



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**
2 **ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015 ON PAGE 179]**

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE JANUARY 13TH-- (GAVEL). WE'RE
7 GOING TO BEGIN THE JANUARY 13TH MEETING. IF THE AUDIENCE WOULD
8 PLEASE TAKE THEIR SEATS. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THE JANUARY 13TH
9 MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IF THE
10 AUDIENCE WOULD PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEAT AS WE INTRODUCE REVEREND
11 DR. MARIKO YANAGIHARA OF THE NEW HOPE METHODIST CHURCH IN
12 PASADENA AND OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE BY ALFRED LUGO,
13 VETERAN VOLUNTEER, VET HUNTERS IN WHITTIER, THE FOURTH
14 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. PASTOR?

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16 **REV. MARIKO YANAGIHARA:** GOOD MORNING. IT'S MY PRIVILEGE AND
17 HONOR TO BE WITH YOU TODAY, AND MANY THANKS TO MAYOR
18 ANTONOVICH FOR INVITING ME. PLEASE JOIN ME IN A WORD OF
19 PRAYER. LET US PRAY. GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR
20 THE BEGINNING OF THIS NEW YEAR WHICH OFFERS US OPPORTUNITIES
21 TO REFRESH AND RENEW OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH ONE ANOTHER AND
22 WITH YOU. WE THANK YOU FOR THIS WONDERFUL LIFE YOU HAVE GIVEN
23 TO US, A LIFE OF FREEDOM MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH ALL THOSE WHO
24 HAVE SERVED AND DO SERVE OUR COUNTRY ON ALL LEVELS OF
25 GOVERNMENT IN THE ARMED FORCES AND IN SO MANY OTHER WAYS. WE



1 REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED, FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW
2 WHERE THEIR NEXT FOOD OR SHELTER WILL BE, FOR THOSE CAUGHT IN
3 THE CROSSFIRE OF VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM, FOR THOSE WHO ARE
4 DEALING WITH A NEW NORMAL IN THEIR LIVES, AND FOR THOSE WHO
5 ARE MOURNING LOSSES. BE WITH ALL OF US AND HELP US TO FEEL
6 YOUR CARE AND COMFORT. AS WE BEGIN THIS MEETING, WE ASK THAT
7 YOU GUIDE AND DIRECT ALL THE LEADERS SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE
8 TO MAKE WISE AND JUST DECISIONS. HELP THEM TO CLEARLY DISCERN
9 YOUR WILL. KEEP US MINDFUL OF THOSE WHOSE VOICES ARE NOT EASY
10 TO HEAR AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SILENCED. HELP US TO BUILD
11 COMMUNITIES FILLED WITH JUSTICE, TRUST, HOPE AND RESPECT AND
12 LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER. WE PRAY ALL THESE THINGS IN YOUR NAME,
13 AMEN.

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15 **ALFRED LUGO:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AS WE DO THE PLEDGE, IF YOU
16 ARE A VETERAN, YOU ARE NOW ALLOWED TO SALUTE THE FLAG. AS WE
17 DO THE PLEDGE, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO FOUGHT
18 FOR THE FLAG, WHO CAME HOME WOUNDED, WHO ARE HOMELESS
19 VETERANS. PLEASE REMEMBER THEM. ALSO, IN THE AIRBORNE BRAVADO
20 OF OUR SERGEANT RUDY GARCIA HAS ALWAYS SAID WHEN WE DO OUR
21 FLAG CEREMONY, REMEMBER, VETERANS COME IN ALL SIZES. SOME ARE
22 TALL, SOME ARE SHORT, SOME ARE FAT, SOME ARE SKINNY. BUT
23 REMEMBER THIS: THEY ONLY COME IN THREE COLORS: RED, WHITE AND
24 BLUE. AND IF YOU CAN'T TAKE THAT, IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GET OUT
25 OF DODGE. [LAUGHTER.] LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE JOIN ME



1 WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]
2 AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR DON KNABE FOR THE
3 INVITATION OF DOING THIS.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONCE AGAIN, IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME
6 DR. MARIKO YANAGIHARA WHO IS THE PASTOR OF NEW HOPE
7 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, AS A METHODIST, THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
8 IN PASADENA. BORN IN SAN FRANCISCO AND GREW UP IN A
9 BICULTURAL, BILINGUAL FAMILY, GRADUATING FROM THE UNIVERSITY
10 OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO AND SHE BEGAN HER FIRST CAREER IN
11 NURSING. NURSING OF THE BODY AND NOW YOU'RE DOING THE NURSING
12 OF THE SOUL, RIGHT? SHE LATER RECEIVED HER MASTER'S OF
13 DIVINITY FROM SAN FRANCISCO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, AND WAS
14 THE FIRST AMERICAN-BORN JAPANESE-AMERICAN WOMAN TO BE ORDAINED
15 IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U.S.A. SHE RECEIVED HER DOCTORATE
16 IN MINISTRY FROM MCCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN CHICAGO AND
17 SERVED AS A PASTOR IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT DIVERSE SETTINGS.
18 SHE'S MARRIED, HER HUSBAND GLEN, AND THEY HAVE TWO GROWN
19 CHILDREN. SHE WAS A PASTOR OF A VERY DEAR FRIEND OF MINE WHO
20 JUST PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97, MARCELLA WHITMORE, AND IT
21 WAS AT HER SERVICE THAT THE DOCTOR GAVE A WONDERFUL CEREMONY
22 OF GOING AWAY TO HER HEAVENLY HOME. BUT SHE'S ONE OF THE MOST
23 ARTICULATE, ENERGETIC PASTORS THAT WE HAVE AND WE APPRECIATED
24 HER LEADERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY SERVING ARCADIA AND THE SAN



1 GABRIEL VALLEY AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP TO OUR LORD.

2 [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES
5 AND GENTLEMEN. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF
6 APPRECIATION TO AL LUGO WHO LIVES IN THE CITY OF WHITTIER, AND
7 IS CURRENTLY A VETERAN VOLUNTEER WITH VET HUNTERS, AN
8 ORGANIZATION THAT'S DEDICATED TO PREVENTING AND ENDING
9 HOMELESSNESS FOR ALL MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. HE
10 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FROM 1963 TO '69 AS A
11 SERGEANT WITH THE 6441 COMBAT SUPPORT WING DURING THE VIETNAM
12 WAR. HE RECEIVED A SMALL-ARMS EXPERT MARKSMANSHIP RIBBON, A
13 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT
14 AWARD, AN AIR FORCE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, A MAINTENANCE SERVICE
15 BADGE AND A VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL. HE IS A RETIRED T.V.
16 ENGINEER AND DOCUMENTARY PRODUCER. HE HAS FIVE CHILDREN AND
17 HAS LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR 61 YEARS. SO ON BEHALF OF
18 THE BOARD, AL, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO
19 COME DOWN AND LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THANK
20 YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR AND
23 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE
24 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM 1-D,
25 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON



1 PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEM
2 1-H IS BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL,
5 SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE
8 PUBLIC WORKS FINANCING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-F IS BEFORE YOU.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
11 THOMAS, SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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13 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE
14 MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON ITEM
15 NO. 1-P, THERE'S A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT REQUESTS THAT
16 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 7, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1
17 THROUGH 9, ON ITEM NO. 1, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
18 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS
19 OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 5,
20 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
21 TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 27, 2015 AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
22 AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 6, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
23 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 8, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
24 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER
25 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.



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SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.
SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: ON PAGE 11, CONSENT
CALENDAR, ITEMS 10 THROUGH 28. ON ITEM NO. 10, SUPERVISOR
KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
HELD. ON ITEM NO. 11, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS NUMBER-- THAT WAS 11. ON ITEMS
NUMBER 13, 15 AND 16, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 25, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER
THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECOND
WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: ON PAGE 20, ORDINANCE FOR
INTRODUCTION, ITEM NO. 29, I'LL READ IN THE SHORT TITLE. THIS
IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 2,
ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTERS 2.62, 2.204 AND 2.211 REFLECTING THE
NAME CHANGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE
"DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS" AND CHANGING
EXISTING FUNCTIONS AND PERSONNEL. SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS
OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 21,



1 SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 30 AND 31, ON ITEM NO. 30, THE INTERIM
2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
3 ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 20, 2015. ON ITEM NO. 31, THE TREASURER
4 AND TAX COLLECTOR RECOMMENDS ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION
5 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE SULFUR SPRINGS UNION
6 SCHOOL DISTRICT 2014/'15 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES IN
7 THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,400,000. THIS
8 ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
11 THOMAS. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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13 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 22, MISCELLANEOUS
14 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS
15 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
16 AGENDA. ON ITEM 32-A, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE
17 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON PAGE 26, NOTICES
18 OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM C.S.-3, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
19 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND THAT COMPLETES THE
20 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS
21 BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
24 FAMILY SERVICES. THIS IS A PROGRAM I INITIATED MANY YEARS AGO
25 AND IT RECOGNIZES THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR DEPARTMENT OF



1 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES WHO HAVE EXCELLED IN THEIR
2 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. AND THIS IS A WAY OF HAVING THEM BE
3 RECOGNIZED. WE ALSO PROVIDE A \$50 BARNES & NOBLE BOOK, YOU
4 KNOW, WHICH DR. BROWNING WILL TALK ABOUT WHEN WE GIVE THEM TO
5 THEM. BUT TODAY THESE ARE RECIPIENTS WHO HAVE DONE REALLY
6 WELL. AND BY ENCOURAGING THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION,
7 THEY'RE GOING TO BE SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE OR UP HERE IN
8 THEIR DAYS AHEAD BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT A GOOD EDUCATION WILL
9 GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY THEY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. FIRST
10 ONE IS CARLOS RAMOS FOR THE MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
11 FROM THE DEPARTMENT. CARLOS? [APPLAUSE.] ANTONIO STEWART
12 JONES, MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. [APPLAUSE.]
13 STEPHANIE OMEDO. [APPLAUSE] JOSH ANTIVA TORRE.
14 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE] DESTINY PADATANA. [APPLAUSE]
15 GUADALUPE LOPEZ? [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **PHILIP BROWNING:** ON BEHALF OF ALL THE D.C.F.S. STAFF, I WANT
18 TO SAY THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND THIS BOARD, FOR RECOGNIZING
19 THESE AMAZING STUDENTS. THESE STUDENTS ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR
20 NATION, OF OUR COUNTY, WHAT WE IN D.C.F.S. HAVE BEEN DOING FOR
21 A NUMBER OF YEARS, ALONG WITH THE HELP FROM THIS BOARD, IS
22 TRYING TO ENCOURAGE EDUCATION. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF
23 WAYS THAT THAT'S BEING DONE, BUT THIS IS JUST ONE OF THE
24 EXAMPLES. THESE ARE JUST FIVE OR SIX OF THE YOUTH THAT ARE
25 DOING SUCH A GREAT JOB. AND WE HAVE CAREGIVERS AND SOCIAL



1 WORKERS UP HERE WITH THEIR CAMERAS THAT ARE TAKING PICTURES TO
2 MEMORIALIZE THIS EVENT. I THINK THIS WILL GO DOWN IN THEIR
3 MEMORY AS A GREAT DAY. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY ON BEHALF OF ALL
4 OF US STAFF AND ALL OF THE CHILDREN IN OUR CARE, THANK YOU SO
5 MUCH, SUPERVISOR, AND THIS BOARD. [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TODAY MARKS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED--
9 [APPLAUSE] TO SERVE AS THE CENTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE
10 FOR THE COUNTY AND ITS 100,000 EMPLOYEES. THEY ARE A LEADER IN
11 DELIVERING HUMAN RESOURCE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO AREAS
12 INCLUDING SUCCESSION PLANNING, TALENT MANAGEMENT AND
13 RECRUITMENT, SELECTION, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, WORKFORCE
14 DEVELOPMENT. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE
15 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC
16 MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION FOR HUMAN RESOURCES AS BEING IN THE
17 FOREFRONT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT IN ITS
18 DELIVERY OF HUMAN RESOURCES. SO, LISA GARRETT, WE WANT TO GIVE
19 YOU THIS PROCLAMATION. HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **LISA GARRETT:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE
22 MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THE 20TH
23 ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES! [APPLAUSE] I
24 HAVE WITH ME THE D.H.R. SENIOR MANAGERS BEHIND ME. AND THIS IS
25 A GROUP OF DEDICATED H.R. PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE COMMITTED



1 THEIR LIVES TO H.R. SERVICE DELIVERY. THEY'VE WORKED IN THE
2 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR. AND WOULD YOU GIVE THEM A ROUND OF
3 APPLAUSE? [APPLAUSE] THEY MAKE IT HAPPEN! THE OTHER PEOPLE
4 THAT MAKE IT HAPPEN ARE THOSE OF OUR D.H.R. FAMILY THAT ARE IN
5 THE AUDIENCE, STAND UP! [APPLAUSE] WE ALSO HAVE SOME CHARTER
6 D.H.R. MEMBERS, THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT EVER
7 SINCE ITS CREATION. SO I WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT WE ARE A
8 DEDICATED GROUP OF SERVANT LEADERS. WE ARE LEADING IN THE AREA
9 OF H.R., THE ART AND SCIENCE OF H.R. SERVICE DELIVERY AND WE
10 ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE SERVANTS. WE SERVE OTHERS. WE SERVE
11 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE C.E.O., ALL THE COUNTY
12 DEPARTMENTS, ALL OF THE 100,000 EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
13 ANGELES AND THE PUBLIC. AND THAT IS A GREAT MISSION. WHILE THE
14 DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL POSITION AND THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT
15 WAS CREATED OVER 50 YEARS AGO, IT WASN'T UNTIL 20 YEARS AGO
16 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES WAS CREATED. AND IT WAS
17 ACTUALLY CREATED TO INCREASE UNIFORMITY OF PRACTICES,
18 CONSISTENCY IN POLICY, ECONOMIES OF SCALE AND OVERSIGHT OF
19 H.R. SERVICE DELIVERY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT I HAVE
20 TO TELL YOU, MY FRIENDS OUT IN THE AUDIENCE WILL AGREE, THAT
21 WE HAVE BECOME SO MUCH MORE. OVER THE YEARS, WE HAVE BECOME A
22 CENTER OF EXPERTISE-- YES, GO AHEAD, YOU CAN CLAP FOR THAT.
23 [APPLAUSE] WE'VE BECOME A CENTER OF EXPERTISE FOR ALL THINGS
24 H.R. WE EMPLOY OVER 360 PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE A PASSION FOR
25 H.R., A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE WITH THE AIM



1 OF ASSISTING OUR PARTNER DEPARTMENTS TO MEET THEIR CORE
2 MISSIONS AND BUSINESS GOALS. D.H.R. HAS HAD A TREMENDOUS
3 NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS OVER THE YEARS, AND I WON'T
4 MENTION THEM ALL BUT I DO HAVE TO NAME A FEW IF THAT'S OKAY.
5 THE COVETED ADMIN INTERN PROGRAM. [APPLAUSE] THE ACADEMIC
6 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM. THE TRAINING AND BUREAU CHIEF PROGRAMS.
7 THE VETERANS' INTERNSHIP PROGRAM. THAT WAS LAUNCHED ON THE
8 MOTION OF OUR OWN MAYOR AND SUPERVISOR DON KNABE. THE COUNTY-
9 WIDE FITNESS CHALLENGE. [APPLAUSE] THE NEW D.H.R. WEB PORTAL
10 AND D.H.R. MOBILE APP. AND YOU KNOW THAT WE GET OVER 11,000
11 HITS EACH DAY. THE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT TRACKING SYSTEM WITH
12 EXECUTIVE DASHBOARD. THE ABSENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO ALLOW
13 FOR PROACTIVE TRACKING OF EMPLOYEES ON LEAVE. THE COUNTY-WIDE
14 DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES. THE COUNTY MANAGEMENT FELLOWS PROGRAM.
15 YEAH! [APPLAUSE] STATE-OF-THE-ART TESTING AND SELECTION TOOLS,
16 SHARED SERVICES FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED APARTMENTS. THE
17 SUCCESSION PLAN AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. I CAN GO
18 ON AND ON AND ALSO THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
19 PROGRAM THAT WE ROLLED OUT JUST LAST YEAR. THESE, AND MANY
20 OTHER PROGRAMS, WE'RE BRINGING TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
21 AND TO THE PUBLIC TO ACTUALLY GAIN MORE INTEREST IN PUBLIC
22 SERVICE. PUBLIC SERVICE IS A HIGH CALLING. AND WE'RE PLEASED
23 TO DO IT. SO AS YOU HEARD FROM THE MAYOR, WE WON NUMEROUS
24 AWARDS, BUT THE LAST THING I WANT TO SAY IS JUST THAT GOING
25 FORWARD, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE INNOVATIVE, EFFICIENT AND



1 EFFECTIVE H.R. SOLUTIONS TO ENSURE THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE
2 ABLE TO MEET THEIR BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL GOALS. AND WE ARE
3 GOING TO RECRUIT, DEVELOP AND RETAIN EXCEPTIONAL TALENT FOR
4 PUBLIC SERVICE. SO, AGAIN, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
6 RESOURCES. WE DON'T TAKE THIS ALONE. WE ALSO INCLUDE OUR
7 DEPARTMENT H.R. MANAGERS WITH WHOM WE COLLABORATE TO MAKE
8 THINGS HAPPEN. AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE REALLY
9 APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE]

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE THE
12 GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH. WELCOMING THE DEPARTMENT
13 OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CELEBRATING THAT GENERAL AVIATION CEREMONY
14 TODAY, AS MANY PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE, THE COUNTY OWNS AND
15 OPERATES FIVE GENERAL AIRPORTS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
16 BRACKETT FIELD IN LA VERNE, GENERAL WILLIAM J. FOX AIR- FIELD
17 IN LANCASTER, WHITEMAN AIRPORT IN PACOIMA, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
18 AIRPORT IN EL MONTE AND COMPTON/ WOODLEY AIRPORT IN COMPTON.
19 THESE AIRPORTS CONTRIBUTE OVER \$140 MILLION TO THE LOCAL
20 ECONOMY. THEY SUPPORT OVER 200 AVIATION JOBS. THEY HOUSE 1600
21 AIRCRAFT. AND THEY AVERAGE 400,000 TAKEOFFS AND LANDINGS. THIS
22 YEAR, THE COUNTY WILL HOST THE SECOND ANNUAL L.A. COUNTY AIR
23 SHOW IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ON MARCH 21 AND MARCH 22ND TO BE
24 HEADLINED BY THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRDS. SO FOR
25 MORE INFORMATION ON THAT, YOU CAN CONTACT



1 WWW.LACOUNTYAIRSHOW.COM. AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PARTICIPATE.
2 IT'S A BIG PROGRAM IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND THE COUNTY TO
3 HAVE THE THUNDERBIRDS HERE TO PERFORM. LET ME GIVE THIS
4 PROCLAMATION TO OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MS. FARBER.
5 GAIL?

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7 **GAIL FARBER:** THANK YOU, MAYOR. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE
8 MEMBERS OF OUR COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION AS WELL AS RICHARD
9 SMITH AND HIS AVIATION TEAM HERE IN PUBLIC WORKS. AS THE MAYOR
10 MENTIONED, OUR FIVE COUNTY-OWNED GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS
11 FORM A KEY PART OF THE NATION'S INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION
12 SYSTEM AND THEY ALSO PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN LOCAL AND REGIONAL
13 EMERGENCY RESPONSE WHILE PROVIDING A WIDE VARIETY OF AVIATION
14 SERVICES TO THE BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY,
15 INCLUDING YOUTH OPPORTUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS. EACH OF OUR
16 AIRPORTS PROVIDES FLIGHT SCHOOLS AIMED AT EDUCATING, INSPIRING
17 OUR YOUTH TO PURSUE CAREERS IN AVIATION. AND A MILE OF ROADWAY
18 WILL TAKE YOU A MILE. BUT A MILE OF RUNWAY WILL TAKE YOU
19 ANYWHERE. AND WE'RE VERY, VERY EXCITED TO BE HOSTING THE
20 SECOND ANNUAL COUNTY AIR SHOW MARCH 21ST AND 22ND WITH THE
21 U.S. AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRDS. AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT IF YOU
22 HAVE NOT SEEN THEM FLY, IT IS GOING TO BE AMAZING. AND IT'S
23 ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY
24 AND SUPPORT AND INSPIRE AND KINDLE THE DREAMS OF OUR YOUTH AND
25 HELP THOSE DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS



1 RECOGNITION AND FOR RECOGNIZING THE STRATEGIC ROLE OF AVIATION
2 AS AN ASSET HERE IN THE COUNTY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
3 [APPLAUSE]

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. NOW WE HAVE LITTLE OSCAR. HE'S
6 12 WEEKS OLD. HE'S A LITTLE DACHSIE MIX. PROBABLY LITTLE
7 DACHSIE CHIHUAHUA. ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE OSCAR?
8 VERY LOVING. YOU COULD CALL 562-728-4610. I HAVE THREE OF THEM
9 AT HOME. I HAVE TWO BLACK AND ONE RED MYSELF. SO, ANYWAYS,
10 LITTLE OSCAR WOULD LOVE TO RIDE IN A LITTLE RED PORSCHE. GOING
11 TO WORK WITH A WONDERFUL SUPERVISOR. FIRST DISTRICT?
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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14 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, AND MEMBERS OF
15 THE BOARD. IT'S MY HONOR AND PRIVILEGE THIS MORNING TO HONOR
16 BATANIA SANTOS A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE. AFTER
17 SEEING HER INSPIRATIONAL STORY IN THE "SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
18 TRIBUNE" A FEW WEEKS AGO, I WAS INSPIRED TO ASK HER TO COME
19 HERE TO SHARE HER STORY, OR AT LEAST I COULD SHARE HER STORY
20 WITH YOU. AT A TENDER AGE OF 26, SHE HAS FACED TERRIBLE LOSS
21 OF FAMILY MEMBERS DUE TO CANCER. SHE LOST HER SISTER, MOTHER
22 AND FATHER. SHE DECIDED TO TAKE A PREVENTIVE APPROACH FOR HER
23 OWN HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. SHE BRAVELY OPTED FOR A DOUBLE
24 MASTECTOMY ALL WHILE PURSUING HER COLLEGE EDUCATION AT CAL
25 STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES. SHE ALSO ASSISTS STUDENTS WHO



1 ARE FACED WITH ISSUES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL, HELPING THEM TO FOCUS
2 ON THEIR EDUCATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PAN AFRICAN STUDIES
3 AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES. AS A SOCIOLOGY MAJOR, SHE
4 CONTINUES TO RESEARCH THE EFFECTS ON WOMEN WHO HAVE TO COPE
5 WITH THESE CHALLENGES AND SHARES HER INSPIRATIONAL STORY OF
6 SURVIVAL AND PERSEVERANCE. I CALL IT GANAS. PLEASE JOIN ME
7 TODAY IN GIVING HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR HER COURAGEOUS
8 STEPS. [APPLAUSE.] AND WHILE IT'S ALWAYS AN HONOR TO RECOGNIZE
9 SOMEONE FROM MY OWN HOMETOWN, LA PUENTE, I'M VERY PROUD OF YOU
10 AS A LATINA, AS A WOMAN, AN EDUCATED INSPIRATION FOR MANY WHO
11 ARE COMBATING CANCER. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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13 **BATANIA SANTOS:** HELLO, EVERYONE. I'M DEEPLY HONORED AND SO
14 GRATEFUL TO BE HERE. AND I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
15 SHARE A LITTLE BIT OF MY JOURNEY THROUGHOUT THIS WHOLE PAST
16 DECADE. I HAVE ENCOUNTERED A LOT OF OBSTACLES AND I HAVE LOST
17 A LOT OF LOVED ONES. BUT THROUGH THOSE MOMENTS, I HAVE BEEN
18 ABLE TO FIND HOPE THROUGH MY COMMUNITY AND THROUGH MY EXTENDED
19 FAMILY, WHICH IS HERE TODAY. I HAVE MY BOSS HERE FROM THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES AT CAL STATE L.A. WHO HAS
21 SUPPORTED ME THROUGHOUT EVERYTHING. [APPLAUSE] I HAVE MY
22 PARTNER, MY FRIENDS, WHO HAVE BECOME SECOND CARETAKERS
23 THROUGHOUT THIS WHOLE TIME. WHEN I WAS TAKING CARE OF MY DAD,
24 THEY BECAME FAMILY TO ME. AND I JUST WANT TO EXTEND MY
25 GRATITUDE TO NOW MY COMMUNITY FOR LIFTING MY SPIRITS, FOR



1 HONORING OUR STORY AND FOR GIVING ME GANAS TO CONTINUE. SO I
2 WANT TO THANK YOU ALL. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR, AND
7 COLLEAGUES. AGAIN, A SPECIAL DAY AND WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE
8 GET LIT IN THE HOUSE. AND WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE THE FOUNDER,
9 DIANE LANE, AS WELL AS THOSE LADIES FROM WHICH YOU WILL HEAR
10 SHORTLY. RHIANNON, VALESSA AND, FINALLY, ZARIA. AND SO I AM
11 PLEASED TO GIVE THIS COMMENDATION TO GET LIT, AN OUTSTANDING
12 ORGANIZATION THAT HAS LIT A FIRE IN THE MINDS OF SO MANY YOUNG
13 PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. FOUNDED IN 1992 BY DIANE,
14 GET LIT HAS EXPOSED TEENS TO THE POWER OF THE SPOKEN WORD AND
15 SPARKED A LOVE OF LEARNING FOR TEENS THROUGHOUT OUR
16 COMMUNITIES. THIS ORGANIZATION BRINGS TOGETHER CLASSIC
17 LITERATURE AND POETRY WITH CONTEMPORARY SPOKEN WORD
18 PERFORMANCES AND TECHNIQUES. GET-LIT'S PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED
19 TO BOOST LITERACY ACROSS CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND ENCOURAGE
20 CREATIVE EXPRESSION. WE'RE FOND OF THE PHRASE THAT READERS
21 BECOME LEADERS, THEREFORE GET LIT IS ON POINT. GET LIT EQUIPS
22 STUDENTS FOR FUTURE SUCCESS IN COLLEGE AND THE WORKPLACE BY
23 BUILDING CONCISE WRITING SKILLS, DYNAMIC PUBLIC SPEAKING
24 ABILITIES AND A FOUNDATION FOR SELF-CONFIDENCE, SELF-ESTEEM,
25 SELF-WORTH. GET LIT PARTICIPATES-- THE PARTICIPANTS, RATHER,



1 ARE IMMERSSED IN THE WORLD OF GREAT LITERATURE, MANY FOR THE
2 FIRST TIME. AND ONCE A YOUNG MIND EXPERIENCES THE WONDER AND
3 THE POWER OF READING, IT IS INDEED CHANGED FOREVER. YOU MIGHT
4 HAVE SEEN GET LIT PLAYERS PERFORM AT THE RECENT HOLLYWOOD BOWL
5 JOHN LEGEND CONCERT OR PERHAPS YOU WATCHED THEM ON THE QUEEN
6 LATIFAH SHOW. THEY'RE DOING IT AND THEY'RE DOING IT BIG TIME
7 AND THEY'RE HERE WITH US TODAY. WE EXPECT THAT THEY WILL HAVE
8 AN EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY AND TIME AT THE 23RD ANNUAL
9 EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS AT U.S.C. ON THIS COMING SATURDAY, AND WE
10 EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ALL TO PARTICIPATE WITH US THEN. BUT
11 IF YOU HAPPEN TO MISS THEM ON SATURDAY OR ANY OF THE OTHER
12 INSTANCES TO WHICH I HAVE REFERRED, YOU'LL BE TREATED TO THEM
13 TODAY. AND SO WE WISH TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, DIANE,
14 FOR FOUNDING OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY ORGANIZATION AND FOR THESE
15 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE TODAY WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN CHANGED
16 AND THEY, IN TURN, ARE CHANGING THE LIVES OF MANY OTHERS. AND
17 SO WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND WE'RE DELIGHTED TO MAKE THIS
18 PRESENTATION TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **DIANE LANE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE AT GET
21 LIT, WORDS IGNITE. WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS
22 FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY, MOST ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR MARK
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS, THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S AN HONOR. I'D LIKE TO
24 INTRODUCE FOR YOU SOME OF OUR PLAYERS, RHIANNON MCGAVIN, ZARIA
25 ALLEN AND BELLISA ESCOBIDO. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SPEAKER:** HERE IN AMERICA IN EVERY SINGLE STATE.

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4 **SPEAKER:** THEY SET THE STANDARDS FOR EVERY SUBJECT, A
5 COLLECTION OF LESSONS THAT THE TEACHER IS REQUIRED TO TEACH BY
6 THE END. TERM.

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8 **SPEAKER:** BUT THE GREATEST LESSONS YOU WILL EVER TEACH US WILL
9 NOT COME FROM YOUR SYLLABUS.

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11 **SPEAKER:** THE GREATEST LESSONS YOU WILL EVER TEACH US YOU WILL
12 NOT EVEN REMEMBER.

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14 **SPEAKER:** YOU NEVER TOLD US WHAT WE WEREN'T ALLOWED TO SAY. WE
15 JUST LEARNED HOW TO HOLD OUR TONGUES. NOW SOMEWHERE IN AMERICA
16 THERE'S A CHILD HOLDING A COPY OF "CATCHER IN THE RYE" THERE'S
17 A CHILD HOLDING A GUN. BUT ONLY ONE OF THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN
18 BANNED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND IT'S NOT THE ONE THAT CAN
19 RIP THROUGH FLESH. IT'S THE ONE THAT SAYS F. YOU ON MORE PAGES
20 THAN ONE BECAUSE WE MUST CONTROL WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY, HOW THEY
21 THINK AND IF THEY WANT TO BECOME THE OVERSEER OF THEIR OWN
22 SELVES THEN WE'LL SHOW THEM A REAL ONE. AND SOMEWHERE IN
23 AMERICA THERE'S A CHILD SITTING AT HIS MOTHER'S COMPUTER
24 READING THE HOME PAGE OF THE K.K.K.'S WEBSITE AND THAT'S OPEN
25 TO THE PUBLIC BUT THE CHILD WILL HAVE NEVER READ "TO KILL A



1 MOCKINGBIRD" BECAUSE THE SCHOOL HAS BANNED IT FOR ITS USE OF
2 THE N WORD. MAYA ANGELOU IS PROHIBITED BECAUSE WE'RE NOT
3 ALLOWED TO TALK ABOUT RAPE IN SCHOOL. WE WERE TAUGHT THAT JUST
4 BECAUSE SOMETHING HAPPENS, IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU ARE TO TALK
5 ABOUT IT.

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7 **SPEAKER:** THEY BUILD US BRAND NEW SHOPPING MALLS SO THAT WE'LL
8 FORGET WHERE WE'RE REALLY STANDING ON THE BONES OF THE
9 HISPANICS, ON THE BONES OF THE SLAVES, ON THE BONES OF THE
10 NATIVE AMERICANS, ON THE BONES OF THOSE WHO FOUGHT JUST TO
11 SPEAK. TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD TO JAPANESE INTERNMENT CAMPS.
12 THERE ARE THINGS MISSING FROM OUR HISTORY BOOKS. BUT WE ARE
13 TAUGHT THAT IT IS BETTER TO BE SILENT THAN TO MAKE THEM
14 UNCOMFORTABLE. SOMEWHERE IN AMERICA. PRIVATE SCHOOL GIRLS
15 SEARCH FOR HOURS THROUGH BOUTIQUES TRYING TO FIND THE PROM
16 DRESS OF THEIR DREAMS WHILE KIDS ON THE SOUTH SIDE SPEND HOURS
17 SEARCHING THROUGH THE LOST AND FOUND BECAUSE WINTER'S COMING
18 SOON AND THAT'S THE ONLY JACKET THEY HAVE. KIDS ARE LATE TO
19 CLASS FOR WORKING THE MIDNIGHT SHIFT. THEY GET AWARDS FOR BEST
20 ATTENDANCE BUT NOT FOR KEEPING THEIR FAMILY OFF THE STREETS.
21 THESE KIDS WILL CALL YOUR MUSIC GHETTO. THEY WILL TELL YOU,
22 YOU DON'T TALK RIGHT. THEN THEY'LL GET IN THE BACK SEAT OF A
23 CAR WITH ALL THEIR FRIENDS, SING ABOUT HOW THEY ARE ABOUT THAT
24 LIFE AND WE CAN'T STOP. SOMEWHERE IN AMERICA. SCHOOLS ARE
25 PROMOTING SELF-CONFIDENCE WHILE THEY WHIP OUT THEIR SCALES AND



1 SHOUT OUT YOUR BODY FAT PERCENTAGE IN CLASS. WHILE THE HEFTIER
2 GIRLS ARE HIDING AWAY AND THE SWIM-FIT BEAUTIES CAN'T HELP BUT
3 GIGGLE WITH PRIDE. THE PREPPY KIDS GO THRIFT SHOPPING BECAUSE
4 THEY THINK IT SOUNDS FUN. BUT WE GO BECAUSE THAT'S ALL WE GOT
5 MONEY FOR. BECAUSE MAMA WORKS FOR THE CITY. MAMA ONLY GETS
6 PAID ONCE A MONTH. SOMEWHERE IN AMERICA A GIRL IS GETTING FELT
7 UP BY A GROWN MAN ON THE SUBWAY. SHE'S STILL IN HER SCHOOL
8 UNIFORM AND THAT'S PART OF THE APPEAL. IT'S HARD TO RUN IN
9 KNEE SOCKS AND MARY JANES AND ALL HER MALE TEACHERS KNOW IT,
10 TOO. COACHES COVER UP STAR PLAYERS RAPING FRESHMEN AFTER THE
11 DANCE. WOMEN ARE KILLED FOR REJECTING DATES, BUT GOD FORBID I
12 BRING MY GIRLFRIEND TO PROM. A GIRL'S BLACK OUT DRUNK AT THE
13 AFTER PARTY. TAKE A PICTURE BEFORE HER WOUNDS WAKE HER. HOW
14 MANY PIXELS IS YOUR SANITY WORTH? WHAT'S A 4.0 TO A COLD JURY?
15 WHAT DID YOU LEARN IN CLASS TODAY? DON'T WALK FAST. DON'T
16 SPEAK LOUD. KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF. KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN.
17 KEEP YOUR EYES ON YOUR OWN PAPER. IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER
18 FILL IN "C." ALWAYS WEAR EAR BUDS WHEN YOU RIDE THE BUS ALONE.
19 IF YOU FEEL LIKE SOMEONE'S FOLLOWING YOU, PRETEND YOU'RE ON
20 THE PHONE. THE TEACHER NEVER FAILS, ONLY YOU DO. EVERY STATE
21 IN AMERICA, THE GREATEST LESSONS ARE THE ONES YOU DON'T
22 REMEMBER LEARNING. [APPLAUSE]

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S WHEN WE SAY GET LIT. GIVE THOSE
25 YOUNG LADIES ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE]



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SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: SUPERVISOR KNABE.

SUP. KNABE: WELL, MR. ROUNTREE, YOU GET TO FOLLOW THAT.
[LAUGHTER.] IT'S OUR PLEASURE TODAY, I AM ASKING STEVE ROUNTREE TO JOIN US AND WE ARE HONORING STEVE, PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE MUSIC CENTER OF LOS ANGELES SINCE 2002. HE PROBABLY JUST BOOKED THEM FOR A SHOW. ANYWAY, CONCURRENTLY HE WAS C.E.O. OF THE LOS ANGELES OPERA FROM 2008 TO 2012. PRIOR TO THE MUSIC CENTER, HE SERVED THE J. PAUL GETTY TRUST FOR 22 YEARS, STARTING IN 1980 AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE GETTY MUSEUM. IN 1984, HE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE GETTY CENTER BUILDING PROGRAM. AND IN JANUARY 1988, HE WAS NAMED EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER FOR THE GETTY TRUST. HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE, IS A TRUSTEE OF THE AHMANSON FOUNDATION, CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF LOS ANGELES, THE LOS ANGELES OPERA, AND OUR NEW GRAND PARK FOUNDATION. HE ADVISES NUMEROUS NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT AND BUILDING PROGRAMS. HIS INVOLVEMENT WAS CRITICAL TO THE BUILDING OF THE WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL AND TO MUSIC CENTER AND HE SERVES ON THE BOARD OF THE L.A. PHIL AS WELL AS THE WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL. SO ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD, THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THE GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL



1 TO STEVE FOR HIS 12 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE
2 MUSIC CENTER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. CONGRATULATIONS, STEVE.
3 [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **STEVE ROUNTREE:** I JUST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE
6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS HONOR. BUT IN PARTICULAR I WANT
7 TO THANK THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PRESENT AND PAST FOR
8 50 YEARS OF INCREDIBLE SUPPORT OF THE MUSIC CENTER OF LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY. THERE'S NO OTHER COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY THAT
10 PROVIDES THIS KIND OF SUPPORT FOR A MAJOR PERFORMING ARTS
11 CENTER. AND IF I MAY SAY SO, THE YOUNG WOMEN WE JUST HEARD
12 FROM A FEW MINUTES AGO ARE AN EXAMPLE OF THE POWER OF ART TO
13 CHANGE LIVES AND TO AFFECT YOUNG PEOPLE. SO I WANT TO THANK
14 THE SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK ALL OF YOUR STAFF FOR
15 YOUR SUPPORT OF ME OVER THE YEARS AND FOR ALL YOU DO TO
16 SUPPORT THE ARTS IN THIS COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE]

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** SPEAKING OF EDUCATION AND SPEAKING OF TEACHERS,
19 I'VE GOT TWO YOUNG LADIES UP HERE, MAGGIE MABERY AND LOVELYN
20 MARQUEZ-PRUEHER. AND THESE TWO TEACHERS FROM THE FOURTH
21 DISTRICT HAVE BEEN NAMED DISTINGUISHED TEACHERS OF CALIFORNIA
22 2015 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
23 EDUCATION. AND JUST THINK ABOUT THIS. THERE WERE ONLY FIVE
24 SELECTED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND YOU HAVE TWO OF THEM
25 RIGHT HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY. [APPLAUSE] MAGGIE IS A SCIENCE



1 TEACHER-- THEY'RE BOTH. I SAID THEY'RE BOTH BIBLICAL BECAUSE
2 THEY HAVE TO HAVE THE PATIENCE OF JOB. SHE TEACHES 7TH-8TH
3 GRADE AND SHE TEACHES 8TH GRADE. SO THEY'RE AT THAT STATE OF
4 THEIR LIFE. BUT MAGGIE'S A SCIENCE TEACHER AT MANHATTAN BEACH
5 MIDDLE SCHOOL. SHE INSPIRES HER STUDENTS EACH DAY TO BE THE
6 BEST SCIENTISTS THAT THEY CAN BE. SHE CHALLENGES HER STUDENTS
7 TO NOT ONLY EXPERIENCE AND EXPLORE THE UNKNOWN BUT TO QUESTION
8 WHAT ALREADY HAS BEEN PROVEN. MISTAKES ARE CELEBRATED NOT AS
9 AN END POINT BUT AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW. SHE USES TECHNOLOGY
10 TO CREATE EXPERIENCES FOR HER STUDENTS THAT ENGAGE AND CONNECT
11 THEM TO THE WORLD OF SCIENCE OUTSIDE THEIR CLASSROOM WALLS.
12 HER TEACHING CAREER HAS TAKEN HER FROM URBAN HOUSTON TEXAS TO
13 MANHATTAN BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL WHERE SHE HAS TAUGHT FOR THE
14 PAST 13 YEARS. SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN FIRST IN LINE TO TRY
15 SOMETHING NEW AND NOT SCARED TO SAY "I DO NOT KNOW, LET'S
16 FIGURE THAT OUT." HER PASSION FOR SCIENCE FACILITATING THE
17 GREAT LEARNING SHINES THROUGH HER EACH AND EVERY DAY IN HER
18 CLASSROOM. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND OUR RESIDENTS HERE IN
19 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE MAGGIE, AND I
20 UNDERSTAND YOU ARE ALSO GOING ON TO THE NATIONAL COMPETITION,
21 IS THAT CORRECT? CONGRATULATIONS, MAGGIE MABERY. [APPLAUSE]
22 NEXT I HAVE LOVELYN MARQUEZ- PRUEHER WHO IS AN EIGHTH GRADE,
23 AS I MENTIONED, ENGLISH TEACHER I THOUGHT YOU DID SCIENCE,
24 TOO.
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1 **LOVELY MARQUEZ-PRUEHER:** EIGHTH GRADE ENGLISH.

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** EIGHTH GRADE ENGLISH EVEN MORE BIBLICAL. EIGHTH
4 GRADE ENGLISH AT DODSON MIDDLE SCHOOL WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES
5 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUT IS LOCATED IN RANCHO PALOS VERDES.
6 SHE DEDICATES HERSELF TO HELP EACH STUDENT TO REACH THEIR
7 POTENTIAL AND OVERCOME ANY AND ALL OBSTACLES THEY MAY FACE,
8 JUST AS SHE HAD AS AN IMMIGRANT CHILD. HER GOAL IS TO INSPIRE
9 AND TO SHOW STUDENTS THAT ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH HARD WORK,
10 DETERMINATION AND A STRONG SUPPORT SYSTEM. SHE HAS A
11 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENGLISH, A MASTER'S IN EDUCATION. AS A
12 NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHER SPECIALIZING IN ENGLISH AS A
13 NEW LANGUAGE. SHE HAS DEVOTED HERSELF TO SERVING THE ENGLISH
14 LEARNER POPULATION AND STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES SO
15 THAT THEY, TOO, WILL HAVE THE SAME EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
16 THAT SHE HAD. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND RESIDENTS OF THIS
17 GREAT COUNTY, WE'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE LOVELYN ON HER
18 RECOGNITION AS ONE OF ONLY FIVE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR IN THIS
19 GREAT STATE OF CALIFORNIA. [APPLAUSE]

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21 **MAGGIE MABERY:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR L.A.U.S.
22 PEERS. SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE APPRECIATE THIS MUCH. WE LOVE WHAT
23 WE DO EACH DAY. AND THIS IS PART OF THE JOB THAT WE LOVE
24 DOING. THANK YOU.

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1 **LOVELYN MARQUEZ-PRUEHER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS WONDERFUL
2 RECOGNITION, BUT REALLY FOR MAGGIE AND I, THE HONOR IS BEING
3 ABLE TO WORK IN PUBLIC EDUCATION, TO BE IN THE CLASSROOMS AND
4 BE INSPIRED BY THE STUDENTS JUST LIKE THE GET LIT PLAYERS. SO
5 TO ALL THE FAMILIES OUT THERE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
6 SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THROUGHOUT THE COMPETITION, THEY DIDN'T KNOW
9 EACH OTHER. BUT THEY FOUND OUT THROUGH THE COMPETITION THEY'RE
10 NEIGHBORS. MR. MAYOR, THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN
13 MEMORY OF JUSTICE ORVILLE "JACK" ARMSTRONG WHO HAD SERVED AS A
14 MEMBER OF THE APPELLATE COURT AND STATE BAR PRESIDENT. HE
15 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES
16 ARMY AIR CORPS, A RADAR TECHNICIAN DURING WORLD WAR II, A
17 GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AND HE WAS ELECTED
18 PRESIDENT OF THE STATE BAR IN 1987. IN 1981, GOVERNOR
19 DEUKMEJIAN HAD APPOINTED HIM TO THE SUPERIOR COURT. GOVERNOR
20 WILSON HAD NAMED HIM TO THE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE TO THE
21 CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEALS. AND IN 2013, HE HAD RETIRED FROM
22 THAT AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR CHILDREN. JUSTICE RICHARD
23 C. NEAL PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 67. GRADUATE OF HARVARD AND
24 U.C. BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW. HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE SUPERIOR
25 COURT IN 1992 BY GOVERNOR WILSON WHERE HE ALSO CHAIRED THE



1 A.D.R. COMMITTEE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE BARBARA AND THEIR
2 FIVE CHILDREN, HIS FATHER AND STEPMOTHER. STELLA ZANKOVICH OF
3 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. SHE WAS A BOOKKEEPER, TREASURER,
4 FINANCIAL SECRETARY FOR THE HERBERT HAWKINS REALTY. SHE'S
5 SURVIVED BY HER SISTER AND FOUR CHILDREN. RANDALL WATWOOD,
6 RETIRED SERGEANT FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
7 DEPARTMENT. HIS LAST STATION ASSIGNMENT WAS COMMUNICATIONS AND
8 FLEET MANAGEMENT DIVISION. GWENDOLYN LOUISE WINCHELL, SHE
9 WORKED AT ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR MORE THAN 20
10 YEARS. SANFORD "SANDY" REISENBACH, FORMER EXECUTIVE VICE
11 PRESIDENT, MARKETING AND PLANNING AT WARNER BROTHERS STUDIOS.
12 PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 6TH AT THE AGE OF 82. AFTER GRADUATING
13 FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, HE JOINED WARNER BROTHERS PICTURES
14 AS THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT WHERE HE OVERSAW AND ADVISED
15 THE STUDIO'S WORLDWIDE MARKETING. HE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF
16 DIRECTORS OF I.C.A.N. AND IT'S TIME FOR KIDS. HE IS SURVIVED
17 BY HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER. TED RAFALOVICH, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
18 SANTA CLARITA. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79. HE GRADUATED FROM
19 THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND HE THEN BECAME A
20 NAVAL OFFICER AND SERVED WITH THE U.S.S GREER COUNTY. HE LATER
21 WORKED FOR APPLIED MATERIALS AS A DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND
22 STARTED HIS OWN CONSULTING BUSINESS. BEATRICE PACHECO, SHE
23 WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SHE
24 PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 2ND. SHE HAD JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN
25 DECEMBER OF 2006 AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SCIENTIFIC SERVICES



1 BUREAU. THOMAS MCMURTRY, LONGTIME RESIDENT ANTELOPE VALLEY,
2 WAS A PILOT, TEST PILOT FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVY FLYING
3 AIRCRAFT FOR LOCKHEED AND N.A.S.A. AFTER HE RETIRED FROM
4 N.A.S.A., HE FLEW CAMERA AIRCRAFT FOR THE FILMS AND SPORTING
5 EVENTS AND WAS NOMINATED FOR A S.A.G. AWARD FOR HIS WORK ON
6 "TRANSFORMERS 3" MOTION PICTURE. DAVID KUSHNER, RETIRED
7 SERGEANT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HIS LAST
8 ASSIGNMENT WAS THE HOMICIDE BUREAU. SALVADOR GARCIA WHO WAS
9 THE, FOOD MANAGER WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT. CLEMENT FRANCIS LEE ENDRES, LONG- TIME RESIDENT IN
11 ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE HAD SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY,
12 WORKED IN HIS FATHER'S AUTO DEALERSHIP, WAS ACTIVE MEMBER OF
13 THE ELKS, TOASTMASTERS, JUNIOR CHAMBER AND SACRED HEART
14 PARISH. WILDA NIELSON ANDREJCIK WAS PRESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE
15 VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT, ALONG WITH
16 SERVING ON THE SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION, THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
17 TRANSIT AUTHORITY, ANTELOPE VALLEY RED CROSS AND UNITED WAY.
18 JOE ALLEN, RETIRED DEPUTY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS WITH THE WEST BUREAU IN
20 JANUARY OF '93. PATRICIA LACHELT, ARCADIA. SHE SERVED THREE
21 YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. SHE EARNED HER NURSING DEGREE
22 AND HER MASTER'S DEGREE FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS
23 ANGELES. SHE WAS DIRECTOR OF HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR THE PASADENA
24 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND PROFESSOR AT AZUSA PACIFIC
25 UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING. AND A PERSONAL FRIEND AND DR.



1 HARRY JAFFA PASSED AWAY. HE WAS PROFESSOR EMERITUS AT
2 CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE AND CLAREMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY
3 AND DISTINGUISHED FELLOW AT THE CLAREMONT INSTITUTE. HE PASSED
4 AWAY ON JANUARY 10TH AT THE AGE OF 96. HE WAS ONE OF OUR
5 NATION'S MOST VITAL POLITICAL PHILOSOPHERS AND LEADING
6 HISTORICAL SCHOLAR. HE WROTE NUMEROUS WORKS ON ABRAHAM
7 LINCOLN. HE WAS ALSO THE MEMBER OF THE GOLDWATER PRESIDENTIAL
8 CAMPAIGN WHO WAS CREDITED WITH THE FAMOUS LINE "EXTREMISM IN
9 THE DEFENSE OF LIBERTY IS NO VICE, AND MODERATION IN PURSUIT
10 OF JUSTICE IS NO VIRTUE." HE WAS A STRONG INFORMATIVE VOICE ON
11 THE MODERN CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT AND THE INTELLECTUAL BATTLE
12 TO PRESERVE INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AND LIBERTY UNDER THE
13 CONSTITUTION. IN ADDITION TO HIS WORK ANALYZING THE INFLUENCE
14 OF ARISTOTLE, JOHN LOCKE ON WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, MADISON AND
15 OTHER FOUNDERS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DECLARATION OF
16 INDEPENDENCE AND THE CONSTITUTION, HE WAS A PROLIFIC WRITER
17 WHO CHRONICLED HISTORIC FIGURES INCLUDING THOMAS AQUINAS,
18 THOMAS JEFFERSON, WINSTON CHURCHILL AND MOST FAMOUSLY ABRAHAM
19 LINCOLN. HE'S BEST KNOWN FOR HIS WORK, "CRISIS AND THE HOUSE
20 DIVIDED: AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORK OF THE ISSUES IN THE
21 LINCOLN- DOUGLAS DEBATES." AFTER GRADUATING FROM YALE
22 UNIVERSITY, HE WENT TO THE NEW SCHOOL OF SOCIAL RESEARCH AND
23 STUDIED UNDER DR. LEO STRAUSS WHO WAS A-- WHO HAD FLED NAZI
24 GERMANY. AND STRAUSS LATER BECAME HEAD OF GOVERNMENT AT THE
25 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. HE BROUGHT DR. JAFFA TO CHICAGO, AND



1 JAFFA THERE TAUGHT AT CHICAGO, THEN OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY AND
2 THEN CAME OUT TO CLAREMONT. ANOTHER FAMOUS BOOK THAT HE HAD
3 WRITTEN WAS "SHAKESPEAREAN'S POLITICS." BUT HE WAS A QUIET
4 MAN. HE WAS ACTIVE TO THE END AND HAD A GREAT MIND. BUT ONE OF
5 THE MORE PROFOUND HISTORIANS ON THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
6 LINCOLN. SO SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
7 SO ORDERED. FIRST DISTRICT, ANY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS?

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9 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. I HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS. ONE IS, I
10 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
11 MRS. AMANDA WASH, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT.
12 SHE WAS AN INTERNATIONALLY WELL KNOWN DONOR OF MEDICAL
13 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO NUMEROUS AFRICAN COUNTRIES AS WELL
14 AS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL INDIVIDUAL VISITORS'
15 COUNCIL. FORMER CHAIRPERSON OF LOS ANGELES-LUSAKA SISTER CITY
16 COMMITTEE AND ACTIVE ON NUMEROUS OTHER INTERNATIONAL
17 ORGANIZATIONS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. IN 2003 SHE WAS HONORED BY
18 THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE PEACE CORPS AS THE FIRST RECIPIENT
19 OF THE ANNUAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD AND WAS LATER FLOWN TO
20 WASHINGTON, D.C. TO RECEIVE THE FRANKLIN WILLIAMS AWARD FOR
21 HER COMMUNITY SERVICE. SHE LIVED IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AND
22 IS SURVIVED BY ONE DAUGHTER AND ADOPTED SON AND DAUGHTER FROM
23 RWANDA. TWO GRANDCHILDREN, THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO
24 GREAT, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, HER SISTER LOUISE SMITH AND A HOST
25 OF FRIENDS. I ALSO MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURNS



1 IN MEMORY OF MISS MICHELLE SERROS, POET, AUTHOR AND ROLE
2 MODEL. SHE WAS A NEW VOICE FOR LATINO WRITERS IN THE 1990S
3 WITH HER DEBUT BOOK, "CHICANA, FALSA AND OTHER STUDIES OF
4 DEATH, IDENTITY AND OXNARD." "NEWSWEEK" MAGAZINE INCLUDED HER
5 IN THE WOMEN TO WATCH FOR THE NEW CENTURY CALLING HER WRITING
6 BOTH POIGNANT AND HILARIOUS. HER POEMS WERE FEATURED ON M.T.A.
7 BUSES ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS A PART OF ITS POETRY IN
8 MOTION INITIATIVE. MICHELLE'S SECOND BOOK, "HOW TO BE A
9 CHICANA ROLE MODEL," A "LOS ANGELES TIMES" BEST SELLER SET THE
10 TONE FOR THE REST OF HER CAREER AS SHE SPOKE TO HUNDREDS OF
11 STUDENTS FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS THROUGH COLLEGE AND PROVIDED
12 UNTOLD STORIES ABOUT LATINA WRITERS. MICHELLE ALSO WROTE TWO
13 YOUNG-ADULT NOVELS. A FOURTH GENERATION CALIFORNIAN WHO
14 CONSIDERED HERSELF A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WRITER SAYING: "TO
15 ME, ALL MY EXPERIENCES -- THE BEACH, THE MALLS, AVOCADOS --
16 VERY CALIFORNIAN. I HAPPEN TO BE CHICANA." LET US BE REMINDED
17 OF HER WORK AND WHAT SHE BROUGHT TO US. SHE WAS BORN AND
18 RAISED IN OXNARD, ATTENDED VENTURA COLLEGE AND TRANSFERRED
19 FROM SANTA MONICA CITY COLLEGE TO U.C.L.A. WHERE SHE GRADUATED
20 CUM LAUDE IN CHICANA AND CHICANO STUDIES. FACED WITH CANCER,
21 SHE NEVER QUIT LIVING. LIKE MANY OF US, SHE WAS INSPIRED BY
22 HER MOTHER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, ANTONIO MAGANA,
23 HER STEPDAUGHTER, ANASTASIA MAGANA AND HER FATHER GEORGE, HER
24 SISTER YVONNE, FRIENDS AND WRITERS NEAR AND FAR. THANK YOU FOR



1 YOUR COURAGEOUS VALOR IN PUTTING THINGS IN WRITING FOR ALL OF
2 US. THANK YOU, MICHELLE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
5 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, ADJOURNING MOTIONS?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, MAY I ASK THAT
8 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LEON DAVIS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY
9 THE 8TH. HE GRADUATED FROM CLARK COLLEGE WHICH LATER CHANGED
10 TO CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA. HE WAS A
11 FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT,
12 WHICH IS NOW THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT.
13 AND THAT WAS FOR OVER 30 YEARS THAT HE WORKED IN THAT CONTEXT.
14 HE WORKED TO REHABILITATE HOMES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AS WELL AS
15 MAJOR STRUCTURES AND PROJECTS. MR. DAVIS WAS A MEMBER OF THE
16 HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF
17 VARIOUS BOARDS INCLUDING THE RIGHTS OF PASSAGE PROGRAM FOR
18 YOUNG PEOPLE. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS LOVE OF GOLF AND
19 THE JOY OF HELPING OTHERS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE BEVERLY
20 AND MANY FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY.
21 LEON DAVIS. MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, MAY I ASK THAT YOU
22 ADJOURN IN MEMORY-- JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF
23 CLARENCE E. HUNTLEY, JR. WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY THE 5TH AT
24 THE AGE OF 91. IN 1942 HE ENLISTED AS A MEMBER OF THE TUSKEGEE
25 AIRMEN THAT FLEW IN WORLD WAR II AND WAS SHIPPED OVERSEAS TO



1 SERVE ON THE 100TH FIREFIGHTER SQUADRON OF THE ARMY AIR FORCE
2 332ND FIGHT GROUP. HE WAS TRAINED AS A MECHANIC AND WAS A CREW
3 CHIEF FOR PLANES NAMED SKIPPER, DARLING, DARLING III. MR.
4 HUNTLEY WAS A SKY CAP FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS AT AIRPORTS IN
5 BURBANK AND LOS ANGELES, A LIFE- LONG FRIEND OF TUSKEGEE
6 AIRMAN JOSEPH CHAMRY WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE SAME DAY. MR.
7 HUNTLEY IS SURVIVED BY MANY, MANY FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
8 WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. CLARENCE E. HUNTLEY, JR. MR. MAYOR,
9 COLLEAGUES, PLEASE JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF DEACON
10 AARON CHARLES LACEY. DEACON LACEY WAS BORN JULY THE 28, 1919
11 IN PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS AND PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 31 OF LAST
12 YEAR AT THE AGE OF 95. AT A YOUNG AGE, HE WORKED AS A STREET
13 VENDOR, CLEANED OIL TANKS AND WAS A CASHIER AT THE FAMILY CAFE
14 SELLING SANDWICHES AND PIES TO DOCK WORKERS. 1938 HE MARRIED
15 HATTIE WILKERSON AND RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES WITH THEIR SON.
16 IN 1944 HE WAS DRAFTED INTO THE UNITED STATES ARMY WHERE HE
17 ACHIEVED THE RANK OF STAFF SERGEANT. HE SERVED A TOUR OF DUTY
18 IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AND WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED. AFTER
19 RETURNING TO CIVILIAN LIFE, HE WORKED AT THE UNITED STATES
20 POST OFFICE FOR SOME 30 YEARS WHERE HE MET HIS WIFE OPHELIA
21 AND THEY WERE MARRIED THEN FOR SOME 64 YEARS. DEACON LACEY WAS
22 A MEMBER OF THE TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR 73 YEARS AND SERVED
23 ON NUMEROUS COMMITTEES AND HELD MANY LEADERSHIP ROLES,
24 INCLUDING TREASURER, PRESIDENT OF THE LAYMEN'S LEAGUE AND
25 PRESIDENT FOR TWO YEARS OF THE GOSPEL CHORUS. IN 1958 HE WAS



1 ORDAINED AS A DEACON AND WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE DEACON BOARD. HE
2 WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY AS A
3 VOLUNTEER, FOR THE HOMELESS HOT LUNCH PROGRAM AS A TUTOR AT
4 THE REMEDIAL READING AND LEARNING CENTER. HE IS SURVIVED BY
5 HIS WIFE OPHELIA, SONS AARON, JR., DAVID WHO IS THE HUSBAND OF
6 DISTRICT ATTORNEY JACKIE LACEY, AND CLIFFORD, HIS DAUGHTER
7 MILLICENT SISTER FRANKIE, SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, EIGHT GREAT
8 GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO
9 WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. DEACON AARON CHARLES LACEY, MR. MAYOR
10 AND COLLEAGUES. WE MADE REFERENCE A MOMENT AGO TO JOSEPH
11 CHAMBRY, WHO PASSED ON JANUARY THE 5TH AT THE AGE OF 91. IN
12 1942 HE ENLISTED AS A MEMBER OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN THAT FLEW
13 IN WORLD WAR II AND WAS SHIPPED OVERSEAS TO SERVE IN THE 100TH
14 FIREFIGHTER SQUADRON OF THE ARMY AIR FORCE'S 332ND FIGHTER
15 GROUP. MR. CHAMBRAY WAS A NATIONAL GUARD COMBAT ENGINEER
16 DURING THE KOREAN WAR AND SPENT HIS REMAINING CAREER WITH THE
17 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. HE WAS
18 A LIFE LONG FRIEND OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMAN CLARENCE HUNTLEY
19 JR., WHO I JUST MENTIONED PASSED ON THE SAME DAY. HE IS
20 SURVIVED BY MANY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND MEMBERS WHO WILL MOST
21 ASSUREDLY MISS THEM DEARLY. FINALLY, MR. MAYOR, PLEASE JOIN ME
22 IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF MELANIE REEVES WILLIAMS. BORN
23 NOVEMBER 23, 1951 IN CLEVELAND, OHIO AND PASSED ON JANUARY 2ND
24 AT THE AGE OF 63. SHE EARNED A BACHELOR'S OF ARTS DEGREE AND
25 DOCTOR OF EDUCATION AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY AND A MASTER'S OF



1 EDUCATION AT CAL STATE LOS ANGELES. SHE WORKED FOR
2 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES, KNOWN AS I.B.M., AND 19 YEARS
3 AT DISNEY. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE MOUNT HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
4 AND WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE
5 COMMUNITY, FOR HER ETERNAL OPTIMISM. SHE WAS A LOVING MOTHER.
6 SHE LOVED MUSIC. SHE LOVED TAP DANCING AND OTHER FORMS OF
7 DANCING AND SEWING. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND GARY,
8 PROFESSOR OF LAW AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, DAUGHTERS JENNIFER AND
9 SARAH, BROTHERS, IRVIN AND JEFFREY, MANY FAMILY, FRIENDS OF
10 WHOM BOTH MY WIFE AND I CONSIDER OURSELVES THEIR FRIENDS. SHE
11 WILL INDEED BE MISSED DEARLY. MELANIE REEVES WILLIAMS. THAT
12 CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MR. MAYOR.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED, WITH NO OBJECTION, SO
15 ORDERED. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT
18 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SAMUEL GOLDWYN,
19 JR., LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT, PROMINENT
20 INDEPENDENT FILM PRODUCER AND DISTRIBUTOR, RECENTLY PASSED
21 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88 FROM CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE. HE'S THE
22 SON OF LEGENDARY STUDIO BOSS SAM GOLDWYN AND HE GREW UP IN
23 WEALTH AND PRIVILEGE BUT THEN TURNED HIS BACK ON THE GLAMOUR
24 OF POPULAR ENTERTAINMENT TO CHART INSTEAD A MORE
25 UNCONVENTIONAL COURSE AS A PRODUCER OF SMALL ART MOVIES AIMED



1 AT SELECT AUDIENCES AND EMPHASIZING QUALITY AND CREATIVITY
2 OVER MASS ENTERTAINMENT. HE WAS BORN IN L.A. ATTENDED THE
3 UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. SERVED IN THE ARMY. WORKED IN THE
4 BRITISH FILM INDUSTRY AND FOR C.B.S. NEWS IN NEW YORK BEFORE
5 RETURNING TO LOS ANGELES AND CHARTING HIS OWN COURSE IN THE
6 MOVIE INDUSTRY WHERE HE PRODUCED HIS FIRST FILM, A BOB MITCHUM
7 WESTERN, IN 1955. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS THIRD WIFE PATRICIA
8 STRAWN-GOLDWYN, HIS SONS PETER, JOHN, TONY AND FRANCIS
9 GOLDWYM, DAUGHTERS CATHERINE AND ELIZABETH GOLDWYN 11
10 GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. MR. MAYOR AND
11 COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
12 MEMORY OF AL MARTINEZ. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT
13 IN TOPANGA, KNOWN TO SO MANY OF US AS "THE BARD OF LOS
14 ANGELES" FOR HIS AWARD-WINNING "LOS ANGELES TIMES" COLUMN AND
15 HIS MANY BOOKS, ESSAYS AND SCRIPTS. HE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT
16 THE AGE OF 85 AFTER A LONG AND DIFFICULT BATTLE WITH CHRONIC
17 OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE. HE WAS BORN IN OAKLAND, SERVED
18 AS AN ARMY RIFLEMAN AND COMBAT CORRESPONDENT DURING THE KOREAN
19 WAR, A SEARING EXPERIENCE FOR HIM THAT INSPIRED, INFORMED AND
20 HAUNTED MUCH OF HIS SUBSEQUENT WRITING. AFTER RETURNING HOME,
21 HE WORKED FOR MANY YEARS FOR NEWSPAPERS IN THE BAY AREA,
22 INCLUDING THE "OAKLAND TRIBUNE," A SETTING HE FICTIONALIZED
23 FOR HIS 2000 NOVEL "THE LAST CITY ROOM" BEFORE MOVING TO
24 TOPANGA CANYON IN THE 1970S AND ESTABLISHING HIMSELF AS ONE OF
25 THE MOST DURABLE, POPULAR AND WELL-RESPECTED LOCAL NEWSPAPER



1 COLUMNISTS LOS ANGELES HAS EVER PRODUCED. AFTER LEAVING THE
2 TIMES DURING ONE OF SEVERAL DOWNSIZING AND STAFF REDUCTIONS,
3 HE WORKED FOR THE "DAILY NEWS," THE "TOPANGA MESSENGER," AND
4 THE NEWS AND MEDIA WEBSITE "L.A. OBSERVED" WHILE CONDUCTING
5 WRITING WORKSHOPS IN TOPANGA AS LONG AS HIS HEALTH WOULD
6 PERMIT. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED AND HIS WRITING LONG
7 REMEMBERED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JOANNE, A DAUGHTER
8 LINDA, A SON ALLEN AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN. HIS DAUGHTER CYNTHIA
9 PREDECEASED HIM. THANK YOU, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. MR. MAYOR AND
10 COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
11 MEMORY OF ROD TAYLOR. YOU CAN SEE THE KIND OF PEOPLE THAT LIVE
12 IN THE THIRD DISTRICT. A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD
13 DISTRICT, LEADING ACTOR, PROBABLY BEST KNOWN FOR HIS ROLES IN
14 "THE BIRDS" AND "THE TIME MACHINE" AMONG DOZENS OF OTHER FILM
15 AND TELEVISION APPEARANCES, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
16 84 AT HIS LOS ANGELES HOME. HE WAS BORN IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA,
17 PLAYED ONLY A HANDFUL OF AUSTRALIAN ROLES IN AN ACTING CAREER
18 THAT SPANNED MORE THAN SIX DECADES ON RADIO, STAGE, TELEVISION
19 AND FILM. WORKED WITH MANY OF THE TOP DIRECTORS OF THE DAY,
20 RANGING FROM GOLDEN AGE FIGURES LIKE GEORGE STEVENS AND ALFRED
21 HITCHCOCK TO MICHELANGELO ANTONIONI AND QUENTIN TARANTINO.
22 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CAROL KIKUMURA AND HIS DAUGHTER BY
23 A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE, FELICIA TAYLOR WHO IS A FORMER T.V. NEWS
24 ANCHOR AND REPORTER. MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT
25 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TAYLOR NEGRON,



1 A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT, A COMEDIAN AND
2 ACTOR, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 57 AFTER A SEVEN-YEAR BATTLE
3 WITH LIVER CANCER. HE WAS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS STORYTELLING
4 MONOLOGUES AND A RAFT OF MEMORABLE CHARACTER ROLES RANGING
5 FROM COMEDIC BITS IN "SEINFELD" AND "CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM" TO
6 THE PART OF A SADISTIC ASSASSIN IN "THE LAST BOY SCOUT." IN
7 ADDITION TO HIS ACTING AND STANDUP WORK, HE WAS ALSO A
8 TALENTED SKETCH ARTIST AND A PLAYWRIGHT WHO HAD HIS PLAYS
9 PRODUCED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, CONRAD AND LUCY
10 NEGRON, TWO BROTHERS, ALEX AND CONRAD AND OTHER FAMILY
11 MEMBERS. MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
12 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANDRAE CROUCH, LONGTIME
13 RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT IN PACOIMA, A LEGENDARY GOSPEL
14 PERFORMER, SONGWRITER, CHOIR DIRECTOR AND PASTOR FOR MORE THAN
15 50 YEARS, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 72 AFTER
16 SUFFERING A HEART ATTACK. HE LIVED WITH HIS SISTER, SANDRA,
17 AND THE TWO SERVED AS PASTORS AT THE NEW CHRIST MEMORIAL
18 CHURCH IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO. A SEVEN-TIME GRAMMY AWARD
19 WINNER, HE'S CREDITED WITH INSPIRING AND PIONEERING THE
20 CHRISTIAN POPULAR AND ROCK MUSIC FIELD AS DISTINCT FROM
21 TRADITIONAL GOSPEL IN THE LATE '60S AND EARLY '70S. HE WORKED
22 WITH MANY STARS OVER THE YEARS, INCLUDING ELVIS PRESLEY, PAUL
23 SIMON, MICHAEL JACKSON, MADONNA, DIANA ROSS, RINGO STARR AMONG
24 MANY OTHERS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SANDRA AND OTHER FAMILY
25 MEMBERS. MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN



1 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AL DELUGACH, LONGTIME RESIDENT
2 OF THE THIRD DISTRICT IN LOS FELIZ, A LEGENDARY INVESTIGATIVE
3 JOURNALIST AND REWRITE MAN WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
4 OF 89 FROM MESOTHELIOMA, AN ASBESTOS-RELATED LUNG CANCER. BORN
5 IN MEMPHIS, HE LEFT HIGH SCHOOL AT THE AGE OF 17 TO SERVE IN
6 THE NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II. AFTER THE WAR, COMPLETED HIS
7 SCHOOLING EMBARKED ON A JOURNALISM CAREER THAT INCLUDED A
8 THREE-YEAR INVESTIGATIVE SERIES ON LABOR RACKETEERING FOR THE
9 "ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT" THAT LED TO FEDERAL PROSECUTIONS AS
10 WELL AS A PULITZER PRIZE. RELOCATING TO L.A., HE WORKED NEARLY
11 20 YEARS AT THE L.A. TIMES BEFORE RETIRING IN 1989. HE WAS
12 LEGENDARY FOR HIS INTEGRITY, HIS GRIT, HIS WRITING SKILL, HIS
13 COLLEGIALITY. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED IN THE NEWS FRATERNITY
14 HE SERVED SO WELL. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE BERNICE, TWO
15 DAUGHTERS, SHARON AND JOIE, AND A SON DAN. FINALLY, MR. MAYOR
16 AND COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
17 IN MEMORY OF JOANNE HSI LIN, LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF L.A.
18 COUNTY IN THE THIRD DISTRICT AS WELL AS THE FOURTH DISTRICT,
19 WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. AT THE AGE OF 21,
20 SHE ESCAPED COMMUNIST CHINA WHEN SHE WAS SMUGGLED OUT OF THE
21 COUNTRY BY HER MOTHER TO JOIN FAMILY IN THE UNITED STATES
22 BEFORE CHINA CLOSED HER DOORS TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD. SHE WOULD
23 NOT SEE HER MOTHER AGAIN FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS UNTIL THE UNITED
24 STATES FINALLY RE-ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH MAINLAND CHINA.
25 ONCE SETTLED IN THE UNITED STATES, JOANNE MARRIED PO-CHEN LIN,



1 HER CHILDHOOD SWEETHEART WHO WAS STUDYING FOR HIS PH.D. AT
2 U.S.C. PURSUING HER OWN STUDIES, SHE EARNED A CHEMISTRY DEGREE
3 FROM CAL STATE L.A., GOING ON TO A 30-YEAR CAREER AS THE CHIEF
4 TECHNOLOGIST SPECIALIZING IN GENETICS AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
5 IN L.A. PO-CHEN AND JOANNE WOULD RAISE TWO CHILDREN, A SON
6 STAN WHO BECAME A CANCER RESEARCHER FOR JOHNS HOPKINS
7 UNIVERSITY AND A PUBLISHED SCIENTIST, AND A DAUGHTER CAROL,
8 T.V. JOURNALIST AT A.B.C. NEWS AND C.N.N. BEFORE SHE JOINED
9 THE COUNTY FAMILY AS A COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT FOR THE
10 PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THEN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IN
11 ADDITION TO HER CHILDREN, SHE'S SURVIVED BY A SISTER LIVING IN
12 CHINA, HSI LAN, AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN AND HER HUSBAND PO-
13 CHEN, WHO PREDECEASED HER. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTIONS,
16 SO ORDERED.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL MEMBERS ON ANDRAE CROUCH, MR. MAYOR,
19 PLEASE.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN
24 MEMORY OF A VERY GOOD FRIEND AND LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF THE
25 FOURTH DISTRICT AND THAT'S DOROTHY "JEAN" WALL, LOVINGLY KNOWN



1 AS "JEAN." SHE WAS LONGTIME COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND VOLUNTEER
2 IN UNINCORPORATED WHITTIER AREA. SHE PASSED AWAY LAST
3 THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH AT THE AGE OF 82 AFTER A VALIANT FIGHT
4 WITH CANCER. BORN IN ARKANSAS, MOVED TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY
5 WHEN SHE WAS EIGHT YEARS OLD, SETTLED PERMANENTLY IN
6 UNINCORPORATED WHITTIER. IN 1963, SHE WAS AN ICON THROUGHOUT
7 THE COMMUNITY, WORKED THROUGHOUT HER LIFE, VOLUNTEERING AND
8 HELPING VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE COUNTY FIRE
9 DEPARTMENT, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY
10 PATROL, LIONS CLUB, SOROPTIMIST CLUB. SHE WAS ALSO AN INTEGRAL
11 PART AND MEMBER OF THE WHITTIER COMMUNITY COORDINATING
12 COUNCIL, SERVED ON ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR OVER 20 YEARS.
13 HER HEART AND PASSION WAS TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY SHE LIVED
14 IN AND STRIVE TO HELP SOLVE ISSUES, PROMOTE THE PRIDE OF
15 UNINCORPORATED WHITTIER. SHE WAS A TRUE ADVOCATE, AN EXAMPLE
16 OF THOSE WHO SERVE AND GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND AMAZING
17 ROLE MODEL FOR VOLUNTEERISM AND STRENGTH. JEAN WAS KNOWN AS A
18 CARING AND LOVING PERSON WHO LOVED TO BE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS.
19 SHE WAS OFTEN SEEN, WE'D BE OUT THERE PASSING OUT COOKIES AND
20 HOT CHOCOLATE TO THE CHILDREN AT VARIOUS HOLIDAY EVENTS IN OUR
21 COUNTY PARKS. SHE WORKED HARD THROUGH THE WC.C.C. TO RECOGNIZE
22 OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD TRULY MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE
23 COMMUNITY. HER PASSING WAS A TREMENDOUS LOSS TO HER FAMILY AND
24 COMMUNITY. AND SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW AND LOVED
25 HER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO SONS, ROB AND WAYNE, AND HER



1 FOUR GRANDCHILDREN WHO SHE ABSOLUTELY ADORED, MICHAEL, STEVE
2 AND CAMERON AND TRAVIS. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ETHEL
3 HILLYARD, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PARAMOUNT WHO PASSED AWAY AT
4 THE AGE OF 94. SHE WAS BORN IN GERMANY, RELOCATED TO THE U.S.
5 AT THE AGE OF SIX. SHE WENT TO PASADENA HIGH, SANTA MONICA
6 JUNIOR COLLEGE. SHE WAS VERY DEDICATED TO EDUCATION IN THE
7 PARAMOUNT AREA SERVING ON MULTIPLE P.T.A.S AS WELL AS SERVING,
8 EVENTUALLY ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN 1966. MEMBER
9 OF PARAMOUNT WOMEN'S CLUB FOR 50 YEARS, FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE
10 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, JOINED THE SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION.
11 SHE PUBLISHED THE HISTORY OF THE CITY ENTITLED "FIESTAS, FARMS
12 AND FREEWAYS" WHICH WAS REVISED AND RE-PUBLISHED IN 1988 AS A
13 STORY OF PARAMOUNT, THE ALL-AMERICAN CITY. SHE'S SURVIVED BY
14 HER TWO SONS STANLEY AND STEVEN, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO
15 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER.
16 FINALLY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL GOLDMAN THE FATHER OF
17 A DEAR FAMILY FRIEND WHO PASSED AWAY IN LATE DECEMBER. HE IS
18 SURVIVED BY HIS SONS STEVE AND GARY. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL
19 WHO KNEW HIM. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
22 WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 2. WE HAVE, AS YOU CAN SEE, A
23 LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LIMIT THE
24 TESTIMONY TO ONE MINUTE EACH BECAUSE THAT'S STILL GOING TO
25 TAKE AT LEAST TWO HOURS. BUT LET ME FIRST STATE THAT TODAY'S



1 MOTION DIRECTS A REPORT TO BE PREPARED BY THE C.E.O. FOR THE
2 BOARD TO CONSIDER PRIOR TO ANY APPROVAL ACTION. IT ISN'T
3 INTENDED TO UNDERMINE OR IN ANY WAY DISREGARD THE GREAT WORK
4 THAT HAS BEEN DONE OR IS BEING DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 MENTAL HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES OR THE DEPARTMENT
6 OF PUBLIC HEALTH. IT'S AN EFFORT TO LOOK AT AN ALTERNATIVE
7 STRUCTURE TO IMPROVE ON THE WORK BEING DONE TO FURTHER ENHANCE
8 PATIENT CARE, ACCESS, INTEGRATION OF SERVICES, REDUCE
9 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, STREAMLINE BUREAUCRATIC PROCESSES.
10 RECOGNIZING THESE OBJECTIVES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED
11 BY THE STAKEHOLDERS, I AM GOING TO PUT ON THE TABLE THIS
12 AMENDMENT THAT WOULD BE ADDED. AND THAT WOULD BE, DIRECT THE
13 C.E.O., COUNTY COUNSEL, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN
14 CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL
15 HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, WEIGHTS AND
16 MEASURES, TO REPORT BACK WITHIN 60 DAYS WITH A PROPOSED
17 STRUCTURE TO ACCOMPLISH THE CONSOLIDATION AS WELL AS PROPOSED
18 IMPLEMENTATION STEPS, TIME FRAME FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF A
19 CONSOLIDATION AND THE BENEFITS OF ANY DRAWBACKS TO THIS
20 ACTION. IN ADDITION, THE C.E.O. WILL DIRECT AND ESTABLISH A
21 STAKEHOLDERS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT THAT
22 INPUT IS CONSIDERED IN THAT REPORT. SO THAT WILL BE ON THE
23 TABLE. IT'S THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION. AND I WILL CALL UP
24 THE FOLLOWING. I'LL CALL UP FOUR-- SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY--
25 THOMAS.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, IF IT'S APPROPRIATE AT THIS
3 POINT TO HAVE WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS THAT ARE BEING
4 CONTEMPLATED TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD SO THAT WE TAKE THEM ALL AT
5 ONCE RATHER THAN INDIVIDUALLY. TOWARD THAT END, MAY I OFFER
6 THIS AMENDMENT. THAT I WOULD MOVE THAT WE INCLUDE THE
7 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON
8 HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONSOLIDATION AND INSTRUCT THE DEPARTMENTS
9 TO INCLUDE IN THE REPORT BACK A RECOMMENDATION ON WHETHER THE
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MEDICAL SERVICES BUREAU SHOULD BE
11 INCLUDED IN THE CONSOLIDATION; AND IF SO, HOW IT SHOULD BE
12 STRUCTURED AND ACCOMPLISHED. MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, WE ALL
13 KNOW OR SHOULD KNOW THAT IN THIS MEDICAL SERVICES BUREAU, WE
14 HAVE SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH, GIVEN THE
15 CURRENT DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 JUSTICE ABOUT CONSENT DECREE SPECIFICALLY AIMED AT MENTAL
17 HEALTH IN OUR JAILS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE OUGHT TO BE SMART
18 ABOUT THIS HERE AND NOW AND MAKE SURE THAT THE DISCUSSION
19 ABOUT DIVERSION, THE ISSUE ABOUT CARE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL WHO
20 ARE INCARCERATED IS FACTORED INTO THIS VERY, VERY SUBSTANTIAL
21 DISCUSSION THAT WE ARE CONTEMPLATING IN TERMS OF
22 CONSOLIDATION.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I AGREE. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR-- I'LL
25 CALL UP THE SPEAKERS. OKAY. DR. JONATHAN FIELDING, HERMAN



1 DEBOSE, SUSAN MANDEL, AND BRUCE SALTZER. [APPLAUSE] ONCE
2 AGAIN, WE DON'T APPROVE OF APPLAUSE. THE BOARD RULES PREVENT
3 THAT. BUT IF YOU WANT TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT OR WHATEVER, JUST
4 RAISE THE CEILING WITH YOUR HANDS AND THAT WILL GET THE
5 MESSAGE ACROSS. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

6

7 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR. I'M VERY GLAD
8 TO BE BACK IN FRONT OF THIS GROUP. I THINK BETTER INTEGRATION
9 OF THE SERVICES WE ALL PROVIDE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, IT'S
10 WARRANTED, IT DESERVES FULL SUPPORT. BUT FULL INTEGRATION OF
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AS A DIVISION OF D.H.S., IF
12 THAT'S WHAT IS INTENDED, WILL ACTUALLY IN MY VIEW JEOPARDIZE
13 THE HEALTH OF ANGELINOS. AT A TIME WHEN IT'S RECOGNIZED THE
14 GREATEST DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH ARE IN THE SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL
15 AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS, COMBINING ALL OF THESE INTO ONE
16 SERVICE ORGANIZATION THAT TAKES CARE OF 10 PERCENT OF THE
17 POPULATION THREATENS THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE TO PROTECT AND
18 PROMOTE ALL 10 MILLION COUNTY RESIDENTS. ON THE OTHER HAND,
19 THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN UMBRELLA AGENCY THAT COULD HAVE AS THE
20 THREE STANDING DEPARTMENTS UNDERNEATH TO ME IS CERTAINLY
21 WORTHY OF VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. THAT WOULD ALLOW THE
22 OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO FULFILL THE OTHER PARTS OF THEIR MISSION
23 WITHOUT COMPROMISING YOUR VERY IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES. PUBLIC
24 HEALTH HAS A FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT MISSION THAN D.H.S. FOR
25 EXAMPLE, IT'S A REGULATOR. THINK OF THE RESTAURANT



1 INSPECTIONS, THE "A" "B" "C " GRADING PROGRAM THAT YOU WERE
2 THE FATHER OF. THINK OF, WE ARE A PROVIDER SOCIAL SERVICES,
3 SUCH AS NURSING HOME VISITING FOR FIRST-TIME SINGLE MOMS,
4 WE'RE A CONSUMER PROTECTION AGENCY. THINK OF HELPING RESIDENTS
5 BE BETTER PROTECTED FROM TOXIC EMISSIONS. WE ALSO WORK TO
6 PROMOTE HEALTH, HELPING REVISE SCHOOL MENUS, INCREASE BICYCLE
7 AND WALKING PATHS, WORK TO REDUCE CHILDHOOD OBESITY, INCREASE
8 VACCINATION FOR VACCINE-PREVENTIBLE DISEASES. CONTROLLING
9 OUTBREAKS OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND EDUCATING THE ENTIRE
10 PUBLIC ABOUT HOW TO STAY HEALTHY. IN OTHER WORDS-- THANK YOU.
11 I JUST WANT TO MAKE ONE OTHER COMMENT AND THAT IS--

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUBMIT THAT FOR THE RECORD.

14

15 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I WANT TO JUST SAY I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE
16 OF DR. KATZ AND HIS IMPORTANT WORK AND HIS ROLE IN THIS. THANK
17 YOU.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU HAD A
20 COMMENT? YOU DIDN'T?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WANTED TO-- TESTIMONY?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO PROBLEM. THANK YOU. SUSAN? OKAY.
25 THAT'S FINE.



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2 **BRUCE SALTZER:** GOOD MORNING. BRUCE SALTZER, REPRESENTING THE
3 ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES AND THE MENTAL
4 HEALTH COALITION. WE ARE HERE TODAY WITH A VERY SIMPLE
5 MESSAGE. MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS. MENTAL HEALTH IN THIS COUNTY
6 AND THE THOUSANDS OF PERSONS. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PLEASE, PLEASE.

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10 **BRUCE SALTZER:** DESERVE THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENT OF
11 MENTAL HEALTH. 10 YEARS AGO THE COUNTY'S OWN CIVIL GRAND JURY
12 FOUND THAT D.M.H. SHOULD REMAIN AS AN INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENT,
13 DETERMINING THAT IT'S THE SERVICE DELIVERY METHODS, CLIENT
14 BASE AND FUNDING STRUCTURE DIFFERED SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THOSE
15 ELEMENTS WITHIN D.H.S. 10 YEARS LATER NOTHING HAS CHANGED. I'D
16 LIKE TO QUOTE FROM A STUDY SPONSORED BY S.A.M.H.S.A. AND THE
17 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH HEALTH REFORM IS SEEN AS AN
18 OPPORTUNITY TO BETTER INTEGRATE THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND
19 BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT WHEN PHYSICAL
20 AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ARE INTEGRATED INTO ONE ORGANIZATION,
21 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES LOSE FOCUS. CARVING OUT BEHAVIORAL
22 HEALTH HAS TENDED TO RESULT IN GREATER EXPERTISE, RESOURCES
23 AND BETTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OUTCOMES, WITHOUT NECESSARILY
24 SACRIFICING COORDINATION WITH PHYSICAL HEALTH SERVICES. THE
25 BOTTOM LINE IS THAT D.M.H. IS AN INDEPENDENT COUNTY



1 DEPARTMENT, PROVIDES AN INDEPENDENT VOICE FOR AND FOCUS ON
2 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. AND THE, FRANKLY SUBSUMING D.M.H. UNDER
3 D.H.S. WOULD CONVEY THE MESSAGE THAT MENTAL HEALTH SIMPLY
4 DOESN'T DESERVE THE SAME STANDING AS PHYSICAL HEALTHCARE IN
5 COUNTY. WE DON'T BELIEVE THIS IS THE MESSAGE YOUR BOARD WANTS
6 TO CONVEY. I WANT TO CONCLUDE WITH THE WATCH WORDS FROM OUR
7 OWN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COALITION. THERE NOTHING ABOUT US
8 WITHOUT US. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AGAIN, PLEASE, PLEASE. THOSE WHO ARE
11 APPLAUDING, LOOK AT THOSE WHO ARE RAISING THE ROOF AND PLEASE
12 FOLLOW THAT EXAMPLE BECAUSE OTHERWISE, WE'RE GOING TO BE HERE
13 IN A DISORGANIZED MEETING THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO
14 ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES THAT YOU WANT TO HAVE WHERE EVERYBODY
15 WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE THEIR POINT OF VIEW. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
16 HERB HATANAKA AND IAN HUNTER.

17

18 **SUSAN MANDEL:** MR. MAYOR, LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S-- SUSAN MANDEL--
19 LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS THE
20 LARGEST OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM IN THE WORLD. IT
21 DESERVES A SEPARATE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE AND MENTAL HEALTH
22 EXPERTISE. SINCE THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT, WE HAVE BEEN
23 REQUIRED TO HAVE A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS. OUR PHILOSOPHY IS ONE
24 OF WELLNESS, RECOVERY, RESILIENCY. WE EMPOWER OUR CLIENTS AND
25 FAMILIES, HIRE PEERS AND PERSONS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE. OF



1 COURSE WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT INTEGRATION OF CARE. OUR CLIENTS
2 DIE AT 54 YEARS OF AGE ON AVERAGE. SUBSTANCE ABUSE AFFECTS
3 ALMOST ALL OF OUR CLIENTS. OBESITY, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE,
4 DIABETES, THESE ARE ALL THINGS THAT WE TRY TO HELP OUR CLIENTS
5 BY EDUCATING, LINKING AND MONITORING. INTEGRATION IS NOT
6 ACHIEVED BY CONSOLIDATION. MANY OF THE RULES THAT PROHIBIT
7 INTEGRATION ARE FEDERAL RULES OF MEDI-CAL AND MEDICARE. WE
8 BELIEVE THAT INTEGRATION WILL OCCUR WITH INDIVIDUAL CONTACT
9 BETWEEN PHYSICIANS, CLIENTS AND CASE MANAGERS AND FOLLOW UP.
10 WE COLLABORATE, WE COOPERATE AND WE COORDINATE OUR CARE.
11 PLEASE DO NOT ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S
12 INDEPENDENT STRUCTURE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SUSAN. THANK YOU. KITA
15 CURRY. YES, SIR.

16

17 **HERMAN DEBOSE:** MY NAME IS HERMAN DEBOSE. I'M THE VICE CHAIR OF
18 THE L.A. COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION. I'D LIKE THE
19 OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY CONCERNS REGARDING THE PROPOSED
20 MOTION. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS STOOD BY ITSELF
21 FOR A WHILE AND IT PROVIDED QUALITY SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.
22 THE INPUT THAT THE COMMUNITY PROVIDES THROUGH THE STAKEHOLDER
23 PROCESS IS ONE THAT'S WORKED REALLY EFFICIENT WITHIN THE
24 COUNTY. I AM CONCERNED THAT IF THE CONSOLIDATION TAKE PLACE,
25 THAT MENTAL HEALTH AND THE SERVICES THAT IT PROVIDES AT THIS



1 TIME MAY GET LOST WITHIN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. I THEREFORE AM
2 REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD RECONSIDER THE CONSOLIDATION MOTION
3 AND TAKE A LOOK AT HAVING THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT REMAIN
4 INDEPENDENT ON ITS OWN. AND AS MY COLLEAGUE SAID, BRUCE SAID
5 THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS SAY NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT
6 US. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO STRESS THAT POINT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
9 BETSY PFROMM. YES, SIR?

10

11 **HERB HATANAKA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS HERB HATANAKA, I AM
12 REPRESENTING THE A.C.H.S.A. BOARD AS WELL AS THE CHAIR OF THE
13 MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE ASIAN-PACIFIC POLICY AND
14 PLANNING COUNCIL. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT OF THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, MY A.P.I. COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE
16 DEVELOPED A CULTURALLY COMPETENT, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SYSTEM OF
17 CARE THAT SERVES OVER 9,000 A.P.I. CONSUMERS IN THIS COUNTY.
18 WE'RE ENCOURAGED BY THE NOW AMENDED WORDING IN THIS MOTION,
19 BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THE BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THREE
20 BASIC PRINCIPLES: EQUALLY INVOLVED THE THREE ENTITIES, HEALTH,
21 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN THE PROCESS OF EXAMINING
22 THE FEASIBILITY OF A CONSOLIDATED PLAN. NUMBER 2, GENUINELY
23 INVOLVE A BROAD-BASED STAKEHOLDER PROCESS IN EXAMINING THE
24 FEASIBILITY OF AN INTEGRATED APPROACH. AND, NUMBER 3 AND MOST
25 IMPORTANT, ANY PROPOSED PLAN INCLUDE THE CONTINUED INDEPENDENT



1 OPERATION OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
2 SUBSTANCE ABUSE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP LOUIS
5 JOSEPHSON? YES, SIR.

6

7 **IAN HUNTER:** MY NAME IS IAN HUNTER. I'M CURRENTLY THE PRESIDENT
8 C.E.O. OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
9 CENTER. THIS IS A MAJOR REORGANIZATION WHICH IS BEING
10 PROPOSED. AND I RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO TAKE THE NECESSARY
11 TIME TO THOROUGHLY ANALYZE THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED
12 CONSOLIDATION UPON THE CONSUMERS WHO UTILIZE THE SERVICES
13 PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, MOST OF WHOM ARE
14 SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL. IN THE 1970S, THE DEPARTMENTS WERE
15 CONSOLIDATED, BUT BUDGET PROBLEMS IN THE MUCH LARGER HEALTH
16 DEPARTMENT LED TO A STEADY SHRINKAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 10
17 PERCENT PER YEAR IN THE MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET AND IN THE NUMBER
18 OF CONSUMERS WHO COULD BE SERVED. THAT EVENTUALLY LED TO
19 UNCOUPLING THE DEPARTMENTS. MY VERY REAL CONCERN IS THAT WITH
20 RECONSOLIDATION, HISTORY WILL REPEAT ITSELF. THE CURRENT
21 INDEPENDENT MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN A REAL SUCCESS
22 STORY. SENIOR STAFF HAVE WORKED IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE
23 CONSUMER COALITION, THE ASSOCIATION OF CONTRACT AGENCIES AND
24 MANY OTHER COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, AND THIS PARTNERSHIP HAS
25 LITERALLY SPENT SEVERAL DECADES DEVELOPING AN EFFECTIVE



1 NETWORK OF SERVICES. THESE SERVICES ARE BASED UPON A
2 SCIENTIFICALLY-BASED BEST PRACTICES AND TAILORED TO MEET THE
3 COMPLEX AND EXTENSIVE NEEDS OF OUR CONSUMERS. THEY INVOLVE NOT
4 ONLY PSYCHOTHERAPY AND MEDICATION BUT MANY NON-MEDICAL
5 ELEMENTS SUCH AS HOUSING, VOCATIONAL TRAINING, WELLNESS
6 CENTERS AND CLIENT-RUN PROGRAMS. LET'S NOT GO BACK DOWN THE
7 ROAD OF RECONSOLIDATION OF DEPARTMENTS BACK TO MEDICAL MODEL
8 OF TREATMENT AND BACK TO A MORE LIMITED, RESTRICTED LEVEL OF
9 SERVICES.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MARIKO
12 KAHN? YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **KITA CURRY:** I'M KITA CURRY, THE C.E.O. OF DEDE HIRSCH MENTAL
15 HEALTH SERVICES, AND INTEGRATED CARE IS ONE OF OUR PRIMARY
16 STRATEGIC GOALS. WE INVITE YOU TO COME VISIT OUR INGLEWOOD
17 CENTER, OUR GLENDALE CENTER, OUR CENTER IN PACOIMA, OUR CENTER
18 IN CULVER CITY WHERE YOU CAN SEE SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES,
19 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND PRIMARY CARE WORKING TOGETHER FOR
20 THE BEST QUALITY OF CARE FOR OUR CLIENTS. SO THE QUESTION
21 ISN'T IF WE SHOULD INTEGRATE CARE, IT'S HOW. AND THERE ARE
22 MANY FACTORS TO CONSIDER. AND I APPRECIATE THE ATTENTION YOU
23 HAVE PAID TO SOME OF OUR CONCERNS IN THE FEW DAYS LEADING UP
24 TO THIS MEETING. BUT TWO MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS ARE SPECIALTY
25 AND SIZE. IN 2011, THE CENTER FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID



1 SERVICES ISSUED A WHITE PAPER, AND ONE OF THEIR POINTS WAS
2 THAT YOU NEEDED TO LOOK AT EITHER TOTALLY INTEGRATED CARE OR
3 ALSO YOU NEEDED TO LOOK AT WHETHER AT TIMES IT WAS BETTER TO
4 HAVE SPECIALTY SUCH AS SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS SEPARATE. IN
5 TERMS OF SIZE, IT SAID BEWARE OF CREATING AN ORGANIZATION
6 THAT'S SO LARGE IT NO LONGER CAN ACCOMPLISH ITS GOALS. AND LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY IS LARGER THAN 43 STATES IN THE U.S., AND I
8 REALLY THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT SERIOUSLY. CAN WE REALLY
9 SAVE MONEY? SO I'M GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IN TERMS OF
10 AMENDING THE MOTION SO FAR, BUT WE WOULD REQUEST THE MENTAL
11 HEALTH COALITION AND THE OTHERS IN THIS ROOM, WOULD REQUEST
12 THREE MINOR CHANGES THAT WOULD MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO US.
13 ON PAGE 2, ON ITEM 1 IN THE FIRST LINE, WE WOULD LIKE TO
14 STRIKE THE WORDS "IN CONCEPT" AND INSTEAD SAY "APPROVE THE
15 EXPLORATION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF D.H.S." ET CETERA. ON ITEM
16 2 IN LINE 4, WE WOULD LIKE TO CUT THE WORD "TO" AFTER PROPOSED
17 STRUCTURE AND INSTEAD SAY "WITHIN 60 DAYS OF PROPOSED
18 STRUCTURE THAT MIGHT ACCOMPLISH SUCH A CONSOLIDATION." AND IN
19 LINE 5, CUT THE WORD "PROPOSED" AND INSTEAD SAY "AS WELL AS A
20 POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION." SO WE REALLY HOPE THAT YOU WILL TAKE
21 THAT UNDER CONSIDERATION BECAUSE THAT MEANS THAT WE'RE REALLY
22 LOOKING AT WHETHER THIS IS THE BEST DECISION. IT'S A
23 MONUMENTAL DECISION.
24



1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DOROTHY
2 BANKS. YES, MA'AM. YES.

3

4 **BETSY PFROMM:** THANK YOU. I'M BETSY PFROMM, PRESIDENT OF THE
5 LOS ANGELES CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC. AT TODAY'S MEETING ARE THE
6 MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS AND ADVOCATES WHO JOIN TOGETHER WITH
7 THEN ASSEMBLY SPEAKER DARRELL STEINBERG TO DRAFT AN INITIATIVE
8 WHICH YOU KNOW IS PROPOSITION 63. THIS PROPOSITION GARNERED
9 BOTH SUPPORT IN FAVOR OF FUNDING THE MANY GAPS THAT EXISTED IN
10 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACROSS CALIFORNIA. LAST YEAR, PROP 63
11 COUNTY FUNDS TOTALED \$448 MILLION. SINCE THE PROPOSITION'S
12 INCEPTION, THE COUNTY HAS BENEFITED FROM 2.6 BILLION IN NEW
13 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES REVENUES. TODAY'S DEPARTMENT SERVES
14 260,000 CLIENTS AND ENJOYS A CLIENT SATISFACTION RATING OF 85
15 PERCENT OVERALL WITH AN IMPRESSIVE 90 PERCENT FOR THE CATEGORY
16 MENTAL HEALTH STAFF'S SENSITIVITY TO ONE'S CULTURAL
17 BACKGROUND. HEALTH PLANS ACROSS THE NATION WOULD BE HAPPY TO
18 CLAIM SUCH RESULTS. PLEASE LET ME SHARE WITH YOU AS YOU'VE
19 ALREADY HEARD, WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THERE BE FORUMS SO
20 THAT WE CAN PROVIDE THE INPUT OF YOUR MENTAL HEALTH
21 CONSTITUENTS, INCLUDING THAT OF THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL
22 DISTRICT EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS, WHICH WAS FOUNDED BY OUR
23 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. A WHITE PAPER WAS DRAFTED BY
24 THIS CONGRESS TWO YEARS AGO. SADLY, WE HAVE NOT GOTTEN THE



1 TRACTION THAT WE WOULD WISH. BUT IT PROPOSES VERY RATIONAL AND
2 CREATIVE WAYS OF COORDINATING--

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COULD YOU GIVE US A COPY OF THAT?

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6 **BETSY PFROMM:** I WILL BE HAPPY TO AND OUR PLACE SERVICES
7 TOGETHER.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE SERGEANT WILL TAKE IT FROM YOU.

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11 **BETSY PFROMM:** THANK YOU. AND LAST I WOULD SAY AS A FORMER
12 PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR, I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT HAVING
13 WORKED WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN VIRGINIA, IT WAS
14 EXCEEDINGLY HIGH VALUE THAT I WAS ABLE TO MEET DIRECTLY WITH
15 THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND TO KEEP THEM INFORMED AS TO ENSURE
16 THE ACCOUNTABILITY SUCH THAT IT WAS NOT FILTERED THROUGH SOME
17 OTHER COORDINATING BODY. SO I WOULD SAY AGAIN MENTAL HEALTH
18 MATTERS. I'VE LEARNED THAT LESSON. I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT IT AS
19 ARE THESE INDIVIDUALS IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY. THANK YOU ALL
20 VERY MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ALSO PHYLLIS COTO? YES,
23 SIR.

24



1 **LOUIS JOSEPHSON:** EXCUSE ME GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LOUIS
2 JOSEPHSON, I'M THE C.E.O. OF VISTA DEL MAR FAMILY AND
3 CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES. PERTINENT TO THIS
4 DISCUSSION, BACK IN 2001 I WAS THE COMMISSIONER FOR CHILD AND
5 ADOLESCENT SERVICES IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK WHEN WE WENT
6 THROUGH A MERGER TO DEPARTMENT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
7 MENTAL HYGIENE, BELIEVE IT OR NOT. AND THERE WERE MANY OF THE
8 HIGH HOPES YOU HAVE HERE FOR L.A. COUNTY FOR THAT MERGER.
9 EFFICIENCIES, INTEGRATION OF CARE, ALL THE THINGS THAT WE
10 VALUE. I CAN TELL YOU THE TWO DEPARTMENTS WERE OF EQUAL SIZE,
11 ABOUT \$500 MILLION EACH IN BUDGET. BUT THERE WERE ALWAYS
12 WINNERS AND LOSERS IN MERGERS AND MENTAL HEALTH LOST. THERE
13 WERE MORE EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SIDE, AND THAT
14 WAS THE GORILLA IN THE ROOM. AND WHAT WE SAW AS A RESULT OF
15 THAT MERGER WERE SEVERAL THINGS. FIRST, MENTAL HEALTH FELL IN
16 PRIORITY COMPARED TO HEALTH INITIATIVES. THERE ARE MANY, MANY
17 PRESSING MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES THAT NEED ATTENTION. AND
18 WITH DOCTORS IN CHARGE, THEY JUST DID NOT GET THE MENTAL
19 HEALTH NEEDS AS BEING A PRIORITY. SECOND, THE GOAL OF
20 INTEGRATION WAS UNDONE FREQUENTLY BY OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS. SO
21 WE HAVE DIFFERENT MASTERS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL IN MENTAL
22 HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE AND WE WERE OFTEN PULLED AWAY FROM
23 INTEGRATION BY THEIR REPORTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS. THIRD,
24 IT WAS INCREDIBLY DISRUPTIVE TO THE WORK OF THE MENTAL HEALTH
25 AND HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY. UNLIKE IN A PRIVATE MERGER WHERE



1 YOU HAVE CONSULTANTS COMING IN-- WE DIDN'T HAVE THOSE
2 RESOURCES.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
5 SHARON LYLE. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **MARIKO KAHN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARIKO KAHN, I'M THE
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PACIFIC-ASIAN COUSELING SERVICES AND A
9 BOARD OFFICER OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC POLICY AND PLANNING
10 COUNCIL. FOR THE PAST THREE, YEARS MY AGENCY HAS BEEN
11 IMPLEMENTING INTEGRATED CARE. I KNOW THE MANY CHALLENGES TO
12 ACCOMPLISH THIS. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE DELIBERATIVE
13 PROCESS WITH EQUAL VOICE TO EACH OF THE IMPACTED DEPARTMENTS
14 AND INPUT FROM THE STAKEHOLDERS. AND I ALSO WANT TO AGREE WITH
15 MY COLLEAGUE'S AMENDMENTS TO THE MOTION. UNDER D.M.H. THERE
16 HAVE BEEN POSITIVE CHANGES THAT HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE.
17 SUPPORT FOR RECOVERY MODEL. STRATEGIES TO REDUCE DISPARITY.
18 AND INCLUSION OF ETHNIC COMMUNITIES. CONSOLIDATING THREE LARGE
19 DEPARTMENTS UNDER D.H.S. CAN ENDANGER THIS PROGRESS. WHEN HAS
20 BIGGER GOVERNMENT RESULTED IN BETTER GOVERNMENT? RELIANCE ON A
21 MEDICAL MODEL OF CARE DID NOT WORK IN THE PAST, WHY SHOULD IT
22 WORK NOW? THESE DO NOT INSPIRE CONFIDENCE IN THE A.P.I. AND
23 PROBABLY OTHER ETHNIC COMMUNITIES. WITHOUT A CLEAR, DEDICATED
24 MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OUR NEEDS MAY NOT BE HEARD. SO IT
25 WAS IN THE PAST. AND SO IT CAN BE IN THE FUTURE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. JIM HAT? JIM HAT? YES,
3 MA'AM.

4

5 **DOROTHY BANKS:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS DOROTHY BANKS AND I'M
6 ONE OF THE COCHAIRS OF S.A.A.C. 6, SERVICE AREA ADVISORY
7 COMMITTEE. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I AM ALSO ONE WITH LIVED
8 EXPERIENCE. AND I LOOK BACK AND I SEE HOW I WAS HELPED ALONG
9 THE WAY WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO GET TO WHERE I AM
10 TODAY. LIVING WITH WELLNESS AND RECOVERY. AND I LOOK AT THIS
11 PROPOSAL AND I SAY: IS THIS TO SAVE A DOLLAR? DO WE SAVE A
12 DOLLAR? OR DO WE SAVE A MIND? AND I THINK ABOUT THE MOTTO OF
13 THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND. "THE MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING
14 TO WASTE." SO DO WE PUT A DOLLAR OVER A MIND? SO WE NEED TO
15 THINK ABOUT THIS BECAUSE IF WE HAVE NOT GONE THROUGH
16 SOMETHING, LIFE IS STILL AHEAD OF US AND WE MAY GO THROUGH
17 SOMETHING. AND IF YOU CONSOLIDATE THESE DEPARTMENTS, WE WILL
18 BE LEFT OUT, WITHOUT A DOUBT. SO WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT THAT
19 AND CHANGE OUR MINDS. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ELEANOR
22 O.MOS? ELEANOR? YES, MA'AM.

23

24 **PHYLLIS COTO:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS PHYLLIS COTO, I AM WITH
25 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, COCHAIR OF SERVICE AREA 4,



1 AND THE OLDER ADULTS SYSTEMS OF CARE. I AM ALSO A PERSON WITH
2 LIVED EXPERIENCE. AND I AM SEEING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
3 HEALTH HAS CREATED VERY WONDERFUL AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS THAT
4 HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY COST-EFFECTIVE AND GOTTEN CONSUMERS WELL
5 AND THRIVING THROUGH THE YEARS. I FEEL IT'S A WIN/WIN
6 SITUATION IF WE KEEP THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IN ITS
7 CURRENT SITUATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YES, MA'AM.

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11 **SHARON LYLE:** MY NAME IS SHARON LYLE, I'M A CONSUMER OF THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. NOT ONLY AM I CONSUMER, I'M ALSO
13 A A.A.A. E.U.R.U.P. COCHAIR AND I'M ALSO WAITING TO BE A
14 SELECTEE FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH
15 COMMISSION. I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ADVOCATE ON MANY LEVELS, AND I
16 HAVE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO UTILIZE AND BREAK DOWN THOSE SILOS AT
17 AGENCIES THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST OF HOW AGENCIES HAVE BEEN
18 IN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ARE DISCONNECTED FROM THE
19 COMMUNITY. AT THIS POINT, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS
20 PUT IN A LOT OF STRATEGIES AND THEY ARE READY TO IMPLEMENT FOR
21 THE COMMUNITY. IT IS KNOWN THAT EVERYTHING, ALL NEEDS HAVE NOT
22 BEEN MET. BUT I REALLY DO FEAR FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF
23 DEPARTMENTS BECAUSE THAT WILL MAKE A VERY HEAVY TOP STRUCTURE.
24 AND MY CONCERNS IS THAT THE COMMUNITY THAT'S NOW IN NEED
25 ADDRESSING THE UNDERSERVED, THE INAPPROPRIATELY SERVED,



1 COMBINING DEPARTMENTS WE WILL MISS OUT. IT'S JUST INEVITABLE
2 BECAUSE YOU WILL HAVE STRUCTURES GOING ON WHERE INDIVIDUAL
3 DEPARTMENTS WILL BE MAKING DECISIONS ON WHAT THEY DO AS
4 DIFFERENT AS AN INTEGRATED DEPARTMENT. SO THE NEEDS OF THE
5 COMMUNITY WILL NOT REALLY BE IN THAT BECAUSE THERE WILL BE
6 MEETINGS GOING ON OF ADMINISTRATION NEEDS AND EMERGENT NEEDS.
7 AND IN CONCLUSION I'M HOPING THAT THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS ARE
8 PUT FIRST BECAUSE IT HAS, IT IS NOTHING WITHOUT US WITHOUT US.
9 AND RIGHT NOW WE FEEL VERY HURT BECAUSE OUR NEEDS ARE NOT IN
10 THE FOREFRONT BECAUSE IT'S NOT ABOUT FIVE YEARS TO NOW GET THE
11 DEPARTMENTS IN LINE. WE NEED ISSUES MET NOW. WE NEED NEEDS MET
12 CURRENTLY. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT AND HELP
13 THEM TO GO FORWARD AS A SEPARATE ENTITY, AS AN INDIVIDUAL
14 THAT'S WELL VERSED WITH WHAT'S NEEDED IN THE COMMUNITY AND
15 ALSO HELP WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION ASPECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT.
16 THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
19 MARK MASAOKA AND RICHARD VAN HORN AND LOUISE MCCARTHY. YES,
20 SIR.

21

22 **JIM T. HAT:** YES, MY NAME IS JIM T. HAT AND THAT'S BY THE
23 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, HAT STANDING FOR HONESTY AND
24 TRUSTWORTHY TOO BECAUSE OF BEING ABLE TO DEFEAT CANCER. OUR
25 POSTMAN DEAD OF CANCER LAST YEAR, BY RECOGNIZING ANY CANCER



1 THAT COME ABOUT BECAUSE OF LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
2 CELLS. WELL IN THIS CASE, IT'S LIKE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
3 SUPERVISORS AND THE DEPARTMENTS. WHEN YOU HAVE THIS KIND OF
4 LACK OF COMMUNICATION, IT PRODUCES SOCIAL CANCER. MAKING THE
5 DEPARTMENTS INTEGRATED WILL PRODUCE THIS KIND OF CANCER AND
6 PRODUCE A DOWNFALL IN BEING ABLE TO HAVE THE SERVICES TO EACH
7 AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT. THIS DOCTOR, MR.
8 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR, YOU HAVE THIS SAVE THE DATE ON
9 SATURDAY JANUARY 17TH, RIGHT? YEAH. WE SAY, 50 YEARS LATER,
10 CHAOS OF COMMUNITY. WELL, IF WE HAVE THIS KIND OF CANCER, A
11 LACK OF COMMUNICATION, HOW WILL WE HAVE COMMUNITY? WOULDN'T IT
12 RESULT IN CHAOS? DR. SOUTHARD, J. MARVIN HAVE THE IDEAL OF
13 HAVING HEALTHY MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITIES, NOT JUST IN FIVE
14 AREAS NOW BUT ALSO FROM THE SEA SHORE OF THE LONG BEACH,
15 VALLEY OF SHARE, ALL THE WAY UP TO THE HILLS IN ANTELOPE
16 VALLEY.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

19

20 **JIM HAT:** BE ABLE TO HAVE THIS MODEL WOULD HELP US BE ABLE TO
21 HAVE GOOD MENTAL CLARITY. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME BE ABLE TO
22 SPEAK FOR ALL OF US. IT'S NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US. WE WANT
23 TO BE ABLE--

24



1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HEAR YOU. ALSO, BRITTNEY
2 WEISSMAN? IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE SEEN YOU.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S BECAUSE I RETIRED SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

5 [LAUGHTER.] BUT FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS I'VE BEEN INVOLVED AS
6 LAST YEAR AS CHAIR OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE MENTAL HEALTH
7 SERVICES OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION AND ALSO FOR
8 SIX YEARS ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SO I'M
9 TRYING TO BRING A LITTLE BROADER VIEW INTO THIS. I'M VERY MUCH
10 ENCOURAGED BY THE IDEA OF A UNIFIED HEALTH SYSTEM THAT TREATS
11 THE WHOLE PERSON. BUT I THINK THERE ARE-- AND I REALIZE HOW
12 SHORT WE ARE ON TIME TODAY, SO I WANT TO GO STRAIGHT TO FOUR
13 AMENDMENTS I PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE. PUBLIC HEALTH AND
14 MENTAL HEALTH MUST BE EQUAL PARTNERS AS WE MOVE FORWARD. AND I
15 THINK DR. FIELDING'S IDEA OF AN AGENCY AGENDA IS PROBABLY THE
16 BEST WAY TO DO THAT. THERE SHOULD BE AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL
17 PLANNING WHICH WILL TO FIND DIFFERENT WAYS TO MESH THE
18 DIFFERENT CULTURES AS WE MOVE FORWARD. THERE NEEDS TO BE
19 ROBUST COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER PROCESS, BUT I THINK YOU'VE
20 ALREADY AGREED TO THAT. AND, FINALLY, I THINK WE NEED TO
21 ADJUST THE TIMELINE. 60 DAYS IS NOT GOING TO WORK. MY
22 SUGGESTION WOULD BE A SIX-MONTH INTERIM REPORT AND A ONE-YEAR
23 FINAL REPORT AND A DECISION AT THAT POINT OF: ARE WE GOING
24 AHEAD? THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. GOOD SEEING YOU AGAIN.
2 LET ME ALSO CALL UP MICHAEL WATKINS.

3

4 **LOUISE MCCARTHY:** LOUISE MCCARTHY, COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION
5 OF L.A. COUNTY. LIKE MANY HERE, COMMUNITY CLINICS SUPPORT
6 IMPROVED INTEGRATION AND COORDINATION OF SERVICES FOR L.A.'S
7 RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE. THE DEPARTMENTS OF
8 PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES ALL PLAY A
9 CRITICAL ROLE IN THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF L.A. RESIDENTS. FOR
10 THAT REASON, WE HAVE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS THAT LARGELY LOOKS
11 LIKE ONE HAS BEEN ADDRESSED. ONE IS TO HAVE A PUBLIC
12 STAKEHOLDER PROCESS AND ENSURE THAT INCLUDES ALL THE COMMUNITY
13 PARTNERS, FROM COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AGENCIES, THE COMMUNITY
14 CLINICS AND HEALTH CENTERS AND OTHER CONTRACTED PARTNERS OF
15 THESE AGENCIES. SECOND, TAKE THE TIME TO DO IT RIGHT. THERE'S
16 NO NEED TO RUSH INTO DECISIONS, INTO PLANNING. AND THERE'S NO
17 NEED TO RUSH IN IMPLEMENTATION. IF WE TAKE THE TIME, IF THE
18 COUNTY DOES MOVE TO CONSOLIDATE, WE NEED TO TAKE THE TIME TO
19 ENGAGE ALL THE CRITICAL PARTNERS TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S
20 PLANNED PROPERLY AND ROLLED OUT TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELL-
21 BEING OF ALL OF L.A. RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MICHAEL
24 WATKINS? YES, SIR.

25



1 **MARK MASAOKA:** I'M MARK MASAOKA WITH THE ASIA PACIFIC POLICY
2 AND PLANNING COUNCIL. WE'RE AN ASSOCIATION OF A.P.I.
3 NONPROFITS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE APPRECIATE THAT THE
4 MOTION NOW INCLUDES THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC
5 HEALTH IN THE PLANNING PROCESS. AND WE APPRECIATE A PUBLIC
6 STAKEHOLDER PROCESS IN THE MOTION, AS WELL. OUR CONCERNING HAS
7 BEEN THAT THE MERGER WILL RELEGATE THE DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL
8 HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH BACK TO A SUBORDINATE AND SECONDARY
9 POSITION THAT THE DEPARTMENTS HAD WHEN THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY
10 PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THIS COULD SET BACK
11 THE WORK TO HAVE CLIENT-DRIVEN, RECOVERY-ORIENTED SERVICES
12 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS MOVED THE AGENCY
13 FORWARD ON. THIS COULD ALSO CONCEIVABLY AFFECT THE BUDGETS AND
14 PRIORITIES OF THESE DEPARTMENTS. WE URGE THE RETENTION OF THE
15 THREE INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENTS AND URGE THAT OTHER STRATEGIES
16 BE ADOPTED ON THE ISSUES OF INTEGRATION AND SYNERGIES. THANK
17 YOU.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP PAUL
20 STANSBURY AND RANDY ANDREWS. YES, MA'AM.

21

22 **BRITTNEY WEISSMAN:** GOOD MORNING, I'M BRITTNEY WEISSMAN. I'M
23 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF N.A.M.I., THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON
24 MENTAL ILLNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. N.A.M.I. WORKS CLOSELY
25 WITH D.M.H. TO HELP PEOPLE FIND TREATMENT, FIGHT STIGMA AND



1 PROVIDE HOPE TO FAMILIES AND PEOPLE LIVING WITH MENTAL
2 ILLNESS. WE OPPOSE THE CONSOLIDATION OF DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL
3 HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES. LARGE HEALTH
4 SYSTEMS HAVE NOT TYPICALLY PROVIDED ENOUGH FOCUS ON MENTAL
5 HEALTH AND HISTORY SHOWS THIS IS TRUE IN L.A. WHEN D.M.H. WAS
6 PART OF HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH BECAME A STEPCHILD AND
7 WAS RARELY IN DECISION MAKING. THE STATE ATTEMPTED TO
8 CONSOLIDATE D.M.H. AND HEALTH SERVICES, AND YEARS LATER THEY
9 CONTINUE WORK OUT OPERATIONS POLICIES. CONSOLIDATION HERE WILL
10 ALSO CREATE UNNECESSARY CONFUSION. THE MOVE WOULD CREATE
11 OPERATIONAL ISSUES THAT INVARIABLY DECREASE RESOURCES AIMED AT
12 WELLNESS AND RECOVERY FOR INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH MENTAL
13 ILLNESS. IN ESSENCE, MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS ITS OWN HOME. BURYING
14 MENTAL HEALTH IN A LARGER BUREAUCRACY WILL REDUCE FOCUS NOT
15 IMPROVE IT. IT IS CRITICAL THAT D.M.H. MAINTAIN DIRECT
16 ACCOUNTABILITY TO AND COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SALVADOR CARILLO AND JAE
20 FARKAS. YES, SIR.

21

22 **MICHAEL WATKINS:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL WATKINS. I'M THE PRESIDENT
23 OF THE QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR PACIFIC CLINIC. THIS IS A
24 CONSUMER-RUN BOARD AND I AM A CONSUMER. THE REASON WHY I
25 OPPOSE THIS IS BACK IN 2007, YOU ALL CUT US \$4 MILLION OR MORE



1 BECAUSE WE WERE SHORT OF MONEY. I BELIEVE THIS WILL HAPPEN
2 AGAIN IF YOU PUT ALL THESE PROGRAMS TOGETHER. WE WORKED LONG
3 AND HARD FOR RECOVERY AND EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES IN THIS
4 COMMUNITY. PLEASE DON'T MAKE US CONTINUE THIS. WE ALL ARE A
5 LARGE COMMUNITY AND WE WORK HARD FOR WHAT WE GET BUT PLEASE
6 DON'T MAKE US WORK ANY HARDER. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. I CALL UP JENNIFER
9 LAPHAM. YES, SIR.

10

11 **PAUL STANSBURY:** I'M PAUL STANSBURY. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF
12 N.A.M.I. SOUTH BAY. I'M A FAMILY MEMBER. I'VE HAD A LONG
13 JOURNEY OF MENTAL ILLNESS IN OUR FAMILY. I'M SURE I SPEAK FOR
14 ALL FAMILY MEMBERS, TOO. WE'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT
15 THAT MENTAL ILLNESS, MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS TO BE HIGHEST
16 PRIORITY. IT'S AN IMPORTANT TIME AND HISTORICALLY, WE'VE SEEN,
17 AS OTHER SPEAKERS HAVE MENTIONED, THE FACT THAT MENTAL HEALTH
18 GETS DIMINISHED AS A PRIORITY WHEN IT GETS INTEGRATED WITH
19 ORGANIZATIONS. SO WE'RE CONCERNED. WE SECOND MRS. WHITEMAN'S
20 COMMENTS. ALSO CONCERNED FOR MORE DELIBERATION. WE APPRECIATE
21 YOUR EFFORT TO IMPROVE GOVERNMENT AND IMPROVE EFFICIENCY BUT
22 WE MUST MAKE SURE MENTAL HEALTH IS A PRIORITY. IT IS A LEADING
23 DISABILITY IN OUR COUNTRY, LEADING DISABILITY IN OUR COUNTY
24 AND IN OUR SOCIETY. IT'S A HUGE COST TO OUR SOCIETY. WE THINK
25 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS PROVIDING HOPE,



1 STRENGTH AND RECOVERY, AND WE WANT TO WORK WITH THEM TO
2 CONTINUE THAT, NOT TO SEE THEM DIMINISH. SO PLEASE RECONSIDER
3 YOUR MOTION. TAKE MORE TIME TO CONSIDER IT. WHATEVER YOU NEED.
4 BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT MENTAL HEALTH IS A PRIORITY AND
5 FIGHT THE STIGMA THAT ACCOMPANIES MENTAL ILLNESS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR.

8

9 **RANDY ANDREWS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS RANDY ANDREWS. I'VE BEEN A
10 CLIENT OF PACIFIC CLINICS FOR 8 YEARS AND THEY HAVE TREATED ME
11 VERY WELL ALL THIS TIME. IF A PERSON WALKS INTO A BUILDING AND
12 IS SUFFERING FROM SOME PHYSICAL AILMENT OR INJURY, HE OR SHE
13 WILL BE DIRECTED TO A DOCTOR WHO WILL ANALYZE THE PATIENT, ET
14 CETERA, ET CETERA. THE HUMAN BODY IS BASICALLY THE SAME FOR
15 ALL OF US. WE ALL HAVE HEART, BRAIN, LIVER, ET CETERA. IF A
16 PERSON WALKS IN THE BUILDING AND IS FEELING DEPRESSED,
17 SUICIDAL, ET CETERA, THEY WILL BE ANALYZED BY A PSYCHIATRIST
18 AND THEY WILL STUDY HIS LIFE, HIS MOOD, HIS TENDENCIES. THIS
19 TYPE OF CARE IS HIGHLY INDIVIDUALIZED AND IT DOES NOT REQUIRE
20 THE HIGHLY EXPENSIVE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT USED IN MAJOR MEDICAL
21 FACILITIES. TO COMBINE THESE TWO SERVICES UNDERNEATH ONE ROOF
22 WOULD RESULT IN ALMOST NO BENEFIT AS THE TWO TYPES OF SERVICE
23 ARE RADICALLY DIFFERENT. RATHER, CURRENT COMPANIES SHOULD BE
24 ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO CONCENTRATE ON THEIR CHOSEN FIELD,
25 PHYSICAL HEALTH OR MENTAL HEALTH.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR.

3

4 **SALVADOR CARRILLO:** HI, MY NAME IS SALVADOR CARRILLO AND I'M
5 CURRENTLY A PATIENT AT PACIFIC CLINIC SIX, MONROVIA. AND I'VE
6 BEEN A MENTAL HEALTH PATIENT FOR 20 YEARS. AND I'VE SEEN A LOT
7 OF WHAT DIFFERENT STUFF ABOUT THE SERVICES HAS OFFERED. SOME
8 GOOD, SOME BAD. AND I BELIEVE THAT IF YOU WERE TO MERGE
9 TOGETHER, THE PRIMARY WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, IT
10 WOULD BE A DISASTER BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF THE PRIMARY
11 DOCTORS DON'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, SO WE
12 NEED SPECIALISTS TO HELP PATIENTS BECAUSE MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS
13 IS VERY SERIOUS. SOME MORE SERIOUS THAN OTHERS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT.

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17 **SALVADOR CARRILLO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP EDDIE LAMON AND
20 LYNN TREU. YES, MA'AM.

21

22 **JAE FARKAS:** MY NAME IS JAE FARKAS. I AM AN EMPLOYEE OF SAN
23 FERNANDO VALLEY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AT THE C.R.C. I
24 PROVIDE PEER COUNSELING TRAINING SO THAT PEOPLE WITH LIVED
25 EXPERIENCE CAN BECOME COUNSELORS AND SUPPORT OTHER PEOPLE WHO



1 ARE RECOVERING. I AM ALSO A CONSUMER MYSELF HAVING RECOVERED
2 FROM SEVERE POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS AS A RESULT OF A VIOLENT
3 EXPERIENCE AND BENEFITED FROM SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH D.M.H.
4 COVERED SERVICES. I WOULD LIKE TO VOICE MY STRONG OPPOSITION
5 TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH,
6 MENTAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH INTO ONE AGENCY. AS SOMEONE
7 WHO IS BOTH A CONSUMER OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND TRAINS
8 CONSUMERS TO BECOME PEER COUNSELORS, I AM VERY AWARE OF THE
9 CRITICAL ROLE THAT A MENTAL HEALTH-SPECIFIC DEPARTMENT PLAYS
10 IN PROMOTING AND PROTECTING MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS. MENTAL
11 HEALTH CONSUMERS SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF HAVING
12 MARGINALIZED, BEING MARGINALIZED POPULATION WHOSE NEEDS HAVE
13 HISTORICALLY BEEN UNDERREPRESENTED. CHALLENGES OF THE STIGMA
14 AND DISABILITY IN OUR COMMUNITY, IT IS CRITICAL TO MAINTAIN
15 REPRESENTATION AND FOR THAT PROTECTION THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT
16 OF MENTAL HEALTH. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, MA'AM.

19

20 **JENNIFER LAPHAM:** HI, MY NAME IS JENNIFER LAPHAM AND I AM HERE
21 AS BOTH A CONSUMER AND A MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE. I WOULD NOT
22 BE SITTING BEFORE YOU TODAY WITH SUCH PRIDE AND UNWAVERING
23 CONFIDENCE IN MY RECOVERY IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE SUPPORT OF
24 THE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY REFRAINING FROM LABELING
25 ME AS A PATIENT WHO IS SICK WHEN I SEEK SERVICES. I AM A



1 PERSON WHOSE VOICE TODAY IS JUST ONE WHISPER IN A ROARING SEA
2 OF CONSUMERS WHOSE RECOVERIES I FEAR WOULD NOT BE RECOGNIZED
3 AS THE PERSONAL TRIUMPH THEY ARE IF ABSORBED BY THE MEDICAL
4 MODEL THAT WOULD REIGN IF OUR CURRENT STRUCTURE IS
5 UNCOMPROMISED. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS TRAINED AND
6 ITS AFFILIATES UNDERSTAND ME WHEN I DISCUSS MY ANXIETY. PLEASE
7 NOTICE TODAY THAT MY HANDS DO NOT SHAKE WHEN I SPEAK FROM THE
8 HEART. THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME THIS MORNING. IT HAS BEEN A
9 PRIVILEGE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JONERIC
12 BAER AND BRIAN BRONSON. YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **LYNN TREU:** HI, MY NAME IS LYNN TRUE AND I AM IN MENTAL HEALTH
15 RECOVERY AS WELL AS A MENTAL HEALTH WORKER AT THE CLIENT-RUN
16 CENTER IN VAN NUYS. DUE TO THE SERVICES SPECIFICALLY AVAILABLE
17 TO ME WHEN I SOUGHT RECOVERY, I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS
18 MERGE OF SERVICES AND BELIEVE IT WOULD DEVASTATE THE RESOURCES
19 AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO MYSELF AND MY PEERS IN MENTAL HEALTH
20 RECOVERY. TO PUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES IN
21 CHARGE OF MY RECOVERY WOULD FORCE ME AND MY PEERS TO ENTRUST
22 OUR SERVICES TO A DEPARTMENT NOT TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED TO
23 PROVIDE THE QUALITY CARE AND TRUSTING ENVIRONMENT THAT IS
24 CRUCIAL TO OUR RECOVERY. SPECIALISTS, THAT IS. AND IT WOULD BE



1 A HUGE STEP BACKWARDS FOR ALL OF US IN MENTAL HEALTH. THANK
2 YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
5 HEALTHER WILSON AND NIRIA OROZCO. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **BRIAN BRONSON:** GOOD DAY. MY NAME IS BRIAN BRONSON AND I AM THE
8 ADVOCACY CHAIR FOR N.A.M.I. SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. I AM ALSO A
9 MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER. REGARDING THE CONSOLIDATION OF HEALTH
10 AGENCIES, IT IS A POSITION OF N.A.M.I. SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
11 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SLOW DOWN ON THIS IMPORTANT
12 DECISION TO CONSIDER STAKEHOLDER INPUT AND PUBLIC COMMENT.
13 MOREOVER, WE FEEL THAT MENTAL HEALTH REQUIRES ITS OWN
14 DEPARTMENT BECAUSE IT OFTEN GETS SHORT SHRIFT. ADDITIONALLY,
15 MENTAL HEALTH DECISIONS SHOULD BE MADE BASED UPON PATIENT CARE
16 NEEDS. FINALLY WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE LEVEL OF AUTONOMY IN
17 MENTAL HEALTH IN A VAST BUREAUCRACY SUCH AS LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY. IN SHORT, THERE IS NOT ENOUGH TIME TO FULLY CONSIDER
19 THIS MOVE AND THE FAR REACHING CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH ACTION.
20 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

23

24 **EDDIE LAMON:** HELLO.

25



1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE HERE. WELCOME.

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3 **EDDIE LAMON:** I DON'T SEE.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE SEE YOU, THOUGH.

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7 **EDDIE LAMON:** I'M EDDIE LAMON AND I WAS REALLY LIKE ALL SHOCKED
8 WHEN I FOUND OUT A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO THAT SOMEONE WAS
9 PLANNING TO PUT US BACK TOGETHER WITH HEALTH SERVICES. WHEN I
10 FIRST STARTED VOLUNTEERING, AND I'M A VOLUNTEER FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND BY THE WAY, I HAVE HAD FAMILY
12 MEMBERS, THEY'RE GONE. BUT I CAME IN AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
13 MEMBER. AND LOOKING AROUND AND LISTENING AND FINDING OUT
14 STUFF, I SAID I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS MENTAL HEALTH. AND I
15 SAID WHO'S IN CHARGE OF US? AND THEY SAID WE'RE UNDER HEALTH
16 SERVICES. I SAID WELL WE NEED TO GET OUT FROM UNDER HEALTH
17 SERVICES BECAUSE THEY TREAT US LIKE A STEPCHILD. AND WE NEED--
18 AND I KEPT SAYING THAT. AND SOMEBODY HEARD IT BECAUSE THEY
19 TOOK US OUT FROM UNDER THERE. AND I WAS, YOU KNOW, DEVASTATED
20 WHEN THEY SAID THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT PUTTING US BACK TOGETHER
21 AGAIN. I CAN'T SEE IT. I CAN'T SEE IT. AND I WANT YOU TO
22 REMEMBER THAT I WAS HERE WHEN IT WAS UNDER HEALTH SERVICES AND
23 EVEN AFTER THEN AND IT HAS GOTTEN TO BE SO GOOD. I NEED TO
24 TELL YOU THIS ONE, TOO. I WAS ON THE HOUSING COMMITTEE
25 ADVISORY. AND WE WERE TALKING ABOUT HOUSING FOR THE PEOPLE



1 WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. AND I WAS IN THE ROOM ON THE COMMITTEE
2 AND I LOOKED AROUND AT EVERYBODY AND SAID WHICH OF US IN HERE
3 ARE MENTALLY ILL? NOBODY RAISED OUR HAND. AND I SAID WE DON'T
4 KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. WE NEED TO ASK THE CLIENTS.

5 [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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9 **EDDIE LAMON:** SO TO SERVE PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, MENTAL ILLNESS, I
10 NOTICE PEOPLE CAN HANDLE THE STUFF SO FAR, BUT I THINK IF YOU
11 DO THIS, YOU WILL TOTALLY DESTROY WHERE THEY HAVE COME, THE
12 CLIENTS. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP TILDE
15 DEWOOLFE AND TERRY DEWOOLFE. YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **HEATHER WILSON:** HI, MY NAME IS HEATHER WILSON. I'M CURRENTLY A
18 PATIENT AT TARZANA TREATMENT CENTER IN LONG BEACH. I'M ALSO A
19 VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY. WITH THE COMBINATION OF
20 THESE TWO SERVICES, I FEEL THAT THE GREATEST THING I'VE
21 LEARNED IN MY RECOVERY IS TO PACE MYSELF AND TO NOT RUSH TO
22 MAKE DECISIONS IN ORDER TO MAKE AN ACCURATE DECISION AND THE
23 BEST DECISION I CAN. AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE. THANK YOU.

24 [APPLAUSE]

25



1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GUYTON COLANTUONO? YES, MA'AM.

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3 **NIRIA OROZCO:** HI, MY NAME IS NIRIA AND I'M A 22-YEAR-OLD AND
4 I'M CURRENTLY RESIDING IN TARZANA TREATMENT CENTER. I MADE A
5 WHOLE SPEECH ABOUT THIS, BUT NOW THAT I'M HERE, WHAT I HAVE TO
6 SAY TO YOU WOULD BE THAT MY BELIEF IS IT WOULDN'T BE A GREAT
7 THING TO PUT THESE TOGETHER BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T GIVE A
8 RECOVERING ADDICT A CHEMOTHERAPY AND YOU WON'T GIVE A CANCER
9 RECOVERY CENTER. SO THESE TWO THINGS ARE SO DIFFERENT. WHEN WE
10 SUFFER FROM THIS ALLERGY TO THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT, WE NEED
11 HELP TO HEAL, EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT MANY OF US. THE FEW OF US
12 THAT ARE ABLE TO OVERCOME THE DISEASE MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR
13 THE FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY. SO IT'S A DIFFERENT DISEASE.
14 IT'S NOT THE SAME DISEASE THAT YOU WILL BE TREATING ON EACH
15 PATIENT. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? OKAY. [LAUGHTER.] A CANCER
16 PATIENT WON'T GET RECOVERY, YOU KNOW, AND A RECOVERY ADDICT
17 NEEDS THAT RECOVERY OF A TREATMENT CENTER JUST LIKE THEY NEED
18 THE HOSPITALS. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY TODAY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
21 GUYTON. WE ALREADY DID THAT. ALSO ROBERT LUCAS. YES, MA'AM.

22

23 **TILDA DEWOOLFE:** MY NAME IS TILDA DEWOOLFE AND I'M A MENTAL
24 HEALTH ADVOCATE. I BELONG TO N.A.M.I., HEALTH CARE FOR ALL, A
25 CONSUMER BOARD, I HAVE MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILIES WITH MENTAL



1 ILLNESS. I ALSO REVIEW COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
2 THROUGHOUT THE STATE FOR QUALITY OF CARE. I OPPOSE THE
3 CONSOLIDATION OF THESE THREE DEPARTMENTS IN THIS HUGE COUNTY.
4 IF WE WERE A FEW THOUSAND PEOPLE, IT WOULD TOTALLY BE
5 DIFFERENT. IF TWO MEN WERE TO ENTER THE ROOM RIGHT NOW AND ONE
6 OF THEM WAS DRAGGING HIS LEG THAT WAS PARTLY SEVERED AND IT
7 WAS BLEEDING AND THE OTHER MAN WAS HERE QUIETLY BUT IS
8 CONSIDERING KILLING HIMSELF AND HIS CHILDREN, WHICH ONE WOULD
9 GET ALL OF OUR ATTENTION? CONSTANTLY, MENTAL HEALTH IS THE
10 STEPCHILD AS IT HAS BEEN SAID. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YES, SIR. YES, SIR.
13 YES, YOU'RE ON.

14

15 **TERRY DEWOOLFE:** I'M TERRY DEWOOLFE, I'M A PAST PRESIDENT OF
16 N.A.M.I. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. AND I'M A DIRECTOR IN HEALTH CARE
17 FOR ALL, ADVOCATING FOR SINGLE PAYER. THE HISTORY OF
18 ORGANIZATIONS IS A HISTORY OF CENTRALIZATION AND
19 DECENTRALIZATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 MENTAL HEALTH WAS ONCE PART OF HEALTH SERVICES. NOW THAT IS
21 BEING PROPOSED AGAIN. I'M NOT CONVINCED THAT THIS BACK AND
22 FORTH ACCOMPLISHES MUCH. AS A MEMBER OF THE PROBATION
23 DEPARTMENT IN THE LATE 1970S, I PARTICIPATED IN AN
24 UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO INCORPORATE PROBATION INTO A SUPER
25 AGENCY. I CAME AWAY FROM THAT WITH THE SENSE THAT THE EFFORT



1 WAS AS MUCH ABOUT WHO WOULD HEAD THE NEW DEPARTMENT AS ANY
2 EFFICIENCIES IT WOULD PRODUCE. AND I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED
3 THAT IF THIS CONSOLIDATION IS ACCOMPLISHED, IT WILL COME UP
4 FOR SEPARATION AGAIN IN 10 YEARS. [LAUGHTER.]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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8 **TERRY DEWOOLFE:** I HAVE STILL GOT?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GIVE YOUR REMARKS TO THE SERGEANT
11 THERE. AND WE'LL CONCLUDE-- INCLUDE THAT WITH OUR PUBLIC
12 RECORD WITH THIS. GIVE THAT TO YOUR SERGEANT RIGHT THERE.

13

14 **GUYTON COLANTUONO:** HI, MY NAME IS GUYTON COLANTUONO. I'M THE
15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR PROJECT RETURN PEER SUPPORT NETWORK. WE
16 ARE A CONSUMER-RUN ORGANIZATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHERE WE
17 PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE WHOLE COUNTY RANGING FROM ANTELOPE
18 VALLEY DOWN TO SOUTH BAY AREA. WE HAVE SEVERAL CONCERNS WITH
19 THIS PROPOSED MERGER. ONE IS AS WE CAN SEE BY THE ATTENDANCE
20 TODAY AND THE COMMENTS FROM OUR MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY, WE'RE
21 STRONG, WE'RE UNITED, WE COLLABORATE, WE COORDINATE WITH EACH
22 OTHER. AND ONE OTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT IS THAT CONSUMERS,
23 PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, HAVE IMPROVED AND INCREASED OUR
24 VOICE IN THE DELIVERY SERVICES. THE OTHER PART IS THAT WITH
25 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT AND AS WE'VE DEVELOPED AS A MENTAL



1 HEALTH COMMUNITY, WE HAVE INCREASED OUR CAPACITY AND ABILITIES
2 TO COORDINATE SERVICES BEYOND JUST MENTAL HEALTH WITH OUR
3 MOBILIZATION. AND, THIRD IS MENTAL HEALTH, AS MANY PEOPLE HAVE
4 SAID, OFTEN TAKES A BACK SEAT WHEN IT'S INTEGRATED. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
7 GRACE SANTILLANO AND JAIME GARCIA. YES, SIR.

8

9 **LELAND DUNZEE:** HI, MY NAME IS LELAND DUNZEE. I'M A MEMBER OF
10 THE VILLAGE AND MENTAL HEALTH OF AMERICA IN LONG BEACH. WHEN
11 THEY FOUND ME, I HAD JUST HAD A STROKE. MY GIRLFRIEND DIED. I
12 WAS LIVING BEHIND A DUMPSTER IN A WHEELCHAIR. AND THEY TOOK
13 THE TIME TO TAKE ME IN AND THEY TOOK A LOT OF TIME. I MEAN,
14 WHEN YOU COMBINE THESE THINGS, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GIVE PEOPLE
15 ENOUGH TIME TO GO FIND OUT PEOPLE LIKE THIS THAT NEED TO BE
16 BROUGHT IN AND TAKEN CARE OF. I WAS VERY, VERY DISTRAUGHT AND
17 THEY DID A VERY GOOD JOB ON IT. BUT I DON'T THINK IF YOU
18 COMBINE THESE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO GO OUT AND
19 FIND PEOPLE LIKE THAT. I WAS VERY, VERY, VERY NEEDY. AND IT
20 TOOK A LOT. WHEN I GOT OUT, I WAS TOLD I WAS A PERSON, NOT
21 JUST A NUMBER. I THINK IF WE KEEP IT THE WAY IT IS, YOU CAN'T
22 TAKE THIS STUFF AWAY. THEY DO SO MUCH. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

25



1 **JAIME GARCIA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JAIME GARCIA, I'M REPRESENTING
2 PACIFIC CLINICS EL CAMINO. GOOD EVENING, CONGRESS, TOAST-
3 MASTERS AND FELLOW FRIENDS. MY LIFE IS, I WENT THROUGH A LOT
4 OF SANITY AND I AM VERY THANKFUL I FOUND A PLACE WHERE I COULD
5 SORT OUT MY PROBLEMS. MY MEDICATION HAS HELPED ME TO REALIZE
6 AND TO CATCH ME BEFORE I'M DOING SOMETHING THAT I'M
7 UNCONTROLLABLE AND NOT KNOWING WHAT I'M DOING. I REALLY GIVE
8 THANKS TO THE POLICE OFFICERS WHEN I WAS IN MY +DRUG ABUSE
9 BECAUSE I WAS VERY KNOWN AND YOU COULD ONLY TELL SOMETHING WAS
10 WRONG WITH ME. THE POLICE COULD ONLY TELL THAT THIS GIRL'S IN
11 DANGER. SHE'S IN A WRONG AREA. THEY KNEW I WAS IN A BAD AREA.
12 AND I THINK THAT POLICE OFFICERS TOOK ME TO THE MENTAL
13 HOSPITAL NOTICED THAT HIS SURROUNDING, HIS DUTY AND TO KEEP ME
14 SAFE. AND HE NOTICED MY MENTAL ILLNESS. AND THAT'S PRETTY MUCH
15 ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
18 DID I SAY RICKY JONES? OKAY. WHY DON'T YOU GO.

19

20 **GRACE SANTANILLO:** HELLO MY NAME IS GRACE SANTANILLO. I'M A
21 STAFF ASSISTANT FOR CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL FOR THE DEPARTMENT
22 OF MENTAL HEALTH. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS SOME
23 SEVERE CHALLENGES WHEN IT COMES TO PROVIDING CARE FOR ITS
24 PATIENTS. MY HOPE IS THAT THE STRUCTURE AND UNITY WILL HELP US
25 PROVIDE BETTER CARE FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS IN



1 OUR COMMUNITY FOR BOTH THE YOUNG AND THE ELDERLY. HUMAN BEINGS
2 ARE HOLISTIC CREATURES, AND OUR HEALTHCARE HAS TO REPRESENT
3 THAT. WITH THAT BEING SAID, IT IS TRUE THAT ONE IMPACTS THE
4 OTHER. YOU CANNOT SEPARATE THE BODY FROM THE MIND. MY HOPE IS
5 FOR A BETTER COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION OF CARE ACROSS THE
6 HEALTHCARE SPECTRUM. WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, I DO HAVE
7 CONCERNS ABOUT HOW THIS TRANSITION IS ACTUALLY GOING TO PLAY
8 OUT, DISRUPTION OF CARE OR REDUCTION OF ACCESS TO KEY SERVICES
9 OR STAFF IS SOMETHING OUR PATIENTS SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD. FOR
10 THOSE WITH SEVERE MENTAL DISORDER, IT IS LITERALLY A MATTER OF
11 LIFE AND DEATH.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **ROBERT LUCAS:** MY NAME IS ROBERT LUCAS. YOU KNOW, WE'RE NOT
16 TALKING ABOUT INTEGRATING DEPARTMENTS HERE. WE'RE TALKING
17 ABOUT INTEGRATING PEOPLE. YOU'VE GOT ADDICTS, BEHAVIORAL,
18 MENTAL ILLNESS, PHARMACEUTICALS. WHAT COULD GO WRONG?
19 [LAUGHTER.] THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THIS IS NOT A GOOD IDEA.
20 AND I'M GOING GIVE YOU MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AS ONE OF THE
21 MOST PERSONAL, CLOSE FRIENDS THAT I EVER HAD IN MY ENTIRE LIFE
22 OUTSIDE OF A DOG WHEN I WAS A KID. GOT AHOLD OF SOME
23 PRESCRIBED DRUGS THAT DIDN'T BELONG TO HIM THAT WAS GIVEN TO
24 HIM BY SOMEBODY WHO THOUGHT HE WAS DOING A GOOD THING BY
25 RELIEVING SOME PAIN. I WATCHED THIS MAN RUN FULL BORE INTO A



1 STAINED GLASS WINDOW. I NEVER SEEN HIM AGAIN. THIS IS NOT A
2 GOOD IDEA. 25 YEARS IN PRISON? I KNOW WHAT WRONG IS. THIS IS
3 WRONG.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, ROBERT. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
6 MARISOL SANTANA AND BROOKE DENNIS. YES, SIR.

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8 **JAIME GARCIA:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JAIME GARCIA WITH THE HOSPITAL
10 ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I APPRECIATE THE
11 OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENT ON TODAY'S MOTION THAT CALLS
12 FOR THE INTEGRATION OF D.H.S., D.M.H. AND D.P.H. IN ORDER TO
13 BREAK DOWN BUREAUCRATIC BARRIERS FACING COUNTY PATIENTS AND
14 BETTER POSITION THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY,
15 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES AND PROGRAMS. WHAT IS UNCLEAR IS
16 THE EXTERNAL INTERACTION THAT MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH
17 WILL HAVE POST IMPLEMENTATION GIVEN THEIR UNIQUE COUNTY-WIDE
18 MISSION. D.M.H.'S MISSION IS TO ENRICH LIVES THROUGH
19 PARTNERSHIPS DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY'S CAPACITY
20 TO SUPPORT RECOVERY RESILIENCY AND TO WORK WITH STAKEHOLDERS
21 AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO PROVIDE CULTURALLY SENSITIVE AND
22 LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. WILL THE
23 DEPARTMENT'S MISSION TO WORK WITH COMMUNITY PROVIDERS BE
24 NARROWED UNDER THE MERGED STRUCTURE? HOW WILL ACCESS TO
25 SPECIALIZED SERVICES BE IMPACTED GIVEN THIS POTENTIAL INWARD



1 COUNTY FOCUS? WHILE INTEGRATION OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH
2 IS A POSITIVE STEP, THE BOARD NEEDS TO CAREFULLY CONSTRUCT A
3 STRUCTURE THAT RECOGNIZES THE UNIQUE MISSION OF EACH
4 DEPARTMENT AND IS INCLUSIVE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS. THEREFORE,
5 I APPRECIATE TODAY'S AMENDMENT TO CREATE A STAKE HOLDER
6 PROCESS AND I APPRECIATE THAT THE HOSPITAL COMMUNITY BE
7 INCLUDED IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL
10 UP NICOLE AYALA, NICOLE AYALA. YES, SIR.

11

12 **RICKY JONES:** HELLO, MY NAME IS RICKY JONES. I'M A CLIENT AND A
13 VOLUNTEER OF PACIFIC CLINICS. I'M HERE TODAY TO SAY THIS
14 CONSOLIDATION WOULD BE WRONG. THERE NEEDS TO BE INDEPENDENT
15 MENTAL HEALTH, INDEPENDENT HEALTH. MY CO-PEERS, WE ARE HERE TO
16 MAKE SURE THAT THIS BOARD UNDERSTANDS. I WAS HOMELESS ONE DAY.
17 I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS GOING ON. AND A LADY TOLD ME
18 ABOUT THIS PROGRAM. AND THAT'S WHY I'M HERE TODAY, BECAUSE I
19 AM AN ADVOCATE. I DO VOLUNTEER. I VOLUNTEERED OVER 2,000 HOURS
20 TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME CALL UP NICOLE
23 SIMPSON. YES, MA'AM.

24



1 **MARISOL SANTANA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MARSOL SANTANA. I
2 APPRECIATE THAT MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND THE BOARD CARE SO DEEPLY
3 ABOUT CONSUMERS LIKE ME. AS A DUAL DIAGNOSED CLIENT AT
4 PROTOTYPE POMONA I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE CONSOLIDATION BECAUSE
5 THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO ME WILL GREATLY SUFFER. MY KIDS
6 FINALLY ARE GETTING THE MOTHER THEY DESERVE BECAUSE OF THE
7 SERVICES I'M GETTING NOW. PLEASE DON'T TAKE THAT AWAY. I
8 APPRECIATE THE CHANCE TO SHARE MY OPINION AND YOUR WILLINGNESS
9 TO LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY. I WORRY THAT THE GREAT STEPS
10 MADE BY PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS IN THEIR RECOVERY MODEL
11 AND COMMUNITY-BASED SETTING MAY BE SCALED BACK IF MENTAL
12 HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE MOVES TO THE HEALTH SERVICES
13 DEPARTMENT THAT PLACES SO MUCH VALUE ON THE MEDICAL MODEL.
14 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION OF MY COMMENTS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL
17 UP ALESHIA CLEMENT. YES, MA'AM.

18

19 **BROOKE DENNIS:** HI, MY NAME IS BROOKE DENNIS AND I'M A CLIENT
20 AT PROTOTYPES WOMEN AND CHILDREN CENTER. I AM OPPOSED TO THIS
21 INTEGRATION DUE TO IN THE MEDICAL FIELD THERE ARE MANY
22 DISEASES IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH FIELD THAT THERE ARE CURES BY
23 MEDICINES AND PILLS. FOR MY DISEASE OF ADDICTION, THERE IS NO
24 CURE. IT CAN ONLY BE ARRESTED BY UNITY, SERVICE AND RECOVERY
25 NOT BY A PILL.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MISTI
3 MOONEY. MISTI MOONEY? YES, MA'AM.

4

5 **NICOLE AYALA:** HELLO MY NAME IS NICOLE AYALA. I BELIEVE THAT
6 THE BOARD SHOULD SUPPORT A FORMAL STAKEHOLDER PROCESS THAT
7 INCLUDES PROVIDERS AND CONSUMERS TO DISCUSS WHAT PATH IS THE
8 BEST WAY TO MEET THIS GOAL? I HAVE BEEN IN TREATMENT AT
9 PROTOTYPES WOMEN'S CENTER FOR THREE MONTHS. IT'S A RATHER
10 LARGE FACILITY WITH AN APPROXIMATE COUNT OF 180 WOMEN AND
11 CHILDREN. IT'S MY EXPERIENCE THAT GETTING MY NEEDS MET HAS
12 ALREADY BEEN DIFFICULT. I PERSISTENTLY SELF-ADVOCATED AND
13 PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED A GRIEVANCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE HIRING
14 OF ANOTHER STAFF MEMBER. I WORRY THAT MERGING LARGE ELEMENTS
15 WILL ONLY DECREASE QUALITY OF TREATMENT. NO QUICK DECISION
16 SHOULD BE MADE. AND THE BOARD SHOULD LOOK AT DIFFERENT PATHS.
17 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION OF MY COMMENTS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. ALSO LELAND KEEL

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21 **NICOLE SIMPSON:** HELLO, I'M NICOLE SIMPSON. I AM CURRENTLY A
22 RESIDENT AT PROTOTYPES WOMEN CENTER IN POMONA. I BELIEVE THE
23 BOARD SHOULD SUPPORT A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS THAT INCLUDES
24 PROVIDERS AND CONSUMERS TO DISCUSS WHAT PATH IS BEST TO BE MET
25 ON THIS GOAL. NO QUICK DECISION SHOULD BE MADE. AND THE BOARD



1 MAY WANT TO TAKE A DIFFERENT PATH. I PERSONALLY HAVE SUFFERED
2 FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE FOR OVER 22 YEARS, BRINGING ALONG MENTAL
3 HEALTH ISSUES. NOW AFTER SIX MONTHS WITHOUT THOSE DRUGS I
4 RELIED ON, PHYSICAL PROBLEMS ARE ARISING AND I AM WORRIED THAT
5 MY NEEDS WILL NOT BE MET IN THESE AREAS IN A TIMELY MANNER TO
6 BEST BENEFIT ME. NOW MORE THAN EVER, L.A. COUNTY SHOULD BE
7 FOCUSED ON HOW TO REACH CLIENTS AND CONSUMERS WHERE THEY FEEL
8 MOST COMFORTABLE AND IN A LESS STIGMATIZING WAY. THANK YOU FOR
9 ALLOWING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MARIE GARCIA? EXCUSE ME.

12 RONALD HALL. YES, SIR.

13

14 **ALESHIA CLEMENT:** MY NAME IS ALESHIA CLEMENT. AND I'M A
15 RESIDENT OF PROTOTYPES WOMEN'S CENTER. AND I OPPOSE THIS
16 ACTION. THE MODEL, THE RECOVERY MODEL ENCOURAGES FOCUSES ON
17 CLIENT IMPROVEMENT, THE STRENGTHS OF A CLIENT AND PEER
18 ORIENTATION. I BELIEVE THAT IT'S LIKE I'M A RECOVERING ADDICT.
19 AND IT'S LIKE ONE ADDICT HELPING ANOTHER. NO PILL IS GOING TO
20 HELP ME TO NOT BE AN ADDICT. I'M ALSO DUAL DIAGNOSED SO I ALSO
21 HAVE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. AND NO DOCTOR IS GOING TO JUST
22 CONTINUOUSLY GIVE ME A PILL THAT HELPS ME TO LEARN HOW TO
23 LIVE. I LEARN HOW TO LIVE BY OTHER PEOPLE SHOWING ME HOW TO
24 LIVE, TALKING TO ME AND GUIDING ME THROUGH TOUGH SITUATIONS. I
25 BELIEVE THAT IF YOU PUT THESE ENTITIES TOGETHER, THAT PEOPLE



1 THAT HAVE THOSE ISSUES WILL LOSE. THEY WILL BE LESS MONEY AND
2 LESS PEOPLE TO HELP US LEARN THESE THINGS. THERE WILL NOT BE
3 ANY PEER ADVOCACY GROUPS AVAILABLE FOR US TO LEARN FROM. THANK
4 YOU.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ROSINA
7 EHRLICH. YES, MA'AM.

8

9 **MISTI MOONEY:** MY NAME IS MISTI MOONEY. I'M A RECOVERING ADDICT
10 FOR 103 DAYS AT PROTOTYPES. [APPLAUSE.] I WORRY THAT THE GREAT
11 STEPS MADE FOR PUBLIC AND MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM AND RECOVERY
12 MODEL AND COMMUNITY-BASED SETTING MAY BE SCALED BACK IF MENTAL
13 HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE MOVES TO THE HEALTH SERVICES
14 DEPARTMENT. THAT PLACES SO MUCH VALUE ON THE MEDICAL MODEL
15 BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT I, TOO, WAS HOMELESS WITH CHILDREN.
16 AND WITH THE RECOVERY SYSTEM, RECOVERY MODEL, I FEEL IT'S
17 TEACHING ME BASED ON HOW TO LIVE WITH THE FACT THAT I DIDN'T
18 KNOW HOW TO LIVE WITH MY CHILDREN. WITH THE MENTAL ISSUE THAT
19 I AM BEING TREATED WITH ON A SEPARATE BASIS. WITH THAT BEING
20 SAID, THAT IF IT'S COMBINED, IT MAY BE GETTING A LITTLE
21 CONFUSING ON THAT ISSUE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOOD JOB.

24

25 **MISTI MOONEY:** SO THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SHARE.



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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

3

4 **LEELAND KEEL:** MY NAME IS LELAND KEEL, I REPRESENT THE
5 INSTITUTE FOR MULTICULTURAL COUNSELING AND EDUCATION SERVICES,
6 A COMMUNITY CLINIC. I OPPOSE THIS MOTION ON PRIMARILY
7 PROCEDURAL GROUNDS ALTHOUGH I SUPPORT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S
8 GOAL TO PROVIDE BETTER QUALITY AND COORDINATED CARE TO COUNTY
9 RESIDENTS. THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS DESERVE TO AND OUGHT TO HEAR
10 INPUT FROM ALL STAKEHOLDERS BEFORE BEING ASKED TO APPROVE IN
11 CONCEPT THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
12 SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
13 HEALTH. I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT THIS MOTION BE WITHDRAWN
14 AND REDRAFTED ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **RONALD HALL:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS RONALD HALL. I'M A
19 MEMBER OF PORTALS, C.C.M. AND A FACILITATOR FOR PROJECT
20 RETURN. I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I OPPOSE THIS MOTION BECAUSE
21 IT WILL CREATE CHAOS. IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT CHAOS, IT'S
22 LIKE WHERE MOST EVERYBODY IN HERE HAS CHILDREN OR HAVE
23 CHILDREN IN THEIR FAMILIES AND WHEN YOUR CHILD TELLS YOU THAT,
24 "I WANT TO DIE, I WISH I WAS DEAD" MOST OF THE TIME WE TREAT
25 IT LIKE WE TREAT MENTAL HEALTH, WE THINK THEY'RE JUST TALKING,



1 THEY'RE TRYING TO INTIMIDATE US, TRYING TO SCARE US INTO DOING
2 SOMETHING FOR THEM, BUT WHEN SOMEBODY TELLS YOU AND OPENS
3 THEIR MOUTH AND SAID THEY WISH THEY WAS DEAD, LOOK AT HOW OUR
4 SOCIETY IS NOW. WE KILL EACH OTHER AT THE DROP OF A HAT. MY
5 WIFE CAN'T GO OUTSIDE AT 6:00 AT NIGHT WITHOUT BEING AFRAID.
6 MY FAMILY, I HAVE MEMBERS WHO LIVE NEXT DOOR TO, MY NEIGHBOR,
7 I CALL MY MOM, MRS. GERRAGHTY, SHE CAN'T GO TO TACO BELL
8 BECAUSE SOMEBODY GOT SHOT AT THE CORNER. EVERY WAY YOU TURN
9 AROUND, THE COUNTRY IS BEING DESTROYED AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF
10 MENTAL HEALTH. IT'S A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE JUST TO THINK THAT
11 YOU CAN STOP MENTAL HEALTH BY PUTTING EVERYTHING TOGETHER AND
12 CREATING CHAOS. GOD BLESS. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL UP REBA STEVENS AND
15 RICARDO PULIDO. YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **MARIE GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
18 MARIE GARCIA. I AM AN EVANGELIST AND A FORMER EMANCIPATED
19 YOUTH, A MENTAL HEALTH WORKER AND C.N.A. NURSE. I AM ALSO A
20 PERSON WHO HAS GONE THROUGH BRAIN TRAUMA AND P.T.S.D. AND AS A
21 RESULT OF MENTAL HEALTH, IT HAS HELPED ME TO KEEP MOVING
22 FORWARD TO HELP OTHERS. I AM HERE TODAY AS A REPRESENTATIVE
23 FOR THE WELLNESS CLUB AND SUPPORT OF PORTALS AND PACIFIC
24 CLINICS. HEADING THE WELLNESS PROGRAM WOULD AFFECT THOUSANDS
25 OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD BECOME DISPLACED AND THEIR LIVES



1 INTERRUPTED IN ALL AREAS OF SUCCESS AND THE STIGMAS OF MENTAL
2 HEALTH THAT HAVE BEEN BROKEN. AND BEING-- AND RESTORING THE
3 DIGNITY AND RESPECT THE FAMILIES AND RECONCILIATION THAT HAVE
4 BEEN RESTORED. I'M ASKING THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS ON BEHALF OF PORTALS, PACIFIC CLINICS, MYSELF AND
6 ALL THOSE WE REPRESENT TO SERIOUSLY PRAY, LIKE OUR FOREFATHERS
7 DID, AND DIG DEEP INTO YOURSELVES AND PUT PEOPLE FIRST BEFORE
8 PROFITS. I THANK YOU. IT WAS A PRIVILEGE.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **MARIE GARCIA:** GOOD DAY.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LELAND DUNZEE AND LETICIA MUNIZ. OKAY.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HI. HONORABLE, HONORABLE BOARD. I BEG ALL OF YOU TO
17 RECONSIDER. I AM SHOCKED BECAUSE I KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU ARE
18 WONDERFUL, CARING INDIVIDUALS. I VOTED AND FOUGHT FOR MANY OF
19 YOU TO BE ON THIS BOARD. I AM A MEMBER OF N.A.M.I. BUT I'M NOT
20 HERE TO REPRESENT N.A.M.I. WE HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE REPRESENTING
21 N.A.M.I. TODAY. BUT I'M HERE TO REPRESENT THE FAMILY MEMBERS
22 OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT
23 STAKEHOLDERS, YOU'RE FORGETTING THE LAST CAREGIVERS, WHICH IS
24 US. WE ARE THE ONES THAT HAVE TO TRY TO CARRY, BUT WE NEED THE
25 HELP. AND TO THIS DAY, I CAN TELL YOU I AM SO PROUD OF WHAT'S



1 HAPPENING WITH MENTAL HEALTH. I AM INVOLVED, I'M THE VICE
2 PRESIDENT OF N.A.M.I. WEST SIDE L.A. AND WE'RE DOING PROGRAMS
3 AT THE SCHOOLS. WE HAVE N.A.M.I. ON CAMPUS AT U.C.L.A. WE HAVE
4 YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND, WHICH IS A PROGRAM THAT EXTENDS A HAND TO
5 A YOUNG PERSON FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COME INTO THE COMMUNITY
6 COLLEGE. PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T STOP THE PREVENTION AND
7 INTERVENTION THAT WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW TO GET THESE YOUNG
8 PEOPLE IN THE SCHOOLS AND THE PARENTS TO BE ABLE TO AVOID THE
9 CRISES THAT YOU DON'T HAVE SUCH A BIG OVERHEAD. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ISMAEL
12 MALDONADO? AND BOB SCHOONOVER.

13

14 **REBA STEVENS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS REBA STEVENS AND I AM A
15 CONSUMER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH DISTRICT 2. AND
16 I HAVE GREAT CONCERNS HERE. WHEN THIS INFORMATION WAS BROUGHT
17 TO MY ATTENTION, I WAS IN A MEETING FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S
18 COMMISSION WHEN DR. SHANER BROUGHT IN TO OUR ATTENTION. I
19 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOT ONLY SAY I AM OPPOSED TO THIS BUT
20 TO ALSO SHARE WITH YOU WHAT THAT FELT LIKE. TO ACTUALLY
21 EXPERIENCE WATCHING THIS INFORMATION BE DELIVERED TO OUR
22 COMMISSIONERS AND EVERYBODY BEING TAKEN ABACK BY IT. I
23 EXPERIENCED FEAR. I EXPERIENCED STRESS. I EXPERIENCED ANXIETY.
24 AND IT'S REALLY SAD THAT I WOULD HAVE TO EXPERIENCE THAT ON
25 ACCOUNT OF YOU. THIS IS ABOUT TRUST. I'M QUESTIONING MY LEVEL



1 OF TRUST WITH YOU. BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL THAT IT'S FAIR THAT
2 IT'S A PROPER MANNER WITH WHICH THIS IS BEING DEALT WITH. WHAT
3 ABOUT THOSE OF US WHO ACTUALLY CHOOSE TO BE MENTALLY AND
4 EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY? NOT ONLY DO THEY SAY THAT THIS IS NOT
5 SOMETHING, NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US, BUT I THINK WHAT'S
6 IMPORTANT HERE IS YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE CAN AND WE DO
7 SPEAK FOR OURSELVES AND THAT ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] YES, MA'AM.

10

11 **LETICIA MUNIZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. AND A
12 SPECIAL HELLO TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS. YOU'RE MY ROLE MODEL. THANK
13 YOU. AND I JUST WANT TO MOVE ON AND LET YOU KNOW THAT MY
14 NAME'S LETICIA MUNIZ GEVARA. I'M AN ADVOCATE TRANSLATOR. I'M
15 PART OF SERVICE AREA 2. I'M ALSO YOUR FORMER MENTAL HEALTH
16 COMMISSIONER FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND SO ON. YOU MIGHT KNOW
17 ME BETTER BY THE 1984 CHOKE HOLD, RAUL GEVARA AND THE VAN NUYS
18 JAIL, THAT WAS MY BROTHER, HAVING A PANIC ATTACK WHILE HEALTH
19 SERVICES THOUGHT IT WAS A HEART ATTACK. NEEDLESS TO SAY MY
20 BROTHER'S BEEN DEAD FOR 30 YEARS AND I FOSTERED HIS CHILDREN.
21 AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING INTO, PUTTING MENTAL HEALTH AND
22 HEALTH SERVICES TOGETHER. I DON'T KNOW THAT THIS CAN BE. BUT
23 AT THE SAME TIME, I DO HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT THROUGHOUT THE
24 TIME THAT WE'VE BEEN IN HEALTH SERVICES, MY DAUGHTER WAS
25 ACCEPTED AT U.C. IRVINE. AND THAT'S BETTER THAN HAVING TO GO



1 BURY SOMEBODY AT MISSION BECAUSE HEALTH SERVICES DIDN'T KNOW
2 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PANIC ATTACK AND A HEART ATTACK.
3 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP OSCAR VALLADARES
6 AND KEENAN SHEEDY. YES, SIR. AND THEN ROBERT.

7

8 **ISMAEL MALDONADO:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. MY
9 NAME IS ISMAEL MALDONADO. DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCATE, SPECIAL
10 CERTIFICATION ADVOCATE, ALSO MENTAL HEALTH CLIENT. I AM
11 OPPOSING THE NEW IDEA THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS BROUGHT
12 TO OUR TABLE. THIS IS NOT RIGHT TO TRY TO MERGE D.M.H. TO
13 D.H.S. BECAUSE WE WILL BE OVERLOOKED. AND IF D.M.H. IS PLACED
14 OVER D.H.S., WE WILL BE ROBBED OF OUR FUNDING. AND REMEMBER
15 NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. SCHOONOVER.

18

19 **BOB SCHOONOVER:** BOB SCHOONOVER PRESIDENT, S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721.
20 THIS IS A BOLD IDEA. IN ORDER FOR BOLD IDEAS TO SUCCEED, THERE
21 NEEDS TO BE A CAREFUL AND THOUGHTFUL PROCESS. THE MOTION TO
22 CONSOLIDATE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH
23 AND PUBLIC HEALTH INTO ONE SYSTEM PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
24 GREATNESS. BUT ONLY IF THE OFFICIALS ENSURE FULL TRANSPARENCY
25 AND OPEN COMMUNICATION WITH THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE



1 FRONTLINES PROVIDING THESE SERVICES ON A DAILY BASIS TO THE
2 THOUSANDS OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS AND TO THOSE WHO ACCESS
3 THESE SERVICES, AS WELL. A CONSOLIDATION DONE RIGHT COULD HELP
4 CUT THROUGH THE BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS THAT IMPACT PATIENTS ON A
5 DAILY BASIS. BUT IF DONE WRONG, THERE IS A POTENTIAL TO END UP
6 WITH CUTS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICE, INCLUDING COMMUNICABLE
7 DISEASES, MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT AS WELL AS REDUCED ACCESS
8 TO CARE AND FEWER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. THIS IS WHAT WE ALL
9 WANT TO AVOID! WE ARE ENTERING INTO THIS CONSOLIDATION HOPEFUL
10 THROUGH OUR STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH DR. MITCH KATZ AND D.H.S.
11 LEADERSHIP, WE WILL WORK HAND-IN-HAND TO ENSURE THE BEST TOTAL
12 PATIENT QUALITY CARE. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH DR. KATZ AND HIS
13 TEAM IS THAT WE HAVE TRANSPARENCY, INCLUSION AND RESPECT OF
14 OUR UNION CONTRACT. THE ROAD WILL HAVE BUMPS ALONG THE WAY,
15 BUT WE WILL STOP TO REALIGN AS NEEDED. I AM CONFIDENT THAT
16 THROUGH A COLLABORATION, WE WILL ARRIVE AT OUR DESTINATION,
17 BECOMING A PROVIDER OF CHOICE THROUGH OUR TOTAL, INTEGRATED,
18 QUALITY CARE HEALTH SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, BOB, FOR YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE
21 COMMENTS. APPRECIATE IT. LET ME ALSO CALL UP PATRICIA CASTILLO
22 AND HECTOR RAMIREZ. YES, SIR.

23

24 **OSCAR VALLADARES:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS
25 OSCAR VALLADARES. I'M A DEPUTY PUBLIC CONSERVATOR WITH THE



1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF
2 LOCAL S.E.I.U. 721. MY COLLEAGUES AND I PROVIDE CRITICAL
3 INDIVIDUALIZED MANAGED CARE, SUPERVISION OF MEDICAL,
4 PSYCHIATRIC, FINANCIAL RESOURCE SUPPORT AND SO FAR SIGHT FOR
5 SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL IN OUR COMMUNITY AS DEEMED BY THE COURT.
6 WE JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT SOME CHALLENGES THAT ARE WORTH
7 ADDRESSING FROM THE START. AS CHALLENGING AS IT IS FOR D.M.H.
8 TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE QUALITY CARE AS A STAND-ALONE DEPARTMENT,
9 WE CANNOT IGNORE HOW COMPLICATED IT WILL BE FOR D.M.H. TO
10 COLLAPSE INTO ONE DEPARTMENT WITH D.H.S. AND D.P.H. THIS WILL
11 NOT HAPPEN OVERNIGHT AND IT WILL NOT OCCUR WITHOUT ANY GROWING
12 PAINS. WE NEED TO BE PREPARED TO LISTEN TO HEALTHCARE VOICES
13 AND FRONTLINE STAFF THAT PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICE TO OUR
14 COMMUNITY. IF THE BOARD AND LEADERS OF OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE
15 SERIOUS ABOUT MAKING A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION, THE EFFORT WILL
16 BE WORTH IT BECAUSE WE SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD TO HAVE A STRONG
17 FOUNDATION AS WE EMBARK ON THIS HUGE SHIFT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SIR. LET
20 ME CALL UP LARRY GASCO. YES, SIR.

21

22 **KEENAN SHEEDY:** THANK YOU, BOARD. MY NAME IS KEENAN SHEEDY. I
23 AM THE PATIENT FINANCIAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE. AND I HELP
24 NEEDY CLIENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES SIGN UP FOR
25 FINANCIAL PROGRAMS TO HELP THEM PAY FOR THEIR CARE. IN MY



1 EXPERIENCE, THE THREE SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS HAVE ALLOWED A LOT
2 OF INCONSISTENT AND INEFFECTIVE PRACTICES WHEN IT COMES TO
3 REVENUE AND SERVICES. I BELIEVE THIS MOTION HAS THE POTENTIAL,
4 THE POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE BETTER PATIENT CARE THROUGH MORE
5 COORDINATION. I'VE LISTENED VERY CAREFULLY TO THE PEOPLE WHO
6 HAVE SPOKEN BEFORE ME VERY CORRECTLY. WE NEED TO BE VERY
7 INTENTIONAL AND ANALYZE EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. WE NEED TO
8 ENSURE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR ALL PROGRAMS SO THAT WE'RE NOT IN
9 COMPETITION WITH EACH OTHER. WE NEED ADEQUATE FUNDING AND NO
10 CUTS FOR ALL PROGRAMS. THERE'S A LOT OF POTENTIAL IN TREATING
11 THE PATIENT AS ONE PATIENT WITH ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR ALL
12 PROGRAMS. THAT'S WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE IN THIS. AND WE DO
13 BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD NOT RUSH INTO IT, THAT WE SHOULD
14 INVOLVE INPUT FROM ALL OF THE PERSONS WHO ARE INVOLVED WHO
15 KNOW AND KNOW WHAT WORKS AND KNOWS WHAT DOES NOT WORK. THANK
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

19

20 **PATRICIA CASTILLO:** GOOD MORNING. ESTEEMED BOARD AND HAPPY NEW
21 YEAR. MY NAME IS PATRICIA CASTILLO, I'M THE REGIONAL HEALTH
22 DIRECTOR FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. AND TODAY ON BEHALF OF OUR
23 REPRESENTED MEMBERS IN D.P.H., D.M.H. AND D.H.S., I COME TO
24 YOU IN PARTNERSHIP. WE'RE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT BEING A COUNTY THAT
25 PROVIDES EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT AND QUALITY FULL CONTINUUM OF



1 CARE, HEALTH SERVICES. IN FACT OUR MEMBERSHIP HAS ALREADY
2 PRIORITIZED A SET OF CORE VALUES THAT KEEP THE QUALITY OF
3 HEALTH SERVICES. WE ARE ENCOURAGED WITH THE STRONG PARTNERSHIP
4 THAT WE HAVE WITH THE DEPARTMENTS WHERE WE HAVE BEGUN TO BUILD
5 A MODEL THAT FOCUSES ON THE PATIENTS WE SERVE IN OUR
6 COMMUNITY. WE HAVE PIONEERED CARE IMPROVEMENT TEAMS IN OUR
7 AMBULATORY CARE NETWORK GEARED ON IMPROVING ACCESS TO CARE AND
8 HAVE MADE MUCH PROGRESS. WITH THE STRONG INTEGRATION AND
9 LEADERSHIP OF THOSE ON THE FRONTLINES, WE HAVE CREATED
10 MEASURABLE OUTCOMES AND WORK GROUPS IN THE AREA OF QUALITY OF
11 CARE AND PATIENT EXPERIENCE, NONE OF WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN
12 DONE WITHOUT A COMMITMENT FROM OUR TRUE PARTNERSHIP IN D.H.S.
13 IF THIS MOTION MOVES FORWARD, IT WILL BE IMPERATIVE TO
14 REPLICATE THIS PARTNERSHIP TO SCALE SO THAT EACH OF THESE
15 DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES THEY PROVIDE CAN BE PROTECTED AND
16 EXPANDED.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **PATRICIA CASTILLO:** SO I LEAVE YOU WITH THIS. WE MUST BE PART
21 OF THE DESIGNING OF THE FULL MODEL OF CONTINUUM OF INTEGRATED
22 CARE. WE WANT FRONTLINE ENGAGEMENT IN THE PROCESS. AND WE WANT
23 A MODEL THAT ENFORCES INTEGRATED CARE.

24



1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JAIME GARCIA AND
2 KAREN MACEDONIO. YES, SIR.

3

4 **HECTOR RAMIREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HECTOR VANO
5 RAMIREZ. I'M ONE OF YOUR RESIDENTS HERE IN CANOGA PARK. I'VE
6 BEEN A CLIENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR ALMOST
7 14 YEARS SINCE I LOST MY INSURANCE. D.M.H. WAS FOR ME PRETTY
8 MUCH THE WAY THAT I GOT OFF THE STREETS WHEN I LOST MY
9 INSURANCE. IN 2000 I LOST MY PARTNER. I DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER
10 FORM OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT BUT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
11 HEALTH. THAT FOR ME ALLOWED ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK AND
12 DEVELOP RESILIENCE AND CONTINUE WORKING. FOR THIS SECOND YEAR,
13 I'M SERVING WITH THE CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH
14 SERVICES ACT REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA. AND THIS
15 PARTICULAR MOVE, IT'S VERY DISCONCERTING, THE LACK OF
16 OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FROM STAKEHOLDERS IN THIS PROCESS
17 REALLY DOESN'T REFLECT THE OVERALL POSITION OF WORKING
18 TOGETHER WITH THE PEOPLE THAT WE REPRESENT. I STAND BEHIND ALL
19 THESE PEOPLE SITTING HERE BEFORE YOU IN OPPOSING AND REALLY
20 THINKING AND ANALYZING WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE KNOW THAT IN
21 MENTAL HEALTH, THE SAME TREATMENT DOES NOT WORK FOR EVERYBODY.
22 JUST BECAUSE THIS CONSOLIDATION APPROACH HAS WORKED IN OTHER
23 COUNTIES DOES NOT MEAN IT WILL WORK HERE.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU. YES, SIR.



1

2 **LARRY GASCO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF
3 THE BOARD. I'M LARRY GASCO AND I'M PRIVILEGED TO SERVE AS
4 CHAIRMAN OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION. WE SHARE MANY OF THE
5 CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED TODAY VERY ARTICULATELY. AND
6 HAVING BEEN AROUND PERHAPS TOO LONG, BEEN THROUGH THE DANCE OF
7 CENTRALIZATION AND DECENTRALIZATION. IN 1972, A BIG HEALTH
8 SERVICES DEPARTMENT WAS CREATED AND OBVIOUSLY IT DIDN'T WORK
9 TOO WELL BECAUSE BOTH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BECAME AUTONOMOUS. I JUST WANT TO
11 SHARE WITH YOU FOCUSING ON ONE MAJOR CONCERN. THE MENTAL
12 HEALTH COMMISSION IS MANDATED IN STATE LAW AND IN THE WELFARE
13 AND INSTITUTIONS CODE, ONE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES STATES, THE
14 COMMISSION HAS THE MANDATED ROLE TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE
15 PROCEDURES USED TO ENSURE CITIZENS AND PROFESSIONAL
16 INVOLVEMENT IN ALL STAGES OF THE PLANNING PROCESS. NOW AS YOUR
17 APPOINTEES, AND I'VE ASKED MY PEERS WHO ARE STANDING BEHIND
18 ME, I THINK ONE OR TWO MAY HAVE HAD TO LEAVE A LITTLE BIT
19 EARLY, WE ALL SHARE THE SAME CONCERNS. ONE OF THE MAJOR
20 ISSUES, THOUGH, IN THIS WHOLE THING WITH CONSOLIDATION, IF IT
21 SHOULD COME TO FRUITION, IS THAT IT WOULD CREATE ANOTHER LAYER
22 OF ADMINISTRATION BETWEEN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND YOUR
23 COMMISSION THAT WOULD IMPEDE OUR ABILITY TO SHARE THE CONCERNS
24 OF CONSTITUENTS DIRECTLY TO YOU. SO WE RECOMMEND THAT THE
25 BOARD CONTINUE THIS MOTION AND REALLY STUDY IT VERY, VERY



1 CAREFULLY AND NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES THAT WERE MADE IN THE
2 PAST. AND IDEALLY I THINK IT'S A BAD IDEA PERSONALLY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **LARRY GASCO:** SO JUST ONE LAST THING, ONE OF THE THINGS WE
7 TALKED A GREAT DEAL ABOUT, THE ROLE OF CONSUMERS. BUT IT'S
8 MORE THAN A SLOGAN ABOUT NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US. THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH OVER 20 YEARS HAS PUT A LOT OF
10 TIME AND EFFORT INTO DEVELOPING A VOICE FOR CONSUMERS. YOUR
11 MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION HAS ALSO TRIED TO REINFORCE THAT. AND
12 SO IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT IN THIS PLANNING PROCESS, THAT
13 CONSUMER ORGANIZATIONS, CONSUMERS, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE
14 A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE STUDY OF WHATEVER PROCEEDS IN THE
15 FUTURE. SO APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. ALSO DR. GENEVIEVE
18 CLAVREUL AND JULIE JONES. YES, MA'AM.

19

20 **KAREN MACEDONIO:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY
21 NAME IS KAREN MACEDONIO. I'M THE COCHAIR FOR SERVICE AREA 5,
22 WHICH IS WEST L.A., THE SERVICE AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE. I'M
23 ALSO A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE FAITH-BASED
24 ADVOCACY COUNCIL FOR L.A.D.M.H. YOU ASKED US EARLIER NOT TO
25 CLAP BUT TO RAISE OUR HANDS TO THE CEILING. WE CAN'T DO THAT



1 WITHOUT A WELL- FUNCTIONING MIND THAT REQUIRES THOUGHT FIRST
2 AND THEN ACTION AFTER. I THINK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS AN
3 INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY HERE TO LOOK AT THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE,
4 BUT UNDERSTAND THAT THIS DECISION AFFECTS EVERY SINGLE ONE OF
5 THE 10 MILLION PLUS RESIDENTS. THIS IS MENTAL ILLNESS AFFECTS
6 1 OUT OF EVERY 4 FAMILIES IN A GIVEN YEAR, EITHER DIRECTLY TO
7 AN INDIVIDUAL OR TO THE FAMILY MEMBERS AND CAREGIVERS. IT
8 HIDES BEHIND THE WORD STIGMA. YOU'VE HEARD PEOPLE SAY "WE WERE
9 LEFT OUT." THAT IS STIGMA. I REALLY URGE THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS TO DELAY THIS DECISION, TO THINK ABOUT IT MORE, TO
11 ENGAGE THE STAKEHOLDERS AND TO FIND A WAY THAT WE CAN ALL COME
12 TOGETHER FOR A COUNTY THAT'S A LEADER IN THE WORLD IN
13 HEALTHCARE FOR EVERYBODY.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. LET ME
16 ALSO CALL UP RONALD RUIZ. YES, SIR.

17

18 **LARRY GLASGOW:** HI, MY NAME IS LARRY GLASGOW, I'VE BEEN WITH
19 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS WITH
20 THE VICTORY WELLNESS CENTER. AND I'VE ALWAYS BEEN, IF I WASN'T
21 FIT RIGHT WITH THE PLACE, I ALWAYS MOVED ON. SO EVIDENCE THIS
22 PLACE HAS HELPED ME A LOT WITH MY MENTAL HEALTH. I'M ON THE
23 C.A.C. COMMITTEE. I'M WITH THE ADVISOR, THE WELLNESS
24 DEPARTMENT AT THE CENTER. SO I'M A VOICE SPEAKING OUT AS
25 AMBASSADOR FOR THE CONSUMERS AT THE CENTER. AND THIS PROGRAM



1 HAS DONE A LOT FOR ME AS WELL AS THE REST OF MY CONSUMERS AT
2 THE CENTER. MY FAMILY PUT ME ASIDE BECAUSE I HAVE A MENTAL
3 ILLNESS. BUT MY FAMILY'S AT THE CENTER. AND ALONG WITH THE
4 CENTER, ALL THE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
7 EMILY TRUONG. YES, MA'AM.

8

9 **JULIE JONES:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND TO ALL THE BOARD
10 OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JULIE JONES AND I'M WITH HILL VIEW
11 MENTAL HEALTH CENTER IN DISTRICT 3 IN PACOIMA AND I'VE BEEN A
12 CARE PROVIDER FOR OVER 17 YEARS. IN ADDITION TO BEING A CARE
13 PROVIDER, I ALSO HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO RECEIVE MENTAL HEALTH
14 TREATMENT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA. THIS IS OF GRAVE
15 CONCERN FOR ALL OF US. THIS CONSOLIDATION WILL MEAN A
16 REDUCTION OF SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH
17 CONDITIONS. WE ALL WANT INTEGRATION, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO
18 POINT OUT, AS MANY PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY, THE REASON WHY THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WAS CARVED OUT YEARS AGO. MANY OF
20 OUR CONSUMERS, OUR FAMILY MEMBERS, FELL VICTIM OF STIGMA AND
21 PREJUDICE, MISDIAGNOSIS, A LACK OF TREATMENT RESOURCES. AND
22 UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
23 HEALTH, STATISTICS HAVE SHOWN THAT WITH PROGRAMS LIKE THE FULL
24 SERVICE PARTNERSHIP, THE WELLNESS PROGRAM AND CLIENT-RUN
25 CENTERS, THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT COST-EFFECTIVENESS,



1 REDUCING THE COST OF INCOMPETENCE PATIENT AND EMERGENCY
2 SERVICES. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GO BACKWARDS TO A MEDICAL MODEL.
3 THIS IMPACTS THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY. I AM ADVOCATING THAT THIS MOTION BE TABLED TO ALLOW
5 FOR PUBLIC INPUT THROUGH A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
10 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM AMAZED AND I'M CONCERNED. WHY
11 NOW? WHY SO SOON? AND WHY SO MUCH PUSH? I WAS PROBABLY THE
12 MOST OPPOSED TO SEPARATE THE DEPARTMENT WHEN IT FIRST
13 HAPPENED. I DIDN'T LIKE DR. FIELDING. I THOUGHT HE WAS NOT
14 CAPABLE OF DOING A GOOD JOB. HE DID A FANTASTIC JOB. AND
15 BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE DIRECTOR TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE SAME
16 WITH DR. SOUTHARD IN MENTAL HEALTH, I FELT PEOPLE GOT BETTER
17 CARE. PERSONALLY, I FEEL THIS IS A POLITICAL PLOY FOR POWER.
18 DR. KATZ WANT THE BIG POWER AND HE WANTS TO CONSOLIDATE. I
19 THINK IT'S NOW THAT D.H.S. IS NOT WORKING WELL, LOOK AT THE
20 FUTURE. AND WHEN YOU CEDAR PUT A FULL PAGE AD IN THE PAPER,
21 PLEASE COME TO CEDAR, WE HAVE MED-ICAL AND MEDICARE, DO YOU
22 THINK PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GO TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH HOSPITAL,
23 EVEN THOUGH WE GIVE U.S.C. IS A TOP HOSPITAL? THAT'S NOT GOING
24 TO HAPPEN. WHAT WE HAVE SEEN HERE IS SOMETHING TO MASK A BIG
25 DEFEAT. DON'T DO IT. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP ALINA MENDIZABEL
3 AND MARSHA TEMPLE. YES, SIR.

4

5 **RONALD RUIZ:** HONORABLE CHAIR ANTONOVICH AND BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS RON RUIZ. I'M AN L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEE
7 AND S.E.I.U. 721 STEWARD AND CHAIR OF THE JOINT LABOR
8 MANAGEMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL. I'M
9 HERE TODAY IN HOPES TO SEE US MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
10 THAT BENEFITS MENTAL HEALTH AND LOOKING TO THE FULL
11 PARTNERSHIP, A PARTNERSHIP DEDICATED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE
12 PEOPLE OF L.A. AND THE SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, AS IN
13 A FRONTLINE WORKER, I WANT MY VOICE AND THE VOICE OF MY
14 COWORKERS, UNION BROTHERS AND SISTERS, TO ALSO BE HEARD. WE
15 WANT A SEAT AT THE TABLE, A FULL TRANSPARENCY TO BE ABLE TO BE
16 IN THE PLANNING PROCESS WHEN AND SHOULD THIS MOTION BE PASSED.
17 THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MARK
20 KARMATZ MATS AND LILIAN CABRAL. YES, EMILY.

21

22 **EMILY TRUONG:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS
23 EMILY WU TRUONG, LIVING IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY OF THE FIFTH
24 DISTRICT. I AM A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST FOR MENTAL HEALTH
25 AWARENESS, WHICH IS WHY I WEAR LIME GREEN. AND I AM THE NEWLY



1 ELECTED CHAIR OF THE ASIAN COALITION, WHICH REPRESENTS CLIENTS
2 WHO COME TOGETHER TO ALLEVIATE THE STIGMA ON MENTAL HEALTH,
3 EMPOWER EACH OTHER TO SHARE RESOURCES AND HIGHLIGHT PROFILES
4 OF HOPE AND RECOVERY. OUR MOTTO IS: WITH HELP, THERE IS HOPE.
5 AND HELPLESSNESS IS NOT HOPELESSNESS. SO WHY DO I CARE ABOUT
6 THE MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE THE THREE PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES?
7 BECAUSE IT IS NOT CLEAR AS TO HOW THE CONSOLIDATION WILL
8 AFFECT ME AND MY PEERS. BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THAT SOMETIMES
9 THE SYSTEM DOES NOT WORK TO SUPPORT THE ORDINARY CITIZEN
10 BECAUSE THE SYSTEM IS VERY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND AND
11 NAVIGATE. I MYSELF WAS THIS PERSON TWO SUMMERS AGO. AT THE
12 LAST MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING ON DECEMBER, I SHARED MY
13 EXPERIENCE FROM TWO SUMMERS AGO WHEN I HAD A THREE-DAY MENTAL
14 BREAKDOWN. WHILE HAVING THE BREAKDOWN, I MADE OVER 60 PHONE
15 CALLS TO HELP MYSELF. EVERY PHONE CALL I MADE, THEY WOULD SAY
16 "ARE YOU SUICIDAL?" I SAID "NO." THEN I EXPLAINED MY STORY BUT
17 FOR EVERY PHONE CALL IT FELT LIKE THEY CONTINUED TO SAY,
18 "SORRY WE CAN'T HELP YOU. HERE'S ANOTHER NUMBER. HERE'S
19 ANOTHER NUMBER." AND THIS IS WHAT MADE ME FEEL SO DEPRESSED
20 AND FRUSTRATED. SO IF IT HAS BEEN THIS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO
21 FIND HELP, IMAGINE HOW DIFFICULT IT WOULD BE FOR CLIENTS AND
22 IMMIGRANTS WHO CANNOT SPEAK ENGLISH FLUENTLY? SO FOR MY
23 EXPERIENCE, THIS SYSTEM DID NOT WORK IN MY FAVOR. HOWEVER,
24 WHEN I TOOK MATTERS INTO MY OWN HANDS, I MANAGED TO FIND
25 AFFORDABLE MENTAL HEALTHCARE AFTER 3-1/2 MONTHS. AND NOW I AM



1 A MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER WITH THREE SPEAKING GIGS LINED UP FOR
2 THIS MONTH AT U.C.I. AND U.C.L.A. I WAS RECENTLY SELECTED TO
3 SIT ON THE CLIENT AND FAMILY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE FOR THE
4 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION
5 IN SACRAMENTO. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. EMILY, THANK YOU. XIE XIE
8 NI. LET ME ALSO CALL UP SHOREH ROSTAMI-TEHRANI. YES MA'AM.

9

10 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** I AM MARSHA TEMPLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
11 INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORK. WE HELP PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN
12 HOMELESS WITH HOUSING, HEALTHCARE AND JOBS. I AM NOT OPPOSED
13 TO THE MOTION AS AMENDED. BUT BEFORE INTEGRATION IS RULED OUT,
14 THE COMMUNITY IS ENTITLED TO SEE A PLAN FOR THE CLIENTS WE
15 SERVE. WHAT WILL BE THE THROUGHPUT OF INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR
16 MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION, PRIMARY CARE, AND HOUSING FOR THE
17 HOMELESS? HOW WILL THIS NEW ORGANIZATION HELP PEOPLE WHO FEEL
18 STIGMATIZED BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN LABELED WITH A DIAGNOSIS
19 ACHIEVE EMPLOYMENT? THE ULTIMATE EVIDENCE OF RECOVERY. THANK
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

23

24 **MARK KARMATZ:** I AM MARK KARMATZ AND I'M A MEMBER-- I'M ONE OF
25 THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF PROJECT RETURN PEER SUPPORT NETWORK



1 AND ALSO ONE OF THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
2 CLIENT COALITION, WHICH IS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COUNTY
3 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. DUE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
4 ACT, WE NOW HAVE TWO PEER-RUN CRISIS SUPPORT CENTERS THAT ARE
5 OPERATED BY MENTAL HEALTH PEERS. I WOULD LIKE TO OPPOSE THIS
6 BLENDING OF THE TWO DEPARTMENTS. BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING IS
7 THE MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS WILL GET LOST. I AM FOR
8 INTEGRATING IN A LOT OF WAYS BUT IT'S TOO SOON. SO WE NEED, IF
9 YOU DID IT, YOU NEED TO HAVE REPRESENTATION FROM DISABILITY
10 RIGHTS CALIFORNIA. YOU NEED TO HAVE. KEEP THE PROGRAMS GOING.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** STAKEHOLDERS.

13

14 **MARK KARMATZ:** AND YOU NEED TO HAVE PEERS BE AT THE MENTAL
15 HEALTH TABLE SO THAT WE CAN GET THESE, NOTHING ABOUT US
16 WITHOUT US. WE NEED TO BE THERE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT. THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO
19 CALL UP HERMAN HERMAN AND SANDRA MORALES. YES, MA'AM.

20

21 **LILIAN CABRAL:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LILIAN CABRAL
22 AND I AM A HEAD CLERK SUPERVISOR FOR D.H.S. UNDER THE UMBRELLA
23 OF PATIENT FINANCIAL SERVICES AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. IN THE E.R. FOR
24 37 YEARS. AND I AM ALSO SECRETARY OF S.E.I.U. 721. THIS MOTION
25 HAS CREATED A RICH DIALOGUE WITHIN OUR MEMBERSHIP. AND WE HAVE



1 CONCLUDED THAT ABOVE ALL WE NEED TO ALL PARTNER TO CREATE THE
2 BEST MODEL FOR THE CARE OF OUR COMMUNITY. I THINK THERE IS A
3 POTENTIAL FOR MORE COORDINATION AND EFFICIENCY IF THE
4 DEPARTMENTS ARE MERGED WHICH WILL BE BETTER FOR THE PEOPLE
5 USING THE SERVICES. FOR ME, THE REAL QUESTION IS: HOW DO WE
6 USE THIS MOMENT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE MORE MEMBERS IN
7 CRUCIAL THINKING ABOUT THE PUBLICLY-RAN HEALTH SYSTEM? WHAT
8 ARE THE OVERLAPPING ISSUES OF THE WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY?
9 WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO PROVIDE SERVICES? HOW DO WE GET MORE
10 MONEY INTO SERVICES AND LESS INTO BUREAUCRACY? THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. ALSO MORGAN
13 BLACKLEDGE? YES, MA'AM.

14

15 **SHOREH ROSTAMI-TEHRANI:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SHOREH
16 ROSTAMI-TEHRANI. I'M A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE WITH THE HEALTH
17 FACILITY INSPECTION DIVISION. A MAJOR FUNCTION OF THE HEALTH
18 FACILITY INSPECTION DIVISION IS TO ENSURE OUR HOSPITALS,
19 CLINICS AND SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES ARE MEETING STANDARDS
20 OF CARE. WE ARE OFTEN THE VOICE FOR THE PATIENTS, RESIDENTS
21 AND CLIENTS AND THEIR LOVED ONES. I SEE THIS CONSOLIDATION AS
22 A POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY TO CUT THROUGH SOME OF THE DELAYS
23 CAUSED BY HUGE BUREAUCRATIC SYSTEM BUT ONLY-- ONLY IF THIS
24 SHIFT MOVES WITH CAUTION AND HAND-IN-HAND WITH THOSE ON THE
25 FRONT LINE AND DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF



1 HEALTH SERVICES. AS YOU KNOW, THE DEPARTMENT OF OUR HEALTH
2 FACILITY INSPECTOR DIVISION IS SUFFERING FROM A SEVERE LACK OF
3 FUNDING FROM THE STATE. THIS HAS CREATED A BACKLOG ON THE
4 FACILITIES INSPECTIONS AND SURVEYS. OUR DEPARTMENT DESPERATELY
5 NEEDS FUNDING TO HIRE AND TRAIN MORE HEALTH FACILITIES
6 EVALUATORS LIKE ME. I AM HOPEFUL THE CONSOLIDATION WILL ALLOW
7 FOR BETTER OUTCOMES OF L.A. BY CREATING AN L.A. CITIZENS OF
8 L.A. BY CREATING A STRONGER MORE UNIFIED VOICE TO ADVOCATE FOR
9 ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR APPROPRIATE STAFFING. I STAND BEFORE YOU
10 TODAY ASKING FOR TRANSPARENCY WITH THE MOTION MOVING FORWARD
11 AND I DO APPRECIATE YOUR TIME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP YASIKO
14 SAKOMOTO AND MALIA FONTECCHIO. YES, MA'AM.

15

16 **SANDRA MORALES:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SANDRA MORALES.
17 EFFECTIVENESS OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT AS SHORT TIME. I AGREE WITH
18 MANY OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS, AND AS YOU SAID, MR. MAYOR, YOUR
19 STAKEHOLDERS, WE DEMAND MORE TIME AND ARBITRATION ON THIS
20 MATTER BECAUSE IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO NOT JUST THOSE WHO ARE
21 IMPACTED BY THE DISABILITY. BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT THOSE WHO
22 ARE THE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITY WHO RAISES ALL
23 ISSUES OF GENERAL PUBLIC IMPORTANCE. GENERAL PUBLIC
24 IMPORTANCE, AND THAT'S WE THE PEOPLE. EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION
25 WITH PEOPLE FALLS SHORT ON THE BASIS OF CONSIDERATION TO WHAT



1 DEGREE AND MANNER WE EVALUATE PEOPLE UPON THE SO-CALLED MENTAL
2 ISSUES. SO LET US NOT DISCRIMINATE. LET US NOT BECOME UNAWARE
3 OF THE EQUAL ACCESS TO GOOD HEALTHCARE. AND LET US PROVIDE ALL
4 YOUR CONSTITUENTS, ALL YOUR STAKEHOLDERS WITH THE SAME IDEAS,
5 METHODOLOGY, ALL DISCUSSED TODAY BECAUSE EVERYONE'S POINT OF
6 VIEW, PROS AND CONS, WERE ALL CORRECT, RIGHT MISS SOLIS?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP SHELLY
9 SUY AND EVA MCRAVEN. YES, MA'AM.

10

11 **MALIA FONTECCHIO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MALIA JAVIER
12 FONTECCHIO AMESTEBIO. I'M THE STIGMA DISCRIMINATION REDUCTION
13 COORDINATOR FOR PROJECT RETURN PEER SUPPORT NETWORK. I'M ALSO
14 A MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER. I DO NOT SUPPORT THE MERGER OF THE
15 MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. I ALSO
16 FEEL THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM AND STAKEHOLDERS HAVE NOT
17 BEEN ADEQUATELY CONSULTED IN THESE MATTERS WHICH I FEEL WILL
18 BE THE BEGINNING OF A PATTERN. MENTAL HEALTH GOES FAR BEYOND
19 PHYSICAL HEALTH AND MY FEAR IS THAT BY BEING PUT UNDER D.H.S.
20 WE WILL BE UNDER LEADERSHIP THAT NOT UNDERSTAND THE RECOVERY
21 MODEL, THE BARRIER OF STIGMA AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
22 CONSUMER MOVEMENT AND THAT MENTAL HEALTH WILL TAKE A BACK SEAT
23 TO PHYSICAL HEALTH. SO PLEASE I URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER THIS
24 MOTION. THANK YOU.

25



1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. MATTHEW
2 ROYCHAUDHARY. MATTHEW? YES, MA'AM.

3

4 **YASUKO SAKOMOTO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM YASUKO SAKOMOTO,
5 DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES AT THE LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE
6 CENTER, WHICH HAS PROVIDED THE SOCIAL SERVICES NOT ONLY FOR
7 THE JAPANESE AND JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY BUT ALSO ASIAN
8 PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY FOR OVER 35 YEARS. WE SERVE 18,000
9 CLIENTS ANNUALLY. I AM ALSO A CO-CHAIR OF THE MENTAL HEALTH
10 COMMITTEE OF ASIAN PACIFIC-AMERICAN POLICY AND PLANNING
11 COUNCIL, AN ASSOCIATION OF OVER 40 ORGANIZATIONS. WE STRONGLY
12 OPPOSE THE MOTION 15-0189. AS ALWAYS ENCOURAGE, PLEASE HEAR
13 THE OPINIONS AND THE FEEDBACK FROM THE STAKEHOLDERS IN THE
14 COMMUNITY IN THIS VERY, VERY CRITICAL PROCESS TO MAINTAIN THE
15 QUALITY OF CARE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **YASUKO SAKOMOTO:** WE ARE CONCERNED BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THE
20 CLIENT NEEDS WILL NOT BE ADDRESSED IN THE CONSOLIDATED
21 STRUCTURE AS SOME OF THESE ARE LINGUISTIC--

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE UNDERSTAND THAT--

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1 **YASUKO SAKOMOTO:** -- DISPARITY AND ACCESS AND EQUITABLE
2 FUNDING.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF YOU COULD--

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6 **YASUKO SAKOMOTO:** PLEASE DO NOT RUSH TO THE JUDGMENT ON THIS
7 ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MA'AM. OKAY. AND
10 DOREEN GILLCREST? DOREEN? WHICHEVER GOES FIRST DOESN'T MATTER.

11

12 **SHELLEY SUY:** HI, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS SHELLY SUYAND I'M HERE
13 TO OFFER A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE. I WORK IN THE ACCOUNTING
14 DEPARTMENT AT HALFWAY SYCAMORE'S CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES. I
15 CAN AN ATTEST TO THE CURRENT EFFICIENCIES OF D.M.H. IN
16 SUPPORTING OUR AGENCY AND DELIVERING SERVICES TO OUR
17 CONSUMERS. OVER 70 PERCENT OF OUR FUNDING IS DERIVED FROM
18 D.M.H., SO YOU CAN IMAGINE WE RELY HEAVILY ON THE FUNDING TO
19 CONTINUE OPERATING MONTHLY. AND AS A NONPROFIT, MY CONCERN IS
20 THE STRESS OF THIS CONSOLIDATION WILL CAUSE ON MULTITUDES OF
21 FUNDING SOURCES D.M.H. CURRENTLY MANAGES SO WELL. ANY DELAY IN
22 RECEIVING OUR FUNDS, AND I IMAGINE FOR EVERY OTHER AGENCY
23 FUNDED BY D.M.H., WILL PUT A STRAIN ON US, OUR COMMUNITIES AND
24 THE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN THAT WE SERVE. I MUST REITERATE THAT



1 AS NONPROFITS, ANY DECISION MADE SHOULD ENCOMPASS THE INPUT OF
2 ALL STAKEHOLDERS AND HAVE DUE DILIGENCE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
5 ERIC PREVEN. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **EVA MCRAVEN:** I'M EVA MCRAVEN, PRESIDENT C.E.O. OF HILL VIEW
8 MENTAL HEALTH CENTER IN PACOIMA. WHAT YOU ARE PLANNING IS NOT
9 INTEGRATION. IN THE PAST TWO OR THREE YEARS A LOT OF STUDY AND
10 PLANNING AND COMMUNICATING HAS BEEN INVESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT
11 OF MENTAL HEALTH IN UNDERSTANDING THE BARRIERS TO INTEGRATION
12 OF HEALTHCARE. SOME ARE DISPARITIES IN TRAINING, FOR DOCTORS
13 IN COMMUNICATING WITH PATIENTS AND THEIR NEEDS AND THEIR
14 KNOWLEDGE OF MEDICATION FOR MENTAL ILLNESS. THE STRUCTURE OF
15 PATIENT VISITS IS DIFFERENT. THEN THERE IS THE ISSUE OF
16 ELECTRONIC RECORD SHARING. INTEGRATION WILL TAKE TIME. OUR
17 INVESTMENTS OF TIME BEGAN WITH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND
18 IT'S OCCURRED NATIONALLY. IT COULD BE SWEEPED AWAY BY THIS
19 EFFORT TO PROCLAIM INTEGRATION WITH A STROKE OF A PEN. AND
20 THIS WOULD NOT BE INTEGRATION. AS A COUNTY WE HAVE BEEN THERE
21 AND DONE THAT 30 YEARS AGO. IT WAS A GREAT VICTORY WHEN WE
22 ACHIEVED DEPARTMENTAL STATUS AND NO LONGER HAD TO FIGHT FOR
23 OUR PLACE IN THE HEALTH CARE LINE.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.



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2 **DOREEN GILLCREST:** MY NAME IS DOREEN GILLCREST I AM A MENTAL
3 HEALTH PATIENT. IT HELPS ME OUT VERY GOOD IN THE MENTAL
4 HEALTH. I'M A LADY, A WOMAN'S GROUP, I DO WOMAN GROUPS AND I
5 AM GOING TO SCHOOL TO GO TO COLLEGE. THEY DO ME GOOD AT SCHOOL
6 FOR COLLEGE. AND THEY ARE DOING GOOD FOR ME THERE IN MY
7 PATIENT. I GOT A HOUSE THERE. THEY GIVE ME A HOUSE AND ALL
8 THAT. SO I'M DOING GOOD FOR GOING TO SCHOOL.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ALSO LET ME CALL LEONARD
11 ROSE AND ARNOLD SACHS. YOU YES, SIR.

12

13 **MATTHEW ROYCHAUDHARY:** MY NAME IS MATTHEW, AND I CAME IN
14 LANCASTER IN 2009 AND I SAW YOUR NAME. I THANK YOU, MR.
15 MICHAEL. I SAW YOUR NAME ON THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES,
16 I DID A LITTLE INTERNET RESEARCH AND I LIKE YOUR FACE. THANK
17 YOU. [LAUGHTER.]

18

19 **MATTHEW ROYCHOUDHARY:** BUT I'M A CHILD OF GOD, SO WHAT GOD HAS
20 PUT IN MY HEART, I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT THIS, THAT I'M A
21 MEMBER OF MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA, IT'S A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
22 IN LANCASTER AND I AM A MEMBER OF THAT. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT
23 THE POINT I'M TRYING TO BRING HOME HERE IS THAT THESE THINGS
24 WOULD HAVE NOT BEEN POSSIBLE FOR THE HOMELESS MENTAL PATIENT
25 WITHOUT THE RIGHT INPUT AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AND



1 CONSISTENT HELP FROM MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA FROM 2010 TO DATE.
2 BESIDES THIS, I HAVE BEEN PROVIDED REFERRAL SERVICES BY OTHER
3 IN-HOUSE SERVICES LIKE EMPLOYMENT-RELATED SERVICES,
4 PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, MENTAL HEALTHCARE,
5 BASIC DAILY NEEDS.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. COULD YOU PRESENT YOUR
8 REMARKS TO THE SERGEANT SO THE BOARD COULD HAVE A COPY OF
9 THEM?

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11 **MATTHEW ROYCHOUDHARY:** OKAY, SURE. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. PREVEN?

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** ERIC PREVEN COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3 AND A
16 CANDIDATE IN THE C.D.2 ELECTION COMING UP FOR THE CITY OF LOS
17 ANGELES. I WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS A VERY INTERESTING
18 APPROACH. OBVIOUSLY THESE THREE LARGE ENTITIES NEED TO BE--
19 AND I THINK SUPERVISOR KUEHL HIT IT NICELY IN TALKING ABOUT
20 THE CHILDREN PROTECTION GROUP. WE NEED TO MIGRATE AWAY FROM
21 FEAR AND BLAME AND SILOS TO RESPECT, SHE WROTE, FOR
22 PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELD, LEARNING, COLLABORATING, SHARING
23 LEADERSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND SEEKING EXCELLENCY IN
24 TRANSPARENCY. AND SO IF THAT WERE THE GOAL, BECAUSE IT'S TRUE
25 THAT MENTAL HEALTH IS A STEPCHILD TO SOME OF THESE BIGGER



1 GROUPS, AND TOO OFTEN IN OUR CULTURE, IN OUR SOCIETY, THE
2 MENTALLY ILL ARE CATEGORIZED, IT'S NOT A PRIORITY, WE HAVE
3 MEDICAL THINGS TO BE DEALT WITH. YOU SAY DIABETES AND PEOPLE
4 JUMP. YOU SAY DEPRESSION AND PEOPLE BALK AND GO AND SAY TELL
5 THEM TO FEEL BETTER. SO I THINK THE MAYOR IS COMING FROM A
6 GOOD PLACE, I HOPE. I HOPE HE'S NOT USING THIS AS A TOOL TO,
7 AS WE'RE TRYING TO GET DR. KATZ INTO THE HUB WORK, WITH PUBLIC
8 HEALTH AND THE OTHER WORKS ON D.C.F.S. SPECIFICALLY, I HOPE
9 THIS IS NOT TO CREATE A BIG WALL OF CONFUSION. I HOPE THIS IS
10 ABOUT--

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
13 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

14

15 **LEONARD ROSE:** YES, MY NAME LEONARD ROSE, I SUFFER MENTAL
16 ILLNESS LIKE ANXIETY DISORDER AND VIOLENT DISORDER AND I HAD A
17 NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AT MCDONALD'S A LONG TIME AGO AND WORK
18 OVERTIME AND GOT ABUSE BY [INAUDIBLE] MY FAMILY. AND WE NEED
19 TO KEEP THIS CLINIC OPEN TO THE PEOPLE CLINIC BECAUSE THEY
20 NEED MEDICATION, DOCTOR AND THERAPY. THEY NEED TO KEEP THE
21 PROGRAM GOING FOR THE PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY NEED IT. BECAUSE ON
22 THE WEBSITE, MENTAL ILLNESS, ALL THESE WEBSITES, PEOPLE WITH
23 MENTAL ILLNESS, THEY DON'T KNOW IT BUT THEY HAVE IT. WE NEED
24 TO KEEP THE PROGRAMS GOING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25



1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, LEONARD. MR. SACHS.

2

3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.

4 AND A FEW THINGS. THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

5 HMM. WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS OR SO? I MEAN

6 THERE'S TWO SUPERVISORS THAT HAVE BEEN ON THE BOARD FOR AT

7 LEAST 20 YEARS. THE REST OF YOU HAVE BEEN IN GOVERNMENT FOR

8 APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME. OPPORTUNITY, INDEED.

9 SERVICES VERSUS BUREAUCRACY. YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY BUDGET HAS

10 INCREASED FROM THE 2012-13 FISCAL YEAR WAS \$24 BILLION. THE

11 2014-15 FISCAL YEAR IS \$26 BILLION. THAT'S \$2 BILLION. DO YOU

12 FEEL LIKE YOU'RE GETTING \$2 BILLION WORTH OF SERVICE? YOU'RE

13 GOING TO HANDLE DEPARTMENTS. PROBATION, D.C.F.S., SHERIFF'S

14 DEPARTMENT. LET'S NOT FORGET M.L.K. HOSPITAL. YOUR INPUT

15 THERE. AND WHERE ARE THOSE DEPARTMENTS NOW? AND NOW YOU'RE

16 GOING TO IMPROVE BY SUBTRACTION? THE MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH

17 SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH? I JUST DON'T SEE IT HAPPENING. IF

18 YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE HERE, YOU NEED TO GET NEW

19 LEADERSHIP IN THIS AGENCY.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES

22 THE PUBLIC COMMENT. DR. KATZ? WE ALL AGREE ABOUT THE NEED OF

23 STAKEHOLDERS BEING ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS AS BEING DISCUSSED,

24 BUT PERHAPS YOU COULD ELABORATE AND WE HAVE MEMBERS WHO WOULD



1 LIKE TO ASK YOU QUESTIONS ON THE COMMENTS THAT YOU HEARD THIS
2 MORNING AND THIS AFTERNOON.

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4 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. I JUST WANT
5 TO SAY I THOUGHT IT WAS A VERY THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSION. I
6 THOUGHT PEOPLE HAD GREAT COMMENTS. WE CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST. I
7 DO RECOGNIZE THERE WAS TRUTH IN STATEMENTS THAT PEOPLE MADE
8 ABOUT FEELING THAT MENTAL HEALTH OR PUBLIC HEALTH WERE
9 STEPCHILDREN, DID NOT GET THE ATTENTION. I DON'T SEE THAT AT
10 ALL IN THIS RESOLUTION THAT YOU PUT FORTH, MR. MAYOR. I SEE IT
11 AS THREE DEPARTMENTS THAT WILL REMAIN INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENTS,
12 THAT EACH HAS CRITICAL WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, THAT
13 THERE'S MUCH TO BE LEARNED ACROSS ALL THREE. I THINK IN
14 LISTENING TO MANY OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES SPEAKING, I
15 WAS THINKING ABOUT I WISH THAT WE COULD, THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 HEALTH SERVICES, ENCOURAGE THE SAME LEVEL OF CONSUMER
17 INVOLVEMENT IN THE LISTENING TO THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES IS
18 A WONDERFUL LESSON. WE'VE MADE SOME SMALL STEPS IN D.H.S. IN
19 NOW HAVING A COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP. BUT I THINK THERE'S A
20 LOT TO BE LEARNED FROM THE THREE DEPARTMENTS ACROSS ONE
21 ANOTHER. JUST YESTERDAY WE WERE CONTACTED BY PUBLIC HEALTH
22 ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THEIR USING THE ORCHID SYSTEM FOR
23 THEIR ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS, WHICH COULD POTENTIALLY SAVE
24 ADDITIONAL DOLLARS AND MAKE US A MORE EFFICIENT SYSTEM. SO TO
25 THE PUBLIC SPEAKERS, I WANT TO SAY THAT CERTAINLY, I'M A BIG



1 FAN AND BELIEVE DEEPLY IN THE RECOVERY MODEL. I DON'T THINK
2 THAT MORE THINGS SHOULD BE MEDICALIZED. IN FACT, I OFTEN THINK
3 THINGS WITHIN D.H.S. SHOULD BE UNMEDICALIZED. MY INTEREST IS
4 THAT I RECOGNIZE THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO COME WITH A
5 PHYSICAL HEALTH PROBLEM THAT ACTUALLY REFLECTS THE STRESS IN
6 THEIR LIFE, AND THAT OUR WORK WITH MENTAL HEALTH IS ABOUT
7 GETTING PEOPLE BETTER SERVICE. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
8 WITH THE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO SPEAK. I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT
9 THIS RESULTED IN PEOPLE COMING FORTH AND TALKING TO YOU ABOUT
10 THE SERVICES THAT THEY'RE RECEIVING. I LOOK FORWARD TO,
11 WORKING WITH THEM. AND MANY SPEAKERS TALKED ABOUT WHAT I SEE,
12 NOT TO PREJUDGE IT, BUT THE OUTLINE IS REALLY THREE
13 DEPARTMENTS WITH INDEPENDENT BUDGETS, WITH THE ABILITY TO WORK
14 BUT AT THE SAME TIME NOW WORKING TOGETHER IN A WAY THAT
15 PROMOTES BETTER SERVICES AS WELL AS MORE EFFICIENT SERVICES,
16 SOMETHING THAT WOULD DECREASE BUREAUCRACY. THOSE THINGS THAT
17 ARE WORKING SHOULD CONTINUE TO WORK. AND, IN FACT, WE SHOULD
18 LEARN FROM THOSE THINGS IN OTHER PARTS. SO I DO SEE IT AS
19 THREE INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENTS WORKING TOGETHER UNDER IF YOU
20 WANT TO CALL IT AN AGENCY MODEL, AN UMBRELLA MODEL WITH EACH
21 LEARNING THE BEST FROM ONE ANOTHER AND REMAINING OPEN TO THIS
22 BOARD DIRECTING, BECAUSE THE BUDGETS WILL BE SEPARATE. THIS
23 BOARD WILL REMAIN INVOLVED IN DETERMINING THE BUDGETS OF THE
24 THREE DEPARTMENTS, INVOLVED IN THE MISSION. IT'S JUST ABOUT
25 PROVIDING BETTER SERVICES WHERE WE CAN.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, DR. KATZ. I KNOW WHEN WE LAST MET,
5 WE TALKED ABOUT THIS CONCEPT. I'VE ONLY BEEN HERE LESS THAN
6 TWO MONTHS BUT I CAN SEE WHERE IT'S BECOME VERY CLEAR THAT ONE
7 OF THE OBJECTIVES I THINK OF THE BOARD OR SOME OF US IS TO
8 BREAK DOWN SILOS AND WHAT WE'VE LEARNED ALREADY FROM STUDIES
9 THAT HAVE BEEN DONE ABOUT THE COUNTY AND SERVICES IS THAT IT
10 MAKES SENSE FOR PEOPLE TO COLLABORATE. SO WHEN A MOTION SAYS
11 CONSOLIDATE, PERHAPS THAT'S NOT THE BEST WORD. PERHAPS IT'S
12 MORE INTEGRATE. AND IT'S ALSO, I THINK, A CONCEPT OF TRYING TO
13 INTERLOCK IN TERMS OF REALLY BREAKING DOWN THE SILOS. SO WHAT
14 CAN WE LEARN FROM EACH OTHER, AS YOU'VE POINTED OUT. YOU'VE
15 ALREADY TALKED ABOUT SOME COST SAVINGS. I KNOW THERE MAY BE
16 MORE. AND I HOPE TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THAT AS WE MOVE THROUGH
17 THE PROCESS. BUT I ULTIMATELY WANT TO SAY THAT WHAT'S SO
18 IMPORTANT TODAY IS THAT I THINK FOR THE FIRST TIME WE'VE HEARD
19 FROM A LOT OF DIFFERENT VOICES FROM OUR COMMUNITY. AND RIGHTLY
20 SO, THAT THEY SHOULD ALSO BE A PART OF THIS EFFORT TO TRY TO
21 PROVIDE A BETTER SYSTEM THAT IS FULLY INTEGRATED, THAT IS
22 ROBUST, THAT WILL ALLOW FOR VOICES TO BE HEARD. I DIDN'T HEAR
23 CLEARLY FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, THOUGH, ONE OF THE CONCERNS
24 PEOPLE HAVE IS THAT THERE WILL BE LOSS OF JOBS. THAT THERE
25 WILL BE LAYOFFS. AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IS NOT THE



1 INTENT OF THIS PROPOSAL. AND IT IS IN NO WAY OUR OBJECTIVE TO
2 TRY TO MINIMIZE, DISREGARD OR TAKE AWAY SERVICES THAT ARE VERY
3 IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY. IS THAT NOT CORRECT?

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5 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THAT'S CORRECT. MY HOPE WOULD BE THAT BY
6 MAKING THE THREE MORE EFFICIENT, WE'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE
7 SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY, NOT LESS.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE COUNTY PRIDES ITSELF ON
10 IS THAT THEY HAVEN'T HAD TO LAY PEOPLE OFF, ESPECIALLY DURING
11 ONE OF THE WORST RECESSIONS THAT WE FACED HERE. SO I WOULD
12 OBVIOUSLY WANT TO SEE THAT HONORED TO THE BEST OF OUR
13 ABILITIES. BUT ALSO IN LIGHT OF WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO,
14 BECAUSE AT A NATIONAL LEVEL, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFFORDABLE
15 CARE ACT, WHICH INCLUDES A MAJOR PORTION IN MENTAL HEALTH.
16 OBVIOUSLY EXPLORING NEW AVENUES, NEW IDEAS AND CONCEPTS THAT
17 PERHAPS SOME PRACTITIONERS OUT IN THE FIELD THAT CAME AND
18 SPOKE TO US, WE COULD INTEGRATE AND GET THOSE MODELS AND IDEAS
19 AND PUT THEM IN A CONCERTED EFFORT THAT WE CAN BECOME MORE
20 EFFICIENT, EXERCISE THOSE EFFICIENCIES BUT ALSO MAKE SURE THAT
21 WE ARE REACHING AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. I AM LOOKING
22 FORWARD TO HEARING THE FURTHER DEBATE ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE
23 MOTION WHICH I AM PREPARED TO DISCUSS AND ALSO WANT TO
24 STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE COMMUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THAT, YES, YOUR
25 VOICES ARE IMPORTANT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HEAR FROM ALL



1 SEGMENTS OF OUR SOCIETY AND OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR DISTRICTS.
2 BUT TO ALSO PUT FORWARD THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE WORKING
3 THROUGH THIS. SO NOTHING IS IN MY BELIEF DETERMINED ULTIMATELY
4 AT THIS POINT. WE ARE A WORK IN PROGRESS. I THINK THAT'S GOING
5 TO BE A BIG PART OF MY VOCABULARY. THAT WE ARE A WORK IN
6 PROGRESS. AND IT IS A NEW DAY. AND I HOPE THAT PEOPLE WILL
7 TRUST THE WISDOM OF THE MANY PEOPLE THAT HAVE SERVED THE
8 COUNTY, THAT HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO DO SO MANY GOOD THINGS
9 HERE. AND THAT WANT TO ALSO CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE. SO I THINK
10 ONE OF THE WORDS THAT STRIKES ME, MR. MAYOR, IS FAITH. AND
11 FAITH IN ANY LANGUAGE MEANS THAT YOU HAVE A BELIEF AND TRUST.
12 AND I WOULD JUST ASK FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND FOR OUR COMMUNITIES
13 AS WELL AS FOR THE BOARD AND OTHERS TO RECOGNIZE HOW IMPORTANT
14 THAT IS. BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A NEW, A MOMENT FOR
15 US HERE AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU.

16

17 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. MAY I AS SUCCINCTLY
22 AS POSSIBLE SAY WHAT I THINK THIS IS NOT AND THEN TO OFFER A
23 COUPLE OF REMARKS AS TO WHAT I THINK THIS IS. THIS IS NOT
24 ABOUT CUTTING DOLLARS FOR SERVICES. THAT'S THE FIRST THING I
25 THINK WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND. I'VE HEARD THAT COME FROM NO ONE



1 ON THIS BOARD, SO IT IS NOT ABOUT THAT. I TRUST THAT THAT WILL
2 BECOME MORE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR AS WE MOVE FORWARD. WE ARE NOT
3 ABOUT SUPPLANTING THE MENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND
4 WHAT THEY DO. IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT. THE OTHER THING IS THERE IS
5 NO RUSH TO JUDGMENT HERE. THERE IS NO NEED TO RUSH. NOT ABOUT
6 CUTTING SERVICES. NOT ABOUT DIMINISHING MENTAL HEALTH AND
7 PUBLIC HEALTH. NOT ABOUT RUSHING JUDGMENT. WHAT IT IS ABOUT IS
8 BETTER COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION. WHAT IT IS ABOUT, WE
9 HOPE, IS IMPROVING HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH
10 SERVICES. WHAT IT IS ABOUT IS CREATING SUSTAINED LEVEL OF
11 PUBLIC INPUT SO THAT THOSE WHO HAVE VIEWS CAN BE HEARD BASED
12 ON QUALITY OF THOSE EXPERIENCES AND EXPERTISE THAT THEY BRING
13 TO THE TABLE. IT IS ABOUT ULTIMATELY FOR US CREATING AN
14 UMBRELLA STRUCTURE TO BETTER COORDINATE WHAT OUR HEALTH
15 DEPARTMENTS DO SO WE CAN SEE IT IN THE MANNER THAT WE WISH.
16 FOR ME IT ISN'T ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN
17 PERCEIVED. IT IS ABOUT MAXIMIZING THE QUALITY OF CARE FOR THE
18 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO RELY UPON, WHO ARE DEPENDENT
19 UPON THESE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT SERVICES. MR. MAYOR AND
20 COLLEAGUES, I TRUST THAT THOSE SENTIMENTS CAN BE CAPTURED IN
21 TERMS OF WHAT IS ADOPTED AND FROM THAT POINT INSTRUCTIONS
22 GIVEN TO THE RESPECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WHO WILL BEGIN
23 THIS PROCESS THAT WILL BE A PUBLIC PROCESS, IN PART, PURSUANT
24 TO THE AMENDMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE. THANK YOU.
25



1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THEN SUPERVISOR
2 KUEHL.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I THINK WHAT TRANSPIRED HERE IS IN A RUSH TO
5 GET A MOTION ON THE BOARD AGENDA, IT WASN'T AS CLEAR AS I
6 THINK THE INTENT OF ALL MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD THAT THIS WAS
7 NOT AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. THIS IS A LOOK-SEE PLAN. AND AS I
8 TOLD THE MULTIPLE EMAILS AND PHONE CALLS THAT I RECEIVED OVER
9 THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS, TAKE A DEEP BREATH. TAKE A DEEP BREATH.
10 FOR US TO SIT HERE AND SAY WE CAN'T LOOK AT ANYTHING BECAUSE
11 WE DID IT THIS WAY AND WE'VE DONE IT THIS WAY, YOU DO HAVE TO
12 HAVE FAITH IN THE FUTURE AND TO LEARN FROM OUR EXPERIENCES OF
13 THE PAST. SO I CLEARLY UNDERSTAND AND I THINK MAYOR AND OTHERS
14 HAVE CLARIFIED THE INTENT OF THE MOTION AND WHAT IT IS AND
15 WHAT IT ISN'T. I BELIEVE WE ALSO, IF WE HAVEN'T, SHOULD
16 INCLUDE BOTH THE HEALTH COMMISSION AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH
17 COMMISSION-- MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH
18 COMMISSION, AS WELL, TOO, AS PART OF THAT STRATEGIC PLAN AS IT
19 RELATES TO OUR PARTNERS. I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, MR.
20 MAYOR, IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND, I THINK IT WOULD MAYBE BE NICE TO
21 HAVE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH MAKE A STATEMENT OR MAKE
22 A COMMENT ON WHAT'S TRANSPIRED FOR TODAY. [APPLAUSE]

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. RAISE THE ROOF.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, RAISE THE ROOF. I MEAN, THERE'S, YOU KNOW,
2 YOU ALL READ A LOT INTO WHAT WASN'T THERE. AND IT'S IMPORTANT
3 THAT YOU SEE WHERE WE'RE COMING FROM AND NOT JUST HOOP AND
4 HOLLER.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU WANT TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR
7 KUEHL FIRST? AND THEN WE'LL RESPOND OUR TWO DEPARTMENTS.

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES. I JUST CAME
10 OUT OF WHAT I THINK MOST OF YOU MIGHT CALL A TWO-YEAR JOB
11 INTERVIEW FOR THIS JOB AND MET WITH, TALKED TO, LISTENED TO
12 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AS WE DO WE'RE RUNNING. AND HOPEFULLY ALL
13 THE TIME AFTER. AND HAD A LOT OF CONVERSATIONS ABOUT MENTAL
14 HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, NOT JUST IN THE DISTRICT BUT
15 GENERALLY. AND OTHER FORMS OF HEALTH SERVICE. ONE OF THE
16 THINGS-- I THINK THE WORD THAT I HEARD MOST OFTEN DURING THAT
17 TIME WAS THE WORD "SILO." PEOPLE KEPT FEELING AS THOUGH THERE
18 WAS SUCH SEPARATION IN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. AND I THINK WHAT
19 WE'VE SEEN TODAY IS PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO IDENTIFY WHAT IS
20 NEEDED IN TERMS OF SEPARATION, BY WHICH I THINK EVERYONE MEANS
21 EMPHASIS, ATTENTION AND WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT WHAT IS DONE,
22 WHAT IS DECIDED AND WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED. AND AT THE
23 SAME TIME HOW WE MIGHT BENEFIT FROM CROSS-FERTILIZATION OF
24 IDEAS OF SERVICES, OF APPROACHES. THE VERY FIRST SPEAKER TODAY
25 SAID: BETTER INTEGRATION IS GOOD. FULL INTEGRATION CAN



1 JEOPARDIZE HEALTH. AND I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT BECAUSE
2 WE MAY HAVE SENT A SIGNAL. AND I AGREE WITH THE SPEAKER WHO
3 SAID WE HAVE JEOPARDIZED YOUR MENTAL HEALTH BY DOING THIS. AND
4 I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT IN THE ORIGINAL MOTION, WE TALKED ABOUT
5 A SINGLE INTEGRATED DEPARTMENT. AND YET WE HAD NOT REALLY
6 THOUGHT OF THAT MODEL. RATHER, WHAT DR. KATZ JUST SAID WAS
7 WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT WITH EVERYBODY, WHICH IS THE
8 DEPARTMENTS REMAIN DEPARTMENTS AND WE HAVE AN AGENCY MODEL.
9 AND INDEED THAT'S WHAT DR. KATZ JUST SAID. SO IT SEEMS TO ME
10 THERE ARE GREAT BENEFITS TO BE GAINED WHEN YOU CONSIDER
11 INDIVIDUAL HEALTH, FAMILY HEALTH AND COMMUNITY HEALTH ACROSS A
12 SINGLE AGENCY WHERE PEOPLE CAN LEARN FROM EACH OTHER AND
13 REPLICATE BEST PRACTICES. IN THE MENTAL HEALTH AREA, THERE'S A
14 LOT OF VARIETY. PEOPLE WORKING IN PHYSICAL HEALTH WOULD TALK
15 ABOUT BRAIN DISEASE OR BRAIN CONSIDERATION OR WHAT AFFECTS THE
16 BRAIN. OTHERS TALK ABOUT BEHAVIORAL ISSUES. OTHERS TALK ABOUT
17 DIFFERENT KINDS OF THERAPY. THERE IS NEW MODELS AROUND TRAUMA,
18 THE RELATIONSHIP OF TRAUMA TO THE BODY AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THE
19 BRAIN, ET CETERA. I THINK WE CAN REALLY GAIN A GOOD DEAL BY
20 SHARING ACROSS THIS. I DO UNDERSTAND THAT PEOPLE ALWAYS FEEL
21 THREATENED. AND THIS IS NOT A DECISION BY US TODAY TO DO THIS.
22 THIS IS NOT A DECISION BY US TODAY TO DO THIS. WHAT WE WANT IS
23 TO PUSH THE QUESTION FORWARD SO THAT WE GET ALL THE
24 INFORMATION POSSIBLE. BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S ONE OF THE
25 FIVE OF US THAT WOULD WANT TO SEE ANY DIMINUTION IN MENTAL



1 HEALTH SERVICES. AND THAT SORT OF IS OUR WATCH. NOW, TRUST IS
2 A BAD AND A GOOD THING. WHEN YOU LOSE IT OR YOU'VE BEEN
3 DISAPPOINTED, AS MORE THAN HALF OF YOU HAVE WITH US, THEN YOU
4 DON'T TRUST US. IF YOU HAVE HAD A GOOD EXPERIENCE, THEN YOU
5 DO. WE'LL TRY TO GAIN MORE TRUST. AND IF WE GO FORWARD, TO DO
6 IT IN A WAY THAT IS TRANSPARENT AND HOPEFULLY TRUSTWORTHY. SO
7 I WOULD THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU
8 VERY MUCH, EVERYONE WHO CAME HERE TODAY, WHETHER YOU SPOKE OR
9 NOT. AND I DO LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM OUR OTHER
10 DEPARTMENT HEADS. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. AND MARVIN, OUR SUPERVISOR.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** TO HEAR YOUR COMMENTS.

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16 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** MARV SOUTHARD, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 MENTAL HEALTH. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO BEING BY ECHOING
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND THANKING EVERYONE WHOSE CONCERN LED THEM
19 TO SPEND THEIR VALUABLE TIME EDUCATING US HERE TODAY. I THINK
20 IT WAS VERY MUCH A LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL OF US
21 CONCERNED. I RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S TAKING THE
22 RESPONSIBILITY TO TRY TO FIND THE BEST WAY OF DELIVERING
23 HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES. THAT'S YOUR
24 PURVIEW, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. AND YOU ARE EXERCISING THOSE
25 RIGHTS AND POWERS VERY RESPONSIBLY TODAY. IT'S MY JOB, I SEE



1 IT, AS A DEPARTMENT HEAD, TO TRY TO FIND THE BEST WAY TO FIND
2 OUR CLIENTS AND FAMILIES THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED IN
3 WHATEVER ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE I FIND MYSELF IN. AND AS WE
4 MOVE FORWARD, I BELIEVE FROM THE DISCUSSION I'VE HEARD TODAY,
5 WE'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY EXACTLY WHAT ARE THE
6 IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE SOUGHT AND WHAT THE MEANS MAY BE TO
7 ACHIEVE THOSE IMPROVEMENTS. IN SOME OF THE INITIAL READINGS,
8 I'M AFRAID IT WASN'T ENTIRELY CLEAR. AND SO THE PROCESS THAT
9 WE'VE ENGAGED IN ALREADY TODAY I FOUND IMMENSELY HELPFUL IN
10 CLARIFYING FOR ME WHAT MY NEXT ACTION STEPS MIGHT BE IN DOING
11 WHAT I HOPE WE ALL WILL DO IS TO MAKE SURE THAT FROM MY
12 PERSPECTIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CONTINUE TO IMPROVE SO THAT
13 L.A. COUNTY, IN THIS NEW ARENA, WILL CONTINUE TO BE WHAT IT
14 HAS BEEN AS THE NATIONAL LEADER IN PROVIDING FOR HOPE, FOR
15 WELLNESS AND RECOVERY. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MARV.

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19 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. AND I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO
20 ECHO DR. SOUTHARD AND DR. KATZ'S COMMENTS ON HOW MUCH WE
21 APPRECIATE THE CONSTITUENTS WHO CAME DOWN TODAY TO SHARE THEIR
22 VALUABLE PERSPECTIVES ON THIS ISSUE. I ALSO REALLY APPRECIATE
23 ALL OF YOU CLARIFYING THIS MOTION, AND PARTICULARLY DR. KATZ'S
24 CLARIFICATION IN HIS VISION THAT THESE WOULD BE THREE SEPARATE
25 DEPARTMENTS UNDER A HEALTH AGENCY WHERE WE CAN FOCUS ON THOSE



1 AREAS WHERE WE CAN IMPROVE PATIENT CARE TOGETHER OR THINK
2 ABOUT IN THE INSTANCE OF PUBLIC HEALTH THE KIND OF WORK THAT
3 WE DO TO PROMOTE POPULATION, COMMUNITY HEALTH THAT INTERSECTS
4 IN VERY IMPORTANT WAYS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL HEALTHCARE MISSION,
5 AS WELL. WE HAVE A DIFFERENT MISSION WE'VE HAD IN PUBLIC
6 HEALTH BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THERE AREN'T AMPLE
7 OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT FOR US TO WORK
8 TOGETHER TO ENSURE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES SO WHEN PEOPLE SHOW UP
9 FOR SERVICES, WE'VE HELPED TO MAKE THEM HEALTHIER BEFORE THEY
10 COME IN AND HAVE NEED AND WE CAN PREVENT HEALTH PROBLEMS FROM
11 HAPPENING. SO I'D LIKE TO JUST EXPRESS PUBLIC HEALTH IS
12 WILLING TO SHARE INFORMATION, ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND FIGURE
13 OUT WHERE ARE THE AREAS THAT WE CAN WORK MOST EFFECTIVELY ON
14 INTEGRATION OF SERVICES AND WHERE ARE THE AREAS THAT WE NEED
15 TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON BEHALF OF ALL RESIDENTS AND PROMOTE
16 THAT HEALTH WORK, AS WELL.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
19 SUPERVISOR?

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** I HAD A QUESTION ABOUT THE INCLUSION OF THE WORD
22 "DEPARTMENT" IN THE FIRST PART OF THE MOTION, WHICH IS INTO A
23 SINGLE INTEGRATED DEPARTMENT. PERHAPS TO BETTER SIGNAL YOUR
24 INTENTION AND THE INTENTION THAT WE ALL JUST SAID IT WAS OUR
25 INTENTION, PERHAPS CHANGE THE WORD TO AGENCY SO THAT IT'S



1 CLEARER THAT THE DEPARTMENTS STAY DEPARTMENTS AND TRYING TO
2 USE AN AGENCY MODEL.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DR. KATZ?

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6 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** YES, I THINK THAT'S THE IDEAL.

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND IF I COULD ALSO, IF I MIGHT, JUST AT THE LAST
9 PART OF SECTION 2, TWO OR THREE LINES DOWN WHERE IT SAYS
10 "ACHIEVEMENT OF AN AGENCY" SO THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY FOLLOWING
11 ALONG THE SAME LINE OF INTENT. SO WE'RE CONGRUENT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
14 THOMAS ON THE SHERIFF'S AMENDMENT, INCLUDING THE SHERIFF'S
15 HEALTH, THAT BE PART OF IT.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S FINE. AND, MR. MAYOR, I'M PREPARED
18 TO MOVE THE MATTER AS AMENDED.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. AND SECOND. ANY OBJECTION? AS
21 AMENDED?

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23 **SUP. KUEHL:** JUST TO CLARIFY, THEN, WE DID AGREE THAT WE WOULD
24 INCLUDE THE VARIOUS--

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE STAKEHOLDERS. WE DID AT THE
2 BEGINNING.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS AMENDED.

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6 **SUP. KUEHL:** FINE.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
9 I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY WHO DID COME DOWN. I WANT TO THANK
10 YOU BECAUSE 90 PERCENT OF YOU STAYED AND I APPRECIATE THAT
11 BECAUSE MANY TIMES PEOPLE COME DOWN AND LEAVE. IT'S IMPORTANT
12 TO HEAR THE FULL DIALOGUE WITH THE BOARD AND WITH OUR
13 DEPARTMENT HEADS ON THIS ISSUE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE ROOF. THE ROOF.

16

17 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** S-1, THE 11 O'CLOCK ITEM OR
18 WE CAN BRING UP MULTIPLE PEOPLE ITEM.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF YOU COULD PLEASE LEAVE QUIETLY. WE
21 HAVE OTHER ITEMS WE HAVE TO TAKE UP. AND WE'RE GOING TO TAKE
22 UP GENEVIEVE, ITEM 13, 15, 32-A WITH HEALTH SERVICES AND C.S.-
23 3. GEORGIA THOMPSON, 16. ERIC PREVEN, 1-D, 8, 10, 11, 25, 29,
24 32-A. ARNOLD SACHS, 1-P, 1, 6, 10, 29, 32. HERMAN HERMAN, 6



1 AND 8. OKAY. IS ARNOLD SACHS HERE? IS HERMAN HERMAN HERE? AND
2 IS GEORGIA THOMPSON HERE? MR. PREVEN, YOU'RE HERE.

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4 **ERIC PREVEN:** I JUST SEE YOU AND KNABE.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEY'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

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8 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
9 DISTRICT 3. OKAY. SO THE S-1 ITEM TODAY, IS THAT BEING CALLED
10 UP SPECIAL? OR IS THIS INCLUDED IN THIS? IT IS BEING. OKAY. SO
11 I'LL SKIP THAT. I WANTED TO APPLAUD A FEW ITEMS THAT I NOTICED
12 ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA TODAY THAT TO ME SIGNAL,
13 LIKE THIS ITEM FROM MAYOR ANTONOVICH, A SORT OF WILLINGNESS TO
14 SHIFT AND CHANGE THINGS AROUND A LITTLE BIT OR AT LEAST
15 IMPROVE THINGS. I NOTICE THAT IN ITEM NO. 32-A, AS I MENTIONED
16 IN MY EARLIER REMARKS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL IS REALLY HELPING TO
17 SHINE SOME LIGHT ON WHAT THE MISSION STATEMENT SHOULD BE. AND
18 I THOUGHT THAT WAS REALLY A GREAT CHOICE, TO THINK ABOUT THAT
19 BECAUSE IT GETS EVERYBODY ALIGNED ON THAT. I WROTE A LITTLE
20 HAIKU. BUT PEOPLE WILL DO WHAT THEY DO TO TRY TO MAKE IT CLEAR
21 FOR PEOPLE WHAT WE EXPECT AND WHAT WE CAN DO BETTER. I THOUGHT
22 THAT WAS GREAT. I THOUGHT THAT ON ITEM S-1, IN FACT, I WAS A
23 LITTLE UPSET THAT THE AGENDA ITEM DIDN'T INCLUDE ANY REFERENCE
24 TO CHILDREN OR THE D.C.F.S. IT INCLUDED OTHER INFORMATION. IT
25 WAS, IN FACT, RELEVANT TO THE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC



1 HEALTH NURSES AND THE HUBS THAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT LAST
2 WEEK. BUT WHAT I DID LIKE ABOUT IT, THOUGH I WAS UPSET THAT
3 THAT WAS OMITTED FROM THE AGENDA IDENTIFICATION PIECE, I DID
4 LIKE THAT IT SAID INSTEAD OF RECEIVE AND FILE, AND THIS IS A
5 SMALL BUT IMPORTANT DETAIL, IT SAID "DISCUSSION AND ACTION."
6 AND I THOUGHT THAT'S GREAT. THAT IS A SLIGHT SHIFT. I MEAN
7 RECEIVE AND FILE IS JUST NOMENCLATURE FOR BUREAUCRACIES IN
8 GOVERNMENTS, BUT I REALLY LIKE THAT. AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS
9 POSITIVE. YOU KNOW, ON ITEM NO. 25, YOU HAVE CONTRACT, DIAMOND
10 CONTRACT SERVICES, WHICH IS A GROUP THAT'S BEEN DOING
11 JANITORIAL WORK FOR US AND NOW THEY'RE DEBARRED. BUT IN THE
12 RUN UP TO THAT, I BROUGHT TO THIS BOARD'S ATTENTION A LOT OF
13 CONCERNS ABOUT THAT AND A LOT OF NOTHING WAS DONE. SO I'M
14 HOPING THAT OUT OF THIS PIECE, WHICH IS JUST ONE SMALL,
15 ACTUALLY IT'S A LARGE BUSINESS, BUT IT'S NOW BEEN REDUCED TO I
16 DON'T KNOW WHAT, I'M HOPING THAT WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB OF
17 INVESTIGATING THINGS WHEN THEY'RE RAISED TO YOUR ATTENTION AND
18 HOPEFULLY IMPROVING, MR. SALADINO, THE O.C.I., WHICH IS THE
19 OFFICE OF COUNTY INVESTIGATIONS, BECAUSE I THINK TOO OFTEN
20 THERE'S JUST KIND A WHITE WASH FEELING. AND THEN, WELL, WE
21 MOVE ON. AND I THINK WE COULD DO A LOT BETTER THERE. ITEM NO.
22 11 REQUIRES A QUICK COMMENT. THIS IS REDONDO, 2600 REDONDO.
23 NOWHERE ON THE AGENDA EXCEPT FOR BURIED IN IN THE CONTRACT
24 DOES IT STATE THAT THIS IS JAMISON GROUP. NOW, THE JAMISON
25 SERVICES HAVE A HUGE AMOUNT OF BUSINESS WITH L.A. COUNTY AND



1 L.A.C., I'M PRETTY SURE. THEY'RE BIG REAL ESTATE OWNERS HAVE
2 I'M PRETTY SURE THAT THEY HAVE, I'LL GET THE NUMBER WRONG IF I
3 TRY TO QUOTE IT, BUT I KNOW THAT THEY GET APPROXIMATELY A
4 MILLION DOLLARS A MONTH FROM THIS COUNTY. THAT'S A MONTH, NOT
5 A YEAR. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SCRUTINIZE THAT CAREFULLY. I KNOW
6 THAT THEY LOOKED CLOSELY FOR OTHER PLACES TO PUT THE FACILITY,
7 AND IT MAY IN FACT BE A GOOD ONE. BUT WHENEVER I SEE THAT KIND
8 OF STUFF, IT MAKES ME NERVOUS. AND I WILL SAY THAT, I GUESS
9 I'M OUT OF TIME. OH, THE SMALL BUSINESS THING. SUPERVISOR
10 KNABE, CREDIT WHERE CREDIT'S DUE. YOU TWO WERE THINKING AND
11 THAT WAS INTERESTING. I JUST DON'T KNOW IF THOSE TWO MISSIONS
12 FIT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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16 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WELL OBVIOUSLY ARNOLD SACHS DOESN'T WANT TO
17 SPEAK, BUT ON PORTION 6 HERE, OR ITEM 6, IT'S REGARDING THE
18 SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GOVERNING THIS
19 BOARD. AND AGAIN THANKS TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY MR. RILEY,
20 OUT HERE SOMEWHERE, WE SEE THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MR.
21 ANTONOVICH, THE MAYOR, AS REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SOUTH COAST
22 THE, I'M SURE THAT MR. ANTONOVICH IS GOING TO ENSURE THE
23 PUBLIC QUALITY OF AIR AND CARE WHEN IT COMES TO PUBLIC
24 OUTREACH, PUBLIC COMMUNICATION WHEN THERE'S A REQUEST TO BRING
25 UP IMPORTANT CONCERNS THAT PERTAIN TO OUR HEALTH, ESPECIALLY



1 MORE SO FOR PERSONS LIKE MYSELF WHO IS ASTHMATIC. GOING ON TO
2 ITEM 8, RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUPERVISOR KNABE TO DECLARE THE
3 MONTH OF JANUARY AS A NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS
4 MONTH. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD SUGGEST THAT ONE MONTH BE A
5 RECOMMENDATION, ALTHOUGH MR. KNABE'S POINT IS VERY HONORABLE,
6 BUT IT IS TO RECOGNIZE ON A MONTHLY TO MONTH, YEAR-TO-YEAR,
7 360 DAYS THAT WE MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF THE TRAFFICKING
8 AWARENESS. WE KNOW THAT CHILDREN FALL PREY TO THIS ISSUE. AND
9 WE KNOW MORE SO THAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HERE THREATEN,
10 COERCED, PROMOTED TO WORK IN SWEAT SHOPS. OUR HUMAN
11 TRAFFICKING IS THE WORST MALICIOUS HUMAN ACT IMAGINABLE. AND
12 TO POINT OUT WITHIN YOUR DISTRICTS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS
13 TAKEN VERY LITTLE CONCERN REGARDING TRAFFICKING AWARENESS.
14 THAT'S MY OPINION. AND SO WITH SWEAT SHOPS, TRAFFICKING,
15 ABUSING HUMAN LIFE AND THE PROSPERITY OF HUMAN DIGNITY, I SAY
16 TO THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS AND MORE SO BECAUSE MR. KNABE
17 BROUGHT THIS OUT, THAT IF HE WOULD REACH OUT TO THE CITY OF
18 LOS ANGELES TO ADVISE OUR COUNCIL WHEN IT COMES TO HUMAN
19 TRAFFICKING THAT THEY WOULD SPEND MORE CONCERN WITH THIS WITH
20 L.A.P.D AND OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO BE MORE AWARE AND TAKE
21 SERIOUS IMPACT CREATED BY THE ADVERSE TRAFFICKING OF PEOPLE.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ALSO IS THERE GEORGIA
24 THOMPSON? GEORGIA THOMPSON? GENEVIEVE.

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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE
2 CLAVREUL. ON S-1, ARE WE GOING TO COME BACK AND SPEAK TO S-1?
3 OKAY, THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE ARE COMING BACK ON S-1.

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7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ON NO. 15, THIS IS REALLY CONFUSING,
8 BECAUSE IT SAID THEY ARE GOING TO DEAL WITH MEDICAL CAMPUSES
9 OF BUT NOT LIMITED TO AND THEY PUT OUT HARBOR-U.C.L.A., OLIVE
10 VIEW, U.S.C. AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. NOT TO EXCEED AN AMOUNT
11 OF \$3 MILLION EACH. TO A COMBINED AMOUNT OF 6 MILLION. WELL,
12 IF YOU COUNT ALL THOSE MEDICAL CENTERS, THAT'S FOUR MEDICAL
13 CENTERS AND IN MATH I LEARNED IN FRANCE, 3 TIMES 4 IS 12, YOU
14 KNOW. SO I DON'T KNOW. AND LIKE I SAID, IT IS NOT LIMITED TO
15 THOSE FOUR. SO WE'RE TALKING MUCH MORE MONEY. SO I WILL ASK
16 YOU VERY STRONGLY TO REVIEW THE MATH ON THIS ONE. AND YOU KNOW
17 I LIKE WHEN THERE'S THAT LITTLE CAVEAT. 25 PERCENT OF THE
18 CONTRACT CAN BE ADDED WITHOUT COMING BACK TO THE BOARD. WELL
19 IF YOU TALK ABOUT THE 6 MILLION THAT YOU HAVE TOTALED, IN MY
20 BOOK, THAT'S 1.5 MILLION THEY DON'T HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE
21 BOARD. IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT AT LEAST FOUR MEDICAL CENTERS,
22 WHICH IS 12 MILLION, THAT MEANS THEY CAN GO BACK AND GET 3
23 MILLION WITHOUT EVEN COMING BACK TO YOU. SO ALL THE PUBLIC TO
24 BE AWARE OF IT. SO DEFINITELY THAT IS NOT A GOOD PICTURE. AND
25 ON C.S.-3, YOU KNOW, LIKE I SPOKE TO YOU LAST WEEK, YOU ARE



1 REQUIRED UNDER THE BROWN ACT TO GIVE A DESCRIPTION OF WHICH
2 DEPARTMENT YOU ARE REVIEWING OR THE PERSON YOU ARE REVIEWING.
3 SO I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO LOOK AT THAT LITTLE CAVEAT FROM THE
4 GOVERNMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PROVIDE US WITH THAT INFORMATION
5 BECAUSE LIKE TODAY WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE WE ARE ABOUT
6 FINDING THE NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH PERSON OR WHATEVER. SO IN
7 THE FUTURE, THAT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. AND ON ITEM 32-
8 A, AS USUAL, IT WAS NO REPORT AVAILABLE AND THAT REALLY MAKES
9 ME VERY MAD ALL THE TIME BECAUSE YOU CANNOT ASK A PERSON WHO
10 IS EDUCATED, EVEN LIKE MYSELF, IN 15 MINUTES TO BE ABLE TO
11 ANALYZE A REPORT. EVEN A SMALL REPORT. SO I THINK I WOULD LIKE
12 FOR YOU TO REALLY INSIST-- DEMAND THAT YOU GET THE
13 INFORMATION. BECAUSE MANY TIMES YOU DON'T HAVE IT BEFORE US,
14 BECAUSE MANY TIME I HAVE SEEN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GET
15 THEIR INFORMATION A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE MEETING WHICH IS
16 NOT FAIR TO ANYBODY. SO THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, GENEVIEVE.

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20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** BY THE WAY, I WAS SURPRISED TODAY,
21 NOBODY TALKED IN ADJOURN, IN THE DEATHS OF THE PEOPLE IN
22 FRANCE. THAT IS KIND OF DISTURBED ME.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE WILL MENTION THAT BECAUSE THE WHOLE
25 COUNTY, THE STATE AND WORLD IS OUTRAGED AT THE VIOLENCE THAT



1 DID OCCUR IN FRANCE. AND WE COMMEND THE UNITY. I WANT TO
2 ESPECIALLY HAVE ALL THE HEADS OF STATE, INCLUDING THE PRIME
3 MINISTER OF ISRAEL AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE PALESTINIAN
4 AUTHORITY, THEY ARE WALKING ARM IN ARM AND THEN THE PRIME
5 MINISTER OF EGYPT WHO IS MUSLIM APPEARING IN THE COPTIC CHURCH
6 CHRISTMAS EVE AND TELLING THE PEOPLE HOW WE HAVE TO LOVE ONE
7 ANOTHER, RESPECT ONE ANOTHER, WORK TOGETHER, SPEAKING OUT
8 AGAINST ISLAMIC RADICALISM, SEEING THEM COME TOGETHER IS SO
9 IMPORTANT. AND YOU RAISE A VERY GOOD POINT. THANK YOU FOR
10 THAT. MR. SACHS?

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. WILL WE GET A CHANCE
13 TO SPEAK ON THE--

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** S-1 IS COMING.

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17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, BUT THE OTHER ITEMS HELD BY THE OTHER
18 SUPERVISORS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO COME BACK AND TALK ABOUT
19 THOSE?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO, JUST THE ONES YOU HELD.

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OKAY. I DID HOLD SEVERAL ONES. LET'S SEE. I HELD
24 ITEM 1-P. IT'S PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION. AND I'M
25 WONDERING, SINCE THE ASSESSMENT LOSS IN THE ELECTION, WHAT ARE



1 YOU PLANNING ON DOING ABOUT THAT FOR CITY EXCESS FUNDS AND
2 COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS? WE JUST HEARD A DISCUSSION AND YOU WAITED
3 SO LONG TO DO CERTAIN THINGS, THAT ASSESSMENT THAT USED FOR
4 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE AND BEACHES AND GANG DETERRENCE, TWO
5 YEARS IT'S GOING TO BE GONE. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO PUT THAT ON
6 THE AGENDA? AT METRO YOU HAVE A CALL FOR PROJECTS EVERY YEAR
7 FOR METRO. YOU NEVER GET ANYTHING BUILT, BUT YOU HAVE A CALL
8 FOR PROJECTS. SO WHEN DID YOU DO A CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR
9 PROJECTS FOR PARKS THAT ARE GOING TO BE AFFECTED BY THE LOSS
10 OF THE ASSESSMENT? I HELD NO. 6. SOMEBODY MENTIONED THE SOUTH
11 COAST AIR QUALITY BOARD, I WAS THINKING ABOUT WHEN SUPERVISOR
12 YAROSLAVSKY WAS HERE AND HE MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT WHEN THE
13 BOARD COUGHS, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEARS IT. BUT YOU NEVER
14 MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT WHEN THE BOARD HAS CHRONIC
15 FLATULENCE. AND THAT SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO BECAUSE THERE'S A
16 CERTAIN AMOUNT OF GAS THAT'S PASSED BY THIS BOARD THAT IS
17 OVERWHELMING. I DID HOLD ITEM NO. 1 AND IT WAS ABOUT
18 APPOINTING TRUSTEES. AND WE HAD APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR THE
19 WATER BOARD, BUT THE LADIES WEREN'T APPOINTED TO THE TRUSTEES,
20 SO I'M WONDERING BECAUSE I'M READING FROM THIS ITEM THAT'S
21 DATED JUNE 17, 2014, AND IT'S ABOUT A PRIVATE GRADE-SEPARATED
22 CROSSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METRO GOLD LINE FOOTHILL
23 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, A PUBLIC ENTITY OF THE STATE OF
24 CALIFORNIA, TRUSTEE OF THE LOS ANGELES-PASADENA METRO BLUE
25 LINE GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE PROPERTY TRUST. ARE YOU PART OF



1 THAT, LADIES? ARE YOU A PART OF THAT? BECAUSE YOU'RE PART OF
2 METRO BOARD. SO I'M WONDERING WHY DON'T YOU GET APPOINTED.
3 EVEN I GOT APPOINTED TO THE TRUST BECAUSE WHEN I GO DOWN TO
4 METRO HEADQUARTERS, I ALWAYS USED TO SIGN IN TO THE GOLD LINE
5 AUTHORITY, BUT NOW THAT I KNOW IT'S A TRUST, APPOINT IT TO THE
6 TRUST. WHETHER I GET PAID OR NOT, THAT'S A DIFFERENT STORY BUT
7 I AM APPOINTED. DR. CLAVREUL MENTIONED 3 TIMES 4 = 12. BUT SHE
8 DIDN'T MENTION THAT 6 TIMES 12 EQUAL 66. I BET SHE SHOULD
9 REFER BACK TO THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL. AND SUPERVISOR
10 KNABE ON YOUR ITEM NO. 10, ORDINANCE AUTHORITY FOR POSITIONS.
11 BECAUSE IN THIS ARTICLE FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU
12 MENTIONED HIRING 450 NEW SOCIAL WORKERS. HOW MANY OF THOSE ARE
13 ORDINANCE POSITIONS AND HOW MANY OF THOSE ARE FROM PEOPLE THAT
14 RETIRE? YOU DON'T MENTION THAT AND THAT'S IMPORTANT THERE. THE
15 ORDINANCE POSITION PART IS THE MOST PART OF THAT ITEM ON YOUR
16 AGENDA.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MOTION BY KUEHL. EXCUSE ME.

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20 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR, THAT WILL BE
21 FOR ITEMS 1-D, 1-P, 1, 8, 11, 13, 15, 16 AND 25.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECOND
24 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** AND ALSO ON ITEM 6, THIS
2 ITEM IS BEFORE YOU BUT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL ABSTAIN AS
3 HE HAS STATED HE HAS A PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTEREST BECAUSE HE
4 WOULD RECEIVE A STIPEND FOR SERVING ON THIS BOARD.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY KNABE. ORDINANCE CARRIES.
7 PARDON ME?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND I ABSTAIN.

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11 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. S-1? OKAY. ON S-1,
14 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS AND JABRIEL
15 MUHAMMAD. OKAY. DR. KATZ? REPORT TO US ON THE UPDATE ON THE
16 MEDICAL HUBS AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, HOW WE ARE TREATING
17 THE FOSTER YOUTH. THEY ARE BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL FAMILY SERVICES.

19

20 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** YES, THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. AND I'M VERY
21 HAPPY TO BE UP HERE WITH MY COLLEAGUES SO THAT WE CAN GIVE YOU
22 A COORDINATED PLAN. ON THE MEDICAL HUBS, D.H.S. IS SEEKING TO
23 HIRE 14 POSITIONS USING OUR OWN REVENUE SO THAT WE CAN REALLY
24 IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF ALL OF THE HUBS. WE CAN DECREASE THE
25 TIME THAT CHILDREN WOULD HAVE TO WAIT FOR NON-EMERGENCY CARE,



1 OF COURSE EMERGENCY CARE IS PROVIDED IMMEDIATELY NO MATTER
2 WHAT. BUT UNDER OUR CURRENT STAFFING, WE DO NEED ADDITIONAL
3 DOLLARS OR ADDITIONAL STAFF IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO SEE
4 CHILDREN IN A PROMPT WAY. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT'S
5 DONE AT THE HUBS. WE FEEL THAT WITH THESE ADDITIONAL 14
6 POSITIONS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER-- I THINK I'M GOING TO
7 TURN IT OVER NEXT TO ANTONIA JIMENEZ TO TALK ABOUT THE PUBLIC
8 HEALTH NURSE PIECE.

9

10 **ANTONIA JIMENEZ:** SO OUR PROPOSAL ACTUALLY, OH, ANTONIA JIMENEZ
11 WITH THE C.E.O. OUR PROPOSAL WORKS TO ENSURE THAT WHEN A CHILD
12 UNDER THE AGE OF 2 IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY A D.C.F.S. SOCIAL
13 WORKER, THAT THEY'RE ALSO JOINED BY A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE. THE
14 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE WILL MAKE THE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER
15 OR NOT THE CHILD SHOULD GO TO THE MEDICAL HUB FOR ADDITIONAL
16 SCREENING. IN ADDITION DO THAT, WE HOPE THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH
17 NURSE, WHILE THEY'RE THERE, CAN ALSO HELP PROVIDE SOME
18 ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS TO THE FAMILIES. SO NOT ALL OF THE
19 CHILDREN WHO ARE BEING INVESTIGATED UNDER THE AGE OF 2 ARE
20 CHILDREN THAT ARE ACTUALLY BEING ABUSED. BUT THERE IS A
21 SITUATION IN THE HOME THAT WE CAN HELP THE PARENTS EITHER
22 THROUGH SOCIAL SERVICES OR OTHER KINDS OF LINKAGES, WE WANT TO
23 BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT TO THAT FAMILY, AS WELL. SO I DON'T
24 KNOW IF YOU WANT TO ADD SOMETHING.

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1 **PHILLIP BROWNING:** WELL I WANT TO COMMEND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE
2 FOR A LONG SERIES OF MEETINGS TO LOOK AT-- BUT I BELIEVE THE
3 MEMO YOU GOT YESTERDAY WAS VERY, VERY COMPREHENSIVE AND IS A
4 RESULT OF AN AWFUL LOT OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH,
5 MENTAL HEALTH, D.C.F.S. AND OTHER AGENCIES THAT WERE BROUGHT
6 TOGETHER TO TRY TO PARTICULARLY LOOK AT MEDICAL HUB USE BUT
7 MORE IMPORTANTLY FROM MY PERSPECTIVE HOW WE IN D.C.F.S. HANDLE
8 INVESTIGATIONS, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE CHILDREN UNDER 2, AND
9 HOW WE INCORPORATE A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE IN THAT
10 INVESTIGATION. AND THIS WOULD BE A PHASED-IN APPROACH. AND MY
11 GOAL TODAY IS TO GET FROM THIS BOARD AGREEMENT TO MOVE
12 FORWARD. I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE NEED IN D.C.F.S. SO THAT WE
13 CAN START COMMUNICATING WITH THE PROPER ENTITIES, WHICH
14 INCLUDE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, OUR SOCIAL WORKERS, THE UNIONS
15 AND ENTITIES TO ESTABLISH THE PROTOCOLS AND THE PROCESSES
16 BECAUSE THIS IS NOT SOMETHING WE'RE CURRENTLY DOING IN THE
17 MANNER THAT'S BEING PROPOSED. SO I THINK WE NEED SOME TIME TO
18 WORK OUT ALL OF THE DETAILS. BUT I DO BELIEVE THERE'S BEEN A
19 HUGE AMOUNT OF PROGRESS THAT'S IN A WRITTEN FASHION IN FRONT
20 OF YOU. BUT WE WILL HAVE TO WORK WITH THE SELECTED REGIONAL
21 OFFICES AND THE MEDICAL HUB THAT'S BEEN IDENTIFIED. SO TO JUST
22 RESTATE AGAIN, MY GOAL IS TO GET CONCURRENCE FROM THIS BOARD
23 TO MOVE FORWARD.
24



1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET MR ASK ANTONIA, YOU LOOKED AT
2 VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS WHO USE THE PAIRING OF A PUBLIC HEALTH
3 NURSE AND THE SOCIAL WORKER. WHAT HAVE BEEN YOUR FINDINGS AS
4 TO HOW THE OTHER JURISDICTIONS ARE ABLE TO USE THIS PROTOCOL?
5 OR WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS OF THAT PROTOCOL? OR ARE THERE ANY
6 DISTRACTIONS?

7

8 **ANTONIA JIMENEZ:** MR. MAYOR, WE LOOKED AT OTHER JURISDICTIONS
9 TO SEE IF THERE ARE PROGRAMS EXACTLY AS THE ONE WE'RE
10 PROPOSING TO DO. WE HAVE NOT FOUND A JURISDICTION THAT'S DOING
11 EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE HAVE FOUND JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE
12 PAIRING UP SOCIAL WORKERS WITH PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, BUT THERE
13 HAVE BEEN SOME FITS AND STARTS WITH THAT PRIMARILY BECAUSE IT
14 HASN'T BEEN CLEAR IN THE ROLLOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE
15 JURISDICTIONS AS TO WHAT THE VARIOUS RESPECTIVE ROLES OF
16 EITHER THE NURSE OR THE SOCIAL WORKER WERE. SO WE HAVEN'T
17 FOUND ANYTHING. BUT IF WE CAN MAKE THIS WORK IN L.A. COUNTY,
18 IT WILL BE THE LEADING EDGE CHANGE TO THE CHILD WELFARE
19 SYSTEM.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND, DR. KATZ, THE RECOMMENDATION TO
22 INCREASE MEDICAL SCREENINGS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO ENSURE
23 THAT THE KIDS ARE SAFE AND NOT AT RISK FOR PHYSICAL ABUSE, HOW
24 DOES THIS PREVENT A FUTURE TRAGIC OUTCOME TO THESE KIDS?

25



1 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** WELL, IN TERMS OF THE FUTURE OUTCOME THE
2 WAY IT WOULD HELP THE MOST IS THAT IT WOULD INCREASE THE
3 CHANCE THAT THE FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT WAS A SUCCESS. BECAUSE
4 SOMETIMES WE KNOW THAT THE CHILDREN ARE TAKEN OUT OF THEIR
5 HOMES. THEY'VE JUST WITNESSED A TRAUMATIC EVENT AND THEN THEY
6 ARE PLACED IN A FOSTER HOME. AND NO ONE'S ADDRESSED SOME OF
7 THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF THESE CHILDREN. THEY GO TO THE
8 FOSTER FAMILIES AND THEY ARE NOT ABLE, THEY'RE ACTING OUT.
9 THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO MAKE IT IN THAT HOME. IT SETS THEM ON A
10 VERY NEGATIVE COURSE. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT ONE OF THE THINGS
11 THE MEDICAL EXAM DOES IS TO ASSURE THE FOSTER FAMILY THAT THE
12 CHILD DOES NOT HAVE EVIDENCE OF ABUSE ALREADY. OBVIOUSLY IF A
13 CHILD IS REMOVED FROM THE HOME AND THERE'S NO EXAM FOR 28 DAYS
14 AND SOMEONE THEN ALONG THE WAY SAYS THIS CHILD HAS A BRUISE ON
15 HIS BACK, THEN IT RAISES THE QUESTION DID THAT HAPPEN IN THE
16 FAMILY OF ORIGIN OR DID THAT HAPPEN IN FOSTER CARE? AND
17 FAILURE TO KNOW WHERE THAT HAPPENED COULD RESULT IN THE CHILD
18 BEING PLACED BACK IN THE WRONG PLACE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND IN YOUR REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD,
21 COULD YOU INCLUDE THE DATA, OUTCOMES AND PERFORMANCE
22 MEASUREMENTS THAT INDICATE THE SUCCESS OF THE INITIATIVES?

23

24 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** YES, SIR, MR. MAYOR.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND FOR THE PARENTS WHO DON'T HAVE OR
2 WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MEDI-CAL FEE-FOR- SERVICE MEDICAL,
3 WHAT IS THE ESTIMATE OF WHAT THOSE FEES WILL COST?

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5 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE SURE THAT COST IS NOT
6 AN ISSUE FOR ANY CHILD. I DON'T SEE THESE AS SERVICES THAT
7 WE'RE DOING IN THE SAME WAY THAT WE MIGHT WHERE SOMEONE WOULD
8 HAVE A CHOICE TO GO TO THIS DOCTOR, THEY GO TO THIS DOCTOR.
9 THESE ARE SERVICES THAT WE'RE DOING TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN
10 AND COST SHOULD NOT-- WE SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT NO ONE IS
11 PAYING A BILL FOR SERVICES THAT ARE REALLY BEING DONE TO
12 PROTECT THE CHILD.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND BECAUSE OF THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF
15 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE RECOMMENDATION TO EXPAND THE
16 USE OF MEDICAL HUBS TO EXAMINE CHILDREN WHO ARE BEING DETAINED
17 OR BEING INVESTIGATED DOES NOT ADDRESS THE ADDED BURDEN THAT
18 THOSE PARENTS OR CAREGIVERS WOULD HAVE IN ONLY HAVING SIX
19 LOCATIONS TO TAKE THE CHILDREN, RATHER THAN TO THEIR OWN
20 PHYSICIAN. HOW DO WE ADDRESS THAT ISSUE?

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22 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** IT'S A WONDERFUL QUESTION, MR. MAYOR. WE
23 CERTAINLY TALKED ABOUT IT. THE SIX CENTERS PLUS THE ONE AT
24 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WERE CREATED SO THAT WE COULD TRY TO REACH
25 EVERYONE IN OUR VERY LARGE GEOGRAPHIC COUNTY. I KNOW THAT 7 IS



1 STILL A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER. BUT THE LEVEL OF SERVICES
2 THAT THESE CHILDREN NEED MAKES IT HARD TO PROVIDE IT IN EVERY
3 OFFICE. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, MENTAL HEALTH HAS PROMISED TO
4 COLLOCATE AT ALL SIX OF THESE CENTERS A CHILD WHO WENT TO A
5 DIFFERENT, PEDIATRICIAN WOULDN'T HAVE ACCESS. WHAT WE HAVE
6 MADE CLEAR, AND PHILIP AND I HAVE HAD EXCELLENT CONVERSATIONS,
7 WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE CHILDREN WHO WILL NOT NEED TO BE
8 BROUGHT TO A HUB FOR SCREENING BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO A
9 KNOWN FAMILY CAREGIVER. THEY HAVE BEEN SEEN BY A PUBLIC HEALTH
10 NURSE ALREADY. SO THAT THIS IS A BEST PRACTICE. THIS IS WHAT'S
11 RECOMMENDED BY THE AMERICAN PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION. BUT THIS IS
12 NOT AN ABSOLUTE. THIS IS NOT AN ORDER. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING
13 THAT WE'RE SAYING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
14 SERVICES EVERY KID HAS TO COME. WE'RE SAYING: THIS IS
15 RECOGNIZED IN THE FIELD AS THE BEST PRACTICE. WE KNOW THAT
16 MORE THAN HALF THE CHILDREN TODAY ARE HAVING THIS ASSESSMENT.
17 SO WE RECOGNIZE THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT HAS ALWAYS BROUGHT THESE
18 CHILDREN ANY TIME THERE WAS A MEDICAL NEED AND THAT THE
19 CHILDREN WHO ARE IN THE CHILDREN WELCOME CENTER AND THE YOUTH
20 WELCOME CENTER ARE GETTING THOSE ASSESSMENTS. AND THAT WE WANT
21 TO BE A GREAT PROVIDER. WE WANT TO BE A USEFUL SERVICE. WE
22 RECOGNIZE THAT NOT EVERY CHILD WILL BE BROUGHT. BUT IT'S OUR
23 HOPE THAT THE HUBS ARE REALLY A CENTER THAT YOUR WORKERS FEEL
24 THERE IS VALUE IN BRINGING THE CHILD TO.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND PARENTS WHO USE THE COUNTY MEDICAL
2 SYSTEM AS THEIR MEDICAL HOME, HOW DO WE JUDGE OR MEASURE THE
3 CHILD'S TREATMENT VERSUS A PRIVATE MEDICAL DOCTOR TREATING
4 THAT CHILD?

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6 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** VERY GOOD. WE CAN BRING FORWARD THE OUTCOME
7 DATA AS WE SEE MORE CHILDREN. BUT ON THIS GROUP, IT WOULD BE
8 ENTIRELY THE DECISION OF THE CAREGIVER. THE CHILDREN IN FOSTER
9 CARE ARE IN FEE FOR SERVICE MEDICAID. AND THE PARENT HAS THE
10 CHOICE OF BRINGING THAT CHILD TO ANY MEDICAID PROVIDER. SO
11 WHILE WE AGAIN BELIEVE THAT THE HUBS, ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN
12 WITH COMPLEX MEDICAL NEEDS, CAN BE A GREAT PLACE FOR THE
13 CHILD, THE DECISION RESTS WITH THE CAREGIVER, THE FOSTER
14 PARENT. IF THE FOSTER PARENT WANTS TO BRING THE CHILD TO A
15 NEIGHBORHOOD PEDIATRICIAN, WE THINK THAT'S JUST GREAT. THAT'S
16 THE DECISION OF THE CAREGIVER.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE BOARD, WE ALL AGREE THAT THE
19 SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR CHILDREN UNDER THE CARE OF THE
20 COUNTY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MISSION THAT WE HAVE. AND THE
21 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION DID HEAR THE TESTIMONY FROM MEDICAL
22 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS THAT DEEM THE EXPANDED USE OF THE MEDICAL
23 HUBS AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT YET
24 BEEN DETAINED AS AN IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATION IN PROTECTING THE
25 WELFARE OF THESE YOUTH. UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE NO OTHER



1 JURISDICTIONS NATIONWIDE WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED A
2 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE PAIRING PROGRAM, NOR ARE THERE ANY MEDICAL
3 HUBS THAT OPERATE IN THE CAPACITY OF THOSE HERE IN LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY, SO BY PURSUING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS TO HELP THESE
5 CHILDREN, WE CAN ALSO BE ESTABLISHING A PROTOCOL FOR THE REST
6 OF THE NATION, HOW THEY, TOO, CAN ADOPT SIMILAR PROTOCOLS
7 USING THE EXPERIENCE THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS
8 INITIATED. SO SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS.
11 REALLY RELATED TO THE LANGUAGE THAT IN THE BOARD LETTERS THAT
12 THE MOTION WOULD ADOPT. FIRST OF ALL, ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH
13 NURSES. WE HAD IMAGINED A COUNTY-WIDE APPROACH THAT WOULD BE
14 PHASED IN. AND YOU ACTUALLY USED THE TERM. BUT I WANT TO
15 UNDERSTAND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN EXACTLY? BECAUSE, MR. BROWNING,
16 YOU REFERRED TO SOME OF THE OFFICES GENERATING THIS KIND OF
17 VISIT. AND I ASSUME, THEN, SOME NOT. SO DO YOU HAVE GEOGRAPHIC
18 AREAS THAT ARE NEAR TWO OF THE HUBS? OR HOW DO YOU IMAGINE THE
19 ROLLOUT?

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21 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK WHAT WE WANTED TO DO WAS HAVE A
22 PHASED-IN APPROACH SO WE COULD IDENTIFY ANY ISSUES THAT MIGHT
23 BE DIFFICULT AND RESOLVE THEM EARLY ON. SO THE TWO OFFICES
24 THAT WE HAVE RECOMMENDED WOULD BE VERMONT CORRIDOR AND
25 COMPTON. AND THEY ARE IN PROXIMITY TO MARTIN LUTHER KING HUB.



1 SO OUR RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE FOR US TO USE THOSE TWO AS TEST
2 SITES TO WORK OUT ISSUES ABOUT LOGISTICS. HOW DO WE GET PUBLIC
3 HEALTH NURSES ON A 24/7 OPERATION THAT WOULD BE WORKING, IN
4 SOME SITUATIONS, OUT OF THOSE TWO OFFICES, BUT IN OTHER
5 SITUATIONS, WEEKENDS, THEY WOULD BE WORKING OUT OF OUR
6 REGIONAL COMMAND POST. SO THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT
7 WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT. WE WOULD ALSO HAVE TO WORK OUT A
8 TRAINING PROTOCOL, SINCE THIS WOULD BE SOMETHING NEW, THAT
9 EVEN THOUGH WE ARE DOING JOINT VISITS NOW, WE DON'T DO THEM IN
10 THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE. SO THIS
11 WILL BE A CHANGE OF PRACTICE. AND WE'VE IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF
12 DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES THAT WE WOULD NEED TO ENSURE ARE DONE
13 WELL. TRAINING WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS MENTIONED BY ONE OF THE
14 BOARD MEMBERS. HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE AND
15 A SOCIAL WORKER DON'T GET INTO A DISPUTE IN SOMEONE'S HOME? I
16 DON'T, FRANKLY, THINK THAT WILL EVER OCCUR, BUT WE'VE TALKED
17 ABOUT CREATING SOME SCENARIOS AND SIMULATIONS TO DO SOME
18 TRAINING DURING THIS FIRST PERIOD SO WE CAN ENSURE THAT
19 EVERYONE IS WORKING ON THE SAME WAVELENGTH.

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK YOU'VE CHANGED THE INITIAL TRAINING FOR
22 SOCIAL WORKERS SO THAT THERE ARE MORE SORT OF SITUATIONAL
23 TRAINING MODULES. AND I THINK THAT'S A VERY GOOD THING. I
24 THINK TRAINING IS IMPORTANT. I ALSO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT
25 WE ARE NOT CALLING THIS A PILOT PROGRAM BECAUSE I DON'T THINK



1 IT WAS OUR INTENTION, CERTAINLY NOT THE BLUE RIBBON
2 COMMISSION, TO SAY: LET'S TRY IT ONLY IN A FEW PLACES AND
3 STOP. IT'S LIMITED ENOUGH BECAUSE THERE ARE ONLY A FEW ACTUAL
4 MEDICAL PROGRAMS IN PLACE OR MEDICAL HUBS TO TAKE THEM. THE
5 OTHER THING, DR. KATZ, YOU INDICATED IN YOUR BOARD LETTER THAT
6 YOU DID NOT WANT TO USE A PORTION OF THE MONEY THAT YOU WERE
7 SETTING ASIDE OR UTILIZING FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE
8 PROGRAM. YET IF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES DECIDE THERE'S A
9 MEDICAL NECESSITY AND BRING IT TO THE MEDICAL HUB, YOU DIDN'T
10 MEAN THAT WAS NOT PART OF THE FUNDING, RIGHT?

11

12 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** NO, SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
13 ASKING BECAUSE I'VE GOTTEN SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THAT
14 PART WAS SPECIFIC TO THE QUESTION AS YOU LAID OUT, IF THIS
15 GOES FORWARD AND IS FULL COUNTY-WIDE, WE HEARD SOME CONCERNS
16 FROM BOARD OFFICES THAT, WELL, THIS COULD BE MANY, MANY MORE
17 CHILDREN. WE'RE NOT CERTAIN AGAIN THAT'S THE CASE. BUT THAT
18 WHAT IF SUDDENLY THIS IS A COUNTY-WIDE PROGRAM AND YOU HAVE,
19 YOU KNOW, THOUSANDS OF MORE CHILDREN TO SEE? IT IS A TRUE
20 STATEMENT THAT WHEN WE BUILT THE BUDGET FOR THE 14, WE WERE
21 NOT THINKING OF THOUSANDS OF MORE CHILDREN. WHAT WE DID IS WE
22 BUILT IT BASED ON EXISTING WAIT TIME AND ELIMINATING THAT AND
23 THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ASSUME THAT OVER TIME WE ARE DOING
24 MORE MEDICAL SCREENING EXAMS. WE DID NOT BUILD THE BUDGET FOR
25 THOUSANDS OF MORE EXAMS COMING FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES.



1 I'M NOT CONVINCED THAT THAT ACTUALLY WILL BE THE CASE, BECAUSE
2 ONE OF THE THINGS I LIKE ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE IS THE
3 IDEA THAT YOU'RE SENDING SOMEONE TO THE HOME WHO CAN LOOK AT
4 THE CHILD. AND A WELL TRAINED PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE CAN SAY,
5 THERE'S REALLY NO ISSUE, THERE'S NO REASON TO BRING THE CHILD
6 TO THE HUB. AND WE'VE INCLUDED NOW AS PART OF OUR AUGMENTATION
7 THE 24-HOUR/7 DAY A WEEK PHONE SERVICE, SO THAT ANY PUBLIC
8 HEALTH NURSE WHO GOES OUT, OR FOR THAT MATTER, ANY CASEWORKER
9 CAN NOW CALL THE HUB, NOT BRING THE CHILD AND SAY, HELLO, THIS
10 IS WHAT I'M LOOKING AT. WHAT WOULD BE YOUR RECOMMENDATION?

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** ALSO-- I'M SORRY.

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14 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** IT WAS INSERTED AS A WAY TO PREVENT THE
15 IDEA THAT WE WOULD COME BACK AND SAY "OH NOW WE NEED TO USE
16 MORE MONEY IN OUR BUDGET."

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** I UNDERSTAND. IT WAS ALSO MY HOPE THAT THE PAIRING
19 OF A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE WITH THE SOCIAL WORKER, DEPENDING
20 UPON HOW WE GO FORWARD WITH THE TRAINING WOULD ALSO BE A
21 BENEFIT TO THE FAMILY BECAUSE I THINK PEOPLE ARE NOT AS AWARE
22 BECAUSE OFTEN UNFORTUNATELY D.C.F.S. IS SEEN AS THE COP THAT'S
23 COMING TO TAKE YOUR KID. THAT WE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN
24 HELPING FAMILIES NOT LOSE THEIR CHILDREN. TO HAVE A KIND OF AN
25 ASSESSMENT AND FOUR EYES BETTER THAN TWO, PERHAPS. THE LAST



1 QUESTION I HAVE, IS, DR. KATZ, IN YOUR BOARD LETTER, ONE OF
2 THE FIRST THINGS THAT YOU INDICATED WAS YOU WANTED TO STAFF UP
3 IN THE MEDICAL HUBS SO THAT EVERY CHILD TAKEN INTO-- EVERY
4 CHILD DETAINED WOULD HAVE THEIR EVALUATIVE PHYSICAL EXAM
5 WITHIN 48 HOURS. THAT HAS NOT BEEN REALLY DISCUSSED BY THIS
6 BOARD. I'M STILL NEW ENOUGH NOT TO KNOW WHETHER DEPARTMENTS
7 JUST SAY "WELL THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO, IT WAS A
8 RECOMMENDATION", BUT MY OWN SENSE IS THAT, FIRST OF ALL, I'D
9 LIKE TO HEAR FROM MR. BROWNING WHETHER THERE IS EVEN AN
10 OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE EVERY CHILD WITHIN 48 HOURS, AND THOUGH I
11 UNDERSTAND THAT FOSTER PARENTS DON'T WANT TO BE BLAMED FOR
12 THAT BRUISE. THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT ARE THEY GETTING WHEN THEY
13 GET THE KID? IT STILL SEEMS TO ME TO BE A LOT TO PUT A CHILD
14 THROUGH IN THE FIRST 48 HOURS OF DETENTION. SO I DON'T KNOW IF
15 THAT WAS PART OF YOUR DISCUSSION OR HOW YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT
16 THAT BETWEEN YOUR TWO DEPARTMENTS.

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18 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK THAT WAS A PART OF THE DISCUSSION. I
19 THINK THERE IS A CLARIFYING SENTENCE IN SOME OF THE MATERIAL.
20 AND, FRANKLY, IT'S VOLUMINOUS SO I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF
21 EVERYONE HASN'T READ IT THOROUGHLY, BUT I THINK THERE'S A
22 STATEMENT THAT'S SAYING, THERE ARE SITUATIONS WHERE WE WOULD
23 PICK UP A YOUNG CHILD IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, PARTICULARLY
24 IF A NURSE IS THERE IN THIS NEW SCENARIO, NOT NOW BECAUSE A
25 NURSE ISN'T THERE. BUT IF OUR WORKER DOESN'T BELIEVE THAT



1 THERE'S ANY REAL MEDICAL SITUATION THAT WOULD WARRANT TAKING
2 TO THE HUB, AND WE'RE ABLE TO CLEAR A CRIMINAL RECORD FOR A
3 RELATIVE THAT'S NEARBY, WE WOULD PLACE THAT CHILD WITH A
4 RELATIVE RATHER THAN TAKING THAT CHILD TO A MEDICAL FACILITY
5 FOR AN EXAM. IF THERE IS A BELIEF BY THE SOCIAL WORKER TODAY,
6 TONIGHT, THAT THERE'S A NEED FOR A MEDICAL EXAM, THEN THEY
7 WILL BE TAKEN TO EITHER A MEDICAL HUB IF IT'S DURING THE DAY
8 OR TO THE U.S.C., V.I.P. OR L.A.C. DURING THE EVENINGS. AND SO
9 WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO HAVE SOCIAL WORKERS USE IS COMMON SENSE
10 AND CRITICAL THINKING.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AS IT IS NOW, YOU DON'T TAKE EVERY CHILD BEING
13 DETAINED FOR A PHYSICAL EXAM WITHIN 48 HOURS.

14

15 **PHILIP BROWNING:** NO, WE DO NOT. AND IN MANY SITUATIONS THERE
16 ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE RELATIVE TO TAKE THAT CHILD.

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT EVEN THIS SAYS-- I'M A
19 LAWYER. I'M LOOKING AT THE WORDS THAT WE'RE NOW ABOUT TO ADOPT
20 IN THESE LETTERS. AND I DO UNDERSTAND THIS FEELS A LITTLE MORE
21 LOOSEY GOOSY THAN LITIGATION, I'M JUST COMPLAINING ABOUT THAT.
22 BUT IN ADOPTING THIS PARTICULAR MOTION, IT DOESN'T MEAN, TOO,
23 THAT THE BOARD IS EITHER MANDATING OR EVEN SAYING "WE PREFER",
24 THAT EVERY DETAINED CHILD BE SEEN MEDICALLY WITHIN 48 HOURS;
25 DOES IT?



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2 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK THERE IS SOME RECOMMENDATION FROM THE
3 MEDICAL COMMUNITY THAT THAT WOULD BE A PREFERRED BEST
4 PRACTICE. BUT IN REALITY, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE COULD NOT
5 AT THIS POINT IN TIME LOGISTICALLY DO JUST BECAUSE OF THE
6 WORKLOAD, NOT TO SPEAK ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE RELATIVES MIGHT
7 NOT, DURING THAT WEEKEND, BE IN A POSITION TO ACTUALLY COMPLY.

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** BECAUSE I'M CONCERNED WHEN PEOPLE READ THE MOTION
10 AND THEY SEE IT REFERS TO THIS LETTER AND THE FIRST THING IN
11 THE LETTER SAYS "EVERY CHILD" THAT WE'LL READ ABOUT IT
12 TOMORROW. AND IT WILL BE AS THOUGH WE ADOPTED IT, WHICH I
13 DON'T THINK WE SHOULD DO WITHOUT MORE DISCUSSION. SO WE'RE
14 NOT?

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16 **ANTONIA JIMENEZ:** CAN I CLARIFY?

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PERHAPS, MR. MAYOR, LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY
19 THAT IN THE MOTION, WE WILL INTRODUCE TO READ, IT DOES
20 SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THAT SUCH THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE THIS BE A
21 FINAL DETERMINATION OF THIS MATTER, BUT, IN FACT, FURTHER
22 DISCUSSION THAT WOULD COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR ULTIMATE
23 DISPOSITION.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** DR. KATZ WAS ANSWERING THE REQUEST THAT WE MADE
2 LAST WEEK, WHICH WAS YOU WANT TO BEEF UP THE MEDICAL HUBS,
3 WHAT WOULD YOU USE IT FOR? AND THE ANSWER IS WE WANT THERE TO
4 BE MORE EXAMINATIONS OF OUR KIDS AND THE SOONER THE BETTER.
5 AND I'M NOT AGAINST THAT. I SIMPLY DON'T WANT IT TO BE HEARD
6 AS A MANDATE TO D.C.F.S. THAT SOMEHOW EVERY DETAINED CHILD
7 MUST GO WITHIN 48.

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9 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT. AGAIN, PHILIP AND
10 I HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT. IN GENERAL, IN CLINICAL CONDITIONS
11 IT'S A BAD IDEA TO SAY EVERY, PERIOD, BECAUSE FAMILIES,
12 CHILDREN, BECAUSE WHEN YOU SAY EVERY, YOU REMOVE COMMON SENSE
13 AND AS PHIL TALKS ABOUT GOOD CLINICAL JUDGMENT. SO IT WAS NOT-
14 - IT WAS MEANT TO SAY THIS IS WHAT THE FIELD HAS SAID IS THE
15 BEST PRACTICE. THAT IS WHAT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
16 RECOMMENDED. WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS NOT HAPPENING CURRENTLY
17 FOR ALL THE CHILDREN, NOR IS IT GOING TO HAPPEN FOR ALL THE
18 CHILDREN. THAT BEING SAID, TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO, IT WASN'T
19 HAPPENING AT ALL EXCEPT IN THOSE CASES WHERE THERE WAS MEDICAL
20 SCREENING WHERE IT WAS KNOWN BECAUSE A CHILD HAD A MEDICAL
21 PROBLEM. AND NOW ABOUT HALF THE CHILDREN ARE GOING FOR THESE
22 KINDS OF SCREENINGS BECAUSE THEY'RE BEING SEEN AT THE CHILD
23 WELCOME CENTER AND YOUTH WELCOME CENTER. SO THAT WAS THE
24 SPIRIT OF IT.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** I GENERALLY DO FAVOR THIS. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
2 TO EMPHASIZE THAT TODAY IF WE ADOPT THIS AND THE MOTION ABOUT
3 THE MISSION STATEMENT, WE WILL HAVE MOVED FORWARD THREE OF THE
4 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, WHICH I THINK
5 SPEAKS VERY WELL FOR US. BUT I DID WANT TO CLARIFY THAT
6 BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO RAISE EITHER EXPECTATIONS OR SET
7 SOMETHING IN CONCRETE WHEN I'M NOT CERTAIN WHAT THE MENTAL
8 HEALTH IMPACT IS ON CHILDREN WHO HAVE JUST BEEN DETAINED BEING
9 TAKEN IMMEDIATELY FOR A MEDICAL EVALUATION. I DON'T KNOW
10 WHETHER THAT'S THE BEST ANSWER. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, IF I MAY, I THINK I SEE
13 PROGRESS ON THE HORIZON HERE. AND IT IS MOST WELCOME. WE'VE
14 REPEATEDLY STATED THAT THE PROTECTION AND WELL-BEING OF
15 CHILDREN IN OUR CARE SHOULD ALWAYS BE A TOP PRIORITY. AND
16 WE'RE IN PURSUIT OF FULFILLING THAT GOAL, THAT OBJECTIVE.
17 THAT'S A GOOD THING. AND SO TODAY'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND THOSE
18 THAT WILL BE ADOPTED WILL BE AN IMPROVEMENT ON THE
19 INVESTIGATIVE PROCEDURES TO DETECT SIGNS OF ABUSE. THE
20 CONCERNS THAT MY COLLEAGUE RAISES OR VERY IMPORTANT TO ALL OF
21 US, AND THEREFORE IN THE MOTION WHEN WE MOVE IT FORWARD WILL
22 SPECIFY THAT WE WORK WITH THE BOARD OFFICES TO FINALIZE POLICY
23 AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE PROVISION OF SCREENINGS OF
24 NEWLY DETAINED CHILDREN, INCLUDING COORDINATION WITH EXISTING
25 INITIAL COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL EXAMS. THAT TAKES THE



1 SPECIFICITY AND THE ALL-INCLUSIVE WAY THAT IT IS CURRENTLY
2 BEING INTERPRETED IN THE LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT THAT SEEKS
3 TO REALLY ADVANCE THIS AND GIVE IT MORE OF AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
4 A DISCUSSION, BUT ALWAYS BEING MINDFUL OF THE STATE-OF-THE-ART
5 BEST PRACTICES AND STANDARDS AS ESTABLISHED BY LEADING EXPERTS
6 IN THE FIELD. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BOARD FULLY
7 EMBRACES IT AND IS GOOD WITH IT. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT
8 ENHANCEMENTS WILL JUST BE A GOOD THING ALL THE WAY AROUND.
9 PROTECT CHILDREN, TO MINIMIZE DISRUPTION, FAMILIES HAVING
10 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES EVALUATE CHILDREN IN THEIR HOMES IS WHAT
11 WE SHOULD BE DOING. AND I'M PLEASED THAT WE ARE POISED TO MOVE
12 THAT FORWARD. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS COME
13 FROM A COLLABORATION. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND GIVE A SHOUT-
14 OUT TO ALL WHO HAVE TOUCHED IT IN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE.
15 WE TAKE NOTE OF ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HELPFUL THERE.
16 ANTONIA JIMENEZ HAS BEEN STELLAR IN HER HELP TO BRING A LOT OF
17 THIS FORWARD. TRANSITION TEAM, DR. KATZ. WE THANK YOU. THE
18 WORK OF D.C.F.S. AND THE WAY IN WHICH MR. BROWNING HAS SOUGHT
19 TO LEARN AS MUCH AS HE CAN AND MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS MAKING
20 SENSE IN THE INTEREST OF MOVING THE PIECE FORWARD. PHILLIP?

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22 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I AGREE.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL OF US ARE LEARNING
25 AS MUCH AS WE CAN WHILE WE MOVE THROUGH THIS. SO THE MEDICAL



1 HUB ASSESSMENT INCLUDED IN THE REPORT IDENTIFIES CRITICAL
2 STAFFING, SPACE NEEDS, MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, TO PROVIDE BETTER
3 CARE TO THESE CHILDREN. THAT IS WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT. SO THE
4 MOTION THAT'S AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MYSELF, IT'S AN
5 EFFORT TO JUST SIMPLY MOVE BEYOND WHERE WE ARE, DEALING WITH
6 STAFFING ISSUES, DEALING WITH THE MEDICAL HUB, THE RANGE OF
7 WORK, THE MOTION IS BEING BROUGHT FORWARD. WE TRUST, MR. MAYOR
8 AND COLLEAGUES, THAT THE WORK HERE REFLECTS THE SENTIMENT OF
9 THE BOARD, THAT IS TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS PER THE
10 C.E.O.'S REPORT DATED JANUARY 12 FOR THE ACTIONABLE ITEMS
11 RELATED TO PAIRING PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE WITH A CHILDREN'S
12 SOCIAL WORKER WHEN CONDUCTING ABUSE AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
13 FOR ALL CHILDREN UNDER 24 MONTHS OF AGE. SECONDLY, TO REPORT
14 BACK IN 90 DAYS ON FURTHER MILESTONE PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES,
15 OPERATIONAL CHANGES AND ADDITIONAL BOARD ACTIONS. THESE
16 PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES SHOULD INCLUDE AN EVALUATION OF PROGRAM
17 EFFECTIVENESS AND ANY ISSUES ENCOUNTERED IN THE FIRST PHASE SO
18 THAT THE BOARD MAY CONSIDER CHANGES BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION OF
19 THE NEXT PHASE. THIS IS IMPORTANT. WE'RE LEARNING. WE'RE
20 MOVING THIS FORWARD. AND IT NEEDS TO BE COLLECTIVELY EMBRACED
21 AND OWNED IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS POSSIBLE. THE
22 POINT EARLIER THAT WE'LL WORK WITH THE BOARD IN TERMS OF THE
23 FINALIZATION OF THE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE
24 SCREENINGS. AND THEN FINALLY THE REPORT BACK AS A PART OF THE
25 C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 BUDGET WITH AN



1 ASSESSMENT OF BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL CHANGES, INCLUDING
2 PERSONNEL AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE
3 RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN THE C.E.O.'S REPORT OF JANUARY 12
4 AND THE D.H.S. REPORT MEMORANDUM OF JANUARY 9. I WANT TO
5 FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE INTERIM
6 C.E.O. TO ADD 14 NEW POSITIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
7 SERVICES TO AUGMENT THE 6 MEDICAL HUBS AS RELATED, REFLECTED
8 IN THE JANUARY 9 REPORT. THE ESTIMATED COST FOR THE RECORD IS
9 APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION FOR THESE POSITIONS. WHICH SHOULD BE
10 ABSORBED WITHIN THE EXISTING RESOURCES OF D.H.S. AND SHOULD
11 INCLUDE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO CONDUCT SCREENINGS AS REFERRED
12 BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES TO DETERMINE SUCH SCREENING IS
13 MEDICALLY NECESSARY DURING THEIR INVESTIGATIVE WORK. MR. MAYOR
14 AND COLLEAGUES, I WOULD SO MOVE. AND IT IS BROUGHT FORWARD BY
15 BOTH OF THE NAMED AUTHORS.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** JUST A COMMENT. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE MY
21 COLLEAGUES, THIS AND I THINK 34-A. YOU DID THIS WITHOUT THE
22 OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION. I WANTED TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON
23 THAT GREAT EFFORT.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS? EXCUSE ME. WE
2 HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M NOT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I
5 COMPLIMENT YOU.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ERIC PREVEN, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL,
8 HERMAN HERMAN.

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10 **ERIC PREVEN:** GREETINGS, IT IS ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT
11 FROM DISTRICT 3. AND I'M REALLY PLEASED AT THE WORK THE BOARD
12 IS DOING IN 2015. THIS IS REALLY POWERFUL AND I THINK SOMEONE
13 SHOULD MAKE THE CALL FORTHWITH TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA WHO WAS A
14 TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR INCLUDING PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES SOMEHOW.
15 AND IF THIS CAN WORK, I THINK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND THE OTHERS
16 HAVE BROUGHT UP SOME VERY GOOD POINTS. I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT
17 IT. THE ONE QUESTION THAT BUMPED MY TINY BRAIN WAS: SO IF THE
18 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE COMES TO A LOCATION AND THERE'S A PROBLEM
19 AND THERE'S GOING TO BE A DETENTION BUT THE CHILD IS OKAY, THE
20 CHILD CALLED AND SAID "MY PARENT OVERDOSED IN THE BATHROOM SO
21 OBVIOUSLY I CAN'T STAY HERE ANYMORE." THEY DON'T TALK LIKE I'M
22 TALKING NOW, BUT IF IT S SOMETHING LIKE THAT WHERE THERE IS NO
23 CLEAR NEED FOR A MEDICAL EXAM, BUT THERE IS SOME CONCERN, I
24 THINK SUPERVISOR KUEHL RAISED THAT ISSUE. I DON'T KNOW THE
25 BEST WAY. MR. BROWNING RAISED THE ISSUE OF, YOU HAVE A PUBLIC



1 HEALTH NURSE AND D.C.F.S. SOCIAL WORKER IN DISAGREEMENT, THAT
2 IS POTENTIALLY. I THINK TEASING THAT OUT IS SOMETHING
3 EMINENTLY DOABLE. BUT I THINK WE SHOULD CELEBRATE TODAY THAT
4 THIS BOARD IS ABOUT ACTION AND DISCUSSION, NOT ABOUT JUST
5 RECEIVING AND FILE. THAT'S NOT TO DISCREDIT ALL THE FINE WORK
6 THAT'S BEEN GOING ON OVER THE YEARS TRYING TO GET THIS THING
7 ON THE RAIL. SO GOOD JOB.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP SHELIAH WARD.
10 SHEILA WARD? AND ARNOLD SACHS.

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12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. GOOD
13 AFTERNOON. I'M CONCERNED BECAUSE I'M SEEING NONE OF THE
14 EXPERTS IN NURSING OR IN SOCIAL WORK TO HAVE BEEN AT THIS
15 TABLE. AND LET ME TELL YOU, YOUR FANTASY, TO SEE A WONDERFUL
16 NURSE PRACTITIONER ARE GOING TO INTERFACE WITH SOCIAL WORKER.
17 SOME RESEARCH HAS TO BE DONE IN THAT AREA. IT NEEDS NOT A VERY
18 FEASIBLE SITUATION BECAUSE AS A RULE, NURSES DON'T GET VERY
19 WELL WITH SOCIAL WORKER, NOT BECAUSE NEITHER ARE BAD, BUT THEY
20 REPRESENT TOTALLY DIFFERENT FUNCTION. AND NURSE PRACTITIONER,
21 OR ANY NURSE, THEIR MAIN FUNCTION IS TO GET THE PEOPLE WELL
22 AND SEND THEM HOME. MOST SOCIAL WORKER, THEY LOVE TO BE CUDDLY
23 AND TAKE TIME AND IT'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT WAY OF DOING THINGS.
24 THAT DON'T MEAN NEITHER IS GOOD NOR BAD. BUT I THINK YOU'RE
25 ESTABLISHING A PROJECT WITH A VERY SHAKY BASIS. AND YESTERDAY



1 WAS A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE BLUE RIBBON. THAT
2 MEETING WAS NOT ANNOUNCED ANYWHERE. I HAPPEN TO STUMBLE UPON
3 IT BECAUSE I WAS AT THE WOMAN COMMISSION AND ON THE WAY BACK,
4 I SAW A SIGN, YOU KNOW. SO I THINK A LITTLE BIT MORE
5 TRANSPARENCY WILL BE REALLY GREAT. I WILL HIGHLY RECOMMEND
6 THAT YOU SPEAK TO NURSING EXPERTS TO TELL YOU HOW THINGS CAN
7 WORK AND TO INVOLVE THEM IN THE PROCESS AS WELL AS SOCIAL
8 WORKER. AND WE KNOW THAT SOME OF THE NURSE PRACTITIONERS IN
9 THE COUNTY HAVE BEEN FATHERED IN SO THAT THEY DON'T HAVE
10 SOPHISTICATED EDUCATION EITHER TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THOSE
11 ISSUES. WE ALSO KNOW THAT MANY OF YOUR SOCIAL WORKERS ARE NOT
12 EVEN LICENSED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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16 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THOSE ARE MY TEN CENTS.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

19 SHELIAH.

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21 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. AT ANY
22 RATE, I'VE HEARD A LOT SAID TODAY ABOUT THE SITUATION, BUT
23 NOBODY'S TALKING ABOUT HOW TO KEEP THESE CHILDREN TO PREVENT
24 THE MENTAL ILLNESS. THERE WAS A CASE IN THE NEWS WHERE THERE
25 WAS AN APE THAT GAVE BIRTH AND THE APE WOULDN'T TAKE CARE OF



1 THE CHILD. WHY? BECAUSE IT'S NOT NORMAL FOR ME TO GIVE BIRTH
2 IN CAPTIVITY AND NOT BE ABLE TO TRAIN MY YOUTH TO DO WHAT IS
3 NORMAL IN THE WILD. IF YOU TAKE A CHILD FROM ITS PARENTS, JUST
4 ON THE STRENGTH THAT YOU TOOK THAT CHILD IS MENTAL RIGHT
5 THERE. TO SEND IN A NURSE TO DO WHAT IS CALLED A JOB FOR A
6 PSYCHOLOGIST OR PSYCHIATRIST IS OUT OF ORDER. RETURN THE
7 CHILDREN TO THEIR PARENTS. TEACH THE PARENTS AND THE FAMILIES
8 HOW TO REMAIN AT HOME WITH THE CHILDREN. TODAY, YOU HAVE
9 MILLIONS OF CHILDREN THAT ARE ADULTS TODAY ALL OVER THIS
10 COUNTRY HOMELESS BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A MOTHER, A FATHER, A
11 GRANDMOTHER, A GRANDPARENT, AN AUNT OR AN UNCLE TO GO TO FOR
12 ANYTHING AT ALL. THEN GET ALL THEIR REFERENCES FROM
13 TELEVISION. SO I WOULD PLEAD TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T
14 TREAT THESE CHILDREN LIKE YOU DO PEOPLE IN THE JAILS. YOU SEND
15 NURSES TO DO WHAT A PSYCHIATRIST IS SUPPOSED TO DO. YOU SEND A
16 NURSE IN THE JAIL TO DO WHAT A DOCTOR IS SUPPOSED TO DO. STOP
17 PLAYING IT SHORT. IT'S CHEAPER TO KEEP THE CHILDREN AT HOME TO
18 MAKE A BETTER SOCIETY FOR ALL PEOPLE INVOLVED.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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22 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** THIS IS JABRIEL MUHAMMAD FROM BISMILLAH THE
23 JUSTICE MOVEMENT. SUPERVISORS, A VERY INTERESTING ISSUE IS
24 RAISED WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT STAFFING. WHEN WE STAFFED
25 THIS PROJECT, DID IT REFLECT THE PEOPLE MOST IMPACTED BY IT,



1 OKAY? AND WHEN I LOOK AT IT, I SEE THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN
2 COMMUNITY IS MOST IMPACTED BY THIS. THE HUB SITUATION BROUGHT
3 MY ATTENTION BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WAS A SUCH A GREAT IDEA FOR
4 MENTAL HEALTH. IT WILL HELP THE HUB. BUT WHAT WAS IT FOR
5 ISRAEL FORD, WHO WAS IN FACT DIAGNOSED AS BEING MENTALLY ILL
6 BUT YET WAS DISCONCERNED ON THE PART OF THE L.A. POLICE WHEN
7 THEY DOWNED HIM. SO NOW MY POSITION IS THIS: WHATEVER OUTREACH
8 IS AVAILABLE THAT WE FAILED IN THIS REGARD BECAUSE HERE IS A
9 MAN THAT WE KNEW WAS SUBJECT TO MENTAL ILLNESS BUT YET IT WAS
10 DISREGARDED BY THE CONSTABULARY WHO WORKED IN THE DIVISION,
11 COULD HAVE VERY WELL HAD, WHAT? A HUB. SO STAFFING IS VERY
12 IMPORTANT BECAUSE AS WE SAW REFLECTED HERE AT THE PODIUM,
13 WHERE WERE THE AFRICAN-AMERICANS? WE NEED SOME AFRICAN-
14 AMERICAN PSYCHIATRISTS, WE NEED SOME AFRICAN-AMERICAN
15 PSYCHOLOGISTS TO DEAL WITH THESE MATTERS. SO I CAN'T HELP BUT
16 BE DOWN ON STAFFING, STAFFING, STAFFING, VERY IMPORTANT. AND
17 IT SHOULD IMPACT THOSE PEOPLE MOST IMPACTED BY THE D.C.F.S.
18 AND THE D.C.F.S. HAS SUCH AN INFLUENCE, A REPUTATION, YOU
19 KNOW, THAT YOU SPEAK OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, I HEAR SOMEBODY
20 TALKED ABOUT DETAINING A TWO-YEAR-OLD? DETAINING A TWO-YEAR-
21 OLD? DETENTION? YOU KNOW, THAT'S NEXT TO CUSTODY. YOU KNOW, SO
22 LET'S BE MINDFUL. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH ALL THESE
23 ENERGIES THAT WE GOT INCARCERATED? SO THAT'S THE EPITOME OF
24 HUMAN TRAFFICKING IF YOU ASK ME. ESPECIALLY WITH THE INJUSTICE
25 BEING PERPETRATED ON THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE CAUGHT UP IN THE



1 JAIL SYSTEMS OF THIS COUNTRY. ON THAT NOTE, I WILL GIVE YOU
2 PEACE AND PRAY YOU TAKE EVERYTHING INTO CONSIDERATION.

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. AND
5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU TOUCHED ON IT. YOU ALMOST GOT IT RIGHT.
6 THIS ACTUAL, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE THIS ALL-ENCOMPASSING
7 ADJECTIVES THAT YOU USE, BUT THEN YOU HAVE SELECTED
8 PARAMETERS. I BELIEVE THE ITEM STARTED OFF WITH PUBLIC HEALTH
9 NURSES AND SOCIAL WORKERS WILL GO OUT AND SEE ALL CHILDREN
10 UNDER TWO YEARS OLD. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION SAID 24
11 MONTHS. SO WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN 25 MONTHS TO 60 MONTHS?
12 WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN 61 MONTHS TO 120 MONTHS? DON'T THEY--
13 AND SOMEBODY MENTIONED VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS HAVE PROGRAMS.
14 WHAT DO THOSE JURISDICTIONS ADDRESS? DO THEY ADDRESS THOSE
15 PARAMETERS? SO NOW WE HAVE AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING, ALL CHILDREN.
16 BUT IT'S NOT ALL CHILDREN, BUT IT'S NOT ALL CHILDREN. IT'S
17 UNDER TWO YEARS OLD. THAT'S WHAT THE MOTION SAID. UNDER 2
18 YEARS OLD. SO WHAT HAPPENS TO THE OTHER CHILDREN? AND HOW MUCH
19 OF THE D.C.F.S. POPULATION THAT'S AFFECTED THAT VISIT OR HAVE
20 TRAUMATIC EVENTS VISITED ON THEM ARE UNDER TWO YEARS OLD? SO
21 DR. KATZ SAID THEY SHOULD SEE A NURSE TO GAUGE THEIR MENTAL
22 HEALTH. AFTER THEY HAVE SEEN THESE TRAUMATIC EVENTS BECAUSE
23 THEY GO INTO FOSTER CARE RIGHT AWAY. SO, AGAIN, HOW MUCH OF
24 THE POPULATION IS 25 MONTHS AND OLDER? WHO'S ADDRESSING THAT
25 PART OF IT? SO ALL IS A BIG ACT BECAUSE YOU USE ALL ALL THE



1 TIME. BUT THEN YOU NARROW IT DOWN TO THESE SELECTIVE SILOS AND
2 YOU WONDER WHY WE HAVE THESE SILOS, BECAUSE IT STARTS RIGHT
3 HERE. WITH YOUR LANGUAGE. DO YOU KNOW WHO ELSE DID THIS?
4 JACKIE LACEY DID IT. THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY. THE
5 COUNTY'S 88 INCORPORATED CITIES. THE SERVICES FOR ALL THAT'S
6 PROVIDED AND IT'S NOT ADDRESSED THAT WAY. ADDRESS IT PROPERLY.
7 THEN YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO START SOMETHING.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. HERMAN HERMAN?

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11 **HERMAN HERMAN:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. IN REGARDS TO THE OPINIONS
12 AS TESTIMONY, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT SOCIAL SERVICE AND A NURSE
13 PHYSICIAN ARE VERY SEPARATELY INCLINED TO MANAGE THIS
14 TOGETHER. ALL ALONG, THE COUNTY SERVICES CREATING THESE IDEAS,
15 SOME USEFUL TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY CAN COLLABORATE. BUT IT
16 SOUNDS HERE LIKE LOOSEY GOOSEY, AS MS. KUEHL POINTED OUT, AND
17 EVEN I AS SIMPLE PERSON, NOVICE, UNEDUCATED FOOL COULD TELL
18 YOU THAT THERE IS SOMETHING INAPPROPRIATE ABOUT THIS ACTION
19 AND THAT IF THE SERVICES THAT ARE GOING TO BE RENDERED BY THE
20 IDEAS OF MR. KATZ, I'M SORRY, DR. KATZ, I WOULD ASSUME THAT HE
21 WOULD HAVE A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF COST. I DIDN'T READ THIS HERE,
22 I DIDN'T HEAR IT SPOKEN OUT, IT WAS KIND OF DIVERTED AWAY FROM
23 THE REQUEST FROM ONE OF YOU. SO ALL I CAN SAY IS LET'S NOT
24 HINDER THE CHILDREN OR A CHILD'S ABILITY TO WORK WITH ITS
25 PARENT AND THE PARENT TO WORK WITH ITS CHILD. LET US EDUCATE



1 AND ENFORCE EDUCATION TO HELP THEM RATHER THAN TO INTERVENE
2 LIKE IF YOU'RE BABY-SITTING SOMEONE. L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL
3 DISTRICT IS ONE PROBLEM OF THAT ELEMENT OF THAT BECAUSE THEY
4 DON'T HOLD A NURSING PERSON THERE. THEY'RE COSTING SERVICE AND
5 I'LL PUT IT VERY FRANK AND SIMPLE, SUCKS.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAD THE MOTION BY THE
8 SUPERVISOR, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SHEILA KUEHL. WITHOUT
9 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NEXT ITEM IS NO. 10. IT WAS HELD--

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, I HELD THAT ITEM, IF I COULD ASK BRIAN
12 STIGER TO JOIN US, PLEASE. YOU KNOW, I THINK THE ACTIONS THIS
13 BOARD HAS TAKEN OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, IT'S A GOOD DAY
14 FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. AND AS WE ALL KNOW, 2 OUT OF 3 NEW JOBS
15 THAT ARE CREATED ARE CREATED BY SMALL BUSINESSES. SO IT'S
16 CLEARLY GOOD FOR US.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 10 AND 29 BOTH.

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT. THE ORDINANCE TO GO WITH IT. SO OPENING OR
21 IMPROVING A BUSINESS HERE CAN REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT LEG WORK FOR
22 A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, NEEDING PERMITS FROM MAYBE FIVE
23 DIFFERENT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, THIS CAN BE A COMPLICATED PLACE
24 TO DO BUSINESS. SO I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF FROM CONSUMER
25 AFFAIRS AND I.S.D. AND THE C.E.O. FOR WORKING ON THIS. BRIAN,



1 I WOULD JUST ASK FOR YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS. CAN YOU GIVE US
2 YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS PLAN OF ACTION THAT YOU PREPARED FOR US
3 AND WHAT THE FUTURE MAY HOLD FOR SMALL BUSINESSES HERE IN LOS
4 ANGELES COUNTY?

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6 **BRIAN STIGER:** OF COURSE, SUPERVISOR. BRIAN STIGER, THE
7 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS.
8 I HAVE KIRK SHELTON, WHO IS MY CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR. WE'RE
9 VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE MOTION TO TRANSFER THE OFFICE OF SMALL
10 BUSINESS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS. IT FITS VERY
11 NICELY INTO OUR MISSION BECAUSE WE SERVE CONSUMERS AND
12 BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS ALSO GOING
13 TO INCLUDE CONSUMER PROTECTION. WE WORKED VERY COLLABORATIVELY
14 WITH I.S.D. WE'VE HAD ONGOING MEETINGS OVER THE SUMMER AND THE
15 SPRING. WE HAVE A PRETTY ROBUST MARKETING PLAN THAT WE WILL
16 LAUNCH WITH AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE BOARD. SO WE'RE LOOKING
17 FORWARD TO THIS OPPORTUNITY.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL CONGRATULATE YOU AND HOPEFULLY THE ONLY THING
20 I WOULD ADD TO IT IS MAYBE A QUARTERLY REPORT BACK IN THE
21 EARLY STAGES HERE. GET BACK TO US, GIVE US AN UPDATE WHERE YOU
22 ARE AND YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION
23 AND ALL THAT.

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25 **BRIAN STIGER:** WE'RE HAPPY TO DO THAT, SUPERVISOR.



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SUP. KNABE: WITH THAT I MOVE THE ITEM, MR. MAYOR.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: MOTION BY KNABE, SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

SUP. KNABE: ON BOTH 10 AND 29.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: 10 AND 29 SO ORDERED.

SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: 32-A, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MYSELF, THIS WAS AN ITEM THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION AT ONE OF OUR LAST MEETINGS HERE WITH THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. THEY MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT SOMETHING THAT COULD BE OF BENEFIT TO US IS TO COME TOGETHER AND FOCUS IN ON DRAFTING A MISSION STATEMENT AND GETTING INPUT, ACTUALLY PUTTING IT OUT SO PEOPLE COULD RESPOND AND THEN GET THAT BACK TO THE BOARD. I THINK WE'VE HEARD ALL DAY LONG ABOUT BREAKING DOWN SILOS AND ABOUT WORKING TOGETHER AND INTEGRATING OUR IDEAS AND TRYING TO FAST FORWARD THIS VERY URGENT ITEM BECAUSE AS WE HEARD, AND WE HEAR REPEATEDLY THAT CHILD SAFETY IS AN URGENT CALLING FOR US. IT



1 IS A WAKEUP CALL. SO WHILE PERHAPS WE DON'T HAVE A BIG
2 AUDIENCE HERE TODAY, THERE ARE PEOPLE AT THIS TIME WATCHING
3 AND LISTENING. AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I WHOLEHEARTEDLY
4 SUPPORT. I'M VERY, VERY HAPPY WITH THE WORKINGS OF THE BLUE
5 RIBBON COMMISSION AND ALSO THE STAKEHOLDERS AND THE FACT THAT
6 THERE ARE MEMBERS ON THIS BOARD THAT SEE FIT THAT WE WORK
7 TOGETHER ON THIS. SO I AM JUST VERY, VERY ENTHUSIASTIC AND
8 WANT TO COMMEND ALSO SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND
9 DILIGENCE AND ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS, INCLUDING MARK RIDLEY-
10 THOMAS, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND OBVIOUSLY OUR MAYOR ANTONOVICH
11 BECAUSE THIS CAN'T BE DONE ALONE. AND THE WEIGHT OF THIS ISSUE
12 RESTS ON ALL OF OUR SHOULDERS. AND IF WE CAN RESTATE IT AND
13 RESTATE IT, I THINK SOMETIMES REPEAT AND CONTINUE TO REPEAT
14 SOMETIMES GETS THE JOB DONE. AND IT'S MERELY A REAFFIRMATION
15 THAT WE SUPPORT THE DIFFERENT SERVICES IN COLLABORATION, TO
16 WORK TOWARDS A GOAL THAT THE BOARD MEMBERS HERE WANT TO SEE
17 PRIORITIZED. SO WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THE MOTION AND
18 ASK FOR SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECONDED
21 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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23 **SUP. KUEHL:** ACTUALLY IT'S MY MOTION.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEN WE WILL GO BACK. MOTION BY
2 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** CAN I SAY ONE THING ABOUT IT? PEOPLE HAVE SAID TO
5 ME, OH IT'S JUST A MISSION STATEMENT. IT'S JUST A BUNCH OF
6 WORDS, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? AND YET AS I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
7 COUNTY, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE COUNTY HAS A STRATEGIC PLAN, THE
8 COUNTY SETS GOALS, THE COUNTY MAKES PLANS, ET CETERA. AND I
9 THINK IF YOU SIMPLY ADD THIS LENS AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF HOW
10 THOSE GOALS ARE SET EVERY YEAR, HOW THE BUDGET IS LOOKED AT,
11 EVEN HOW PEOPLE ARE EVALUATED, THAT IT BECOMES A VERY
12 IMPORTANT ASPECT. AND I'M VERY HAPPY AT THE STEPS WE'VE TAKEN
13 TODAY REFLECTING WHAT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION RECOMMENDED
14 TO US.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AS CORRECTED. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR
17 SHEILA KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
18 SO ORDERED. OKAY. OKAY. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. JOSE MARTINEZ.
19 JOSE MARTINEZ. ROBERT LUCAS, ROBERT LUCAS. LEONARD ROSE,
20 LEONARD ROSE. SHELIAH WARD, SHELIAH WARD. JABRIEL MUHAMMAD.
21 HERMAN HERMAN. ARNOLD SACHS, ARNOLD SACHS. OKAY, LEONARD,
22 YOU'RE ON.

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24 **LEONARD ROSE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM HERE
25 TO TALK ABOUT GIVING BACK FOR YOUR COMMUNITY TO GOOD,



1 THEREFORE TO OTHER PEOPLE. LIKE CITY HALL, COUNTY, POLICE
2 DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHURCHES,
3 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, TO GET TOGETHER WITH PEOPLE. AND I WANT TO
4 GET AN ADDRESS, SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL, YOU KNOW, AND WRITE HIM
5 A TOWN HALL MEETING AND SEE HOW CRIME DROPPING DOWN AND WHAT
6 TO DO OUR COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM. AND I WANT
7 TO WRITE HIM A LETTER BECAUSE I GOT A COPY OF SHERIFF LEE BACA
8 WHEN HE WAS IN EVERGREEN CHURCH AND CATHOLIC CHURCH THEY HAVE
9 RAFFLE TICKETS AND FREE FOOD AND THINGS THAT PEOPLE IN THE
10 COMMUNITY WANT TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SUSPECTS, YOU KNOW,
11 THE CRIME. AND WE NEED TO GET TOGETHER UNITY. AND I DO THINK
12 FOR THE LORD AND THIS EASTER PROCESSION, MARCH, I'M GOING TO
13 GO FOLLOW CHRIST BEING ACTIVE CRUISE, YOU KNOW. WE'RE GOING TO
14 HAVE 11,000 PEOPLE ALL WEEK AT COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY OF GOD THIS
15 COMING MARCH, YOU KNOW. AND I'VE GOT [INAUDIBLE] CAMP COMING
16 THIS JUNE. FOSTER KIDS AND BE A STAFF LEADER. I HAVE BEEN
17 DOING THAT FIVE YEARS. NOW THIS YEAR I'M GOING TO DO SIX
18 YEARS. AND WE HAVE FOSTER KIDS GO TO [INAUDIBLE] KIDS CAMP FOR
19 SUMMER CAMP. AND WISH YOU GUYS GOOD LUCK. AND HELP THE
20 COMMUNITY OUT. THANK YOU. BYE.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, LEONARD. ALSO, MISS WARD,
23 ERIC PREVEN? MISS WARD.

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1 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. I'D
2 LIKE FOR EVERYONE TO READ THE LAST CHAPTER IN THE BOOK CALLED
3 BIBLE, REVELATIONS. AND CONCENTRATE ON THE NINTH VERSE UPON.
4 THE REASON I'M SPEAKING TODAY ON PUBLIC COMMENT BECAUSE LAST
5 WEEK I SPOKE AND I LET YOU KNOW THAT I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN. I'M
6 64 GOING ON 65, WAS ATTACKED BY A MOB OF PEOPLE IN THE PARK
7 DURING KWANZAA LAST YEAR AND YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING. SO WHAT
8 YOU'RE SAYING TO ME IS THAT IT'S OKAY TO ATTACK A SENIOR
9 CITIZEN, OR WHAT ARE YOU SAYING TO ME? IT'S MY FAULT BECAUSE I
10 DIDN'T ACT LIKE A QUEEN BEE AND ORGANIZE ALL MY DRONES. WHAT
11 I'M SAYING IS I'M SHELIAH WARD, ANYBODY OUT THERE THAT IS
12 ATTACKED AND YOU'RE AT WHATEVER AGE. CALL ME 323-969-1667. IF
13 YOUR CHILDREN WERE TAKEN FROM YOU FOR FOSTER CARE, YOU NEED
14 MENTAL CAPACITY ORGANIZATION OR SOMEONE TO HELP REUNITE YOU
15 WITH YOUR FAMILIES, CALL ME, AS WELL. SHELIAH WARD 323-969-
16 1667 OR MEET ME IN LEIMERT PARK EVERY SUNDAY AFTER 2 P.M. AND
17 I FOUGHT A BILLION SPERMS TO GET TO MY MOTHER'S WOMB AND I
18 NEVER FORGOT. SO ANYONE COMING TO LEIMERT PARK, MR. THOMAS,
19 ANYONE THAT JUMP ON THE 64, THEY SAY YOU SENT THEM. AND THEY
20 WANT TO JUMP ON ME, I DIDN'T FORGET HOW I GOT INTO MY MOTHER'S
21 WOMB. WE HAD AN ORGANIZATIONAL RALLY OUT IN COMPTON WHERE YOU
22 SENT SOME PEOPLE, AS WELL. AND WE APPRECIATE THEM. WE MADE
23 SURE THEY DIDN'T LEAVE BEFORE WE DID. THEY TRIED. BUT WE TOLD
24 THEM WE GOING TO CALL 911, ARE YOU SICK? AND THEY CAME BACK
25 OUT OF THE BUSES AND CAME AND SUPPORTED US. SO WE THANK YOU



1 FOR THAT SUPPORT. BUT JUST MAKE SURE THAT IF YOU SEND ANYBODY
2 OUT TO THE PARK TO JUMP ON SOMEBODY, ANYBODY, JUST COME TO THE
3 PARK AND MEET ME. I AM THE ORIGINAL BLACK PANTHER. YOU SENT A
4 COUNTERFEIT.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. DIDN'T GET TO
7 SPEAK ON YOUR MOTION, YOUR MOTION, YOUR MOTION, MISSION
8 STATEMENT FOR D.C.F.S. I WAS ACTUALLY THINKING IT OF SOME
9 MISSION STATEMENTS. RECOMMENDATIONS? YOU HAD 849
10 RECOMMENDATIONS. DIRECTIVES? INITIATIVES. 20 INITIATIVES. WE
11 GOT IT ALL. WE DON'T DO ANYTHING BUT WE GOT IT ALL. MISS
12 SOLIS, YOU GOT IT RIGHT. REPEAT, REPEAT, REPEAT, BUT YOU LEFT
13 OUT THE WASH, RINSE REPEAT CYCLE HAVE WASH, RINSE, REPEAT, WE
14 GOT THAT, TOO. WE'RE TURN-AROUND EXPERTS. ANTONIA, AS A MATTER
15 OF FACT ANTONIA JIMENEZ WAS A TURN AROUND EXPERT. SHE WAS
16 HIRED BEFORE PHILIP BROWNING BUT SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO SIGN A
17 NONDISCLOSURE PACT. SHE WANTED TO ALLOW AGENCIES TO HAVE THE
18 SAME INFORMATION. AND SHE REFUSED TO SIGN IT AND SHE BASICALLY
19 TURNED AROUND AND LEFT, WENT BACK TO HER OLD POSITION AND THEN
20 THEY PUT MR. BROWNING IN WHO WAS ANOTHER TURN-AROUND EXPERT.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE GOING TO HAVE HER WORK ON PUBLIC
23 COMMENT NEXT.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THIS IS L.A. TIMES ARTICLE. BLIND LEADING THE
2 BLIND. THAT'S A GOOD PUBLIC STATEMENT. AND THEN I LIKE THIS
3 ONE THE BEST. "FACTS, NOT FUROR." THIS IS AN EDITORIAL FROM
4 2010, OCTOBER 22, WRITTEN BY MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MIKE
5 ANTONOVICH REGARDING PANIC OF THE DEATHS OF CHILDREN IN L.A.
6 COUNTY SCARE. FACTS NOT FUROR 2010. THIS IS 2014-- 2015,
7 EXACTLY. SO LOTS OF INFORMATION YOU CAN USE FOR A MISSION
8 STATEMENT FOR D.C.F.S. BUT HOW ABOUT "LET'S GET IT RIGHT." TRY
9 THAT ONE.

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11 **HERMAN HERMAN:** I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE CITY AND THE COUNTY AWARE
12 OF A REASONABLE CAUSE, A REASONABLE CAUSE AND DISCUSSION THAT
13 I'M BRINGING THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT ON JUNE 30, 2014,
14 PAUL KORETZ, A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
15 ASSAULTED MYSELF, AN INDIVIDUAL, DURING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
16 SUCH AS THIS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WAS ASSAULTED. AND I
17 FIND IT VERY FLAGRANT THAT JACKIE LACEY, THE D.A. DEPARTMENT
18 HAS DROPPED THE CASE SAYING THAT SHE DON'T WISH TO INVESTIGATE
19 THE ALTERCATION THAT THIS PUBLIC OFFICIAL TOOK TOWARDS ME. AND
20 SO I COME HERE TO WAIVE MY RIGHTS, MY CIVIL RIGHTS, TO BRING
21 TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL YOU THAT YOUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS
22 CAN AT ANY TIME THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA NOT BE
23 GRIEVED ANYMORE BECAUSE IT'S APPARENT THAT THE OFFICE OF THE
24 D.A. AND THAT OF THE L.A.P.D. DETECTIVES WILL NOT LISTEN OR
25 WAIVE THE INVESTIGATION PROTECTING WHOM? OBVIOUS, RIGHT? SO



1 I'M SAYING TO YOU ALL TODAY THAT IN PART OF THIS PATTERN AND
2 PRACTICE, I DEMAND THAT THE COUNTY INVESTIGATE ON MY BEHALF
3 THIS COMPLAINT SO IT DOESN'T GO OR BECOME AN ONGOING SPREAD OF
4 YOUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT, YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO BE
5 PROTECTED BY THE LAWS THAT ARE GOVERNED BY THE GREAT GOLDEN
6 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SO WARNING TO YOU AND ALL OF YOU IN THE
7 COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, DON'T ALLOW THIS TO
8 HAPPEN. IT SHOULD NOT HAPPEN. AND PAUL KORETZ SHOULD BE
9 ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS ACTIONS. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. MOHAMMAD?

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13 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** JABRIEL MUHAMMAD FROM BISMILLAH JUSTICE
14 MOVEMENT. I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 2,
15 RIGHT? HOWEVER, I GOT A CHANCE FOR IT TO BE READDRESSSED IN
16 REGARDS TO THE MEDICAL HUBS. AND, YOU KNOW, I WOULD LIKE MORE
17 DEMOGRAPHICS FROM D.C.F.S. IN TERMS OF THE SUCCESS RATE OVER
18 THE YEARS. I WOULDN'T MIND HAVING SOME TESTIMONY BECAUSE THE
19 MOST TIMES I'VE INTERFACED WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SUBJECT
20 TO D.C.F.S., ALWAYS COMPLAIN, THEY TOOK MY CHILD FROM ME, MAN,
21 THEY TOLD, I CAN'T VISIT THEM, I CAN'T SEE THEM, THIS AND
22 THAT. SO, I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW ARE WE FARING FROM
23 THEIR EXISTENCE? WHAT GOOD ARE THEY? OKAY SO I WOULD LIKE TO
24 COME TO TERMS WITH THAT BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW. SO IN MY OWN
25 PERSONAL INVESTIGATION AND GIVING ALL THIS INFORMATION I'VE



1 BEEN GIVING, HOW GOOD ARE THEY? WHERE'S THE DEMOGRAPHICS? HEY,
2 CAN WE GET SOME BODY CAMS PUT ON THESE PEOPLE? BECAUSE THERE'S
3 BEEN TOO MUCH DISTORTION IN TERMS OF WHAT'S GOING ON, YOU
4 KNOW, IN REGARDS TO HOW THEY'RE TREATING THEIR PATIENTS, IN
5 REGARDS TO HOW THEY'RE TREATING THEIR CUSTODIES, IN REGARDS TO
6 HOW THEY'RE TREATING THEIR DETAINEES, CAN WE GET SOME
7 INFORMATION IN REGARDS TO THAT? OKAY. AS WELL AS CAN WE PUT UP
8 A WEBSITE INVITING PRO BONO EFFORTS BY THOSE PEOPLE QUALIFIED
9 TO BE OF SERVICE IN THIS SITUATION? WHEN I SAY TO BE OF
10 SERVICE, TO BE A BETTER INVESTIGATOR, TO BE A BETTER SERVICER,
11 BY WAY OF A PSYCHOLOGIST, A PSYCHIATRIST OR A NURSE? BECAUSE
12 WE ARE IN DIRE STRAIGHTS. MONEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT
13 BECAUSE IT'S BEEN ONGOING. SO LET'S LOOK INTO THAT IN A REAL
14 WAY.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OUR ITEM 32, SO EVERYTHING IS DONE?
17 PUBLIC COMMENT IS DONE. NOW WE WILL GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.
18 AND OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL READ THE AGENDA.

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20 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN
21 ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.
23 C.S.-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
24 LITIGATION, ITEM NO. C.S.-2, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION
25 OF POSITION OF THE DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF CHILD



1 PROTECTION, ITEM NO. C.S.-3, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE
2 EVALUATIONS, AND ITEM NO. C.S.-4, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR
3 NEGOTIATORS SACHI HAMAI AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON
4 THE POSTED AGENDA. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT REGULAR
5 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY
6 20, 2015 AT 1 O'CLOCK P.M. THANK YOU.

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CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
54956.9) Geoffrey Ernest Johnson v. Leroy Baca, et al.,
Federal District Court Case No. CV 13-4496

This lawsuit involves injuries suffered by an inmate during a
suicide attempt. (15-0183)

The Board Authorized settlement of the matter entitled
Geoffrey Ernest Johnson v. Leroy Baca, et al. The details of
the settlement will be made available once finalized by all
parties.

The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being
present.

No reportable action was taken on items CS-2 or CS-3.



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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
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11 me.

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13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
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