOGNIZING THAT A SAFE COMMUNITY IS BUILT NOT ONLY THROUGH ACCOUNTABILITY, BUT THROUGH OPPORTUNITY, DIGNITY, AND ACCESS TO SUPPORT. WHEN SOMEONE COMES HOME, WE SHOULD INVEST IN THEIR ABILITY TO STAY HOME.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

ANGELA ARROYO: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANGELA ARROYO, A FORMERLY INCARCERATED YOUTH AND FELLOW WITH THE YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER. TODAY, AGAIN, TO REMIND YOU OF ALL, TO REMIND



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1 ALL OF YOU ALL OF WHY WE SHOULD STOP FUNDING PROBATION. ASIDE
2 FROM THE PROMISE YOU MADE FIVE YEARS AGO ABOUT INCARCERATING
3 GIRLS AND GENDER-EXPENSIVE YOUTH. DID WE FORGET ABOUT THE
4 SEXUAL ABUSE GOING ON IN THERE? THE LACK OF EDUCATION BEING
5 OFFERED TO YOUNG PEOPLE. DID WE FORGET ABOUT THE MISGENDERING
6 AND NO ACCESS TO MEDICATIONS AND HOSPITAL RUNS BEING DISMISSED
7 DUE TO POOR STAFFING? PLEASE KEEP THIS ALL IN MIND WHEN
8 DECIDING TO KEEP FUNDING A PLACE WHERE KIDS ARE NOT ABLE TO
9 THRIVE, THEY ARE NOT BEING REHABILITATED, THEY ARE BEING
10 PUNISHED INSTEAD OF BEING REDIRECTED AND GUIDED TOWARDS
11 SUCCESS. HOW DO WE EXPECT FOR THIS PROBLEM TO END IF YOU ARE
12 DOING NOTHING TO SOLVE IT? YOU GUYS ARE FUNDING IT. WITH YOUR
13 HELP, WE ARE GREATER. FREE THE 50.

14

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

16

17 **EMILY ZAMORA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EMILY ZAMORA. I'M WITH
18 THE JUSTICE COALITION AND THE FREE THE 50. AND I JUST WANT TO
19 HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT MY STUDENTS HAVE MADE, WHO
20 ARE ALL PART OF THE SIKH TRUTH TOO. SO HOLLY J. MITCHELL,
21 DEFINITELY WANT YOU TO LISTEN TO THIS. WHAT THAT MONEY THAT
22 YOU ALL ARE PUTTING INTO PROBATION IS DOING FOR OUR KIDS. WHEN
23 OUR ORGANIZATIONS ARE DOING SO MUCH WORK WITH JUST THE CRUMB
24 OF THE MONSTROUS BUDGET THAT IS \$445,000,000 SO DISTRICT. 2,
25 MY NAME IS SILAS. I'M HERE WITH YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I



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1 THINK THAT THE L.A. COUNTY IS MAKING TOO MUCH MONEY AND IS NOT
2 HELPING THE YOUTH HOW THEY SAY THEY HAVE I'VE BEEN TO L.A.
3 COUNTY WHEN I WAS 17 AND I'VE BEEN THERE TO VISIT FAMILY AND
4 FRIENDS AND IT'S STILL NOT CLEAN SOMETIMES FOOD HAS MOLD AND
5 THEY STILL GIVE IT OUT. I THINK PROBATION IS NOT FOR HELPING
6 THE YOUTH THEY'RE JUST WAITING FOR YOU TO MESS UP SO THEY CAN
7 SEND MORE YOUTH TO JAIL AND GET MONEY. CARLOS IN SPANISH, THE
8 STAFF MAKE YOU FIGHT INSIDE OF THE ROOMS WHERE THEY CLEAN AND
9 SOME OF THE STAFF WILL FIGHT WITH YOU AND WILL PUT DRUGS
10 INSIDE. THAT'S WHERE YOUR MONEY'S GOING.

11

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

13

14 **JAZARA HOLLIDAY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JAZARA HOLLIDAY FROM
15 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M ASKING YOU TO LOOK CLOSELY AT HOW
16 WE'RE PRIORITIZING FUNDING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. ACCORDING TO THE
17 MATERIALS PROVIDED, PROBATION IS REQUESTED \$1,700,000 FOR
18 ADDITIONAL ISOLATION TRAILERS INCLUDING A UNIT WITH SOLITARY
19 CONFINEMENT ROOMS. WHILE THE COUNTY HAS STATED A COMMITMENT TO
20 REDUCING GIRLS INCARCERATION, AT THE SAME TIME PROBATION
21 REPORTED \$91,800,000 UNSPENT FUNDS, INCLUDING \$78,800,000 IN
22 SALARY SAVINGS. THE MATERIALS ALSO IDENTIFY APPROXIMATELY
23 \$112,000,000 IN UNSPENT JUVENILE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT
24 FUNDS. WHY ARE WE ASKING FOR MORE MONEY FOR DETENTION
25 INFRASTRUCTURE WHEN THERE ARE ALREADY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS



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1 SITTING UNSPENT THAT COULD GO TO YOUTH JOBS, HOUSING,
2 EDUCATION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND COMMUNITY-BASED
3 ALTERNATIVES. BEFORE APPROVING ANOTHER \$1,700,000 FOR THIS
4 INCARCERATION INFRASTRUCTURE, I'M ASKING THESE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS TO PRIORITIZE THE RESOURCES THAT WE ALREADY HAVE
6 AND KEEP MOVING THEM TOWARDS THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND KEEP MOVING
7 THEM OUT --

8

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

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11 **TYREEK SHIPP:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
12 TYREEK SHIPP. I'M POLICY PROGRAM MANAGER AT THE ANTI-
13 RECIDIVISM COALITION. I WON'T PRESS ON THE \$91,800,000. I'LL
14 JUST TELL YOU, LIKE, \$90,000,000 COULD DO A LOT FOR COMMUNITY.
15 I THINK THERE ARE STILL SOME STREETS INSIDE OF SOUTH CENTRAL
16 WITH POTHoles THAT COULD BE FILLED, RIGHT? WE TALK ABOUT A
17 HOSPITAL THAT NEEDS FUNDING THAT WE CAN REALLOCATE. I KNOW
18 THAT WE SAID IT'S PROBABLY POSSIBLE TO REALLOCATE SOME OF THAT
19 NET COUNTY COSTS, BUT I THINK WE SHOULD DO IT. I THINK THE
20 FIRE'S NEEDED. I THINK WITH OUR \$1,200,000,000 A YEAR PAYMENT
21 OUT TO YOUNG PEOPLE, WE NEED THAT MONEY TO GO BACK INTO
22 COMMUNITY. WE NEED THAT MONEY TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES
23 THAT WE'RE HAVING. AND I'LL JUST BEG THE CEO TO MAKE SURE THAT
24 WE ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES FASTER THAN RATHER THAN LATER. THANK
25 YOU.



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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO BACK TO REMOTE
3 SPEAKERS. BENJAMIN REYNOSO YOUR LINE IS OPEN PLEASE BEGIN.

4

5 **BEN REYNOSO:** HI MY NAME IS BEN REYNOSO I'M WITH SOCAL COSH. A
6 PROGRAM COORDINATOR ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNSELING PROGRAM.
7 AND I WAS READING THE CO'S REPORT AND THE AGENDA AND I SAW
8 THERE WAS AN ALLOCATION FOR FUNDING. AND I JUST WANTED TO POSE
9 A FEW QUESTIONS TO YOU SO IT CAN RESONATE. IS OBVIOUSLY A LOT
10 OF THINGS HELPED US GET TO THE PANDEMIC, BUT WHAT ABOUT
11 WORKERS AND THE COMMUNITY THROUGH IN L.A. COUNTY, THE PUBLIC
12 HEALTH COUNCIL'S PROGRAM. IT'S BEEN EXPANDED. WE GO WAY BEYOND
13 JUST THE TOPIC OF COVID-19. WE'RE PROTECTING WORKERS BY BEING
14 INFORMED BY WORKERS, BY TRANSLATING THAT INFORMATION THROUGH
15 TRAINING, MEANINGFUL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS THAT ARE
16 BEING IMPLEMENTED AT WORKPLACES. AND HONESTLY, WE'RE CARRYING
17 OUT THE MISSION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROBABLY
18 ONLY DREAMT OF. THIS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND
19 WORKERS IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND AND TO STOP FUNDING IT NOW
20 WOULD BE AN EXTREME DISSERVICE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE
21 ENTIRETY OF L.A. COUNTY.

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ALANA SORIANO, YOUR LINE IS
24 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **ALANA SORIANO:** HI, MY NAME IS ALANA AND I WORK WITH THAI CDC.
2 A LARGE PART OF OUR WORK REVOLVES AROUND WORKER ORGANIZING AND
3 WORKER PROTECTION. WE'VE HELPED PROVIDE EDUCATION NOT JUST TO
4 HIGH WORKERS, BUT LOW-INCOME WORKERS THROUGHOUT L.A. THROUGH
5 PHC, WE'VE WORKED TO INFORM WORKERS OF THEIR RIGHTS AND WHEN
6 IT COMES TO WORKER SAFETY AND THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THEM.
7 PHC HAS ALLOWED US TO BUILD THESE WORKER GROUPS AND COALITIONS
8 TO INFORM PEOPLE OF NEW LAWS AND RESOURCES AND ALLOW US TO
9 KEEP OUR FINGER ON THE PULSE OF THE COMMUNITY AND ADDRESS
10 ISSUES FASTER THAN BEFORE. IF FUNDING WERE TO BE CUT AND THE
11 PROGRAM SHUT DOWN, WE'LL BE UNABLE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE
12 COMMUNITY AS QUICKLY AND WE HAVE TO REBUILD IT FROM THE GROUND
13 UP. I ASK THE BOARD TO DIRECT THE CEO TO IDENTIFY BRIDGE
14 FUNDING NOW SO PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCILS CONTINUE WITHOUT
15 INTERRUPTION. THANK YOU.

16
17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. RENEE GUERRERO DELEON, YOUR LINE
18 IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

19
20 **RENEE GUERRERO DELEON:** HELLO. HI.

21
22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** PLEASE BEGIN.

23
24 **RENEE GUERRERO DELEON:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?



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SUPERVISORS

1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES.

2

3 **RENEE GUERRERO DELEON:** HI, MY NAME IS RENEE GUERRERO DELEON.

4 I'M WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR OCCUPATIONAL

5 SAFETY AND HEALTH. WE'RE FOUNDED ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT ALL

6 WORKPLACE DEATH INJURIES AND ILLNESSES ARE PREVENTABLE.

7 FUNDING ENDS THIS YEAR IN NOVEMBER FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH

8 COUNCIL AND WAITING UNTIL MID-YEAR MEANS THAT CRITICAL

9 ORGANIZATIONS IN L.A. COUNTY DOING VITAL WORKPLACE HEALTH AND

10 SAFETY OUTREACH TO WORKERS AND LIKE MY COLLEAGUE BEN MENTIONED

11 EARLIER, BUILDING THAT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

12 AND WORKERS DIRECTLY, IT MEANS THAT THEY'LL HAVE TO REBUILD

13 THE PROGRAM FROM SCRATCH IF THIS FUNDING IS DISRUPTED. SO

14 WE'RE ASKING THE BOARD TO DIRECT THE CEO TO IDENTIFY BRIDGE

15 FUNDING NOW SO THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCILS CAN CONTINUE

16 WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

17

18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CIPRIANO BELSER, YOUR LINE IS

19 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

20

21 **CIPRIANO BELSER:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS

22 CIPRIANO BELSER. I'M THE CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHERN

23 CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH. WE

24 SERVICE AND SUPPORT LOW-WAGE IMMIGRANT AND MARGINALIZED

25 WORKERS IN OVER 12 DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES ACROSS OUR COUNTY. I'M



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1 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL'S
2 PROGRAM FUNDED WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. I WANT TO BRING IT BACK
3 TO SUPERVISOR HAHN'S EARLIER COMMENT ABOUT THE COMING
4 DISASTERS THAT WE'LL ALL BE FACING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THAT
5 POINT IS WHY THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL'S PROGRAM IS SO
6 IMPORTANT. THIS ONE-OF-A-KIND PROGRAM IN THE NATION HAS ADDED
7 AN IMPORTANT CAPACITY TO LADPH DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC,
8 IMPACTS OUTBREAK, WILDFIRES, AND MANY OTHER HEALTH EVENTS OVER
9 THE LAST FIVE YEARS. WAITING UNTIL MID-YEAR WOULD CAUSE US TO
10 HAVE TO REBUILD THIS PROGRAM.

11
12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AYAN ARTEGA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
13 PLEASE BEGIN.

14
15 **AYAN ORTEGA:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS AYAN ORTEGA. I AM
16 WITH SOCAL COLLEGE. WE ARE, I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING
17 BRIDGE FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL'S PROGRAM. THE
18 PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL'S PROGRAM IS NOT ONLY FUNDING ONE
19 ORGANIZATION, IT IS FUNDING A NETWORK OF DIFFERENT
20 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE SUPPORTING MANY, MANY WORKERS ACROSS
21 L.A. COUNTY. THE PROGRAM ITSELF IS INCREDIBLY FLEXIBLE AS
22 CIPRIANO BELSER WAS JUST MENTIONING THAT IT SUPPORTS WORKERS
23 THROUGH MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES AND
24 WE ARE JUST NOT SURE WHAT IS NEXT TO COME. SO WE NEED A
25 PROGRAM LIKE THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL'S PROGRAM IN ORDER TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 BE FLEXIBLE IN OURSELVES SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A RESILIENT
2 RESPONSE TO A COMING DISASTER. THE FUNDING ENDS IN DECEMBER,
3 SO WAITING UNTIL THE MIDYEAR MEANS THE PROGRAM WILL BE SHUT
4 DOWN AND THEN WILL HAVE TO BE REBUILT FROM SCRATCH. SO I ASK
5 THE BOARD TO DIRECT THE CEO TO IDENTIFY SOME BRIDGE FUNDING
6 NOW SO THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL'S PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE
7 WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. THANK YOU.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AQUILINA SORIANO VERSOZA, YOUR
10 LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

11

12 **AQUILINA SORIANO VERSOZA:** HI. I'M AQUILINA SORIANO VERSOZA,
13 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FILIPINO WORKERS CENTER AND
14 MEMBER OF IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A.. AS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE
15 MENTIONED, WE APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S COLLABORATION ON
16 IMPORTANT IMMIGRANT PROGRAMS. AND AS ALL OF YOU KNOW, FOR
17 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, THE TARGETED ENFORCEMENT HAS NOT ENDED.
18 AND SENIORS ARE ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING HOMELESS
19 POPULATIONS. WE URGE THE BOARD TO FUND OUR PROPOSED GUARANTEED
20 BASIC INCOME PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANT SENIORS EXCLUDED FROM OTHER
21 ASSISTANCE. AND AS PWC, WE ALSO ASK THE BOARD TO DIRECT THE
22 CEO TO IDENTIFY BRIDGE FUNDING NOW FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH
23 COUNCILS PROGRAM TO CONTINUE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. OTHERWISE,
24 THIS IMPORTANT INFRASTRUCTURE THAT KEEPS BUSINESSES SAFE FOR
25 WORKERS AND CUSTOMERS WILL BE LOST. THIS INFRASTRUCTURE THAT



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1 MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR DTH TO MORE EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO
2 VARIOUS EMERGENCIES, JUST AS WAS MENTIONED, LIKE COVID,
3 WILDFIRES, AND POX, THINGS THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO WITH
4 LANGUAGE.

5
6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ANTHONY ROBLES, YOUR LINE IS
7 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. PLEASE BEGIN. MAEGAN ORTIZ, YOUR LINE IS
8 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

9
10 **MAEGAN ORTIZ:** HI, YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M MAEGAN ORTIZ,
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF IDEPSCA, A WORKER CENTER FOCUSED
12 EXCLUSIVELY ON DAY LABORERS AND DOMESTIC WORKERS. I'M REALLY
13 TROUBLED BY A LOT OF THE CEO'S RECOMMENDATION. WE REALLY
14 SHOULD BE LISTENING TO OUR YOUTH, OUR WORKERS, OUR ELDERLY,
15 OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. SPECIFICALLY, I'M VERY CONCERNED
16 ABOUT NOT FUNDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM, WHICH SERVES SOME
17 OF THE MOST VULNERABLE IN TIMES OF PANDEMICS, CLIMATE
18 ACCELERATED DISASTERS, AND OUR CURRENT POLITICAL DISASTERS. WE
19 CANNOT KEEP CALLING WORKERS ESSENTIAL BUT LOOK AT THEM AS
20 SACRIFICIAL WHEN IT COMES TO BUDGET. DIRECT THE CEO TO FIND
21 BRIDGE FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL NOW. THANK YOU.

22
23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MARY NGUYEN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
24 PLEASE BEGIN.



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MARY NGUYEN: HELLO, MY NAME IS MARY NGUYEN AND I'M WITH THE CALIFORNIA HEALTHY NAILS ON COLLABORATIVE, WHICH SUPPORTS NAIL SALON WORKERS WHO ARE PREDOMINANTLY VIETNAMESE IMMIGRANT WOMEN, THOUGH IN COMMAND OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE. NAIL SALON WORKERS ARE INAPPROPRIATELY MISCLASSIFIED AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, OFTEN WITHOUT EARNING A FAIR LEVEL WAGE AND ARE OFTEN EXPOSED TO HARMFUL CHEMICALS THAT CAN HAVE LONG-LASTING HEALTH IMPACT. AS WE SAW DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, NAIL SALON WORKERS WERE DISREGARDED WHEN IT CAME TO HEALTH AND SAFETY. THROUGH PHD, WE DEVELOPED A COMMUNITY HEALTH MODEL WITH NAIL SALON THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT EXPANDED OUR REACH TO OVER 100 WORKERS AND OWNERS EACH MONTH AND PROVIDED IN-LANGUAGE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES ON WORKERS' RIGHTS, HEALTH, AND SAFETY DURING THE PANDEMIC AND THE WILDFIRES EARLIER THIS YEAR. WE USED THE SAME MODEL TO RESPOND TO THE GPN CRISIS AND GUARDIAN GROWTH. WITH EMERGING CRISES, WE CANNOT AFFORD ANY FUNDING INTERRUPTIONS. I URGE THE BOARD TO DIRECT THE CEO TO IDENTIFY BRIDGE FUNDING NOW SO THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL CAN CONTINUE WITH OUR INTRODUCTION. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. KAE BALBOA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

KAE BALBOA: HI, GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KAE BALBOA. I AM AN ORGANIZER WITH THE FILIPINO WORKERS CENTER. I'M ASKING THE BOARD TO DIRECT THE CEO TO IDENTIFY BRIDGE



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FUNDING NOW SO THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL'S PROGRAM CAN
CONTINUE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. THIS PROGRAM LETS ORGANIZERS
LIKE NEW RICH CAREGIVERS AND IMMIGRANT WORKERS DIRECTLY. WE
CONNECT THEM TO RESOURCES TO ACCESS HEALTH CARE. WE EDUCATE
THEM ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS. RIGHT NOW WE'RE HELPING WORKERS
LIVING WITH THE FEAR AND THE IMPACT OF IMMIGRATION RATES. IF
THIS FUNDING GAP IS NOT CLOSED, THAT OUTREACH STOPS. THESE ARE
PEOPLE WHO CARE FOR OUR SENIORS AND THE SICK AND THEY LOSE
THEIR CONNECTION TO CARE AND INFORMATION. THEY SPEND THEIR
DAYS CARING FOR OTHERS. IN A TIME OF INCREASED FEAR AND
UNCERTAINTY, THEY DESERVE TO KNOW THEIR COMMUNITY AND THEIR
COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO STAND WITH THEM. PLEASE ASK NOW TO
KEEP THIS PROGRAM RUNNING. THANK YOU.

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

MILINDA KAKANI: HI, JOE. I HOPE YOU'RE LISTENING, BECAUSE I
SAW YOU ON YOUR PHONE EARLIER. IT IS SO DISINGENUOUS FOR YOU
TO CLAIM THAT UNBRAIDING FUNDING FOR PROBATION'S 1,500 VACANT
POSITIONS IS COMPLICATED. FIRST OF ALL, JOE, THAT'S YOUR JOB.
DO IT, ESPECIALLY IF YOU WANT TO KEEP IT AFTER MEASURE E.
SECOND, JOE, WHY AREN'T YOU TALKING ABOUT \$90,700,000 IN
UNCLAIMED REVENUE FROM STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING STREAMS FROM
THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT? AND TO THE BOARD, WHY AREN'T YOU



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1 ASKING WHERE THESE DOLLARS ARE COMING FROM IF THEY AREN'T
2 COMING FROM THESE FUNDING STREAMS. OH, THAT'S RIGHT. THEY'RE
3 COMING FROM OUR TAX DOLLARS, THE ONES THAT YOU ALL ARE
4 STEWARDS OF FIDUCIARIES FOR. LET'S BE TRANSPARENT AND STOP
5 USING VAGUE LANGUAGE TO DISTRACT US FROM THE TRUTH THAT
6 \$1,300,000,000 WITH THE B OF PROBATION EXPENSES GET PAID FROM
7 OUR TAX DOLLARS THE TAX DOLLARS THAT COULD BE USED FOR
8 ANYTHING UNDER THE SUN. SUPERVISOR SOLIS YOU MENTIONED THAT
9 IT'S GIVE AND TAKE WITH EVERY DEPARTMENT NO FEELS LIKE TAKE
10 AND TAKE WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT THEY TAKE
11 \$1,700,000,000 AND CANNOT TELL YOU HOW THAT POSITIVELY IMPACTS
12 YOUNG PEOPLE OR EVEN THE ADULTS THAT THEY SERVE.

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

15
16 **MILINDA KAKANI:** YOU DON'T ASK THEM ANYTHING.

17
18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW GO BACK TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS
19 PLEASE BEGIN.

20
21 **GEORGE GARCIA:** HELLO MY NAME IS GEORGE GARCIA WITH THE YOUTH
22 JUSTICE COALITION AND I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON A COUPLE DEMANDS
23 ONE OF THEM IS THE PROBATION THE PROBATION DEPARTMENTS
24 REPORTED \$91,800,000 IN UNSPENT FUNDS THAT COULD SUPPORT YOUTH
25 JOBS, HOUSING, EDUCATION, AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. WE URGE



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1 YOU GUYS TO LISTEN BECAUSE YOUTH AND INSTITUTIONS ARE BEING
2 HARMED RATHER THAN CARED FOR. ISOLATION AND INCARCERATION ARE
3 WORSENING THEIR MENTAL HEALTH AND MANY OF THEM HAVE NO OUTSIDE
4 SUPPORT. THE COALITION IS ASKING THE BOARD TO LISTEN TO
5 COMMUNITY DEMANDS AND INVEST IN CARE OVER CONTAINMENT BECAUSE
6 THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY GOING IN AND OUT OF THESE FACILITIES AND
7 WE NEED TO BETTER, WE NEED TO BETTER THE CARE FOR THEM SO THAT
8 THEY CAN HAVE A BETTER OUTCOME DURING TIME IN THESE
9 FACILITIES. WE DEMAND YOU REJECT FUNDS ON THE PURCHASE FOR
10 ISOLATION TRAILERS AND REDIRECT THOSE FUNDS TOWARDS
11 ALTERNATIVES THAT COULD SUPPORT AND HEAL YOUTH BECAUSE
12 ISOLATING OUR YOUTH WOULD ONLY MAKE THE SITUATION WORSE. THANK
13 YOU.

14

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

16

17 **JANET ASANTE:** HI, MY NAME IS JANET ASANTE. I'M WITH THE
18 JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. WE KNOW THAT THE BUDGET REFLECTS
19 PEOPLE'S VALUES AND RIGHT NOW THE COMMUNITY IS HERE ASKING YOU
20 ALL TO HOLD YOURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE TO THE COMMUNITY'S VALUES.
21 NEARLY EVERY PERSON HERE HAS BEEN FAILED BY THIS YEAR'S BUDGET
22 AND I SAY THAT BECAUSE WE ARE LOOKING FOR REASONS TO
23 CELEBRATE, NOT LOOKING FOR REASONS TO DEMONSTRATE
24 DISAPPOINTMENT. WE GENUINELY WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO
25 CELEBRATE INVESTMENTS AND THINGS LIKE ALTERNATIVES TO



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1 INCARCERATION THAT WERE COMMITTED BY THIS BOARD OVER SIX YEARS
2 AGO. THIS WEEK, WE FOUND OUT THAT ERIC EVANS DIED IN CUSTODY.
3 HE'S A FRIEND OF JOHN HORTON, WHO WAS KILLED IN MEN'S CENTRAL
4 JAIL 17 YEARS AGO. 17 YEARS LATER, HE'S DYING IN THAT SAME
5 FACILITY THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SHUT DOWN LONG AGO AND WITH THE
6 LITTLE TIME THAT WE DO HAVE HERE IT'S REALLY DISAPPOINTING TO
7 HEAR CONVERSATIONS ABOUT BUILDING A REPLACEMENT FACILITY WHEN
8 WE KNOW THAT THAT'S NOT THE COMMITMENT THAT THIS BOARD MADE.
9 YOU MADE THOSE COMMITMENTS BECAUSE YOU WORK FOR THE PEOPLE. SO
10 WHEN YOU SAY OTHERWISE, WHO IS IT THAT YOU ARE WORKING FOR
11 NOW? THANK YOU.

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

14
15 **LENA MALLET:** LENA MALLET WITH THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH JUSTICE
16 PROJECT, LAYUP AND A RESIDENT OF SD2. EVERY APRIL, THE CEO
17 COMPARES THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET TO LAST YEAR'S FINAL BUDGET,
18 WHICH HAS ALREADY INCLUDED SEPTEMBER'S ADDITIONS AND, OF
19 COURSE, AS A RESULT, REVEALS SIGNIFICANT GAPS AND CREATES THE
20 ILLUSION OF A REPEATED FISCAL CRISIS. THIS FRAMING CREATES A
21 FALSE SENSE OF SCARCITY AND CONVINCES US THAT WE'RE FIGHTING
22 OVER SCRAPS WHEN WE'RE ACTUALLY DEALING WITH AN IMBALANCED
23 BUDGET AND COUNTY RESOURCES THAT HAVE BEEN MISMANAGED FOR
24 DECADES. LAST FISCAL YEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, THE PROBATION
25 DEPARTMENT WAS ALLOWED TO CARRY NEARLY 1,500 VACANT POSITIONS,



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1 ALMOST \$230,000,000 IN SO-CALLED SALARY SAVINGS. THEIR SLUSH
2 FUND ALONE RESTS UNDISTURBED AT AN AMOUNT NEARLY TWICE THE
3 UID'S OPERATING BUDGET. THERE IS ENORMOUS POTENTIAL BEING
4 LOST, LIFE BEING LOST, AND AS A RESULT OF YOUR CONTINUED
5 PRIORITIZATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, YOUNG PEOPLE ARE
6 LOSING ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT SHOULD BE GRANTED TO THEM.
7 AS DR. REVEREND SAID EARLIER THIS MORNING, LEADERSHIP IS NOT
8 ABOUT HAVING A POSITION, IT'S ABOUT HAVING A RECORD, AND YOUR
9 RECORD IS CLEAR THAT CARE FIRST IS NOT YOURS.

10

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

12

13 **JUSTIN MARKS:** NAME IS JUSTIN MARKS. BRIAN DIAZ SAY HIS NAME.
14 JOHN HORTON SAY HIS NAME. MY GRANDFATHER USED TO SAY DON'T
15 THROW GOOD MONEY AFTER BAD. THIS ESCALATION OF COMMITMENT BIAS
16 IS A COGNITIVE HABIT WHERE PEOPLE KEEP INVESTING TIME, MONEY,
17 OR EFFORT INTO A FAILING PLAN DESPITE CLEAR PROOF THAT IT IS
18 NOT WORKING. L.A. COUNTY PROBATION IS LETHAL, INEFFECTIVE, AND
19 EXPENSIVE LIABILITY. LAST YEAR YOU ALL SETTLED A
20 \$5,000,000,000 LAWSUIT, SEXUAL ASSAULT LAWSUIT, THAT'S THE
21 BIGGEST IN THE NATION, BIGGER THAN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. WE
22 KEEP HEARING ABOUT A COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST, BUT THE BUDGET
23 TELLS A DIFFERENT STORY. PROBATION HAS REPORTED \$91,800,000 IN
24 UNSPENT FUNDS WHILE THIS COUNTY CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN FUNDING
25 FOR THE VACANT POSITIONS AND ARE CONSIDERED SPENDING



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1 \$1,700,000 ON ISOLATION TRAILERS. YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT.
2 FOLLOW THE MONEY ACCOUNT FOR THE HARM AND MAKE SURE THAT THE
3 BUDGET REFLECTS THE VALUES THAT YOU --

4

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

6

7 **ADRIANA:** [SPEAKING IN SPANISH]

8

9 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ADRIANA.
10 I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE TRANSLATINA COALITION. I'M HERE TO
11 ADVOCATE SO THAT HOUSING FUNDS WOULD BE ALLOCATED. AND FOR
12 MENTAL HEALTH. I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO THE SITUATION THAT I
13 WENT BACK TO OF DEPRESSION BECAUSE THAT'S VERY SAD. BECAUSE
14 LAW REPRESENTATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT DEFENDING PEOPLE. BUT
15 IN REALITY, THEY USE THEIR POWER TO HARASS AND DO VIOLENT
16 THINGS AGAINST TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. I SUFFERED THAT AND THAT IS
17 WHY I'M SAYING IT. IT ISN'T POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO HAVE THE
18 CONCEPT THAT WE ARE TRASH OR ANIMALS. SO THAT IS WHY I ASK YOU
19 TO GIVE FUNDS TO THE TRANS COMMUNITY. AND ONCE AGAIN, I DON'T
20 WANT TO GO BACK TO THE STREETS PLEASE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
23 THE TIME IS NOW. 1:10 AND THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT HAS
24 ENDED.

25



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY WITH THAT MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING
2 TO ITEM NUMBER 89. OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, JOSEPH
3 NICCHITTA, WILL NOW INTRODUCE ITEM 89. PLEASE BEGIN.

4
5 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISORS, AGENDA ITEM 89 CONSISTS OF
6 ONE REPORT BACKED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND
7 HOUSING IS DIRECTED BY YOUR BOARD THAT MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS
8 ON EXPENDITURES FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS BUDGET
9 UNIT THE DIRECTOR OF HSH IS AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS YOU
10 MAY HAVE ON THIS REPORT.

11
12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM BOARD
13 COLLEAGUES. SEEING NONE. ITEM 89 IS BEFORE US TO RECEIVE AND
14 FILE. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.
15 WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON ITEM 90.
16 OSCAR VALDEZ, AUDITOR CONTROLLER, IS AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.
17 PLEASE BEGIN.

18
19 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISORS, ITEM 90 IS THE AUDITOR
20 CONTROLLER'S FINAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 25/26.
21 THIS IS LARGELY AN ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT
22 NEEDED TO CLOSE OUT THE FISCAL YEAR 25/26 BUDGET. THE AUDITOR
23 CONTROLLER, MR. VALDEZ, IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS
24 THE BOARD MAY HAVE ON THIS ITEM.



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS? SEEING
2 NONE. ITEM 90 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
3 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE
4 OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL.

5

6 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
7 MITCHELL?

8

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

10

11 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
12 HORVATH?

13

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

15

16 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

17

18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

19

20 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

21

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

23

24 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

25



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

2

3 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE
6 OFFICER ON ITEM 91, PLEASE BEGIN.

7

8 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISORS ITEM 91 IS THE L.A. HEALTH
9 SERVICES FINAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 25/26. THESE
10 THREE ADJUSTMENTS ARE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL IN NATURE
11 AND ARE NEEDED TO CLOSE OUT THE DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 25/26
12 BUDGET. THE THREE ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED ARE, 1, TO APPROVE
13 THE FISCAL YEAR-END APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS FOR L.A. HEALTH
14 SERVICES, 2 TO APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS TO REALIGN
15 FUNDING WITHIN THE MEASURE B SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, AND 3 TO
16 APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS TO ADJUST LONG-TERM
17 RECEIVABLES FOR THE COST-BASED REIMBURSEMENT CLINICS, ENHANCED
18 PAYMENT PROGRAM, QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM, MANAGED CARE RATE
19 SUPPLEMENT, AND SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES REVENUES
20 AT VARIOUS HEALTH SERVICES FACILITIES. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
21 SERVICES, CHRISTINA GHALY IS HERE AND AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY
22 QUESTIONS YOUR BOARD MAY HAVE ON THE ITEM.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTIONS FROM MY COLLEAGUES?

25 SEEING NONE, THIS ITEM 91 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR



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1 HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM.

2 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

3

4 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
5 MITCHELL?

6

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

8

9 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
10 HORVATH?

11

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

13

14 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

15

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

17

18 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE.

21

22 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23

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

25



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1 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM OUR CEO ON ITEM
4 NUMBER 92, PLEASE BEGIN.

5

6 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** ITEM 92 IS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
7 HEALTH'S FINAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 25/26. THIS
8 ITEM CONSISTS OF THREE ACTIONS NEEDED TO CLOSE OUT THE
9 DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 25/26 BUDGET. THREE ACTIONS BEING
10 RECOMMENDED ARE, 1, TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR-END
11 APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT. 2, TO RECEIVE AND
12 FILE THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT BACK ON THE USE OF THE PUBLIC
13 HEALTH EMERGENCIES RESERVE FUND AND TRANSFER TO ITS OPERATING
14 BUDGET AND 3 TO APPROVE RELATED TECHNICAL AND BUDGETARY
15 ADJUSTMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE DEPARTMENT'S FINAL
16 STRATEGIC MITIGATION PLAN AND ENSURE THE DEPARTMENT BALANCES
17 AT YEAR END.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTIONS FOR MY COLLEAGUES?
20 SEEING NONE. ITEM 92 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
21 HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
22 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL, EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

23

24 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
25 MITCHELL?



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

3

4 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR**
5 **HORVATH?**

6

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

8

9 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN?**

10

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

12

13 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER?**

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.**

16

17 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?**

18

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

20

21 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MOTION CARRIES.**

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM OUR CHIEF**
24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON ITEM 93. OSCAR VALDEZ, AUDITOR CONTROLLER**
25 **IS AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. PLEASE BEGIN.**



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2 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** SUPERVISORS, ITEM 93 IS THE AUDITOR
3 CONTROLLER'S BUDGET RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING FISCAL YEAR
4 26/27, THE FISCAL YEAR 26/27 BUDGET ADOPTED ON JUNE 22, 2026.
5 THIS RESOLUTION ESTABLISHES THE ACTUAL FUND BALANCE FOR ALL
6 BUDGETARY FUNDS SINCE THE ADOPTED BUDGET INCLUDED ESTIMATED
7 FUND BALANCE AMOUNTS AND OF COURSE OUR AUDITOR CONTROLLER IS
8 AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SEEING NO QUESTIONS FROM MY
11 COLLEAGUES. ITEM 93 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
12 MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. TO APPROVE THE ITEM,
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL.

14

15 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
16 MITCHELL?

17

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

19

20 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
21 HORVATH?

22

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

24

25 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?



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

3

4 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

5

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

7

8 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

9

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

11

12 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM OUR CEO REGARDING
15 ITEM 94. PLEASE BEGIN.

16

17 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** ITEM 94 REFLECTS MY OFFICE'S FISCAL YEAR
18 26/27 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 26/27
19 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET. IT REAFFIRMS THE FREEZE ON HIRING AND
20 NON-ESSENTIAL PURCHASES AND PROVIDES AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE
21 TWO FUNDING AGREEMENTS. THERE ARE FOUR ACTIONS BEING
22 RECOMMENDED BY MY OFFICE. 1, TO ADOPT THE SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES
23 TO THE COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR 26/27 ADOPT BUDGET AS REFLECTED ON
24 THE ATTACHMENTS TO THE BOARD LETTER. 2, TO REAFFIRM THE FREEZE
25 ON NON-ESSENTIAL PURCHASES AND HIRING EXEMPTING CRITICAL



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1 HEALTH AND SAFETY POSITIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS
2 SERVICES AND HOUSING. 3, AND FINALLY, RECOMMENDATIONS 3 AND 4
3 SEEK DELEGATED AUTHORITY RELATED TO FUNDING AGREEMENTS.
4 SPECIFICALLY, THE LETTER SEEKS AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHIEF
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DIRECTOR OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND
6 HOUSING TO EXECUTE AND, IF NECESSARY, AMEND OR TERMINATE
7 FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR
8 THE PURPOSES STATED IN THIS BUDGET LETTER. I'M HAPPY TO
9 ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THE
10 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST.

11
12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SEEING NO QUESTIONS FROM MY
13 COLLEAGUES, ITEM 94 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY
14 SUPERVISOR HAHN, TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL
15 THE ROLL.

16
17 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
18 MITCHELL?

19
20 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AYE.

21
22 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
23 HORVATH?

24
25 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AYE.



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1
2 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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

5
6 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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

9
10 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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

13
14 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

15
16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE
17 OFFICER ON ITEM 95. OSCAR VALDEZ. AUDITOR CONTROLLERS
18 AVAILABLE.

19
20 **JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. ITEM 95 IS THE
21 FINAL ITEM OF THE FISCAL YEAR 26/27 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. THIS
22 IS THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER'S FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION, WHICH
23 CONFIRMS THE SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES TO THE COUNTY BUDGET FOR
24 FISCAL YEAR 26/27 FOR ALL ITEMS THAT WERE APPROVED TODAY.



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTIONS FOR MY COLLEAGUES?
2 SEEING NONE. ITEM 95 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY
3 SUPERVISOR HORVATH TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
4 CALL THE ROLL.

5

6 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
7 MITCHELL?

8

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

10

11 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
12 HORVATH?

13

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

15

16 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

17

18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AYE.

19

20 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

21

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

23

24 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

25



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

2

3 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CONCLUDE. THANK YOU OSCAR. THANK YOU
6 CEO. THANK YOU TO ALL STAFF. CONGRATS. IT'S DONE. FINITO.
7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

8

9 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW MOVE
10 ON TO ITEM 24. VERBAL REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
11 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, ON THE COUNTY'S
12 EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS, WHICH WAS HELD FOR REPORT. FOR
13 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE PHONE, IF YOU'VE ALREADY SIGNED
14 UP TO SPEAK, NO FURTHER ACTION IS NEEDED. IF YOU'RE ON THE
15 PHONE AND WISH TO COMMENT BUT HAVEN'T SIGNED UP, PRESS STAR
16 AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO JOIN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. TO ADDRESS
17 THE BOARD FROM THE MEETING, CALL 213-444-2600, PRESS STAR AND
18 FOLLOW THE PROMPTS. AN OPERATOR WILL ASSIST YOU. KEVIN
19 MCGOWAN, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, CHIEF
20 EXECUTIVE OFFICE. DR. LUCY JONES, DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR
21 DISASTER RESILIENCE, OUTSIDE ENTITY, WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION.
22 MARK PESTRELLA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. NICK DUVALLY, DEPUTY
23 CHIEF, FIRE DEPARTMENT. SHERIFF LUNA IS ALSO AVAILABLE.
24 COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE
25 MARAL KARACCUSIAN, DIRECTOR OF AGING AND DISABILITIES. DR.



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1 CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES ARE ALL AVAILABLE
2 FOR QUESTIONS. FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS PLEASE STATE YOUR
3 NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

4
5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WITH THAT I WILL
6 RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR BARGER.

7
8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU AND COLLEAGUES I FELT IT WAS
9 IMPORTANT FOR US TO COME TOGETHER TODAY TO DISCUSS LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY'S RESILIENCE AND EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS AS WE
11 ANTICIPATE THE NEXT BIG ONE. THIS MORNING WE HOSTED AN
12 EARTHQUAKE SIMULATOR AT GRAHAM PARK THAT REPLICATED THE
13 EFFECTS OF A MAGNITUDE 7.0 EARTHQUAKE. AND I WILL SAY IT WAS A
14 UNIQUE EXPERIENCE, ONE THAT SERVED AS A POWERFUL REMINDER THAT
15 WE LIVE IN AN EARTHQUAKE-PRONE REGION. TOO OFTEN, WE ONLY TALK
16 ABOUT EARTHQUAKES AFTER THEY OCCUR. GIVEN THE SCALE OF RISK IN
17 OUR COUNTY, PROACTIVE PLANNING IS ESSENTIAL. AWARENESS AND
18 PREPAREDNESS MUST BE ONGOING PRIORITIES, NOT REACTIVE
19 MEASURES. HAVING LIVED THROUGH TWO MAJOR EARTHQUAKES MYSELF, I
20 KNOW FIRSTHAND THAT THE QUESTION IS NOT IF ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE
21 WILL STRIKE, IT IS WHEN. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS NO STRANGER TO
22 SEISMIC ACTIVITY. IN FACT, WE EXPERIENCED A MINOR SHAKING JUST
23 THIS PAST WEEKEND IN THE HERMOSA BEACH AREA, ACTUALLY NOW IN
24 2ND DISTRICT. WE'VE ALSO WITNESSED THE DEVASTATING IMPACTS
25 EARTHQUAKES CAN HAVE GLOBALLY, MOST RECENTLY IN VENEZUELA AND



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1 COLOMBIA. OUR COUNTY AGENCIES ACTIVATED AND DEPLOYED URBAN
2 SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS TO BOTH COUNTRIES IN RESPONSE. THESE
3 DEPLOYMENTS PROVIDE IMPORTANT, AN IMPORTANT WINDOW INTO WHAT
4 POST-EARTHQUAKE CONDITIONS CAN LOOK LIKE AND THE LEVEL OF
5 READINESS THAT IS REQUIRED. WITH THAT IN MIND, TODAY'S
6 PRESENTATION FOCUSES ON OUR COUNTY'S PREPAREDNESS,
7 INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE, AND EFFORTS TO ELEVATE AWARENESS
8 AMONG OUR RESIDENTS. GIVEN THE DISASTERS THAT WE HAVE FACED
9 AND THOSE WE KNOW ARE AHEAD, IT IS VITAL THAT WE, THE COUNTY,
10 REMAIN READY-EQUIPPED AND COMMITTED TO HELPING OUR COMMUNITIES
11 PREPARE. I WANT TO EXTEND MY GRATITUDE TO ALL OUR COUNTY
12 AGENCIES REPRESENTED HERE TODAY AND OF COURSE TO THE AMAZING
13 DR. LUCY JONES FOR BEING A TRUSTED VOICE IN EARTHQUAKE SCIENCE
14 AND PREPAREDNESS AND AS I SAY YOU ALWAYS DUMMY IT DOWN FOR
15 PEOPLE LIKE ME YOU MAKE US UNDERSTAND AND GRASP WHAT IT
16 EXACTLY IS IT IS ALL ABOUT. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING
17 HERE AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE UCLA FACULTY
18 WHO CONTRIBUTED VALUABLE INSIGHTS TO THIS PRESENTATION EVEN
19 THOUGH THEY WERE UNABLE TO JOIN US. SO WITH THAT I'M GOING TO
20 TURN IT OVER TO OUR PRESENTERS, AND I'LL BEGIN WITH YOU,
21 KEVIN.

22
23 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE
24 OPPORTUNITY. FOR THE RECORD, KEVIN MCGOWAN, DIRECTOR OF THE
25 LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. TODAY,



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1 YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM DR. LUCY JONES, WHO'S GOING TO BEGIN
2 OUR PRESENTATIONS BY EXPLAINING WHAT MAJOR EARTHQUAKES MEAN
3 FOR US HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THEN I'M GOING TO DISCUSS
4 OEMS PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS, FOLLOWED BY DIRECTOR MARK PESTRELLA
5 FROM PUBLIC WORKS, DEPUTY CHIEF NICK DUVALLY FROM THE FIRE
6 DEPARTMENT, SHERIFF LUNA FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND
7 DIRECTOR ANDREW VEIS FOR COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS. AND WITH
8 THAT, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO INTRODUCE DR. LUCY JONES.

9

10 **DR. LUCY JONES:** GOOD MORNING. YES. OH, YEAH. I'M LUCY JONES.
11 I'M ACTUALLY, AS OF THE LAST TWO MONTHS, THE DIRECTOR OF A
12 CENTER FOR DISASTER RESILIENCE AT CALTECH, A NEW PROGRAM THAT
13 WE'RE UNDERTAKING, RECOGNIZING THAT IT'S TIME THAT OUR SCIENCE
14 GETS USED. SO THEY'VE ASKED ME TO COME AND REALLY HELP TRY AND
15 PUT THAT TOGETHER. DO WE HAVE SOME SLIDES? OKAY. YEAH, KEVIN
16 WANTED ME TO CONVINCE YOU THAT WE'VE REALLY GOT A PROBLEM. I'M
17 NOT SURE THAT REALLY NEEDS CONVINCING. UNLESS JUST, ALL RIGHT,
18 WE COULD LOOK AT DIFFERENT FAULTS, BUT WE REALLY HAVE TOO MANY
19 OF THEM TO WORRY ABOUT ANYONE. BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MANY FAULTS
20 AND SO MANY PEOPLE, WHEN THE USGS WORKED WITH FEMA TO ASSESS
21 WHAT THE RISK WAS GOING TO BE FROM EARTHQUAKES, LOS ANGELES
22 COUNTY ALONE REPRESENTS ABOUT QUARTER OF THE NATION'S EXPECTED
23 LOSSES FROM EARTHQUAKES BECAUSE WE PUT 10,000,000 PEOPLE WITH
24 100 FAULTS. SO WE CAN FOCUS ON ONE IF WE WANT TO TRY AND
25 UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE, BUT WE'VE GOT TO REMEMBER



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1 THAT IT COULD BE ANY OF THEM. WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TALKING
2 ABOUT THE SAN ANDREAS BECAUSE IT'S THE FASTEST MOVING FAULT.
3 HOWEVER, IN THE LAST 150 YEARS, NONE OF OUR DAMAGING
4 EARTHQUAKES HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN ON THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT. SO WE
5 NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF POSSIBILITIES AND IF
6 YOU WANT TO ASK ABOUT ANYONE WE CAN DO THAT PERHAPS LATER BUT
7 I JUST MAKE THE POINT THERE'S SO MANY WE HAVE SUCH A RISK,
8 WE'VE GOT TO ACCEPT THAT. WELL WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE THAT
9 RISK? AND I THINK WE DID 20 YEARS AGO CREATE WHAT WE CALLED
10 THE SHAKEOUT SCENARIO. IT ENDED UP LEADING TO THE SHAKEOUT
11 DRILL. BUT IT'S AN ATTEMPT TO SAY WHAT IS THE BIG SAN ANDREAS
12 EARTHQUAKE GOING TO BE LIKE? WE KNOW WE NEED TO PREPARE FOR
13 EARTHQUAKES. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE PREPARING FOR.
14 AND AGAIN, I COULD SPEND AN HOUR HERE GIVING YOU ALL THE
15 DETAILS OF THAT. IT ISN'T PERHAPS THE MOST USEFUL THING TO DO.
16 I WOULD POINT OUT THOUGH THAT IN THAT MODELING, FIRE FOLLOWING
17 EARTHQUAKE DOUBLED THE LOSSES. AND WE HAD A NUMBER BACK THEN,
18 IF YOU WANT THEM TO ADVANCE THIS. OKAY, YES, LET ME GET, YEAH,
19 THANK YOU. WHEN WE MODELED IT, YOU KNOW, IT CAME UP WITH THIS
20 NUMBER OF 200,000,000 SQUARE FEET TO BE BURNED IF IT WAS A
21 CALM, COOL DAY WHEN THE EARTHQUAKE HAPPENED, BECAUSE THERE
22 WOULD BE 1,600 IGNITIONS AND UNABLE TO HANDLE ALL OF THEM AND
23 WE'D LOSE OUR WATER. THAT DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ME 20 YEARS
24 AGO. NOW I CAN SAY THAT IS 10 TIMES THE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS AS
25 BURNED IN THE COMBINED PALISADES AND EATEN FIRE. AND THAT WILL



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1 BE ON TOP OF THE EARTHQUAKE THAT WE HAVE. SO AS WE GET READY
2 FOR IT, WE'VE GOT TO THINK ABOUT MORE THAN JUST EARTHQUAKES
3 AND LOOK AT A HOLISTIC PICTURE. I'D ACTUALLY LIKE THE NEXT
4 SLIDE. THE NEXT THING THAT FEMA DID WAS TO TAKE THIS AND LOOK
5 AT ALL OF THE COUNTIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND ASSESS THE
6 NUMBER OF HAZARDS THAT THEY WOULD FACE AND THEN HOW READY THEY
7 ARE FOR THEM LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE TOP OF THE LIST. THEY
8 ARBITRARILY SAID 1 TO 100, SO TOP GOT 100 AND THAT'S US.
9 NUMBER 2 IS RIVERSIDE. NUMBER 3 IS ARIZONA. NUMBER 4 IS SAN
10 BERNARDINO. YOU HAVE TO ACTUALLY GO DOWN TO THE 7TH ONE TO GET
11 TO MIAMI-DADE WITH ALL OF THEIR HURRICANES. WE ALSO ARE SEEN
12 AS HAVING A RELATIVELY LOW RESILIENCE. WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE IN
13 OUR SOCIETY DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO DEDICATE TOWARDS
14 PREPAREDNESS AND THEREFORE IT'S GOING TO BECOME MORE OF A
15 COMMUNAL PROBLEM. AND SO AS WE GO TO LOOK AT HOW WE'RE GOING
16 TO BE DEALING WITH EARTHQUAKES, WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT HOW
17 WE'RE DEALING WITH ALL OF THEM, WHICH IS A LOT OF OVERLAP. AND
18 I, TO LEAD INTO THE PRESENTATION FROM YOUR FROM YOUR
19 DEPARTMENTS, I WANT TO BRING UP WHAT I CALL THE RESILIENCE
20 EQUATION. THAT'S THE NEXT SLIDE IF YOU LOOK AT WHAT WHERE IS
21 OUR RISK? OH, I'M RISK IS DEFINED. I DEFINED IT AS WHAT THE
22 EARTH DOES TO US. NEXT CLICK AHEAD. THAT'S, YOU KNOW, WHERE
23 ARE THE FAULTS? WHAT'S THE SHAKING? WHAT ARE THE LANDSLIDES?
24 WHAT ARE THE VOLCANOES? ALL OF THE THINGS THAT THE EARTH DOES
25 TO US, RIGHT? AND TIMES THE NEXT ONE, WHICH IS HOW MANY THINGS



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1 AND PEOPLE AND BUILDINGS HAVE WE EXPOSED TO THAT RISK? AND
2 THEN THE NEXT ONE, WHAT, HOW FRAGILE ARE THEY? HOW WELL DID WE
3 BUILD THEM? WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THAT? AND IF YOU LOOK AT
4 THOSE THREE, WE CAN'T CHANGE WHAT THE EARTH DOES, AND IT'S TOO
5 LATE TO NOT BUILD ON TOP OF THEM, AND I JUST TOLD YOU, RIGHT,
6 WE BUILT ON MORE FAULTS THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE COUNTRY. WE
7 CAN, HOWEVER, LOOK AT THE FRAGILITY. WE CAN DECIDE HOW WE
8 BUILD. NOW THERE'S AN ISSUE IN THAT WE ALREADY BUILT A LOT OF
9 IT. SO DEALING WITH BUILT-IN WEAKNESSES REQUIRES RETROFITTING.
10 TIMES IT CAN BE REALLY COST-EFFECTIVE. IN GENERAL, YOU SPEND A
11 DOLLAR ON RETROFITTING MITIGATION, YOU GET \$6 BACK IN THE LONG
12 RUN. AND THAT INCLUDES WITH A DISCOUNTED COST OF MONEY,
13 HOWEVER LONG IT TAKES. SO UNDERSTANDING THE BEST WAYS IN WHICH
14 TO DO THAT, I THINK, IS REALLY IMPORTANT. YOU CAN ALSO REDUCE
15 THE LOSSES, NEXT SLIDE, WITH A GOOD RESPONSE, RIGHT? AND WE'RE
16 GOING TO BE HEARING ABOUT THAT TODAY. IT TENDS TO BE THE PLACE
17 THAT WE DO PRETTY WELL, BECAUSE THE FEAR OF THAT MOMENT
18 INSPIRES US TO INVEST IN THAT. IT CAN ALWAYS BE IMPROVED AND
19 IT'S ANOTHER PLACE WHERE WE'RE TRYING HARD TO GET THE SCIENCE
20 THAT HELPS SUPPORT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS. AND THEN THE LAST
21 PIECE THAT I WANT TO LOOK AT IS WHAT I CALL THE WILL TO
22 RECOVER BECAUSE WHEN WE MODELED THESE LOSSES, I SAID WE
23 DOUBLED THE LOSSES WITH THE FIRE, WE DOUBLED THEM AGAIN WITH
24 THE BUSINESS DISRUPTION COSTS. AND EVERY TIME WE'VE MODELED
25 DIFFERENT TYPES OF DISASTERS, WE GET APPROXIMATELY THAT WE



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LOSE AS MUCH DURING THAT DELAYED RECOVERY AS WE LOSE IN THE
EVENT ITSELF. AND THERE'S A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT ARE REALLY
IMPORTANT THERE. ONE IS PRE-EVENT PLANNING LETS YOU DO A
BETTER JOB. IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO EXCHANGE BUSINESS CARDS AFTER
THE DISASTER, YOU'RE GOING TO MOVE IN MORE QUICKLY AND THE
SPEED REALLY MATTERS. IT'S ALSO THE COMMUNITY AND I WILL SAY
THAT I HAVE WORRIED THAT, YOU KNOW, LOS ANGELES IS FAMOUSLY A
FREEWAY CULTURE, RIGHT? THE FREEWAY CULTURE AND WE DRIVE PAST
1,000,000 OTHER PEOPLE TO VISIT THE ONE PERSON WE WANT TO GO
SEE. WE DON'T CONNECT WITH OUR NEIGHBORS. I FELT LIKE THAT. AS
I'VE WATCHED THE RECOVERY IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD AT THE EDEN FIRE,
RIGHT, I LIVE IN PASADENA, I WAS ONE MILE FROM THE EVACUATION
ZONE, DOZENS OF FRIENDS EVACUATED OR LOSING THEIR HOMES. WE'VE
COME BACK. WE'RE COMING BACK. WE'VE KEPT TOGETHER AS A
COMMUNITY MORE THAN I THOUGHT WE WOULD. AND IT'S INSPIRED ME
TO BOTH FEEL BETTER ABOUT OUR PROSPECTS BUT ALSO INSPIRED ME
TO TRY AND DO MORE TO BRING US TOGETHER AND THAT'S WHERE I
THINK THE REALLY BIG SOLUTION IS GOING TO COME IS THE DEGREE
TO WHICH WE DON'T DEPEND JUST ON OURSELVES OR EVEN JUST ON THE
COUNTY, BUT WE FIGURE OUT HOW TO BE PARTNERS SO THAT WE
RESPOND MOST EFFECTIVELY. BUT YOU'VE GOT SOME GREAT PEOPLE,
AND I'LL HAND IT BACK TO KEVIN TO TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU GUYS ARE
DOING.

KEVIN MCGOWAN: THANK YOU, DR. JONES. AS WE HEARD, A MAJOR



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1 EARTHQUAKE WOULD CAUSE SIGNIFICANT DAMAGES, PROLONGED
2 INTERRUPTIONS TO ALL OF OUR ESSENTIAL SERVICES, AND
3 SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF LIFE. OEM'S RESPONSIBILITY IS TO HELP
4 REDUCE THOSE IMPACTS THROUGH PROACTIVE MITIGATION,
5 PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY COORDINATION EFFORTS. OUR
6 WORK ALWAYS IN THIS EFFORT BEGINS WITH SCIENCE. OEM DRAWS ON
7 EXPERTISE FROM DR. LUCY JONES, OUR PARTNERS AT THE USGS, THE
8 CALIFORNIA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, THE CALIFORNIA SEISMIC SAFETY
9 COMMISSION. I'M ALSO A COMMISSIONER ON THAT SEISMIC SAFETY
10 COMMISSION SO I CAN REPRESENT L.A. COUNTY AND OUR EQUITIES AT
11 THE STATE COMMISSION LEVEL OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND
12 MANY OTHER PARTNERS THAT OCCUPY THIS SPACE THAT WORK HELPS US
13 PLAN FOR DAMAGED BUILDINGS ROADS UTILITIES OUR COMMUNICATION
14 SYSTEMS AND THE THINGS THAT PEOPLE RELY ON EVERY DAY. THE
15 COUNTY, WE HAVE A SOLID FOUNDATION TO BUILD ON. WE'VE UPDATED
16 OUR FEDERAL AND STATE APPROVED PLANS THAT GIVE US OUR
17 FRAMEWORKS FOR WHAT WE DO WHEN THINGS LIKE BIG DISASTERS
18 OCCUR. OUR DEPARTMENTS MAINTAIN CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS
19 PLANS. WE TEST OUR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND WE HAVE TESTED
20 CAPABILITIES KIND OF LIKE DOWN TO DOWN TO THE MOVEMENT OF
21 PERSONNEL, SUCH AS LIKE A HELICOPTER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.
22 OUR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND 24-HOUR WATCH CENTER
23 PROVIDE STRUCTURE TO MONITOR INCIDENTS, COORDINATE WITH OUR
24 DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTERS, WORK WITH LOCAL AND STATE AND
25 FEDERAL PARTNERS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, OUR REAL-WORLD



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1 RESPONSES TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE JANUARY 2025 FIRES, AND
2 OTHER MAJOR EMERGENCIES HAVE GIVEN US EXPERIENCE MANAGING
3 COMPLEX DISASTERS. HOWEVER, A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE WOULD TEST ALL
4 OF THOSE CAPABILITIES AT A SCALE THAT WE HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED.
5 EMPLOYEES MAY BE UNABLE TO REACH THEIR WORK SITES. COUNTY
6 FACILITIES MAY BE DAMAGED. ROADS AND COMMUNICATION
7 INFRASTRUCTURE MOST DEFINITELY WOULD BE DISRUPTED ACROSS NOT
8 JUST OUR COUNTY, BUT SEVERAL COUNTIES, SLOWING OUTSIDE
9 ASSISTANCE AND MUTUAL AID. WE NEED TO DETERMINE WHICH SERVICES
10 WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE AND WHERE DEPARTMENTS WILL BE ABLE TO
11 OPERATE OUT OF FACILITIES THAT MAY BE ABLE TO SURVIVE THE
12 DAMAGE OF THE EARTHQUAKE. OEM IS GOING TO DEVELOP EARTHQUAKE
13 ANNEXES SPECIFICALLY TO ADDRESS HOW OUR EMERGENCIES ESTABLISH
14 ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OBJECTIVES
15 TO AN EARTHQUAKE SCENARIO. THE PLAN WILL ALSO CLARIFY HOW
16 DEPARTMENTS COORDINATE LIFE SAFETY OPERATIONS, ASSESS DAMAGE,
17 SUPPORT SHELTERING, MOVE SUPPLIES, MANAGE DEBRIS, AND RESTORE
18 ESSENTIAL SERVICES. BUT THIS WILL ALL TAKE TIME. WE WILL ALSO
19 APPLY OUR RELEVANT LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE JANUARY 2025
20 WILDFIRE AFTER ACTION REVIEWS. AND WE WERE JUST HERE A COUPLE
21 OF WEEKS AGO AND I REALLY WANT TO EMPHASIZE WITH THE BOARD'S
22 LEADERSHIP HOW IMPORTANT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS BEING
23 IMPLEMENTED ARE BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH IT'S UNDER THE VEHICLE OF
24 THE AAR FOR THE FIRES, THOSE ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL OF THE
25 HAZARDS WE FACE GENERALLY. FOLLOWING THAT, WE NEED TO TEST OUR



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1 CAPABILITIES THROUGH PLANNED EXERCISES. I THINK HISTORICALLY
2 THE COUNTY HAD A PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL EXERCISE ROUTINE. HOWEVER,
3 GIVEN COVID, STARTING WITH THE WOOLSEY FIRE THROUGH COVID,
4 WE'VE BEEN IN A CONSTANT STATE OF RESPONSE AND RECOVERY THAT
5 DEFINITELY COMES WITH SOME OF THE TRADE-OFF IN BUILDING
6 CAPACITY AND EXERCISING. SO WE NEED TO GET BACK TO DOING THOSE
7 ACTIVITIES. WE MUST ALSO UNDERSTAND WHICH COUNTY FACILITIES
8 AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ARE GOING TO BE VULNERABLE. SO
9 MUCH OF WHAT WE'VE LEARNED THROUGH THE FIRES AND OTHER
10 DISASTERS IS THAT THE COUNTY ACTUALLY HAS RESPONSIBILITY OVER
11 VERY LITTLE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE ALL RELY ON DAY IN
12 AND DAY OUT FOR OUR SERVICES. SO THINK OF YOUR
13 TELECOMMUNICATIONS. ALL THE EFFECTS THAT WE HAD WITH OUR
14 REPEATED ECHOING ALERTS IS ALL BASED ON THE CELL SERVICE
15 COMPANIES. SO THOSE ARE JUST MICROCOSMS OF THE THINGS THAT
16 WE'LL EXPERIENCE DURING THE DISASTER. AND AT THE END OF THE
17 DAY, LIKE DR. LUCY JONES SAID, OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THOSE
18 UTILITIES AND OTHER CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERS IS GOING
19 TO BE CRITICAL. I WANT TO END WITH WHAT I THINK IS PROBABLY
20 THE MOST IMPORTANT EFFORT THAT WE CAN ALL GET BEHIND, WHICH IS
21 COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CEO,
22 COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS, JUST FOR THIS MOTION, WE'VE
23 DEVELOPED THE KNOW YOUR RISK RESOURCE. ANDREW'S GOING TO GIVE
24 A LITTLE BIT MORE DETAIL ABOUT THE EFFORT THAT WE'VE BEEN
25 UNDERWAY FOR THE LAST MONTH. HOWEVER, OUR OUTREACH NEEDS TO



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1 ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO PRACTICE OUR DROP, COVER, AND HOLD AT A
2 BASELINE. WE HAVE THAT COMING UP WITH THE ANNUAL SHAKEOUT
3 EVENT. BUT BEYOND THAT, I THINK IT'S SUPER IMPORTANT FOR US TO
4 REALIZE THAT IN A WIDESPREAD DISASTER WHEN AN EARTHQUAKE
5 OCCURS, NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR AND COMMUNITY HELPING
6 COMMUNITY IS GOING TO BE THE MOST IMPACTFUL PORTION OF OUR
7 INITIAL RESPONSE. I'M GOING TO SAY THIS FROM A SENSE OF LIKE,
8 I'VE NEVER DONE THE ACTUAL DOWN TO THE RESOURCE MATH, BUT
9 GENERALLY SPEAKING THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH FIRST RESPONDERS IN
10 CALIFORNIA TO SERVICE JUST OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION IN
11 JUST L.A. COUNTY. IT IS CRITICAL THAT PEOPLE PREPARE AT THE
12 FAMILY LEVEL AND THE COMMUNITY LEVEL AND THIS IS AN
13 INCREMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, I THINK WHEN I TALK TO NEIGHBORS AND
14 WHEN WE HAVE TOWN HALLS AND WE TALK TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS THIS
15 IS AN ISSUE THAT SEEMS INSURMOUNTABLE, AND SO PEOPLE KIND OF
16 JUST THROW THE TOWEL IN. IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE INSURMOUNTABLE.
17 DR. JONES AND I WERE TALKING, AND IT'S LIKE, STARTS WITH JUST
18 HAVING A KIT IN YOUR CAR. IF THAT EARTHQUAKE HAPPENS WHEN
19 WE'RE AT WORK AND OUR KIDS ARE AT SCHOOL, WHAT DO WE DO? IT'S
20 SMALL LITTLE INCREMENTAL INVESTMENTS LIKE THAT THAT WE CAN
21 MAKE FOR COMMUNITIES, HELPING COMMUNITIES, GIVING PEOPLE
22 INFORMATION ON HOW THEY CAN PLAN THAT THEN IS GOING TO TURN
23 THE COURSE OF WHEN WE ACTUALLY HAVE THAT EARTHQUAKE. I'M
24 AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE QUESTIONS AND
25 WITH THAT I'M GOING TO HAND IT OVER TO DIRECTOR PESTRELLA FROM



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PUBLIC WORKS.

MARK PESTRELLA: GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARK PESTRELLA, DIRECTOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AND YOU'RE BUILDING OFFICIAL FOR THE UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WANT TO STOP AND ACKNOWLEDGE DR. JONES, WHO'S HERE, A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, AND WE WORKED TOGETHER FOR A LONG TIME. WE BOTH EXPERIENCED THE 94 EARTHQUAKE TOGETHER, SO WE HAVE SOME LIVED EXPERIENCE AND OTHER MAJOR HAZARDS THAT WE'VE WORKED ON TOGETHER TO IMPROVE L.A. COUNTY'S OVERALL READINESS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA COMMUNITY'S READINESS. SO DR. JONES, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP THROUGH THE YEARS. THE TWO ROLES THAT I PLAYED, THESE TWO ROLES DEFINE MY APPROACH TO EARTHQUAKE READINESS, THE BUILDING OFFICIAL AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, I OVERSEE THE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INCLUDING ROADS, BRIDGES, DAMS, FLOOD CONTROL FACILITIES, WATER SYSTEMS, AND AIRPORTS. I'M ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT OUR WORKFORCE IS PREPARED TO RESPOND WHEN THOSE SYSTEMS ARE DAMAGED. AS A BUILDING OFFICIAL, I ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THE COUNTY'S BUILDING CODES IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS, INCLUDING SEISMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS. TOGETHER, THESE RESPONSIBILITIES ADDRESS BOTH SIDES OF EARTHQUAKE READINESS, REDUCING RISK BEFORE AN



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1 EARTHQUAKE AND RESPONDING EFFECTIVELY AFTERWARD. RESILIENT
2 INFRASTRUCTURE. PUBLIC WORKS TO MAKE COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE AS
3 RESILIENT WORKS TO MAKE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AS PRACTICAL
4 THROUGH MODERN DESIGN, REGULAR INSPECTIONS, MAINTENANCE,
5 REHABILITATION, AND TARGETED SEISMIC IMPROVEMENTS. WE INSPECT
6 DAMS, RESERVOIRS, CHANNELS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER FACILITIES ON
7 AN ANNUAL AND IN SOME CASES ON A MONTHLY BASIS TO IDENTIFY
8 VULNERABILITIES AND PRIORITIZE REPAIRS. IN FACT OVER THE LAST
9 10 YEARS ALL OF THE COUNTY'S DAMS HAVE BEEN RETROFITTED TO THE
10 MOST MODERN EARTHQUAKE STANDARDS. AN EXPENSIVE BUT IMPORTANT
11 INVESTMENT THAT WE'VE MADE IN OUR DAM SYSTEM, OUR ROAD SYSTEM
12 THE SAME, AND VERY IMPORTANTLY THE BRIDGE SYSTEM AFTER THE 94
13 EARTHQUAKE, NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE, WHERE WE LEARNED A LOT
14 ABOUT WHAT THE CAPABILITY OF EARTHQUAKES ARE AND THEIR ABILITY
15 TO ACCELERATE BEYOND WHAT WE EXPECTED. THE BRIDGE SYSTEM TOOK
16 A MAJOR HIT, AND THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA, AND HERE INCLUDING IN
17 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE'VE MADE MASSIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
18 BRIDGE SYSTEM SO THAT IT CAN RESIST THESE EARTHQUAKES THAT
19 WE'RE DESCRIBING TODAY. NOW, AFTER EARTHQUAKE, TOOLS SUCH AS
20 THE U.S. GEOLOGIC SURVEY SHAKECAST SYSTEM HELP US IDENTIFY
21 AREAS THAT EXPERIENCE THE STRONGEST SHAKING SO WE CAN
22 PRIORITIZE BRIDGES AND DAMS THAT MAY NEED TO BE LOOKED AT. IN
23 FACT, AFTER EVERY EARTHQUAKE AT A CERTAIN LEVEL, YOU MAY NOT
24 BE AWARE OF THIS, BUT PUBLIC WORKS DEPLOYS A SYSTEM TO INSPECT
25 THOSE DAMS, ALL THAT INFRASTRUCTURE I DESCRIBED, TO MAKE SURE



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1 THAT THERE HASN'T BEEN MAJOR IMPACTS TO IT. IT HAPPENS
2 QUIETLY, BUT IT IS HAPPENING THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY AFTER A
3 CERTAIN LEVEL OF EARTHQUAKE. OUR FIVE GENERAL AVIATION
4 AIRPORTS CAN ALSO SUPPORT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BY MOVING
5 PERSONNEL, SUPPLIES, AND MEDICAL RESOURCES IF ROADS AND OTHER
6 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS ARE DISRUPTED. SPECIALIZED ENGINEERING
7 TEAMS ARE PREPARED TO INSPECT DAMAGED INFRASTRUCTURE, IDENTIFY
8 HAZARDS, AND PRIORITIZE REPAIRS BASED ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND
9 SAFETY. WE HAVE OVER 100, YOU HAVE OVER 100 ENGINEERS THAT ARE
10 TRAINED IN-HOUSE TO INSPECT AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE ESSENTIAL
11 FACILITIES AND THEN ALL THE WAY DOWN TO RESIDENTIAL
12 PROPERTIES. I'M ALSO WORKING AS A BUILDING OFFICIAL AND I'M
13 RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT NEW BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS
14 IN AND INCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMPLY WITH THE COUNTY
15 BUILDING AND SEISMIC CODES. THE RECENTLY ADOPTED 2026 LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING CODE STRENGTHENS SEISMIC REQUIREMENTS
17 FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, BUT WE MUST ALSO ADDRESS BUILDINGS
18 CONSTRUCTED UNDER EARLIER CODES. UNDER YOUR 2023 EQUITABLE
19 EARTHQUAKE RESILIENCE INITIATIVE, THE COUNTY ADOPTED A
20 MANDATORY RETROFIT ORDINANCE FOR HIGH-RISE, NON-DUCTABLE
21 CONCRETE BUILDINGS. WE'RE NOW BEGINNING TO IMPLEMENT THIS
22 STANDARD, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE OWNERS OF THOSE PROPERTIES TO
23 RETROFIT THEIR BUILDINGS. IN FACT, EIGHT BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN
24 IDENTIFIED WITHIN COUNTY JURISDICTION, FIVE COUNTY OWNED AND
25 THREE PRIVATELY OWNED, IN WHICH COMPLIANCE ORDERS HAVE BEEN



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1 ISSUED FOR ALL FIVE COUNTY OWNED BUILDINGS AND WE ARE WORKING
2 TOWARD ISSUING ORDERS FOR THREE PRIVATELY OWNED BUILDINGS. OUR
3 BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO IDENTIFIED
4 APPROXIMATELY 1,700 POTENTIALLY VULNERABLE SOFT-STORY WOOD
5 FRAME BUILDINGS IN UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS IS
6 WHERE THE LOWER PORTION OF THE BUILDING HAS AN OPEN FRAME AND
7 THE UPPER PORTION OF THE BUILDING IS SUPPORTING AN UPPER LOAD
8 OF THE BUILDING. A DRAFT REPORT THAT I REMEMBER A DRAFT REPORT
9 HAS BEEN PREPARED BY MY DEPARTMENT AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO
10 THE BOARD TO HELP INFORM ON NEXT STEPS. I IMAGINE THAT AND I
11 EXPECT THAT I'LL BE RECOMMENDING THAT THE COUNTY ADOPT AN
12 ORDINANCE TO RETROFIT THESE SOFT-STORY BUILDINGS AS WELL.
13 WHILE BUILDING CODES SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE RISK, THEY CANNOT
14 GUARANTEE THAT A BUILDING WILL BE UNDAMAGED OR IMMEDIATELY
15 USABLE AFTER A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE. THEIR PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO
16 PROTECT LIFE AND REDUCE THE RISK OF STRUCTURAL FAILURE. AS TO
17 PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONAL READINESS, PUBLIC WORKS MUST ALSO BE
18 ABLE TO OPERATE AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE. OUR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS
19 CENTER HAS TRAINED STAFF, EMERGENCY PLANS, REDUNDANT
20 COMMUNICATIONS AND SPECIALIZED RESPONSE CAPABILITIES. IN FACT,
21 PUBLIC WORKS HEADQUARTERS BUILDING WERE HOUSED IN ONE OF THE
22 FEW BASE ISOLATED BUILDINGS IN L.A. COUNTY IN OUR ALHAMBRA
23 HEADQUARTERS BUILDING AND THIS IS WHERE OUR DOC IS LOCATED.
24 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF CEO OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, WE
25 ALSO COORDINATE A COURSE WITH FIRST RESPONDERS THROUGH



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1 PLANNING, TRAINING, EXERCISES, AND ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES.
2 PUBLIC WORKS SUPPORTS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT'S
3 URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM AND PARTICIPATES IN THE COUNTY
4 BUILDING EVALUATION TEAM, WHICH DETERMINES WHETHER COUNTY
5 FACILITIES CAN SAFELY BE REOCCUPIED. OUR CONTINUITY OF
6 OPERATIONS PLAN IDENTIFIES THAT ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS,
7 PERSONNEL, RESOURCES, AND ALTERNATE LOCATIONS AND PROCEDURES
8 NEEDED TO CONTINUE OPERATING IF OUR FACILITIES ARE DAMAGED ARE
9 INACCESSIBLE. SO HERE'S THE CHALLENGE. A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE WILL
10 TEST ALL OF THESE CAPABILITIES AT ONCE, AS WAS MENTIONED
11 EARLIER. WE MAY FACE DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS, ROADS, BRIDGES,
12 WATER SYSTEMS, COMMUNICATION ISSUES, UTILITIES, AND OTHER
13 INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS LARGE GEOGRAPHIC AREA. WE WILL NEED TO
14 PRIORITIZE THE HARDEST HIT COMMUNITIES IN ESSENTIAL
15 FACILITIES, DEPLOY INSPECTORS AND ENGINEERS WHERE RISKS ARE
16 GREATEST, AND USE MUTUAL AID TO EXPAND OUR CAPACITY. BECAUSE
17 INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS ARE INTERCONNECTED, A FACILITY MAY BE
18 STRUCTURALLY SOUND, BUT STILL DEPEND ON ELECTRICITY,
19 COMMUNICATIONS, FUEL, OR TRANSPORTATION ACCESS. AND I WANT TO
20 ADD, I AGREE WITH DR. JONES THAT ONE OF THE MAJOR EFFECTS WILL
21 BE FIRE. AND WE'LL HAVE MANY FIRES TO ADDRESS AFTER AN
22 EARTHQUAKE. THIS IS WHY EARTHQUAKE RESILIENCE REQUIRES STRONG
23 BUILDING STANDARDS, RESILIENT PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, AND A
24 WORKFORCE PREPARED TO RESPOND. SO WEARING BOTH HATS, DIRECTOR
25 OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDING OFFICIAL FOR AN INCORPORATED L.A.



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1 COUNTY, MY FOCUS ARE THE FOLLOWING. REDUCE RISK BEFORE THE
2 EARTHQUAKE. PROTECT LIFE THROUGH STRONG BUILDING AND
3 ENGINEERING STANDARDS. MAINTAIN RESILIENT PUBLIC
4 INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENSURE THAT OUR PEOPLE AND SYSTEMS ARE
5 PREPARED TO RESPOND WHEN AN EARTHQUAKE OCCURS. OF COURSE, WE
6 CANNOT ELIMINATE EARTHQUAKE RISKS, BUT WE CAN UNDERSTAND IT,
7 REDUCE IT, AND PREPARE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO RESPOND AND
8 RECOVER AS SAFELY AND QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

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10 **NICK DUVALLY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS NICK
11 DIVALLY. I'M A DEPUTY CHIEF WITH L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT.
12 I'D LIKE TO START OFF WITH A POINT THAT'S BEEN BROUGHT UP A
13 COUPLE TIMES ALREADY IS THE URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS THAT
14 L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS AND WE HAVE MEMBERS FROM
15 PUBLIC WORKS AND DHS THAT ARE ON THOSE TEAMS AND DEFINITELY
16 PROVIDE EXPERTISE THAT WE DON'T HAVE WITHIN THE FIRE
17 DEPARTMENT. THESE URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS, OR USAR, ARE
18 DEPLOYED AROUND THE UNITED STATES AND IS ONE OF TWO TEAMS THAT
19 CAN BE DEPLOYED INTERNATIONALLY BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT.
20 RECENTLY, THOSE TEAMS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO COLUMBIA AND
21 VENEZUELA AND HAVE BROUGHT BACK VITAL INFORMATION ON THOSE
22 EXPERIENCES THAT THEY CAN BRING BACK TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
23 AND WE CAN BENEFIT FROM. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS THAT
24 THEY BROUGHT BACK WAS A NEW ELECTRONIC PLATFORM THAT'S ARCGIS
25 BASED THAT IS THE SEARCH AND RESCUE COMMON OPERATING PLATFORM



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1 OR SARCOP. THESE LESSONS BUILT MOVING FORWARD WILL BENEFIT THE
2 FIRE DEPARTMENT AND HOW WE REACT TO THESE MAJOR EARTHQUAKES
3 AND WE'LL BE UTILIZING THEM MORE AND MORE. WE'LL INCLUDE THOSE
4 IN THE BIG SHAKEOUT DRILL THAT WILL HAPPEN ON OCTOBER 15TH FOR
5 MOST PEOPLE, BUT WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BEING SHIFT-
6 ORIENTED, WE HAVE TO DO THE DRILL THREE DAYS IN A ROW. THAT
7 DRILL AND EXERCISE WILL FOCUS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
8 NEW SARCOP SYSTEM, WHERE EACH ENGINE COMPANY WILL BE ABLE TO
9 DO AN EVALUATION OF THEIR JURISDICTION, AND THAT INFORMATION
10 CAN ELECTRONICALLY BE TRANSPORTED BACK TO THE BATTALION
11 COMMAND, AND EXECUTIVES CAN MAKE THE SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS
12 THEY HAVE TO MAKE ON DEPLOYMENT OF RESOURCES. THESE EXERCISES
13 AND DRILLS WE WILL EXERCISE EVERY FIRE STATION, BATTALION, OUR
14 AIR OPERATIONS, OUR LIFEGUARDS, AND OUR ADMINISTRATIVE SITES
15 TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS PREPARED FOR THIS. THE ADDITION
16 DURING THESE DRILLS, THEY WILL NOT ONLY DO HANDS-ON EXERCISES,
17 BUT THEY WILL ALSO DO SOME OF THE BASIC THINGS. WE PROFESS FOR
18 EVERYBODY TO BE PREPARED AND READY FOR THESE EARTHQUAKES. THE
19 FIRE STATIONS NEED TO DO THE SAME THINGS. THEY NEED TO HAVE
20 WATER, FOOD, MEDICAL, AND FUEL TO BE ABLE TO STAND ALONE FOR
21 72 HOURS. DURING THESE EXERCISES WE'LL MAKE SURE ALL THOSE
22 SUPPLIES ARE THERE AND READY FOR EASY DEPLOYMENT FOR USE
23 DURING THE MAJOR EARTHQUAKES. ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT WE
24 ANTICIPATE HAVING IS SIGNIFICANT COMMUNICATIONS FAILURES AND
25 WE HAVE PROTOCOLS IN PLACE THAT WILL BE UTILIZING DURING THESE



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EXERCISES TO VALIDATE EVERYTHING IS STILL CURRENT AND ACTIVE
SO WE'LL BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER EVEN IF IT'S
ONLY IN SMALL AREAS WILL BE WORKING AS A TEAM IN THOSE AREAS.
FOR CONTINUITY OF SERVICE, WE ARE CONSTANTLY COLLABORATING
WITH OEM, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS, AND THE CITY
EOCS THAT WE PROTECT, WHICH IS DOZENS AND DOZENS OF THOSE
CITIES, WHERE WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE'RE INTERACTING WITH
THEM. DURING THESE DEPLOYMENTS, WE'LL ALSO INTERFACE AND
PROVIDE PERSONNEL FOR THE JOINT INFORMATION CENTER AND WE WILL
STAFF THE COUNTY EOC WITH OEM TO MAKE SURE THERE'S GOOD
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE OTHER
COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. ON JULY 29TH OF THIS YEAR FIRE TOOK PART
IN A FIRST-EVER COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING
SESSION WHERE OVER 100 PARTICIPANTS WERE ENGAGED IN THAT JOINT
INFORMATION SIMULATION, AND IT WAS SIMULATED AROUND AN
EARTHQUAKE. WE KNOW, AS DR. LUCY JONES STATED, THAT THIS
CONFLAGRATION AND THE FIRES WILL BE SIGNIFICANT. WE CONSTANTLY
AND EFFECTIVELY UTILIZE OUR REGIONAL, STATE, FEDERAL, AND
POTENTIALLY INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES THROUGH MUTUAL AID AND
AGREEMENTS WITH EVERYBODY ELSE. WE KNOW THEIR ABILITY TO GET
TO OUR LOCATION MAY BE COMPROMISED AND WE'LL BE COUNTING ON
PUBLIC WORKS TO HELP US WITH ACCESS TO WHERE WE NEED TO GET TO
THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE IN THE MOST NEED, BUT WE WILL BE
RELYING ON THEM TO AUGMENT OUR FORCES. DURING THE YEAR WE ARE
CONSTANTLY ENGAGED WITH NUMEROUS OTHER AGENCIES, COMMUNITY



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1 GROUPS THROUGH PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, THE CIVILIAN EMERGENCY
2 RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING. LAST YEAR WE DEVELOPED 35 CLASSES AND
3 IMPLEMENTED THEM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WE ANTICIPATE DOING
4 THE SAME NUMBER OF THOSE CLASSES THIS YEAR. THEY SHOW BASIC
5 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. WE TALKED ABOUT THAT YOU NEED A KIT,
6 AND WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN EARTHQUAKE IS ONE OF THE KEY
7 FACTORS. INCLUDED IN THAT TEACHING OF THOSE 35 CLASSES, WE
8 COLLABORATE WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THEY PROVIDE
9 NUMEROUS INSTRUCTORS AND EXPERTISE AND BACKGROUND FROM THEIR
10 PERSPECTIVE AND THAT AUGMENTS WHAT WE HAVE TO PROVIDE FOR
11 THOSE CLASSES WE HAVE FIRE SAFE COUNCILS AND THE COMMUNITY
12 BRIGADE THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IN THIS FORUM BEFORE. THEY
13 PROVIDE EMERGENCY PLANNING, NOT ONLY FIREFIGHTING AND FIRE
14 AWARENESS TRAINING. SO IT'S A GOOD BACKBONE ON WHAT WE CAN DO.
15 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY ENACTED A COMMUNITY AND
16 RESIDENTIAL RESOURCES PAGE AND THAT WAS PUT UP ON OUR WEBSITE
17 IN MAY OF THIS YEAR BY THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION. IT
18 PROVIDES RESIDENTS WITH VALUE PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION FOR ALL
19 DISASTERS INCLUDING EARTHQUAKES. WE ARE ALSO ABOUT TO LAUNCH A
20 SAFETY, HEALTH, INFORMATION, EDUCATION, AND LOCAL DEPARTMENT
21 OR DEVELOPMENT ACRONYM SHIELD FOR COMMUNITY SURVEY LAUNCHING
22 IN OCTOBER. AND WHAT WE'LL DO, IT'LL ACT AS AN ANONYMOUS
23 SURVEY OF WHAT THE PUBLIC FEELS THEY NEED FOR INTERACTION WITH
24 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES. AS DR. JONES
25 STATED BEFORE, WE KNOW THAT THE WATER DEPARTMENTS WILL HAVE



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1 MANY SEVERED WATER LINES AND WATER DISTRIBUTION WILL BE
2 COMPROMISED. GAS LINES CAN BE SEVERED AND LEAKING AND CAUSING
3 FIRES, CHALLENGING US TO OUR NTH DEGREE. AND WE WILL BE
4 UTILIZING THOSE RESOURCES THAT I TALKED ABOUT BRINGING THEM IN
5 TO HELP US BECAUSE WE WILL BE OVERWHELMED. WE WILL NOT HAVE
6 ENOUGH RESOURCES TO FACILITATE THAT. ONE OF THE OTHER
7 CHALLENGES THAT I KNOW THAT WE WILL HAVE IS WE WORK A 24-HOUR
8 SHIFT IN THE FIRE STATIONS. MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO
9 WANT TO GO HOME AND MAKE SURE THEIR FAMILIES ARE OKAY. SO WE
10 KNOW WE WILL HAVE SOME PEOPLE THAT WILL NEED TO CHECK ON THEIR
11 FAMILIES. THE GOOD NEWS IS WE HAVE ANOTHER 2,000 PEOPLE THAT
12 ARE OFF DUTY THAT MAY NOT BE AFFECTED THAT WILL BE COMING IN
13 TO TAKE THEIR PLACES AND THEY WILL STAY FOR AS LONG AS
14 NECESSARY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC IS SERVED BY THE FIRE
15 DEPARTMENT. DEMONSTRATED THAT DURING THE WILDFIRES OF JANUARY
16 2025 WHEN MANY OF OUR PERSONNEL WERE AT WORK FOR MORE THAN A
17 WEEK AT A TIME PROVIDING THAT COLLABORATION THAT WE NEED. WITH
18 THAT I WILL TURN IT OVER TO SHERIFF LUNA.

19
20 **ROBERT LUNA:** GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
21 ROBERT LUNA, SHERIFF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT'S EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS FOCUS ON ENSURING
23 THAT WE ARE PREPARED BEFORE AN EARTHQUAKE OCCURS. CAN RESPOND
24 IMMEDIATELY WHEN ONE OCCURS AND CAN CONTINUE PROVIDING
25 ESSENTIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES



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1 THROUGHOUT THE RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PHASES. A CATASTROPHIC
2 EARTHQUAKE PRESENTS A UNIQUE CHALLENGE BECAUSE IT CAN
3 SIMULTANEOUSLY AFFECT COMMUNITIES, TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS,
4 COMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND EVEN
5 OUR OWN FACILITIES. IN A CATASTROPHIC REGIONAL EARTHQUAKE, ONE
6 OPERATIONAL GAP WE HAVE IDENTIFIED IS PERSONNEL AND RESOURCE
7 AVAILABILITY DURING THE INITIAL RESPONSE TO A CATASTROPHIC
8 REGIONAL EARTHQUAKE. THE IMMEDIATE DEMAND FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
9 SERVICES MAY EXCEED THE PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES IMMEDIATELY
10 AVAILABLE, PARTICULARLY WHEN THE SAME DISASTER MAY AFFECT OUR
11 OWN EMPLOYEES. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, FACILITIES, AND
12 NEIGHBORING AGENCIES. OUR PLANNING IS DESIGNED AROUND THE
13 REALITY I JUST DESCRIBED. UNLIKE A LOCALIZED EMERGENCY, A
14 MAJOR EARTHQUAKE COULD AFFECT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
15 SURROUNDING JURISDICTIONS AT THE SAME TIME. LIMITING THE
16 IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY OF MUTUAL AID RESOURCES, THE BOARD
17 MOTION ITSELF RECOGNIZES THAT REGIONAL EVENT COULD PREVENT THE
18 TYPE OF CONCENTRATED REGIONAL RESPONSE AVAILABLE FOLLOWING THE
19 NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE. OUR PLANNING THEREFORE ASSUMES THE
20 SHERIFF STATIONS, CUSTODY FACILITIES AND OTHER CRITICAL
21 OPERATIONS MUST BE PREPARED TO SUSTAIN ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS
22 WITH THE PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THEM
23 UNTIL ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT AND MUTUAL AID RESOURCES CAN REACH
24 THE IMPACTED AREAS. UNDER THE ANNUAL STATION CUSTODY FACILITY
25 EMERGENCY READINESS INSPECTIONS, OUR DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS



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1 ANNUAL EMERGENCY READINESS INSPECTIONS OF OUR SHERIFF STATIONS
2 AND CUSTODY FACILITIES. THESE ARE OPERATIONAL READINESS
3 ASSESSMENTS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO
4 MANAGE AND SUSTAIN OPERATIONS DURING A MAJOR EMERGENCY. WE
5 ASSESS THE READINESS OF THE UNIT'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
6 CENTER, EMERGENCY PLAN AND PROCEDURES, EMERGENCY SUPPLIES AND
7 EQUIPMENT, THE SUPPLIES NECESSARY TO SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND
8 SUSTAIN OPERATIONS DURING AN EXTENDED EMERGENCY. STATIONS AND
9 CUSTODY FACILITIES ALSO CONDUCT BRIEFINGS, EVACUATION DRILLS,
10 AND PREPAREDNESS EXERCISES APPROPRIATE TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL
11 OPERATIONS. THESE ONGOING ASSESSMENTS ALLOW US TO IDENTIFY AND
12 ADDRESS PREPAREDNESS ISSUES BEFORE AN EMERGENCY OCCURS AND
13 REINFORCE THE EXPECTATION THAT OUR FACILITIES MAY INITIALLY
14 NEED TO OPERATE WITH LIMITED OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. IMMEDIATELY
15 FOLLOWING A SIGNIFICANT EARTHQUAKE, AFFECTED SHERIFF STATIONS
16 CAN ACTIVATE THEIR STATION EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER TO
17 ASSESS CONDITION, ESTABLISH PRIORITIES, ACCOUNT FOR AVAILABLE
18 PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES, AND COORDINATE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
19 OPERATIONS. WHEN AN INCIDENT IMPACTS OR AFFECTS MULTIPLE
20 STATIONS OR EXCEEDS LOCAL CAPABILITIES, THE DEPARTMENT
21 OPERATIONS CENTER CAN BE ACTIVATED TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT-WIDE
22 COORDINATION, SUPPORT AFFECTED STATIONS AND FIELD INCIDENT
23 COMMANDERS SO THEY CAN MAINTAIN SITUATIONAL AWARENESS,
24 COORDINATE RESOURCES, AND SERVE OUR COORDINATION POINT WITH
25 THE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND OUR PUBLIC SAFETY



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1 PARTNERS. AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST CONTINUE OUR ESSENTIAL
2 RESPONSIBILITIES. EMERGENCY CALLS FOR SERVICE WILL CONTINUE.
3 CUSTODY OPERATIONS MUST BE MAINTAINED. COUNTY FACILITIES AND
4 CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE MAY REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT,
5 AND HEAVILY AFFECTED COMMUNITIES MAY REQUIRE AN INCREASED
6 PUBLIC SAFETY PRESENCE. FOLLOWING A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE, DEPUTIES
7 WILL ALSO ASSESS CONDITIONS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS,
8 IDENTIFY SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS AND DAMAGE, ASSIST WITH
9 EVACUATIONS AND ACCESS CONTROL WHEN NECESSARY, AND ASSESS
10 DESIGNATED CRITICAL FACILITIES WHERE DAMAGE COULD CREATE AN
11 IMMEDIATE THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY. AND JUST AS WE'RE TALKING
12 ABOUT EARTHQUAKES, UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE TO REMIND US ALL THAT
13 WHEN WE'VE HAD SIGNIFICANT EMERGENCIES, AND I DO SAY
14 UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BURGLARS OR LOOTERS. AND
15 THEN WE ALSO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WHITE COLLAR CRIMINALS WHO
16 ARE TRYING TO SCAM PEOPLE RIGHT AWAY WITH THINGS. SO THOSE ARE
17 OBVIOUSLY THINGS THAT WE'LL BE WORKING WITH, WITH OTHER LAW
18 ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
19 OFFICE, THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND THE US ATTORNEY'S
20 OFFICE, IF THOSE SITUATIONS COME UP AS THEY DID DURING THE
21 EATON FIRES. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL LAW
22 ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY RESPONDING TO THE
23 CONSEQUENCES OF THE DISASTER. OUR EMERGENCY OPERATING
24 PROCEDURES AND MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES PROVIDE
25 ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE FOR SPECIFIC EMERGENCY



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1 FUNCTIONS AND MAINTAIN CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS. THOSE PLANS
2 AND PROCEDURES ALSO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR MOBILIZING AND
3 COORDINATING DEPARTMENT RESOURCES WHEN AN EMERGENCY EXCEEDS
4 THE CAPABILITIES OF AN INDIVIDUAL STATION OR UNIT. THE LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS A BROAD RANGE OF
6 SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL AND CAPABILITIES THAT CAN BE MOBILIZED
7 BASED UPON THE NEEDS CREATED BY THE EARTHQUAKE. THESE INCLUDES
8 OUR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS, DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTER
9 TEAMS, SHERIFF'S RESPONSE TEAMS, MOBILE FIELD FORCES, SPECIAL
10 ENFORCEMENT BUREAU CAPABILITIES, AVIATION RESOURCES, SEARCH
11 AND RESCUE RESOURCES, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL, ARSON EXPLOSIVE
12 CAPABILITIES, CUSTODY EMERGENCY RESPONSE RESOURCES,
13 INTELLIGENCE, AND INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL, ALONG WITH
14 COMMUNICATION SUPPORT AND OTHER SPECIALIZED DEPARTMENT
15 RESOURCES. THESE CAPABILITIES ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO SCALE
16 ITS RESPONSE, REINFORCE AFFECTED STATION AND FACILITIES,
17 ADDRESS SPECIALIZED MISSIONS, AND MOVE AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO
18 AREAS OF GREATEST NEED WHILE MAINTAINING ESSENTIAL LAW
19 ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED
20 POLICIES FOR MOBILIZING PERSONNEL AND ADDRESSING EMERGENCY
21 CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE RECALL OF ALL OFF-DUTY PERSONNEL
22 WHEN APPROPRIATE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT, HOWEVER, THAT FOLLOWING A
23 CATASTROPHIC EARTHQUAKE, SOME EMPLOYEES MAY INITIALLY BE
24 DEALING WITH IMPACTS TO THEIR OWN FAMILIES OR MAY BE UNABLE TO
25 REACH THEIR ASSIGNMENTS BECAUSE OF DAMAGED TRANSPORTATION



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1 INFRASTRUCTURE. THESE MOBILIZATION PROCEDURES AND SPECIALIZED
2 CAPABILITIES ARE KEY MEASURES THE DEPARTMENT USES TO MITIGATE
3 THE PERSONNEL AND RESOURCE GAP DURING THE INITIAL RESPONSE.
4 OUR PLANNING, THEREFORE, DOES NOT DEPEND ON EVERY RESOURCE
5 BECOMING IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. IT IS DESIGNED TO PRIORITIZE
6 AVAILABLE PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES, SUSTAIN ESSENTIAL
7 OPERATIONS, AND PROGRESSIVELY EXPAND THE RESPONSE AS
8 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES BECOME AVAILABLE. AND IN TRAINING JUST
9 LIKE OUR PARTNERS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WE'VE ALSO ENHANCED
10 AND INCREASED OUR INCIDENT COMMAND TRAINING FOR THE RANK OF
11 LIEUTENANT AND ABOVE AND WE'RE GOING TO EXPAND THAT AFTER THE
12 EATON FIRE DISASTERS THAT WE HAD. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO
13 MAINTAINS TRAINED INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS THAT CAN PROVIDE
14 COMMAND AND COORDINATION SUPPORT DURING LARGE SCALE INCIDENTS
15 INCLUDING OPERATIONS, PLANNING, LOGISTICS, RESOURCE
16 MANAGEMENT, AND OTHER CRITICAL INCIDENT FUNCTIONS. OUR
17 FACILITIES PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT SHAKEOUT AND THE STATIONS
18 AND FACILITIES CONDUCT PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE
19 YEAR TO REINFORCE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES, EMPLOYEE
20 RESPONSIBILITIES, EVACUATION PLANNING, AND OPERATIONAL
21 READINESS. IN REGARDS TO MUTUAL AID, NO SINGLE DEPARTMENT WILL
22 MANAGE THE CONSEQUENCES OF A CATASTROPHIC EARTHQUAKE
23 INDEPENDENTLY. LASD WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
24 MANAGEMENT, OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS, THE CALIFORNIA
25 HIGHWAY PATROL, OTHER LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES,



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1 CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND OTHER STATE AND
2 FEDERAL PARTNERS. A SECOND OPERATIONAL GAP IS A POTENTIAL
3 DELAY IN RECEIVING REGIONAL MUTUAL AID RESOURCES. UNLIKE A
4 LOCALIZED INCIDENT, A CATASTROPHIC EARTHQUAKE MAY
5 SIMULTANEOUSLY AFFECT MANY OF THE AGENCIES AND JURISDICTIONS
6 WE WOULD NORMALLY RELY UPON FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE. THE
7 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ALSO HAS A SIGNIFICANT RESPONSIBILITY
8 WITHIN CALIFORNIA'S LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID SYSTEM,
9 INCLUDING COORDINATION WITH REGION ONE. OUR PLANNING THEREFORE
10 EMPHASIZES INITIAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY, PRIORITIZATION OF
11 AVAILABLE RESOURCES, AND MAINTAINING ESSENTIAL OPERATIONS
12 UNTIL MUTUAL AID RESOURCES FROM OUTSIDE THE AFFECTED AREA CAN
13 BE MOBILIZED AND DEPLOYED. AS THOSE RESOURCES BECOME AVAILABLE
14 OR ESTABLISHED MUTUAL AID AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES
15 ALLOW THEM TO BE INTEGRATED INTO THE RESPONSE BASED ON THE
16 OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES. IN REGARDS TO KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES
17 INFORMED, TIMELY AND COORDINATED PUBLIC INFORMATION WILL BE
18 ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL BEFORE AND DURING AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE.
19 BEFORE AN EMERGENCY, LASD USES ITS PUBLIC INFORMATION
20 RESOURCES AND SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS TO REINFORCE FAMILY
21 EMERGENCY PLANNING, EMERGENCY SUPPLIES, AND COMMUNICATION
22 PLANS. DURING AND FOLLOWING AN EARTHQUAKE, THE EMERGENCY
23 OPERATIONS BUREAU, SHERIFF'S INFORMATION BUREAU, 24-HOUR OPS
24 CENTER, AFFECTED STATIONS, AND OUR COUNTY PARTNERS WILL
25 COORDINATE PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGING CONCERNING EVACUATIONS,



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1 ROAD CLOSURES, HAZARDS, AREAS TO AVOID, AND OTHER PROTECTIVE
2 ACTIONS. WE WILL ALSO SUPPORT OEM AND THE CEO COUNTYWIDE
3 COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY'S KNOW YOUR RISK RESOURCES,
4 MULTILINGUAL GREAT SHAKEOUT OUTREACH, AND SUSTAINED YEAR-ROUND
5 PREPAREDNESS MESSAGING. SO IN CLOSING, OUR DEPARTMENT
6 RECOGNIZES THAT A CATASTROPHIC EARTHQUAKE WILL CHALLENGE EVERY
7 RESPONDING AGENCY SIMULTANEOUSLY. IT MAY AFFECT OUR PERSONNEL,
8 FACILITIES, COMMUNICATIONS, AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AT THE
9 SAME TIME. OUR COMMUNITIES NEED PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES THE
10 MOST. THIS IS WHY, AND YOU'VE HEARD ME SAY THIS MULTIPLE TIMES
11 IN HERE AND PUBLICLY. PREPAREDNESS IS BUILT AROUND FACILITY
12 READINESS, CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS, SCALABLE COMMAND AND
13 COORDINATION, AND DEPARTMENT MOBILIZATION, SPECIALIZED
14 CAPABILITIES, RESOURCE PRIORITIZATION, MUTUAL AID, STRONG
15 PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS OUR REGION, AND OUR GOALS TO ENSURE THAT
16 OUR DEPARTMENT CAN PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY, MAINTAIN
17 ESSENTIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CUSTODY OPERATIONS, SUPPORT OUR
18 COMMUNITIES IN THE MOST DIFFICULT OF TIMES THROUGH IMMEDIATE
19 EMERGENCY AND SUSTAIN THOSE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE RECOVERY.
20 AND AS MY PARTNERS HAVE STATED, I CAN'T EMPHASIZE ENOUGH
21 COMMUNITY PREPARATION. PEOPLE NEED TO BE PREPARED AND THEY
22 NEED TO BE PREPARED NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23
24 **ANDREW VEIS:** ALL RIGHT, WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. GOOD
25 AFTERNOON MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.



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1 I'M ANDREW VEIS, DIRECTOR OF COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS AND
2 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT HOW THE COUNTY IS
3 HELPING RESIDENTS PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES LIKE EARTHQUAKES. AS
4 PART OF OUR WORK, AND AS DIRECTED BY YOUR BOARD, WE'VE
5 REDESIGNED OUR EARTHQUAKE RESOURCE PAGE TO CREATE A NEW KNOW
6 YOUR RISK PORTAL BY VISITING [READY.LACOUNTY.GOV/EARTHQUAKE](https://ready.lacounty.gov/earthquake).
7 RESIDENTS CAN NOW SEE RECENT EARTHQUAKE ACTIVITY IN L.A.
8 COUNTY, SEARCH THEIR ADDRESS TO UNDERSTAND THEIR LOCAL
9 HAZARDS, LEARN HOW TO DROP, COVER, AND HOLD ON, GET INVOLVED
10 IN COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS, AND ACCESS ACCESSIBLE
11 PRACTICAL PREPAREDNESS TOOLS AND RESOURCES. WHILE BEING READY
12 FOR THE NEXT DISASTER IS ESSENTIAL, WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT
13 PREPAREDNESS CAN FEEL OUT OF REACH FOR MANY RESIDENTS, WHETHER
14 BECAUSE OF THE COST OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES, TIME CONSTRAINTS,
15 OR OTHER COMPETING PRIORITIES. THAT'S WHY WE'VE BEEN FOCUSING
16 ON SMALL AFFORDABLE STEPS PEOPLE CAN TAKE TO GET READY.
17 PREPARING FOR ONE DISASTER HELPS YOU PREPARE FOR MANY POSSIBLE
18 EMERGENCIES. THE THREE MOST BASIC STEPS EVERYONE CAN TAKE ARE
19 MAKING A PLAN FOR WHAT TO DO, SIGNING UP FOR ALERTS, STAY
20 INFORMED, AND PULLING TOGETHER A BASIC EMERGENCY KIT. WE
21 PRODUCED A VIDEO THAT RESIDENTS CAN FIND ONLINE ON THIS PORTAL
22 ABOUT BUILDING AN EMERGENCY KIT FOR UNDER \$25 USING ITEMS FROM
23 A DISCOUNT STORE. WE ALSO PARTNERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 AGING AND DISABILITIES ON A VIDEO SHOWING HOW TO TURN ON
25 MOBILE ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES THAT IMPROVE HOW PEOPLE RECEIVE



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1 EMERGENCY ALERTS AND INFORMATION. OVER THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS,
2 WE'VE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
3 MANAGEMENT AND OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS
4 TO PROMOTE OVERALL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND ENCOURAGE
5 PARTICIPATION IN THE GREAT SHAKEOUT. AS PART OF THAT WORK, AN
6 EARTHQUAKE SIMULATOR WAS SET UP IN GRAND PARK THIS MORNING TO
7 GIVE CIVIC CENTER EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC A CHANCE TO
8 EXPERIENCE THE FEELING OF A SIGNIFICANT EARTHQUAKE. I'LL TAKE
9 THE NEXT SLIDE. MUCH OF WHAT I'M DISCUSSING RIGHT NOW FOCUSES
10 ON ADULTS, BUT IT'S ALSO EQUALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE REACH
11 FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN. THAT'S WHY WE'VE DEVELOPED A NEW
12 ANIMATED PSA THAT SPEAKS DIRECTLY TO FAMILIES ABOUT SIMPLE
13 STEPS THAT THEY CAN TAKE TO PREPARE FOR AN EARTHQUAKE. PLEASE
14 GO AHEAD AND PLAY IT.

15
16 **VIDEO:** IN HAZARD COUNTY, THE GROUND CAN SHAKE ANY TIME. BUT
17 BEING READY IS A WAY OF LIFE HERE. RESIDENTS HAVE THEIR
18 EMERGENCY KITS. THEY'VE SECURED WHAT COULD FALL. THEY KNOW
19 WHERE TO TAKE COVER. THEY HAVE A PLAN. BECAUSE WHEN THE
20 SHAKING STARTS, THE RESIDENTS OF HAZARD COUNTY KNOW WHAT TO
21 DO. READY STARTS BEFORE THE QUAKE. LEARN MORE AT
22 READY.LACOUNTY.GOV/EARTHQUAKE.

23
24 **ANDREW VEIS:** THIS PSA IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN SPANISH, AND WE'RE
25 PARTNERING WITH THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION, COMMUNITY



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1 ORGANIZATIONS, MEDIA OUTLETS, AND OTHERS TO GET IT IN FRONT OF
2 AS MANY FAMILIES AS POSSIBLE. THANKS FOR WATCHING, AND NOW
3 I'LL TURN IT BACK OVER TO DR. JONES.

4

5 **DR. LUCY JONES:** THANK YOU ALL. I GUESS I GET THE JOB OF
6 WRAPPING UP. I WOULD POINT OUT YOU'VE GOT AN EXTRAORDINARY
7 TEAM THAT'S DOING A LOT OF WORK. WHAT WILL AT SOME POINT
8 HAPPEN IN OUR BIGGEST EARTHQUAKE IS GOING TO OVERWHELM ALL OF
9 THIS. AND THE BEST THING WE CAN DO IS TRY TO PARTNER NOW.
10 RESEARCH FROM KATRINA, WHICH IS PROBABLY THE ONLY DISASTER OF
11 COMPARABLE SCALE, AND EVEN THEN THEY ONLY HAD MILLION AND A
12 HALF PEOPLE IN NEW ORLEANS. BUT THE RESEARCH SHOWED THAT THE
13 COMMUNITIES THAT CAME BACK WERE THE ONES THAT HAD A HIGH
14 DEGREE OF SOCIAL CAPITAL. IN FACT, ONE OF THE BEST PREDICTORS
15 OF RECOVERING WAS FIELDING A MARDI GRAS CREW, BECAUSE THAT WAS
16 A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WORKED TOGETHER, THAT UNDERSTOOD PLANNING,
17 THAT UNDERSTOOD GETTING RESOURCES. AND I DON'T SEE WE'RE GOING
18 TO BRING IN MARDI GRAS CREWS TO L.A. BUT WE CAN DO A LOT
19 BETTER JOB OF WORKING TOGETHER, AND WITH SO MANY OF US. I
20 MEAN, YOU'VE GOT TO COORDINATE WITH L.A. CITY. YOU'VE GOT TO
21 COORDINATE WITH 87 OTHER CITIES. YOU'VE GOT TO COORDINATE WITH
22 OTHER COUNTIES. AND YOU'VE GOT TO COORDINATE WITH YOUR
23 UTILITIES AND YOUR BIG EMPLOYERS. AND WE'RE ALL STAKEHOLDERS
24 IN THE PROBLEM, AND IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO TALK TO THAT
25 MANY PEOPLE TOGETHER. SO THE OPPORTUNITY I'VE HAD AT CALTECH



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1 TO CREATE THIS NEW CENTER, ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO DO IS
2 TRY AND ADDRESS THIS. AND TO CREATE DISASTER RESILIENCE, WE
3 NEED TO TALK TO EACH OTHER, AND WE NEED TO TALK BETWEEN THE
4 SCIENTISTS AND THE USERS BECAUSE WE'RE PRODUCING ALL THIS
5 GREAT SCIENCE AND WE SOMETIMES, OFTEN PRODUCE IT IN SUCH A WAY
6 THAT NOBODY ELSE CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO USE IT. AND I WANT TO
7 TRY AND ADDRESS THAT AND GIVE A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN PARTNER
8 WITH NOT JUST US, BUT WITH THE OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN THE
9 PROGRAM. SO WE'RE PROPOSING TO CREATE AN ALLIANCE FOR DISASTER
10 RESILIENCE AND REACHING OUT TO MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES, AND
11 BIG EMPLOYERS' UTILITIES TO COME AND BE PART OF IT AND FIND A
12 WAY TO PLAN TOGETHER AND TO CONNECT YOU WITH THE SCIENTISTS
13 AND TRY AND GET SCIENCE DONE THAT'S REALLY GOING TO HELP. SO
14 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A, WE'VE GOT GOING A PROGRAM FOR TARGETED
15 RESEARCH. WE'RE ALREADY - WE'VE GOT MOST OF THE RESOURCES.
16 WELL, HALF THE RESOURCES AT LEAST FOR COMPLETING THE PROJECT I
17 ALREADY COMMITTED, OF REDOING THE SHAKEOUT SCENARIO TO
18 UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE THE REALITIES NOW 20 YEARS LATER WHEN
19 WE'VE HAD A LOT OF RETROFITTING. WHAT ACTUALLY HAS IT DONE FOR
20 US WHEN WE'VE GOT DATA FROM THE EATON FIRE, FROM THE 23
21 TURKISH EARTHQUAKE, WHICH I'M SORRY, BUT IS A VERY CLOSE
22 ANALOG FOR US AND WE CANNOT ATTRIBUTE ALL THE DAMAGE TO
23 CORRUPTION. WE HAVE A LOT OF THE SAME ISSUES THAT THEY HAVE.
24 AND OF COURSE, THE PANDEMIC TAUGHT US WHAT IT WAS, HOW
25 DISASTER RECOVERY HAPPENS, HOW WE'RE RESILIENT WHEN STRUCTURES



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1 BREAK DOWN. SO WE ARE REDOING THIS AND WE'RE ACTUALLY
2 ADDRESSING IT, PARTICULARLY AT THE QUESTION OF WHAT'S BEEN THE
3 VALUE OF MITIGATION. GIVEN THE SOFT FIRST STORY RETROFIT THAT
4 YOU'RE UNDERTAKING THAT L.A. CITY HAS DONE, WHAT WOULD IT BE
5 LIKE, HOW IS THAT GOING TO CHANGE THE OUTCOME, AND HOW MUCH
6 WOULD WE CHANGE IT IF WE GOT ALL THE COUNTIES TO DO IT. OR OUR
7 WATER, YOU KNOW, ALL OF OUR IMPORTED WATER HAS TO CROSS THE
8 SAN ANDREAS FAULT TO GET TO US, AND NONE OF THOSE CROSSINGS
9 HAVE BEEN RETROFITTED. WHAT WOULD CHANGE IF WE COULD GET THAT
10 DONE BEFORE THE NEXT SAN ANDREAS EARTHQUAKE? SO WE'RE CHOOSING
11 A SERIES OF MITIGATION, AND WE'RE REACHING OUT TO PARTNERS.
12 WE'VE BEEN TALKING WITH KEVIN AND OTHERS OF WHAT ARE THE
13 QUESTIONS YOU WANT ANSWERED? WHAT ARE THE MITIGATION POLICIES
14 WE SHOULD BE CONSIDERING? AND I HOPE THAT'S A SYMBOL OR THE
15 FIRST STEP IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WHERE THE SCIENCE CAN REALLY
16 BE USED, ACTIVATED TO CREATE A MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITY. SO
17 THANK YOU AND IF THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS I GUESS IF YOU HAVE
18 TIME.

19
20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, DR. JONES
21 AND ACTUALLY YOU KNOW WHAT PROMPTED ME TO WANT THIS WAS AN
22 ARTICLE, A HEADLINE THAT REALLY CAUGHT MY ATTENTION THAT SAYS,
23 THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT HAS GONE OMINOUSLY SILENT. SCIENTISTS
24 FEAR WHEN IT FINALLY SNAPS. AND I KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE THAT
25 CRYSTAL BALL, BUT I THINK, YOU KNOW, FOR ME, IT'S ABOUT BEING



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1 PREPARED, TO YOUR POINT, AND I LOVE THE ISSUE AROUND SOCIAL
2 CAPITAL. BUT IT'S ALSO, I MEAN, DO WE HAVE ANY INDICATIONS,
3 GIVEN THAT WE HAD THE HERMOSA BEACH, WE SAW WHAT HAPPENED IN
4 VENEZUELA, WHICH WAS ABSOLUTELY HORRIFIC TO WATCH. AND SOME OF
5 US WATCHED IT WHEN I MEAN GOT TO SEE REPEAT, REPEAT, REPEAT OF
6 BUILDINGS JUST COMPLETELY COLLAPSING. DO WE HAVE ANY
7 INDICATIONS OR ANY CONCERNS BECAUSE THAT ARTICLE I THINK
8 ALARMED A LOT OF PEOPLE.

9

10 **DR. LUCY JONES:** AND IT WAS NOT EXACTLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
11 SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY. YES, IT'S BEEN LONGER SINCE THE LAST
12 EARTHQUAKE THAN WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST, BUT THAT MEANS WHATEVER
13 MAKES FOR A LONG INTERVAL IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW. AND AS FAR
14 AS WE CAN TELL, THE TIME SINCE THE LAST EARTHQUAKE DOESN'T
15 CHANGE THE PROBABILITY OF HAVING IT NOW. SO NO WORSE BUT LET
16 ME ALSO SAY THAT I CAME TO CALIFORNIA, BACKED HOME TO
17 CALIFORNIA 40 YEARS AGO TO START STUDYING AND REALLY QUITE
18 SURE THAT WE WOULD HAVE THE SAN ANDREAS EARTHQUAKE IN THE TIME
19 THAT I WAS IN MY PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND 40 YEARS LATER WE'RE
20 STILL WAITING. SO YOU KNOW WE DON'T WE REALLY DON'T KNOW BUT I
21 WE DO KNOW THAT THE LAST 30 YEARS IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR
22 LONG-TERM RISK. THE LAST 30 YEARS SINCE NORTHRIDGE HAS BEEN
23 PARTICULARLY QUIET, WITH THE ONLY EARTHQUAKES WE'RE HAVING OUT
24 IN THE DESERT. AND WE'VE NOT HAD ANY MAGNITUDE SIXES. WE USED
25 TO HAVE A MAGNITUDE 6 EVERY THREE TO FIVE YEARS. WE HAVEN'T



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1 HAD 1 FOR 35 YEARS. WE'VE ONLY HAD SEVENS OUT IN THE DESERT.

2

3 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** INTERESTING. WELL, I'M GOING TO SAVE MY
4 QUESTION BECAUSE MY COLLEAGUES HAVE QUESTIONS. I'M GOING TO
5 READ A MOTION THAT I HAVE THAT ACTUALLY ADDRESSES AND TALKS
6 ABOUT THE WORK. AND I MEAN, WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE IN OUR
7 BACKYARD INSTITUTIONS LIKE CALTECH AND THIS ALLIANCE FOR
8 DISASTER RESILIENCE I THINK IS A CLASSIC OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO
9 PARTNER, CAPITALIZE AND BE PROACTIVE, RECOGNIZING THERE ARE
10 THINGS THAT WE CAN DO, BUT THERE ARE ALSO THINGS THAT WE NEED
11 TO EMPOWER PEOPLE TO DO, FOR EXAMPLE, KNOWING HOW TO TURN OFF
12 YOUR GAS. I'M SURE IF I WERE TO CANVAS THIS ROOM RIGHT NOW,
13 HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD KNOW WHERE THEY WOULD GO TO TURN OFF THE
14 GAS IN THEIR HOME? WELL, YEAH. BUT I MEAN, THE POINT BEING, WE
15 TALK ABOUT FIRES. AND THE EATON FIRE, THE ONE THING THAT I
16 THINK I REMEMBER, AND I'M SURE, AND DR. JONES, THANK YOU FOR
17 YOUR HELP DURING THE EATON FIRE. WE TALKED AND YOU WERE
18 INCREDIBLE. BUT IF YOU REMEMBER THE DAYS AFTER, ALL YOU COULD
19 SEE WERE FLAMES SHOOTING UP ON THE DIFFERENT PIECES OF
20 PROPERTY FROM THE GAS. SO IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO ALSO
21 EDUCATE AND EMPOWER PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE MAY NOT BE
22 ABLE TO GET THERE IN TIME, AND THERE ARE THINGS THAT THEY CAN
23 DO AND SHOULD DO IN RESPONSE TO THAT. AND SO I'M GOING TO,
24 I'LL READ INTO MOTION, BUT I'M GOING TO HAND IT OVER TO MY
25 COLLEAGUES NOW TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO GO WITH
3 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL THEN JANICE HAHN AND THEN LINDSAY AND THEN
4 I'LL IF THERE'S ANYTHING.

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6 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND
7 THANK YOU SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM TO US
8 TODAY. HOW TIMELY BECAUSE ABSOLUTELY TO AWAKEN SUNDAY MORNING
9 TO THE NEWS TO THE 3.6 IN HERMOSA BEACH. LET ME START DR.
10 JONES JUST LETTING YOU KNOW WHAT YOU PROBABLY ALREADY DO THAT
11 YOU HAVE SOME RAVING FANS. I'VE GOT SOME STAFF MEMBERS WHO I'M
12 TURNING AROUND LIKE, WHY ARE THEY HERE? AND THEY'RE LIKE,
13 BECAUSE DR. JONES IS HERE. SO YOU'VE GOT RAVING FANS. YOUR
14 SLIDE, THE INFRASTRUCTURE, RESILIENCE, AND PUBLIC PREPAREDNESS
15 TRIGGERED SOMETHING FOR ME. A LITTLE OVER 10 YEARS AGO, I WAS
16 IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE AT THE TIME, AND I WENT TO THE THEN
17 RED CROSS EMERGENCY COMMAND CENTER THAT WAS IN WESTWOOD. I
18 DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S STILL THERE ANYMORE, BUT I SAW THIS WALL
19 AS BIG AS THIS ENTIRE WALL WHERE YOU COULD SEE OUR ENTIRE
20 REGION AND THEY HAD YOU KNOW IT'S LIT UP AND THERE WAS AN AREA
21 THAT WASN'T ILLUMINATED AND I SAID WELL WHAT'S THAT AREA WELL
22 THAT AREA HAPPENS TO BE SOUTH L.A. AND THE SURROUNDING
23 COMMUNITIES AND THAT WAS THE AREA WHERE THEY DID NOT HAVE RED
24 CROSS TRAINED VOLUNTEERS WHO HAD GONE THROUGH THE TRAINING,
25 WHO UNDERSTOOD HOW TO HELP PEOPLE FIGURE OUT HOW TO STAY AT



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1 HOME FOR THE THREE TO FIVE DAYS THAT WE WERE ALL TOLD WE NEED
2 TO BEFORE EMERGENCY SERVICE COULD EVEN GET TO US CONCERNED ME.
3 AND SO WHAT THAT LETS ME KNOW IS THAT, YOU KNOW, AS WE TALK
4 ABOUT COMMUNITIES THAT SOME NEIGHBORHOODS ARE BETTER PREPARED
5 THAN OTHERS FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. AGE OF HOMES,
6 AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE, TRAINING. AND SO I'M
7 CURIOUS WITH REGARD TO THE CERT TRAINING THAT I WILL CONFESS I
8 HAVE NOT DONE. I USED TO RIDE ON THE COATTAILS OF MY RETIRED
9 LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTHER WHO WAS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FIXATED
10 AND WE ALL GOT EMERGENCY KITS FOR CHRISTMAS. IMAGINE THAT. AND
11 THAT'S WHY I KNEW HOW TO TURN OFF MY GAS BECAUSE I WAS ALSO
12 GIVEN THE TOOL TO TURN OFF THE GAS, RIGHT? DO WE KNOW IF THERE
13 ARE COMMUNITIES WHERE WE'VE GOT, YOU KNOW, PREPAREDNESS
14 DESERTS, IF YOU WILL? OR DO WE, DOES THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TRACK
15 THEIR CERT TRAINING SO WE KNOW IF THERE ARE PARTICULARLY
16 COMMUNITIES WHERE WE NEED TO DO TARGETED OUTREACH TO?

17

18 **NICK DUVALLY:** THE CERT TRAINING THAT'S PROVIDED, WE SPREAD IT
19 OUT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IS THERE A DESERT IN A GIVEN AREA?
20 I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK AND FIND OUT FROM COMMUNICATIONS, BUT
21 THEY TRY TO SPREAD IT OUT THROUGH ALL NINE DIVISIONS, BUT WE
22 CAN FIND OUT FOR SURE.

23

24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND IT'S NOT THAT YOU DON'T SPREAD IT
25 OUT, I'M GETTING IT, IT'S THAT PEOPLE DON'T SIGN UP. AND SO



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1 THAT'S WHY I'M WONDERING IF YOU COULD TELL US IF THERE ARE
2 AREAS WHERE YOU EITHER HAVE LOW ATTENDANCE, JUST WHATEVER,
3 WHERE WE COULD BEGIN TO FIGURE OUT AND IDENTIFY THE INDICATORS
4 TO FIGURE OUT WHICH COMMUNITIES ARE LESS PREPARED THAN OTHERS.
5 THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

6

7 **DR. LUCY JONES:** I COULD COMMENT ON THIS. WE KNOW THAT
8 DISASTERS ARE NOT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. THE POOR ALWAYS SUFFER
9 MORE. YOU'RE MORE LIKELY TO BE IN A BAD HOUSE. YOU'RE LESS
10 LIKELY TO HAVE RESOURCES, ALL OF THESE THINGS. SO ONE OF THE
11 THINGS I REALLY DO WANT TO DO WHEN I GET A LITTLE MORE
12 ESTABLISHED, I WASN'T OFFERING IT YET BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE
13 FIGURED OUT QUITE HOW TO PULL THIS OFF. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A
14 NETWORK OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE CAN TRAIN
15 BECAUSE ALSO THEN WHEN YOU'RE WORKING THROUGH YOUR SCHOOLS OR
16 YOUR FAITH COMMUNITIES, THAT'S A PLACE WHERE YOU'RE ALREADY
17 CONNECTED.

18

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

20

21 **DR. LUCY JONES:** AND IN PARTICULAR, SEVERAL OF THE LARGER
22 DENOMINATIONS IN L.A. HAVE NOW HAVE DISASTER RESPONSE
23 COORDINATORS BECAUSE OF THE FIRES.

24

25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THEY DO.



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2 **DR. LUCY JONES:** AND I TALKED WITH A GROUP OF THEM RECENTLY
3 ABOUT HOW COULD WE COORDINATE WITH EACH OTHER GET THE
4 CATHOLICS AND THE METHODISTS AND IT'S EPISCOPALIANS ALL
5 TOGETHER I AGREE AND I THINK THAT'S A PLACE BECAUSE ALSO WHEN
6 YOU HEAR IT FROM YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY OR ANY ORGANIZATION
7 WHERE YOU'RE ALREADY HAVE TRUST YOU BELIEVE IT MORE AND YOU DO
8 IT MORE. AND THAT WOULD BE THE STRONGEST WAY THAT WE COULD GO
9 ABOUT ACCOMPLISHING THIS.

10

11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE. AFTER
12 THAT RED CROSS EXPERIENCE, MY AHA MOMENT, WAS THE FAITH-BASED
13 ORGANIZATIONS BECAUSE THE CHURCHES IN MY COMMUNITY KNOW WHO
14 THE SENIORS ARE WHO ARE LIVING HOME ALONE.

15

16 **DR. LUCY JONES:** EXACTLY.

17

18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE DON'T ALL STILL
19 LIVE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO OUR HOUSES OF WORSHIP. MY GREAT
20 GRANDMOTHER LIVED ON CENTRAL AVENUE AND COULD WALK THE SECOND
21 BAPTIST. THAT'S NOT THE CASE ANYMORE. BUT FOR CHURCHES TO HAVE
22 THOSE COMMITTEES, AND FOR CHURCHES TO HAVE GENERATORS. AND SO
23 THAT'S A PLACE COMMUNITY MEMBERS KNOW THEY COULD GO TO, TO
24 PLUG IN THEIR CELL PHONES. THERE WAS A TIME WHEN LANDLINES
25 WERE DOWN, WE JUST COULDN'T COMMUNICATE. NOW, SINCE MOST



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1 PEOPLE HAVE CELL PHONES, THEY'RE GOING TO NEED TO BE CHARGED.
2 AND SO THE COMMUNITY-BASED AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WOULD
3 BE GREAT PARTNERS.

4

5 **DR. LUCY JONES:** OR BALCONY SOLAR WITH SOME BATTERIES. YOU CAN
6 AT LEAST, EVERYBODY CAN CHARGE THEIR CELL PHONES.

7

8 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND THAT TOO. TO THE POINT, TWO MORE
9 QUICK POINTS, MADAM CHAIR. I REALIZE THAT SINCE I'M NOW THE
10 FAMILY ELDER, I HAVE TO NOW REPLACE MY MOTHER'S ROLE. AND SO
11 FOLKS, YOU KNOW, SO I'VE DONE IT BOTH WAYS. I'VE CHEATED AND
12 BOUGHT THE KIT. THIS IS AT WORK OR CAN FIT IN YOUR CAR. SO,
13 I'VE DONE THIS. BUT THIS WEEKEND, I FOLLOWED THE VIDEO. I HAVE
14 TO TELL YOU, I FELT SOME KIND OF WAY WITH L.A. COUNTY BEING
15 CALLED HAZARD COUNTY, BUT THAT'S JUST ME. IT'S LIKE HAZARD
16 COUNTY, OH MY GOODNESS, MAKE THE POINT, WHY DON'T YOU? BUT I
17 FOLLOWED THE STEPS, WENT TO THE DOLLAR STORE, AND I HAVE TO
18 SAY, I'M STILL NOT FINISHED, AND MY KIT WAS \$35. AND IT DIDN'T
19 INCLUDE THE WATER. I GOT THE TUNE OF THE CANNED FOOD, AND
20 THAT'S GOING TO MULTIPLY BASED ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR
21 HOUSEHOLD. SO WE I APPRECIATED THE LIST, I FOLLOWED IT, TAPE,
22 SCISSORS, CAN OPENER, I DID, BUT THE REALITY IS THAT 25 TO 35
23 DOLLAR RANGE PLUS WATER IS COST PROHIBITIVE FOR PEOPLE AND SO
24 WHILE WE SAY PREPARE WE HAVE TO REALIZE THAT IT'S A CHALLENGE.
25 I DON'T QUITE KNOW HOW TO SOLVE FOR THAT BUT HAVING GONE



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1 THROUGH THE EXPERIENCE MYSELF WE HAVE TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE
2 PEOPLE WHO AREN'T GOING TO DO THAT BECAUSE THEY CAN'T. SO JUST
3 WANTED TO ADD THAT. WITH REGARD TO EVERY COMMUNITY NOT BEING
4 THE SAME, I TALK ABOUT AGE OF STRUCTURES. WHEN I THINK ACROSS
5 THE 2ND DISTRICT THAT I REPRESENT, SINGLE FAMILY HOMES THAT
6 ARE 70, 80, 100 YEARS OLD. I DON'T KNOW IF MANY OF THEM HAVE
7 BEEN FORCED, LIKE I WAS FORCED BY MY HOMEOWNER'S COMPANY 15
8 YEARS AGO TO RETROFIT, WHICH WAS VERY EXPENSIVE. BUT ALSO, I
9 HAVE LARGE APARTMENT COMMUNITIES. I THINK ABOUT THE JUNGLE,
10 BOLANDVILLE VILLAGE. THOSE APARTMENTS, HUNDREDS OF THEM, BUILT
11 IN THE 30S, 40S, 50S. MANY OF THEM, THE SOFT STOREY, WHERE THE
12 CARPORT IS FIRST LEVEL AND THE ACTUAL UNITS ARE BUILT ON
13 STILTS OVER. WHAT I THINK ABOUT OUR CURRENT HOUSING CRISIS,
14 OUR CURRENT HOMELESS CRISIS, THAT THERE ARE HUGE SEGMENTS OF
15 L.A. COUNTY WHO BASED ON THE CONSTRUCTION AGE AND STYLE OF
16 HOUSING, YOU KNOW, COULD BE LOST. I ALSO WONDER ABOUT OUR
17 CONGREGATE CARE SETTINGS FROM OUR SNFS, OUR SKILLED NURSING
18 FACILITIES, HOSPITALS, JAILS, HALLS, CAMPS. I WAS WORKING IN A
19 LOCKED FACILITY 30 YEARS AGO DURING AN EARTHQUAKE AND NOTHING
20 SCARIER THAN TO BE IN A LOCKED FACILITY WHERE SOMEBODY ELSE
21 HAS THE KEY TO YOUR DOOR OR CELL AND THERE'S AN EARTHQUAKE. IT
22 WAS, YOU KNOW, SERIOUS. SO I FULLY APPRECIATED TODAY'S
23 PRESENTATION FROM OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS UNDERSTAND THE WORK
24 YOU ALL DO TO PREPARE BUT THESE ARE JUST THINGS THAT CAME TO
25 MIND FOR ME THAT WHILE WE TELL PEOPLE TO PREPARE AND I'M



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1 TRYING TO LIVE BY THAT EXAMPLE I ALSO KNOW THAT THERE ARE
2 PEOPLE WHO CAN'T. I'M DEEPLY AFRAID THAT THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT
3 COMMUNITIES, DENSELY POPULATED COMMUNITIES THAT DON'T HAVE THE
4 SELF-TRAINED PERSON ON THEIR BLOCK IN THEIR COMMUNITY WHO CAN
5 HELP GUIDE THEM. I THINK IN TERMS OF RESIDENTIAL
6 INFRASTRUCTURE EVERY COMMUNITY IS NOT CREATED EQUAL THAT THERE
7 ARE OLDER NEIGHBORHOODS AND BECAUSE OF COST CONSTRAINTS HAVE
8 NOT DONE THE RETROFITTING. I THINK ALL OF THOSE THINGS ARE
9 CRITICAL. THE NUMBER OF SOFT-STORY STRUCTURES, NOT JUST PUBLIC
10 STRUCTURES, BUT PRIVATE RESIDENCES AND BUSINESSES IN THIS
11 COUNTY ARE SIGNIFICANT, SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS. SO I LOOK FORWARD
12 TO HEARING HOW YOU WILL LEAD THIS NEW ENTITY AND HOW WE CAN
13 CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT, ELEVATE THIS ISSUE, AND REALLY TRY TO
14 PROBLEM SOLVE FOR ALL OF THE COMMUNITIES AND RESIDENTS WHO WE
15 KNOW WILL BE IMPACTED AND CAN'T OR WON'T BE PREPARED.

16
17 **DR. LUCY JONES:** YOU HAVE A LOT OF ISSUES HERE, AND WE SHOULD
18 PROBABLY FOLLOW UP WHERE WE AREN'T HOLDING EVERYBODY BECAUSE I
19 HAVE ANSWERS TO QUITE A FEW OF THEM. OH, OKAY, FABULOUS. I'LL
20 JUST COMMENT THAT THE MAJORITY OF L.A. COUNTY CITIZENS ARE IN
21 JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE ENACTED MANDATORY SOFTWARE STORY
22 RETROFIT. WE STILL HAVE ABOUT 4,000,000 PEOPLE THAT AREN'T.
23 BUT WE'RE ON OUR WAY.

24
25 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** AND THEN WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE



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SUPERVISORS

1 WHO LIVE IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND SO WE ARE THEIR ENTITY
2 THAT HAVE TO DO THAT WORK. SO THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU
7 EVERYBODY FOR THIS PRESENTATION. I'M DR. LUCY JONES FANS TOO,
8 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, ALONG WITH YOUR STAFF. IT'S GREAT TO HAVE
9 HER HERE WITH US. AND WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT TRUST IN THE
10 MESSENGER, DR. LUCY JONES IS THAT. AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER,
11 WHEN YOU WOULD COME ON TV AFTER ANYTHING, PEOPLE WOULD LISTEN,
12 AND THEY WOULD BELIEVE YOU, AND THEY WOULD TRUST YOU. AND I
13 THINK THAT IS SO CRITICAL IN ANY DISASTER OR IN ANY EMERGENCY
14 IS THAT THE PUBLIC AT LEAST TRUSTS WHO'S GIVING THEM THE
15 INFORMATION. THIS CONVERSATION IS VERY IMPORTANT. I BELIEVE
16 ULTIMATELY AS KIND OF THE END RESULT OF ALL THIS, IT DOES MAKE
17 SENSE FOR ALL OF US TO BE INDIVIDUALLY PREPARED, OUR
18 COMMUNITIES PREPARED, AND KATHRYN BARGER AND I WERE
19 DISCUSSING. WE STILL THINK THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE
20 THAT JUST DON'T EXACTLY KNOW WHAT THEY SHOULD HAVE. WHAT IS
21 THAT LIST? WHERE IS THAT LIST? HOW DO THEY GET THAT LIST? SO I
22 HOPE WE DO A BETTER JOB OF REALLY, THAT VIDEO WAS GREAT. WE
23 NEED TO GET THAT OUT. ONE OF THE THINGS I WAS THINKING ABOUT,
24 MAYBE, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS A KEVIN ANSWER OR SOMEBODY,
25 WHAT DO YOU THINK PEOPLE SHOULD REALISTICALLY EXPECT DURING



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1 THE FIRST 24 HOURS AFTER A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE? BECAUSE I ALSO
2 THINK, I MEAN, IT'S ALMOST LIKE IN CALIFORNIA, WE KIND OF LOOK
3 AT ALL THE OTHER DISASTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND WE'RE LIKE,
4 WELL, AT LEAST AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE, IT'S SUNNY AND 80 DEGREES,
5 RIGHT? BUT WHAT SHOULD PEOPLE REALISTICALLY EXPECT THAT THEY
6 PROBABLY AREN'T THINKING ABOUT?

7

8 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** I THINK ONE WOULD BE THAT THE SERVICES AND THE
9 SYSTEMS THAT WE RELY ON DAY IN AND DAY OUT ARE GOING TO BE
10 SIGNIFICANTLY DEGRADED. SO ACCESS TO GO TO YOUR GAS STATION TO
11 PUMP FUEL IS PROBABLY NOT GOING TO BE THERE BECAUSE MOST OF
12 OUR GAS STATIONS HAVE STORAGE TANKS UNDERGROUND THAT REQUIRE
13 PUMPS THAT REQUIRE ELECTRICITY AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
14 ELECTRICITY DISRUPTION. SO THAT'S AN EXAMPLE. USING YOUR CELL
15 PHONE, OUR CELL SYSTEM IS RESILIENT TO SOME EXTENT BUT WILL BE
16 IMPACTED. SO WE ENCOURAGE PEOPLE IN THOSE INITIAL PERIODS OF
17 TIME, TEXT MESSAGING IS GOING TO BE A FAR MORE ACCESSIBLE FORM
18 OF COMMUNICATION THAN TRYING TO GET ON YOUR CELL PHONE AND
19 MAKE AN ACTUAL CALL. SO I WOULD LUMP ALL OF THAT INTO YOU'RE
20 GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF DEGRADED SERVICES ACROSS THE BOARD.
21 ADDITIONALLY, RIGHT NOW WHEN YOU CALL 911, WE HAVE ONE OF THE
22 BEST PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEMS IN THE WORLD. AND WE MEASURE OUR
23 RESPONSE TIME IN MINUTES. DURING AN EARTHQUAKE, THAT'S NOT
24 GOING TO EXIST. WE ARE GOING TO BE IN A VERY ANALOG
25 ENVIRONMENT. OUR AMAZING DEPUTIES AND POLICE OFFICERS AND



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1 FIREFIGHTERS ARE GOING TO DEPLOY. WE'VE HEARD FROM OUR
2 LEADERSHIP. THEY'RE GOING TO BE OUT THERE IN THE COMMUNITY,
3 BUT NOT EVERY SINGLE PERSON IS GOING TO BE TOUCHED BY OUR
4 PUBLIC SAFETY WITHIN THAT FIRST 24 HOURS. SO I WOULD SAY THE
5 MOST SIGNIFICANT THINGS PEOPLE SHOULD REALIZE IS THAT SERVICES
6 ARE GOING TO BE DEGRADED, THE ABILITY TO HAVE PUBLIC SAFETY
7 SUPPORT THEM IMMEDIATELY IS GOING TO BE DEGRADED. AND REALLY,
8 WHAT THE RESOLUTION TO A LOT OF THAT IS, IS NEIGHBORS HELPING
9 NEIGHBORS, COMMUNITIES HELPING COMMUNITIES, IS GOING TO BE
10 WHAT STABILIZES US, MOST IMPORTANTLY, AT THAT ONSET. WITHIN
11 GOVERNMENT, WE'RE GOING TO BE TRIAGING AND UNDERSTANDING THE
12 MOST IMPACTED AREAS, DEPLOYING OUR MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCES TO
13 THOSE IMPACTED AREAS TO SAVE LIVES. OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY
14 STABILIZE INFRASTRUCTURE TO BUILD LIKE WHAT WE WOULD CALL
15 RESTORATION. SO RESTORING ELECTRICITY IS GOING TO BE ONE OF
16 THE MOST IMPORTANT RESTORATION PROCESSES WHEN IT COMES TO
17 INFRASTRUCTURE BECAUSE WHEN YOU RESTORE ELECTRICITY, IT BRINGS
18 ALONG A LOT OF THE OTHER CRITICAL SERVICES. SOCAL EDISON HAS
19 DONE PHENOMENAL WORK OVER THE LAST DECADE IN REALLY BUILDING
20 THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE. SO I HOPE THAT ANSWERS YOUR
21 QUESTION SUPERVISOR.

22
23 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU. BUT OF COURSE ALL THAT JUST
24 HAVING DEPUTIES BEING DEPLOYED TO A PARTICULAR AREA COULD BE
25 COMPROMISED IF THE ROADS HAVE BEEN COMPROMISED. YOU KNOW,



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SUPERVISORS

1 THINKING ABOUT COMMUNICATION, IF CELL TOWERS ARE DOWN OR THE
2 INTERNET IS DOWN, HOW IS THE COUNTY GOING TO COMMUNICATE?

3

4 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** YEAH, ACTUALLY, I GET A DO-OVER. LIKE, I HAD
5 THIS VERY QUESTION LAST NIGHT AT THE TOWN HALL, SO I'M GOING
6 TO TRY AND ANSWER IT A LITTLE BIT MORE SPECIFIC. I THINK, MOST
7 IMPORTANTLY, WE ARE GOING TO UTILIZE EVERY TOOL WE HAVE
8 AVAILABLE. SO THE TOOL THAT YOU ASKED ME ABOUT LAST TIME WE
9 WERE PRESENTING THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM AND HOW IT'S KIND
10 OF ARCHAIC WE'RE GOING TO USE THAT WE'RE GOING TO USE OUR
11 INTEGRATED PUBLIC ALERT AND WARNING SYSTEM WHICH IS OUR
12 WIRELESS EMERGENCY ALERTS OUR OPT-IN ALERTS. WE'RE GOING TO
13 RELY ON THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.

14

15 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WHAT IF A PERSON'S HOME HAS BEEN COMPROMISED
16 AND THERE IS NO TV AND THEY DON'T HAVE CABLE?

17

18 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** SO THAT'S THE LAYERED APPROACH WHERE WE WILL BE
19 DEPLOYING OUR PUBLIC SAFETY, OUR PUBLIC WORKS, ALL OF OUR
20 FRONT-FACING SERVICES ARE GOING TO GET CHanneled THAT
21 INFORMATION AND I THINK WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT TO WALK AWAY
22 FROM IS THERE'S GOING TO BE A PERIOD OF TIME WHERE YOUR
23 COMMUNICATION IS VERY RUDIMENTARY AND WHAT WE WERE USED TO
24 MAYBE 25-30 YEARS AGO. I WAS IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL WHEN
25 NORTHRIDGE HAPPENED AND WE GOT, I LIVED IN VALENCIA



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2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WOW.

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4 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** AND WE WOULD.

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6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** REALLY KEVIN.

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8 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** WE WOULD WALK TO HART HIGH SCHOOL. WE WOULD
9 WALK TO HART HIGH SCHOOL EVERY DAY, MY FAMILY AND OUR
10 NEIGHBORS. WE WOULD GET OUR RATION. WE WOULD GET OUR UPDATE
11 FOR THE DAY, AND THEN WE WOULD WALK BACK HOME. AND THAT'S HOW
12 WE LIVED FOR TWO WEEKS.

13

14 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH. YOU KNOW, MARK, YOU MENTIONED
15 SOMETHING ABOUT HOW YOUR DEPARTMENT, YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE
16 EVERYBODY GETS BACK UP AND RUNNING BECAUSE IT'S SO CRITICAL.
17 BUT I THOUGHT, THIS IS NOT REALLY A QUESTION TO YOU. I THINK
18 THE COUNTY NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO GET BACK UP AND RUNNING AND
19 BECOME THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND I
20 STILL PUT A LOT OF FAITH IN PEOPLE WORKING FROM HOME THERE IS
21 A SCENARIO WHERE IT IS SO COMPROMISED OUT THERE THAT PEOPLE
22 LITERALLY CAN'T GET TO HERE, CAN'T GET TO OTHER LOCATIONS. AND
23 I'M HOPING WE CAN, YOU KNOW, WE DID REALLY WELL DURING COVID
24 AND THEN WE'VE BACKED AWAY FROM PEOPLE WORKING FROM HOME. I
25 HOPE, YOU KNOW, WE CAN ENCOURAGE ALL OUR 110,000 EMPLOYEES TO,



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1 YOU KNOW, LOOK AT THEIR HOME ENVIRONMENT AND SEE WHAT
2 INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS TO HAPPEN, MAKE SURE THAT IF THEY NEEDED
3 TO, THEY COULD WORK FROM HOME. I STILL REALLY BELIEVE IN THAT.
4 YOU KNOW, THAT MAP, THAT FIRST MAP, LUCY, THAT YOU SHOWED WITH
5 THE FAULTS, IT IS HAZARD TOWN. I THINK THAT'S AN ABSOLUTELY
6 ACCURATE DESCRIPTION. I WORRY ABOUT CATALINA WHO IS HAD A RED
7 LINE OR A RED ACROSS ON IT. I WORRY ABOUT THAT FOR TWO
8 REASONS. IF THERE'S AN EARTHQUAKE ON CATALINA, I'VE BEEN TOLD
9 IT'S SOMETHING LIKE SEVEN SECONDS TILL A TSUNAMI COULD REACH
10 THE LOWLANDS OF THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES AND SAN PEDRO IS THERE
11 ANYTHING TO THAT?

12

13 **DR. LUCY JONES:** NOT SEVEN SECONDS MIGHT BE SEVEN MINUTES. YES
14 THERE IS A CATALINA ESCARPMENT IF THERE WAS SOMETHING ALONG IT
15 THAT CAUSED A BIG SLUMP, THAT WOULD PRODUCE A TSUNAMI MOVING
16 INTO LONG BEACH.

17

18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND SAN PEDRO.

19

20 **DR. LUCY JONES:** YEAH, AND SAN PEDRO. WE ACTUALLY SEE A RECORD
21 IN THE SYMMETRY. WE CAN SEE THAT THERE WAS A LANDSLIDE ABOUT
22 8,000 YEARS AGO AND IT'S ESTIMATED THAT IT WAS A 50-FOOT
23 TSUNAMI GOING INTO WHERE THE HARBORS ARE NOW. SO YEAH IT'S A
24 RISK IT'S BUT ONCE EVERY 8,000 YEARS THERE IT MIGHT BE ONCE
25 EVERY 50,000 YEARS, THAT'S NOT A HIGH PROBABILITY COMPARED TO



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1 A LOT OF OTHER THINGS.

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3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, YEAH. KEVIN, I ALSO WORRY ABOUT, YOU
4 KNOW, I WORRY ABOUT CATALINA, THE HOSPITAL OUT THERE, WHICH IS
5 NOT SEISMICALLY UPGRADED, AND I WORRY ABOUT SOME OF THE OTHER
6 CHALLENGES THAT POPULATION ON THAT ISLAND WOULD EXPERIENCE. DO
7 YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?

8

9 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** YEAH, AND I THINK TO ADDRESS THE FIRST PORTION
10 OF THE QUESTION, I WOULD JUST RE-EMPHASIZE WE COMMUNICATE THIS
11 OUT EVERY APRIL DURING TSUNAMI AWARENESS MONTH. IF YOU ARE
12 LIVING IN A COASTAL AREA AND THE GROUND MOTION AND SHAKING
13 THAT YOU FEEL IS ENOUGH THAT YOU WOULD FALL OVER WHILE YOU'RE
14 WALKING. OUR EXPERT ADVICE ACROSS THIS SPECTRUM IS THAT ONCE
15 THE SHAKING ENDS, YOU DROP, COVER, HOLD. ONCE THE SHAKING
16 ENDS, YOU NEED TO FOLLOW THE TSUNAMI EVACUATION SIGNS AND
17 LEAVE THE TSUNAMI AREA. SO AGAIN, FOR OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS,
18 IF YOU ARE IN A COASTAL AREA AND YOU FEEL SHAKING THAT STRONG
19 ENOUGH THAT WOULD KNOCK YOU OVER, WHEN THAT SHAKING ENDS,
20 REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU'VE RECEIVED AN ALERT OR NOT, YOU
21 SHOULD IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE TSUNAMI INUNDATION ZONES BECAUSE
22 THERE ARE NUMEROUS NEAR-SHORE TSUNAMI THREATS WHERE THOSE
23 EARTHQUAKES COULD PRODUCE TSUNAMIS THAT ARE VERY LOCALIZED BUT
24 WE WILL NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME THE NATIONAL TSUNAMI WARNING
25 CENTER THE STATE OR LOCALS WILL NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO ISSUE



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1 ALERTS SO IF YOU GET THAT SHAKING --

2

3 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THAT'S BASICALLY JUST GET TO HIGHER GROUND.

4

5 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** YES.

6

7 **DR. LUCY JONES:** AND YOU CAN BASICALLY GET OUT IN TIME. I MEAN,
8 IT'S YEAH, WE HAVE VERY STEEP COASTAL AREAS YOU CAN ALMOST
9 ALWAYS CLIMB OUT OF IT, YOU KNOW AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
10 ABOUT IT ONCE YOU'RE MORE THAN 20/30 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL AND
11 THAT HAPPENS PRETTY QUICKLY. IN THE 2010 MALI EARTHQUAKE IN
12 CHILE, I HEARD A LOT OF STORIES OF PEOPLE, IT WAS LIKE, IF
13 IT'S STRONG SHAKING, HEAD UPHILL. AND HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVED
14 THROUGH A VERY LARGE TSUNAMI BECAUSE THEY DID THAT, BECAUSE
15 THAT'S IN THEIR CULTURE. AND WE JUST NEED TO MAKE SURE IT'S
16 OUR CULTURE AT THE COAST.

17

18 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND WE HAVE SIGNS. WHEN I WAS ON THE CITY
19 COUNCIL OF LOS ANGELES THAT'S ONE OF THE INITIATIVES THAT I
20 CREATED WAS THE TSUNAMI ZONES IN THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES IN
21 SAN PEDRO WHICH DID NOT EXIST BEFORE BECAUSE NOBODY THOUGHT IT
22 WAS A POSSIBILITY SO WE DO HAVE THOSE SIGNS DOWN IN COASTAL
23 SAN PEDRO ON THE PORT AND I WORRY ABOUT THE PORT OF LOS
24 ANGELES, BUT THAT'S A WHOLE OTHER CASE SOMETHING MAJOR
25 HAPPENS. CHRISTINA, DR. GHALLY, NOT JUST CATALINA HEALTH, BUT



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1 HOW ARE YOU, HOW IS THE COUNTY PREPARING HOSPITALS FOR THE
2 POTENTIAL LARGE INFLUX OF INJURIES THAT COULD RESULT FROM A
3 MAJOR EARTHQUAKE?

4
5 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** THANKS, SUPERVISOR CHRISTINA GHALY,
6 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES. I'LL COMMENT VERY BRIEFLY ON A
7 COUPLE OF DIFFERENT LEVELS. 1, THE COUNTY OPERATED HOSPITALS
8 AND THEN MORE BROADLY FOR ALL OF THE HOSPITALS IN THE REGION.
9 SO AS YOU ALL KNOW WE HAVE FOUR PUBLIC HOSPITALS EACH OF THOSE
10 HAVE THEIR OWN EMERGENCY PLANS ARE PREPARED IN THE CASE OF AN
11 EMERGENCY TO TAKE AN ADDITIONAL INFLUX OF PATIENTS AND WORK
12 CLOSELY WITH THE BROADER HOSPITAL COMMUNITY IN DOING SO. I DO
13 WANT TO HIGHLIGHT ONE IMPORTANT INVESTMENT THAT THE COUNTY HAS
14 MADE IN SUPPORTING THE ONGOING STABILITY OF OUR HOSPITAL
15 SYSTEMS WHICH IS A \$1,800,000,000 INVESTMENT IN HARBOR UCLA
16 MEDICAL CENTER, HOSPITAL IN THE 2ND DISTRICT, VERY CLOSE
17 SUPERVISOR TO YOUR DISTRICT IN SD4. BUT IT SERVES PATIENTS
18 FROM ALL FIVE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. THE HOSPITAL OPENED ITS
19 NEW OUTPATIENT CLINIC LAST WEEK, AND IT WILL OPEN ITS NEW
20 INPATIENT TOWER THAT IS FULLY SEISMICALLY COMPLIANT IN
21 COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE MANDATES FOR SEISMIC RETROFIT OR NEW
22 BUILDS ON FOR HOSPITALS AND IT WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN LESS
23 THAN A YEAR. SO HUGE THANKS TO THE BOARD FOR ALL OF THEIR
24 SUPPORT IN MAKING THAT INVESTMENT IN HARBOR UCLA SO IT CAN
25 CONTINUE TO SERVE THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE SOUTH BAY REGION AND



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1 MORE BROADLY. IN ADDITION TO THAT WE OPERATE THE LOCAL EMS
2 AGENCY AND EMS WORKS IN A VARIETY OF WAYS TO DO DISASTER
3 PLANNING, TO PLAN FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS OF HEALTH
4 FACILITIES INCLUDING OF HOSPITALS IF NEEDED, AND TO PLAN FOR
5 RELOCATION OF PATIENTS, PATIENT TRANSFERS AS NECESSARY. AS
6 PART OF THAT A HUGE COMPONENT OF THAT PREPAREDNESS PLAN IS THE
7 COORDINATION OF THE DISASTER RESOURCE CENTERS, OR DRCS. THERE
8 ARE 13 HOSPITAL DRCS, OR DISASTER RESOURCE CENTERS, IN THE
9 COUNTY. TWO OF THEM ARE COUNTY HOSPITALS, L.A. GENERAL AND
10 HARBOR, AND THERE ARE 11 OTHERS IN PRIVATE HOSPITAL
11 FACILITIES. AND THOSE SERVE AS KIND OF A HUB AND SPOKE TO
12 OPERATE AS AN UMBRELLA FOR THE SURROUNDING CLINICS, DIALYSIS
13 CENTERS, SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, AMBULATORY SURGICAL
14 CENTERS, CLINICS TO HELP PROVIDE FORWARD DEPLOYMENT OF KEY
15 MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES THAT CAN BE MORE EASILY
16 DEPLOYED IN THE SETTING OF AN EMERGENCY. THE EMS AGENCY ALSO
17 HAS VERY LARGE DEPLOYABLE MEDICAL TENTS AND MEDICAL CLINICS
18 THAT CAN PROVIDE EXISTING CAPACITY IN THE SETTING OF AN
19 EMERGENCY.

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21 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** WE GOT SORT OF OVERWHELMED DURING COVID. AND
22 WE HAVE VISIONS OF THE TENTS AND THE PARKING LOTS AND THE
23 MERCY SHIP THAT CAME INTO PORT. SO IF WE GOT OVERWHELMED AT
24 COVID, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT THIS AND
25 YOU'RE GOING TO BE PREPARED FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF A LARGE



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1 INFLUX OF PEOPLE WHO ARE INJURED.

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3 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** WE'VE DONE OUR BEST TO PREPARE. I WANT TO
4 HIGHLIGHT VERY QUICKLY THREE THINGS THAT WHAT WE NEED MOVING
5 FORWARD. ONE IS THAT SAME FLEXIBILITY FROM THE REGULATORY
6 AGENCIES THAT WE HAD DURING COVID TO BE ABLE TO FLEXIBLY USE
7 SPACE TO BE ABLE TO SERVE EXISTING ADDITIONAL PATIENTS WHEN
8 THAT IF FLEX COMES AND WE NEED GREATER REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY
9 TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT. THE SECOND, THERE'S A NUMBER OF
10 HOSPITALS, YOU MENTIONED CATALINA HOSPITAL THAT ARE NOT YET
11 SEISMICALLY COMPLIANT. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE RESOURCES AND
12 INVESTMENTS FROM THE STATE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THOSE
13 HOSPITALS THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO REACH SEISMIC
14 COMPLIANCE. CATALINA IS A GREAT EXAMPLE BECAUSE IT'S ITS ONLY
15 HOSPITAL ON THE ISLAND. IF THAT HOSPITAL CLOSES, THOSE
16 INDIVIDUALS NEED TO BE EVACUATED OFF THE ISLAND AT GREAT
17 EXPENSE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO OTHER ENTITIES AND SO
18 IT'S IN THE COUNTY'S BEST INTEREST TO MAINTAIN THAT HOSPITAL
19 AND OTHER GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED HOSPITALS. THERE ARE SOME
20 OTHERS IN THE 5TH DISTRICT. AND THEN FINALLY, IT'S CONTINUED
21 INVESTMENT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE HOSPITAL
22 PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM OR HPP. IT'S A PROGRAM THAT IS WHAT FUNDS
23 THE DISASTER RESOURCE CENTERS. SOME OF THE FUNDING WAS CUT
24 MOST RECENTLY BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AND WE'VE DONE A LOT
25 OF ADVOCACY AND I WOULD HOPE TO CONTINUE TO DO ADVOCACY BY



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1 LAYER TO HOPE FOR CONTINUED FUNDING OF THAT HOSPITAL
2 PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM BECAUSE THAT IS THE THOSE ARE THE
3 RESOURCES THAT ARE GOING TO ALLOW OUR HOSPITALS TO BE ABLE TO
4 BE NIMBLE AND BE PREPARED WHEN PATIENTS NEED THE MOST.

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6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU AND THEN MY LAST
7 QUESTION DR. JONES YOU SORT OF HAD A BACK-AND-FORTH WITH
8 SUPERVISOR BARGER ABOUT PROBABILITY OR TIME. ARE WE CLOSER?
9 ARE WE FARTHER AWAY? ARE WE ANY CLOSER TO HAVING DEVELOPED A
10 PREDICTION WARNING? AND IF SO, HOW FAR OUT, HOW MANY MINUTES
11 IS IT OUT FROM US KNOWING THAT IT'S THE BIG ONES COMING?

12

13 **DR. LUCY JONES:** WE DO A GREAT JOB OF EARTHQUAKE EARLY WARNING,
14 WHICH IS ONCE THE EARTHQUAKE HAS BEGUN, WE NOW HAVE 1,000
15 INSTRUMENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA. WE CAN RECORD IT SO QUICKLY,
16 DETERMINE WHAT IT IS, AND SEND THAT INFORMATION THAT WE OFTEN
17 GET IT TO YOU IN FRONT OF THE SHAKING.

18

19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** BUT HOW ABOUT ANYTHING BEFORE IT BEGINS? ARE
20 WE ANYWHERE CLOSER? NO. I WATCHED THE MOVIE TWISTER, AND WE'RE
21 FIGURING IT OUT.

22

23 **DR. LUCY JONES:** OK. BECAUSE YOU CAN SEE WHAT'S COMING IN THE
24 AIR. YOU CAN'T SEE WHAT'S COMING IN THE EARTH. AND AS FAR AS
25 WE CAN TELL, AND I BELIEVE, SCIENTIFIC DEBATE, RIGHT? BUT I



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1 BELIEVE THAT IT'S FUNDAMENTALLY UNPREDICTABLE BECAUSE YOU
2 DON'T WANT ME TO PREDICT EVERY EARTHQUAKE. YOU WANT ME TO
3 PREDICT WHICH ONE IS BIG ENOUGH TO DO DAMAGE. AND AS FAR AS WE
4 CAN TELL THE BIG ONES AND THE SMALL ONES ALL START EXACTLY THE
5 SAME WAY SO WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE EARTH BEFORE AN EARTHQUAKE
6 BASICALLY IS HAPPENING ALL THE TIME THERE WILL BE 50
7 EARTHQUAKES TODAY IN CALIFORNIA JUST MOST OF THEM WILL BE SO
8 SMALL. NONE OF US WILL NOTICE.

9

10 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, I REALLY APPRECIATE THE
15 DISCUSSION AND CERTAINLY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IS HAS BEEN
16 ALREADY PART OF OUR DISCUSSION TODAY AND OUR INVESTMENTS BUT
17 CERTAINLY HAS BEEN TOP OF MIND FOR MANY COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE
18 BEEN IMPACTED WITH ANY NUMBER OF ISSUES IN THE PAST COUPLE OF
19 YEARS. TO THAT END, I'M INTERESTED IN KNOWING, YOU KNOW, SOME
20 CITIES, THEIR RESIDENTS ARE ALREADY INCLINED TO LOOK TO THEIR
21 CITY LEADERSHIP FOR DIRECTION. THEY KNOW THAT OTHER CITIES ARE
22 I KNOW ARE EVEN IF THEY ARE INCORPORATED CITIES ARE LOOKING TO
23 THE COUNTY TO GIVE THEM SUPPORT AND BACKUP SO HOW ARE WE
24 ACTIVELY? COORDINATING WITH EACH OF OUR CITIES TO KNOW WHERE
25 THEY ARE IN THEIR EMERGENCY PLANNING AND TO MAKE SURE THAT WE



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1 ARE IN ALIGNMENT SO THAT WAY THEY DON'T GET MIXED MESSAGES
2 FROM COUNTY TO CITY DEPENDING ON WHERE THEIR RESIDENTS LOOK.

3
4 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** GREAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. I'M GOING TO ANSWER
5 IT IN KIND OF REVERSE ORDER. I THINK WHAT DR. LUCY JONES ENDED
6 THE PRESENTATION WITH IS A SOLUTION THAT WILL ENHANCE WHAT
7 WE'RE ALREADY DOING. SO, I THINK THAT WILL BENEFIT IN
8 IMPROVING COORDINATION. WHAT WE DO CURRENTLY RIGHT NOW IS A
9 MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH. THE STATE FACILITATES A MONTHLY
10 MEETING WHERE CITIES, DISASTER MANAGEMENT AREAS, COUNTIES MEET
11 TO TALK ABOUT THESE LIKE MORE STRATEGIC HAZARD ISSUES. THAT'S
12 A STATE-LED INITIATIVE. WITHIN THE COUNTY, WE HAVE HOSTED
13 ANNUALLY DIFFERENT HAZARD-SPECIFIC TRAINING AND THEN ALSO
14 PLANNING PROCESSES, SOME OF THEM SPECIFICALLY TOWARDS
15 EARTHQUAKES AND SOME OF IT WE CONSIDER ALL HAZARDS. I DO THINK
16 THAT AT THE CRUX OF THE PROBLEM IS REALLY WHEN IT COMES DOWN
17 TO LIKE THE PRIORITIZATION OF INVESTMENT IN THESE PROGRAMS. I
18 THINK THE BOARD'S LEADERSHIP SHOWS WHAT THAT INVESTMENT CAN
19 YIELD. IT GROWS YOUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY. AND I'M
20 NOT JUST TALKING LIKE THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. IT'S
21 THE WHOLE ENTERPRISE. IT'S ALL OF OUR PARTNERSHIPS. THAT'S
22 WHERE WITHIN THE 88 CITIES THERE'S DEFINITELY A NEED FOR
23 IMPROVEMENT AND OUR EFFORT TO COALESCE THAT INTO ONE GROUPING
24 IS BENEFICIAL WHEN IT'S DONE WITH LEADERSHIP FROM EXPERT
25 SOURCES.



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2 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I SEE THE SHERIFF WANTS TO CHIME IN.

3

4 **ROBERT LUNA:** YEAH AND IF I MAY ADD TO THAT OVER THE LAST
5 SEVERAL YEARS THROUGH OUR CONTRACT CITY PARTNERS MARCEL
6 RODARTE AT LEAST FOR OUR DEPARTMENT WE BECAME MORE PROACTIVE
7 IN COMMUNICATING WHETHER IT WAS ISSUES ABOUT THE UNHOUSED WHEN
8 THE LAWS CHANGED, TO TRANSITION OVER TO IMMIGRATION, WHICH
9 RAISED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF ANXIETY IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND
10 THEN RECENTLY, WE HOSTED A CALL THAT HAD OVER 250 FOLKS FROM
11 CONTRACT CITIES, AND MARK AND KEVIN AND THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE
12 DEPARTMENT JOINED US AND THERE WAS A LOT OF INTEREST IN WHAT
13 THE COUNTY WAS DOING IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE FOR EL NINO
14 PREPARATION. AND EVERY MEETING WE'VE HAD, I'VE ALWAYS
15 DISCUSSED OVERALL EMERGENCY PREPARATION WHICH INCLUDES FOR
16 EARTHQUAKE WITH ALL OF OUR DIFFERENT MAYORS AND CITY COUNCILS
17 AND CITY MANAGERS. SO I'M VERY PROUD OF OUR TEAM WE'VE TAKEN
18 MORE OF A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. WE WILL
19 CONTINUE TO DO THAT. WE'RE GOING TO BE HOSTING ONE FOR STREET
20 TAKEOVERS HERE. AND I FEEL THAT THERE'S AN EARTHQUAKE ONE
21 COMING FOR US. I DON'T FEEL AN EARTHQUAKE COMING. I FEEL A
22 CONVERSATION ABOUT EARTHQUAKES COMING.

23

24 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** YEAH, I APPRECIATE WHERE WE WENT,
25 BECAUSE I THINK WHEN I FIRST CAME INTO THIS OFFICE, I FEEL



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1 LIKE THE COUNTY'S POSTURE WAS SORT OF, WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS
2 AND WE'LL RESPOND. AND YES, WE WORK WITH SOME COMMUNITIES TO
3 DO SOME PROACTIVE TRAINING NOW, BUT I WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE
4 COUNTY HAVE THAT KIND OF COORDINATION IN A MUCH MORE DETAILED
5 WAY WITH EACH COMMUNITY BECAUSE I JUST KNOW THE CALLS THAT I
6 GET FROM MY CITIES, EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE INDEPENDENT, THERE ARE
7 ONLY SO MANY THINGS THAT THEY CAN DO. AND IF WE GET FROM A
8 COMMUNICATIONS PERSPECTIVE, MIXED MESSAGES AND CROSS WIRES,
9 WE'VE ALREADY SEEN HOW COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT THAT BECOMES.
10 AND IT ERODES TRUST AND THEN CONTRIBUTES TO PANIC, WHICH
11 DOESN'T HELP US CALMLY ADDRESS WHATEVER THE EMERGENCY IS. SO
12 RATHER THAN SORT OF BEING IN A SORT OF WAIT AND SEE POSTURE, I
13 WOULD LIKE US TO BE MORE AGGRESSIVELY ENCOURAGING OUR CITIES
14 TO DEVELOP THEIR PLANS, TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE SHARING THEIR
15 PLANS WITH US SO SOMEBODY ELSE HAS EYES ON IT AND WE CAN HAVE
16 EYES ON EACH OTHER SO NOBODY'S SORT OF LEFT ON THEIR OWN. AND
17 I WOULD SAY FOR OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES EVEN MORE SO
18 BECAUSE WE ARE THEIR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE AND THAT IS THEIR
19 EXPECTATION OF US AS A COUNTY SO WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO TO
20 MOVE INTO THAT SORT OF POSTURE I WOULD I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US
21 DO. FOR OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS POST NORTHRIDGE
22 EARTHQUAKE ARE THERE ANY OTHER I DON'T NEED MAYBE A WHOLE
23 DISSERTATION ON IT BUT HOW HAVE WE SHIFTED THE COUNTY'S
24 BUILDING AND SAFETY STANDARDS TO ENHANCE THEM? AND WHERE DO
25 YOU THINK, WHAT ELSE DO YOU THINK WE NEED TO DO, MAYBE EVEN IN



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1 THE NEAR FUTURE, TO ADDRESS THAT?

2

3 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SO, SUPERVISOR, WE HAD A LOT OF LESSONS
4 LEARNED DURING NORTHRIDGE, IN PARTICULAR ABOUT BUILDING
5 PERFORMANCE WENT FROM A FROM A PRESCRIPTIVE CODE TO A MORE
6 PERFORMANCE-BASED CODE. SPECIFICALLY ONE OF THE AREAS THAT WE
7 LEARNED ABOUT WAS THE VULNERABILITY OF THE SOFT-STORY
8 STRUCTURES WE BROUGHT UP TODAY BUT ALSO ABOUT STEEL-FRAME
9 BUILDINGS. THE BOARD IN '95 I THINK OF PASSED AN ORDINANCE IN
10 WHICH ALL OF THE COUNTY BUILDINGS WITHIN AN INCORPORATED
11 COUNTY THAT HAD THOSE TYPES OF STRUCTURES WERE TO BE
12 RETROFITTED AND WE'VE GONE THROUGH AND GOTTEN COMPLIANCE IN
13 THAT. SIMILARLY WHAT WE'RE DOING IN THE OTHER, I MENTIONED THE
14 OTHER ORDINANCE THAT YOU RECENTLY PASSED TO GO AFTER DUCTILE,
15 REINFORCED DUCTILE BUILDINGS. AND THEN, AND WE'RE DOING IT
16 BECAUSE AGAIN WHAT WE LEARNED FROM NORTHRIDGE IS THE
17 CAPABILITY OF AN EARTHQUAKE TO MAKE ACCELERATION, VERTICAL
18 ACCELERATION, MUCH MORE THAN WE EXPECTED IT COULD PRODUCE. AND
19 THIS AFFECTED NOT ONLY, OBVIOUSLY, THE HOUSING STANDARDS, BUT
20 ALSO AFFECTED THE STANDARDS FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE WE
21 DISCUSSED. IN NORTHRIDGE WE LOST FREEWAYS. WE HAD DEATHS FROM
22 PEOPLE COMING OFF THE FREEWAY. I WAS OLDER THAN KEVIN AT THAT
23 TIME. I ACTUALLY WAS ATTEMPTING TO DRIVE TO WORK AND HAD TO GO
24 BACK AND I DID WORK FROM HOME SUPERVISOR AND INSPECTED MANY OF
25 THE BUILDINGS IN MY CAPACITY AT THE TIME THAT WERE SUBJECT TO



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1 THOSE FORCES. AND SO AGAIN, WE'VE LEARNED A LOT, AND WE'VE
2 UPDATED BUILDING CODES TREMENDOUSLY SINCE THAT TIME. WHAT
3 WE'RE GETTING AT TODAY, AND WHAT YOU MENTIONED, WHAT CAN WE
4 DO, IS WE NEED TO ADAPT THE BUILDING, THE HOUSING MARKET THAT
5 WAS BUILT BEFORE THAT, THE STRUCTURE THAT WAS BUILT BEFORE
6 THAT. YOU'VE TAKEN ACTIONS TO DO THAT. THE 1,700 STRUCTURES
7 THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT ARE STILL
8 SOFT STORY STRUCTURES, I THINK WE NEED TO GO, WE DO NEED TO
9 PUT INTO PLACE AN ORDINANCE THAT REQUIRES THE RETROFIT OF
10 THOSE BUILDINGS.

11
12 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** OKAY. AND THEN BUILDING ON
13 COMMUNICATIONS, I KNOW WE HAVE OEM SORT OF IN LEAD POSITION
14 FOR A LOT OF THAT COORDINATION, BUT THE ACTUAL DELIVERY OF
15 COMMUNICATIONS I KNOW IS SEPARATE. BUT WE HAVE TO BE, YOU
16 KNOW, AGAIN COORDINATED. SO HOW ARE WE HELPING TO SORT OF
17 PACKAGE MESSAGING? YOU KNOW, SOME CITIES, AGAIN, ARE VERY
18 SOPHISTICATED IN THEIR ABILITIES TO DO THAT KIND OF WORK AND
19 MIGHT HAVE RESOURCES OR THEIR OWN DEDICATED YOU KNOW
20 DEPARTMENTS NOT JUST A PIO PERSON. OTHERS DON'T AND I THINK
21 MAKING SURE THAT THEY'RE GETTING THAT KIND OF SUPPORT NOT ONLY
22 ARE WE COORDINATED AS A COUNTY BUT THEY'RE ALSO GETTING THAT
23 KIND OF SUPPORT FROM A COORDINATED STANDPOINT HOW ARE WE
24 PREPARING NOW FROM A COMMUNICATION STANDPOINT?



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ANDREW VEIS: YEAH THANK YOU SUPERVISOR I COULD TAKE PART OF THAT AND I'LL LIKE KEVIN TAKE THE REST. I THINK THE BEST THING TO DO RIGHT NOW IS DRIVE PEOPLE TO READY.LACOUNTY.GOV/EARTHQUAKE. THAT'S WHERE YOU CAN FIND EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR PUBLIC PREPAREDNESS AROUND EMERGENCIES, SPECIFICALLY AROUND EARTHQUAKES. OUR MAIN MESSAGE RIGHT NOW IS TO HAVE A PLAN, HAVE AN EMERGENCY KIT, AND KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN AN EARTHQUAKE STRIKES. SO WE'RE REINFORCING THAT IN OUR MESSAGING. RIGHT NOW WE'RE REALLY ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR THE GREAT SHAKEOUT ON THE 15TH. IT'S A GOOD EXPERIENCE, IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE YOUR EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS, HOW TO DUCK, COVER, AND HOLD. SO I WOULD DEFINITELY SEND PEOPLE THERE BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE ALL THE PREPACKAGED MESSAGING IS. I WOULD ENCOURAGE THEM TO SHARE OUR NEW PSA. IT'S A REALLY GOOD, EASY WAY TO KIND OF LEARN THE BASICS ABOUT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. AND THEN MAYBE KEVIN CAN KIND OF TALK TO YOU ABOUT MORE OF THE ENGAGEMENT WITH THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THAT.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: OKAY.

KEVIN MCGOWAN: THANKS, ANDREW. SO DURING THE EMERGENCY, WHEN THE EOC IS ACTIVATED, OUR JOINT INFORMATION CENTER IS ACTIVATED AND CO-LOCATED, OUR JOINT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WAS REFERENCED WHEN THE SHERIFF GAVE



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1 HIS PRESENTATION. WE JUST DID A TRAINING AND WE SPECIFICALLY
2 USED THE EARTHQUAKE AS THE SCENARIO. AND I THINK WHAT'S
3 IMPORTANT IS, NUMBER 1, HAVING THE CAPACITY OF OUR
4 COMMUNICATORS THAT CAN ACTUALLY MEET THE DEMAND THAT'S GOING
5 TO EXIST WHEN THIS TYPE OF AN EVENT OCCURS AND THEN THROUGH
6 THAT SYSTEM WE'RE ALREADY CONNECTING WITH OUR CITY PARTNERS
7 AND THEN EQUALLY IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE I THINK ONE THING WE
8 HAVEN'T REALLY SPENT TOO MUCH TIME TODAY TALKING ABOUT, BUT IS
9 THE SUPPORT THAT WE ARE GOING TO REQUIRE FROM OUR STATE AND
10 FEDERAL PARTNERS IS GOING TO BE MASSIVE. WE SAW HOW MUCH
11 SUPPORT THEY PROVIDED US DURING THE 2025 FIRES. AND THE SAME
12 THING WILL EXIST IN THIS. SO MAKING SURE NOT ONLY ARE OUR
13 CITIES GETTING THAT ONE VOICE MESSAGING BUT MAKING SURE THAT
14 WE'RE TIED IN WITH FEMA AND CAL OES AND THEN ALL OF OUR STATE
15 AND FEDERAL PARTNERS THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO ALSO
16 PROVIDE THAT ONE VOICE MESSAGING.

17
18 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** WELL, NOW I'M A LITTLE BIT MORE
19 CONCERNED BECAUSE WHEN THE FIRES FIRST BROKE OUT, FEMA WAS
20 ENCOURAGED TO BE MUCH MORE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN OFFERING
21 SERVICE THAN I WOULD SAY THEY ARE TODAY.

22
23 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND WE'VE SEEN THAT THE LEVEL OF
24 INVESTMENT IN OUR RECOVERY HASN'T BEEN THERE. AND L.A. ISN'T
25 UNIQUE, UNFORTUNATELY, IN THAT REGARD. SO IF OUR FEDERAL



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1 GOVERNMENT IS PULLING AWAY FROM THAT RESPONSIBILITY, WHAT DOES
2 THAT MEAN?

3

4 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** ON A CATASTROPHIC DISASTER LEVEL, THAT MEANS A
5 SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO OUR COMMUNITY'S OVERALL RESPONSE AND
6 RECOVERY. WHAT IT DOESN'T MEAN IS IT DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING
7 THAT WE ARE ALREADY DOING AT THE LOCAL LEVEL TO PREPARE WITH
8 THE RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD
9 POTENTIALLY HAVE IMPACTS TO HOW FAST MUTUAL AID WOULD ARRIVE,
10 HOW FAST SUPPORT ON CERTAIN CAPABILITIES LIKE DEBRIS REMOVAL
11 OR DEBRIS CLEARANCE OCCURS. SO THERE ARE DEFINITELY TANGIBLE
12 ASPECTS. I THINK ONE THING I WOULD EMPHASIZE RIGHT NOW IS AT
13 LEAST ON THE RESPONSE SIDE, WE STILL HAVE DAY-TO-DAY
14 INTERACTION WITH FEMA, ESPECIALLY AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL. BOB
15 FENTON IS A GREAT PARTNER TO OUR COUNTY.

16

17 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** HE'S BEEN A GREAT RESOURCE FOR US,
18 YES. YEAH, I WOULD AGREE. I JUST THINK THAT MAKING SURE THAT A
19 LITTLE BIT OF WHAT I HEARD TODAY IS BECAUSE OF WHAT COULD BE
20 THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS ISSUE, YOU KNOW, SOME MANY COMMUNITIES
21 ARE GOING TO BE REALLY ON THEIR OWN. AND SO ACTIVATING YOUR
22 PLAN NOW, UNDERSTANDING WHAT RESOURCES YOU HAVE AVAILABLE IN
23 YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD, ON YOUR OWN STREET, IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY,
24 AND PLANNING ACCORDINGLY. I KNOW WHEN I WAS IN A MUCH SMALLER
25 NEIGHBORHOOD AND SETTING, YOU KNOW, CERT TRAINING AND



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1 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, YOU KNOW, REGULARLY DRILLED SO PEOPLE KNEW
2 WHO WAS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, NOT ONLY WHO COULD HELP, BUT ALSO
3 PEOPLE WHO WOULD NEED THAT HELP. AND WHILE WE ARE WORKING AS
4 PART OF OUR AFTER ACTION TO DEVELOP REGISTRIES THAT HELP US
5 IDENTIFY THOSE WHO ARE VULNERABLE AND SO MANY OTHER THINGS THE
6 MORE WE CAN GROUND FROM THE GROUND UP DO THAT WORK I THINK
7 THAT'S GOING TO HELP EVERYONE IN THE LONG RUN AND NOW IS THE
8 TIME TO BEGIN THAT PLANNING BEFORE WE'RE AMIDST THAT TIME OF
9 CRISIS AND PANIC.

10

11 **ROBERT LUNA:** AND IF I CAN ADD TO THAT, AND IT'S BEEN STATED,
12 BUT NOT PROBABLY AS IN DETAIL AS IT SHOULD, IF YOU HAVE, FOR
13 EXAMPLE, AN ELDERLY PARENT AND THEY'RE VULNERABLE, BUT THEY
14 DON'T LIVE ANYWHERE CLOSE TO YOU AND YOU DON'T HAVE CELL PHONE
15 SERVICE I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU GO WALK YOUR PARENTS'
16 NEIGHBORHOOD AND IDENTIFY A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE THAT
17 YOU CAN FIGURE OUT A WAY TO SAY PLEASE IF SOMETHING BAD
18 HAPPENS CAN YOU PLEASE CHECK ON MY MOM OR MY DAD OR MY UNCLE
19 OR MY AUNT AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT DR. JONES WAS REFERRING TO
20 THAT SOCIALIZATION THAT WE NEED TO GET USED TO AGAIN, GET AWAY
21 FROM OUR CELL PHONES SO MUCH AND THAT ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTION,
22 IT'S GOING TO SAVE PEOPLE'S LIVES. IT'S GOING TO SAVE A LOT OF
23 PEOPLE A LOT OF WORRY WHEN WE ARE IN THAT NEED THE MOST.

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I AGREE. THANK YOU, DR. JONES, FOR



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1 SHARING YOUR EXPERTISE WITH US. AND THE MORE WE CAN
2 DEMOCRATIZE THE EXPERTISE YOU'VE INVESTED IN OUR COUNTY TO OUR
3 ENTIRE REGION, I THINK THE BETTER OFF WE'RE ALL GOING TO BE.
4 SO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING AND THANK YOU TO
5 ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS FOR BEING HERE.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M NOT GOING TO ASK
8 QUESTIONS BECAUSE I THINK MY COLLEAGUES DID A GOOD JOB HERE,
9 BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU, DR. LUCY AND THE TEAM AND OBVIOUSLY
10 OUR CEO, BUT ALL THE PANEL, ALL THE PANELISTS HERE, YOU'RE ALL
11 READY, WE'RE PREPARED. THE MAIN THING IS IMPLEMENTATION,
12 RIGHT? WHATEVER RESOURCES WE HAVE AT THE TIME, WHENEVER IT
13 HITS, THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO COUNT THE MOST. AND THAT'S WHAT'S
14 GOING TO STICK IN, I THINK, OUR MEMORY. DR. JONES, I'LL JUST
15 REMEMBER YOU, AND THIS WAS THE WHITTIER EARTHQUAKE. SO YOU
16 WERE LIKE THE FIRST THING I SAW ON TV. AND I THOUGHT MY HOUSE
17 IS GOING TO FLY LIKE THE WIZARD OF OZ. OKAY? IT WAS AN OLD
18 HOUSE I WAS LIVING IN. AND IT ROCKED. BOY, LET ME TELL YOU.
19 AND I'LL NEVER FORGET ALL THE AFTERSHOCKS. BECAUSE THEY WERE
20 EQUALLY AS FRIGHTENING, EVEN THOUGH THE MAGNITUDE, THE FIRST
21 ONE, WASN'T AS BAD. BUT PEOPLE WERE RUNNING OUT AT, I THINK IT
22 WAS LIKE, 3:00 IN THE MORNING. I FORGET WHAT TIMES THEY WERE,
23 BUT IT WAS DARK. PEOPLE WERE RUNNING OUT WITH WHATEVER THEY
24 HAD ON. AND THAT IS THE REALITY FOR SOME OF OUR COMMUNITIES.
25 THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. AND BECAUSE MANY OF THEM HAVE



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1 EXPERIENCED EARTHQUAKES IN THEIR COUNTRIES, THEY DON'T DUCK
2 AND COVER. THEY RUN. THEY RUN OUT OF WHATEVER THEY THINK IS
3 GOING TO FALL. SO MESSAGING IS VERY IMPORTANT AND CARE FOR
4 THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE EXPERIENCING DISPARITIES RIGHT NOW.
5 AND THEY ARE, AND THEY'RE IN MY DISTRICT. I KNOW THAT FOR
6 SURE. BUT I WILL NEVER FORGET ALSO WHAT HAPPENED IN WHITTIER,
7 THE BRICK BUILDINGS, HOW THEY COLLAPSED.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND THEN YOU LOOKED AROUND AND
10 EVERYONE STARTED TO DO THEIR ASSESSMENT IN THEIR CITIES ABOUT,
11 OH MY GOD, HOW MANY HOMES, HOW MANY CITY HALLS ARE BRICK AND
12 MORTAR, AND REINFORCING THAT. SO I THINK WE DO HAVE AN
13 OBLIGATION TO LET OUR CITIES KNOW IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS
14 BECAUSE NO ONE'S THERE. WE'RE THE TOWN MARSHAL, BUT WE DON'T
15 HAVE RESOURCES FOR ALL OF THAT. AND MAKING SURE THAT
16 STRUCTURALLY THINGS ARE SOUND. SO I THINK IT WOULD BE GREAT TO
17 HEAR AT SOME POINT SOME INVENTORY OF WHAT OUR CITIES ARE DOING
18 AND WHAT KIND OF GUIDANCE OR ARE WE PROVIDING ANY HELP IN ANY
19 WAY BESIDES? INSURANCE RELIEF BECAUSE NOW WHAT EARTHQUAKE
20 INSURANCE CAME ABOUT BECAUSE OF ALL THAT FIRES FLOODS. OKAY,
21 WHAT ELSE IS COMING? I'M NOT SURE, BUT IN ANY EVENT, THANK
22 YOU. THANK YOU ALL AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING UPDATES AND
23 COMMEND YOU ALL FOR BEING READY TO HELP PREPARE OUR
24 POPULATIONS. THANK YOU. SO WITH THAT, EO, LET'S GO TO PUBLIC
25 COMMENT. I THINK WE HAVE A FEW PEOPLE ON THE LINE. AND THEN



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SUPERVISORS

1 THERE'S A MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR BARGER IS GOING TO READ IN ON
2 THIS ITEM.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
5 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. TRO FAKE, DANNY GARCIA,
6 COREY SCHMIDT, SALAZAR SIMMONS. ROY HUMPHREYS, YOUR LINE IS
7 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

8

9 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** ROY HUMPHREYS, AS TO ORGANIZING ERS AND ROWLAND
10 HEIGHTS, HILDA SOLIS AND STAFF ARE MIA AS TO LEADING CHAOS TO
11 RULE ROWLAND HEIGHTS WHERE THE RESIDENTS WILL BE THEIR OWN LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT NOTING SHERIFF LUNA AND WALNUT OFFICE CAN'T KEEP
13 DUKE OFF THE NOGALES-KALIMA MEDIA WHERE A PEDESTRIAN WAS
14 KILLED THIS MONTH PUTTING THE COUNTY'S LIABILITY RISK. AS
15 DEPUTY DENVER SAYS, NOTES THAT ROWLAND HEIGHTS IS SO
16 FRAGMENTED IT'S DIFFICULT TO GET ANYTHING DONE. THANK YOU.

17

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

20

21 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** I SIGNED UP AS FAKE TRO. SO WHO ARE YOU
22 KIDDING? I HAD A DISASTER UP IN THE 5TH DISTRICT. KATHRYN
23 NEVER HELPED ME. I LOST TWO DRIVEWAYS ON MY RANCH IN LAKE
24 HUGHES. I CAN'T EVEN GET HER TO DELIVER DIRT TO BACKFILL THE
25 DRIVEWAYS. I'M WIPED OUT. I WAS GOING TO RETIRE. WIPED OUT,



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SUPERVISORS

1 MAN. THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET TO THE HOUSE IS TO HIKE UP THERE
2 ON A TRAIL I DUG. YOU GUYS DON'T HELP ANYBODY. YOU GUYS ARE A
3 DEATH SENTENCE TO DREAMS AND PEOPLE'S LIVES. WHEN THIS
4 HAPPENS, WE'RE ALL FINISHED. SO THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO IS
5 HAVE AN ESCAPE ROUTE MAKE A LOT OF MONEY DO LIKE MARK RIDLEY
6 THOMAS DID FILL YOUR POCKETS. THAT'S ALL YOU CAN DO IS FILL
7 YOUR POCKETS. THAT'S ALL YOU CAN DO. THAT'S RIGHT. SEE LUNA
8 IT'S A FILL YOUR POCKETS. YOU GUYS AREN'T GOING TO DO SHIT FOR
9 NOBODY. EVERYBODY'S GOING TO BE OUT OF LUCK. SO DON'T DO WHAT
10 I DID. I TRUSTED KATHRYN, AND I LOST EVERYTHING.

11

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

13

14 **DANIEL GARCIA:** HI. AND THEN YOU GO TO YOU. THANK YOU FOR
15 TAKING IN, FOR ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE OEM. I JUST WANTED TO
16 TELL YOU THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE GOING TO BE NOT
17 INCLUDED IN YOUR PLAN. THERE'S MILLIONS, THERE'S MILLIONS,
18 THERE'S BILLIONS OF COMPONENTS OF YOUR PLAN. BECAUSE WHEN THE
19 EARTHQUAKE HAPPENED IN THE NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE, NOBODY WENT
20 TO TAKE PEOPLE WITH THEM. NOBODY WENT TO TAKE ON THEM. AND MY
21 FRIENDS WHO HAPPENED TO BE IN THE ROOM IN THE DORM, NOBODY
22 TAKE US HOME. NOW, PLEASE, I ASK YOU, PLEASE, PLEASE.

23

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

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **CORY SCHMIDT:** WELL, WELL, HERE I AM, CORY SCHMIDT FOR THE
2 RECORD, RIGHT? THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID TO TELL YOU. SO THEN WHAT
3 ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE, RIGHT? WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ITEM 24,
4 RIGHT? AND EARTHQUAKES, WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH EACH
5 OTHER, RIGHT? EARTHQUAKES. IS THAT, WERE WE TALKING ABOUT THAT
6 BEFORE? I THINK WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THAT BEFORE.
7 EROSION, RIGHT? EROSION. SO THAT'S PART OF WHAT EARTHQUAKES
8 DO, RIGHT? THEY BREAK APART THE ROCKS AND THINGS FALL, RIGHT?
9 AND EVERYBODY IN THE HILLS SHOULD BE SCARED, RIGHT? SO, WHAT
10 ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE, RIGHT? I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T KNOW.

11

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

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS A READ IN.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I AGAIN, WANT TO THANK
18 EVERYONE WHO CAME HERE TODAY. I MEAN, I THINK WE COULD SPEND
19 ALL DAY ASKING QUESTIONS AND TALKING ABOUT THIS, BUT I WANT TO
20 CONTINUE TO ENHANCE OUR COUNTY EFFORTS. I'M GOING TO BE
21 INTRODUCING A MOTION TODAY THAT WILL GO THROUGH THE CLUSTER
22 PROCESS SO DEPARTMENTS CAN START TO PREPARE NOW. IT READS AS
23 FOLLOWS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
24 REQUEST THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IN COORDINATION
25 WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY



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MANAGEMENT, TO REVIEW AND IDENTIFY SUSTAINABLE FUNDING STREAMS, LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL, AND GRANT-BASED TO EXPAND, MODERNIZE, AND MAINTAIN COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS, CERT, TRAINING AND DEPLOYMENT CAPABILITIES, AND PROVIDE A REPORT BACK IN WRITING WITHIN 90 DAYS, OUTLINING POTENTIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, STAFFING NEEDS, RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS, AND A LONG-TERM PLAN TO INCREASE CERT COVERAGE, ESPECIALLY IN HIGH-RISK AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. AND I FURTHER MOVE BY DIRECT OEM TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN ANNUAL FULL-SCALE OR FUNCTIONAL EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE SEPARATE FROM AND IN ADDITION TO THE GREAT SHAKEOUT, THE ANNUAL EXERCISE SHALL TEST DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE CAPABILITIES, EOC COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, LOGISTICS AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS, INCLUDE MULTI-AGENCY PARTICIPATION, AND INCORPORATE REALISTIC SCENARIO MODELING INFORMED BY CURRENT SEISMIC SCIENCE, AND 3RD, TO DIRECT OEM TO REPORT BACK IN WRITING IN 90 DAYS ON OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN PARTNERSHIPS WITH ACADEMIC, STATE, AND FEDERAL ENTITIES SUCH AS THE ALLIANCE FOR DISASTER RESILIENCE AT CALTECH TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTY'S EARTHQUAKE RISK REDUCTION. AGAIN, THAT WILL GO THROUGH CLUSTER. I'LL INTRODUCE IT FOR NEXT WEEK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU AGAIN.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. AND TO ALL OF YOU AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND SPENDING YOUR TIME



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1 WITH US. AND THIS IS A RECEIVE AND FILE, MEMBERS. SO THANK YOU
2 AGAIN. AND THEN I AM --

3

4 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR, THIS
5 IS A RECEIVE AND FILE. IT'LL BE THE ORDER.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RECEIVE AND FILE, YES. OKAY. AND NOW
8 I WILL TURN IT OVER TO MY VICE-CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY, COLLEAGUES, WE
11 WILL COME BACK TO ORDER TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEM 15. THANK YOU.

12

13 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW MOVE
14 ON TO ITEM 15. STRENGTHENING ACCESS AND SYSTEM PERFORMANCE FOR
15 FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
16 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
17 ON THE PHONE, IF YOU'VE ALREADY SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, NO FURTHER
18 ACTION IS NEEDED. IF YOU'RE ON THE PHONE AND WISH TO COMMENT
19 BUT HAVEN'T SIGNED UP, PRESS STAR AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO
20 JOIN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. TO ADDRESS THE BOARD FROM THE MEETING
21 CALL 213-444-2600 PRESS STAR AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS. AN
22 OPERATOR WILL ASSIST YOU. SARAH MAHIN, DIRECTOR OF HOMELESS
23 SERVICES AND HOUSING, IS AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. FOR THE
24 DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKER, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE
25 RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.



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1
2 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, HAS --

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4 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, PLEASE
5 GO AHEAD.

6
7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU TO
8 MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, NOW OUR CHAIR FOR THE
9 REST OF THE MEETING FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME THIS
10 MOTION IS REALLY ABOUT SOMETHING VERY SIMPLE, RIGHT? MAKING
11 SURE THAT OUR HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM WORKS FOR FAMILIES AS
12 THEY ACTUALLY ARE NOT JUST HOW THEY FIT INTO A DEFINITION OR A
13 CHECK BOX ON A FORM. FAMILIES WHO ARE HOMELESS CAN LOOK VERY
14 DIFFERENT. SOME ARE SLEEPING IN CARS, SOME ARE STAYING
15 TEMPORARILY WITH RELATIVES OR FRIENDS, SOMETIMES THEIR
16 CHILDREN ARE STAYING WITH GRANDPARENTS OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS
17 WHILE THEIR PARENTS ARE SLEEPING SOMEWHERE ELSE BECAUSE THERE
18 SIMPLY ISN'T ENOUGH ROOM. AND SOMETIMES FAMILIES ARE STAYING
19 IN HOTELS AND MOTELS WHILE THEY'RE TRYING TO GET BACK ON THEIR
20 FEET. LAST WEEK, WHILE I WAS TAKING MY MONTHLY BUS RIDE TO OUR
21 METRO MEETING, I MET A LOVELY COUPLE NAMED ENRIQUE AND ANA.
22 ENRIQUE AND ANNA HAVE FOUR CHILDREN, AND RIGHT NOW THEY DON'T
23 HAVE A HOME. ANA IS DEAF AND ENRIQUE RECENTLY LOST HIS JOB AND
24 RECENTLY HAD A HEART ATTACK AND THEY WERE ON THE BUS GOING
25 FROM THE HARBOR AREA I BELIEVE TO PASADENA FOR HIS



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1 CARDIOLOGIST. THIS COUPLE IS GOING THROUGH AN INCREDIBLY
2 DIFFICULT TIME, BUT THEY ARE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO KEEP
3 THEIR FAMILY TOGETHER AND FIND STABILITY. AS I TALKED WITH
4 THEM, THEY TOLD ME THAT THEY HAVE BEEN STAYING IN DIFFERENT
5 HOTELS AND THAT THEY HAVE HAD TO MOVE FROM HOTEL TO HOTEL
6 BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE BUREAUCRATIC RULES AROUND TENANCY. AND
7 THAT REALLY STRUCK ME. THINK ABOUT WHAT THAT MEANS FOR A
8 FAMILY WITH FOUR CHILDREN, ONE OF WHOM IS IN HIGH SCHOOL. JUST
9 WHEN THE KIDS ARE GETTING USED TO WHERE THEY'RE SLEEPING, THEY
10 HAVE TO PACK UP EVERYTHING AND MOVE AGAIN. THAT DISRUPTS
11 EVERYTHING. IT DISRUPTS GETTING THEIR KIDS TO SCHOOL, PARENTS
12 GETTING TO WORK, THE FAMILY GETTING THE SERVICES THEY DEPENDED
13 ON. IT THROWS A WRENCH INTO ANY SMALL AMOUNT OF STABILITY THAT
14 FAMILY HAS BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH. OUR INTERIM HOUSING SYSTEM,
15 I WANT TO DO A BETTER JOB OF PROVIDING STABILITY WHILE WE HELP
16 PEOPLE GET PERMANENTLY HOUSED. SO THIS MOTION GOT REVISED TO
17 DIRECT OUR COUNTY COUNSEL IN CONSULTATION WITH OUR DEPARTMENT
18 OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING TO EVALUATE COUNTY AND
19 PROVIDER PRACTICES REGARDING HOW LONG INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES
20 CAN REMAIN IN HOTELS AND MOTELS. SPECIFICALLY, I WANT YOU TO
21 LOOK AT THE PRACTICES THAT ARE REQUIRING PEOPLE TO CHECK OUT
22 AFTER 28 DAYS, MOVE SOMEWHERE ELSE FOR A WEEKEND, AND THEN
23 MOVE RIGHT BACK TO THE SAME PLACE FOR THE NEXT 28 DAYS. RE-
24 REGISTERED CHANGE ROOMS TRANSFER BECAUSE OF THIS IDEA OF
25 ESTABLISHING TENANCY RIGHTS. AND I WANT COUNTY COUNSEL TO LOOK



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SUPERVISORS

1 CAREFULLY AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LAW, INCLUDING THE
2 PROTECTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS THAT MAY ALREADY APPLY TO
3 QUALIFYING INTERIM HOUSING AND SHELTER PROGRAMS AND TELL US
4 WHETHER THESE PRACTICES ARE ACTUALLY LEGALLY NECESSARY AND IF
5 NOT I WANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOW WE CAN CHANGE THEM. BUT
6 THAT IS JUST ONE PART OF WHAT THIS MOTION ADDRESSES.
7 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND I ARE ALSO ASKING HSH AND OUR PARTNERS
8 TO LOOK AT HOW WE MATCH DIFFERENT TYPES OF FAMILIES TO
9 HOUSING, INCLUDING DOUBLED UP FAMILIES, UNSHELTERED FAMILIES,
10 MULTI-GENERATIONAL FAMILIES, AND PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN MAY BE
11 TEMPORARILY BE STAYING WITH RELATIVES WHILE THE PARENTS REMAIN
12 HOMELESS. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT UNNECESSARILY
13 LIMITING HOUSING OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES. FOR INSTANCE, IF A
14 SMALLER FAMILY CAN APPROPRIATELY AND LEGALLY LIVE IN AVAILABLE
15 ONE-BEDROOM UNIT FOR EXAMPLE THEY SHOULD BE MATCHED TO THAT
16 UNIT INSTEAD OF HAVING THE FAMILY WAIT LONGER FOR A LARGER
17 UNIT TO BECOME AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE DAY THIS IS ABOUT
18 MAKING OUR SYSTEM MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE REALITIES THAT OUR
19 FAMILIES ARE FACING. MEANING, ENRIQUE AND ANNA REINFORCED WHY
20 THIS WORK MATTERS TO ME. THEY ARE THE MOST AMAZING FAMILY, THE
21 MOST LOVING FAMILY. HE IS SO ATTENTIVE TO ANA, WHO HAS
22 EPILEPSY AND SHE'S SIGNING THE WHOLE TIME WE'RE ON THE BUS.
23 AND HE NEVER TAKES HIS EYES OFF HER. AND HE MAKES SURE THAT ON
24 THE WEEKENDS HE TRIES TO TAKE HIS FAMILY TO FREE EVENTS, YOU
25 KNOW, MUSEUMS, JUST TO KEEP THEIR MIND OFF OF BEING HOMELESS.



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SUPERVISORS

1 THEY GO TO CHURCH DEPENDING ON WHAT NEIGHBORHOOD THEY FIND
2 THEMSELVES IN THE MOTEL THAT WEEKEND. AND I JUST THOUGHT,
3 WE'VE GOT TO DO BETTER. AND I THINK WE CAN DO BETTER. AND
4 THERE'S, THIS IS ONE FAMILY, RIGHT, THAT I MET. SARAH KNOWS
5 HUNDREDS, THOUSANDS OF THOSE VERY FAMILIES, BUT I THINK THIS
6 IS A BASIC FLAW IN OUR SYSTEM. AND IF THERE'S ANY WAY WE CAN
7 FIGURE OUT THIS TEMPORARY HOUSING SITUATION TO MAKE IT MORE
8 STABLE AND MORE LOVING FOR THE FAMILIES WE'RE TRYING TO HELP.
9 AND ULTIMATELY, I WANT TO EXPEDITE ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO MAKE
10 SURE THESE FAMILIES GET INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. THEY ALL
11 DESERVE A HOUSE, A HOME, AN APARTMENT, SOMETHING WHERE THEY
12 CAN BE THE BEST VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN CAN
13 BE THE BEST VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES. SO IF THERE ARE POLICIES
14 OR PRACTICES THAT IS MAKING THAT JOURNEY HARDER FOR THESE
15 FAMILIES WITHOUT HAVING A LEGAL REASON, THEN LET'S IDENTIFY
16 THAT AND SEE IF WE CAN FIX IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17
18 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** AND THANK YOU,
19 SUPERVISOR HAHN. I'M HAPPY TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU
20 BECAUSE MY OFFICE RECEIVES COUNTLESS OF CALLS LITERALLY WEEKLY
21 FROM CONSTITUENTS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS SEEKING STRONGER
22 PATHWAYS FOR FAMILIES WITHIN THE HOMELESSNESS AND REHOUSING
23 SYSTEM. WE REGULARLY HEAR FROM PROVIDERS WHO ARE TRYING AND
24 FAMILIES WHO ARE TRYING TO STAY HOUSED OR TRANSITION FROM
25 HOMELESSNESS INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. AND EVERY WEEK WE RECEIVE



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1 CALLS AND EMAILS ASKING FOR ANY AVAILABLE RESOURCES OR
2 ASSISTANCE. FAMILY DEDICATED RESOURCES ARE LIMITED AND QUICKLY
3 EXHAUSTED UNDERSCORING THE NEED FOR GREATER INVESTMENT IN THE
4 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SERVES THEM. WE HAVE INVESTED IN
5 TRANSITION AGE YOUTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND I UNDERSTAND THAT
6 HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING AND PARTNERING DEPARTMENTS HAVE
7 BEEN WORKING WITH PHILANTHROPY ON A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN
8 TAY PROGRAMS. GIVEN THE WORK IN THE TAY SYSTEM, IT'S TIMELY
9 FOR THE COUNTY TO TURN TO THE FAMILY SYSTEM MOVING EVEN
10 FURTHER UPSTREAM TO PREVENT AND RESOLVE HOMELESSNESS FOR YOUNG
11 PEOPLE WITHIN FAMILY UNITS BEFORE IT HAPPENS. WE KNOW FAMILIES
12 OFTEN NEED TEMPORARY OR FLEXIBLE ONE-TIME ASSISTANCE TO REGAIN
13 STABILITY, AND MY TEAM AND I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THESE
14 REPORT BACKS, WHICH WILL GUIDE US IN ALLOCATING RESOURCES. AS
15 I LISTEN TO SUPERVISOR HAHN'S EXAMPLES, YOU KNOW, I'M
16 REMINDED, I THINK THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT ISN'T NEW. YOU
17 KNOW, AS A CORAL FELLOW IN THE LATE '80S, I WAS DOING A DOOR-
18 TO-DOOR, A ROOM-TO-ROOM SURVEY IN THE ROSLYN AND THE
19 ALEXANDRIA HOTEL, WHICH WERE SRO HOTELS AT THE TIME, AND
20 HEARING STORIES ABOUT FAMILIES WHO WOULD LITERALLY MOVE TO THE
21 NEXT HOTEL ROOM ON THE 20TH DAY, AND THEY WOULD JUST GO UP AND
22 DOWN THE HALL, AND FAMILIES WHO HAD BIG DOUBLE DOOR
23 REFRIGERATORS IN THESE HOTEL ROOMS WHO WOULD HAVE TO MOVE TO
24 AVOID THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT. ALSO REMEMBER A SINGLE MOTHER
25 WHEN I WAS CHAIR OF BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE WHO TALKED ABOUT AS A



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1 FAMILY UNIT IN A SHELTER ONCE HER SON HIT 13, NOT BEING ABLE
2 TO ALLOW HIM TO STAY IN THE FAMILY UNIT THAT AT 13 HE WAS
3 EXPECTED TO GO TO THE SINGLE ADULT MALES WING OF THE SHELTER.
4 THOSE THAT MAY BE AN OUTDATED POLICY NOW I CERTAINLY HOPE IT
5 IS BUT I THINK THOSE ARE EXAMPLES OF HOW OUR INFRASTRUCTURE
6 AND OUR SYSTEM HASN'T KEPT PACE WITH WHO OUR UNHOUSED
7 RESIDENTS ARE AND HOW FAMILIES HAVE UNIQUE NEEDS THAT REALLY,
8 REALLY HAVE TO ADDRESS IN THEIR SYSTEM. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH
9 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. SUPERVISOR BARGER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR
10 FROM OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD FIRST OR DO YOU HAVE COMMENTS?

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** GO AHEAD I'LL WAIT FOR YOU TO --

13

14 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE A
15 PRESENTATION? SHE'S ONLY HERE FOR QUESTIONS.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** FIRST OF ALL, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR HAHN,
18 I ALWAYS SAY YOU GET THE BEST INFORMATION WHEN YOU GO OUT AND
19 TALK WITH THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IMPACTED. AND SO I APPRECIATE YOU
20 BRINGING THAT STORY ABOUT THAT FAMILY TO THE BOARD. I TALKED
21 TO YOU SHORTLY AFTER YOU WENT ON THAT RIDE. IT WAS THE FACT
22 THAT AFTER 30 DAYS, SOMEONE HAS PULLED OUT AND HAS TO GO TO
23 ANOTHER PLACE AND IT OCCURRED TO ME IS THAT A MANDATE BY THE
24 COUNTY MEAN IT SEEMS LIKE WE ARE WE NEED TO GET OUT OF OUR OWN
25 WAY AND I'D LIKE TO UNDERSTAND WHY THAT IS AND THE SECOND PART



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1 IS I'M TOLD THAT IT'S BECAUSE HOTELS OR MOTELS HAVE AN
2 OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT OF 30 DAYS. WHO CAN CHANGE THAT?

3

4 **SARAH MAHIN:** SO I'M SARAH MAHIN, FOR THE RECORD, DIRECTOR OF
5 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING. AND WE LOOK
6 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL ON THE REPORT BACK BUT
7 OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE ACTUALLY IS STATE LAW THAT WAS
8 PASSED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO THAT ADDRESSES THIS TENANCY ISSUE
9 AND IT DOES NOT IT SORT OF EXCLUDES PEOPLE WHO ARE STAYING IN
10 HOTELS OR MOTELS THAT'S BEING PAID FOR BY LIKE THIRD PARTY,
11 LIKE THE COUNTY. SO IF SOMEONE'S PAYING FOR HOTELS THEMSELVES
12 OR MOTELS THEMSELVES, THEN THEY WOULD ESTABLISH TENANCY
13 RIGHTS. BUT WHEN IT'S BEING PAID FOR BY LIKE A PUBLIC ENTITY
14 THAN IT'S NOT. WE THINK THAT THERE IS GREAT NEED FOR EDUCATION
15 WITH MOTEL OWNERS AROUND THE STATE LAW. THERE'S CONTINUED
16 EDUCATION NEEDED WITH PROVIDERS. AND I'LL BE HONEST, FROM
17 TALKING WITH PROVIDERS, THERE'S ALSO EDUCATION NEEDED FOR LAW
18 ENFORCEMENT, WHO MOTEL OWNERS WILL SOMETIMES CALL TO ENFORCE
19 WHAT LAW ENFORCEMENT ISN'T AWARE OF THIS EITHER. SO WE SEE A
20 NEED FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH, BECAUSE WHEN SUPERVISOR HAHN TOLD
23 ME THAT, I ACTUALLY WENT BACK AND WAS TALKING TO MY STAFF. I'M
24 LIKE, WELL, WE CAN FIX THIS PROBLEM. IT'S A SELF-INFLICTED
25 WOUND THAT WE SHOULD ACTUALLY, IF IT'S ABOUT EDUCATING, AND



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1 THAT'S MY NEXT QUESTION. I WAS TOLD THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME
2 MOTELS THAT MIGHT DECIDE NOT TO CONTINUE, BUT I SERIOUSLY
3 DOUBT IT. IF THEY ARE GETTING PAID ON TIME AND YOU'VE GOT
4 PEOPLE LIVING THERE THAT ARE NOT DISRUPTING. I DOUBT ANY MOTEL
5 IS GOING TO WANT TO EVICT A FAMILY OR EVEN INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
6 GOOD TENANTS.

7

8 **SARAH MAHIN:** YEAH. AND WHAT WE CAN LOOK AT IS WE CAN, AGAIN,
9 CONFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND WE CAN LOOK
10 AT ESTABLISHING COUNTY POLICY THAT REINFORCES THAT STATE LAW
11 AND LOOK AT WHAT PROVISIONS WE CAN INCLUDE IN OUR CONTRACTS TO
12 MAKE SURE OUR PROVIDERS ARE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THIS. I THINK
13 THAT IS AN AREA FOR IMPROVEMENT.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND THEN LAST BUT NOT LEAST, AND I DON'T
16 KNOW IF THIS CAN BE REPORT BACK, BUT I WAS TOLD THAT, FOR
17 EXAMPLE, SO I'VE WHEN I'VE GONE INTO MY DISTRICT, AND I'LL USE
18 ARCADIA AS AN EXAMPLE, THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AS WELL. BUT I
19 TALKED TO SOMEONE WHO'S UNHOUSED IN THE PARK AND HE WAS
20 OFFERED HOUSING, OFFERED HOUSING IN EAST L.A. AND HE WON'T GO.
21 HE WANTS HOUSING CLOSE TO WHERE HE IS BECAUSE HIS STEPMOTHER
22 LIVES IN MONROVIA AND HE WILL ONCE A WEEK GO AND VISIT HER.
23 THAT LEADS ME TO MY NEXT QUESTION. I'M TOLD THAT, AND I DON'T
24 KNOW IF THIS IS TRUE, LIKE FOR EXAMPLE ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL
25 THAT'S BEING SET UP YOU'RE GOING TO BE SENDING PEOPLE FROM ALL



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1 OVER ST. VINCENT'S IS THAT CORRECT?

2

3 **SARAH MAHIN:** WE'RE I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. WE'RE NOT
4 FUNDING THE BEDS THAT ARE BEING CREATED AT ST. VINCENT. SO I
5 THINK THE REFERRALS WILL COME FROM THE FUNDERS OF THOSE BEDS.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY, SO I WANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THAT
8 BECAUSE I WAS TOLD BY SOMEONE FROM THE CITY OF L.A. THAT THEY
9 WERE NOT GOING TO BE ALLOWED TO PLACE PEOPLE THERE, THAT IT'S
10 GOING TO BE PEOPLE PLACED FROM ALL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND
11 I WOULD JUST HOPE THAT WHEN WE PUT TOGETHER A PLAN FOR
12 PLACEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS, WE TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THERE'S
13 USUALLY A NEXUS BETWEEN AN INDIVIDUAL WHO'S IN A COMMUNITY
14 AND, YOU KNOW, WHY THEY WANT TO STAY IN THAT COMMUNITY. NOT
15 NECESSARILY ON SKID ROW. I THINK THAT'S THE EXCEPTION TO THE
16 RULE AS IT RELATES TO THE PEOPLE THAT ARE DOWN IN SKID ROW.
17 BUT FOR THE, I WOULDN'T SAY VAST MAJORITY, BUT MAJORITY, THERE
18 IS A NEXUS TO WHY THEY ARE STAYING IN THAT COMMUNITY. AND I
19 WOULD HOPE, AND FOR ARCADIA, I CAME DOWN IN ARCADIA BECAUSE
20 THERE IS NO HOUSING IN PLACE IN ARCADIA, AND YET THERE ARE
21 PEOPLE THAT WILL NOT LEAVE THE STREETS UNLESS THEY CAN FIND A
22 SAFE SPACE IN THAT AREA. SO, I JUST WANTED TO GET A
23 CLARIFICATION ON THAT, AND I'LL DIG DOWN MORE. THERE'S ALWAYS
24 TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY, BUT I JUST WANTED TO GET IT, YEAH,
25 ONE SIDE FOR YOU, BUT I JUST WANTED TO GET IT CLEAR BECAUSE



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1 I'M HEARING THAT AND I'M THINKING I DON'T WANT PEOPLE FROM THE
2 ANTELOPE VALLEY HAVING A CHOICE OF BEING RELOCATED DOWN TO ST.
3 VINCENT'S MACARTHUR PARK BECAUSE I GUARANTEE THEY'RE NOT GOING
4 TO WANT TO COME DOWN.

5

6 **SARAH MAHIN:** YEAH, OUR PRACTICE AND OUR INTENT IS TO TRY AND
7 PLACE PEOPLE INTO LOCATIONS WHERE THEY WANT TO BE, WHICH IS
8 GENERALLY WHERE THEY'RE FROM OR WHERE THEY HAVE CONNECTIONS TO
9 ALREADY. AND SO, THAT IS WHAT OUR INTENT IS. I WILL MENTION
10 JUST SO YOU KNOW, THERE IS RIGHT NOW A LIMITATION WITH HMIS IN
11 OUR ABILITY TO SEE WHERE PEOPLE ARE, THE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
12 OF PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO FACILITATE THE BED MATCHING. WE'RE
13 WORKING WITH LAHSA, WHO'S WORKING WITH THEIR VENDOR, TO
14 ADDRESS THE SORT OF TECHNICAL ISSUE THAT'S PROHIBITING US FROM
15 BEING ABLE TO SEE THE GEOGRAPHIC PLACE WHERE PEOPLE ARE AT.
16 AND IT SHOULD BE A MATTER OF WEEKS THAT IT'S FIXED. AND MY
17 DIRECTION TO MY STAFF IS DON'T LET BEDS SIT VACANT WHILE WE'RE
18 WAITING FOR THAT TECHNICAL FIX. WE HAVE LISTS OF PEOPLE WHO
19 ARE WAITING TO GO INTO BEDS, AND THAT'S MAKE PLACEMENTS WHILE
20 WE WORK ON THAT. SO I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE IS
21 THAT SORT OF SHORT-TERM ISSUE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** EXCELLENT, BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S HOW
24 STORIES START, IS YOU START TO HEAR RUMORS, AND THEN IT
25 BECOMES FACT. AND WHEN IT'S NOT FACT, THERE'S



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1 MISCOMMUNICATION. SO I'M HOPING THAT WE HAVE BETTER
2 COMMUNICATION WITH LAHSA AND ALSO WITH ALL 88 CITIES, L.A.
3 CITY INCLUDED, ABOUT HOW THIS PROCESS PLAYS OUT BECAUSE
4 THERE'S OBVIOUSLY A MISUNDERSTANDING THAT THAT COULD HAVE
5 SPIRALED OUT OF CONTROL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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9 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND I WANT TO
10 THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD TO ONCE
11 AGAIN HIGHLIGHT THIS ALL-IMPORTANT ISSUE WHILE WE KNOW THERE'S
12 MUCH DISCUSSION ON HOW INDIVIDUALS GET PLACED MAKING SURE THAT
13 WE FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENT KIND OF SUPPORTS THAT ARE
14 AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES AND HOW THEY'RE ABLE TO ACCESS THEM IS
15 CRITICAL. AND THIS, FOR ME, JUST REALLY HIGHLIGHTS THE
16 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PASSING A POLICY AND SUCCESSFULLY
17 IMPLEMENTING IT. THOSE ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS AND WITHOUT
18 THAT IMPLEMENTATION EVEN OUR BEST INTENTIONS DO NOT MANIFEST
19 IN THE KIND OF CHANGE THAT WE WANT TO SEE. AND SO I'M LOOKING
20 FORWARD TO UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT THAT OCCUPANCY STANDARDS
21 SET BY CODE OR PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY POLICIES HAVE ON
22 FAMILIES OF ALL SIZES BEING ABLE TO ACCESS HOUSING THAT THEY
23 CAN AFFORD. AND I'M GLAD THAT YOU HIGHLIGHTED THE POLICY THAT
24 ALREADY EXISTS AND THAT EDUCATION IS NEEDED. SO WHAT KIND OF
25 EDUCATION? WHAT DO WE ACTUALLY DO SINCE IMPLEMENTATION IS KEY



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1 HERE? WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO TO EDUCATE THEM?

2

3 **SARAH MAHIN:** YEAH, I MEAN, I THINK ONE THING IS WE'LL WORK ON,
4 AS I MENTIONED, I THINK THERE'S OPPORTUNITIES TO PUT IT INTO
5 OUR CONTRACTS WITH OUR PROVIDERS TO MAKE SURE IT'S VERY CLEAR.
6 AND THEN WITH THE MOTEL AND HOTEL OWNERS, WE CAN PREPARE
7 INFORMATION FOR THEM. THROUGH OUR PROVIDER NETWORK, WE CAN
8 KNOW WHO ALL THE DIFFERENT HOTELS AND MOTEL OWNERS ARE THAT
9 WE'RE WORKING WITH AROUND THE COUNTY AND DO SOME TARGETED
10 ENGAGEMENT WITH THEM TO ENSURE THAT THEY'RE AWARE. AND I THINK
11 IF THERE'S A FALLBACK, WE CAN ALWAYS PARTNER WITH DCBA AS A
12 SORT OF TENANCY RIGHTS ISSUE.

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** SO THAT WAS GOING TO BE MY NEXT
15 QUESTION. IF A MOTEL OWNER REQUIRED A FAMILY TO MOVE AFTER 29
16 DAYS TO PREVENT RESIDENCY, THEY GO TO DC, YOUR RECOMMENDATION
17 IS THAT THEY GO TO DCBA TO CALL FOR HELP OR HOW DO THEY GET
18 HELP GIVEN THAT THERE IS ALREADY STATE LAW THAT'S SUPPOSED TO
19 PROTECT THEM?

20

21 **SARAH MAHIN:** I MEAN CLIENTS SHOULD TELL THEIR PROVIDERS AND
22 THEN PROVIDERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESOLVE IF PROVIDERS CANNOT
23 RESOLVE, THEY CAN ENGAGE HSH, AND WE WILL ENGAGE WITH THE
24 LANDLORDS AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE AWARE. AND I'LL ALSO
25 REACH OUT TO SHERIFF LUNA TO ASK FOR HIS ASSISTANCE WITH



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1 ENSURING THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT ALSO IS AWARE OF THIS CHANGE IN
2 STATE LAW AS WELL.

3
4 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** ESPECIALLY HOST TEAMS I WOULD
5 IMAGINE. YEAH. ALL RIGHT THANK YOU.

6
7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER
8 QUESTIONS BEFORE WE OPEN THIS UP TO PUBLIC COMMENT? AGENDA
9 ITEM 15. EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE
10 PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS AGENDA ITEM.

11
12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
13 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. TROFAKE, COREY SCHMIDT,
14 SALAZAR SIMMONS, PALOMA BUSTOS, CHRIS ASARAPAS, VALERIE
15 HENDERSON, YOUR LINE IS OPEN, PLEASE BEGIN. VALERIE.

16
17 **VALERIE HERNANDEZ:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

18
19 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** YES, WE CAN.

20
21 **VALERIE HERNANDEZ:** HI THERE. MY NAME IS VALERIE HERNANDEZ AND
22 I WANT TO BE BRIEFLY ON ITEM 15 FOR FAMILIES ALREADY DEALING
23 WITH HOUSING INSTABILITY FIGURING OUT WHERE TO GO FOR HELP CAN
24 BE OVERWHELMING. THE PROCESS SHOULDN'T MAKE THINGS HARDER
25 ESPECIALLY WHEN PARENTS ARE ALREADY MAKING DIFFICULT CHOICES



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1 JUST TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN SAFE. I LIVE IN HUNTINGTON PARK
2 AND I'M GLAD THIS ITEM IS LOOKING AT HOW FAMILIES ARE REFERRED
3 TO SERVICES, WHO QUALIFY AND WHETHER WHO QUALIFIES AND WHETHER
4 THERE ARE WAYS TO GET PEOPLE CONNECTED TO PERMANENT HOUSING
5 MORE QUICKLY. I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN
6 FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD AND FOR CONSISTENTLY WORKING
7 TO IMPROVE ACCESS FOR FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THANK
8 YOU.

9

10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. TAHIA HAYSLET, YOUR LINE IS
11 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. TAJA, PLEASE BEGIN. WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT
12 CALLER. MEGAN EMI, YOUR LINE IS OPEN PLEASE BEGIN.

13

14 **MEGAN EMI:** HI MY NAME IS MEGAN EMI REPRESENTING THE DOMESTIC
15 VIOLENCE AND HOMELESS SERVICES COALITION. WE ENVISION A WORLD
16 WHERE NO INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN STABLE
17 HOUSING AND A LIFE FREE FROM VIOLENCE. WE EARN STRONG SUPPORT
18 OF THIS MOTION AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN ACCESS TO
19 HOUSING FOR FAMILIES IMPACTED BY GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. ONE IN
20 SIX FAMILIES EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS AS A DIRECT RESULT OF
21 FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND NEARLY HALF HAVE LIFETIME
22 HISTORIES OF DB. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE OF
23 VIOLENCE PREVENTION FUNDS MOST OF L.A. COUNTY FUNDED DB
24 SHELTERS, A VITAL RESOURCE FOR FLEEING FAMILIES. DPH ALSO
25 SUPPORTS THE COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE, AN INNOVATIVE



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1 PLATFORM THAT STRENGTHENS CONNECTIONS TO HOUSING FOR THOSE
2 IMPACTED BY GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. WE BELIEVE THE INCLUSION OF
3 THESE REFERRAL PATHWAYS AND ASSOCIATED POLICIES FOR SURVIVOR
4 FAMILIES ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THIS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT MOTION
5 AND THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND MITCHELL FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP
6 AND ENSURING THAT FAMILIES OF ALL TYPES FIND SAFE AND LASTING
7 HOUSING SOLUTIONS.

8

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

11

12 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** I'M SORRY THAT'S A MISS. IT DIDN'T PASS.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. DEXTER O'CONNELL, YOUR LINE IS
15 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

16

17 **DEXTER O'CONNELL:** HELLO SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
18 DEXTER O'CONNELL WITH SAFE PLACE FOR YOUTH. WE WANT TO SHARE
19 OUR APPRECIATION OF SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S SUPPORT OF OUR WORK
20 WITH K FAMILIES AND HIGHLIGHT THAT OFTEN AT OUR ACCESS CENTER
21 WE SEE YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WITH THEIR OWN
22 YOUNG CHILDREN AND WE USE PROGRAMMING SPECIFICALLY TAILORED
23 TOWARDS YOUNG FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN TO SERVE THEM
24 EFFECTIVELY. THIS HAS GIVEN US INSIGHT INTO THE FACT THAT
25 THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF FAMILIES AND MANY DIFFERENT



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1 CONFIGURATIONS THAT NEED MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF SUPPORT. WE
2 APPRECIATE THAT THIS MOTION WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS
3 EXPLORING HOW THE COUNTY CAN EFFECTIVELY PROVIDE THOSE
4 SUPPORTS TO THESE DIFFERENT TYPES OF FAMILIES. SAFE PLACE FOR
5 YOUTH LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH
6 THE SUPERVISORS AND WITH HSH IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
7 MOTION. AND AGAIN, WE WANT TO SHARE OUR APPRECIATION IN
8 PARTICULAR OF SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR
9 PROGRAM.

10
11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ALEXIS TANNER, YOUR LINE IS
12 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

13
14 **ALEXIS TANNER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALEXIS
15 TANNER AND I'M CALLING IN FROM THE JUSTICE CENTER IN SUPPORT
16 OF THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND ON STRENGTHENING
17 ACCESS FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. TOO MANY
18 FAMILIES IN OUR COUNTY FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS BECAUSE THEY
19 DON'T FIT A NARROW DEFINITION OF HOMELESSNESS. A FAMILY
20 STAYING ON A RELATIVE'S COUCH OR PARENTS SLEEPING IN A CAR
21 WHILE THEIR CHILDREN STAY WITH FAMILY IS STILL A HOUSING
22 CRISIS. THIS MOTION RECOGNIZES THAT AND ASKS THE COUNTY TO
23 LOOK AT THE REFERRAL AND ELIGIBILITY BARRIERS THAT KEEPS THESE
24 FAMILIES FROM HEALTH. I ALSO APPRECIATE THE FOCUS ON SYSTEM
25 EFFICIENCY, ALLOWING SMALL FAMILIES TO BE MATCHED TO ONE-



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1 BEDROOM UNITS WHEN THEY MEET OCCUPANCY STANDARDS MEANS
2 FAMILIES SPEND LESS TIME WAITING IN INTERIM HOUSING AND MORE
3 TIME IN PERMANENT HOMES. THAT FREES UP BEDS FOR THE NEXT
4 FAMILY IN NEED. FINALLY, I STRONGLY URGE FURTHER REQUEST FOR A
5 LEGAL REVIEW OF MOTEL VOUCHER PRACTICES FORCING FAMILIES TO
6 CHECK OUT AND RE-REGISTER OR MOVE ROOMS JUST TO AVOID
7 ESTABLISHING TENNESSEE RIGHTS FOR YOUTH INSTABILITY,
8 ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN. I'M ASKING FOR COUNTY COUNSEL TO
9 EXAMINE WHETHER THIS IS LEGALLY NECESSARY AND ASKING HE --

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. COSTANZA PACHON. YOUR LINE IS
12 OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. CONSTANZA.

13

14 **CONSTANZA PACHON:** HELLO. THANK YOU. THIS IS CONSTANZA PACHON.
15 HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES.

18

19 **CONSTANZA PACHON:** HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME? OKAY.

20

21 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** YES, WE CAN.

22

23 **CONSTANZA PACHON:** CONSTANZA PACHON, CEO OF THE WHOLE CHILD
24 MENTAL HEALTH AND HOUSING. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR
25 HAHN AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THIS ISSUE TO LIGHT.



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AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT SERVES OVER 4,000 FAMILIES
EXPERIENCING OR AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS EVERY YEAR. THIS
MOTION IS VERY IMPORTANT AS ANY EFFORT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO
ACCESSING HOUSING, WHETHER INTERIM OR PERMANENT, ARE
ABSOLUTELY WELCOME IN THE COMMUNITY. WE DO SEE MANY FAMILIES
ARE SLEEPING THROUGH THE CRACKS BECAUSE OF BARRIERS. SO
WHETHER THROUGH POLICY CHANGES OR MORE EDUCATION ACROSS THE
COMMUNITY, THESE BARRIERS NEED TO BE BROUGHT DOWN SO FAMILIES
CAN ACCESS THE HOUSING THEY NEED. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BRINGING
THIS MOTION FORWARD.

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

JENNINE SOLORIO: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
JENNINE SOLORIO, AND I'M THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF HOUSING
PROGRAMS WITH THE WHOLE CHILD. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
MITCHELL AND HAH N FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD AND FOR
CONTINUING TO PRIORITIZE STRONGER PATHWAYS TO FAMILIES FOR
HOUSING, TO HOUSING FOR FAMILIES THROUGH LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
WORKING DIRECTLY WITH FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WE
SEE THAT HOUSING INSTABILITY CAN LOOK VERY DIFFERENT FROM ONE
FAMILY TO ANOTHER. FAMILIES MAY BE DOUBLED UP LIVING IN
VEHICLES, STAYING TEMPORARILY WITH RELATIVES, OR MAKING
DIFFICULT DECISIONS ABOUT WHERE TO LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN SAFELY



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1 WHILE THEY CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS PERMANENT HOUSING. THESE
2 SITUATIONS CAN CREATE REAL BARRIERS WHEN FAMILIES ARE TRYING
3 TO MEET PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND MAKE THE RIGHT
4 CONNECTIONS WITH THE RESOURCES. I APPRECIATE ITEM 15 FOR
5 TAKING A CULTURE LOOK AT THESE CHALLENGES AT THESE CHALLENGES
6 AND CONSIDERING HOW OUR SYSTEM CAN BETTER REFLECT THE
7 REALITIES OF THE FAMILIES WE SERVICE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME
8 AND CONTINUING COMMITMENT.

9

10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, LAURA DIEGO YOUR LINE IS OPEN.
11 KIARA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

12

13 **KIARA:** HELLO SUPERVISORS MY NAME IS KIARA AND I'M A RESIDENT
14 OF SOUTHEAST L.A.. I'M SPEAKING ON MOTION 15. FIRST, THANK YOU
15 SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD AND
16 CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON MAKING SERVICES MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE
17 FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THESE FAMILIES ARE DEALING WITH
18 HOUSING DISABILITY IN WAYS THAT AREN'T ALWAYS OBVIOUS TO US.
19 SOMEONE MAY TECHNICALLY HAVE A PLACE TO SLEEP TONIGHT, BUT
20 THAT COULD MEAN STAYING ON SOMEONE ELSE'S COUCH IN A HOME OR
21 APARTMENT AT AN AUNT OR UNCLE'S, FAMILY FRIENDS OR EVEN
22 SITTING IN A CAR OR RV. THOSE SITUATIONS ARE STILL UNSTABLE
23 ESPECIALLY FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN. SO I APPRECIATE THAT
24 THIS ITEM LOOKS AT HOW FAMILIES ARE IDENTIFIED AND ALSO
25 REFERRED AND CONNECTED TO ALL THESE HOUSING RESOURCES INSTEAD



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1 OF WAITING UNTIL THINGS COULD BE EVEN WORSE FOR THEM. SO THANK
2 YOU.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER ENDING IN 4775. YOUR LINE
5 IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **ISABELLA:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** YES.

10

11 **ISABELLA:** HI, MY NAME IS ISABELLA AND I'M CALLING IN ABOUT FOR
12 ITEM 15 BECAUSE I THINK THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR
13 FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. AS A RESIDENT OF DOWNEY, A LOT OF
14 PEOPLE ARE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO STAY OFF LOAD AND
15 SOMETIMES THAT MEANS STAYING TEMPORARILY WITH RELATIVES OR
16 HAVING THEIR CHILDREN STAY WITH FAMILY WHILE THEY'RE TRYING TO
17 FIND STABLE HOUSING. THOSE FAMILIES ARE ACTUALLY OR THEY
18 SHOULD ACTUALLY BE THEY SHOULD ACTUALLY HAVE A CLEAR WAY TO
19 GET HELP. I'M GLAD THAT THE COUNTY IS LOOKING AT WHERE THE
20 SYSTEM MAY BE NOT TOO DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE OR WHERE
21 ELIGIBILITY RULES MAY LEAD PEOPLE OUT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK
22 SUPERVISORS AND FOR CONTINUING TO LOOK FOR PRACTICAL WAYS TO
23 MAKE SERVICES EASIER FOR FAMILIES TO ACCESS. THANK YOU FOR
24 YOUR TIME.

25



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

3
4 **TAHIA HAYSLET:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. TAHIA HAYSLET, EXECUTIVE
5 DIRECTOR OF HARBOR INTERFAITH SERVICES. I WANT TO THANK
6 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND MITCHELL FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN SEEKING
7 SOLUTIONS FOR UNHOUSED FAMILIES WHOSE CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDE
8 FACTORS THAT OUR CURRENT SYSTEM IS NOT ALWAYS EQUIPPED TO
9 ADDRESS. EVERY FAMILY SITUATION IS UNIQUE AND CREATING
10 ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY WILL ALLOW SERVICE PROVIDERS TO MOVE
11 FAMILIES MORE QUICKLY INTO INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING THAT
12 THEY SO DESPERATELY NEED. FAMILIES HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS, YET
13 THERE HAS NOT BEEN ENOUGH ATTENTION PAID TO THE FAMILY SYSTEM
14 AS A WHOLE. FAMILIES NEED STABILITY IN THEIR LIVES, NOT THE
15 DISRUPTION THAT OUR CURRENT SYSTEM CAN IMPOSE ON THEM. THE
16 CHANGES RECOMMENDED IN THE BOARD MOTION WILL GO A LONG WAY
17 TOWARD REDUCING THE ANXIETY AND UNCERTAINTY THAT FAMILIES
18 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FACE. AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH
19 THE COUNTY'S CREATION OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT, THIS FLEXIBILITY
20 IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT AS HSH STAFF GET UP TO SPEED WITH THE
21 ADMINISTRATION OF TLS, THE MATCHING PROCESS, AND OTHER
22 RESPONSIBILITIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

23
24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO TO IN-PERSON
25 SPEAKERS. PLEASE BEGIN.



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2 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** SO, I DON'T KNOW, KATHRYN BARFY BARGER GOT
3 IT WRONG. WELL, IT WOULD BE THE PERFECT SOLUTION TO GO FROM
4 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY DOWN TO WEST LAKE AND MACARTHUR PARK, YOU
5 HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED. YOU HAVE A LAKE AND YOU CAN GET ALL
6 THE DRUGS YOU WANT. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, L.A. CITY PD,
7 THEY DRIVE RIGHT NEXT TO IT. SO LET'S GIVE EVERYBODY OVER IN
8 THE 5TH DISTRICT, YOU GO TO WILSHIRE BOULEVARD AND ALVARADO.
9 GREAT SALES ON DRUGS TODAY, BUY 2 GET 1 FREE. OVER THERE ON
10 ALVARADO STREET AND 6TH, BUY 2 BALLS GET 1 FREE, LIMITED
11 EDITION. ALSO FIREARMS, BUY 3 GUNS GET 1 FREE JUST MENTIONED
12 EUNISSES HERNANDEZ A CITY COUNCIL WOMAN BECAUSE SHE PROTECTS
13 THE DRUG DEALERS SHE PROTECTS THE USERS SO BUT DON'T LISTEN TO
14 KATHRYN. SHE'S A LIAR TAKE THE HOUSING DOWN THERE YOU CAN TAKE
15 AND GET WASTED AND YOU CAN GET A FREE APARTMENT.

16

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

18

19 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT. BACK AGAIN. WHAT WERE WE JUST
20 TALKING ABOUT? WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EROSION, RIGHT? AND I'M
21 CURIOUS, RIGHT? HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO ERODE AWAY DIRT AND
22 ROCK, RIGHT? BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS IN ITEM
23 15.

24

25 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** I THINK YOU'RE ON THE WRONG ITEM. WE'RE NO



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1 LONGER DISCUSSING THE EARTHQUAKE ISSUE. NO, WE'RE TALKING
2 ABOUT ITEM 15. WE'RE NOW MOVING ON TO STRENGTHENING ACCESS.

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4 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** SHE'S TALKING OVER ME, WHICH IS CLASSIC. SO
5 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE HOMELESS GUY THAT I'M TALKING ABOUT IN
6 THE DITCH THAT WAS ERODED AWAY. SO WHAT ABOUT THAT HOMELESS
7 GUY, RIGHT? WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. SO WHERE DID HE
8 GO, RIGHT? HE WAS LIVING IN THE DITCH. SO WHERE IS HE? AND WHY
9 ISN'T HE THERE ANYMORE? AND WHY IS THE DITCH JUST ERODED AWAY
10 LIKE THOUSANDS OF YEARS IT'S I DON'T KNOW I'M JUST CURIOUS
11 RIGHT THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT IT UP AGAIN BECAUSE THE TWO ARE
12 RELATED RIGHT?

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

15
16 **CHRIS ASARAPAS:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
17 CHRIS ASARAPAS I'M WITH THE ORGANIZATION CALLED PARA LOS NINOS
18 AND I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 15. CURRENTLY, IN OUR
19 46 YEARS, PARA LOS NINOS SERVES OVER 10,000 CHILDREN, YOUTH
20 AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS FROM EARLY ED
21 TO MENTAL HEALTH TO CHARTER SCHOOLS AND A LOT MORE. OVER THE
22 PAST FEW YEARS WE HAVE SEEN A DRAMATIC RISE IN FAMILY
23 HOMELESSNESS ACROSS ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS. IN 2025 OUR EARLY
24 EDUCATION PROGRAM SAW 30% INCREASE IN UNHOUSED FAMILIES. AND
25 OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL HAS SEEN UNHOUSED



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1 STUDENTS INCREASE BY ALMOST 300%. BOTH ARE LOCATED IN SKID
2 ROW. WE ARE NOT A HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDER, BUT OUR STAFF
3 SUPPORTS FAMILIES NAVIGATE THIS SYSTEM. FAMILIES TELL US HOW
4 HOUSING IS OUT OF REACH AT EVERY STEP. UNITS ARE SCARCE, SMALL
5 DIFFERENCES IN INCOME OR PAPERWORK MAKE THEM INELIGIBLE AND
6 FAMILY SIZE RULES PUSHES THEM OUT. THAT IS WHY THIS MOTION'S
7 FLEXIBILITY MATTERS TODAY.

8

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

11

12 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
13 THE ITEM --

14

15 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SORRY, GO AHEAD.

18

19 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 15 IS BEFORE
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** I APPRECIATE THAT. IT
23 WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. I WILL SECOND IT TO APPROVE
24 THIS ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

25



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1 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
2 HORVATH?

3
4 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AYE.

5
6 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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

9
10 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

11
12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AYE

13
14 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
15 MITCHELL?

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

18
19 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

20 MADAM CHAIR, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE NO SPECIALS
21 SO WE CAN MOVE ON TO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL NOW MOVE
22 ON TO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AT THIS TIME WE WILL HEAR FROM
23 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL
24 PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO
25 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON SUBJECT MATTERS WITHIN THE BOARD'S



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JURISDICTION BUT NOT ITEMS ON THE MEETING AGENDA. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ALREADY ON THE PHONE, IF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK FOR THIS ITEM, YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING FURTHER. IF YOU'RE ON THE PHONE, HAVE NOT SIGNED UP TO SPEAK OR WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE PRESS STAR NOW AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO BE PLACED INTO THE SPEAKING QUEUE. IF YOU'RE WATCHING THE MEETING AND WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE CALL 213-444-2600, PRESS STAR AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS. AN OPERATOR WILL BE ON THE PHONE TO ASSIST. PLEASE BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON SUBJECT MATTERS WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. TROFAKE, JANET ASANTE, COREY SCHMIDT, COLIN CAMPBELL, ZOE MUNTANER. ROY HUMPHREYS, SO YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

ROY HUMPHREYS: YOU SAY CARE FIRST. I SAY IF YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT YOU, WHY SHOULD ANYONE ELSE? AOC'S OUT FIRST IN DONALD TRUMP'S AI CONSPIRACY WILL LEAVE US ALL UNEMPLOYED AS CHINA, INDIA, AND RUSSIA ARE BEGGING YOU TO RUN HER FOR PRESIDENT. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL STATES DISCIPLINE AND NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW, WHICH IS DISINGENUOUS AS SHE STARTED, COULD START WITH A BIDEN ILLEGAL DEPORTATION, BUT INSTEAD VOTES, IN MY OPINION, TO STEAL \$5,000,000 FROM FIRE VICTIMS TO ILLEGALS. DAVID



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1 MARTINEZ SAYS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS ALL OVER THE ROWLAND
2 HEIGHTS MONUMENT REBUILD. THANK YOU. GOD PROTECT PRESIDENT
3 TRUMP FROM THE DEMOCRAT ASSASSINS. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
4 SHOULD BE AT THE BEGINNING, SO NO ONE HAS TO WAIT TO THE END
5 OF THIS. THIS IS, THIS, YOU SHOULD BE TAKEN TO TASK LEGALLY ON
6 THIS, AND I WANT TO LOOK INTO SEE IF WE CAN HANDLE THAT
7 PARTICULAR ISSUE.

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9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. CALLER ENDING IN 7543. YOUR LINE
10 IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN. PLEASE BEGIN.

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12 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** I'D LIKE TO THANK LINDSEY HORVATH FOR HER
13 OUTREACH, HER ANNUAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND THE GOVERNANCE
14 REFORM TASK FORCE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER
15 PARTICIPATION. I'M FROM DISTRICT 3 AND SUPERVISOR LINDSEY
16 HOVATH. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I LOOK FORWARD TO MORE ENGAGEMENT.

17

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

20

21 **JANET ASANTE:** HI, MY NAME IS JANET ASANTE. I'M WITH THE
22 JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. I'M GIVING PUBLIC COMMENT TO OFFER
23 TRUE ALLYSHIP FROM THE COMMUNITY, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN
24 RECIPROCATED. FAMILIES COME TO US WITH THE VERY REAL
25 EXPERIENCES OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THEM IN THIS COUNTY, AND



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1 THAT IS WHO I AM HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO. IT WOULD BE CRUEL TO
2 TELL THEM THAT BRINGING THEIR TRAUMA BEFORE YOU WILL MAKE A
3 DIFFERENCE WHEN CLEARLY THAT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE. I
4 WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR SECURING THE FUNDING FOR YEAR ONE OF
5 THE JAIL CLOSURE PLAN. I WISH WE COULD HAVE MOBILIZED TO
6 CELEBRATE THIS. I THINK THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A REALLY AMAZING
7 MOMENT TO TAKE PICTURES TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE TRUE INVESTMENTS
8 IN ATI BASED ON THE COMMITMENTS THAT THIS BOARD HAS MADE. WITH
9 THE LACK OF TRUST THIS YEAR, IT WAS NOT CLEAR THAT COMMITMENT
10 WOULD BE KEPT. WHO IS LOOKING FOR AN EASY WIN TO CEMENT YOUR
11 LEGACY? I OFFER TRUE COMMUNITY BUILDING, AND I WOULD
12 APPRECIATE THAT WE CONTINUE TO BUILD INTO NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET
13 AND TOWARDS THE END OF SOME OF YOUR TERMS THAT WE TRULY,
14 GENUINELY ENGAGE ON FULFILLING THE PROMISES YOU HAVE MADE.
15 THANK YOU.

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

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19 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** SO, SHE'S NOT HERE, KATHRYN BARFY BARGER,
20 BUT LET'S GIVE HER A HAND FOR NOT FILING ONE OF THOSE NEW
21 RESTRAINING ORDERS AGAINST MR. HERMAN. THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. AND
22 OF COURSE, WHY IS HILDA FILING FOR A THREE-YEAR RESTRAINING
23 ORDER WHEN SHE'S GOING TO BE GONE IN DECEMBER? AND DIDN'T KENT
24 SUMMERS TELL THE COURT THAT? OF COURSE NOT. NOW LET'S GET TO
25 THE THREE OF YOU GUYS. OH, LINDSAY, YOU'RE OUT OF THIS. YOU'RE



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1 INNOCENT. YOU DIDN'T FILE A TRO. LET'S GIVE HER A HAND TOO,
2 SHUT UP. SHE COULD HAVE. SO IT LEAVES THE THREE, THE USUALS,
3 THE VETERANS. SO YOU JUST EXTENDED YOUR FEDERAL STATUTE OF
4 LIMITATIONS ANOTHER SIX YEARS FROM 2026 YOU ONLY HAVE THREE
5 YEARS TO GO NOW. THEY CAN GET YOU TO 2032. IT'S FAKE SEE TRO
6 FAKE SEE THAT YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO DROP IT DROP THE TROS
7 HOLLY, JANICE'S --

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

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11 **COLIN CAMPBELL:** HI MY NAME IS COLIN CAMPBELL I'M TRYING TO DO
12 THE STARGATE AI IT GOT REBRANDED BY DONALD TRUMP LAST WEEK AT
13 THE UNITED NATIONS FOR SUPER INTELLIGENCE. SO THIS IS OUR BEST
14 AI. AND I WAS GOING TO DEMO IT IN SOUTH PASADENA OCTOBER 22ND.
15 AND THEY'RE CONCERNED, THEY'RE PUSHING BACK BECAUSE OF THEIR
16 CONCERN THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE OVER. AND THAT'S NOT THE GOAL
17 OF THIS. THIS IS FOR LIFE SUPPORT, AND WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO
18 USE THIS TO BASICALLY DO MOBILE MEDICAL RECORDS. IF I GO TO
19 EMS, I GET PICKED UP BY AN AMBULANCE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET
20 MY MEDICAL RECORDS, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SHARE MY INFORMATION,
21 BUT IF I'M UNCONSCIOUS AND I WAKE UP IN THE HOSPITAL, I SHOULD
22 ALSO BE ABLE TO GO AND GET A RECORDING OF ESSENTIALLY WHAT
23 HAPPENED TO HELP ME RECOVER. SO I'M ASKING L.A. BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS, KATHRYN BARGER IS NOT HERE, IF YOU GUYS BE
25 WILLING TO MEET WITH SOUTH PASADENA, AND GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S



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1 GIVEN US REQUIREMENTS, AS WELL AS PRESIDENT TRUMP, TO REALIZE
2 THAT YOU'RE GOING TO TALK TO ME.

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

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6 **IN-PERSON SPEAKER:** WELL, WELL, WELL. I'M BACK. AREN'T YOU GUYS
7 HAPPY TO SEE ME? COME ON. YOU GUYS KNOW WHERE I'VE BEEN,
8 RIGHT? HOW DID I GET THERE? HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE? HOW DO
9 YOU GET YOUR ROBES STOLEN FOR PARKING ON A PUBLIC STREET?
10 RIGHT? THAT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A FAKE TRO
11 OR SOMETHING, RIGHT? WHAT ABOUT THAT? WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?
12 WHAT'S WITH A TRO FOR PARKING IN THE PUBLIC STREET? WHAT DO
13 YOU GUYS KNOW ABOUT THAT? WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT? RIGHT?
14 ARE YOU? YOU'RE IN ON THAT, AREN'T YOU? YOU ARE. YOU ARE IN ON
15 THAT. THAT'S CRAZY. SO NOW THAT I HAVE FREEDOM, LET'S SEE,
16 LET'S TEST THIS FREEDOM, RIGHT? LET'S TEST IT. WILL I GET
17 ARRESTED, RIGHT? FOR SAYING [EXPLETIVE].

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

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21 **ZOE MUNTANER:** HI, MY NAME IS ZOE MUNTANER. I'M SPEAKING AS A
22 CITIZEN JOURNALIST AND SOMEONE WHO IS RUNNING FOR SANTA MONICA
23 RENT CONTROL BOARD. IN 2024, I TRIED TO RUN FOR SANTA MONICA
24 COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND I BROUGHT WRITTEN COMMENTS
25 BECAUSE OF THE INCONSISTENCIES OF THE NOMINATION REGISTRATION



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1 OF SIGNATURES BY THE L.A. COUNTY REGISTERED RECORDER AND
2 COUNTY CLERK. IT HAS BEEN MESSY, IT HAS BEEN SLOPPY, AND
3 RECKLESS. ON AUGUST 27, 2026, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL RELEASED A
4 STATEMENT ON THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S LATEST ATTEMPTS AT
5 VOTER SUPPRESSION. IRONICALLY, DURING MY INVESTIGATION LAST
6 FRIDAY AND YESTERDAY, I FOUND NUMEROUS INCONSISTENCIES BY THE
7 COUNTY. REGISTER RECORDER, COUNTY CLERK. WE CANNOT --

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9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL GO BACK TO REMOTE
10 CALLERS. ANTHONY ARENAS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

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12 **ANTHONY ARENAS:** ANTHONY ARENAS WITH JUSTICE L.A. COALITION AS
13 WELL AS DIGNITY AND POWER NOW, LIFELONG RESIDENT OF DISTRICT
14 3. WE ARE AT 31 IN CUSTODY DEATH THIS YEAR ALONE. AND THE
15 LATEST INDIVIDUAL HAVING BEEN SOMEONE FOLKS IN OUR COMMUNITY
16 KNEW, FOLKS THAT GREW UP WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL, ERIC EVANS.
17 THOSE ARE 31, THOSE AREN'T JUST 31 IN CUSTODY DEATHS, THOSE
18 ARE 31 PARENTS, 31 SONS AND DAUGHTERS, 31 FAMILIES, 31
19 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE ALL DEVASTATED BY THE BOARD'S CONTINUED
20 INACTION ON FULLY SHUTTING THE DOORS ON MCJ. ALL BUT
21 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL VOTED TO DELAY A HISTORIC MOTION JUST TWO
22 WEEKS AGO TO HOLD DEPUTY GAINS ACCOUNTABLE. WHY DO WE HAVE
23 CLUSTER PROCESSES IF THE BOARD CLEARLY ISN'T READING OR
24 LISTENING? THE ISSUE WHICH BIFURCATED THE MOTION SHOULD NEVER
25 HAVE HAPPENED. THE BOARD HAS BLOOD ON ITS HANDS, EACH AND



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1 EVERY ONE OF YOU. WE SHOULD ABSOLUTELY --

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3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THAT
4 CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

5

6 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MADAM CHAIR WE
7 WILL NOW PROCEED WITH THE ADJOURNMENTS.

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9 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH
10 THE ORDER OF ADJOURNMENTS WILL BEGIN WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR
11 HORVATH, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND THEN I WILL READ ONE
12 IN ON BEHALF OF CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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14 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT
15 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GAGE WEIDA, A
16 BELOVED SON, PARTNER, AND FRIEND WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER
17 15, 2026, AT THE AGE OF 31. GAGE HAD BUILT A LIFE IN SOUTHERN
18 CALIFORNIA WITH HIS LONGTIME GIRLFRIEND AUTUMN REEF AND WAS
19 KNOWN BY HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND CO-WORKERS FOR HIS KINDNESS,
20 PATIENCE, AND STRONG WORK ETHIC. HIS FATHER, JEFFREY WEIDA,
21 REMEMBERED HIM AS A BIG TEDDY BEAR WHO LOVED EVERYBODY, LOVED
22 LIFE, AND WAS JUST DOING HIS THING. GAGE AND AUTUMN SHARED
23 EIGHT YEARS TOGETHER AND WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO BEGINNING THE
24 NEXT CHAPTER OF THEIR LIVES. HIS FAMILY HAD BEEN PREPARING TO
25 CELEBRATE HIS 32ND BIRTHDAY JUST DAYS LATER. THOSE WHO KNEW



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1 GAGE REMEMBERED SOMEONE WHO WAS DEPENDABLE AND HARDWORKING,
2 BUT ALSO WARM AND DEEPLY CARING, A PERSON WHOSE PRESENCE MEANT
3 A GREAT DEAL TO THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM. GAGE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
4 LONGTIME GIRLFRIEND, AUTUMN, ALONG WITH HIS FAMILY AND LOVED
5 ONES. WE ADJOURN TODAY IN HONOR OF GAGE WEIDA, REMEMBERING THE
6 KINDNESS AND JOY HE BROUGHT TO THOSE AROUND HIM AND EXTENDING
7 OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO ALL THOSE WHO LOVED HIM.

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9 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DANIEL CASTILLO, A BELOVED FATHER, SON,
11 BROTHER, COUSIN, AND FRIEND, WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 15,
12 2026, AT THE AGE OF 46. DANIEL WAS A DEVOTED FATHER OF FOUR
13 WHO BUILT HIS LIFE AROUND HIS FAMILY. HIS LOVED ONES
14 REMEMBERED DANNY AS A JOKESTER WITH A CONTAGIOUS LAUGH WHO
15 BROUGHT JOY WHEREVER HE WENT AND MADE THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM
16 FEEL LOVED, WELCOMED, AND CARED FOR. HE LOVED COOKING AT
17 FAMILY GATHERINGS AND SPENDING TIME WITH THOSE HE LOVED AND
18 CHEERING ON THE DODGERS, COWBOYS, AND LAKERS. DANIEL WAS
19 HARDWORKING, GENEROUS, AND DEEPLY DEVOTED TO THE PEOPLE IN HIS
20 LIFE. HIS YOUNGEST DAUGHTER, JOANNA, REMEMBERED HIM AS SOMEONE
21 WHO WOULD HAVE GIVEN THE SHIRT OFF HIS BACK TO ANYONE WHO
22 NEEDED IT. ABOVE ALL, HIS FAMILY REMEMBERS A SELFLESS MAN WHO
23 PUT OTHERS FIRST AND WHOSE LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY WAS
24 UNQUESTIONABLE. DANIEL IS SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR CHILDREN,
25 SIERRA, JOSHUA, GABRIEL, AND JOANNA. WE ADJOURN TODAY IN HONOR



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OF DANIEL CASTILLO, REMEMBERING THE LAUGHTER, GENEROSITY, AND LOVE HE SHARED SO FREELY AND EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO ALL WHO LOVED HIM.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EDDIE GUTIERREZ MEJIA, A BELOVED SON, PARTNER, COUSIN, FRIEND, AND MEMBER OF HIS COMMUNITY IN GUATEMALA. EDDIE PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2026, AT THE AGE OF 29. THOSE WHO KNEW HIM REMEMBER MUCH MORE THAN HOW HARD HE WORKED. THEY REMEMBER SOMEONE FULL OF LIFE, PLAYFUL, GENEROUS, AND ALWAYS READY WITH A JOKE TO MAKE OTHERS LAUGH. EDDIE IS REMEMBERED BY HIS MOTHER SONIA, HIS PARTNER ALEJANDRA, HIS COUSIN CARLA, AND HIS EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN GUATEMALA AND THE UNITED STATES. WE ADJOURN TODAY IN HONOR OF EDDIE'S MEMORY, REMEMBERING THE JOY, GENEROSITY, AND SPIRIT HE BROUGHT TO HIS FAMILY AND COMMUNITY, AND EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO ALL WHO LOVED HIM. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GEORGE MARCENEAU, A BELOVED FRIEND, NEIGHBOR, PARISHIONER, MENTOR, AND LONGTIME OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY. HE PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2026, AT THE AGE OF 70. GEORGE IS REMEMBERED BY THOSE WHO WORSHIPED ALONGSIDE HIM FOR DECADES AS A KIND, HUMBLE, AND GENEROUS FRIEND WHOSE PRESENCE BECAME PART OF THE FABRIC OF THEIR COMMUNITY. GEORGE FOUND JOY IN THE SIMPLE THINGS INCLUDING GARDENING AND SHARING WHAT HE GREW WITH THOSE AROUND



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1 HIM. HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS HUMOR, HIS KINDNESS, AND THE
2 FRIENDSHIPS HE MAINTAINED OVER MANY YEARS. AVIATION WAS ALSO
3 AN IMPORTANT PART OF HIS LIFE. OVER A CAREER SPANNING MORE
4 THAN THREE DECADES, GEORGE BECAME A RESPECTED PILOT AND
5 INSTRUCTOR WHO GENEROUSLY SHARED HIS EXPERIENCE WITH OTHERS.
6 WE ADJOURN TODAY IN HONOR OF GEORGE STEPHEN MARCENEAU,
7 REMEMBERING HIS KINDNESS, FAITH, HUMOR, AND GENEROSITY, THE
8 COMMUNITY HE HELPED NURTURE, AND THE MANY LIVES HE TOUCHED AS
9 A FRIEND, NEIGHBOR, MENTOR, AND COLLEAGUE.

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH:** AND FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
12 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ELIANA MORENO, A
13 RESPECTED JOURNALIST, BELOVED PARTNER, DAUGHTER, COLLEAGUE,
14 AND FRIEND. ELIANA PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2026, AT THE
15 AGE OF 38. A GRADUATE OF CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY WHERE SHE STUDIED
16 BROADCAST JOURNALISM AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, ELIANA DEVOTED
17 MORE THAN 15 YEARS TO TELLING THE STORIES OF SOUTHERN
18 CALIFORNIA. AS AN AERIAL PHOTOJOURNALIST AND REPORTER, SHE
19 BECAME A TRUSTED PRESENCE ABOVE LOS ANGELES. HER COLLEAGUES
20 REMEMBER A TALENTED JOURNALIST WHO APPROACHED HER WORK WITH
21 INTELLIGENCE, CURIOSITY, COMPASSION, AND AN UNMISTAKABLE SENSE
22 OF HUMOR. BEYOND THE NEWSROOM, ELIANA LOVED ANIMALS AND SHARED
23 HER LIFE WITH HER FIANCEE ROBERT AND THEIR DOGS, PENROSE AND
24 FULLERTON. TOGETHER THEY DREAMED OF ONE DAY RETIRING TO
25 TENNESSEE, WHERE ELIANA HOPED TO HAVE LAND AND CARE FOR



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1 ANIMALS. HER LOSS HAS BEEN DEEPLY FELT THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHERN
2 CALIFORNIA JOURNALISM COMMUNITY, WHERE SHE LEAVES BEHIND
3 COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS WHO BOTH ADMIRER HER AS A JOURNALIST
4 AND THE PERSON SHE WAS BEHIND THE CAMERA. ELIANA IS SURVIVED
5 BY HER FIANCE, ROBERT ALONG WITH HER FAMILY AND LOVED ONES. WE
6 ADJOURN TODAY IN HONOR OF ELIANA MORENO, RECOGNIZING HER
7 DEDICATION TO JOURNALISM, THE STORIES SHE HELPED TO TELL, AND
8 THE WARMTH AND CURIOSITY SHE BROUGHT TO THE PEOPLE AND
9 COMMUNITIES SHE COVERED. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR
12 HAHN.

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14 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
15 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MILAN JAZINA, WHO
16 LIVED IN SAN PEDRO AND WAS A CORNERSTONE OF OUR LOCAL CROATIAN
17 COMMUNITY. MILAN WAS BORN IN CROATIA. HIS LIFE WAS DEFINED BY
18 COURAGE, RESILIENCE, AND HARD WORK. AT JUST 15, HE MADE A
19 DARING ESCAPE FROM COMMUNISM, FLEEING BY BOAT DURING A STORM.
20 AFTER SPENDING TWO YEARS IN FRANCE WAITING FOR PAPERWORK, HE
21 IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES, EVENTUALLY FINDING HIS WAY TO
22 SAN PEDRO. FOR OVER 50 YEARS, MILAN OPERATED JAZINA PAINTING
23 IN SAN PEDRO, BUILDING A REPUTATION FOR IMPECCABLE SKILL,
24 RELIABILITY, AND HEARTFELT KINDNESS TOWARD EVERY CLIENT.
25 BEYOND HIS BUSINESS, MILAN WAS DEVOTED TO SERVING OTHERS. HE



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1 SPENT OVER 6 DECADES AS A VOLUNTEER RESCUE SKI PATROLMAN AND
2 REGULARLY GAVE HIS TIME AS A VOLUNTEER COOK DURING LOCAL
3 CROATIAN FESTIVALS. MILAN'S ENDURING STRENGTH, ENTREPRENEURIAL
4 SPIRIT, AND GENEROUS HEART LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK ON THE SAN
5 PEDRO COMMUNITY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN STEVE, ANNA,
6 EVE, GRANDCHILDREN MARINA, NATHANIEL, ALEXANDRIA, CHRISTIAN,
7 CASEY, HANNAH, AND GREAT-GRANDSON HARRISON. WE'LL MISS HIS
8 CHEERFUL AND SMILING DISPOSITION.

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10 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
11 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF BOB BRYANT. BOB, A LIFELONG RESIDENT
12 AND DEVOTED CHAMPION OF SAN PEDRO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY AT
13 THE AGE OF 80. BORN AND RAISED IN SAN PEDRO, BOB'S HEART
14 ALWAYS BELONGED TO THE TOWN HE PROUDLY CALLED HOME. HE
15 ATTENDED CRESTWOOD ELEMENTARY AND DODSON JUNIOR HIGH BEFORE
16 GRADUATING FROM SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1965. HE
17 CONTINUED HIS EDUCATION AND GRADUATED WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE
18 IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING FROM CAL STATE UNIVERSITY IN LONG
19 BEACH. WHETHER HE WAS COACHING ON THE SOCCER FIELD, SERVING AT
20 CHURCH, MENTORING YOUNG PEOPLE, OR SHARING HIS PASSION FOR
21 MODEL RAILROADING, OR SIMPLY SURROUNDED BY HIS GRANDCHILDREN,
22 BOB BROUGHT WARMTH, INTEGRITY, GENEROSITY, AND UNWAVERING
23 DEDICATION TO EVERYTHING HE DID. BUT AS SEEN IN THIS PHOTO,
24 MANY OF US LOVED AND REMEMBERED BOB WHEN HE WAS THE CONDUCTOR
25 OF OUR VERY OWN RED CAR WHICH RAN UP AND DOWN THE WATERFRONT



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1 AND SAN PEDRO UNTIL ITS DEMISE A FEW YEARS AGO, BUT HE WAS
2 CHEERFUL, HE WAS FRIENDLY, AND HE'S EVERYTHING YOU THOUGHT A
3 CONDUCTOR SHOULD BE. HIS LIFE WAS A TESTAMENT TO THE POWER OF
4 GIVING BACK, LOVING DEEPLY, AND REMAINING FAITHFUL TO THE
5 PEOPLE AND PLACE HE CALLED HOME. BOB WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY
6 HIS FAMILY, HIS FRIENDS, COUNTLESS PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES HE
7 TOUCHED, AND HIS MEMORY WILL LIVE ON IN THE GENERATIONS HE
8 GUIDED, THE TRADITIONS HE HELPED TO PRESERVE, AND THE SAN
9 PEDRO COMMUNITY HE LOVED SO DEARLY. BOB IS SURVIVED BY HIS
10 WIFE, ELLEN, HIS CHILDREN ROBERT, ELLEN, AND CHARLES, AND SIX
11 GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. AND WHEN WE
14 ADJOURN TODAY ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I ASK THAT WE
15 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF HENRY SPRINGER, AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN
16 AS HANK. HANK WAS A RESIDENT OF DOWNTOWN L.A. AND A PROUD
17 VETERAN OF BOTH THE U.S. NAVY AND THE MARINE CORPS. FOR MANY
18 YEARS AT BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL, HANK WORKED WITH VETERANS
19 WHO WERE STRUGGLING TO FIND THEIR WAY BACK INTO CIVILIAN LIFE,
20 INCLUDING VETERANS WHO HAD BEEN MARGINALIZED, JUSTICE
21 INVOLVED, OR FACING DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. HANK'S WORK
22 TOUCHED A GREAT MANY OF THE MORE THAN 200,000 VETERANS WHO
23 CALL L.A. COUNTY HOME. FOR MANY VETERANS NAVIGATING THE
24 HARDEST STRETCH OF THEIR TRANSITION HOME, HANK WAS THE FIRST
25 PERSON TO TELL THEM, I BELIEVE IN YOU. HE WOULD SIT WITH THEM



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ONE AT A TIME, PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING AND COACHING, REVIEWING RESUMES, MAKING INTRODUCTIONS, AND STAYING WITH THEM UNTIL A JOB CAME THROUGH. HANK WAS ALSO A LIFELONG EDUCATOR WHO BELIEVED THAT EDUCATION COULD CHANGE LIVES AND OPEN DOORS THAT HAD ONCE SEEMED CLOSED. HE DEVOTED HIMSELF NOT ONLY TO TEACHING BUT TO STANDING UP FOR EDUCATORS, WORKING PEOPLE, AND THOSE WHOSE VOICES WERE TOO OFTEN OVERLOOKED. AS A UNION LEADER, HE FOUGHT FOR FAIRNESS AND OPPORTUNITY, INCLUDING ADVOCATED FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR WITHIN THE LABOR MOVEMENT. HE ULTIMATELY SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF UTLA, THE UNITED TEACHERS OF LOS ANGELES, WHERE HE BROUGHT HIS STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE, COMPASSION, AND LEADERSHIP TO THE PEOPLE HE REPRESENTED. HANK LEAVES BEHIND A LEGACY OF SERVICE, COMPASSION, COURAGE, AND ADVOCACY. A LEGACY THAT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH EVERY LIFE HE TOUCHED. OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO HIS WIFE, HIS FAMILY, AND THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS AT BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL WHO WORKED ALONGSIDE HIM EVERY DAY.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM: THANK YOU TO ALL AND WE WILL TAKE ALL MOTIONS AS SECONDED IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CONTINUE ITEMS CS2 AND CS4 ONE WEEK TO OCTOBER 6, 2026. THE



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1 REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES ARE BEFORE YOU.

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3 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
4 HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH TO CONTINUE THESE ITEMS.
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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7 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
8 HORVATH?

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

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12 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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14 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YES.

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16 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR
17 MITCHELL?

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19 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** AYE.

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21 **STEVEN HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.
22 WE'RE ADJOURNED.

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24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SO AS A RESULT OF THE
25 PASSAGE OF THAT MOTION THIS CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. THE



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- 1 NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE HELD
- 2 ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 6, 2026, AT 9:30. WE STAND ADJOURNED.



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SUPERVISORS

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

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors September 29, 2026, were
6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
7 supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 9th day of October 2026, for the County records to be used
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 KATHRYN J. ROBSON

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